



The thrill is not gone – B.B. King still has mojo working at 88. Monday, Nov. 18, King played to a full house at the historic Eureka Springs Auditorium. The crowd was mesmerized as King and his band put on a show reminiscent of a private jam session. Read more on page 2.

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Judge closes hearing record on SWEPCO case, to rule within 60 days

BECKY GILLETTE

Just a week ago it looked like it could be months before Arkansas Public Service Commission (APSC) Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) Connie Griffin made a decision in the application by American Electric Power/Southwestern Electric Power Company (SWEPCO) for the Shipe Road to King's River 345 kiloVolt transmission line. It was believed the judge might have another oral hearing in the case in December before handing in her recommendation.

But on Monday Griffin entered an order stating that no additional oral hearing will be conducted. The order stated that after reviewing briefs submitted by the parties, along with proposed findings of facts and conclusions of law and the extensive record developed during a week long evidentiary hearing in late August, "the ALJ has determined that there is no need to hear oral argument on the matter. As such, it is the finding of the ALJ the hearing is now concluded, the record shall be closed as of the date

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This Week's INDEPENDENT Thinker



John Moffitt, an offensive guard for the Denver Broncos until last week, handed in his resignation during the Broncos' week off. He also kissed about a million dollars and a potential Super Bowl ring goodbye.

Moffitt, 27, said he started reading the writings of Noam Chomsky, a political philosopher, and the Dalai Lama.

"I think it's really madness to risk your body, risk your well-being and risk your happiness for money," Moffitt told *Raw Story*. "I gave my heart to football, played in great stadiums against great players. I had the experience."

Moffitt said he plans to lose his playing weight and spend more time with his father and 5 year-old daughter.

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I can hear you but I can't understand you. B.B. King

B.B. King charms fans, even the ceiling fans

NICKY BOYETTE

The historic Eureka Springs Auditorium can add another memorable night to its catalog of notable performances. B.B. King brought his eight-piece ensemble to the stage Monday night. The 88-year old King of the Blues charmed the audience with his wit and charisma, and showed he still has the chops – that distinctive B.B. guitar style that has influenced pretty much every electric blues guitarist for the last 60 years.

The evening opened with the Governor's Blues Review, four wonderful Tulsa-area all-star musicians. It was like walking into a country roadhouse bar. In their short performance they moved through raw three-chord blues into rocking blues to get-down boogie blues to get our mojo working for the main act.

Then King's eight-piece band strolled out on stage, the lights went down and the whooping began. The audience was excited. For the rest of the evening, the bass and drums provided a steady foundation to the solos, and there were impressive, expressive solos by all the band members.

Whoops, hollers and a standing O

greeted King's entry. He settled in the middle of the stage in a red chair (a royal throne for the King?) and was handed Lucille, his famous guitar. He quipped, "They tell me I was here before," in playful acknowledgement of his age, and was playful the entire evening. He said of one of his saxophonists, "He and I were together when they were putting the top on the pyramids."

His first song was *I Need You So* in which he mostly sang, but then he fired up Lucille with the distinctive B.B. guitar style – not a million notes, just the right ones.

He got plenty of audience participation with *You Are My Sunshine*, during which he said, "Ladies, kiss someone."

He danced in his chair during his classic *The Thrill Is Gone*, but told us, "I've never danced a day in my life." He turned Lucille loose toward the end of the show with *Darling, You know I Love You*, and thrilled the audience with the very recognizable B.B. guitar timing and precision that has put him high in the cadre of most influential guitarists ever.

Holy smokes! Eureka Springs just got the pleasure of an evening with the King of the Blues! Long live the King.

Community

Thanksgiving Dinner at ECHO

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Community Thanksgiving potluck

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CAPC tightens belt, will revisit funding request guidelines

NICKY BOYETTE

“When a line item is maxed out, things have got to be done differently,” commissioner Terry McClung told staff of the City Advertising and Promotion Commission on Nov. 13. McClung did not like the news that circumstances caused CAPC to overspend its group travel budget.

“We agreed overages would come before the commission,” McClung stated, “and we probably would have approved it, but we should follow through with the agreement. That is why we do it. I feel responsible.”

The good news from Finance Director Rick Bright was that all financial commitments for the year are accounted for and collections are up 1.1 percent year to date over last year.

Funding support

Executive Director Mike Maloney

added four more funding requests to the considerable stack of applications already received, and said he expects more. “It is the pleasure of the commission what to do,” he said.

“We are in the unenviable position of playing Solomon – who gets what – and we need some criteria for evaluating them,” commissioner James DeVito said. He questioned whether, at some level, contributing support funds to these events did not take the CAPC away from its mission of advertising the city. “We’ve got to have some direction before we look at the first one.”

Chair Charles Ragsdell agreed, and suggested a workshop to set firmer guidelines and look at what percentage of the overall budget should go toward funding the requests.

Maloney said studies show that it takes \$30 - 33,000 in retail sales in a city

to generate \$1000 for marketing support funds, which he noted is an interesting gauge for evaluating funding requests.

Bright pointed out that guidelines are in place but sometimes the process is not always followed.

“As sharp as we must keep our pencils, we must follow guidelines,” McClung commented.

Discussion followed about clearing up the process, and Ragsdell said they would focus on funding support guidelines at the Nov. 27 workshop.

Auditorium committee

Ragsdell said he solicited participants to form an Auditorium Committee, and received 20 responses. He would like even more people, residents and non-resident, to respond if they would like to participate on a committee to assist the CAPC with duties at the Auditorium and with special events.

He hopes to hold the first committee meeting Wednesday, Dec. 4, at 6 p.m., at the Auditorium.

Ragsdell said he is convinced using a strong volunteer base is a proven method for running a city auditorium.

Survey of visitors

Dr. Kelly Way from the University of Arkansas Hospitality management program presented a quick tour of a study conducted by her graduate student, Kayla Kesterson, on two weekends in August. Kesterson’s study included 95 surveys, and Way said she wants to return next year and “rework the survey and do it right. We’ll start in the spring and spend eight or nine months gathering data.”

The data indicated the primary reason for visitors coming to Eureka Springs was for a three-day or longer vacation. Second

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INDEPENDENTNews

A novice buys a shotgun

NICKY BOYETTE

So, suppose a family moves to Arkansas and buys a nice home on a rocky plateau at the end of civilization (only two other homes within a mile)? Owning a gun had never been interesting or a consideration. The family does not hunt but is surrounded by a wildlife management area, which means hunters frequent the neighborhood, and you hear them not so far away. Also frequenting the area are people who get lost because digital maps are misleading in that they do not show the switch from paved road to rocky dirt surface, making it difficult to get from here to there. Especially there.

Then there are grizzled, suspicious, scary yahoos who wander up to your front door because their hillbilly vehicles went kaput a mile or two in the middle of nowhere, which is nearby. You wonder why they went there in a suspect vehicle, so your skin instinctively prickles.

It is those individuals who cause new ideas to creep into consciousness – instincts about protection that were never before a concern. The sheriff and his deputies are far away. You've seen *In Cold Blood*. You've watched crime shows on television since childhood which send the message that ruthless rascallions are around every corner. Some towns have responded to the spate of mass shootings and apparent easy availability of firearms by passing laws requiring every household to possess a weapon, as though our society did not own enough weapons yet.

The next thing you know, you find yourself at a big box store buying a 12-gauge shotgun and a box of buckshot shells. On the registration card, it asks how many rounds you expect to fire in the next year and you reply, "Zero, I hope." The clerk at the big box store has only so much guidance he can provide, plus he speaks weaponese, a language a novice gun owner struggles with. The assistant manager who walks you and your purchase out of the store says only, "Assume the gun is always loaded and never point it at anything you don't want to shoot. Have fun."

So a novice goes home armed.

What's next?

Everybody is different, and not everyone is a gun lover. Nevertheless, if you have a weapon (and you are the last to own one, it seems) you'd better get accustomed to it and try to lose the fear of it, but never lose respect for what it was made to do, which is blast holes in things. It can be called hunting, target practice or home protection, but the shotgun does the same thing every time.

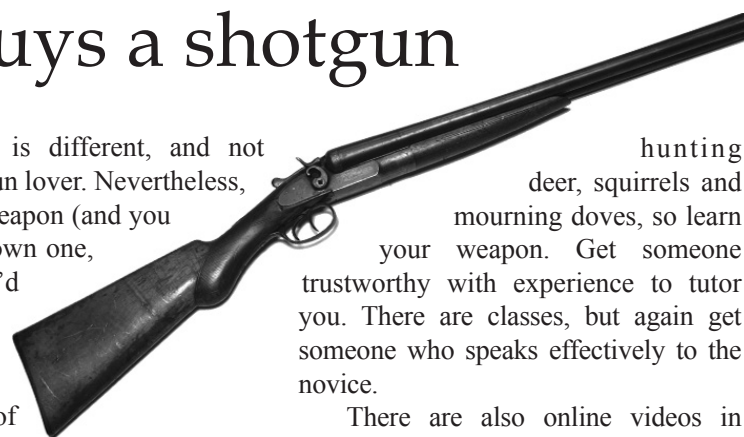
Shotguns are not complicated machinery, but they are serious business. It is a fact guns in a home more often kill or injure a family member than an intruder. One government study claimed between 1995 and 2000, at least four children *per day* died from non-homicide firearm-related injuries.

(At this point in the writing of this, three big gun blasts were heard in the near distance, then five more, then a whole string of them.)

If you have children in your home, the problem of gun ownership is both more complicated and simpler. The same government study said 47 percent of high school kids claimed they could get a gun if they wanted to, but three-fourths of parents think their kids would never use a gun without their prior consent or knowledge. Since half the homes in the United States have at least one weapon, this means the calculus for calamity shoots through the roof. The simple solution is to unload your weapons, keep ammo and weapons stored separately and locked up, and prevent access to the keys.

That is the solution for hunting and recreational firearms, but what about folks who got the shotgun for home protection? If an intruder has entered or is trying to enter your home, you probably do not have time to get the key out of hiding, unlock your weapon and ammo and load the gun. You need a strategy. Where will your weapon be? Is it loaded? Are you scared?

Not everyone has military or law enforcement training or grew up



hunting deer, squirrels and mourning doves, so learn your weapon. Get someone trustworthy with experience to tutor you. There are classes, but again get someone who speaks effectively to the novice.

There are also online videos in which people demonstrate with primeval enthusiasm their abilities to rapidly shoot soda bottles and concrete blocks and most anything else with a shotgun, then reload and do it some more, but these are hardly educational. There are frightening videos that offer guidance on gunfight strategy. These will not help you become a responsible gun owner.

Get instruction on the basics. How do you load it and safely unload it? Where is the safety? Is it on? The expression "red is dead" means if you see red on the safety, it is *not* on and your shotgun is a danger if not handled properly.

And that "red is dead" expression brings up the never ending controversy no simple newspaper article can present in its entirety. You bought a shotgun for home protection. Someone enters your home. Is your life being threatened or does the intruder want to steal your television? There are lots of televisions. You have a choice to make, and you cannot unpull the trigger. Purposeful or accidental discharges provide identical results.

So the discussion goes far beyond learning how to "bear arms" competently. The Ruder Finn blog opined, "America's love affair with guns is difficult to explain. Is it a legacy of the Old West or maybe the expression of a country still its adolescence displaying high-risk behavior and poor judgment?" There is, too, the view that protecting yourself and your family is basic to being human.

The framers of the Constitution gave Americans the right to bear muskets, and legislators ever since have been ethically segmented as to how to craft laws that express our collective intent. Regardless of your opinion on gun laws, it is a social responsibility to know what you are doing if you have a weapon in your hands.

Road into Lake Leatherwood paved at last

NICKY BOYETTE

Parks Director Bruce Levine said at Monday night's commission meeting the best news of the year is the road into Lake Leatherwood has been professionally paved, and called it "the smoothest road in the county." Chair Bill Featherstone said, "The worst road has become the best road."

Featherstone acknowledged contractor Jimmy Jones for going beyond what he was contracted to do, and said it was not the first time he had done so in projects for the city.

Soccer, soccer, soccer!

Ben Rodda, high school soccer coach and president of the Eureka Springs Soccer Club, told commissioners about the plethora of soccer activity at the Lake Leatherwood City Park soccer fields and how much the participants appreciate the support of Parks.

Rodda said 120 youth participated in the fall soccer program, and as many as 30 adults show up on Wednesdays for soccer at LLC. He added that soccer jamborees bring in participants from out of town who support local restaurants and motels.

