



Council refuses to file injunction to stop Act 137

NICKY BOYETTE

Mayor Butch Berry told city council on June 22 he had spoken with David Schoen, attorney with the Municipal League, regarding help with filing an injunction to stop Act 137 from becoming law. Act 137 is the Arkansas law that will take effect in late July and make local Ordinance 2223, passed by overwhelming voter support in May, moot. The ordinance protects the civil rights of all residents and tourists in Eureka Springs by adding the phrases gender identity and gender expression, thus enacting equal access to employment, housing and public accommodations.

Alderman James DeVito moved to ask city attorney Tim Weaver to file an injunction against Act 137. Alderman Terry McClung responded just as quickly, "I will not support anything that runs the risk of costing the city a ton of money. I'm not saying the cause is not worthy."

DeVito explained the reason for filing an injunction is the chance of getting a court to intervene and "stop in a

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Putting the Fun in FUNFEST –
Margo Pirkle, right and Nelli Clark made a colorful pair at last weekend's Fur FUNFEST fundraiser for Good Shepherd Animal Shelter.



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This Week's INDEPENDENT Thinkers

Edson Zimba used to be a poacher of elephants, water buffalo, hedgehogs and other increasingly scarce animals, just to support his family. But then the non-profit Community Markets for Conservation came along.

COMACO sought out hunters who were growing weary of finding their homeland of Zambia become increasingly barren of vegetation and animal life, and is teaching them a new way of life, one poachers find less stressful for all living things, including themselves.

The poachers are turning to beekeeping, gardening and carpentry. They agree to put their guns to rest in exchange for being taught a new trade that makes them a profit and provides them with a sustainable lifestyle. If illegal hunters can have a change of heart, anybody can.



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HDC approves demolition of B-100

NICKY BOYETTE

In a dramatic 4-0-3 vote, the Historic District Commission approved the application by the Eureka Springs School District that included demolition of Building B-100 on the vacant old high school property.

Superintendent David Kellogg said the district would not perform the demolition. The plan is for the district to transfer the property to either the city or a 501(c)(3) nonprofit agency to carry out the plan created by the ad hoc

committee that spent more than two years researching what to do with the property.

The demolition is tied to accomplishing the plan, which calls for creating an outdoor park area toward the front of the property. Part of an original wall of B-100 near US 62 would be preserved in honor of the students who attended the school. The building with the gymnasium would become the community center. Fate of the third building is to be determined, but office

space was mentioned.

Kellogg stated the district has spent \$30,000 per year so far on maintenance, utilities and insurance on the property. He said the commission saw for itself on its site visit the obstacles for rehabilitating the building from the deficient roof structure to the load-bearing glass block walls to the floor with asbestos. He said the district approves the plan to raze the building as one component of repurposing the entire property.

Diane Murphy, who has chaired the ad hoc committee, again told the commission removing B-100 offered more options for creating a usable outdoor space as part of a community center complex. She displayed artists' renderings of what the space could eventually look like if the building were gone, and commented it could be used for the farmers' market, outdoor events as well as becoming the hub of the urban trail system. She cited other uses such

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Public support for Levine; Woods named Parks' interim director

NICKY BOYETTE

The June 16 Parks Commission meeting was the first since Director Bruce Levine was fired, and 17 people ranging from Eagle Scouts to a Justice of the Peace spoke up on Levine's behalf.

During the morning of the previous Tuesday, June 9, commissioners convened a special meeting, and after executive session, announced it had "decided that it no longer required the services of its Director and thus terminated the employment of Bruce Levine," according to a statement by Chair Bill Featherstone.

Featherstone opened the meeting with his own remarks, likening the transition Parks is going through to a "bumpy road," but added, "We are effectively transitioning on your behalf." He said this was no time to dwell on the past— "there's a job to do."

He asked the public for support of Parks by continuing to volunteer on the various Parks projects around town and by letting Parks hear all concerns and suggestions. He offered his own cell phone number, (479) 981-1991, and promised each call would get a reply.

First to speak in Public Comments was Melissa Greene, who summed up what several subsequent speakers echoed— "Bruce was good for the city. Can we work this out?"

Levine made his own appeal for more information from the commission. He said he had served as director for 12 years and had never had a formal or informal review. "So how would I know?" he asked.

He also questioned whether commissioners violated procedure at the June 9 special meeting by conducting two items of business, as his understanding was special meetings can have only one agenda item. Besides termination, commissioners voted to hire labor to repair trails at Lake Leatherwood City Park (LLCP).

Then Levine asked, "Is there a new direction?" He stated what he has been doing for 12 years "has been taken away without an explanation. I would like due process, and please consider this a formal request."

Other speakers told commissioners terminating without a review was "unfair and unethical." Justice of the Peace Lamont Richie commented it was "a major wrongdoing in the way you handled this." Richie said the status of Parks has been diminished.

Dee Bright echoed what Richie had said and added, "Bruce deserves to know." Bright also suggested Parks consider having term limits for Chair like other commissions.

Other speakers concurred that Levine has a right to know why he was fired and questioned handling of the termination. Two Eagle Scouts, Kendrick Pot and Keaton Boardman, said Levine was reliable and focused on what was best for the city. Pot added, "You should help him understand why he was fired."

Penny Carroll called for reconsideration, and Rachel Brix offered a personal insight. She acknowledged that she and Levine had butted heads publicly and strongly, but they still had to work together on projects. Brix said not once during those encounters was Levine anything other than professional and courteous. "That speaks largely to his character," she said. "I have the utmost respect for him." She told commissioners she hoped there would be a chance to rectify the differences. "If not, you have made an egregious error."

Lisa Price-Backs then spoke on behalf of her husband, Darrell Backs, who had been a Parks employee who was also fired. "What did my husband do to deserve to lose his job?" She insisted on answers and asserted her husband deserves a letter of recommendation for his dedicated service.

Interim Director

The last item on the agenda was discussion of an interim director. After a 45-minute executive session, the commission voted 4-0 to employ Donna Woods as interim director to begin the following day. Woods had been the part-time bookkeeper for Parks.

Other business

• Jim Helwig, representing the Springs Committee, said they are working on crafting an ordinance that would require inspection of sewer lines of a property upon transfer of title. They also are looking into strategies for controlling storm water runoff

in town. "If you live at the bottom of a hill, it's a problem," Helwig said.

• Rachel Brix reported half of the original six members of the Dog Park Committee have moved away, and they are looking for new members. She said the Preservation Society donated a bench for the park, and she hopes they soon will have a working water fountain for humans and dogs.

• Featherstone told the commission he counted 22 geese on the sandy beach at LLCP along with their droppings. He commented the geese and the swim beach are incompatible and proposed they give up trying to have a swim beach. He asked commissioners to be prepared to decide: geese or swim beach.

• Commissioners discussed acquiring an Artificial External Defibrillator for LLCP. Commissioner Draxie Rogers said she would find out costs and report back.

• Commissioner Ferguson Stewart reported some folks expressed concern for the fish at Black Bass Lake now that the water level is being lowered. Featherstone said Mayor Butch Berry had announced the water level would be lowered four-to-six feet to protect the dam during this rainy period.

• Featherstone said he has been apprised of ideas for low-budget improvements on cabins at LLCP as well as new marketing strategies for attracting visitors. Upgrading the cabins would allow the commission to raise rental fees.

• The commission adopted a new vacation pay policy which will be phased in until January. Featherstone said the policy does not affect any prior bookkeeping.

• Featherstone announced there is one vacancy on the commission.

Next workshop will be Tuesday, July 7, at 6 p.m., at the Parks office. Next regular meeting will be Tuesday, July 21, at 6 p.m.

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Food truck issue prompts ordinance vote

NICKY BOYETTE

Frank Rebiejo, food proprietor, told Eureka Springs City Council June 22 he had watched the previous council meeting in which his food truck had “caused quite a commotion.”

Rebiejo had an agreement to operate his food truck in the parking lot of Cafe Amoré but not during business hours, and said he never intended to cause a problem. He maintained he complied with all city laws he knew about and collected city taxes.

At the June 8 meeting, alderman Terry McClung pointed out City Code does not allow a temporary business, like a truck or tent, to operate on someone else’s parking lot. Council asked City Attorney Tim Weaver to look at the ordinance and provide suggestions for clarifying intent.

Monday evening, McClung referred to copies of an ordinance Weaver had prepared and aldermen had received. McClung moved to assign the ordinance a number and put it on its first reading, and got a second. Alderman Bob Thomas commented he did not remember asking the attorney to write an ordinance that eliminated food trucks.

Alderman James DeVito replied food trucks are a different discussion that deserves a workshop where council could hear from everyone who has a food truck.

He maintained Weaver only clarified the intent of the existing ordinance. Alderman Mickey Schneider insisted this situation was not what the peddling ordinance was written for. She called Rebiejo’s business a carry-out restaurant and stated “council should make an exception to the rule.”

Weaver reminded council it could not make an exception for one person.

McClung brought the focus back to the proposed ordinance, but Schneider insisted they wait on the ordinance until after the workshop. DeVito reminded council the ordinance is about equity among business owners in town, and Thomas was still not convinced council had asked Weaver for this ordinance.

“I did not try to create a new exclusion,” Weaver stated. He said the ordinance he tried to clarify has been used successfully around town to prevent transient businesses from setting up in parking lots.

McClung commented Weaver “made it clear that anything that happens in a parking lot is part of what happens inside.”

Schneider commented she still did not see any reason to rush to a vote on the ordinance, but alderman David Mitchell quickly called for a vote on McClung’s motion.

Vote on even having the first reading of the proposed ordinance was 4-2, Schneider and Thomas voting No. Vote to approve the first reading was the same.

Schools’ head heads for Prairie Grove

NICKY BOYETTE

School Supt. David Kellogg announced he will be taking the position of Assistant Superintendent of the Prairie Grove School District west of Fayetteville beginning July 1. Kellogg has served as superintendent in Eureka Springs for two years.

He said the decision was based entirely on being

nearer his wife who lives in Springdale, and now he will get the chance to be home every evening.

Kellogg lauded the staff and teachers he worked with here, saying their priority was putting students first. He also said being an ambassador for the town was an easy task as state administrators are always clamoring for a reason to have a meeting in Eureka Springs.

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CCA rebuilding its vision

NICKY BOYETTE

On June 19 the Carroll County Airport commission continued discussion of convincing the Quorum Court to establish a position of Airport Manager in the county budget. Chair Morris Pate, who has performed manager duties since staff positions were cut at the end of 2014, told commissioners the court, at its meeting earlier last week, at least acknowledged it has not responded to his entreaties.

Pate said part of the issue for the court is who supervises the manager. Consultant Dan Clinton mentioned both Harrison and Mountain Home have county-sponsored airports with an employee paid by the county, but the commission chair watches over the employee.

Commissioner Sandy Martin asserted money was the real issue. Clinton offered to find out a range of salaries for the position of manager, and Martin moved for commissioners to put together a proposal including employee pay comparison, data and request full funding for the Airport Manager and let the county decide how to supervise that person.

She added the commission and the county must work together to keep CCA safe and operating, but practicality dictates it would be the commission who watches over the airport.

