



## Rock Street dispute settled

NICKY BOYETTE

It's been a long, often acrimonious journey, but at its June 23 meeting, Eureka Springs City Council approved the third reading of Ordinance 2213 which vacates the platted but undeveloped portion of Rock Street that bisects the property owned by Rachel and Ryan Brix.

Alderman Terry McClung told council one of the principals of the opposition to the ordinance who could not attend the meeting had asked McClung to request a delay in order to clear up language regarding the property description in the ordinance, so he moved to delay discussion until the next meeting. Alderman Mickey Schneider claimed a survey still had not been done, so she seconded McClung's motion to delay. Immediately alderman David Mitchell moved to put the ordinance right back on the agenda for discussion, and alderman Joyce Zeller firmly seconded.

Procedure dictated a vote on McClung's motion, and the vote was 2-4, with Mitchell, Zeller and aldermen Dee Purkeypile and James DeVito voting No. That vote made Mitchell's motion moot.

Schneider had a prepared list of discussion points objecting to the ordinance. One big objection was a width of only 20 ft. was being allowed for the utility easement, but according to Schneider's arithmetic and reading of City Code, there must be 25 ft. for the utility easement.

Rachel Brix responded that both Dwayne Allen, director of Public Works, and owners of the adjacent property called Marble Flats, asked for 20 ft. in the ordinance.

City Attorney Tim Weaver again shared his concerns

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**Watt happened?** – Larry Hodge of Triple H Farms, was heading west on US 62 transporting a tractor and mowing equipment when he ran off the road to avoid hitting a car driven by Nicholas Walker, who was passing an eastbound car. Hodge struck a utility pole and had the pole and live electric lines laying on the cab of his truck. Fortunately there were no injuries and Carroll Electric and Cox were on hand to ensure safety when removing the lines. Walker was ticketed for careless/prohibitive driving. *PHOTO BY GWEN ETHEREDGE*

### This Week's INDEPENDENT Thinkers

Last Saturday Japan lost its first game in World Cup soccer way down there in Recife, Brazil. It was a demoralizing 2-1 loss to the Ivory Coast, and anyone who likes sports knows the agony of defeat.

Yet the fans from Japan accepted the defeat with refinement and grace. They pulled trash bags out of their backpacks and cleaned the stadium.

"We are taught to leave things better than we found them," one winning loser said.

And then the entire Japanese soccer team turned and bowed to their fans to thank them.

Seems like we were all taught to do that...



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**We pop up every week, just like mushrooms after a rain.**

## Airport's civil war airs at Quorum Court

NICKY BOYETTE

Lonnie Clark, Chair of the Carroll County Airport (CCA) Commission, addressed the Carroll County Quorum Court at its June 20 meeting regarding recent allegations of management issues at the airport which caused both the Ozark Flying School and the Ozark Flying Club (OFC) to relocate to Cassville, Mo.

Clark told the court the commission and Manager Dana Serrano are trying to make sure all tenants at the airport follow regulations of the Federal Aviation Administration and Arkansas Department of Aeronautics (ADA). He defended Serrano against claims that she is unavailable when needed by pilots, and Clark explained a recent occasion when CCA ran out of fuel was because of staffing problems on the supply end, not poor management at CCA.

He acknowledged some of the runway lights are out, but said it is not as simple as hiring an electrician. Commissioners are pursuing an

emergency grant for \$18,000 through ADA. Clark said he and the commission are willing to work toward mending ways with OFC, but he doesn't know who their designated representative is. He claimed

the present issues are a distraction from working toward making the airport a more important part of the economic development in Carroll County.

Justice of the Peace Jack Deaton

said he received many phone calls from people who insisted the manager did not have the experience needed for her position. Deaton said he knew of businessmen ready to pull their planes out of the airport, and told Clark, "You can't let personal feelings chase business away." Deaton reminded Clark that in May the Quorum Court instructed the commission to try to fix this.

Clark reiterated he has offered to meet with OFC but he still does not know

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HISID mgr. Dennis Kelly pleads case for Ozark Flying Club.

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## Geese goose Parks

NICKY BOYETTE

Two dozen geese and their goslings at Lake Leatherwood City Park swim beach have settled in again and seem intent on staying according to Bruce Levine, director of the Parks Department. He said his staff spent 90 minutes one day recently removing goose residue from the sand.

Levine said the geese do not like the motion-activated water sprayer he installed, so he can keep them off the beach, but the same device also keeps people off the beach.

Commissioner Daniel Jackson pointed out they have been trying aversion tactics since last autumn, and "fun and jokes aside, we need a really effective solution." He recommended they either fix up another beach in another part of the lake just for the geese or else start trapping.

Chair Bill Featherstone commented even if the geese frequent another beach, they would not stay away from the swim beach because they feed there.

"We did make progress lowering the *e. coli* count in the water," remarked Commissioner Fergie Stewart, "but the herd is too big." He also recommended culling to keep the population under control.

"It's a fairly simple issue," Featherstone stated. "Either we have geese or we can have a swim beach, not both."

Levine told the commission he can get a permit to hire a professional to trap as many as 15 percent of the adults, which means at most four or five birds, and take them to a processing plant. In addition, Levine said he could obtain a depredation

permit to gather eggs from nests. He said the population is increasing from within, not because of newcomers flying in.

Stewart said he has researched what other locations have done about this problem, and he is still looking for a success story.

Jackson replied the only successful way is to thin the population since there are no predators in the park and geese will not control their own population.

"Let he or she who would stand up for the geese be the first to walk through the beach," Featherstone remarked. He reminded the commission part of the plan they agreed to last year was to try aversion techniques until this summer, which they are still doing, and then consider trapping.

The commission agreed to ask Levine to find out specifics about trapping and report back.

### Top 10 list

For his Chairman's Comments, Featherstone offered ten reasons he thought a connected urban trail system would be a benefit to citizens of Eureka Springs.

1. Arkansas ranks fifth highest in obesity in the nation, and Eureka Springs should reverse the trend. "More trails and better access to trails is the least expensive and most expedient option," he stated.

2. The trail system needs to be connected. Trails around Lake Leatherwood would connect to Black Bass Lake trails and then to downtown. He said sidewalks along busy streets are not the same as trails.

3. New trails would connect people and places in new ways, and the trails could

be built by volunteers, like the trails at LLCP.

4. He claimed proximity to trails increases real estate value, or at least does no harm.

5. Everyone can get healthy exercise for free.

6. Identify corridors for new trails "for the city to retain and not consider for vacation."

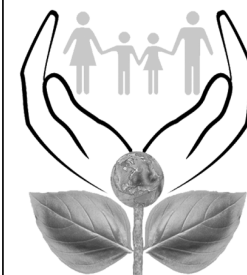
7. Trails would bring visitors here and keep them here longer.

8. A walk through the woods is therapeutic.

9. Eureka Springs has narrow streets, too few sidewalks and not enough parking places. Trails would provide a green transportation alternative and keep vehicles off the road.

10. Eureka Spring has a rich history with trails. "We have come full circle," he said, promoting more pedestrian traffic by building a trail system that eases transportation issues and provides exercise

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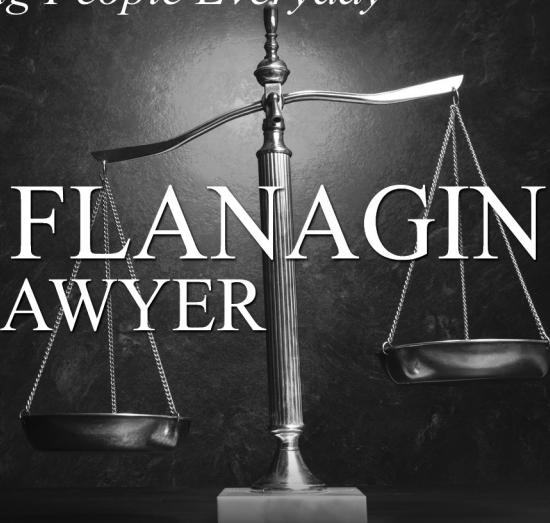


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## Parking garage discussion resurfaces

NICKY BOYETTE

Alderman James DeVito said at Monday night's council meeting he wanted to revive the topic of a building a parking garage in the downtown area, possibly in the city-owned space across from New Delhi Café. He acknowledged the idea has risen to the surface more than once through the years, but the time is right to begin the discussion again.

He said there are several good reasons to revisit the idea. The Auditorium has very limited parking but is being used regularly. Visitors often ask him where to park. Council also is beginning to address the collapsing infrastructure underneath the parking lot near the Auditorium, so the two projects could complement each other. He recommended the city develop an action plan so if federal grants were ever available, the city would be ready.

DeVito noted the lack of parking is an example of "ineffectively using

our resources." He said some folks just would not shop in the downtown area because of parking issues.

In addition, a parking garage could generate revenue for the city and relieve congestion on the streets. "I just wanted to get the ball rolling," he said before asking for city staff to consolidate information and disseminate it to council.

Alderman Dee Purkeypile agreed it was time to begin the conversation again for a downtown parking garage.

### As is a new hospital

Alderman Terry McClung observed that by the July 28 meeting, council is supposed to have a decision about whether they can move forward on

extending the hospital another mile along US 62 to Miles Mountain. He suggested they convene a workshop before the next meeting and invite the finance director, bankers, bond underwriters, the Chamber of Commerce, anyone who could help them see if this is possible.

"We owe it to our community to give it serious consideration," he commented.

### Also

- Council unanimously approved the nomination of Woody Acord to sit on the Planning Commission.

- Council also approved Resolution 641, a 2013 budget clean-up resolution.

Next meeting will be Monday, July 14, at 6 p.m.

## Independence Day Celebrations

### Downtown Eureka Springs: 3 – 5 p.m.

Hometown fun gets sweeter with the Annual 4th of July Family Park event with games, music and more in downtown Eureka Springs. Watermelon Seed Spitting contest, Cupcake Walk, Dig for Jewels, crafts for kids, water balloon toss, and more - just good old, free family fun in Basin Park before you head out to the fireworks. For more information contact Pam Hinson at (479) 253-7700.

### Holiday Island's 5th Annual 4th of July: 2 p.m. – until fireworks

Experience a small-town Independence Day celebration at the Holiday Island Chamber of Commerce's 5th Annual Old Fashioned 4th of July celebration at the Recreation Complex at Holiday Island.

#### Schedule of events:

2 p.m. – Vendor booths open and live music begins. Lawn games available

throughout the day, vendors offering Italian shaved ice, farmers' market items, ice cream, watermelon, baked goods, t-shirts and more. The Recreation Center will host children's games (3-legged race, water balloon toss, egg toss and cotton ball race) with goody bags for all participants, and putt-putt golf will be available throughout the afternoon.

3 – 3:30 p.m. – Veterans' Tribute

4:30 – 7:30 p.m. – Pulled pork dinner at the Barn. Dine-in or carry out. Take your food outside to enjoy the live entertainment, and if pulled-pork isn't your preference; hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, and a variety of snacks and drinks will also be available for purchase.

5:30 – 8:30 p.m. – The Ariels perform live.

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## Quorum Court

### Who's chasing the delinquents?

NICKY BOYETTE

JP Ron Flake said at Friday's Quorum Court meeting he had invited Keith Caviness of Arkansas Courts Administration to explain how the collection of fines and fees happens around the state. Caviness said it is up to the quorum court in each county to designate whom it wants to collect the delinquent fines and fees assessed in circuit court. He said it is not as important which entity the court selects as it is to establish a culture in which the court system is respected.

Caviness commented if those in court do not think they'll have to pay fines, the county would have trouble collecting no matter who tries. "So change the culture," he said. "You can suspend a person's driver's license for nonpayment." He also emphasized waiting for delinquents to show up and pay is not the most effective way to collect. He thinks more aggressive action is required, but he also thinks it would help if legislation were passed to give the circuit court collection system "more teeth."

Flake said he had seen no improvement in the past six months in collections by County Clerk Ramona Wilson. He said it was time for a change, and he moved to adopt the first reading of an ordinance that would appoint the sheriff to pursue collections of delinquent fines and fees assessed by the circuit court.

JP Larry Swofford asked, "Didn't the sheriff just say recently he was not interested in collecting the fines?"

Sheriff Bob Grudek said his reluctance in doing so would be because of the

politics of taking it on. He feared there would be continuous scrutiny of how well he was doing at collections, but said he was willing to do it "with the understanding we do what is right for the county."

"I thought we were going to give Ramona [Wilson] a chance," JP Jack Deaton commented. Flake said Wilson had a chance.

JP John Reeve said it is the court's responsibility to find a better way, but JP John Howerton said he could not support changing at that time. JP Lamont Richie stated, "I am against our strategy being standing behind a counter and accepting money by someone who walks in." He said he wanted more aggressive action.

Vote to approve the first reading of the ordinance was 6-5, with Deaton, Garrison, Howerton, Swofford and JP Gaylon Riggs voting No.

#### It's good to comply

Cammie Scott, insurance consultant, told the court her firm could assess for free the county's compliance with insurers, as well as government requirements like HIPAA, and point out vulnerabilities in how the county maintains compliance. She noted the county has a loss ratio of 140 percent, "so it's a great time to put together a new strategic plan."