The soccer program has generated funds it wants to invest in netting along the ends of the soccer fields. Errant soccer balls continually find their way either under parked cars or in a nearby creek, and netting is the solution.

One local person can get the materials needed at cost, and another person can donate the equipment needed to install the equipment, so Rodda was

asking for permission to proceed.

Featherstone was pleased that the problem in the local soccer world has moved from kids being injured playing on rocky fields to stray balls rolling under vehicles.

Everyone agreed the soccer fields were designed for multi-use activities, and the soccer contingent and Parks could work together on improving the fields for all potential uses.

Rodda will provide visuals for what he is suggesting and the commission will discuss the plan at the Dec. 16 meeting.

Land Bank

Featherstone told the commission he met with alderman Terry McClung, who had been adamant that a Land Bank ordinance proposed by Parks seemed unfair. City Code imposes a fee of \$200 per lot on residents who apply for a vacation of property within the 320 acres owned by the city, approximately one quarter which is within the city limits. Property owners outside the 320 acres pay only an application fee if they ask for a vacation.

Essentially, a person one step to the left of the demarcation line pays a fee and a person one step to the right pays nothing, yet, according to McClung, both properties are maintained the same by the city and the situation is not fair.

Featherstone did not see it in exactly the same light, saying "some we own; some we don't."

Levine added the original fee of \$200 per lot, established in the 1980s, was originally, as he understood,

intended for the entire city. Only later did the city learn it could not charge a fee for property it did not own. He said a situation like this one is rare in Arkansas.

After discussion about the merits of fees and who applies the fees and whether there are too many steps in the process, Levine said his evaluation made it seem like a "tempest in a teapot." He thinks there is not much potentially vacatable land involved, and everyone agreed the intent should be to do what is the best for the city rather than an individual.

Commissioner Fergie Stewart suggested, first of all, council should rely on Parks to do its work in the vacating process rather than duplicate efforts. He thought Parks should let the situation play itself out at council.

Consensus among the commission was the city should not give away anything, but if it does, there should be

some kind of remuneration.

Where are the geese?

Levine reported his staff maintains a spreadsheet depicting how many geese are on the beach at Lake Leatherwood and which aversions are in place. They have two "predator balloons," which are balloons with a big eye on them, plus an intimidating alligator head anchored just offshore, and he said, "The geese seem to spend their time elsewhere." He acknowledged this is all preliminary data and the geese might return any day, but the goose aversion plan is in place.

Eagle Scout project at LLC

Levine announced that Eagle Scout Nick Walker had suggested as an Eagle Scout project he would build a campsite on the wildlife island at Lake Leatherwood. The end result would produce an exclusive rental campsite that would be very popular. His vision is to erect a 10-foot square platform above

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Where's the beef?

BECKY GILLETTE

More research is coming out about the health benefits of grass fed beef, including the fact that a high content of Omega-3 fats are healthy for you and low levels of Omega-6 fats are bad for you. None of that is news to Richard Potter, a mainstay at the Thursday Eureka Farmers' Market in both the summer and winter offering organic, grass-fed beef products.

"I tell people I'm new at this. I've just been doing it 40 years," said Potter, who raises beef on his ranch in southern Missouri. "I did it before they had the term organic. I used to call it clean beef."

Potter said cattle are ruminants meant to eat varied grasses, legumes and other pasture plants. Cattle haven't evolved to eat grains. "The grains mess up their digestion system, so they have to give them antibiotics," Potter said. "Plus there are a lot of

toxins in the grains."

The grains are raised with lots of chemical fertilizer, herbicides and pesticides. Often the grains are genetically modified organisms (GMOs), which raises a whole host of concerns.

Potter said when he started out raising cattle he was "just a dumb kid." But he knew he wanted to raise cattle on the range that were healthier than those available from commercial beef production.

"I didn't want all the toxins that were used in the cattle business," said Potter, who markets his RP Cattle beef (www.organiccattle.com) in a four-state area. "What I had learned about the cattle business was that it was filled with toxins from the ground up. I didn't want to poison myself, my children, or any people I knew. So I didn't do any of the practices like the Ag Extension agents would tell you to do."



Norma Jean Marcon talks with Richard Potter at the farmers' market.

Even some prior vegetarians have been brought back to include grass fed animal products in their diet after developing health problems. An example is nutritionist Trudy Scott, author of *The Anti-Anxiety Food Solution* (www.anti-anxietyfoodsolution.com).

"There are a lot of B vitamins and minerals that can be hard to get if you are not eating some kind of animal protein," Potter said.

Potter got into raising beef naturally after working in construction in the early 1970s building a chicken house for egg production.

"Since I saw how they treated those little hens, cooped up in these small cages, I've never eaten an egg from the store again," Potter said. "I consider it immoral to treat animals that way."

Potter has evolved his own variety mix of Black Angus and Red Angus, cattle that do well on the grass program. The result is beef that customers rave about.

"I learned how to make grass fed beef delicious," Potter said. "The word most commonly used when people tell me how much they love my beef is 'flavorful'. It takes time. Good taste is a matter of timing and patience. It is important to have multiple species of forage. You don't just have a standard fescue, which is a biological desert. You want all kinds of different grasses and weeds in there."

RP Cattle eat a variety of forages including fescue, lespedeza, vetches, clovers and cheat grass, as well as several plants often referred to as weeds. Winter feed includes hay made from these same forages. The cattle are never given feed from any animal sources and are never exposed to herbicides, pesticides or hormones.


Potter doesn't have to sell most of his customers on the health benefits of grass fed beef. Most people are well educated about how much healthier it is. Customers appreciate the benefits to the environment, as well.

"This is how we are going to reclaim the planet," Potter said. "It isn't going to be easy, but we are going to do it. I'm just a little guy, but I've been able to make this work. I have a customer base of people who appreciate what I do. That is the main thing that keeps me going. It is slow. It is not really profitable. And whenever I figure out finances I say, 'Why am I doing it?' I always have the same answer and that is a lot of people depend on me doing this and it is the right thing to do."

Potter is able to greet many of his customers at the Eureka Springs Farmers' Market at Pine Mountain Village by name.

"Going to the farmer's market is the most fun I have all week," he said. "Even on a slow market day, for me,

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Planning denies tourist cottage, makes no decision on vacation

NICKY BOYETTE

Jim Crouch, attorney representing Jim McEvoy's request for vacation of a portion of Hartman and McCune Sts., answered questions and raised questions at the Nov. 12 Planning Commission meeting.

Hartman and McCune are both platted but never developed areas in the woods between the end of Amity and Main Sts. McEvoy's home is at the end of Amity. Hartman is platted to cross Amity and go north down a hill near McEvoy's house, and at the top go south behind the properties of KJ Zumwalt and Sally and LeRoy Gorrell. The Parks Commission had already approved a vacation of a piece of McCune immediately beside McEvoy's house but denied the rest of the application.

"We are appealing the decision of Parks," Crouch said, adding that his client still wants to pursue closing a portion of McCune and the part of Hartman that goes down the hill, not the part that goes behind the properties of Zumwalt and the Gorrells. Crouch said there was no evidence of a road in either direction and the land would not be appropriate for a street.

He also challenged the concept of Parks building a trail through the area. He held up the map that shows trails in and around Eureka Springs, and did not see a trail proposed through that area. He said there was no Master Plan to refer to, and doubted there would ever be a trail there. He recommended

a flatter alternative.

Chair Beverly Blankenship pointed out the situation has been this way for a long time, and it is Planning's job to look at whether the land might have future use for the city, possibly as an access to a newly developed area. She asked Crouch to clarify what he was asking.

Crouch again stated, "We want only the part that goes down the hill."

"So the application to Parks was different?" asked commissioner Ed Leswig.

"No," Crouch replied, saying his clients were just seeking a line in the sand and finality.

Parks Chair Bill Featherstone said the Master Plan for the trails system is almost complete and he would present it early in the new year. He contended that part of Hartman could be used for a trail and as access to the Moony Reservation, just south of Hartman, and suggested they postpone discussion until he presents the Master Plan for trails.

Leswig moved to postpone discussion until the Master Plan is presented, and they settled on Feb. 15 as the deadline.

Crouch still insisted the trail idea might not happen for 50 years, "and at what expense!"

Featherstone countered, "Once you give it away, it is gone forever. The applicant is asking for something for one person. We're looking out for the city."

"I get frustrated by applicants

whose requests are stymied by Parks watching out for trails," commissioner Melissa Greene commented, recommending they send it on to council.

Blankenship responded it would go to council with or without their recommendation.

The vote to delay a vote until February was 3-1, Blankenship voting No, so the motion failed, which means Planning made no decision.

Crouch said he was not sure if his clients wanted to wait or go forward to council.

New construction review

Rachel and Ryan Brix had applied to build a tourist cottage on their property at 1 Magnetic. There is a platted but undeveloped street on their property called Rock Street.

"I see a problem with the application," Blankenship said. "They're plan-

ning to put it on Rock Street. Another problem is tourist lodgings are not outright permitted in the R-2 zone."

She said Planning would never approve something on a city street, and explained to the Brixes she was using her own observation and looking at plat maps to substantiate her statement.

Brix observed the property had been functioning as C-1 commercial for ten years.

Commissioner James Morris was uneasy about the platted but undeveloped street running through the Brixes' property because, for the second time, progress on developing the property was being thwarted by city government. "We ought to negotiate something, because it is obvious there's a problem there," he said.

Blankenship read from City Code

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Let the season begin! – 47th Silver Tea Dec. 5

Now in its 47th year, the Silver Tea, hosted by the women of St. James' Episcopal Church, has long been considered the festive herald of Eureka Springs' holiday social season. On Thursday, Dec. 5, from 1:30 – 3:30 p.m., seasonal decorations, elegant tea tables and hostesses in period costume will transform the historic Crescent Hotel's Crystal Dining Room.

The public is cordially invited to this admission-by-donation affair. Each year, the donations help fund an area non-profit organization. This year's Silver Tea brings together Christmas and children – a perfect partnership, as the beneficiary is Clear Spring School – an accredited, independent PK-12 school serving the students of Carroll County.

The Silver Tea is also the kick-off event for a yearlong celebration and observance of Clear Spring's 40th anniversary and its mission to promote a life-long love of learning. To that end, the curriculum involves hands-on education in a caring, compassionate environment. Donations from the Silver Tea will help the school secure age-appropriate, safe playground equipment for younger children.

Chaired by Lucilla Garrett, assisted by Peggy Pot, the tea features heirloom silver pieces displayed on stunning lace tablecloths. A mouth-watering variety of tea sandwiches and cookies will be served in addition to coffee and tea. Clear Spring students in vintage costumes will be on hand to provide entertainment and answer

questions about their school, and local musician, John Wiley, will be at the piano delighting guests with holiday music.

In recent years funds from the tea have benefitted the Eureka Springs School of the Arts, St. John's HospiceCare, the Eureka Springs Carnegie Library, the Good Shepherd Humane Society, ECHO (Eureka Christian Health Outreach) and the Salvation Army, among others. The event is made possible through the generous support of Elise Roenigk and the staff of the Crescent Hotel. For further information, phone St. James' Episcopal Church, (479) 253-8610.

Good Shepherd Black Friday adoption special

The Good Shepherd Animal Shelter will feature an adoption special from Friday, Nov. 29 to Sunday, Dec. 1 as part of the November *Back in Black* adoption promotion. Adoption rates for any black or mostly black shelter animal will be just \$10! Black animals have a harder time finding homes than their lighter colored pals and are equally deserving of a happy ending.

Visit the shelter at 6486 Highway 62, just east of the Eureka Springs city limits, and make a four-footed fashion statement this season by parading a black coat (worn by a wonderful pet)!

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Scots smother Panthers, sting Hornets

Eureka Springs senior boys continue to be on a roll after defeating Haas Hall Academy in Fayetteville 48-22 Nov. 12.

Coach Brian Rambo said the Scots' half court defense was outstanding, giving up only six field goals, and no threes, the entire game.

The Highlanders led all four quarters with Dalton Johnson lighting up the scoreboard with 17, including three threes and four-for-four free throws. Jake McClung scored 12 and had four steals, and Ryan Sanchez added seven with eight assists.

Friday night at Oark

Eureka Springs senior boys continued their winning ways Friday night, and the Highlanders have a better record now than the Miami Heat and L.A. Clippers, who are both at 7-3.