Pate mentioned again it is important they keep pushing because at some point he will have other things to do besides volunteer to run the county airport.

Vote to approve Martin's motion was unanimous.

Engineer's report

Clinton announced he would be taking bids June 29 for the runway rehabilitation project. He said the task calls for milling an inch off the asphalt and then putting 2.5 inches back on top plus adding edge drains to trap ground water runoff so it can be diverted. He said the airport would need to be shut down for two weeks during the project.

Fuel system woes

"To the point, the pump fails to prime," Pate said. In his estimation, everything in the fuel system but the tank needed replacing. He said he learned the dispenser and the credit card system would cost \$15,000 each. He also found out the expert who can advise them lives in Alabama and will not travel to Berryville unless CCA is ready to replace the system.

"It's so bad, I'll drive over to assist the pilots," commissioner Chase Tresler remarked.

Clinton said he could submit a grant application for the fuel system but it would be during next year's grant cycle.

Martin said she knew of another grant opportunity, and would report back.

Successful fly-in

Pate reported CCA made \$350 during their recent fly-in although he said there were more drive-ins than fly-ins. Approximately 75 people showed up and bought hot dogs and refreshments.

Other items

- Pate said they are making progress toward removing the trees at the ends of the runway except they cannot get to the trees to remove them. Tresler commented the project would require a bucket truck to get to the site to drop the lumber in place. He said he negotiated an agreement with the property owner for removal of what the owner called "two of the biggest trees in Carroll County." Pate said the total cost of the project would be \$1,900.

- Pate also announced the Eureka Springs Police Department is getting ready to retire a Crown Victoria and they want to give it to CCA for use as a courtesy car. The commission voted to accept the gift.

- Martin announced the new CCA website address is carrollcountyairport-4m1.com. She also passed around new brochures and new courtesy car magnet signs.

Next meeting will be Friday, July 17, at 12 p.m.

Opera season is open!

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Thank you, community!

The Holiday Island Rotary Club thanks our sponsors and the community for support in making the Fourth Annual Party in the Park, held Memorial Day weekend, a success. Proceeds from the event will be used to provide scholarships to help Eureka Springs High School seniors continue their education after graduation and support other community projects.

Wildflowers closes pantry June 26

Wildflower Chapel's outreach mission is changing due to diminishing food supplies and volunteer numbers. On Friday, June 26, the ministry's final food pantry will be open from 10:30 a.m. until noon. The familiar yellow building that housed the thrift store next to the chapel on US 62E will now operate as a one-dollar store every Friday from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

The regular thrift store has moved into the big blue building/furniture bank behind the chapel and will continue to be open Wednesdays through Saturdays from 10:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. Donations may be dropped off Thursday - Saturday between 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

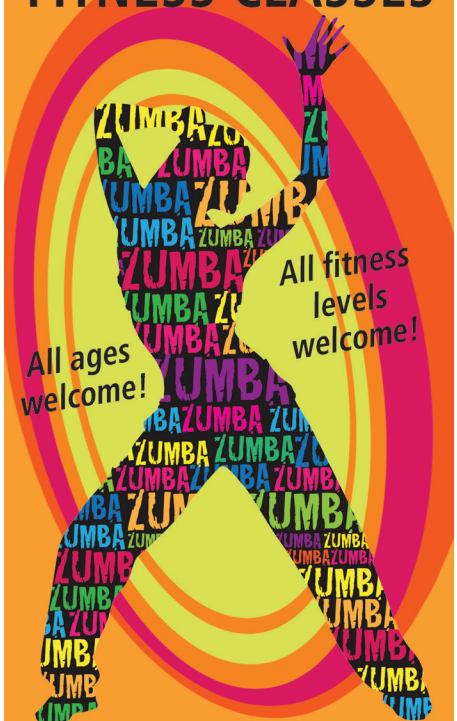
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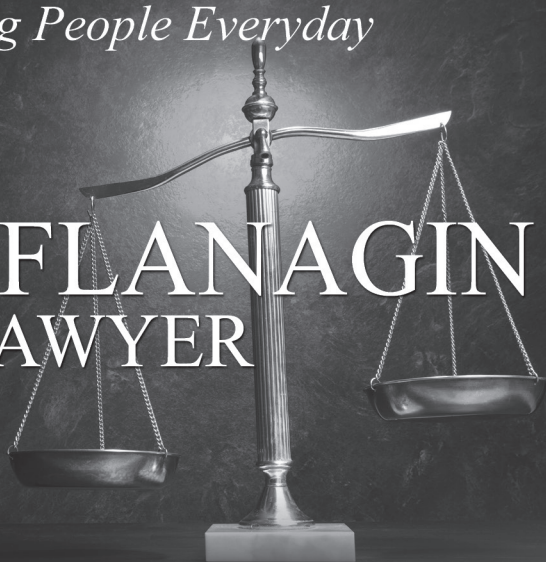
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INDEPENDENTNews

City dips into reserves

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Finance Director Lonnie Clark answered questions at Monday's city council meeting about proposed Resolution 663 to approve the final year-end budget for 2014. He explained the city fell short of balancing its budget and dipped into reserves, but it did not touch any of its CDs.

Alderman David Mitchell commented with dismay he thought the plan was to put \$150,000 into reserves. He said he did not remember any reserves set aside the previous year or even before that, and remarked that the trend made him uncomfortable.

Clark mentioned council begins work on the 2016 budget next month and can address those issues then, but the resolution before them is the final budget for last year.

Council set up a budget workshop for sometime during the week of July 27, and unanimously approved the resolution.

Grant money

Mayor Butch Berry announced the city has been awarded a grant of \$220,000 for repair to the storm sewer further north along the tunnel under the city. The grant was

from the Arkansas Economic Development Commission whose staff also asked Berry if the city had other projects needing funding. He said the city has a good chance to get more grant funding.

Weed cutting cracks window

During Public Comments, Elijah Hammond told council a Public Works crewmember using a weed cutter along his street threw up a rock and broke a window in his wife's car. He said Public Works admitted the broken window was their handiwork and Public Works Director Dwayne Allen told him to present estimates for repair to council.

After quick discussion, council added the item to the evening's agenda. At that time, Hammond told council he was requesting \$275.99 to replace the window.

Alderman Terry McClung moved to pay the amount out of the Public Works budget if the estimate can be substantiated by the police report.

City attorney Tim Weaver reminded council that law stipulates it is their responsibility to review substantiating documents and cautioned against passing the task to the mayor even though council was trying to expedite a solution.

Alderman James DeVito explained to Hammond he should bring his documents to City Hall and council can approve the request in at the next meeting.

Ordinance for refunding two bonds

McClung commented council should proceed with refunding the bonds from 2008

and 2010 even if the deal for a new hospital falls through which, to him, "looks pretty slim."

Berry said the city would save money by waiting a few months to see if it hears any word from Allegiance, the company that leases operation of Eureka Springs Hospital and which years ago promised to build a new facility. If Allegiance decides to go forward with the hospital, the city can then combine the two old bonds and issue a new one at the same time to pay for extending city sewer west to the new hospital site.

McClung suggested they have Weaver prepare the ordinance regarding refunding the bonds for discussion at the next meeting. He added the city should make its actions known to Allegiance in an effort to elicit a response.

Other items

- Bruce Levine told council it was his pleasure to serve the city for 12 years as the Parks director. On June 9, he was asked by the Parks Commission to resign, and he refused. His employment was subsequently terminated after a long executive session. He said his livelihood, heart and will to serve the city was taken away. He respectfully requested due process, and wanted termination of the Parks Director to be on the next council agenda.

- Council approved reseating Michael Merry to the Hospital Commission and Ed Leswig and Jim Morris to Planning.

Next meeting will be Monday, July 13, at 6 p.m.

June 25 Buddhist Study Group meeting

The Eureka Springs Buddhist Study Group will gather for 30 minutes of meditation followed by reading and discussion of *Atisha's Lamp for the Path* on June 25 at 4 p.m. at the Heart of Many Ways in the Christian Science Church at 68 Mountain Street. Anyone is welcome to attend.

Library's week begins with a flourish

Kirsten, The Queen of Theater, will entertain at the Eureka Springs Carnegie Public Library on Monday, June 29 at 3 p.m. for an interactive theater experience.

Tuesday afternoon at 3 p.m. is Lego Club where the construction of Gotham Springs will continue and wind up your evening with Pajama Storytime for the little ones at 7 p.m. Wednesday morning at 10:30 a.m. come to the Preschool Craft & Story Hour for

books, songs, games, crafts and snacks. Thursday afternoon at 3 p.m. you can beat the heat with free popcorn and a showing of *Despicable Me*, rated PG.

All programs are free and intended for children and families; no pre-registration is required. For more information contact or visit the library at 194 Springs Street, (479) 253-8754 or EurekaLibrary.org. Please note that the library will be closed Friday and Saturday, July 3 and 4, for Independence Day.

Love 'em and leave 'em *Eureka's newest show exits for brighter horizons*

C.D. WHITE

Steve Kinworthy's *Lovin' Every Minute* had apparently run out of minutes to love last week as a few ticketholders reportedly appeared at the auditorium for the show to find the theater dark and doors locked.

The rumor soon followed that the show packed up and moved on in the middle of the night without letting anyone know and with bills unpaid. The fact is, the move was a business decision made in tandem with the fact that the show's complicated stage sets had to be removed anyway prior to the Blues Festival beginning June 26.

Rick Bright, CAPC finance director and auditorium contract negotiator, told the *Independent* they knew earlier that week the show would be moving on.

"We were in contract negotiations for months," Bright said, "and we knew from the start the auditorium was not the best venue but there was no other option available. They came here at the invitation of Joe Gunnels to create a show, and they've been nothing but fabulous to work with."

CAPC Director Mike Maloney posited that perhaps the show hadn't

given itself enough time to build an audience. "I'm disappointed because the season was just getting started, but obviously it wasn't working for them. And nobody's being left in the lurch."

According to Bright, an office is being set up in Branson to make sure all purchased tickets are refunded and outstanding commitments paid. "From the start, these were fantastic people to work with," Bright said. "They're leaving with no ill will and I'm assured everything will be paid."

The banners adhered to the auditorium were a discussion point in the community. According to both Bright and Maloney removal of the banners and bolts holding them to the auditorium are the city's responsibility since the decision to install came from the mayor's office and building inspector.

Bob Nichols, director and producer at SSK Entertainment, explained the exit simply: "We are leaving Eureka due to the lack of anticipated response for the marketplace."

He also told the *Independent*, "In the face of the added labor costs, added to the poor, underwhelming market

response, the decision was made by the executive producers to pack the show away for road work."

In addition, a June 23 press release from *Lovin' Every Minute* stated, in part, that the executive producers "are disappointed that the Eureka market wasn't more productive, but they are thrilled with their new product, which was built using the 1000 seat historic venue as a blank canvas."

"The show that was assembled at the auditorium ... can be shopped out to venues in vibrant tourist communities internationally and around the US. We will forever be grateful to Eureka Springs for giving us a place to build our new product."

