



Close call – Firefighter/paramedics Rod Wasson, left, and partner Josh Beyler are shown taking a break after working a scene about a year ago. On August 29, Josh pulled Rod from danger after Rod’s regulator and mask became dislodged during a small but toxic fire on Grand Avenue. Rod is currently recovering in the burn unit at Mercy Hospital in Springfield.

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Inside the tone-out

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There are two sides to every story. For firefighters, there’s the inside and the outside. The outside – a mental picture conjured up from official press releases plus news coverage and photos – is for us, the onlookers. But the inside, well, as Eureka Springs Fire & EMS Assistant Chief Bob Pettus put it, “The public really doesn’t have any idea what these guys go through when they’re inside.”

A small, but very hot and toxic fire late on August 30 in a single-wide, unoccupied trailer on Grand Avenue not far from Harmon Park may have changed all that when local firefighter, Josh Beyler, had occasion to drag his injured partner and former trainer, Rod Wasson, to safety to be airlifted to the Burn Unit at Mercy Hospital in Springfield.

That act, and the smoky scent of an investigation being launched across state agencies, quickly reached the noses of news hounds. The following morning being Sunday and, as they say, a slow news day – two area television stations sent crews to join local press at the scene as various police, fire and other vans, cars, SUVs and trucks gathered along both sides of Grand Avenue in front of the yellow-tape-wrapped property.

Outside

Local Fire Marshal Jimmy Kelley and Arkansas State Police, along with the state Fire Marshal, launched an investigation into the cause of the fire that injured the two Eureka Springs firefighters when Eureka Springs Fire & EMS responded. According to a release from the office of ESFD Chief Randy Ates, an entry team consisting of firefighters Josh Beyler and Rod Wasson entered the front door of the trailer and reported heavy black smoke with no visibility. About six feet inside they encountered a partially closed interior door.

Though details are unclear, it appears Wasson’s air pack regulator was knocked loose from his facemask in the vicinity of the doorway.

Firefighter Beyler dragged Wasson from the smoke-filled structure and paramedics on scene found that Wasson may have inhaled superheated gases along with the acrid smoke. Wasson was able to communicate with crews on scene, was sedated, and a breathing tube placed to guard his airway against swelling.

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This Week’s INDEPENDENT Thinkers

Who knew residents of a northern predominantly white country of 330,000 would get on Facebook and rally to help Syrians escaping danger, murder, displacement and poverty? Especially when the refugees weren’t the same color, culture or religion as the volunteers?

Icelandic folklorist Bryndis Bjorgvinsdottir got on Facebook last weekend and implored her countrymen to help. Within 24 hours, more than 10,000 Icelanders said, “Okay!” Many offered basic necessities of human life – food, housing, clothes. One woman wrote she was a single mother with a six-year old son. “I’m a teacher. I would teach a child to speak, read and write Icelandic. I have everything a child needs and would pay for the airline ticket.”



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We find it stirring when people pick bravery and compassion over fear and that other word.

Don’t labor on Monday

Wasson was placed on a ventilator and transported by helicopter to the burn unit in Springfield with suspected respiratory burns. Firefighter Beyler was sent to Eureka Springs Hospital for suspected smoke inhalation where he was monitored, treated and released.

As of Monday, Wasson remained in stable but critical condition. A GoFundMe account has been set up to defray the family's travel and lodging costs. Donations can be made at GoFundMe.com/esfdwasson or in person at Eureka Springs Fire & EMS station #1, 144 E. Van Buren, next to McDonald's.

Inside

Assistant Fire Chief Bob Pettus: "There was no explosion. Someone called after eleven about a possible fire. Arriving crews found smoke coming from the left end of the trailer and flames were seen in a window. It was a relatively small fire but very hot, thick, black smoke.

"Something happened to Rod's mask. Josh was bringing the hose in when people heard Rod call for help. If you can imagine – you can't see, it's hot and your partner is screaming. As soon as I saw Josh pull Rod to the door, I was so relieved! When any one of our guys gets hurt, it hurts all of us. The outpouring of support from across the state was tremendous."

Wasson, a longtime firefighter and paramedic, left full time to go to school to be a nurse, so was working part time.

Pettus explained other agencies were called in to assist with the investigation to determine exactly what caused the fire itself, and what happened with the air regulator and to see if there is a way to prevent future occurrences or help

define procedures.

Josh Beyler was interviewed by the *Independent, Channel 5 TV* and *40/29 TV*:

"Rod and I were first in through a forced entry into the structure. I was bringing the hose in and it got snagged at the door, so I turned back to get it unsnagged. I got it free, but the smoke was so thick I couldn't see my hand in front of my face and was looking for Rod when I heard him yell for help.

"I heard the beep that indicated his air regulator may have come off and knew he was in trouble. I felt a *ton* of relief when I located him by the small green light on his gear, but when I saw he was down and his mask was off I said a few words I won't repeat."

At this point Wasson was breathing superheated gases, toxins and particulates.

"I'm feeling the heat. It's like being in an oven, and I know he's breathing all that in," Beyler said. "You don't see anything, it's pitch black. My training took over. I called Mayday, found the wall and did not let go of the hose line, which was our guide to the way out since I couldn't see. I kept looking for light from the entry door."

Beyler dragged Wasson in the direction the hose lay, relieved only when he finally got close enough to see lights being shined through the doorway. "I'm ecstatic I could get my brother out of there," he said. "When it comes down to it, your partner is the only guy you've got and I know he'd do the same for me.

"I don't call myself a hero. It's training. I work for an awesome department that thrives on training. It was my first time ever in that situation and I praise the Lord for the way it turned out."

On Sunday, Wasson's family had called from the hospital to say Rod's doctor was optimistic. The unofficial word was he'd breathed a lot of smoke and toxins into his upper and lower airway, and they were washing his lungs out in ICU.

Update

Fire Chief Randy Ates released the following information Monday night:

"Firefighter Wasson remains sedated and on a ventilator in the burn unit in critical condition. As with any insult to the body, some complications are to be expected. And, while some small complications have indeed reared their ugly head, the Mercy burn unit's excellent team has reacted swiftly with aggressive treatment. Wasson still responds to touch and voice and is aware when his family is in the room. He will remain in critical care for at least three more days barring any unforeseen issues.

"Thanks to your generosity the GoFundMe donation account has exceeded the expected \$5000. The family gratefully acknowledges the donations which have poured in to help offset their unexpected costs. Both Rod's sons, Colby and Tyler, have been able to take a leave of absence from work and can stay close to their injured father and concerned grandparents. The family gratefully acknowledges all of the emails, posts, text messages, prayers and good wishes.

"A special acknowledgement goes to Chris Mattes of Mercy Lifeline for driving to the hospital in the middle of the night and staying with Wasson until the fire department chaplain and family could arrive. A tip of the hat also goes to Fort Smith EMS for their generous \$750 donation to help the Wasson family."



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CAPC to parlay with city regarding Aud

NICKY BOYETTE

The City Advertising and Promotion Commission assembled at the Auditorium Wednesday afternoon for a workshop on setting up an Auditorium Commission. Five commissioners and three staff attended.

Chair Charles Ragsdell began the meeting by stating the Auditorium deserves better and in his opinion the CAPC was not the best choice for running and maintaining the auditorium.

"The city needs a major re-awakening," he commented, regarding a clear-cut authority over who makes decisions about the care and feeding of the Auditorium. His suggestion was to set up an Auditorium Commission as defined in state law. The commission would focus on grants and other fundraising efforts to support the renowned building. He called the situation "a historically-repeating issue," and regardless of a limited budget, the city has no plan for much-needed renovations.

Ragsdell observed public sentiment has run hot and cold about the landmark in the middle of town. "The city owes the building more support than it has given," he said.

Commissioner James DeVito pointed out he has tried to interest city council in the idea of a commission in the past to no avail. He proposed every commissioner, along with Executive Director Mike Maloney, attend a council meeting as a show of support.

Ragsdell suggested a joint workshop at the auditorium so aldermen can see features needing attention for themselves. DeVito agreed the workshop would allow all issues to get the airtime and attention

they deserve, and other commissioners seemed to agree.

Beau Satori, former mayor and long-time CAPC observer chided commissioners for not speaking up. He said he came to the meeting to hear a discussion of issues, and they have simply listened to Ragsdell for twenty minutes as though everything he said was gospel, and half to two-thirds of it was wrong. He enumerated what he saw as historical inaccuracies with Ragsdell's version of CAPC history, and recounted his own version.

"You were created to run the Auditorium!" he insisted.

"Laws have changed since then," replied commissioner Robert Schmid, "and we must stay current."

To dispute Satori's version of history, Ragsdell read from the minutes of a CAPC meeting from early in its existence in which it was reported, "Council refused to give over the auditorium to the CAPC."

As Satori again recounted his remembrance of things past, DeVito walked out of the meeting saying he had better things to do than listen to Satori's stories.

Maloney told those remaining, "It is all well and good to explore history and understand it... But the important thing is what we can do tomorrow. Our interest is the success of this weekend. Don't care much about history."

He said the best thing he had heard so far was the idea of a joint meeting with city council. He pointed out to Satori that he, Satori, was the only member of the public who had attended.

Satori responded, "That's because you have no rapport with the city." He mentioned the CAPC has workshops in

the afternoon when people are working. "It shows you don't care," he claimed.

"I appreciate where you're coming from, but my concern is where we're going," Maloney answered.

Satori accused the commission of never having anything on the agenda.

Schmid again reminded Satori, "Things have changed. History is history, today is today."

Finance Director Rick Bright, who has paid the bills for the Auditorium since 2011, entered the fray. "The CAPC cannot repair this building," he said. "It needs funding or it will begin to look like the old high school."

Bright also argued there is no money to be made hosting musical acts in the Auditorium. "There's no way for this building to be repaired with the acts we bring in." Schmid added the building holds almost 1000 but has parking for 200, and commissioner Ken Ketelsen threw in that the town is no longer experiencing the peak of tourism like in the '90s.

Satori continued. "We have more parking now and we had better shows back then." He claimed people would rather come to Eureka Springs than stand around at a casino. The goal, as he saw it, was to break even, and if a show drew almost 1000 and the people stayed and went to bars and ate and slept here, the CAPC would have brought money to town even if it lost money on the show.

Maloney returned to his comment earlier of commissioners sitting down with city council and Mayor Butch Berry within 30-60 days to discuss an Auditorium Commission. He said he would speak with Berry the following morning to arrange

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District court clerk responds to audit findings

MIKE ELLIS

Annual audits have listed a recurring computer deficiency in the office of the Eastern District Court Clerk. Audits conducted by the Department of Legislative Audit in 2011, 2012 and 2013 all found an "inadequate" system in place for dealing with the possibilities of computer failure.

County Judge Sam Barr read the findings from the recently-released 2013 audit at the quorum court meeting Aug. 24.

In an interview last week, District Court Clerk Betty Neal explained her procedures

for backing up computer information. At the end of a workday, she copies the day's information onto a CD, which is stored off-site in a safe-deposit box. Neal said the auditors also look for a detailed list of procedures for information recovery.

