



## CAPC reports healthy collections and good publicity

NICKY BOYETTE

The City Advertising and Promotion Commission (CAPC) met Sept. 9, and Executive Director Mike Maloney reported *The Daily Show with John Stewart* episode featuring Eureka Springs “is still making bubbles.” Maloney said analytics show that on or near July 29, more than 42,000,000 web hits were reported using search words connected to Eureka Springs and Arkansas. He said the total public relations value was \$101,000.

“You can’t buy that kind of coverage,” he commented.

Maloney said Dallas in particular and Texas overall are the most frequent visitors to the eurekasprings.org site. Moving up the ranks is Missouri because of a geotargeting campaign that focuses on people who want to go to Branson. Maloney said viewers who click through to Eureka Springs can choose to see a 15-second video ad. He is also expanding the digital reach farther south to Austin and San Antonio.

During October, the CAPC will participate with Arkansas Parks and Tourism on Engage TV, which Maloney said will be a very effective way to offer a three-minute video to people who want to know more about Eureka Springs.

Maloney said that while preparing the 2016 media planner he decided to decrease spending overall for print materials next year. Instead, he will shift more into digital advertising because he can more effectively target particular regions or cities. He also expects to refine the search words that lead a potential visitor to eurekasprings.org.

He said state statistics indicate tourism dollars collected in Carroll County during June 2015 equaled \$79,601, an 11 percent decrease over the same month in 2014. He speculated 21 days of rain might have been a factor.

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**Here’s looking at you –**

Firefighter Rod Wasson is up and about in his Springfield hospital room. Although weak, Rod conveyed “thank you” to everyone for all the cards, letters, balloons and phone calls. Rod said he appreciates the way the community has pitched in to help him and his family during this crisis. Rod was injured working a fire on August 29.

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## This Week’s INDEPENDENT Thinkers



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Oval Park, a neighborhood park in Durham, N.C., is littered with abandoned and well-worn toys. This is not by negligence but by design. Parents leave outgrown but usable items, sometimes in mild disrepair, in the park, and the many kids who regularly play there do what kids do in parks – play!

A toy car with its hood permanently open is worked on by future mechanics. Strawberry biscuits are baked in the kitchen set. Dump trucks dump and race cars race. Dump trucks race. And because of the kids, Oval Park is also where adults get acquainted. Out of last year’s toys comes community.

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**What good is an iPad if it can’t fly OR land softly?**



#### Finances

Finance Director Rick Bright told the commission year-to-date collections as of August 31 are up \$49,885 or 6.9 percent over the same period last year. The commission noted Bed & Breakfasts are down whereas cabins and cottages are up. Bright commented younger visitors nowadays prefer cabins to B&Bs.

Chair Charles Ragsdell stated that even adjusting Bright's numbers with a regional food inflation index, the year-to-date collections are a healthy indicator for the town.

#### Settling the suit

Maloney said the CAPC was being sued by George Meyer who won a \$300 prize for a puppet he created for the 2012 Folk Festival parade. Meyer's lawsuit states he did not come to claim his prize until the following summer. The check had been canceled by the time he came to claim it. He filed suit in October 2014, asking for the original prize money plus "costs, interest, attorney's fees, and any other relief to which he is entitled under Arkansas Law."

City Attorney Tim Weaver had told Maloney the CAPC should offer \$500 and be done with it. Commissioners originally aired several reasons for not paying him more than he originally won, but alderman James DeVito pointed out the CAPC did not have a disclaimer regarding a time limit for collecting the prize, and Meyer hired an attorney.

Commissioner Damon Henke stated the CAPC made a mistake, but it was shocking the winner did not find a way to collect \$300 sooner.

Alderman Terry McClung finally said he would be inclined to offer \$500 "and get it over with." Vote to approve his motion was unanimous but not enthusiastic.

#### Visitors' Guide

Maloney stressed it is time to update the list the Chamber of Commerce uses to mail out *Visitors' Guides*. He wanted there to be a strategy to keep the list fresh. Discussion then wended toward strategies for streamlining the database.

Henke, who is also the interim director of the Chamber, said he has an email list of 100,000 potential visitors whom he contacts four different times each year to keep them informed of events in town. He also said he has created a smaller in-town guide for folks already here.

#### Other items

- Maloney said Mayor Butch Berry would put an item on the next City Council agenda for setting a date for a joint meeting with the CAPC regarding the Auditorium management contract.

- Commissioners moved the date of the November workshop from Wednesday, Nov. 25, the day before Thanksgiving, to Wednesday, Nov. 18.

- Ragsdell stated Position #3 has expired although commissioner Ken Ketelsen said he would continue to serve until he is replaced. Ragsdell said interested individuals could get an application online. The commission will review applications and conduct interviews. Each position is for a four-year term.

Next workshop will be Wednesday, Sept. 23, at 4 p.m., at the CAPC offices. Next regular meeting will be Wednesday, Oct. 14, at 6 p.m.



## Nick Samac promoted

Eureka Springs Fire and EMS recently announced Capt. Nick Samac has been promoted to Asst. Fire Chief. Samac, a paramedic and firefighter, has 16 years at Eureka Springs and holds an associate degree in fire administration. He is also an accomplished grant writer, having acquired over \$1.5 million in funding.

In addition to his work with the fire department, Samac is the director of the Office of Emergency Management for Carroll County. He is involved with the county special operations and response team and has a specialty using highly trained dogs in tracking. Samac has also worked as a college instructor and a flight paramedic.

Samac was chosen from three candidates for the position in a process including an interview board, training review, performance evaluation and task oriented skills examination. He will be responsible for the fire department's B Shift and will oversee the department's fire operations and training.

Samac is married to Garri Sue Sisco and has two children, Emma Lee and Dylan.

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## Runway grant on final approach

MIKE ELLIS

With a deadline fast approaching, the quorum court convened a special meeting Sept. 9 to consider a grant application for the airport.

Justices of the Peace unanimously passed a resolution endorsing the grant application after learning the county had much less financial exposure than they had anticipated.

Morris Pate, chair of the Carroll County Airport Commission, had addressed the Aug. 17 meeting of the quorum court saying a grant from the Federal Aviation Administration would provide funds to re-pave the runway. The \$660,000 project would require 10 percent matching funds, and JPs asked Pate whether the airport could provide the matching funds out of its budget. Pate said he didn't know if the airport would need additional funds from the county.

At the special meeting, however, JPs learned that the Arkansas Department of Aeronautics would provide the 10 percent

matching funds. Dan Clinton, an engineer with Grimes Consulting Engineers, Inc., said the county would have to provide as much as \$125,000, but only for a short time. Clinton said the county would receive reimbursement for half the money within a few weeks, and the remainder within two months.

The project will take about three weeks, Clinton said. The contractor will grind down an inch of the existing runway, and add 2.5 inches of new asphalt to the entire runway, 75 ft. wide by more than 3,500 ft. long. The project will also include additional drainage to keep water out of the base layer.

Some JPs brought up past problems at the airport, including a grant several years ago which cost the county \$40,000. The airport had pledged to reimburse the county, but did not. "We're gun-shy," JP Jack Deaton said.

JP Larry Swofford also cited grievances with the airport, but stressed dealing with the present situation. "I've

had a very bad taste in my mouth with the way the airport was run the past two or three years," he said. "But these are new people, and I don't see any way we can turn down this money."

The quorum court had an increasingly strained relationship with the CCAC over the past few years, and JPs slashed the airport budget in half during budget deliberations in December. Former chair Lonnie Clark and most other commissioners resigned, and only one former commissioner remains from that group.

After the meeting, Pate told the *Independent* how much he appreciated the endorsement of the quorum court. He explained that the airport would close for three weeks once construction begins, and anyone with a plane at the airport will have enough notice to fly out before the project starts. Pate also explained that all the federal and state tax money spent on this project comes from taxes on sales of airplanes and airplane fuel.



**Glazed over** – All those potters, former potters and never-before potters who made vessels for the Oct. 10 Hungry Bowl event last week at ESSA had to come back and glaze and fire them this week! Above, Danielle James carefully glazes the interior of one of her bowls.

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## ESFD hooks new ladder truck

NICKY BOYETTE

Mayor Butch Berry announced at the Sept. 14 City Council meeting that the city had been awarded a grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) totaling \$750,000 for the purchase of a new ladder truck for the Eureka Springs Fire Department (ESFD). The grant requires Eureka Springs to provide a five percent match, or \$37,500, making the net grant amount \$712,500.

Fire Chief Randy Ates said the new vehicle was designed to be able to turn the corners of Eureka Springs, handle the hills, meet the needs of our buildings, and reach down below but still fit into the station. He said if council acted quickly he would order one of maybe only two demonstration models still available at the manufacturer, and it would be available within two months.

Berry told council the city would be able to refinance one of its debts to include the additional debt at a lower rate.

Ates told council his current ladder

truck is a 1981 model, and repair expenses far exceed its resale value, so he figured ESFD would have trouble selling it.

Alderman Terry McClung pointed out the new truck would help Eureka Springs maintain its high insurance rating which is good for all property owners. He also warned that the new vehicle "is a high maintenance vehicle," meaning new expenses for ESFD.

Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution #667 that authorized Berry to accept the FEMA grant funds and pursue the city match of \$37,500 toward the purchase of the new fire ladder truck.

Council then voted to approve all three readings and enact the emergency clause of Ordinance 2232 that waived competitive bidding because there is only one manufacturer, Pierce Manufacturing of Appleton, Wis., that can make what ESFD is looking for.

Capturing sun and talking budget

Council unanimously approved Resolution #665, authorizing Berry to

submit an application to the Arkansas Rural Development Commission for grant funds for solar panels on the new Public Works building. Berry said the payback to the city would begin in five years.

Berry admitted in his first monthly budget update to council that Public Works "is under revenue and over expenditures," and added some of the stress is the increase in the cost of water from the Carroll-Boone Water District. He said the cities of Berryville, Green Forest and Harrison already passed on the increase to customers, and the city could not continue to bear the increase for long.

Mitchell said he wanted to hear more from Public Works regarding replacing the ineffective water meters and the expected impact on city revenue.

The end of the story

Council approved all three readings of Ordinance #2231 which annually verifies that the 4.4 percent tax levied on residential and commercial properties assessed in Eureka Springs

will be returned to city coffers.

Council will hold its next budget workshop Monday, Sept. 21, from 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Next meeting will be Monday, Sept. 28, at 6 p.m.

## Man's best friends need a helping hand

NICKY BOYETTE

Mark Jankowski is a board member of the Good Shepherd Humane Society, and said GSHS is currently about \$19,000 short of meeting its budget. They are looking for strong community support to narrow the gap.