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To enter the pie contest (which includes three men so far, ladies) see the As American as Apple Pie page.

The 4th of July Parade theme is Celebrating Our Freedoms and Defending our Liberties, and organizers are calling for themed floats, walkers, horseback riders, clowns, jugglers, musicians and bikers.

Also needed are three convertibles and a few more judges for the decorated bike contest and other parade categories.

Cornerstone and Arvest Banks have each donated a bike for the first place winners, and there will be trophies for 2nd and 3rd place in the decorated bike contest.

See the Eureka Springs 4th of July Parade page on Facebook or call Sue Glave (580) 399-5887 for details or to enter the Queen and/or Apple Pie contests.

St. James Community Picnic

St. James Episcopal Church will host a community picnic Sunday, June 28 from 5 – 6:30 p.m. Join friends and neighbors in the church garden at 86 Prospect for burgers, dogs and all the fixings. All are invited, and for more information call the church office at (479) 253-8610.

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Tax dollars at work, somewhere

Editor,

We were in Little Rock last week and explored the Capitol Building. Our questions were mostly environmental and answers were not very encouraging – we already know Mother Nature does not have many advocates in high places.

While we were in the building, we had the bright idea to ask Dr. Gregory Bledsoe, the new Surgeon General, about Eureka's *forced* water fluoridation. The information desk took a while searching for Dr. Gregory Bledsoe's office. (We enjoyed looking up at the newly refurbished dome while we waited).

The adventure began: No office for the Surgeon General in the Capitol Building. "Where is it?" we ask. It's in an office building several blocks away. We schlep over in the furnace-like 90 degrees taking note of the Arkansas Pharmaceutical Association building next door. We study the building's registry and nope, no Surgeon General. Finally we asked someone at a health care association, "Where is the SG's office?" She tells us it *used to be* in this building; not now. So much for the right hand knowing about the left hand.

She guesses he is probably at UAMS since Dr. Bledsoe is head of emergency medicine there. Huh? Our minds race, "Is his state job a part time gig? Does he get paid? Does he have staff?"

So today I called the governor's office. An annoyed staffer gave me another # to call and confirms that the SG is indeed the head of emergency medicine at UAMS. I tell her how confusing it is and she says, "Well, now you have the number." Like all my frustration should be over.

I call (501) 683-3273 and it is answered, "Emergency Medicine, how may I help you?" After a brief chat, I admit frustration. How much is he a Surgeon General and

how much is he the Head of Emergency Medicine? She says, "Oh, he wears many hats" and yes, he is a paid employee of the state. Phew.

Your readers can guess where this is going. I ask pointed questions about Eureka's emergency fluoride situation. I tell her folks are very frightened and outraged that they are being forced into fluoridation. Reaction from the SG's office? Pretty much a *not my job*. "It's a law, and the only way to stop it is to stop the law." His office has no role in this.

So maybe our new part-time SG wearing many hats needs to hear from more of us. If you want answers, call (501) 683-3273. The Surgeon General is tasked with our public health. Forced fluoridation is a health issue as well as evidently a political one. Seriously, if our *emergency* here isn't a public health issue, *what is*?

Faith and Michael Shah

Parks should reconsider

Editor,

I am still in shock after reading of the firing of Bruce Levine. I cannot imagine anything that he could have done (or not done) to deserve termination. I worked closely with Bruce when I sat on the Springs Committee. He is a dedicated, hard working professional and deserves to be treated as such. He literally puts his body, mind, heart and soul into his work. He treats others respectfully and has an amazing ability to juggle multiple priorities and get along with multiple, sometimes difficult, personalities.

The Parks Commissioners are not on the right side of this situation and need to quickly reconsider their decision!

Paula Koch

Community's work not finished

Editor,

"I have to do it. You're raping our

women and taking over the country. You have to go." Dylann Roof before shooting and killing nine Black people inside their church in Charleston, S.C.

"They're bringing drugs, they're bringing crime, they're rapists..." Donald Trump referring to Mexicans when announcing his candidacy for President of the United States.

These two quotes are far too similar.

Former Hewlett-Packard CEO Carly Fiorina told a conservative radio host that Trump is "endlessly entertaining."

Racist and biased words are not entertaining. Public discourse such as Trump's can trigger people who are less than stable. They bait the hooks of those who choose hate and far too often act upon that hate.

"Bigoted statements are 'emblematic' of the kind of rhetoric that cannot be tolerated in the wake of the tragic South Carolina shootings. Or any time." Hillary Clinton

In Eureka Springs, those who wrote 2223, those who fought against those in our community who would discriminate, those who canvassed and voted in favor of 2223 put our little town on the map as a place where bias and prejudice will not be tolerated. But our work is not done. Here in Eureka and across the nation, we must have an honest conversation about race and discrimination, prejudice and hatred and act with the same vigor that passed 2223.

"Who would vote for a nigger for president?" A woman at a buffet table at The Mad Hatters' Ball in Eureka Springs, before President Obama was elected. I was so incredulous when I heard this, I couldn't speak. That will *never* happen again.

"The ultimate tragedy is not the oppression and cruelty by the bad people, but the silence over that by the good

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WEEK'S TopTweets

@absolutemehss: I get most of my resistance training trying to pull empty beer cans out of this new koozie.

@justinguarini: You know you're tired when you kneel on the ground to pick something up and then have to decide if it's easier to get up or just live there now.

@joeljeffrey: In the '90s if a woman said "my eyes are up here" it was because a guy was staring at her chest. Today it's because he's staring at his phone.

@cpinck: We could save a lot of hassle if we just made macaroni out of cheese in the first place.

@damienfahey: You did yoga. You didn't negotiate a peace treaty. Stop walking around like that.

@erased_250968215: Mom, Dad, I'm a gatherer. – Caveman coming out to his parents.

@EmilyFlake: Just had a moment where I wanted to scroll down to read the comments looking at my bank balance online.

@RexHuppke: Happy 34% of Americans Tuesday.

@AaronFullerton: "OK, they just have to air three more televised singing competitions and then... it's time." – Mayans

@untresor: "Why?" – Existential owl.

Not a Green Line

Desperate measures are needed to stop the increasing levels of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases threatening our survival. Severe drought, flooding and insect infestation are now common events worldwide. The rate of climate change is alarming.

Taking care and respecting Mother Earth is no longer optional. Time is of the essence. Simple, local, effective conservation measures by everyone in every community, and the Environmental Protection Agency climate change initiatives, are our best hope.

The Clean Line Plains and Eastern Project (P&E), keeps moving along and the news is disturbing. The deadline for public comments for the revised Application is July 13. This is not just a transmission line, and is not green energy. With an in-service date around 2026, and a total cost of over \$20 billion, including wind farms, P&E is irrelevant.

P&E is a financial venture using other people's money to get perpetual, transferable, assignable, and unlimited use land easements. Taking by force 200-foot wide easements is not only a violation of private property rights, it is an abusive land grab. 100-foot wide easements are sufficient for this HVDC line.

With the Southwest Power Pool interconnection in Oklahoma, coal electrons would get on the line 14 hours per day. SPP and fossil fuel utilities love transmission lines, they can't wait to have one more.

The US Department of Energy (DOE) is shamelessly endorsing the P&E transmission project with the option to own the transmission line traversing 1,000 private properties in Arkansas, using federal eminent domain. One more line for the DOE Southwestern Power Administration, and the beginning of a new wave of federal transmission.

Remote, bulk wind power is renewable but no one wants it. The Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) wants reliable, low-cost, dispatchable sources of energy to meet variable customer demand. Variable energy supply generated when the wind blows has to be balanced with other dispatchable resources. The sine wave voltage power frequency from variable wind power must match the shape and frequency of the grid at 60 Hertz to avoid cascading power failures.

The TVA 2015 Draft Integrated Resource Plan excludes buying wind power from P&E. The TVA Board knows what it is doing. Appendix 2-C confirms the decision of the TVA Board. Clean Line does not understand power transmission and distribution.

The TVA Interconnection System Study, shown on Clean Line Part 2 Appendix 10-C, clearly states it would take at least eight years to approve the P&E interconnection with the TVA system. Most of the Interconnection study is "redacted," but the facts presented by TVA are undeniable.

Not surprisingly, the TVA conclusions are simply ignored in the P&E Application Part 2 Appendix 10-K Project Schedule, to pretend the in-service date would be 2018. DOE should not allow deception by Clean Line. The lead-time required for the TVA interconnection approval determines the in-service date of the project, sometime in 2026.

Looking at the total P&E line from end to end explains hidden costs of the project. The \$2 billion estimate used by P&E ignores the cost of TVA system upgrades and other grid facilities.

To generate 3,500 MW for the proposed P&E line, 5,000 2-MW turbines would be required, using 250,000 acres of land, at an installed cost of \$3.6 million per unit. The total cost of the turbines would be \$18 billion.

The 500 MW for Arkansas are not included in the revised P&E application or the TVA Interconnection System Study. The mythical Arkansas Converter Station, an off-ramp to deliver power to Arkansas is not in the plan. Intermediate converters are more complex than standard end of the line converters. SPP grid operators would need to dispatch power to match the demand for Arkansas and dispatch power to TVA. The Arkansas Converter Station would increase grid complexity and the potential to create cascading failures.

My preferred title would have been: There is a 30 percent chance P&E will have minor success, and a 70 percent chance this project will cause cascading power failures.

Why would DOE choose to participate?

Dr. Luis Contreras

TRUMP TO SPEAK AT ARK. GOP DINNER



The Pursuit of HAPPINESS

by Dan Krotz

The irony of certain politicians telling Pope Francis to butt out of the conversation on global warming would take our breath away if common sense were still common. But it isn't, and we certainly won't see any decrease in efforts to pile Ten Commandment monuments on courthouse lawns or exempt birth control from employer's health insurance plans. As Dorothy Parker opined in rather more interesting times, "You can lead a whore to culture but you can't make her think."

Before lefties congratulate themselves on spotting another example of right wing hypocrisy – a bit like spotting a dime on the floor of a bank vault – they'll find that *Laudato Si'* has plenty of rue to pass around. When Francis writes...

"Our Sister, Mother Earth... now cries out to us because of the harm we have inflicted on her by our irresponsible use and abuse of the goods with which God has endowed her. We have come to see ourselves as her lords and masters, entitled to plunder her at will. The violence present in our hearts, wounded by sin, is also reflected in the symptoms of sickness evident in the soil, in the water, in the air and in all forms of life."

...he isn't indicting only the fossil fuels industry; Francis says that care for the environment, like charity, begins at home. Each of us is responsible for making ethical and moral choices in conducting our daily lives. These choices involve easy things we shouldn't do – don't buy disposable products that have to go into landfills, and harder things we should do, like drive our cars at least 200,000 miles before getting a new one. (And that's just two points on a long, long list.)

Shutting down our cell phones once in a while is another should Francis thinks is a good idea, along with reigning in unbridled technology. Is it necessary to spend every spare moment – times once used for quiet reflection and thinking – playing *Candy Crush*, or checking Facebook?

No worries. The last politician who told the unvarnished truth was Jimmy Carter, and we couldn't get rid of him fast enough. I suspect we'll have even less trouble ignoring Francis.