Neal acknowledged the auditors' findings, but said she shares responsibility with former District Court Judge Scott Jackson. Neal said she did not receive enough help from Jackson in meeting the standards of auditors.

The audits noted: "The Disaster

Recovery Plan in place again was inadequate (both technical and end-user) for restoring from short-term or long-term interruptions of computer processing. This situation could cause the entity to be without computer processing for an extended period of time in the event of a disaster or major interruption and could also place a financial and personnel burden on the resources of the entity."

Tim Jones, with the Department of Legislative Audit, described the importance of proper systems for preserving information in the event of fire, natural disaster, or simple computer failure. "The Disaster Recovery Plan goes hand-in-hand with the Business Continuity Plan," and he said public officials have many options for finding help in safeguarding information. In addition to commercial providers, the State of Arkansas also offers the Department of Information Systems, with a mission to "provide technology leadership and solutions to assist our customers in the delivery of public services."

30 minutes of meditation and reading

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 Sept. 3 at 4 p.m. at the Heart of Many Ways in the Christian Science Church at 68 Mountain St. Anyone is welcome to attend.

One sign up date left for Soccer Club

The final Eureka Springs Youth Soccer Club Fall team sign up day is Saturday, Sept. 5 from 9 – 11:30 a.m. at the Eureka Springs Middle School Cafeteria. Cleat exchange available. For more information go to www.eteamz.com/eurekasoccer.

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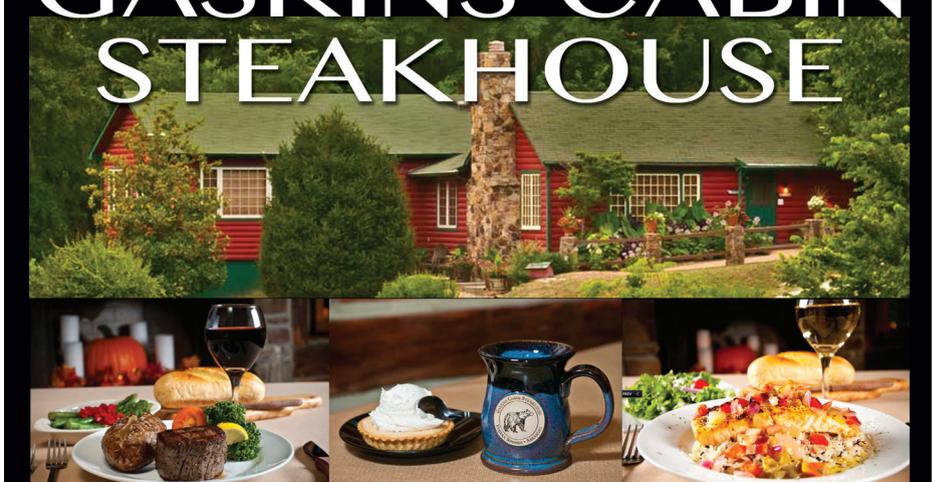
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Airport course hits audit turbulence

MIKE ELLIS

An investigation into “improper disbursements” at the Carroll County Airport comes at a crucial time for commissioners trying to rebuild a relationship with the quorum court.

At the Aug. 24 quorum court meeting, County Judge Sam Barr read from a recently-released state audit for 2013, which identified some \$16,000 in questionable spending by Sheila Evans, who resigned as airport manager at the end of that year. The audit listed expenditures including groceries, women’s clothing and jewelry, pet food and supplies, cosmetics and tanning, and alcoholic beverages.

The audit noted that the prosecuting attorney had referred the matter to the Arkansas State Police for investigation.

Earlier in the meeting, Morris Pate, chair of the Carroll County Airport Commission, reported on a grant proposal to repave the runway, a \$600,000 project that would require 10 percent matching funds. Justices of the peace asked if the airport could generate that amount from its budget,

and Pate said he did not know. At that point, Barr said that even if the county had to provide part of that matching money, the airport would have a much-needed \$600,000 improvement.

JPs have shown a willingness to work with Pate and the present commissioners after several years of strained relations between the CCAC and the quorum court. Former CCAC chair Lonnie Clark repeatedly ignored requests for financial information.

JPs demonstrated their displeasure by sharply slashing the airport’s budget for 2015, from \$84,000 to \$48,000. Clark and most other commissioners resigned, with only one commissioner at the table from last year. With a new commission in place, headed by Pate, the quorum court restored \$29,000 to the airport budget in February.

Pate said the airport has operated without any paid staff since January, with commissioners and volunteers struggling to keep up with grass cutting and other everyday tasks necessary to keep the airport operating. “Our main concern is the progress

of the airport into a self-sustaining entity,” he said. “It’s important economically to the county.”

The CCAC would welcome more volunteers, Pate said. Anyone interested can call (870) 423-8393. CCAC meets at the airport terminal building on the third Friday of each month at noon.

Clark did not respond to repeated requests for an interview. In addition to the “improper disbursements” under his supervision, auditors also noted that the airport did not issue a Form 1099 for four part-time employees, totaling more than \$11,000. Auditors said the airport did not have a financial report for 2013, and did not maintain cash receipt and disbursement journals.

In an interview on Thursday, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Craig Parker confirmed that the case had been referred to the ASP. He said he could not discuss any particulars of this case, but said if ASP finds anything of a criminal nature, the case could come back to Carroll County for prosecution.

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Pirate invasion at Dogpatch

The Village of Dogpatch USA is hosting its first ever Pirate Invasion on Labor Day Weekend, Sept. 5 -6. Admission to the invasion is \$10 for adults, \$12 admission for both days, \$20 for family and \$24 for both days. Children under 12 are free and if you come in full costume admission is also free.

Primitive camping on site is available for \$5 per night and vendor applications are available upon request.

Planning approves CUP, reviews revised ordinances

NICKY BOYETTE

Beth Martin Smith appeared before the Planning Commission at its August 25 meeting representing her application for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for a one-unit Bed & Breakfast at 4 Armstrong. She also requested a variance to the 200-ft. rule because other B&Bs exist on her street within 200 ft. of her property. No one spoke to oppose her application.

On June 23, Planning denied Martin Smith's request to rezone her property from R-1 to C-1 and advised her to apply for a CUP instead.

Commissioner Ed Leswig questioned whether there was adequate parking for four cars parked parallel. Smith replied Building Inspector Bobby Ray had told her she had ample space, but Leswig suggested they include a variance for off-street parking "just to make sure."

Commissioner Melissa Greene moved to approve the CUP and the two variances, and vote on her motion was unanimous.

Home Occupations back again

Commissioner Steve Beacham read two proposed ordinances written by City Attorney Tim Weaver in response to Planning's suggested clarifications of City Code regarding Home Occupations. One ordinance addressed the issue of "site pollution" by requiring building contractors to screen work-

related tools, equipment and supplies from view.

"We're asking something that is impossible," commented commissioner Pat Lujan. He noted many landscapers in town keep their equipment at home because they have nowhere else to store it. He also stated certain language in the ordinance was too vague.

Beacham then observed Weaver had responded to what they had requested, and wondered if their requests were not specific or clear enough.

He also read the second ordinance that focused on defining Home Occupations in certain zones as a permitted use by right. Considerations included whether there would be regular coming and going of vehicles, proper storage of equipment and overnight parking concerns. Restrictions for signage were defined as well.

Beacham acknowledged they still had work to do and suggested they take the two ordinances home for perusal and start again at the next meeting.

One way out

Chair James Morris said he would talk to Police Chief Thomas Achord again about Armstrong Street from the Pied Piper going northeast becoming a one-way street.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, Sept. 8, at 6 p.m.

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AG&F reroutes public access at Kings River bridge

BECKY GILLETTE

Access to the bridge across the Kings River on US 62 between Eureka Springs and Berryville is moving across the river to a new site designed to improve safety for people parking to get to the popular river while also protecting the river from vehicles.

Arkansas Game & Fish is moving access to the south side of the US 62 bridge where it will construct a 150-ft. x 250-ft. gravel parking area with a walkway to the river.

“The parking lot will be lined with natural boulders so vehicles can’t get down into the river, which can cause water quality problems,” said John Stein, AG&F fisheries biologist and district fisheries supervisor for five counties in the region. “There is going to be a green buffer zone between the river and the parking lot maintained by us with mowing.”

Stein said current access is across the river north of Carroll County’s maintenance facility. That site has been a problem because the road washes out and has to be rebuilt when the river floods. The other major issue is that people drive down onto the riverbed.

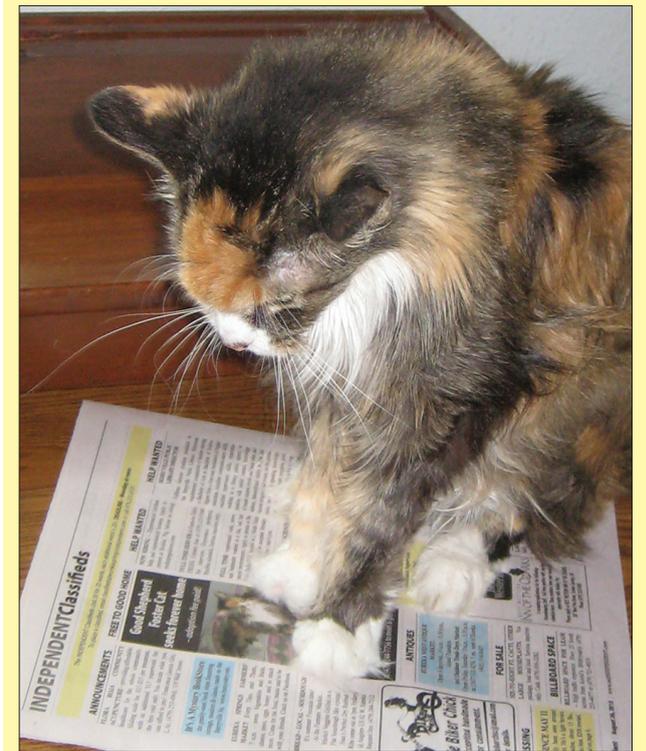
“In 2011, someone cut 50 to 100 trees in the riverbed and made some kind of fort out of it at the US 62 access,”

Stein said. “We have also had issues with people camping and having big bonfires down there. We have actually had people living down there in a tent. That kind of thing is why we are trying to prevent people from getting down in the river. The access we are currently making is going to make it easier to enforce regulations. A county sheriff or highway patrolman will be able to drive off the highway right down into the parking lot.”

Currently, traffic congestion and safety are issues. People without four-wheel drive vehicles have to park alongside the road, which can cause congestion. Recently 47 vehicles were counted parked along the road and down in the river itself.

Stein said the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department has been involved in planning the new parking lot access area in order to make it as safe as possible. AG&F has a “safe driveway” permit from the highway department.

The new access area will not be suitable for larger boats. People with kayaks and canoes will have to carry them a short distance to the river. Stein said the new parking area should be complete in the next couple of months, after which the old swimming area will be closed.



