



## City to upgrade holiday decorations

NICKY BOYETTE

City Council found a way at its Monday evening meeting for the city to jingle more bells and deck more streets this Christmas and beyond. Mayor Butch Berry told council that Parks Interim Director Donna Woods had requested \$15,000 to begin replenishing the city's stock of Christmas decorations, plus devise a way to store the supply of ornaments and lights properly.

Berry admitted the city has had this same discussion in years past, but said this time it was different because "Donna has a plan." She wants \$10,000 from the city and \$5000 from the City Advertising and Promotion Commission (CAPC) to establish proper storage and begin restocking the decorations.

Berry introduced Parks commissioner Pat Lujan, also the Parks landscaper who puts up decorations. Lujan said citizens have complained the quality of displays has declined in recent years. The Preservation Society helped in 2014, but he said he needs more help if the city is going to light it up like folks want. He commented he can remodel the other building at Harmon Park to provide a proper storage for the inventory, which will have to be gathered from disparate sites and repaired. Lujan said, for example, he would need to repaint the deer because they are starting to deteriorate.

Berry announced Finance Director Lonnie Clark had identified money left over from a previous project that council could use for this purpose. Clark said just over \$34,000 is in an account. "I think it would be great to use it for this plan," he said adding that he brought his kids to Eureka Springs to see the Christmas lights years ago.

Alderman David Mitchell moved to redirect the entire \$34,000 to a Christmas decorations account. "Let's make this place shine!" he remarked.

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**Truly rare** – Thanks to Sandy Smith for posting this picture of a white hummingbird seen recently in Eureka Springs. A pure white hummingbird does exist, but is extremely rare. The more common sight is the leucistic hummingbird, which has white, off-white, or tan plumage but eyes, beak, and feet have the normal black pigment. An albino is always pure white with pinkish eyes, feet, and bill, as this one seems to have. If you've seen one, please post the location to [beautyofbirds.com/albinohummingbirdsusalocations.html](http://beautyofbirds.com/albinohummingbirdsusalocations.html). And read more about them at [www.hummingbird-guide.com](http://www.hummingbird-guide.com). PHOTO COURTESY OF SANDY SMITH

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Aspen, Colo., went giant steps further when it became the third city in the United States, after Burlington, Vt., and Greensburg, Kan., to run totally on renewable energy. (You remember Greensburg – it's between Eureka Springs and Wichita, and home of the world's deepest hand-dug well. It was wiped off the map in a 2007 tornado.)

These forward thinking towns no longer rely on fossil fuel energy and are now powered by the forces of nature – wind, water and sun.

Aspen gets our attention because it made an 84 percent increase in using sustainable energy in one year. That's cooking!

And this is the glorious week the aspen turn golden.



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**When you have the reins, drive the wagon.**



Commissioner Joyce Zeller suggested the displays be concentrated in certain areas rather than spread out. “We don’t do it big enough,” she stated. “Make something large and spectacular.” She said she did not want any more pathetic, shopworn displays.

Mitchell added he would issue a challenge to other organizations in town such as the Downtown Network to do its part to light up storefronts.

Lujan said he is already scheduled to visit with other organizations to assist in the cause.

Vote to approve Mitchell’s motion was 4-0.

#### Other items

- Council approved continuing Joe Gunnels’ group tour franchise.

- Berry reported of the six properties designated for demolition as a result of the Clean City Ordinance, two have been demolished, two are being renovated, one is in probate, and folks are still figuring out what to do about the other one.

- Berry said a date is still pending for a joint meeting between council and the CAPC to discuss what happens next with the Auditorium contract.

Next meeting will be Monday, Oct. 12, at 6 p.m.

# INDEPENDENTNews

## Investigation reveals air pack mechanical failure

NICKY BOYETTE

Fire Chief Randy Ates told city council Monday that after firefighter Rod Wasson suffered respiratory injuries recently, an investigation conducted by Assistant Chief Bob Pettus, Fire Marshal Jimmy Kelley, teams from the Arkansas Department of Labor, Arkansas State Police, and himself determined Wasson encountered a mechanical failure of his airpack that deprived him of sufficient air in a highly toxic environment. Ates told council the investigation team agreed the airpacks are showing their age and need to be replaced. He added other equipment should be cycled out as well.

Ates recounted that crews responded to a mobile home on fire on Grand Avenue at about 9:20 p.m., August 29, and firefighters Wasson and Josh Beyler entered the building fully-equipped and wearing protective clothing. Wasson led the way, but as he progressed down a hallway, the hose he was pulling snagged at the building entrance. Ates said Beyler turned around to free the hose, and when he turned back around Wasson was nowhere to be seen.

Beyler soon heard Wasson call from a nearby room. Wasson said later his airpack was not delivering oxygen and his mask was suffocating him. It was dark and smoky, and in Wasson’s attempt to make his way out, he dove toward a doorway which turned out to be a bedroom, not the front door he was looking for.

Beyler pulled Wasson through the smoke toward the front door where other firefighters helped carry Wasson out of the building. Pettus noticed Wasson was in severe respiratory distress

and began emergency care, and a helicopter took Wasson to Mercy-Springfield where was placed in the burn unit in critical condition. He was released after almost three weeks of treatment.

Alderman David Mitchell asked Ates for a budget for what ESFD would need to upgrade its equipment, saying since council had been apprised of the need, it must respond. Ates replied he and Berry had already begun that discussion and he would present budget requests to council soon.

Ates stated the community responded to Wasson’s situation by donating \$10,000 toward expenses.

### Free seminar for Alzheimer’s caregivers

Molly Gay will be guest speaker at a free seminar for caregivers of Alzheimer’s patients on Friday, Oct. 2 from 1 – 3 p.m. at the ECHO Clinic on US 62E. Molly is granddaughter of Razorback Coach Frank Broyles, and, along with her mother and Broyles, was a caregiver for Mrs. Barbara Broyles.

From this experience, *Coach Broyles’ Playbook for Alzheimer’s Caregivers: A Practical Tips Guide* was written to help other caregivers become more aware of their own needs and how to deal with them. A question and answer session and refreshments will follow the seminar. (479) 981-0626



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## Parks toning up parks, hears plea for springs

NICKY BOYETTE

Interim Director Donna Woods reported at the Sept. 24 Parks meeting that the Eureka Springs Police Department set up another security camera at a park in town, and the Basin Park light poles have been changed back to a dusk-to-dawn cycle rather than being perpetually on. Also, dog poop stations will be installed soon in Basin Park and at Harding Spring and Sweet Spring.

Woods said the campground and ballfields entrance signs at Lake Leatherwood City Park have been redone in an aluminum laminate and should be up again soon. Parks added a campsite and expanded another one, and all campsite and RV marker posts have been replaced with maintenance-free posts with reflective numbers. She said only ten of the sites even had a marker post. Also, 23 dead trees along a trail near the ballfields will be removed before the end of the month, and all cabins will get new waterproof mattresses.

A plan for radio communication across the whole park and Internet access at the cabin area is in the works, she said.

Occupancy rates through the end of August in cabins, campsites and RV sites are down only four percent from the same period in 2014, Woods told commissioners, so after payroll and staff-related expenses, plus utilities and fuel, Parks has only \$34,000 left.