GSHS is a non-profit no-kill animal shelter supported totally by donations, adoption fees, subscriptions, fundraising events and income from its thrift stores in Eureka Springs and Berryville. Jankowski said GSHS also received grant funds in the past, but last year the grantors passed them by and the loss of support contributed to the current financial dilemma.

Jankowski also mentioned GSHS in the past was active in out-of-state adoptions, but regulatory obstacles have made this increasingly more difficult, so they lose the adoption fees. "Running GSHS is a major undertaking, and we're trying to figure out how to make it work," he said.

"On February 1, Good Shepherd formally took control of the Berryville Animal Shelter to save the lives of animals in the area that were doomed to be put to

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## Council-CAPC workshop on the Auditorium

NICKY BOYETTE

Mayor Butch Berry told city council Monday the City Advertising and Promotion Commission (CAPC) asked for a joint workshop with council to discuss the Auditorium management contract in particular, but also the future of the Auditorium. Berry said CAPC staff wants to show council areas of concern in the historic building.

Alderman Terry McClung said he was “heartbroken” at the attendance for the “fabulous [jazz] show on Saturday night.” He said there is no better venue than the Auditorium, but the job of the CAPC is to bring people to town. The commission wants what is best for the Auditorium, he said, and maybe someone else should run it so the CAPC can focus on bringing people to town.

Alderman Joyce Zeller offered a broader view by stating the Auditorium needs to offer shows for kids so they grow up going to shows. She maintained the Auditorium needs “theater marketing.” She acknowledged the city might be burdened with a deficit for two or three years, but

the reward would come if properly shepherded, and she did not see what one meeting with the CAPC would accomplish.

“That’s why we need a workshop – to gather ideas,” McClung stated.

Alderman David Mitchell observed that it is because of the passion McClung showed for the Auditorium that council needs to hear from the public on its future. He pointed out citizens need to back up their enthusiasm for the Auditorium with support of a way to repair and maintain it.

Mitchell reminded everyone there was still the question of who would manage it. He stated having a steady revenue stream supporting the Auditorium would seriously enhance the options for whoever ran it.

McClung emphasized the workshop should be open to the public so “they can throw it all out on the table.”

Berry said the date of the workshop would be announced. McClung offered the date of the next CAPC workshop, Wednesday, Sept. 23, as an option.



**ESFD gets new roof** – Quality Assurance Roofing Company of Eureka Springs donated roofing materials and labor totaling \$2,100 for the Fire Department’s Station No. 2 on White Street. Chief Randy Ates and the ESFD are extremely grateful for the generous donation. The project was completed August 13. *PHOTO SUBMITTED*



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## Task Force hunts new business

NICKY BOYETTE

September 12 marked one year since the first joint meeting between the Eureka Springs City Council and the City Advertising and Promotion Commission (CAPC) to discuss ideas for boosting tourism and energizing the local economy. On Sept. 9, the group, now called the Mayor's Task Force on Economic Development, held its 13th meeting. Chair Sandy Martin announced they were ready to focus on identifying businesses Eureka Springs wants to attract, and developing a strategy to get them here.

Chamber of Commerce interim director Damon Henke, also a CAPC commissioner, pointed out they have mentioned attracting high tech Internet-dependent businesses to town in previous meetings, but he was not sure if the town had a communications infrastructure to support such a business.

Mayor Butch Berry and Planning Commissioner Woodie Acord were both confident existing local services could handle the extra Internet traffic.

There was also the question of where to put an incoming business big enough to employ 20 or 30 people or more, and discussion led Martin to observe the group needed a central contact to make the process easier for prospective business owners, plus a current inventory of available space.

Kim Stryker, assistant to the mayor, stated if she were a business looking to move here, she would approach the Chamber of Commerce first for information on how to

proceed. Henke said he would see that the Chamber, as the initial contact, would connect inquirers with possible sites for their businesses.

Martin said work funded by the Winrock Foundation grant for helping with economic development in the area will begin very soon, and one product would be a mapping of useful information such as available properties.

Berry returned the conversation to the beginning. "So, who do we go after?" he asked.

Acord observed there are trade shows throughout the year where businesses gather to sell their wares and attract customers, and visiting the right trade show could be an opportunity to connect with a business that fits with Eureka Springs.

Martin suggested an outdoor recreational business or a vendor connected with Walmart, which led to discussion of whether the benefits of living in Eureka Springs could ever make it attractive enough to abide the drive from here to Bentonville for regular meetings. Henke said it would depend on how Eureka Springs marketed itself.

Berry said he would attend a trade show and set up a booth if he only knew where to go, and Acord replied he would find out where the right trade shows will be. Berry said he liked Acord's idea of trade shows, and pointed out only two or three new employers would make a huge difference in town.

Berry also mentioned the new hospital, if it were to be built, would be a major employer. He added that nursing homes would be a good match with the town except for the paucity of available space to build another one.

Henke asked what would make Eureka Springs stand out among other prospective locales for the perfect new business. Martin said she already has a draft presentation of local assets that she would send to the others for perusal and advice.

The group agreed another important support group for selling Eureka Springs would be local Realtors, and Berry suggested some of their members attend a Realtors' meeting to keep them aware of what they can do to help the Task Force attract new employers to town.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, Oct. 14, at 10 p.m., at the Auditorium.

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

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## Planning decrees trees out, duplex in

NICKY BOYETTE

The Eureka Springs Planning Commission convened as the Board of Zoning and Adjustment at its Sept. 8 meeting to consider a tree cut request for 136 Frontage Rd., south of town. Contractor Al Larson said he and his wife own the property and have duplexes there already, and they want to add another one. To accommodate the construction and the leach field, Larson said he needs to cut about 50 small trees.

After a brief discussion, commissioner Pat Lujan moved to approve Larson's application, and commissioners approved the motion unanimously.

One way is the wrong way?

In other business, Joe Ratliff, a resident of Armstrong Street for 12 years, spoke up in Public Comments to oppose turning Armstrong Street into a one-way street. He called the idea "foolishness." He claimed Armstrong is an important exit for residents on Douglas and Steele during winter when streets are icy and snowed over. He said if the city wanted to control traffic on Armstrong, it should keep bigger vehicles off it, but the idea of making it a one-way street "is devoid of logic."

Chair Jim Morris told Ratliff if the idea were to proceed beyond a discussion, there would be a public hearing, and voices of residents impacted by the change would rate "a very high priority." Morris said the only goal would be to make streets safer.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, Sept. 22, at 6 p.m.

## Woman climbs to find herself; finds herself arrested

CD WHITE

On Wednesday, Sept. 9, Eureka Springs Police responded to a call regarding a possible stranded person on top of the water tower on Roark Road. According to the police report, witnesses stated a woman wearing a backpack climbed the tower about an hour and a half earlier and had not been seen since.

According to ESPD, no admittance to the 120-ft. tower or surrounding property is allowed. A locked chain link fence topped with barbed wire encloses the tower, and there is no ladder reaching ground level, so anyone climbing the tower would have to enter over or under the fence, then climb onto an electrical box on the tower and reach or leap over to the ladder.

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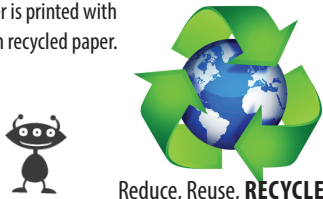
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## Dress for the times

Editor,

I loved watching the antique car parade and was excited, as always, to watch the bank robbery re-enactment, but one thing has really made me upset and mad about the robbery over the years. It's the attire the re-enactors wear each year, come on people! The original bank robbery took place in 1922, not 1880!

The bank robbers, irate citizens and floozies are all dressed up like Jesse James and Miss Kitty, have any of the re-enactors ever taken a good look at the old picture of the citizens gathered around the robbers wrecked getaway car? They're all dressed in suits, white shirts with bow ties, bib overalls, bowler hats, fedoras and tweed caps, not one of them is sportin' a cowboy hat, leather vest and chaps, spurs, high heeled cowboy boots or packing an 1882 Colt Peacemaker or Winchester, it galls me to see them dressed this way.

Before anyone starts jeering my comments, let me say I have the right to bring this matter up because I was one of the bank robbery re-enactors for 20 years, from 1989 up until I retired my position in 2009. In those years I played everything from irate citizen to bank robber and sheriff, and I always wore period 1922-ish style clothing. People kept asking me, "Where's your cowboy hat and chaps?" Tsk-tsk.

One of the reasons I stopped doing the robbery was I could never get the main man and others to realize that they were wearing the wrong clothes and costumes for the time period they are re-enacting. The answer I got was, "Nobody cares, they just want to hear the guns go (loud) Bang!"

Well if that's the attitude, then why should I, or anybody else, care?

Ahhh, street theater.

**Sonny Smith**

## Facts v. Opinions

Editor,

I had a reporter ask me last week if I had been around here all my life, and I said, "Not yet, but I'm working on it."

I was amused by the various statements in the last CAPC Workshop as reported in the *Independent* on Sept. 2, 2015. Also the "Another Opinion" by Beau Satori in this week's *Independent*, under date of September 9, 2015.

In 1972, when a small handful of us concerned citizens got together, created the CAPC and placed a one percent tax on hotels, motels and restaurants, Mr. Beau (Troutt) Satori wasn't even in Eureka Springs, much less involved.

Mr. Satori has always enjoyed his own version of Eureka Springs history, but when it is convenient for him, he suffers from historic amnesia, as do some others in Eureka Springs!!

I have a fairly good summary of the CAPC since its inception, and, as Sergeant Joe Friday used to say on the old *Dragnet* show, "Just the facts, ma'am."

**John Fuller Cross**

P.S. I just wish that some of these folks would just wait until us old geezers go on before they try to re-write Eureka Springs history!!

## Tree was here first

Editor,

In response to the 300+-year old wolf oak tree in Berryville due to be cut down to make way for sidewalks: In my travels I have seen sidewalks built around trees. I have seen whole houses built around trees. I house sat for people in this area whose back deck was built around a tree.

It's never too late to learn new ways of doing things. It's called progress!

**Jayanti**

## Chemical spraying stops life

Editor,

Your Sept. 9 front page article about the chemical drift of 2,4-D onto Mr. Duplantis's property near Kingston brought back sad memories of our fight against another kindred herbicide, 2,4,5-T, also produced by Dow Chemical Company.

In the '70s, I lived with other women on the South Fork of the Little Red River near Clinton, Ark. We had moved to a farming collective near Nogo, Ark., which was later sprayed by helicopter with 2,4,5-T to clear hardwood trees so that, allegedly, farmers could more easily bulldoze the exploding trees for pasture for hamburgers.