Tom Collins is the county's insurance agent, and said he agreed with Scott that compliance is important. As for rising costs, he said it is a matter of how well the county plans, and managing the issue becomes more difficult because the county has 130 employees. He encouraged the court to learn what is available, budget

tighter and "get ahead of the curve."

Later on, Howerton commented the county might want to take advantage of the free assessment Scott had offered.

#### Other items

- Flake said there has been progress on setting up a rural water system in the north central part of the county. Engineers have already assessed the area and Flake said he would have more details and a map of what the engineers have in mind before the next court meeting.

- Flake also reported a quorum court committee consisting of himself, Reeve, Swofford and JP Don McNeely met with Grudek and Mayors Tim McKinney of Berryville and Charlie Reece of Green Forest to see if common ground existed, and if differences could be bridged regarding the duties of central dispatch. Certain prisoner expenses were also being disputed. Flake said the meeting went well. The City of Berryville is back on Central Dispatch, and

the mayors agreed to talk more directly with the sheriff.

- The court unanimously passed a resolution supporting a grant request for \$12,000 from the Arkansas Rural Development Fund for building a fence at Dog Branch Cemetery.

- The court also approved a resolution confirming the appointment of Marie Lee and Judy Giggey to the board of the Western Carroll County Ambulance District Board of Commissioners. Lee's term is for five years and Giggey's is for four, after which both seats will be for three years.

- Grudek asked the members of the Budget Committee as budget time approaches not to compare his budget numbers to those of other sheriffs whose budgets account for a myriad of duties, such as transporting prisoners to court or doctor visits, differently.

Next meeting will be Friday, July 18, at 10 p.m.

## Alpena teen found in Texas

A 16 year-old Alpena young woman who disappeared from home June 13 was found safe near Dallas on Monday and is in custody of her parents. Carroll County Sheriff Bob Grudek said social media was a big help in locating the high school cheerleader, along with tracking her cell phone records.

The FBI took over the case in Texas because Treyli Blackwell was in the company of 39 year-old registered sex offender, Jason Gregg Delbosque, who allegedly took her across state lines.

"She had altered her appearance by dyeing her hair red and wearing glasses," Grudek said, adding that if Delbosque had sex with Blackwell, there would be additional charges as she is a minor.

Delbosque is being held in the Comanche [Texas] County jail.



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## Dispute with tenants unsettles Airport Commission

NICKY BOYETTE

"All of a sudden, things have gone wrong," commented commissioner Ron Rupe regarding a dispute between the Carroll County Airport and two of its former tenants, the Ozark Flying School and the Ozark Flying Club (OFC). Both have moved operations to Cassville, Mo.

"I get asked, 'What's going on out there?'" Rupe continued. "We have got to stop this. We should be able to come to a solution."

Commissioner Dave Teigen said, "The presence of the Flying Club is a benefit to us," and it would be prudent to appoint an individual to negotiate with OFC.

"Isn't that my job?" asked Airport Manager Dana Serrano.

"This has gone far beyond what goes on in this room," Teigen replied. He said he has received more than 15 calls about the dispute and a local paper featured an editorial cartoon commenting on the situation. "We need to actively pursue closure on this," Teigen advocated setting personalities aside and doing what it takes to make some progress, emphasizing that responsibility should not fall on Serrano.

Commissioner Lester Ward defended the commission and said Serrano would be willing to talk with anyone to solve this. He pointed out it was actions and statements made toward Serrano that contributed to the original rift.

"We had created a vision and it caught fire," Teigen commented, "but when the troubles started, the vision dissipated." He said he thought OFC would work with the airport if the commission showed some effort, and it bothered him things got to this point. "We need that entity. We can't wait for them to come back to us. We need to put this back together."

"I'm in lockstep with you," remarked commissioner Mark Mallet. "Perceptions are everything, and they overshadow the facts."

Ward pointed out one obstacle would be Danny Hendricks, owner of the Ozark Flying School and member of the Flying Club, who had told Ward he would not return if Serrano remained at CCA. Nevertheless, Ward said, Serrano is willing to sit down and try to resolve the issues, and OFC has not made an effort to talk with her.

Perry Evans, former airport manager and a pilot with a long history at the airport, said this would not be the first time Hendricks has quit and come back. But Evans' overriding point to the commission was, "You've got to run this like a business. You've got to deal with honest people if you're going to be honest yourself."

Teigen stated, "This is a business negotiation. It is a prospect we should pursue, or at least check out."

Visibly exasperated, Rupe commented, "This has got to go away."

Chair Lonnie Clark said Teigen is not the one who should be getting all those calls. Serrano is the point person for the airport, according to Clark, and she can pass on messages to the commission and the commission will respond.

"We have offered to meet with them," Clark claimed. "Who is the spokesman for the Flying Club? We have never heard another word from the president of the club since the April meeting."

He described how some attempts to set up meetings with Judge Sam Barr failed because of miscommunications and lack of coordinated efforts, and reiterated he still was not sure who the representative of OFC is.

Sheila Evans, recently retired airport manager, said she had supported OFC when it first arrived, but was never provided a list of their members. She added OFC never mentioned a meeting she could attend.

Ward suggested the commission should publicly state they want to work with the representative of OFC.

"We need to make an outreach," Teigen insisted. "It is not an issue now of who was right or wrong in the past. Time to go forward."

Clark then charged Serrano with setting up a meeting with OFC. She said she would send their president Greg Gibson a formal letter. Clark asked her

to include specific points the commission wants resolved as an effort toward moving forward.

### Face time

Clark told commissioners he had recently met with John Knight, director of the Arkansas Department of Aeronautics (ADA). Clark said they had a productive 90-minute face-to-face during which Clark learned a retired grant program for equipment might be reinstated, and Knight would alert Clark when to apply.

Clark said the meeting could not have gone better, and ADA might hold one of its upcoming meetings at CCA.

Clark also said he got a call from Paul Burns of the Federal Aviation Administration, and Burns had said a grant toward extending the runway another 500 ft. to reach 4000 ft. was "probably doable." Clark said he would set up a meeting with Burns and take some local dignitaries with him.

### It takes a grant to mow the grass

Teigen reported the best offer he found for a new mower that could handle the challenging task of keeping the airport property mowed was for about \$34,000. He said he was hoping ADA would consider this in their grant program, and Clark said they should ask Dan Clinton, engineer and consultant, to prepare a grant request.

Currently, the mower for the airport is undergoing a \$3000 repair, according to Clark.

### It takes a grant to light the runway

Clinton added he would also apply for an emergency grant from ADA for 80 new runway lights. The grant, if awarded, would arrive in mid-July.

### Rupe retires; Evans voted in

Rupe announced his retirement from the commission because of new constraints on his time. He said he had enjoyed the camaraderie, and was confident the commission would get through the present crisis.

Clark then announced Perry Evans had submitted an application in January to sit on the commission if a position became available. Right away Ward moved they accept Evans' offer to sit on the commission, and Teigen seconded but suggested they advertise for other commissioners just in case other seats become available. The commission voted unanimously to seat Evans.

Next meeting will be Thursday, July 17, at 12 p.m., at Carroll County Airport.

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## School board in summer session

NICKY BOYETTE

There was barely a quorum at the June 19 Eureka Springs School Board meeting, but four board members were enough to get through the agenda. Board member Chris McClung chaired the meeting.

High School Principal Kathy Lavender said teachers were signing up for summer training sessions in the Teacher Excellence and Support System (TESS). They would be familiarizing themselves with the BloomBoard online

platform for teacher development.

The three schools are also performing summertime maintenance and cleaning duties.

The board approved these items of business:

- electronic payments to vendors
- hiring of PCMI, the same agency which during the recent school year handled the hiring and assignment of substitute teachers
- adoption of a Wellness Policy which Superintendent David Kellogg

said would create new avenues for exercise and activities

- adoption of election notices for this year's board elections

After an executive session, the board approved these personnel decisions:

- Resignations of Jaime Green, Jane Houseal, Amber Jones, Jessilyn Langley-Womack and Marty Martinek (grounds only) were accepted.
- Classified staff was re-hired
- The contract of Daniel Patterson was changed from a 7-hour cook to a

6-hour cook

- Laura Benton was hired in a split position as secretary, aide and summer school aide

- Kathy Elmore was hired a middle school math, keyboarding and career orientation teacher

- Adam Brothers was hired as a teacher/coach.

Next meeting will be Thursday, July 24, at 5:30 p.m. This is one week later than the regularly scheduled meeting date.

## ESH – Ozark EMS partnership working well

Eureka Springs Hospital is enjoying improved emergency response time in the local region through a partnership with Ozark EMS, whose ambulance has become a common sight in town.

"The partnership with Ozark EMS has proven to be a great asset to the community of Eureka Springs," Chris Bariola, CEO of Eureka Springs Hospital, commented. "Not only does this partnership add to the availability of emergency responders to the residents in need, it also has proven to decrease ESH's transfer times for trauma patients received in the ER.

"The state goal is to transfer trauma patients to a higher level of care within two hours of receiving the patient," Bariola explained. "Now we have been able to achieve that goal above and

beyond. Our transfer times have fallen below an hour in some instances. This could not have worked out better for the community and the hospital."

Ozark EMS, an Advanced Life Support (ALS) service owned and operated by Leon and Kathy Cheatham, was state licensed in April 2014 to respond to ALS emergencies when requested by Eureka Fire/EMS, but mainly to provide non-emergency transfers for Eureka Springs Hospital and surrounding towns in Carroll County. Leon Cheatham has been in the EMS service since 1993 and worked with numerous companies before establishing his own service based on years of knowledge and experience.

Leon is certified in several areas and also teaches CPR courses, EMT refresher courses, PEPP classes and

EMT/AEMT classes. He is a member of Arkansas EMT Association, Paramedic Society of Arkansas, and the Instructor Society of Arkansas, where he serves as Treasurer, and also serves Calico Rock Volunteer Fire Department as Assistant Deputy Chief. Kathy Cheatham has been an RN since 1996 and has been a Certified Professional in Health Care

Quality since 2001. She is also an Advanced EMT and member of the Arkansas EMT Association, with several other certifications to her credit as well.

Headquartered in Calico Rock, Arkansas, Ozark EMS opened an office in Eureka Springs and stationed ambulances locally beginning in

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Leon and Kathy Cheatham and their new Ozark EMS ambulance help improve emergency response time in the region through their partnership with Eureka Springs Hospital. PHOTO SUBMITTED

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## Foster fosters global advances in plants as medicine

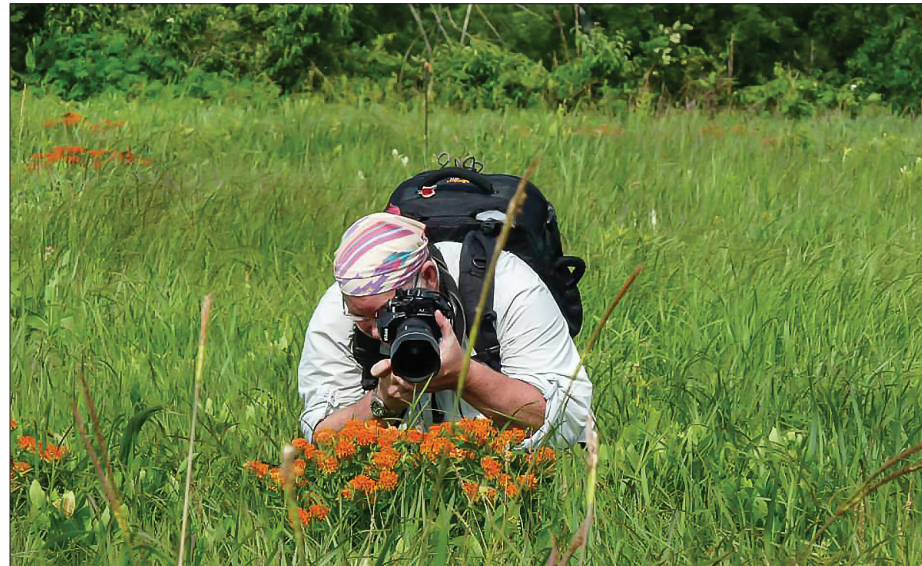
BECKY GILLETTE

Steven Foster started his career in medicinal plants at 17 in Sabbathday Lake, Maine, working with the Shaker Community's Herb Department that had been in existence nearly 200 years. When he began his work in 1974, herbal medicine had largely fallen out of favor. But, no longer. In the 40 years Foster has been studying, photographing, researching and writing about medicinal plants, the herb industry in the U.S. has reached sales of \$5 billion a year, compared to only \$500 million a year in the early 1990s.

Foster has played a key role in that herbal renaissance, making his mark not just in the U.S., but globally with activities ranging from being the author or co-author of 18 books, lecturing widely both at home and abroad, consulting, and providing seeds that are the source of nearly all of the Echinacea grown in Ukraine today. He also helped German researchers in correcting an error that attributed the immune stimulating effects of Echinacea they had studied to the wrong species of the plant. That was particularly important because the Germans were doing more research on one of the top medicinal plants from the U.S. than anyone else in the world at the time.

