



Eastern district ambulance service passes first hurdle

MIKE ELLIS

An ordinance to establish an ambulance district for the eastern half of Carroll County passed easily on its first reading at the quorum court meeting Monday evening, but even some of those who voted in favor of the ordinance suggested that many questions remain before final passage.

The ordinance would create the Eastern Carroll County Ambulance District. Commissioners would request proposals from ambulance services, and could choose among any providers meeting the district's standards. That decision presently rests with the county judge.

If no provider submits a bid without requiring a subsidy, the district would have to put a millage request before voters. JP Larry Swofford asked if the commission could ask voters directly for a millage, and was told the quorum court would still have to approve any attempt to place a millage request on the ballot.

The five members of the proposed commission would each represent one of the fire districts on the east side of the county.

Although he voted for the ordinance, Swofford said, "It's going smooth as it is." JP Lamont Richie also voted in favor, but said, "I voted 'yes' to give this a second reading." Richie, who represents Eureka Springs, said the ordinance would not affect his district, and encouraged residents of the eastern side of the county to come to the Oct. 19 quorum court meeting to express their opinion.

JP Chuck Olson, who has served as a commissioner on the Western Carroll County Ambulance District, said, "This gives control back to the people, and takes it out of the hands of the

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Yes, but ... what is it? – If you're too tired of two tires, then get three! About 6,000 Polaris Slingshots rolled off the line in 2014 and one percent of them rolled into town on Sept. 18 for the third-ever Slingshot rally and the first held here. Above, Wayne Farmer from Florida points out the only part on his Slingshot that hasn't been customized or modified. See story, p. 20.

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This Week's INDEPENDENT Thinkers



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Up to 90 percent of corn and soy, potatoes, apples, beets and on and on grown in the United States is genetically modified. That means plant DNA has been manipulated to take away its vitality and make it more, ummm, plastic? Fake? Unhealthy? Able to withstand browning, bruising, heat and ringspot, modified food is what we are feeding our animals, kids and ourselves.

Russia has just joined Germany and Scotland to ban GMOs in any and all food production.

"We must protect our own market, and above all,

our citizens," Russian President Vladimir Putin said.

What a concept. In this country, we don't even require labeling of GMOs.

BTW, here at home, Chipotle Mexican Grills do not serve genetically modified food.

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Runway work to start; manager hired

NICKY BOYETTE

Consulting engineer Dan Clinton told the Carroll County Airport Commission on Friday the runway rehabilitation grant is now actionable, but he did not say when work would begin. "We gave them [contractor and crew] permission to proceed, but we don't know when the feds [Federal Aviation Administration] will release the funds," he said adding his concern if the work does not begin soon, it might be interrupted by weather.

Clinton said the project would entail milling off the top inch of the runway surface and adding two inches of new surface. Also part of the project is digging French drains along each side to provide effective runoff.

Clinton said the project should take two uninterrupted weeks to complete.

He also announced that during the last week of the month the Arkansas Department of Aeronautics would conduct a hearing for the \$12,000 grant application to replace the present fuel system. He will also learn in November about his attempt to recapture \$11,000 left over from previous State grants that would be deposited into the general fund.

New manager on board

Chair Morris Pate reported Michael Pfeifer had been hired as full-time airport manager. Pate said two of Pfeifer's immediate goals would be to pursue a skydiving business and a radio-controlled aircraft club to be based at CCA.

Airport business

Pate commented another goal for the airport would be to establish a debt-reduction account. He recently learned of a \$77,000 unpaid loan the commission must pay off. It also appeared there was another \$45,000 outstanding debt for land acquisition in the past which Clinton questioned. Clinton remembered the money being received, but Pate said he could find nothing to show the loan had been paid.

In more positive news, Pate said the Cassville Flying Club was considering a return to CCA and they agreed to use Harvey Cleveland, flight instructor at CCA, as their instructor. Pate said Cleveland has six regular students and other occasional students, so flight instruction at CCA is taking off again.

He also announced all hangars on the south side of the runway have been rented, and only three remain available on the north side.

The next meeting will be Friday, Oct. 16, at noon.

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county judge and the quorum court."

Dispatch updates

Lt. Daniel Klatt of the Carroll County Sheriff's Office told the court about needed improvements in dispatch. He said most of the existing equipment was purchased in 2002, and the system has not had any major changes since. "Some of the equipment was out of warranty before it was even installed," Klatt said. "Some of our systems use Windows XP, which is no longer supported."

Klatt said new standards will require major changes within a few years, and the county could not presently meet those standards. He said the CCSO has located a system that will integrate all the functions of the dispatch office. JPs gave the county judge authority to solicit bids for the system.

The quorum court also approved a resolution to apply for a grant from the Arkansas Rural Development

Commission for \$150,000, to support the 911 dispatch system.

Sheriff v. sheriff

During public comments, former sheriff Bob Grudek complained that an employee of the CCSO received a two-day suspension for talking to him. "I don't want any other ex-employees to get in trouble for talking to me," he said. "I just want to put it on the record." In response, Sheriff Randy Mayfield did not go into detail, but said he took appropriate action.

In an interview after the meeting, Mayfield said the dispatcher was on duty, and was talking at length with Grudek in front of the courthouse on a busy court day. The dispatcher complained to Grudek about a co-worker and current working conditions. Mayfield told the *Independent* he has people within CCSO who posted election signs in their yards last fall for Grudek, and would not hold that against anyone in his department in the future.

Council grapples to make sense out of non-cents

NICKY BOYETTE

Three issues reverberated through the Monday afternoon City Council budget workshop: how can aldermen get clear, up-to-date fiscal information, where does the city stand relative to the budget, and how can the city set aside reserves?

Alderman David Mitchell asked for more information about the impact of replacing faulty water meters on the 2015 budget. He said council had been told initial results following the first replacements were positive, but Mitchell stated there has been no update for months on how many have been installed or the potential impact on the budget.

Alderman Terry McClung stated if the city had a better picture of what will be potentially saved, it might not have to increase water rates.

Mayor Butch Berry pointed out that, "The city might have billed too low all along."

Mitchell said he is trying to do his due fiduciary diligence by pressing the issue, and Berry agreed the water loss situation is important. "But we'll get to that," Berry said.

Alderman Bob Thomas compared his budget concerns to the council meeting recently when aldermen were shocked to learn the city had not set aside reserves last year. He said he didn't want to be shocked next summer about the budget, and asked Finance Director Lonnie Clark to explain a couple of items in the financial report.

Clark did explain what the budget numbers meant, and Thomas continued to ask about dubious arithmetic anomalies.

McClung interjected that property taxes are not due until October and sales tax numbers from the best months are not in yet either, so year-to-date numbers do not reflect accurately on year-end expectations.

Mitchell, however, then pointed out projected property tax revenue does not make up the projected loss.

"It's going to be a tight budget," he declared.

"And it's been going on for years," Berry responded. "This is not the first

year this has come up."

Mitchell insisted they find a way to end the cycle by establishing a line item in the budget for reserves, and Thomas maintained he did not want to wait until the end of the year to know if the city budget, for which he is responsible, is on track.

McClung agreed with his peers regarding a line item for reserves, but observed the city would have reserve money only if department heads stayed within their budgets.

Thomas suggested including in the financial report a five-year average of expenses and revenue for every month to provide a more effective touchstone for aldermen.

There was a discussion of unknowns that affect managing a budget, but Thomas refocused the group by asking, "So do we just operate and see at the end of the year how we are doing? I keep asking where we are and no one knows."

McClung then compared the budget process to a pie. He suggested the city look at total revenue it expects for the following year and study needs and spending histories of the departments and assign pieces of the pie to each department, and that would be all they get. He also included a slice for reserves. "It's worth a try," he commented. He said the city has too long been building its pie around the filling.

Alderman Mickey Schneider said there is already a tourism tax on dining, drinking and sleeping, but she suggested the city impose a one percent tax on other tourist-driven expenses in town but not living necessities like groceries. She said visitors would be the ones who would mostly pay for it.

Berry replied her idea had already been discussed, but as a way to help finance maintenance of the Auditorium.

Berry said he was trying to get department heads to submit budgets earlier this year, and introduced Police Chief Thomas Achord who represented his draft budget.

Achord walked aldermen through

his budget with occasional pauses for explanations which every time appeased concerns. He explained nuances to the ten-year replacement schedule for ESPD vehicles, and warned council sooner or later the city will need to find \$37,000 for an update in its radio capability. The county has announced it is proceeding with updating towers and equipment, so at some point the city will need to keep pace.

Building Inspector Bobby Ray told council he had been reducing his budget for a few years now, and all that was left to cut was his minimal education/travel line item.

Finance Director Lonnie Clark told council he had cut some positions last year, but in this year's budget, he is adding 1.1 employees to his staff. He said some of the additional expense would be offset by eliminating professional services previously necessary for transferring old computer data to the new system.

Council did not set a date for the next budget workshop.

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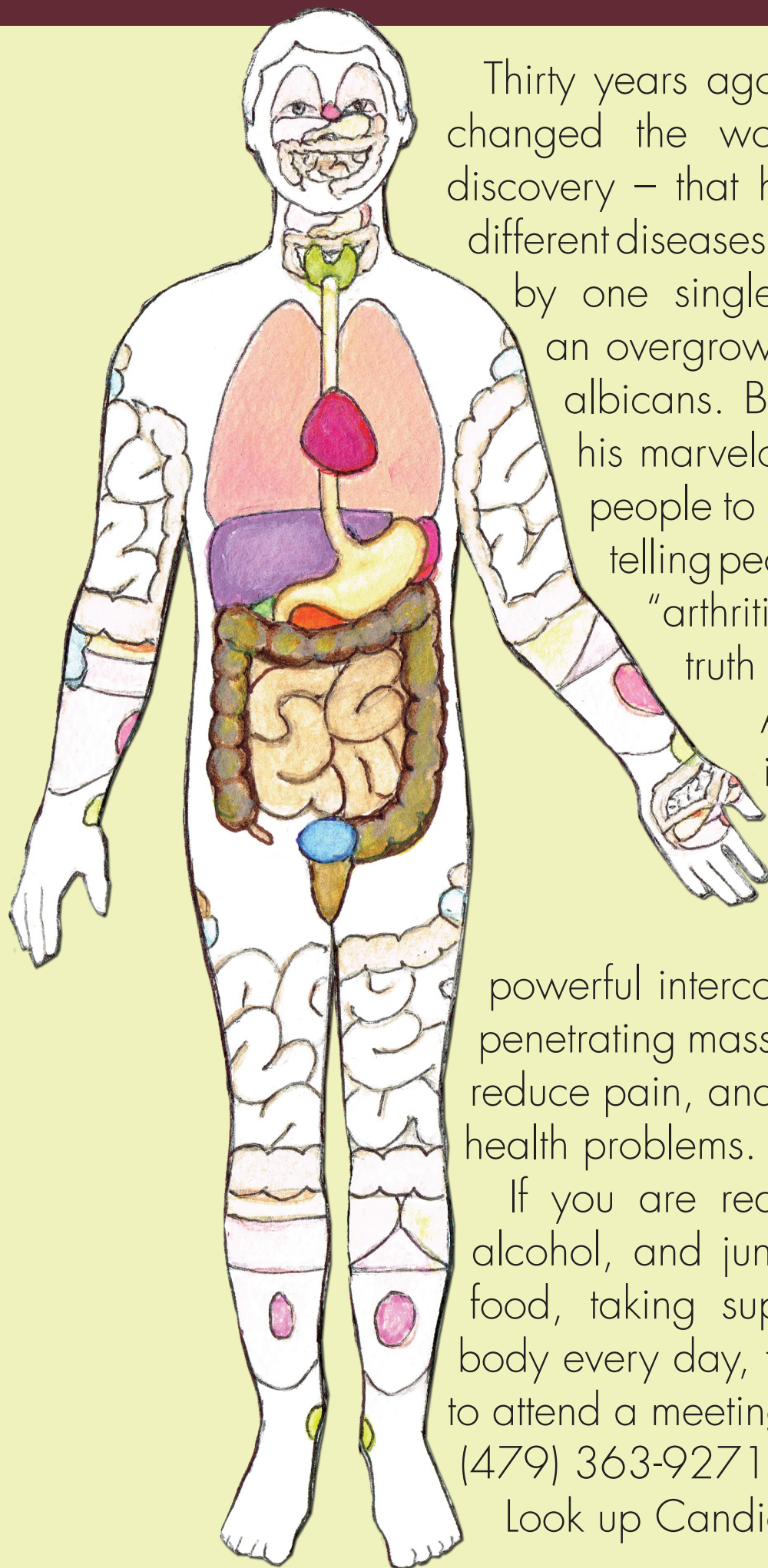
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School board advised to claim vacancy