They experienced "crib death" for some of their children and deformed fetuses, but were afraid to disturb our Arkie neighbors who liked the spraying. Dow sprayed us all. Our het friends disagreed with us about actions to take to stop the spraying, so we moved to

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## WEEK'S TopTweets

**@BadaBinge:** If I don't overthink things then who will? No seriously who?

**@murrman:** \*holds up 2 ties\* Which one, I have a big meeting today? "Both are nice." [wife calls later] "How'd it go?" Well, wearing 2 ties was a disaster.

**@WilliamAder:** I'm guessing this year's Pulitzer Prize for Fiction will go to some guy explaining why he had an Ashley Madison account.

**@KentWGraham:** My mom's voicemail should say "Leave a message and I'll return your call as soon as I get my son to show me again how to work this thing."

**@Funnyoneliners:** I'm not snoring. I'm dreaming I'm a motorcycle.

**@donni:** Helping a gang of squirrels buy remote control cars

against my better judgment.

**@TheThryll:** There needs to be a Meat Likers Pizza for those of us afraid of commitment.

**@ericbove:** "Nobody move!" – 19th century photographer

**@dadneedsadrink:** It's cute how the news wants me to stick around until 11 for the forecast as if I didn't have 17 other ways to get that info in seconds.

**@thetweetofGod:** "My name will live forever!" Anonymous

**@lolgop:** The people who think Obamacare is failing thought George W. Bush was succeeding.

**@yeterll:** BBC News: Man killed by wave. Whoa! How big was the other guy's hand?

**@Mothpete:** The home cooked pizza box says to cook the pizza between 14 and 16 minutes. That's 15 minutes, right? I'm not reading too much into it?



## Beside the Golden Door

If a girl stood next to the statue of Jesus overlooking Eureka Springs and faced north, the people on her right, all the way to the Atlantic Ocean, would be primarily European or African in origin. Irish, Italian, German, Beninese, Nigerian, Senegalese, etc.

If she extended her arm to all Americans on her left, stretching to the Pacific Ocean, the people would be primarily European and Asian – Korean, Laotian, Thai, Japanese, Finnish, Danish, and the omnipresent Irish and Italians.

If she stared straight north, she would imagine people who cook their chili with white beans, and if she turned around and squinted her eyes to the south, skins would be browner and the food hotter.

Generalities, yes, but this country is a melting pot.

The United States of America is filled with different skins, food and ways of enjoying life. People are proud to keep their customs, language, recipes and ways of raising their young. Our roots are balled together because we are a young country of Americans, just a hair under 400 years old. The people who emigrated here came from countries with thousands of years of civilization under their belts, so they know how it's done.

Yes, we're not counting the original people who lived here since they really had no interest in naming a country and electing officials to tell them what to do.

There is no end to the generalities of who we are. For instance, in the Northeast people like fish and potatoes, in the South it's cornbread dipped in buttermilk, out West people eat herbs, flowers and vegetables, and the Northwest is partial to Gatorade. In the far Southeast people seem tired, retired, and grumpy. If they're not whining about the weather, they're whining about the Democrats.

Texas and Alaska have natives in each state who are committed to keeping their heritage alive, their happy place intact, and until Alaska has a contender football team, Texas will merely overlook Alaska as an icy landmass that by rights should be four states.

We know what the tired, poor, huddled masses yearning to breathe free endured so we wouldn't have to. Whatever our background, we all know the drill in this country is to get a job, get a place to live and cook at home whenever possible because it's a sustainable way to live.

So, Europeans landed at Plymouth Rock and assumed dominance. They were religious nuts who rebelled against not being tolerated by their governments. They escaped to an unknown and sparsely populated chunk of land protected on two sides by enormous oceans, and created exactly the intolerance they had just dodged. Remnants of those carpetbaggers can be found in private schools and military academies on either coast, or anywhere folks prefer being uppity.

Yes, there is global migration and it isn't going to stop, barbed wire or not. People cannot live in terror, shouldn't have to, and won't. The global migration would be over if wars were over, but are we a society that simply sits back and watches despots annihilate their population as is happening in Syria? Are we to turn violent and intolerant because life is hard?

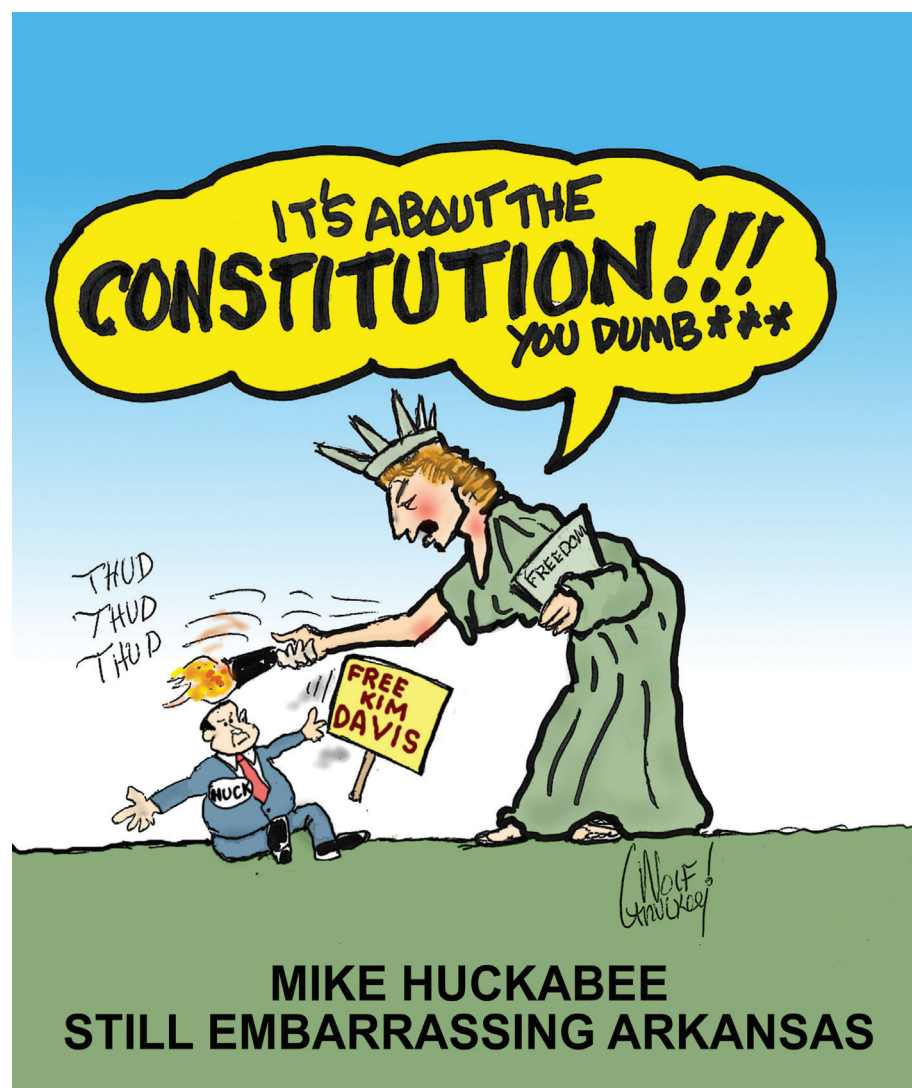
Holy smokes, tourists in Greece are complaining that refugees fleeing daily bombings and beheadings and dysfunctional poverty are ruining their vacations.

We live on a slaphappy planet where politicians sound irony impaired when they insist people from somewhere else aren't our people, and must be sent away because they are criminals and bad actors. Yes, a percentage of those is possible. But the people who are fleeing hideous and terrifying conditions in their country, the country where they want to live but can't, are also artists, farmers, surgeons, physicists, metaphysicists and teachers.

We are wrong to think we are better than any of them. We are right to recognize humanity has no borders. We are a young and occasionally bewildered country, but at the eastern edge of our country is a copper statue holding a torch and a tablet, with a broken chain at her feet, depicting freedom.

Calling ourselves free but depriving others of freedom won't keep us young, but it will keep us immature.

*Mary Pat Boian*



## The Pursuit Of HAPPINESS

by Dan Krotz

Is the President's deal with Iran a good deal? I don't know, but I can't think of a single Middle-East focused treaty, accord, agreement or initiative of the last 65 years that's made a single difference to anyone except defense contractors and arms dealers. It's hard to see that this is any different. Is there a Republican alternative?

The fact of the matter is that our right wing political fanatic's only plan is to kill their right-wing religious fanatics. More precisely, our right-wing political fanatics want to subcontract the work of killing their right-wing religious fanatics to whomever may or may not be the lowest bidder. That's not true, you say? Okay, let's reinstate the draft and pay for any further military interventions with a wartime surtax. You agree that real patriots put a little skin in the game, right? Let's put our money, and our kids, where our mouth is.

Tom Cotton says we've abandoned Israel: Israel, the country we send \$7,500,000 to every day of the week, seven days a week, every year since (in adjusted dollars) 1951. Israel, the country we loan \$2 billion dollars to every year – loans that are always forgiven. Israel, the country where US foreign aid works out to \$223 per year per citizen, compared to \$2 in aid for citizens of African or Asian countries receiving US aid. How can we ever forgive ourselves for abandoning Israel? Maybe by reminding ourselves that Israel ranks 17<sup>th</sup> out of 194 nations for its standard of living, that every test-eligible Israeli student receives a free University education, and that every citizen is covered by national health insurance – horrible socialistic practices all made possible by American taxpayers.

Am I suggesting we stop providing aid to Israel? Absolutely not. But let's ask their right-wing wing-nut, Benjamin Netanyahu, to stop aiding and abetting our right-wing wing-nuts, and stay out of American politics. If he wants to tell the President that he's lying down with dogs, and negotiating with organized crime families and theocratic dictators disguised as governments, fine, but let him do it privately. If Ben has anything to say in public, let it be "thank you."



## 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](http://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](mailto:lardellen@gmail.com). Meetings at Coffee Pot Club:
- **Alateen** – Sundays, 10:15 – 11:15 a.m. Email [alateen1st@gmx.com](mailto: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](http://www.nwarkaa.org)

# INDEPENDENT Constables On Patrol

## SEPTEMBER 7

4:01 p.m. – There was a private property vehicle accident.

8:34 p.m. – Concerned onlooker reported a person removing a picture from the side of a business on North Main in the dark. Constable discovered the artist had prior permission from the business owner.

10:40 p.m. – Very inebriated male downtown fell against a window and broke it. Constable and EMS responded, and EMS carried the individual to ESH for treatment on his head injury.

## SEPTEMBER 8

7:05 a.m. – Resident reported someone had run into her vehicle during the night.

10 a.m. – A mother told ESPD her daughter had lost her phone in Eureka Springs during the weekend, and she could track it to a hotel. Constable went to the hotel, and housekeeping had already found the phone. Phone and daughter were reunited.