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INDEPENDENT Constables On Patrol

JUNE 15

10:39 a.m. – Vehicle owner reported another vehicle sideswiped hers while parked downtown.

1:22 p.m. – Apartment manager asked for a constable to check on one of the tenants. Constable found everybody okay.

1:54 p.m. – Traffic stop resulted in the arrest of the driver for driving on a suspended license and having a Carroll County warrant.

JUNE 16

12:12 a.m. – Resident on Hwy. 23S reported an injured deer was sitting in his driveway. Constable responded.

8:22 a.m. – Innkeeper told ESPD an accident during the night damaged a utility pole and phone utility box. Constable and utility companies responded.

1:30 p.m. – Individual claimed Public Works weed cutters in a neighborhood near downtown damaged his vehicle.

2:42 p.m. – Resident maintained her vehicle had been run into while parked overnight.

6:09 p.m. – Constable on patrol came across a vehicle high-centered on a curb. He advised the driver to call a tow truck.

JUNE 17

7:49 a.m. – There was an injured fawn in a ditch alongside a street just south of downtown. A nearby resident obtained permission from Arkansas Game & Fish to rehabilitate the animal.

1:12 p.m. – Resident told ESPD it appeared a bottle of medication had been stolen from her house.

7:54 p.m. – Constable on patrol filed a report on jewelry stolen from a guest at a tourist lodging.

10:58 p.m. – Central Dispatch asked for a welfare check on a male at a motel. He was reportedly in distress. Constables found him sitting outside his room overcome with drink. He retired to his room for the night.

JUNE 18

5:27 p.m. – Constable responded to a vehicle parked partially in a roadway near downtown. He waited awhile for the owner to return, but eventually called a tow truck.

JUNE 19

3:41 p.m. – Constables went to the scene of an accident near downtown.

5:02 p.m. – Employee at a bank drive-up window accidentally hit the alarm button.

7:30 p.m. – Central Dispatch called in a two-vehicle accident in a parking lot, but constables found instead a female had fallen off the curb and injured herself.

EMS also responded.

9:29 p.m. – Constables advised a restaurant on US 62 to keep the noise down.

10:21 p.m. – ESPD got word of a possibly intoxicated driver. Constables never saw the vehicle.

JUNE 20

12:06 a.m. – Witness reported seeing a possibly inebriated driver leave a parking lot and almost hit a motorcycle. Constables never encountered the vehicle.

1:23 a.m. – Traffic stop resulted in the arrest of the driver for DWI, implied consent and driving left of center.

12:02 p.m. – Central dispatch alerted ESPD to two pickups racing from the west on US 62. Constables watched for but did not see the vehicles in town.

1:34 p.m. – EMS and constables responded to an address above downtown where a 15-year old possibly overdosed on medication.

1:52 p.m. – Individual asked ESPD what to do about recurring harassing phone calls. After further investigation, the situation was handed to the Green Forest PD.

4:46 p.m. – Constables responded to an accident in the commercial area of US 62 in which one person was transferred by EMS to ESH and one vehicle was towed.

5:04 p.m. – Individual asked to speak with a constable about people taking his parking spot. Two constables confabbed with him and got the situation worked out.

5:47 p.m. – Constables monitored the downtown area for vehicles violating the noise ordinance.

6:25 p.m. – Constables were called to a downtown location where motorcycles were allegedly revving their engines.

8:39 p.m. – Constables ticketed vehicles parked illegally near the Auditorium.

JUNE 21

12:12 a.m. – Alarm in the kitchen of a restaurant rang out but constables found the building secure.

12:52 a.m. – Constable initiated a traffic stop and arrested the driver for DWI and driving left of center.

1:40 a.m. – Noisy group downtown prompted a constable to drive by. The revelers agreed to revel quietly.

1:47 a.m. – Passerby reported a male walking down the middle of a road at the

edge of town. Constable responded and gave the individual a ride to his hotel.

1:48 a.m. – Another witness saw a vehicle on another part of the same road with its flashers on and partially blocking the roadway. The vehicle was gone by the time a constable got there.

2:14 a.m. – A group was allegedly yelling and carrying on in the parking lot behind a motel. Constable joined them for just a moment before they all went to their rooms.

4:31 a.m. – Passerby saw a pickup speed out of a parking lot in the southern part of town. Constable went to the location and found the building secure.

7:49 a.m. – Central dispatch passed along a call from a female who said her boyfriend had hit her. Constable who responded saw no marks and neither party wanted to press charges. The female left for the day.

8:51 a.m. – Constables went to check on a male recumbent on the sidewalk in front of a liquor store. He informed them he had checked out of his motel room early and was waiting for his ride.

4:47 p.m. – Two employees at a downtown business accidentally set off the alarm.

7:16 p.m. – CCSO and State Police asked for assistance stopping a vehicle headed through Eureka Springs. The driver was suffering from Alzheimer's disease and dementia. Constables encountered the vehicle and brought the subject to the station where he waited for his family to pick him up.

7:41 p.m. – Resident near a motel claimed the motel owner lets his dog run loose in the neighborhood. Constable spoke with the motel owner about local leash laws.

10:23 p.m. – Motorist headed to town from the west reported a vehicle behaving dangerously and passing him on the Leatherwood Bridge. Constables did not encounter the vehicle.

JUNE 22

2:36 a.m. – Individual at a gas station needed assistance jump-starting his vehicle. Constable complied.

4:44 a.m. – Guest at a tourist lodging said a group of kids nearby were throwing rocks and cans and creating a hullabaloo. They left the scene just before the constable arrived.

June 29 Metafizzies meeting

The June 29 meeting of the Eureka Springs Metaphysical Society will feature animal communicator and Intuitive Medium, Cindy Kay Jones, speaking on how to connect telepathically with animals. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. at the Heart of Many Ways in the Christian Science Church, 68 Mountain Street. All are welcome.

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

He fumbled miserably. (“What do you – I don’t know what you –”) but she had cut it short, cleanly, with a ruthlessness that he could now almost admire. “I know. I believe I knew all along. From the very beginning. Not that I could *really* believe it. Not after all I’ve done – borrowed on my inheritance to send you through college – You didn’t know that, did you? You thought Father really *did* establish a fund for deserving students? Didn’t you wonder why the fund never went any further? It was *my* money, Roger, and I arranged it that way with Father – to spare your pride. Pride! Why, you haven’t got any. Not a vestige. I might have saved myself the trouble – those long wrangles with Father, alone in his office. He was a hard man, not generous. And taking you in as a partner in the lumber company, after Fowler was killed – that’s what I’ve done for you, Roger, and this is my thanks.”

“Please, Agnes –” feeling himself become nothing before her. “No more, please. You’ve said enough.”

But she had brushed aside the cry for mercy. “A year after we were married – going to that slut! And even before, too. I’m sure of it. Grew up, learned all the dirtiness together. And so you had to go back to it, back to wallow in the familiar sty – what I tried to take you away from!”

Her measured bitterness was more than

he could endure. “It wasn’t like that, Agnes. Believe me – not like that at all. But now – she is going to have a baby. You’ll want a divorce – and I won’t contest it, of course.”

Agnes flinched, and a slight shudder passed across her rigidity. She turned her back on him and walked to the window, pulled the heavy drapery aside and stood looking down into the dark garden. He sat on the edge of a stiff chair, staring at the carpet. “This child,” she said, turning suddenly. “You have no way of knowing – a woman like that. You must never admit that it’s yours. Never give her a penny, Roger. Not ever.”

He remembered her exact words, as shocking now as they had been thirty years ago. “Oh, I know,” he’d cried, whipping himself. “There hasn’t been anyone else. She loves me.”

Agnes had laughed then. “Love? How would *that* word taste on such a mouth? I love you, Roger. We will weather this together. I even see it bringing us closer, in the end. You have never been quite mine, have you? Not even when we were children. You used to run away from me. But now you’ll belong to me. Always...”

So she had handed him pardon and absolution like a cup of slow poison, a punitive measure. Yet she had been right, as ever. Perhaps all men went through life whipped on by a private guilt? A driving

force, if you could see it sanely, coldly –?

The lane leveled off a little, toward the top, and, following the erratic line of the bluff, made a turn to the left. It would be just beyond this turn – He cast the cone of the flashlight farther ahead, then clicked it off. The door of her cabin stood open, and a rectangle of light lay across the lane. He could see her standing there, as she had stood before, only that time the room had been dark, behind her, and only the white face and arms and breast had been visible.

He tried to pass as far from her as possible, holding to the rough face of the bluff with one hand, and keeping his head down as he walked. But she called his name, as he, with a foretaste of terror, had known she would.

“Roger! You come at last. I been prayin’ that you’d come.”

“Don’t talk to me –” still not daring to look at her. “I’m in a hurry now, Cricket.”

“I got to talk to you.” Her voice rang loud in the night. “I seen the Holy Ghost. All fire and light: God. And He commanded me to speak out and sound the warnin’. For you, most of any, Roger. For we done sinned and laid down in sin together, and the Lord was angered. But now I seen the light, Roger, and the Lord taken me back inter the kingdom. All the sin is washed outen my soul.” The words rose in a jubilant shout.

“Be quiet,” he cried. “You’ll wake

the dead.”

“I got to shout the glory of salvation!” she screamed. “Oh, repent, pore sinner! Confess your sin and stand naked before the Lord. Tomorrer ye may be in the mist of the burnin’ fiery furnace. Oh, come to God ‘fore He smites you with His tar’ble hand –”

He stood with his back against the bluff, and his hands scrabbled over the rock behind him as if seeking a door, some means of escape. He saw her now, his eyes captured and held by the frenzy of her voice – saw the gaunt and ravaged face with the wild gray hair, and the great, compelling eyes upon him. This hair he had kissed in the young night – the drawn mouth, the sunken cheeks with the sharp bones showing –

“God’s vengeance ain’t a-goin’ to wait!” She raised both hands high and turned her face to the cold stars, as if she were even now accepting grace into the receptacle of her body.

“Stop it!” he cried “Let me go!” He broke away from the bluff at last, and began running down the path in the dark, slipping and stumbling in the wet clay, but her voice followed him to the bottom of the lane:

“God’s mercy ain’t a-gonna last forever. Oh, they’s a black, yawnin’ Hell a-waitin’ –”

NOTES from the HOLLOW by Steve Weems

According to the *Eureka Springs Times-Echo*, June 1961 was a fairly quiet month in Eureka Springs. The only local topic with extensive coverage was the 12th season of the Fine Arts Colony at Inspiration Point.

With Beaver Dam being built west of town, the inevitable demise of the Mundell community was apparent. The *Mundell News* column by Mrs. John Schnitzer recorded

preparations for the coming inundation of water. She mentioned that work began to remove the remains of ancestors buried in the Union Chapel Cemetery. She announced that Brother Herman Williams of Busch was going to preach at the Mundell church on the coming Sunday, and noted it could be the last service held there. I can’t help but wonder what Brother Williams had to say.

