



It's all downhill to here *Battle line needed to stop chemical drift*

NICKY BOYETTE

David Duplantis has property in a low-lying area on an unpaved road southeast of Kingston in Madison County. He noticed in 2002 leaves on the vegetables and berries in his garden were mysteriously curling like never before. He suspected something was affecting his crops so he skipped gardening the following year, but found the same curled-leave problem again when he resumed. His neighbor to the north along the same low-lying valley also has plants with curled leaves.

Duplantis claims he saw a neighbor above him spraying 2-4-D in a field near one of his ponds. He also maintains two of his neighbors on hillsides above him to the east and south use hay that has been sprayed with Grazon.

The Dow AgroSciences webpage touts their product Grazon as a "trusted broadleaf weed control" intended to increase grass and hay production. Under application guidelines on the same site, it states, "Take appropriate measures to prevent application or drift onto plants and trees that are not intended for control."

The Dow AgroSciences Canada webpage states, "Grazon is highly mobile in the soil and water." It also states, "The use of this chemical may result in contamination of groundwater particularly where soils are permeable."

Duplantis said drainage from the field on the hillside to the east pollutes one of his ponds and the runoff from the other hillside to the south pollutes his land. "I have food growing everywhere. That is why this was such a big deal for me." He said grapes, fruit trees, blackberries, currants, corn, sweet potatoes, peppers, tomatoes – everything – suffers.

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Fair enough! – Ian Evans, son of Britt and Connie Evans, and best bud, Avery Meyer, daughter of Donovan Meyer, were spun in perpetual circles riding the Avalanche at the Carroll County Fair last weekend. The Avalanche was one of 20-plus rides on the midway this year.

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This Week's INDEPENDENT Thinkers

Last December our government sold 2400 acres of Apache land in Arizona to a number of Australian copper mining companies. To add insult to humiliation, the project will cost \$6 billion and destroy land rightfully owned by the tribe.



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Native protesters have set up camp in the area and are refusing to leave, and have been steadfast in their opposition since February. Other members of the tribe are traveling to Washington, D.C., this week to plead for reconsideration.

If our government were serious about treaties, land ownership, citizens' rights and fair play, there would be no compunction to sell anything that isn't theirs.

Makes you want to check the mineral rights clause in your deeds.

But why?

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Does a pacifist apple have a peace core?

Obama singles out local financial advisor *Public urged to support new rules on handling retirement savings*

BECKY GILLETTE

Fans of Sen. Elizabeth Warren, known for taking on Wall Street on behalf of ordinary, hard-working Americans, take note: We have our own consumer advocate in a current battle that pits Wall Street against the interests of Americans regarding how retirement savings are handled. Eureka Springs financial adviser Sheryl Garrett puts knowledge and high moral standards in practice when advising clients.

"Sheryl Garrett is a national figure on this issue," said Mercer E. Bullard, a professor at the University of Mississippi who advocates mutual fund reform with his organization, Fund Democracy, LLC.

Garrett has testified in Washington several times, including at a hearing chaired by Sen. Warren. Garrett spoke in favor of new proposed Department of Labor (DOL) regulations requiring investment advisers to put clients' financial interests first when handling a 401(k) rollover or pension disbursement.

A two-week public comment period opened Sept. 8 regarding the new proposed regulations. Supporters say the new rules would save retirement investors about \$17 billion per year in unnecessary fees and expenses.

In a speech in favor of the rules to reduce conflict of interest, President Barack Obama singled out Sheryl Garrett as an adviser who puts clients' well-being first.

"I want to emphasize once again, there are a whole lot of financial advisers out there who do put their clients' interests first," Obama said at a recent AARP event. "There are a lot of hardworking men and women in this field who got into this field to help people. They're folks like financial adviser Sheryl Garrett."

Mentioning Garrett eight times by name, Obama said he was proud of her, and had her stand up in the audience. He quoted her argument for stronger fiduciary rules, adding, "Couldn't have said it better myself."

"The role of a financial adviser is one of

the most important jobs," Garrett said in an article in InvestmentNews.com. "But there is a segment of the industry today that operates like the gunslingers of the Wild West. We don't have the rules and regulations to protect those we're supposed to be serving."

Garrett recommends citizens send comments in favor of the rules to the DOL and members of Congress at www.saveourretirement.com.

Secretary of Labor Tom Perez says the rule changes are the best thing that could happen to help Americans save for retirement.

"This boils down to a very simple concept: if someone is paid to give you retirement investment advice, that person

should be working in your best interest," Perez said. "As commonsense as this may be, laws to protect consumers and ensure that financial advisers are giving the best advice in a complex market have not kept pace. Our proposed rule would change that."


Currently, most retirement investment advisers make seven to 11 percent commission on sales of certain retirement products, and it can take a year or longer of earnings just to make up the loss from the commission. Commissions pile up when moving from one fund to another. Account holders may also be charged annual management fees and other fees that mount steadily and erode savings. Yet deciding whether to take a lump sum distribution from a 401(k) and how to invest those funds can be beyond the abilities of the average investor.

An option could be for financial advisers to charge an hourly rate to clients as is done with the 300 independent advisers across the country who are part of The Garrett Planning Network.

"Fee-only financial planners provide advice to people from all walks of life, without minimum account requirements, sales commissions, or long-term commitments," Garrett said. "Our members proudly embrace their fiduciary duty, always placing their clients' best interests first."


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HDC gives thumbs up to a 'pretty thing'

NICKY BOYETTE

Leah Karnes told the Historic District Commission at the Sept. 2 meeting, "I want to replace an ugly thing with a pretty thing." She was referring to her application to replace a sliding metal-framed window at 218 Spring St. with a stained glass window salvaged from a previous renovation. The commission liked her plan and approved it unanimously.

The commission also approved a new wooden deck at 32 Elk which will not be visible from the street because there will be a stone wall built in front of it.

Commissioners approved these items on the Consent Agenda:

- 27 Paxos – new paint colors
- 226 Van Buren – change sign faces

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

Chair Dee Bright presented these Administrative Approvals, which

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

- 27 Paxos – general maintenance and repair
- 60 Crescent – re-roof
- 10 Alamo – re-roof
- 12 Pine – repaint

The commission voted to approve the set of revisions to their design guidelines they decided upon during three workshops during the summer and which were announced at the August 19 meeting. Design guidelines are available on the city website.

Next meeting will be Wednesday, Sept. 16, at 6 p.m.

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

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.

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Five-year ban approved: No new hog factories on the Buffalo River *Work to close existing facility continues*

BECKY GILLETTE

Supporters celebrated a significant victory last week when the Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission approved a five-year ban on permits for new factory hogs farms in the Buffalo River watershed. The moratorium came about as a result of concerns about the existing C&H Hog Farm located near Mount Judea, which local residents protested was approved quietly with inadequate reviews about the wisdom of allowing 6,500 hogs to be raised in an area where the leaky karst topography could allow waste to contaminate surface and underground water supplies.

The ban includes a compromise whereby the University of Arkansas Big Creek Research and Extension Team (BCRET) will continue to monitor and assess the current hog facility's impacts and report its findings to the governor, legislators and the Arkansas Department of Environmental

Quality (ADEQ).

According to the Buffalo River Watershed Alliance (BRWA), the hog factory produces millions of pounds of waste per year certain to produce both water and air pollution. Many in the community depend on wells for household water, and there are concerns that wells will become polluted.

In late December 2014, the BRWA and other partners won a U.S. District Court decision that found federal agencies arbitrarily and capriciously guaranteed loans to the C&H factory farm near the Buffalo National River by failing to take a hard look at environmental impacts and failing to follow proper procedures to protect threatened and endangered species potentially affected by the facility. As a result, a new Environmental Assessment was conducted. But the BRWA alliance believes the draft EA is substantially flawed.

"It fails to engage in the alternatives analysis required under the National Environmental Policy Act, ignores key facts and science, and only cursorily reviews information it does gather in assessing the impacts of an unprecedented 6,500-swine concentrated animal feeding operation operating on karst terrain in the watershed of the iconic Buffalo National River," Dane Schumacher, member of the BRWA board, said. "A glaring error that pervades the draft EA's assessment is its unfounded conclusion that 'there are no karst features within the C&H Hog Farms parcel.' According to experts in hydrogeology, C&H is undoubtedly located on karst. This fact is of central importance to an accurate assessment of C&H's impacts because karst is characterized by rapid underground drainage and groundwater flow to surface waters. The EA's willful blindness to the geologic context of the C&H facility and the significance of this context for impacts on water resources is the antithesis of the hard look required under NEPA."

Schumacher said Electrical Resistivity Tomography tests done by Oklahoma State University in December 2014 reveal karst features beneath two spray fields being studied. The OSU report states:

• Bedrock at each site contained potential pathways for groundwater flow. One difference between the sites that may be useful for application evaluation is the possibility of hog manure electrical signatures

present on Field 12.

• There appears to be a large sinkhole feature caused by dissolution or collapse of underlying rock or soil, within the weathered bedrock in one area that stretches nearly 200 ft. long and 75 ft. deep.

At a draft EA hearing in late August in Jasper, geologist/hydrogeologist Tom Aley presented oral and written testimony on behalf of the BRWA. Aley said that the EA conducted for the Farm Services Agency and Small Business Administration, which provided taxpayer funded loan guarantees for the hog facility, "shows a gross lack of understanding of the intimate and integral interactions of surface water and groundwater in karst areas of the Ozarks. The EA fails to recognize that this entire hog farm operation and the associated manure disposal fields (with the exception of portions of Field 17) are located on top of a well-developed karst aquifer within the Boone Formation and possibly other deeper geologic units."

Aley said the manure storage ponds pose a significant risk of creating off-site water quality problems due to leakage into groundwater supplies. He said they are also at risk of catastrophic sinkhole collapses that could introduce large amounts of manure into the underlying karst groundwater system.

Another point is that the EA described the BCRET study as an "in depth case study of the C&H Hog Farms." The BCRET team was established in late 2013 as a response to citizen concern about the adverse environmental impacts of the farm.