### Springs Committee report

Jim Helwig, speaking for the Springs

Committee, stated their goal is to preserve, protect and enhance the springs in town. He said they consider themselves “water watchdogs.”

He said the idea of “one clean spring” is unrealistic according to test results because of the proximity of the springs to sewage. He said the karst environment allows seepage from septic fields to find its way into the springs, and the committee would be urging city council to pass an ordinance requiring inspection of sewage lines upon the sale of property. He added it would take the quorum court to pass an ordinance for properties not in city limits.

Helwig declared “the city that water built” should take extra precautions to protect its springs. He saw it as a mark of civilization to respect each other and the environment.

Following Helwig’s presentation, commissioners approved a resolution supporting the efforts of the Springs Committee to mitigate contamination and improve the condition of the springs.

Comments for the Springs Committee can be sent to [director@eurekaparks.com](mailto:director@eurekaparks.com) or [tarasuk6@aol.com](mailto:tarasuk6@aol.com).

### Permanent director

Chair Bill Featherstone announced that commissioner Jay Fitzsimmons had drafted a job description for the position of director, and suggested commissioners finish it at the Oct. 6 workshop so they can begin advertising the position before the end of October.

### Status of the lake

Featherstone said the two advisors studying Lake Leatherwood will conclude their work by the end of October, and data so far shows the lake is in decent shape. Woods said tests show water quality equaling or surpassing drinking water standards, but Helwig acknowledged the sampling had been down at the deep end of the lake near the dam, not near the dock and swimming area. He commented the early report on the lake shows it to be in the middle compared to similar lakes. He said it is like telling a parent, “I’m sorry, your kid is not the best kid in the class.”

Featherstone said after test results are announced, it will be time to decide what kind of lake the community wants. “A good fishing lake might not be clear,” he said, but added that Parks will invite input from the public regarding long-term goals and a management plan for the lake.

### Other items

- Featherstone encouraged the public to check out [arkansasbikapedplan.com](http://arkansasbikapedplan.com), the site for the Arkansas State Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan, a strategy for making walking and biking a priority which was a collaborative effort by Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department, the Department of Parks and Tourism, State Police, and the Department of Health.

- Woods announced the Arkansas Native Plant Society would gather in Eureka Springs for its annual meeting October 9-11.

## Berryville sailor serving aboard USS Wyoming

LT. LILY HINZ

Berryville High School (Class of 2000) graduate, Petty Officer 2nd Class Benjamine Angeloni, is serving as part of a U.S. Navy crew working aboard the ballistic missile submarine, USS Wyoming.

“My job is to operate and maintain the sonar system while ensuring the boat’s safety and avoiding any other vessels,” Angeloni said. “I get to use technical knowledge and skills to defend my country against enemy submarines.”

The Navy’s ballistic missile submarines, often referred to as “boomers,” serve as an undetectable launch platform for intercontinental ballistic missiles. On average, the submarines spend 77 days at sea.

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## Signs of the (past) times

BECKY GILLETTE

If you haven't stopped by in a while, check out the Berryville Square. While Eureka Springs has its Artery, the Berryville Square now has eye-catching street art attracting visitors who like to have their photos taken in front of restorations of historic advertising on buildings.

The restoration effort started about 18 months ago with a discussion on Facebook, organizer Mary Nell Billings said. The work has been funded by donations from individuals, in addition to some fundraising

events, and no tax or grant money has been involved.

"This was strictly done as a cooperative community project with the word spread mainly on Facebook by people who were interested in seeing something done on the Berryville Square," Billings said. "It has gotten lots of attention. We have been in several publications such as *Arkansas Living*, *Arkansas Democrat Gazette*, KY3 and KOLR 10 out of Springfield. It started with one project and people got excited, so we would do another. It has been funded

not just by locals, but people who lived here a long time ago. People started talking about it. Present and former residents were concerned with the demise of the square and began generously donating money to complete the projects."

The work has been done by mural artists Randy Rust and James Abbott. "They have been wonderful," Billings said. "They have been a joy to work with."

Renovated signs are located all around the square. Two were original Coke signs that had nearly faded into oblivion. Billings had started thinking about restoring the signs years ago.

"Berryville is not known as an art town like Eureka," Billings said. "But I could see what was on the buildings. I found out the artist was Paul Rhodes, who painted many of the signs back in the 1950s. He also was one who built the Main Theater sign in Berryville. Rick Barrow, a former resident, stepped forth and took over the renovations of that sign. It is beautiful. The movie marquee has all new neon lights."

People are enthusiastic about the new attractions on the square.

"We have seen a lot of people excited about the square again," Billings said. "People are photographing here constantly. Recently we had a photographer coming down to do a big shoot with vintage cars and ladies in old-fashioned clothing. It was all retro fifties. We have also had kids having their senior picture in front of them. At any given time, you will see strangers stopping and taking pictures."

The project has grown quickly and been a great exercise in building community pride.

"The intention was to start small and make people pay attention to the square again and realize it does have something to offer," said Billings, who works at Fain's Herbacy and Gaskins Cabin in Eureka Springs but grew up in and still lives in Berryville. "It is

really the heart of the town, and it is unique. It has an incredible history. The new art is waking people up, putting some color and vibrancy into the old square. We have a long ways to go. It is important to stress this is strictly volunteer. No one gets paid except the artists."

Some people who visit say the old town square makes them feel nostalgic. People will come through and say it reminds them of Mayberry, the small town on the *Andy Griffith Show*. Each one of these murals just adds to the nostalgia.

"It makes people stop and see what is around them," Billings said. "And I do hope it will be a catalyst to effect change and make the square a happening place once again. We've seen a resurgence of pride. I often see that stated on Facebook when we put out a new mural. Many people say, 'I'm so proud.'"

In two instances, artists restored what was almost gone. Others included the old RCA Victrola and Nipper the dog that was painted on the side of the Wilson's TV building, and the old mercantile's cowboy with his hat in the air. Some have been restored to be "ghost signs" – almost faded out, but the images can be seen.

The mural on the side of the old Berryville Drug, the former bus stop for Continental Trailways, has created a tremendous amount of attention. Artists are painting people in the windows of the bus. A drawing was held to choose the people to be drawn in the windows and the man who used to drive the bus, Don Phillips, picked the winners out of the hat.

"That is what they are working on right now, putting people in the windows," Billings said.

Contributions to the non-profit Berryville Restoration Fund are tax deductible, and the Facebook page is Berryville Community Restoration. The same group is also applying for historic district status for the Berryville Square.

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## ECHO powers with panels

### ECHO STAFF

The Eureka Christian Health Outreach (ECHO) solar system was connected this week to the Carroll Electric Cooperative (CECC) grid, leading the community on the quest for survival from climate change. Dr. Dan Bell's vision for ECHO is to be a solar pilot site. "We hope to encourage the rest of the community to get involved. Eureka is a special town and it's a chance for us to show what we can do together," Bell said.

The ECHO community solar system is the largest solar array in Carroll County, designed and installed by local solar experts Sunshine Solar, Old Town Electric, T&R Solar, Common Sense Technologies and Eureka Power and Light. This is a grid-tied system. When excess power is generated, the system will send power to the grid and get power back when needed from the grid. This will help CECC provide service during peak load hours.