Hey, isn't that me? – Miss Cali purruses the *Independent* in search of an owner and is surprised to see her own picture. The elderly, declawed cat is healthy, sweet tempered and in need of a home where she can be queen for her remaining years. Details in *Indie Classifieds*. PHOTO SUBMITTED

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Longer response periods

Editor,

As with most environmental concerns in the Natural State, here's another dose of absurdity. The Arkansas Game & Fish Commission has come out with a federally mandated Wildlife Action Plan, a 2,000-page document pertaining to species of concern in Arkansas. Notice was published on August 26, and the public comment period is a "generous" two weeks, closing Sept 11. One would have to wonder if the AG&F is really interested in hearing from the public, or if they are simply fulfilling a legal obligation to allow public comments on the plan. My guess is they simply are running out of time, and have a deadline set by the US Fish and Wildlife Service of Oct. 1 to publish a final plan.

This seems to follow a trend in county, state and federal agencies to diminish or eliminate public participation and influence from regulatory plans and actions. My only comment thus far has been to extend the comment period for at least 30 days, though I believe a 60- or 90-day comment period would be

more appropriate for the scope of this document.

For those interested, a draft of the revised Arkansas Wildlife Action Plan is available for review at: www.wildlifearkansas.com/strategy_2015 For more information, or to provide comments on the AWAP, contact Allison Fowler, wildlife diversity program coordinator, at allison.fowler@agfc.ar.gov.

Shawn Porter
Staymore, Ark.

Medical care reigns supreme

Editor,

My spouse Marie and I both recently had the necessity of utilizing the Eureka Hospital for both emergency room help and longer term admission.

Your August 19 front page story informed us of the problems of getting a new hospital here in our little town. I say: we definitely need a new facility and need to put pressure on the company that promised us one.

However, the nurses and doctors at the present hospital are to be lauded for their expertise, kindness and

attentiveness. I wouldn't want to have to drive to Berryville, Springfield or Fayetteville in an emergency. Our local hospital functions quite well with the excellent staff.

Further, there is much wisdom, knowledge and kindness amongst the "alternative" venues: Dr. Fain is so good at diagnosis; the acupuncture center helps a great deal with treatments and herbals; and the Eureka Market provides information and supplies that help heal. How fortunate we are to have these healers.

Also, I cannot sing Dr. Dan Bell's praises loudly enough. He is leaving the clinic but staying around town. He was my doctor for 10 years and I love his service. Thank you, Dr. Bell on behalf of the many, many folks you have helped.

His replacement, Dr. John House (I call him Dr. Wonderful), is excellent. He listens and cares.

I also need to mention our Farmers' Market. Organic vegetables, fruits, bread and meat can keep us going. I am now 78 and Marie is 80 and we would not be having such a good life without all of these fantastic people. Thank you, thank you.

Trella Laughlin



WEEK'S TopTweets

@parker_simpson: I wonder if skunks ever think, "why do I smell like a pound of weed?"

@jmabell: With Twitter, who needs imaginary friends?

@capricecrane: Technology would be better if you could download sandwiches.

@hipstermermaid: Technology has made it so much easier to complain about technology.

@booradley: Talk to your kids about drugs. Talk to your stepdads about jazz. Like, just generally be polite and ask people about their interests.

@lazerdoov: My weird uncle Dale has a job yelling at cars on the side of the highway. Doesn't pay actual money, but it's cool that he's his own boss.

@saddesttiger: When I die use my ashes to fill souvenir snow globes to mimic the death rain of the apocalypse pouring down on a vacant cityscape. Very metal

@beingtheo: Big deal, McDonalds. We're all here for a limited time only.

@SamGrittner: The inventor of the calculator is one of the few people in life who actually made something that counts.

@hurtling: It turns out I have my shirt on backwards and I'm wearing two different socks. I apologize for being so flamboyant with my heterosexuality.

@meganamram: Hey, my face is UP HERE and also OVER HERE – woman in Picasso painting.

@aparnapkin: We are all seven Huffington Post slideshows away from finishing a minor task.

INDEPENDENT Guestatorial

What's really happening with Butler Hollow

The new 2015 National Forest Service Plan states that “potential challenge to forest service success” includes: 1) Action by external groups and individuals that affect forest and grassland management and make it more difficult to achieve our objectives. Those of us in that category contend that the greatest threat to our national forests is the NFS itself and its implementation of old concepts resulting in the loss of up to 73 percent of the trees in the forest when they follow their prescriptions.

It's hard to believe that ripping the fabric of the forest to shreds is going to improve the “declining health of the forest” as they repeatedly claim in their proposal. In fact, the agency has stated that “While some damage can be found, nothing widespread is occurring at this time,” I challenge Mr. Koloski to show me the forest he says is in decline.

After hiking hundreds of miles through Butler Hollow over the past 37 years I've seen a vibrant mix of dogwoods, redbuds, shadebush, Ohio buckeye, persimmons, pawpaws, witch hazel and sassafras, to name a few. These species are smaller in stature and seldom reach the 9 in. diameter threshold to keep them from being cut. Any tree nine inches in diameter or less will be cut and left lying according to their prescription to increase open woodland and glades. This would decrease diversity and stability of the forest system as a whole. Aldo Leopold said, “Man-made changes are of a different order than evolutionary changes, and have effects more comprehensive than is intended or foreseen.”

Since the NFS intends to remove more than 50 percent by cutting, leaving 16 percent to commercial harvest, it is obvious they are not leaving enough younger trees to sustain the forest's regeneration. This leaves nothing for future generations to appreciate esthetically or harvest commercially.

The new alternatives are on the table but even the reduced #4 alternative allows 3600 acres to be burned and more than 1900 acres will have the nine-inch or smaller trees cut and left lying.

Isn't it ironic that for 70 years the NFS used Smokey the Bear as the voice of reason saying, “Only *you* can prevent forest fires?” Today, the NFS with its slash and burn policies, has become the single most destructive force to our national forests by deliberately promoting desecration of what has taken Mother Nature centuries to create.

It seems the only reasonable thing to do, ecologically, is convince the NFS to abandon detrimental policies and return to Smokey's original intention to preserve and protect this precious resource.

The April 2015 Climate Smart Initiative set forth by USDA Secretary Tom Vilsack specifically states that to combat global warming we must reduce greenhouse gas emissions. This would indicate that the present NFS prescriptions based on burning are archaic and should be abandoned. It goes on to say we need to increase carbon storage of our forests by stopping deforestation stating, “Maintaining forests is crucial to avoid carbon dioxide pollution and ensure the ability of those forests to sequester carbon.”

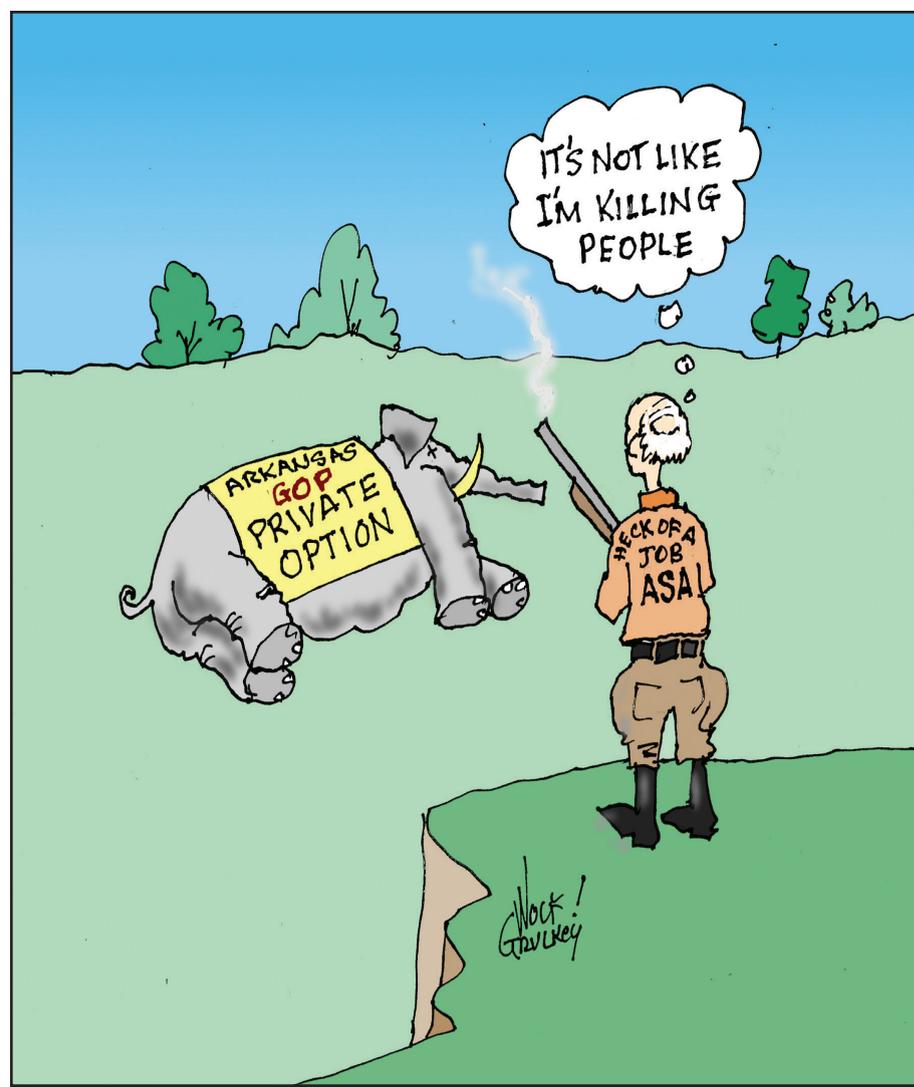
By singling out red cedar as their prime cut and leave target, the NFS is actually trying to take the best carbon sequester of all, since the cedar does not go dormant in the winter. It produces oxygen and sequesters carbon year 'round.

I urge everyone concerned about the welfare of the forest to attend a gathering at Caribé Cantina in Eureka Springs on Friday, Sept. 4 from 5:30 to 8 p.m. to reply to the proposal on-line and be a voice for the forest.

“We abuse land because we regard it as a commodity belonging to us. When we see land as a community to which we belong we may begin to use it with love and respect. There is no other way for land to survive the impact of mechanized man, nor for us to reap from it the aesthetic harvest it is capable, under science, of contributing to culture. That land is a community is the basic concept of ecology. But that land is to be loved and respected is an extension of ethics.” **ALDO LEOPOLD**

Dale Becker

(Dale Becker was chief fish taxonomist for the Wisconsin State Fish Survey before moving to Butler Hollow in 1978.)



The Pursuit of HAPPINESS

by Dan Krotz

I suppose Donald Trump's status as the #1 hit on the Top 40s list of POP-GOP candidates shouldn't be a surprise. His popularity is likely due to three reasons.

First among the reasons is that Trump is singing a song that most Republicans like and enjoy. It's easy to dance to, and has plain spoken and primitive lyrics that are both memorable and uncomplicated. Party officials sound chagrined that their old trickle down, slicked-back hair jazz hasn't been selling as well as the bombast and pompadour offered by Trump, but I'm pretty sure they're just feigning worry: after all, is there *really* any difference between Trump and the other Republican candidates? No counting, of course, the most shopworn candidate in the United States (save one), Jeb Bush.