An example of his influence and how the scientific understanding of herbal medicine has evolved over the recent decades can be illustrated with what is considered the foremost herbal field guide in the country, *Peterson Field Guide to Medicinal Plants of Eastern and Central North America*, which Foster co-authored with James A. Duke.

In the first edition of the field guide published in 1990, the authors write that



Steven Foster crouches in the tall grass to get a close-up of butterfly weed.

PHOTO BY ERIKA GALENTIN

safer natural compounds could be found to replace the synthetic compounds found in 75 percent of prescription drugs. "Evolution has better prepared us to deal with rational doses of preparations from medicinal plants," the preface states.

The preface in the recently released third edition states, "Herbal medicines have begun to find their rightful places as integral, modern components of health care systems worldwide. Finally, we see progress in medicinal plant research in the United States. In the past decade alone, herbal product sales in the United States have, astonishingly, increased ten fold at the retail level."

Foster has done copious amounts of research and study for the field guide and his other books, including the *National Geographic Desk Reference to Nature's Medicine* that was co-authored with

Rebecca L. Johnson. Foster once had a library of medicinal plants of about 4,000 volumes. Today, while he has pared back that number significantly, the amount of information now available online means he has been able to store on his computer every book on botanical medicine from prior to 1910, as well as a huge amount of newer research.

"There have been a tremendous number of new developments," Foster said. "The *Field Guide to Medicinal Plants* increases awareness of the diversity of medicinal plant use and serves as a bridge in our society to help people understand that herbal medicine is not something that disappeared in the Dark Ages. This is an important part of modern medicine with 40 percent of prescription drugs containing at least one ingredient derived from nature. That is important from a pharmacological

approach for single isolated constituents used in prescription drugs, but it is even more important as whole plant products to help treat illnesses with fewer side effects and help people maintain a healthy lifestyle."

The new field guide has information on about 60 new species, and revised information for 531 species. The new edition dropped line drawings in favor of the color photographs arranged by a color-coded guide that aids greatly with plant identification. Of Foster's 700 color photographs in the book, 88 percent are new.

"The new edition is much easier to use than in the past," he said. "Each time we try to make it better. It was almost like writing a new book. Even the way the book is presented and the way the photos are captured is different in the past ten years."

The new edition has been well received.

"Steven is the finest wildflower photographer in the country," said Daniel E. Moerman, University of Michigan-Dearborn professor and author of *Native American Ethnobotany*. "Jim [Duke] is the best botanist of medicinal plants in the country. This book, then, is by the finest and the best."

Mark Blumenthal, executive director of the American Botanical Council and editor-in-chief of *HerbalGram*, said there is a good reason why for decades this book has been one of the best-selling titles in the entire Peterson Field Guide series.

"It's not just the popular topic; it's the professionalism of the content by these two expert authors," Blumenthal said.

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## HDC siding with site visit

NICKY BOYETTE

At the June 18 Historic District Commission meeting, Mark Wilson represented an application for replacing siding at 110 N. Main with Hardie board siding because of durability. He said existing siding on both sides of the house was in extremely poor condition because water draining down the hillside immediately behind the house was creating a moisture problem.

Commissioner Doug Breitling pointed out HDC has allowed Hardie board as a spot replacement where water was a problem, but the work called for in this application was on the sides of the house, not in the back near where the water ran down the embankment.

Wilson said the sides were rotten and the building was a non-contributing building, so he asked for an exception.

Commissioner Dee Bright replied they might consider Hardie board in a splash area, but above that they require wood as the replacement material, and Breitling agreed.

Commissioners also agreed to visit the site before voting on the application, so they tabled the discussion until they could see the site for themselves.

These applications were approved:

- 27 S. Main – ice bin concealment
- 23 Echols – replace wood utility pole

with metal pole

- 5 Center – privacy fence
- 18 Chestnut – privacy fence
- 60 Wall – demolition

Bright suggested they put a time limit on the proposed demolition at 60 Wall Street since they have previously approved demolitions that remain undemolished. Breitling suggested a limit of six months to complete the project, and he observed this was another unfortunate case of a house neglected to the point of needing demolition.

The commission approved these items on the Consent Agenda:

- 11 Hillside – add safety rail to side/rear porch
- Grotto Spring – new handrail
- 156 Spring – replace handrails
- 66 Center – new sign for carriage house
- 64 Center – new sign
- 91 S Main – new paint colors
- Judah/East Van Buren – replace sign
- 16 White – new paint colors.

Consent Agenda items are Level I applications that the City Preservation Officer believes to be in accordance with the Design Guidelines.

Chair Dan Hebert presented these Administrative Approvals:

- 107 E Van Buren – re-paint
- 130 Spring – replace rotten wood

window casings; re-set tiles

- 515 Spring – re-roof
- 135 Spring – re-roof; re-coat
- 12 White – general maintenance and repair

Administrative Approvals are applications for repair or for work involving no changes in materials or color and also includes applications for changes in roofing color.

Hebert also presented a suggested change to their Rules of Procedure to cover future occasions similar to the situation on June 4. In a rare occurrence, there were no new or old business items for the June 4 meeting, and the rule change would allow the commission to vote electronically to approve the Consent Agenda and the chair to cancel that meeting and read the Consent Agenda and the vote into the record at a subsequent meeting. The commission will vote on the proposed change at its next meeting.

Next meeting will be Wednesday, July 2, at 6 p.m.

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Hotel, 37 N. Main – and you're invited!

Awards will be given for historic preservation projects completed in 2013, and Glenna Booth and Sandy Martin will present *Eureka Springs Historic Street Vignettes*. Refreshments will be served.

## King and Ballinger hold Public Forum on SWEPCO

Senator Bryan B. King of Green Forest and Rep. Bob Ballinger of Hindsville will host a public forum on the proposed SWEPCO power line across northern Arkansas at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, June 26, at the Inn of the Ozarks in Eureka Springs.

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## Tracking abusers

Editor,

Re: Recent *Huffington Post* article regarding Carroll County's many failures in protecting Laura Aceves, and Sheriff Grudek's insistence on blaming victims of domestic abuse.

I agree with the tenor and tone of the article suggesting that Carroll County absolutely failed Laura Aceves, and I fear we will possibly fail again if we don't replace Sheriff Grudek and develop better communication systems. I personally will work hard against Grudek's re-election, if someone who is qualified for the position will challenge him – someone who doesn't play the blame-game with victims.

But in this horrific case of multiple failures, I don't believe that a GPS alone would have prevented the murder, anymore than the protective order did.

In mulling all this over, I might have come up with an idea that *could* save lives. Won't someone out there invent a "responder" of sorts that the women who have sought a protective order and whose

abuser is wearing a GPS tracker could wear, and which would alert police and the victim when the abuser comes within the prohibited distance?

It's too late for Laura Aceves, and it seems that Arkansas judges don't much order GPS trackers. But for states/counties in which leaders and officials give a darn about saving lives, maybe such an invention would help?

If someone out there comes up with such an invention, I hope that they will be like Tesla and share the technology!

Hope springs eternal.

**Katie Johnsonius**

## I love a parade

Editor,

I am hearing rumors that there will be on 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade this year, and possibly no Veteran's Day parade also because the main organizer, Sue Glave, is seriously ill.

This is an outrage! Surely in a town of over 2000 people, someone or some group can step up and organize our future parades and continue the fine, hard work that Sue started.

As a Vietnam veteran, I will be very angry if we do not have a Veteran's Day parade this year.

**Sonny Smith**

## Need more revenue sources

Editor,

Solutions to our town's current problems are multi-faceted and complex. You definitely cannot blame the left hand for what the right hand is doing.

Plans made for trails by Parks, and the situation of economic problems of the downtown shops are two different things. One cannot be blamed or used to solve the other's issues.

It is my opinion the country is in a different time now. After 9-11 the decline in air travel, coupled with escalating gas prices, wars overseas, then consequent near doubling of prices on all of our comestibles, have all but crushed the tourist industry. The CAPC isn't responsible for fixing it any more than the Parks department. The world

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## WEEK'S TopTweets

**@Swishergirl24** --- Twitter is like if kindergarten was a bar.

**@hipstermermaid** --- Why-Fi: The existential Internet connection.

**@bazecraze** --- The one thing I've learned from the World Cup is that Europe still hasn't mastered the haircut.

**@KenJennings** --- I miss being a kid and thinking that people in limos must actually be important.

**@helytimes** --- HISTORY LESSON FOR KIDS: before there was Facebook, it was truly touching and thoughtful if someone remembered your birthday.

**@justabloodygame** --- If you watch The Matrix backwards, a young man slowly comes down from a wild acid trip before returning to his low-level tech job.

**@maughammom** --- My 'Mom Voice' was so loud that even the neighbors washed their hands and cleaned their rooms.

**@SeanTheBaptiste** --- US outraged at journalist sentencing in Egypt, states "Why'd you even have a trial? We'd just detain indefinitely in Cuba."



**@jenniferfralic** --- The fact that jellyfish have survived for 650 million years despite not having brains is great news for stupid people.

**@Zen\_Moments** --- Sometimes your only available means of transportation is a leap of faith. ~ Margaret Shepherd

## Goodnight, Sweet Prince

So many things to think and write about – America getting militarily aggressive in a far away land (still); children scooting through the U.S.-Mexican border to escape a life few of us could endure; someone acquiring Dick Cheney’s cell phone number and asking him what he thinks, then having the brain fade to also ask his daughter.

Yep, there’s no shortage of topics – the oceans don’t feel well and Oklahoma, where the wind comes sweepin’ down the plain, is having more earthquakes than New Zealand and the Aleutian Islands combined.

What’s affected us most, though, is the death, departure, transition, passing, whatever, of a brother to whom we were not related.

When a Benton County hospice worker arrived on Father’s Day evening to pronounce him, she took his head in her hands and said, “What a handsome man!”

He was also beautiful.

He was strong, smart, a Virgo. If he didn’t want you around you knew it and if he loved you, you knew that, too.

One time we all familed up and headed to the Outer Banks of North Carolina in a 39 ft. RV. We were enchanted by the stretch of beach where the Wright Brothers got their flying machine off the ground; lighthouses; the ghost of Blackbeard; and all the postcard stuff. He drove the RV onto an Ocracoke to Cape Lookout ferry with inches to spare on both sides, never getting a scratch. Applause and cheers came from everyone on the boat watching and holding their breath, knowing no one could drive something that big into a space that tight.

Well, so, he was a good driver. He really was, he drove us to Bill Clinton’s second inauguration during an ice storm that stretched from Busch to Bethesda.

Another time he took us to the UniverSoul Circus in Dallas where we were the only white people in the audience, and had more fun and made more friends than we had after years of living in the hills. It was because of him.

He was a good woodcutter. A good hunter, cook, dog trainer. Guitarist. He built houses without a blueprint and birdhouses without a permit. Brewed beer. Raised a garden where sometimes at night he would curl up and go to sleep with his okra and beans.

He graded terrifyingly steep driveways on one of those giant machines that look like a praying mantis. He shod horses and plumbed shops. He knew how to get places, which turn to take. He had intelligent answers to foolish questions. He could lift a high-centered riding mower off a boulder and hold a newborn baby with the tenderness of a mother.

He would come to your house in the middle of the night to get a tarantula off the wall.

He loved his one and only wife. His one and only daughter. His one and only tribe of boys that he didn’t father, but was father to. He knew the difference between loving and just saying it. He was responsible for a good number of the crawls we put on the bottom of Page 1 each week.

His wife said the other night she thought he wouldn’t want an obituary because it would mean having his name in the paper. Besides, obits are hard to write because they always sound like a list of accomplishments, almost like a job application, rather than getting to the essence of who a person was. So we agreed it wouldn’t happen.

But if it had happened, it would be important to acknowledge a guy who made us feel good when we felt bad and bad when he thought we were feeling too good. That probably comes under the “Humility” banner, but he really didn’t have anything to be humble about. He was that effective, that luminous.

It’s kind of a surprise after you’ve seen death in several forms, after you’ve had someone assure you they don’t mind dying, to feel like your own heart has been cut out as though you were a deer.

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## The Pursuit Of HAPPINESS

by Dan Krotz

The murder of Laura Aceves, allegedly by boyfriend Victor Acuna-Sanchez, is both tragic, and tragically common. While Acuna-Sanchez was accused of murdering Laura on New Year’s Eve, 2012, five other women in the U.S. were murdered by an intimate partner. In Arkansas this year, 1.41 women out of 100,000 will be killed by a man they know. Their killers will use a gun 84 percent of the time. The other women will be knifed, kicked or bludgeoned to death.

The crimes Acuna-Sanchez perpetrated against Aceves before he murdered her are also common. Between 2001 and 2012, more women were shot to death in the U.S. by an intimate partner than the total number of U.S. troops killed in the Iraq and Afghanistan wars combined, but these victims, like Aceves, are invariably assaulted, stalked, terrorized, and otherwise controlled and haunted by their killers before they are murdered. Sometimes the criminal justice system intervenes and protects them. Sometimes it doesn’t.