In other news, future Eureka Springs

Fire Chief Wayne Brashear won the essay contest sponsored by the “radio station at Rogers” on the subject, “Why I Should Learn to Drive Safely.” His prize was a week-long stay at the Lake Frances Boys Camp at Siloam Springs. Returning from a week at church camp near Paris, Ark., were Julia Freeman, Clark Freeman and Butch Berry.

Walker’s Super Market advertised whole fryers for 25 cents per pound and bananas for 9 cents per pound. Remember ice milk? Half-gallon containers of Meadowgold Ice Milk were priced at 49 cents each. Walker’s advertised one free delivery of groceries daily. The competition, Clark’s Super Market, advertised free deliveries twice daily.

During this time, the Basin Theater at 95 Spring St. was showing movies seven nights per week. Some of the films advertised were *The Naked Jungle* with Charlton Heston and



The Misfits with Clark Gable and Marilyn Monroe.

My father used to recall from his younger days that Eureka Springs wanting a late night meal would drive to Seligman, Mo., to a cafe located that was open 24 hours per day. That’s why I’m surprised to see an advertisement for McBride’s being “Eureka Springs First All Nite Restaurant.” Perhaps it had something to do with the building of the dam and the new families that moved to town.

Biz After Hours ... meet the new guys

Thursday, July 2, at 5 p.m. the Eureka Springs Chamber of Commerce hosts a Business After Hours evening of networking, socializing and an introduction to new area businesses.

Join the crowd at the Visitor Information Center in The Village at Pine Mountain and see changes made to the Visitor Center, hear about new programs taking place and meet the Chamber staff. Hors d’oeuvres will be served and there will be a wine sharing. To participate in the wine sharing, please bring a bottle of your choice. For details call (479) 243-8737.

The Ariels, with Catherine Reed sitting in on keyboard at Fur Funfest.

Fur FUNFEST –
Good deals last weekend included lowered rabies shot and adult dog adoption fees in addition to food, music by several groups, drumming, a blessing of the animals and “dogs” of the edible kind – all to support the Good Shepherd shelter.

PHOTOS BY JAY VRECENAK



Addy Sterrett (Clorinda), Kathryn Rupp (Tisbe) and Lauren Davis in the auditorium production of *Cinderella* (Saturday, June 27, at 2 p.m.)

Veronique Filloux as Olympia, Jonathan Ray as Hoffman in *Tales of Hoffman*



Blues, R&B, Hip Hop and blues rapper Chris Thomas King in his signature top hat wowed the crowd at the Aud.

Blues Weekend –

Despite the rains leading into Blues Weekend, we had great crowds, awesome bands and tons of fun. The clear crowd favorite for the weekend was the Albert King Tribute featuring The Noah Wotherspoon Band with special guests Nick Schnebelen and John Del Toro Richardson. The kids had a great time Saturday at the Blues for Kids workshop with George Hunt, and at Turpentine Creek Wildlife Refuge on Father's Day with the inflatable water slides the Refuge provided. Plans are already in the making for Blues Weekend 2016!

PHOTOS BY CHARLES RAGSDALL

Son of bluesman Jimmy Rogers, Jimmy D. Lane grew up around Muddy Waters, Howlin' Wolf and Albert King.



Noah Wotherspoon Band with guests Jonn Del Toro Richardson and Nick Schnebelen during the Tribute to Albert King.



Sneak Preview –

The first week of Opera in the Ozark's 65th Season got off to a colorful start promising dynamic performances all the way to July 17.

PHOTOS BY MIRIAM PATTERSON



Mary Bander as Violetta in *La Traviata*



Nick Aguirre as Dandini, Megan Berti as Angelina in *La Cenerentola*

Love for a friend

My heart broke a little more today upon learning that a dear friend, a sister, has transitioned to another plane. Suzanne Barnes Whaley Sand was an enigma to some, but a friend to many. We were friends for 26 years.

She was an artist. She was madly witty. She was exotic. She was creative. She was a gourmet cook. She was an excellent decorator.

I loved being in her home. It felt like being welcomed into the comforting glove of a world I once knew and missed, and was relieved to be back. I loved the way it smelled.

I called her “Big Sis” and she called me “L’il Sis.” I spent many nights in her small second bedroom when she lived across from her shop on Spring Street. And,

she had a welcoming bowl of pasta waiting when I moved from Little Rock to the little cottage next door to hers on Kingshighway.

We shared lots of carefree 5 p.m. cocktail hours on my front porch with our neighbors.

I respected her privacy and she mine, yet she could call me at any hour and I could her.

Our friendship began in 1989 when we both ventured into the Kitty Kitty Kitty business. She purchased the shop in Eureka Springs and I opened one in Little Rock. We decided to share a hotel room at the Dallas market together before we even met. Spending days at market will definitely bond two people together!

Suzanne was an excellent businesswoman. She managed to keep her

shop open for over 16 years. She did much better than I even with an accounting degree.

She was better at giving me advice than members of my own family in a way that was not offensive. I knew she meant business. I mostly took it.

We passed a birthday button back and forth between us for over 20 years in our birthday card to each other.

There was never a time we didn’t get along.

We always ended our calls with “I love you.” I’m so glad about that.

Suzanne dearly loved her cats and supported humane animal rights.

Her husband, Sandy, did such a wonderful job caring for her at home as long as humanly possible.

And, speaking of friends, while I was

still living in Florida, Linda Rogers made many visits to Brighton and reported to me how Suzanne was, while making trips to Illinois to see her very ill father and running a business. Sandy, Suzanne and I appreciated that more than you know!

I’m so glad Linda, Suzanne and I got to have that birthday lunch five years ago and that I moved back this year and had been able to spend a little time with her.

To Sandy, Linda & Steve, Francie & Steve, Ed, Ken, Franco, Margie, Beth, the volunteers at the Doggie Thrift Store and all those who knew Suzanne and cared about her: I share in your loss and wanted to reflect on the life of our friend.

Maybe she and Sharon are dancing somewhere...

Margaret Bridwell

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as a library book drop-off site, classes for yoga and art and other educational opportunities.

Chair Dee Bright gave the floor to Sandy Martin who presented a slightly different plan in that Martin suggested waiting to hear about a planning grant from the National Endowment for the Arts supposedly by the end of June. She acknowledged the difficult decision commissioners faced, but said with grant funds they could build a plan for renovating all three buildings on the property. Her focus was on adding educational components such as a culinary school and an educational center for arts and trades as well as developing a community center.

Martin acknowledged both plans had been presented with best interests of the city at heart.

In other comments, Kimberly Clark said she has been hoping the property would be developed in a positive way, and to her B-100 is an eyesore.

Jack Moyer reminded the commission there is only one application – the one from the school district – to consider, and Al Larson cited the tremendous expense of bringing B-100 up to code. Moyer and Larson are both members of the ad hoc committee.

Larson also said what they are asking for is very specific and contingent upon the plan going forward.

Bright read a letter from Building Inspector Bobby Ray who had inspected B-100 the previous week. He noted a litany of items needing either repair or replacement from the roof to the floor and everything between. He wrote

that he saw rotting joists, cracks in the exterior walls, root damage to the sidewalk which continues under the foundation, ceilings with water damage, plumbing and electrical not up to code and bathrooms not compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act. And there is asbestos to contain.

Ray’s final assessment was the building would pose “great economic hardship” on whoever wanted to rehabilitate it, but he was neither for nor against demolition.

Bright passed around ten letters endorsing the project, including demolishing B-100. The letters came from the Ozark Natural Science Center, Save the Ozarks, the Carnegie Library board and several local businesspeople.

Attending the meeting was Catherine Barrier, a Certified Local Government Coordinator for the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program. She explained Eureka Springs must maintain a certain ratio of contributing versus non-contributing buildings to keep its historic district status. She said B-100 is a contributing building within the historic district, so losing it would affect the ratio but would not cause the city to forfeit Historic District status.

Commissioner Virgil Fowler pointed out, “Then the decision goes back to just this building and not losing our status.”

Barrier warned the city might be getting close to having an issue, but to know for sure would require a new survey.

Commissioner Melissa Greene said she was not against the demolition plan, but as a commissioner she is sworn to protect historic structures if possible. She wanted to know more about the

grant opportunity Martin had presented and asked Kellogg if he would be comfortable waiting another month.

Kellogg replied everyone is comfortable waiting as long as the district continues to pay for the upkeep of the property. He said the district has held on to the property because of the possibility of a community center, but at some point it will look at selling to a developer. He also observed the grant Greene wanted to wait for was a planning grant which would mean the district would continue to spend its resources.

“We’ve done the planning,” he contended.

Commissioner Doug Breitling refocused the discussion to the impending vote on the application before them. “I think we have enough information to do something tonight,” he said. He said B-100 was a contributing structure but it was no more important than any other contributing structure.

Bright called for a roll call vote on the application. Greene’s name was called first and she voted Present. Commissioners Steve Holifield and Ronnie Fanning also voted Present. Breitling, however, voted Yes followed by Yes votes from Fowler and commissioner Suzie Allen. The tally was 3-0-3 putting the onus on Bright to break the tie.

“Thanks, guys,” she remarked. Bright commented she thought all along the district would let the building deteriorate until it warranted demolition. She stated even though the building might have been poorly designed back in the fifties, she was disappointed more wasn’t done to preserve it. “However,” she said, “it is an eyesore, so I vote Yes.”

The application passed 4-0-3.

Bright then implored citizens, “Please take care of our buildings... a \$100 patch now might cost thousands in a few years.”

Other business

Commissioners approved these five applications:

- 10 Cross – extend existing upper rear deck
 - 60 Wall – extend time for previously approved demolition for new owner
 - 31 Elk – add rear deck
 - 212 Spring – demolition of ancillary building; new ancillary building
 - 55 Kingshighway/55 Alamo – extend front porch roof; add screened side porch; replace windows with French doors
- These Consent Agenda items are approved:
- 2 Armstrong – new paint color, rear, side decks
 - 67 N. Main – replace sign
 - 101 N. Main – new signs
 - 111 N. Main – new signs
 - 10 Center – frost glass; new sign
 - 306 Village Circle – new sign

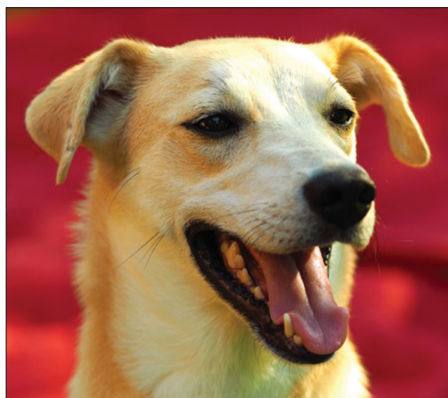
Consent Agenda items are Level I applications that the City Preservation Officer believes to be in accordance with the design guidelines.

Bright presented these Administrative Approvals, applications for repair or for work involving no changes in materials or color, but which include applications for changes in roofing color:

- 42 Kingshighway – re-roof
- 27 Emporia – re-roof
- 40 Emporia – re-roof
- ^a 34 Elk – re-roof**

Next meeting will be Wednesday, July 1, at 6 p.m.

Will you bend for Willow?



