



**Woman of the Year!** – Pat Costner receives the Woman of the Year award from Chamber President, Mike Bishop, at the Annual Chamber Banquet Nov. 13 to a standing ovation for her work with Save the Ozarks. See the *Independent* online edition and Facebook page for more photos and a complete list of award recipients.

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## Water committee floats a different direction

NICKY BOYETTE

The Public Water Committee of the Carroll County Quorum Court has been meeting once a month since August to find out if there is enough support to create a rural water system throughout the county, and find out if there was enough interest to justify putting it on the ballot next November. The committee consists of Justices of the Peace Don McNeely, John Reeve and Ron Flake.

Some meetings have been back and forth exchanges with the public. The Oct. 9 meeting was focused on hearing from Stan Schultz, an engineer who builds water and sewer systems, about challenges they would be facing. Schultz attended the Nov. 7 meeting, and brought along Bob Wright of Crews and Associates, to explain the financing side of these projects.

It became clear there would be no rural water system unless the end users were willing to pay for it.

Steve Campbell spoke up over Flake's introductory remarks to point out people of the county, particularly the eastern side, had already voted against the concept with a "resounding vote."

Flake explained this was an exploratory

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### This Week's INDEPENDENT Thinker

Willy Law Wai-cheung, 50, spent his first 11 years on the floor of cramped public housing in Shek Kip Mei, China. His working mother left severely disabled Law with food on the floor covered with an iron bowl to keep rats out.

Law eventually taught himself English from tapes. Wheelchair bound, he found work but struggled with lack of handicapped access on public transportation and began a widespread campaign to improve conditions for the disabled.

Law now devotes his time to improving the rights of people with severe disabilities. He regards Chief Secretary Carrie Lam Cheng Yuet-ngor a close ally, with whom he has discussed human rights policies for the past decade.



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**It's not my fault.**

## Judge's decision on SWEPCO may not come for months

BECKY GILLETTE

As the year winds down, many local residents opposing American Electric Power (AEP)/Southwestern Electric Power Company (SWEPCO) plans for a 345 kiloVolt line from Shipe Road in Benton County to near the Kings River north of Berryville have been waiting to hear results of the decision from Arkansas Public Service Commission (APSC) Administrative Law Judge Connie Griffin.

Some have been disappointed that a decision hasn't come yet, but Save The Ozarks (STO) director Pat Costner said it isn't unusual for cases like this to take a long time before a ruling is made.

"For purposes of comparison, SWEPCO's application for the Flint Creek-Shipe Road proposal was submitted in August of 2010 and Judge Griffin issued her final decision in April of 2011 – a period of about eight months," Costner said. "That was a much simpler case because there were no opposing intervenors."

SWEPCO's application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need (CECPN) has drawn dozens of opposing intervenors including the main citizen opposition group, STO,

and the cities of Garfield, Gateway, Cave Springs and Springdale. The issue has drawn nearly 6,000 public comments opposed to the project.

The APSC public hearings Judge Griffin presided over in July in Eureka Springs and Rogers drew strong opposition from hundreds of local citizens. The transcript from those hearings was 1,166 pages long, with nearly all citizens opposing the 50-mile-long, \$118-million, high-voltage power line. The project would involve clearing a 150-foot right-of-way through some of the most scenic areas of Northwest Arkansas, and erecting massive steel power poles 150 – 160 ft. tall.

The APSC staff has recommended the project be approved. Opponents have alleged that the staff has been open about its support of the project, seeing its role as facilitating applications from power companies, not denying them.

PSC Director John Bethel said the staff gave public comments careful, serious consideration as part of all the evidence staff considered in making recommendation to the commission. He said the staff believes evidence presented by SWEPCO and other proponents of the power line satisfied requirements of

the law.

"One of those is, does it represent an acceptable environmental impact?" Bethel asked. "A lot of public comments addressed the environmental impact of the project. It wasn't that we thought people were wrong or that their concerns were not worthy of consideration. But, certainly, based on the evidence, we believe the application appropriately addressed those issues."

Bethel said Judge Griffin would view the recommendation of staff on equal footing to the recommendations of various other parties, including the intervenors and applicants.

"Staff testimony is given consideration along with the recommendation of other parties to the docket," Bethel said. "The judge will take all evidence into account and will make a decision to either grant or deny request for CECPN. That decision will be subject to review by the APSC either on its own, or in response to objections raised by one or more of the parties. If there aren't any objections raised, the commission can act affirmatively to accept, reject or modify the decision. If there is no action by the commission for 30 days, then the judge's decision is deemed accepted

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# Eureka Springs could be pot of gold for Rainbow Makers

C.D. WHITE

If all goes as hoped, The Rainbow Makers will be bringing 30 new jobs to Eureka Springs. Locals Sheri Hanson and life partner, Dexter Westerfield, of West Coast Design Studios, want to bring the manufacturing end of their business to Eureka Springs. Operating as The Rainbow Makers, the company has been inspiring the world with gifts and holographic rainbow mobiles and wind socks designed by Dexter since 1986, selling their original, copyrighted and patented designs around the world from [therainbowmakers.com](http://therainbowmakers.com) website.

"We originally named the company White Eagle and in 2002 changed our name to West Coast Design Studios. Most recently, we changed our name to The Rainbow Makers to honor our core mission of sending rainbows around the world," Sheri said.

The couple moved to Eureka Springs in 2009, and, as Sheri says, have been "living a virtual life with our manufacturing done offshore and shipped from our warehouse in Los Angeles."

The couple hopes the "offshore" part of that equation will change soon. The company is in a competition funded by Chase and Google to win a \$250,000 grant. They entered the contest hoping to have the means to bring their manufacturing company back from Hong Kong to the US. In order to be eligible, they needed a total

of 250 Facebook votes. As of Nov. 12, they had 263, but votes can still be made until midnight on Friday, Nov. 15. The more votes they get, the more weight judges will give the application.

Votes for their business will count as 20 percent of the criteria considered in grant award deliberations and count as proof of enthusiasm and community involvement. Winners will be announced on Dec. 15. Votes can be cast at [www.missionmainstreetgrants.com](http://www.missionmainstreetgrants.com) by going to the "Vote" tab at the top and typing in The Rainbow Makers.

Mobiles and windsocks? You'd be surprised. The couple operated in Willits, Calif., for 20 years, and Hollywood set designers have been using Rainbow Makers' mobiles and windsocks in movies since the '80s (and still do today). The first mobile to be featured was a Peace Symbol mobile in a Robert Altman movie called *Short Cuts*. Their Space Spiral mobile was prominent in Bruce Willis's movie *The Fifth Element*, and their windsocks decorated the stage for Michael Fox in *Back to the Future II* and most recently, *The Great Gatsby*.

Their holographic rainbow mobiles and rainbow wind toys have decorated parties and celebrations of all kinds – from the 64<sup>th</sup> Academy Awards banquet (30-ft. long versions of the Star Spiral) to an outdoor installation called Colors of the Wind with 200 patented Crystal Spinners at The San Francisco Museum

of Modern Art.

"Rainbow Mobiles are glittering all over the world, from the top tea house on Mount Everest to the NASA weather station in the Antarctic," Sheri said. "We have also decorated some of the best parties in the world!"

When Rainbow Makers was manufacturing in northern California they employed 30 people and had product in some 6,000 stores worldwide. Sheri was busy with trade shows and handling the business, but in 2004 several things resulted in a decision to move the manufacturing. One was that the Bush administration at the time was making it almost impossible to work in the US and the push to offshore was inexorable. Another was that Sheri's mother was very ill.

"Before we changed our business

model, we were making over 100 different products. We pared the line down to six of our major designs and kept our two largest customers," Sheri said. "This was the best decision I have ever made because I was able to be with my mother until she died last year. But now, I want to do something different and this competition is like manna from heaven.

"During my research, I was stunned at the wealth of manufacturing in Arkansas, and we found a number of suppliers. We have an incredible new generation, green, holographics material supplier in the US. There is an axiom that says for every manufacturing job, ten more jobs are created to support that one employee. So, this could be a big deal all around. And besides, what

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## Wave it high, wave it often – or wave it goodbye?

MARY PAT BOIAN

A controversy over whether or not to decorate downtown Eureka Springs with American flags has erupted in the normally tranquil town, pitting patriots against patriots.

City code is specific that signs, and flags if they are considered signs, “enhance overall appearance and value of the landscape and preserve the unique natural environment that distinguishes the city.”

Owen Kendrick, an attorney and Army veteran who served in Korea during the Vietnam War, said he is “vehemently opposed” to the project. “I don’t think this is the image Eureka Springs should submit to the world because this is an issue that really can’t be separated from politics,” he said. “It’s a misguided effort to apply partisan political beliefs.

“Fourth of July? You bet. Put the flag up for Memorial Day, Veterans’ Day, any day of national significance the way we always have. But twenty-four seven? No.”

*“Flags aren’t signs. I like our flag.*

*I served for our flag. Millions of others did, too.”*

– Mayor Morris Pate

Jack Baker, commander of the Walker-Wilson Post #9 American Legion of Eureka Springs, who served in the Navy during the Vietnam War said, “We read a letter from a local gentleman to the Eureka Springs Chamber and we were touched. We wanted to do something worthwhile. But we are still in the planning stage and will resolve at new meetings what we’re going to do.”

Mayor Morris Pate was asked about the flags violating the city sign code and said, “Flags aren’t signs. I like our flag. I served for our flag. Millions of others did, too.”

Pate said he was not surprised that there was opposition. “There’s always negative comments, but life goes on. I would like to see a bigger flag than currently flies at the top of Planer Hill,” he

said. “It’s the entrance to the heart of our city. I want to see as many flags around town as we can get. And, remember, not one dime of city money is going for this, it’s all private donations.”

Pate said there has been no decision on whether the flags will be installed permanently or simply on holidays. “I’d like them to be up all the time,” he said, “but surprisingly there are people opposed to that. Go figure.”

Building Inspector Bobby Ray said flags are considered in the city sign ordinance, but more about size than anything else. “They can’t be more than 15 square feet,” Ray said. “And no more than three on any commercial enterprise.” Ray said SWEPCO poles that have been bracketed to hold temporary Christmas decorations are

a possibility because SWEPCO has given permission before. A call to the SWEPCO legal department was not returned as of press time.

The Carroll Electric website says using utility poles for anything other than what they were intended is illegal statewide because of safety issues.

Ray added that this is still in the planning stage and he had heard the flags would not be flying 24 hours a day, seven days a week. “As I understand it, they will be flown on special days, holidays and such.”

Downtown business owner Trella Laughlin said, “This is false patriotism. If we’re going to put flags up, they should be flags of the whole world.”

Circuit Court Judge Kent Crow, an Army helicopter pilot in Vietnam said, “If we put up American flags, we should put up flags for everybody.”

Pate said the flags have not been ordered yet.

## Parks says, “Take a hike!”

### *Show and Tell hikes reveal trails master plan Nov. 17*

The Eureka Springs Trails Committee will celebrate “National Take a Hike Day” Sunday, Nov. 17, with two organized hikes designed to highlight and discuss the city’s new Trails Master Plan.

The first hike begins at Harmon Park at 10 a.m. The second will start at Black Bass Lake at 2 p.m. Both hikes will be hosted and led by members of the Trails Committee and will follow existing trails while visiting and highlighting new trail opportunities and projects.

Beverages will be available prior to the Harmon Park hike, courtesy of Eureka Sweets. Highlights include a newly-funded proposed trail, visiting historic springs and several projected trail spur locations. The hike will cover two to three miles and will last approximately three hours.

Black Bass hike will start at the parking lot beneath the historic dam. Cookies, coffee, and beverages will again be provided courtesy of Eureka Sweets. The hike will visit three trails with a few stops to discuss new concepts and a spur option to the city’s Visitor Center. The hike will last approximately two hours and cover one to two miles. The terrain varies from handicapped-accessible soft surface trail to rugged front country single track.

The hikes are designed to showcase existing hiking opportunities while offering visitors and citizens an opportunity to take part in discussion about newly planned trail projects. The current public input period of the plan is winding up and this is a

perfect opportunity to be educated on some of the concepts those efforts have yielded.

New base maps will be available and city trail brochures will be provided prior to the hikes. Bailout points provide opportunity for hikers to edit their journey and customize time and physical commitment. Hiking shoes or boots and personal water containers are recommended. Hiking sticks and other basic amenities, such as a pack with personal gear, should be considered.

For more information or directions to either location contact the Parks and Recreation Commission (479) 253-2866, or visit [www.eurekaparks.com](http://www.eurekaparks.com) and the Facebook page, Eureka Springs In Town Trails.

## Sunday at EUUF

Nov 17: Gladys Tiffany, of the Omni Center in Fayetteville, will speak on “Illuminating Transformation,” based on George Lakoff’s study of a fascinating values’ shift toward nurture, fairness, empathy and community. Progressives should understand this shift so they can encourage it personally and within their community. Please join us Sundays at 11 a.m. at 17 Elk St. Program is followed by refreshments. Childcare provided. Extra parking at Ermilio’s, 26 White St. [www.euuf.org](http://www.euuf.org), (479) 253-0929.

## Surviving a blue Christmas

Holidays can be emotionally daunting after loss of a loved one. On Sunday, Nov. 17, a special seminar is being held from 2 – 4 p.m. in the Holiday Island Community Church Fellowship Hall, 188 Stateline Dr., to help you through. “Surviving the Holidays” is a helpful, encouraging free seminar for people facing the holidays after the loss of a loved one, even if it was several years ago.

The seminar features practical suggestions and reassurance through video interviews, and there will be a time of fellowship. Bring a memento of your loved one to share if you wish. RSVP with Dale or Laura Nichols (479) 253 8925 or email [lardellen@gmail.com](mailto:lardellen@gmail.com) if you plan to attend, or if you want more information.

## HDC approves new roofs at Joy Motel

NICKY BOYETTE

As a result of applications approved at the Nov. 6 Historic District Commission meeting, Eureka Springs can expect to see a fence unified and filled in, a new upstairs privacy screen for dogs, and more progress on the restoration of the Joy Motel. The commission also approved the design for a new cottage at 1 Magnetic.

These applications were approved unanimously:

- 42 Ridgeway – fence
- 78 Spring – upper level privacy screen
- 216 W. Van Buren – new roofing material: office/cabins
- 1 Magnetic – new construction: ancillary building

Chair Dee Bright pointed out the commission considers only the design of the proposed cottage at 1 Magnetic. The Planning Commission has its own construction application.

The commission also approved these items on the Consent Agenda:

- 44 S. Main – post-mounted drop box
- 2 ½ N. Main – bollard in parking area
- 115 ½ W. Van Buren – temporary sign wrap
- 33 Benton – apartments sign

Consent Agenda items are Level I applications that City Preservation Officer Glenna Booth believes to be in accordance with the design guidelines.

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

- 25 Cliff – re-roof
- 55 Vine – re-roof
- 89 Wall – re-roof
- 9 Center – repaint
- 16 Eureka – re-roof
- 1 Planer Point – re-roof
- 20 Emporia – re-roof

Next meeting will be Wednesday, Nov. 20, at 6 p.m.

## Regular Farmers' Market season ends with giveaways

### Winter market begins Dec. 5

Make sure you're in the running for the Grand Give-away by visiting the last three regular Farmers' Markets. Vendors will give shoppers a raffle ticket for each purchase made until 10 a.m. on the last regular season market day, Thursday, Nov 21. Raffle tickets will be drawn that day, and the winner will receive a large box of produce and other products from the farmers market – plus a turkey donated by Eureka Market!