It didn’t in Carroll County. Three weeks before Acevez’s murder, Acuna-Sanchez was in jail for violating a court order to stay away from her. But he was released on his own recognizance by Judge Scott Jackson because there are, apparently, no checks or balances in place to assure that judges and prosecutors communicate with each other when protective orders are violated. Acuna-Sanchez was also on probation, but no one in Carroll County seemed to know that, either.

Sheriff Bob Grudek told a reporter that there isn’t much that can be done to protect women from violent abusers like Acuna-Sanchez, but he reframed the question: “The question you’re asking me is what’s wrong with the courts,” he said. “I’m asking you, what’s wrong with the women?”

Yeah. What’s wrong with you?

It’s an election year. Ask candidates what their plans are for fixing Carroll County’s broken criminal justice system, and vote for people who give creditable, accountable answers. In the meantime, can we learn how an (alleged) 18 year-old violent probationer got a gun? If someone sold it to him, or gave it to him, they’re also complicit. Maybe the Sheriff and County prosecutors can work together – for a change – and give us some answers.

## Koch brothers exposed

There will be a free showing of the updated critically-acclaimed film, *Koch Brothers Exposed: 2014 Edition*, Sunday, June 29, at 4 p.m. at the church at 17 Elk St. Director Robert Greenwald pulls back the curtain on ultra-conservative billionaires Charles and David Koch by shining a light on the Kochs' toxic and sprawling reach, and introduces us to courageous people who are fighting back.

## Meditation skills class July 2

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# INDEPENDENTConstablesOnPatrol

### JUNE 16

11:13 a.m. – Panic alarm was triggered at a convenience store, and the clerk assured ESPD by phone there was no emergency, but the constable on patrol checked anyway. Everything was okay.  
4:15 p.m. – Complainant told ESPD someone had tried to get into her vehicle while she was eating at a restaurant.

### JUNE 17

1:29 a.m. – Anonymous caller reported a robbery in a neighborhood in the south part of town. Caller said a water heater had been loaded into a jeep. Constable made contact with the suspect vehicle in county jurisdiction.  
8:29 a.m. – Constable responded to a burglar alarm at a business and found the owner on site.  
1:30 p.m. – Caller claimed a vehicle had run into the Emergency Room door at ESH. Constable checked it out.  
2:13 p.m. – Traffic stop resulted in the arrest of the driver for a valid Alpena warrant for failure to pay fines.  
2:38 p.m. – One vehicle damaged another one in a parking lot and left the scene. Constable gathered the facts.  
3:33 p.m. – A bit closer to downtown, a car backed into a parked vehicle in a parking lot.  
7:32 p.m. – And here is three in a row – a resident said his parked car had been hit while he was at dinner.  
10:24 p.m. – Manager of a convenience store reported a male outside the store trying to get someone old enough to buy liquor for him. He had already gone when the constable arrived.

### JUNE 18

8:50 a.m. – The sheriff's office asked for assistance in watching for a suspect who fled the scene of a hit and run accident on Hwy. 23 South. While surveilling a particular location, constable encountered a person fitting the suspect's description and notified State Police, who soon arrived to arrest the suspect on their charges and ESPD also cited him for possession of an instrument of a crime.

11:03 a.m. – Constable filed a report of check fraud.

6:45 p.m. – A car backed into a motorcycle in a parking lot.

### JUNE 19

11:03 a.m. – Caller wanted help with a child custody issue, but constable told him he would need to call the sheriff since the child's mother lives in the county.

11:20 a.m. – Resident claimed someone had stolen items from his vehicle.

2:26 p.m. – Merchant told ESPD she had been given a counterfeit one hundred dollar bill. She provided descriptions of the persons involved.

### JUNE 20

1:03 a.m. – Concerned citizen told ESPD she had heard an explosion. Constable on patrol discovered a transformer nearby had blown. He notified the electric company.

2:42 p.m. – Visitor to the cemetery told ESPD there were two males there being disruptive. Constables responded.

3:11 p.m. – One motorcycle hit another in a parking lot.  
3:37 p.m. – Traffic stop resulted in the

arrest of the driver for driving on a suspended license and possession of a controlled substance.

10:14 p.m. – Another traffic stop resulted in the arrest of the driver for DWI.

10:23 p.m. – Renter reported his apartment had been broken into and torn apart. Constables responded. They found no signs of forced entry and no items were missing. ESPD will provide extra patrols in that area.

### JUNE 21

1:02 a.m. – Constable initiated a traffic stop on a motorcycle. The rider was uncooperative and he was taken into custody and then taken to ESH for mental health observation.

1:55 a.m. – Male called from a bar to report a group had tried to start an altercation with him and now seemed to be waiting for him outside. The group was gone when the constable arrived.

10:36 p.m. – An actor fell while on stage at the Great Passion Play. She was taken to ESH for a shoulder injury.

11:35 p.m. – Worker at a hotel witnessed a truck hit a parked vehicle in the parking lot and then drive away. The witness got the license number, and constables later found the vehicle. Driver was arrested for DWI and leaving the scene of an accident.

### JUNE 22

7:59 a.m. – A male at Lake Leatherwood campground was yelling and waving two sticks around which was scaring the other campers. Constables and EMS responded, and EMS transported the stick bearer back to ESH for further mental evaluation.

10:07 a.m. – Constable fixed a change machine downtown.

10:43 a.m. – A son told ESPD his parents are touring this area on their motorcycle, and he has not been able to make contact with them. Authorities in Carroll County and southern Missouri were notified.

10:44 a.m. – The person previously being scary at the campground was being combative with ESH staff. He calmed down upon the arrival of two constables.

10:58 a.m. – Individual came to the station to report his hearing aid might have been stolen out of his motel room.

11:13 a.m. – Constable unjammed a stuck parking meter.

2:24 p.m. – The first friend told ESPD she had been on the phone with the second friend when the first friend heard the second friend's phone drop. Then silence. No contact since. Constable went to check on the second friend and found her doing well though her phone battery needed charging.

3:45 p.m. – Another backing accident in a parking lot.

4:20 p.m. – Constable again provided assistance with combative patient at ESH.

9:20 p.m. – Guest at an inn claimed his key would not open his door and he could not find the manager. Constable responded and was able to open the door.

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1:01 a.m. – Central dispatch alerted ESPD to a domestic in progress at a bar near downtown. Constables who responded saw the female strike her boyfriend, and they arrested her for third degree domestic battery.

## Eureka Springs delegates energized about efficiency

A team from Eureka Springs learned about economic development through energy efficiency recently, and returned home with the tools and resources to make it happen. On June 5 and 6, leaders from Eureka Springs, Bryant, Hot Springs, Rogers and Russellville participated in the Summer Energy Academy hosted by the Applied Sustainability Center of the Sam M. Walton College of Business at the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville.

During the conference, the Eureka Springs team participated in strategic energy planning, analyzed data about the city's energy usage and listened to experts discuss strategies regarding energy efficiency. Representatives from educational, municipal, commercial, industrial and residential sectors spoke about projects being implemented throughout Arkansas.

As the five cities implement the Sustainability Center's Education for Municipalities program, they will track usage and savings related to energy efficiency benefitting taxpayers, community residents, schools, business and industry. In 2013, cities that participated were able to save more than 13 million kW hours of electricity, which translated into annual savings of nearly \$1.5 million among them.

"Cities used different strategies to reduce energy intensity," Michele Halsell, managing director of the Applied Sustainability Center, said. "Harrison focused on city operations, while Searcy focused on the residential and commercial sectors."

The Applied Sustainability Center chose 2014 participants based on their previous support for sustainability initiatives and the ideas and commitment expressed in their applications. (Eureka Springs completed a Greenhouse Emissions Study and a Climate Action Plan in 2012 and conducted numerous energy



**The Eureka Springs Team at Summer Energy Academy** – From left, Bill Freeland, Amanda Haley, Butch Berry, Mickey Schneider, Jerry Landrum, Richard Pille, Ken Trimble, Francis Davilla and Glenna Booth on a visit to the University of Arkansas solar farm lab.

improvements for its municipal buildings. A Citizen's Climate Action Committee formed by Jerry Landrum continues to meet on a monthly basis.)

The program provides municipal leaders with information, tools and resources including a municipal energy education workshop to be conducted by the

Applied Sustainability Center in each city, monthly energy strategy calls, webinars and the Summer Energy Academy.

There was no charge for cities to participate, but city managers and mayors have committed the participation of city staff and stakeholders from their communities.

## INDEPENDENT Art & Entertainment

### Entries sought for Quilt Fair

Entries are now being accepted for the 37<sup>th</sup> Ozark Quilt Fair to be held Saturday, Sept. 13, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the Shiloh Museum of Ozark History. Quilters and quilt lovers are invited to display new and antique quilts for show and sale on the museum grounds.

Entry fee is \$10 per exhibitor. Cash

prize Viewer's Choice awards will be given for first (\$50), second (\$35), and third (\$15) place winners in both new and antique quilt categories.

Entry deadline is Sept. 10 and entry forms are available at [shilohmuseum.org](http://shilohmuseum.org), or by calling (479) 750-8165. The Ozark Quilt Fair is sponsored by Arvest Bank.

### Last chance for *Opera Games*

Families can enjoy one more *Opera Games* performance at the city auditorium on Saturday, July 5, at 2 p.m. Tickets are free for children, \$5 for adults.

The performance introduces young folks to music by many of opera's greatest composers and well-known characters from their operas. Even the adults will be intrigued to see how characters from various operas meet and interact while competing in *Opera Games* in Opera Land.

Don't miss this opportunity to introduce the family to the thrill of a live opera performance with a twist.

The regular Opera in the Ozarks repertoire runs through July 22 at Inspiration Point on US 62W in the newly air-conditioned performance center. While there, don't forget to check out Art in Opera and help support opera's rising young stars. For more information visit [www.opera.org](http://www.opera.org), or call (479) 253-8595.

### Free film class series continues June 30

If you missed the first free film class taught by Alexander Virden at Ozarts Center for the Arts in Berryville, no problem. The twice-monthly classes are open and can be joined at any point. Next class is Monday, June 30, 7 p.m., in the dining room at

Grand View Hotel.

To catch up on the first class, watch the *Intro to Filmmaking* video at the top of the page at [www.Ozarts.org](http://www.Ozarts.org). The site also has links to written homework (designed to help students see films as a

learning experience) and Virden's YouTube channel.

To register, email [Alexander@ozarts.org](mailto:Alexander@ozarts.org) with "Film Classes" in the subject line. Include a brief description of your experience and goals (experience not required), or phone (870) 654-3952.

# INDEPENDENTHIGH (Falutin') SOCIETY



**Kilts for a cause**  
– Victor Smith, left, LeRoy Gorrell and Jeff Gross kicked up the kilts at Cocktails for a Cause for Turpentine Creek at the Pied Piper. LeRoy got the most dough in his tip jar at pennies a peek.  
*PHOTO BY BECKY GILLETTE*



**Shades of Ophelia** – Eureka Springs High School grad, Eden Randolph, “relaxes” in the pool at Wild Plum Cabins. (She’s actually posing for Melanie Myhre, who took the photo on June 23 for a how-to book on stylized photo-shoots.)



**9 lives for gardens**  
– Carroll County Master Gardeners Alice McNeal, (from left), Linda Caldwell and Anna Mathews spruced up the flowerbeds at the Doggie Thrift Store last week. Thanks to CCMG, gardens around town have a lot more lives than nine.  
*PHOTO BY DWAYNE RICHARDS*

**Open for business**  
– O’Reilly Auto Parts of Eureka Springs officially opened Saturday, June 21, at the corner of Wall and Van Buren. Shown, from left, are district manager Ryan Freeman, sales associate Malissa Bain and store manager Dan Shelton.





**And in the center ring** – Ringmaster and whip wielder, Jack Moyer, announces the next act.

**Dances with fire** – Melanie Pierce lights up for the crowd.



**Weighty issues** – Strong Man, Greg Hein, gets set to hoist 1,000 lbs. into the air – 500 lbs. on each end. Note the protective wrap he had to place over his bulging muscles ...



**Jenga journey** – Little Journey Leach figures out his first move during Giant Jenga.

**Circus in the Park:** A big crowd enjoyed the fun on Friday, June 20 at ESDN's circus event and cute dog contest in Basin Park. *PHOTOS BY GWEN ETHEREDGE*



**Get along little doggie** – Robert Schmid's Sophie looks a bit wild-eyed about being saddled and ridden in the Cute Pup parade.



**Shick chick** – Bearded Lady, Amada Haley, stylin' an awesome five-o'clock shadow.



**Where's the beach?** – Linda Bridwell's cutie, Grayson, waits patiently for his turn in the Cute Pup parade and contest.

## Air ambulance costs can fly high

BECKY GILLETTE

When Eureka resident Bob Gage fell off a ladder a year ago he was transported by helicopter to a hospital in Springfield, Mo. That helicopter ride left him with a bill of nearly \$30,000, amounting to \$1,000 per minute.