NICKY BOYETTE

To open the September Eureka Springs School Board meeting Monday evening, Chair Jason Morris declared a board vacancy. He said the board had tried repeatedly to reach member Glenn Coggeshell to no avail, so based on advice from attorneys for the Arkansas School Boards Association, the board should declare the position vacant. Morris said since the vacancy had occurred for more than 30 days, and the board would be better served according to ASBA attorneys, if it waited until the school board election in 2016 to fill the vacant seat.

The board voted unanimously to declare the position vacant.

Let's make a deal

Supt. Brian Pruitt told the board it needed to make a decision regarding the old high school property which the district still maintains at a cost of \$35,000 annually. He asked board members to approve a resolution authorizing him to negotiate a deal with someone who would lease or buy it.

Pruitt said the property had been valued at \$375,000.

Board member Al Larson said the ad hoc committee which has been researching possible uses of the property for more than two years plans to make a presentation at the October board meeting.

Pruitt said he must, according to law, advertise the property in the local paper of record for at least two weeks before any decisions can be made.

Board member Debbie Davis said she did not want the property to fall into greater disrepair. "It's our job to maintain school property, and someone needs to take care of that place."

Pruitt pointed out he cannot consummate any deal without approval from the board.

The board unanimously approved the resolution.

Back to school

Middle school principal Cindy Holt said the busy month of September had

settled into "a good, calm routine" for students and staff. She said students were treated to presentations of selected works from Edgar Allen Poe and they visited the Civil War battlefield at Prairie Grove.

High school principal Kathy Lavender, speaking for absent elementary principal Clare Lesieur, said third and fourth graders are auditioning for their choir, and second and third graders are preparing to march in the Veterans' Day parade.

Lavender told the board 90 percent of the high school students who attended the college fair in Harrison intend to go to college. The other ten percent plan to enlist in the military.

Lavender announced science teacher Katy Turnbaugh was awarded a \$5000 grant for water-monitoring equipment with which students can analyze local tap water or spring water. Turnbaugh also received \$1800 from the Carroll County Community Foundation, which she will use for computers. The EAST lab also received \$5000 in grant funds, which the district matched, and these funds will also be spent on computers.

Pruitt mentioned IT Director Pat Todd had procured \$52,000 from the federal E-rate program, which will be used to enhance the technology infrastructure in all the three buildings but primarily in the elementary school.

Bus fiasco

Transportation Director John Kesler announced the bus purchased by the district met with an unexpected problem while still at the factory. The bus was being prepared to leave the factory lot when someone filled the diesel tank with gas and drove the vehicle. Kesler said the factory replaced all the affected parts, but he did not trust that the bus was not still impaired. He recommended the district instead purchase a newer and slightly more expensive vehicle from another company even though it will not be ready until early 2016. The board voted to rescind the previous bid and accept the

bid from the company Kesler preferred.

Other items

- The board voted to approve changes to the sick leave bank as presented by Jake Allen, who spoke for the Licensed Personnel Policy Committee.

- The board also approved the Minority Teacher and Administrator Recruitment Plan and the Special Education Assurances and Agreements. The board must revisit these items annually.

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 15, at 5:30 p.m.

School Board results

Incumbent Gayla Wolfenbarger handily won her seat on the Eureka Springs School Board against challenger Martin Martinek, 132-23, according to the Carroll County Election Board.

The 36.13 mill school tax also won, 93-54.

ESH clinic opening soon

NICKY BOYETTE

Vicki Andert, Chief of Nursing at Eureka Springs Hospital, told the Hospital Commission Monday afternoon that their new clinic in the Eastgate Center on US 62 is scheduled to open Oct. 19. Dr. Christopher Baranyak will begin employment with ESH Oct. 1 to learn about the area, and on Monday, Oct. 19, he will open a new family practice.

Andert said hospital administrators would evaluate the clinic after a few months and see what other medical needs might be served. She also said walk-ins are welcome at the clinic. In fact, folks have already been walking in during remodeling to make appointments.

She said the initial plan is for an 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. clinic with the doctor maybe having one day to visit nursing homes. On those days, other physicians can step in.

Next meeting will be Monday, Oct. 19, at 1 p.m. at ECHO Clinic.

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Local couple renders global aid for 16 years

BECKY GILLETTE

Barry and Suzanne Reed never dreamed they would spend a major part of their careers working overseas helping people recover from wars and natural disasters. The Reeds, who recently retired, ended up working on projects funded by U.S. Agency International Development (USAID) for 16 years.

The Reeds have lived and worked in Russia, Georgia, Zimbabwe, Albania, Pakistan, Kosovo, Yemen and Afghanistan. Barry has also worked in the Philippines, Honduras and Serbia, while Suzanne's work has taken her to Uzbekistan, Iraq, Tajikistan, South Sudan, Chechnya, Nepal, Indonesia and Ethiopia.

Suzanne grew up in Little Rock, and her parents retired in Eureka Springs, which is what brought the Reeds to this area. Barry is from West Virginia, so the couple now lives half time in Eureka and half in West Virginia.

Their journey to help in some of the most destitute areas of the world began in 1997 when Barry was working as a city and county manager in North Carolina.

"One day I saw an advertisement for work overseas helping advise local governments," Barry said. "All of a sudden, it seemed attractive to me. It was like a lightning strike, even though it took a couple years to happen. We initially left expecting to be gone for one year, and were gone for sixteen."

The first posting for Barry was in Samara, Russia, where his job was to encourage and facilitate greater citizen participation in government decision making in the post-Soviet Union era.

"They were still new at citizens actually being involved in government, being allowed to express themselves, and having government respond," he said.

While they took some lessons in Russian, neither knew the language well enough to communicate fully. At this post and the many to come in the next 16 years, they worked through local translators.

Initially Suzanne wasn't planning to get a job.

"Once we realized we were going to stay out, I began to pursue my own work," Suzanne said. "It started out as short-term projects, often in the country I was in. Barry would get posted somewhere and I would pick up jobs. As time went on, it expanded. Sometimes I would be based in the same country with Barry, and at times we had to live apart."

Suzanne's focus was community development. Barry worked primarily on local governance and decentralization. Both worked in other fields, as well, such as economic development and strengthening of non-government organizations.

"A primary objective was to do no harm and help people maintain dignity," Suzanne said. "It was not about what we wanted for the country. Each country is different, there is no cookie-cutter approach. The main thing is you want to leave behind competent staff when you leave."

One of Barry's projects was a small town in Afghanistan where people were polled on their greatest



Barry and Suzanne Reed

needs after the war. Parks were first on the list. He helped plan a park with a playground and soccer fields that have been wildly popular. He also helped re-establish record keeping for important documents such as birth certificates.

"People want the same things all over the world: education, health, jobs, housing and basic services," Barry said.

"We loved the lifestyle," Suzanne said. "It is hard. You have to be willing to get out into the community. You make friends and you figure out how to communicate. Sometimes people do speak English and can help you that way. When they don't, you pick up a few words of the language and point a lot."

There wasn't as much anti-American sentiment as you might expect.

"I found it some in Zimbabwe, but Georgia was, for the most part, very pro-American," Barry said. "Albania and Kosovo were overwhelmingly positive. West Afghanistan hated the Taliban and was friendly to us. Pakistan was a mixed bag, but anti-American sentiment was never too overt. Often we would hear that they didn't know Americans were so nice."

Foreigners get a lot of their perspective about Americans from television.

"You would be horrified that in some countries the one thing they know

about the U.S. is the old Jerry Springer show," Barry said.

Sometimes aid offered isn't a good fit. An example is after the Pakistan earthquake in 2005, the blankets and clothing were culturally inappropriate.

"Pakistan was an example where people were sending things with good intentions, but with a cash donation they could have gotten all their clothing and blankets that would have been more culturally appropriate," Suzanne said. "If you are donating after a disaster, the best help is sending money to a reputable organization."

As could be expected in war-torn areas, it wasn't always comfortable. Barry got thrown out of bed one night by an explosion at the American Consulate in Herat, Afghanistan.

Critics of the USAID program have said that the work is not all altruistic, and often serves the political needs of the U.S. government and profit motives of U.S. corporations.

"Part of what they do is meet the immediate needs of people after disasters or conflicts, and also build up a society previously under authoritarian regimes to something friendlier," Barry said. "That has benefits to the U.S. eventually. The more secure and prosperous other countries are, the better it is for the U.S. There is legitimate good in some of the

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Four inmates, two others arrested

Six people, including four inmates at the Carroll County Detention Center, were arrested Sept. 17 after an alert jail employee encountered a man who showed up at the jail saying he was there to repair a phone in the inmate area. The employee called the phone vendor and was told no technician had been dispatched to the jail. That led to the vendor notifying Sheriff Randy Mayfield of suspicious calls to and from some inmates.

According to Maj. George Frye, a review of inmate calls and emails led the department to two women, Pamela Thompson, 55, and her daughter, Julie Orman, 23, both of Berryville, who were conspiring to get prescription drugs to inmate Brock Boren, whom they knew.

Lobby video showed Orman going into the lobby restroom, and 309 inmate Christopher Maritan, a state inmate with more

freedom than others, retrieving then kicking a baggie under a door to another inmate.

Mayfield ordered a shakedown, where inmates are led out of their pods and a thorough search of their jail cells, belongings, bedding, clothing, etc., is performed. Drug testing of inmates involved showed narcotics in their systems, Frye said.