1:02 p.m. – Restaurant staff claimed a homeless person had been sleeping near their dumpster and leaving a mess in the morning. Constables watched for the person.

2:38 p.m. – A son stated his mother told him she had taken a bunch of pills and was out by the lake though she did not identify where she was. Constables checked the area and found the mother who was okay.

11:31 p.m. – Constable went to a campground to check on a report that a trailer was on fire. It was not.

## SEPTEMBER 9

6:49 a.m. – Concerned observer reported a male dressed in dark clothes looking in vehicle windows near downtown. He told the responding constable he was employed nearby and on his way to work.

3:07 p.m. – Alarm rang out at a restaurant downtown, but constable found it was triggered accidentally and everything was okay.

4:10 p.m. – Constable and ESFD responded to a female who climbed a water tower. She was safely removed and charged with criminal trespass. She claimed she was sunbathing.

## SEPTEMBER 10

2:37 a.m. – Resident in a neighborhood above downtown claimed his neighbor’s dogs had been barking all night. Constable was not able to make contact with the dogs’ owner. Animal Control was advised to follow up.

11:06 a.m. – A mother reported her 17-year old daughter did not come home the previous night. She was last seen around 10 p.m. Local authorities were notified.

4:50 p.m. – EMS responded to Hwy. 23 North for a vehicle off the roadway with the driver trapped inside. The driver, who had been trapped for 10-12 hours, was the missing daughter from previous item. She was transported to ESH.

11:15 p.m. – Constable responded to a hit and run accident and found the suspect whom he arrested for DWI and no proof of insurance.

## SEPTEMBER 11

4:52 a.m. – Constable gave a ride back to town to a person stranded at Lake Leatherwood City Park.

## SEPTEMBER 12

1:30 a.m. – Observer saw a shirtless male striding down the middle of a downtown street yelling obscenities at people. Constable spoke to this person and his friends and

advised them to get off the street for the night. They said they would comply.

1:32 a.m. – A person was walking along US 62 in the commercial area yelling at passing cars and stepping into the roadway. Constable arrived at the scene and arrested the individual on an outstanding warrant from the Fayetteville PD.

1:50 a.m. – Another individual was arrested on a warrant out of Fayetteville for failure to appear on traffic violations.

2:38 a.m. – Person complained of hearing people out on the street in a neighborhood above downtown. Constable who went to the street did not encounter anyone out and about.

3:43 a.m. – Individual told ESPD her wallet was missing. Constable filed a report.

4:20 a.m. – Sister reported her brother might be missing. Constable gathered the information.

11:12 a.m. – Witness saw a semi sideswipe another vehicle on US 62 and continue. ESPD was able to locate the semi driver for a report.

3:01 p.m. – Constable took a theft report from staff at a motel.

3:10 p.m. – Constable told a person on the roof of a business to get back down here right now.

6:04 p.m. – Burglar alarm at a bank turned out to be a false alarm.

8:49 p.m. – Individual claimed his wallet had been stolen out of his vehicle.

9:17 p.m. – A constable discovered a drunk male trying to get into a locked building downtown and arrested him for public intoxication.

## SEPTEMBER 13

1:53 a.m. – Traffic stop resulted in the arrest of the driver for DWI, driving left of center, refusal to submit and no proof of insurance.

3:11 a.m. – Innkeeper asked for constable assistance with noisy guests. Constable complied, as did the guests.

8:06 a.m. – Alarm was triggered at a restaurant, but everything was okay.

10:47 a.m. – Motorist called in a speedy and erratic driver headed to town, but constables never encountered the vehicle.

11:36 a.m. – Constable initiated a traffic stop of a vehicle identified by CCSO as being possibly involved in a hit and run. Deputies arrived shortly to take over.

1:39 p.m. – Constable discovered drug paraphernalia behind a downtown business.

3:02 p.m. – There was an accident on US 62 toward the western edge of town. No transport by EMS but the vehicle was towed.

10:30 p.m. – A constable looked for and found a woman who was screaming not far from downtown. He gave her a ride to the station where a family member came to get her.

11:29 p.m. – Traffic stop resulted in the arrest of the driver for driving on a suspended license, speeding and no seat belt.

## SEPTEMBER 14

3:20 a.m. – Guest at an inn reported people yelling and swearing behind the building. Constables went there and arrested an individual for outstanding warrants, violation of a protection order and public intoxication.

6:12 a.m. – Constables assisted a semi driver get down off the hill.



*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

Loved her. *That* was what Agnes had known and what she'd made him atone for. It was also what he had lacked the courage to tell Agnes. "It wasn't like that!" he had cried to her, that night, but had gone no further. Now he could pity Agnes. The angular little girl with pigtails who had dragged him up the long drive and stuffed him with gingerbread, had been no farther from his heart than the armored woman who had meted out a life sentence to moral servitude, while she stood, stiff and pure, in the middle of that big, square bedroom. My act of contrition's done with now, he thought, striding over the dark path. Too late by years to make amends to *her*, now out of reach under the wing of her terrible, just God. And, even long ago, it had never occurred to her that *she* had been dealt an injury, that *she* should forgive. No bitterness in her, only the mute acceptance of sorrow.

He rounded the edge of Braithwaite's pasture and cut through the path along the gulch that wound up behind Jessup's store. The trail, through darkness, touched a familiar chord inside him, and he realized with some surprise that he had often, in dreams, followed this same path. Dozens of times he had scuttled over this ground, with an unknown pursuer hot on his heels. Always he had run crouching, in panic haste to reach Beetree Lane, where it seemed he would be safe, yet inevitably he failed. Often he would be climbing the very last rise of the steep road, scrambling on hands and knees, crying out in his sleep, but he found he made no progress, or else

the Thing would pounce on him from behind, and he would wake in a sweat without seeing it. Or, again, he would have taken a wrong turning and find himself lost in the dark wood. Or, thinking shrewdly to outwit the hunter, he would dart into one of the caverns that perforated the mountain, the underground passages he had explored as a child, weaving a way among roots and rocks, to live with bats and salamanders...

Here was Jessup's store, a low, dark mass with a slice of moonlight cut slantwise across one side, a window palely gleaming. Jessup's: sourballs they had, red and green. And black bins of tea with beautiful names in gold paint, peeling off. Young Hyson. Oolong. Formosa. Are they still there? Years since I've seen them. Go back tomorrow, and find out. No, tea is lacquered bins with the beguiling names would be gone.

He began to climb the grade, and it was oddly reassuring somehow to realize how the lives of all of them had had their beginning within the narrow confines of Beetree Lane, and how they had all stumbled up and down the rock-strewn slope, spat out persimmon seeds, filled pails with wild grapes or berries, and gunny sacks with walnuts: himself, and Cricket, Willy May, even the lean, embittered boy who was his son and enemy. "I don't want nothing off you, now or never..." Yet (he realized with a shock) that was what he actually had wanted Fenton to do and say. The slap in the face, the humbling of himself before the ragged, ill-fed youth, had acted as an acid stimulant, and he knew now that, underneath the sense of personal humiliation, something inside

himself had cried proudly: "My son!"

— And now Fenton was on the way up. A ruthless way, arrogant, unscrupulous, but was there any other road for Fenton to take? It was, after all, Agnes who had ordained it, himself concurring if only by inaction. And perhaps it would not be all to the bad, even for *Sycamore*. Fenton and Clytie: underdogs had to struggle up by any way they knew, didn't they? It might have been better for everyone if he himself had taken a harder road, not docilely followed Agnes down the wrong turning. Was that the reason, he asked himself wryly, for this compulsion always to return to Beetree Lane — as if it stood in his imagination for the spot where he had mistaken the path?

At the top, there were faint stars and broken shafts of moonlight, and he made out dimly the shape of Cricket's cabin. As he passed, a dog detached itself from the shadow about the doorsill, and barked one. Roger wondered for a moment if she might

be roused, and come to stand again in the doorway, exhorting him to save himself, but no one stirred inside the small, dark house and he walked on.

Across the lane from his mother's, the slender persimmon-tree above the spring thrust an illumined branch of silver across his path, and he leaned against the stone wall and touched it curiously, thinking of the old woman sleeping a few feet from where he stood. All around him were sleeping women: Cricket pursuing her transcendent visions across the sky, Agnes troubled perhaps and contending, even in dreams, Jane wrapped happily about the child she would have to learn to give up, beginning next month... Perhaps, he thought, it's only when they're sleeping that a man is safe from their love, their deep designs. I won't rouse her, he thought. It's good to be alone.

## Great Arkansas Cleanup is on

From now until the end of October the Keep Arkansas Beautiful Commission (KAB) hosts the Great Arkansas Cleanup, the state's largest litter-removal initiative. Last year, nearly 16,000 Arkansans volunteered at 132 local cleanups, picking up nearly 8 million pounds of litter and bulky waste along roughly 1,700 miles of roadway and waterway.

Your class, group, business, club or neighborhood can participate by organizing a fun event from litter pickup to the biggest butt collection, planting trees, shoreline cleanup, recycling electronics, a park cleanup and more — anything to keep Arkansas beautiful — and registering it online now at [www.KeepArkansasBeautiful.com](http://www.KeepArkansasBeautiful.com). Be creative!

A division of the Arkansas Department of Parks and Tourism, KAB is a certified state affiliate of Keep America Beautiful Inc., collectively working to educate and inspire individuals to reduce litter, recycle and keep our state beautiful.

## NOTES from the HOLLOW by Steve Weems

Time to dip into my boxes of old *Eureka Springs Times-Echo* newspapers and see what the past has to tell us. The news of September 25, 1969 was dominated by preparations for the upcoming Ozark Folk Festival. I've always heard that the scale of yesteryear's Ozark Folk Festivals was much larger than that of those held currently, and newspaper articles confirm this. For instance, the 140-member Razorback Marching Band was slated to lead the festival parade. Another example is that Louise Berry announced that TV Channel 27 out of Springfield, Mo., was going to broadcast a 30-minute program previewing the 1969

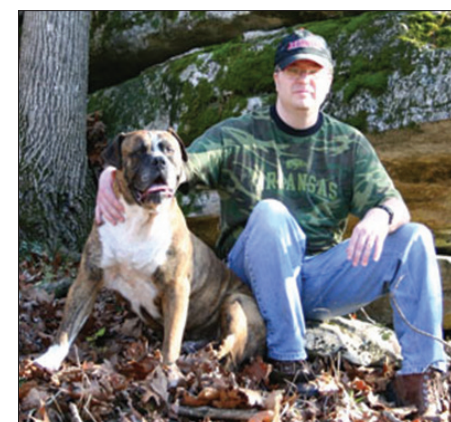
festival. Local Eureka Springs musicians and entertainers were to appear on the show.