That type of experience is one reason why a membership program being offered by Air Evac Lifeteam is gaining traction in the area. The Greater Eureka Springs Chamber of Commerce is offering members the opportunity to get a yearly subscription to Air Evac for \$55, \$10 less than the offer to the general public of \$65 per year for individuals.

“Air Evac will accept whatever your insurance company will pay for the services they offer,” said Toni Rose, director of operations for the local chamber. “The benefit of that is you don’t have the worry of additional costs. As you know, it is not cheap to get lifted by a helicopter to the nearest hospital. This will remove people’s worry about the cost of the flight. They need to be worried about saving their lives, not what the helicopter ride is going to cost them.”

David Mitchell, Eureka Springs alderman and retired healthcare executive, said anyone living 40 or more miles from a major trauma center should, if they can, invest in the Air Evac insurance.

“It is a no brainer,” Mitchell said. “Access to such a service at the discount subscription rate is the best investment one could make. The Chamber of Commerce has a great program going on now, so take advantage and sign up. Do it now.”

Loren Tepper, membership sales manager for Air Evac in the region, said members, whether they have insurance or not, will never receive a bill for their services. Subscribers are not required to have health insurance, cannot be on Medicaid, and helicopter transport at no charge must be for a life-threatening situation.

The cost of the helicopter ride varies depending on where the patient is being transported and the services necessary. Tepper said their charges start at about \$25,000.

### Another choice

D.J. Satterfield, director of Mercy Life Air Medical Service, estimated a flight from Holiday Island to a hospital in the Rogers/Springdale area would cost about \$16,850.

“We are generally \$10,000 to \$15,000 less expensive than for-profit air ambulance services, Satterfield said. “They [Air Evac and Air Methods MedFlight] are for-profit companies compared to

us as a hospital-based, not-for-profit service. We try to cover our cost compared to these services that want to make a profit. That is why you are seeing a \$15,000 difference in billed charges. Being with Mercy, we do have a charitable program that we work non-insured patients through. Currently, we do not have a membership program. But Mercy is currently evaluating one.”

Satterfield said membership service for air ambulances can help spread the cost among all members; if you have a million members, and are only flying two percent a year, it is a business model that works.

J. Chris Mattes, emergency services network coordinator for Mercy Life Line, said patients with memberships could still be charged for air ambulance services if it is later deemed not medically necessary.

He recommends helicopter ambulances in areas like Eureka Springs that don’t have a critical care hospital for any medical emergency such as a heart attack, stroke or severe trauma. The time it saves going by air to an intensive care facility can be life saving.

“Just because our ambulance is Mercy owned and operated doesn’t mean the patient has to go to a Mercy hospital,” Mattes said. “We can take you to any hospital you want to go to as long as that hospital has services to take care of the patient. From Eureka Springs to Springfield is about a one hour and 45-minute drive, versus flying the patient up here in 25 minutes. We can fly patients from the Eureka Springs or Berryville hospitals to hospitals in Rogers in 13 minutes.”

Mattes said they have two advanced life support providers in back with the patient. All personnel receive a lot of advanced training.

“We have very high standards and an extensive education process,” he said.

Mercy operates a helicopter with upgraded technology allowing pilots to fly in weather conditions they previously could not have faced.

“This new Mercy helicopter means we’ll now be able to fly patients when there’s reduced visibility and low clouds,” said Satterfield, director of Mercy Life Line Air Medical Service. “It all adds up to getting help to critically-ill patients quickly. The advanced on-board technology, including global positioning system (GPS), weather radar, auto pilot and a terrain awareness warning system also means a higher level of safety for those patients and the flight crew as they make their way to the hospital.”

## Eureka man urges caution regarding chopper ride

BECKY GILLETTE

A year ago Eureka Bob Gage was helping a friend at a house in Holiday Island when he fell off a ladder and shattered his leg. His experience with being transported to the hospital by air ambulance left him with a bitter taste.

Gage said three emergency medical technicians (EMTs) were stationed only 200 yds. from the house where he was working. They arrived quickly.

“The EMTs from Eureka Springs based at the Holiday Island station were all wearing Mercy Hospital shirts, and they wanted me to go to Mercy Hospital in Springfield, Mo.,” Gage said. “I told them I wanted to go to Washington Regional and they told me I had to fly to Springfield because Washington Regional was backed up, and they couldn’t get me into surgery.”

Gage said he then requested to be taken by ground ambulance to the hospitals in Eureka Springs or Berryville. He said he was told that those hospitals didn’t provide the type of care he needed, and he would be transferred out after being stabilized.

Gage was given morphine for pain, and says that affected his judgment. He didn’t want to go to a hospital nearly two hours away in a community where no one knows him. But he felt like he was given no choice.

“I was in pain and under the influence of the drugs, so I said okay,” Gage said. “Then it turned out I was charged nearly \$30,000 for a 30-minute helicopter ride. I was taken to Mercy Hospital in Springfield where no one knew where I was. I was left in drug-induced coma for 24 hours before I was taken to surgery. Then I got a bill for \$29,087.21 just for the air ambulance.”

Gage said while Mercy was written on the side of the helicopter and personnel were wearing Mercy logos on their clothing, the bill came from Air Evac. He said Air Evac “hounded me like a hammer” for payment until Medicaid paid the bill. Gage said he feels he could have been transported to the hospital of his choice by ground ambulance at far less cost than the air ambulance to Springfield.

“The EMTs put me on a helicopter, but it was unnecessary,” Gage said. “They got me high on morphine and talked me into it. The whole thing was wrong. They could have taken me by ground ambulance for only \$5,000. They lied to me and said they couldn’t take me to Washington Regional. They are ripping people off for \$25,000 a head.”

J. Chris Mattes, emergency services network coordinator for Mercy Life Line Air Medical Service, said Air Evac Lifeteam has never been associated with Mercy or Life Line.

“They are a totally separate company,” Mattes said. “If the aircraft had a Mercy logo on it and the flight crew were wearing Mercy clothing, it makes me wonder if it might have been MedFlight, a flight program owned and operated by Air Methods Corporation headquartered in Denver, Colo. I don’t know this for certain, but it sounds like it could be a possibility.”

Mattes said from March 15, 2013 to November 10, 2013, MedFlight had a contract with Mercy Northwest Arkansas in Rogers to provide helicopter service and they were known as Mercy MedFlight at that time.

“As part of our contract with them, they were allowed to use our Mercy logo,” Mattes said. “However, Mercy had no direct oversight of their program or control of their billing. Recently, we brought the flight program in-house to provide consistent service at a reasonable cost to both the health system and patients. MedFlight is still in operation today and is based at the Rogers Airport. They have no affiliation with Mercy.”

Mercy Life Line started serving Northwest Arkansas in March of this year.

*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

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



CONSTANCE  
WAGNER

Walter had gone back to the office after lunch, carrying in his pocket a communication to the paper, which the colonel had handed him. Scarcely a week went by without the appearance of a long and carefully worded letter signed Laertes M. Blake. He touched upon the decadence of the school, the injustices of the tax-assessing system, the neglected potency of Sycamore water, and the degeneracy of the modern novel as shown in some example or other that had slipped past the watchful eye of the Library Board. "I demand that the reading matter we put into the hands of our innocent girls and boys, and the pure-minded ladies of our city, be clean and wholesome. Where,"

he asked wistfully, "are the Gene Stratton Porters of today?"

Walter threw Jane a wink as he went out, then he popped his head in the door again, and said: "Honeychild, try and get the colonel to give you his recipe for a julep. It's famous..." Jane put a silent curse on him, but the colonel had heard and was already launched. "A tea-towel – never touch with the bare hands –" Ten minutes later, Tracy's horn sounded outside, and Jane snatched up her swimming gear and made off, but the julep was still in process of creation. It seemed you shaved the ice and crushed the mint leaves –

"Thank you so much, Colonel." From the doorway Jane bestowed her most engaging smile. "Perhaps you'd write it down for me some time?" The colonel would be delighted, Ma'am. " – sure to keep the silver glasses filled with shaved ice," he was saying as she made her escape. (Then, she added, galloping down the steps, you pour the whole mess down the drain and get a real drink.)

Tracy, lolling behind the wheel of her car, said: "I'm getting baked," as Jane climbed in. Her two youngsters were scuffling together in the back seat, but she ignored them.

Jane said: "Sorry. Your father-in-law was giving me his recipe for mint juleps. Walter's idea."

Tracy moaned softly and shot the car

down the drive in a reckless curve. "My father-in-law," she said, "is a windbag."

Jane cocked an eyebrow toward the back seat. "Little pitchers?"

"Oh, they aren't old enough," Tracy said negligently. "Besides, they're like Jarvis – kind of slow." She drove rapidly over the corkscrew roads she had known all her life, skirting the edge of town, passing the beer joint on top of the hill and taking the highway toward the lake. "He used to impress me terribly," she said, "when I was a kid. He was always coming to school, making the most beautiful speeches. He had one for Lee's birthday that was marvelous. I cried and cried." She turned the car off on the rough road that led to the lake and threw it into second gear. A small yellow dust storm followed them and settled on the fenders. "Men," she said, "are low-down. Only got one thing on their minds, all of them. Why, everybody knows –" She stopped and began studiously avoiding the larger rocks that stuck up in the road.

"Everybody knows what?" Jane demanded. "You're always saying everybody knows, Tracy – and I don't know a thing."

"I forgot." Tracy was flustered. "I ought to keep my big mouth shut. Most people have lived here since Adam, so you just take it for granted – Forget it, honey."

"No. You've gone too far," Jane said,

studying Tracy's pretty, petulant little face with the fringe of pale blond hair showing from under a bright green kerchief. "Now you'll have to tell all."

Tracy squirmed and made a face at the road. "Damn the dust," she said. "Well, wait till we get to the lake." She moved a shoulder toward the back seat, where Sally Jo and Vernon, during a lull in the hostilities, were craning their necks forward, ears stretched.

"Boys are dirty," Sally Jo began to chant squeakily. "Boys are dirty. Mommy said so. Dirty ole boys..."

Vernon cried: "She did not!" and they took up the combat where it had been left off.

"You two hush right up," Tracy called back. "I didn't say anything of the sort, Sally Jo, and you've got no business listening, anyhow."

"Vernon's putting his dirty ole feet on my clean sunsuit," Sally Jo announced from the floor. "Make him quit, Mommy."

"Stop fighting," said Tracy in a disengaged voice. "You two are always fighting. I do declare."

There were indications of the two children plumping themselves back in the seat momentarily. Quite softly came the small voice of Sally Jo, singing. "Know what li'l boys are made of? Snakes and snails and puppy-dog tails – That's what li'l boys –"

## NOTES from the HOLLOW by Steve Weems

Driving home from Conway, Arkansas, recently, I tried a new route. Normally, it is a straight shot from Conway to Harrison, then an hour westward to Eureka Springs. Though a Sunday evening, this major artery through the Arkansas Ozarks seemed especially heavy with traffic and impatience. I try to avoid both.

At the town of Clinton, I had an idea and turned left onto a state highway and

followed meandering asphalt through the Boston Mountains. The elevation rose immediately into dense forest and automobile traffic ceased to exist. The occasional opening on high spots showcased stunning scenery.

The population of wildlife I saw greatly surpassed that of domesticated humans in shiny metal boxes coming at me at high rates of speed. I found myself relaxing and my mind wandering. That is

what a deserted open road does to me.

I missed the name of a dying community with a sizeable abandoned school building that I passed through. Probably the victim of school consolidation. In the Ozark National Forest, I thought of Charlton Heston as I drove through Ben Hur.

When I reached Boxley, I saw several elk, mostly cows, grazing along the highway. Despite my low rate of speed, I could have clipped a young gangly bull elk that stepped out in front of me had I not stomped the brake pedal vigorously. Balancing his huge velvet rack, he bobbed his head as he gave me the fish eye dismissively, then glanced back at three other bull elks that were watching. Perhaps he was trying to clip me as some sort of initiation rite for the juvenile street toughs of Boxley.

After Boxley and Kingston, I did see some vehicular traffic, mostly pickups and



Jeeps with canoes and kayaks. I turned west and at Marble saw the first open gas station since Clinton and then took the short cut through Alabam and Old Alabam to reach Forum.

When I reached the city limit sign of Eureka Springs, I realized that it was the first population sign I'd seen since Clinton. One hundred and fifty-eight miles of driving and saw not a single community that had enough population to brag about it on their city limit sign. I liked that.

### Hold out a paw to a dog in need

The Good Shepherd Humane Society is requesting donations to save the leg of a white Great Pyrenees found by the side of the road after being shot and left to die. They call him Apollo, and he is such a big dog that losing his front leg will make it difficult for him to get around. The estimated surgery cost is \$2,382 providing all goes well and

there are no complications.

In order to have a chance at saving the leg, his surgery should be scheduled ASAP. If you can help, please donate online at [www.goodshepherd-hs.org](http://www.goodshepherd-hs.org), drop your donation by the animal shelter or mail it to GSHS, P.O. Box 285, Eureka Springs, AR 72632.