"Despite a platoon of PhDs and a squad of lesser degreed people, there is very little information about the BCRET 'in depth' study that has been incorporated into the EA," Aley said. "The apparent explanation for this is that the study is long-term academic research. It is not a gathering and assessment of information useful for determining health and environmental impacts expected to result from this hog operation or for protecting the River and springs that feed it. It is certainly not what people concerned with the Buffalo National River had expected from the appointment of this august body."

Aley, who has donated his time to study the impacts of the hog factory, urged the FSA and SBA to cancel the federal guarantees for these loans.

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Carroll County Election Commission 2015 Annual School Board Election Proclamation

The 2015 annual School Election will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 15. Polls will open at 7:30 a.m. and close at 7:30 p.m. at the following polling sites:

Berryville

Berryville Community Center – Berryville School District #27:

Berryville School Board Director, Zone 1 (4-year term) & millage

Berryville School Board Director, Zone 2 (5-year term) & millage

Eureka Springs

St. Elizabeth Parish Center – Eureka Springs School District #21:

Eureka Springs School Board Director, Position 3 (3-year term) & millage (Incumbent Gayla Wolfinbarger, challenger Martin E. Martinek)

Eureka Springs School Board Director, Position 4 (3-year term) & millage (Incumbent Jason Morris, unopposed)

Green Forest

Green Forest United Methodist Church – Green Forest School District #32:

Green Forest School Board Director, Zone 3 (5-year term) & millage
Green Forest School Board Director, At Large Position 1 (5-year term) & millage
The deadline to register to vote for the annual school election was August 17, 2015. The deadline to apply for an absentee ballot by mail is September 8. Early voting will begin on Tuesday, September 8, 2015, at the Eastern and Western District Courthouses, with the last day to early vote being Monday, September 14, 2015. Hours are as 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

All ADA Compliant accessible early voting will be conducted at the Eastern District Courthouse in Berryville.

A demonstration voting machine will be placed at the Eastern District Courthouse in Berryville from August 24

through Sept. 7. Processing of absentee and early votes will begin Sept. 15 at 6:30 p.m. at the Eastern District Courthouse in Berryville. Results from the 2015 Annual School Election will be tallied at the Eastern District Courthouse in Berryville, beginning at 7:30 p.m. on Sept. 15.

Legislature Change Moves

May Primary to March

Part of the Election Law changes from this spring's legislative session moves the Arkansas Presidential Primary from May of the election year to March. This change pushes back the filing period for county and state candidates. The new filing period is from 12 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 2 through 12 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 9. Independent candidates can start circulating petitions for signatures immediately.

A hit and run driver smashed into a motorcycle trailer and then a Honda Civic parked on the side of Cushing St. at about 2 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 8. If anyone has seen a vehicle with heavy damage to the front driver's side following this accident, please contact the Eureka Springs Police Department at (479) 253-8666.



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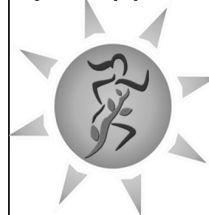
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Hospital has a 'fur fix' – a 2.2-pound therapy dog

BECKY GILLETTE

Hospitals can be scary places. But they can also be a place where healing takes place in an environment that is nurturing and safe. And it doesn't hurt when there is a therapy dog on site to provide a bit of distraction and fun.

Therapy dogs are becoming more and more popular at hospitals and other facilities such as nursing homes. Earlier this year Eureka Springs Hospital emergency room RN Sherri Stauffer asked about obtaining a therapy dog she could bring to work with her. Stauffer agreed to handle costs for pet therapy evaluation and training.

After getting the green light from management, Stauffer found a toy Yorkie in Berryville. Although just a pup, little Phoebe went through obedience training learning to sit and follow directions before getting certified as a therapy dog.

Phoebe, now eight months old, has been a hit with patients and staff alike. Often patients have animals at home that they miss, pets that are considered a member of the family. Phoebe, one pet lover said, gives her a "fur fix" to get through the day.

"Patients light up when they see her," Stauffer said. "I'm not here every day, and they tell me they miss Phoebe when she isn't here."

Dawn Barnard, an assistant physical therapist, says Phoebe makes sometimes difficult and painful physical therapy easier to bear.

"When she is in the therapy gym, it picks up the spirits of patients and encourages them," Barnard said. "Seeing Phoebe run around the room helps motivate them to get through exercise that can be difficult. It makes the exercises a little more tolerable. It gets their minds off the problems they are having and motivates them to finish

Eureka Springs Hospital Emergency Room RN Sherry Stauffer brings this bundle of furry love to work with her at the hospital. Phoebe, who is eight months old, brightens the lives of patients of all ages.

PHOTO BY BECKY GILLETTE

their physical therapy."

Barnard also sees Phoebe bringing smiles to the faces of staff at the hospital.

"It brightens everyone's day to have Phoebe around," Barnard said.

Activities Director Karen Spangler sees Phoebe bring patients out of depression.

"Even in patients who have Alzheimer's, you take Phoebe in there and you can get a smile," Spangler said. "There is a positive physiological response when people pet an animal. Research has shown petting an animal can help greatly with depression. And when I walk in with Phoebe, it makes the hospital feel more pleasant and like home."

When she isn't on active duty at the hospital, Phoebe has a playpen with plenty of doggie toys. Staff and visitors will stop by to visit her and she thrives on the attention.

"And she is not left home alone all day," Stauffer said. "I wouldn't want to do that with a small puppy. Phoebe is lucky she has a big family here. We all take care of her. Staff members will stop by and get a little pet therapy. They come out and feel better."

Not all emergency room patients are candidates for a visit from Phoebe, but children are usually very excited – even some who might be scared of bigger dogs.

"If a child in the ER has a broken arm, Phoebe is a great distraction while the doctor sets the child's arm," Stauffer said. "Phoebe makes them smile."



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Friendly check-in could be game changer

MARSHA HAVENS

As long-time Eurekans age into even longer-time Eurekans, many find themselves living alone and loving it ... until something happens in the home that affects their health and well being and there's no one there to help. Happily, two local women have come up with a solution.

After hearing about a woman in Eureka Springs who had fallen down and wasn't discovered for two days, Lavonne St. Clair decided it was time to do something proactive. As she occasionally experiences dizzy spells, Lavonne could easily relate to the possibility of this happening to her or anyone else who lives alone.

Recognizing that we're all in this together, Lavonne thought of having a network of people who would be paired up to call each other daily for a simple, quick check-in. The phone call could be personalized to need – perhaps making sure a person has taken their meds, or checking whether their electricity is back after one-off situations like an electrical outage in town, for instance – or to ask if they need help in other ways, especially in extreme heat or cold.

Callers would also have information such as the number of a nearby friend or neighbor to call in case their call partner is thought to be home but repeatedly doesn't or

can't answer their telephone.

Carla Short, proprietress of Can-U-Canoe west of Eureka Springs, immediately saw the sense in Lavonne's idea and started a campaign to get the word out about this service, talking to others and making announcements by way of the Chamber of Commerce e-newsletter and other avenues.

Thanks to these two women, our town now has yet another caring service to aid its citizens. If you'd like to participate in this easy, fun way to make sure those living alone are safe, or to have someone check in with you daily, contact Lavonne (479) 253-8918 or Carla (479) 244-0171. Check in and win-win.

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Another possible solution

Editor,

I have noticed Eureka Springs is having trouble figuring out what to do with its Auditorium. It seems there is always disagreement about how to maintain it or who should run it or where to find money for repairs. There is also the persistent lack of parking downtown for visitors and locals. Since tourists contribute more to the town's economy than the Auditorium, how about this – raze the Auditorium and replace it with a historic-looking parking garage. The extra parking would benefit downtown workers and tourists would love easy access to stores and restaurants. Maybe development of the vacant high school property could include a new facility for entertainment.

Anyway, it would be something new to argue about.

Martha Anderson

Hate takes energy

Editor,

We recently had a family reunion in Eureka Springs. My family has some roots there and cousins still live there.

The reason for this letter: We were dismayed to see the "in your face" display of the Confederate battle flag. Not only flying from the backs of pickups, but also businesses. The Nazi swastika is a symbol of Auschwitz, of Buchenwald ovens and other Nazi atrocities of World War II. The Japanese "Rising Sun" is symbolic of the Bataan death marches and beheadings. The Confederate battle flag reminds

us of chains and leg irons and of KKK hoods and grinning white mobs who hung young clack males for "talking back" to their owners. And of young blacks being taken from the families and sold at slave auctions. They were treated like cattle.

Racism takes energy. Hate takes energy. Energy that could be directed into more positive directions. Racial jokes make the teller less of a person.

Anthropologists have determined that we homo sapiens (that's us) were from bipeds (that's us), who were formed about a half million years ago in what is now called Africa. We began to make tools. We cooked meat over a fire. We honored our dead. And we were all very black. Being black or dark brown protected us from the equatorial sun. Some of us began to follow the game migration and climate change. Some of us ended up in what is now Europe and Asia. The sun was less intense so our dark skin was not as necessary.

Who am I to write this letter?

I am elderly, a full 91 years of age. I am a retired teacher. I am a veteran of World War II. I was in the Marine Corps. I saw my share of Japanese bodies on Guam in 1944. That was 71 years ago. War is about hate and racism.

Your Confederate flag is holding you back. Again racism and hate take energy. They are distractions. We are on this earth for a short time – make the most of it. Hate and racism is hurting you. Think about what you are doing.

Concerned old guy.

Robert Blunk



WEEK'S TopTweets

@plantandmineral: Don't read space facts to try to calm yourself down bc it doesn't work. For example, the moon is not round it is shaped like an egg. im furious.

@moistpork: Some people are about as useful as the "r" in February.

@youngwildnfree: I bet when you go to hell they make you wear your hair like you did in 5th grade.

@heyMatthewBK: I've probably spent a solid year of my life just staring into the refrigerator.

@SeaninCypress: It's not manslaughter if they chew with their mouth open.

@sethmeyers: You want me to copy AND paste a link? I am not made of time, good sir!

@NicestHippo: *doesn't look up from phone* "I do."

@electradical: Typos... that's how I role.

@cpinck: I can't show how much I hate exclamation points without looking like a hypocrite.

@clarkekant: I remember just ten years ago I had no idea what to do with all the pictures I took of my lunch. Thanks, Facebook!

@jenstatsky: What's the right age to tell a film it's adapted?

@trevso_electric: Right now several billion people aren't dating you. How rude is that?