Willow, a loyal, loving, tan and white female lab mix, has been a resident of the Good Shepherd Animal Shelter since last August and has developed fungal pneumonia, a bacterial infection characterized by a hoarse cough. Treatment is ongoing and long-term for this kind of illness and unfortunately is outside the scope of the annual shelter budget.

Good Shepherd is asking the community for help with the cost of Willow's medicine. She is responding to treatment but her medicine runs about \$360 per month. She will need this medication for up to 6 months and donations are greatly appreciated.

You can sponsor a month or donate online at goodshepherd-hs.org/DONATE.html, mail to GSHS, P.O. Box 285 Eureka Springs, 72632 (Attn: Willow Fund) or drop off at the Eureka Springs or Berryville Doggie Shop or shelter. Let them know it's for the Willow Fund. All donations are tax deductible and no donation is too small.

Willow also needs a local short term Foster Home to facilitate her healing. A quiet setting with a fenced yard is a must. Willow will have to be kept as a house dog as the heat and putting her on a leash exacerbates her condition. Willow is house trained and her illness is not contagious. An environment with no other animals or an older/less active dog would be best. Please contact Carolyn at goodshepherdadoptions@aol.com if you can offer Willow a temporary home.

Infant massage course

Free infant massage courses start June 30 and meet weekly at The Cradle in Berryville. Infant massage is an excellent way for enhancing bonding between parent and baby, for soothing colic, increasing immunity and much more. This five session course is open to pregnant women and parents of babies 6 weeks – 10 months old. Contact Rebecca Strohmeier at (479) 981-2159 to register.

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Call for submissions

ANA Regional Juried Art Exhibition

Artists of Northwest Arkansas 21st Annual ANA Regional Juried Art Exhibition, a regional competition, is hosted by the Artists of Northwest Arkansas to support the work of artists in Arkansas, Kansas, Oklahoma and Missouri to acknowledge, promote and encourage artists in multiple media and disciplines.

General application fee is \$50 and membership application is \$40 for up to three images per application. Additional images are \$10 with a limit of five total images. See www.juriedartservices.com for a full prospectus and guidelines for how to enter your application online or contact Shawna Elliott at shellott5@yahoo.com.

Heart of America Artist Association

The Heart of America Artist Association has issued a call to artists for the 2015 Illinois River Salon, a premier regional

show that gives artists an opportunity to have their work displayed briefly at Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art in Bentonville.

The show is judged this year by a Curator of Crystal Bridges, Chad Alligood. Prizes will be valued around \$10,000 with Best of Show receiving \$2,500. See hoaaa.wordpress.com for more information.

Celebrate America Show

The Palette Art League in Yellville is calling for submissions to their *Celebrate America Show*. During the month of July the league will display works that celebrate America by offering a tribute to the flag and what it symbolizes. Entries may be two or three dimensions, photography and/or creative writing. For more details and an entry form go to www.palettartleague.org or call (870) 656-2057.

BYOB is back July 15 – 17!

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Arts. Register soon as these workshops fill fast! For costs and details, see www.essa-art.org or phone (479) 253-5384.

38th Ozark Quilt Fair

Entries are now being accepted for the 38th Ozark Quilt Fair, Saturday, Sept. 12 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. 9 and forms are available at shilohmuseum.org, or by calling (479) 750-8165. The Ozark Quilt Fair is sponsored by Arvest Bank.

Will Cinderella get her fella?

Don't miss this delightful matinee production of *Cinderella* with music from several different composers from opera to show tunes at 2 p.m. Saturday, June 27, in the auditorium.

The show features 15 of this season's Opera in the Ozarks performers and will charm the whole family. Admission is free for children, and adult tickets at the door are \$10 or only \$5 with proof of purchase or register receipt from any Eureka Springs business.

There's easy, free parking at the Eureka Visitor Center on US 62 across from the Matterhorn Hotel. A tram will run every 10 minutes to get you to the auditorium on time. Seating begins at 1:30 p.m., curtain at 2 p.m. For more information: www.opera.org or phone (479) 253-8595.

Storytelling retreat registration open

Actress, teacher and writer Elaine Blanchard will lead a storytelling retreat at the Writers' Colony at Dairy Hollow, July 24 – 26. The retreat begins Friday at 6 p.m. with introductions and getting acquainted with the group. Workshop Saturday from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. is followed by lunch then back to work from 2:30 – 5 p.m.

Blanchard is also the Prison Stories Program director, featured recently on NPR. She knows how to use the power of writing, storytelling and theatre to move women confidently into the future. Her workshop will help you mine your memories for unique and valuable stories and polish them to gleam like gold.

Discover the power of storytelling with this acclaimed professional and reserve your spot today. Retreat fee of \$150 includes meals. Registration deadline is July 15 at 10 p.m. but spaces may fill fast. Call the Writers' Colony (479) 253-744 or email director@writerscolony.org today.

“I Build a Lighted House & Therein Dwell”

Wednesday, June 24, Chiron turns stationary retrograde (we turn inward) at 21.33 degrees Pisces. We usually speak of “retrograde” when referring to Mercury. But all planets retrograde. Next month in July, Venus retrogrades. What is Chiron retrograde? Chiron represents the wound within all of us. Wounds have purpose. They sensitize us; make us aware of pain and suffering. Through our wounds we develop compassion. Through compassion we become whole (holy) again. Chiron helps develop these states of consciousness. Everyone carries a wound. Everyone carries family wounds (family astrology tracks the astrological “DNA” through generations).

Chiron wounds are deep within. We’re often not aware of them until Chiron retrogrades. Then the wounds (through pain, hurt, sadness, suffering) become apparent. They seem to break us open emotionally, psychologically. Painful events from the past are remembered. They are brought to the present for healing. Through experiencing, talking about and deeply feeling what is hurting us, healing takes place. We begin to understand and bring healing to others.

Chiron retrograde in Pisces means (sensitivity to) our suffering helps “save the world.” Chiron is retrograde until Nov. 17 (16 degrees Pisces). Locating 16–22 Pisces degrees in our astrology charts helps us understand the

area of life where the wounds appear.

All week Jupiter and Venus move closer together in the sky. They meet in Leo at the full moon, Cancer solar festival, **Wednesday**, July 1. The Cancer keynote is, “*I build a lighted house and therein dwell.*” The Soul’s light has finally penetrated the “womb” of matter. The New Group of World Servers is to radiate this light. To be “Lights unto the world.” Providing unlimited nourishment to all forms and creatures of life. Join us everyone, reciting the Great Invocation during the full moon. At the end of each sign are keywords to use and remember during the Chiron retrograde.

ARIES: You’re known for individuality and freedom of expression. Only Aquarius rivals you. And Pisces. In coming weeks and months, the need for individual freedom and creativity expands. Because you’re partially responsible for initiating changes in the present culture and civilization. Humanity is suffering and asleep. Suffering radicalizes us. Especially you. Divinity has a Plan to “make all things new.” You play a major part in this Plan. Patience is your keynote.

TAURUS: PAST hopes, dreams, wishes, friends, groups and associates are on your mind. You wonder about them. Your life goals and ambitions suddenly changed long ago after an unexpected event. Your mind wonders about the future and how to plan for it. As your life twists and turns you find yourself becoming liberated from the past. You didn’t know how this would occur. Understanding is your goal.

GEMINI: Flashes of intuition and insight help you make quick decisions that are authoritative, leading others to understand situations hidden behind fogs and illusions. Maintain independence. And begin to explain your actions to others so they can understand the whys,

hows and meanings of your choices. This makes your endeavors more transparent and accepted. Wisdom is your calling.

CANCER: In the coming weeks and months, notice a changed

philosophy of life emerge in your thinking that creates a new view of how to live your life with others. You may (help) create community with like-minded people who realize the ideas of the past need updating in order to build the new culture and civilization

under the Aquarian Laws & Principles. Your mind travels to unusual places far and wide. Healing is your priority. Display gentleness.

LEO: What investments and resources are held in common with others? They may begin to behave erratically, with sudden ups and downs. Look into all things financial, attempting stabilization. Invest in gold and silver even when the market shifts, safekeeping precious metals and practical resources for coming times. You are intuitive enough to understand. Be tolerant. Be truly kind.

VIRGO: Relationships, marriages, partnerships, close intimate connections may experience sudden change and spur of the moment decisions, affecting the future. Tend carefully developing stability through clear communication. Calmly absorb unexpected upsets. Everything in our lives is turning upside down in order to create new values and the new materialism. This also creates new relationships. Summon strength of will.

LIBRA: Nothing routine occurs in any area of your life. Changes come forth to help develop original ideas and creativity.

Focus your energy on helping friends, gardening and creating beauty. Notice how you upset the apple cart wherever you are. Because you’re a change-maker, greatly needed everywhere. Tend to your health. Be forgiving and steadfast.

SCORPIO: You find the need for more self-control, which would also provide you with more self-knowledge. Through discipline you come to know yourself, your needs and a new level of creativity emerges.

Speculation is costly. Instead focus on independent thinking and how to break with all that’s old and seeking liberation. Keynote: Love more.

SAGITTARIUS: As you attempt each day to summon constancy and calmness, know that sudden upsets occur so you can experience more freedom. Balance your needs with family needs even if traveling far away. Inform them of the astrological energies creating change everywhere. Your family will understand. Ask them to look for these changes and communicate about them. This creates new traditions. Your true mantra is “Peace be with you.”

CAPRICORN: You experience your income and finances as fluctuating. In the coming times, don’t fret if this continues. Material things will come and go, unforeseen events will upset all plans. This is not due to anything you created. All conditions in our world are changing, even the waters you swim in. The new world is being created. It’s not here yet. We’ve just begun. Stay calm and rest a while. Have courage.

AQUARIUS: Your thinking, communicating, processing information

and interacting with others is so spontaneous that changes begin to appear to everyone everywhere. You want to unexpectedly strike out in different directions, going here and there. New thinking appears. You become interested in science, technology and sources of light. And think more and more about community, which is where you belong. Sharing is your joyful keynote.

PISCES: You need to be in nature most of the time. You realize nature is the most balanced kingdom. Sometimes (often) you must work alone so your intuitive and investigative gifts emerge clearly. To maintain harmony you avoid oppositions, cooperating instead with accepted reality. Something or someone shatters your calmness. It’s not comfortable, yet it’s needed. The past arrives. Self-transcendence begins. You stand in dappled light.


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Celebrate freedom and adopt

The Good Shepherd Animal Shelter in Eureka Springs will hold its 4th annual Open House Celebration on Saturday, July 4 from noon – 4 p.m. Bring the whole family for an afternoon of fun, food and games.

Open your heart and home to a new furry friend or just drop by and say hello. Adoption of large adult dogs and adult cats will be only \$25! The shelter is located at 6486 US 62E on the outskirts of Eureka Springs.

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THURSDAY, JUNE 25

BASIN PARK BALCONY – *Catherine Reed*, Singer/Songwriter, 5 p.m.

GRAND TAVERNE – *Jerry Yester*, Grand Piano Dinner Music, 6:30 – 9:30 p.m.

LEGENDS SALOON – *Toy*, Rock, 8 p.m.