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## Let Isolation Be the Rule – Yet the Crowd Exists

**F**riday is the Cancer new moon festival. “Let isolation be the rule, yet the crowd exists.” This is how we feel when we are learning how to be in the world. We are in the world yet feel isolated from everything and everyone. Cancer climbs under its Cancer shell for protection. Isolated, even in a crowd. This is the personality-building experience in Cancer. Gradually we “build a lighted house” to dwell in. And invite everyone over.

With the Cancer Sun high above the Earth, humanity is to assimilate this golden light for the

rest of the year. To assimilate light our bodies must be filled with light. We are to absorb drink pure fresh water and juices, eat fresh vegetables and fruits grown in Sun. Then the Sun’s golden rays more easily rest in our heart (lotus) and stream out to others. This is how we transform each other.

Cancer is the sign of mother, nurture and nourishment. Solstices bring a state of equilibrium and balance to all life on earth. From solstice and throughout the summer we are to re-organize our diets, breath in the light of the Sun, absorbing the

sun’s light through our bodies. These allow the prana (Sanskrit for “life force”, qi, chi, cosmic energy from the Sun streaming through the elements) to easily circulate. We are to be and live in a lightweight, light-filled house (our bodies and environments). Building in the summer our “light-filled house.”

**Mercury Direct – Tuesday** Mercury is still in the sky, stationary direct, 24 degrees Gemini. Slowly Mercury moves forward. In its shadow till July 16. We are, too.

**ARIES:** In past weeks as you initiated (Aries’ task) project after project things always changed, went haywire, something always hindered progress. As this begins to ease, you realize how tired you’ve become pushing the rock up the hill only to have it fall back down again, rolling over and upon you. Care for yourself now. Nurture your body, emotions, mind and spirit. Until you feel strong and ennobled again.

**TAURUS:** You’re being provided with information concerning the nurturance and sustaining of humanity’s future. If you’re not in a formal study/school then you’re receiving information from above, impressions falling into your mind, ideas beginning to flow concerning how to create a sustainable and secure future for self and others. The information comes incrementally, step by step. Listen carefully to the messages, directions. Respond immediately.

**GEMINI:** Read all the signs each week and every week’s introduction so you have access to all the wisdom information. You’re to synthesize all polarities (oppositions, dualities). It takes knowledge to do this. This subtle, esoteric, vital task for Gemini is rarely known. You seek the Ageless Wisdom teachings, the Mysteries, a Teacher and a group. They are here, written for you. The door has opened. Enter soon.

**CANCER:** You’re alone now. However, later you will work with other earth signs, especially Taurus. As they provide the information needed, you will bring

financial know-how and a nurturing vitality. You provide the calm directions, intuitive analysis, so others can begin to build new minds and learn. While Taurus provides the Light, you take that light and “build the lighted house” where others can “therein dwell.”

**LEO:** Are you concerned about finances? Is there a dilemma concerning use of (shared perhaps) resources? For a real flow of money to be available forth, give your money away. Tithe to Red Cross, Doctors Without Borders, UNESCO, Catholic Charities, St. Jude’s Hospital, and Oxfam. Giving to those in need insures our future, our health and self-confidence. Leo is to gather all gifts and offer them to humanity. Humanity, suffering and in need, is grateful.

**VIRGO:** Do you feel your ideas are going nowhere? Do you have goals that seem conflicted and conflicting? Are you feeling conflicted too? It’s possible you’re serious now. Saturn, in your third house of thoughts and thinking is actually the Dweller on the Threshold asking you “what are you thinking, does it produce Goodwill?” You also could be self-critical. Do not allow this. Begin to serve others like Leo above. Then obstructions are eliminated.

**LIBRA:** Often your dilemma is

between home/family and business/profession. Libra is where decisions are made on how to blend self needs with needs of others, how family fits while pursuing business success. When we stand under and align with the Will-to-Good in all matters, personal and worldly, then Right

Choices, Right Actions and Right Relations come forth. Begin each day with these words. “I align with the Will-to-Good.” Visualize this. Your life changes.

**SCORPIO:** At some point, you will have the courage to face all fears, slowly and confidently. You’ve been feeling too hermetic to move beyond protection, safety and comfort. The money situation will shift as new values and resources emerge. An ending of things is slowly taking place. You thought you were the only one who transforms. Watch as humanity begins to experience what it’s like to be under the tutelage of Scorpio (Saturn in Scorpio). Life transforms for everyone.

**SAGITTARIUS:** Here are a few tasks for you to tend to in the coming months. Tend to all financial responsibilities before they’re due. Tend to the care and conservation of your energy (self, money, resources). Tend to family and friends with loving care and understanding. Realize nothing is

moving swiftly now including career. Everything’s down under. Go slowly each day. Ambition is good and dreams come true – in right timing.

**CAPRICORN:** A bit of travel would be good. Most likely you can’t travel now due to work schedules, not the right timing, pre-planned agendas, etc. By August you may have more time. In the meantime what’s local is where you feel the most comfort, will learn the most and be most interested (and interesting to others). Ask for what’s needed always. Be careful of other drivers. Maintain your car(s).

**AQUARIUS:** People think different things about Aquarians - impractical, too fast, rigid or lacking in discipline. None of these really apply. Often you’re practical especially concerning money and finances. You seek closeness with others and make choices based on who loves and cares for you. For now, take extra care with resources and money. Careful with communication. Speak clearly and slowly. Someone loving comes your way.

**PISCES:** You have attempted to gain independence recently in order to express your gifts and unique talents freely and without hindrances. You will re-examine your choices and reassess in coming months. You will see where and how you’re needed in the future. Write out what you seek to express and where you need to be for this to come forth. Who is impacted by your decisions and what would improve, enhance and enrich your life?



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Jeff Lee is one the hardest working musicians in Eureka Springs, playing solo gigs and with two bands: Blue Moon and Magic Mule. A singer/songwriter and guitarist, Jeff has been in the music business since he was 17 and has recorded more than 100 songs. He played the music scenes of Chicago, Phoenix and L.A. before coming to Eureka in 2002. Here he fronted a rock trio called Blue Moon with Hugh Logsdon on bass and John Baker on drums. They were together

for three years and are now back with the original members. You can hear their mix of originals and classic rock at Jack's Place

on Friday and Saturday night. For a lighter sound, catch Jeff Lee acoustically at the Balcony Restaurant (Basin Park Hotel) on

Sunday at 12 p.m. and 5 p.m., where he will play a mix of classic country, folk and originals.

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**THURSDAY – JUNE 26**

- **BALCONY RESTAURANT** Maureen Alexander, 5 p.m.
- **BLARNEY STONE** Eclectic Night w/ Tim Forsythe, 8 p.m.
- **CHELSEA'S** Order of Will w/ Cassidy, Orion & JD, 9 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 27**

- **BALCONY RESTAURANT** Hogscalders, 12 p.m. & 6 p.m.
- **BLARNEY STONE** Hellbenders, 8:30 p.m.
- **CATHOUSE LOUNGE** Dusty Pearls, 8 p.m. – midnight
- **CHELSEA'S** SxRex, 9 p.m.
- **EUREKA LIVE!** DJ D. Underground & Dancing
- **GRAND TAVERNE** Arkansas Red Guitar, 6:30–9:30 p.m.
- **JACK'S PLACE** Blue Moon, 9 p.m.
- **LEGENDS SALOON** Songrider – Bike night with prizes, 8 p.m.

- **MADAME MEDUSSA'S HOOKAH LOUNGE** Hot Beats BYOB
- **NEW DELHI** Rockenhiemer, 6–10 p.m.
- **ROWDY BEAVER** Karaoke, 7 p.m.
- **ROWDY BEAVER DEN** TBA, 9 p.m.
- **SMILING BROOK CAFÉ** Venny Ray-jazz violin, 6–9 p.m. BYOB
- **THE STONE HOUSE** Jerry Yester, 6:30–9:30 p.m.

**SATURDAY – JUNE 28**

- **BALCONY RESTAURANT** Catherine Reed, 12 p.m. & 6 p.m.
- **BLARNEY STONE** Blew Reed & the Flatheads, 8:30 p.m.
- **CATHOUSE LOUNGE** Stow Away Gypsies, 8 p.m. – midnight
- **CHELSEA'S** Foley's Van, 9 p.m.
- **EUREKA LIVE!** DJ D. Underground & Dancing
- **GRAND TAVERNE** Jerry Yester Grand Piano Dinner Music, 6:30–9:30 p.m.
- **JACK'S PLACE** Blue Moon, 9 p.m.
- **LEGENDS SALOON** Southern Skies, 9 p.m.
- **MADAME MEDUSSA'S HOOKAH LOUNGE** Open Jam BYOB

- **NEW DELHI** *Vinny Ray*, 12–4 p.m., *Dusty Pearls*, 6–10 p.m.
- **ROWDY BEAVER** *Ozark Thunder*, 7:30 p.m.
- **ROWDY BEAVER DEN** *Jeff Fox & the Man on the Wall*, 1–5 p.m. & 9 p.m. – 1 a.m.
- **SMILING BROOK CAFÉ** *Becky Jean & the Candy Man*, 6–9 p.m. *BYOB*

## SUNDAY – JUNE 29

- **BALCONY RESTAURANT** *Jeff Lee*, 12 p.m., & 5 p.m.
- **CHELSEA'S** *Nathan Kalish*, 7:30 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** *Downtempo Chillout BYOB*
- **NEW DELHI** *Sarah Hughes*, 12–4 p.m.,
- **ROWDY BEAVER DEN** *Cooter & Friends*, 1–5 p.m.

## MONDAY – JUNE 30

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

## TUESDAY – JULY 1

- **CHELSEA'S** Open Mic
- **LEGENDS SALOON** Pool Tournament, 6:30 p.m.
- **MADAME MEDUSSA'S HOOKAH LOUNGE** *Game night BYOB*
- **ROWDY BEAVER** Hospitality Night

## WEDNESDAY – JULY 2

- **BLARNEY STONE** Game night
- **EUREKA LIVE!** VIP Wednesday
- **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 Wednesday

## Bartenders - get your buds and shakers ready!

The 2014 Fleur Delicious Weekend Ciroc Vodka Bartender Competition at the New Delhi Cafe and Patio, 2 N. Main, takes place Wednesday, July 2, at 5:30 p.m.

Bert Jones of Gaskins Cabin Steakhouse will emcee competition. Judges are Dacre Whitaker of Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art, KJ Zumwalt of Caribé Restaurante y Cantina, Lisa McMahon of Gaskins Cabin Steakhouse, and LeRoy Gorrell of Community First Bank.

Judges' Choice winner will get \$100 cash and People's Choice a \$50 gift certificate, both from New Delhi. Each will also receive a bottle of Ciroc Vodka.

Local bartenders wanting to participate must arrive no later than 5 p.m. to register, and must bring one pre-made gallon of their cocktail to be poured into shot glasses for People's Choice. Also bring ingredients, garnishes and serving glasses to make four of your cocktails on site during the competition for Judges' Choice. Creativity and presentation count in the judging.

For more information, see [www.FleurDeliciousWeekend.com](http://www.FleurDeliciousWeekend.com) and Fleur Delicious Weekend Eureka Springs, AR on Facebook.



## Carter campaign seeks auction items

Sonny Carter is running for representative for our area, District 97, to represent working people. Sonny says he is a progressive Democrat who will listen to all people and represent our interests, unlike the other candidate who is supported by the Koch brothers, AEP (SWEPCO), and Walmart.

There will be a Meet the Candidate event and auction Friday, July 18, 5 – 9 p.m. at the Space with lots of fun, live music and refreshments. At this time, art and other items are needed for the auction. Please phone Regina (479) 981-2613 or Marie (479) 253-2444 to donate something for the auction and help Sonny get elected!



**Kids on a mission** – TEAMeffort is an organization that assigns volunteer groups rewarding and needed projects, such as helping an elderly woman with yard cleanup. That's what these 60 enthusiastic youth volunteers from the Light of Christ Church in Algonquin, Ill., were doing in town when they paused for this photo. Rusty Bundrum and Lauren Wilson are the local TEAMeffort coordinators. *PHOTO BY GWEN ETHEREDGE*

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digitally synchronized with music aired on Eureka Springs' radio station KESA 100.9 FM. Fireworks can also be viewed from your boat on Table Rock Lake.

For more information, call (800) 437-3007 or (479) 244-9405.

### Fireworks on the lake at Ventris Trail – 8 p.m.

Ventris Trail's End Resort south of Garfield puts on one of the largest firework displays in Northwest Arkansas. The fireworks begin around 8 p.m. and are choreographed to music everyone loves.

The display is designed to be seen by boat only, as it is projected toward the lake for the effect caused by reflection from the water.

So grab your gang and a boat, canoe or kayak and head just south of marker 8 on Beaver Lake – look for the banners! The resort is south of Garfield, a few minutes drive after turning off US 62 onto Ventris Road. For directions and more information, phone (479) 359-3912.

The annual event is the resort's way of saying "thank you" to our troops, those who have made the ultimate sacrifice, the community, and all the volunteers

who help put on the show. See [www.beaverlakeresorts.com](http://www.beaverlakeresorts.com).