Arrested while already in jail were Brock Boren, 24, of Berryville, who was

in for assault and burglary. He is now facing three Class B felonies, three Class A felonies, Three Class C felonies, six Class D felonies, and three Class Y felonies; Cody Sansom, 31, of St. Louis, Mo., who was in for public intoxication and paraphernalia, now charged with One Class A, one Class B, and one Class C felony; Christopher Maritan, 30, of Berryville, the state 309 inmate now looking at three Class B, three Class A, three Class C, and six Class D felonies; Robert Periman, 21, of Green Forest, charged with three Class B, three Class A, three Class C, and six Class D felonies.

Thompson was charged with 12 felonies and Orman with nine.

Bond for Periman was set at \$25,000. The other five arrestees' bonds are \$100,000. Maritan will be returned to state custody.

"Our people were great," Frye said. "We had six arrests within thirty-six hours, and I can't say enough about our CID [Criminal Investigation Dept.] They really got the job done."

There is more than one Tim Brown in Carroll County but only the best in Eureka Springs.

HDC approves compatible style

NICKY BOYETTE

At its Sept. 16 meeting, the Historic District Commission discussed views of what the guidelines say about the style of a new construction, in particular, the application for a new construction at 35 Benton. Commissioner Virgil Fowler questioned whether the design presented by applicant Kathy Robbins was in harmony with the neighborhood. Chair Dee Bright pointed out there were houses nearby with a Spanish influences, so the neighborhood was mixed. Commissioner Melissa Greene added the guidelines say the style of a new construction must be compatible with the neighborhood; it does not need to replicate another style.

Commissioner Doug Breitling stated, "A new house should look like a new house." He stated Robbins's design would fit in though it might be different.

The vote to approve Robbins' application was 5-1, Fowler voting No.

In other action, commissioners approved these applications:

- 30 Eureka – new type of panel in privacy fence
- 29 Ridgeway – new rear deck
- 4 Drennon – windows, doors for previously approved new construction

- 120 S. Main – demolition of ancillary building; new retaining wall; repair foundation; replace windows, roof, porch railing, doors.

Regarding the work being done on 120 S. Main, Greene stated, "We're lucky to have someone who wants to save it."

There were no items on the Consent Agenda. Bright presented the following items on the Administrative Agenda, which are applications for repair or work involving no changes in materials or color but includes applications for changes in roofing color.

- 28 Ridgeway – re-roof
- 242 N. Main – re-paint
- 22-24 S. Main – replace awnings

- 5 Spring – re-stain awning
- 185 Spring – re-stain boardwalk and railings
- 24 East Mountain – re-roof
- 86 Grand/345 Dairy Hollow – re-roof
- 53-55 Spring – repair upper deck, repair trim
- 61 Wall – repair/replace siding and windows
- 39 Mountain – re-roof
- 3 E. Mountain – re-roof

Next meeting will be Wednesday, Oct. 7, at 6 p.m.

Sept. 28 Metafizzies meeting

The Sept. 28 meeting of the Eureka Springs Metaphysical Society will feature a group discussion on spiritual topics. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. at the Heart of Many Ways in the Christian Science Church at 68 Mountain Street. All are welcome.



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The Compound area of the facility is made of the original cages from 1992 and served the purpose of saving animals but are no longer needed.

Both tigers will be released at 10 a.m. Admission prices are \$20 for adults, \$15 for teenagers and \$10 for children 12 and under, seniors and military. Children under 3 are free.

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It takes us to save that tree

Editor,

In response to Jayanti's letter last week about the 300+ old Wolf Oak Tree in Berryville about to be cut down for a sidewalk, I wanted to share a few thoughts. First of all, it was a great letter. Second, why would a sane population cut this tree down, if it is indeed still viable? Bureaucratic masses and/or workers are pretty blind most of the time. So the death of this ancient and protective tree is not on the hands of the government workers who most likely could care less. It falls on all is us "other" people. A government of the people, by the people, for the people, as Lincoln put it... a Republican, if you can fathom it.

They were different back when. And you took the first step. The U.S. citizens like to think our government will do the right thing. It will not. Our state and federal government is a bulldozer without a brain or emotion or common sense, and responds only to money (howdy, Citizens United) – and this includes politicians on any side of the fence. Once we start electing thoughtful "leaders" this could change. Until then, not so much.

Let's save that tree! What is the next step?

Troy Johnson

Thermonuclear war, nitpicking and sin

Editor,

We are approaching the same place our predecessors were when Cain knocked Abel in the head and 25 percent of the Earth's population died in one afternoon.

When Cain's skewed concept of God produced disastrous results, it was a preview of the probable Korea or Iran thermonuclear future where a huge percentage of earthlings go back to dust.

The human family is a dysfunctional family – most of the offspring do not listen to the Father. He has the responsibility and the authority, like any father. He desires to have love returned and like any father, is not a nitpicker or overly demanding.

A good father is patient up to a point. Man's legal deceit, contriving, conniving, cunning and raw sin(s) do not make the Father happy.

God is a communication specialist par excellence. Via nature, by living a sinless life and exchanging his humanity for our faith option when on Earth and by availing His spirit for day-to-day operation now.

Whether a person is dumb, smart or brilliant, wisdom is trusting the true triune God and the sooner the better as eternity is a very long time.

Richard Waxenfelter

Nix taxes

Editor,

Eureka Springs considers itself to be a welcoming city, and yet we could do so much more to prove that we are a community of open arms.

One of the best ways to attract more attention from tourists is to remove our sales tax on food and clothing. The outrageous percentage on these two necessities of life is regressive, as well as a big turn-off to travelers and our citizenry.

Gas prices are also ridiculous. It's easy for visitors to figure out that they are being scammed by our petroleum vendors, especially when all they have to do is travel some of the roads in and out of Eureka and see the ten to thirty cent difference in cost per gallon.

If we worked on these changes, I believe we would see a great difference in our visitors' rate of appearance next season.

Enid B. Swartz



WEEK'S TopTweets

@DannyZuker: If a mass murderer on death row ordered a Klondike Bar for his last meal I bet it would explain a lot.

@DamienFahey: Hey traveling businessmen, no need to put a lock on your carry-on. No one wants your briefcase full of boring.

@sammyrhodes: Had tea instead of coffee this morning & now I play a house servant in the new season of Downton Abbey.

@zacharyflynn: Thought about helping an old lady across the street but she prob doesn't have Facebook & won't make a post about it that goes viral so no thx.

@NikiWithIssues: 3 out of 4 people suffer from anxiety disorder. The 4th person enjoys it.

@EnidColeslaw: My book club evolved into a fight club so gradually I almost didn't notice it.

@Hell4Heather: Thanks to Twitter, I can't go anywhere without my mobile. Quick question. Do I take this man to be my lawfully wedded husband?

@Schmoodles: I just rolled my eyes so hard I can see my brain.

@Yuckybot: You know what kills me? Weapons.

@GeneHunt: My mates called me stingy so I decided to buy them a beer. Turns out they wanted one each.

@JerryThomas: Does the Five Second Rule apply to gravy?

@zepadeedoodah: Glad my name's not Dan. Too much pressure to be the man.

@thethryll: Smoke detectors, feel free to use that last bit of battery life to continue monitoring fires instead of getting all beepy.

Our solar energy future

“What kind of world do we want to leave our children?” POPE FRANCIS

Unless you are expecting a substantial salary increase, for the first time in Arkansas, electricity may become unaffordable. Duane Highley, president and CEO of Arkansas Electric Cooperatives, wrote “Your energy future” in *Arkansas Living*, claiming rates will increase to meet EPA carbon dioxide regulations. Duane wants to use natural gas, and build pipelines and transmission lines. A 25 to 35 percent rate increase would be in line with the shift from coal to natural gas. If you have a SWEPCO account, you are in the same boat.

Solving the wrong problem

Arkansas made national news in 2014 when the EPA announced carbon dioxide reductions, with a target of 44 percent statewide. According to *National Geographic*, “The state saw emissions from its power plants rise 35 percent between 2005 and 2012, even as other states turned to cleaner-burning natural gas and the nation’s overall power plant emissions trended downward.”

Arkansas exports more than 30 percent of the power it generates. To lower carbon emissions, the obvious solution is to reduce the power generated by coal-fired power plants.

Duane wants to protect Arkansas Electric Cooperative Corporation assets on the back of ratepayers. Cooperatives are member-owned, non-profit organizations; this only means they do not pay taxes. Export revenues are used for luxury headquarters, high executive salaries, and generous employee benefits. Most members have never been inside the Carroll Electric Cooperative headquarters in Berryville, a palace housing a rural cooperative.

Power shift

Utilities and captive ratepayers. The story is about to change. AECC does not have total power; if their service is unaffordable, they become irrelevant. In the past, we have trusted cooperatives to make the best energy choices. Now, we have new energy solutions. In the context of higher rates and raging climate change, solar technology provides superior alternatives.

Solar energy future

Individuals and communities investing in local and community solar systems are part of the solution, as we move from captive ratepayers to smart energy consumers. The installed cost of distributed solar power is below \$2 per watt, even less for solar fields. Solar systems can provide all the energy we need using the existing grid.

Consumers and providers

AECC is a service organization, an energy provider for Arkansas consumers. The grid has been paid for by consumers. The load is determined by consumption patterns. Waste by consumers and providers can be avoided. Grid-tied solutions use the resources we have. These and other concepts provide resilient, low-cost, low-carbon, reliable, and affordable energy for everyone. The transition to smart consumers is going to be challenging, but possible. Clean power funds are available and home improvement loans will help individual households and businesses.

Lean solutions

There are many things we can do to deal with climate change:

Use less. Personal habits determine how much energy your household uses. Waking up early and going to bed early, for example, makes the best use of sunlight hours. LED lights and Energy Star appliances are great investments.

Waste none. Energy conservation and energy efficiency programs can reduce energy usage over 30 percent. Carroll Electric and SWEPCO offer free energy audits.

Carbon fee and dividend. The Citizens’ Climate Lobby program is the best solution for climate change, consistent with EPA Clean Power Plan. Polluters no longer get a free ride.

Carbon offsets. Paying forest owners to preserve the carbon sink, AECC would get certificates to offset power plant emissions. Forests are the environmental mirror image of coal power plants. Trees are the only carbon sink available, but our forests are at high risk.

Solar fields. The East Camden, AR 12-megawatt AECC joint venture with Aerojet Rocketdyne is a great example of point-of-use generation.

Improved distribution lines. Rural lines need upgrades and maintenance. Most power outages are caused by squirrels looking for shelter. Low cost solutions are available.

Together, we can meet EPA goals, protect our families, and leave a safe world for our children.

Dr. Luis Contreras



The Pursuit Of HAPPINESS

by Dan Krotz

I was given some sort of standardized intelligence (IQ) test when I was in the 7th grade at the small Catholic school I attended. All students took it and results were posted on the school bulletin board, in rank order, allowing everyone to identify their place in the Smarts Car. Later, Mother Gonzaga, our principal, met individually with each student to go over their test result.

“You’re a dull-normal person,” Mother Gun told me. “You’re not smart enough to be a doctor, but you could possibly hold down a job at the Post Office. Non-supervisory, of course.”

