



Planning says No to motorcycle garage

NICKY BOYETTE

Six concerned citizens offered personal experiences regarding motorcycle noise along North Main at the May 27 Planning Commission meeting. The item of contention that evoked comments was a proposal by the 1905 Basin Park Hotel to erect a five-stall permanent motorcycle garage, each stall large enough for two motorcycles, at the eastern edge of their parking lot on North Main.

“The motorcycle garage would go in immediately below my bedroom window,” observed David Chadder, who resides on Jackson Street, which is right above and parallel to the eastern side of the parking lot. His experience with motorcycles coming in to the lot at all hours has been “they are not good neighbors.” A garage, in his opinion, would only concentrate the noise in one spot, “and that’s not good for my family,” he said.

Five others who live nearby also opposed the idea of a garage at that location. Jenny Northrup, who also lives right above the proposed location, said she has heard from visitors they would not return to Eureka Springs because of the uncomfortable motorcycle noise. She suggested the garage could go somewhere on US 62 instead.

“The garage will make my yard and home a misery,” commented Donna Hersey, another nearby resident. She said she was counting on Planning “to protect our properties, our property values and our quality of life against this incredible assault on our neighborhood.” Neighbor Julie Cutter agreed the noise was already very loud in the lot, and Ken Ketelsen called the garage in that location a “foolhardy idea.”

Pat Matsukis pointed out the noise going up Hwy. 23 affects both sides of the valley. She said she was begging for Planning to oppose the idea. She said the hotel had other places to put a garage. “It’s the wrong location, so in the spirit of things, let’s leave it alone.”

Commissioners said they had received other calls against the idea. Chair James Morris commented the garage is not forbidden in City Code, but commissioner Ed Leswig responded Code does not prohibit a nuclear power plant down there, either.

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Fond and happy farewell – The community gathered for a Memorial Art Show with Second Line dancing at the Space on May 31 to remember artist and friend, Jack Miller. ESSA Director, Peggy Kjelgaard, and others raised an umbrella in a Second Line dance in celebration of Jack’s life and contribution to the community.



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BECKY GILLETTE

This Week’s INDEPENDENT Thinkers

The Norwegian Army has figured out that by not feeding soldiers meat one day a week, greenhouse gas emissions and fresh water consumption are reduced, plus need for thousands of cows providing 330,000 lbs. of meat a year is eliminated.

Pal Stenberg, the Navy commander and nutritionist who heads military catering, said 10,000 troops eating 35,000 meatless meals one day a week makes an extraordinary environmental difference with no compromise to a soldier’s “iron man” physique.

Meatless Mondays are about being more sensitive to the environment, but financial savings are huge. It takes 8,520 calories of fossil fuels to produce one pound of beef, but only 200 calories of fossil fuel energy to make the same amount of protein from vegetables.



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Hard place to put a hospital

NICKY BOYETTE

Mayor Morris Pate provided a recap of the May 19 Hospital Commission for city council Wednesday night. Pate explained that Chris Bariola, CEO of ESH, said since Allegiance, the company that leases operation of the hospital, would spend the \$15-20 million to build the new hospital, the city should extend sewer lines all the way to the site, which is at the extreme western edge of city limits. According to Pate, the existing sewer line ends about a mile east.

Pate said McClellan Engineering told him they would conduct an engineering study for no more than \$5000 of what the extension would cost. Estimated cost for the same extension in 2008 was \$1,810,000.

“Does the city want a new hospital enough to be spending \$2.8 million?” alderman David Mitchell asked. Mitchell, who had attended the Hospital Commission meeting, said ensuring adequate water supply is another issue altogether. Also, a quick decision by council is imperative because Bariola had said the letter from Medicare allowing moving of hospital beds has April 2016 as the date for completion. Bariola also said there could be an extension if progress were being made.

Pate told council the Hospital Commission has as much as \$1.7 million in its accounts, but those funds are restricted to pay for direct patient care.

Alderman James DeVito said since operation of the facility was taken care of, it might be time to dissolve the Hospital Commission. Their funds could help pay for the sewer line so there could be a new hospital. He also noticed this project would be an opportunity to provide sewer service to the western edge of town.

Alderman Terry McClung agreed with DeVito the \$1.7 million might be the only way to get the project done, and alderman Mickey Schneider said this was not the time to dissolve the commission since they have been dealing with Allegiance to get the project done.

Mitchell said he had committed to the Hospital Commission and ESH administration that council would have its response no later than the July 21 council meeting. “It’s time to fish or cut bait, or whatever that saying is,” he commented. He said council should consider the fact that Allegiance has said it is willing to put

in \$15–20 million to build the hospital. The expense to the city would be far less.

“But we don’t have the money!” alderman Joyce Zeller said. “If we could have gotten the money, we would have done it before.”

Alderman Dee Purkeypile stated firmly that council needed to update costs to know what they are considering, and he moved to hire McClellan Engineering to provide an assessment for no more than \$5000.

“I would hesitate to commit five thousand dollars for an academic survey,” DeVito said. “We need money for sewer upgrades regardless of the survey. Only if we have the money do we need a survey.”

“We really need to know what this will cost,” Purkeypile insisted. “And we need a survey to see if we also need to take more water out there.”

“If we can’t come up with \$2.5 million, then it is over,” Mitchell said. “We can’t give them what they want.”

Purkeypile said, “If they really want it...” and the table was reminded of when Walmart wanted to come to town, and offered to put in a sewer line plus a red light and give everything back to the city.

“Is this a promise [by Allegiance] based on a premise we can’t do our part? We must be careful,”

The vote to hire McClellan Engineering to perform the cost analysis for the proposed extension of the sewer for no more than \$5000 was unanimous.

Chamber luau back for more

Back for more fun, that is. The Greater Eureka Springs Chamber of Commerce Annual Mid Year Membership Meeting and Luau will be hosted for the second year at the Fountain Garden of the 1886 Crescent Hotel on Thursday, June 5, 5 – 7 p.m., rain or shine.

If you’re still trying to erase the vision of who those half shell coconuts and grass skirts appeared on last year, don’t bother. There’ll be more hula dancing, limbo contests, music, heavy hors d’oeuvres and the cash bar! Deck out in your best Hawaiian attire or summer casual dress and feel free to bring a guest. (479) 253-8737.

National Park Service objects to transmission line impacts on national treasure

BECKY GILLETTE

American Electric Power (AEP)/Southwestern Electric Power Company (SWEPCO) has said the current preferred Route 33 doesn't have that much objection. But, in fact, many nearly 5,000 comments objecting to the project filed with the Arkansas Public Service Commission (APSC) opposed all the proposed routes.

There is also a national treasure along Route 33 that the U.S. Department of Interior, National Park Service (NPS), said could be greatly harmed by the transmission line that would require clear cutting a 150-wide right-of-way for metal monopoles 150-ft. tall, three times higher than a standard utility pole.

NPS sent a letter of objections to impacts to the Pea Ridge National Military Park (PRNMP) in May, and in late August,

NPS sent a 15-page letter detailing much broader concerns.

The letter from Michael T. Regions, regional director of the NPS, said the NPS believes that the AEP/SWEPCO Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and its process for evaluating impacts fails to adequately consider the national significance of a federally designated unit of the NPS that has been preserved for future generations of Americans to enjoy.

"Members of Save The Ozarks have been saying similar things about the faulty EIS for months," Doug Stowe of the STO board said. "It was obvious from day one that AEP/SWEPCO submitted a boilerplate EIS instead of an analysis, and planned to get away with it. Without opposition of concerned citizens of Northwest Arkansas, the hearing would be over and AEP/

SWEPCO would be chopping away at Arkansas forests."

The NPS disagrees with AEP/SWEPCO's statement in a June 10, 2013, letter, that Route 33 will "not traverse the planned additions to the park."

"The construction of such a large transmission line along either routes 33 or 62 would degrade critical battlefield lands outside the park that were identified in the 2006 General Management Plan (GMP) for a possible boundary adjustment," the letter from Regions states. "The presence of a large transmission line within these historically significant lands would create a physical scenic barrier between the main battlefield within the Park and the 'Detached Area' of the park intended to protect a portion of the Union trenches related to the battle."

In other words, the power line would permanently stand as a barrier between two

parts of the battlefield.

Regions said the park is an iconic, federally-designated Civil War battlefield that warrants careful consideration. The 4,300-acre park is one of the most important and best-preserved Civil War battlefields in the U.S. and attracts visitors from around the world. The park commemorates the site of the March 1862 battle that resulted in Missouri staying under Union control. Nearly 26,000 soldiers fought in the battle with more than 1,000 Union and 2,000 Confederate casualties.

Regions said that park is important for cultural tourism, receiving about 132,000 visitors annually with \$6.1 million in spending supporting 96 jobs. "The economic benefit could be diminished if inappropriately sited transmission liens were built adjacent to the park boundary and across this largely intact historic landscape," he said.

Movie fun at the library begins June 5

In the spirit of *Mystery Science Theater 3000*, moviegoers will be encouraged to hurl witty wisecracks at the screen during the *Science Theater* film series hosted by the Eureka Springs Carnegie Public Library. All teens entering 7th grade and above are welcome.

On Thursday, June 5, at 6 p.m. Ed Wood's famous *Plan 9 from Outer Space*, widely touted as the best "worst movie ever made," will be shown. (Come armed with your best wisecracks.) The free "theater" in the Library Annex will be open every other Thursday evening in June and July and snacks will be served. For more info, call or email the library (479) 253-8754 or info@eurekalibrary.org.

Film investigates hunger in America


The documentary, *A Place at the Table*, which investigates hunger in America as well as proposed solutions to alleviating the problem, will be shown at St. James Episcopal Church, 28 Prospect, Friday, June 6 at 6:30 p.m. followed by a discussion led by Sue McIntyre, who has worked in food insecure countries and recently returned from an extended time in Yemen. Free and open to the public. (479) 253-8610.

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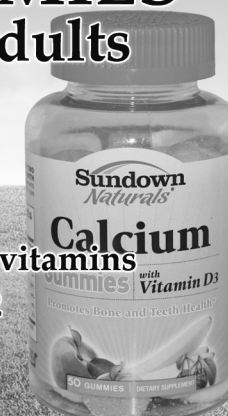
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Council up against a Brix wall

NICKY BOYETTE

The application for a vacation of a platted but never developed portion of Rock Street, which intersects the property owned by Ryan and Rachel Brix, continues to be polarizing. Eureka Springs City Council considered an ordinance at the May 28 meeting prepared by Matt Bishop, attorney for the Brixes, for vacation of the rocky strip of land. There were glimmers of compromise, but discussion continued to be overshadowed by claims, counterclaims and misunderstanding.

The complication is potential use of the rocky strip of land as an easement to Marble Flats, a tract of land adjacent to the western section of the Brixes' property. Rock Street does not go to Marble Flats, but it represents an access, at least for utilities, if the property is ever developed. The Parks Dept. also has had its eye on the space as a possible connector in its urban trail system even though, according to Rachel Brix, Rock Street runs fewer than six feet from the their front door and serves as the only legal access to their property.

Wade Williams, attorney for the owners of Marble Flats, claimed the Brixes had not come forward with any proposals to solve the problem. Williams reminded council he has repeatedly cautioned them against this vacation, and cited the fact their own city attorney advised against it. Williams cited deficiencies in the application and again insisted vacating the strip of land would not be in the best interest of the city. The Parks Dept. has been adamant against the application from the beginning.

Rachel Brix responded by maintaining some of Williams's comments needed correcting. She said her attorney could rebut Williams's claims using the same case law, "and this is not city property; it is an easement." She commented the city has not used or maintained the property in more than 100 years, and all utility companies have supported their proposal. Brix also countered that she had indeed approached two of the Marble Flats owners, and she and Bishop also made one attempt to discuss the situation, but to no avail.

Brix pointed out council had

two proposed ordinances to consider, identical except one included a paragraph offering "an easement for the purpose of underground utilities granted to the City of Eureka Springs... with a width of ten feet from the western border of said unnamed street and running the length of the eastern side of Lots 1, 2, and 3 of Block 2."

Alderman Dee Purkeypile said he tried to find a compromise, and even though underground utilities would be expensive because of the rocky terrain, this was a start toward a solution. He said he had been to the property and there were remnants of an unused road there, but he thought, although he clarified he was not speaking for anyone but himself, that even the Marble Flats owners would agree it was not a good access for vehicles.

Bishop and Purkeypile clarified there were other means of access to Marble Flats, but City Attorney Tim Weaver told them, "If a court concludes Rock Street is access, then you would be removing an access even if there is another access, and a jury would decide the damages."

Undeterred by Weaver's warning, alderman James DeVito moved to assign a number to the ordinance that included the paragraph offering an easement, and put it on its first reading. Alderman David Mitchell seconded the motion.

Alderman Terry McClung said the possibility of an easement in the ordinance was worth considering, as the Marble Flats area is a potential growth area in the city and making sure there would be water and sewer there would be important. However, he said ten feet as mentioned in the proposed ordinance would not be wide enough, although he did not know what would be an appropriate width.

Purkeypile assured McClung they could look it up and get it right.

"This has been long and hard," McClung noted, "and if there is the possibility of compromise, middle ground, I would want to see that taken."

"Let's leave the negotiating to the attorneys," Mitchell said.