Led by sure shooter Ryan Sanchez with a cool 21, the Scots were out in front the whole game and had a 26-6 third quarter, trouncing Oark's Hornets, 74-27.

Mathew McClung put 12 on the board, Dalton Johnson added 11 (including nine from threes), and Reggie Sanchez rounded off the double digit scorers with 10.

The Highlanders are 7-1 for the season.



The nuts and bolts of good business – Jane and Woodie Acord saw a whole lot of friends and well-wishers last Saturday at the Barn on Holiday Island. Despite 50 mph winds, people from all over the county came to Acord's Appreciation Day, organized by Eric and Toni Hulsey. Area businesses nailed it by donating beer, barbecue and a band to let the Acords know they are truly important tools of the community.

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Dee Bright commended by National Trust For Historic Preservation

Preservationists from across Arkansas convened at the 1886 Crescent Hotel & Spa last week for a Certified Local Government (CLG) training seminar, and Dee Bright, Chair of the Eureka Springs Historic District Commission, was honored by the National Trust for Historic Preservation at the opening night reception. The NTHP is dedicated to preservation of historic buildings and neighborhoods.

Bright is also president of the Eureka Springs Preservation Society and treasurer of NTHP's local Main Street program.

President and CEO of NTHP, Stephanie Meeks wrote, "Through her service she has shown exceptional commitment to Eureka Springs and the preservation movement. Dee, your colleagues at the National Trust thank you, and I know the citizens of Eureka Springs and the entire community of preservationists in Arkansas join us

in saying your efforts have made a significant difference in 'Protecting the Irreplaceable' for many future generations to come."

Jack Moyer, vice-president and general manager of the Crescent, presented Bright with the framed letter.

A Preservations Partners Program, conceived by Moyer and now in beta testing, making recognized preservation volunteers in Arkansas eligible for discounts at the Crescent and 1905 Basin Park Hotels, was unveiled.

"I have presented this program for consideration to both NTHP and Historic Hotels of America," Moyer told the group. "If it works here, they may roll it out nationally, enabling designated preservation volunteers to stay at any HHA property across the country at an attractive discount."

Glenna Booth, Eureka Springs' economic director coordinated the



CLG seminar. Workshops were led by Pratt Cassity, director of the Center for Community Design and Preservation in the College of Environment and Design at the University of Georgia.

For information on preservation

projects statewide, contact the AHPP office at (501) 324-9880 or go to www.arkansaspreservation.com. For local projects and opportunities, contact Booth at (479) 253-9703 or via email at ace@cityofeurekasprings.org.



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Time will tell – At least it will once Bruce and Jane Bleser clean or repair your old or antique clock! The Eureka couple were busy with plenty of time on their hands at the 25th Annual Antique Show and Sale at the Inn of the Ozarks Convention Center Nov. 16 and 17. Some 2,200 people viewed both floors stuffed with booths sporting antiques and collectibles over the weekend – and the Blesers obviously had time for everyone.

Victorian dolly – This stately porcelain lady probably rested under a Christmas tree around 1850 to the delight of some young girl. She was among the eclectic gathering of antiques and collectibles featured at the Antique Show and Sale last weekend. Organizer Cathy Handley said many dealers and shoppers stopped to tell her it was "the best show in ten years." Handley also said the big draws this year were primitives and some amazing glassware. Dealers were so pleased that almost all had already signed up to come back in spring before the current show was over.

Make sure holiday travel “clicks” before hitting the road

C.D. WHITE

The Carroll County Sheriff's Office recently sent out a press release announcing increased vigilance by law enforcement to spot and ticket unrestrained motorists over the Thanksgiving holiday.

Nobody *wants* to be in an accident, yet not all of us take the one simple precaution that can save lives: fastening the seatbelt. To help drivers remember, CCSO is teaming with other state and local law enforcement officers to crack down on seat belt violations during the Thanksgiving holiday, one of the busiest travel times of the year.

“Buckle Up or Pay Up,” is CCSO's mantra for the season – but it's all to help save lives. During the 2011 Thanksgiving holiday, 249 passenger vehicle occupants were killed in traffic crashes nationwide. Fifty percent of those were not wearing seat belts.

“You will see us out in force during the long weekend, and we'll be showing zero tolerance for anyone who is not wearing a seatbelt. Our goal is simple: to strictly enforce the law in order to save more lives,” said Lt. Michael Zimmerman. “If you are caught not wearing your seat belt, you

will be ticketed.”

According to saferbychoice.com, the top eight reasons for not wearing seatbelts are:

“Seat belts wrinkle my clothes. I don't need to, I have airbags. It's uncomfortable. I've heard of people trapped in a burning car who couldn't unfasten their belt. My parents never wore them. There's dust on them that gets on my clothes. I don't believe there should be a law requiring me to wear them. I'm a good driver.” Add to that, “I'm not going far,” and/or “I won't be driving very fast.” It's obvious too many people are still not getting the message. In 2011, 52 percent of the 21,253 passenger vehicle occupants killed in motor vehicle crashes did not wear seat belts at the time of the crash.

No good reason

Statistics show getting thrown from the car is *not* safer, as some people believe, than being belted in, and is more likely to be fatal. As far as fear of being trapped, there are implements one can keep at hand or attached to the strap to cut a belt loose if the release is jammed.

According to the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway

Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), seat belts saved almost 12,000 lives nationwide in 2011. In fact, research shows that with proper seat belt use, the risk of *fatal* injury to front seat passengers is reduced by 45 percent, and the risk of moderate to serious injury is reduced by 50 percent.

“Whether you're traveling across the country or just across town, one of the best ways to ensure a safe arrival is to always buckle up. Yet too many motorists still need a tough reminder,” Zimmerman said. “It's a simple step that each of us can take to protect ourselves and our loved ones, but if you break the law and are caught not wearing your seat belt, you will face the consequences.”

Worse at night

Capt. Alan Hoos said more unbelted fatalities occur at night, especially at busier travel times such as Thanksgiving. Nationally in 2011, 62 percent of 10,135 passenger vehicle occupants who were killed in nighttime crashes were not wearing seat belts, compared to 43 percent during daytime hours. During Thanksgiving 2011, 57 percent killed in nighttime crashes were unbelted, while only 40 percent of

daytime fatalities were unbelted.

Research also shows the people least likely to buckle up are those who are inebriated, those who like to drive fast – and young drivers. “Teenagers are fearless. They don't think about the costs of not buckling up,” Karen Aldana, NHTSA spokeswoman, explained. “Many think they're invincible, or that they won't get caught.”

Bottom line

Wear your seat belt and spend the holidays celebrating with loved ones – not worrying about paying the cost of a ticket you got on the way there. And never, never, ever text and drive.

For more about traveling safely during holidays, see trafficsafetymarketing.gov.

And remember, “Click It or Ticket.”

Local healthcare signup assistance office open

Healthcare help is at hand. Local healthcare signup assister, Charlisa Cato, has opened an office inside First National Bank at the corner of Hwy. 23S and Greenwood Hollow Road, and will be available by appointment.

Cato reports recent success getting online to complete applications. “It seems pretty user friendly,” she said, “although one needs to have all their info at hand, which will include financials – like what they expect to make this year (estimate) and if they expect that to change. If they receive insurance coverage from a workplace they will need to have that info available, even if the plan is being discontinued. Employers who provide insurance should make available a statement of coverage they provide, and most are doing this.”

Appointments with Cato for free assistance with healthcare signup can be made by phoning (479) 325-0943. For general signup information see www.arhealthconnector.org.

Sunday at EUUF

Please join us Sundays at 11 a.m. at 17 Elk St. for a program followed by refreshments. On Nov. 24 Sharon Spurlin will continue leading discussion on difficult, politically-charged communication – how one prepares for it and some of the communication skills required to effectively carry on such conversations. This is also our Thanksgiving potluck! Bring something to share and enjoy the fellowship. Childcare is provided. Extra parking at Ermilio's Restaurant, 26 White Street. (479) 253-0929, www.euuf.org

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It's Dairy Hollow for goodness sake!

Editor,

Imagine my dismay when I read that Heidi Blackwood and Christian Batteau's request for a variance for their cow has stalled, especially after the thoughtful presentation of past owner Kimberly Clarke. As the previous owner of the 6-acre Dairy Hollow farm, I apologize for the lapse of CUP. I was unaware we did not have a permit... my ex-husband was an alderman (I was pregnant and in the kitchen). Our family enjoyed horses, chickens, ducks, bees, and an organic vegetable garden. I guess we were outlaws during the 30 years we were there.

But now major cities are changing their attitude and voting to expand opportunities for urban agriculture and animal husbandry. It is not hard to find cities that have chosen to allow community gardens and a few livestock. Seattle's changed its code in order to "create a more sustainable and secure local food system."

For example:

- Seattle and Eugene, Ore., code recommendations for urban animal keeping: One cow must have a minimum 10,000 sq. ft. (The 3 acre pasture = 129,000 sq. ft.).

- San Francisco allows two goats without a permit.

- Portland, Ore., requires a minimum of one acre property with one half acre for pasture and pasture fences be 50 ft. from residential buildings and public walkways. (Nearest residence is 400 ft. from fence line).

- St. Paul, Minn., issues permits for goats and pigs with the written consent of 75 percent of the neighbors within 150 ft.

Adjacent property owners have written letters of support for Heidi and Christian's cow. They are not applying for a permit for a commercial pig farm or dairy. They enjoy milk and the neighboring Clear Spring School children would enjoy seeing the source.

Zoning laws prohibiting livestock and agriculture were passed with good reason,

to prohibit commercial operations in the historic district. It makes me sad to see ES City commissioners so reluctant to make a decision... that one cow is not being allowed in Dairy Hollow. Under current code, Heidi and Christian cannot legally have a vegetable garden.

It is time to reevaluate the City Land Use code, especially in the case of larger properties and when neighbors are in agreement. I hope this young family can be issued a permit for a milk cow in Dairy Hollow or be given a good reason why ES does not follow the national trend towards encouraging sustainability in urban land use.

Lyn Dickey

The right to farm is not the right to damage resources

Editor,

Thanks for the recent report Becky Gillette wrote detailing experiences

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WEEK'S Top Tweets

@jus4golf --- No kid, you don't have it hard. When I was a kid we had to eat without camera phones.

@mofrorock --- What idiot called it Canada and not the US of Eh?

@Eightinchgoat --- You're right, strange woman giving me your opinion on tattoos. I regret them right now because they caused you to talk to me.

@Brainhopecomedy --- My reaction to winning a billion dollars wouldn't even come close to my 5 year old's reaction when I told him that there's no school today.

@trevso_electric --- Just saw a touching BP commercial where BP congratulates BP for doing some of what BP was legally required to do after it wrecked the earth.

@SarahThyre --- I gain two hours with daylight savings because I no longer have to shave above my knees.

@_JoeStroud --- Eureka Springs is probably the only place in Arkansas funkier than Fayetteville. They're on a new level.

@Zen_Moments --- Great spirits have often encountered violent opposition from mediocre minds. ~ Albert Einstein

@cnnbrk --- Supreme Court allows NSA to continue looking at telephone records for now.

@billmckibben --- Rare, late season tornadoes leave awful train of destruction across 12 states.



Sorry, Santa's busy – check back after December

Ah yes, the holiday season. Time for our annual whiny recollection that Christmas activities used to be heralded to the entire community in July; that pretty much the entire business community, event organizers and a lot of residents used to show up for this fun event and almost fill the convention area at the Victoria Inn; that there were live auctions and door prizes; that a thick handbook of handbills and details of holiday events was handed out to all comers and that everyone left pumped up about what they could contribute to the coming season. And whatever happened to A Dickens of a Christmas?

Sigh. Some of us just can't let go of the good old days – especially when they would be so good today – particularly now when details of some events people have worked so hard to produce for the holidays come just a little too late to make it into publications that will be in the hands of thousands of tourists at the end of November. Those darn printing companies, why can't their presses just be available at our convenience?

In conversations 'round about the community it becomes clear people are just too busy to plan far enough ahead to take advantage of all the free publicity out there. Perhaps we can blame Facebook. Our Santa hat is off to those organizations and businesses posting special deals and events on Facebook, but the myriad of postings and comments sometimes gets confusing and not everyone thinks of surfing Facebook looking for stuff to do during the holidays.

Yes, there are chamber and city websites with calendars, but by necessity not a lot of detail. A third, EurekaSprings.com, does a pretty good job being current, but isn't all-inclusive. Even when there are links to the individual event pages, the information there, we discovered, often isn't updated.