The First Phase of the ECHO Solar Project, a 27-kW array consisting of 108 250-watt solar panels, will provide 26,000 kW per year, saving 34,000 pounds of carbon dioxide emissions. The maintenance free system with an expected lifetime of more than 30 years will save over one million pounds of carbon dioxide emissions throughout its lifetime. After the initial investment is recovered from savings on the ECHO electrical bill, free sunlight will power



this community center.

For the Second Phase, additional panels will be added to provide all the energy used by the Medical Clinic and the Thrift Store.

ECHO will be our Emergency Community Shelter with trained personnel, stocked with medical and emergency supplies. If the grid is down due to severe weather, for example, a standby generator will power the main areas.

Here are some installation details:

- An Energy Efficiency audit was conducted by CECC

experts, along with an inspection of the ECHO electrical system.

- The roof was inspected and no issues were found. Recommendations were made to balance the weight of the panels.

- The Eureka Springs Fire Department and the Building Inspector approved the solar layout.

- Using a special mounting system avoided drilling holes on the metal roof. No trees had to be trimmed. Safety and ergonomics made panel installation quick and simple using the "Sunshine Bridge" constructed by Carl Evans.

- High-performance panels were used with power optimizers to harness maximum power from the solar cells. Commercial grade, solar inverters were installed to provide AC power and safe interconnection to the grid.

- To make the final grid connection, power was provided by Jerry Landrum's solar truck, Electra, a four-panel system with a bank of batteries that runs on sunlight and prayer flags for Climate Action!

- Everyone is invited to visit and help fund this community project, donating additional solar panels for the tax-deductible sum of \$250 per panel, or whatever amount you can afford. Donations can be made directly to ECHO, or to the "ECHO Community Solar" account at Community First Bank in Eureka Springs.

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## Fluoride results not in

NICKY BOYETTE

Public Works Director Dwayne Allen has not received results of water tests conducted after the introduction of fluoridation to the water system, Mayor Butch Berry told city council Monday.

Alderman David Mitchell repeated his concern council is not getting current information from Allen about replacement of faulty water meters, a project Mitchell said was once an indicator of progress in the city, but new information about it is "getting vaporous." Having this information would be crucial

for aldermen as they prepare next year's budget.

Mitchell said he wanted the public to know council is doing due diligence before it decides on increasing water rates.

Berry said the recent increase in water rates for customers of the Carroll-Boone Water District (CBWD) was 25 cents per thousand gallons of water, which would equal at least \$70,000 annually for the city. He said other cities along the CBWD transmission line have already passed along the increase to their water customers.

## Vultures affect mortgage while 'cleaning environment'

NICKY BOYETTE

Mayor Butch Berry told city council Monday he got a call from a resident on Ridgeway who could not refinance his house because vultures are damaging his roof. Berry said he also spoke with the appraiser in the case, and said the resident cannot shoot the birds, so he asked council, "Do we do anything?"

Berry reminded aldermen that in

the past, scaring vultures away from a neighborhood by shooting a sound cannon was employed, but the city did not follow through with the strategy. He said the use of sound cannons might work but they must be fired every 30 minutes all day for three days.

Alderman James DeVito asked what aversions the homeowner had tried so far. He said cannons would just scramble the vultures to someone else's neighborhood, and no one wants to hear cannon fire.

Alderman David Mitchell asked, "Is this really our problem?" and wanted more information about the extent of the quandary.

DeVito said he could understand the complainant's plight, but echoed his sentiment that he would like to see the homeowner try something first before

council jumps in. He asked if he should call the city when he has problems with groundhogs rooting around near his foundation.

During Public Comments, Beth Withey spoke up against any vulture relocation plan. She and her husband own property in the same neighborhood, and she said they chose their property because they have the opportunity to watch the vultures and other wildlife. She said they study all the birds in the vicinity, and they have "a beautiful view of the roost." She claimed vultures pose no threat to any wildlife and serve a vital purpose in cleaning up the environment. She maintained the relocation plan would harm other species as well.

Berry told council he would investigate further and report back.

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**Scouting with Berry** – Local Boy Scout Troop 67 visited with Eureka Springs Mayor Butch Berry while working toward their citizenship merit badges. They asked Berry about mayoral terms and elections and learned about the city budget and emergency funding. The mayor shared his own experiences in Boy Scouts and earning his Eagle Scout badge. *PHOTO SUBMITTED*



## “Bionic Dog” pants for a home, human touch

DARLENE SIMMONS

June 19 was a bad day in the short life of Leonides, a stray greyhound and blue tick mix. He was rummaging around the streets of Green Forest when he was struck by a car and thrown, unable to move his hind legs. A compassionate passerby transported him to Good Shepherd Humane Society shelter, where he received emergency care from vet Dr. John Mueller. X-rays showed a complex fracture of the left hip and dislocation of the right femur. Unable to walk or stand, the dog was taken to Springdale where orthopedic surgery included placement of metal pins and plates to ensure proper alignment of the bones (hence the nickname “Bionic Dog”).

GSHS staff has implemented a specialized doggie rehab program for Leonides, who had significant pain at first and was unable to bear any weight. A GingerLead support/rehab harness was fitted to his slight frame to help control the weight placed on his rear legs as they heal, while still allowing exercise.



Months later, Leonides still resides at the shelter, cared for by a dedicated staff, but it is time for him to venture into an environment that allows more independence. He no longer requires pain medication or the GingerLead for support. What he does need is a foster home, complete with a caring human or two. His

humans will need to encourage healing while observing him for any problems or concerns. The optimal foster home will be a calm and quiet one, ideally without other animals or small children that could accidentally cause an injury while playing, putting healing in jeopardy.

Leonides is a good-natured, loving dog that never once growled or snapped despite the intense pain he was in. Nearly \$4,000 has been spent so far on his medical care and donations are needed to recoup these costs. Please consider donating toward the care of this amazing dog, or opening your home to a fine pet.

Online donations can be made at [goodshepherd-hs.org](http://goodshepherd-hs.org), or mail donations to: GSHS, P.O. Box 285 Eureka Springs, 72632 (Attn: Leonides fund). Drop off donations: Eureka Springs Thrift Store, Berryville Thrift Store or Eureka Springs shelter.

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## State opposition to fluoride

Senate and House Committees on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor have called a meeting at the State Capitol on Monday, October 5, where the Arkansas Department of Health will be discussing fluoride and addressing it as, “Importance of Fluoride in Public Water Systems in Arkansas.”

Opponents of mandatory fluoridation, including Secure Arkansas, recommend residents contact legislators to end mandatory water fluoridation on the grounds it has unintended negative health effects and has been proven to have no value in reducing cavities in children.

Eureka Springs residents have opposed fluoridation for 30 years, but started receiving fluoridated water in July anyway. In the most recent legislative session, the House voted to overturn the state mandate for fluoridation, but members of the Senate committee refused to allow the bill to be voted on. Contact Sen. Cecile Bledsoe, Chair, to voice opposition to fluoridation. [cecile.bledsoe@yahoo.com](mailto:cecile.bledsoe@yahoo.com) or [Cecile.Bledsoe@senate.ar.gov](mailto:Cecile.Bledsoe@senate.ar.gov) (479) 685-5394 or (479) 636-2115.