FRIDAY, JUNE 26

BASIN PARK BALCONY – *Hawgscalders*, Folk, 12 and 6 p.m.

BREWS – *Candy Lee*, Americana, 7 – 10 p.m.

CATHOUSE LOUNGE – *Opium Western*, Rock, 8 p.m.

CHELSEA'S – *The Squarshers*, Folk, 9:30 p.m.

EUREKA LIVE! – *DJ and Dancing*, 9 p.m.

GRAND TAVERNE – *Arkansas Red*, Amplified Acoustic Guitar Dinner Music, 6:30- 9:30 p.m.

LEGENDS SALOON – *DJ and Karaoke with Kara*, 8 p.m.

LE STICK – *Pete "Rock" Maiella*, Singer/Songwriter, 8 p.m.



Josh Newcom and Indian Rodeo play Rowdy Beaver Den Saturday, June 27 at 9 p.m.

NEW DELHI – *Medicine Man Show 6 – 10 p.m.*

PEPE TACOS AT CASA COLINA – *Jimmy Gyles on Strings*, 5 – 8 p.m.

ROWDY BEAVER – *BOSS Karaoke*, 8 p.m.

ROWDY BEAVER DEN – *Lance and Kelly*, Americana, 9 p.m.

THE STONEHOUSE – *Jerry Yester*, Artist's Choices

SATURDAY, JUNE 27

BASIN PARK BALCONY – *James White*, Singer/Songwriter, 12 and 6 p.m.

BREWS – *Pearl Brick*, Singer/Songwriter, 7 p.m.

CATHOUSE LOUNGE – *Joe Mack*, Singer/Songwriter, 8 p.m.

CHELSEA'S – *Sad Daddy*, Americana, 9:30 p.m.

EUREKA LIVE! – *DJ & Dancing*, 9 p.m.

GRAND TAVERNE – *Jerry Yester*, Grand Piano Dinner Music, 6:30- 9:30 p.m.

LEGENDS SALOON – *Toy*, Rock, 9 p.m.

NEW DELHI – *The Ozark Traveler*, 6 – 10 p.m.

PINE MOUNTAIN AMP – *Fix8ation*, Rock, 12 – 3 p.m.

ROWDY BEAVER – *Southern Confession*, Rock, 8 p.m.

ROWDY BEAVER DEN – *The Lark and*

the Loon, Rock, 1 – 5 p.m., *Josh Newcom and Indian Rodeo*, Rock, 9 p.m.

SUNDAY, JUNE 28

BASIN PARK BALCONY – *James White*, Singer/Songwriter, 12 p.m.,

Michael Dimitri, Singer/Songwriter, 5 p.m.

BREWS – *Cards Against Humanity/ Board Games*

EUREKA LIVE – *DJ, Dancing, and Karaoke*, 7- 11 p.m.

NEW DELHI – *Sarah Hughes Noon* – 4 p.m.

OSCAR'S – *Melissa Carper and Rebecca Patek*, Folk, 1 p.m.

PEPE TACOS AT CASA COLINA – *Jimmy Gyles on Strings*, 12 – 3 p.m.

ROWDY BEAVER DEN – *Rockey Don Jones*, Singer/Songwriter, 1 – 5 p.m.

MONDAY, JUNE 29

CHELSEA'S – *Sprungbilly*, Bluegrass, 8 p.m.

TUESDAY, JUNE 30

CHELSEA'S – *Open Mic*

WEDNESDAY, JULY 1

BREW'S – *Open Mic*, 7 p.m.

CHELSEA'S – *Melissa Caper and the Magic Carpet Riders*, Americana, 9:30 p.m.

LEGENDS SALOON – *DJ Karaoke with Lita*, 8 p.m.

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



My husband says we have a generic marriage. That confuses and hurts me but he's a man of few words and he doesn't elaborate. Our lives are pretty mundane. I can't say we have much fun and sex is wham-bam-thank-you-ma'am. I'm easily aroused so that's ok but it's become routine and frankly boring. How can we get out of this rut?

Generic? Wow, that would be hard to hear. My first thought is that a generic relationship requires at least one generic person, if not two.

I'm no psychic but I'd venture to say that your husband is revealing his feelings about himself more than anything else. Since he's a man of few

words, I consulted my chatty thesaurus for additional insight into what he's attempting to communicate. I think this nails it: dull, mediocre, uninspired, run-or-the-mill, vanilla. That's how he feels.

His statement, while hurtful, may have been his attempt to acknowledge your likely obvious feelings of boredom and communicate his same desire for more fun and passion. Rather than take offense, take action together.

To the surprise of most, fun doesn't just happen. It requires planning, effort and a commitment to approaching life with a playful spirit. Start with morning coffee together on the porch, breakfast in bed's a romantic surprise,

cook together, garden together, reminisce and share jokes. Change your environment and get out. Fish, float a river, hike or bike, try your luck at a casino, take dance lessons or visit nearby attractions. Spend an overnight at a quaint B & B. So what if it's just down the street? It's different, meaning inspired, and *not* dull!

Sex often becomes routine in long-term relationships but spicing things up is not as daunting as most assume. Head to heels leather, bindings, crops and sex swings are not required. Keep it simple. Add elements that stimulate your senses like candles, music or erotica. A blindfold eliminates your sense of sight, adds the element of surprise and amplifies the sensation of every titillating touch.

Take a few of your routine sex practices off the table for a week. This will challenge you to find new ways for old tricks and new tricks altogether. Speaking of tables, you know sex doesn't require a bed, right? Be adventurous. No one's watching.

QUESTIONS? Email leslie@esindependent.com. *Leslie Meeker, M.A., L.P.C., is a psychotherapist who has specialized in relational and sex therapy, sexual compulsivity and sexual trauma for the past 16 years, after receiving extensive training in human sexuality at the Masters and Johnson Institute in St. Louis, Mo.*

One week left ...

... to get your shakers and stirrers busy creating a prizewinning cocktail for the Fleur Delicious Bartender Competition July 1 at KJ's Caribé! Organizers are looking for two unique, outstanding cocktails/Martinis to showcase during Fleur Delicious Weekend July 7 – 12.

Arrive no later than 5 p.m. to register; and bring one pre-made gallon of your cocktail using a Ciroc Vodka (for shots for the People's Choice award) and ingredients to make four of your cocktails before the judges during the competition. Don't forget to bring the garnish and any special serving glasses other than the basic.

Prize for Judges' Choice is a \$100 gift certificate from Local Flavor Café, an Ozark Mountain Zip Lines canopy tour and t-shirt. Winner of People's Choice will receive a \$50 gift certificate from FRESH Farm to Table. Each winner also receives a bottle of Ciroc Vodka.

Little Swiss Amateur Radio Club meeting

The Little Switzerland Amateur Radio Club will meet Saturday, July 11 at 4 p.m. The meeting will be held at the physicians' building at the Mercy Hospital in Berryville. Anyone with an interest in

amateur radio is welcome.

For current information on locations of each meeting or additional information go to lsarc.us or contact gmjar@outlook.com

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court of law a law that is unfair."

Weaver reminded council of the expense of such a legal effort.

Alderman David Mitchell replied, "We all knew there would be more." He said an agency such as the American Civil Liberties Union might take on this case. He stated Eureka Springs had its ordinance before the state passed its law, "so it is up to the city to stand behind the voters." He acknowledged there were ethical, financial and other concerns with the litigation, "but it concerns me not to take the next step."

Alderman Mickey Schneider asked Weaver, "Can we get money from outsiders to pay for this?" She contended the city could proceed if someone else would pay the legal fees.

"At this point, we are not being threatened and we have nothing to defend," alderman Joyce Zeller observed. She asserted it would be up to the state to make a move against Eureka Springs. "If we wait until the state sues us, then we have cause to get support."

Mitchell asked Weaver what it would cost to file an injunction, and Weaver estimated to get the case through the first level would cost from \$5000 – \$10,000.

DeVito contended \$5000 was not a significant amount to spend compared to the effort and funds expended to defend the ordinance in the special election.

McClung very firmly stated, "We don't have that right! I don't see the problems here."

The vote on DeVito's motion was 2-4, McClung, Zeller, Thomas and Schneider voting No.

A little help from our friends:

- **Carroll County Domestic Violence Hotline:** 1-844-247-3223 (844-24PEACE) is available 24/7. The Purple Flower Domestic Violence Resource and Support Center of Carroll County is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. on North Springfield St. in Berryville. (479) 981-1676.
 - **Grief Share** is a weekly seminar and support group for people who are grieving the death of someone close to them. Group meets in the library of the Holiday Island Community Church from 2 – 4 p.m. each Sunday. Contact Dale or Laura Nichols (479) 253-8925 or email lardellen@gmail.com for more information.
 - **24-hour NWA Crisis Line for Women** – NWA Women's Shelter serving Carroll County – "Empowering families to live free of violence." (800) 775-9011 www.nwaws.org
 - **Cup of Love free soup lunches** – Cup of Love provides soup lunches at Flint Street Fellowship Mondays and Wednesdays from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. (479) 363-4529
 - **Flint Street Fellowship food pantry, lunch, free clothing** – Pantry open 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays. Free lunch Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Free clothes/shoes closet, books and household items. (479) 253-9491 or 253-4945. Leave donations in barrel at entrance if facility is closed.
 - **Eureka Springs Meditation Group** All are welcome for meditation and teachings every Tuesday from 6 – 7 p.m. at 17 Elk St. in the UU Church building. Come any Tuesday for 20 minutes of meditation followed by a 10-minute break and teachings from various traditions.
 - **Wildflowers one-dollar, furniture barn/thrift store** US 62E across from Hill County Hardware. One-dollar store in the yellow building every Friday from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Thrift store, furniture bank in big blue barn behind the chapel open Wednesdays – Saturdays from 10:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. Donation drop offs Thursday – Saturday between 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. Healing and delivery outreach in chapel Saturdays at 7:30 p.m.
 - **Celebrate Recovery** – Soul Purpose Ministries, 801 S. Springfield, Green Forest, 6:30 p.m. each Wednesday. Potluck followed by 12-step Christ-centered meetings for those suffering from addiction, habit, hang-up or hurt.
 - **Coffee Break Al-Anon Family Group Women** – Tuesdays, 9:45 a.m., Faith Christian Family Church, Hwy. 23S, (479) 363- 9495.
- Meetings at Coffee Pot Club:**
- **Alateen** – Sundays, 10:15 – 11:15 a.m. Email alateen1st@gmx.com or phone (479) 981-9977
 - **Overeaters Anonymous** – Thursdays, 10:30 a.m. Barbara (479) 244-0371
 - **Narcotics Anonymous** – Fridays, 5:30 p.m. (903) 278-5568
 - **Al-Anon Family Group (AFG)** – Sundays, 11:30 a.m., Mondays and Tuesdays 7 p.m.
 - **Eureka Springs Coffee Pot AA Groups** Monday – Saturday 12:30 p.m.; Sunday 10 a.m.; Sunday – Thursday, Saturday, 5:30 p.m.; Tuesday and Friday, 8 p.m. (479) 253-7956
 - **Al-Anon** Wednesday, 5:30 p.m. All other meetings: See www.nwarkaa.org

DEPARTURES

Aaron Wayne Hardcastle

June 18, 1986 – June 16, 2015

Aaron Wayne Hardcastle, of Eureka Springs, Ark., was born June 18, 1986 in Ada, Okla., the son of Adam Floyd and Vicki Jean (Ashford) Hardcastle. He departed this life Tuesday, June 16, 2015 in Fayetteville, Ark., at age 28.