I didn’t really understand what the Gun meant, but I related the conversation to my mother. She was delighted. “Oh, the Post Office,” she said, nodding wisely. “A government job. Good benefits, and you don’t get laid off. You bet, that’s pretty good.”

As long as ma was happy, I was happy. For the next several years I always said, “work at the Post Office!” when people asked me what I wanted to do when I grew up. These folks, all working people like my parents, nodded wisely too. “You bet,” they said. “That’s pretty good.”

When I got to High School I was advised to take calculus and trigonometry classes. I wasn’t sure I could do the work. “I’m a dull-normal person,” I told my adviser. He looked puzzled. “Well,” he murmured, “you’ll just have to work harder.”

I took the classes and did okay, but what I really learned was that a dull-normal person could aspire to importance if they work hard. It was even possible, I imagined, that a supervisory position at the Post Office might not be outside the realm of possibility.

Life, sadly, intervened. There was a war, inappropriate girlfriends, editorship of the *Neo-Mutantist Bugle*, time spent dodging hit men from American Express, all culminating in a bad case of *postalis interruptus*. A career with the US Postal Service slipped through my fingers. Now, in my dotage, I find myself spending a lot of time in Post Office lobbies, wandering around, and thinking about what might have been. Regrets? Yes, I’ve had a few.

A little help from our friends:

- **Carroll County Domestic Violence Hotline:** 1-844-247-3223 (844-24PEACE) is available 24/7. The Purple Flower Domestic Violence Resource and Support Center of Carroll County is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. on North Springfield St. in Berryville. (479) 981-1676.
 - **24-hour NWA Crisis Line for Women** – NWA Women’s Shelter serving Carroll County – “Empowering families to live free of violence.” (800) 775-9011 www.nwaws.org
 - **Cup of Love free soup lunches** – Cup of Love provides soup lunches at Flint Street Fellowship Mondays and Wednesdays from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. and at First Baptist (Penn) Church on Fridays, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. (479) 363-4529
 - **Flint Street Fellowship food pantry, lunch, free clothing** – Pantry open 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays. Free lunch Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Free clothes/shoes closet, books and household items. (479) 253-9491 or 253-4945. Leave donations in barrel at entrance if facility is closed.
 - **Wildflowers one-dollar, furniture barn/thrift store** US 62E across from Hill County Hardware. One-dollar store in the yellow building every Friday from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Thrift store, furniture bank in big blue barn behind the chapel open Wednesdays – Saturdays from 10:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. Donation drop offs Thursday – Saturday between 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. Healing and delivery outreach in chapel Saturdays at 7:30 p.m.
 - **Shamatha and Tonglen meditations Monday** – A meditation group will meet every Monday at 6:30 p.m. to focus on Shamatha, learning how to focus to achieve peace of mind, and Tonglen, a practice of love and compassion on all beings. The meetings will alternate these two practices so that one is the focus on each Monday with coffee and tea afterward. Call Alece at (479) 244-6842 or Gary at (479) 244-6840.
 - **Celebrate Recovery** – Soul Purpose Ministries, 801 S. Springfield, Green Forest, 6:30 p.m. each Wednesday. Potluck followed by 12-step Christ-centered meetings for those suffering from addiction, habit, hang-up or hurt.
 - **Coffee Break Al-Anon Family Group Women** – Tuesdays, 9:45 a.m., Faith Christian Family Church, Hwy. 23S, (479) 363- 9495.
 - **No high school diploma?** Free GED classes in the Carnegie Library Annex every Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from 9 a.m. - noon with study and tutoring for the GED test. Open to ages 18 and up. GED classes also in Berryville at Carroll County Center. Some open to ages 16 and 17 per educational requirements. For info: Nancy Wood (479) 981-0482, Carnegie Library (479) 253-8754, Carroll County Center (870) 423-4455). Offered by North Arkansas College with Carnegie Library support.
 - **Grief Share**, a Bible-based, 13-week program for those who have lost a loved one, is held Sundays from 2 – 4 p.m. at Faith Bible Church, Suite C, 3 Parkcliff Drive, Holiday Island. Share in an informal, confidential setting with others experiencing similar circumstances. Call (479) 253-8925 or email lardellen@gmail.com.
- Meetings at Coffee Pot Club:
- **Alateen** – Sundays, 10:15 – 11:15 a.m. Email alateen1st@gmx.com or phone (479) 981-9977
 - **Overeaters Anonymous** – Thursdays, 10:30 a.m. Barbara (479) 244-0371
 - **Narcotics Anonymous** – Fridays, 5:30 p.m. (903) 278-5568
 - **Al-Anon Family Group (AFG)** – Sundays, 11:30 a.m., Mondays and Tuesdays 7 p.m.
 - **Eureka Springs Coffee Pot AA Groups** Monday – Saturday 12:30 p.m.; Sunday 10 a.m.; Sunday – Thursday, Saturday, 5:30 p.m.; Tuesday and Friday, 8 p.m. (479) 253-7956
 - **Al-Anon** Wednesday, 5:30 p.m. All other meetings: See www.nwarkaa.org

INDEPENDENT Constables On Patrol

SEPTEMBER 14

3:37 a.m. – Constable on patrol arrested an individual for public intoxication, violation of a No Contact Order and on a Eureka Springs warrant for failure to appear.

8:42 a.m. – Animal Control assisted a resident in releasing a fawn which found itself stuck in a fence. Fawn made it back to the woods without injury.

1:20 p.m. – This time it was a doe trapped inside a garden fence that necessitated a response from Animal Control. The doe also made it back to the woods uninjured.

4:26 p.m. – A fight was ready to erupt while an observer was on the phone with ESPD, but the incident subsided without a physical confrontation.

8:41 p.m. – Person previously ordered not to return to a restaurant appeared on the premises. Constable went to the scene, but the person was already gone.

9:25 p.m. – Resident complained a vehicle had been parked in front of her residence for two weeks without being moved. Constable checked it out so it could be red-tagged.

SEPTEMBER 15

8:06 a.m. – Passerby reported two small dogs running along US 62 just west of the Hwy. 23 North intersection. Constable who responded did not see them.

SEPTEMBER 16

8:51 a.m. – Motel clerk reported a group of four guests left without paying for their rooms. Constables watched for their vehicle.

3:06 p.m. – Constable was called upon to defuse a situation involving an irate parent at the elementary school.

5:45 p.m. – Constable noticed a male staggering as he walked along US 62. The constable learned the male was not intoxicated but had a medical condition.

7:43 p.m. – Constable warned a male at a bar he needed to find a ride home or be arrested.

8:03 p.m. – A motorist backed into a railing and drainage pipe in a restaurant parking lot. Constable learned the motorist was not aware of the accident. He said he would go back and take care of the situation.

10:46 p.m. – Observer reported cars downtown being egged. Constable saw the eggs but not the eggers.

SEPTEMBER 17

6:46 a.m. – Individual reported his vehicle was missing and might have been stolen during the night. Constable filed a report.

10:21 a.m. – Motorist saw a black Slingshot motorcycle passing on double yellow lines as it headed toward town from the east. Constables never encountered it.

10:48 a.m. – Highway Department crew hit and broke a gas line. ESFD responded and a constable provided traffic control.

12:45 p.m. – Staff at the elementary school asked for constable assistance for a custody dispute. Constable spoke with both parties and was able to resolve the issue.

SEPTEMBER 18

6:51 p.m. – Constable noticed a male with a head

wound at a bar downtown. The male went to ESH on his own.

7:51 p.m. – Two males in a truck downtown were making a female feel uncomfortable. Constable watched for their vehicle.

9:36 p.m. – Constables watched for a possibly intoxicated driver coming to town on Hwy. 23 South. They encountered the vehicle and discovered the driver was not intoxicated.

SEPTEMBER 19

2:25 a.m. – Traffic stop resulted in the arrest of the driver for DWI #2, implied consent and driving left of center.

6:08 a.m. – Constable arrested a male for public intoxication.

5:16 p.m. – An individual downtown was selling jewelry without a permit. Constable advised the person to cease sales until a permit was obtained.

6:19 p.m. – As the result of a noise complaint, the constable spoke with a person using a leaf blower after sunset.

6:46 ESPD got word of dogs barking in a neighborhood. Constable went to the scene but did not hear any barking. Animal Control was to follow up.

11:49 p.m. – Guest at an inn said he had an altercation with a tall male who was accompanied by a dog and two children. Constable responded and arrested the individual for public intoxication, open container and two counts of endangering the welfare of a minor.

SEPTEMBER 20

12:59 a.m. – Traffic stop resulted in the arrest of the driver for DWI, implied consent, disregarding a stop sign, expired driver’s license, and a warrant out of Texas for possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of a controlled substance. A passenger was arrested for possession of a controlled substance and drug paraphernalia.

1:19 a.m. – Son requested EMS for his mother. She had taken medication and was not feeling well. EMS transported her to ESH.

1:53 a.m. – Traffic stop resulted in the arrest of the driver for DWI, speeding and driving left of center. A passenger was arrested for possession of a controlled substance and drug paraphernalia.

10:22 a.m. – Caller complained of barking dogs in a neighborhood. Constable found the dogs but not their owner. Animal Control provided follow up.

10:52 a.m. – Constable intervened in a dispute between a motel owner and a guest. Constable advised it would be a civil matter.

3:20 p.m. – There was an accident involving a trolley. Constable gathered information for a report.

11:20 p.m. – Witness reported an argument on a corner downtown. A male and female were yelling and shoving each other. Constable who responded arrested the male for possession of a controlled substance.

SEPTEMBER 21

5:04 a.m. – A male fell and hit his head at a location on US 62 just west of downtown. He was transported to ESH.

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

FOR THE OPENING at Hillcrest House, Clytie had been installed in one of the newly renovated suites on the second floor. She herself had selected the determinedly modern furnishing of the two rooms: boxy chairs done in white leather, tubular lamps, a divan upholstered sumptuously in what looked like zebra hide. There was also a wide, low bed with no footboard, heaped with silk pillows and spread with a gleaming cerise coverlet that trailed flounces on the carpet. She was pleased with her venture into the art of decorating, even though she sensed something not wholly happy in the conjunction of these choice pieces with the basic architecture of the Hillcrest House: the thin, tall windows, inexorable even behind looped “drapes,” the persistent convolutions of wood-work about the doors, the high-manteled chimney piece that flatly declined to budge from its niche in the nineties, even though she had had its bricks painted white.

“It’s nicer,” she told Dory, “than that rat-hole upstairs of the pool-hall.” She was seated before a dressing-table composed entirely of mirrors. With every movement she made, dozens of splintered reflections slipped across dozens of surfaces, and broke and vanished on corners, only to recur on new glassy planes the next instant. “Everything’s got to be right,” she said, speaking to her own image rather than to that of Dory, who was hovering like

a gaunt bird behind her. “Tonight – I’m going to show ‘em *all*.”

“I always knowed you would,” Dory said complacently.

“Yes,” said Clytie, forgiving her the half-truth. “I got me the right man,” she added.