Who owns Butler Hollow?

At the Cassville July US Forest Service public meeting, District Ranger Koloski made a surprising statement “we own Butler Hollow.” No one challenged Ranger Koloski, he said it with a straight face. I wondered if he had a mouse in his pocket. If the USFS owned Butler Hollow, they would have sold the trees without asking for comments.

My friend “Bob” plans to build a home in a heavily wooded area. Bob told me “we cut down over 300 trees.” I asked, “you are kidding, right?” The response was “No, but we have many more.” In the context of 80 acres, 300 trees may not seem important. Ranger Koloski feels the same way, trees are in the way of the arid “glades” and they’ve got to go. When you wear a green uniform and people call you Ranger, it is easy to think you own the Forest.

Eric Torgerson started a petition Friday for the Butler Hollow project. In a few days over 600 people worldwide have joined. Forests are the world’s carbon sink, not a resource to be used for timber sales. Please look at their comments and join the Woodpecker Rebellion <http://tinyurl.com/Lorax2016>.

Environmental Ethics

We need new thinking to adapt to the ongoing climate change emergency, with care and respect for Mother Earth, our common home. Andy Stahl, executive director, Forest Service Employees for Environmental Ethics, sent Ranger Koloski compelling comments proving the USFS claims (C) are not based on facts (F).

1) The proposed project is not based on sound science.

C: Plant composition in the area has departed from the natural variability found prior to European settlement.

F: a 2012 study found “surveyor bias,” underestimating the number of trees that grew in pre-settlement times by nearly half. The forest canopy was largely closed. Wide-scale attempts to replicate those conditions are ill-advised.

2) Even if USFS knew the conditions prior to European settlement, a decision to replicate those conditions would be arbitrary.

F: Much has changed in the Butler Hollow region: there are numerous households, settlements, structures, roadways and other infrastructure. Fire burning every three years would prove impossible to undertake given the area’s population.

F: the environmental changes brought about by ongoing climate change will preclude the possibility of replicating conditions found several centuries ago.

3) The Forest Service failed to analyze whether it would have sufficient resources to complete the project.

F: The USFS has given no indication of how it will secure the resources and staffing necessary to complete the project over a period of “several decades.”

F: The USFS as a whole is in the midst of a funding crisis brought about in large part by the expenditure of more than half its budget on fighting wildfires.

F: The USFS has not done an analysis of long-term costs of undertaking the Butler Hollow project.

4) Benefits of the Butler Hollow project are nebulous.

C: The project “is deemed desirable and achievable” without specifying which entity has deemed it “desirable” or by what measures it has been deemed “achievable.”

F: the benefits of limited management actions are likely only where actions address specific, achievable goals.

C: Removal of nonnative species is necessary.

F: Cedars, which the FS wants to eradicate, are native species.

C: Improve conditions for species listed for protection under the federal Endangered Species Act: summer tanager, northern bobwhite, Bachman’s sparrow and eastern red bat.

F: none of these species is listed under the Endangered Species Act. Birds once considered reliant on grasslands are present in forested habitat.

Care and respect for our national forests

The 2015 U.S. Senate voted 51-49 in favor of transferring the National Forests to individual States. A majority are on record in support of a reckless, radical, lethal notion: National forests should be handed over to the corporate interests pulling the strings. Dark money wants nature to make a fortune!

Open dialogue, consensus, and common plans

New thinking for survival requires open dialogue and world consensus on common plans. Saving Butler Hollow is one small step for the forest, a leap of hope for mankind. Let’s be the generation showing care and compassion to our brothers and sisters, healing Mother Earth and preserving the future for our descendants.

Dr. Luis Contreras



The Pursuit Of HAPPINESS

by Dan Krotz

Life is pretty much uphill, even for the luckiest of babies. You know the drill: school, career, marriage, kids, mortgages, what Zorba the Greek called “the full catastrophe!” It isn’t bad, it could even be wonderful, but it is definitely uphill. What’s bewildering is that going down the hill is hard, too. Not because downhill is tough, but it happens awfully damned fast, it happens to everyone, and we keep picking up speed until we reach the mystery at the bottom.

Life as a hill is an apt metaphor, yet we often misinterpret it by imagining that we get to stay on its top, and that there is no downhill slide. That’s probably because we’ve been conned into the generational “self-actualization high self-esteem” racket that’s made us into a culture of countless narcissists, unable to tell the difference between free speech and true speech, or between rights and responsibilities. We are all exceptional, and we live in an Exceptional Nation.

Exceptionalism has allowed us to be free of guilt, free of knowing that the capacity to feel guilt is the surest sign of good mental health. The consequences of that moral heedlessness are governance by a Parliament of Whores we call Congress, churches that make a mockery of the Gospels, and defining patriotism by the degree of willingness to subcontract effort and sacrifice. We are halfway down the hill, and picking up speed, but magically think we are still on top where the air is always pure, the water perfectly clean, the forests endless, and where no bills ever come due.

The main characteristic of many on the top of the hill – and most of us get there – is annoyance at the young, the refugee, the fact bearer, the divergent souls who follow them. These hill toppers have gotten their pie; they hover around the pie like Marley staring into the light of a votive candle, and they will not share the light. They have forgotten their immigrant great-grandparents, and their union member fathers, who stood where they now stand, and who then went down the hill, but after sharing the light that their progeny now hoard.

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.
- **Grief Share**, a Bible-based, 13-week program for those who have lost a loved one, is held Sundays from 2 – 4 p.m. at Faith Bible Church, Suite C, 3 Parkcliff Drive, Holiday Island. Share in an informal, confidential setting with others experiencing similar circumstances. Call (479) 253-8925 or email lardellen@gmail.com.

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 Constables On Patrol

AUGUST 31

12:56 p.m. – Constable watched for a reportedly reckless driver heading to town from the east but did not encounter the vehicle.

3:31 p.m. – Individual spoke with a constable about fraudulent use of her checking account.

6:50 p.m. – Alarm was triggered at a residence just east of downtown, but responding constable found the home secure.

9:26 p.m. – Constable responded to report of a crowded roadway and discovered a utility company crew repairing a power line.

11:09 p.m. – Traffic stop resulted in the arrest of the driver for DWI#3 and driving on a suspended license.

SEPTEMBER 1

12:23 a.m. – Alarm rang out at a business south of town, and the constable found everything okay.

11:34 a.m. – Passerby alerted ESPD to a female who looked very young holding a sign and a puppy. Constable learned she was 18 years old, with her boyfriend and just passing through. Constable advised her she could not have the sign.

2:18 p.m. – There was a two-vehicle accident at the top of Planer Hill. No injuries.

4:08 p.m. – Constable transported a possibly suicidal female to ESH.

SEPTEMBER 2

8:19 a.m. – A vehicle hit a deer on US 62. Public Works removed the deer.

9:46 a.m. – ESPD took a report of breaking and entering in which a motorcycle was stolen.

10:20 a.m. – Individual filed a report regarding a stolen checkbook.

5:34 p.m. – Constable investigated reports of gunshots near downtown. No one in the vicinity besides the reporting party heard the noise.

8:34 p.m. – Person gave a ride to someone he met at a restaurant, and claimed the rider stole his phone.

9:25 p.m. – ESPD learned a stolen motorcycle was found in Missouri and the rider was arrested.

SEPTEMBER 3

5:01 p.m. – Constables searched for a vehicle that was driven away from a hit-and-run accident in a downtown parking lot.

11:44 p.m. – Observers reported an injured deer near US 62 just west of downtown. Constables saw the animal run away into the woods.

SEPTEMBER 4

12:39 a.m. – Door alarm at a convenience store was triggered, but constables found no signs of attempted forced entry and the building was secure.

9:06 a.m. – People service agency requested a welfare check on an individual. Constable found the individual near the library and determined he was okay.

9:53 a.m. – Constable filed a report on medication stolen from a vehicle.

11:28 a.m. – There was a two-vehicle accident east of downtown.

3:23 p.m. – There was a school bus versus vehicle accident with no injuries. Kids on the bus transferred to another bus for their ride home.

7 p.m. – ESPD got word of an intoxicated driver on US 62. The vehicle was already parked when a constable found it.

9:37 p.m. – Constables learned of another possibly intoxicated driver and again found the vehicle already parked.

11 p.m. – Daughter asked for assistance finding her 82-year old mother who had come to town for the banjo festival but had not returned home. All nearby authorities were alerted. The daughter called back later to say her mother made it home.

11:55 p.m. – Nurse at ESH emergency room asked for constable assistance for an inebriated couple who were arguing. The husband was a patient. Constable stood by until the patient was discharged and the couple left in a taxi.

SEPTEMBER 5

9:26 a.m. – Traffic stop resulted in the arrest of the driver for DWI and endangering the welfare of a minor.

11:35 a.m. – Individual asked for a constable to intervene in a family dispute. Constable complied.

8:40 p.m. – Passerby reported a suspicious person near a church in the eastern part of town. Constables did not encounter the individual.

9:57 p.m. – Constable asked the band at a motel to keep the noise down.

11:05 p.m. – Resident downtown reported hearing a violent argument which sounded like it was coming from Main Street. While constables were checking the area, other calls reported the disturbance had moved to Spring Street and then on into a nearby neighborhood. Constables located the couple at their residence and arrested the female for third degree domestic battery.

SEPTEMBER 6

2:56 a.m. – Individual filed a complaint regarding rude and suggestive communications a male made toward her whenever he saw her around town.

6:47 a.m. – Central dispatch advised of a 911 call from a wife at a local hotel who claimed her husband would not allow her to leave. Constable went to the hotel and the couple claimed the argument was verbal only.

6:55 a.m. – Motorist reported another driver was all over the road on the way south into town on Hwy. 23. Constables did not encounter the vehicle.

3:16 p.m. – There was a verbal altercation in a street above downtown in which an ex-boyfriend was trying to remove his belongings from a residence. Constable spoke with the couple and the ex-boyfriend said he would be gone soon. The renter called back, however, and asked the ex-boyfriend be removed from the property. Constable escorted the individual off the property and told him not to return without the renter present.

3:20 p.m. – Customer called ESPD because a business would not refund money for a service it refused to perform. Constable spoke with both parties and settled the matter.