It took a lot of hours and much pestering of busy people (who, amazingly, are still our friends) just to get enough information for the November print deadline for the December *Fun Guide*. And still, there are holes.

Which brings us to clusters of activities scheduled on the same day at the same time. For instance, on December 7, at 7 p.m. one can go to the hand bell choir concert, John Two-Hawk's concert, the Brian Free and Assurance concert *or* the Christmas tree lighting ceremony (if you're not still on the Tour of Homes, which ends at 8 p.m.) – which means crowds are likely to be down at all four events. Not because people aren't in town, but because they can only be in one place at a time.

In a town that plans so much for tourists and locals to do, it's curious that event planners don't make themselves aware of what else is going on before dates and times are set. We know of two fabulous workshops canceled in October by different organizers because of low response. Both were later surprised to learn folks probably didn't sign up because there was a huge weekend chock full of music and events going on at the same time – let alone the other workshop.

Yes, we know, don't complain if you don't have a solution. We do. *One* clearinghouse for all Eureka Springs events, and someone who has the time to nudge people. One calendar that will be constantly updated online with events large and small and be available to the Chamber, CAPC, EurekaSprings.com and anyone else who wants to access it.

... and bring back the Christmas in July party.

CDW



The Pursuit Of HAPPINESS

by Dan Krotz

Even the most militantly ignorant of voters will ultimately find it impossible to ignore the income disparity and flat lining wages that characterize the world of work in the US today. Between 2000 and 2011 the American economy grew by 18 percent, productivity gains were 23 percent – and median income for working-age households slid by 12 percent. These voters may not care that 28 percent of children in Arkansas live in poverty, but they'll be less sanguine about their own circumstances if wages continue to slide, as projected, by another 10 to 12 percent by 2020.

This should worry Republicans because they advocate two opposing ideas that will eventually derail the rightwing crazy train and, sooner or later, the entire GOP. Their first idea is to severely limit government support for low and no income Americans. The second is to assure that the cost of doing business in the US is as cheap as possible; that especially depends on low wages and few benefits for workers. Even Libertarians, and the Oh So Superior economic delusionals from the Ted Cruz wing of the party will come to understand the difference between Republican rhetoric and reality when they have to pawn the family arsenal to pay the light bill.

Richard Nixon, the last true Liberal to serve as President, proposed one idea that could bail Republicans out of their cognitive dissonance, the negative income tax. Tax reform of this kind would actually accomplish what Bill Clinton only promised to do: "end welfare as we know it." Along similar lines, William Buckley argued to replace Food Stamps with free, non-means tested distribution of commodities to all Americans. Yes, Mark Zuckerberg would get free rice and beans alongside your lazy, good-for-nothing neighbor. Buckley's plan would genuinely "end hunger in America" and cost far less than the current SNAP program.

Neither idea attracted bi-partisan support. Democrats will always reject ideas that fail to satisfy their lust for human supervision, and today's Republican Party factotums are fundamentally incapable of realizing the message of the Gospels; they will always spend two dollars to watch every dollar given to the poor.

INDEPENDENT Constables On Patrol

NOVEMBER 11

11:45 p.m. – An ex-husband was not able to make contact with his ex-wife, who had their children with her. She ran a motel, so the constable on patrol made a welfare check. An employee at the motel found the ex-wife who said she was fine, did not need to be checked on, and did not want the ex-husband on the property. The ex-husband was apprised.

NOVEMBER 12

2:26 a.m. – A grandmother asked for an ambulance for her grandson who had been found passed out. EMS responded, and constable on the scene turned things over to sheriff's deputies.

7:57 a.m. – Two vehicles engaged in a minor accident. No injuries.

8:28 p.m. – Two constables responded to ESH to help with a combative patient.

NOVEMBER 13

3:55 a.m. – A tourist lodging on US 62 was concerned about a vehicle parked out front for more than an hour. The constable discovered the driver was tired and needed a short rest.

NOVEMBER 14

9:11 a.m. – Two vehicles bumped in a parking lot.

10:26 a.m. – Constables arrested an individual for contempt of court.

NOVEMBER 15

2:11 a.m. – Three reportedly very

intoxicated individuals were walking down a neighborhood street. Constable responded and stopped a vehicle in that location and arrested the driver for DWI, no headlights and failure to stop.

10:09 a.m. – Dogs knocked over a neighbor's trashcans again. Constable advised the dog owners to contain their animals.

10:29 a.m. – Constable responded to report of two Pit Bulls harassing a person just south of the city limits. He handed off to county deputies.

11:21 p.m. – There was a fight downtown. Constables went to the scene and spoke with one of the individuals.

11:34 p.m. – Earwitness reported a hit and run accident on Main Street. He did not see the accident, but other witnesses gave ESPD their accounts of what happened. Constables never encountered the adverse vehicle.

NOVEMBER 16

5:13 a.m. – Central dispatch warned ESPD of a vehicle headed toward town being driven erratically.

12:25 p.m. – Driver in a downtown parking lot hit another vehicle. Constable left a note on the victim vehicle in case the owner wanted to file a report.

4:27 p.m. – Witness reported a male and female physically fighting near the bottom of Planer Hill. Constable spoke with

both parties but did not see evidence of a physical altercation. He gave them a ride to their hotel room.

4:57 a.m. – Resident said vehicles were going back and forth in a reckless fashion near downtown, and one driver even stopped and cursed at her. Constable responded.

11:40 p.m. – A wife called ESPD to report her husband was overdosing, although the husband could be heard speaking in the background. Then the couple said to ignore the call. ESPD called back and spoke with both of them, and they assured the constable everything was okay. Constables went to the address given anyway, but it was the wrong motel. They went to another motel and found them, and the husband assured the constables he had taken only the prescribed amount of his medication.

NOVEMBER 17

1:20 a.m. – A male and female were screaming at each other by the courthouse. He knocked over newspaper stands and walked away toward Spring Street. Constable spoke with the female, who was sitting on a bench. She said the argument had been verbal only, and the male had walked back to their room.

2:25 a.m. – Person complained of noisy people on a balcony downtown. Constable went to the location to find there were no

longer any people on any balconies in the vicinity.

9:56 a.m. – A sign in the courthouse parking lot blew over and someone put it back up.

11:48 a.m. – A constable responded to a complaint to discover a city vehicle on official business was blocking someone's rear gate.

3:11 p.m. – A friendly Pit Bull with no collar was loose and unaccounted for near Lake Leatherwood. Constable picked up the animal that was later retrieved by its owner.

7 p.m. – A loud barking dog was annoying the neighbors. Upon the urging of a constable, the owner took the animal inside.

NOVEMBER 18

12:16 a.m. – Resident reported someone had stolen limestone caps off the sidewalk along Planer Hill. Constables put on extra patrols.

12:16 a.m. – Constable on patrol found a motorcycle near US 62 that looked like it had been laid over. No one was in the area and no one had checked into ESH.

12:54 a.m. – A mother called from Bella Vista to see if ESPD had arrested her son. Constable on duty told her they had found his motorcycle on its side but they had yet to see or hear from him.

Kids get a leg up on life with training program

Kids, cats and canines a good combination for animal shelter

SANDRA OSTRANDER

Good volunteers are the key to success for the Good Shepherd Humane Society's Doggie Shops. These thrift stores, the main source of revenue funding the Good Shepherd Animal Shelter, cannot operate without volunteers.

Until recently there had been a few young people lending retired volunteers a helping hand, thanks to the Arkansas Workforce Center's Youth Training Program (YTP), a federally funded program through the Workforce Investment Act. Unfortunately, the Doggie Shops have no young people currently assisting through this program and are feeling the crunch.

Since most young people have little to no work experience, leadership skills or job readiness

expertise, YTP offers them the opportunity to gain valuable work experience, develop a work ethic, practice teamwork, and hone communication and leadership skills.

This program also enables young participants to learn pre-employment skills through Job Clubs. Club members develop a better understanding of the working world, employer expectations, the importance of a positive/productive job attitude, experience in money management and planning for personal expenses; in short, the skills to help them get ahead in the future.

Job Club members also have an opportunity to help their community, work on citizenship skills, apply academic skills in a practical manner, learn about behavior expected on a job, make new friends

and even earn money (\$7.25 per hour). The job they have may provide a future reference, and the job they do could ultimately affect the rest of their lives. Youth Training Program membership also looks great on a college résumé.

Participants generally work 10 hours per week during the school year and 200 hours over the summer break. The program helps participants build self-esteem and confidence in their abilities, giving them a leg up on life.

This worthwhile program targets disadvantaged young people ages 14 through 21. If you, or someone you know, is interested in participating, please contact Beverly Taylor, Employment Training Advisor, at the Arkansas Workforce Center, (870) 741-6859, for eligibility requirements.

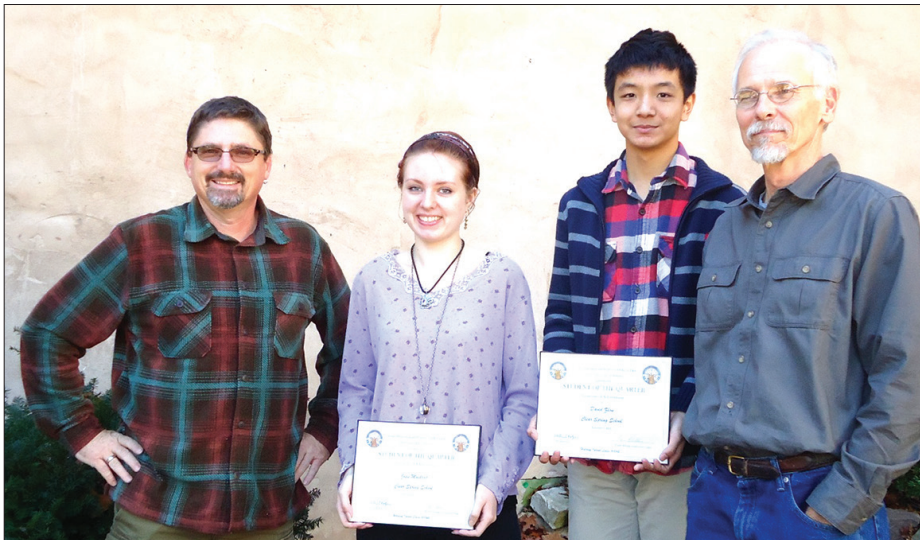
Heartland Men's Chorus in Eureka Springs Saturday

Ozarks AIDS and Resource Services (OARS) is proud to announce that the Heartland Men's Chorus is returning to The Auditorium on Saturday, Nov. 23 at 7 p.m. to perform a benefit concert. All monies raised stay here in Carroll County to assist OARS with their programs and projects, including a free HIV/AIDS clinic currently serving 55 patients. The last concert raised over \$19,000.

The Chorus will present their acclaimed 2012 musical documentary program *When I Knew* which brings

together music with narration and visuals to share personal coming-out stories from Chorus members. In the second act of the concert, HMC will give a preview of their upcoming holiday concert *Baby, It's Cold Outside* to be presented in Kansas City on December 6-8, 2013.

VIP tickets are \$25 each and seating will be in rows 3 through 8 of the center sections. General Admission tickets will be \$15. Call (870) 480-7476 or visit the HMC web site (www.hmckc.org) to reserve your seats.



Clear Spring High School Senior Josie Muskrat and Junior David Mingrui Zhou, a Foreign Exchange student from China, were presented with Student of the Quarter Awards by the Holiday Island Elks. New Head of School, Doug Wynn and high school teacher Jim Fliss selected Josie and David for outstanding academic achievements for the quarter term. From left, Doug Wynn, Josie Muskrat, David Mingrui Zhou, and Jim Fliss.



Slipping their moorings – Two members of the Beaver Lake Sailing Club have gone off to live the dream of living aboard and sailing away into the sunset. Jimmie and Sue White will buddy up with Mike and Robin Mangione for sea trials in the Caribbean Sea this winter aboard their vessels, *Soul Serenade* and *Sea Change*. Bon Voyage!

PHOTO BY MIKE MANGIONE.

PASSAGES

Bella the cemetery dog 2001-2013

She came to me from the shelter in the spring of '04 already trained to sit and shake. She was 2 ½; I think her owners had to move. And what a fine animal Bella was to behold – just the right blend of boxer and hound!

I remember how she'd track and tree – or hop (yes, hop straight up in the air) across the yard to catch a bird mid-air. She always rode shotgun, head out the window, happy to be out with Mom. When I went out to work, Bella waited by the mailbox and leaped with joy at my return.