Vote on the first reading of Ordinance 2211 was 4-2, McClung and alderman Mickey Schneider voting No.

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 - **Al-Anon** Wednesday, 5:30 p.m. All other meetings: See www.nwarkaa.org

Multi-family business license proposal sent to council

NICKY BOYETTE

At the May 27 Planning meeting, commissioner Ed Leswig distributed copies of another proposed ordinance requiring business licenses for multi-family dwellings. "We did this once before," he said. He said it was not voted down by council, but sent back to Planning and Building Inspector Bobby Ray for further review. "There

was a breakdown in the lines of communication in getting it reviewed," he said.

"I think it is a good ordinance," commented commissioner Melissa Greene. She said she appreciated the fact the ordinance addressed issues which would make all neighborhoods safer.

Leswig pointed out a key change is this document requires the owner of

a multi-family dwelling to maintain a current Eureka Springs business license. Also upon change of ownership, the new owner must acquire a Certificate of Occupancy.

Leswig said Ray had given verbal approval of the ordinance.

"This is talking strictly about

creating a licensing and enforcing agreement with multi-family homes," Leswig said. He commented there are such dwellings operating in three zones he is aware of.

Commissioners voted 5-0 to send the proposed ordinance to council with their recommendation.

Gateway car show and swap meet

The 10th Annual Gateway Car Show & Swap Meet takes place June 6 and 7 at the City Park, 19871 US 62 in Gateway. There will be a DJ, games, food vendors, door prizes and event t-shirts. Trophies awarded for top 40 cars, top five trucks and top

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Pole-ing place – A driver suffered minor injuries after colliding with a telephone pole Saturday night on German Alley. Roads were closed until repairs could be made on the same road that was closed for several months earlier this year because of a water main break that damaged the road.

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Planning wants consistent code enforcement

NICKY BOYETTE

Commissioner Melissa Greene said at last Tuesday's Planning meeting she had received numerous calls on illegal tourist lodgings and illegal multi-family dwellings in town. She said people who reported violations were told they needed to file a formal complaint with Building Inspector Bobby Ray.

"This pits neighbor against neighbor," Greene said, adding she had a problem with that scenario. She wanted Planning to make a statement by signing off on a list of violations they were aware of, then send the document to Ray.

Chair James Morris stated a person does not need to file a formal complaint to report a violation.

Greene replied, "Then he [Ray] won't do anything."

"Then we need to take some action that we don't have to sign a formal complaint when there's a violation he's been made aware of," Morris said, adding that Ray is so busy council might

consider hiring some backup for him, but a citizen should not have to file a formal complaint.

"Police show up when I call about noise, and I don't file a complaint," he said.

As far as signing a statement about violations, Morris said they would be getting into enforcement and wanted to stay away from that.

Greene responded it's hard for her to sit on commissions and know of violations not being addressed. "It makes us look like fools."

Commissioner Steve Beacham suggested each commissioner could simply forward Ray any complaints they receive about code violations, and commissioner Pat Lujan said council should look into ensuring there is enforcement.

"We can ask for clarification what the job is," Morris said. "If we're going to write some ordinances and nobody's going to enforce them,

then what's the point?"

Commissioner Ed Leswig asked for an example of a code violation they were aware of, and Lujan described a multi-family dwelling without enough parking. He said the property went from being a duplex to a four-plex, and he has witnessed it being a nightly rental as well. He said he has seen many different license plates there.

Greene added that the house also has

a sign that was never approved.

She said she knew of another home that went from residential to a tourist lodging, and someone had mentioned to her there might be 30 listings on Internet sites for tourists lodgings in town which do not have licenses. "It's going on all over," she said.

Morris said he would recommend that council look into finding a way to have City Code consistently enforced.

City Council meeting agenda

Monday, June 9, 6 p.m.

Commission, Committee, Authority Reports and Expired terms

Public comments

Unfinished business

1. Ordinance No. 2209 Noise – 3rd reading – Mitchell and DeVito
2. Ordinance No. 2210 Vacating a portion of Sweeney Alley – 3rd reading – DeVito and Purkeypile
3. Ordinance No. 2211 Vacating a portion of an unnamed street/Rock St. – 2nd reading – Purkeypile and Mitchell
4. Ordinance No. 2212 Purchase and installation of water meters – 2nd reading – Purkeypile and Schneider
5. Update on disposal of yard waste – Schneider and Mitchell
6. Decision re: extension of wastewater lines to Miles Mountain – pending for July 21, 2014 meeting – Mitchell and Purkeypile

New business

1. Appeal re: New Construction review denial for 101 N. Main – BPH Property LLC
2. Discussion of amended Multi-family ordinance – Planning Commission
3. Discussion of a parking garage – DeVito and Mitchell
4. Discussion of moped franchise – Mayor Pate

Council comments

Mayor's comments



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New meters coming to a water line near you

NICKY BOYETTE

Council unanimously passed the first reading of Ordinance 2212 Wednesday night, which authorizes Dwayne Allen, director of Public Works, to begin replacing “worn out or improperly installed” water meters so customer billing is more accurate. The city presently buys much more water

than it bills for because many meters do not read all the water customers use. Allen predicts new meters and accurate readings will generate enough revenue the city will not have to increase water rates. A customer might, however, see an increase on the bill because of a more accurate reading.

The increase in revenue will

also help bring the city back into compliance with bond covenants.

Allen will spend \$282,000 on Phase One of the project to replace meters one inch or larger. Phase Two will focus on “the remaining insufficient smaller meters” according to the ordinance, and will cost \$195,000.

Mayor Morris Pate noted the

numbers might change as bids come in.

Alderman David Mitchell noted, “This is action on infrastructure without raising rates or sticking it to the citizens,” and alderman Dee Purkepile agreed. “We’re doing a good thing, but don’t forget about Black Bass Dam.”

Kings River Watershed Partnership gets ‘tired’ at cleanup

On May 31 the ninth annual Kings River Armada launched from five different put-ins in Carroll County with the goal of cleaning the river from Rockhouse all the way to the Romp Hole. Nearly 50 people participated, including Boy Scouts from Troop 67 in Eureka Springs, who covered 12 river miles from Trigger Gap to the US 62 bridge.

Organizer Ray Warren said most of the stretches had much less litter than in past years. “It looks like the public is beginning to step up and leave less behind on the river,” he commented, “we’re seeing a difference and it’s great!”

With fewer cans and plastic bottles to pick up, cleaners concentrated on tire removal. Tires may be used to hold back

erosion, but heavy rains and high waters result in them ending up on the banks and river bottom. The tire tally for this year’s combined cleanups was 121, including a tractor tire – 8 tires short of a record count.

Thanks from KWRP to landowners who allowed them to drop off trash and tires temporarily until they could be picked up, to Carroll County Solid Waste for disposing of the trash and tires and to all the paddlers who came out to keep the river clean and beautiful.

Nolle prosequi: “we shall no longer prosecute.”

David Hogue, the Fayetteville lawyer defending former Mayor Beau Satori against charges brought by his former landlord, former banker John F. Cross, for felony theft of property (baseboards) said *nolle prosequi* (Latin for “we shall no longer prosecute”) is, “Classically how cases are dismissed. To refile, the prosecutor needs new facts or good cause.”

The law seems to be a matter of interpretation, if not tradition. According to Rules of Criminal Procedure for Arkansas,

nolle prosequi is granted because of the unavailability of evidence material to the state’s case. Thus, it essentially drops the case unless there is new and compelling evidence of wrongdoing.

Prosecuting Attorney Tony Rogers responded, “I know the law. *Nol pros* means the speedy trial clock keeps running. We can re-file anytime within a year. I have no comment on an ongoing case.”

Cross’s attorney, Wade Williams, did not return a phone call.

HI First Friday’s ‘everything’ fair June 6

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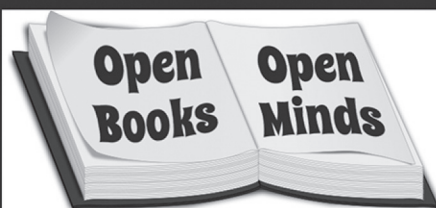
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INDEPENDENTNews

Council's odds and ends

NICKY BOYETTE

At the May 28 city council meeting, aldermen considered the second reading of Ordinance 2209, an update to the existing Noise Ordinance. Noises indeed swirled through the room concerning how parts of this ordinance fit with parts of the existing ordinance. Purkeypile was confident the ordinances addressed all concerns raised by council, but McClung, however, thought since there would be no difference in how noise would be policed, the ordinance was not really needed.

Other points were made, such as making sure music festivals were accounted for properly, until Zeller stated, "The general public still thinks this is about motorcycle noise."

Mitchell calmly but with conviction replied, "This committee did not meet to discuss motorcycle noise."

Vote to approve the second reading was 5-1, McClung voting No.

Trails

Bill Featherstone, Parks Commission Chair, told council the recent town forum on an urban trail system had been well-received with around 100 people signing in, but only one alderman attended. He encouraged council to set up a workshop at its convenience so Parks commissioners and members of

the Trails Committee might assuage any concerns council has about the planned trails system.

During Public Comments, Parks commissioner Daniel Jackson spoke up for continuing to build a trail system around town. His point was trails might lighten the burden of limited parking in town by giving people access to town by foot or bike.

Jay Bender, who had attended the trails forum, said he would be saddened to see land vacated that could be used for trails. He thought privacy issues could be mitigated.

Lynn Eaton emphasized to council the importance of connecting trail segments to complete the loop. She said knows homeowners who originally did not want a trail near their property reconsider and learn to appreciate what nearby trails have to offer.

Run, taxi, run

Alderman Joyce Zeller brought up "rogue taxis" coming to town during the summer to make fast cash on a weekend. She thought City Code might need more beef because "police need something to keep them out." She said she wanted to avoid legal dilemmas in the future.

Alderman Terry McClung mentioned no one can operate legally without going through council, and city

attorney Tim Weaver said he had not been made aware of any problems.

Alderman Dee Purkeypile pointed out the city is covered in City Code regarding folks coming in and skimming off business, and he thought the police could handle the situation.

And the discussion ended.

Final items

• Council approved the third reading of Ordinance 2208, that offers a two percent rebate incentive for producers who make a movie in Eureka Springs.

• Mitchell pointed out a section had been overlooked when the third reading of Ordinance 2201, the Clean City Ordinance, was approved on its third reading. The ordinance was not yet law, so Mitchell first moved to reconsider the third reading, then amend the ordinance, and then approve on the third reading as amended. Each motion passed 5-1, alderman Mickey Schneider voting No.

• Council passed a resolution authorizing the Transit Department to use \$3000 from the capital improvement fund to replace a defunct propane engine on one of the trams with a gasoline engine.

• The second reading of the ordinance vacating an unopened portion of Sweeney Alley passed unanimously.

Next meeting will be Monday, June 9, at 6 p.m.

Community invited to birthday celebration Saturday

LYDIA BUSH

Erica Maleckyj, RN, friend to many, mother to a multitude in one way or another, is going to celebrate her 80th birthday with a community invited event. Please come to the First Christian Church on Passion Play Rd. Saturday, June 7 from 2 – 4 for a good ole fashioned Ice Cream Social.

It's no surprise this party is open to anyone who knows her, since coming to Eureka in 1970 she has always looked for ways to serve her community. Some of you know her from personal care she gave when you were sick, or someone close to you needed nursing care. Some of you may know her for the influence she was when you were in Pioneer Girls back in the '70s and early '80s. There were so many stories shared around campfires, or at roller skating parties to the big city of Springdale.

I remember mom chuckling when she told about the child who didn't get picked up after some sort of outing, waiting in the school parking lot, finally deciding to take this child home... when they asked her if she could tell them where she lived, as they drove along in the dark, headed they hoped, in the right direction... there was a gentle pause and with all

the spunk of an energetic 9 yr. old she replied... "I live in the white house with the windows!"

There was never a month that went by without hosting potluck dinners, Bible studies and pool parties for groups of friends in our home for the local church community.

After leaving hospital nursing there was her redirection of creativity into the world of blown glass. She was taught the basics by Bruno, a local craftsman, then set up a studio in her peaceful home in the valley. Many sculpted hummingbirds on dogwood branches were delivered to Silver Dollar City and she is known to all the old timers of the craft guild there.

After caring for friends and family through the years, Erica's focus returned to the young. She knew what it was like to experience loss, tragedy, as she had been a child of the war in Germany. When she heard of the ministry of Franklin Graham and the Samaritans Purse Shoe Boxes for children, she had a new cause. Thousands of shoe boxes have gone out from our small town because of her drive and determination!

In lieu of a gift please make a donation at the local Arvest bank in her name, it will go towards Shoe Boxes —and come eat some ice cream with us!

Public hearing June 24 on old school property

NICKY BOYETTE

Planning Chair James Morris announced a Public Hearing on rezoning the old high school property would be June 24. He told Planning commissioners last Tuesday their task will be to consider zoning issues, not safety or structural concerns.

He did say the building nearest US 62 is probably doomed to demolition because "the design is not practical or usable." There are also asbestos issues and the building is not worth saving for

historical reasons. The gymnasium roof now also leaks and would need to be brought up to code.

"It's not going to be used practically if it's left as it is," Morris said.

Commissioners agreed to table further discussion until after the Public Hearing.