3:24 p.m. – Constable investigated a report of a theft of money from a motel room. The money was later found in the room.

4:50 p.m. – Constable patrolled an area after a report of motorcycle noise.

5:33 p.m. – Alarm company called in a burglary alarm at a business south of town, but the responding constable found the building secure.

7:08 p.m. – Vehicle owner claimed an inebriated driver backed into his vehicle and then drove away rapidly almost

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Sycamore, written by Constance Wagner and published in 1950 by Alfred A. Knopf, is the story of a sophisticated New York girl who marries a boy from Arkansas. The Wagners and their daughter lived in Eureka Springs while the novel was written. In addition to five novels, Constance Wagner wrote numerous articles and stories published in *The New Yorker*, *Atlantic Monthly* and *Collier's*.



CONSTANCE
WAGNER

IT WAS LATE, Monday night, when Roger Knowles got home from a conference with the doctor, at the Tottens' house. He had expected that Agnes would have gone to bed, but there were lights in her room, as he drove round to the garage. He wandered out to the dining-room, poured himself a nightcap at the buffet and drank it slowly, before he turned out the lights and went upstairs. He would have preferred not to see Agnes tonight, perhaps because of an ill-defined notion on his part that she might have the power to read, in his too-candid face, the nature of the doubt and suspicion that had grown stronger inside himself, for the past few days, in spite of all his efforts to escape the idea. He thought to slip quietly into his room, but her voice through the open door forestalled him, in the upper hall. "Roger?"

She was standing in the middle of the room, buttoned up to the neck in a severely tailored gray dressing-gown, and holding a brush in her hand. Her hair, dry and fine like sifted ashes, lay lightly on her shoulders, and he recalled another occasion when he had found her engaged in this ritualistic brushing, and had been conquered. Night after night, he thought, this vigorous, dutiful assault upon her scalp – why? Some

women might brush their hair in readiness for a lover, spread its soft fragrance to invite caresses, but there had never been softness nor tenderness in Agnes...

"You were a long time," she said tentatively. "I couldn't imagine. I even thought you might have gone to that – opening at the Hillcrest... After all, you haven't put on what could be called a campaign –"

He made no comment, and she turned away and laid the hairbrush on the dressing-table, as if she needed action, no matter how insignificant. "Why don't you come in?" she asked over her shoulder. "Not stand there in the doorway –"

"Thanks, I'm all right here," he told her. "It begins to look," he said slowly, "as if you'd put your money on the wrong side." "What are you talking about," she asked stiffly. "I've never been a gambler."

"You're right," he conceded. "The analogy was a misfit. None of the Perrys have ever trusted to luck. Long-range plans. Constructive. Builders..."

"You're in a strange mood," she said, searching his face. "Builders?" Her rigidity seemed to give way slightly, as if it had begun to wilt down, and she added uncertainly: "It looks as if all my building has been wasted

effort. You – Walter –"

He smiled, unruffled. "There's still," he reminded her, "the Woman's Club, the Baptist Church, the School Board – oh, your wisdom and competence will still be appreciated in a number of places. This election is probably lost, but I can't quite picture poor Mrs. Jaffray taking your place as first lady of Sycamore, can you? And certainly not Clytie Byrne. Or Cletis Jones's wife."

"That's enough," she said, holding a handkerchief against her mouth. "I've never known you to be so unfeeling, Roger. No gratitude..."

"I'm sorry," he said. "Even gratitude peters out eventually, I suppose, if you live long enough." He turned to go, then added as an afterthought: "Greg lost another patient today. Bessie Holmes. Judd Corley's sister, you know."

"She's been ailing for some time," Agnes cried out behind him. "Months –"

"Yes, of course," he said. "A blessed release... She died of dysentery," he added, and started toward the stairs. "I'm not sleepy," he called back. "I'm going for a walk. It's a fine night." He was aware of her standing at the door of her bedroom, unquiet, as if she meant to detain him, but he

continued down the stairs.

Outside, the town lay sleeping under a patched coverlid of thin blue moonlight and purple shadow. As he descended the garden behind the house, the mingled scents of narcissus and lilacs and damp earth reached him, and he breathed it in deeply, finding it strangely exhilarating. I will take the back lanes, he thought, with the thrill of one setting out upon a secret adventure. It had been like this in the far past of boyhood, when he had squirmed through a small window (his mother sleeping in the next room) to go on a forbidden possum-hunt with Fowler Perry and Greg Totten. Only then it had been winter – patches of snow here and there, and the boys shivering inside their jackets, and shushing Fowler's dog as they footed it toward the woods. *This* night was warm. It had been on still, scented nights like this that he had let Jericho walk indolently homeward through the dark, himself dreaming in the saddle, reluctant to return to the big house, unwilling to relinquish the luxury of remembering in solitude the hour just passed in Cricket's cabin, the taste of Cricket's mouth.

TheNATUREofEUREKA by Steven Foster



Choose your poison

Greetings from County Cork, Ireland! I'm on an herbal excursion to the Emerald Isle, learning that everything you read on the Internet is not true. For example, I did not expect any place on earth at 53° North latitude to be harboring palm trees and herbaceous plants from the Amazon. The warm clothes I brought with me so far have proven superfluous, a pleasant surprise, indeed.

We visited Blarney Castle, famous for the Blarney Stone, which one kisses to gain the gift of eloquence. The first castle at the site was a wooden hunting lodge built in 1210, which seems old until you consider that some stone structures in Ireland were built a thousand years before the great pyramids in Egypt. The present Blarney Castle was built in 1446, so in Irish history, it is a relatively new structure. Please forgive my lack of eloquence as I was too busy looking at the plants around Blarney Castle to stand in line to kiss the Blarney Stone, and am well into an evening pint or two of Guinness.

Instead, I spent most of the meager two hours at the site in the Poison Plant Garden, which is the only one of its kind in Ireland. I was somewhat amused by the selection of plants in the garden, which included our Ozark native mayapple (*Podophyllum peltatum*), black cohosh (*Actaea racemosa*) and skullcap

(*Scutellaria lateriflora*). While mayapple has legitimate claims to toxicity, black

cohosh and skullcap themselves have no real safety issues except for products bearing their names that have been adulterated.

Nevertheless, by association in the absence of a complete understanding of the literature, the casual observer might think that they are poisonous. There was a display of our native poison ivy (*Toxicodendron radicans*) imprisoned in a cage with thick iron bars that a bear looking for a honey-rich beehive could not break through.

One of my fellow travelers beckoned, "Steven, look at this." And there at the other end of the garden, beneath what appeared to be a repurposed geodesic dome playground monkey bar were caged marijuana plants. The warning sign was boldly emblazoned with skull and cross bones, a warning of the potential danger of the plant.

Hmmm, I thought. A playground structure as a makeshift cage for marijuana plants? This can only be Irish humor.





Granted! – From left, Jack Moyer, Mayor Butch Berry, Jacqueline Wolven, Dee Bright, Amanda Haley, Leslie Meeker and a big Downtown Revitalization Grant check pose with Director of Main Street Arkansas, Greg Phillips.

Carroll County receives nearly \$100,000 in preservation/revitalization grants

Gov. Asa Hutchinson recently announced the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program, an agency of the Department of Arkansas Heritage, has awarded \$2,402,561 in grants for projects in 44 Arkansas counties – including Carroll County – through its County Courthouse Restoration Subgrant, Historic Preservation Restoration Grant, Certified Local Government Subgrant, Main Street Slipcover Grant and Main Street Downtown Revitalization Grant programs.

Carnegie Public Library in Eureka Springs received a \$33,229 Historic Preservation Restoration Grant (HPRG) for restoration of its steps, and Carroll County received a \$30,267 HPRG for restoration work at the former Shady Grove Delmar Church and School.

St. James Episcopal Church received

a \$19,230 HPRG for restoration of the roof, bell tower and columns at the former Comer School in Eureka Springs; and Main Street Eureka Springs received a \$15,000 Downtown Revitalization Grant.

HPRG funds are raised through the Real Estate Transfer Tax to rehabilitate buildings listed on the Arkansas or National Registers of Historic Places and owned by local governments or not-for-profit organizations.

Sixteen Main Street Arkansas programs shared \$240,000 in Downtown Revitalization Grants, which are funded through the state Real Estate Transfer Tax and are available to certified Main Street programs for building rehabilitations, parks, streetscape improvements and other design-related projects that will have major long-term impacts in the local Main Street area.

Clean dog or clean car? On Sept. 12, have both!

The Berryville Psyclones soccer team will donate their time to wash dogs and/or cars on Saturday, Sept. 12 during the Good Shepherd Humane Shelter fundraiser from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. in Brashear's Furniture parking lot in Berryville. The kids are raising donations to help with surgical and medical care costs for Leonides, who received repair of major injuries to his hind legs after being hit by a car. He's somewhat of a bionic dog now, and will need at least two more months of recovery.

Take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to have *both* a clean dog and car (or one or the other), and enjoy the great feeling that comes when you donate to a wonderful cause.

Landlubbers beware! – A handful of Eurekans joined the salty crew of the Dogpatch Pirate Invasion on Labor Day weekend. The former Dogpatch south of Harrison is in the process of being restored as an artist colony and venue for Ren/Pirate Faires and period reenactments. Robin Grattidge, who moved here from California, is in charge of restoring this beautiful place and bringing it back to life. Email robinstgraves@gmail.com for more info and see Dogpatch USA on Facebook for updates.



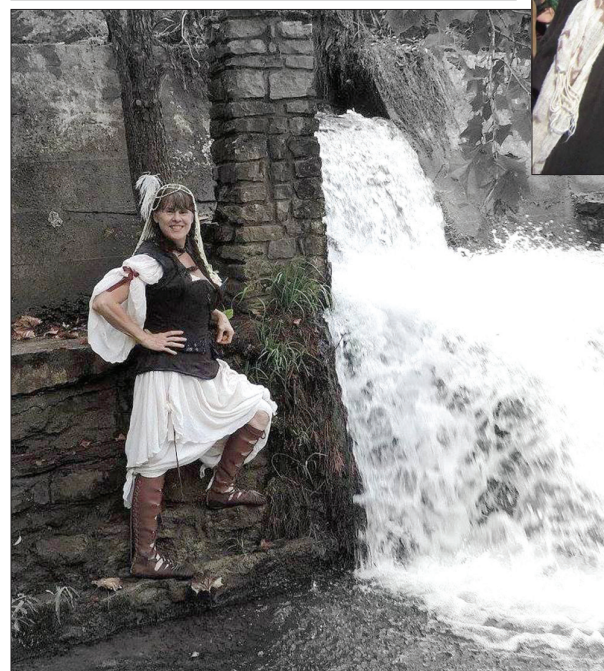
Katy Gutzlaff makes a fine pirate lass ... except, could that be an iPhone she's consulting?