Dory conceded the point with a grunt. Clytie, stripped to the waist, was slapping handfuls of skin cream onto herself, massaging it deftly into her face and neck, arms and breasts. “Why’n’t you let *me* do that fer you?” Dory asked crossly. “Git yerself all wore out.” She made for the huge jar of cream, but Clytie pushed her away.

“No. Your hands are too rough.”

Dory retreated. “They got that way,” she said with bitterness, “workin’ fer you.”

“I know. You’ll get paid back,” Clytie told her calmly. “Anything you want.”

“I don’t want nothin’,” Dory said with conviction, “– oney a ‘lectric refrigerator and a new brooder-house. Long as *you* kin push some of these sons o’ bitches – that’s enough fer me.” She pulled a bag of Bull Durham and a book of papers from the bosom of her dress and began rolling a cigarette. “I got to go hunt up Asy,” she said. “See the old fool don’t git hisself drunk and go startin’ a fight. Anything I kin do?”

“Come back and help me into my dress,” Clytie said, standing up and stretching.

Dory stood near the door,

glowering. “Say *please*. Don’t go givin’ orders to *me*, that wiped yer nose and washed yer dydies.”

“Please.” Clytie bent and smoothed the coverlet, stroking the satin surface as if it were a cat’s back. “I always wanted a bed like this,” she murmured, star-eyed.

At two minutes before the hour set for dinner, when the lobby was alive and buzzing with the crowd of expectant guests, Clytie made her entrance. She swept down the wide staircase, her skirt closely sheathing her hips but flaring out from the knees to trail the carpeted treads behind her. She could have desired marble, rather than these stout oak balustrades, the newels bursting at the top into floral excrescences of a bygone era, but, though the setting might not be perfect, Clytie knew herself to be the flawless jewel. She walked in triumph, slowly. Her hair had been lacquered till every whorl of the high-built coiffure appeared to have been cast in bright metal. On either side of the deep slit that bifurcated her gown almost to the waist, her breasts erupted under the scarlet brocade, so frankly evident that, watching her studied descent, men let their breath escape in a long, tremulous sigh that had in it something of grief, of loss – and women turned with lifted eyebrows to other women, recognizing instantly a common enemy. From her ears swung glittering pendants – rhinestones which might just as well, she thought, have

been diamonds, for all anyone could tell the difference. But the slender circlet on her wrist she knew to be genuine, because Prentiss Jaffray, furiously embarrassed and slightly drunk, had said so when he’d given it to her. Clytie, skeptical in general, had been convinced of the validity of the diamonds because Prentiss Jaffray was exactly the sort of fool to do such a thing.

She could see him gaping up at her with his pale eyes, from the foot of the stairs, and she noted that now he was wearing a white mess-jacket, but she was not impressed. She saw Walter Knowles, too, on the edge of the crowd, just leaving, and she lifted her chin a degree higher, profoundly happy in the knowledge that Walter had seen at last what he had had within his grasp, and had let slip away. She was not to be taken in by the fleeting smile he threw her. *She* knew the desolation of his heart... Her eyes sought and found Fenton Sayre, standing near the door to the ballroom, and she saw that he was, as always, dressed in character, no matter how many other men might get themselves up in monkey-suits. She was proud of the fine flannel shirt he wore, and of the wondrously tooled belt and white breeches and new boots, and prouder still of the arrogant assurance of his bearing.

NOTES from the HOLLOW by Steve Weems

Ernest Schilling (1878-1975) is buried in the Gracelawn Cemetery at Van Buren, Arkansas. On his tombstone is the likeness of a billy goat and the name by which he was most known: “By Golly.” He was a sign painter by trade, but also a talented artist. His trademark was the “By Golly” signature on all of his work.

Though he lived out the end of his days in the Van Buren area, he was a resident of Eureka Springs off and on for many years. He would set up at the side of the road with a sign that read “By Golly, The Sage of Pine Log.” I’m told that tourists would stop to

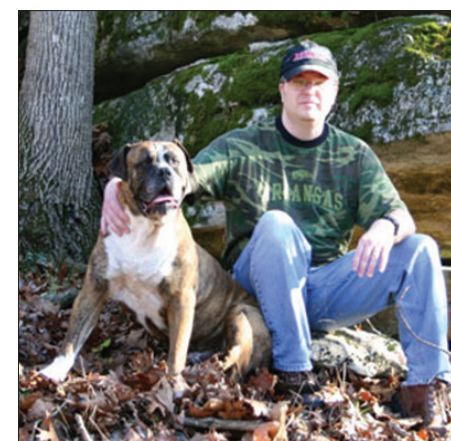
have their likeness drawn or to take his photograph. Though an educated man of Swiss-German heritage, By Golly could look like a stereotypical Arkansas hillbilly with his long beard and floppy hat.

McKinley Weems remembers By Golly being in Eureka Springs in the middle 1930s working on the painting of the big Onyx Cave sign on the building downtown. In those days, By Golly worked out of a cart pulled by a jenny.

McKinley worked in the radio shop in the lower level of the building and outside were barrels full of junk.

One cold day, bundled up in winter clothes to keep warm, By Golly was high up painting the Onyx Cave sign when he fell and landed on the barrels below. It is said that the only thing that saved him were many layers of bulky clothes he was wearing.

I’ve heard the story that he lived in Seligman, Mo., for a while and a church hired him to paint a sign. He painted the name of the church and other information as instructed, and at the bottom he signed it “By Golly.” The church was unhappy with the signature and demanded it be removed. Without a word, By Golly climbed the ladder and



painted over the signature. The next time it rained, however, the paint that he used to cover the signature washed away and his “By Golly” signature reappeared.



Really? – These tiny tighty whities were a beaded work of art, but, judging by that look on Bob Wilson's face, there'll be no beading around the bush. In the background, Sharyl Landis of Tulsa has a laugh.



Uplifting – It's a beaded bustier; what do ya think? Maureen Stanton-Alexander wants to know.



They got a good beading – Yvonne Baughman of Austin, left, and Alma Owen of Kansas City, Mo., were intent on their projects with ESSA's Beading Your Way to Glory instructor, David Chatt of Penland, N.C., on Sept. 17.



Non-standard equipment – KZ Kleinheitz of Biloxi, Miss., explains his custom roof and running lights and paint job and wheels and rear end and a whole lot more to visitors who saw the Slingshots parked at the Eureka Inn and stopped by to see what they were.

PHOTOS BY CD WHITE

"Big shots" and Slingshots – Darrell Barnes, left, of Rogers, had the inspired idea of bringing the Slingshot Invasion to Eureka Springs and organizer Allen Burlison agreed. They liked it so much we now have a fun new annual weekend – Ozark Slingshot Invasion!





And on that note – The Ariels played their last official gig to a packed house at Chelsea's on Sept. 19. A host of special guests sat in with the band during the goodbye party.

PHOTOS BY JAY VRECENAK

Friends 'til the end – From left, longtime fans James White, David Pettit, Barbara Kellog, Sally Williams Gorrell, Leroy Gorrell and Richard Pille enjoyed the Ariels' show from the balcony. Farewell to a bit of Eureka history.



Arts alive! – The Eureka Springs Studio Tour Sept. 17 – 19 started off with several artists in working studios offering demonstrations on Thursday. Above, Paul Daniel engages in a little plein air in front of his gallery, Fran Carlin takes a special hammer to a piece of tile in her Mosaic Studio and at left, Jim Nelson brushes up an artsy abstract at J.A. Nelson.

PHOTOS BY JAY VRECENAK

Chef Jeff has the chops

And not only the chops—but the filets, steaks and other fine, innovative dishes that continue the tradition of excellence at The Grand Taverne Restaurant. There's a good reason Executive Chef Jeff Clements was promoted this year to the Taverne's top chef spot from being sous chef off and on since 2005.

His professional career began with an apprenticeship through the Orange County Culinary Institute in 1996-97 and his culinary background includes working at the Pinnacle Country Club and serving as Executive Chef at the Alaska Rainbow Lodge.

Raised in the Ozarks, Jeff is an expert on local plants and mushrooms and is an avid fisherman. He brings this knowledge to the menu and often incorporates fresh items from The Farmers' Market. The



final product is always an unforgettable cuisine with an elegant presentation.

Chef Jeff can be found in The Grand Taverne kitchen at 37 N. Main any night,

but you're especially sure to enjoy chef's special dishes during Locals' Night on Thursdays, Fresh Fish Fridays and Surf & Turf Saturdays.

New ministry at Pine Mountain Theater

The public is invited to Sunday services at the Pine Mountain Theater at 10:30 a.m. Sept. 27 at the new Exceedingly Higher Expectations Ministry with Pastor Terri Brockelman. There's lots of free parking, and all are welcome to come enjoy the singing and experience a life changing message. It's time to have higher expectations!

After this weekend, services will continue Oct. 4 at the Pine Mountain Jamboree Theater at a new time, 2 p.m., each Sunday. For more information: (870) 423-8885 or exceedinglyhigherexpectations@gmail.com.

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 joniptv@yahoo.com.

Farmers' Market at Victoria Inn

Don't forget! The Eureka Springs Farmers' Market will be at the Victoria Inn on US 62 near Passion Play Road Thursday morning to make room for the Bikes, Blues and BBQ crowd at Pine Mountain Village. The Market is back at the Village as of Tuesday, Sept. 29.

Don't burn the fire department brownies

The Inspiration Point Volunteer Fire Dept. Auxiliary will be having a fundraising bake sale Saturday, Sept. 26 from 10-3 at Station One, on US62 five miles west of town. If anyone would like to bake some goodies for us to sell, it would be appreciated.

Margy Thompson and Connie Howle will be at the station the day before to accept baked goods later in the afternoon until 5 p.m. or you can have it there before 10 a.m. Saturday.

Call (479) 640-8733 for helpful information. It would be great if the goodies were individually wrapped or in a baggie.

TheNATUREofEUREKA by Steven Foster



Cure for syphilis blooming now

One of our more striking late summer wildflowers is now blooming, blue lobelia (*Lobelia siphilitica*), found in sandy or gravelly soils at the edge of creeks or seeps of springs. It is widespread in eastern North America. The genus *Lobelia* and the lobelia family (Lobeliaceae) are named for Matthias de l'Obel (1538-1616), a Flemish physician and botanist who describes the plant in a work published in 1591. He was the first to grow this American introduction in Europe, which was known in English gardens by 1665. In the late 18th-century, 200 years after its introduction to Europe, blue lobelia was widely grown in European gardens. Today it is common in western horticulture.

Its beauty attracted more attention than meets the eye. Peter Kalm, a Swedish naturalist, traveled in America for three years, from 1747-1751. Kalm supplied the Swedish naturalist Carlos Linnaeus

with most of the specimens of North American plants that he described and named in 1753 in *Species Plantarum*, regarded as the starting point for modern botanical taxonomy. Kalm was Linnaeus's favorite student.

Upon his return to Sweden in 1751, Kalm's 3-volume *Travels in America* was published (in Swedish), then finally in an English edition in 1770-71. During his travels in the northeast, Kalm met Sir William Johnson (1715-1774) who was elected chief of the Mohawks in New York. Sir William famously purchased a Mohawk remedy touted as a sure cure for syphilis, which he sought for his own benefit. Sir William's neighbors did not regard him to be of the highest moral character.