Planning wrap-up

• Commissioners agreed to conduct a workshop on motorcycle garages, and commissioner Steve Beacham suggested they include vehicle garages also. In the

end, they decided to look all parking regulations in Code at the workshop.

• Beacham and commissioner Pat Lujan agreed one of them would represent Planning at meetings with the Hull/Osage Group as they meet with all sectors of town to discuss hazard mitigation in order to reduce long-term risks to citizens.

• Leswig said he knew of two people interested in applying to sit on Planning. Morris had mentioned at the previous meeting possibly changing by-laws to allow those with a vested interest, such as long-time business owners who live outside city limits, be eligible to sit on Planning. Two seats would be the maximum for out-of-towners, and he said he had spoken to individuals who fit the criteria. However, since there might be new locals interested, he suggested they wait two or three months before furthering the idea.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, June 10, at 6 p.m.

Ambulance District needs commissioner

NICKY BOYETTE

Joe McClung, Chair of the Western Carroll County Ambulance District, announced at the May 27 meeting a new commissioner is needed because his term will end in June. His seat represents rural Eureka Springs and the term would be for three years. The name of whoever is interested would be submitted to the Quorum Court at its July meeting and the term would begin in August.

The commission will also be adding two new seats in July because of a change in Arkansas law last year. At the June Quorum Court meeting, Justice of the Peace Jack Deaton will submit the names of Judy Giggey, representing rural Holiday Island, and Marie Lee from the Grassy Knob area to fill the new positions. Giggey will serve a four-year term and Lee will serve five years, and thereafter all seats on the commission will be three-year terms to maintain an orderly turnover.

Rhys Williams, Eureka Springs fire chief, told commissioners the arrangement with Ozark EMS is working well. He said ESFD has a backflow agreement with Ozark, which means besides transporting non-emergency transfers from Eureka Springs Hospital, Ozark also fills in if all ESFD ambulances are out on calls.

Chair Lynn Palmer of the EMR Alliance said Deaton, also the fire chief for Holiday Island, will coordinate a mass casualty drill in September which would simulate a school bus crash. All five districts will participate.

Mike Fitzpatrick, speaking for rural Eureka Springs responders, said he finally has a responder in the remote area south of town, and overall the number of responders showing up at an emergency has increased in his district.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, July 15, at 4 p.m., at the Grassy Knob fire station.

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How soon we forget

Editor,

To quote Bryan [Sen. King] for a bit: "The buck stops with the Democratic Election Commission members," King said. "They are new this time, but there needs to be someone else given a try to run the elections. It just goes back to leadership. They need to vacate and let someone else take over." King said he filed a bill that passed the legislature that would have allowed the state to remove election officials, but the governor vetoed it. King said there is no accountability with election commissioners who aren't elected and are only accountable to themselves.

Hmm... he seems to have forgotten when he was one of those commissioners and didn't bother to even show up when personally requested to, for a highly volatile election, several years ago in Eureka. When I confronted him at the Berryville courthouse after bringing in the ballots, his lame excuse for not showing up was (I'm not kidding) was "Well, after all, I have *chickens!* And they're *big!*" I have no idea what that has to do with him not coming to the polling site to help avert very possible violence,

but that was his excuse. The other two commissioners were there at 7:30 a.m. as requested, and took turns staying there until I closed down at 7:30 p.m. But not Bryan. At all. Ever.

What happened at the primary count was miscommunication and simple human error, and considering how new everyone was, I personally think it went very well. *At least they all showed up* which is far more than Bryan did on occasion. His idea of being a commissioner was to get to the courthouse at 8:15 p.m. and leave as soon as the printout of the count was done. I know. I was there.

Mickey Schneider

Poll Captain — 20+ years

Liking biking

Editor,

What's with the hysteria over a path? I thought this was a walking-path type of town? Bike trails and multi-use trails are designed to be human friendly, their purpose not designed to give thieves an open door to your house. I urge anyone who has questionable feelings about this trail thing to actually go and see the trail systems of Fayetteville and Bentonville. What they have done is route trails

through unusable (for houses) land, called "the flood plain." I have ridden all 20-something miles of the trails in Fayetteville.

In Bentonville there are about seven miles paved and almost 20 miles of dirt trails. So yes, there are places where you can access neighborhoods. But the majority of the paths take you through the middle of the woods, and away from the fray.

The point of trails is to be connective in purpose and thoughtful to community members. Why shouldn't people be able to get from point A to point B without getting in a car? It's good for the environment. Imagine, getting to some shops downtown without having to feed a parking meter or contribute to the petroleum monster? It is time we do something about catering to cars only. The only crime here is believing what isn't true, fellow Eurekans.

Stop saying no to positive thinking. Please be educated before you make untrue accusations that get printed the public media. Their trail systems of Fayetteville and Bentonville, are I dare say, gasp, "brilliant and deserve national

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WEEK'S TopTweets

@HeyZeus666 --- If a baby like Justin Bieber is the face of teen angst and rebellion, then we've bubble wrapped our kids too tight.

@AdderallMomma --- I've been contemplating legally changing my name to 'An End', so that all good things must come to me.

@Reverend_Scott --- The year 4542, artifacts are discovered from our once flourishing civilization. "Looks like they worshipped apples," said one archeologist.

@Twitter_Kitten --- They act like technology is ruining childhood, but back in the day, kids were so bored they would turn their eyelids inside out for fun.

@Harbinger_one --- Some call it alcoholism, I call it "keeping my emotions hydrated."

@pradogod --- She put the hot in psychotic.

@jenstatsky --- Think about the nicest thing anyone's ever said about you. Not really true, right?

@Zen_Moments --- I believe that a simple and unassuming life is good for everybody, physically and mentally. ~ Albert Einstein

@RobertWilonsky --- The NRA blasts OpenCarryTexas' gun-toting protests as 'dubious' and 'downright weird'



@loribuckmajor --- If I become a problem for you, please throw money at me.

INDEPENDENT Editorial

How sweet it is

Sugar is eight times more addictive than cocaine, and at least eight times more legal. Elected officials bend over and scrape the floor with their foreheads in homage to corporations that stock school kitchens and prison cafeterias and seminary refectories and military mess halls with food that neither lives nor dies and is full of sugar.

It takes an hour and 15 minutes of bicycle riding for a 110-lb. child to burn the calories of drinking one 20 oz. bottle of soda. Know any kid who's going to down a bottle of pop, ride away for an hour, come back and not drink another?

Getting a grip on what we eat is easy. Even when people look us right in the eyes and say, "No gluten. No yeast. Nothing that has the word sodium in its ingredients. Nothing overcooked. Nothing undercooked." Okay, we can handle that.

Railroads used to serve glorious meals in the dining car. Then they started just making a stop at McDonald's so passengers could get a small, medium or big Mac (sugar in bun, ketchup, etc.) with a small, medium or big fries (sugar included) and a small, medium or big cup of sugar water. Airlines used railroads as their role model, serving hot meals (with cloth napkins) and top shelf liquor. Trays even included a thoughtful pack of four cigarettes to light at your pleasure. Winston or Salem.

Until even that got complicated. Cost of food and oil went up, so ticket prices were raised and food trays were put in storage. We learned to travel hungry, waiting for cafes to sprout up in terminals to provide us with the travelers' panacea, sugar.

Fears are manufactured for us, just as surely as food is. We were born hungry, but not afraid. As we grew we realized that sugar was good, cavities were bad, and there was no connection between the two. We plodded through our formative years assuming those who were feeding us (parents and big ag) had done their homework. Then the oddest thing happened – the defense industry had come up with nerve gas as a weapon of war. Once the war was won and those gassed had gone to their reward, we decided to make laws against chemical warfare. But what to do with the stockpiles? Put it in the food!

Corporations did a simple molecular sway, kind of like a shell game, and used essentially the same war chemicals but watered down, to kill insects rather than people. Spraying food crops was a bad idea that simply got worse, but adding sugar to chemicals makes it all go down the hatch tastefully. We realized that life is life is life, and you can't alter or kill part of it without it getting even with you. *Mother Jones* reported that the same embedded silver particles they put in our underwears to kill bacteria and absorb sweat are now being put in skim milk (It makes milk whiter! Creamier!) But it's still drinking titanium dioxide, whatever that is. It ain't milk.

Companies don't want to change our diet, they want to change our viewpoint – so we will see cheap and easy as a solution rather than a loaded cannon pointed at our cells.

So, we started blaming. Corporations are evil! Chemicals are worse! I don't feel good! In the meantime, our bodies are doing their best to figure out what in the world to do with heavy metals in their happy, flexible duodenums.

Why do huge companies want to get huger at the expense of consumers' health? Do we blame the scientists, researchers, marketing department or stockholders? What if we didn't blame anybody? What if we ate better, ate less and weren't fixated on eating by the clock? What if we took care of ourselves?

And what if we found out we were then taking care of all of us? How sweet.



The Pursuit Of HAPPINESS

by Dan Krotz

I spend a considerable amount of time in New Orleans. It is an endlessly fascinating town, and the most inimitable city in the United States. Getting there requires a considerable expense of time too, but there are several roads to travel; you can go through East Texas, or through West, East, or Central Louisiana. It seems like all roads lead to New Orleans, and we've driven most of them.

It would be instructive for our legislators to make some of these drives. They could charge them off as economic development tours, or constituent service field trips, and maybe make more educated decisions about which industries to support with our tax dollars. Then, they could come home and give speeches with facts in them. Wouldn't that be a wonder?

I suggest this idea in all seriousness. East Texas and West Louisiana base their economies almost exclusively on extracting industries: oil, gas, timber, and agriculture. What they also have in common is that they both look like hell, and could be the ugliest places in the United States to live in. Their horizons are crammed with wires strung between listing poles, the bar ditches and byways overflow with litter, and every town looks played out and exhausted and bruised.

It is not surprising that you make a mess and kick up some dirt when you mine, drill, cut, or plant. Making a buck is often messy. What is surprising though, is that these same East Texas and West Louisiana counties have some of the worst public health problems, lowest performing public schools, and highest poverty rates in the US. How is it possible for these Texans and Louisianans to be sick and ignorant and poor when the earth they walk on shoots hundred dollar bills into the air?

We should expect our legislators to answer this riddle for us. What do you say? Should we send them on a fact-finding road trip? After all, if we aren't going to get rich and smart because of fracking, for example, then there isn't any reason for Arkansas to look like East Texas. We're the Natural State, right?



Five weekends in May made for an exhausting May Festival of the Arts and the big question being asked – are tourists coming to Eureka Springs to buy art, and is all the extra work and promotion really worth it?

Maybe it's our still-in-recovery economy, but from many of the artists and galleries I've talked to, the numbers and type of visitors that have come in the past were way off. Even the White Street Studio Walk, the usual bastion of local spending, was disappointing to many. Everyone agreed that it was very fun, very social, but not very lucrative.

For most, buying art is a luxury few can afford today, thanks to a rapidly shrinking middle class.

In contrast, Sotheby's and Christie's in New York are having record-breaking sales due to the bidding wars between Alice Walton and the Asian market. You can now add a zero to the \$8,000,000 Warhol purchased 10 years ago, compliments of the Chinese and their growing one percent.

Retail in general seems to be the hardest hit during this recession. Art enthusiasts no longer need to drive the hour from Fayetteville, and now Bentonville, for a cultural fix.

Artist John Stalling next to his sculpture in front of Fresh on North Main.

PHOTO JOHN RANKINE

Both cities have hastily built up art cred with their own festivals and art events. And whatever your opinion on motorcycles, the noise factor has chased away many of our art patrons who came here for the quiet, creative beauty.

Add to the mix, a mayor who could not care less about the arts, a CAPC not willing to spend a dime on art events, and the closing of a few established galleries and the future of art in this town look less than promising.

Yet despite it all, I have enormous faith in the creative talent in this town and was witness to some really great art this past month, and not just on gallery walls, but in banks, restaurants and private venues.

Too many shout-outs to mention in this short column, but want to take note of John Stallings towering, kinetic sculpture that got little or no press. An obvious homage to Calder, Stalling has created a technical and aesthetic masterpiece of metal and movement. It moves in the slightest of breeze, but recommend heading down to Fresh the next blustery day to view.

We are and will remain an artist destination. It seems to be embedded in the town's DNA, so why not invest more? And maybe it's time for the gang at the CAPC to start learning Mandarin and get on that slow boat to China instead of attending another motorcycle show in Tulsa.

INDEPENDENT Constables On Patrol

MAY 26

10:10 a.m. – Alarm company called in an alarm at a business. Constable went to the scene and checked out the building. Key holder locked it up.

MAY 27

10:10 a.m. – Passerby reported a large amount of trash dumped near a trail at Black Bass Lake.

10:28 a.m. – Constable responded to the high school to assist with a parent causing a disturbance when picking up son's diploma. Constable took statements from witnesses.

10:08 p.m. – Clerk at a convenience store asked for constable standby as she went to her vehicle. An apparently intoxicated female customer had earlier cursed at a child and was asked to leave. Since then, the exiled customer had called more than once threatening to kill employees for kicking her out. Constable responded.

MAY 28

11:43 a.m. – Constable had to repair a faulty parking meter.

MAY 29

8:28 a.m. – Recent visitor reported his phone had gone missing over the weekend while he had been in town.

He had tracked it to a location near Huntsville. Madison County authorities were able to recover his phone.

2:01 p.m. – Guest at a motel reported her vehicle had been stolen during the night.