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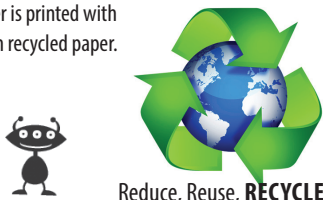
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## Creative outlet a big success

Everyone needs a creative outlet, and last week Clear Spring School students were given several in Eureka Springs School of the Arts' studios. At the beginning of the CSS year each child chose an artistic style preference, and, unbeknownst to them, the results were used to design art workshops to be held for them at ESSA.

For four days in the week of Sept. 21, students in grades 4 through 10 took part in workshops with artist/teachers Carrie Siegfried Haase (jewelry), Barbara Kennedy (painting) and Donna Doss (clay). Lessons in art also included students documenting their experiences and learning self-appreciation and respect

for others' art and creative process.

The results were "phenomenal" reported parent Linda Griffin. "My son Oakley, on the second day attending ESSA, woke me an hour early to get to school for ESSA day. He has documented the tools he used in jewelry metal working so he can ask for them this Christmas, as he is determined to set up a metal smithing shop in our garage studio."

Another student, Hannah Youngblood, now has one of her paintings hanging in the Head of School Office at Clear Spring. And, as can be seen on p. 12, students had fun doing some fine work. The CSS-ESSA collaboration was deemed an exciting success.

## HIRC Awards Scholarships

The Holiday Island Rotary Club has awarded scholarships to six Eureka Springs High School graduates. The winners were Taylor Little, Kyla Boardman, Wade Carter, Luis Romero, Hunter Dickleman and Haley Comstock. The scholarships were awarded annually to assist the students in continuing their education at colleges, universities and other school.

The Rotary Club meets at 8 a.m., Friday mornings at the Holiday Island Elks Club.

## INDEPENDENTMail

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### What the fork?

Editor,

When I first read about the tree, my heart sank. I went to Chris's house to see the tree, then went to the city council meeting where Chris, his wife, and myself voiced our opinions. Earlier in the week one of the council members, previously a forester, had named the tree. He told Chris we can't cut this tree down. Naturally, we were all hopeful going into the meeting.

Then he did an about face. He accused Chris of wanting to stop progress. What?!

I'm from South Dakota, the Sioux people call it speaking with a forked tongue. I think there's a lot of forked tongue talking in our world.

*Jayanti*

### Tolerance good for all

Editor,

Erick ["Escape Goat" ESI August 5] has no police record and just talking to him with a little common sense one realizes he is a very simple minded deep thoughtful person. With a background

check one finds out that so for he has had an interesting trip around the country from Destin, Florida.

Preaching respect of one another and accepting everyone with different coats of color – which is kind of a wind of fresh air, due to all the killings and hate going on today. From the outside looking into your township of Eureka Springs it put to mind the setting of the attitude of the movie *Rambo* where the police are of the backwards mindset of good old boys in the '40s & '50s.

Other places have wished him well on his self journey with his goat, Deer. But your political people have basically ran him out of town because they couldn't or wouldn't have the time to tolerate a unkempt bearded man with a goat talking peace. I assume if another man showed up in your town unkempt with a beard carrying a shepherd's hook with a few sheep in sandals preaching peace, you would have ran him out of town, also.

Next time when the town members go to church have a moment of silence and contemplate what God is thinking about your town at this moment. Do Unto Others As You Would Have Them Do Unto You... Amen.

*Steve B. Jones*



## WEEK'S TopTweets

**@swedishcanary:** I have some jokes about unemployment but they need some work.

**@HatfieldAnne:** Tell me again how I unloaded the dishwasher too loudly when

you were watching golf. Detectives will want to know exactly how this went down.

**@illTortuga:** Thinking about becoming an unemployed mom so I can make \$64/hr. online.

**@CheryeDavis:** Nothing says I'm guilty of every crime imaginable quite like using your blinker to pull into your driveway.

**@designersays:** I should never read tweets at work because I laugh out loud and everyone asks what's funny and I have to say this excel spreadsheet.

**@monkeydaily:** Just took a short nap although I wouldn't exactly

call it a cat nap since I didn't lay on anyone's clothes or laptop.

**@Ty\_Schultz:** Ice cream sandwich listens intently through the wall of the refrigerator as turkey and mayo whisper, "He's not a real sandwich."

**@donni:** Might buy a junkyard just to grow my own junk food.

**@iRowlf:** I'm sorry I'm late. I saw a drawing of the sun wearing sunglasses and spent 4 hours wondering what he was protecting his eyes from.

**@LinajkReturns:** Do you think dogs know there's cheese in the world that doesn't have surprise pills in it?

**@donni:** My stepladder is so great, I'm almost glad my ladders got divorced.

**@JohnLyonTweets:** Adam and Eve were the first people to agree to the Apple terms and conditions without reading them.



## Power of the Pope

There is no doubt Pope Francis is a different kind of pope, especially compared to his Nazi, Prada loving predecessor.

Francis, the kinder, gentler pope, charmed his way through NYC and Washington DC last week aboard the Popemobile, kissing children, talking climate change and lunching with the homeless, all the while projecting a genuine humbleness amid the glaring media frenzy.

There is no doubt this pope has brought back to life a dying-by-the-numbers religion so riddled with scandal that parents are afraid to leave their young to what is suppose to be the most loving and trusted person in their lives – their priest.

But while Catholics, Buddhists and even some agnostics and evangelicals shout out a rare and collective cheer, Francis, in all his progressive-speak, fails to address the real issues facing the Catholic Church.

Just add “anti” in front of any of these words: gay, choice, women, contraception, sex or science, and you see the problem.

Although a man of humble means, his anti-capitalist rhetoric rings hollow, coming from a man who in essence is CEO of one of the richest and most powerful empires on this planet – riches that were often stolen or plundered.

As populations rise and resources strain, talking climate change while not addressing the elephant in the room – world population growth, which is expected to double in the next 50 years – was a way to avoid the pesky topic of contraception, which more than 85 percent of American Catholics say they practice.

According to church doctrine, contraception other than the approved “rhythm method” is still a mortal sin, which means that if you are a practicing Catholic and are on the pill, have an IUD, or use a condom, you are going straight to hell. Purgatory is not an option.

This every-sperm-is-sacred mentality is ridiculous at best, and is actually killing people around the globe. Condoms are a proven effective tool for cutting down HIV-AIDS transmission and unwanted pregnancies in many third world countries, yet the church continues its dogmatic, head-in-the-sand approach to sex.

My dearly departed mother, at the age of 80, confessed to me she was molested by her small town priest. It was a dark and shameful secret she told no one for 75 years.

Pedophilia among Catholic priests is not a new thing, but the reporting of it has risen to epidemic proportions with the church forking out more than \$3 billion in court costs and settlements in the U.S. alone.

Pope Francis’s *mea culpa* does nothing for the 17,000 US victims seeking justice, and are rightly disturbed that not a single Bishop has been called to the carpet and punished. The widespread coverup continues, with the church throwing big bucks away on lawsuits rather than opening up their records naming thousands of priests who have been accused.

The Catholic Church has been responsible for the genocide of many indigenous peoples around the globe, for which Francis has apologized, yet he gave a huge slap in the face this week to Native Americans in California when he canonized into Sainthood the controversial Spaniard Junipero Serra.

Serra has been credited with spreading Christianity in California 250 years ago and making life for its indigenous people a living hell. Fifty California tribes condemned sainthood for Serra, apparently falling on deaf Vatican ears.