This front page article caught my eye. The estate of the late Miss Beulah Edge, formerly of Eureka Springs, was left to the United Nations. The estate consisted of \$125,000 in cash and 50 oil wells situated on 4,000 acres of land in Roberts County, Texas. The short item states that Miss Edge had a Ph.D and her parents were natives of Eureka Springs.

The classifieds are always interesting in the snapshot of the past that they provide. In 1969, one could purchase Avon products from Judy McClelland, or

buy a 1954 Ford (with radio) for \$250.

Prolific writer Virginia Tyler penned three separate columns for the *Times-Echo* back then. The first reported that 19 had attended the meeting of the Ukulele Club at the New Orleans Hotel. The second column told how seven car loads of folks hiked the old railway line for the meeting of the Alpine Hiking Club. She mentioned that "devil-may-care individuals such as Janie Reeder and Bob Kappen" had walked across the tall trestle. She was disappointed that the old train tunnel was blocked by fencing they couldn't scale. Virginia Tyler's third column was the long running *Around Town* and it told about



George and Ruth Pinkley's business, the Wardrobe Cleaning Company. She reported that several Birchfields worked there, and that "These Ozark hills are full of Birchfields — they are all related, and are the salt of the earth."





**Carbs for a cause** – Holiday Island Presbyterian Church members served a capacity crowd in the HI Clubhouse Ballroom Sept. 14 during its annual mission fundraiser benefiting Grandma's House, Flint Street Food Bank and Back Our Kids.



**Art and artists** – The preview of art by Studio Tour artists will be on display during the Tour at Main Stage Sept. 18 and 19. From left Barbara Kennedy (painting), Fran Carlin, Diana Harvey (painting), Steve Beacham and Mark Hughes (fashion) all are on the tour!



Photos by Jay Vrecenak

**Block party** – Jazzman Rodney Block created a swingin' time in Basin Park along with the Fayetteville Jazz Octet and Grady Nichols during Jazz Eureka last Saturday.

**Jazz night** – Vocalist Molly Hammer performed with the Joe Cartwright group to an appreciative audience during Jazz Eureka's headliner show at the auditorium on Sept. 12.



**Bubbly belles** – Amanda Haley, left, and Mary Howze kicked off Jazz Eureka at the Crescent's Great Gatsby-style party. An easy-going crowd turned out to listen to them and enjoy an evening with light snacks circulated by servers in period costumes.





**Gunslingers** – The Antique Automobile Festival gives Eureka's would be gunslingers and other wild types a chance to have some fun during the 1922 bank robbery reenactment.



**Mayor's task force take note** – Seems like someone figured out how to get more people to town. Drive old cars and rob banks.



**Whipper snappers** – These young sprouts were part of the re-enactment crew that gathered at Chelsea's for pictures and instructions for roles in the bank robbery held after the antique auto parade. You won't catch kids dressed for school like that today!



**Musical stroll** – The Bird Cage gallery featured GG Curtain Call and the work of 27 local artists during the Sept. Gallery Stroll. Fred Devore and Laura Terril entertained as a crowd enjoyed music, wine and snacks.

**Beneficiaries** – Merlin Leach of Grandma's House and Pat Kasner of Flint Street Fellowship and Food Pantry enjoy the dinner benefitting their respective organizations at the Holiday Island Clubhouse Sept. 14.





## Young driver manages amazing escape

CD WHITE

In what can only be termed a miraculous escape, a 17-year-old young woman with injuries managed to pull herself out of a flattened car after she ran off Hwy. 23 near the sewer plant and rolled downhill around 5 a.m. Sept. 10.

No one passing by was able to see the vehicle or hear her call for help until she managed to free herself almost 12 hours after being trapped under the car. According to ESPD report, it was only after another driver, Denise Vazquez, and heard a yell for help about 5 p.m. that rescue became imminent.

ESPD was notified and Sgt. Brad Handley responded to the scene. According to the report, Vazquez turned her car around after hearing the call and subsequently “found a bloodied female crawling out of the ditch. She had injuries to her collar bone and head area and was covered in dried blood, dirt and debris.” The female identified herself and said she rolled her car and had been trapped in it since early that morning.

EMS arrived and transported the victim to the Eureka Springs Hospital. Earlier that day, a mother had reported to police her daughter had not arrived home when expected, so Handley was able to advise the mother



to go directly to the hospital to meet EMS.

Evidence at the scene showed the girl’s vehicle had been traveling south when she left the roadway, overcorrected, traveled across both lanes and went off the road on the east side. The front of the car went off a small cliff, causing the vehicle to overturn and roll down the embankment,



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coming to rest at the bottom.

The young woman’s name was not released because she is a minor. She has been released from the hospital.

## Sunday at EUUF

All are welcome Sundays at 11 a.m. at the Eureka Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 17 Elk St., for a program and refreshments. On Sept. 20 there will be an introduction of new members. Childcare is provided and there’s extra parking at Ermilio’s Restaurant, 26 White Street.

## ES Farmers’ Market moves Sept. 22, 24

The Farmers’ Market will be held in the Victoria Inn parking lot on US 62 near Passion Play Road Tuesday and Thursday during the week of Bikes, Blues, and BBQ, Sept. 22 and 24 only.

On Sept. 29 the Market returns to The

Village at Pine Mountain with all the good, fresh shitake mushrooms, apples, vegetables and baked goods, soaps, jellies, meats, flowers, and cheese you can handle.

And remember, the Big Chili Contest is Oct. 8, so start perfecting your recipe!

## Dances of Universal Peace

Dances of Universal Peace will be held at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 17 Elk St., on Friday, Sept. 18 at 7 p.m. The dances are simple and joyful moving meditations that involve the singing of sacred phrases

with accompanying movements from the world’s many spiritual traditions. Participation is free of charge. Contact Rebecca Babbs at (479) 253-8303 or email babbsrebecca@gmail.com for more information.

## Metafizzies feature spiritual growth coach Shelly Wilson

The Sept. 21 meeting of the Eureka Springs Metaphysical Society will feature Intuitive Medium, Reiki Master and Spiritual Growth Coach Shell Wilson offering her interpretation of what has

assisted her on her journey into spiritual awakening. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. at the Heart of Many Ways in the Christian Science Church at 68 Mountain Street in Eureka Springs. All are welcome.

## Arkansas hosts equinox and crystal skull events

The fall equinox is likely to draw folks from all points to Hot Springs for The Fall Equinox Cosmic Experience, Sept. 19 – 22.

The event includes journeys to Ron Colman Mine, Crater State Park and Ouachita State Park. Participants are offered crystal digging at a secured private site, a swim and purification/rejuvenation experience, soaks in thermal baths, crystal grid workshops, a hike in the forest, a day of diamond digging and a boat trip with lunch included.

Workshop sessions and the implementation of a major installation of the cosmic grid connecting planetary beings within our solar system are also on the

schedule for the equinox celebration.

On Oct 9 –11, the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Hot Springs Crystal & Crystal Skull Festival features guest speakers and many crystals and crystal skulls from around the world. On the speakers’ roster is Mika, recognized worldwide for his teaching on crystals, energy healing and magnified healing. He has taught classes in crystal and gemstone therapy under The Academy for Healing Arts and has lectured on crystals and healing at the United Nations.

To register for either event, or for more info, call Karin (954) 309-1217, email GKdipi@aol.com or see Hot Springs Crystal & Crystal Skull Festival on Facebook.

## Holiday Island Hikers back on the trail

Interested hikers are invited to join the Holiday Island Hikers for an easy trek around the Island on Monday, Sept. 21. Meet at the home of Bob Hilmer at 10 a.m. For directions and information on the hike and lunch, or for a season schedule, contact Dan Kees (660) 287-2082 or dandtkees@cox.net.

## HIFD Pancake Breakfast

The Holiday Island Fire Department will hold its annual Pancake Breakfast Saturday, Oct. 10, from 7 – 10:30 a.m. at the Clubhouse, 1 Country Club Drive in

Holiday Island. Cost at the door is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children under 12. Proceeds will go to benefit fire department’s training, equipment, supplies and programs.



## Build buzz for your book

Award-winning author Marian Szczepanski will present *How to be Your Book's Best Publicist* on Sept. 26. The workshop will include how to build buzz for small press or self-published books by finding target markets, creating publicity materials and seeking pitch venues and speaking opportunities. The workshop at the Village Writing School, 177 Huntsville Road (Hwy. 23S), is from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. For more information and to register online see [VillageWritingSchool.com](http://VillageWritingSchool.com) or call (479) 292-3665.

## Chickweed pesto? You bet!

Wood sorrel soup, chickweed pesto, fried dandelion blossoms, persimmon butter rolls, acorn cranberry scones, marigold vinegar – or maybe sautéed daylily buds. Sound familiar? Maybe not, but many of our grandparents and parents used wild plants; and not surprisingly, all those dishes just mentioned are delicious.

Most of us have forgotten how extensively wild plants can be used as food, but on Sunday, Sept. 20, at 2 p.m. Dr. Tamara Walkingstick is going to jog our memories. Come and learn to identify some edible species of Arkansas native and non-native vegetation, and



sample a few of her wild and flavorsome dishes.

Don't miss this free, informative and tasty program at Hobbs State Park – Conservation Area visitor center on Hwy. 12 just east of the War Eagle Road intersection. For more information call (479) 789-5000.

## Get your stuff ready to strut

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 Oct. 3 at the 4 States Event Center on US 62.

Join dozens of local and regional artists sharing 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 with “celeb” models starting at 8 p.m. Come be part of the music, the lights, the fun and the fashions!

For more info or to strut your stuff, contact Peggy Hill (479) 253-1732.

## Hot on the art trail ... *Eureka Springs Studio Tour*

Twenty-eight local artists will welcome the public during the Eureka Springs Studio Tour Sept. 17–19. The free, self-guided tour is a unique way to spend two full days meeting some of Eureka's finest artisans in working studios as you enjoy refreshments, watch demonstrations and discuss process and technique.

Observe the creative process behind paintings, pottery, clothing, fiber art, glasswork, kayaks, mosaics, metal work, photography, musical instruments, carvings, jewelry and much more. On Thursday, several studios

will be open the extra day with special demonstrations.

Because the studios are located throughout the city, Eureka Springs West and Holiday Island, it's a great way to see the area if you're a visitor and to see what's new if you're local. Signs along the route direct you to the studios, which will be open 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Friday and on Saturday from 12 – 5 p.m. For a map, directions, descriptions, artists and studios pick up the *Independent Fun Guide* or go to [www.eurekaspringsstudiotour.org](http://www.eurekaspringsstudiotour.org).

## Jonathan and Kara Story at HICC

Jonathan Story, Kara Story and Jonathan Chavez will perform a wide variety of vocal and instrumental music as part of the Woodward Memorial Concert series at the Holiday Island Community Church, 188 Stateline Drive, on Sunday, Sept. 24 at 4 p.m.