But just like Lassie, Bella had a double life... she followed us out in the morning and was waiting at the mailbox by the cemetery when I returned home in the evening. Dinner was when Mom got home, but what filled the hours in between?

I understand Bella was the subject of many an inquiry... did her owner die and she won't leave the grave? For awhile she made friends with Linda at the casino and got her start hostessing, craving the attention of patrons.

When it closed, she spent her days in the cemetery lying in the fountain during the hot summer, greeting visitors, and sharing lunch with the groundskeeper. It was her pleasure to oversee the comings and goings at Eureka Springs' historic cemetery by day and stay close to Mom's side by night. Thank you, "Puppy B2," for so many memories. Your big heart and companionship will be missed.



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Final DocFest film at Carnegie Nov. 22

The Carnegie Library welcomes film lovers to the 2013 documentary film festival finale on Friday, Nov. 22, 7 p.m., in the library annex. Don't miss the critically acclaimed, *Stories We Tell*, written and directed

by Sarah Polley; a genre-twisting indie film that explores the concept of how the truth depends on who's telling it. For more information visit eurekalibrary.org or call (479) 253-8754.

ESSA Fall Art Show has Memphis connection

What do three prolific artists displaying at ESSA's Fall Art Show at the Inn of the Ozarks Convention Center Thanksgiving weekend have in common? One attended the Memphis College of Art where he majored in painting, another began her pursuit of painting, sculpture and drawing there, while a third attended Memphis State University where she received her BFA in Printmaking and Printing, graduating *cum laude*.

That Memphis connection weaves a creative thread between the art and lives of Zeek Taylor, Mary Springer and Eleanor Lux respectively – just three of the fifty accomplished regional artists exhibiting at ESSA's Fall Art Show Saturday, Nov. 30 from 10 a.m. – 7 p.m., and Sunday from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

If you've never been to one of these shows, you will be amazed at the variety and quality of art and artisan work offered. Admission is only \$5 and attendees will have the unique opportunity to converse with long-time favorite and newly discovered artists about their art and process.

For those who love the creative edge and like to share it, this is definitely the one-stop Christmas gift mecca. For more information call ESSA (479) 253-5384, or visit www.ESSA-art.org.



CROSS BY MARY SPRINGER

British Brass Band performs in Rogers

The Ozark Mountains British Brass Band is performing a "Sounds of Christmas" concert Sunday, Dec. 1, 6 p.m. at the First Church of the Nazarene, 4911 W. Pleasant Grove Road in Rogers.

The band is made up of brass and percussion instruments only. Although brass bands are not a mainstream ensemble in the United States, it is historically rich enough that a movie

called *Brassed Off* was made around a European town's brass band.

Ozark Mountains British Brass Band is based in Northwest Arkansas. Part of this ensemble's mission is to educate folks of all ages specifically about brass bands, the music performed, and how music can be a life-long pursuit. The concert is free and all ages are welcome. For information, call (479) 756-6453.



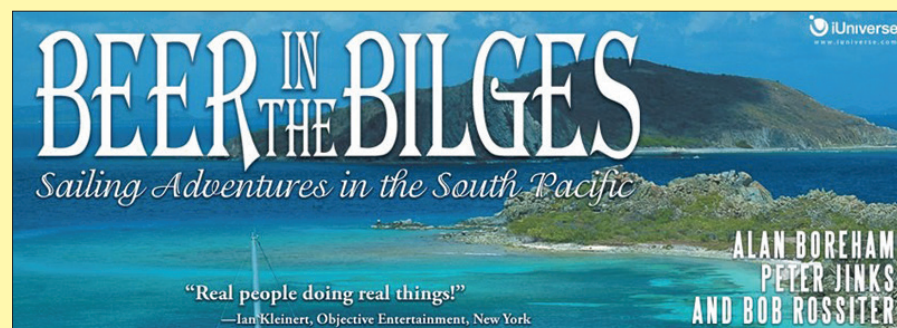
Dove Award-winning gospel group at Pine Mountain Dec. 7

As part of Pine Mountain Theater's Season of Celebration shows, gospel artists Brian Free and Assurance will perform at 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7, making a stop in Eureka Springs on their national tour.

Brian Free is undeniably the most recognizable southern gospel tenor of our generation. Since 1982, he has been at the forefront of southern gospel music,

eventually forming his own group. As Brian Free and Assurance, the group has achieved numerous honors in Southern gospel music and appeared on *Prime Time Country* (TNN), the *Today Show* (NBC), and in 27 of the *Gaither Video* series.

Tickets are now on sale! Phone (877) 504-2092 or visit www.PineMountainTheater.com.



Poetluck has special treat for landlubbers Nov. 21

What's a bilge and why keep beer there? Find out Thursday, Nov. 21, as Bob Rossiter, co-author of *Beer in the Bilges*, entertains with tales of his South Pacific adventures at the Writers' Colony at Dairy Hollow's monthly Poetluck at 515 Spring St.

New Zealander Rossiter, Australian Peter Jinks and Canadian Alan Boreham set off from different points in the world in the early 1980s and eventually met up in Pago Pago. *Beer in the Bilges* is a fascinating glimpse into their sailing voyages to the other side of the world where the men joined forces and relied on their skills, wit, and most important, each other as they embarked on an unforgettable nautical adventure.



Rossiter, who now lives in Harrison, will read for about 20 minutes. Local writers may share their work for up to four minutes each.

The evening begins with a potluck at 6:30 p.m., so bring a dish and some writing to share with other bookworms and fans of the written word. For more info, call (479) 253-7444 and see the *Beer in the Bilges* page on Facebook.

Stephenson performs Nov. 24

Pianist Ellen Stephenson will perform selections from her *Winterwood* CD at the First United Methodist Church at 6 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 24. She will also discuss how she wrote and arranged the music in her holiday collection.

Free meal at 5:30 p.m. The church is located on Hwy. 23S.

Remember when?

Jukebox LIVE

is coming to the Pine Mountain Theater on Thanksgiving Weekend! Journey back to the '50s and early '60s and shake, rattle and roll the night away with this all-star cast – David Brooks, Everett Green and the Keith Sisters – and the smokin' hot Jukebox LIVE band.

These excellent performers from Branson rock a tribute to some of the best in early Rock & Roll: Fats Domino, Ray Charles, Floyd Cramer, Patsy Cline, Elvis, Chuck Berry, Little Richard and more. But the icing on the cake is a fantastic Jerry Lee Lewis act that must be seen to be believed.

So grab your poodle skirt, slick back your pompadour and hold on tight. There's gonna' be a Whole Lotta' Shakin' Goin' On! Tickets available at Pine Mountain Theater. Phone (877) 504-2092 or visit www.PineMountainTheater.com. Showtime 7:30 p.m., Nov. 29 and 30.



Toys for Tots run Dec. 7

Help give some needy kids a merry Christmas. The Eureka Springs chapter of Iron Horse Disciples Motorcycle Ministry is hosting a Toys for Tots Bike, Trike and Auto Toy Run Saturday, Dec. 7.

Meet up for the kick-start at 1 p.m. at Road Dawg's Place on the west end of Eureka Springs (62W) for a ride concluding at the Great Passion Play Great Hall. Anyone on wheels – two, three, four or even a unicycle – is invited to load up some new, unwrapped toys

and join in the ride.

Once at the Great Hall, members of the US Marine Corps will accept the toys for local distribution. Coffee and hot chocolate will be served free of charge. All are invited to come join the ride, or just bring the toys to the Great Hall and enjoy a warm cuppa.

Early donations can be dropped off at Road Dawg's Place, 538 W. Van Buren (479) 253-8474. For more information contact James Smith (870) 654-2145 or Phillip West (417) 342-1278.



Season launched – The Annual Christmas Launch Party Nov. 18 drew about 25 people to hear about downtown holiday activities and enjoy a tasty supper. From left, ESDN board member and Tummy Ticklers owner, Carol Friesen; Chamber president/CEO Mike Bishop and ESDN Director, Jacqueline Wolven. CAPC Director Mike Maloney and Bishop made presentations outlining advertising outreach and events planned for the season. Wolven (who also acted as emcee) explained opportunities for businesses in downtown events and giveaways. Prizes are needed for Win the Window and models for Living Windows. See details at eukaspringsdowntown.com and get in on the fun!

NOTES from the HOLLOW by Steve Weems

The first time I wrote something printed in the newspaper was an obituary for my Great Aunt Vee. I was 15 and Granny said, "You like to write, don't you?" And so it went. I sat at her kitchen table and formatted the information I collected by looking at obituaries in the *Eureka Springs Times-Echo* and *Berryville Star Progress* newspapers. I was rather nervous about writing what seemed to me to be such an important article of information, a summing up of 85 years of life on this earth. But not another word was said about it, no complaints were lodged. I was not accosted before or after the funeral by a distraught mourner

accusing me of getting something wrong.

I have been reading obituaries ever since, searching for clues in these concise biographies. Clues for what I am not always sure. Sometimes I'll see a family name and I'll save the obituary for family tree research. It is amazing how interconnected the families in and around Eureka Springs are. If your family has been here awhile, we're probably related. I saw June Westphal one day and told her I thought we were related. She looked interested. I then said the magic words, "Pinkley, Harp and Vaughn" and we had a lot to talk about.

Something Mary Pat Boian and I

have in common is we both admire a well crafted obituary, one that attempts to do justice to the departed. The first time I ever talked to Mary Pat was in the summer of 2000 when my friend W.O. Martin died. I had submitted his obituary to the newspaper and Mary Pat called me and asked several questions about W.O. and his adventures. She then took the information and worked it into a very nice article. I've been a fan ever since.

Last week, my nephew Brandon Snodgrass died here in Eureka Springs. He was only 18 years old. I can't help but think about how small he was in my sister's arms not long after he was born.



Or how the last time I saw him it was just a glimpse of him driving a pickup, turning onto the highway. There wasn't even time to wave.



The Romance of Language

Ah, the romance of language, or better yet the Romance languages, a mixing pot derived from vulgar Latin (or “vulgaris” meaning common), which evolved from the sixth to ninth centuries to become the five most widely spoken Romance languages – Spanish, Portuguese, French, Italian and Romanian. After the fall of the Roman Empire, Latin persisted as the language of scholarship and administration, still used today as the foundation for scientific names in biology and astronomy. The value of classical Latin in naming is that it has essentially been a universal communication tool crossing barriers of time and language for millennia.

Pronunciation is dictated by the local language. There is no correct pronunciation, only convention that forms as habit. For example, we pronounce the Latin genus name *Echinacea* as “ek-i-NAY-see-a.” Without even thinking about it, we pronounce an obvious “cha” sound—“ch”—as a classical Latin hard “k” sound for “ch.” That is force of habit.

Conversely, we use a vernacular English pronunciation for the Latin name of pine trees. In the genus name *Pinus*, we pronounce a long “I” sound, rather than using classical Latin pronunciation in which the long “I” would be pronounced as an uncouth long “E.” Yes, we still suffer from Victorian influences. The

pronunciation is just another taste treat. Just let it roll across your tongue, because there is no “correct” pronunciation.

Latin or scientific names of plants or animals allow us to communicate the similarity or differences of one organism compared to another in a single universal language tool. That is the beauty of Latin, alive as scientific names that are both fun and specific.

Ad nauseum – now there’s a good Latin phrase to describe how people throw around words like “cedar” and “sage” to refer to large numbers of biological entities as if they were somehow related. Would you call a semitrailer truck a motorcycle, or vice versa (more Latin) just because both have motors and wheels?

We call our predominant Ozark conifer “red cedar” but it is really a juniper – *Juniperus virginiana*. Our common garden sage is *Salvia officinalis*, a species from the eastern Adriatic coast. If you buy a good ‘ol New Age bundle of “sage” for ceremony, you likely get the ubiquitous Western North American species *Artemisia tridentata*. Calling these completely unrelated plants “sage” or “cedar” is like calling a male human “boy” or summoning a stranger with “hey you.” Cool, huh?



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of this order, and the matter submitted for final determination.”

Now the 60-day countdown begins with the judge required to make a decision on the project that would involve stringing a power line with steel poles 150 to 160-ft. tall along a 150-ft. right-of-way for about 50 miles through scenic and environmentally sensitive areas of Northwest Arkansas.