2:15 p.m. – Another caller said someone had run into her vehicle while she had been in a restaurant and had left no note.

10:07 p.m. – ESPD learned of a suspicious male hanging around a tourist lodging, even entering the premises at one point. Constables made extra patrols of the area.

MAY 30

10:24 a.m. – Carroll County Solid Waste asked for constable assistance because one of its trucks had a broken axle and was blocking a street. The constable closed the street to through traffic until the truck could be repaired enough to move.

4:32 p.m. – Male asked for constable intervention in an urgent neighbor dispute.

9:01 p.m. – Constables were ready to watch for a reportedly erratic driver headed toward town from the west, but the vehicle turned down a dirt road before it got to town.

11:50 p.m. – Driver outside a bar backed

into a limousine. Constable responded.

MAY 31

12:30 p.m. – Person told ESPD her purse had been taken from her vehicle. She was able to describe the suspects and their vehicle, and constables checked the area.

4:01 p.m. – Animal Control responded to a report of a dog running loose, but he did not encounter the animal.

5:32 p.m. – Routine traffic stop resulted in the arrest of the driver on a warrant out of Harrison.

5:37 p.m. – Constable responded to provide traffic control for a wedding.

6:51 p.m. – There was a vehicle vs. pole accident near downtown. Driver was bleeding, and went to ESH.

11:40 p.m. – Someone was playing drums downtown at the late hour, but the constable who responded was unable to find any drummers.

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12:58 a.m. – One vehicle backed into another in a parking lot and left. Owner of the victim vehicle provided license number of the adverse vehicle.

1:36 a.m. – Central dispatch reported getting two 911 calls, possibly from a

child, from the same location in the far east part of town. Constables responded to the area and spoke with a neighbor who said she said she thought she had heard someone trying to break into her house. Constables did not encounter anyone in the area or see any evidence of a trespasser.

2:02 a.m. – Traffic stop resulted in the arrest of the driver for DWI.

7:53 a.m. – Witness reported seeing a person, possibly intoxicated, urinating in the bushes in a neighborhood west of downtown. Constable responded but did not encounter the person.

1:33 p.m. – There was a two-vehicle accident on US 62 toward the eastern edge of town. No injuries.

2:09 p.m. – Animal Control responded to report of a dog locked in a pickup, but he discovered the windows were down and the animal was not in any distress.

3:20 p.m. – Individual reported harassment to the constable, who spoke with both parties involved.

4:17 p.m. – Constables were watching for a vehicle that had left the scene of an accident west of town, but never encountered it.

INDEPENDENT Art & Entertainment

Guys And Dolls Jr. at The Aud postponed

The production of *Guys and Dolls Jr.* scheduled for June 5 and 6 has been postponed due to a death in the family of the production director. Anyone who has already purchased tickets can use that ticket on the new date, which will be announced in this space.

Plein Air Painters

All painters are welcome at plein air painting sessions from approximately 8 – 10 a.m. each Wednesday, weather permitting. Sessions will be followed by breakfast at Myrtie Mae's around 10 a.m. (Artists who would like to paint longer should go to the specified location earlier than 8 a.m.)

Schedule for June: June 11 – Quigley's Castle (Hwy. 23S), June 18 – War Eagle Mill, June 25 – Episcopal Church (upper historic loop). For a complete schedule and more info, see www.studio62.biz and click on Plein Air Painters of Eureka Springs.

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Music Man comes to Aud

Eureka Classic Movies presents *The Music Man*, the Oscar-winning classic film written by playwright/composer, Meredith Willson, on Sunday, June 8, at 7 p.m. at the city auditorium. *The Music Man* was released in 1962 starring Robert Preston, Shirley Jones and Buddy Hackett. Ticket price is \$3 per person.

Eureka Classic Movies is a not-for-profit group dedicate to showing classic films (twice monthly) at Eureka's "Aud." Additional information regarding this and future films can be found on the Eureka Classic Movies ECM page on Facebook. "Like" the page and join in the fun.

Coming up at ESSA

Acrylic on Glass: Reverse Glass Painting with Jan Brieschke, June 9 – 11.

I Can't Draw a Bucket of Water with Nancy Marshall, June 16 – 18. For beginners who want to explore all aspects of drawing.

Call ESSA (479) 253-5384 or visit www.essa-art.org for costs and to register.

Got jazz tickets yet?

Get your tickets now for Northwest Arkansas Jazz Society's Summer Jazz Series kick-off at the city auditorium on June 21 with the Grammy Award-winning supergroup, The Yellowjackets.

The Yellowjackets have

released 25 albums and won multiple Grammy Awards for Best Jazz/Fusion Performance, with a total of 13 Grammy nominations through the years.

Showtime is 8 p.m. Tickets from \$25- \$45 at www.theaud.org, or phone (479) 253-7333 for info.

Jeannie Kendall at Hoe-Down June 7

Grammy winner Jeannie Kendall will perform at the Ozark Mountain Hoe-Down for one night only – Saturday, June 7 at 7:30 p.m.

Jeannie Kendall of The Kendalls will perform with the Ozark Mountain Hoe-Down band featuring Carl Acuff Jr. Jeannie's Hits include "Thank God For the Radio," "Heaven's Just a Sin Away," "The Pittsburgh Steelers" and many more.

Tickets are \$25 in advance and \$30 day of the show. Call (479) 253-7725 for reservations and purchase tickets, or purchase online at www.ozarkmountainhoedown.com.



JEANNIE KENDALL

See you at (and maybe in) the movies!

Be among the first to see *The Art of Being*, a full-length documentary about the creative spirits of Eureka Springs. Free showing Saturday, June 7, 7 p.m. at the Aud.

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INDEPENDENTHIGH (Falutin') SOCIETY



Clockwise: **Garden beauty** – Nelli Clark enjoys the garden bridge at Marianne LeGrande's pond during a garden party Sunday. Marianne has been working on her extensive garden for years. *PHOTO BY BECKY GILLETTE*

Yum – K.J. Zumwalt, of KJ's Caribé, wowed visitors to the Eureka Springs Farmers' Market June 3 with a cooking demonstration. Zumwalt, who can often be seen purchasing produce at the market for her restaurant, made veggie fajitas for the crowd to enjoy. *PHOTO BY MARIELLEN GRIFFITH*

50-year classmates – Eureka Springs High School's Class of 1964 gathered at the 124th Annual Alumni Banquet on May 24 to celebrate their 50th graduation anniversary. Left to right, top row, Bobby Thurman, Billy Hull, Tommy Donnell, Bobby Jones, Barbara Barker Owens, Mile Meeker, Judy Eams, Ben Rivett, Jim Lynch, Ray Birchfield, Kenneth Herndon, Gene Bland and Jerry Weaver. Bottom row, Mary Ann Harp, Jo Terrill Wilson, class sponsor Nancy Clark, homeroom mother Alice Barker, Betty Sue Cox Campbell and Mary McCall Weems. Many have grandchildren in Eureka schools and many still live in Carroll County.

That's some alum! – Gene Bland (Class of '64) presented the Alumnus of the Year award to Jeffrey Reynerson ('74) on May 24. Award criteria are based on service to the community, schools and the alumni association.

Fellow alumni – Allen Huffman (Class of '03) presents the Alumni Association scholarship to new graduate, Pauline Crawford (Class of '14). Eureka Springs Alumni Association is the oldest association in the state of Arkansas.

Tired at Stony Point – Just one of the five cleaning teams sprucing up the Kings River in Carroll County on May 31 included, from left, Kyle Hunnicutt, Lin Wellford, Kira Kupfersberger, Luke Collins, Pat Neugent and David Bulla. They collected a near-record number of tires in the miles-long cleanup. *PHOTO SUBMITTED*





Clockwise: **Celebrating a life** – Kristen Webster and her husband, Dustin, participated in Second Line dancing in honor of Kristen's father, Jack Miller.

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Googly eyes – Artist Jerri Stevens plays with her food at Jack Miller's Memorial Art Show at the Space May 31. Jack wanted this to be a joyful event and would have approved of this creative bit of fun.

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Something's brewing – Sallie and Joe Hartl seem happy to help out in the CulinArts kitchen during the Beer Making 101 Workshop at the Writers' Colony. Everyone was fed a delicious lunch of beer-can chicken, cole slaw and beans baked with stout. *PHOTO SUBMITTED*

Tools of the trade – Chef Rodney Slane explains a piece of equipment essential to the process in Beer Making 101. He also shared craft beer samples with his students, helping educate their palates and expand their beer-tasting experience. Well, *somebody* had to taste it. *PHOTO SUBMITTED*

Constables on Patrol – Officer Tim Holm, right, makes a point as he and Officer Alan Phillips, left, and Lt. Al Frost share a moment after responding to the scene of a downed telephone pole on German Alley Saturday evening (see p. 5). *PHOTO BY BECKY GILLETTE*



Climate stress taking grim toll on oaks

BECKY GILLETTE

Not all the impacts of Earth's changing climate are as dramatic as cataclysmic flooding, drought, fires and the stronger hurricanes and typhoons being seen in many areas of the world. Here in the Ozarks, several climate-related events have created a series of compounding stress factors that have quietly damaged many mature trees, particularly oak trees that are important sources of food for wildlife, including migratory birds, moths and butterflies.

"The Easter freeze of 2007 completely killed off foliage and blooms of the oaks, forcing a whole new triggering of canopy metabolism in a very warm few weeks following the plunge," said Christopher Fischer, an arborist in Eureka Springs. "Winds of Hurricane Ike in the fall of 2008, a strong tropical event for Northwest Arkansas, not only toppled many old trees, but created fissures in the upper branches and tugged on root systems late in the growing cycle."

Just a few months later, the Ice Storm of 2009 broke many of these same stressed limbs and wrecked canopies of the majority of the trees. The ice storm was the largest natural disaster in the state's history, causing widespread devastation of forests.

Trees most sensitive to ice storm damage include pine, birch and maple. Fischer said initially it looked like most oaks fared well, but actually fissures from the Hurricane Ike winds were worsened.

"A very wet spring in 2010 helped trigger the spores of a dormant, native fungus, the hypoxylon canker, to infest the fissures and damaged tissues of the oaks," Fischer said. "Those events were followed by drought the summer of 2010 that helped the fungus begin its growth stage. As the trees' water pressure decreased, the organism expanded under the bark to 'rob' the upper branches and foliage of nutrients. The tops quickly stressed and died from the tips down."

"This was a massive event, killing thousands of oak trees of various ages, and was directly relative to soil moisture conditions. The next summer, 2011, was also extremely dry with elevated drought conditions providing more stress and killing more struggling trees. This cycle is still advancing as this spring, the forests exhibited trees that could not produce buds and are now joining the inventory of the 'standing dead'."

Fischer has also noticed that few acorns make it to the seedling stage for very long before deer and squirrels graze them. So, the forest floor has fewer regenerative seeds of oaks making their way to saplings, allowing opportunist, invasive species, like box elder and cedar to become more dominant.

Artist and naturalist Judith Griffith said temperature extremes of recent years have ranged from as high as 115° in 2011, to a deep freeze of minus 18 – 22° in 2012. Exceptional drought also has taken a major toll.

"So yes, the weather has wrought havoc with the oaks and the native pines," Griffith said. "Other trees are faced with several insect pests and diseases that continue to



This tree features the telltale signature of the fungus, *Hypoxylon atropunctatum*.

plague our forests."

Patti Erwin, Urban Forestry Coordinator, Arkansas Forestry Commission, agreed with the assessment of the problems that are killing so many trees in the Ozarks.

"A lot of the pest problems our trees face are based on the weather, the condition of the tree and the species," Erwin said. "People should inspect the trees in their yards regularly so if something starts to attack them or they succumb to weather conditions, they will hopefully be able to catch it before it's too late."

She recommends keeping your trees healthy to reduce pest problems. Many pests attack trees when they are stressed, such as from drought conditions.

"In this instance, you would want to make sure your tree has plenty of water," Erwin said. "After ice storms and tornadoes in particular, homeowners should hire an arborist to prune any damaged branches to reduce the risks of openings for pests and allow the branch to seal over with wound tissue. Signs of stress in a tree totally depend on the

pests or environmental problems it is facing."

Dean Fanning, owner of Fanning's Tree Services, said that while oaks are the trees that appear to be having the most problems, other species of trees aren't immune, either.

"I think what has happened to all the trees is the heat and drought have taken a toll," Fanning said. "They are so stressed they just can't handle it."

In addition to getting rid of dead wood on a tree, Fanning highly recommends removing vines.

"Vines will kill trees, too," he said. "A lot of people like English ivy. They like the look of it. But it will kill a tree. Grape vines are terrible on them, too."

Removal of dead trees can be an expensive proposition. Fanning's bucket truck services cost \$195 per hour with a two-hour minimum. A large tree can easily cost \$800 – \$1,000 to remove.

A U.S. Forest study, "Potential Effects of Large-Scale Elimination of Oaks by Red Oak Borers on Breeding Neotropical Migrants in the Ozarks," published in 2002, said the Arkansas Ozarks are experiencing an outbreak of the red oak borer (*Enaphalodes rufulus*), a native insect that has previously not been considered an important forest pest species.

The article said the Ozarks have the highest density of oaks in the U.S., and predicted that widespread losses of the red oak due to the red oak borer could have devastating impacts on migratory birds.