Second, Trump endorses the family values agenda that Republicans have relied on to secure evangelical and social conservative votes since at least the '70s. It doesn't matter if Trump's endorsement is genuine or not because the party's family values endorsement has never been genuine, either. They know that all the hot rhetoric and all the nuisance lawsuits in all the world won't and can't derail the inexorable tides of change and common sense. But, like barkers at the County Fair, they'll take the money as long as the crowds keep showing up. If that means running an electoral freak show, they'll do it.

The third reason is the one to worry about. A plurality of Americans may have reached their tipping point, and cynically believe that electing Trump is the future we deserve, and need. In our present American world, they see a people who no longer care about facts and accept as evidence whatever corporate media says is evidence; they observe a society that demands immediate, effortless-based rewards, and which is unable to distinguish between reality, and reality TV. These cynics will vote for Trump because a complete cultural, economic and civic collapse – the obvious outcome of a Trump election – is the only way that we'll come to our senses. They're willing to burn down our National House in order to save its foundation.

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.

• **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 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. and at First Baptist (Penn) Church on Fridays, 11 a.m. – 1 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.

• **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.

• **Shamatha and Tonglen meditations Monday** – A meditation group will meet every Monday at 6:30 p.m. to focus on Shamatha, learning how to focus to achieve peace of mind, and Tonglen, a practice of love and compassion on all beings. The meetings will alternate these two practices so that one is the focus on each Monday with coffee and tea afterward. Call Alece at (479) 244-6842 or Gary at (479) 244-6840.

• **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.

• **No high school diploma?** Free GED classes in the Carnegie Library Annex every Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from 9 a.m. - noon with study and tutoring for the GED test. Open to ages 18 and up. GED classes also in Berryville at Carroll County Center. Some open to ages 16 and 17 per educational requirements. For info: Nancy Wood (479) 981-0482, Carnegie Library (479) 253-8754, Carroll County Center (870) 423-4455). Offered by North Arkansas College with Carnegie Library support.

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

INDEPENDENT ConstablesOnPatrol

AUGUST 24

7:59 a.m. – Constable responded to report of a stalled vehicle on the western section of US 62 but it was no longer there.

11:02 a.m. – Central dispatch reported two 911 hangup calls. Constables went to the location and learned the calls were accidental.

5:32 p.m. – Passerby was concerned about a bare-breasted male waving his arms in front of a bar on US 62. Constables arrived to find him sitting on a porch, not in distress, and he had his shirt on.

8:02 p.m. – Resident in a neighborhood above downtown told ESPD a woman walked into his house looking for her cat. She said she did not know anyone lived there, and seemed out of sorts. The resident suggested constables perform a welfare check on the person. Constables searched for but did not find her.

8:27 p.m. – Central dispatch transferred a call regarding an accident near downtown in which a vehicle backed onto a wall. Constables and a tow truck responded.

8:30 p.m. – Motorist on Hwy. 23 South headed into town reported a vehicle partially in the roadway. As a constable arrived at the scene, the driver also arrived back on the scene with gas. He had run out.

AUGUST 25

3:50 a.m. – Constable initiated a traffic stop and arrested the driver for driving on a suspended license.

5:05 a.m. – Security company reported a front door alarm at a business. Constable arrived to find the owner who said the alarms were malfunctioning.

4:28 p.m. – Constable filed a theft report.

10:14 p.m. – Shots were heard along US 62 toward the western edge of town, but constables could not find the source.

AUGUST 26

4:43 p.m. – There was an intoxicated female at a restaurant. The constable suggested she go home. Someone gave her a ride.

8:13 p.m. – Constable filed a vandalism report.

11:33 p.m. – Constables assisted Arkansas State Police on a traffic stop on US 62 just inside the city limits.

AUGUST 27

9:24 p.m. – Passerby reported an individual sleeping in his vehicle in a parking lot. Constable discovered the individual was not sleeping but talking on his phone.

9:36 p.m. – There was a two-vehicle accident just east of downtown.

AUGUST 28

3:12 a.m. – Multiple calls alerted ESPD to a possible domestic dispute in a neighborhood. The two disputants told the constable it had been a verbal argument only and they were going separate ways for the night.

4:29 a.m. – Caller complained about someone playing drums just north of downtown. Constable in the area did not hear any drumming.

8:34 a.m. – Constable filed a report on a broken windshield.

8:45 a.m. – Deliveryman told ESPD a male grabbed a case of beer off a pallet and ran away behind the building. Constable found the culprit and the beer was returned. Deliveryman did not press charges.

11:22 a.m. – Motorist reported a young female walking down the middle of a road in the western part of town. Constable encountered her and advised her to stay off the road.

3:36 p.m. – Constable followed a reportedly erratic driver, but the driver behaved in city limits.

8:11 p.m. – Constable helped an individual find her way home.

AUGUST 29

12:25 a.m. – Traffic stop resulted in the arrest of the driver for driving on a suspended license, DWI#3, implied consent and no tail lights.

3:49 a.m. – Staff at a motel claimed two suspicious males had been on the property and she was worried they might return. Constables did not encounter the two males.

11:46 a.m. – Motorist driving east on US 62 told ESPD he had to swerve to avoid a male standing beside the road. Constable who checked the area did not find anyone standing near the road.

12:30 p.m. – Caller said his mother and daughter had been arguing and he requested a welfare check on both of them. Constable spoke with both.

2:10 p.m. – Driver in the northern part of town saw a female laying at the edge of the road. Constable checked out the area but did not see the individual.

5:07 p.m. – Constable got word of a possibly intoxicated female driving away from a convenience store.

5:25 p.m. – There was a domestic disturbance in a neighborhood above downtown. The female was transported to the ER at ESH and later transported to the station for holding.

7:13 p.m. – Constable responded to a disruptive male on a neighborhood street.

9:18 p.m. – Constables performed traffic duty while ESFD took on a structure fire.

11:14 p.m. – Traffic stop resulted in the arrest of the driver for driving on a suspended license, a warrant from ESPD and warrants from other agencies.

AUGUST 30

1:48 a.m. – Another traffic stop resulted in the arrest of the driver for DWI, refusal to submit and driving left of center.

6:29 a.m. – Observer reported a suspicious male in front of a bar on US 62. Responding constable found four individuals camping on the porch. He advised them to move along.

7:06 a.m. – There was a power line down on the old high school property.

7:18 a.m. – Constable attempted to find a stolen phone.

6:40 p.m. – Vehicle owner claimed his vehicle had been hit in a parking lot downtown, and the adverse driver drove away. Vehicle owner and his witness gave their information to the constable.

7:01 p.m. – Constables arrested an individual for DWI, leaving the scene of an accident, no insurance and no seat belt.

AUGUST 31

5:22 a.m. – Staff at a restaurant claimed an inebriated individual would not leave. Constable responded but the person had already left.

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*.

Jane threw him a startled glance. “Do you?” a series of images, unrelated before, now slipped across her mind, forming a strangely logical sequence. She bit her lip. Better not be sure. Better say nothing to Walter – now or ever. Nor about the report being mailed either. I am always closing little doors between us, but how can it be helped? “You’re nervous,” she said. “Stop moving that blotter around.”



CONSTANCE WAGNER

He forced a laugh. “Didn’t realize I was. Jittery, I guess. That bellowing outside – and not getting the word from Little Rock. Five days! Doc was going to call them...”

“He did,” she said quietly, opening a door. “While I was in his office. They said it’d been mailed. Wednesday.”

“Wednesday?” He picked up the word on a note of incredulity, then he got suddenly out of his chair and walked across the small office. “You don’t think –?” he said, turning on her abruptly as if to catch her unawares.

“I don’t think anything,” she lied, getting up, moving toward the door. “And you’d better not either, Walter. Not yet, anyway.” They looked at one another, and he shook his head, dejectedly. “I’ll come back and have lunch with you, at Corley’s,” she promised brightly. “I suppose you’ll want to stay downtown. Feeling runs high and all that?”

“Yes,” he said abstractedly. “About noon?”

“Right.” She went over and kissed him. “I love you,” she said. “Don’t take things so hard.”

As she went out, she was conscious of a light, happy sensation within herself, hanging above the troubled events of the past few days like a shining mist over water. The frightening implications within Aunt Willy’s behavior, and the disappearance of the water report, lay heavy on her mind, but there was a feeling of personal safety that superseded these things. I *must* be neurotic, she thought – being happy when everything is a mess!

The square looked charming, with sunshine falling aslant the old gray wall of the courthouse, the figures eddying through the park, and the clothes with all the strange mutations of color: here a fragment not quite purple, not quite blue, but an off-tone never seen before – and there’s a hat or a girl’s sweater that was neither blue nor green, and still not turquoise. At a distance, their poverty lost its squalor and took on a decorative, picture quality. She recalled that, on the first night she had met him, Roger Knowles had confessed that he saw things in terms of color and pigment, that once he had thought he would like to paint. Does he ever think of that now? she wondered. The speaker from the Hillcrest bleated loudly over the square, and she shook it off impatiently and got into the car.

At Willy May’s, she knocked several times on the front door, got no answer,

and walked to the back of the house, absorbed in the blooming of new bulbs that had appeared along the edges of the brick walk since her last visit. (How thick and fast they crowd up now, she thought. An eagerness about it all: spring.) An immense lilac at the corner of the house stood burdened with purple bloom, the air heavy with its scent. Beyond, she glimpsed the white foam of dogwood, sheets of violets, golden mounds of forsythia against the split-rail fence – but no Aunt Willy. She must be working outside somewhere, over by the frames perhaps, transplanting stuff to the borders. Her busy season, now...

She passed between the cold-frames, noticing that the glass lids were propped up so that sunshine could lie directly on the plants. Pansies, harebells, petunias – she named them, proud to identify them by foliage. Then she paused, staring down into the frame where Willy May wintered the biennials. Sweet William, yes, and a few campanulas, but the floppy, furry leaves of the foxgloves were missing. She moved on quickly. Hadn’t she known all along that they would be gone?

It was very still in the garden, even the voice from the mountaintop now hushed. In the deserted silence, Jane felt a vague dread that she might come upon Aunt Willy going about one or another of her private rites. Not a spite-doll, however, for there would be no further occasion for spite-dolls. Walking toward the rose garden, she called out:

“Oh, Aunt Willy! Aunt Willy May –” Then she saw her: the large, lifted

head, the blank brown eyes upon her, not startled even in that first instant. What was strangely frightening to her, was finding Willy May lying prone among the new-leaved rosebushes, with her body pressed down against the soft loam. As she slowly raised herself and got to her feet, Jane noticed flecks of damp earth about her cheeks and mouth. But she seemed wholly unembarrassed, this time, as she stood looking with tenderness at the neatly pruned rosebushes, at the hollowed-out image of her own body faintly discernible in the surface soil between two rows.

“He liked roses,” she said absently. “The only flowers he *did* like. That’s because they were expensive, if you bought ‘em from florists in the city. He always liked rich things. Roses, he said, smelled of money...” She uttered the words in a voice of indulgent affection, like one recounting the vagaries of a loved child. Her face, turned to Jane, was untroubled.