Jonathan serves as pianist for the Singing Men of Arkansas and organist of Central United Methodist Church in Fayetteville. Kara is an adjunct music professor at the Univ. of

Arkansas, Fort Smith and participates in the choir and praise team at Central United Methodist Church. Jonathan Chavez, a native of Peru, has done numerous recitals to raise funds for humanitarian works overseas while working for Delta Air Lines.

Although there is no charge for this musical evening, you may leave a donation to make further Woodward Memorial Concerts possible. For more information call (479) 253-8200.

## Painting With a Twist *Art class goes to the dogs*

Painting With a Twist Studio in Fayetteville invites artists and/or dog lovers to join a special class on Sunday, Sept. 20, from 2 – 4 p.m. for a Painting with a Purpose *Soldier On Service Dogs* Fundraiser. Half the canvas sales from the event will go to train and place service dogs with local veterans suffering from PTSD and TBI.

Come relax, uncork and have fun painting. You may bring food or non-alcoholic beverages or opt for a Twist at the cash bar! Register by phone at Painting with a Twist, 1404 N College Ave. in the Evelyn Hills Center (479) 966-4222.

## Year's last show at Intrigue Theater is no illusion

On Wednesday, Sept. 23 at 8 p.m., illusionist Sean-Paul and medium Juliana Fay will stun audiences with *The Illusionist and the Medium* for the last time this year in the intimate Intrigue Theater, 80 Mountain Street.

Sean-Paul and Juliana won't be back until Intrigue's new Halloween Show Oct. 31 in the city auditorium with the eerie *Asylum Dolls* and *Walking through Walls*. The Halloween show has been a sellout, so reserve early.

For tickets to either show,



contact (855) 446-8744, [boxoffice@intriguetheater.com](mailto:boxoffice@intriguetheater.com) or book and see details at [www.intriguetheater.com](http://www.intriguetheater.com).

## Turpentine Creek Pres to speak at Crystal Bridges

President of Turpentine Creek Wildlife Refuge, Tanya Smith, along with the Curator of Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art, Chad Alligood, will give a conversation gallery talk on Andy Warhol's *25 Cats Named Sam* series and the *Endangered Species* collection on Monday, Sept. 21 at 1 p.m.

Smith and Alligood will discuss topics such as domestication, cat breeds, “good and bad pets,” and endangered species. Guests will be encouraged to ask questions throughout the talk and for 15 minutes at the end of the presentation. There are a limited number of spots available for this event. The event is free but prospective attendees need to pre-register at [www.crystalbridges.org](http://www.crystalbridges.org).

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## Mercury Retrograde, Fall Equinox, Yom Kippur, Forgiveness (Inscribed for Good in the Book of Life)

We have a complex week ahead. Wednesday Jupiter opposite Neptune (Virgo/Pisces). Synthesis. A most auspicious, kind and loving day. Thursday, Mercury, star of conflict and crisis, is playing its beginning of a retrograde in Libra (16 degrees). Our last Mercury retro was in Gemini (May/June). It concerned communications. Now the retrograde is in Libra (concerning relationships, right use of money, pondering upon Right Relations). Mercury takes us deep within ourselves where we deliberate, ponder, and brood over issues in our personal and global worlds. Mercury retro in Libra helps us review

the quality and status of our relationships (commitments, marriage, partnerships, etc.). It calls us to assess if we have Right Relations with all the kingdoms – mineral, plant, animal, human, and our Soul (the new kingdom on Earth). Mercury retrograde continues through the Oct. 9. We all know the Mercury retro rules by now.

Monday - UN International Day of Peace: Partnership for Peace, Day of Dignity. Everywhere in the world, at noon, there is a moment of silence. Let us all participate. We know the Esoteric equation for peace. Goodwill = Right Relations (Libra) = the Peace Process begins.

More: [www.internationaldayofpeace.org](http://www.internationaldayofpeace.org).

Wednesday (Sept. 23) is Autumn Equinox as the Sun enters Libra. The Soul Year begins. It's also Yom (day) Kippur (to atone), a somber Day of Atonement, most holy and solemn day of the Jewish year. We ask God on this day to forgive us, our omissions, ignorance, all that we have done to create separations with and sadness in others. The purity of Virgo has prepared us for the Libra balance and harmony forgiveness offers. All things are then made new. *"May we all be inscribed for good in the Book of Life."*

**ARIES:** Close relationships could enter into difficult communication and misunderstandings so be aware of Mercury's retrograde because it's affecting interactions with close and intimate friends and lovers. Make no important plans or decisions the next three weeks. Instead attempt to clear up unresolved tensions or confusions. Expect misinterpretation. Use language clearly, intelligently and lovingly. *"Make love not war."*

**TAURUS:** As your preparations for the future continue unwaveringly, be aware that more interruptions than usual will occur. Daily plans and agendas, though mapped

out, may set off in unusual directions. Do not criticize self or others should the needed work be set aside for more important issues. Mercury is a messenger and during this retrograde time, new information presented to you constitutes your new assignments.

**GEMINI:** Spend solitary time to reflect upon the times we are in. Discuss with those close to you what they think is occurring and if they feel preparations for the future are necessary. Mercury retro provides us (especially you) with detailed interior information related to present concerns and situations. Like Mercury, who gathers significant information for distribution, you are the messenger. Listen carefully, quietly, interiorly.

**CANCER:** Communication is demanding and strenuous during this Mercury retrograde. All energies within your environments are felt more deeply. You will think and ponder upon what you already know. You will not be settled or relaxed. Everyone will demand of you extra care and nurturing. With loved ones, discuss new possibilities, offer vital information, make no plans. All things turn upside down, inside out.

**LEO:** Everything will move faster than the speed of light. Should you be traveling, you will not move with the speed of light but with slow, precise and careful movements toward your destination, which actually could be your destiny. Equipment, tools, computers, phones, technology, people will act as if they forgot how to function efficiently. As well as you can, tend to what's broken. And tend to your money, resources and values, too.

**VIRGO:** Mercury, as it retrogrades, helps you realize your true values, including spiritual values. It asks you to consider what

the right use of matter (resources) is. These are very complex questions. Mercury, when retrograde, creates within Virgo a very deep state of assessment. By now you should have a Mercury retrograde journal to record feelings, thoughts and revelations during the retrogrades. Always

over time, retrogrades offer guidance and direction.

**LIBRA:** Notice if during the next three weeks your perceptions begin to change, if your point of view, ways of thinking, and position on many things often hidden from others adjusts, transforms and amends. This is a very internal time when thoughts focus on self-identity. Who have you become in the past several years? Have you continued with a posture, thought or belief that is no longer comfortable? Right Relations in Libra's keynote.

**SCORPIO:** During the next three weeks you might consider several questions. What are your deep inner resources? Faith, religion, virtue, focus and concentration? How do you offer service to humanity? Are you dreaming more? Do you have dreams for your future? You can often be alone, not sharing your inner self with others. You will internalize even deeper, contacting hidden reserves. You're quiet. We'll be interested in what you learned during Mercury's retrograde.

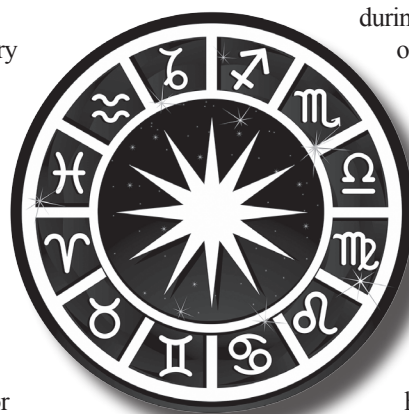
**SAGITTARIUS:** Reflect upon what you hoped for in the future in the light of the present world news. You may need to change plans, objectives and goals. What are your spiritual visions and aspirations? Do they blend with future goals? Sagittarians are being called to join men and women of Goodwill – New Group of World Servers – because daring visionaries, adventurers, new-idea thinkers and philosophers are needed.

**CAPRICORN:** In the next three weeks, following Mercury retro directives, you will reassess, re-evaluate, re-examine, reconsider, and perhaps revise your idea of a professional life. You will consider the satisfaction your present life provides, the compensations, rewards, drawbacks and advantages. You will see that every day you apply your talents and gifts, rendering service to the humanity you are responsible for. Follow not your rational mind but your heart's desires. Be grateful.

**AQUARIUS:** It's practical to be rational using the reasoning mind. But there is another level available beyond instinct – the intuitive mind. Information becomes knowledge and uses reason, which then becomes intuition. As you sense and comprehend the rhythm of the present times, you realize your work is to impart a vision of truth and community to everyone. This is your loving service to humanity. The devas (angels) work with you. Ask them for what you need.

**PISCES:** You are about to embark upon a journey to the past where you will meet once again crisis, sadness, criticisms and losses previously endured. This will be a test so you can demonstrate a one-pointed purpose amidst an internal crisis. You cannot do this alone. You must call upon the Soul, Divine Intelligence and Divine Mother for assistance. You seek direction. First, pass the tests. Pray, invoke guidance, study and meditate. Ask and give forgiveness. This is the season.