It’s difficult to criticize this pope (although I’ve done a good job) who has captured the imagination of the entire world and addressed important issues such as world hunger, the Syrian refugee crisis, immigration, the death penalty and global warming. He is an astute leader and politician who has tapped into this country’s desperate thirst for spiritual leadership.

And like other great leaders and politicians, I have faith that this man, facing 2,000 years of constricted dogma, will eventually peel away the layers that are paralyzing his flock. With only two years into his papacy, his accomplishments are impressive while managing to not piss off the status quo in the process. Change does not come fast or easy.

Gay marriage and abortion notwithstanding, with a stroke of the pen Francis could end the ban on women clergy, allow priests to marry, hand out condoms with Bibles in Africa, give justice to the victims of sexual abuse, and address over population.

There is power in being infallible, and I am trusting Pope Francis will continue to use this power for the greater good and go down in history as one of its great leaders.

JOHN RANKINE



## The Pursuit Of HAPPINESS

by Dan Krotz

Am I the only one who wonders what’s going on with the Democratic Party? Whether you believe that President Obama is the anti-Christ, or the greatest thing since sliced FDR, the Democratic Party has been *Leaving on a Jet Plane* ever since 2010... and we don’t know when they’ll be back again. Since ‘10, they’ve lost 63 House seats, six Senate seats, and there hasn’t been such a robust GOP presence in Congress since Herbert Hoover was sworn into office in 1929.

It isn’t a surprise that the fact-free South has turned Red, but so has rural America. Republicans hold 31 governorships, nine more than when Obama was inaugurated. Turning to state legislatures, Republicans have full control of 30, Democrats of only 11, and in 24 states Republicans control the governorship and both houses of the legislature. Democrats feel perky about the 2016 Presidential race, but the power of Republicans at the state level will assure more of the same gridlock, malaise, and policy bankruptcy for years to come.

Some of the Democrat slide can be attributed to redistricting in nine Republican controlled states, and to the cultural divide between rural and urban America. And while working class whites in both urban and rural areas broadly support high-minded Democratic Party promises to reform the tax code, for pay equity for women and working people, and for infrastructure spending, it seems obvious that these voters don’t believe that Democrats really mean it. Elitist nostrums about education, and labor destroying trade policies, won’t cut it if you’ve got to work 60 hours a week to pay the rent and feed the kids.

Maybe the problem is that President Obama is the only Democrat in a leadership position who isn’t eligible for Social Security. Nancy Pelosi and Harry Reid are 75; Hillary Clinton is 67, Bernie Sanders is 73, and Joe Biden is 72. Republican leadership is certainly off their meds, and they have never fielded a more intellectually vacant bunch of candidates, but at least they don’t need a nap in the afternoon. Are there *any* younger Democrats, and did any of them *not* go to an Ivy League school?



## A little help from our friends:

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

# INDEPENDENT Constables On Patrol

## SEPTEMBER 21

5:30 p.m. – Careful observer asked to speak with a constable regarding a vehicle possibly being stolen. Constable responded and discovered the vehicle had been reported stolen, and it was recovered.

9:26 p.m. – Gas station attendant told ESPD a disgruntled customer would not leave the premises. Constable advised the customer the management wanted him to leave and not return to the property.

10:51 p.m. – Person said he had visited Eureka Springs over the weekend but had left his iPad behind. He traced its location to the Berryville area. Constable followed up and the iPad was returned to ESPD who would see it was returned to its owner.

## SEPTEMBER 22

1:16 a.m. – Caller alerted ESPD to an intoxicated female walking down the middle of Main Street. Constable who went to the scene did not find her.

9:48 a.m. – Resident near downtown reported a cooler was stolen from his front porch.

11:02 a.m. – Central dispatch reported a 911 call from a local bank. Employee at the bank told dispatch things were okay, but a constable went to the bank to make sure. Everything was okay.

10 p.m. – Observer reported a suspicious person hanging around downtown. Constables watched for but did not see the subject.

## SEPTEMBER 23

6:53 a.m. – CCSO asked for a constable to check on two individuals in a vehicle parked in the northern part of town. EMS arrived first to find the two individuals sleeping. A constable also showed up to find everything was okay.

9:33 a.m. – Individual wanted to report threatening communications. Constable responded to the location but could not find the individual.

10:18 a.m. – Constable on patrol corrected the situation regarding stickers covering downtown parking meters.

12:31 p.m. – A middle school student was very upset. Constable responded. Student went home with parents.

12:35 p.m. – Person came to the station to request a child welfare check. Constable followed up.

2:52 p.m. – Loud screaming from a house in a neighborhood above downtown prompted a visit from constables. They learned a young male had been yelling along with his music.

6:28 p.m. – There was a verbal only altercation at a motel, and the parties separated for the night.

7:38 p.m. – Constable responded to a noise complaint about an establishment near downtown. Constable found the establishment had a permit for the event, and noise was within limits.

7:41 p.m. – Constables assisted business owners with parking issues downtown.

## SEPTEMBER 24

9:21 a.m. – High school principal asked for constable assistance with a student. Constable cited the student for possession of a controlled substance and released him to his mother.

9:56 a.m. – Parking meter downtown was not working, so constable fixed it.

11:54 a.m. – One vehicle sideswiped another in a private property parking lot. Constable filed a report.

1:39 p.m. – Call came in about a cleaning company dumping chemicals at a location. Constables went there and learned the company had permission from Public Works to dump at the sewer cleanout. Constables told the reporting party and the cleaning company not to communicate with each other again.

2:32 p.m. – Constable filed another report of a private property traffic accident.

3:21 p.m. – Constable checked out a street above downtown to see if the cars parked there would block emergency vehicles. He found everything okay.

3:35 p.m. – Constable on patrol recognized an individual with an outstanding warrant and arrested him.

9:42 p.m. – Constable initiated a traffic stop for a noise ordinance violation and arrested the driver for DWI also.

10:53 p.m. – Individual was arrested on an ESPD warrant for failure to pay.

11:20 p.m. – Traffic stop resulted in the arrest of the driver for DWI, no motorcycle endorsement and driving left of center.

## SEPTEMBER 25

2:40 a.m. – Another traffic stop, another arrest for DWI, driving left of center, speeding, violation of the noise ordinance and implied consent.

9 a.m. – Constables worked downtown traffic control. They issued warnings and citations for noise violations while monitoring loading zones and the Post Office parking spots.

10:11 a.m. – CCSO told ESPD a vehicle stolen in Missouri might be at a business in Eureka Springs. Constable responded and determined the vehicle was the stolen vehicle in question. He impounded the vehicle and informed Missouri authorities.

10:55 a.m. – There was a motorcycle accident on a street near downtown. Driver was transported to ESH for minor injuries.

11 a.m. – Constables monitored the major intersections in town for traffic problems.

12:55 p.m. – All nearby authorities were alerted to watch for a vehicle driven by a subject wanted for leading Fayetteville PD on a chase in a stolen vehicle.

1:04 p.m. – Complaints came in about motorcycles parked in loading zones and Post Office parking spots, so constables responded and issued parking citations.

1:29 p.m. – Merchant downtown complained about the noise at a downtown bar. Constable asked the staff there to turn down the volume, and they also agreed to also shut the doors.

3:46 p.m. – Constables again went to the Post Office area to dissuade motorcyclists from parking there.