Jane took her arm. “Shall we go back to the house, Aunt Willy? Cold out here. Let’s make some coffee.”

She walked with docility ahead of Jane, between the seed-beds and frames, not even glancing toward the bare space where, in February, there had been foxgloves. Watching her broad back, Jane thought: She knows that I know, and she doesn’t care. Not scared, not guilty. No death, she said, in that green world of hers. Only changing forms, metamorphoses: his little meager bones laced with the roots of roses.

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NOTES from the HOLLOW by Steve Weems

I ran across an interesting newspaper article published in the *Joplin Globe* on Valentine’s Day, 1934 concerning the infamous outlaws, Bonnie & Clyde, coming through this part of the Ozarks.

Forty-year-old bachelor farmer Joe Gunn told this story: “I had been to a grist mill southwest of Reeds Spring and was walking back home on a side road when the bandits drove up beside me. There was a man and woman in the front seat and two men in the back seat of the red car. One of the men got out of the back seat and asked me the direction to Berryville. Before I had time to answer he had a gun on me and

told me to jump in the back seat.” After he was in the car, Joe Gunn continued, “We saw some officers coming and drove into another side road and found we were hemmed in.”

Clyde Barrow is reported to have said, “We’ve got to let ‘em have it, boys,” before picking up a submachine gun and shooting at Sheriff Seth Tuttle’s automobile. He emptied his weapon twice with Bonnie reloading it for him while Joe Gunn said he sat “frightened stiff” in the backseat.

Escaping after the gun battle, the criminals continued on to the edge of

Berryville where they stopped and asked a pedestrian for directions to Eureka Springs. Before the pedestrian could answer, he, too, was kidnapped. The article says that about eight miles south of Berryville, Clyde Barrow stopped the car, tweaked Bonnie’s nose and said, “There’s no use carryin’ this dead weight, baby.”

The two kidnapped men were freed and they walked back to Berryville without speaking. From Berryville, it took Joe Gunn all night to reach Reeds Spring on foot. The story of Joe Gunn’s kidnapping was relayed with the help of a telephone operator because Mr. Gunn had never used



a telephone.

Bonnie Parker, 23, and Clyde Barrow, 25, were killed in a shootout with law enforcement three months later in Louisiana.

INDEPENDENTLens



Great show! – Crowds packed the Country Club Ballroom to view the 27th Annual Holiday Island Art Show August 28 – 30. Winners in canvas, paper, mixed media/3D and photography categories were chosen from more than 140 pieces of art. Above, Show Judge Danielle James, left, joins three of the 1st place winners: Marilyn Brown, Ellen Dunn and Stephen R. Feilbach.

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Lost in the moment – The Eroica Trio, from left, Sara Parker, Erika Nickrenz and Sara Sant'Ambrogio, delighted the crowd in the auditorium August 28. Sara discussed plans for an expanded music festival here in 2016. Behind Erika is local songwriter/ composer Ellen Stephenson, who acted as page-turner.

PHOTO BY JAY VRECEK

Mom and Pop – Virginia Ralph & Robert Matthews rehearse for their new show geared to kids from toddler to 10. Catch it Tuesdays at 5 p.m. and Saturdays at 3 p.m. in Gaskins Switch. See details on p. 19.

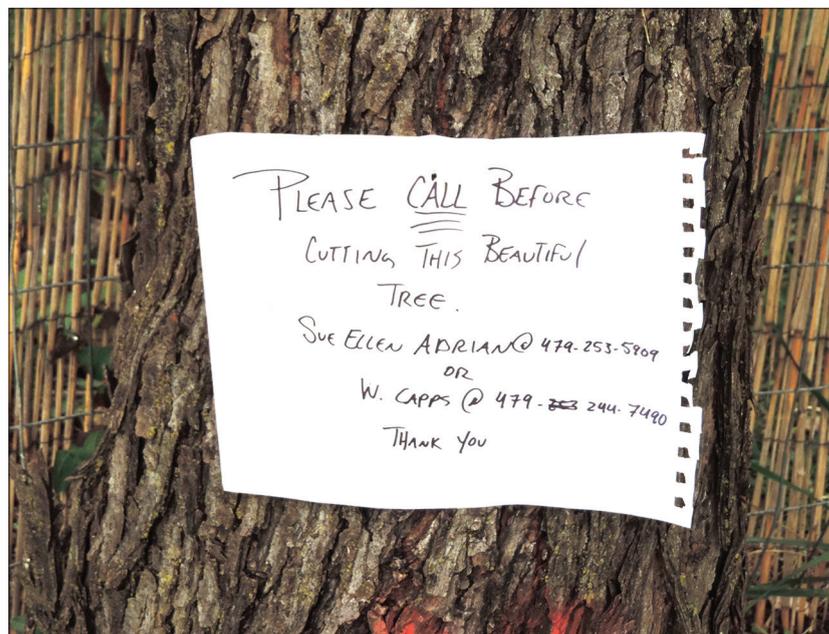
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Flying high – Leah Thompson, assistant to Cornerstone Bank CEO Charlie Cross, presented Mayor Butch Berry with a new flag on behalf of the bank August 29 in Basin Park. Berry in turn presented it to American Legion Post #9 Commander, Mike Warkentin. Members of Post 9 removed the old, faded flag and raised the new one in the park with fitting ceremony.

PHOTOS BY JAY VRECEK



Tale of trees in two cities – At left, Chris McAllister in Berryville is trying to save an old growth tree in front of his house from being cleared for a sidewalk. At right, some Eureka folks feel the same way about a tree destined to be cut down on Grand Ave. PHOTOS SUBMITTED

District Judge hopeful

– Attorney Chris Flanagan announced his bid for District Judge in the 3rd Judicial District August 28 on the Carroll County Courthouse steps. Flanagan, a 10-year partner in the Thurman and Flanagan Law Firm, has been deputy prosecuting attorney in Jackson and Carroll Counties. Above, Flanagan talks with supporters after announcing his candidacy.

PHOTO BY JAY VRECEK

Smoke and Mirrors

“When the last tree has been cut down, the last fish caught, the last river poisoned, only then will we realize that one cannot eat money.” *NATIVE AMERICAN SAYING*

With only a few days left to make comments on a proposal to change Butler Hollow from a thriving forest to an arid, hot environment, people wonder why would anyone think change is needed.

In a perfect world, all of our agencies would make wise choices all the time. The Forest Service is facing great challenges fighting West Coast wildfires, using all their resources and budget, and using funds from other USFS districts, a process called “fire borrowing.”

Behind the scenes

The USFS does not have funds for a decades-long restoration project. Other organizations with deep pockets wanting to use the forest for their benefit are willing to lend a hand. You may recall a letter to the Editor from Jane Fitzgerald, Central Hardwoods Joint Venture Coordinator, the American Bird Conservancy, the Wild Turkey Federation and the Nature Conservancy, opposing public concerns from Butler Hollow residents as unfounded.

A similar objection appears in the May 2015 Forest Service Employee Environmental Ethics The Battle of Butler Hollow report: “People have this idea that forests should be deep and shaded and that any human intervention is not natural,” said Doug Ladd, Conservation Director for the Missouri chapter of The Nature Conservancy. “But there was really no true forest in the Butler Hollow area.” Why would people with money to spare decide what is best for the longtime residents of Butler Hollow?

Glade Restoration?

The goal of the project is a permanent change from forest to glades. Glades, known as grasslands, balds, or “sunlight islands,” were first described in 1818 by Henry Rowe Schoolcraft as: “The country presented a character of varied sterility, consisting of a succession of limestone ridges, skirted with a feeble growth of oaks, with no depth of soil, often bare rocks upon the surface, and covered with coarse wild grass.” Changing a beautiful forest to bare rocks, sterile landscapes, and hot bald areas, is another

name for deforestation.

USDA ClimateSmart

Tom Vilsack, Secretary of the US Department of Agriculture, is promoting the crucial role of forests as giant carbon sinks, to fight our hostile, extreme weather. ClimateSmart promotes reforestation and afforestation, planting trees on agricultural land, and strongly opposes deforestation. USFS reports to USDA. The Butler Hollow plan is inconsistent with the 2015 USDA ClimateSmart. Forests are the environmental mirror image of coal-fired power plants, they are the only way to capture carbon dioxide by using free sunlight to store carbon on the trees and the forest soil. Forty percent of the weight of a tree is carbon and tree roots store carbon in forest soil.

10,000 Trees for the Lakota Pine Ridge Reservation

Once again, Native Americans are leading the way. With ponderosa pine seedlings from Colorado State Forest Service tree nursery, sent to the Red Cloud Renewable Energy Center, the reforestation

program for the Oglala Lakota Tribe is in progress. The ponderosa pines will become an integral part of the Pine Ridge ecosystem!

Resilient Forests

Our forests are at great risk from severe droughts, insect infestation, and wildfires. New forestry practices need to be consistent with USDA ClimateSmart. The USFS 2015-2020 Forest Management Plan promotes resiliency and best practices to deal with severe weather. The Butler Hollow plan is based on the obsolete 2005 USFS guidelines, using 20 year-old ideas based on environmental conditions we hardly remember. Glade restoration is a diversion for commercial logging, open areas for wild turkey hunting, and other ways to profit from our national treasures.

Time to act!

To avoid decades of fires and deadly smoke, please consider the No-Action alternative, sending comments by September 10 to “comments-eastern-mark-twain-ava@fs.fed.us.”

Dr. Luis Contreras

Book Review *The Crescent Hotel... with Ghost Stories*

MARY PAT BOLAN

The Daily Times Echo blazoned **CRESCENT HOTEL OPENS TODAY** across its front page on May 20, 1886. The newspaper had already been in publication for four years, and after 117 years of mergers and buyouts, finally gave up the ghost in the early 21st century.

But the hotel? She’s still offering laid-back beds, loved and lovely gardens, a crepitate lobby fireplace, gracious dining room and striking view of Eureka Springs playfully hidden far below. The Crescent has worn numerous hats since 1886, and Susan Schaefer, in her sixth book about Eureka Springs, *The Crescent Hotel... with Ghost Stories* managed to collect and assemble a comprehensive book that will have readers saying, “I didn’t know that!”

So what’s to write about? Well, let’s start with the town’s visionaries who chose the land, design and stone to gamble on building a resort hotel west of the Mississippi River, right in the heart of nowhere. On opening day, the Frisco Railroad had to add two cars to make the trip from Seligman, Mo., down Butler Hollow, through Beaver and across the White River so wellwishers could be present for the festivities.

1884 Republican presidential nominee,

James G. Blaine, was the guest of honor. Blaine, who had been narrowly defeated by Grover Cleveland, said on arrival, “Never have I been so impressed with the future of an area as I am about Eureka Springs.”

Twenty-one years later, the locally-quarried limestone hotel transformed into the Crescent College and Conservatory, a non-denominational Christian girls school. That lasted until 1933, with a six-year burp from 1923-9 during which time the railroad sold the property, in 1925, to Claude A. Fuller and A.G. Ingalls. The men re-opened the college in 1928, but the school shuttered permanently in 1933, due to grueling impoverishment of the Great Depression.