"The Ozarks are generally believed to be a source region for neo-tropical migratory birds, compared to fragmented areas to the east and north, but that could change very rapidly with the elimination of oaks," the study said.

Moths and butterflies could also be adversely impacted. According to Audubon, oak trees support 500 species of moths and butterflies.

In 2012, it was reported that large number of oak trees were dying in five southern Missouri counties. Missouri Department of Conservation Agent Cindy Garner said the hypoxylon fungus is killing trees from the inside out. Garner said the summer's intense drought activated the fungus in a way not seen before in this region. Garner said there is no cure for the disease once a tree has it, and dead trees should be cut down to prevent the fungus from spreading to healthy trees.

Pride Primer Women's Dance June 7

All are welcome Saturday, June 7, beginning at 7 p.m., for a night of women's dance music at the Guesthouse International Inn (I-540 and MLK) in Fayetteville.

Big Bad Gina opens with a rockin' live music set and then hosts an all-women's vocals DJ dance. Ticket \$10 at the door, cash bar available for 21 and over. For more info see www.bigbadgina.com or facebook.com/bigbadgina.

Volunteers needed for STO at XTERRA

Volunteers are needed to man STO tables at the XTERRA triathlon races at Lake Leatherwood, 8 a.m. – noon on Saturday, June 7 and 8 a.m. – 3 p.m. on Sunday, June 8.

Please email info@savetheozark.org if you can help and let us know what day and time you can work the table. There will be road signs directing you where to park in Lake Leatherwood. It's a fun event and a great opportunity to create awareness for STO.

See the Save The Ozarks at XTERRA at Lake Leatherwood page on Facebook for more info.

Sycamore, written 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 daughter lived in Eureka Springs while the novel was written. In addition to five novels, Constance Wagner wrote numerous



CONSTANCE
WAGNER

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

When she came down, refreshed by a shower and demurely dressed in white piqué, Walter was in the lower hall. Through the doorway she could see the other three men in possession of the living-room and a tray of tall, frosted drinks. (Good, she thought, I can use a drink.)

Walter said, "Hello, Baby. Hot enough for you?" and she soberly replied that it was not the heat but the humidity that threw her. They had a private game of bromides, the pleasantest feature of which was the way it could be played with other people present, and no one suspecting it. If an outsider

could be trapped into taking part, unaware, the game reached triumphant heights. "Don't do it at the table," Jane whispered, and squeezed his hand. "You're beautifully dead-pan, always, but honestly, if the colonel chimed in on the dog one, I'd bust. I'm in a hysterical mood anyway."

They were standing in the doorway. "Can't promise," Walter said. "The colonel's irresistible at times."

As they went into the room, Colonel Blake sprang to his feet as with a fanfare, and bowed so abjectly over Jane's hand that she wondered if he were about to kiss it. The rotund little speech that he made contained, inevitably, the words *charm*, *lady*, and *beauty*. He spoke with an exaggerated Southern accent, inflating the words he particularly fancied, eliding the others in a mumble. This gave to his speech a fantastic effect of being composed of large, round, shiny nouns strung together on a ribbon of unintelligibility. He seemed never actually to talk, always to orate. Whenever Jane looked at him, his wide mouth snapping open and shut as he licked the edge of a sweet word, she saw his balding head against imaginary stars-and-bars, saw even the pitcher and glass on the table in front of him, smelled sweat and popcorn and heard a band play *Dixie*.

By comparison, Doctor Totten was as

unimpressive as a field-daisy at a flower show. He owned no social graces beyond a certain remote gentleness, evidently an essential part of him, since it remained in his tired face and soft voice even when he was in the act of taking a jibe at the state of the world or the nature of man. His disenchantment was complete, but his lost illusions had not been replaced by bitterness. Jane wondered if his faith in his fellow men had worn away so slowly (he had practiced here for thirty years) that the very gradualness of the process had made it imperceptible to himself. He had carried a load of non-paying patients and rent-free houses for as long as anyone could remember, and the weight of the burden seemed to show on him physically, in his stooped back, even in the untidiness of his white suit, forever in need of pressing.

"Potatoes!" he said, with the brightening of the eyes that served for a smile. "They're all bringing potatoes. Get many more sacks up yonder, Elizabeth and I will have to move out and just use the place for potato storage. Used to expect one of 'em would pop up with a hen, now and then, but I learnt better. Jasper Purdy paid me in rotten eggs, one time last winter, and I haven't had a civil word out of him, from that day to this. Walks on t'other side of the street when he sees me comin'..."

Jane sipped the cold drink gratefully, letting the slivers of ice melt on her tongue. Mrs. Knowles had drawn the blinds, and the shutting out of the glare gave the house an illusion of coolness. As they passed into the dim dining-room, Jane felt a drowsy torpor stealing over her. Somewhat detached from everything around her, she sat down, took note of salmon-colored gladioli springing from the gray pottery bowl, and heard the mellow voice of Colonel Blake ringing against the walls.

"— Why, I tell you, Roger, you and I can recollect a time when Sycamore was a live, up-and-coming place, back in the nineties, early nineteen hunduds. When I hear folks making aspersions about the drinking and gambling — and worse — that went on here, it makes my blood boil. A calumny, sir! I admit, we did have that element coming in — why, any real going resort town is bound to attract 'em — but that wasn't by any means the mainstay of our prosperity. And what was?" He clamped his thin lips together like a beartrap, and fixed each of the five faces in turn with his popped, indignant eyes. No one dared interrupt the flow of his eloquence, so all sat as if he had cast a spell of hypnosis over them, waiting for him to utter the magic answer to his own rhetorical question — an answer that they all knew in advance:

NOTES from the HOLLOW by Steve Weems

I don't travel much, unless you count sitting at a computer looking at aerial photography. Amazing what one can see without even leaving home. I've always considered Eureka Springs a unique town in most every way including name, but I've run across some places

that call the name part into question.

First up is the community of Eureka Springs, North Carolina. Located in Cumberland County, it is now a suburb of the city of Fayetteville, North Carolina, best known as the home of Ft. Bragg. The US Special Forces and the 82nd Airborne

are both based there. I know a guy from the army who was stationed at Ft. Bragg, but he doesn't recall there being a place called Eureka Springs, North Carolina. He had an interesting job. He was airborne artillery, which means not only did he jump out of airplanes, but he jumped from airplanes also dropping giant cannons called howitzers.

The second Eureka Springs I have run across is in Mississippi. It is just a small community, located in Panola County, not far from Batesville. It is home to the Eureka Springs Methodist Church and a cemetery.

Third up is the Eureka Springs area of Tampa Bay, Florida. Located in Hillsborough County, it is now a 31-acre public park located on Eureka Springs Road. It was originally a privately owned tropical botanical garden founded in 1938 around a group of springs called the Eureka Springs. Nearby is the Eureka Springs First Baptist Church.

Fourth, there is a Eureka Springs



area in the city of Escondido near San Diego, California. Now it appears to be a housing addition of \$500,000 homes.

In Fort Worth, Texas, there is a street called Eureka Springs Court, while Lexington, Kentucky and Surprise, Arizona both have streets called Eureka Springs Drive.

I will assert that our Eureka Springs is the most famous of all these places, but can't prove it. While in the US Army, I can only think of five people I met who'd heard of Eureka Springs. But then again, I met several who claimed to have never even heard of Arkansas.

Grassy Knob VFA annual meeting June 7

The Annual Meeting of the Grassy Knob Volunteer Fire Association will be held at the Community Center, 12307 Hwy. 187, on Saturday, June 7, beginning with a potluck dinner at 6:30 p.m. Annual election of officers and directors will follow and any business issues will be addressed. All property owners are urged to attend. For further information contact Bebe Nelson (479) 253-2065.

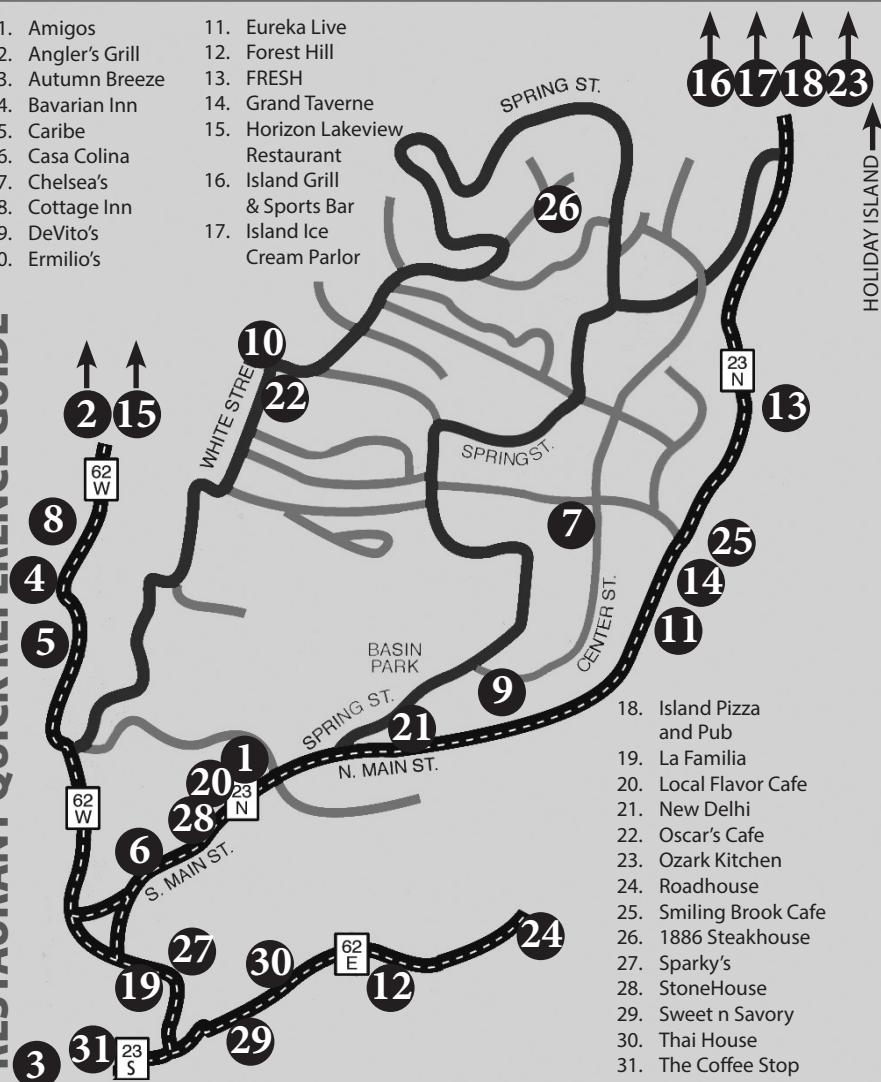
Pancake breakfast June 7

The Holiday Island Elks Lodge will hold a Pancake Breakfast Saturday, June 7, from 7 – 10:30 a.m. Start the day with delicious all you can eat pancakes, bacon, sausage, biscuits and gravy as well as juice and coffee at the Elks Lodge, 4 Park Cliff Drive in the Holiday Island shopping center. Everyone is welcome! Adults only \$6 and children under 12, \$3.

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Mercury Retrograde & Gemini Festival Preparations

The New Group of World Servers is preparing for the Gemini Solar Festival (at the time of the new moon) occurring next Thursday, June 12. This third of the Three Spring Festivals (Aries, Taurus, Gemini) is accompanied by the cosmic Forces of Reconstruction. This festival is also called the Festival of Humanity and World Invocation Day. This World Prayer is the Mantram of Direction for humanity. We prepare for the Gemini Festival through confidence (steadying our lower rational mind), aspiration (aspiring to participate with the New Group of World Servers), and dedication (holding our mind steady in

the Light).

Saturday morning the second Mercury retrograde (3 degrees Cancer) of 2014 begins (4:56 a.m. Pacific time), remaining retrograde 'til July 1. The next Mercury retrograde occurs Oct. 4 - 25 in Scorpio/Libra. It's good to plan for retrogrades beforehand. Why? During retrogrades it's not advisable to sign contracts, initiate new plans or studies, make major decisions or large purchases (car, house, appliances, investments, etc.) Our minds shift and change after retrogrades. During retrogrades we see the world through a haze or veil. Things break down, connections and communications

are difficult. We absorb information more slowly. Everyone's internal (except for those born in Mercury retrograde. These are the "silent ones." When Mercury retrogrades they begin to talk endlessly).

It's best during retrogrades to review information, reorganize, reorder, reassess and reflect upon previous agendas, decisions, plans and studies, because our minds are now overflowing with too much information gathered since the last retrograde. During Mercury retrograde revelations occur, clearing the mind to begin gathering new information when Mercury is direct again.

ARIES: Study is boring, at first, to initiating Aries. They need to start things, always be first, not get too deep, and use their wit and sharp mind for mental bravery and sports metaphors. In class, before the teacher completes a question, notice the first hand waving is Aries. Later in life this very same Aries will become the brilliant wit, philosopher extraordinaire and the one who synthesizes (Ray 7) vast information. During retrogrades they can feel puzzled.

TAURUS: They don't talk much and can't take pop quizzes or write long paragraphs. They're deep thinkers and one never knows if, and when, they'll be ready to do a class project. They gather information and when older, have more money and real estate than any of us, saving everything for the seventh generation. Ask them about real estate, banking, wealth and gold. They illuminate us.