There will be no market Thanksgiving week, so make sure to stock up on Nov. 19 and 21 for Thanksgiving. And don't despair, Eureka Springs supports one of the few and longest-running winter

markets in the state, beginning this season on Dec. 5.

In addition to produce from crops that handle cold weather well, local farmers take on the extra challenge of cold weather with help from high tunnels and row covers. In winter, farmers are allowed to partially supplement with goods and produce grown around the area, so a good variety is always available – mushrooms, pecans and more.

Visit the *winter* Farmers' Market on Thursdays from 9 until noon until the regular season starts in April. If school is called off due to bad weather, there will be no market that day.

## Dances of Universal Peace Nov. 15

All are invited to share in Dances of Universal Peace at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 17 Elk St., at 7 p.m., Friday, Nov. 15. The Dances are simple and joyful moving meditations that involve the singing of sacred phrases with accompanying movements from the world's many spiritual traditions. There is no charge for participation. Email [babbsrebecca@gmail.com](mailto:babbsrebecca@gmail.com) or phone Rebecca Babbs (479) 253-8303 for more information.

## All aboard for the snow train village

The Christmas Snow Train Village is on display now through Dec. 21 at the Carnegie Library Annex, 192A Spring St.

The largest snow village and train exhibit in the South takes you back to 1930s – '50s small town America. Bring the kids and come see more than 300 buildings, including three town squares depicting businesses of the era, three Lionel 0 scale trains, a Lionel 0 scale trolley, and numerous other vehicles and accessories of the times.

The collection is exhibited thru the generosity of Larry and Cathy Handley and is a fundraiser for the Eureka Springs Historical Museum. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the Carnegie Library.

Admission is \$5 adults, \$2 children at the door. November hours are Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Sundays, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. and Friday, Nov. 29, from 5 – 7 p.m., For further information email [info@eurekaspringshistoricalmuseum.org](mailto:info@eurekaspringshistoricalmuseum.org) or phone (479) 253-9417.

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# INDEPENDENTNews

## Signing up for health care – is it all that bad?

### *One user's keystroke by keystroke story*

C. D. WHITE

Well, yes and no. A visit to the healthcare.gov site may be getting a little easier as bugs are worked out, but it may still take some time and a few tries.

There's a link on the site updating users to fixes that are being done. On Nov. 7 the message read, in part, "Yesterday we experienced new stresses on the system further downstream in the application than we have previously experienced, revealing new capacity issues. Overnight, the team added hardware to help alleviate that pressure. QSSI, our general contractor, is further assessing overall capacity needs throughout the system as part of our ongoing effort to make improvements."

So, they're trying. Meanwhile, the (800) 318-2596 phone number works easily, and it only took one minute after logging onto the Live Chat function at healthcare.gov to get a response.

As far as actual online signup, local attorney, Kristi Kendrick, had this experience:

"A couple of weeks after October 1, I went to arhealthconnector.net. It led me to healthcare.gov where I created an account and answered all of the questions. As I did that, I wrote down my username, password and answers to security questions. At the end, I was told I had a notification. That was one glitch I ran across.

"I opened a PDF file, which was a letter to me which purported to tell me whether I qualified. The letter apparently was a merge file, which did not populate the information about my qualification. I went ahead and started shopping. As I shopped, I was shown how my tax credit was going to affect my premium, so the fact that the letter did not let me know anything did not really make any difference. I chose five potential policies and decided to think about my options.

"About a month later, I went back to the website, but could not find my username and password. I chose the links

on the login page to get my username and password. I did not receive the e-mails they told me would be sent. I called the 800 number, which was promptly answered. I quickly received an e-mail with a new password. I tried to login with the new password, but just was sent back to the login page.

"A couple of weeks later, I tried again. I first chose the link to ask for my username. I quickly received an e-mail with my username, which had not been the username I had been trying a couple of weeks earlier. My husband then remembered he had picked up the pad on which I had put my original notes and flipped to later pages, thereby secreting my notes. I then chose the link to ask for my password. I received another e-mail with a link to reset my password. I did so and was back on the site.

"I reviewed the five policies I had previously made favorites and chose one. A year ago, after my COBRA insurance expired, the only option for insurance I was given was a \$10,000 deductible policy for over \$750 premium per month. I chose to be uninsured and faced losing my home if I had to face a catastrophic illness. Under Obamacare, I have chosen a \$3,500 deductible policy for \$432.05 premium per month.

"I am very pleased with my experience. My biggest issue with the website has been with my husband stealing my login information."

The website managers accept, and apparently read, feedback on user experience. According to the site, some improvements have recently been made, including:

"You can now preview plans and prices available in your area without filling out the online application. You can find out, with an improved calculator, whether your income and household size may qualify you for lower costs on your monthly premiums and out-of-pocket costs. You can apply for coverage 4 ways: By phone, online, by mail with a paper application, or with the help of an in-person assister. We've been adding educational online content where you tell us you need more information: About estimating your income, accounting for people in your household, eligibility rules, and more."

The page closes with, "And please keep the feedback coming – on this blog post below, on any of our social media pages, or by using the little "Was this page helpful?" survey that appears near the bottom of most pages on the site." ([www.healthcare.gov](http://www.healthcare.gov))

## Bling's the thing for holiday zing *Judges' reviews begin Dec. 1*

The Eureka Springs CAPC holiday lighting contest, "Bling in the Springs," is in full swing. All eyes are on Eureka Springs to see who can bring the best holiday bling before judges start reviewing business and residential locations on Dec. 1.

So deck the halls, the yard, the birdbath or get together with neighbors and fire up the whole block. Just stop by the CAPC offices first at 121 East Van Buren, Suite 3B (downstairs behind The Quarter), and pick up your **BLING IN THE SPRINGS** participant yard sign.

Judging will take place during the first week of December and the winners – one residential and one commercial – will be announced on Dec. 6. So replace those dud bulbs, untangle the garland, dust off the decorations and start blinging out your home or business! For more information ring the CAPC offices (479) 253-7333.

# Squirrel away more than nuts in case of emergency. But include nuts.

NICKY BOYETTE

It's time to dust off our winter gear. The mystery of how cold or snowy it is going to be is at hand. Many of us in the Ozarks have been isolated during ice and snowstorms in the past, and in response, some of us bought generators and some did not. Some have stowed away enough drinking water for a week and some figure things will be okay. We hear of survivalists with well-stocked bunkers that would last until forever, and there are others who cannot be bothered to buy extra cans of soup.

An emergency kit, just in case, is easy to prepare and you make it fit your situation.

## Levels of preparedness

Swiss Family Robinson is on the high end of being prepared for an emergency, and keeping a Band-Aid® in your wallet toward the low end. There are also different needs to be addressed, such as compiling 1) a first aid kit, 2) an emergency bag for the vehicle, 3) a "go-bag" for the home in case of a tornado, 4) a six-month stockpile of supplies for when Tennessee invades us.

And there are different situations, such as being trapped at home yet you live in town, or being stuck in a remote location or on roads rendered impassable by an ice storm, or both, so a family should plan accordingly.

## Basic supplies

There are basic supplies recommended for a very complete home emergency kit by everyone from the Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) to the American Red Cross, and there are a dozen websites with information about emergency kits.

FEMA suggests these items for a basic emergency supply kit:

- Water – enough for a gallon per person per person for three days at least.
- Food – enough non-perishable food for three days, and a way to prepare it. Use up the supply of perishable food items and water within six months and replenish with new items. Keep food items in tightly closed containers in a cool, dry area. Write dates on things to help you remember, or check the condition of the stash during

*A disaster does not have to be a catastrophe.*

every month the seasons change.

- A cell phone – most people carry a phone nowadays. If you usually do not carry one, there are cheap phones and plans you could use just for emergencies. And it would be useful to be able to recharge your phone, and there are solar chargers for cell phones.

- A radio – besides battery-powered radios, there are hand-crank radios; keep plenty of extra batteries.

- Flashlights – and extra batteries; there are also hand-crank flashlights. Candles are handy but need extra attention for safety, and you'll need lighters. Buy a whole pack of them. There are other kinds of chargeable lights available, plus there are glow sticks, which temporarily create light without an outside source of power.

- First aid kit
- A whistle for getting attention if you need it (plus you can referee spontaneous basketball games).

- Dust masks, plastic sheeting and duct tape (now we're getting serious because these are for contaminated air and shelter-in-place).

- Personal sanitation items, such as towelettes, garbage bags with plastic ties, toilet paper.

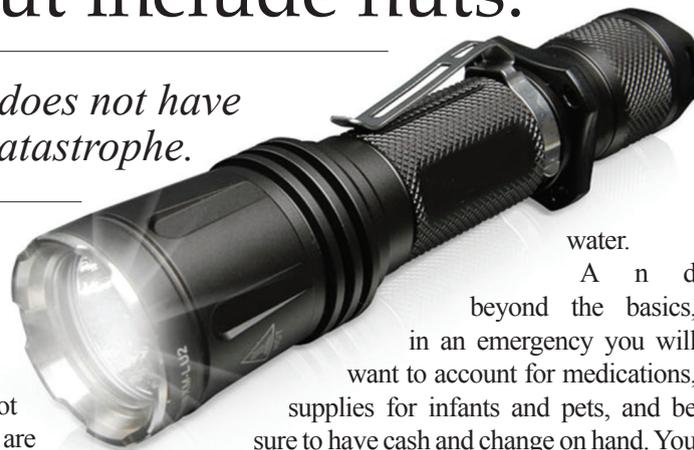
- Tools – at least a wrench and pliers or a multi-purpose tool. A Swiss Army knife or camping tool would be handy (they have corkscrews and bottle openers).

- Manual can opener (Hello beef stew!).

- Warm bedding, whether it is sleeping bags or quilts you have on hand.

- Extra clothes, including hats, boots and raingear.

- Household chlorine bleach. When diluted nine-to-one water-to-bleach, it can be used to disinfect wounds. You can treat water by using 16 drops per gallon of



water.

And beyond the basics, in an emergency you will want to account for medications, supplies for infants and pets, and be sure to have cash and change on hand. You can even prepare an Emergency Financial First Aid Kit containing copies of personal and financial information and insurance in a portable, waterproof bag or box.

Then there are matches in a waterproof container, plates and cups and silverware, personal hygiene articles and entertainment items.

You determine what is in your kit.

## For the vehicle

Carroll County roads can be dangerous when storms blow through, so keep the vehicle stocked with more than your favorite CDs. An emergency kit for the vehicle should be compact and lightweight, so you'll need to be selective about what you pack. LifeSecure Emergency Solutions says you should focus on communication and light, shelter and warmth, hydration and nutrition, and medical needs.

That means flashlights and batteries, maybe glow sticks, and a whistle. Thermal blankets and ponchos are lightweight and they will fold up tightly for easy packing. The easiest food to store is probably granola bars or other similar food bars. Nuts and dried fruit are good also, and some folks like sardines and crackers.

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**Watch your back** – With the finish line only a hundred meters away, Dan Bennett, Katrina Pumphrey, Mark Francis, and Deven Phillips overtook the crew of *Danger Zone* Sunday to win the fifth race of Beaver Lake Sailing Club's Fall regatta, making *Anah'i's* lead in the series virtually unassailable. Two races remain before she can claim her trophy, however. Read all about it in the *Independent*.

PHOTO BY MOOSE FARNSWORTH

## Jackson to oppose Crow for judgeship

Scott Jackson of Berryville threw his hat in the ring Tuesday for Circuit Court Judge in the May 2014 election. The race is non-partisan. Jackson, who began gathering 350 signatures of electors on 11-12-13, will run against sitting Circuit Court Judge Kent Crow.



JACKSON

Jackson, 50, has practiced law for 24 years. He graduated from Berryville High School in 1981, went on to get a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration and a law degree, both from the University of Arkansas.

"I've been a lawyer for a long time," Jackson said. "I'm ready to apply what I've learned in a different manner."

Following law school, Jackson worked at the Office of Child Support Enforcement in Magnolia, Ark., then went into private practice in Springdale

with David Zurborg. He returned to Berryville to practice law with his father, the late Paul Jackson, Jr.

Jackson was elected Berryville city attorney in 1994 and held that position until his election as Berryville District Judge in 2009, a position he currently holds. He was also City Court Judge for Green Forest and Alpena, and is currently Berryville's Volunteer Fire Dept. training officer.

Jackson is a seventh generation Carroll County resident and a descendant of Dr. Alvah Jackson, who is credited with the discovery of Basin Spring in Eureka Springs.

A resident of Berryville, he is married to Realtor Melissa Judd Jackson. The couple have three children.

### Hope and Help via art therapy

"Hope and Help, Bereavement Support For Those Who Have Lost A Child" with Linda Maiella, MALS, (bereaved mother) and Budhi Whitebear (art therapist) will be held at Flora Roja Nov. 15 from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Join other bereaved parents and learn to use image making in an art therapy approach to grieving. Classes will offer experiences designed to rediscover sources of hope and healing in your grief process. Offered on a sliding scale fee. For details contact Budhi (479) 790-0400.



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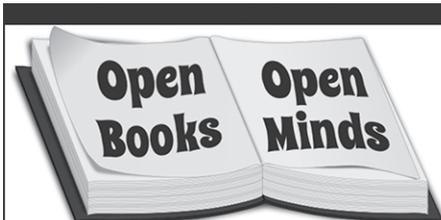


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## Reports of local residents being “roofied” surface

When you are out with friends enjoying live music for an evening, likely the last thing you are thinking about is that someone might drug your drink when you leave the table to dance or go to the bathroom. But I’ve recently heard from five people who believe they were “roofied,” which is slang for the drug Rohypnol, also known as flunitrazepam. This also happened to a friend about a year ago who went in for medical testing that confirmed the presence of flunitrazepam in her blood.

Rohypnol is a prescription drug, as is GHB (gamma-hydroxybutyric acid), the other most commonly used drug used for what is known as drug facilitated sexual assault. Although none of the people I spoke with was sexually assaulted, they did experience blackouts, memory loss, vomiting, headaches and other physical ailments.

When a woman friend was roofied about a year ago, the last thing she remembers is walking out of a bar early in the evening and crossing the street. She passed out on the sidewalk, and when awakened by a policeman, was too confused to even be able to give him her home address. She ended up being arrested for public drunkenness and spent the night in jail. This arrest could have ruined her career, as she works in a profession that doesn’t allow any blemishes on your police record.

This woman went to the hospital the next day to be tested for drugs, which confirmed that she had been drugged without her knowledge. It cost a lot for the medical testing, and even more for the legal bills to get the arrest taken off her record. It was humiliating, expensive and undermined her sense of security in a town she had always considered very safe.

It was also perplexing. Why would anyone do this? Were there others that night who got the same doctored drinks, and the victim just never heard about them? She had no known enemies, so it seemed a random act of violence. To make someone so ill, and put someone’s job at risk, is an incredible violation.

In the more recent case, a young married couple I know were out for the evening, and were not drinking heavily. After apparently being roofied, they experienced memory loss, with the woman not even remembering how she got home. Her husband had passed out in a closet inside, not remembering how he got there or parts of the previous evening. Both were very sick that night and the next day. Two of their friends told them they believe they were also roofied at the same bar the same night, but didn’t finish their drinks and had less severe reactions.

When I spoke about this with a local bar owner, he told me that this kind of thing happens in bars throughout the country. It had even happened to him a month ago. He said that someone might have a grudge against you, or the bar. Or they might be jealous.