Aaron was a member of the First Baptist Church in Hindsville, Ark. He was a bass player, enjoyed playing video games, and liked firearms.

He is survived by his parents, Adam and Vicki Hardcastle of Eureka Springs; sister, Amber Herrera and husband, James, of Berryville, Ark.; one nephew and niece, Ryan and Auna Herrera of Berryville, Ark.; grandparents, Baxter Joe Ashford of Ada, Okla.; Fanny Marie Hardcastle of Ada, Okla.; and a host of other family and friends.

He is preceded in death by his grandparents, Jessie Dee Ashford and Lee Roy Hardcastle.

There was no visitation. Graveside service was June 19 at the Clifty Cemetery with Brother John Hooser officiating. Interment followed at the Clifty Cemetery under direction of Nelson Funeral Service. Memorial donations may be made to Autism Society, 4340 East-West, Ste #350. Bethesda, MD 20814. Online condolences may be sent to the family at nelsonfuneral.com. © Nelson Funeral Service, Inc. 2015



Helen Virginia Gard Harrison

August 15, 1921 – June 7, 2015



Helen Virginia Gard Harrison, a resident of Eureka Springs, was born August 15, 1921, in Minneapolis, Minn. She departed this life Sunday, June 7, in her home, surrounded by loved ones, at age 93.

Upon the passing of her father, Helen, her mom and two sisters moved to Iola, Kan., where she graduated high school in 1939, and was a member of the String Quartette, winning High Superior Violin. She then attended Iola Community College/Kansas State Teachers College receiving an Associate of Arts in Business/Education, in 1941. Helen also earned her Bachelor of Science, in 1968, followed by a Masters in 1970 in Elementary/Library Media with studies in Chamber Music,

from Pittsburg State University. In 1974 she obtained a Masters of Arts in Teaching from Oklahoma City University. Helen also received her Montessori Certification from the American Montessori Association and taught at Wichita Collegiate School from 1970 to 1983.

Helen's second career was at Boeing in Wichita, working with employee training and writing technical manuals and procedures, from 1983 to 1992.

Helen was an avid walker, a member of Wichita Skywalkers from 1993 to 2004, and hiked the Grand Canyon eight times from South rim to North rim, camped at Phantom Ranch, hiked Bright Angel, Kaibab and North rim trails. On her 80th birthday, she traveled to Switzerland to hike the Alps, doing several climbs.

Ms. Harrison was active in writing and poetry groups in Eureka, and rode the trolleys on her outings in Eureka. She is best known for her sayings, "keep the pep in your step" and "sing and dance at every chance."

She is survived by three children, Esmond Eugene Harrison, of Kansas City, Kan., Lawrence Lee Harrison, and Linda Sue Gracia-Harrison, of Eureka Springs; eight grandchildren, Sara and Jacob Harrison, of Eureka Springs, Melissa Stoia Sweany, of Nashville, Tenn., Raul Gracia Harrison, of Pheonix Ariz., Lindy Gracia Harrison, of Cozumel, Mexico, Marsha and Heather Harrison of Kansas City, Mo., and eight great-grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her parents, Esmond Jacob and Ruth Naomi Stewart Gard and two grandchildren, Katy Lee Stoia and Dylan Stoia.

A celebration of her life will be Friday, July 3, at the Unitarian Church at 4 with a dinner/gathering of friends and family to be announced. Condolences may be sent to the family at nelsonfuneral.com in Berryville.

Robert D. Rodriguez

June 19, 1941 – June 17, 2015

Robert D. Rodriguez of Eureka Springs, Ark., was born June 19, 1941 in North Hollywood, Calif., a son of Sebastian and Anita Heredia Rodriguez. He departed this life Wednesday, June 17, in his residence at age 73.

Robert was a mail carrier for the U.S. Postal Service for 45 years, and a member of the Calvary Chapel in Eureka Springs. He embraced every life moment in general, but most of all he loved to go fishing with his daughter, Dawn, and friends.

If he was not fishing, he enjoyed watching baseball, football, racing, or any other sport that was in season. Robert enjoyed helping anyone in need and put other's needs ahead of himself.

Robert is survived by one daughter, Dawn Rodriguez of Eureka Springs, Ark., and three sisters; Carmen Beltran, Gloria Ortega and Teresa Salazar; extended family, Jon and Jamie Sands and their daughter, Tylar, of all of San Fernando, Calif.; his church family, several nieces and nephews and a host of friends.

Robert was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Mary Torres. A memorial service was held June 20 at Calvary Chapel of Eureka Springs with Pastor Jason Kisic officiating. Cremation arrangements were under the direction of Nelson Funeral Service.

Memorial donations may be made to Calvary Chapel 4032 East Van Buren Eureka Springs, AR. 72632. Online condolences may be sent to the family at nelsonfuneral.com. © Nelson Funeral Service, Inc. 2015

Ladies of Faith meet

The next Ladies of Faith meeting is Tuesday, June 30 at the Gazebo Restaurant at 10 a.m. Cost for brunch is \$10.50. The speaker this month is Melonie Brown from Branson, Mo. She currently sings with the John

Denver Tribute Show and George Strait show with James Garrett and Randy Plummer. Beth Severe will also minister in music. For more information contact Margo Pryor at (870) 480-3161.



Blues baby – This family from Coffeyville, Kan., had a great time listening to the blues in Basin Park. Baby seems anything but blue! Isn't that a razzberry?

PHOTO COURTESY OF CHARLES RAGSDALL

Swimming to higher ground – we went by this doe swimming across Beaver Lake last week. I’ve seen them swimming a few times over the years.

People are asking me a lot on how the high water is affecting the fishing. On Beaver with the stripers, they are on our end of the lake now, which is the best water without a lot of trash. If anything, they are enjoying the current, and are still

off the flats and deep river bends from the top down to 28 ft. deep, liking water depth from 40 ft. and up.

Here at Holiday Island and most all the water on Table Rock, high water has put a lot of trees floating, so watch for logs.

Walleye are being caught trolling crankbaits and jigging a jig tipped with a minnow off the flats on the edge of the drop from 12 – 18 ft. deep. The creek arms are holding fish.



Bass are being caught on top and on spinner baits. Crappie are 8 – 12 ft. deep and we even had a few big whites caught here in Leatherwood Creek. Fishing is good. Just be careful and watch for logs.

Robert Johnson, Johnson Guide Service. www.fishofexcellence.com (479) 253-2258.

INDEPENDENT Crossword

by ESI staff Solution on page 23

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- ACROSS
1. Like a Champagne glass

7. Curved sword

12. Welsh on

13. Italian red wine

14. Confine

15. Japanese martial art

16. When one might takeoff or land

17. Compact, as a car

19. Albanian dollar

20. Where one lives, slangily

22. Catholic or Mormon

23. Scope or meter leader

24. Absorbs

26. Race track prize money

27. Ship or aircraft book

28. Owns

29. Waste maker

32. Short-legged hunting dog

35. Mont Blanc lives here

36. Wrestling surface

37. Easily manageable helm

39. Kid’s cry

40. Songbird

42. Despondent

43. Simply couldn’t be so

45. Concealing

47. Mongolian dollar

48. Make plain

49. Slather

50. Financial accounts

11. First year catcher

13. Skin soother

18. Hindquarter

21. Bath additions

23. Kitty

25. Caviar

26. Ballet step

28. Iron-toothed comb of sorts

29. Smoking and drinking, e.g.

30. Chaos, uproar

31. Moisten by sprinkling

32. Prohibit

33. Making something difficult less daunting

34. Partially-conscious state

36. Oreo mate

38. Lawn tool

40. Square’s partner

41. Queen bee’s home

44. Pitcher’s stat

46. Performed
- DOWN
1. Let go

2. Edible legume

3. Set free

4. Infusion

5. Hens brag about these

6. Regarding

7. Float a boat

8. Noah’s conveyance

9. Steam tank

10. Those of greater age

Transformation back in time

From July 6 – 10, the Holiday Island Community Church, 188 Stateline Drive, will be transformed into a bustling Jerusalem Marketplace. Here ages 4 – 12 will experience what it was like to be in a biblical marketplace where Jesus walked. Join from 8:30 – 11:30 a.m. each day to be a part of an unforgettable journey back in time. For more information call (479) 253-8200 or register at www.hicchurch.com.

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TLC – Martzia, a fawn that was attacked by a dog, is now missing one leg. More surgeries are ahead. She is being cared for by Andrea at Tender Heart Wildlife Rescue.

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people.” Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
I urge those good people of Eureka Springs to press forward with your words and actions. Together we have and will make a difference.

Julie Freeman

Local historian adds to history

Editor,
Your editorial in the June 10, 2015 issue of the *Eureka Springs Independent* concerning, in part, Randy Wolfenbarger and his appointment to the Arkansas State Parks Recreation and Travel Commission, caught my eye.

It was no random accident that Mr. Wolfenbarger was appointed to this Commission by Gov. Asa Hutchinson,

as this bank started working on same shortly after Gov. Hutchinson won the election.
We knew there were two appointments expiring last January, one of which we felt sure would not be re-appointed, so we began a very thorough, highly organized and coordinated campaign to get Randy appointed. Letters as well as phone calls, from people of influence and in all walks of life, were made and sent from Carroll County as well as Benton County. We worked on this for over two months, and we were slightly optimistic on our chances due to Randy’s résumé, Gov. Hutchinson’s knowledge of Eureka Springs, the fact it had been six years since anyone from Eureka Springs had served on the Parks and Tourism Commission, and

finally, our friendship with Gov. and former Third District Congressman Asa Hutchinson that goes back over 30 years.
Then one morning the Governor himself called Randy Wolfenbarger and told him the good news, and Randy immediately called us.
As you may know, there are four commissions that are highly sought after by donors and friends. They are the State Highway Commission, Arkansas Game & Fish Commission, the University of Arkansas Board of Trustees, and of course, the Arkansas Parks and Tourism Commission. In this case, many were seeking these two expired terms, and we feel very fortunate to have gotten one of them for Eureka Springs.
I have known Randy Wolfenbarger ever since he was a child, and whose first

job was standing on a milk carton so he could reach the sink washing dishes at McBride’s Café, across from Basin Park. He went on to be a bellman, then manager of the Crescent Hotel before he went to work for Dave Bird at what is now known as the Inn of the Ozarks. When Mr. Bird sold out, it was only a short time later until Mr. Wolfenbarger and his associates bought Inn of the Ozarks, and Randy is now the General Partner. Obviously, we are very proud of him.
We now have a “seat at the table” and in my opinion, this appointment is the best thing that has happened to tourism in Eureka Springs in the last good many years.
It won’t save us, but it’s a great start! And now you know the rest of the story!
John Fuller Cross



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