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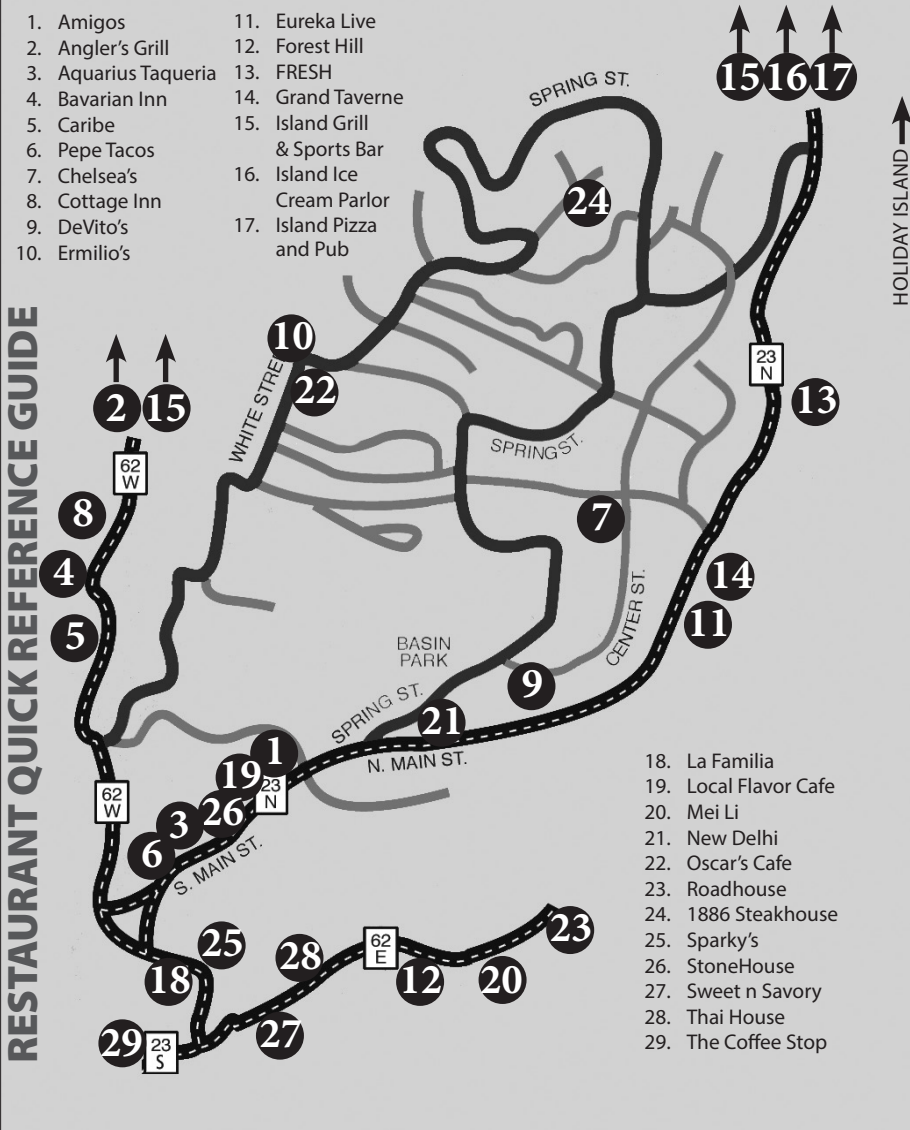


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### THURSDAY, SEPT. 17

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

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

LEGENDS SALOON – *Some Other Band*, Rock, 8 p.m.  
NEW DELHI – *Karaoke with Jesse James*, 6:30 – 9:30  
p.m.

### FRIDAY, SEPT. 18

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

CATHOUSE LOUNGE – *Shotgun Brothers*, Americana, 8  
p.m.

CHELSEA'S – *Camptown Ladies*, Americana, 5 – 8 p.m.,  
*Randy Crouch*, Americana, 9:30 p.m.

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

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

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

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

ROWDY BEAVER – *Opal Agafia and the Sweet Nothings*,  
Americana, 8 p.m.

ROWDY BEAVER DEN – *Karaoke with DJ Goose*, 9 p.m.

### SATURDAY, SEPT. 19

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

BREWS – *The Lark and the Loon*, Americana, 7 – 10 p.m.

CATHOUSE LOUNGE – *Saturday Night Giant*, Rock, 8  
p.m.

CHELSEA'S – *The Ariels Last Lap with Multiple Guests*,  
Rock, Final Show, 5 p.m. – 12:30 a.m.

EUREKA LIVE! – *DJ & Dancing*, 9 p.m.

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

LEGENDS SALOON – *Mark Shields and Good Company*,  
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Ariels' Last Lap at Chelsea's Sat, Sept. 19 from 5 p.m. – ??

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

NEW DELHI – *Blew Reed and the Flatheads*, Blues, 6 – 10  
p.m.

ROWDY BEAVER DEN – *Jason Kinney Duo*, Rock, 1 – 5  
p.m., *The Bucky Todd Experiment*, Rock, 9 p.m.

### SUNDAY, SEPT. 20

BASIN PARK BALCONY – *Michael Dimitri*, Singer/  
Songwriter, 12 p.m., *Jeff Lee*, Folk, 5 p.m.

BREWS – *Cards Against Humanity/Board Games*

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

NEW DELHI – *Whiskey Mendez*, Folk, 1 – 5 p.m.

ROWDY BEAVER DEN – *John Harwood*, Singer/  
Songwriter, 1 p.m.

### MONDAY, SEPT. 21

AQUARIUS TAQUERIA – *Buffalo Gals*, Americana, 5 – 7:30  
p.m.

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

### TUESDAY, SEPT. 22

CHELSEA'S – *Open Mic*

### WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 23

CATHOUSE LOUNGE – *Jimmy Wayne Garrett*, Rock, 6 – 10  
p.m.



# October begins deer season for cars

BECKY GILLETTE

The odds of hitting a deer in the state of Arkansas remain much higher than in most states, according to new nationwide study by State Farm, the largest auto insurer in the country. Arkansas ranks 13<sup>th</sup> nationally.

The months a driver is most likely to collide with a deer, mostly due to mating and hunting seasons, are October, November and December. Winter months can also bring the deer out as food becomes scarcer in the woods and deer move to the roadsides to graze.

A deer collision can be deadly. In 2013, 191 deaths were the result of

collisions with animals, with deer being the animal most often struck, according to the Insurance Information Institute and the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety.

Even when no fatalities are involved, collisions can be very expensive. The national cost per claim average is \$4,135, up six percent from 2014 when the average was \$3,888.

West Virginia tops the list of states where a collision is most likely with 1 in 44 odds. Hawaii rounds out the bottom of the list, also for the ninth year in a row, with 1 in 8,765 odds.

State Farm offers these tips to help

drivers avoid a collision:

- Wear your seatbelt
- At night when there is no oncoming traffic, use high beams
- Avoid swerving. The idea is for the driver make the best decision, but often it is better to hit the deer than drive into a tree or oncoming traffic. Each driver has to decide in situation-by-situation basis.

• Scan the road for deer and other danger signs

• Do not rely on devices such as deer whistles. Research has shown they are not effective.

Facts drivers should know: Deer are on all roads, are unpredictable, often move in groups; and dusk to dawn are high risk times.

## HIFD Auxiliary luncheon

The Holiday Island Fire Department Auxiliary's 2015-16 season kickoff luncheon is Tuesday, Sept. 22 at noon in the Clubhouse ballroom at 1 Country Club Drive. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. Cost is \$8 and *reservations must be made by Friday, Sept. 18*, with Peggy Arnhart

(479) 363-6235.

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.

## CBCO blood drive at Inn of Ozarks

The Community Blood Center of the Ozarks has issued a code yellow alert for O Negative, AB Positive and AB Negative blood types. There will be a blood drive at the Inn of the Ozarks in Eureka Springs on Thursday, Sept. 24 from 1 – 6 p.m.

To be eligible to give blood you must weigh at least 110 pounds, be in good health and present a valid photo ID. For more information about sharing your good health with others or on the LifePOints donor rewards program go to [www.cbco.org](http://www.cbco.org) or call toll-free (800) 280-5337.

## VA seminar open to public

There will be a veteran non-service-connected pension Aid and Attendance Benefit Information Seminar with Todd Whatley, elder law attorney, at 1p.m.

on Sept. 29 at Peachtree Village, 5 Park Drive – on the left behind Sunfest Market in Holiday Island. For more information, email [jonipty@yahoo.com](mailto:jonipty@yahoo.com).

## Free Alzheimer's caregiver seminar

Molly Gay, granddaughter of former Razorback Coach Frank Broyles, will be guest speaker at a free seminar for Alzheimer's patient caregivers on Friday, Oct. 2 from 1 – 3 p.m. at the ECHO Clinic on East Van Buren. Molly, along with her mother and Broyles, were caregivers for Mrs. Barbara Broyles. From this

experience Coach Broyles' *Playbook for Alzheimer's Caregivers: A Practical Tips Guide* was written to help other caregivers become more aware of their own needs and how to deal with them.

A question and answer session will follow the seminar. Refreshments will be served. Call (479) 981-0626.

## Class of 2017 garage sale

Eureka Springs High School's enterprising junior class is already raising money for prom! Tradition is that the junior class is charged with hosting the prom, so the Class of 2017 will be holding a garage sale at the back of the new high school on 2 Lake Lucerne Road Saturday, Oct. 10, from 8 a.m. – 2 p.m., rain or shine, to raise funds for prom. Don't miss this one!

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## Poetluck features diverse trio

Join writers-in-residence Hollis Gillespie, Marian Szeccanski and Deborah Pope at Poetluck Sept. 17 at the Writers' Colony at Dairy Hollow for a potluck and literary salon.

Gillespie writes a humor column for Paste.com and is a commentator on NPR's *All Things Considered*. She'll read a passage from her book *Trailer Trashed*, about being raised by a mother who was a missile scientist and a father who was an alcoholic traveling trailer salesman.

Szeccanski's debut novel *Playing St. Barbara* was inspired by her grandmother's life in a Depression-era Pennsylvania coal-mining town. She'll read from her new novel (working title *Rabbit Moon*) inspired by a crime that happened in Houston last October.

Pope has authored four books of poetry and will share from her new manuscript tentatively titled *Archer and Swan*.

Local writers and musicians are invited to read from or perform their work for up to four minutes after we hear from the resident writers. Potluck begins at 6:30 p.m. and everyone is welcome, so bring a dish to share and settle in for a great evening at the Writers' Colony, 515 Spring Street. (479) 253-7444.

## What's up at ESSA

During the Studio Tour Sept. 17 – 19, come meet Barbara Kennedy (featured Studio Tour artist) in ESSA's Two-Dimensional Studio along with Carl Petering, Sonny Carpenter and Julie Hop.

In the Jewelry Studio, Judy Lee Carpenter, Edwidge Denyszyn and Danielle James will dazzle with their designs.

And don't forget to stop by the Iron Studio where sparks will fly with metal workers Bert Jones, Cheryl Rutledge and Dan Morris.

Your hosts will also be leading tours of the clay studios and new leather working studios. Once you've seen it all, you'll no doubt be inspired to sign yourself up or get a group together and take one of the fun Fall Workshops. Register and see more at [www.essa-art.org](http://www.essa-art.org), phone (479) 253-5384, or see what's new at Eureka Springs School of the Arts on Facebook.

September

22 – 25: Metal Sculpture with Wayne Summerhill (only two spaces left!)

October



5 – 9: Basket Weaving: Gizzard Basket with Mary Patrick (best basket ever)

Forged Steel: Making a Small Gate with Bob Patrick (straight or ornate)

7 – 9: Portraiture in Watercolor with Alicia Farris (gentle power)

Closed Toe Birkenstocks with Jarod Beavers (make your own shoes)

9 – 11: Building Hand Tools with Doug Stowe (woodworker's dream)

5 – 17: Making a Couture Hat for Mad Hatter Ball (make yours a winner)



# DEPARTURE

## Ran (John) Sliter 1945-2015

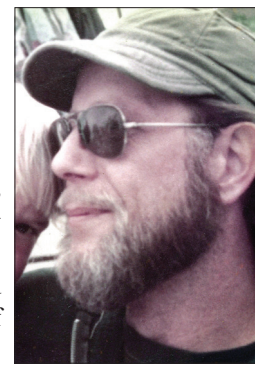
Ran (John) Sliter, long time resident of Eureka Springs, transitioned to a better world on Sept. 3, 2015, at the VA Hospital in Fayetteville, Ark. Ran served his country in the Navy, as did his father and grandfather before him.