4:17 p.m. – Constable watched for two trucks being driven dangerously on the way to town from the east, but never encountered them.

4:36 p.m. – Constable responded to a motorcycle accident at the top of Planer Hill. No injuries.

## SEPTEMBER 26

12:07 a.m. – Traffic stop resulted in the arrest of an individual for a warrant out of White County.

12:53 a.m. – Another traffic stop and arrest of the driver for DWI and careless driving.

6:13 a.m. – And another arrest for DWI, speeding and

**CONSTABLES** continued on page 20



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



CONSTANCE  
WAGNER

It was Jaffray who took her in to dinner, but Fenton sat on her other side. She looked up and down the table, and took note of those who had the honored places along with her: the moneyed men from the North, with their ladies, and Colonel Blake with Mrs. Tupper; Jarvis and Tracy; Cletis Jones tacitly acknowledging a new alliance of love by bringing Mona Jo Gamble, whose gold-capped teeth glinted when she talked; Dory unbending in a new gray dress, with Asa, uneasy, beside her; Doctor Glover looking important, and his eager wife dispensing charm on all sides as if it were an elixir at a medicine show; Gladys Williams fairly glowing with the sense of achievement, her abounding bosom draped with yards of pink chiffon. To Clytie, they symbolized only success, the glass mountain scaled at last. Beneath the carefully frozen dignity, her heart sang. She touched with one finger the fragile petals of the flowers pinned in her hair: orchids. Fifteen dollars, Fent had told her, and she wondered why people made so much fuss over them, when they looked so much like irises.

She scarcely tasted the food, and the speeches bored her. She decided not to listen, preferring to gauge her own impact on the people around her, perceiving only envy in the eyes of the other women, not the occasional flicker of amusement, since it never occurred to her that there was anything faintly

comic in the juxtaposition of her orchids and scarlet brocade with Fenton's overwhelmingly Western getup. On her left, she could feel Fenton's arm against hers. On her right, Jaffray's foot groped for her under the table, and she wondered impatiently if he would mar the golden sandals, and lost track of how many times his wineglass had been refilled. He spoke pretty well, though, losing himself only once or twice when a long sentence got out of hand.

Colonel Blake, likewise mellow, ran on for some time, calling up pictures of Hillcrest House in its prime: tally-hos, grand cotillions, ladies weighted with diamonds "big as my thumb." All this splendor, through some miracle of telescoping time, was due presently to return, the colonel implied. What's he dragging up all that old dead-and-gone stuff for? Clytie asked herself, having no patience with the past. It was a relief to her when the last speaker subsided, and people began to drift to the other end of the room, where the bar was set up.

A crew of Suggs, Gurleys, and Jessups cleared the littered table, the light of the crystal chandeliers were dimmed, and a concealed blue illumination sprang up around the walls. The orchestra shifted to dance music, and Clytie was in the arms of first one, then another hungry-eyed middle-aged man. She was too solidly built and too stiff to dance well, but she knew that

the mere excuse to hold her was enough for these frustrated husbands. Dancing, she caught occasional glimpses of Fenton, aloof, not dancing, and she thanked her stars that he never looked at her, drooling, like these half-men who kept pushing her in slow, ecstatic circles about the room. Prentiss Jaffray seized upon her more and more often, and at last maneuvered her to a quiet corner and babbled against her ear that he wished they could be alone.

She pressed his moist hand and dealt him a provocative glance from under her heavy lashes. "You know where my suit is? Right up the stairs, first door on the left. Dance me over to the door, then you come in ten minutes. Don't let anybody see you, though..." She yearned against him as he wove a path down the room, and he began to pant, slightly.

She found Dory and Asa in possession of the apartment, silently sharing a bottle of corn whisky, and she turned them out. "Go somewhere else," she said. "One of those empty rooms. I want the place to myself."

Dory threw her a black look. "I shore hope you ain't fixin' to foul things up *agin*," she said. "Jest when —"

Clytie shut the door on them and began repairing her make-up at the mirrored table. She was spraying herself with a heavy perfume when Jaffray's timid tapping sounded on the outside door. She let him in quickly, releasing

the bolt behind her as she closed the door. His white mess-jacket looked creased and untidy now, and a hectic color overspread the pallor of his face. Clytie had dimmed most of the lights, and she was able to estimate the effect she made, luminous and shimmering against the vaguely perceived richness of the room — the zebra divan, the white leather chairs.

Almost at once, he began reaching and scrambling for her, pawing, explaining, confessing. (Spilling his guts, she thought, disdainful inside her soft complaisance.) Had to talk about his wife, of course: "Alma — her asthma, you know — not able to come tonight — Wonderful girl, wouldn't want to hurt her, but a man gets — Ever since the first time I saw you, Clytie — something about you — beauty, life, vitality. I'd almost forgotten how it was, being young —" Then somehow they were in the in inner room, the white mess-jacket discarded, and Jaffray clumsily clambering over her where she lay in disarray upon the cerise coverlet and the strewn silk pillows.

"Say you love me, Clytie," he kept muttering thickly, while he planted wet kisses on her mouth and neck. "Tell me you love me —" (It's good-bye orchids, if Fent don't hurry up, she thought grimly.)

## NOTES from the HOLLOW by Steve Weems

Many of the stories I grew up on featured Keels Creek as a recurring landmark. Obviously, this was because various branches of my family either lived on Keels Creek or not too far from it. I've always thought it interesting that Keels Creek was named for an early pioneer's first name: Keel Williams.

I suppose many people only see Keels Creek from the bridge on Rockhouse Road, and much of the time there is no water to be seen because it runs under the surface gravel. Don't let the lack of visible water fool you, though, because the Keels Creek watershed covers 19,211 acres of land

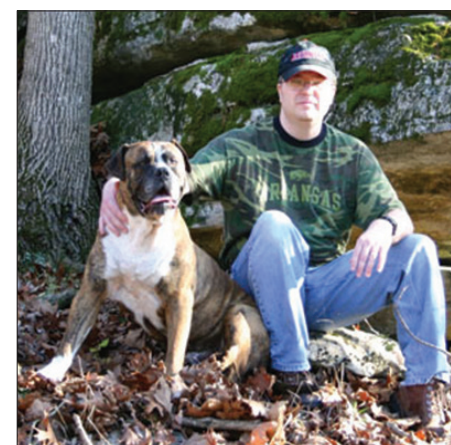
south of Eureka Springs. That is 30 square miles of springs and creeks and rainfall to drain.

One of my favorite Keels Creek stories involves my wife's great-great grandfather, Murrell Nelson. He had a big place on Keels Creek on the Madison County line (southeast of the present day Turpentine Creek Wildlife Refuge). He had bought the land in pieces from Claude Fuller and others in 1916 when he returned home from California where he had worked for the railroads.

Late in life, Murrell had to move fifty head of cattle from his farm to Berryville. The cattle drive followed Keels Creek eight miles, before fording

both the Kings River and the Osage. The destination farm was located behind the present day Maverick Supply. One just doesn't hear of long cattle drives in Carroll County anymore. It would be a logistical nightmare.

A whole book could be written about M.D. Nelson and overcoming adversity. When he was seven years old his father (who had returned from the Civil War in one piece) was murdered by a horse thief on his Carroll County farm. After that, Murrell bounced around living and working for various people. He married Nancy Johnson in 1890 and farmed south of Eureka Springs after homesteading 160 acres



in the Buck Mountain area. He then sold out and went to California to make his fortune.