What can people do who enjoy the nightlife of Eureka? Obviously, leaving your drink unattended is a bad idea. Have a friend watch it, or take it with you if you leave the table. Keep an eye out for yourself and your friends.

Police Chief Earl Hyatt said he has had no recent reports of people being “roofied” in Eureka Springs. I would encourage people who have had this experience to report it to the police and the bar owners. There should be no shame in reporting this, and it might help raise awareness enough to catch the psychopath intentionally harming other people.

Evidence that this is a national problem comes from a report on CNN in August about a company developing drink glasses and straws that change color if an odorless, colorless, tasteless drug is put in a drink. DrinkSavvy Inc. founder, Mike Abramson, said he was at a club in Boston when he had a drink that made him feel like he had 15 drinks. Luckily, friends were able to get him home safely. He had several close friends who have also been unwitting drug victims, and decided to develop the straws and drink glasses – which could be used by bars – could make being “roofied” a thing of the past.

*Becky Gillette*

## Christmas – can you Handel it? Yes.

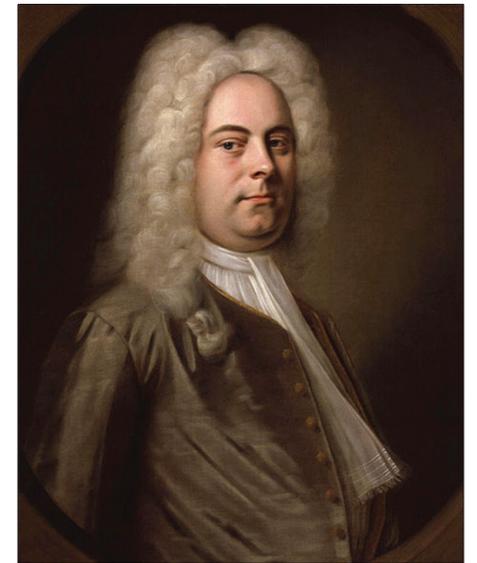
Who doesn’t love the Hallelujah Chorus from Handel’s *Messiah*? On Dec. 14, no matter what the year has brought thus far, every person in Carroll County has a chance to stand alongside family, friends and neighbors and sing a victorious “Hallelujah.”

The Ozarks Chorale’s special holiday project, the *Hallelujah Chorus Community Sing*, already has singers young and old learning Handel’s “Hallelujah Chorus” through a dedicated YouTube channel. On Dec. 14 the public will stand and sing the chorus together with The Ozarks Chorale during the finale of their Holiday Concert in the Eureka Springs city auditorium.

“More than any other piece of music, the Hallelujah Chorus from Handel’s *Messiah* ushers in the glory of the Christmas Season,” Chorale Artistic Director and Conductor, Beth Withey, said. “What if a thousand people stood together and raised their voices? Wouldn’t that be glorious?”

If you’d like to be in that number (and we can get close, since the Aud has 900 seats!), log onto the Ozarks Sings channel on YouTube, and watch or download the tutorial, music and practice videos for all vocal parts. And you don’t have to be a “good singer.” Every voice counts in this community project.

There is no cost, no practice to attend and no strings attached. Learn



on your own time or work on this project with a local choir. Just go to: [www.youtube.com/ozarkssings](http://www.youtube.com/ozarkssings) or Google “ozarks sings” and start practicing today.

The concert and community sing begins Saturday, Dec. 14 at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium on Main St. in Eureka Springs. Local church and school choirs, civic organizations and families who love this chorus are encouraged to attend the concert and fill the auditorium. Ozarks Chorale President, Paul Gandy, said, “Our motto for the Hallelujah Chorus Community Sing, ‘One Thousand Voices, One Thousand Hearts, One Community,’ emphasizes the collaborative spirit found in the joy of this music.”

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**Keep an eye on these fleet feet** – The Lady Highlander Cross Country team placed ninth in the state. These young girls will be a team to watch next year. Front to back: Corinna Green, Rachael Adams, Nicole Morrison, Eden Randolph, Sara Andress and Heidi Kirk.

PHOTO BY LAURA MORRISON



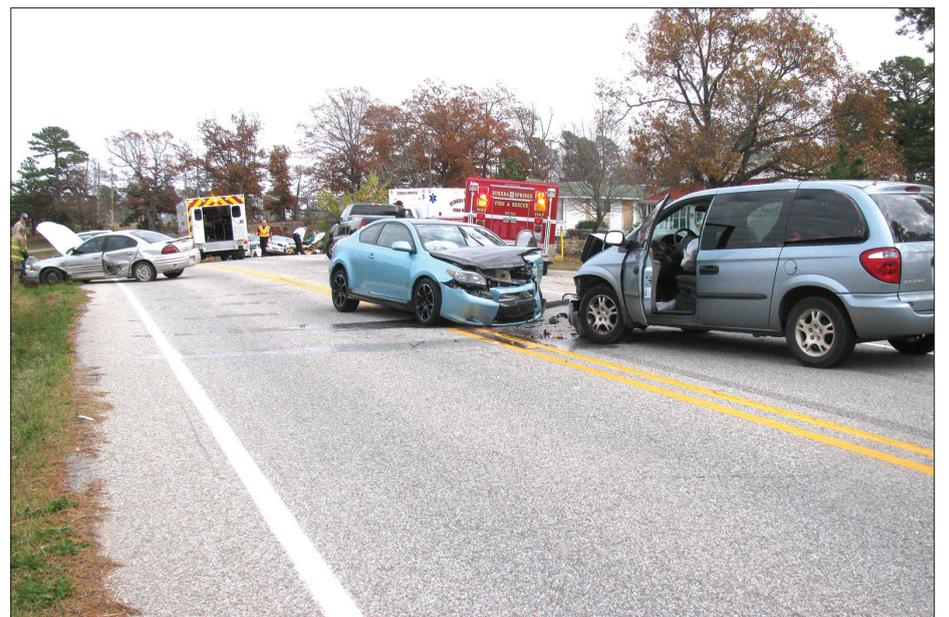
**State Champions** – Highlander Cross Country Boys are the new state champs for division 1-2A. Bottom row, from left: Dalton Kesner, Ryan Sanchez, Angus Floyd, Mathew McClung and Jake McClung. Middle row: Robert Lefever, Reggie Sanchez and Luis Palacios. Top row: Nathan Andress and David Parkman. Junior Nathan Andress made the All Star Cross Country team and will compete against the Oklahoma All Star team on Saturday, Nov. 16, in Rogers. Congrats to all the boys.

PHOTO BY CHARLES MORRISON



**Comrades in art** – Retired Staff Sergeants Phil Kimball, left, and Doug Strand were out enjoying art by and about veterans at the annual Veterans' Art Show at Caribe on Nov. 10. The art show and a silent auction were for the benefit of American Legion Post 9, where both men are members. Strand's photography can be seen at Doug Strand Photography on Facebook.

PHOTO BY CD WHITE



**Another reason to stop smoking** – Charles Taylor of Eureka Springs told Arkansas State Police a cigarette ash flew in his eye as he was driving on US 62 on the east side of town Monday. The momentary loss of concentration resulted in four cars getting extensive cosmetic and mechanical damage. Two people were checked out at the Eureka Springs Hospital and one transported to Mercy Hospital in Berryville. Taylor was ticketed.

PHOTO BY GWEN ETHEREDGE

## Do the Turkey Trot Nov. 28 for a good cause

Get out there on Thanksgiving morning and work up a good reason to overeat! The Grassy Knob Fire Association Auxiliary's 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Don Gammie Turkey Trot takes place Nov. 28 at 8:30 a.m. at Lake Leatherwood Park, beginning at the ball fields.

The Don Gammie Trot is

sanctioned by *USA Track and Field*. Medals will be presented for the 5-kilometer trail run in the categories of male and female winners ages 18-60 and overall winners under 18 and over 61. This year's course is new from previous years, and participants must sign a waiver. A one-mile walk/run is

available for those who would prefer a less challenging course.

Entrance fee is \$15 adults and \$10 children under 12. Entry fee includes a T-shirt. To register, contact Jane Hackley at [Jhackley@aol.com](mailto:Jhackley@aol.com), telephone (479) 363-9820 or register online at [www.active.com](http://www.active.com) for a \$3.25

fee. Deadline for registering is Nov. 20 to receive a T-shirt. The race honors Don Gammie of Grassy Knob, a long-time runner. Proceeds benefit the Grassy Knob Volunteer Fire Association. Sponsors are Roadrunner Inn, Angler's Grill and Pub, Community First Bank and Starkey Marina.

### HI Ladies Fellowship meets Nov. 18

Holiday Island Community Church's Ladies Fellowship (188 Stateline Drive) will meet Nov. 18 at 2 p.m. to hear a presentation from Charlene Gates-Phillips and Margo Pryor, hosts of the Arkansas Ladies of Faith Ministries brunches held on the last Tuesday of each month at the Gazebo in Eureka Springs. They will discuss the history of the Ladies of Faith beginning, what is planned for future brunches and will entertain with a song or two. Refreshments will be available. For details, phone Mary Lou Martin (479) 253-9398.

### Hikers groups "hit the rails" Nov. 18

The Holiday Island Hikers and the Ramblers will enjoy a moderate two-mile hike at the railroad tunnel and right of way at Livingston Hollow on Monday, Nov. 18. Anyone wishing to join in should meet at 10 a.m. in the Sunfest Parking lot on 23N. Lunch will be at the Island Grill and Bar.

All are welcome every Monday morning, rain or shine. Email hike coordinator Connie Stielow for complete hiking schedule and more information at [hihikers@yahoo.com](mailto:hihikers@yahoo.com). Hikes normally depart from either Holiday Island Rec Center or Hart's parking lot in Eureka Springs. Lunch is optional; carpooling to distant hike sites is \$6.



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### Mildred Ellen Tromburg, Aug. 1, 1921 – Nov. 5, 2013

Mildred Ellen Tromburg, a resident of Eureka Springs, Arkansas, was born August 1, 1921 in Omaha, Nebraska, a daughter of John and Minnie (Blyth) Moberly. She departed this life Tuesday, November 5, at age 92.

On May 29, 1943, she was united in marriage with Owen Tromburg who

survives her of the home.

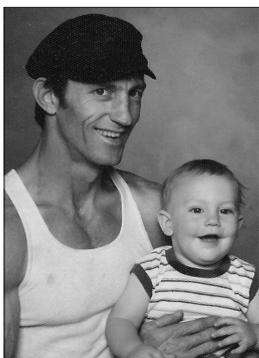
She is survived by two sons, Terry and wife, Kathy Tromburg, of Eureka Springs; Dennis and wife, Roberta Tromburg, of Folsom, Calif.; one daughter, Linda and husband, Ronald Cox, of Jackson, N.J.; eight grandchildren and thirteen great grandchildren, several nieces and nephews

and a host of friends and loved ones.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one sister.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. Service arrangements were made with Nelson Funeral Service. Online condolences may be sent to the family at [nelsonfuneral.com](http://nelsonfuneral.com).

### Stanley Leon Walker, Oct. 13, 1955 – Nov. 8, 2013



STAN WALKER  
AND HIS SON

Stanley Leon Walker was born on October 13, 1955, to Ray Justice Walker and Geraldine Evelyn (Shull) Walker in Leoti, Kansas.

He passed from this life at 8:22 a.m. on Nov. 8, in Washington Regional Hospital in Fayetteville, Arkansas.

Stan was preceded in death by his father and mother, and his brother, Ron Walker, of Rice Lake, Wisconsin.

Stan is survived by his son, Aaron Walker, of Eureka Springs; his twin brother, Steve Walker of Bentonville; and two sisters, Kay Taylor of Springtown, Ark., and Carolyn Kit Shepperd of Eureka Springs; several nieces and nephews,

and several great nieces and nephews.

Stan presided in Eureka Springs from 1974 until his passing. He generally worked as a mechanic because he had an affinity for those things mechanical and anything motorized.

For many years Stan, affectionately called Stan the Man, could be seen almost any day riding his favorite motorcycle, a Triumph Bonneville named Elouise, and later a Moto Guzzi named Esmeralda, and most recently another bike that was gifted to him by some very special friends.

There will be a celebration of Stan's life Saturday, Nov. 23 at Chelsea's, starting at 1 p.m.

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## Exoneration

Editor,

To free a person from a charge (s) or the imputation of guilt, declare blameless, says Webster and the Arkansas Professional Licensure Standards Board of our Eureka Springs High School principal, Ms. Kathy Lavender. The first spring of our wonderful new high school, and new principal, also brought out negative charges from parents and staff against Ms. Lavender. The press vigorously headlined and all out “reported” on this negativity.

With her good name and reputation on the line, a team of state investigators spent several days on site and caused time away from our students at the high school. Result, “that there was *not* evidence to substantiate a Reasonable Belief that Ms. Lavender violated standards 1 and 2 of the Code of Ethics for Arkansas Educators.”

“The investigation is closed and no

further action will be taken.” Preceding a quote from a letter received in May from Arkansas Standards Board to Ms. Lavender and possibly the then superintendent, Curtis Turner and Board of Education of the Eureka Springs School District

This conclusion was reached over five months ago. We feel that since our board, parents, staff and the press did not feel it was important to reverse and restore Ms. Lavender’s good name and reputation, we would tell our fellow citizens who own the school district what really happened. Congratulations, Ms. Lavender, on doing a tough job and shame on those who did not stand tall and do the right thing about exoneration.

**John Murphy and Dr. Ken Brown**

## Shirtless in the Springs

Editor,

Ah, it is undeniably autumn in

Eureka Springs. All the signs and portents of the coming change in the seasons are there. The golden and red hues of the turning leaves, the chilly nip in the air and the Brammer brothers are wearing shirts.

**Buddy Boyd**

## Zombies feed the hungry

Editor,

Flint Street Fellowship Food Pantry and Lunchroom expresses sincerest gratitude to Jeff and Christina Danos for making the Zombie Crawl a benefit for our food ministry. The food donated by so many was a huge boost to our pantry, which is always appreciated, but especially now as our needy folks are increasing. God bless you all for caring and actively helping our community.

**Pat Kasner**



## WEEK'S Top Tweets

**@BareChesty** --- You know your driving really sucks when your GPS says “After 300 yards, stop and let me out.”

**@ImABaconDonut** --- One day on Mercury lasts about 1,408 hours. About the same as a common Monday on earth.

**@blairgarner** --- To apply for a job at Hooters do they hand you a bra and say, “Here, just fill this out?”

**@erinmallorylong** --- The biggest lie we all tell is “I’m on my way.”

**@DavidKlien5** --- Fighting a lion is on my bucket list but I should probably make it the last thing.

**@bridger\_w** --- I know blood in horror movies is just corn syrup, but it’s still terrifying because at this point, that’s basically all my blood is.

**@dcurtis** --- Just saw a woman talking on a pay phone. It was so disorienting that for a moment I thought I had been transported to 1990.

**@Zen\_Moments** --- They that can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety. ~ Benjamin Franklin

**@NewDay** --- Millions grapple w/extreme devastation after Typhoon Haiyan.

**@STForeignDesk** --- Survivors “walk like zombies” after Phillipine typhoon kills 10,000.



## Star spangle wrangle

It's that season. You know which one we mean. Holiday season. The one where sales, low interest loans, parties and knowing which day is wine day at which liquor store are on our minds. The season where we wrap houses and trees up with lights, icicles and ornaments. It proves we have the Christmas spirit.