SWEPCO’s application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need (CECPN) sparked formation of the citizen opposition group Save the Ozarks (STO), which has opposed the project as unnecessary and detrimental to the environment and the tourism economy. STO Director Pat Costner said not having the opportunity to speak is frustrating, but this latest order isn’t necessarily a negative sign.

“In my opinion, our written submissions and statements elicited from SWEPCO’s witnesses establish clearly that SWEPCO’s application and supporting information failed to meet

the standards required for approval,” Costner said. “It may be that the judge is reaching a similar conclusion, and so feels no need to hear more.”

While there has been concern that utility companies are almost never denied requests from the APSC, STO attorney Mick Harrison said STO asserted several important procedural flaws that don’t require oral arguments. “So we continue to be cautiously optimistic about the outcome,” Harrison said.

Despite nearly 6,000 public comments in opposition to the project – likely a record amount of opposition for a CECPN application before the APSC – the APSC staff recommended the project be approved. APSC Director John Bethel said staff believes the evidence presented by SWEPCO and other proponents of the power line satisfied legal requirements.

“One of those is does it represent an acceptable environmental impact?” Bethel said. “Based on the evidence, we believe the application appropriately addressed those issues.”

SWEPCO and utility groups supporting the SWEPCO application state that the massive power line must

be built to assure reliability of electrical service in the region.

Bethel said Judge Griffin would view the recommendation of the staff on equal footing with recommendations of various other parties, including intervenors and applicants. The judge will take all evidence into account and make a decision to either grant or deny the request for a 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,” Bethel said. “If there is no action by the commission for 30 days, then the judge’s decision is deemed accepted 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.”

There are two issues Judge Griffin has not yet ruled on. One is

STO’s motion to dismiss the application based on legal defects, including SWEPCO failing to obtain necessary state and federal environmental permits. The second is a motion by SWEPCO 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.

Costner has said it is not possible to predict if or when the ALJ will rule on those motions.

A good cause for cocktails

The year’s last Cocktails for a Cause will be held at the New Delhi Café Thursday, Nov. 21, from 5 – 7 p.m. for the benefit of Turpentine Creek Wildlife Refuge. Come celebrate a year of good causes and help out the big cats and other wildlife at the refuge. See ‘ya there!

Sycamore, by Constance Wagner and published in 1950 by Alfred A. Knopf, is the story of a sophisticated New York girl who marries a boy from Arkansas. The Wagners and their four children lived in Eureka Springs while the novel was written.

In addition to four novels, Constance Wagner wrote numerous articles and

stories published in *The New Yorker*, *Atlantic Monthly* and *Collier's*.

"The town of Sycamore and all the characters in this book are invented, but I have tried to make the atmosphere and speech authentic. For this accuracy I am indebted to Mr. Vance Randolph, whose profound knowledge of Ozark language and custom has been of inestimable value. C.W."

Though he had reached the middle fifties, Roger Knowles remained true to the traditions of his native hills. He delighted in eating stringy poke-greens every spring, and the gnarled morels from the woods, which, fried in butter, he maintained were better than hothouse mushrooms. In autumn he made a point of snacking on black haws and chinquapins, and he liked the decaying sweetness of the persimmons that grew a few steps from his mother's door in Beetree Lane, where he had been born.

During the capricious Ozark winters, he kept faith with his forebears by going forth, with dogs and guns and good companions, to track down and slay squirrel and deer, ducks and quail, which his wife would cook with the artistry of long experience and a natural talent. His life was rich in sensuous pleasures: the taste of familiar foods, the warmth of whisky in the throat, the sting of frost upon the face, in some still covert, the long and satisfying vistas of the craggy hills that held the town within the hollows of their hands. These matters he would mention mainly in clichés, since clichés were safe and sure to be understood. "It's a good life," he often said, and "I'm a man's man."

He had, however, a deep respect for women, with not a trace of masculine contempt. There was no scorn in him for anything. He fancied that he had sloughed off, in the course of years, all capacity for anger and indignation. There was in him a memory of sharp conflict and turbulence and passion, but he seldom even touched the memory any more. "Time," he told himself on this April morning, "has mellowed me, thank God," and he tipped up his coffee cup to drain the last sugary drop, left the disorder of the breakfast table to Annie Tillotson, and mounted the stairs to his wife's room.

She was sitting up erectly against the two pillows, with a tray across her knees, pouring coffee, and he realized suddenly why it was so, and smiled at her from the doorway.

"You know," he said, "except for when Walter was born, this is the first time I've ever know you to take to your bed."

"Well, I'm getting up today," she said briskly. "A week of it is enough. They'll be home day after tomorrow and there's a lot to be done." When Agnes Knowles said, "there's a lot to be done," it was not in the plaintive manner in which other women might say it, crying out against the burden of tasks and time that was laid upon them. With Mrs. Knowles you knew that if there were a lot to be done, it would be done and done well. Hers was a simple statement of fact, with no emotional overtones.

"Did Greg say you could?"

She nodded. Leaning against the doorway, he unwrapped the day's first cigar, filled with the well-being that was his normal morning state. For a moment he watched her breaking thin toast into bite-size pieces with her large, well-shaped hands – competent hands with blunt fingers and a pepper of freckles on the backs.

"I'm glad," he said. "I don't like eating alone" – and wondered at once if that were strictly true. Actually, there had been a sort of holiday spirit about those solitary breakfasts, with no one counting the cups of coffee. "Annie's biscuits," he added artfully, "aren't up to yours."

"Naturally," she said, unmoved. "It takes intelligence to be a good cook. Annie, like all the Tillotsons, is stupid."

Roger thought about that as he went downstairs, heading for the garage. Intelligence: supernal lightness of biscuits, rich savor of soups and stews, related in some way to the Phi Beta Kappa key which lurked still among odd pieces of family jewelry in the alabaster box on Agnes's dressing table? How efficient she was! What would happen, he wondered, if ever she were forced to do something badly? But that, he reminded himself quickly, could not be. Agnes would never tackle anything at which she would not be certain to excel. Her triumphant rightness was as much a

part of her as the blunt, strong hands, or the face that seemed to converge on the long, straight nose and large, prominent teeth, while the eyes withdrew, laying in ambush under their folded lids.

There again, she never had made the mistake of trying to be beautiful, or of creating about herself that aura of charm with which other women made themselves either admired or ridiculous. From an early age she had recognized certain planes on which she could attain perfection, and had left the others strictly alone. How wise of her, he thought, and sighed heavily.

This young bride that Walter was bringing from New York – the unknown quantity called Jane – would she, too, be wise and intelligent and forever resolutely right? If so, how well-ordered all their lives were going to be, with Walter building himself a house, already

in blueprints, and taking over the *Times-Democrat* – which, as Agnes had pointed out many times, would be a vast improvement over that drunken Pringle fellow with his typographical errors.



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and places around town. They will analyze the information and compare weekday versus weekend data, spring versus summer, and evaluate comments from the varied locations in an effort to get an overall view.

“There is something really unique in Eureka Springs,” she commented. She hopes the study will help the city spend its advertising money effectively.

“We’ll find out how to keep them here an extra day,” Way said.

Commissioner comments

Commissioner Lynn Bridwell spoke up quietly but strongly during Commissioner Comments at the end of the meeting to say, “A policy issue

comes to mind.” He said he disagreed with what happened at the CAPC office a couple years ago when staff were laid off.

“When one person makes personnel decisions for the entire commission, they rarely get it right. Last week the person got it wrong,” he stated.

He said an Executive Session would be the appropriate forum for a discussion, and he moved to hold one at the next meeting. DeVito seconded the motion.

Next workshop will be Wednesday, Nov. 27, 4 p.m., at the CAPC office. Next regular meeting will be Wednesday, Dec. 11, at 6 p.m.

CC Future Fund event

Nov. 22

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2. Regular voting day is Tuesday, Dec. 3, in the Commission Chambers at the District Office, 110 Woodsdale Drive, starting at 8:30 a.m. and closing at 6 p.m.

3. Criteria for voting will be as stated in the Sept. 16 memo addressed and mailed to all Holiday Island property owners and the policy memo dated Sept. 20 and adopted by the Board of Commissioners on Sept. 23, 2013. Copies

of both documents will be available for review in the lobby of the District Office during voting dates and times stated above.

4. As a reminder, eligible voters must be property owners of record on Nov. 1, 2013. If a property owner is delinquent on assessments, they will be ineligible to vote. If assessments are attempted to be paid on the day of voting in order to qualify to vote, they must be paid by cashier's check, money order, credit card or cash; personal or company checks will not be accepted.

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 - **JACK'S PLACE** Karaoke w/DJ Goose, 8 p.m. – midnight
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- **BALCONY RESTAURANT** Hogscalders, 6 p.m.
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 - **SQUID & WHALE PUB** The Big Idea, 9 p.m.
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- SATURDAY – NOVEMBER 23**
- **BALCONY RESTAURANT** Jeff Lee, 12 p.m., Chris Diablo, 6 p.m.
 - **BLARNEY STONE** Sam Clanton, 2–7 p.m., JD and the Mudhounds, 9 p.m.
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 - **NEW DELHI CAFÉ** Kevin Riddle, 1–5 p.m., Foley's Van, 6:30 – 10:30 p.m.
 - **ROWDY BEAVER** Matt Reeves Band, 7:30 p.m.
 - **ROWDY BEAVER DEN** Terri & Brett, 12–4 p.m., and 9 p.m. – 1 a.m.
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- SUNDAY – NOVEMBER 24**
- **BALCONY RESTAURANT** Jeff Lee, 12 p.m., TBA, 5 p.m.
 - **BLARNEY STONE** NFL Game Day–We Have Every Game
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• **CHELSEA'S** *Spring Billy*, 9 p.m.

TUESDAY – NOVEMBER 26

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The Platters kick off their 60th Anniversary Tour this coming spring and will be performing limited dates in Branson, Mo., during the 2014 season.



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Dec. 3 from 6 – 8 p.m. at Flora Roja, 119 Wall: “Shifting Towards Winter: Seasonal Preparedness with D’Coda.” Class covers traditional practice of preparing a month in advance of seasonal changes for the next season, and ways to better adapt to the season

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Student of the month –
Dalton Johnson, son of Homer and Tina Johnson, is Eureka Springs Rotary Student of the Month for October. Dalton, a senior, carries a 2.8 GPA and enjoys basketball, hunting and playing his XBOX. His teachers describe Dalton as being determined to excel in athletics. He holds the Eureka Springs Highlander Record for most three-pointers in a single game and is a member of the All Carroll County basketball team. Dalton works with his dad on the family farm and plans to study agri-business in college.



Students get insights – Several of Eureka Springs School's Gifted and Talented students visited Holly House Assisted Living and interviewed the residents. From left, Ethan Weems and Cole Saab interview

Holly House resident, Louie. The activity promotes affective development strands of the G/T Program in which students discover and respect the uniqueness of others, develop awareness of change, and recognize and understand limitations. The students appreciate the opportunity to explore new experiences.



Caretakers – Five master gardeners met last week at Little Lake Eureka: Faye Martin, Karen Welch, Donna Sartoris, Linda Rogers and Mariellen Griffith (not pictured). They pulled up annuals and cut back the Russian sage, removed leaves and other debris from the garden area and trimmed the honeysuckle tree. The garden will rest for the next few months, even though Larkspur was already coming up from seeds dropped this past year.

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

“My husband and I read your column last week in which one suggestion was to practice thinking and feeling sexually. My husband thought that was a grand idea and I should get started right away. He said he wished I understood how sexy I am to him. The concept of feeling sexy is totally lost on me. This may seem ridiculous after 20 years of marriage but I have never felt sure of myself in the bedroom. Any suggestions?”

Not feeling like a sex goddess? Wondering if the cultural impact of the sexual revolution somehow skipped your neighborhood? You are not alone. You learned what the majority of us learned... *everyone* loves sex and *everyone* is good at it!

This left most of us convinced we're not doing it right and that others hold secrets we do not possess. Our constant exposure to media featuring lusty sex scenes of voracious partners humping

against kitchen counters or in office elevators has fueled our mythology, as well as our sense of sexual inadequacy. So who holds the secret stash of enlightened sexual information?

The reality is that we have *no* consistent model of healthy sexuality. The key word here is “model.” The most effective learning format for mammals occurs through modeling the successful behavior of others. Yet, here's the kicker, this is the one behavior we are not supposed to have seen anyone engage in. So where to go from here?