Murrell Dixon Nelson died in the Eureka Springs Hospital in 1953 and is buried in the Eureka Springs Cemetery.





**Behind the screens** – Anna Mathews, left, and Edwige Denyszyn at Wayne Summerhill's metal working workshop last week at ESSA. Safety first!



**Who's in there?** – It's flower girl Anna Mathews. And there she is with her finished flower.



**Just call me Sparky** – Terry Moses fashions one of two fishing rods for his front gate.



**One fine fusion** – Suzanne Reed made metal frames to showcase her lovely fused glass.





Find more pics of Eureka Springs' busy week on our Facebook page!

# INDEPENDENTLens

**Big check, big thanks** – Eureka Springs Fire Department and Chief Randy Ates, right, presented firefighter Rod Wasson, center, with a check for \$10,000 Sept. 28. The money came from community donations to a GoFundMe account set up by fellow firefighter Colten Harris, at left, to help Wasson with medical expenses related to a respiratory injury on the job Aug. 29. Wasson spent several weeks in ICU before being released Sept. 17 and will require outpatient rehabilitation to regain strength and lung function. "I am so thankful for all the support shown to me by the community and the fire department. You guys have taken care of my family and me, and that is something I can never repay," Wasson said.

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**Needled** – Rotarians Dave Teigen (back) and Chip Ford are happy to get stuck during the Sept. 24 Blood Drive at the Inn of the Ozarks (though Chip looks a bit dubious). For more information about becoming a community-minded Rotarian email [chip.indie@gmail.com](mailto:chip.indie@gmail.com).

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**Welcome donation** – Pastor Blake Lasater and his daughter are happy to give Pat Kasner of the Flint Street Chapel Food Bank a check for \$1000 from First United Methodist Church. The money was collected during a recent church fundraiser. PHOTO BY JAY VRECEK

**Bold strokes** – Kai Wipplinger chases the muse in Barbara Kenndey's painting class.

**Claymation** – Ana Crider works at the wheel in Donna Doss's class on working with clay.



**Creative space** – About 30 Clear Spring students took part in classes at ESSA last week. Oakley Griffin was in Carrie Siegfried-Haase's jewelry class and made these pieces. See story p. 8. PHOTOS BY JAY VRECEK





## Local author digging up history

Jeff Danos is all about “The Underground.” A big fan of Urbex (Urban Exploration) Culture, he has crawled thousands of feet through the labyrinth of subterranean tunnels and culverts below Eureka’s city streets. He also creates underground music and art, and hosts an online radio show that showcases other regional underground acts. He even “exhumes” the dead for several zombie-themed events benefiting the Flint Street Food Bank each year.

In 2016, his fascination with the underground takes a new format – a printed history book telling the tale of the mysterious Underground Eureka. Since launching the UndergroundEureka.com website in 2007, Danos has been collecting images and information that will shed light on the otherwise underexposed subject of Eureka Springs’ Underground. The data will appear in his new book to illustrate

how and why the underground was created, and how it has influenced the city and inhabitants over the years.

“With this book, I’m more interested in solving mysteries and presenting evidence, than in promoting an essentially off-limits tourist attraction, or taking sides in historical debates,” Danos states. “I understand that a certain amount of sensationalism is sometimes warranted when trying to attract tourists, but I’d like this book to be more factually based. I’m offering a fresh, new look at something that’s been taken for granted for a very long time.

“I’m doing my best to prevent it from reading too much like a dusty history book. In addition to the facts, I expect to include numerous anecdotes from seasoned explorers, and the book will be designed and presented in a fun, offbeat style that should complement the underground subject matter.”



Danos welcomes stories and input from those who share his fervor on this topic, and comments can be emailed to [book@UndergroundEureka.com](mailto:book@UndergroundEureka.com). He expects the Underground Eureka book to be available by the Fall of 2016.

## 30 minutes of meditation and reading

The Eureka Springs Buddhist Study Group will gather for 30 minutes of meditation followed by reading and discussion of *Atisha's Lamp for the Path* on Thursday, Oct. 1 at 4:30 p.m. at the Heart of Many Ways in the Christian Science Church at 68 Mountain Street. All are welcome.

## Dog adoption and Corvette Weekend, a wonderful combination

Good Shepherd Human Society will host an adoption event during Corvette Weekend in Pine Mountain Village on Saturday, Oct. 3 from 7:30 a.m. – 2 p.m. All dogs available for adoption are spay/neutered and fully vetted.

## Vibrant colors in October

Valerie Hubbard Damon will be in Iris at Basin Park on Saturday, Oct. 3 showing her new painting *Spiritual Botany*.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday Gallery Stroll at Iris at Basin Park will be Oct. 10. Chat with local artist D.G. Womack, a painter with a unique style dubbed *Three-dimensional Impressionism*.

Tracy Boyd will be the featured artist on Saturday, Oct. 17 with her new works on canvas and polymer clay sculptures of dragons and moons on display. On Oct. 24 Betty Johnson will be showing her newest works portraying pets as characters of our lives.

All events will be at Iris at the Basin Park from 1 – 4 p.m. and 6 – 9 p.m.

## The power of friendship and coping with age at EUUF

Sunday, Oct. 4 at EUUF, 17 Elk Street, will feature Alice French, PhD, continuing her talk on the power of friendship as we cope with issues of aging, illness and loneliness. The title of her program is *Happy Birthday: Adjusting to Life's Changes as the Birthdays Keep on Coming*. Service starts at 11 a.m., followed by refreshments. Childcare is provided.



**Trustees take taters** – CCSO Warden Danny Hickman and four State 309 inmates recently went to Wynne, in Cross County, to pick sweet potatoes. Cross County farmers provided the sweet potatoes to CCSO for free, and inmates returned to the Carroll County Detention Center with more than 3000 pounds. State 309 inmates housed at the CCDC harvested more than 10,000 pounds of vegetables from the CCSO garden this season. Locally raised vegetables and the sweet potatoes have substantially reduced meal costs at the jail, as well as providing nutrition in the inmates’ diet. Sheriff Randy Mayfield thanks the Cross County Sheriff’s Office, the farmers, and Wood Motor Company that provided a truck and trailer for the trip.

## Metal recycling at Grassy Knob FD

The time to gather up metal items you wish to discard is now Saturday, Oct. 3 at the Grassy Knob Fire Department. Volunteer firemen will take your metal for recycling and funds to support GKFD. If you need assistance call (479) 253-1054.

A shredding truck will be at the Firehouse from 10 a.m. to noon and you can bring boxes of old tax forms, old paper records or paper items you need shredded. Paper should be in boxes you can carry with a donation of \$10 per box. You will receive a donation receipt for tax purposes.

## Stress... Don't let it get the best of you

Stress is touted as the #1 killer behind many health issues and The Ozark Herbal Academy and FireOmEarth Retreat are offering permanent solutions and tools you can easily master at their Stress-Busters Clinic on Oct. 3 and 4. During the weekend clinic you will be shown how to use the Academy’s alternative economy to tap into resources you can use a member of Stress-Busters (membership is free).

For more information on the Academy and the Stress-Buster clinic visit [www.ozarkherbalacademy.org](http://www.ozarkherbalacademy.org) or register at [www.fireomearth.com](http://www.fireomearth.com).