GEMINI: They talk and talk, charming us out of responsibilities. They know bits about everything. They're not supposed to be in depth. They're supposed to make us curious enough so that we go deeper, not them. They read everything from milk cartons to small bits of paper, are very curious, doing seven things at once. They present dual realities so we can choose. They can't.

CANCER: They know how everyone's feeling. They learn through sentiments in the air, understanding emotions. Wherever they are, they dispense warm cookies, hot tea and cocoa, for

everywhere is home. All Cancers are mothers, remembering everything accurately – facts, figures, dates, events, how the past relates to the future, and how many times you hurt their feelings.

LEO: This is the professor in training, the dramatist, the power leader, the one with will and stamina in direct contact with the Sun. Creativity is essential. They display their creations and their personality in order to be recognized and appreciated. Praise helps them grow, unable to evolve without it. In a classroom they are the shadow teacher. Someday they'll create their own institute, academy, church or college leading with both heart and mind.

VIRGO: This is the librarian, organizing all of Gemini's unrelated facts, setting them in order creating catalogues of information on-line. Virgos are hidden behind pursed lips and almost closed eyes researching and ordering everything in minute detail. They really need to play more in between focusing time on details, percentages, and efficiency. They never give all of themselves away.

LIBRA: Libra's task is to enter situations and create chaos in order to bring forth harmony and balance. But only after destroying the harmony that

previously existed. Learning for Libra is about having many relationships. In a group they lead by understanding how everything connects. The optimum learning environment for Libra contains flowers, calm colors, art, order and beauty. They bring culture to all relationships.

SCORPIO: The student in the back of the classroom in black or deep purple and wearing sunglasses is Scorpio. Their eyes penetrate to the heart of all matter. They know all the answers but tell no one.

They work alone, make excellent surgeons, and have a depth of knowledge matched only by Pisces. They don't like questions or anyone knowing their business. They make good detectives and often direct Mystery (Wisdom) Schools.

SAGITTARIUS: These are the professors on sabbatical even when they're teaching. Education is something they find while traveling, carrying mail, opening a publishing house, or eating in every restaurant in the world. Loving food they are hidden epicures. Always optimistic, they glide over details better than a Gemini. In the classroom these are the students who seek the "why" of everything. They are the "rider on the white horse galloping toward the goal."

CAPRICORN: This is the rational and serious student always looking ahead. They study for hours, slowly constructing initiate minds. Capricorn is a realist, disciplined and purposeful, ambitiously working towards objectives. One day, an exhausted goat/unicorn, they fall off the Himalayas, land in the middle of a Gemini Festival of Humanity, discovering spirituality. Capricorns have the keys to the kingdom. Always befriend them.

AQUARIUS: They come from the future so few understand them. They learn differently, wait till the last moment, and things dull (like yesterday) bore them. Extraordinarily inventive, they need freedom, time, and space. Speed and movement help them think. They make unusual artists and love things glass-like and fiery. Their minds function more like lightning. They are the waters of life poured forth for thirsty humanity.

PISCES: Well, here we are a bit confused in the retrograde – how Pisces often feels. Pisces are perplexed, not knowing their purpose on Earth. Classrooms stifle them, assignments and deadlines are not understood and time is mysterious. When given care and explanations they assemble themselves and begin to work. They learn intuitively and need everything to relate to everything else. When asked a question they know the spiritual side of a subject, which is actually the essence of the inquiry. Well-constructed shoes keep them safe.



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Rowdy Beaver Den shoots fireworks on Saturday

Although they are hot and smoking musical magma, the Bottlerockets will not cause actual explosions on Spring Street. Band members Jerrod Mounce, Rahat Hussain, Zac Lane and Jason Keen play a mix of covers and originals from the rock, classic rock and blues genres. They even include some

memorable pop hits from the '80s and '90s and current hits from artists such as Mumfords & Sons and Imagine

Dragon. Although no originals were available to preview, their acoustic version of "Free Fallin" is evidence

of the necessary skills. Come hear the show on Saturday at 9 p.m., Rowdy Beaver Den.

The sounds of Ecuador in Basin Park

Ecuador Manta is an Andean band that originated from Atahualpa, Ecuador. Based out of St. Paul since 1992, the group combines South American rhythms with contemporary Latin and Caribbean rhythms to create a

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- **BLARNEY STONE** *Jam*
Session-local live music, 7 p.m.
- **GRAND TAVERNE** *Jerry Yester*
Grand Piano Dinner Music, 6:30–9:30 p.m.
- **JACK'S PLACE** *Karaoke*
with DJ Goose, 8 p.m.
- **MADAME MEDUSSA'S HOOKAH LOUNGE** *Underground Electronica*
BYOB

FRIDAY – JUNE 6

- **BALCONY RESTAURANT**
Hogscalders, 12 p.m. & 6 p.m.
- **BASIN SPRING PARK**
Ecuador Manta, Noon – 5 p.m.
- **BLARNEY STONE** *Ozark*
Thunder, 8:30 p.m.
- **CATHOUSE LOUNGE** *Bout A*
Mile, 8 p.m. – midnight
- **CHELSEA'S** *1 Oz. Jig*, 9 p.m.
- **EUREKA LIVE!** *DJ D.*
Underground & Dancing
- **GRAND TAVERNE** *Arkansas Red*
Guitar, 6:30–9:30 p.m.
- **JACK'S PLACE** *DJ Goose*, 9 p.m.
- **LEGENDS SALOON** *JAB the band* – *Bike night with prizes*, 8 p.m.
- **MADAME MEDUSSA'S HOOKAH LOUNGE** *World Beat Hookah*
Specials BYOB
- **NEW DELHI** *The Dusty*
Pearls, 6–10 p.m.
- **ROWDY BEAVER** *Karaoke*, 7 p.m.
- **ROWDY BEAVER DEN** *Terri & Brett*, 9 p.m.
- **SMILING BROOK CAFÉ**
Under Wraps Vaudeville Style
Burlesque, 7–9 p.m. *BYOB*
- **THE STONE HOUSE** *Jerry Yester*, 6:30–9:30 p.m.

SATURDAY – JUNE 7

- **BALCONY RESTAURANT**
Catherine Reed, 12 p.m.
- **BASIN SPRING PARK**
Ecuador Manta, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.,
Drumming in the Park, 6 p.m.
- **BLARNEY STONE** *Ozark*
Thunder, 8:30 p.m.
- **CATHOUSE LOUNGE**
Adam Johnston, 8 p.m. – midnight
- **CHELSEA'S** *Tom Waits tribute band*, 9 p.m.

- **EUREKA LIVE!** *TOGA Party*, 9 p.m. *\$50 prize best costume!*
- **GRAND TAVERNE** *Jerry Yester*
Grand Piano Dinner Music, 6:30–9:30 p.m.
- **JACK'S PLACE** *DJ Goose*, 9 p.m.
- **LEGENDS SALOON** *JAB the band*, 9 p.m.
- **MADAME MEDUSSA'S HOOKAH LOUNGE** *Open Jam BYOB*
- **NEW DELHI** *Kevin Riddle*, 12–4 p.m., *Pete & Dave*, 6–10 p.m.
- **ROWDY BEAVER** *Terri & the Executives*, 7:30 p.m.
- **ROWDY BEAVER DEN** *Terri & Brett*, 1–5 p.m., *Bottlerocket*, 9 p.m. – 1 a.m.
- **SMILING BROOK CAFÉ**
Under Wraps Vaudeville Style
Burlesque, 7–9 p.m. *BYOB*

SUNDAY – JUNE 8

- **BALCONY RESTAURANT**
James White, 12 p.m., *Jeff Lee*, 5 p.m.
- **BASIN SPRING PARK**
Ecuador Manta, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- **EUREKA LIVE!** *DJ, Dancing & Karaoke*, 7–11 p.m.
- **LEGENDS SALOON** *Free Texas Hold 'Em Tournament with prizes*, 6 p.m.
- **MADAME MEDUSSA'S HOOKAH LOUNGE** *House beats BYOB*
- **ROWDY BEAVER DEN** *Terri & Brett*, 1–5 p.m.

MONDAY – JUNE 9

- **CHELSEA'S** *SpringBilly*, 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY – JUNE 10

- **CHELSEA'S** *Open Mic*
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Fireworks – The Bottlerockets, playing at Rowdy Beaver Den Saturday at 9 p.m., have a great sound despite claiming to have learned to play music because chicks dig it.

Tournament, 6:30 p.m.

- **MADAME MEDUSSA'S HOOKAH LOUNGE** *Game night BYOB*
- **ROWDY BEAVER** *Hospitality Night*

WEDNESDAY – JUNE 11

- **BLARNEY STONE** *Game night*
 - **CHELSEA'S** *The Blue Delphiniums*, 9 p.m.
 - **EUREKA LIVE!** *VIP*
 - **MADAME MEDUSSA'S HOOKAH LOUNGE** *Arabic Break beat BYOB*
 - **NEW DELHI CAFÉ** *Open Jam*
 - **PIED PIPER CATHOUSE LOUNGE** *Wheat Wednesday Draft Beer Specials*
 - **ROWDY BEAVER** *Wine*
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Author, photographer, filmmaker, juggler, unicyclist and origamist – at 12 years old

BECKY GILLETTE

Ethan Robison hasn't even entered his teen years, yet has an impressive resume under his belt. The 12-year-old son of nature photographer Edward C. Robison III and artist, Jana Robison, recently had his first solo art show. His origami shown at Barbara Kennedy's Sweet Spring Studio was creative, fun and unique among offerings of the May Festival of the Arts. Intricate objects made from paper were also a testament to a kid with the ability to stick to a project.

Ethan was recently named 2014 Best Young Filmmaker at the Eureka Springs Indie Film Festival. He has been taking photographs since he was four, and now teaches iPhone photography.

Ethan recently added "author" to his list of credits when he published a book of photography, *Mystique*, that details his many talents on the back cover: Ethan The Juggler, Film Maker, Photographer, Magician, Origamist, Unicyclist. He and his dad dress in costumes to juggle and ride unicycles, delighting crowds at many Eureka Springs parades.

"I didn't get into juggling or unicycling until three or four years ago," Ethan said. "We went to a concert and there was a guy doing a Diabolo, a Chinese yo-yo. I asked him if he could teach me. Then we found out about a juggling club in Springdale, and started going every week, learning to juggle. My dad learned at the same time."

Two years ago unicycles entered the picture when they bought a couple of unicycles and learned to ride. As you might imagine, it takes "lots and lots and lots of practice" to learn how to ride a unicycle on flat ground, let alone the steep paths Ethan traipses up and down in his movie, "Where is Your Other Wheel," which won Best Drama at the 2013 Eureka Springs Five Minute Film Festival.

"Just for my dad and me to be able to ride a couple feet took practicing a couple of hours a day for a month," Ethan said. "Then it took another year to get good enough to ride up hills and trails."

At the recent ArtRageous Parade, the family made Ethan's ingenious horse costume the day of the parade. The costume makes it look Ethan is riding a horse that is riding the unicycle.



The Robisons relocated to Eureka Springs six years ago from Kansas. Ethan went to public school until the third grade, and attended the fourth grade at Clear Spring School. He has been home schooled since, and has finished the equivalent of the seventh grade – although his math and reading skills are at a higher grade level.

"Home school, I really love it," Ethan said. "My parents and I get to go on a lot of trips and do things I couldn't do if I was in public school. I couldn't have done the origami show if I was in public school. I was doing origami for hours every day for a couple of months. I really like how you can make all sorts of things from just a piece of paper in your hands. It is crazy, actually. I think it is kind of meditative and fun."

For learning math, Ethan uses a computer program called Teaching Textbooks. He and his parents read a lot and watch documentaries. Ethan has apps for an iPad to learn typing, spelling, geography and Spanish. His dad is teaching him PhotoShop and Adobe Premier, a video-editing program. The two often go camping, and Ethan has learned a lot watching his father photograph some of the more beautiful spots in the Ozarks.

"A lot of things go into having really quality images," Ethan said. "Take your

time with an image. Don't do it super quick. My dad, a lot of times, gets up before sunrise. Sometimes that is an even better time to take photographs than sunset. Things like fog in the morning make it really pretty."

Ethan thought about just showing his photography at his recent art show, but decided it would be better to publish a book of all of his best photography to date.

"The skills he has just in photography, he probably could go out and have a professional photography business now," Jana said. "In my opinion, he is just as skilled as many professionals simply because he has been drenched in photography his whole life. Since he was a toddler he has had a camera and been photographing. And Edward is constantly teaching him.

"We are artists, so we talk about composition and color, and we look at other people's work and discuss how photographs could be better. Ethan can critique photography. He goes to his father's photography classes, and Ethan teaches photography, too. All three of us have given iPhone photography classes. Ethan is extraordinary at iPhone photography, as well as using the apps for editing.

Robison said her son was a very focused person from an early age. If he wanted to do something, he would practice again and again.

"He was always intelligent," Robison said. "We read to him every day, and he was a child who could sit and listen quietly. He learned to count and read at an early age, and started playing drums at four years old. There were a lot of things he was extraordinary at, but I think all parents think their children are extraordinary. I didn't know how extraordinary he was going to be until later."