Or it proves that we want someone to think we have the Christmas spirit.

This has been a heavy year in Eureka Springs, primarily because of a giant battle with utility companies wanting to tear up our yards and put their equipment right smack dab in the middle of our line of vision. We live where we are accustomed to gazing at stars that seem so close you could stir them with your finger, but corporations want to change that for us. The battle has been epic and it isn't over, even though we have proved their equipment is unnecessary and their thinking obsolete. Who knew the worst part would be the waiting?

It's also been a rugged year for our country. There have been obstacles on the way to peace and prosperity. Storms have eaten away at the United States checkbook, as have unemployment and outright thievery. Financial stability is hollow no matter how high the stock market goes.

Those opposed to anything that comes out of official Washington are really the ones who want to make decisions themselves, for their benefit alone, to the detriment of all who disagree with them. So they stole an idea the early colonists had, and invented a Tea Party. Only this one is set on not just winning, it wants to destroy the opposition. Not defeat them, destroy them. In the meantime, they refer to themselves as patriots.

On a city level, we are having a public discourse on flags. Our national flag represents 50 American states with five-pointed stars, and the 13 British colonies that declared independence from Mother Britain with red and white stripes. Our flag is recognized all over the world. It's mass produced in many countries, and it's a symbol of the freedom many people crave.

Our flag has not been raised without its share of blood soaked into the ground beneath it. Our country has sent millions of young men, and now women, off to faraway lands to kill or be killed, and other than the War of 1812 and Vietnam, we've been pretty consistent in raising the stars and stripes high over another's land before leaving. We have put our flag on the Moon and Mars without much bickering, possibly because we, or our equipment, got there first.

Yes, our flag stands for pride and shame. It has to in order to be a living, flexible symbol. It symbolizes us, who we are, where we've been. Our country has declared wars that were just outright nasty invasions of other people's lands, similar to what SWEPCO is trying to do. But we realized that sometimes we made bad decisions and were lucky to get out of other countries with just alimony payments.

It seems that we're all kind of in the throes of night blooming dementia, a place where we forget what we were taught, and even worse, insist that others believe the same as we do or we call them unworthy, unpatriotic, ungrateful. Displaying our flag doesn't mean we're patriotic any more than a smile means we're happy, just as neglecting to offer insincere smiles doesn't mean we're agitated.

Flags on every available surface in this town has nothing to do with patriotism and pride. It has to do with an idea whose time has not come. There is still discussion over whether or not the flags will be up all day and night of every day and night. We're not sure who's in charge of maintenance, but we do know that the burned out bulb on the Christmas tree is the one that catches our eye. Any time we have shouting matches, even the ones in print, we diminish what thousands and thousands and thousands of soldiers have died for – our freedom. We're already beautiful. Why change that?

– MPB



## The Pursuit of HAPPINESS

by Dan Krotz

I first met Jean Elderwind in April of 1998 when, as part of the due diligence necessary for choosing the Natural State as our place of retirement, I visited our Carnegie Library to see if it measured up. I was greeted with the most dazzling of smiles by the person sitting behind the circulation desk; it was Ms. Elderwind, making me, a stranger, feel like the most important reader in the universe. It has been ever so since then, for me, and for every person who walks through the doors of a Carroll or Madison County Library.

Dazzling smiles aside, did the library measure up? You bet, and without exception. Our public libraries – in each of the communities they serve – are glorious illustrations of what happens when good management, effective boards, professional staffs and responsive government all do the right thing. There is no question that the cause of such civic right mindedness, institutional quality, and teamwork has been Jean Elderwind's hard work, leadership and example.

The cause of this inadequate "thank you" is Jean's recent announcement that she is retiring as the administrator of the Carroll and Madison County Library System. She summarized her career, and the news of her retirement, on Facebook:

*"One of the luckiest days in my life was that day back in 1971 when I saw a job posting for a circulation staff member at the University of Cincinnati Main Library and got the job. Within weeks, I knew I found my home. Except for my grad school stint, I have been working non-stop in libraries for 42 years. Now it's time for my new chapter, I am retiring at the end of the year! I know the "kids" (librarians) will be all right. What's in my future? Who knows? Thank you all for your sweet lifetime support of public libraries. YOU are the reason we are doing this!"*

Jean's replacement is the ebullient and highly qualified Johnice Dominick, currently serving as the Library Director in Green Forest. We wish Johnice good fortune. For Jean, may every day be merrier and brighter than the last.

# INDEPENDENT Constables On Patrol

## NOVEMBER 4

7:38 a.m. – Constable investigated a possible theft of materials only to learn the items had been released to the person in question.

10:19 a.m. – One individual came to the station and announced he was being harassed by the other individual. A constable spoke with both parties and advised them to stay away from each other.

1:22 p.m. – Constable delivered a message to an address.

5:49 p.m. – Driver coming into town from the south warned ESPD of the driver following who was swerving and even running off the road. Constables watched for but did not encounter the vehicle.

11:41 p.m. – Mountain Home PD arrested an individual on a Eureka Springs warrant. Constable picked her up and booked her into ESPD.

11:42 p.m. – Resident in a neighborhood near downtown complained of a dog out barking all night again. Constable on patrol did not see a dog or hear barking in the area, but he left a note for Animal Control to follow up.

## NOVEMBER 5

12:10 p.m. – Detective arrested an individual for felony theft of property and took him to county jail. Individual also had a valid warrant out of Benton County for failure to appear.

4:09 p.m. – A person was trying to sell items to guests in tourist cottages, and he even walked into one of the cottages. Constable spoke with one person and told him about local laws concerning door-to-door sales.

4:26 p.m. – Concerned witness reported two large dogs cavorting in a parking lot near US 62. No dogs present when the constable arrived.

10:32 p.m. – Driver reported a vehicle with no headlights driving on the outskirts of town.

## NOVEMBER 6

12:44 a.m. – Central Dispatch pinged ESPD and EMS to a possible suicide call. EMS transported the individual to ESH.

11:19 a.m. – Constable encountered person who had a valid ESPD warrant for failure to pay fines. He brought her to the station for booking.

3:52 p.m. – Local barkeeper kicked out a patron for cursing at a waitress. The

exiled patron and his friend kept driving by and making obscene gestures at the establishment. Constable happened upon the unhappy exiles and advised them to avoid the establishment for the rest of the evening.

4:01 p.m. – Constable responded to the scene of a possible shoplifting.

4:03 p.m. – Clerk at a store had video evidence of a person stealing a pair of boots. She did not want to press charges but she did want to be paid for the boots. Constable collected the information.

4:58 p.m. – Downtown merchant had two shoplifters in the store at that moment. Male and female. Constable arrived to help resolve the matter.

## NOVEMBER 7

12:45 a.m. – Resident just below downtown was nervous about a person who had come to her door and asked to use her phone. He was on her porch using it but she was getting uneasy. By the time a constable could arrive, the caller had returned the phone and wandered away.

7:55 a.m. – Constables responded to the middle school where juveniles had taken unauthorized medications and needed medical attention.

11:36 a.m. – Animal Control removed a dead deer from the roadway on Planer Hill.

## NOVEMBER 8

7:47 a.m. – Constables arrested an individual for failure to register as a sex offender with local law enforcement of the jurisdiction of his residence.

8:28 a.m. – Witness thought it suspicious when a well-worn farm truck carrying a dead deer in a neighborhood above downtown drove away suddenly when the occupants saw him. Constables never encountered the vehicle.

9:16 a.m. – Family went on vacation for a few weeks and left four or five dogs with outside access at the house with only a caretaker dropping by occasionally. Neighbor complained of the barking at night. Animal Control left a note for the caretaker to check in about the noise.

5:58 p.m. – Clerk at a convenience store was suspicious of a vehicle parked off to the side for awhile. Constable discovered the occupants were two females and a baby, and one of the females was using her phone.

6:02 p.m. – A pickup truck somehow jumped out of gear and wound up temporarily blocking a street. Problem

had cleared by the time a constable rolled by.

7:55 p.m. – Passerby saw a person dressed in dark clothes walking along US 62 and apparently gesticulating and talking to no one in particular. Constables discovered it was a local businessperson walking home.

8:11 p.m. – Another passerby noticed an older couple getting of their car after possibly hitting a rock wall. Vehicle had departed by the time a constable could respond.

## NOVEMBER 9

4:19 a.m. – Another call from a passerby, this time about a pickup with two individuals in it parked behind the old high school. Constable on patrol told them to keep on moving.

10:54 a.m. – Person asked a constable to see if a chiropractor was appropriately licensed. Constable spoke with all parties and checked the license.

5:27 p.m. – A concerned driver called in a convertible passing on double yellows on its way into town from the south. Constables did not encounter it.

7:34 p.m. – There were people in an apartment making too much noise, and the constable told them all about it.

7:59 p.m. – A person approached a couple downtown and wanted to ask the male a question but he wanted the female

to walk away for the moment. When the couple did not want to interact with him, he began cursing at them and walked away.

## NOVEMBER 10

2:01 a.m. – Individual at a motel was walking around the parking lot and banging on doors. Constables arrived on the scene, and they called a taxi to take the person to Berryville.

8:32 a.m. – A diaper bag containing a cell phone went missing temporarily.

4:39 p.m. – Stranded individual told ESPD her vehicle needed a jump start and her cell phone was almost out of juice and she had no one else to call. Constable went to her aid.

4:47 p.m. – Alarm at a restaurant sounded and no one knew why. Everything was fine, and they will check the alarm.

5:48 p.m. – Constables responded to a domestic disturbance at a restaurant and separated the participants for the night.

10:56 p.m. – As a result of speaking with two hitchhikers, constables arrested an individual for a Carroll County warrant.

## NOVEMBER 11

12:25 a.m. – Two females were making a disturbance near downtown, and then at least one of them got into a vehicle which went on its way. Constable who responded never saw the individuals or the vehicle.

## Amateur Radio Club meets

Thursday, Nov. 21, at 6:30 p.m., Hospital meeting room. Refreshments will be served. For more information contact [patriciadean@cox.net](mailto:patriciadean@cox.net).

## 100 years of public health

The community is invited to celebrate 100 years of public health with the staff of the Carroll County Health Unit Thursday, Nov. 14, at the Berryville Community Center. Hors d'oeuvres at 11:30 a.m., program 12 – 1 p.m.

## Annual Christmas Launch Party Nov. 18

Stop by the Grand Central Hotel at 5:30 p.m. on your way to the B.B. King concert Nov. 18, get your Ho-Ho-Ho on and jingle some bells to prepare for the holiday season in Eureka Spring. Learn about upcoming promotions, events, and how you can participate to make the season bright.

Win a Window is back, so bring an item from your location or

business to be featured in this great giveaway. All businesses in Eureka Springs are invited to come share the fun. A light dinner will be served. The event is sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, City Advertising and Promotion Commission, Mains Street/ESDN, the Grand Central Hotel and [Eukasprings.com](http://Eukasprings.com) and will be concluded at 7 p.m. – in time to make it to the concert.



**Bragging rights go to** – Veterans' Weekend Celebrations started Nov. 8 with the Bragging Rights Burger Cookoff in Pine Mountain Village. The Pied Piper Pub scored top bragging rights and the big burger First Place Trophy. Second place went to Chasers Bar & Grill and third to the New Delhi Café. From left are Fatima Treuer of the Pied Piper; Jim Weatherford, American Legion Post 9; Latigo Treuer, Pied Piper; and Commander Jack Baker of Post 9. Second place went to Chasers Bar & Grill and third place New Delhi Café.

*PHOTO BY GWEN ETHEREEDGE*



**Hamburg(I)er** – The voting public at the Bragging Rights Hamburger Cookoff Nov. 8 voted this photo-worthy BLT & bleu cheese burger from siblings Fatima and Latigo Treuer of the Pied Piper the best burger.

*PHOTO BY C.D. WHITE*



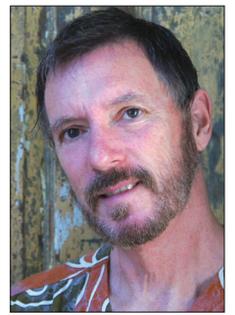
**Morrison feted** – The Arkansas Club celebrated its patronage of American Master wildlife artist, Susan Morrison, with a Gala held Nov. 9 at the Queen Anne Mansion. The club acquired more than 60 pieces of Morrison's work, created over a period of 50 years, and which will now be held in a permanent collection in the mansion thanks to the vision of Steve and Lata Lovell. Above, The Spirit Eagle is one of two Morrison drawings gracing the grand stairway.

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**Vets of all stripes** – Veterans young and old participated in the Annual Veterans' Day Parade Nov. 11. As a WWI-era Navy nurse, Gwen Etheredge marched on behalf of the nurses and medics serving in all wars. Etheredge served in the Army from 1987-91 and later did become a nurse. Behind her, Becky Newhart carries a sign commemorating the "Forgotten Troops of Viet Nam."

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Under the Pillow Mixed Media  
by John Rankine 1992

It was the end of the first Gulf War, the Persian War, the war that took a mere six weeks to accomplish its goal – a war that left thousands of Iraqis dead, wounded and homeless with the loss of 148 of our own.

A necessary war? All wars can be justified.

Desert Storm was this country's first "victory" since the loss and embarrassment of Vietnam, and maybe, for that reason alone, Bush 1 staged an over-the-top victory parade through the streets of New York City. It was the largest tickertape parade in our country's history, featuring 24,000 marchers, 12 million pounds of paper, at a cost of 4.7 million dollars, all privately donated.

I watched it on television – the pit in my stomach informing me something was not quite right. The scale of this post-war parade felt so disproportionate to its victory. What were we celebrating? Clearly the

carnage was on the other side.

"Under the Pillow" was my response – my take or warning on where overt patriotism can lead – an art piece where I invited the audience to literally look under the pillow.

Last week some well meaning people informed our community they were collecting money to permanently line Main. St. with American flags from the top of Planer Hill to the train station. This "Flag Initiative," sponsored by our local American Legion and Chamber president and Jamboree front-man Mike Bishop, eventually envisions an American flag on every utility pole in Eureka Springs.

This "we received permission" and apparent done deal (provided the privately donated cash is raised) has upset a lot of people who don't wish to see their town permanently draped in the American flag. For many, this is patriotic

overkill, out of scale and unsuitable for our quaint little village.

Disagree, and you are pegged as anti-American, anti-veteran and worse – as someone who does not support our troops – silencing many (including some local politicians) who are afraid to speak out against this ill-conceived project.

I admire and respect the people behind the Veterans' Day events and recognize the passion and hard work it takes. It is a totally appropriate way of paying tribute to our men and women in uniform. Ubiquitous flags adding more clutter to the beauty of Eureka Springs – is not.

Whenever nationalism goes over-the-top, it begs the question, what lies under the pillow?

## INDEPENDENTArt

### Docfest@the Carnegie features "tiny house" people

Join fellow Docfest fans Friday, Nov. 15 at 7 p.m. in the Library Annex for this week's documentary film, *We the Tiny House People*. TV producer and internet-video personality Kirsten Dirksen takes us on her journey into the tiny homes of people searching for simplicity, self-sufficiency, minimalism and happiness by creating shelter in unexpected and creative ways. For more information, visit [eurekalibrary.org](http://eurekalibrary.org) or call (479) 253-8754.

### Handbell Choir rings in the season Dec. 7

The award-winning College of the Ozarks Handbell Choir will ring in the season with an exciting performance of traditional and popular Christmas music at the Holiday Island Community Church, 188 Stateline Drive, Saturday, Dec. 7 at 7 p.m. The concert is free and open to the public.