Michibella Gaetana, another fine wench.

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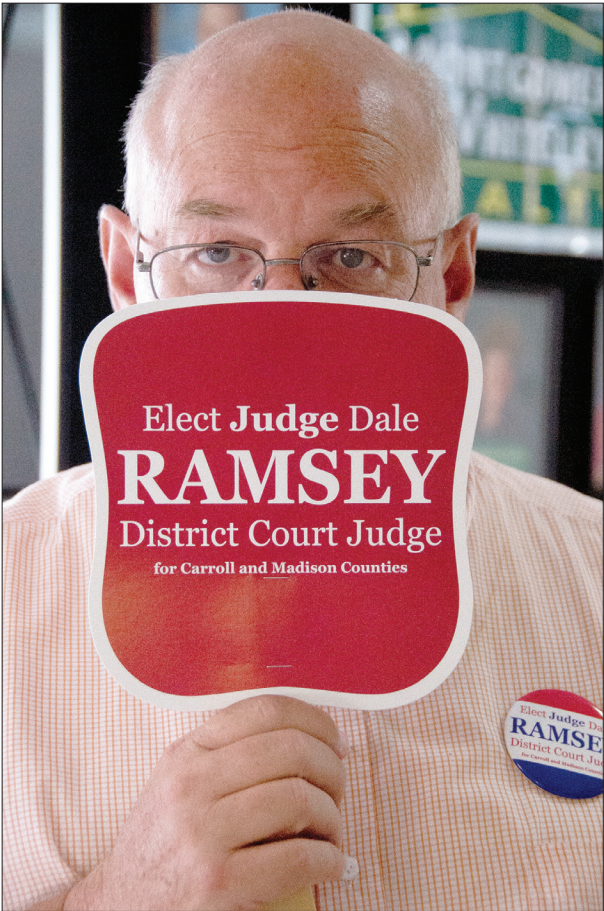


Robin Gattidge sans parrot.



Wench Nora Viola gets ready to sail on a new adventure.

PHOTO BY JIM VIOLA



Fan club – Municipal Judge Dale Ramsey, running for District Judge, greeted voters at the fairgrounds Saturday, handing out some 400-plus fans to help cope with the heat. By day's end, he'd become known as "Mr. Fan Man."

PHOTO BY CHIP FORD

Fresh take – The Fresh Harvest and Spice Boat guys, Troy and Steve, watch carefully as instructor Marlene Gremillion demonstrates a technique in her watercolor class last week at ESSA. We'll expect to see some new paintings in the shops, boys!

PHOTO BY JAY VRECENAK



Dino-soar – Daniel Jackson (left) and Rylee Ford get ready to take off on the flying dinosaur ride at the Carroll County Fair.

PHOTO BY CHIP FORD



Bowl-ing team – Jay Bender and Jane Tucker joined potters, former potters and never-before potters in ESSA's clay studio during the Eureka Springs Pottery Association's 3-hour collaboration of makers to throw and hand-build bowls for the Hungry Bowl event in October. PHOTO BY JAY VRECENAK

Banjo-vi – A roomful of banjo players (plus tuba) took time from their convention at Inn of the Ozarks to delight a roomful of residents at Peachtree Village during Banjo Rally Weekend.

PHOTO BY JAY VRECENAK



Assistant Fire Chief's work honored

Eureka Springs Asst. Fire Chief Bob Pettus recently received the Regional Faculty Exemplary Service Award for Advanced Cardiac Life Support in the Arkansas Region for Fiscal Year 2014-15. The peer-nominated award recognizes regional faculty who go above and beyond in providing outstanding educational guidance and service to the Training Network and the community in support of the American Heart Association mission.

Chief Pettus has been instrumental in forming, leading, and guiding many area healthcare professionals through the American Heart Association's basic and emergency certification classes. He is the originator of the Emergency Medical First Responder Conference held annually in Eureka Springs and is also the Emergency Medical Services director for Eureka Springs Fire & EMS.



The sounds of locomotives fill the air Sept. 26

The Ozarks Model Railroad Association (OMRA) will host its annual Fall Train Show on Saturday, Sept. 26 from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. at Remington's, 1625 W. Republic Rd in Springfield.

130 tables will display railroad equipment of all scales as well as memorabilia with Ten O, HO and N scale model railroads operating. Kids can earn an official Whistle Blowers certificate by blowing the whistle on one of the operating layouts and also Official Switchman by completing a simple switching challenge. Also the kiddie train will provide rides around the parking lot for children of all ages during the show.

Owners of pre-1970 trains can find out what they are worth or if they have a locomotive that isn't running Harvey Owens of Harvey's Train Service, will diagnose the problem and provide an estimate of the cost to get it running.

The Ozarks Garden Railroad Society will also conduct tours of four gardens. Descriptions and directions will be distributed at the show and hours may vary from 10 or 11 a.m. to 5 or 6 p.m.

Admission is \$6 for adults and children 12 and under are free with a paying adult. For other show details contact Ron Williams by calling (417)-883-5350 or emailing rwilliams3129@gmail.com. Visit omraspringfield.org for more information about the OMRA and the Fall 2015 show.

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"I have a hard time already with insects and disease, and now add herbicide to it," he lamented.

So what should a gardener who is downhill from two fields spread with herbicide-contaminated hay do?

According to Susie Nichols, Assistant Director of Pesticide Division of the Arkansas State Plant Board, the first step is to file a complaint with their office. Then ASPB will start an investigation by sending an inspector to the site. The inspector must be able to trace the problem back to its origin, and, if the situation warrants, ASPB has authority to send a warning letter or ultimately assess a civil penalty.

However, the investigator from the Plant Board who went to the site told Duplantis only if the neighbor sprayed and the herbicide drifted onto his property would he have a case. Otherwise, Duplantis would have to pursue civil action in the courts.

An agent from the Cooperative Extension office performed tests showing plant tissues demonstrated evidence of consistent herbicide injury from "suspected abiotic exposure." The agent who did the tests left the agency, and there has been no subsequent followup.

Even though the situation is occurring in Madison County, the *Independent* called the Carroll County Cooperative Extension Office to get guidance for Carroll County residents in a similar situation, but the office has no agent at this time. We were advised to call County Judge Sam Barr. Barr did not have a solution and suggested we call the Emergency Management Coordinator who has yet to return our call. The sheriff's office said they could send a deputy to intervene if there were a dispute.

The Washington County Extension office referred us to the Benton County



office. Johnny Gonzalez of the Benton County office stated Grazon is a restricted-use herbicide which is a 2-4-D mix and "is a candidate for drift issues," but ASPB would be the regulatory authority for plant-related issues.

Darren Henderson of the Madison County Extension office said Duplantis did the right thing by involving ASPB. He said Grazon could be bought or used only by those who have been certified by attending training sessions run by County Extension agents. Also, the applicator must maintain records for purchases and amounts used and where the product was used, as well as details regarding weather and ground conditions. ASPB can inspect these records if they suspect a problem.

Henderson said the label on a container of Grazon has clear instructions and precautions, "and the label becomes the law." He added he suspects a possible means of drift could be from temperature change in the evening after an application when

the product vaporizes and floats into the air above a field, and in this case the air might settle in the low-lying area. Henderson maintained it would take a large dose of the product to spread downhill by water runoff, though he admitted 2-4-D is a volatile chemical.

Regardless, Duplantis and his neighbor have curled leaves throughout their properties. He said Grazon does not kill all the plants, but water from one of his ponds killed some of his strawberry and tomato plants. An agent he spoke to told him if the plants survive, he can eat the produce, "but they also say Roundup is harmless, so who do you believe?"

"No one knows what I should do. That's the whole problem," Duplantis commented. He said there ought to be an affordable independent lab to test the plants and water in situations like this, and industries like Dow and Monsanto should pay for them.

"I'm at the front of the battle line, but others are affected," Duplantis contended.

"I did what they told me to do, so what can I do next?" He said most people who have problems like his give up because no one will help.

"There ought to be some agency that will come out here and test everything. My place is a research site waiting to happen," he vDuplantis said. He added that he cannot take the samples himself because the integrity of the samples would be discredited. Plus the tests are expensive.

"Why does it cost so much to get justice?" he asked.

Duplantis went to attorney Kent Crow to see if he had a civil case. Crow told the *Independent*, "It would be a lawsuit bigger than I could take on, and the damages awarded might not be worth the cost of a lawsuit." He suggested if Duplantis could find enough other people with the same problem who were willing to pursue litigation, maybe there could be a class action lawsuit against the manufacturer.

Crow said there have been cases in Arkansas regarding aerial application of herbicides that drifted onto adjoining properties, and Duplantis's case is basically the same with only a different delivery method. However, Crow wondered if the contaminant could be traced back to the source.

"It would not be an easy lawsuit," Crow commented.

So Duplantis finds himself in a valley onto which he claims contaminants are draining down from two directions. He is frustrated that agencies have yet to come to assist him, but he's not ready to give up. He said others in a similar plight could call him at (479) 665-2899 to see if they might band together to find remediation.

"I've put in lots of money and thousands of hours into this land, and it's not right for a neighbor to poison it," Duplantis stated.

38th Ozark Quilt Fair Sept. 12

Don't miss the 38th Ozark Quilt Fair, Saturday, Sept. 12 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the Shiloh Museum of Ozark History, 118 W. Johnson Avenue in Springdale. See a display of new and antique quilts for show and sale on the museum grounds, and vote for your favorite. Cash prize Viewer's Choice awards will be given for winners in both new and antique quilt categories. Details: www.shilohmuseum.org or (479) 750-8165.