Like any mother, she can feel nervous seeing her son doing things like unicycling that could result in harm. She wasn't "totally keen" on him fire juggling when he was eight.

"He has had hard falls and other injuries, just like you would with bicycling," Robison said. "But he wears helmets and a lot of times gloves or other protective equipment. My feeling is if someone is an amazing person, you don't want to hold

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Osage orange – one of the first plants collected by Lewis & Clark then sent to Jefferson at Monticello.

“I cannot live without books.”

Thomas Jefferson wrote those words. On May 29, National Public Radio aired a segment on Thomas Jefferson’s library. In 1814, the British burned the 3,000 books in the Library of Congress. Devastated by the loss, Jefferson offered the American people his own library – 6,487 titles – then the largest library in North America. Another fire in 1851 destroyed all but 2,000 books from the Jefferson collection.

For the last decade the Library of Congress has quietly been rebuilding the original collection of 6,000+ titles and now has all but the last 250. I searched for a list of those titles on the Internet, but instead found a 1989 Library of Congress publication of a manuscript with Jefferson’s notes on the titles in the library: *Thomas Jefferson’s Library: A Catalog with the Entries in His Own Order*.

What was Jefferson reading? I looked at the list of 46 botany titles. Darwin’s *The Botanic Garden*? Never heard of it. The author is Erasmus Darwin (1731-1803), physician, philosopher, poet and grandfather of Charles Darwin. I downloaded that title and over half of the other

books at www.archive.org. I can read them on my phone. Benjamin Smith Barton (1766-1815) was tasked by Jefferson to describe plants collected on the Lewis and Clark expedition. He was unable to do so because of poor health. Instead, Lewis took Barton’s *Elements of Botany* (1803), the first botany textbook published in America. Barton writes on the value of recording the time of natural events such as flowering seasons, bird migration and weather:

“... if our climates have (as is by many asserted) already undergone considerable changes, our winter in particular becoming much more mild and open, will it be doubted, that a great alteration is to take place in respect to the periods of... flowering...? And as the migrations of birds are essentially governed by the state of the climate, which governs vegetation and the changes of insects, will it be doubted, that the seasons of the movements of our birds may, at some future period, be essentially varied from their present ones?” Indeed, Professor Barton.



Ham Radio

Little Switzerland Amateur Radio Club will hold an 11 a.m. ARES meeting on June 12 at Pizza Hut in Eureka Springs, followed by a general meeting at noon. Anyone interested in ham radio is welcome to attend general meetings. Check www.lsarc.us for current information or email gmj@bscsystems.com.

Mercy Convenient Care opens in Quarter

The Eureka Springs Chamber of Commerce invites the community to come meet everyone at an Open House and Ribbon Cutting Friday, June 13, at 2 p.m. for the new Mercy Convenient Care center in The Quarter, 121 E. Van Buren, Suite D.

Need immediate non-emergency medical treatment for a cut, sprain, rash, minor burn, insect bite or the flu? No appointment necessary. Simply walk in and get the treatment you need for your non-emergency visit. The care center is now open Monday – Saturday, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. and Sunday from noon – 5 p.m. (479) 253-7158.

9 lives for 9 bucks

The Good Shepherd Humane Society is taking part in Best Friends’ National Cat Adoption Event. For 9 days in June, adoption fees for cats 9 months and older will be reduced to only \$9.

The adoption special runs June 14 – 22 and includes shots and spay/neuter. Cats have long been enchanting people with their feline mystique, and have long been suspected to possess 9 lives. Clean, quiet and cuddly, they make excellent family pets.

\$9 to adopt – bargain. 9 days to choose – accommodating. 9 lifetimes of love from your new pet – priceless!



Grassy Knob celebrates –

The Grassy Knob Volunteer Fire Department held a celebration and fundraiser on May 31 which featured a silent auction and bake sale along with children’s activities, local authors and a picnic lunch cooked by the Nemeth family. Pictured are Silent Auction Chair and assistant, Lynne Barlow and Karen Finkeldi. More than 50 volunteers contributed to make this event happen, and it’s fitting that the event celebrated volunteers and the community.

PHOTO BY MARIE LEE

Student of the Month – Eureka Springs Rotary Student of the Month is Matthew Sharp, son of Amanda Sharp. He graduated from Eureka Springs High with a 3.16 GPA, including several Advanced Placement courses. Matthew’s design for a solar oven earned him a finalist spot in the 2014 ASSET Initiative Solar Design Competition at the EAST Conference in Hot Springs. While a member of Eureka Springs Rotary Interact he helped the club with fund raising projects and parade floats. He was also a member of the D.U.D.E. and foreign language clubs, and was on the soccer team for two years. Matthew teaches computer skills part time and also works at Gerald’s. This fall he’ll attend Champlain College in Burlington, Vt., majoring in Game Art and Animation.



Support dog rescue with fursome fun June 8 at ‘Groomin’ 2’

The 2nd Annual Groomin’ on a Sunday Afternoon fundraiser for Go East, Young Dog rescue and transport will be Sunday, June 8, 2 – 6 p.m. at Keels Creek Winery on US 62.

Have some fun with human and furry friends alike at this event featuring wine tasting, a silent auction, kayak raffle, live music and food – plus haircuts and manicures for humans and baths, nail trimming and light grooming for four-legged friends. There will also be dog training, health tips and more. Some sweet pups will be available for adoption,

Animal lovers are encouraged to join the party and bring along leashed dogs if you wish – have some fun and support this worthy cause. The \$10 admission includes two glasses of locally-made wine.

Those unable to attend can still support the rescue by donating through PayPal at www.goeastyoungdog.org, or sending a check to Go East, Young Dog, 1233

Bunch Springs Rd., Berryville AR 72616. Donations are tax deductible.

About the rescue

Go East, Young Dog (GEYD) rescues abandoned, abused, stray and surrendered dogs of all types; then houses, spay/neuters, vaccinates, sees to their health needs and adopts them out over the Internet and transports them to well-screened, loving homes – primarily in the Northeast.

GEYD’s kennel in Berryville typically houses 50 – 80 dogs and puppies. Since April 2012, GEYD has leased the Berryville animal control facility, previously a high-kill dog pound, and runs it as a no-kill rescue. All dogs are accepted from the city’s animal control officer, along with pups-in-need from other sources. In its first two years nearly 500 dogs have been placed into good homes. These are dogs that otherwise would likely have been euthanized, abandoned, mistreated and/or allowed to multiply – so if you wonder whether your support produces results – the

Happy tails to you
– Elsie was on death row at Green Forest Animal Control when Go East, Young Dog sprung her, got her spayed and sent her off to Pennsylvania, where she is a constant source of joy to Barbie Shlafer and her husband. Just one of hundreds of GEYD happy tails.



answer is an obvious *Yes!*

Go East, Young Dog is run by a small, extremely dedicated staff and volunteers. The non-profit is funded through adoption fees and donations. Costs are enormous and include food, transport, veterinary expenses, payroll, medicines, supplies, and kennel maintenance and improvements.

Community support is vital.

For more information see www.goeastyoungdog.org or visit the Go East, Young Dog page on Facebook and browse through the pictures there. Once you do, you’ll probably be asking for this email address next, so here it is: adoptioninfo@goeastyoungdog.org.

Metaphysical gathering

All are welcome to open meetings of the Arkansas Metaphysical Society with the purpose of advancing knowledge and promoting understanding of things beyond the physical realm.

Rebekah Clark, LMT, will present “A Journey to Your Core” on Monday, June 9 from 7 – 9 p.m. She will provide introductory information about Maya Abdominal Therapy, for which she has recently completed training, and will offer a guided meditation with music and vocal sounds, taking each attendee on a journey to their core for personal insight and inspiration. Discussion will follow.

The Arkansas Metaphysical Society meets in the Reading Room of the Christian Science Church at 68 Mountain. For more information, see www.facebook.com/metafizzies on Facebook.

Memory Lane Museum Open House June 11

Trip down Memory Lane and visit a city from the ‘40s, ‘50s, and ‘60s at the Memory Lane Museum Open House and Ribbon Cutting. Come see the town’s post office, school, Happy Days Diner and more – tons of memorabilia, old vehicles, road signs and nostalgia. And check out their fabric shop with a huge selection of fabrics and antique quilts.

This Eureka Springs Chamber event will take place Wednesday, June 11 from 5 – 7 p.m. at the museum, 654 US 62E on the east edge of Berryville. (479) 253-8737 or (870) 423-3600.

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

My daughter’s 13 and infatuated with boys. I became pregnant with her at 15, basically because I was clueless about sex. I was so ashamed. I don’t want my daughter to be uninformed or to ever feel shamed sexually. How do I talk to her about sex?

Your concern about sexual shame is noteworthy. Sexual shame leads to the majority of self-destructive sexual and relationship choices. Recovery from the resulting self-hatred can consume a lifetime. Age-appropriate and accurate sexual information shared with your child in a non-judgmental fashion will spare her the pain you experienced as a very young woman.

So, which direction to go? The “easy-on-Mom abstinence only” route or the anxiety-provoking genuine sexual information route? Research demonstrates that abstinence only programs do not lead to abstinent behavior. Actually, rates of teen pregnancy were significantly higher in states using abstinence only models compared to states using comprehensive

sex education models that taught abstinence along with birth control and STD prevention.

As Faye Wattleton, former president and CEO of Planned Parenthood stated, “Just saying ‘no’ prevents teenage pregnancy the way ‘Have a nice day’ cures chronic depression.”

When you talk to your daughter about sex start by pointing out one obvious cultural conundrum – having sex or depicting sex for any purpose is fine, but *talking* about sex is totally taboo. Acknowledge that her (and your) discomfort is normal but not necessary. Sex is a natural function and you want her to grow up feeling knowledgeable and confident about her sexuality. Give her accurate information about sexual boundaries, anatomy, function, health risks, reproduction and birth control. Review various resources about sexuality *with her*. Learning together builds trust.

Discuss attraction, desire and arousal. At 13 she’s feeling it, guaranteed! So don’t ignore the elephant in the room. Be real. Compassionately help her make

sense of her feelings. Explain ways to manage sexual feelings. Assure her that learning about her body privately is appropriate and healthy. Emphasize that she has exclusive ownership of her body. It is sacred, as is her sexuality. An information-based foundation for sex, grounded in reality, will provide the tools required for her to make self-respecting choices.

By teaching our children about sex with honesty and compassion we create safety, allowing them to return for continued guidance.

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.*



Red Tent movement comes to Eureka Springs

BECKY GILLETTE

Sometimes women need to cry. Sometimes they need to laugh. Often, they don't get enough rest and are dead tired from multi-tasking. Many, many times they face physical, emotional and financial challenges that seem overwhelming.

One way women cope is by getting together with other women to share and support each other. There has been a strong women's community in Eureka Springs for years with activities like drum circles, women's full moon ceremonies and workshops, like Women Be Wise at Fire Om Earth.

Now the local women's community is moving forward with plans to join hundreds of other women's Red Tent groups across the U.S. and in other countries that have sprung up in the past eight years. A yurt has been donated by Marcie Brewster of Wildfire Farms that will be moved to property at Fire Om Earth on Mill Hollow Road to provide a Red Tent meeting space for women to gather, support each other, rest, have

fun and work through life's challenges together.

Red Tents, also known as Red Tent Temples and Moon Lodges, are a fast growing women's space phenomenon.

Lorna Trigg Hirsch, co-owner of Fire Om Earth, said the Red Tent in Eureka Springs will create space for open dialogue and discussion concerning women's issues in all life stages.

"It will be a place where women can take time out to retreat on their own or with others," Hirsch said. "This is honoring the old ways when women would gather in Moon Lodges at the new moon to help each other, and tap into the time when women's bodies are in a high state of intuitiveness. This will let us explore deeper, allowing ourselves more time out."

Hirsch said the Red Tent would provide an opportunity for longer gatherings. Instead of just spending an hour or two together, women can stay, 12 hours, 24 hours or longer depending on their relationships and connections.

"If you are having a difficult time,

and have an extended period of time with a group of women, I think you would be able to resolve issues at a deeper level that will allow opportunity for growth, expansion and very deep sharing, dialogue and support," Hirsch said.

About 20 women have been involved in the first two Red Tent meetings. The most recent meeting was held this past week at the Flora Roja Community Acupuncture Clinic. The visioning meetings covered topics such as what activities might be conducted at the Red Tent, what issues women would like to discuss, and how the Red Tent community might come together in Eureka Springs.

The women watched the DVD, *Things We Don't Talk About; Healing Stories from the Red Tent*, that showed samples of meetings across the country and women sharing their deepest wounds such as being victims of childhood rape or losing a child.

Franchesca Garcia-Giri, who owns Flora Roja, said women could be embarrassed to talk about things like hot

flashes in menopause. "The Red Tent could be a place in support of wherever we are in our lives," she said.

Another woman said she had decided not to have children, and 10 years after menopause carried a sense of shame that she was not fertile. She felt that sharing those feelings in Red Tent would help her heal.

Rebekah Clark, one of the leaders of the local Red Tent movement, said this could be a place where women could go when they need to take a day out. This could be a place to hit the "reset" button.

"We can gather to support and love each other," Clark said. "The Red Tent honors all stages of womanhood. The excitement seems to be growing about this. Women are excited that this is happening. The women's circle here is strong already, and we are joining a movement that is already helping people in communities across the country."