Johnson related the story to Peter Kalm, who in turn, published an account of the cure in a Swedish journal in 1751.



In 1753, Linnaeus, borrowing from Kalm's account, named the plant *Lobelia siphilitica*.

Consequently, European medical journals were abuzz with news of this new cure for the dreaded incurable disease, which even men of high moral standing were likely to contract from their mistresses. But alas, as William Woodville put it in his *Medical Botany*, published in 1791, "...we do not find that the antisiphilitic powers have been confirmed in any instances of European practice."

That's why blue lobelia is called *Lobelia siphilitica*. And so, another herbal remedy becomes just another pretty wildflower.

Pet therapy information at ESHG meeting

The next meeting of the Eureka Springs Hospital Guild will be on Tuesday, Oct. 6 at 1:30 p.m. in the hospital cafeteria. The program will be given by Karen Stouffer, an RN at the Eureka Springs Hospital and her dog "Phoebe." She will describe how pet therapy helps patients during their stay at the hospital. Guests are welcome.

Celebrating 68 years of Ozark Folk Festival

The country's longest continuously running folk festival returns for the 68th annual Original Ozark Folk Festival on Oct. 7 – 10. The Queen's Contest, Barefoot Ball, Singer/Songwriter Contest, free music, arts and the Folk Festival Parade all come with it. This year's headline show features two-time Grammy award winner Rita Coolidge.

The Queens Contest takes place Wednesday, Oct. 7 at The Aud. at 7 p.m. with local young ladies exhibiting both beauty and talent to become the Folk Festival Queen. The 3rd grade Hedgehoppers from Eureka Springs Elementary will also perform a folk dance.

Oct. 8 brings the Barefoot Ball at the Barefoot Ballroom in the 1905 Basin Park Hotel at 12 Spring Street where you can kick up your heels and take those shoes off with music provided by Cutty Rye. Tickets are \$10 and available at the door.

An afternoon of free music in Basin Park begins at 1 p.m. on Oct. 9 with Lark and the Loon followed by Chucky Waggs, Brian Martina and The Black Out Boys finishing the day at 4 p.m.

The following day in Basin Park at noon is the annual Singer/Songwriters' Contest with more free folk music until 2 p.m. when the Folk Festival Parade rolls down Spring Street.

Rita Coolidge will perform at The Aud. that night at 7:30 p.m. She is a vocalist whose passionate and pure voice excels at rock, pop, R&B, country and folk equally and has worked with music icons such as Eric Clapton, Stephen Stills, Leon Russell and Joe Cocker.

For more information, entry forms and schedule updates visit www.ozarkfolkfestival.com or purchase tickets for Rita Coolidge at www.theauditorium.org.

INDEPENDENT Art & Entertainment

Philbrook and DeVito's feature Saari and Norton



KRISHNA BY CAROL SAARI

END OF TRIANGLES BY WEN NORTON

The Norberta Philbrook Gallery and DeVito's of Eureka Springs are currently hosting the art of Carol Saari and Wen Norton as part of a season-long collaborative installation of the artists' works.

The most frequent subjects of Carol Saari's acrylics and oils are Hindu and Buddhist iconography, non-formal pieces, life drawing/painting and still life. She also paints plein air and is an art conservationist at Norton Arts, Inc. in Newton County.

Wen Norton studied painting and sculpture in St. Louis and New York, and learned the Italian sculpture techniques he likes from sculptor Philip Pavia (1912-2005). Norton's works are based on inspiring situations: visions that reflect a sensation of indisputably serene contemplation.



All Blues Weekend at The Aud welcomes BB & BBQ

Bikes Blues and BBQ is here and those who came to hear the Blues will definitely want to be downtown at The Aud Friday and Saturday, Sept. 25 and 26, for two nights of soul-cleansing blues – and it's only \$10 a show!

Keeping the blues alive with stories of blues history and extraordinary music is the award-winning Ozark Gospel Blues music of Brick Fields with special guests including Roscoe Van Jones and his brilliant old-school blues sound,

trombone specialist Jason Smith and the Kosher harmonica sounds of Ben Sass of Jerusalem.

Brick Fields will be accompanied by Mikel Bell of Branson on keys and Eureka Dale Grunwald on bass and Caleb Bomar on drums. Come see why the Nashville Blues society refers to Rachel Fields as "the first lady of Gospel Blues."

Showtime 7 p.m., tickets \$10 at the door. More at www.brickfieldsmusic.com.

Concert series continues 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.

Although there is no charge for this musical evening, there will be an opportunity to make a donation to help provide further Woodward Memorial Concerts. For details call (479) 253-8200.

Last call for stuff 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 in this free one-day show 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.

Norberta takes some R & R

Norberta Philbrook Gallery and Practical Magic Art Supply at 95 Spring St. will be closed Sept. 26 and 27, reopening for regular hours Monday, Sept. 28, at 10 a.m.

Saturn in Sagittarius –Beginning the Noble Journey

A few hours after Mercury retrograded last week, Saturn (teacher, discipline, structure, Dweller on the Threshold), after two & a half years in Scorpio, entered Sagittarius, sign of the Archer. Saturn remains in Sagittarius 'til December 20, 2017. Saturn teaches us caution, helps build foundations of true knowledge, calls us to practical useful and meaningful living. Saturn teaches moderation. Enlightenment (a fire) comes slowly and in moderation. Or else we burst into flames. Sometimes with Saturn we can feel melancholy,

distant, cold. We learn what our limits are. Saturn builds an identification with our courage and inner strength.

With Saturn in Libra, we learned Right Relations; in Scorpio, Discipleship training. In Sagittarius, we begin a new journey. "Out on the plains, in plain sight, on a white horse, Hercules on a noble journey, eyes set on the prize – the mountains of Capricorn." In Sag we consider what truth and justice are, we attempt to see behind, and remove, the veils hiding Lady Justice's eyes. We seek to know our principles, their origins, where they are taking

us. We want principles to guide us like an arrow directed at the target of authenticity and truth.

In Sagittarius, we seek knowledge and wisdom that makes us teachers. Saturn, the Great Teacher, sees to all of this. The usual excessive behaviors of Sag are curtailed when Saturn enters Jupiter's sign. Jupiter, ruler of Sagittarius. Jupiter's expansiveness becomes more defined, structured, more realistic. Good lessons for both Sag and Jupiter. We become practical, responsible embarking finally on our "noble journey."

ARIES: You're sensitive to the image projected publically. Much success is comes to you in the coming years. Saturn is forming an umbrella of security encompassing all your endeavors. Saturn is also calling you to learn new things, take up a new study, train, mentor, teach, share knowledge & travel. All of these are offered in the next two years. You expand intellectually which then expands and opens the twelve heart petals.

TAURUS: Beliefs shared with others, intimate connections, monetary and resources held in common all undergo significant change. Desires and aspirations shift, too. Truth becomes most important.

No more illusions, fantasies, make-believe, distortions. Just the plain facts. Reality. Finances, debts, obligations will be tended to. You will ponder upon death and what it means. And consider preparing for this Great Adventure.

GEMINI: We enter relationships in order to learn how to be in them. So we can have a reflection of ourselves, learning about love (giving and receiving), companionship, cooperation and sacrifice. The next two years focus Geminis on all aspects of relationship. Saturn defines, strengthens, brings structure and responsibilities to, and disciplines all relationships. You will examine partnerships, commitments and what you truly need.

CANCER: Relationships with family, children, nurture and things nourishing may test you along with changes in these relationships. There could be strengthening ties, seeking more recognition or separations. Whatever occurs is for the best. There may be pressure to complete tasks, reorganize the home and work environments, be more responsible, to serve more. You need more sleep in the next couple of years, more rest each day.

LEO: You may begin to feel that there's no energy or vital life spark left inside. That your purpose is no longer known. Or that your creativity has disappeared. What's occurring is a restructuring of the self, a new self is developing, leading to a stronger sense of artistic and creative purpose and expression. Before new identities emerge, the old must die away. You consider past love affairs. Seeing they were good. Forgiving yourself and them. It's the season.

VIRGO: Re-evaluate, re-work, re-orient, re-order, re-structure. These are Saturn's tasks offered to you the next two years.

These will significantly change you personally and psychologically, slowly over time. Creating a state of preparation for greater creative expressiveness. You will tend to you health and well-being, recognize limitations, ways to better serve and assume more responsibility everywhere. Do not feel burdened. Carry on with a spirit of joy.

LIBRA: Saturn will be looking at and assessing your communication skills, how you gather and disseminate information professionally and socially. Saturn will offer new ideas on how to organize thoughts and speak with others. You might sound (and feel) more serious.

Learning takes precedence over everything. Events, interactions, communications will be actual learning experiences. You might suddenly feel shy, restrained and thus seek limits and boundaries. Understanding the art of forgiveness becomes a theme.

SCORPIO: The constant pressure felt the last sixty months finally cease. There's a feeling, slowly, of relief. You are now to construct a bow and quiver of arrows. You're to take archery lessons. And study calligraphy. You're to also study the Ninth Labor of Hercules, understanding it. What occurred in that labor? And how does it apply to you? You are to tend to finances, know you're worth everything, become practical and slow down. More later.

SAGITTARIUS: You are to follow the directions given above in Scorpio. But more seriously. For you are the "Archer." Saturn will be creating a complete change of personal identity in the next years. Your physical body must be tended to carefully. You will become more mature, somber. A new sense of self-confidence will form. After the old one fades away. Guard

against discouragement as a new inner courage is being built. Simplify your life in every way.

CAPRICORN: You are completing one cycle of life and beginning a new cycle. In the middle of the two there is a transition; a looking inward, a deep reflection of all that's occurred before. Creating a truthfulness and cleansing, seeking emotions hiding away, bringing them to the light. This may feel uncomfortable. But it's good and necessary. Saturn wants to take all the goodness within you and prepare the future with it.

AQUARIUS: You've been a very responsible person these last years, learning about your place in the world. Now things will begin to change. Transitioning into seeking hopes, wishes and dreams, asking who your friends are and how to build and create community. You search for like-minded others, no longer sustaining casual unhelpful relationships. You consider your happiness, your needs and the future to prepare for. You will do all that's needed. Steadily.

PISCES: A new set of rules, agendas, structures, disciplines appear concerning your work in the world. A secure professional foundation of your visions will be built over the next several years. Saturn steps in to anchor what one's task is in the world. There will be recognition and rewards along with greater duties and responsibilities. It's important to call forth Right Discernment, Right Timing, Right Choice in all endeavors. These virtues are the result of aligning with the Will-to-Good. It's time.