The College of the Ozarks Handbell Choir has performed for presidents, prime ministers and other world-renowned figures, and has won numerous awards over several years, more than once placing first in state and national competitions. The choir, led by Director Marilyn Droke, consists of 15 ringers with five octaves of hand bells plus extra bass bells and six octaves of hand chimes.

Don't miss this delightful evening presented as part of the Woodward Memorial Concert Series sponsored by the Holiday Island Community Church. Donations will be accepted. For more information contact Jim Swiggart (479) 253-8369.



### Across the Pond collaborators feted at reception Nov. 24

There will be a book signing with wine and cheese reception for Welsh photographer Ray Worsnop and local poet, Mary Shaffer, on Sunday, Nov. 24, at the Village Writing School building on Hwy. 23S, 177 Huntsville Rd, from 2 – 4 p.m.

Worsnop, who lives in Rhyl on the north coast of Wales, will be visiting Eureka Springs for the first time. *Across the Pond* came about after Worsnop placed an online invitation for people to write text to go with his pictures. When Shaffer saw one of Worsnop's photographs through a link on a friend's Facebook page, she was moved to write a four-line poem to express the emotions the photograph evoked in her. When Ray read her poem, he suggested they do a book together.

The result is *Across the Pond, You Hear what I See*. Read the whole story of this transatlantic collaboration on the Facebook page, The Accidental Photographer. For more info on the reception, phone (479) 292-3665.

## Got tickets for Sounds of the Season?

Don't miss the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual "Sounds of the Season" concert Saturday, Nov. 16, at 4 p.m. The Holiday Island Clubhouse is the setting for this wonderful holiday concert of jazz and choral favorites from the First Line – New Orleans Jazz group led by

Al Gibson, and the 60-member Ozarks Chorale led by Beth Withey.

Enjoy all the "Sounds of the Season" in two exciting and different musical styles. Tickets are \$10, children free. For tickets, phone (479) 253-7671 or purchase at the door.

## Seussified love story Nov. 21

What if The Bard and the *Cat in the Hat* author collaborated? The League of Extraordinary Actors at Eureka Springs High School presents *The Seussification of Romeo and Juliet*, Thursday, Nov. 21, at 7:30 p.m. The play is a whimsical mash-up of Dr. Seuss and William Shakespeare, and fun for all ages. Admission is a mere \$5 at the door. Come enjoy an evening in the comfy high school theater.

Sweets & Seuss: The High School Quizbowl team will also offer \$1 desserts before and after the show. Doors open at 7 p.m. Phone (479) 253-8875 for more information.

## Nov. 21 reception features Louis Freund's Joe Hoskins portrait

Old time Eureka Springs will remember Joe Hoskins, who married Alabama Ball and raised a family in Eureka Springs. When he was in his 30s, Joe lost a leg in a switchyard accident while working for the railroad. Joe and his "peg leg" were familiar a sight in town until his death in 1973 at age 98.

"Old Joe," hand-carved wooden leg and all, was immortalized in a



1969 portrait by local artist and noted muralist, Louis Freund. The portrait has been on loan since August from the Butler Center for Arkansas Studies in Little Rock, and is currently on display until January in the Bank of Eureka Springs Historical Museum on S. Main.

Freund and his artist wife, Elsie, founded the Summer Art School in Eureka Springs

and helped shape the town as a year-round community for artists and writers. The portrait of Joe Hoskins (grandfather to local historian, June Westphal) is a rarity, being one of less than a handful ever done by Freund.

To celebrate Joe Hoskins' "visit" to Eureka Springs – and to provide an

opportunity to see the historic painting – the Historical Museum, Bank of Eureka Springs Historical Museum, and Carroll County Historical Society Heritage Museum are cooperatively sponsoring an informal drop-in reception Thursday, Nov. 21, from 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. at the Eureka Springs Bank Museum, where the portrait is on display.

## RAINBOW continued from page 3

better place to have a Rainbow Factory than Eureka Springs?

"I think our light manufacturing would be a great addition to our community and hope my fellow Eureka Springs feel the same way. If we can

get the votes we need, we have an excellent opportunity to win the grant as we fit the criteria to a tee. Because this is a grant, not a loan, we will be able to be completely capitalized and can take off flying and lift our community along with us. Sort of like the finding the pot of gold at the end of our Rainbow!"

So far the signs look good. With friends and supporters showing encouragement from the community, and with their business model in line with grant criteria, one can only hope that pot of gold materializes.

Others are apparently hoping so as well. On Nov. 12, Sheri excitedly told the Independent, "Just today, we received our first job application!"



## NOTES from the HOLLOW

by Steve Weems

At the end of the Cold War, I was a soldier stationed in Germany. The other teenagers in my unit and I would shake our heads at how the details of military life were incorrectly portrayed in movies. Likewise, accountants and Arkansawyers shown on film and television are often clichéd and predictable. I can spot these inaccuracies because I'm a former CPA, I was once in the US Army and I'm from Arkansas.

I write a column, but I'm not a professional newspaper reporter. Journalism has standards and jargon and codes of conduct about which I know little. And my little bit of knowledge is dangerous because it comes from

movies and television. But if I learned one thing from watching those *Lou Grant* episodes during summer vacations in the late '70s, it is to always check your facts.

I previously wrote that Richard Banks died in 1973, but his grave marker says otherwise. As I should have done in the first place, I ran out to the Eureka Springs Cemetery and checked his date of death. He died January 23, 1975.

Randy Freeman told me where to find the grave, so it only took a minute to locate it inside the front gate. Richard Banks had worked for the Freeman family for decades and Randy had been at the funeral. In fact, Randy's grandfather, Ray Freeman, paid for the funeral.

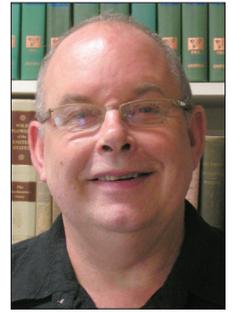
Randy articulated something about Richard Banks that was true for many in Eureka Springs. He said, "He was the first black man I ever saw, and was the only black person I knew for years."

He also remembered the "huge smile and deep, booming laugh." This reminded me that McKinley Weems had said something similar. He said that he remembered being in the audience at the movie theater on Spring Street and Richard Banks would be up in the balcony. When he laughed everyone heard it and knew it was Rich.

Randy Freeman also said, "I remember the phone call from my mom telling me Richard had died. He had cancer and had already lost an eye



because of it. He worked at the Joy (Motel) right up until the end. I felt like a piece of my childhood had suddenly vanished. Richard was an institution in my life and he was gone."



## The Falling Ginkgo Leaves



The natural history intrigue for this week is trying to predict what day the ginkgo trees flanking either side of the back parking lot of the Post Office will drop their leaves. The brilliant golden yellow leaves, once they are ready to fall, will likely drop in an hour's time, raining from the thick branches like small fans twirling from the sky. Soon after, the shriveling fruits, which look like half-sized wild persimmons, will persist for a few days after the leaves, then fall to the ground.

Fruits are always a tempting curiosity. In fact, you can buy ginkgo seeds as a food item in Chinese markets, but these have been prepared and processed to render them safe to eat. You should not be tempted to pick-up the freshly fallen fruits, which will cause contact dermatitis similar to the rash produced by poison ivy. The fruits have a fragrance that has been described as a blend between baby vomit and what a dog might leave on a sidewalk. That should be enough to entice you to leave them be.

I suspect these trees were planted about the time the Post Office building was completed in 1918, rather than in 1973 when the building was expanded and the service parking lot in the back developed. The trees are of a fairly good size, plus

for many decades most ginkgo trees available from nurseries in the United States have represented male branches grafted on to rootstocks. Within 40 years after ginkgos were widely planted as a street tree by the mid-1800s, female trees like those at Eureka Spring's Post Office began to leave their bad smelling fruits on sidewalks. Female ginkgos are simply not neat and tidy street trees.

Notwithstanding the beauty of the fall foliage, the fact that these two trees are females makes them a unique and interesting part of Eureka's heritage. Ginkgo (*Ginkgo biloba*) is the only surviving member of a primitive tree family that was common on Earth 200 million years ago. Living specimens were first collected by Western botanists in the mid-1700s, although the trees, some well over 1,000 years old, were revered in China and Japan, surviving at our near ancient Buddhists temples.

It will be interesting to see if the historic ginkgo trees of Eureka Springs still have leaves on them when this paper is published in just two day's time.



### Mind, heart and hands

– Doug Stowe has been selected the 2013 recipient of the Fiske Award and will be honored at the November general meeting of the Northeast Woodworkers Association in New York on Nov. 14. He will also give the 2013 Fiske Memorial Lecture. Doug, author of seven books on woodworking, will show slides of his own work and photos of students he teaches at Clear Spring School. He will speak about tools, hands and the development of intellect. "It seems that too many educators have forgotten this essential relationship between mind, heart and hand. Woodworkers, on the other hand, will never forget that which we rediscover every time we enter our wood shops," Doug wrote.



PHOTO BY MATT KENNEY, EDITOR, FINE WOODWORKING

**Not your granny's mink** – A mink with its fur dried by sunning on limestone rocks watches a group of kayakers paddle past on the White River near Beaver last Thursday. Minks are intelligent and curious animals that will sometimes allow a quiet boater to approach very close. This one's habitat is less than a half-mile downstream from where SWEPCO wants to cross the river with its 345 kilovolt transmission line.

PHOTO BY DAVID FRANK DEMPSEY

*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.

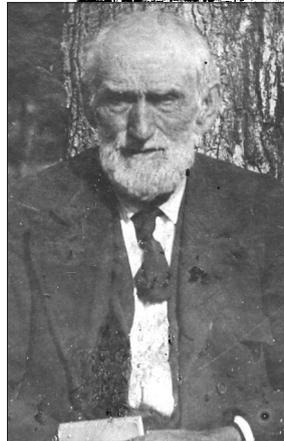
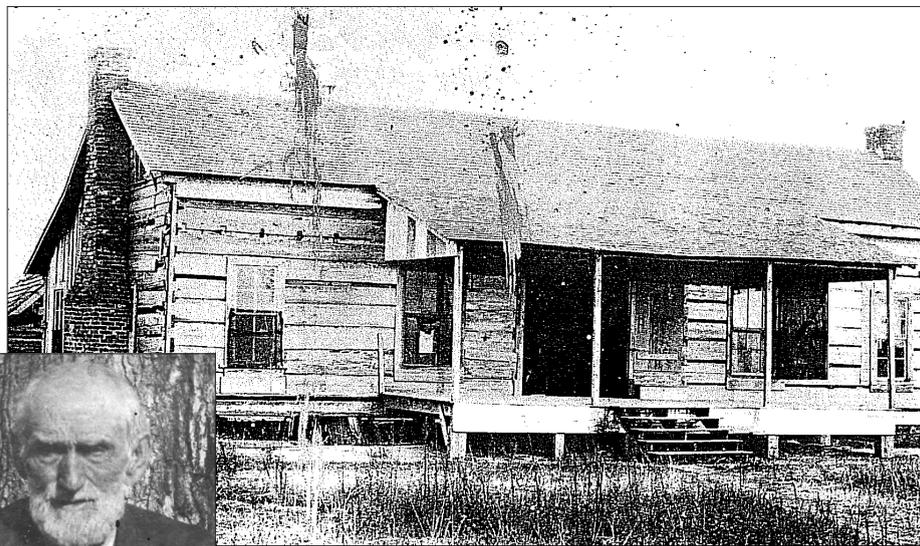
Since the time I had married into the Gaskins family, I had heard that Grandpa Gaskins wrote a book one time, but I never seemed to be able to get my hands on one of them. The family was not a family of readers. Those who could read did not. A book written by their grandfather had not meant a lot to them. If any of them had ever had one of the books in their possession, they had lost it long ago.

Once I had asked Mama how Grandpa could have written a book when he could not read or write. She explained that some young man who wanted to live in Eureka Springs for his health had stayed with the family for a while and “set it down the way Grandpa told it to him.” Still, I had not been able to find any one of them.

Then, in 1956 when my son Danny graduated from high school in Joplin, he got one of Grandpa’s books for a graduation present! My good friend, Cora Call, a writer herself and a folklorist, sent it to him. She said she had rescued it from a trash pile where someone had thrown it. Danny was thrilled to death about it. Later, when he was awarded a ten-thousand dollar scholarship to Tulane University, he told me he was not as proud of that as he was his great, great grandfather’s book, even though several of the back pages were missing.

Later, I learned that Cobb Gaskins, also a descendant of the author of the book, also had one. I wanted to take my typewriter up to his house and copy the missing parts of Danny’s book. Cobb and I were good friends and he volunteered to let me take his treasured possession home with me and do the copying job. I did and returned the original. Later, just before he died in the Eureka Springs Hospital, he told me that he wanted me to have the book because he felt sure I would treasure it and take care of it. At that time, it was in the possession of one of his nephews in Seneca, Missouri. The nephew promised to send it to me, but never did. Said it had been “lost somewhere.”

In 1980, Joe Walden of Eureka



Springs showed his copy of the book to the Museum Board there. Joe, too, was a member of the fading Gaskins family. His mother, Ethel Walden, was

a daughter of Dode Gaskins. He, too, was interested in getting the book reprinted. The Museum Board decided to reprint it as a fundraising project.

June Westphal, Curator of the Museum, called me to ask if I would do the foreword for the new edition. She said, “Since you are the only writer in the Gaskins family, we would like for you to do it.”

I was honored to be recognized as a member of the pioneer family even though I was only an in-law.

With much thought and care, I wrote the introduction. A few months later the book was on the market. The town set aside a day to be called “Gaskins Day” to honor Great Grandpa Gaskins, the author of the book.

My husband had died in 1972. Our children and grandchildren were all aware of the fact that there was a special day being held in honor of their great, great grandfather. Some were excited about it, others were true Gaskins and not interested in family history. Elba’s brother, Emery, did not attend the affair.

I rounded up all of mine who could get away from their respective jobs and we headed from Carthage to Eureka Springs.

How surprised I was to find that even though the town had gone all out to honor Johnny Gaskins, very few of his descendants were present. Upon inquiry, I found that few of them, indeed, were still alive.

Nina Jean, Hugh and their family had taken me to Eureka Springs. They had hoped to meet many relatives they had not previously known. Such was not the case. There were very few Gaskins present. Judy, our granddaughter, had taken her three daughters, Missy and Christy, the two teenagers, and baby Amanda. The girls were proud indeed to be among the descendants of the much talked about Johnny Gaskins. Many who were present brought their copies of the *Johnny Gaskins Story* to the little girls and asked that they autograph them. How proud they were. Lloyd and Emery, too, Nina Jean’s sons, enjoyed the festivities and were happy that they belonged to the swiftly disappearing Gaskins family.

On our return trip home, we stopped by the Gaskins Cemetery. There we took the time to walk among the resting places of the many, many Gaskins who had all come home again to be buried on the land that their grandfather had set aside for their final resting place, lest they “have to pay for a plot to be buried on.”

We stood there and counted five generations of the family. We had two more generations represented there with us, totaling seven generations of the pioneer family.

We stood at Elba’s grave and

remembered so many, many things that his life with us had left for memories. We even talked about how much he would have enjoyed the day and how proud he would have been to know that we all attended out of respect to him and his ancestors.

We stood at his parents’ graves and Nina Jean related stories of them to her daughter and granddaughters.