### Turpentine Creek

Turpentine Creek wishes everyone a happy Independence Day. There will be no fireworks at TCWR this year, as the board of directors, staff and interns are doing all they can to focus efforts towards care of the animals. They thank the community for its support of this decision, as the aging animal population needs a sanctuary without disruption. The folks at TWCR will be with us in spirit on this day of celebrating our nation's independence.

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## The beauty of gardenia

As our Louisiana refugees from Hurricane Katrina can attest, what's not to like about gardenias except for the fact that you can't overwinter them outdoors in Northwest Arkansas? Like many plants in American horticulture, gardenia originates from eastern Asia, particularly warm temperate regions of China, southward, where broad-leaf evergreens thrive.

The genus name *Gardenia* fortunately also serves as the common name for this evergreen shrub with, creamy white, single or double-flowered blossoms whose beauty is surpassed only by their intoxicating, heavenly fragrance. The delightfully-scented flowers are offered by florists in table arrangements, corsages, and boutonnieres. For the better part of two decades, I've had gardenias as container plants, bringing them indoors for the winter, taking them out in spring after danger of frost has passed.

There are 200 or more species of *Gardenia* found in tropics and subtropics of the Old World. That which we grow is called florist's gardenia or cape gardenia, *Gardenia jasminoides*. The cape jasmine arrived in England in the 1750s, and was named in 1761. The name "jasmine" as applied to this plant comes from a painting by one of the

most famous of natural history illustrators, George Dionysius Ehret.

Ehret, unsure of the plant's identity, labeled his plate "jasminum" with a question mark next to the caption. Since gardenia flowers superficially resemble those of jasmines (trailing plants of the olive family) it was given the species name *jasminoides*.

*Gardenia* is named for a Scottish physician and naturalist, Alexander Garden (1730–1791), who settled in South Carolina in 1755. During the American Revolution he sided with the British. In 1783, after the war was over, his property was confiscated and he returned to London.

The Chinese history of the plant dates back at least to the first century B.C.E., mentioned in the oldest Chinese herbal, *Shen Nong Ben Cao Jing*, attributed to the Divine "Plowman Emperor," Shen Nong. The Chinese name, *zhi-zi*, applies to the plant as well as the dried fruit, which used in prescriptions in traditional Chinese Medicine for the treatment of jaundice, a use confirmed by research that has continued for more than 2000 years.

Chinese history reminds us that American history by comparison is merely "current affairs."



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is changing as we must, too.

We must be friendlier as a town, stop charging for parking, and get real, before we are off the grid, or is that what we are wanting? I can't say that would fix it, I'm not that pretentious. But we know customers are irritated. For more than a year I helped run shops downtown, and guess what-the customers told me day in and day out? They were offended about the high price of parking downtown.

We, Eureka Springs, must consider non-seasonal tourist related income as another venue.

**Barb Kerbox**

### Shaving money from programs

Editor,

My partner and I volunteer to deliver meals to the housebound and elderly in Eureka for the *Meals on Wheels* government program. For seven people. Today, I learned that the reason there are not more on the program and why there is a long waiting list: the Republicans have *cut* monies for programs for the poor, the elderly and for hungry children.

I am outraged!

No one in this wealthy country should go hungry. My dear grandmother in Mississippi ran a boarding house. We lived

near a railroad and the "hoboes" who came to the back door, and other poor people, knew they could always get a good southern meal: no charge and no attitude. She was a true Christian, not like the sanctimonious Republicans who line their pockets while stealing from the people.

I will never understand greed and hatred of the poor. Of course, these same well-fed Republicans lie about poor people. They call them: lazy, won't work and just need to pull themselves up by their bootstraps and do not deserve government help. The Republicans are lackeys for the rich, for corrupt corporations, and for wealthy people who do not pay any taxes because of loopholes.

And, good "Christian" Arkansans continually vote for Republicans. Against their own interests! These Republicans stand behind "The Flag, The Bible, and Religion" to bamboozle voters. While I personally do not believe in a Hell, some days I know whom I would like to see there. They sure don't act like Jesus at all.

The Bible says, "He that hastens to be rich has an evil eye, and considers not that poverty shall come on him." And, the Dalai Lama, "I believe that whether a person follows any religion or not is unimportant. He or she must have a good heart, a warm heart."

We need to change our hearts and change the government! Compassion and

love are much better than greed and hatred.

**Trella Laughlin**

### Go solar before it gets too hot

Editor,

Arkansas utilities are facing tough choices. The change is driven by new technologies and urgent need to take action to protect the environment and Mother Earth, our shared habitat. Local power, community solar, micro-grids, and other forms of distributed energy sources using wind and solar power, are great alternatives to remote, bulk power generation.

Duane Highley, President and CEO of the Arkansas Electric Cooperatives Corporation, AECC, wrote "The Solar Paradox: If solar energy is free, why aren't utilities doing more to promote it?" in the June 2014 *Arkansas Living* magazine.

1. AECC: "So what is the problem with solar? To tell the truth, it is still just too expensive for most folks. AECC paid \$47,000 for a 7,000 Watt system in 2009, or \$7 per watt."

Several people in Eureka Springs have installed solar systems at \$2 per watt or less. You can have a solar system in a couple of days, less than half the cost of a new truck.

2. AECC: "Some people call for an expansion on subsidies for solar energy; we oppose solar subsidies."

Arkansas has no solar rebates or incentives. There is a 30 percent Federal Investment Tax Credit that expires in 2016. Coal power has been subsidized for over 100 years.

3. AECC: "We will continue to explore solar energy options, seeking ways to promote its use for those customers who want to pay for it without raising the rates of those who don't."

Grid-tie solar users do not get a free ride on the grid. All customers pay a monthly service availability charge just to be connected to the grid.

4. AECC: "We cannot allow a substandard installation to compromise safety for our line workers or reliability of the overall system. If we seem picky about our requirements for interconnection, it is not out of malice toward renewables."

Grid-tie solar systems are safe, designed to turn off when external power goes out. Installations are performed and tested by licensed, professional electricians. An emergency power switch is installed to shut down the connection to the grid.

I invite Duane Highley to visit with Jerry Landrum and the people of Eureka Springs who have taken action to protect the environment with local, simple, grid-tie solar systems. Let's go solar before it too late.

**Dr. Luis Contreras**

## 'Mad scientist' returns

Steve Cox returns to Carroll County libraries Monday, June 30, to wow and amaze with science. Be there when he entertains and makes us laugh as we learn some of the cool things we can achieve using science. Program begins at 10 a.m. at Green Forest Library, 1 p.m. at the Berryville Library, and 3 p.m. at the Eureka Springs Carnegie Public Library as part of this year's Summer Reading Program: Fizz! Boom! Read! This free program is intended for all ages.



## Opera seeks auction items

Opera in the Ozarks is seeking donations of goods or services to be auctioned off during a silent auction on July 13 at the Arend Art Center in conjunction with a gala performance in honor of Director Emeritus, Jim Swiggart.

All donations are tax deductible and proceeds will benefit Inspiration Point Fine Arts Colony. To pledge an item or certificate, phone (479) 253-8595 or email Alisha Garland, [alisha.garland@opera.org](mailto:alisha.garland@opera.org).

Your efforts to help promote the arts in Northwest Arkansas are appreciated!

## Raise your paddles to support protection of Buffalo River

Ozark Water Stewards will lead a second protest float on the Buffalo River Saturday, July 5, to call attention to the danger of impairment posed by a hog factory farm operating in the watershed area. Leaking lagoons and spreading of tons liquid waste on pastures along Big Creek, a major tributary of the Buffalo, constitute a clear threat to our first National River, yet many people who love the river remain unaware of the situation.

Floaters will begin gathering at 8 a.m. at Grinder's Ferry Access (by the Hwy. 65 bridge just north of Tyler Bend) to decorate boats with banners, pennants and signs. Launch will be at 10 a.m.

A group plans to claim a camping area on the gravel bar at Grinder's Ferry and others are welcome to join. For more information visit [www.SavetheBuffaloRiver.com](http://www.SavetheBuffaloRiver.com) or email [linwellford@gmail.com](mailto:linwellford@gmail.com). For weather updates call (870) 480-8644.

## Mindful motorcyclists

The American Guardians Motorcycle group, all military veterans, will be arriving in town Saturday, June 28, to have lunch and shop downtown – but you probably won't hear them.

The president of the Guardians worked hard with the Eureka Springs Chamber of Commerce to find a way to make their visit as unobtrusive as possible. They have been granted permission to park at Community First Bank and will walk down Planer Hill for lunch at the Pied Piper around 12:30 p.m. From there they'll fan out to downtown shops on foot.

The Chamber asks that we please welcome this group and thank them for their service to our country, and for choosing to spend time in Eureka Springs with consideration for our residents.

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

*My son's 17 and recently told me he's gay. I wasn't really surprised but I'm definitely struggling. He just told my husband this weekend who's now refusing to speak to our son altogether. Where do we go from here?*

**Y**oung men are eight times more likely to disclose their homosexual orientation to Mom before Dad, but usually not until they're 20. Your son's courage and honesty is noteworthy at his young age.

Only seven percent of mothers were totally unsuspecting before their child's disclosure. While generally not surprised, mothers are more likely than fathers to express anger when initially informed. Yet mothers move on to acceptance much more easily than fathers.

Fathers are often shocked to learn their son's gay. Denial and initial rejection are typical. During this time fathers process their disappointment, sadness and lost dreams. Many argue it's a passing phase or an ill-informed decision. Given time most fathers overcome their internal

conflict and willingly parent their son.

Moving toward acceptance requires listening. Refrain from shaming. Reassure your son he's loved regardless of his sexuality. Be willing to help him reclaim confidence lost during his struggle to understand his sexual orientation. While potentially overwhelming for you, it's been an excruciating journey for him.

Give yourself time to adjust. Parenting a sexual-minority child can be a challenge. Educate yourself. P-FLAG is an outstanding organization through which you can gain support from other parents sharing your experience and access vital information to help you move beyond tolerance toward absolute acceptance. Modifying your previous beliefs about homosexuality can be complicated, but pursuing the path of indifference or disinterest is just as damaging to your child as complete rejection.

Despite your discomfort, encourage your child to share how his sexual orientation impacts his life, does he have confidants, what are his future aspirations as a gay man. Your son may not initiate these conversations.

So you must consistently do so in order to preserve your child's integrity, normalize his sexuality and create unity within your family. Your son's choice to confide in you is the greatest gift. Following disclosure, 40 percent of sons and fathers go on to develop much closer relationships.

Your son may find the book *XY Survival Guide* helpful. Author Benjie Nycum suggests that you "thank your child for trusting you with such personal information."

Part II next week: Why my child?

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



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"This is a must for backpacker, amateur botanist or herbalist, professional herb collector, or anyone interested in wild medicinal plants of Eastern/Central North America."

"There has been a huge evolution in education, interest and scientific research," said Foster, current president of the American Botanical Council Board of Trustees. "In Europe, many drugs prescribed by physicians are phytomedicines, including those that come from plants native to North America like

black cohosh and Echinacea. The German equivalent of the U.S. FDA required scientific data from herbal companies about the chemistry, safety and efficacy of their products. That research in the late 1970s and 1980s included the first scientific studies to document the immune system stimulating effect of Echinacea, which is one of the top herbs prescribed by physicians in Germany."

Since beginning work on this book in the late 1980s, Foster was cautioned by Duke to avoid "bibliographic echo," which refers to the habit of authors to

repeat something in an earlier book without checking original references. The authors therefore used original references, whether a 17<sup>th</sup>-century herbal or the latest original scientific studies.

The guide includes updated information on safety, toxicity and drug interactions and herbs, encompassing research far beyond what Foster could have dreamed of when he started his career. An example Foster gives is that prior to 2000, a PubMed search for Echinacea in the title of a scientific paper returned 80 unique studies. A search for Echinacea in the title

between 2000-2013 yields 443 studies.

In the U.S., things really took off with the passage of the Dietary Supplement Health and Education Act of 1994. Foster credits that legislation with hundreds of millions being plowed into research on medicinal plants, which helped stimulate enormous interest in the role herbs play in benefiting health.

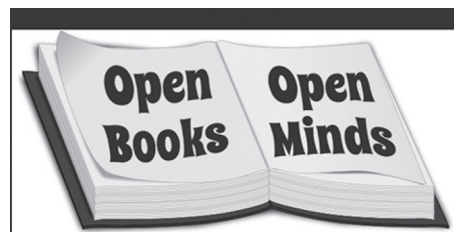
"The use of herbs for health purposes has become part of the American mainstream," Foster said. And Foster, who has lived in Eureka Springs for 16 years, had a lot to do with that.

# DEPARTURES

## Dr. Elizabeth Courtney Eagles Knowles Oct. 12, 1944 – June 19, 2014

It is with deep sorrow we announce the death of Dr. Elizabeth Courtney Eagles Knowles who died June 19, 2014, after living with cancer for nine months. She was a mother, a wife, sister, and grandmother deeply loved and cherished by her family.