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Live music ramps up for throngs of 2-wheelers

Late September brings thousands of bikers for the annual rally in Fayetteville, so Eureka Springs is hosting live music all over town. In addition to regular venues, shows and outdoor venues have been added with extended days. The Cathouse Beer Garden hosts Brody Buster from Kansas City Thursday kicking things off. Sunday afternoon Doghouse Daddy cools the afternoon off at New Delhi. Please be safe, wear your helmet, and don't fall off on your way to the next great show.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 24

BASIN PARK BALCONY – *Drew Smith*, Singer/Songwriter, 5 p.m.
CATHOUSE LOUNGE BEER GARDEN – *Brody Buster*, Blues, 12 – 4 p.m., *Katy Guillien and The Girls*, Rock, 6 – 10 p.m.
CHELSEA'S – *Brujo*, Rock, 9:30 p.m.
GRAND TAVERNE – *Jerry Yester*, Grand Piano Dinner Music, 6:30 – 9:30 p.m.
LEGENDS SALOON – *Some Other Band*, Rock, 8:30 p.m.
NEW DELHI – *Karaoke with Jesse James*, 6:30 – 9:30 p.m.
ROWDY BEAVER DEN – *Terri and Brett*, Rock, 9 p.m.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 25

2 WHEELS GRILL – *AJ Lyons*, Blues, 5 – 9 p.m.
BASIN PARK BALCONY – *Hawgscalders*, Folk, 12 and 6 p.m.
CATHOUSE LOUNGE – *Katy Guillien and the Girls*, Rock, 8 – 12 p.m.
CATHOUSE LOUNGE BEER GARDEN – *Jimmy Wayne Garrett*, Singer/Songwriter, 12 – 4 p.m., *Magic 8 Ball Band*, Rock, 4 – 8 p.m., *Matt Reeves*, Rock, 8 p.m.
CHELSEA'S – *Earl and Them*, R and B, 9:30 p.m.
EUREKA LIVE! – *DJ and Dancing*, 8 p.m.
GRAND TAVERNE – *Arkansas Red*, Amplified Acoustic Guitar Dinner Music, 6:30- 9:30 p.m.
ISLAND PIZZA AND PUB – *Live Music*
LA FAMILIA – *The Hedley Lamar Band*, Rock, 6 p.m.
LEGENDS SALOON – *JAB The Band*, Rock, 8:30 p.m.
LE STICK – *Pete "Rock" Maiella*, Singer/Songwriter, 8 p.m.
NEW DELHI – *Doghouse Daddy*, Blues, 6 – 10 p.m.
ROWDY BEAVER – *Terri and Brett*, Blues, 1 – 5 p.m., *Terri and The Executives*, Rock, 8 p.m.
ROWDY BEAVER DEN – *Norman Duo*, Rock, 1 – 5 p.m., *Norman Jackson Band*, Rock, 9 p.m.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 26

2 WHEELS GRILL – *George Brothers*, Rock, 1:30 – 4:30 p.m.
BASIN PARK BALCONY – *James White*, Singer/Songwriter, 12 and 6 p.m.
BREWS – *Pearl Brick*, Folk, 7 – 10 p.m.
CATHOUSE LOUNGE – *Mark Shields and Good Company*, Rock, 8 p.m.
CATHOUSE LOUNGE BEER GARDEN – *The Homewreckers*, Rock, 12 – 4 p.m., *Randy Crouch*, Americana, 4 – 8 p.m., *Matt Reeves*, Rock, 8 p.m.
CHELSEA'S – *Chris Harp Band*, Singer/Songwriter, 9:30 p.m.
EUREKA LIVE! – *DJ & Dancing*, 8 p.m.
FARM TO TABLE FRESH – *Handmade Moments*, Folk, 12



Brody Buster plays Cathouse Beer Garden Thursday, Sept. 24 from 12 to 4 p.m.

– 3 p.m., 5 – 9 p.m.
GRAND TAVERNE – *Jerry Yester*, Grand Piano Dinner Music, 6:30- 9:30 p.m.
ISLAND PIZZA AND PUB – *Live Music*
LA FAMILIA – *The Hedley Lamar Band*, Rock, 6 p.m.
LEGENDS SALOON – *Jeff Horton Band*, Rock, 8:30 p.m.
LE STICK – *Pete "Rock" Maiella*, Singer/Songwriter, 8 p.m.
NEW DELHI – *Doghouse Daddy*, Blues, 6 – 10 p.m.
ROWDY BEAVER – *Shari Bales*, Rock, 1 – 5 p.m., *Shari Bales Band*, Rock, 8 p.m.
ROWDY BEAVER DEN – *Terri and Brett*, Rock, 1 – 5 p.m., *Blew Reed and the Flatheads*, Blues, 9 p.m.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 27

BASIN PARK BALCONY – *Pearl Brick*, Singer/Songwriter, 12 p.m., *Pete Maiella*, Singer/Songwriter, 5 p.m.
BREWS – *Cards Against Humanity/Board Games*
CATHOUSE BEER GARDEN – *Josh Hoyer*, Rock, 1 – 5 p.m.
CHELSEA'S – *Vine Brothers*, Americana, 7:30 p.m.
NEW DELHI – *Doghouse Daddy*, Blues, 12 – 4 p.m.
ROWDY BEAVER DEN – *Terri and Brett*, Rock, 1 – 5 p.m.

MONDAY, SEPT. 28

AQUARIUS TAQUERIA – *Locals' Night*, Live Music, 5 – 7:30 p.m.

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

TUESDAY, SEPT. 29

CHELSEA'S – *Open Mic*

Stay Safe Shuttle offered during Bikes, Blues and BBQ events

Totally New Eureka Van Tours and Shuttle is offering a safe option for traveling from Eureka Springs to the events in Fayetteville during this year's Bikes, Blues and BBQ, Sept. 23 – 26. The shuttle is a round trip each day from Eureka Springs and Fayetteville.

Totally New Eureka Van Tours and Shuttle will pick up passengers between 9 – 10 a.m. each day at their place of lodging or residence, drive to Fayetteville to deliver them all to Bikes, Blues and BBQ events. Destination each day will vary with the needs of passengers. The shuttle service will stay near passengers throughout the event to ensure safe watching of personal items on board and contact information for the return

shuttle leaving at 6 p.m. for Eureka Springs. With 400,000+ expected to attend riding the shuttle ensures you will be in and out as quickly as possible in the safest way and home around dinner time.

Drinking is the shuttle is prohibited. Group rates, multi-day and Facebook discounts are available. The shuttle is not a one-way.

Reservation and deposit are required as seats are limited. Reserve space by contacting Jon Thomas at (479) 981-3193 or epiceurekatours@gmail.com. For more information and to purchase tickets go to Facebook at Totally New Eureka Van Tours and Shuttle and press the "Book It" button.

Call for vendors for Holiday Craft Fair

The Holiday Island 1st annual Holiday Craft Fair, to be held in the Holiday Island Country Club ballroom on Saturday, Nov. 21, is issuing a call or vendors. Artist and craftsmen interested in participating should email steven-chain@hotmail.com or call (479) 239-4546.

Priority will be given to local artist and craftsman. Products for sale should be handmade by the artist. Categories include but are not limited to art, crafts, food, photography, textiles, woodworking and pottery. The call for vendors is open until Oct. 10 or until all spaces are taken. Booth spaces available include 13x14 ft. 10x10 ft. and individual tables.

Prescription Drug Take Back this weekend

Carroll County Sheriff's Office, in conjunction with the DEA, the Green Forest and Eureka Springs Police Departments, will be hosting a DEA National Take Back Initiative, Saturday, Sept. 26 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. The initiative offers a safe way to dispose of old and unused prescription medications. CCSO disposed of approximately 380 lbs. of prescription drugs during the last take back initiative.

Prescription drugs will be accepted, no questions asked, no identification required. Liquids and sharp items, such as

syringes, are not accepted.

Drop off locations will be accepting the medications Saturday between 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

- Carroll County Sheriff's Office
- Eureka Springs Police Department
- Green Forest Police Department
- Holiday Island Fire Station (Holiday Island Drive station)

• Inspiration Point Fire Station
CCSO maintains a drop box (white mailbox) outside the main entrance door of the Sheriff's Office in Berryville that can be used to drop off medications year round.

Crystal Skull Festival Oct. 9 – 11

The 5th Annual Hot Springs Crystal & Crystal Skull Festival features guest speakers, crystals and crystal skulls from around the world. On the roster of vendors, musicians, speakers and healers is Mika, recognized worldwide for his teaching in crystal and gemstone therapy under The Academy for Healing Arts.

For details and to register call Karin (954) 309-1217, email GKdipi@aol.com or see Hot Springs Crystal & Crystal Skull Festival on Facebook for details and schedule.

Alzheimer's caregiver seminar

Molly Gay 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 US 62E. A question and answer session will follow the seminar. Refreshments will be served. (479) 981-0626

Youth Soccer program events calendar

U6-U8-U10 and U14 teams will practice after school on Wednesday, Sept. 23. U12 is an optional extra practice with weather permitting. The Soccer Shuttle Bus is the last bus in the line-up and will return to schools by 5:45 p.m.

Check www.eteamze.com/camasl for any game rule changes and full game schedules will be posted before each jamboree.

Saturday, Sept. 26 – Huntsville Jamboree
Saturday, Oct. 3 – Bergman Jamboree
Saturday, Oct. 10 – Eureka Jamboree (Folk Festival week-end)
Saturday, Oct. 17 – Berryville Jamboree
Saturday, Oct. 24 – Lead Hill Jamboree
Saturday, Oct. 31 – Make-up/Rainout if needed.

Why did the hikers cross the bridge?

Find out Monday, Sept. 28 when the Holiday Island Hikers embark on an easy, two-mile hike across Little Golden Gate Bridge at Beaver. Group will meet at 10 a.m. at the Boshart residence. For directions and more information call Dan Kees (660) 287-2082 or email dandtkees@cox.net.

Jamie Smith to speak at Ladies of Faith meeting

The next Ladies of Faith meeting will be Sept. 29 at the Gazebo Best Western Inn at 10 a.m. Guest speaker, Jamie Smith, is an Evangelist and speaker from Cassville Mo. Cost is \$10.50 for brunch. Contact Margo Pryor at (870) 423-9399.

Stress busting Oct. 3 and 4

Bust stress during a weekend clinic presented by the Ozark Herbal Academy, on campus at Fire Om Earth on Oct. 3 and 4, for Stress-Busters. Join D'Coda, Lorna, Craig

and Carrie Marry for lifting the spirits with botanicals, forest bathing and breathing into life. For registration and information go to *Events* on www.fireomearth.com.

Bless those animals!

Join a special ceremony blessing and honoring our animal friends of all denominations for the joy and love they share everyday on Oct. 4 at 2 p.m. in the Garden at St. James' Episcopal Church on 28 Prospect. All animals and their well-behaved human friends are welcome.

For more information call (479) 253-8610.

AARP Driver Safety program

The Fire Department of Holiday Island is sponsoring an AARP Driver Safety program on Oct. 10 with sign in at 8 and class at 8:30 a.m. The four-hour classroom course is the Nation's first curriculum designed specifically for drivers age 50 and over. In addition to important safety tips, upon completion of the course you will be eligible for a multi-

year automobile insurance discount.

The class will be held at the Fire Department Classroom at 105 Holiday Island Dr. All materials are included in the class fee of \$15 for AARP members and \$20 for non-members. Volunteers are needed to teach these classes. To register for the class contact R.E. Collins at (479) 253-0909.