Developing sexual confidence will require challenging yourself in the areas of communication and behavioral change. Yes, communication means talking to your partner *openly* about sex! Frame the conversation in a positive light, take full self-responsibility and communicate honestly and directly. “Honey, I feel I have not been a very sexual person in the past and I want to change. I want to bring

more passion and sex into our relationship by learning more about myself sexually, learning more about you and practicing new behaviors...”

Practicing new behavior is always a challenge, doing so privately can make it less intimidating. Set aside some time to explore your body and engage in self-pleasuring. During this exercise, role-play an exaggerated climax. Move your body, tense your muscles, verbalize, pummel the bed, cry out, pretend to be the star in your own fantasy. The more exaggerated the better. Most likely you will feel awkward doing this but keep in mind, the way you role play is not necessarily the way you would or should act. Practice this exercise three times in one week. By the end of the week you may be completely bored with the exercise but you will surely have gained some confidence in the area of sexual expression. Enjoy!

Questions? Email 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.



Pancakes 'n' coffee 'n' big cats

The Holiday Island Men's Fellowship breakfast Monday, Dec. 2, begins with coffee at 7:30 and breakfast at 8 a.m. Following breakfast, guest speaker Tanya Smith, founder of Turpentine Creek Wildlife Refuge, will share insights on the refuge's exciting work. Join us at 188 Holiday Island Drive. For details, contact Duane Kriesel (479) 244-6422.

PASSAGES

Ruby Jean Faulconer, Feb. 2, 1934 – Nov. 16, 2013

Ruby Jean Faulconer of Holiday Island, was born Feb. 2, 1934 in Vanduser, Mo., a daughter of Elmer and Gladys (Banks) Callow. She departed this life Nov. 16, in Eureka Springs, at age 80.

Ruby worked as a buyer for Folgers Coffee in Kansas City, Mo. She was a member of the Holiday Island Community Church, Red Hat Girls and Holiday Island Lady's Golf Association. From 1998–2008 she served on the Arkansas State Dental Board and was appointed

by Gov. Huckabee, receiving an award for Outstanding Service. She retired in 1990 from Folgers Coffee in Kansas City, Mo.

On May 31, 1952, Ruby was united in marriage with Curtis Faulconer who survives her of the home. She is also survived by two sons, Curtis Faulconer and wife, Brenda; and Wes Faulconer and wife, Lorene, all of Kansas City, Mo.; one sister, Mary Dean Bryeans of Poplar Bluff, Mo.; five grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; several nieces and

nephews; and a host of other relatives and loved ones.

Ruby was preceded in death by her parents and five brothers.

There will be no visitation. Memorial service will be 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 23, at the Holiday Island Community Church with Brother John Wallace officiating. Cremation arrangements are under the direction of Nelson Funeral Service. Online condolences may be sent to the family at nelsonfuneral.com.



FAULCONER

Brandon James Snodgrass, Feb. 20, 1995 – Nov. 12, 2013



SNODGRASS

Brandon James Snodgrass, a resident of Rogers, was born February 20, 1995 in Harrison, Ark., a son of Rachel Weems-Ernst and Benjamin G. and Tiffany Snodgrass. He departed this life Tuesday, Nov. 12, in Eureka Springs, at age 18.

Brandon was a member of the First Christian Church in Bentonville. He was a member of the First Christian Church youth group. He was a member of the NRA, a first responder and a lifetime member of Precision

Machining. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and was an avid outdoorsman, and had a great sense of humor. Brandon had a very big, generous and giving heart and loved his brothers and sisters very dearly.

Brandon is also survived by his father and stepmother, Ben and Tiffany Snodgrass of Rogers, Ark.; mother, Rachel Weems-Ernst of Rogers, Ark.; two brothers, Joseph Ernst and Brody Snodgrass; two sisters, Brooklynn and Brynlee Snodgrass; grandmother, Mary Weems and the late Donnie Weems of Eureka Springs; grandparents, Jimmy and Paula Evans of Eureka Springs; Bill and Janie Hall of Bentonville, Ark.; and Tim Tyree of Oklahoma City, Okla.; great-grandparents, Lola and McKinley Weems of Eureka Springs; John and Jean Edmondson of Tulsa; and Bill and Sandy Snodgrass of

Choteau, Okla.; many aunts, uncles, cousins and other relatives and friends.

Brandon was preceded in death by Jeri Lynn Evans and his great-grandparents, Jimmy D. and Patsy Lou Evans and Jack and Betty McCall.

Memorial service was Nov. 16 at the First Christian Church in Eureka Spring with Rev. Don Morrow officiating. Cremation arrangements are under the direction of Nelson Funeral Service. Memorial donations may be made to the Arkansas Game & Fish Commission in Brandon's name, 2 Natural Resources Drive, Little Rock, AR 72205 or First Christian Youth Group, 807 S.E. 14th Street, Bentonville, AR 72712. Online condolences may be sent to the family at nelsonfuneral.com.

Sagittarius – the Archer

We are experiencing the Light of Sagittarius now. Sag is the sign of abundance, of sharing food, good cheer, things bountiful, adventuresome and expansive. What are the characteristics of this sign? Sagittarius is both musician and lover of food. Sagittarius, a fire sign, adapts to changing conditions, inspires others to take action. Always on a journey, filled with optimism (Jupiter's influence) Sag is the wanderer, optimist and archer – setting goals, reaching those

goals, setting new goals. Ambivalent to the social order of things, Sag, unable to be restricted, values above all personal freedom.

Sag's idealism seeks roles that bring forth justice, reforms and changes to society. Sagittarius works with the expansive planet Jupiter. Less is not more for Jupiter. Sag, with Jupiter, always enlarges everything. Sag/Jupiter's hearts and spirits are magnanimous. They're liberal and forgiving, philosophical, passionate

and sometimes noisy. They aim high, eyes on the distant horizon, seeking the mountaintops of Capricorn. Before riding over meadows and fields, bow and arrows in hand, to become, Chiron, the sacrificial Centaur, they must party, play and eat well to sustain themselves. Thus we have Thanksgiving in Sagittarius. Thanksgiving is always on Thursday, Jupiter's Day. We prepare this week for Jupiter/Sag's bountiful feast. We prepare each day thankfully.

ARIES: A window has opened up that holds a spiritualizing event, a universal mystery. Wise people may call you to be a wise one, too. A teacher or a new study may appear. Or you learn a study presented long ago. You may travel, absorbing different cultures, ideas and philosophies. Call forth your mental faculties when presented with transcendent realms. One needs courage and fortitude when meeting the Divine. She's called Justice.

TAURUS: Know that your most challenging life circumstance is also your opportunity. The more testing, the more difficult the situation, the greater the outcome. The security and stability you've created will call for restructuring. You have created a life in which you are insulated from others. This is based upon a fixed way of thinking that is limiting. You need to allow your heart and mind to open to new more vital realities. Someone's talking to you. Can you hear them?

GEMINI: Be especially careful with those close to you. It's possible you will assume ways in which you overpower them, make too many demands upon them, commanding them subtly to follow your lead. Instead cooperation is what is called for, appreciation for differences, accommodation and allowing for reciprocation. With these goals, as you cultivate a collaborative spirit, goals are reached with ease and harmony. You see the true fruits of your labors.

CANCER: It's good to write down goals each day. It's the first step to their completion. You'll want to be effective

and efficient, to move quickly through each task. As you see each goal, call for the template of harmony to calmly assist in each task and goal's completion. Health now is your main goal. Reducing all stress, stressful people and situations is a simultaneous goal. Balance, too. All of these are blessings to be called forth.

LEO: It is a time to be creative, to bring this forth creativity within all endeavors. Watch for this. Know that using our imagination is a creative act. Self-expression, all inventions, all art begins with the imagination. Our imaginations create visualizations – the outer manifestations of our inner creative world. It's good to be with children. Their innocent and lively creativity triggers your own. You're the Sun. Surya is your Vedic name.

VIRGO: You may need to create comfort and coziness in your environment, especially at home. It may be a sense of security and well-being that you need, a sense of deeper roots. Material possessions sometimes help with this by defining your personal sense of identity and style. It's good to distinguish between wants and needs. They're different, emerging from different places within your being. Beauty is a good guideline.

LIBRA: You work ceaselessly to achieve your goals, working hard each day to achieve success. When we're just and fair with everyone, when we allow

others to act out their behaviors without our judgments, then we (our behaviors) will be dealt with impartially, too. Often with love and gratitude. As you search for truth in your life, make sure you dispense to others first the love you seek and the support you need. Be sincere.

Be harmless.

SCORPIO: It's important to go through possessions, assets, finances and resources, assess their value and determine what to keep and what can be given away. Attachment to anything, especially possessions, can create distress. You have

a fiery temperament now in terms of communication and speech. As I've written before (especially in Scorpio), thoughts and words can destroy or create. You're capable of both. Be cautious. Be kind.

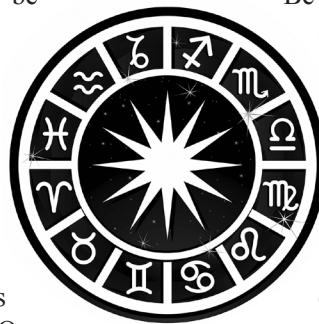
SAGITTARIUS: A new sense of adventure, a sense of needing to explore more, has come upon you. These will create a greater sense of identity. We're always working on identity, learning who we are, seeking to enter the Temple of Knowledge (later the Temple of Wisdom). We read the inscription above the Temple doors – to "Know Thyself." Exploring new people, ideas, a new project, new cultures creates a mirror for you to identify and "know thyself" more fully. The result is spontaneity, a spiritualization, a sense of being a pioneer. Your shadow emerges.

CAPRICORN: You seek always to

understand what lies behind apparent reality, what duality, pain, pleasure and principles guide everyone's life. Because this information is hidden we don't understand each other very well. However, wanting to make a difference in the world, you seek to know what spiritual impetus guides each of us. True leaders ask seek these answers. You are a leader. You may not realize this yet. However, you're in training. All that you do each day is your "training ground" for later leadership.

AQUARIUS: You have many ideas these days. In order to bring those ideas into form and matter, focus your imagination on visualizing them. This materializes your mental image. There are many who would support and cooperate and help create your success. They have the same dreams. New relationships, loves and friendships appear. They offer new ideas, concepts, sharing and happiness for you. Don't worry. Be Happy.

PISCES: Notice your intensity of purpose. Many have laughed at your seriousness, not understanding your sense of responsibility and leadership to emerge in the world someday. You work in dual worlds – the world of form and matter and the spiritual world. There's something you want to materialize, something pioneering, noble, a vision. Simultaneously, you're in a very demanding situation creating exhaustion. Continue to serve faithfully. Living roots are forming, curling around your vision, calling it forth. Faith is your gift.



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of people living in NC who saw their rivers devastated by run-off from industrial hog farms.

I recently attended a program by geologist and hydrologist Tom Ailey, who spoke about karst formations and how surface water drains through them. While his talk was not focused on the hog farm in the Buffalo River watershed, he was asked for his opinion and, with more than 40 years of working on water issues in the Ozarks, he did not hesitate to share his view that spraying of tons of untreated hog waste on fields adjoining a major tributary of the river meant contamination was not a matter of “if” but “when.” He said that limestone simply can’t filter out pollution and that once groundwater sinks below the surface in our area, it can travel at speeds of a mile a day.

How many millions of gallons of raw sewage can the same pastures absorb year after year? Yes, farmers have the right to farm. They don’t have the right to farm in a manner that damages resources that don’t belong to them.

We need to work together to make sure that our fragile environment is protected, not just America’s first National River, but property values, human health, and, ultimately, our economy. Google “Hog lagoon failures” and “effects of hog CAFOs.”

The more you know, the more you will want to add your voice to the rising chorus protesting the incursion of these operations into our region.

Lin Wellford

Who’s next?

Editor,

I am really having a problem with the attitudes of some local folks about the motorcycle issue. I am a rider. What I am not is a “sub blue-collar beer-guzzling day-tripper.” I don’t rack my pipes, I don’t ride through your neighborhood at 2 a.m., I don’t bully my way into traffic, I don’t look or act like a “biker.” I’m a business owner who not only brings business to this town but who also sends a lot of customers to other businesses in the area. I pay taxes, abide by the law, and spend my money locally... I just happen to like to ride a motorcycle.

I get very little business from bikers any time of the year, and during BBB I don’t ride much because it is a hassle. You can’t deny that motorcyclists bring a lot of money to this area all year round, maybe not to your business particularly, but they do, and that money is good for all of ES.