Book discussion group features *Camp Nine*

Rev. Ben Helmer will lead a group discussion of *Camp Nine* by Vivienne Schiffer 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. Copies of the book are available at the Carnegie Library. Everyone is invited. For further information call (479) 253-8610.

Book signing at KERUSSO

Author Martha Long Bateman will sign copies of her book *Prophetic Prayers, Containing Holy Bible and Tanakh Scriptures* at KERUSSO Christian Outlet, 105 Passion Play Road on Saturday, Sept. 19, from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

An American prophetic intercessor, Martha has done missionary work in six countries including China, Korea and Malaysia. The public is invited to come meet Martha and purchase this prophetic prayer book of Old Testament scriptures and modern prayers.

Eureka House Concerts opens new season



Sunday, Sept. 13, the Eureka House Concerts season opens with Chuck Brodsky. Pearl Brick will be opening for Chuck with new songs and maybe a friend or two!

Chuck is a storyteller, songwriter, troubadour and modern day bard. Using wit and irony set to haunting melodies, he tells stories of oddball and underdog characters. His songs celebrate the good, eccentric, holy, profound, courageous, inspiring and beautiful in people.

Potluck starts at 4 p.m. with music at 5 so those who wish can honor Rosh Hashanah, Jewish New Year, which starts at sunset. Tickets are \$15 donation at the door, 17 Elk St. in the old church building. Season tickets \$60 via (479) 244-0123 or nlpaddock@gmail.com.

Sponsorships sought for House Concerts

Eureka House Concerts is a not-for-profit listening room, this year hosting seven concerts showcasing the best singer/songwriters in the music world today. All admissions and money donated to our concert series goes to the artists, except a small portion to rent the music hall.

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House Concerts provides the only listening room venue in Eureka. Please help keep this 11-year tradition going. Sponsorships are \$120. For more information contact (479) 244-0123 or nlpaddock@gmail.com.

Harvey chosen for Best of America



MY LIBRARY TABLE BY DIANA HARVEY

The National Oil and Acrylic Painters Society (NOAPS) has announced Diana Harvey's painting "My Library Table" has been accepted into the annual exhibit, The Best of America. Each year up to 800 entries are received into this 25-year-old prestigious competition, with only 113

accepted for the 2015 show.

This is Diana's third year in the show, qualifying her for Signature status – which was created to honor members whose consistency of work makes them the "Best of our Best." Diana met demanding requirements for this title and the Board of Directors was pleased to include her in this elite group of nationally recognized artists. In the organization's 25 years, only 153 artists have achieved this honor.

Hosts for NOAPS Best Of America 2015 are The Dunnegan Gallery of Art in Bolivar, Mo. and The Vine Wine Bar and Art Gallery in Osage Beach in the Lake of the Ozarks area. The exhibition opens Saturday, Oct. 10. Awards are in excess of \$15,000 in cash and sponsor certificates. The "Best of Show" will receive \$3,500 in cash plus the recognition of being the cover page for the 2016 *Best of America* catalog. A complete sampling of the exhibit will be available online at www.noaps.org by mid-September.

Jazz Eureka Sept. 10 – 13

Saturday's auditorium headliners, Joey DeFrancesco and his trio, are great performers with a ton of crossover appeal – as anyone who already knows DeFrancesco's amazing work or has checked it out on YouTube can testify. Even jazz newbies will thoroughly enjoy every musical minute this true jazz master has to offer. The show also includes noted jazz pianist Joe Cartwright and his quintet with Molly Hammer, the first female jazz vocalist featured at the annual jazz weekend in a very long time.

Before the show, get your groove on in Basin Park with three exciting free acts Saturday afternoon and enjoy a day of good jazz all around! For more information on all featured artists and events see the September *Fun Guide*, and for tickets and updates go to www.jazzeureka.org or JazzEureka on Facebook.

Schedule

Thursday: Jazz Lawn Party at The Crescent Hotel Gardens 7 – 10 p.m. \$10 at the door. Live Jazz, lite food, cash bar – Gatsby style costumes encouraged



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

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

Headline auditorium show 7:30 p.m. – Joey DeFrancesco and special guests, the Joe Cartwright Band featuring Molly Hammer. Tickets start at \$20 at www.theaud.com

Sunday: Jazz Brunch, Crystal Dining Room, Crescent Hotel, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. (479) 253-9652

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Calling Humanity, Humanity in Crisis

There is a humanitarian crisis in Europe. Affecting the world. Thousands of refugees, forced out of their countries due to war, persecution, terrorism, injustices, slavery, violence, death squads, etc., seeking refuge and asylum in many European countries.

The leaders of the countries do not yet know how to meet this crisis. When crisis occurs in our world (globally or individually), notice at first we don't know how to respond, often entering into states of denial, duality, separation and isolation. A reaction due to shock and unfamiliarity. To solve the problem (crisis) we must expand beyond the problem in order to see a solution.

Europe is finding itself in this stage of the crisis. The refugee situation is almost unprecedented. Refugees are not migrants or immigrants (seeking better economic opportunities). Refugees (seeking asylum from persecution, wars, death, etc.) are protected under the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR, 1948) and the 1951 Convention on the Status of Refugees. The situation in Europe is one in which David Miliband, CEO of the International Rescue Committee says, *"This is a crisis that needs to be 'burden-shared.'"* All of us – from great nations to individuals. The humanitarian crisis calls each of us to new acts of Service.

What is Service? Service is a Law of the Soul, a life demonstration, a Soul urge, an evolutionary impulse of Love. In Virgo, our personality (doing the action) and Soul (pouring forth Love) unite. We express the Soul by offering healing, help, comfort, assistance and service to those in need. The Forces of Materialism have created this disastrous human crisis. It is a battle for the survival of humanity. World Servers stand with and support the Forces of Light. Responding with the Three Jewels. 1) the Teachings (compassion), 2) the Dharma (our service), and 3) the Sangha (creating safe communities). Together.

ARIES: Assess if there are any needs you or a partner have that are hidden, that only come to life when there's conflict. This is a good question to ask in all relationships, but especially now. Are there legal situations you must tend to? Carefully make plans for implementation. Assess what's needed.

TAURUS: It's time to teach others what you know. You've been hiding information until the right time, and now is that time. You cannot do what you've been doing alone for much longer. Are

you asking others to help you? Ask them what they need and can do in return. All levels and each step are important in the building of the new culture and civilization. Calling all resources & resourceful people.

GEMINI: Is there difficulty with concentration, communication or making contact? What do you value most in your daily life? Soon, Mercury retrogrades. As expectations are placed upon you, explain you're working slowly now as life is turning backward and sideways. You'll be called to duties and tasks not quite to your liking – an exercise in sacrifice. Call an old intelligent friend.

CANCER: You're most likely tending to family. Are you sleeping enough? Your appetite may increase. Something slips into your life that makes you happier, allowing for a surging forth of determination and courage, along with a new sense of creativity. You'll be inspired. Prepare, through order and organization, for a new life to appear.

LEO: Saturn has been a home companion for a while now. Should you feel you cannot stray too far from home, then remain there? Tend to personal issues, things domestic, cleaning and clearing, giving yourself solitude and time for research. Contact previous friends. Is there a misunderstanding to be explained, care and tending to be offered? Remembering?

VIRGO: Make sure you're getting enough Sun each day during the month of Virgo. Make sure you're standing on the earth barefoot, absorbing both the Sun and

the Earth's fields. You may not have an appetite. Do more fresh vegetable juices. Green and orange. Monetary situations continue to unfold. New ideas stream through your mind.

You're pondering many issues.

LIBRA: Finances should be in order by now. Assessments carefully made. Finances affect our emotions and therefore our health. Rely on your heart's values, remember to be alert to humanity's needs. These both guide

you in terms of how to use and safeguard resources. Bring everything you're thinking and feeling to the light. It's a time of solitude for you these days and recollections. Rest more.

SCORPIO: Suddenly your life assumes additional intensity and you're unable to hide your reactions and responses. You think your thoughts are hidden, but some can sense and feel them. To ease the discomfort of this concentrated power, force and energy, maintain rhythmic and consistent exercise, and double it. There's new self-identity and strength coming forth. Set your sights on new distinguishing goals.

SAGITTARIUS: The structure you've sought is finally forming within your sphere of work in the world. Discipline yourself in the right use of energy and time. Don't waste these on emotional likes, dislikes. Remain behind the scenes for a while. Work independently. Plan for future endeavors. In between do nothing at all. Careful who/what you give your heart to.

CAPRICORN: Don't take on excessive

tasks lest exhaustion compromises your immune system. You're capable of holding the world on your shoulders (like Atlas), but soon this becomes too burdensome, unattractive. Create a manifestation list with your hoped-for goals and priorities, especially travel, other cultures, living foods, songs, rhythms. Your lift creates a magnet of energy around you. Delays become normal. Don't fret.

AQUARIUS: Your understanding of humanity's needs and sorrows brings forth new ideas, messages of balance and harmony. You have tremendous energy and potential to bring into form hopes, wishes, dreams and aspirations. Focus on specific goals. Write them down. Draw them. It's also a time for financial planning. Make and maintain needed contacts. The Devas want to help you.

PISCES: Pisces (teachers, travelers, writers, adventurers and religious leaders) is busy with schedules, plans, visions, aims and goals. In all ways attempting to inject harmony and balance into everyone's daily life. Often Pisces feels isolated. They need a stimulus package filled with resources, direction and hope. Safety (emotional), too, is important. Interact with Sagittarius or Scorpio. One takes you on a vacation, the other? Well... it's secret.

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THURSDAY, SEPT. 10

BASIN PARK BALCONY – *Catherine Reed*, Singer/Songwriter, 5 p.m.
CRESCENT HOTEL GARDEN – *Crescent City Combo*, Jazz, 7 p.m.
CHELSEA'S – *Brian Martin*, Singer/Songwriter, 9:30 p.m.
GRAND TAVERNE – *Jerry Yester*, Grand Piano Dinner Music, 6:30 – 9:30 p.m.
LEGENDS SALOON – *Some Other Band*, Rock, 8 p.m.
NEW DELHI – *Karaoke with Jesse James*, 6:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 11

BASIN PARK – *Beto and the Fairlanes*, Jazz, 7 p.m.
BASIN PARK BALCONY – *Hawgscalders*, Folk, 12 and 6 p.m.
BREWS – *Opal Agafia and the Sweet Nothings*, Americana, 7 – 10 p.m.
CATHOUSE LOUNGE – *Paper Moon Shiners*, Americana, 8 p.m.
CHELSEA'S – *Dan Hicks*, Americana, 9:30 p.m.