For more information, visit the group's Facebook page, Red Tent Sisters of Eureka Springs, or <http://redtenttemplemovement.com/>.

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Opps for artists

City of Fayetteville seeks proposals from artists to design, fabricate, and install a sculpture on the Scull Creek Trail, adjacent to the Marion Orton Recycling Drop-Off Center, which in some way celebrates recycling. Artists may submit already existing work or a proposal for new work. This project is open to all artists and artist teams, age 18 and over, who are residents of Arkansas, Missouri, Tennessee, Louisiana, Texas or Oklahoma. All applicants, without regard to race, sex, religion, nationality, origin, sexual orientation, or disability will be considered. For info and a prospectus, email: Jadavis@ci.Fayetteville.ar.us

Arkansas Arts Council is seeking artists who would like to join the Arts in Education Artist Roster, an online list of artists who are available to participate in the Arts in Education residency program. They are looking for performing, literary or visual artists interested in working with teachers and students in schools and non-profit organizations for after-school/summer programs. **Deadline to apply is Friday, July 11.** For more information, contact Cynthia Haas, Arts in Education program manager (501) 324-9769, or e-mail cynthia@arkansasheritage.org

Schedule time with author Velda Brotherton

Here's your opportunity to gain the expert advice of a seasoned author. Velda Brotherton will be at the Writers' Colony at Dairy Hollow, 515 Spring, on Saturday, June 21, for a day-long workshop with writers from novice to experienced. Bring your work in progress, your ideas or just a scene or two for brainstorming.

Velda will help with characterization, plotting, internalization, scene structure, using backstory effectively – and creating goal, motivation, conflict, dialogue and point of view. Whatever your needs, she can help you further your project.

Velda has taught individual workshops for the past 12 years as well as a course on romance writing, and has spoken at Ozark Creative Writers, Oklahoma Writers' Federation, Ozark Writers' League, Arkansas Writers and many other conferences during her 30-year writing career. She has books published in several genres including Western historical romance, paranormal, mystery and women's fiction; as well as regional nonfiction and numerous short stories.

As a journalist, she worked as feature writer, city editor and columnist for a weekly rural newspaper and also wrote for the *Northwest Arkansas Times* for several years. Her fiction career began in earnest in 1994 when her first historical romance was published by Penguin/Topaz. Her books can be found at www.amazon.com and more information is online at www.veldabrotherton.com.

Sign up now for Velda's workshop at the Writers' Colony. Session is from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. with an hour break for a great lunch provided by the Colony. Fee is \$45 and class size is limited. Register via email at director@writerscolony.org or phone (479) 253-7444.

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He said Planning was not the final word on the garage, but they can recommend that Planning does not approve and encourage city council to vote the same way.

Commissioner Pat Lujan said, "I just don't think it should be done. People are against, and I was put on Planning for the people of Eureka Springs."

Commissioner Steve Beacham pointed out the garage would be no more than 30 ft. from the homes above on Jackson Street, and Morris said they intend to preserve the Victorian district, "and a motorcycle garage does not fall within the spirit of the law in my opinion."

Final comment before the vote came from Chadder, who had opened the discussion. He said although Eureka Springs might be a tourist town, it is not a Disneyland. "This is a living, breathing town with people who live downtown who are often told by people in authority even, 'That's what you get for living in town.'"

Vote was unanimous on Leswig's motion that Planning oppose the garage and recommend council vote it down.

recognition.” Can’t we learn from our neighboring success stories?

Barb Kerbox

This magical place

Editor,

Where can you find flowering prickly pear cactuses, lush ferns, native wild roses, tropical bright red and indigo blue birds and migrating tropical butterflies all in one place? Summer and scarlet tanagers, indigo buntings, purple martins, ruby-throated hummingbirds and monarchs glorify these hardwood forests, the precious glades and the lakes, rivers and streams.

Here in this magical, and getting rarer by the day, kingdom a wide range of diverse micro climates burst with life with the majestic hardwoods providing sustenance to hundreds of variety of lepidopteran and homes for migrant tropical birds to nest and roost. Nature in its never-ceasing efficiency, even provides value in decaying trees that are perfect habitat for nesting and food for woodpeckers and leaf litter that has values beyond even our current understanding with millions of micro organisms, many still unidentified, that hold the key to future antibiotic treatments or organic soil components much valued in a rapidly deforested planet where desertification is a rapidly growing reality. I would even go so far as to say that climate change is really about deforestation and desertification. California has waited too long to address the issues that with foresight, should have been recognized decades ago.

We have the benefit of foresight. We don’t need to have dust storms from desertification or lost opportunities from plunder. In Central America, Costa Rica and Belize (places that share our birds) they are fighting for eco-tourism dollars. We can compete. We have all the same things except creative and compelling leadership that still have incandescent light bulbs shining in their brains and their visions of high voltage power lines as a must-have are strangling our competitive advantage. Plundered places abound all over the USA that are being fracked and sprayed with herbicides and pesticides – also desertification caused by overgrazing and soil erosion – then deforested for pot farms and high voltage power lines through the most sacredly beautiful parts of our country.

Let’s not frack this up in this magical kingdom that still has a chance to survive. I’m asking Mr. Ballinger to comment on this LTE [long term evolution] so we know for sure what he is doing to save this place.

Susan Pang

Health care crucial

Editor,

Most of my letters to the editor are to complain or chastise our public officials. But today, I am writing a letter of gratitude to the brave state representatives and senators and to our Democratic governor, Mike Beebe for bringing health insurance to everyone, including the working poor and just plain poor people here in our beloved little state.

I just read about the “Death Panel” an Oklahoma man faced and because their state legislators rejected Medicaid expansion, he died. One day, he felt unwell with chest and arm pains. His friends encouraged him to call 911, to seek medical help; he wouldn’t because he was afraid of the cost. Even when told there might be financial help, his fear of not being able to afford being alive, he died alone in his apartment.

This could have been any of us; low wages, rising costs, job insecurity and fixed incomes that don’t stretch no matter what, are the trials that face most Americans and without the security of knowing that you can receive medical care when needed; our lives are smaller and more fearful and shorter.

Thank you, Governor Beebe, and all the state legislators who gave us health insurance. We all sleep a bit easier knowing that we can call 911.

Sheri Hanson

Trouble right here in River City?

Editor,

People in this town want the Aud used every weekend. I do, too. So, I became a member of the Eureka Classic Movies’ Board.

We are offering two classic movies per month at the Aud. For three dollars per patron, you can see great entertainment from the past, and it is suitable for the entire family. Curtain is at 7 p.m.

We are a non-profit organization. The only reason we charge the low fee of \$3 is to pay for the rental of each movie. Several of our businesses have stepped up to cover the cost of the rentals so far.

However, our problem is low attendance. Does it always have to be free to get our citizens to darken the doors of our beautiful theater? Unless we get more box office receipts, we will have to end this endeavor on Sunday, June 8, with 1962’s *The Music Man*, starring Robert Preston and Shirley Jones.

Enid B. Swartz



INDEPENDENT Crossword

by Bill Westerman

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ACROSS

1. “Ralph the ____ man”
7. Pat down
12. Buster or Diane
13. Baby sock
14. Prayer
15. Repetitive recital
16. Word connector
17. It’s a long story
19. Once around the track
20. Spoke an untruth
22. Chest protector
23. Pocket bread
24. Small surrounding space
26. Drove at high speed
27. Pool stick
28. Evergreen
29. Trophy
32. Up-to-date

35. Contradict
36. Indian dish
37. “____ and ye shall find.”
39. Annoy persistently
40. Miscellany
42. Hair arrangement
43. Lacking feet
45. Having a handle
47. Bulging
48. Beard tuft
49. Put into law
50. Goes in

DOWN

1. “To your health!”
2. Tissue protrusion
3. Commando
4. Possessive pronoun
5. High ____
6. Dignify
7. Thwart
8. Decay

9. Canted letters
10. Legislative body
11. Computer adjunct
13. Blister
18. By way of
21. Express disapproval
23. Peels
25. Stringed instrument
26. Disencumber
28. Leaves
29. Attached (Bot.)
30. AK-47
31. Mohair
32. Damage
33. Refund
34. Make asexual
36. Open valley
38. Leg joints
40. Enormous
41. Soon
44. “What’s up ____?”
46. College adm. test

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him back from being amazing.”

What is in the future for Ethan? He wants to develop an iOS application or puzzle game, and continue being a street performer, juggling, unicycling and doing magic. He is being mentored in

his magic career by Sean-Paul, the illusionist with Intrigue Theater.

Ethan’s photography and his book, *Mystique*, are available at the Sacred Earth Gallery on US 62 near Inspiration Point, and online at his website: www.ecr3/ethanrobison.html.

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HOLIDAY ISLAND FIRST FRIDAY & FARMERS' MARKET June 6, 8 a.m. – noon. Located in the parking lot of Holiday Island Visitors Center @ the entrance across from Cornerstone Bank. Local farmers and growers will be there with fresh produce and plants. Beyond the Farmers' Market you will find vendors with hand-crafted items and lots of "stuff" for sale. Come see us!

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COME FOR THE FUN!!! HEADWATERS SCHOOL will be hosting its annual Junebug Jam on Saturday June 14th. The event starts at 3:00 with an afternoon full of activities, including a kid's parade, student performances, family games, a play area, adult and child raffles, as well as lots of good food and fun. The evening show will feature Snake Eyes and the Bug Band. Admission is \$5, kids 12 and under FREE. Bring your own lawn chairs, but NO PETS PLEASE. Headwaters is a community non-profit school located in Red Star on Hwy 16, about 50 miles east of Fayetteville. For more information call 870-428-5023 or check our website at www.headwaters-school.org

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YARD SALES

2 HOUSEHOLDS moving/downsizing are merging into one sale at 94 Houseman Access Rd, Busch (CR 214) at 8 am...Rain or Shine! Sales will be 2 weekends Fri-Sat, May 30-31, and June 6-7. Because we have so much, we will pull up new merchandise each weekend, so be sure to attend both weekends. No telling what you'll find...priced to sell. Antiques, collectibles, Julie Traxler chair, furniture, and so much more.

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DROPPING A Line

by Robert Johnson

Mack McGaughy had a very exciting day on Beaver Sunday with his limit of spotted bass over two pounds each, one white, one hybrid and four gar. Did not bring any of the gar in the boat after that big one sliced my hand open last year, have just decided to bring them in to the side of the boat then cut the line, but I got to tell you even though they are a trash fish they can sure give you some excitement. All four went airborne, like a marlin. Had one that was five ft. long, first he came straight up six ft., spinning, then came up horizontal and did not hit the water again for at least 12 ft. Three more good jumps, then finally got him to the side of the boat after about a 10-minute fight.



We were on a big school of Stripers with three big fish on, but all three were lost before getting to the boat – still a fun day.

Stripers on Beaver are being caught between the Point 4 to Point 10 area. Still close to the surface early, but going down and holding 24 – 28 ft. deep as the sun gets higher. Look at the flats near the river bends for baitfish and schools of fish. Shad are the Number One bait now, but if you can't net any you can get them with small perch or buying some brood shiners at Barnets Bait and Pawn



in Gateway or call Spider Creek Store
out here near the dam.

Perch are pretty easy to get on your own and fun to catch near about any shoreline brush now. Just put a little piece of worm on the tip of your hook for the smaller ones.

Here at Holiday Island most the walleye have moved out of the river and are being caught between the town of Beaver and Leatherwood Creek. They are liking to hold in the deeper water close to flats and humps near the bottom. Crappies are in the brush from 4 – 12 ft. deep, along with big perch. Bass are being caught in 4 – 20 ft. of water. Working jigs or crank baits should get you some fish.

A lot of trout have been stocked in the river for the spring so get you some minnows or power bait and worms, then throw a kid or two in the boat, or take to the shoreline somewhere, and have some fun.

Tax credit available
to rehab historic district structures

Some historic structures in Eureka Springs may be eligible under guidelines of the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program (AHPP) for Arkansas Rehabilitation Tax Credit. The AHPP uses the US Secretary of the Interior’s “Standards for Rehabilitation and Guidelines for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings” to determine what kinds of improvements or alterations to historic buildings are appropriate and eligible for credits.

The property must be a contributing structure in a historic district or listed individually on the National Register of Historic Places, and a minimum of \$25,000 must be spent on the project to qualify. Projects can be planned out over five years and do not have to be done within a calendar or fiscal year. However, the

tax credit paperwork and “before” photos should be submitted before the project is started. The process is done through photo documentation, so before and after photos are crucial.

Any individual or firm who pays personal or corporate income tax in Arkansas is eligible. Persons or firms without sufficient tax liability to take advantage of the credits they earn are allowed to sell their credits to another taxpayer. State tax credits are fully transferable. Tax credits can be sold for cash to use towards your project.

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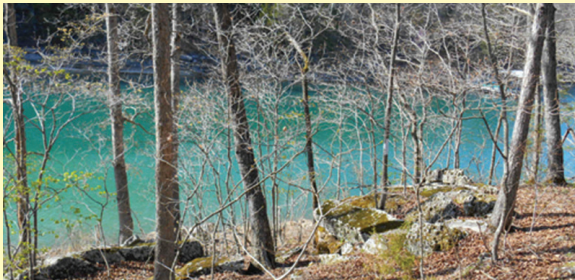
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