Arriving in Eureka in the early '70s from San Francisco, Ran recognized in a short time that he had arrived home. He had always applied himself to the needs of others, and soon became indispensable to the elderly of the area. He served as handyman and caregiver, supplying transportation and connecting his

clients with local tradespeople as the need arose.

Ran had the gift of hospitality, providing temporary housing to travelers and the homeless. He was a weekly volunteer at Lane House, the youth ministry of St. James Church, where he was involved in the drama program.

His personality was agreeable and non-judgmental, with both friends and strangers. A person with love in his heart for others, Ran was a true example of the spirit of Eureka Springs, and will be greatly missed.



**MAIL** continued from page 8

600 acres at the South Fork.

Our neighbor uphill decided to spray his trees with 2,4,5-T, the herbicide used against the people of Viet Nam and banned by even President Nixon!

We had researched what the effects of Agent Orange, 2,4,5-T, was on the people of Viet Nam, their fishing areas and their land. All along, Dow Chemical Company, as today, denied any ill effects. Also, the Agriculture Dept. of the University of Arkansas, AR County Agents and banks extolled the efficiency of herbicides and spraying.

Viet Nam vets were exposed to Agent Orange and are still suffering from its effects.

I remember going to one farmer's test patch and he said, "I've had no trouble at all with spraying." His wife, sitting in his truck,

told me she was suffering from cancer. No trouble at all?

We eventually got a legal injunction to stop our neighbor's spraying. The sheriff refused to serve it. He said, "You know, people 'round here don't like you hippies and are prone to burn out people who they don't like. I just don't have time to serve this injunction."

In fact, people did burn us out. They stole our belongings, let our horse loose, then burned our tents.

Early the morning of our neighbor's spraying, we climbed the mountain with heavy hearts. Up the mountain, we saw the helicopters whirring and getting ready to spray our beautiful valley and the sweet river.

Later, I went back. Not a bird chirped. No natural sounds at all. Nothing moving. I

could feel the evil.

Dow Chemical Company makes a lot of money selling poisons. They will eternally deny that 2,4,5-T or 2,4-D cause any problems at all, much less cancer.

"Chemical drift" does not just affect gardens. It gets in the water and in the soil and stays a very, very long time.

"Arkansas: The Natural State?" We who love Nature and the Earth have had to fight against SWPCO's destructive plans, against fluoride in our drinking water, against the pollution of the Buffalo River by the hog farms and against the clear-cutting of our forests. We want to live in cooperation with each other and with the Earth.

Why is this assault still going on?

MONEY.

**Trella Laughlin**

### Aftermarket pipes violate morality. And law.

Editor,

As a former United States Marine Corps NCO/0311/1-1 and a retired 31.5-year veteran of the Houston Police Department, can someone please explain to me how one correlates "vehicular noise assault" with patriotism and philanthropy?

According to the *Ventura County Star*, approximately 1000 roaring, loud motorcycles converged on a Naval Base in Ventura County, Calif., allegedly in support of wounded military personnel and commemorate the 911 tragedy.

Some 80 percent of new Harley Davidson owners make the purchase of an illegal aftermarket exhaust mechanism, their very first "performance" upgrade. I think it's reasonable to assume a similar percentage of metric motorcycle riders make the same illegally loud upgrade to their motorcycles. It is safe to assume that approximately 80 percent, or 800, of the motorcyclists involved in the "patriotic" ride were operating an illegally loud, illegally equipped motorcycle on public roadways.

I've personally tested a number of these motorcycle aftermarket exhaust mechanisms via the SAE J2825 Stationary Motorcycle Testing Procedure. I was unable to find a single aftermarket exhaust that passed both the idle and RPM test parameters. A

majority of these motorcycle aftermarket exhausts emit two-four-six or more times the 80 db(a) maximum noise emissions limit stipulated as the "minimum" safe level of noise emissions for the general public as per the Environmental Protection Agency and the World Health Organization (calculated via logarithmic scale). Noise that has been documented to be especially dangerous to our children and our elderly, noise emissions that clearly violate federal, state and many local laws.

Who but a bully-arrogant-thug would remove a quiet, compliant motorcycle exhaust mechanism and replace same with an illegal, "not for road use" aftermarket exhaust, then take their shiny new phallic extension out into the public and proceed to assault women, children and the elderly with unnecessary, illegal, intrusive noise?

How does one consider himself/herself a "patriot" and a "philanthropist" and fail to adhere to the very basics of the moral law, i.e., love for one's neighbor, respect, honor, dignity, endeavoring to do no harm, and how does this same individual, with knowledge and intent, violate the established rule of law relevant to illegally loud vehicular noise?

Where are our local law enforcement entities on this subject?

**Rick Holtsclaw**

### QAR goes all out for ESFD

Editor,

Our thanks to Quality Assurance Roofing for donating the new roof for Fire Station #2 on White Street. The roof was damaged by spring storms and the insurance deductible was more than the cost of a roof, but it was an unbudgeted repair. Quality Assurance Roofing volunteered to donate the materials and install the shingles at no charge to the fire department.

Quality Assurance Roofing has also donated \$1,000 to the Rod Wasson charity fund. So, if you see one of their star spangled trucks somewhere, please stop and let them know how much Eureka Springs appreciates their community support.

**Randy Ates**  
**Fire Chief**



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Hope this gets to you all in time, we just got back from a camp trip on Beaver. Went tubing and did a little fishing for some stripers. The tubing was fun and the first time in 10 years my boat got to do something besides fishing.

But were here for the fishing. We slept in and didn't get out till after 8 a.m. First of seven bait rods got hit and lost going out about 30 ft. deep on a balloon with a frisky six-inch shad.

Put back out then went to putting out a second balloon when it got hit and we got a nice 14 lb. striper. Slowed down after that a little and the women were telling us to come in to a good camp "breakfast" so we came in to eat and then go tubing.

Picture here is of local angler Bill Mills with one of three stripers we got last week. We fished the same area at the same depth up here on our end of lake. We also had a trout trip Saturday and got some nice size rainbows trolling small flikker shad. Small crank baits in crawdad colors and natural shad colors



that get down around 8 ft. deep have been working best for us, and sitting in still water in the deeper holes fishing with a piece of worm tipped with power bait off the bottom.

Walleye are also being caught 18 – 22 ft. deep here at the Island trolling deep-diving crankbaits in the deeper water off the flats. Slow moving jigs and minnows

could work also, maybe put a few of these on your dinner plate.

Well, that's it for this week. Hope you all enjoy this cool weather. We still have a lot of open days with some good fishing if you can't get out in your own.

Robert Johnson, Johnson Guide Service, [www.fishofexcellence.com](http://www.fishofexcellence.com) (479) 253-2258.

by Mike Boian

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Georg \_\_\_ after whom  
units of electrical  
resistance are named

4. Same as previously  
mentioned in citations

8. Comp =ose a stick  
figure

12. Bad fortune

13. State bird of Hawaii

14. Top quality

15. Summer cooler

17. Pigeon shelter

18. Had a debt

19. Legendary Norse sea  
monster

21. Harder to find

23. Trim with scissors

24. X or Y on a graph

25. Pattern that assists  
memory

29. Shriner's chapeau

30. Huge northern deer

31. \_\_\_ Wan Kenobi

32. Full of bends or curves

34. Temporary state of  
upset

35. Does not exist

36. Excessively busy with  
trifles

37. Sharp line on trouser  
leg

40. Donated

41. Fertile soil

42. Loyal, staunch way of  
behaving

46. Semicircular recess in  
a building

47. Sea bird

48. Red or Dead

49. Hammer part

50. Ownership paper

51. Female contribution to  
life

9. Chess castle

10. Prefix meaning prior

11. Think or suppose

16. In debt to

20. Homonym of rhyme

21. Rabble

22. Skating jump

23. Proboscis

25. Facial expression  
showing fear or  
wonder

26. Absurd or fatuous

27. Cousin of herons and  
storks

28. Large urban area

30. Put into disorder;  
rumple

33. Island in the Taiwan  
Strait

34. Capital of Fiji

36. Well known

37. Applaud

38. Lasso

39. Simplicity

40. No longer here

43. Poetic "before"

44. Part of a relay

45. Imitation diamond
- DOWN
1. Nocturnal bird of prey

2. Garden implement

3. Learn by heart

4. Central section of an  
ear

5. Deprived of life

6. Final episode

7. Timidity

8. Repeat from the

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PROBATE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF  
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CASE NO. 08-WPR-15-26

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death. This monumental task met with unforeseen complications because of the Berryville shelter building, doggie runaways, management, and financial issues.”

He said the board of directors decided in August to close the Berryville shelter and move everything to the Eureka Springs site. Jankowski said GSHS still accepts animals from the Berryville Animal Control. This consolidation, however, along with the other factors, has impacted the reserves and left the GSHS general fund barely afloat.

“We are losing money every month,” Jankowski remarked, which means funds for expansion, the spay/neuter program and outreach is very limited.

He also mentioned the board is looking closely at plans for a more secure and predictable financial future, but in the meantime, here they are.

One fundraiser planned is the 35th Annual Doggie Style Show, “Soul Trax Disco Mania,” scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 14, 5:30 – 8 p.m. at 4 States Event Center at 2100 E. Van Buren in Eureka Springs. There will be hors d’oeuvres and a cash bar as well as a silent auction, Christmas room, boutique (new with tag clothing), live auction and shelter animals.

Jankowski is hoping the community will respond to a real dilemma for the entire county. “We have a good staff in place, and we had record adoptions last month. We hope the community can help us help these unfortunate animals.”

Anyone can donate online at goodshepherd-hs.org, or by mail at PO Box 285, Eureka Springs, AR 72632.

**ARREST** continued from page 7

and dispatched two ambulances, a ladder truck and a rescue truck. According to the ESFD report a team of three firefighters climbed the tower – James Cowan, a former Eureka Springs Public Works employee who has climbed the tower several times; firefighter Jim Blair, who has experience climbing radio towers; and Capt. Shane Stanley, paramedic/ firefighter.

On reaching the lip the team discovered Leslie Hammond, 32, still on top of the water tank. She assured rescuers she was uninjured and able to climb down with assistance. Firefighters placed her in a rescue harness and she climbed down between two firefighters while the third stayed at the top to guide the rescue rope in case she slipped.

Hammond was taken into custody by ESPD and charged with Criminal Trespass, a misdemeanor. Hammond told Sgt. Brad Handley she often climbs the tower to “find herself.”





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