The Ariels are calling it their Last Lap, so it would be naïve to think there will be more music from the Ariels. It would also be foolish to miss their Last Lap in Eureka Springs, Chelsea's, Sept. 19. This band has done more for this community, including at least 30 benefits, than most do in ten laps.



Paper Moon Shiners play Cathouse Friday and Chelsea's Saturday.

EUREKA LIVE! – *DJ and Dancing*, 9 p.m.
GRAND TAVERNE – *Arkansas Red*, Amplified Acoustic Guitar Dinner Music, 6:30- 9:30 p.m.
LEGENDS SALOON – *DJ and Karaoke with Kara*, 8 p.m.
LE STICK – *Pete "Rock" Maiella*, Singer/Songwriter, 8 p.m.
NEW DELHI – *Cory Jay*, Rock, 6 – 10 p.m.
ROWDY BEAVER – *Josh Newcom and the Indian Rodeo*, Rock, 7:30 p.m.
ROWDY BEAVER DEN – *Tightrope*, Rock, 9 p.m.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 12

THE AUD – *Joey DeFrancesco, Joe Cartwright Band with Molly Hammer*, Jazz, 7 p.m.
BASIN PARK – *Fayetteville Jazz Collective, Rodney Block, Grady Nichols*, Jazz, 12 p.m.
BASIN PARK BALCONY – *Catherine Reed*, Singer/Songwriter, 12 p.m.
CHELSEA'S – *Paper Moon Shiners*, Americana, 9:30 p.m.
EUREKA LIVE! – *DJ & Dancing*, 9 p.m.
GRAND TAVERNE – *Jerry Yester*, Grand Piano Dinner Music, 6:30- 9:30 p.m.
LEGENDS SALOON – *Jeff Horton Band*, Rock, 9 p.m.
LE STICK – *Pete "Rock" Maiella*, Singer/Songwriter, 8 p.m.
NEW DELHI – *Palomino Shakedown*, Americana, 6 – 10 p.m.
ROWDY BEAVER – *Close Enough for Country*, 7:30 p.m.
ROWDY BEAVER DEN – *Tightrope*, Rock, 1 – 5 p.m., *Aaron Mullins Band*, Rock, 9 p.m.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 13

BASIN PARK BALCONY – *James White*, Singer/Songwriter, 12 p.m., *Michael Dimitri*, Singer/Songwriter, 5 p.m.
BREWS – *Cards Against Humanity/Board Games*
CHELSEA'S – *Rebecca Patek*, Folk, 7:30 p.m.
EUREKA LIVE – *DJ, Dancing, and Karaoke*, 7 – 11 p.m.
NEW DELHI – *Sarah Hughes*, Singer/Songwriter, 1 – 5 p.m.
ROWDY BEAVER DEN – *Arkansas Bootleg*, Folk, 1 p.m.

MONDAY, SEPT. 14

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

TUESDAY, SEPT. 15

CHELSEA'S – *Open Mic*

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 16

CHELSEA'S – *Johai Kafa*, Folk, 9:30 p.m.

Jazz it up Gatsby style

Kick-Off Jazz Eureka at the Great Gatsby-style lawn party at the Crescent Hotel Thursday, Sept. 10! Don your costume, grab a lawn chair or blanket and dance to jazz under the stars in the Crescent Fountain Garden to the music of The Crescent City Combo – a New Orleans-style six-man band. Cost is only \$10 including entertainment and light snacks. Cash bar available. www.crescenthotel.com, (877) 342-9766.

Ozark Folk Festival seeks singer/songwriters, paraders, queen contestants

The 68th Annual Original Ozarks Folk Festival accepting applications for the Singer Songwriter contest. Those chosen will perform in Basin Spring Park on Saturday, Oct. 10. For rules and an application go to www.ozarkfolkfestival.com or phone (479) 253-7333.

There is no deadline to join the Oct. 10 parade at 1 p.m. and floats, walkers, unicyclers, bands and the

like are needed. Businesses, clubs and organizations are invited to sign up.

Young ladies in 9th through 12th grade in Carroll County are invited to enter the Folk Festival Queen Contest to be held Oct. 7. *Deadline for application is Sept. 18.* Forms are available in the Eureka Springs High School office at 2 Lake Lucerne Road or CAPC offices at 121 E. Van Buren, Suite 3B. See all events at www.ozarkfolkfestival.com.

The Leather Studio is open!

ESSA's new, fully equipped leather studio will be busy Sept. 23–25 as instructor Dave Fekate's students learn to design and tool their own leather motorcycle (or scooter or bike) seat.

Join the fun and stretch your upholstery skills with exotic materials like ostrich or alligator. If you have a sweet ride, you need a sweet seat – and this is the opportunity to craft your own eye-popping design in ESSA's brand new leather shop. Dave Fekate from Stoneyridge Leather will help you every step of the way. This class may fill fast, so register now.

Get creative in September – sign up for a workshop and learn a new art form!

14–18: Bead Your Way to Glory with David Chatt

16: Face Painting with Valerie Hubbard Damon



22 – 25: Metal Sculpture with Wayne Summerhill

23 – 25: Tooled Leather Motorcycle Seats with Dave Fekate

September sparkles with creativity, and some of it should be *yours* – so sign yourself up or get a group together and take one of these fun workshops. Details and registration at www.essa-art.org, phone (479) 253-5384, or see what's new at Eureka Springs School of the Arts on Facebook!

Sufi poet reads at Caribé

Tamam Kahn will read her poetry at Caribé Cantina 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.

On the Gallery Stroll ...



Come see The Mile Marker Series by **Danielle James** of D.J. Metal Saturday, Sept. 12, at **Zark's Gallery**. Danielle's jewelry is directly inspired by the regional American landscape

she has experienced and interpreted as wearable works of art, using timeless metalsmithing techniques. Most of her imaginative pieces are also reversible.

Above is "Middletown, DE" from the Mile Marker series, fashioned with copper, brass, plastic, concrete and moonstone. If you look carefully, you'll see the clasp is a telescope. Don't miss Danielle's unique (and it really is) jewelry series during Eureka's Second Saturday Stroll. Check out her work at www.d-j-metals.com and come meet Danielle between 2 – 4 or 6 – 9 p.m. at Zarks on Sept. 12.

Party with Beto and the Fairlanes!

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** in Basin Park Friday, Sept. 11, from 7 – 9 p.m.

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!

Sneak peek for the Eureka Springs Studio Tour

The Annual Studio Tour is back with more than 25 artists and 17 studios to visit on Sept. 17 – 19. But you can get a sneak peek

this week at Main Stage Community Creative Center, 67 North Main at a special free preview, sale and opening reception Friday, Sept. 11 from 6:30 – 9:30 p.m.

Meet the artists, pick up a copy of



the Studio Tour map, and view samples of work by artists you'll meet on the Studio Tour. It's your first chance to take home a unique piece of art or

do some early holiday shopping. If you can't make the reception, the show will be on exhibit until the end of September.

And remember to pick up a copy of the *Fun Guide* for a map, details and locations of all the studios on the tour!

Wanna strut your stuff?

Strut it in style at a new Art and Fashion Show Oct. 3 at the 4 States Event Center on US 62. Designers and artists are being sought to participate in the fun and excitement of a one-day art show that will conclude with an evening runway fashion show.

Expect dozens of local and regional artists to share their art and designs. This free one day show will be full of prizes, food and music – all leading up to the incredible runway Fashion Show starting at 8 p.m. Celeb models include Lilah Stiger, Emma Ann and

Ray Ulibarri of Melonlight Dance, Nick Roberts of Nibbles Eatery and Grammy® nominated musician John Two-Hawks strutting the incredible fashion designs of John Rankine's Bleach It & Dye line and Nora Patterson Viola's Just My Style apparel.

Come be part of the music, the lights, the fun and the fashions! The evening will be emceed by the always-entertaining Jim Preslan of Preslan Hair Design Studio. For more info or to strut your stuff, contact Peggy Hill (479) 253-1732.

Auditorium built to promote tourism

The State of Arkansas enabled the City of Eureka Springs to create the CAPC and collect the tax *only* because of the City Auditorium. While we could have passed the tax to build a city convention center, we already had one in desperate need of maintenance and restoration. Backers of the tax campaigned almost exclusively on the needs and promise of our City Auditorium.

In the April 13, 1972 edition of the *Eureka Springs Times-Echo*, in a 1650 word letter to the editor, Inn of the Ozarks owner, Dave Bird, wrote, “*The Auditorium building, which is agreed upon as needing a vast amount of repair, could be completely renovated using these funds.*”

May 1972 *Eureka Springs Times-Echo* reports, “*During the conversation which has rolled out of the Council chamber during the past weeks, this tax is one thing which could be used to remodel, repair, and refurbish the fast deteriorating city auditorium.*”

May 23, 1972 the Tourist Promotion Commission agreed to a one-cent tax collection beginning June 1, 1972.

During the first five years, the Auditorium was [sic] an enthusiastic topic of discussion at TPC meetings, and while collecting \$156,000 in tax, the TPC spent \$56,000 primarily on ceiling and roof repair in addition to operation and maintenance. The TPC doubled tax collection in June 1977.

July 7, 1977, the TPC voted to begin using tax money to advertise commissioner Dave Bird’s new Convention Center, then, immediately, voted to abandon the City Auditorium and pass responsibility to the city council with a payoff of \$1,000 for the rest of the year.

By the solstice of 1979, our City Auditorium had proven an embarrassment to our City’s Centennial Celebration, so the city council moved to recognize, by law, the CAPC to be financially responsible.

Dec. 21, 1979 Ordinance #1086: Transferring Authority and Responsibility for the Management, Maintenance and Operation of the City Auditorium Convention Center from the Mayor and City Council to the City Advertising and Promotion Commission, effective, January 1, 1980.