In 1937, homoeopathic healer and/or shyster, Norman Baker, opened the Baker Cancer Clinic in the hotel, but within four years he was doing his healing behind bars at Ft. Leavenworth. The hotel sat empty during the war years, until 1946 when four Chicago businessmen bought the hotel from Thelma Yount, the paramour of Dr. Baker in whose name Baker had put all his holdings.

These successful owners specialized in package vacations from the end of April to the end of October, advertising primarily in the Chicago area. But in 1967,

a fire destroyed the top three floors of the hotel, and in 1973 the Crescent Heights Development Company out of Wichita bought the hotel with every intention of tearing it down. Lowana Feagins, wife of one of the principals, persuaded her husband to restore it instead.

In 1980, five investors bought the Crescent, Basin Park, New Orleans, Palace and Grand Central Hotels, and in 1997, Marty and Elise Roenigk bought the Crescent and the Basin Park Hotels.

Renovation was on the wish list of all owners, and the Roenigks were no exception, spending the money to make the

hotel sparkle as a queen should.

But ownership, one will see in Schaefer’s book, is secondary to the personality and character of the grand old lady. Details of who owned what and how much they improved, or at least changed the hotel, are mere legalities. Finding the meat, marrow and pith of the hotel is what Schaefer has done. She has uncovered long lost written accounts of fires, ghosts, entertainers, and even Morris the Cat.

Those stories, friends, are the reason to buy and keep this book. Schaefer will have a book signing Sunday, Sept. 6 in the lobby of the Crescent Hotel, 1 – 3 p.m.

We wuz framed

– VWs of all types took to the streets last weekend for a fun parade and car show, even models that looked like the car body got left off at the factory!

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JAY VREZENAR



Public invited to Banjo Rally International headline shows *This music gets 'ya right in the plectrum*

Banjo Rally International, Sept. 2 – 5 at the Inn of the Ozarks Convention Center, is tailored for players of four-string plectrum and tenor banjos, but players of other acoustic instruments also attend, perform and are always welcome – including players of five-string banjo, ukulele, mandolin, guitar, piano, tuba, string bass, stumpf fiddle, washboard and even a few front-line horns. Groups of pickers from 10 – 95 years old will be likely be jamming around town, making this one fun event.

Friday/Saturday night headliner, **Sean Moyses**, is regarded one of Europe's

top professional banjo players, and the public is invited to his performance in the Convention Center both nights at 7 p.m. Tickets are only \$10.

Moyses mastered the ukulele, mandolin, five-string banjo, plectrum banjo, guitar and uke-banjo and as well as playing folk, country, bluegrass and acoustic music. Sean owns an original VegaVox 4 banjo from his idol "The King of the Banjo," Mr. Eddie Peabody.

The public is also invited to an Open Jam in the Convention Center Saturday following the concert. See a complete schedule of events at www.banjorally.org

Beyond Skin

Work by local tattoo artists, JD Davis, Stella Ipswitch, Caitlin Cantelle, Argentina Mike, Joseph Linker and Jeremy Shock will be on exhibit at BREWS all during September. These established tattoo artists also work beyond the skin in a variety of different mediums, and each will have several new works on display.

Opening reception is Thursday, Sept. 3, 5 – 8 p.m., and all are invited. Several of the tattoo artists will be onsite and will set up to help anyone who would like to take a crack at being a tattoo artist.

Enjoy the brews and views at BREWS, 2 Pine St. — across the street from the Eureka Springs post office.



"CROW" (DETAIL) INDIA INK
BY JEREMY SHOCK

Book signing at Crescent Hotel

Susan Schaefer will be signing her sixth book about Eureka Springs, *The Crescent Hotel ... with Ghost Stories* Sunday, Sept. 6 from 1 – 3 p.m. in the

hotel lobby. Come meet Susan and hear never-before revealed stories about the Grand Old Lady and her many incarnations.

Participants sought for Ozark Folk Festival

The 68th Annual Original Ozarks Folk Festival is around the corner, from Oct. 7 – 10, and participation from local townspeople is what makes this festival a success.

The Singer Songwriter contest is now accepting applications. Those chosen will perform in Basin Spring Park on Saturday, Oct. 10. Packets must be postmarked by Sept. 7. For rules and an application go to www.ozarkfolkfestival.com.

The parade will take place Oct. 10 at 2 p.m. with line up at 1 p.m. at the Carnegie Library. There is no deadline to join the parade and floats, walkers, unicyclers, bands and the like are needed. Businesses, clubs and organizations are invited to sign up.

High school age girls (9th through 12th grade) in Carroll County are invited to enter the Folk Festival Queen Contest. Deadline for application is Sept. 18. Forms are available in the Eureka Springs High School office at 2 Lake Lucerne Road or the CAPC offices at 121 E. Van Buren, Suite 3B. The contest will be Wednesday, Oct. 7.

Jump into Eureka Jazz: Thursday – Sunday, Sept. 10 – 13

Thursday

Jazz Lawn Party at The Crescent Hotel Gardens, 7 – 10 p.m. \$10 at the door.

Kick-Off Jazz Eureka with a Great Gatsby-style lawn party. Don your costume, grab a lawn chair or blanket and dance to jazz under the stars to the music of The Crescent City Combo – a New Orleans-style six-man band. Cash bar available, light snacks provided.

Friday

30th Anniversary Party in Basin Park with Beto & the Fairlanes, 7 – 9 p.m.

Beto and the Fairlanes opened the very first Jazz festival in Eureka Springs 30 years ago – and now they're back to play Jazz Eureka at an awesome 30th Anniversary Party! The band, from Austin, Texas, is dubbed a worldbeat, Latin pop, jazz and salsa band. If you were here 30 years ago, come welcome Beto back. If you weren't, all we can say is: admission ... free, experience ... priceless!

Saturday

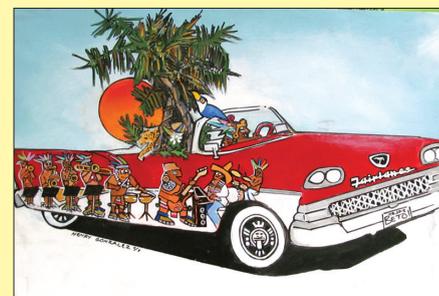
Free Jazz in Basin Spring Park: Fayetteville Jazz Octet 12 – 2 p.m.; Rodney Block 2 – 4 p.m. and Grady Nichols 4 – 6 p.m.

Headline auditorium show 7:30 p.m. In the Aud:

Joe Cartwright Group with Molly Hammer: *JazzTimes* magazine called pianist Joe Cartwright "One of the brightest stars in the Kansas City Jazz firmament." Cartwright has lived, performed and taught in the Kansas City area for the last thirty years, leads his own duo, trio and quartet, and is currently musical director for the critically acclaimed NPR radio show *12th Street Jump*. Joe has performed on and produced numerous recordings and worked with a host of internationally recognized stars.

Vocalist Molly Hammer has a wide, varied musical background including folk and musical theater. She even took on the role of Patsy Cline in a production of *Always Patsy Cline*, but it was while singing with a Brazilian jazz trio Molly developed a love for Latin jazz and found her niche in the jazz songbooks.

Joey De Francesco: Joey



DeFrancesco's emergence in the 1980s marked the onset of a musical renaissance after organ jazz had literally gone into hibernation. Joey became the new-age proponent of an instrument that had been pushed aside in favor of technology and quickly gained the attention of legendary jazz artists.

Joey's desire to play the trumpet began after touring with the great Miles Davis as one of the two youngest musicians ever to be asked by Miles to join the band. The phenomenon known as Joey DeFrancesco soon became a household name in the jazz world as he toured internationally with his own quartet, which he eventually trimmed to a trio.

A two-time Grammy Nominee and inductee into the Hammond Organ Hall of Fame, Joey has received countless Jazz Journalist awards and worldwide accolades. He's the weekly radio host of *Organized* on SiriusXM. Joey DeFrancesco deservedly takes his place with Fats Waller, Wild Bill Davis and Jimmy Smith in the lineage of Jazz Organ.

He'll be performing with Jason Brown on drums and Dan Wilson on guitar. For a sneak preview, check out any of Joey's YouTube videos and you'll be convinced this is a show you *don't* want to miss!

Sunday

Jazz Brunch, Crystal Dining Room, Crescent Hotel, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Live music and dancing. \$24.95 per person, complimentary champagne. Reservations (479) 253-9652.

Show tickets range from \$20 – \$50 via www.theaud.org or at the door. For details visit www.jazzeureka.org or phone (479) 253-7333.

See the September Fun Guide for full schedule and artist information.

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Venus Direct, Mercury Retro Soon, Honoring Our Labors

As Burning Man (9 days, Aug. 30-Sept. 7 in the sign of Virgo) burns in the hot white desert sands, a petal of the rose created by retrograde Venus & the 12-petaled Sun in Virgo, petals unfold. All of us are on the Burning Ground (Leo) in the womb (cave of the heart) of the Mother (Virgo), gestating, for humanity, once again (each year) a new state of consciousness. Both Virgo and Cancer, feminine (receptive energies) signs, are from our last solar system (Pleiades). When humanity first appeared on Earth, 21-18 million years ago) we were nurtured by the Mother, a matriarchy of

energies (on islands in the Pacific). Eve, Isis and Mary are part of the lineages of our ancient Mother.

Overseen by the Pleiades, the Earth (matter, mater, the mother) in that last solar system was imbued with intelligence (Ray 3). As we move toward autumn, another mother, Ceres realizes she has mere weeks left with her beloved daughter, Persephone. Persimmon and pomegranate trees prepare for autumn, their colors signs of hope as the light each day continues to dim.

Sunday, Venus in Leo turns stationary direct. Yet continues in her shadow until October 9 (when retrograde

Mercury turns direct). Slowly our newly assessed values emerge from the Venus retrograde. We thought in Venus retro how to use our resources more effectively. Mercury retrogrades Sept. 17.

Monday is Labor Day. Let us honor the labor of everyone, all life a “labor.” Let us honor Labor Day and all those who have “served” (labored for) us this past year. We honor their labors. We honor the labor of our parents, those who have loved us. We honor our own labors, too. We are all in service, we are all laboring. We are all valuable.

ARIES: Those working with you seek your mentorship and direction. You’re the courage, bravery and light needed that “lights their way.” This is not a compliment. It’s a responsibility of leadership and love. It’s important to maintain health – exercise and a simple diet. Possibly you need more calcium/magnesium for calmness. With all relationships, don’t be harsh.

TAURUS: The work and responsibilities continue to arrive. You tend to everything needed, forging ahead with Vulcan’s (Soul ruler) help.

Vulcan fashions gold out of iron (Soul/personality), creates a forward momentum, allows for optimism (a little), drives you toward future goals. On your mind, always, is how to create and sustain community. It takes more than a village.

GEMINI: Home continues to matter more and more. Where you live, with whom, and how to create community. These questions sustain your curious and dual mind. Movement forward is always an issue. Continue to care for those in need with compassion and humor. You’re to serve with a wise heart. Venus, your companion. She surrounds you with a pale golden light.