There, standing tall, is the marker of the grave of Johnny Gaskins. Johnny Gaskins who had never wanted fame. Now, a century later, citizens of the area were beginning to take notice of how much he had done for the area and its people.

A century later, fame had come late for Johnny Gaskins.

THE END

*Lida Wilson Pyles was born in Eagle Rock, Mo., March 25, 1906. She wrote and finished five books about unusual people of the Ozarks, including **Stranger at the Gate, Tall Tales from the Hills, Sense and Nonsense in Verse and It Happened in the Ozarks.** She also wrote numerous newspaper articles that appeared in the **Eureka Springs Times Echo, Springfield News Leader, Joplin Globe and Tulsa World.** She was a charter member of the Ozark Writers and Artists Guild, and a founder of Ozark Creative Writers, Inc.*

***Fame Came Late, the story of bear hunter Johnny Gaskins and early Eureka Springs, was her last book.***

*Lida married Elba Samuel Pyles in 1924 and they were married for 48 years. Elba was the son of Mary Gaskins Pyles, a daughter of Johnny and Susan Gaskins. Mary’s brother, Jack Gaskins, was the source of much of the book’s material. He was in his 70s in 1924, and nearly blind, so for years he sat in Lida’s kitchen telling her about growing up a Gaskins. She recorded it but didn’t write this book until 1984. She died on May 20, 2000.*

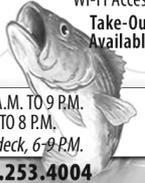
*When she died, the unpublished manuscript became property of her brother, and when he died it was handed down to his son. It was purchased from David Pyles in 2011 by Boian Books, LLC.*

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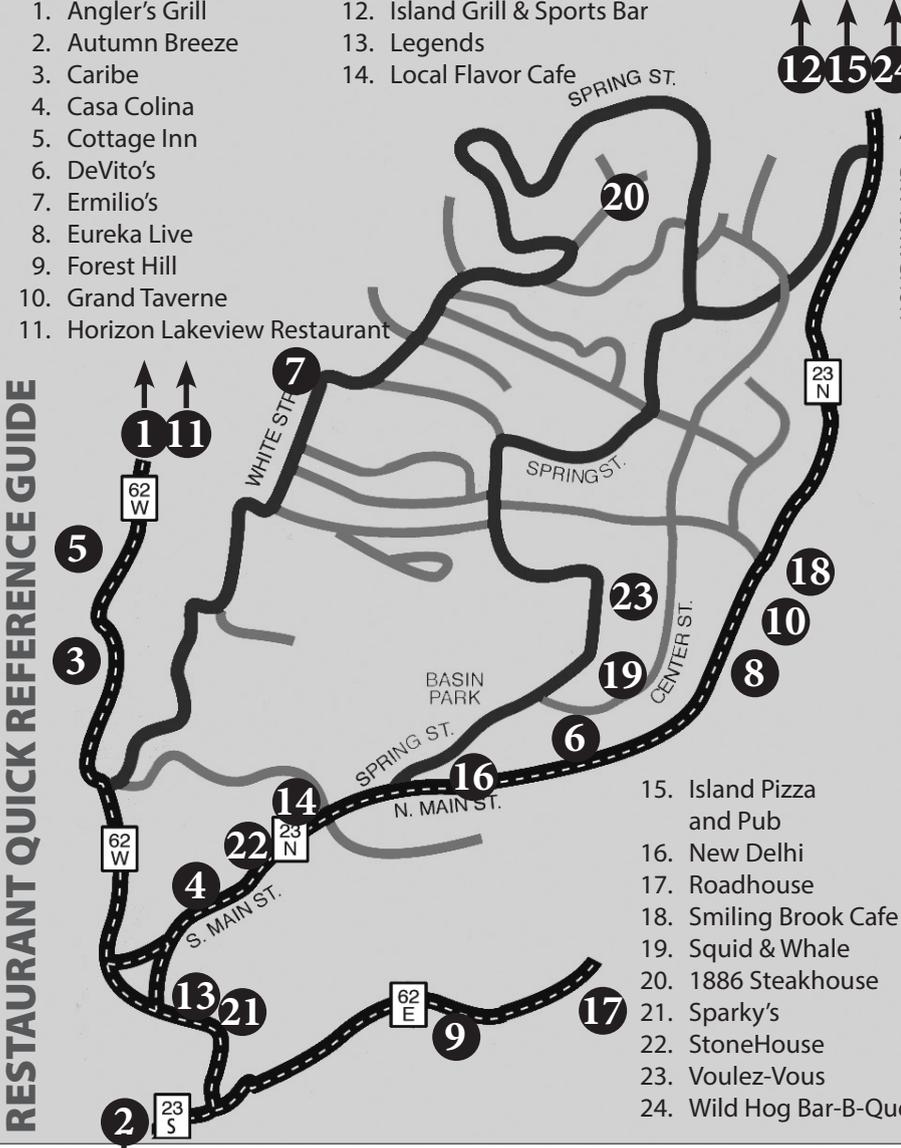


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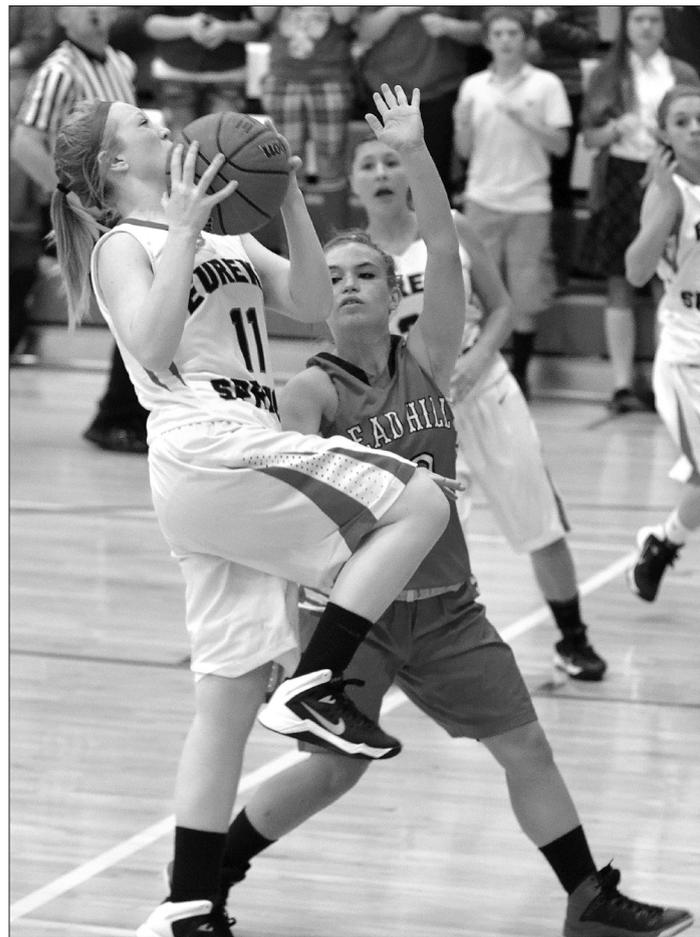
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Lady Highlanders freshman guard Aurora Fields ends a long drive down court by scoring two points in the last seconds of the game against Lead Hill in Eureka Springs last Tuesday. The spirited ending was great, but not enough to reverse the 48-12 drubbing the Lady Highlanders took from Lead Hill.

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DAVID FRANK DEMPSEY

ES boys still  
racking up  
wins

— Eureka Springs senior boys walloped Lead Hill, 65-36, Tuesday night at the Highlanders' gym. Dalton Johnson led the barrage of baskets with 17, including five threes, followed by Ryan Sanchez with 15 and his brother, Reggie (pictured) with 14. The Scots led the whole game and had a 25-9 third quarter. A moment of silence was held between the girls' and boys' games for three Lead Hill students killed in a car accident on their way home from a Monday night basketball game in Lead Hill.



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Shawn Holt, aka Lil' Slim, is the son of the late, great Magic Slim, a Mississippi native who migrated north as a young man and helped shape the sound of Chicago's electric blues. He enjoyed an illustrious career that gave us 24 albums of his gritty, intense brand of blues. Stepping up to lead the band

after his father's death in February of this year, Shawn Holt carries on the tradition, releasing an album titled *Daddy Told Me* in September to excellent reviews. The Teardrops consist of Levi William – guitar/vocals, Brian Jones – drums and Christopher Beidron – bass. Nominated for the WC Handy "Blues Band of the Year"

award eight times in the last ten years, these musicians are the real deal. Magic Slim used to say, "If you want to play the blues, play the blues, if you don't feel the blues, leave it alone, 'cause you can't be playin' it if you don't feel it." These guys definitely feel it. Hear them at Chelsea's on Friday, Nov. 15 at 9 p.m.

**THURSDAY – NOVEMBER 14**

- **BLARNEY STONE** Open Mic, 7 p.m.
- **CHASERS BAR & GRILL** Jesse Dean & Special Guest
- **CHELSEA'S** Emcee Glossy, 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
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**FRIDAY – NOVEMBER 15**

- **BALCONY RESTAURANT** Hogscalders, 6 p.m.
- **BLARNEY STONE** DJ Karaoke
- **CATHOUSE LOUNGE** Wink, 8 p.m. – midnight
- **CHASERS BAR & GRILL** Heymaker
- **CHELSEA'S** Shawn Holt & the Teardrops, 9 p.m.
- **EUREKA LIVE!** DJ &

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- **EUREKA PARADISE** Latin Fridays, DJ & Dancing to the hottest Latin hits
- **GRAND TAVERNE** Arkansas Red Guitar, 6:30–9:30 p.m.
- **JACK'S PLACE** Karaoke with DJ Goose, 9 p.m.
- **LEGENDS SALOON** DJ Karaoke
- **NEW DELHI** Kevin Riddle, 1–5 p.m., Dusty Pearls, 6:30–10:30 p.m.
- **ROWDY BEAVER** Spare Parts, 7:30 p.m.
- **ROWDY BEAVER DEN** Third Degree, 9 p.m. – 1 a.m.
- **THE STONE HOUSE** Jerry Yester, 6:30–9:30 p.m.
- **SQUID & WHALE PUB** "Local Kine" Local talent showcase
- **VOULEZ-VOUS** The Begonias, 9 p.m.

- **CHASERS BAR & GRILL** Ozark Thunder Birthday Bash for Kevin, Cyndi & Levi
- **CHELSEA'S** Pearl Brick & Pals, 4 p.m., Centerfuze, 9 p.m.
- **EUREKA LIVE!** DJ & Dancing, 9 p.m.
- **EUREKA PARADISE** DJ & Dancing
- **GRAND TAVERNE** Jerry Yester Grand Piano Dinner Music, 6:30–9:30 p.m.
- **JACK'S PLACE** Karaoke with DJ Goose, 9 p.m.
- **LEGENDS SALOON** DJ Karaoke
- **NEW DELHI CAFÉ** Josh Jennings, 12–4 p.m., Pete & Dave, 6:30 – 10:30 p.m.
- **ROWDY BEAVER** One Way Road, 7:30 p.m.
- **ROWDY BEAVER DEN** Tightrope, 12–4 p.m., and 9 p.m. – 1 a.m.
- **SMILING BROOK CAFÉ** Becky Jean & the Candy Man, 5–7 p.m. – BYOB
- **SQUID & WHALE PUB** Little Zero – Country, Blues
- **VOULEZ-VOUS** The Begonias, 9 p.m.

**SATURDAY – NOVEMBER 16**

- **BALCONY RESTAURANT** Catherine Reed, 12 p.m., Chris Diablo, 6 p.m.
- **BLARNEY STONE** Downday, 9 p.m.
- **CATHOUSE LOUNGE** Wink, 8 p.m. – midnight

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# Shawn Holt & The Teardrops



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## SUNDAY – NOVEMBER 17

- **BALCONY RESTAURANT**  
*James White, 12 p.m., Jeff Lee, 5 p.m.*
- **BLARNEY STONE** NFL Game Day—We Have Every Game
- **CHASERS** Sunday Funday
- **CHELSEA’S** *Brian Martin, 7 p.m.*
- **JACK’S PLACE** NFL Football with Dylan, 1 p.m.
- **LEGENDS SALOON** Free Texas Hold ‘Em Tournament *with prizes, 6 p.m.*
- **NEW DELHI CAFÉ** *Magic Mule, 12–4 p.m.*

## MONDAY – NOVEMBER 18

- **BLARNEY STONE** Monday Night Football
- **CHASERS BAR & GRILL** Pool Tournament, 7 p.m., NFL Specials
- **CHELSEA’S** *SpringBilly, 9 p.m.*

## TUESDAY – NOVEMBER 19

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

## WEDNESDAY – NOVEMBER 20

- **CHASERS BAR & GRILL** Ladies Night – Drink specials, free jukebox
- **CHELSEA’S** *Danny Kay & the Nighlifers, 9 p.m.*
- **NEW DELHI CAFÉ** Open Jam
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## Community Thanksgiving Service Nov. 21

Holiday Island Community Church (188 Stateline Dr.) will host the community Thanksgiving Service on Thursday, Nov. 21 at 7 p.m. This annual event is produced by the Western Carroll County Ministerial Association. The church offering will be used by them to help local people and promote Christianity in the area. Refreshments will be provided following the service. All are welcome. For more information, phone (479) 253-7365.

## Turkey Day Dinner at Holiday Island

Friends of the Holiday Island Historic Barn invite the community to Thanksgiving Dinner on Thursday, Nov. 28, at 1 p.m. for social time, and 2 p.m. for dinner. Tickets are \$12.50 and are available at the Holiday Island Rec Center and the Pro Shop. Early purchase is recommended as tickets are limited. If available, tickets will also be sold the day of the dinner for \$14.

Menu includes roast turkey, mashed potatoes with giblet gravy, sage and onion dressing, sweet potatoes, green beans, cranberry sauce and pie and ice cream for dessert. Coffee, iced tea and water provided, BYOB optional. Those attending are asked to bring non-perishable food or cash for the Flint Street Food Bank. Questions? Contact Jim (479) 253-6284 or Susan 253-5136.

## Gobbler? Cobbler? Either way, it's free!

A community Thanksgiving Dinner will be held at the ECHO Clinic, 4004 E. Van Buren (corner of US62 and Rockhouse Rd.), in Eureka Springs on Thanksgiving Day from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. There is no charge and *all* are welcome.

Flint Street Fellowship food pantry and lunchroom is sponsoring the dinner. Please call (479) 253-4945 with questions or if you would like to volunteer to help.

# EXPLORING the fine art of ROMANCE... by Leslie Meeker



“We’ve had a good marriage for 11 years now, but for quite a while there’s been no sexual spark at all. On the rare occasion that we do have sex we always say, ‘We should do this more often,’ but we never do. We’re both hurt and frustrated. Is this just the way it goes in long-term relationships?”

So the flame has fizzled . . .

First, the frequency of sex in your relationship is not a measure of the love you share. A decreased level of desire is a common occurrence in long-term relationships, but it is not a necessary one. Sexual desire ebbs and flows and as nature would have it, partners are often not in sync. Two separate individuals can have differing levels of desire at any given point. This means a *desire discrepancy* is

occurring and neither partner is at fault.

Sex is innately pleasurable unless something mitigates this pleasure. When you experience a decrease or lack of sexual desire, look for mitigating factors or *roadblocks*. The most common roadblocks include stress, exhaustion and conflict related to work, family, finances and child-rearing, as well as more complex issues like past victimization, body image distortions and substance abuse.