Try to understand this is a *great* area to ride in, and if you ride to ES, you must use your bike to get you to places where you can shop, eat, lodge, explore, party and spend money. Lots of those folks that you treat kindly when they come here in a car also have a bike at home.

What if I (or a whole group of locals) were to say publicly that old people are cheap, they smell funny, drive too slow and get in the way... therefore they are no longer welcome in ES! Would you stand for that? What if it were a public bashing of the LGBT community? Or what if I don’t like Corvettes, or people with blue hair? Or people with blue Corvettes? Some think that running off “this” bunch will open the door for “that” bunch.

If BBB is the problem, take a week’s vacation. Push local law enforcement to enforce a noise code, put up more QUIET signs, or simply go up and tell a noisy motorcyclist that you are annoyed.

No matter how you feel personally, it’s not right to be rude and unwelcoming, or to make sideways comments about everybody who rides. Although I had the “notion” when I moved here that this was a community of open minded people, I find now that I am guilty of putting locals into a box labeled “open minded” that they certainly do not all fit into. Being as ass is usually always wrong.

Phyllis Moraga

Looking at the other side of the flag doesn’t mean the back

Editor,

I object to this right-wing display of so-called patriotism of overdoing the flag business.

When I was a little girl during WW2, I collected tin cans, helped my Grandmother make fruitcakes for the troops, and proudly saluted the flag. I was very patriotic. I waved the flag.

As an adult and a journalist, I traveled to many countries and learned what the American flag had come to stand for.

1. The U.S. supported Somoza, dictator of Nicaragua, then paid *contras* to attack freely elected Sandinistas;

2. Our government gave billions and weapons to Saddam before Bush decided to invade;

3. The CIA overthrew and assassinated Salvador Allende, the elected president of Chile;

4. The U.S. supported Batista, making Cuba a warehouse for rich Americans, then boycotted Cuba’s need

for medicines, food and other supplies after Castro overthrew him;

5. Reagan, *et al.*, participated in arming the death squads of El Salvador;

6. The *School of the Americas* at Fort Benning, Ga., teaches torture techniques and has graduated many of the dictators of the world;

7. The CIA, *et al.*, not only assisted Nazis in immigrating to the U.S., they found jobs for them developing the atomic bomb;

8. Since 1949, U.S.-backed successful coups are Syria, Greece, Iran, British Guyana, Guatemala, South Vietnam, Haiti, Laos. Ecuador, Dominican Republic, Honduras, Brazil, Bolivia, Zaire, Ghana, El Salvador, Chile, Liberia, Chad, Fiji, Venezuela, Haiti and these are only the known ones.

So, my patriotism evolved from blindly waving a flag that to many peoples of the world meant “imperialism here” to wanting to help change our policies – domestic and foreign. I want my country to be free of ugly racism, free from woman hatred, respectful of the poor, ecologically aware that we all live on one planet, appreciative of all animals, happy in our diversity, compassionate and kind, open to fair trade and end exploitation.

I want to be proud to be an American; not always having to protest our mean-spirited policies.

Let’s put up flags of our planet in Eureka.

Trella Laughlin

Knowledge of power

Editor,

It would be great if citizens of ES could help out their neighbors having hearings like ours in July by writing the Chairman and commissioners of Arizona Corporation Commission (our APSC) equivalent. Apparently today people are driving for three hours to have a few minutes to speak before their commission on the issue of net metering. Essentially Arizona Public Service (electric utility) wants customers who have invested money on solar panels to be charged \$50 to \$100 a month because they are losing their grip on the grid and their line is that it is unfair for the customers who do not have solar panels. <http://www.azcc.gov/>

Write the Chairman and commissioners please. Interesting to note also, is that Utilities in Arizona have donated money for non-profits (who have utility executives on their boards) and causes and persons that help them keep their grip on the grid. Let’s not let

the utilities tax the sun, and support our countrymen by writing and sharing our experiences. Knowledge is power.

Thanks.

Susan Pang

Thoughtfulness so appreciated

Editor,

The family of Brandon Snodgrass thanks all who provided support during this time of sorrow. For the phone calls, cards, flowers and food, thank you. For the hugs, kind words and prayers, thank you. Each thoughtful expression is greatly appreciated.

Ben and Tiffany Snodgrass, Rachel Weems/Ernst, Family of Jimmy and Paula Evans, Family of Mary and the late Donnie Weems

Teacher reponds

Editor,

Many thanks to Dr. Ken Brown and John Murphy for bringing the long-overdue news of high school principal Kathryn Lavender’s exoneration by the Arkansas Dept. of Education to the attention of the public. I know Dr. Brown. He is a man of the highest integrity and moral character and Mr. Murphy, as evidenced by his actions, has to be the same.

Mrs. Lavender strives to provide a positive, nurturing and even fun atmosphere in the high school while maintaining a moderate amount of structure and order necessary in the educational process. To vilify her for doing so with baseless charges in an attempt to have her dismissed was a gross injustice. Complete and total exoneration by the Education Dept. was the only possible outcome.

I am the substitute teacher referenced in the charges made by the unhappy parent as being physically aggressive, and I also feel exonerated. For the record, the only real aggression in the incident was verbal, from the student towards me. The student’s mother had him apologize to me in the principal’s office, a small detail not mentioned in her second-hand narrative of what transpired given to the press and the department. In the end, I was used as a pawn in the unhappy parent’s vendetta against Mrs. Lavender.

My gratitude goes to Dr. Brown and Mr. Murphy for revealing the exoneration, and to Mrs. Lavender for her professionalism and support.

James Marquette

DROPPING**A** Line by Robert Johnson

Friday the 15th the McFarland family from Tennessee had a fun day catching some good crappie and bass here at Holiday Island. This is Brenda with her first fish, first time fishing.

The fun all started launching the boat with my launch rope hooked on my safety chain instead of the boat. Well, with no wind it just sat out there.

They saved the day by sending Dad back to Table Rock Landing to get his own pole and I ended up with the big catch of the day, a 21-ft. boat caught on a 1 oz. hellbender.

Water temp is down in the low 50s here and all our fish were caught about 12 ft. deep over sunken brush on wild minnows. A few whites and walleye are also being caught jigging and trolling off the flats in the main channel 12 – 20 ft. deep. Bass are feeding deep and shallow.

Beaver Lake water temp was 59° on Thursday. We caught a 22-pounder and some smaller ones on shad 28 ft. deep in the Big Clifty Arm here on our end of the lake. Saving that pic back for next week



just in case I don't get any trips this week. It is the slow season here and I know you're not ready for another pic of my dog fishing.

The stripers are coming to the top with the bait. Thanksgiving to Christmas can be some of the best striper fishing of the year for the surface bite. Start watching the water from the dam, Indian Creak to Point 5 area on our end and from Prairie Creek and up river on the upper end.

It's time to cut off the heavy weights and think top using live shad or buy some brood shiners. Best lures now are the big Redfins, Zara Spook or a Chugger.

That's it for this week. Enjoy our outdoors and take a kid fishing.

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personally, it is always fun. And for me, it is always a day off. I love all the people in Eureka Springs. I love the town. I love the farmer's market."

Potter has come to think of himself as a soil and bug farmer.

"The soil is what it is all about, the life in the soil and the plants that actually produce and create soil," Potter said.

Potter doesn't consider himself a preacher about grass farming, but he does proselytize about nutrition, health and life. People come to him for nutritional counseling, and a few have told him he saved their lives. He teaches people to avoid white flour, sugar – particularly in the form of high fructose corn syrup – trans

fats, genetically modified organisms (GMOs), and eating from the bottom of the food chain. And he doesn't just advocate a diet with a lot of whole grains, fruits and vegetables, but sourcing food organically.

"I've been doing this for so long, it is second nature," Potter said. "But for a lot of people, it is news."

He also enjoys showing people his farm, and sometimes does farm tours for home schoolers and people who like to see what it is all about.

It is about more than money, that's for sure. Potter loves his cattle and loves what he does.

"We believe in healthy animals and healthy people," he said. "And I get to live here in the beautiful Ozark Mountains."



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Crossword

by Wayne Levering

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ACROSS

1. Wapiti
4. Head cook
8. Motor ending
12. Sunbeam
13. Where the heart is
14. Black stone
15. Certain white mineral description
17. Small
18. Be aware of
19. Pill
21. Baby carrier
23. Horse father
24. Daydream
25. Hindu goddess
26. Hot spot
29. Sash (*Jap.*)
30. Mountain nymph
31. Shooter marble
32. Truck fuel
33. Blackbird
34. Biblical wedding locale

35. Small oceans
36. Humid
37. VCR button
40. Existed
41. Wicked
42. Murmured earlier
46. Pianist Peter
47. Group
48. Attempt
49. Small bills
50. Some jeans
51. To get with great difficulty

DOWN

1. Work unit
2. Put down
3. Backward curve of spine
4. Side of face
5. Cloth head covering
6. Flightless bird
7. Celebration

8. Deep hollow (var.)
9. Source of indigo
10. Unit of force
11. Way to go
16. Parched
20. Very dry
21. Polluted air
22. Big brass horn
23. Visionaries
25. Ghastly
26. Languish
27. Gut feeling
28. Gone
30. Sign
34. Hints
35. Storage towers
36. Comes together
37. Gambling center
38. Equal
39. Strand of metal
40. French soft cheese
43. Single
44. Bug
45. Change color

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ground on the island plus a dock at the shore for easy access. The campsite would also include a fire ring and a picnic table. The only access would be by boat.

Commissioner Daniel Jackson was concerned about the liability to Parks of campers, possibly having consumed adult beverages at the exclusive campsite, taking off in a boat after dark and having to be hauled out of the lake when daylight comes.

Featherstone pointed out that current rules allow for after dark fishermen and stargazers to take boats out onto the lake. There has been no hue and cry about that, and it presents the same liability. He said he is not against looking at rules for LLC, but thought Walker's idea "was an awesome idea."

Stewart agreed. "It would be a great asset," he said.

Jackson would not be assuaged, and the commission agreed looking at their rules for safety and the use of rental boats was always incumbent

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about setback distances a building must be from the road, and then stated, "It is in the middle of the road; how are you going to fix those setbacks?"

Leswig said, "Based on violations that seem apparent, I move we deny the application."

The vote to deny the application was 4-0.

'Til the cows come home

Kimberly Clark spoke up on behalf of amending City Code to allow farm animals in the R-2 zone. She said in 1981, she received a variance from a county judge allowing her to have cows and horses on a property on Dairy Hollow Road. A family that wants to bring their cow with them now owns this property, but laws have changed, so farm animals are prohibited.

Clark said she has been gone from the property for a while, but others there after her also owned horses. "It would be a fabulous opportunity for young people to see agriculture in action," she said, suggesting the farm should be allowed to continue for reasons of historic preservation. "Some things have another kind of value."

Greene and Morris were quick to slow down movement toward simply

upon them. However, the majority approved of Walker's project.

Other things

• Featherstone said 22 participants showed up for each of their two hikes as part of National Take a Hike Day. One hike went around Lake Leatherwood and the other took off near Black Bass Lake. He said it was educational, fun, and they should do it every year.

• Levine announced Stewart got the camera in Basin Park up and running, so "we can see you now."

• He also announced commissioner Myrna Thaxton was in the hospital and is expected to recover from her health issues.

• Hog trappers have set up cameras near Lake Leatherwood and have captured visuals of several animals, but no hogs.

• Levine announced the Dog Park Committee expects to begin erecting fencing in Harmon Park early in 2014.

Next workshop will be Dec. 3, at 6 p.m., at Harmon Park. Next regular meeting will be Dec. 16, at 6 p.m.

applying current law without a discussion. Morris tended to agree with some of Clark's points. Some cities allow farm animals so there must be a way to do it. He suggested they take their time and consider conditions they want to require in order to get a permit. Greene agreed.

Blankenship said as City Code is written now, farm animals are prohibited there.

Greene suggested a workshop. She said very few properties in that zone would be big enough, and if there is one spot suitable, then let it happen.

"It might let in more than you think," Blankenship responded. She said she had compassion for the family that wants only to bring their family cow with them, but the laws were already in place when they moved here.

Commissioners agreed to keep it on the agenda.

Budget

The commission briefly discussed items they were requesting in their 2014 budget. Besides funds for training and completion of the zoning map, they included hiring a part-time arborist and a part-time code enforcer.

Next meeting will be Dec. 10, at 6 p.m.

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