CANCER: Home and family become increasingly filled with responsibilities and work. You try to carry on traditions to family. However, so many tasks interfere. Restrict how much work you’re doing for others or exhaustion ensues. An acupuncture treatment is most likely needed and chiropractic, too. You’re the one at home needing tender loving care. Rest a while.

LEO: Are you finding yourself going out and about, creating deeper relationships with others? Leos often tend only to themselves and this creates loneliness. Wherever there’s an imbalance, ask questions, listen, assess, speak from the heart and forgive. Saturn, Dweller on the Threshold of new ways of being, asks you to review past beliefs before new foundational realities can form. Share resources and values.

VIRGO: In your daily life, have the

intention to focus on facts, not fictions, fantasies or wishful thinking. Facts are the foundation of a clear thinker and later, good leader. Facts help uplift emotional disturbances, disappointments and confusing changes.

Saturn asks that you consider what is of value to you and provides both emotional and intellectual inspiration. Listen for the still, small voice of God.

LIBRA: You seek a sense of belonging. Your talents and gifts have created a life filled with spiritual intuition. You wonder when all that appears in your mind and heart can be used with less stress and limitation. You know you’re here to serve. You change your appearance with confidence and a desire to be more harmonious. You’re a bit mysterious now. Careful with exercise. Careful with bones and ligaments.

SCORPIO: Notice your concern with how others (groups) see and assess you. Notice a change of values occurring, too. It’s an excellent time to make new, and contact old, friends; create business opportunities with groups and social media. There’s a community or group needing your research abilities. The present work situation may shift about. This will accelerate. Maintain composure, balance, faith.

SAGITTARIUS: Work should be good, you know you’re well-liked, however you possibly feel restricted, constrained and controlled by situations out of your control. It will be important to make yourself more productive, creating harmony at all levels of work.

Banish all thoughts of limitations, create a positive, light-filled aura. The outcome will be more than expected. Work on the honor system. Your honor.

CAPRICORN: Make contact with those far away who love and care for you. Your communication creates harmony and happiness. As your mind ponders future goals include religious as well as physical, emotional and intellectual considerations. Religion stabilizes and sustains for its energies are greater than we are. Prayer stabilizes us. As you continue to transform recite the Great Invocation daily and with family.

AQUARIUS: Your focus on money is correct in terms of the future. Assess how you are living and if it’s sustainable for you. Consider other ways of living, new futuristic ways. Allow no limitations of thought. Discuss with others how the present world situation affects how and where you live. Share with everyone what you value and need. Daily routines are changed. Your vitality (life force) is intact. Pray to the devas. They’re your friends.

PISCES: Walking that raggedy precipice of reality, not remembering yesterday not seeing tomorrow, summon faith that there is indeed a Path you’re walking even if it’s invisible. There will be a moving forward soon (after years of un-knowing). The forests will become the trees of opportunity. Do what’s necessary to create and build that community. Ask humanity to help.

Risa - writer, founder & director, Esoteric & Astrological Studies & Research Institute, a contemporary Wisdom School studying the Ageless Wisdom teachings. The foundations of the Teachings are the study & application of Astrology & the Seven Rays.



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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

BALCONY RESTAURANT – *Jeff Lee*, Folk, 5 p.m.

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

NEW DELHI – *Karaoke with Jesse James*, 6:30 – 9:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

BALCONY RESTAURANT – *Hawgscalders*, Bluegrass, 12 p.m. and 5 p.m.

CATHOUSE LOUNGE – *Nicholas St. James*, Americana, 8 p.m.

CHELSEA'S – *Mountain Sprout*, Bluegrass, 9:30 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.

NEW DELHI – *Terri and the Executives*, Rock, 6 – 10 p.m.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

BASIN PARK – *Drumming in the Park*, 6 p.m.

BALCONY RESTAURANT – *James White*, Folk, 12 p.m.

BREWS – *Melissa Carper and Rebecca Patek*, Americana, 7 – 10 p.m.

CATHOUSE LOUNGE – *Fuggins Wheat Band*, Rock, 8 p.m.

CHELSEA'S – *Black Out Boys*, Americana, 2 – 5 p.m.,

Chucky Waggs and Nicholas St. James, Americana, 9:30 p.m.

EUREKA LIVE! – *DJ & Dancing*, 8 p.m.

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

NEW DELHI – *Pete and Dave*, Singers/Songwriters, 6 – 10 p.m.

ROWDY BEAVER – Classic Rock, 1– 5 p.m., Classic Rock,



Chucky Waggs plays with Nicholas St. James at Chelsea's Sat., Sept. 5.

9 p.m.

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

BALCONY RESTAURANT – *Michael Dimitri*, Singer/Songwriter, 12 and 5 p.m.

CHELSEA'S – *Aaron Mullins Band*, Americana, 7:30 p.m.

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

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

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

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

CHELSEA'S – *Open Mic*

Lions Club of Eureka Springs events

The Lions Club of Eureka Springs will host guest speaker Judge Dale Ramsey (of Madison Co.) on the topic of domestic violence on Sept. 9 at noon

at the Forest Hill Restaurant. The buffet will have a discounted price for the meeting.

There will also be a free eye

screening at the Carroll Co. Health Fair at the Holiday Island Welcome Center from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. on Sept. 11. Both events are open to the public.

DAR Chapter meeting

Abendschone Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, will meet at 1 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 10 at the ECHO Community Meeting Room in Eureka Springs. Judge

Scott Jackson will present a program on the Constitution. Guests wanting to learn more about DAR are welcome. For more information call (479) 363-6005.

Sunday at EUUF

Ernst Schrader will present *History of UU, both Universalist and Unitarians* on Sept. 6 at 11 a.m. It will also be Salad Sunday with salads, bread, sweets, juice, wine and tea with great conversation. Bring something to share with \$4 for adults, \$2 for children and \$10 for the family.

Childcare is provided and extra parking at Ermilio's Restaurant, 26 White Street. All are welcome.

Metafizzies to view Mooji

The Sept. 7 meeting of the Eureka Springs Metaphysical Society will feature a video of the contemporary teacher, Mooji. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. at the Heart of Many Ways in the Christian Science Church at 68 Mountain Street. All are welcome.

Wavelengths at work

The EMF Radiation awareness group will meet at the church on Elk St. Tuesday, Sept. 8 at 6 p.m. for an open discussion on the effects of cell phones, Wi-Fi and smart meters and share tips on how to protect yourself. Dr. Fain of Fain's Herbacy will be the guest speaker and all are welcome. If you have questions call (479) 253-5072.



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Book study for all

Camp Nine by Vivienne Schiffer will be the selection discussed on Tuesday, Sept. 29 from 5 – 6:30 p.m. at St. James Episcopal Church at 28 Prospect St. Set during WWII, the riveting story explores the relationship of a Japanese internment

camp and the small Arkansas town in which it was built.

Rev. Ben Helmer will lead the group. Copies of the book are available at the Carnegie Library. Everyone is invited. For further information call (479) 253-8610.

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the meeting, and added it would take all of them to demonstrate what a commission focused only on preserving and running the Auditorium could do. He said the public does not know how the building has been deteriorating.

Schmid suggested it would be handy if council could see a dollar amount of what the total cost of repairs would be.

Satori replied, "What I hear is it is so big a problem you can't do anything." He said the CAPC for years has neglected maintaining the building.

Ragsdell reminded him of issues CAPC has addressed, but Satori continued to express his disappointment, so commissioners adjourned.

Next regular meeting will be Wednesday, Sept. 9, at 6 p.m.

Grief Share Sundays

A new course of Grief Share, a Bible-based, 13-week program for those who have lost a loved one, will begin on Sept. 13 and will be held Sundays from 2 – 4 p.m. at Faith Bible Church, Suite

C, 3 Parkcliff Drive, Holiday Island. Come share in an informal, confidential setting with others experiencing similar circumstances. Call (479) 253-8925 or email lardellen@gmail.com.

DEPARTURE

George Hans Degn August 24, 2015

George Hans Degn, 79, of Lowell, Ark., passed away August 24 at home. George was a long-time, beloved Eureka Springs guy.

He is survived by his son, Mark Degn and wife, Joanne; three daughters, Teri West and her husband, Lance; Denise Williams; Paula Cook and her husband, Mickey; one sister, two brothers, and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Please visit his memorial at www.chapelhill-okc.com.

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International Sufi poet at Caribé

Tamam Kahn will read her poetry at Caribé Cantina on Sunday, Sept. 13 at 6:30 p.m. Tamam has studied Classical Arabic and has an MA in Eastern Art History from San Francisco State University. She is a poet and spoken word performer and is married to Shabda Kahn, the spiritual director of the Sufi Ruhaniat International and the Dances of Universal Peace. There is no admission for the program and the public is warmly invited.

Make plans for the Studio Tour Sept. 17 - 19!

Come see how those wonderful art pieces you admire at Gallery Strolls are created. The self-guided Studio Tour Adventure is back, taking you behind the scenes with close to 30 working artists and their works in progress at 17 studios around the area. Learn firsthand what goes into the creative process – whether it's a fine wooden kayak, a pot, painting, photograph, musical instrument or an outstanding piece of jewelry.

There's a handy map listing all locations in the September *Fun Guide*. It's a great way to explore the area on your way to meet artists who will be there to meet you, answer questions and maybe give up a trade secret or two!

Certain studios will also have special demonstrations Thursday, Sept. 17. Check out the artists and studios today at eurekaspringstudiotour.org and plan your route through this colorful collection of studios – you'll have a great time!

New at Gaskins Switch:

Two small theaters offer big entertainment

The Mömandpöp Show

A show for kids and kids-at-heart sparkles with Virginia Ralph and Bobby Matthews in The Mömandpöp Comeback Special at the Gaskins Switch Theatre in Gaskins Switch Village on US 62E. This one-of-a-kind musical variety show features music from the duo's *mömandpöp* CD. It's a great show for toddlers to ten year olds, but older siblings and grown-ups will love it, too.

The upbeat performance features fast costume changes, colorful characters, loads of audience participation and a pair of British puppets named mümandsön. But be warned – the music includes insanely catchy pop songs about pizza, old people, socks and shoes – and you'll find yourself humming the tunes long after the show is

over!

Performances are Saturdays at 3 p.m. and Tuesdays at 5 p.m. For updates and tickets visit www.momandpopband.com or momandpop on Facebook. (901) 825-0374.

P-Nutt's Comedy Theater

A show for way bigger kids, but still with plenty of home-spun fun and music that will entertain the young 'uns. The George Brothers are back in Eureka Springs with P-Nutt, Pony Tail, Girl and Grandpa Elvis along with a Willie Nelson Tribute Show in Gaskins Switch.

Catch a performance in this intimate theater that rocks with fun and good music any Wednesday through Saturday at 7:30 p.m. For more info and tickets: (479) 445-3608 or see George Brothers on Facebook.