Elizabeth Knowles, born in Columbia, S.C., on October 12, 1944, was the second daughter of the late William Barnfather Eagles, Jr.



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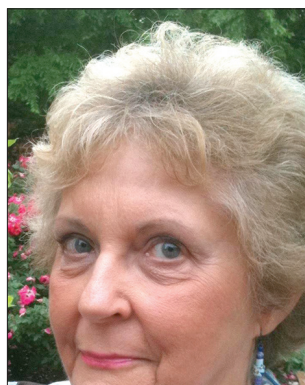
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and Helen Terry. She was raised in Louisville, Ky., until both her parents died in separate events in 1961.

She graduated from Kentucky Home School in 1961 while living with her aunt, the late Julia Eagles Perkins of Anchorage, Ky., and was presented to the Louisville society in 1963. Elizabeth attended Chatham College in Pittsburgh, Pa., until her marriage to O. Harley Wood on April 11, 1964. Their two children, Elizabeth Tracy Wood and Tyler William Wood were born while they lived in Tunkhannock, Pa.

Fourteen years later, she and her family moved to Green Bay, Wis., where she earned a B.S. in Human Development from the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay in 1982. After divorcing, she moved to Fayetteville Ark., and married Dr. Eric Stuart Knowles in 1984.



Elizabeth earned a M.A. in Psychology and Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology from the University of Arkansas in 1989. She completed a Clinical Psychology Internship at the Oklahoma Health Sciences Center in Oklahoma City and worked as a Clinical Neuropsychologist for the Rehabilitation Unit of Washington Regional Medical Center.

In 1991, she built and opened her private practice on the eastern edge of Fayetteville until her retirement in 2009. She then served as the psychologist at the ECHO Free Clinic in Eureka Springs, Ark.

In her 25 years as a clinical psychologist, she counseled numerous people and supervised the clinical training of several beginning psychologists. She loved the work she did helping people grow and change to lead happier and more peaceful lives.

Elizabeth Knowles leaves her

husband, Eric Knowles; children, Elizabeth Wood of Tucson, Ariz., and Tyler Wood of Eugene, Ore.; stepson, Christopher J. Knowles of Collegeville, Pa.; sister, Terry Ann Dow of South Hamilton, Mass.; five grandchildren, Tyler Michael Wood-Pavicich, Benjamin Eagles Wood-Pavicich, Liam Petra Wood, Alexander Francis Wood and Sasha Taylor Knowles; and devoted cousins Nancy and Whitney O'Bannon and Ann Davis of Louisville, Ky.

A funeral service was held at St James Episcopal Church, Eureka Springs, at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, June 24, with reception at the home at 2 Spur Lane, Eureka Springs.

Her remains were interred at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Fayetteville, Ark., on Wednesday, June 25 at 2 p.m. The family requests that in lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be directed to ECHO Free Clinic, 4004 Van Buren, Eureka Springs, Arkansas 72632 or at <http://www.echofreeclinic.org>. Online condolences may be sent to the family at [nelsonfuneral.com](http://nelsonfuneral.com).

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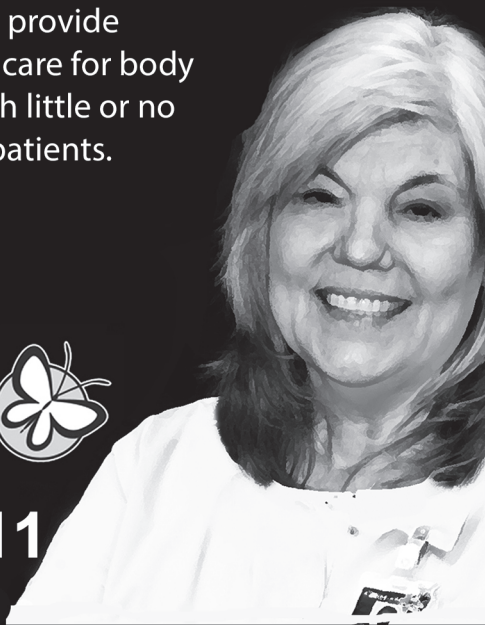
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## Harold T. Drayer, Jr. May 15, 1936 – June 18, 2014

Harold T. Drayer, Jr., resident of Eureka Springs, Ark., was born May 15, 1936 in Akron, Ohio, a son of Harold Theodore and Millie (Packo) Drayer, Sr. He departed this life Wednesday, June 18, in his home with family by his side in Eureka Springs, at age 78.

Harold was a member of the Faith Christian Family Church in Eureka Springs. He loved reading about history, especially the American Revolution and Civil War. He enjoyed being around trains whether they were models or full size. He and his family owned and operated many businesses, including Abundant Memories in Eureka Springs.

On June 15, 1963, Harold was united in marriage with Idabell Mae (Razey) Drayer who survives him of the home. He is also survived by three daughters, Rebecca and husband, Andy Stuart, of Union City, Pa., Bobbi and husband, Alan Brown, of Montrose, Colo., and Ruthie

Jane Drayer of Eureka Springs, Ark.; two sons, Eugene Drayer of Eureka Springs, and Glenn Drayer and wife, Karie, of Branson, Mo.; one sister, Carole Coltrin of Berryville, Ark.; two brothers, David Drayer and wife, Dolores, of Grand Junction, Colo., and Leslie Drayer of Union City, Pa.; 15 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Harold was preceded in death by his parents and his first wife, Nancy Gregor.

Visitation will be 5 – 8 p.m. Sunday, June 22 at Chapel of the Springs in Eureka Springs. Graveside service will be 10 a.m. Monday, June 23 at Eureka Springs Cemetery with Rev. Marvin Peterson officiating. Interment will follow the service in Eureka Springs Cemetery under the direction of Nelson Funeral Service. Online condolences may be sent to the family at [nelsonfuneral.com](http://nelsonfuneral.com).



Michael Hayes and Becky Rosales had a good day last week with four stripers. Number 4 was also over the 20-inch minimum, but we decided to let him go grow more. The water temp on Beaver Lake this week jumped up to 80°.

We caught these fish within two miles of the dam, but the next day we got stumped and ended up going all the way to Rocky Branch to find fish. We now have to get below the thermocline, so now putting on two- and three-oz. weights and fishing 22 to 30 ft. deep with a balloon tied on. Just count out your line, tie on a balloon with trolling motor to help feed out behind boat.

First one up high in rod holder, about 150 ft. behind. Then stage two, lower and closer. It will look like a triangle behind the boat. You can do this with four rods, with the last one only about 40 ft. behind the boat. Run four deeper down below the boat. We call this draggin' shad. Trolling or jigging deep on them can also work, and if you can't get shad they will hit perch and shiners, too. Look for stripers off the flats and points close to the deeper water from the dam to Rocky Branch.

Well, to tell you the truth I have not been out at Holiday Island this week, been on Beaver so much and netting shad, but I got



a buddy catching walleye deep around the island working a jig. Another buddy catching trout upriver using worms and trolling small crank baits.

Perch are in the shoreline brush with the bigger ones in with the crappie in the deeper brush. Bass are deep and also off the shoreline. Use minnows, worms, throw or troll, and you should find fish.

Well, that's it for this week, take a kid fishing, then swimming, and you should have a good day.

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about the ordinance. He claimed it “won’t close.” He was not convinced the property descriptions were accurate enough.

Brix calmly countered, “The description does close.”

Mitchell expressed his frustration that Weaver had waited to this late date, the third reading of the ordinance, to suddenly mention the document would not close.

Schneider supported Weaver by reminding council Weaver had all along been cautioning them against approving this ordinance. “Don’t just throw it all away,” she implored. “Do it right the first time.”

“I’ve had trepidations with my votes,” DeVito said, “but we’ve gotten concessions from both sides, and I want this stalling to end.”

Mitchell moved to put the amended ordinance on its third reading.

Weaver announced again he was not confident he could defend the property description portion of the ordinance in court, so Purkeypile made an amendment that mostly mollified Weaver, and Mitchell withdrew his motion so Purkeypile could make his slightly more legally satisfactory one.

Schneider then chastised council for not waiting for a proper survey. She told them, “You are in direct violation of the law.” She pointed out the issue had already been going on for a year, so “why not give it two more lousy weeks?”

“We don’t need to delay,” Zeller insisted. “It is unnecessary.” She called for the vote.

There were three votes – Purkeypile’s amendment to satisfy Weaver somewhat, the vote to read the ordinance by title only, and vote to approve the third reading. All three votes were 4-2, McClung and Schneider voting No.



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Crossword

by Bill Westerman

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ACROSS

1. Run in neutral  
5. Large vase  
8. Lamb’s moms  
12. Slant  
13. Also  
14. “Big Foot”  
15. Aped  
17. Jewish 12th month  
18. Mexican shawl  
19. Greek mathematician  
21. Semester  
23. One with a habit  
24. Umpire  
27. Ill will  
30. Pub quaff  
31. Boise’s state  
33. Tibetan gazelle  
34. Install a window pane  
36. Partner of nor

38. Male offspring  
39. Samoan currency  
40. Delicate  
43. Small section  
47. Russian cabin  
48. Act of waiting  
50. Seasoning  
51. Pale  
52. Earth satellite  
53. Leg joint  
54. Fall behind  
55. Travelers’ lodges

DOWN

1. Wading bird  
2. “Stop on a \_\_\_\_”  
3. Den  
4. Landed property  
5. Spoke  
6. Fish eggs  
7. Lump or swelling  
8. Solution vessel  
9. Pretty near  
10. Needle case  
11. Norwegian sardine  
16. Laxative  
20. Pristine  
22. Intended  
24. Tattered cloth  
25. Building wing  
26. Possible  
28. Pedal digit  
29. Lend an \_\_\_\_  
32. Direction  
35. Divide into sections  
37. Woven straw mat  
40. Type of brakes  
41. Call to prayer  
42. Two-masted boat  
44. Soon  
45. Image  
46. Optical glass  
49. Sheep’s bleat

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April. Kathy stated: “The working relationship with Eureka Fire/EMS has been awesome. They have been very supportive of our role as new service to the area.”

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to whom to speak, but JP Tim Garrison said he has heard from people who won’t meet with Clark without a mediator.  
Dennis Kelly, district manager of the Holiday Suburban Improvement District, spoke on behalf of OFC. Kelly told the court OFC would consider returning to CCA because they see the potential here and know of pilots who would love to come here.  
However, Kelly stated there were three conditions that must be met before they are willing to negotiate. First, Clark must be removed from the commission because, according to Kelly, Clark prevents their working in harmony. Second, Kelly said Serrano must be put on an interim status while the commission pursues other

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and recreation.  
Featherstone told the commission the Trails Master Plan must still be adopted by the Planning Commission and City Council, but the commission already has received letters of support from the Chamber of Commerce and the City Advertising and Promotion Commission.  
He asked supporters of the Trails Master Plan to voice their opinions to city council and for anyone with questions to email him at eurekastrails@gmail.com.  
Jackson moved to adopt the Master Plan as it stands, thereby making it no longer a draft. Stewart seconded the motion, and the vote 4-0 to adopt.  
Featherstone commented on the hard work it took by many people to get to this point, but he added, “The work really begins when it is adopted by council.”

Dog park update  
Levine said the dog park in Harmon Park is scheduled to open Monday, July 14, and sometime about a week before there will be a seminar on child-dog safety.  
The Dog Park Committee asked if they could spray a certain insecticide to keep the tick population at bay. Levine said this practice is not uncommon in dog parks. The particular product, he said, is supposedly harmless after it dries, but commissioners

résumés and goes through the screening process to “see what you can get.” Lastly, Kelly stated OFC would be willing to work with the Quorum Court until there is a leadership change; however, they want to see what gets done at CCA before they would consider returning.  
Kelly said CCA needs someone to court those who would come here, but pilots do not want to hear excuses. He said an airport that runs out of fuel needs better planning.  
Deaton suggested Judge Sam Barr could appoint a committee to work with both sides to get the problem resolved “because it won’t go away. The airport is better than it has ever been, but we need to get rid of this bickering.”  
The court took no further action on the topic.  
had concerns about it retoxifying after a rain or draining into nearby creeks.  
“I’m totally against it,” commissioner Myrna Thaxton stated. She said there are ticks everywhere, not just at the dog park.  
Commissioners discussed using diatomaceous earth instead and then decided they needed more information.  
They agreed to discuss this topic at the next workshop.  
Other items  
• Barbara Tenan and her daughter Brenda asked the commission to allow a small circus to set up and perform two shows at LLCP on Tuesday, November 4. There would be shows at 2 p.m. and 6 p.m., and the event would be a fundraiser for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century program in the schools and for a scholarship for a graduating senior. There would be elephants.  
Tenan said a representative of the circus company still must approve the site. The commission agreed to discuss the topic at a later meeting.  
• Levine said the new security boat at Lake Leatherwood was needed for the first time. A biker had taken a bad fall across the lake, and the rescuer was able to retrieve the biker, his companion and both bikes in the boat.  
Next workshop will be Tuesday, July 1, at 6 p.m. at Harmon Park. Next meeting will be Tuesday, July 15, at 6 p.m.

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