By 1987 the Auditorium became the toast of the town, the centerpiece of the movie *Pass the Ammo*. Subsequent cosmetic refurbishing by the movie company allowed the CAPC to coast for a couple of more years until the Fire Chief condemned the building in 1989. During the 1980s, the CAPC

collected \$3.13 million in tax, then spent about \$90,000 on the Auditorium’s restrooms and maintenance.

During the first five years of the 1990s, we rallied around our Auditorium, formed a new committee, passed a CAPC bond, received a \$50,000 grant from Clifford Cox that was [sic] matched by community fundraising efforts, hired a director, made improvements and hired another director. After spending almost \$300,000, we arrived in 1994 to, again, having the Fire Chief condemn and close the Auditorium. By 1995, we realized the CAPC was [sic] failing in their responsibilities, including the Auditorium, but don’t blame the Aud. During the entire decade of the 1990s, the CAPC collected \$8.2 million in tax while spending only \$499,000 on our City Auditorium.

During the four years of my administration [as mayor], we ended outside contracts from draining our resources. We built a professional staff dedicated to Eureka Springs’ tourism. We increased advertising buys in every media, while improving quality of ads using local talent. We increased tax collections every year over any previous year. We increased special events spending five-fold while increasing non-tax revenues from \$10,000 to \$250,000 year. All the while, our year-end cash reserves doubled with no debt carryover. With all this economic success, the CAPC was [sic] able to channel three quarters of a million dollars (half in grants) into our City Auditorium.

With a restored and operational Auditorium, we were able to showcase musical talents as reflected in the photo gallery of stars that adorns the walls of our lobby. The commission began wrecking our CAPC in 2003, then blaming the Auditorium for their financial incompetence, failed policies, bad advertising, and loss of community support.

Should our CAPC lose all revenues to the point where they could only maintain our City Auditorium, then that should be their only function. If commissioners are not interested in attending meetings and spending time and effort on issues, they should resign.

Rather than continuing the effort to devise a means by which the commission can shirk responsibility for our City Auditorium, consider having a second meeting per month to address needs and opportunities of THE Auditorium. Call that meeting *The Auditorium Commission*.

Beau Satori

Sunday at EUUF

Al and Lynn Larson, founders of EUUF, will present *History of our Fellowship and the responsibilities of membership* on Sept. 13 at 11 a.m. at the Eureka Unitarian Universalist Fellowship on 17 Elk Street.

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

Metafizzies meeting Sept. 14

Rebekah Clark will lead the Eureka Springs Metaphysical Society meeting in a session of Divine Singing and Sound Meditation on Monday, Sept. 14. Chants and mantras from multiple traditions will be used. The gathering will begin at 7 p.m. at the Heart of Many Ways in the Christian Science Church at 68 Mountain Street. All are welcome.

Rescue recycled garden and house plants Sept. 16

The Holiday Island Garden Club is holding its Overgrown Garden Sale Wednesday, Sept. 16, from 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. at the Island Room next to the Rec Center on Holiday Island. In addition to “proven” garden plants, there will be painted plant-marking rocks, stationery, pictures, magazines, books, yard ornaments and garden-related items as well as baked goods. For more information contact B.J. Dennis, bjdcross1@gmail.com.

The Carroll County Solid Waste Authority Mobile Classroom will show many of its innovative and safeguarding recycling tips. There is no drop-off at the sale, but lots of information as to what and where to recycle. Come enjoy this special recycling event.

Know God as a friend

A new Ladies Bible Study will begin Tuesday, Sept. 15 from 9 – 11 a.m. at Faith Bible Church, 3 Parkcliff Drive in the Holiday Island Shopping Area, and run until Oct. 27. Entitled *The Magnificent Obsession (Embracing the God-Filled Life)* by Anne Graham Lotz, study participants will learn how to embrace a God-filled life. Workbook cost is \$8. For more information call (479) 363-6636.

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Garrett has been retained by the Commonwealth of Maine as an expert witness for a case that has received national attention regarding Ethyl Sprouse losing \$400,000 from her retirement account. Sprouse said her stockbroker put her funds into high-risk stocks despite her asking for low-risk investments. The Sprouse case has been profiled on CBS News.

Garrett recommends visiting SaveOurRetirement.com for more information and then clicking on the “Take Action” tab to provide your own comment to the lawmakers and the DOL. Garrett said despite what lobbyists are saying about how the regulations would harm investors,

failure to provide protection means that the salesperson and their firm will continue to put their financial interests first.

Garrett, who testified in DOL hearings Aug. 11, said one industry group alone – the National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors (NAIFA) – has spent about \$2.5 million this year lobbying against the DOL’s Conflict of Interest rule. She said incentives to sell products often conflict with best-interest advice to clients.

Bullard, the professor at the University of Mississippi School of Law, Oxford, Miss., agrees.

“In my view, it is a long overdue reform that will reduce financial advisors conflicts of interest and result in better advice for

investors, especially with respect for 401(k) rollovers,” Bullard said. “There have been instances where investors lost substantial amounts of retirement savings pursuant to bad advice for the 401(k) rollover. When you leave your employer, you can roll over your 401(k) to an IRA. Eventually, the majority of the 401(k) is in IRA assets, but they haven’t been regulated as retirement assets. DOL regulations will treat them like the retirement assets they are.”

Bullard said the industry has pulled out the stops lobbying Congress to stop the rulemaking.

“People should write in to support the rule to fend off the interests of Washington D.C. lobbyists,” he said.

Proposed regulations are opposed by the all-Republican congressional delegation from Arkansas. Garrett said she is not aware of a single Republican lawmaker in the country who is in favor of the legislation.

“DOL has the authority to move forward, but Congress can defund the whole thing,” she said. “So this month we are coming up on a budget discussion in Congress. It could be quite exciting if lawmakers say they not going to give the money for government to continue unless they get x, y, z. Riders can be attached to funding bills to keep government in operation. One would be to halt these Conflict of Interest rules from the DOL.”

DROPPING A Line

by Robert Johnson

Well, we had a slow week with my holiday weekend not fishing Saturday or Sunday, but have trips booked for Monday and Tuesday so hopefully we get someone else on these big fish.

Me and Janet did get out on our own and got these four nice stripers from Beaver Lake. We got them on six-in. shad down about 30 ft. deep within a mile from the dam.

Here at Holiday Island the water is still warm, but there have been some bass caught on top early in the day. As sun gets higher they are being caught down about 12 ft. deep with a drop shot working very well for some.

Been a slow bite on crappie but a few have been caught 12 – 18 ft. deep in the tree tops and sunken brush. Trout fishing has been good going upriver from Beaver till you find cooler water to as far up as you can get toward the dam.

I never did finish my story on how I learned my job is providing memories. Years ago a four-year old boy started to reel in a 17 lb. striper after his father set the hook and held the rod for the boy. The boy cranked about one turn on the reel then gave up so Dad had to bring it

in. When I told this to one of my guide buddies he asked me if he had on a life vest. I replied yes, then he told me I should of tied a rope around him and let the fish pull him in the water. With the moral of this story being a kid might forget his first fish but not forget the one that pulled him into the lake. Memories.

Well, that's it for this week. Be safe and no, I would not tie a rope around a kid.

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



INDEPENDENT Crossword

by Mike Boian

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ACROSS

- Plant stem
- Third person feminine
- Mimics
- Capital of Western Samoa
- Sine* ___ *non*
- Damage
- Ennui, melancholy
- Medley or potpourri
- Main course
- Going astray
- First man
- Stupid, foolish or stubborn person
- Give up or renounce
- Approaches
- Hole-in-one
- Suffix relating to decomposition
- Recolor fabric or hair
- California/Nevada lake
- A Greek
- Mess up
- Alternative alphabet used primarily on the

Internet

- Skimpy, insufficient
- Sturdy shoe
- One third of Japanese attack code
- Personal conversation
- Kiln
- Child's card game
- Sea bird
- Sheltered, out of the wind
- One part of a trip
- Burn or scorch

closely for defense

- Emerald Isle
- Mixture of smoke and fog
- Critical situation warning
- '50-'70s Ford mini truck
- Steel or copper, e.g.
- "___, dumb and happy"
- Andean wood sorrel
- Practice for performance
- Handwoven Scandinavian rug
- Unit of Japanese money
- Titanic scourge
- Elaborate
- Makes good for
- Portico
- Bituminous or anthracite
- Long, loud mournful cry
- 2000 Democratic presidential candidate
- ___ *Karenina*
- Poet's never
- Scottish negative

DOWN

- Calf left by its mother and reared by hand
- Atop
- Rhythmic cadence
- Shirts popular in the '60s
- Needing oil
- Make music with closed lips
- "At ___, soldier!"
- One palomino
- Pointed stakes set

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MISSING SINCE MAY 11

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The auxiliary holds several fundraisers to pay for equipment, training and supplies for the Holiday Island district and rural fire departments. Membership is open, dues are \$12 per year and may be paid at the meeting.

HOG FARM UPDATE continued from page 4

"You FSA and SBA agency folks have made a major blunder in providing federal guarantees for loans for the C&H Hog Farm," Alley said. "With the information in my assessment, and with other important information you will gain from others, you will have more than sufficient information to properly assess the prudence of providing federal guarantees for these loans. There is no credible reason to drag this on by moving forward into an Environmental Impact Statement. Such a move will only further discredit the competency and integrity of your agencies and continue to damage water resources and the Buffalo National River. I urge you to use information from this public hearing and cancel the federal guarantees for these loans."

ADEQ has submitted clarifications with respect to the EA performed related to the existing permit requirements and the applicable regulations," said Katherine Benenati, public outreach and assistance division chief, ADEQ. "We are continuing to monitor the C&H farm," she said.

CONSTABLES continued from page 10
hitting another vehicle head on. Constable watched for but did not encounter the adverse vehicle.

9:55 p.m. – Motorist downtown was reportedly driving up and down Main Street revving his engine and arguing with people. Constables encountered the individual and arrested him for DWI.

SEPTEMBER 7

12:16 a.m. – Vehicle hit a deer on US 62. The animal made it across the road, but a constable found it down in the woods.

12:17 a.m. – Caller witnessed a couple arguing in their vehicle which was headed east on US 62. Constables never saw the vehicle.

1:44 a.m. – A mother asked for a welfare check on her daughter after receiving a phone call from her. The daughter and boyfriend were staying at a motel in town. Constable found their vehicle and checked on the daughter.

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