What happens in the bedroom is simply a mirror and a manifestation of what happens outside of the bedroom. If you are an exhausted, preoccupied bore outside the bedroom, then this is exactly who you will be inside the bedroom. If you hold no passion within yourself, you have no passion to bring to the bedroom.

The bottom line is that it takes two separate, autonomous and passionate people to create one sweltering hot passionate relationship.

Here are some suggestions that will help you get that flame fired back up:

Start by identifying your personal shortcomings, begin to make the necessary changes and be willing to tolerate discomfort in order to grow.

Play more often and touch more often.

Practice flirting. (*What?! I don’t know how to flirt!*) Don’t make a mountain out of a molehill. Flirting can be as indirect as eye contact with a smile. It can also be as direct as eye contact with a smile... while disrobing. Start with your level of comfort and then challenge yourself.

Practice thinking and feeling

sexually. Devote five minutes each day to sexual fantasy.

Create sexual cues in your environment. This can be as simple as incorporating erotic images or romantic literature into your daily routine. Above all, enjoy!

Questions? Email [leslie@esindependent.com](mailto:leslie@esindependent.com). *Leslie Meeker, M.A., L.P.C., is a psychotherapist who has specialized in relational and sex therapy, sexual compulsivity and sexual trauma for the past 15 years, after receiving extensive training in human sexuality at the Masters and Johnson Institute in St. Louis, Mo.*



**Meow or Grrr?** – Annabelle Watson, 3, of Rogers shows off her feline face painting as she waits for Mary the Balloon Lady to finish creating her animal. Annabelle was on hand for the Kids Carnival at Pine Mountain on Nov. 9 as part of Veterans’ Weekend celebrations.

**Pickers in the Park** – Top right, Michael McAleer, Lara Ashby and the “Reverend Coy Dog Smith” delight the crowd in Basin Park gathered for the Veterans’ Day Pick Off In The Park on Nov. 9.

**Porsches on the prowl** – The purr, and occasional throaty growl, of well-tuned engines could be heard on the streets of Eureka Springs during the Porsche parade on Nov. 9. Owners of all manner of Porsches gathered at the Inn of the Ozarks over the weekend for the annual Porsche Palooza.

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## One bag on the porch

Just one bag on each front porch added up to a lot of food coming through the doors of the Flint Street Food Bank. Beginning Nov. 2, local Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts left bags on doorknobs to be filled with food to be collected later. On Nov. 9 the Scouts went door to door, house to house, driveway to driveway, and brought bags and bags of food into the Flint Street Food Bank.

According to Scout leader, Bruce Bieschke, more than just food was brought in. "The love and compassion of our town, shown by their generosity, also went through the front door of the food bank," Bieschke wrote.

"Something else went through those front doors, too; those scouts brought to the food bank their excitement, energy and their willingness to do something good for our town. All that excitement and energy is contagious, don't you know!"

Bieschke also acknowledged the Rotary for their help with this year's Scouting for Food program. "And let's not forget the volunteers that man our local food bank, they are there day after day serving the needy of our community, usually without much fanfare," he added.

"Imagine the effect on them, the



**Scouts scouted for food, and found it!** – The Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts visited porches all around Eureka Springs collecting bags filled with food for Flint Street Food Bank.

much needed shot in the arm, to be invaded by swarms of happy and excited little scouts hauling in carloads of food from a community that cares! See what one bag from your front porch can do? You have helped the needy of our town,

you have given the volunteers at the food bank the much needed help in their task, and through your generosity, you have given a large group of our young people that precious lesson about community service," a grateful Bieschke wrote in an

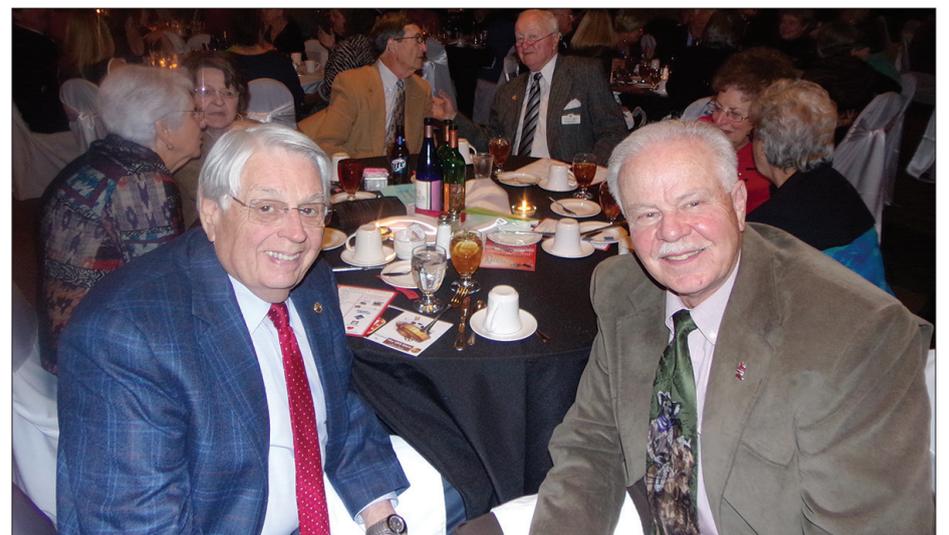
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Just a reminder – if you did get missed or forgot to put out your bag, it's not too late! There are drop off boxes at both Hart's and SunFest.



**Civil Servant** – Retiring Carroll-Madison Libraries Administrator, Jean Elderwind, is given her Civil Service Award by Chamber President Mike Bishop. Many will be sad to see her leave that post, but, Jean said, "I'm not retiring from everything!" She will continue with Books in Bloom, the Library Foundation and many of her other services to the community. See the "Red Carpet" and other award pictures in the Indie online edition.

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**The "Old Guard"** – Retired attorney, Lewis Epley, left, and John Cross relax at the annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet. Cross, board chairman at Cornerstone Bank and former president/CEO of Bank of Eureka Springs/Cornerstone, had no idea he was about to receive the Spirit Award for his work preserving the history of Eureka Springs. Epley served as President of the Carroll County Bar Association and Special Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of Arkansas. He served as a director of Cornerstone Bank (formerly the Bank of Eureka Springs) since 1964, and Vice Chairman of its Board of Directors.

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# DROPPING A Line

by Robert Johnson

November 8 was a good day for Deran Baxter who came down from Pryor, Okla., for some striper fishing on Beaver Lake. He caught these two nice stripers along with some spotted and largemouth bass. All caught on shiners and shad running about 30 ft. deep.

Beaver Lake water temps running about 61°. We got these fish between Points 8 and 9. These fish are slowly moving to the top, any day now I expect to have them boiling on the top. As I said before, most of these fish will move into the Prairie Creek area and stay for the winter with good top water action before heading up river in March to spawn. The fish that don't do the river run will stay on our end from the dam to Point 5 if you don't want to travel that far.

Holiday Island water temps are running about 60° with all fish being caught shallower. The water temp is perfect for fish to feed up before winter. Bass, crappie and walleye all feed well until the water gets below 48°. They know it's coming in January so they have to get fat now. I like fat fish.

Try trolling crankbaits. Casting spinner baits, buzz baits and crankbaits. Flicker shad are a good bait to throw or troll. Or just get you some minnows and drop down three to eight ft. deep for crappie or off the bottom for the walleye. Get bass between the bottom and top.

Well that's it for this week. I bet the stripers will come to the top after this next cool front so get out and enjoy the outdoors. Keep your eyes open for the eagles, and take a kid with you.



**COUNTY WATER** continued from page 1  
committee meeting, not a public hearing. They were there to hear from Wright about the financing of water systems because they “were looking at the possibility of taking this back to the voters. We’re not trying to shove this down anyone’s throat.”

After more testing of boundaries between the committee and earnest citizens in attendance, Schultz explained a rural water system is totally voluntary and about getting drinking water to rural areas for those willing to pay for it.

Wright asked why the committee wanted to send the idea to the voters and recommended instead that the county provide information for a group who wanted to start a Public Water Authority for their area.

Campbell brought up the issue of eminent domain, which had soured voters before. Would people who did not want water be forced to give up an easement? There was also scuttlebutt about condemning wells.

Schultz said he saw no reason for

eminent domain to be an issue in a rural water system, and he had never heard of a well being condemned.

He agreed that it is difficult to make people feel at ease if that possibility exists, but Wright said he had never heard of a well being shut down. He also pointed out a public water authority is not there for government control, but to get water to people who need it.

Schultz said the only water system formation he ever lost was one that got too big. One property and the next and the next wanted to be included, and the project got out of control.

Reeve clarified that Wright was suggesting to start with people in an area that needs a water system, then expand. Flake said two districts near him would be a good place to start because everyone has a well.

Campbell asked if the rural system would be fluoridated, and Flake said the water would come from the Carroll-Boone Water District. Schultz observed a group could drill its own well, and people who are opposed to fluoride

might swing the balance toward drilling a well.

The discussion leaked toward the future of the water table in our area, and how some aquifers in the southern part of the state are being depleted. Lisa Price-Backs warned from the audience, “Other areas have eyes on our Ozark aquifer.” Others said they thought the aquifer we draw from is maintaining well.

Campbell stated the population in the area has dropped by ten percent in recent years, which would drive down the need for a rural water system.

Reeve quickly responded, “We’re talking about a need that exists today,” but Campbell still questioned the scope of the need.

Reeve said the new direction they seemed to be taking, (not having a county-wide authority but starting with a smaller localized one), changes the role of the quorum court. The court now would become only the catalyst for getting it going.

Schultz pointed out getting signed Water Use Agreements from

enough interested users in an area is key, and some potential users might have to be wooed and coddled to gain their confidence. “By being here in this meeting, I can tell there are people who don’t understand how rural water works,” he said.

He said most projects begin with 200-300 customers, and added, “In spite of economic sputtering in the country, rural development money is still strong.”

At the end of the discussion, Flake seemed relieved to sum up what they had learned. “The county doesn’t have to have any involvement. We just need some volunteers to pursue it.” Interested people would form the water authority, and the authority would decide how to get the water.

Wright said he would speak with an attorney who could report at the next meeting what the committee needs to do next. Flake suggested they meet again before the Nov. 22 Quorum Court meeting, and they agreed to meet Wednesday, Nov. 20, 2 p.m. at the Extension Office.

## PREPARING

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Figure out a way to carry drinking water, pack an up-to-date first aid kit, and you’re ready to go. Add extras as you can, like a pocketknife with handy attachments.

If you choose to go the extra mile, you can stock your vehicle for bigger challenges. What if you slid off an icy road into a ditch? If you had a chain, someone who comes along might be able to pull you out of the ditch. If you live on one of those kinds of roads, you might think about what you need out there.

If you usually ride with your dog,

you will need doggie treats and a leash and a blanket. Would you be able to shine enough light to catch someone’s attention? Would you be warm enough in the meantime?

Some people even travel with a chainsaw during inclement weather for clearing trees off the road, and we hope one of them is just up ahead of us.

And it is good common sense to know the weather forecast up here in the mountains so you know how to dress and what you are driving into. Temperatures can fluctuate dramatically, so having

extra layers available might keep you comfortable. A disaster does not have to be a catastrophe.

### Other considerations

The subject of emergency preparedness goes far beyond a go-bag and extra batteries. What if your family is spread out all over town when a disaster hits? Where will you meet if you cannot get home? If cell towers are inoperable, how will you communicate with your family? Talk about it with your family or friends and develop a game plan, like everyone meeting at a certain place as

soon as they can. How fresh are your first aid skills? There is a world of study and financing devoted to the topic, not to mention a government agency.

The count of more severe storms seems to be rising, but even regular storms might isolate us or cause an emergency. It is easy to devote a corner of your home to your emergency stuff and have a bag ready to go, whatever it might include. Regardless of the emergency, it becomes more manageable if you are prepared and have at least some of what you will need with you.

## Humanity – Combating the Forces of Materiality

**C**hiron, the wound that heals us, (9 degrees Pisces) turns direct **Tuesday**. From the many Scorpio battles and Nine Tests, humanity feels wounded, yet at the end, is triumphant.

Sunday (full moon) is the Scorpio solar festival. Scorpio is the sign of trials, testing (Nine tests), struggles and battles. Eventually triumph predominates. Scorpio has three symbols (three levels of awareness) – scorpion (on the ground), eagle (in the air), phoenix (on the mountaintop).

When building the personality (scorpion), there

is love of darkness, the readiness to wound and to sting. On the Soul (eagle) level, through tests and trials, there is a reorientation from darkness to Light – scorpion transformed into the eagle soaring into the air. On the spiritual level, emerging from flames of desire, stands the phoenix, radiant with light, magnetic power and the ability to heal. The eagle and phoenix enter the battle, fighting for the life and well-being of humanity.

In Scorpio, testing, reorientation and transmutation constantly re-occur. That's why many turn away from

Scorpio. It's very difficult to be a Scorpio (Sun, rising, moon, etc.). However, humanity is Scorpio.

Humanity, presently confronting the Nine Tests, must also combat the Forces of Materiality/Darkness (evil) hiding and manipulating the truth. In response (our task), humanity must march into battle with the Soul's keynote (and Sunday's message) – *“Warriors are we and from the battle we emerge triumphant.”*

Humanity (identity still unknown to itself) is the World Disciple, World Server and World Savior. Humanity as Scorpio. This is our journey.

**ARIES:** There's a spiritual crises occurring perhaps – a deep connection to God and yet there isn't. At times you feel more connected to the spiritual world. At other times, the connection is with the Earth and the physical world. The two must be connected. And it must occur within. You become more empathic; compassion directs your decisions. Eventually, seeking to heal, you become a healer like the angels.

**TAURUS:** You feel a bit isolated, or perhaps, insulated. It's difficult to be in large groups. Sometimes even one person in your field creates discomfort. You prefer the other kingdoms – mineral, plant, animal. Although you sometimes seem odd, out of place, you're respected, thought of as a peer. You often find your “group” while researching on the Internet. You also understand the surveillance situation. It's all a paradox.

**GEMINI:** You do not need to justify, prove or defend your self-worth. Sometimes when there's been a withdrawal of parental care, a sense of self-worth has to be re-developed as an adult. Sometimes both the mother and father wound, and you must be healed. Allow all your motivations and ambitions tell you how good, of value and intelligent you are. You are now your very best good-enough mother and father.

**CANCER:** Most likely you've broken away from your childhood's traditional religious teachings, ceaselessly asking, *“What is truth?”* You're on the very

edge, and sometimes at the center, of continuous spiritual thinking. You're both student and teacher, but often don't remember the teacher identity. When you discover the correct spiritual teachings (for yourself) a state of balance emerges. Keep searching.

**LEO:** Read Dante's *Inferno*. All the great mysteries of life are there – death, regeneration, transformation, birth and death again. There's loss and gain, good and of evil. There's depths and heights. The world of spirit is alive and well in your life – personifying destruction as well as creation. Note the polarities. Nothing is, yet everything is subtle. You enter into the spirit world. It heals you.

**VIRGO:** Intimates, close friends and/or partners offer you new experiences and your frame of reference changes, beliefs shift. You see the world differently from now on. Remembering all past relationship rejections, you review their effects. Emotions create a vulnerability. Seek grounding, creating boundaries from what hurts. Consider the field of art and symbols in order to understand and heal. You read Jung's *Red Book*.

**LIBRA:** Were you a serious child? Do you feel you needed a different type of love, recognition and care from your parents? Did you sense loneliness and wounding as a young child which persisted through your teen years?