DEPARTURES

Hellen Smith Pinkley Sept. 21, 1923 – August 25, 2015



Hellen Smith Pinkley of Springdale, Ark., formerly of Berryville, Ark., died August 25, 2015 at the Earlene Howard Hospice Home. She was born near Marble, Ark., on Sept. 21, 1923 to parents, John Frank and Anna Willard (Allred) Smith.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband of 71 years, Herman Pinkley, who died March 12, 2014; her son, Brian Pinkley, who died Sept. 16, 2012; two brothers, Herman Smith and Hugh Thomas Smith; and three sisters, MaryEtta Clark, Susie Smelley, and Laura Cline.

Survivors include her sons, Lyle Pinkley of Eureka Springs, Ark., and Ralph Pinkley of Fayetteville, Ark.; and her daughter-in-law, Glenda Collins of Berryville, Ark.. She is also survived by grandchildren, Jesse Swift of Elkins, Ark., Ethan Pinkley and

Abby Palomo both of Berryville; and a host of adoring family and friends.

Hellen was a dedicated Christian who attended Moore Free Will Baptist Church and enjoyed singing in the choir. She sang hymns on the day she died even though terribly weak. Hellen adored her family and was extremely devoted to her husband. They showed how marriage should be done – though they still had some spirited exchanges!

Hellen's only complaint as she was sick was that she couldn't work. And work she

did. She and Herman raised registered Brangus cattle, had a large garden, and he was a self-employed building contractor who didn't retire until he was 73. They were each other's best friend.

Hellen had many talents, both ordinary and not so much. When she was 65 she took an artificial insemination course and passed with flying colors. She was still raking hay when she was 85. Perhaps her greatest gift was the art of storytelling, which she enjoyed tremendously. She could make even the smallest events hilarious when she told about them. This gift was appreciated on many occasions in the waiting room when a family member was having surgery and she was needed to distract those of us who were anxious.

When she told stories, Herman looked at her with pride and love even though he had heard them hundreds of times. Hellen was comfortable talking about the fact that she would see Jesus soon. When asked if she was afraid, she just smiled and said, "not one bit." Those of us who know Jesus will go to her, but she will not return to us. Her favorite verses of scripture were Hebrews 10:23 and Philippians 4:8.

Services were August 29 with interment in the Moore Cemetery under the direction of Nelson Funeral Service, Inc.

Memorial donations may be made to Gideon's International, P.O. Box 362, Berryville, Arkansas 72616. Online condolences may be sent to the family at nelsonfuneral.com. © Nelson Funeral Service, Inc. 2015

Audrey Jean Bott Jan. 19, 1938 – August 18, 2015

Audrey Jean Bott, 77, of Holiday Island, Ark., passed away to a better place on Tuesday, August 18, 2015. She was a beautiful soul who found solace in the beauty of God's world, and shared her passion for the arts and nature and

love of God with her friends and family. During her years as a registered nurse, she could often be found comforting her patients, and was passionately devoted to improving the lives of others. She was a loving wife, mother and grandmother,

and will be deeply missed by her family.

Born to Frank and Margaret Knechtel on Jan. 19, 1938, Audrey grew up in Alpena, Michigan, where she later met and married her husband, Paul Bott. Paul and Audrey enjoyed 59 years of marriage, and raised three wonderful children.

Audrey is survived by her husband Paul; three children, Valerie, Karen and David; four grandchildren, Chelsea, Logan, Grady and Avery; and brother-in-law, Wally Keisler.

The Bott family expresses their sincerest gratitude to the wonderful



friends and citizens of Holiday Island, to her church family at the Holiday Island Presbyterian church, and the emergency response teams that assisted the family with Audrey's passing.

Cremation arrangements are under the direction of Nelson Funeral Service. Memorial donations may be made to the Holiday Island

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John Charles (Jack) Thompson

Oct. 6, 1930 – August 25, 2015

John Charles (Jack) Thompson, of Holiday Island, Ark., was born October 6, 1930 in Keego Harbor, Mich., a son of Conrad and Eva (Rasmussen) Thompson. He departed this life Tuesday, August 25, 2015 in Fayetteville, Ark., at age 84.

John proudly served in the United States Marine Corps during the Korean War. He worked as an electrical engineer. His hobby was golf and he was a member of the Holiday Island Golf League.

He was united in marriage with Wanda Brunner of 63 years, who survives him of the home. He is also survived by one brother, Don Thompson and wife, Sandy, of Dripping Springs, Texas; one

sister, Nancy Facer and husband, Ronald, of Waterford, Mich.; brother-in-law Jerry Wagner, and one nephew, Thomas Wagner of Memphis, Tenn.; several other relatives and friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Conrad and Eva Thompson, and one sister, Carol Wagner.

Memorial services were August 28 at the Holiday Island Community Church with Rev. Allen Thrasher officiating. Memorial donations may be made to the Holiday Island Community Church, 188 State Line Drive, Holiday Island, AR 72631. Online condolences may be sent to the family at nelsonfuneral.com. © Nelson Funeral Service, Inc. 2015

Frank and Tabra Luebert brought little Lexi down from Rolla, Mo., to let her see what catching a big striper would be like. Pound for pound she had a good fight on wet hands. Thought we would have to tie a rope around her and just net her and the fish together. That would be a memory.

I have learned my job is providing memories. Sometimes it can be very rewarding with good memories for me, too.

Well, our stripers on Beaver Lake are still up on our end of the lake in the dam area, holding between 30 – 40 ft. deep with a little more chasing bait all the way to the top for a quick snack early in the mornings when water is the coolest.

These cool nights have helped a lot with the water temp getting close to dropping below 80°. Did drop down my temp gauge and found we don't get below 70° until down close to 40 ft. deep. They do seem to like that 68° – 72° degrees. Five-to-six in. shad are still the best bait, with brood shiners and perch being the next best.

Jigs, rattle traps and spoons can also work, and keep a big topwater plug like a spook tied on to throw if you see one roll on top. We also have a lot more spotted bass and whites coming to the top on Beaver and here at Holiday Island.

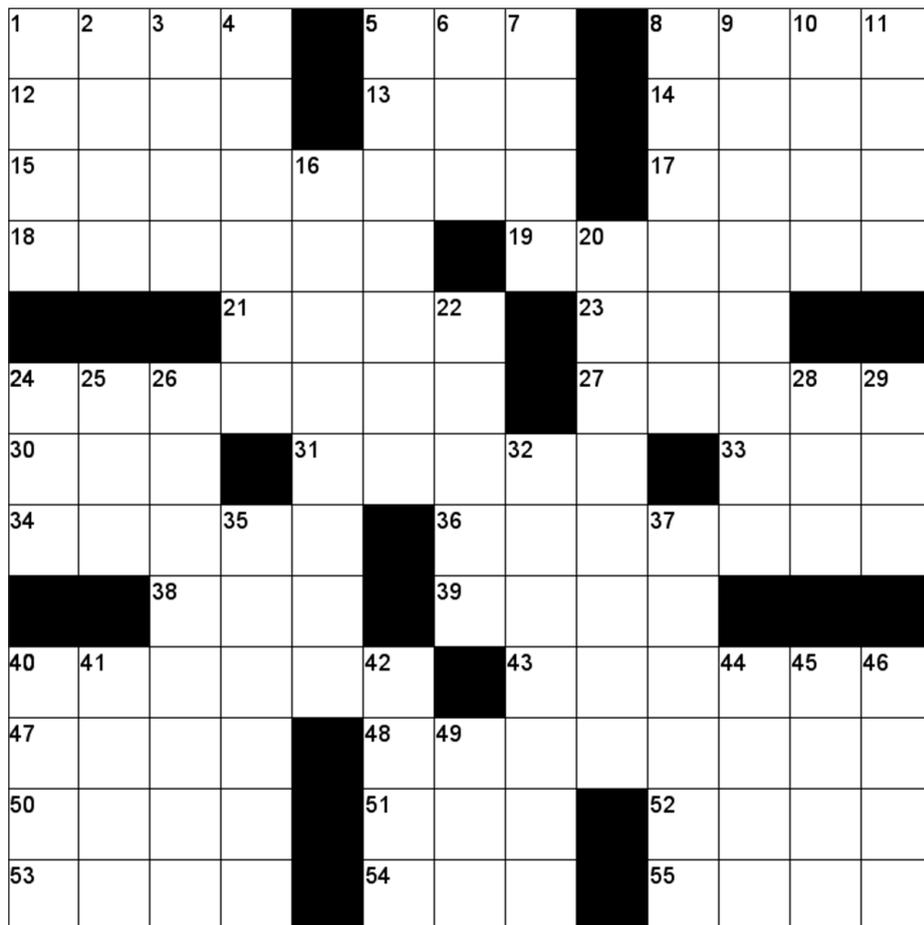
Sorry, don't have much of a report on our end of Table Rock since only had one trip here and they wanted to go up river for



trout which started slow with power bait and worms but got a lot hotter once we started trolling small flicker shad. We got good rainbows on both crawdad and shad colors.

Well, guess I better get to bed, would like to end asking all to be safe and respect others on the water so we all can enjoy our last big summer holiday weekend for this summer. Looking forward to a good fall bite just around the corner with October being one of the best fishing months of the year so don't worry about hunting till the snow falls and see what you're missing.

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| 1. Hummingbird action | 39. Slang for jail | 9. Faint, distant star or British comedy |
| 5. Need help immediately | 40. Became available | 10. Coal tar oil used in dyes |
| 8. Streetcar | 43. Hangs on | 11. Small dust particle |
| 12. First 2016 caucus state | 47. Any noun or verb | 16. Apples or oranges |
| 13. Jester, satirist | 48. Resident of Greek capital | 20. Dunce or dolt |
| 14. Nevada gambling center | 50. Jewish calendar month | 22. Religious subsets |
| 15. Manicure tool | 51. Last in line, alphabetically | 24. Small child |
| 17. Mine entrance | 52. Con | 25. "We ___ the World" |
| 18. Place in bondage | 53. Prescription amount | 26. Mythical three-headed dog |
| 19. Center section | 54. Slippery charger | 28. Old French coin |
| 21. Partner to bolts | 55. Semiannual British court | 29. Scandinavian home of the dead |
| 23. High pitched kitten sound | | 32. Comb for separating flax fibers |
| 24. Perceptible to touch | | 35. Ladder step |
| 27. Reckless | | 37. Having three parts |
| 30. Metal-bearing rock | | 40. Indebted to |
| 31. Greek goddess of fortune | | 41. Equestrian croquet |
| 33. ___ v. Wade | | 42. Stun with a blow |
| 34. Latin "earth" | | 44. Baseball team |
| 36. Sensitive in discussions | | 45. Fence opening |
| 38. Computer program error | | 46. Agitated state |
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| 1. Financial penalty |
| 2. Bank transaction |
| 3. Certainly, assuredly (<i>Archaic</i>) |
| 4. Special ability |
| 5. Rapidly |
| 6. Lubricant |
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“Every year, in May,” Aunt Willy was saying, pausing on the doorsill to look toward the rose garden, “– in May, the Jacqueminots, you know –” She made a vague gesture with her hand, as of one calling up a small resurrection: uprush of life and explosion of buds. Jane took her hand gently, looked into the brown eyes that were serene and only mildly grieving, and a smile of comprehension passed between them. “Yes,” Jane said, affirming some truth more ancient than good or evil. “So lovely, May –”

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