Fly casting workshop at Hobbs State Park

Participants will learn the basics of fly casting at a workshop to be held at the Hobbs State Park – Conservation Area center on Sunday, Oct. 11 from noon – 4 p.m. Learn four basic casts, six types of flies, how to cast, read water, purchase and assemble equipment and tie your knots for fly fishing.

The workshop will be taught by Sallyann Brown, past recipient of the *Woman of the Year* and the *Federation of Fly*

Fishers Educator of the Year awards from the Federation of Fly Fishers, Inc.

All equipment will be provided. Hobbs State Park visitor center is located on Hwy. 12 just east of the Hwy. 12/War Eagle Road intersection. Minimum age is 12 years with cost \$35 per person + tax. Class size is limited to 15. Reservations and pre-payments is required and can be made by calling (479) 789-5000.

Slingshots invade Eureka

CD WHITE

“What is it?” gawkers tend to ask. A motorcycle with an extra wheel? Reverse trike? Tricked out golf cart? Three-wheeled car? Nope, it’s the new Polaris Slingshot, now approaching its first anniversary in production.

As for what it is exactly, Polaris says the answer depends on whom you ask... and in which state you’re asking. In Texas and Indiana, it’s a motorcycle despite the side-by-side bucket seats and steering wheel. According to Polaris, “Slingshot is a three-wheeled motorcycle. It is not an automobile. It does not have airbags, and it does not meet automotive safety standards.”

But it can be insured with Progressive under the “Motorcycle/ATV” category – or more specifically – “3 Wheel Alternative Vehicle.”

In Connecticut, because the vehicle has a brake, clutch, accelerator, steering wheel, four-cylinder engine, seat belt, gear shifter, etc., and handles like an automobile rather than a motorcycle, it was officially declared unlawful to be registered for street use. In Texas there was a ban because their Department of Public Safety defines a motorcycle as having “a saddle” instead of an automotive-style seat. In some states helmets are required and not in others.

So, while the states battle out how to

Orange glow – Doug White and Becky Nank-White from Davenport, Iowa, get ready to take their newly modified Nuclear Orange Slingshot for a spin around town. The fun three-wheelers range in price from the low-20s and up. Basic paint colors were black or red only.

PHOTO BY CD WHITE



define it, one thing is for sure. It’s a *blast*! With 173 horsepower and a weight just over 1,600 lbs., it performs more like a motorcycle, looks like a European supercar ... and it can be customized.

And that’s the thing, *really* The Thing. Of nearly 60 Slingshots gathered during registration night at the Eureka Inn on Sept. 18, the *Independent* just wanted a picture of the basic model. The request was met with blank stares all around until someone blinked and realized at one time there had been a basic model, “Oh if you hurry, you can just catch one,” someone said, “the guy just took delivery of it and it’s over there in

line to be customized.”

And so it was. In line for hours, in fact, as it turned out many of the three-wheelers were having even more modifications and custom work done by the Cycle Springs guys who drove their mobile shop up from Clearwater, Fla. It was a serious but fun party.

The one untouched Slingshot waiting for its initial automotive plastic surgery had been delivered that day to a couple from Georgia who drove to the rally (in one of their other Slingshots) to take delivery of it and have it immediately transformed.

Apparently, no basic model has ever

lasted more than a week. Houstonite Dick Tate, who was also awaiting modifications to his ride, put it this way, “You see, it’s just like a Harley – the basic unit is just a starter kit.”

These guys are avid about modifying and customizing – and it’s a long way off from painting flames on your Trans Am. Body, wheels, engine, paint, lights, radio – anything from the frame up.

Organizer Allen Burlison set the rally up in Eureka Springs at the suggestion of Rogers resident Darrell Barnes, who met Burlison at a Dell City, Okla., Slingshot Rally. “I tried to move it along,” Barnes said, “because I know what the roads are like around here. And I thought they’d love the rides.”

And they did. “It was positive, positive, positive,” Burlison said, and has already booked a Eureka Slingshot Invasion for next fall with twice as many expected – although, he may be surprised again. “We only expected a few Slingshots from the area this year, but before I knew it we had registrations from as far away as Florida and California.”

One thing is for sure. This little roadster has brought together a fun, creative group of people who are as excited as kids with a new set of Legos. Check them out on our Facebook page.

DEPARTURES

Carol Ann Murray March 12, 1943 – Sept. 20, 2015

Carol Ann Murray a resident of Eureka Springs, Ark., was born March 12, 1943 in Flint, Mich., a daughter of Milton Beach and Norma Adair. She departed this life Sunday, Sept. 20, 2015 in Eureka Springs at age 72.

Carol was a devoted wife, mother, and homemaker who enjoyed gardening, cooking and crafting for her home and the people she loved.

She is survived by her husband of 56 years, Robert J. Murray; three children: Robert C. Murray and wife, Lisa; Diana L. Black; Dawn M. Stouten and husband, Kenny; five grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; sister, Patricia Brady and husband, Lou; and a host of

other family, friends, and loved ones.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brother, Gary Beach; and granddaughter, Amanda Stouten.

There will be no services. Cremation arrangements are under the direction of Nelson Funeral Service. The family requests that in lieu of flowers a donation can be made to the Susan G. Komen Foundation, POB 9462, Fayetteville, AR 72703 or to the American Cancer Society, c/o Anstaff Bank, ATTN: Tiffany Ball, POB 272, Berryville, AR 72616. Online condolences may be sent to the family at nelsonfuneral.com. © Nelson Funeral Service, Inc. 2015



James “Jim” Allen Miller Oct. 8, 1936 – Sept. 11, 2015

James “Jim” Allen Miller of Eureka Springs, Ark., was born October 8, 1936 in Barnsdall, Okla., a son of Matthew Lee and Viola (Copeland) Miller. He departed this life Friday, September 11, 2015 in Eureka Springs at age 78.

Jim was a construction worker for many years. He helped build several homes in Eureka Springs and also worked on Beaver Dam. He loved coon hunting and stock car racing.

He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Ruth Ann (Franklin) Miller of Eureka

Spring, Ark.; daughter, Dena Miller of Garfield, Ark.; son, Gary Miller of Eureka Springs; two grandsons, Andy Todd of Berryville, Ark., and Tristen Smith of Garfield, Ark.; two great-grandsons, Dylan Todd and Landon Todd both of Berryville, Ark.; two brothers, Wayne Miller and wife, Leta, of Westmoreland, Tenn., and Robert Miller of Compton, Ky.; four sisters, Verla Sharp of West Moreland, Tenn., Doris Yates of Pawhuska, Okla., Ruth Dickens of Neosho, Mo., and Sue Jaques of Cassville, Mo.; several nieces

and nephews; and a host of other family, friends and loved ones.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Betty Shobe of Grove, Okla.; brother, Joe Miller of St. Louis, Mo., and brother, Leon Miller of Cassville, Mo.

There will be no visitation. Graveside service was Sept. 17, 2015 at Eureka Springs Cemetery with Bro. Gerald Miller officiating. Interment followed in the Eureka Springs Cemetery under direction of Nelson Funeral Service.



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Well, the water has dropped down below 78° here at Holiday Island and on Beaver Lake, and the fish are liking it. Here’s a pic of Randy Nichols from Berryville with his limit of stripers we got Sunday morning on Beaver.

We ended up with me even getting a couple for myself since he was the only one with me that day. We are still catching stripers at about 30 ft. in the deeper water off the flats and the big coves without getting more than three miles from the dam with big shad still being the best bait.

Here at Holiday Island I’m getting good reports on the walleye with most being caught trolling deep diving baits that will get down below 18 ft. off the flats from Holiday Island to Beaver. Crappie and bass are still being caught in the deeper brush and treetops on minnows and jigs. Start with a slip float about 8 ft. deep, then start going deeper if need be ‘til you start catching fish, all the way to 18 ft. deep.

Bass are hitting top water baits early, then moving closer to the bottom as the sun gets higher. We did have a trout trip this week and got a few by trolling small crankbaits, but caught most fishing off the bottom with a worm tipped with a mini marshmallow doing better than power bait.

Well, that’s it for this week. Air’s cool? Water’s cool so get out and grab a little bit of our Ozarks, relax and enjoy life.

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by Mike Boian

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4. First name in jeans

8. Relaxation site

11. Clever, amusing individual

12. Flapper and Baby Boomer, e.g.

13. Rider’s accessory

14. Least distant

16. Once repeated

17. Slang for precious diamonds

18. Complains in a peevish way

19. Australian cockatoo

22. Pretend, as to be asleep

23. Take away an injury or illness

24. Small, secluded valley

25. Satisfied utterance

28. Unbroken section of a circle

29. Hang on with desperation

30. Budget travelers’ organization

31. Bunion site

32. Ethereal

33. Basic monthly expense

34. Moroccan capital

36. Shows concern

37. Eighth month of Islamic calendar

39. Luau decoration

40. Inn

41. Atilt

45. Had a debt due

46. Leaves

47. Fishy eggs

48. Aged (var.)

49. Fairy tale monster

50. Poetic “before”
- DOWN

16. Individual item

18. Teeny

19. Descending staircase, usually to a river

20. Prefix before plane or dynamic

21. Tore roughly, mangled

22. Amuse amorously

24. Extract from various sources

26. Top drawer

27. Beanies and berets

29. Small group of secret plotters

33. It can be cats and dogs falling from the sky

35. Not up yet

36. Stop

37. Blackjack dealer’s cardholder

38. Nocturnal cry, as from a coyote

39. Oblique glance, often lascivious

41. Detailed record of a ship’s daily activities

42. Strong anger

43. Neither’s complement

44. Command to a horse for a right turn

46. Ready, set, ...

1. Barley bristle

2. Purposely misspeak

3. Traveler’s datum

4. Cling to another for personal gain

5. Gaelic

6. Large liquid holder

7. Exists

8. Large, usually triangular head sail

9. Dark purple

10. Greek god of war

13. Large gulp

15. Iranian coin equal to 100 dinars

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LEGAL

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
CARROLL COUNTY, ARKANSAS
WESTERN DISTRICT
PROBATE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
JEFF E. THACH, deceased
CASE NO. 08-WPR-15-26

NOTICE

Last known address of decedent: 160
Hwy 23 S., Eureka Springs, AR 72632.
Date of Death: May 3, 2015.
Chelsea Thach was appointed as
Personal Representative of the estate of the
above named decedent on June 22, 2015.

All persons having claims against the
estate must exhibit them, duly verified,
to the undersigned within six (6) months
from the date of the first publication of this
notice, or they shall be forever barred and
precluded from any benefit in the estate.
Provided, that claims for injury or death
caused by the negligence of the decedent
shall be filed within six (6) months from
the date of the first publication of this
notice, or they shall be forever barred and
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This notice first published on the 16
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By: Danya E. Davenport, #2014184
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MISSING SINCE MAY 11

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“Girls were not going to school under the Taliban,” Barry said. “It is murky. I was against the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq. But some good has come out of it.”

“The success came from people we worked with, the local staff and friends we made in building the capacity of the people so they could carry on the work that needed to be done,” Suzanne said. “That was what was most effective and rewarding, for us to see people we worked with years ago and how they are doing great things. That is success.”

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