Does your body hold that wound continuously? Have you distanced yourself from a vital (heart) link (someone) in your life? This has led to a separation from your creative self. You feel the purpose is/was survival. A larger reality needs recognition. It will come.

**SCORPIO:** Were you the unusual one in your family? Do you have a sense of “otherness?” Is there something about family or the city you were born in that needs healing? Do you often think often of your place of birth and family even when far away? There's definitely something culturally different in your life and it shows. You have come recently to begin to celebrate this difference and to realize it's what creates your unique level of creativity. Difference nurtures us.

**SAGITTARIUS:** Notice if a new sense of perception, a new level of cognition and/or logic appearing and affecting how you see the world. It's a needed expansion. There's some wound concerning communication. Is it with your peer group, with siblings, at work, a neighbor? It affects you so that you must find other ways of interacting and making yourself understood. It's good to take walks into many different neighborhoods. To stop awhile and look around. There's something new to be seen. To be known. For you.

**CAPRICORN:** It's most important for

Caps this year to feel physical comfort, care and support. They create a greater sense of self-confidence. In thinking about one's childhood there's an assessment of how much love and value was given, and how it's reflected in the present. Most important is not devaluing others' experiences, wounds, needs and situations. Instead, step out of accepted interpretations (especially language which defines realities judgmentally), embracing the more compassionate. You then become a model to others. You change the world.

**AQUARIUS:** All that you value as important – resources, people, experiences, etc. – is examined, assessed, evaluated and analyzed. Are they culturally up to date, do they reflect the present needs and values of the new world? You question what of the old realities can help build the new world. And what needs to be discarded. Be aware of your extreme sensitivity to money and possession. You deserve to have all that you need. List what you possess. Be grateful. Eliminate.

**PISCES:** You exhibit a great selflessness. Sometimes this becomes a deep wound. Often you don't know what your needs are. When asked, a blankness overtakes you. You're sensitive to criticism which offends anyone's self-dignity. Struggling to express yourself, so often, the depth of that expression is misunderstood. As parts of your (completed) self drop away, a newly emerging self slowly awakens. You're surprised.



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## Help Pack the Limo – and pack a backpack too!

Hoping to meet increasing needs at the Flint Street Food Bank, the Pied Piper Pub and Cat House Lounge are once again hosting the Pack the Limo Food Drive Thursday, Nov. 21.

Bring your bags, boxes and carts of non-perishable food to the Pub between 4 p.m. and midnight and help the community pack the limo (and more) with food for those in need in our community.

And there's something new this year. Flint Street has teamed up with Rachal Hyatt at Eureka Springs Schools to send backpacks filled with food home on Friday afternoon with weekend meals for needy kids. Hyatt saw the need for kids to have access to food on weekends when school meals are not provided and has received grants and donations along with help from the food bank.

More than 35 kids qualify for this assistance and many more are waiting to get on the list. The Pied Piper Pub and Cat House Lounge are helping meet the challenge. "My brother Latigo and I have decided to expand our fundraiser

to help with this program, and we named it 'Back our Kids,'" Fatima said.

In the past, Pack the Limo has raised \$1,000 minimum and supplied six months worth of canned goods for the Food Bank.

"Our goal is to create a sustainable program that will grow over time. The twenty-first will be the launch of our website ([www.flintstreet.org](http://www.flintstreet.org)) where we can take electronic donations for either the food bank or Back the Kids," Fatima explained.

On Nov. 21, a \$20 donation and a non-perishable food donation is requested at Pack the Limo. A large food buffet donated by many area restaurants will be provided along with drawings for prizes, live music, drink specials and a great gathering of folks helping the community.

The most needed items are: canned soup, canned tuna, chili, canned fruit, oatmeal, canned beans and cooking oil. Non-perishable items can be dropped off anytime at The Pied Piper Pub, 82 Armstrong, or phone (479) 363-9976 for more information.



**Look Who's Talking** – Eleanor "Ellie" Kreamer is the latest resident to give a presentation in the "This is My Life" series of programs at Peachtree Village. Ellie is a self-taught artist, having begun painting in 1970 after her husband gave her a set of paints as a gift. She has sold hundreds of paintings throughout her career and was a member of the Society of Western Artists in California. Her presentation included photographs of many of her paintings, her family and herself. Ellie is always giving of herself and is considered a blessing to all she meets. Many of her paintings hang in the hallways of Peachtree where they can be enjoyed by residents, staff and visitors.

**SWEPSCO** continued from page 2

by the commission. If one of the parties submits an objection to the judge's order, then the commission would address the substance of those objections either by scheduling additional hearings or simply entering an order in response to those."

A number of steps have now been completed. Opposing intervenors, including STO, and SWEPSCO and their allies – the Southern Power Pool (SPP) and the Arkansas Electric Cooperative Corp. – have filed a series of written documents: direct testimony by experts and other witnesses, rebuttal testimony, and surrebuttal testimony. SWEPSCO also filed written sur-surrebuttal testimony, but this was not allowed for opposing intervenors.

A five-day hearing before Griffin took place in Little Rock during late August. Griffin then ordered SWEPSCO

and the intervenors to file briefs on several key issues and proposed findings of fact by Oct. 1, and file replies to those briefs by Oct. 16. Those briefs and replies are posted in Docket 13-041-U on the APSC website.

"Any day now, Judge Griffin is expected to issue another order scheduling oral arguments on the same issues that were briefed," Costner said. "If the lead time on oral arguments is about two weeks, oral arguments may take place as soon as mid-November. If the lead time is four weeks, then they may occur in December."

When Griffin declares the hearing to be closed, she must issue her final decision within 60 days. Costner said if the judge declares the hearing closed on the day she hears oral arguments, this gives a "best guess" of mid-January for her final decision. If she does not declare the hearing closed immediately

following oral arguments, she may not do so for many months and may not issue her final decision for many more months.

Bethel said it wasn't certain that Griffin would issue an order scheduling oral arguments. The last day of the hearing in Little Rock, Griffin said she may ask for oral argument on a couple of matters.

"I know we don't normally do that," she said. "This is a little different. This has been a really big case, and I've got a lot of things to think about. You've put a lot of evidence on. There are a lot of issues that... are new to me at least. Maybe you guys are real comfortable with all of it, but I'd like to hear what you have to say on it."

There are two important issues Judge Griffin has not yet ruled on. One is STO's motion to dismiss the application based on legal defects, including

SWEPSCO failing to obtain the necessary state and federal environmental permits. The second is a motion by SWEPSCO to re-do its application, which STO has opposed stating that changing the application now would deprive landowners affected from having proper legal notice and the opportunity to intervene.

"It is not possible to predict if or when she will rule on these motions," Costner said.

STO has opposed the project, saying it is not needed, that it would harm the fragile karst topography that includes caves and streams, damage water quality and wildlife with herbicides, and cause great harm to the area's tourism economy. SWEPSCO and SPP state that the massive power line must be built to assure the reliability of electrical service in the region.

Dear Ma,

In your recent rant on flags you came across as anti-veteran. I'm writing this on Veterans Day, Ma, so tell me I read you wrong.

**Troop Supporter**

Dear Supporter,

Ma's beef is not with those who serve, but with the way soldiers and veterans are used to drum up support for war and the military-industrial complex. Wars will always be rationalized, but rarely justified.

The lesson of Vietnam isn't that alternatives to the horror, waste and futility of war must be sought, but rather that the public can be manipulated into supporting militarism with propaganda campaigns that exalt soldiers (heroes!) and exaggerate perceived threats. And also, that without a draft, the masses won't seriously oppose war.

The lost lives, and broken bodies and minds resulting from war, breaks Ma's heart and angers Ma. Soldiers are the expendable pawns in the chess game. Often they're duped into enlisting as a way out of poverty or for an education; it's an economic draft.

Ma believes the best way to support the troops is to consistently work for peace and not allow these wars to be fought in our name. The best ways to honor those who have served is to say

never again, and to make sure veterans are given all they were promised.

Ma likes to imagine a world where the military's mission is humanitarian first, peacekeeping second, and acting militarily only when our freedom is truly threatened, which is almost never.

**Ma**

Dear Ma,

Why doesn't the city do something about billboards? Talk about detracting from our city's beauty; these things are eyesores.

**Pretty Police**

Dear Pretty,

As much as Ma likes Community First Bank, their giant picture next to the generic bed photo obscuring the Queen Anne Mansion landmark at the gateway to the historic district are incongruous.

The sign ordinance was watered down regarding billboards – existing ones are allowed to remain as long as they are kept up. City council could change that to require them to be removed once fully depreciated.

Ma doubts the businesses that have the large signs in close proximity to the historic district would suffer if they didn't have these billboards. Wouldn't it be nice if they voluntarily removed them as a community service?

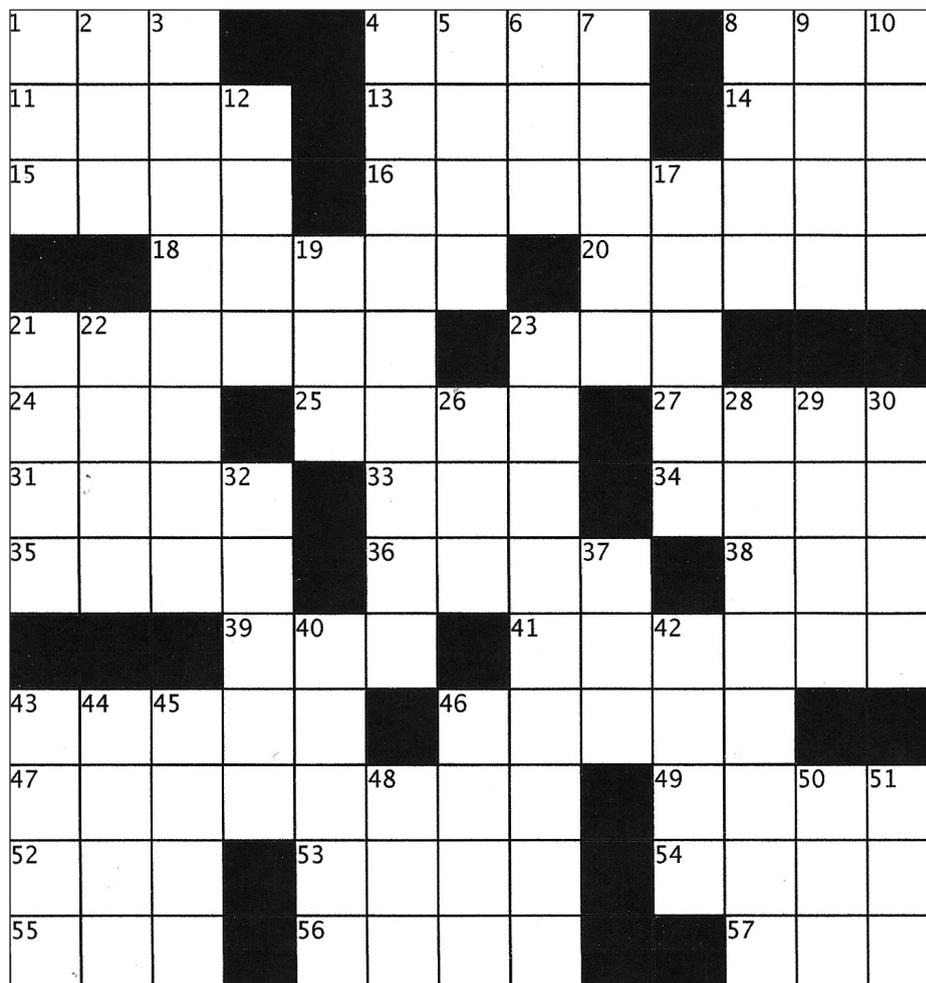
**Ma**



# INDEPENDENT Crossword

by Wayne Levering

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### ACROSS

- 1. Two-wheeled, horse drawn carriage
- 4. Silent performing art
- 8. Recede
- 11. Bedouin
- 13. Previously mentioned
- 14. Tormé, Tillis or Gibson
- 15. Peddle
- 16. Young Hispanic woman
- 18. Heart line?
- 20. Scroll of scripture
- 21. Where passes are kicks
- 23. Shade of black
- 24. Gentle touch
- 25. Type of phobia
- 27. Warning sign
- 31. Largest continent
- 33. Sound of relief
- 34. Canola, formerly
- 35. Engrave

### DOWN

- 36. Take care of
- 38. Soak
- 39. Middle of summer?
- 41. Sounds
- 43. Pond scum
- 46. Wise man's gift
- 47. Tends plants
- 49. Othello villain
- 52. Cocktail component
- 53. Referee's call
- 54. Downhill racer
- 55. Not old
- 56. Ozarks' stob
- 57. Opposite of port side

- 9. Second Greek letter
- 10. Mediocre
- 12. Group
- 17. Moves within stationary part
- 19. Harrison or Gustin
- 21. Foretell (*Scot.*)
- 22. Brewer's kiln
- 23. Confederate soldier
- 26. Dundee denial
- 28. George or Thurgood
- 29. Fencing tool
- 30. New Jersey hoopsters
- 32. In advance
- 37. Click beetle
- 40. Comes together
- 42. Colored part of the eye
- 43. Variant of against
- 44. Frilly edging material
- 45. Shot up
- 46. Short note
- 48. Louse egg
- 50. Indian butter
- 51. Room within harem



**Park Bark** – Emmie and Sadie here, hangin'round and waitin', but we won't be waitin' much longer – we hear the dog park people will be buying fencing before the year's out and starting to put it up for us ASAP! Now that gets our tails waggin'! But they really could use some help, so if you can lend a helping paw call Rachel (479) 244-9151 or message Eureka Springs Dog Park on Facebook. Next meeting is Wednesday, Dec. 4 at the library annex, 6 p.m.

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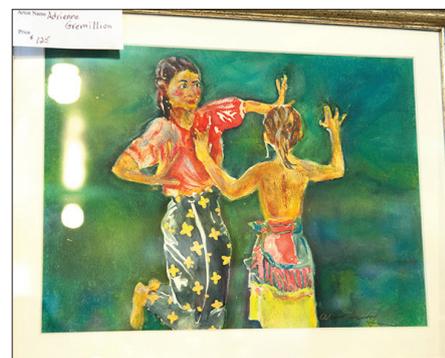
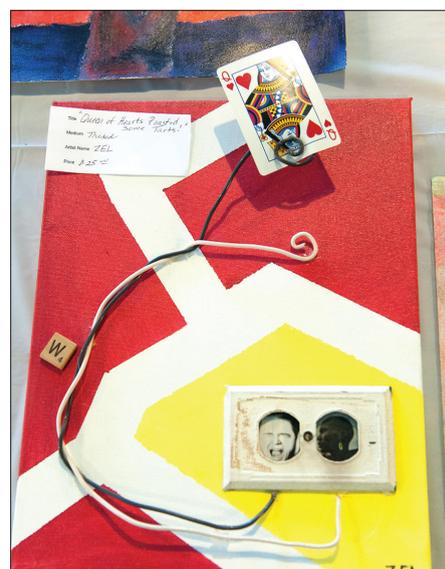
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**New Pathways in art** – Adrienne Gremillion looks over a portion of the art at a recent exhibit for show and sale at New Pathways Art Studio on Whispering Pines Rd. Proceeds from the event were used toward art programs for mental health. Gremillion runs the art program, and if you missed the show and would like to see some of the wonderful art in the studio, phone Adrienne at 253-5665.

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