## In search of the Garden of the Season

The Eureka Springs Garden Club will be awarding a commercial, home and theme garden awards for the fall Gardens of the Season. Large, small front yards or easy access backyard, porches and the like will be judged equally.

The awards will include a sign posted in your yard for about six weeks, and a certificate. To nominate yourself, neighbor or a garden you've driven or walked by call Annie at (479) 253-8562 by Oct. 3.



### Moondancer Fellow chosen

The Writers' Colony at Dairy Hollow has chosen Jenna Leigh Evans as the 2015 recipient of the Moondancer Fellowship. Evans will be spending two weeks at the Colony working on her novel *Storm Warning*, about a community dealing with the immediate impacts of climate change on their rural landscape.

Evans's debut novel, *Prosperity*, was a finalist for the Eludra Award and a semifinalist for the Black Lawrence Press's Big Moose Prize. Other publications include *Electric Literature*, *The Nervous Breakdown*, *The Toast*, *Autostraddle* and *The Billfold*.

Evans is a LAMBDA Literary LGBT Emerging Voices fellow and lives in Brooklyn. There's more about Jenna Leigh at [jennaleigh.evans.com](http://jennaleigh.evans.com).

The Moondancer Fellowship is awarded to an author writing in any genre about any aspect of nature and the outdoors and provides two weeks of free residency at The Writers' Colony. For more info on fellowships and residencies see [www.writerscolony.org](http://www.writerscolony.org).

# INDEPENDENT Art & Entertainment

## A Haunting Theatrical Experience: ANNA Premiere performance Monday, Oct. 5

Step back to 1941... James and Annabelle Crowe have invited 20 friends (including you) to their lovely Victorian home for an autumn soiree – a cocktail, a dance and a laugh. But don't be surprised if you hear unexplained whispers in the walls.

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## Taylor accepted in regional show

A shadow box by Eureka Springs artist Zeek Taylor has been accepted into the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual ANA Regional Juried Art Exhibition. The prestigious regional competition hosted by Artists of Northwest Arkansas supports the work of artists in Arkansas, Kansas, Oklahoma and Missouri.

Taylor's piece, "Fern Olsen," a mixed media with a Day of the Dead theme, will be exhibited along with artwork from 52 regional artists and will remain on display all during October at the Fayetteville Underground Gallery on the Square in Fayetteville. The public is invited to an opening reception from 5 – 9 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 1. The awards reception will be held Saturday, Oct. 17 from 5 – 8 p.m.



## Eye am a Camera last time I checked

Eighteen talented photographers in Eureka Springs will be showing work at Brews during October. Photographers Richard Quick, Susan Storch, Jay Bender, Paul Daniel, Chip Ford, Melanie Myer, Edward Robison, Chris Fischer, Sara Scissors, John Turner, Ron Lutz, Pam Quick, Alan Smith, Lori Carter, Mike Maple, Ethan Robison John Rankine and Randal Thompson were asked to submit a one frame photograph of their choosing with subject, date and type of photograph up to the individual.

An opening artist reception will be held Thursday, Oct. 1 from 5 – 8 p.m. and all are welcome.



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## Don't miss Strut Your Stuff Oct. 3

Join designers and artists in the fun and excitement of a free one-day art show and sale that will conclude with an evening runway fashion show Saturday, Oct. 3, at the 4 States Event Center on US 62. Enjoy the work of some 20 artists, three designers and 9 "celeb" models during a show full of prizes, food and music – all leading up to the incredible runway Fashion Show 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.

## Haunted Poetluck Scare easily? Good. This is for you.

Poetluck is normally a potluck dinner and literary salon at the Writers' Colony at Dairy Hollow, but this month the spirits may be doing the reading! Local writers are invited to bring their scariest four-minute story – an original or a scene from one you love – and a

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## A Ritual & Initiation

The Pope has come and gone. His loving presence ignited new hope and goodness in many. The astrology charts of the US and the Pope harmonize. The Pope's Sun is Sagittarius (joy & justice). His Rising sign (Soul purpose) 10 Cancer (nurturing humanity) is the U.S. Sun at 12 Cancer and Sirius (where love originates). The Pope, offering love, asked us to pray for him. While Pope Francis was in NYC, China's ruler arrived in Washington D.C. East (China) and west (Rome) meeting in the middle, under Libra, balancing sign of Right Relations. The Pope arrived at Fall Equinox. Things initiated (begun)

at Fall Equinox are birthed at Winter Solstice.

The Pope's presence was a ritual, an Initiation Rite, like the Dalai Lama's visits – offering prayers, teachings and blessings. Rituals anchor God's Plan into the world, initiating us to new realities, new rules. The Pope's presence brings forth the Soul of the United States, its light piercing the veils of materialism.

The Pope's visit changed things. After his visit new questions arise, new reasons for living. A new wave of emerging life fills the air. Like a cocoon shifting, wings becoming visible. The winds are different now.

Calling us to higher vision, moral values, virtues that reaffirm and offer hope for humanity. A changing of the guard has occurred.

Appropriately, this is the week of the Jewish Festival of Sukkoth ('til Oct. 4) – when we build temporary homes (little huts in nature) – entering into a harvest of prayer and thanksgiving, understanding our fragile and impermanent existences. We are summoned to reflect upon our lives, our humanity, our nature, our spirit and each other. Offering gratitude, becoming a magnet for others. We observe. We see the needs. We love more.

**ARIES:** Are you seeking more intimacy with loved ones? Are you also seeking to show your love more? Are you expressing yourself with more creativity, passion while also being humorous and entertaining? Careful. There's so much light in you others may feel you're glowing too brightly and may want to compete. Let them win. You know you're the first and the best.

**TAURUS:** Your work is very productive as you resolve financial problems and make a secure future for everyone. Are

your environments organized and in order? Or have they collected dust from past ages? Do you feel like something must be done? To tend to your future, it's time to sell or give away what is no longer useful. Of all the signs, you're to be the most prepared.

**GEMINI:** A golden light emanates from your eyes. It's Libra's beauty and creativity. I wonder how you're expressing this? Gemini has love/wisdom resting in their heart. Do you feel it? When others come in contact with you they're puzzled. What is it that's different they wonder? Your personality light dims as your Soul light shines. Ponder this. Study the brothers, Castor & Pollex.

**CANCER:** Are you busy with this and that, here and there? Are you interpreting events in your world that you don't understand? It's best to check if you truly understand the situations. It's good for your self-identity to have the truth in all matters. It's also good if you run meetings, group discussions and community matters. Your leadership qualities are seen and heard and your ideas are applied. Stay humble.

**LEO:** Multiple planets are in your house of travel and I wonder if you're traveling. To a place where art is on every street corner, restaurants are filled with friendly locals and where you're staying you have care and tending and time away from work because you push yourself to the limit and beyond. You're to learn something

new, have cultural experiences, journey and eat a lot. Have fun. Sleep well.

**VIRGO:** Working with your finances and resources becomes interesting when you apply all you have to create a future that is sustainable and ecological for not only you and family, but for humanity. Many will come where you are when the many changes begin. Your mind is filled with more opportunities and ideas as you work with others, each of whom have their specific gifts. Nurture them.

**LIBRA:** It's a special time. That of change, transformation, intimacy and a focus on shared resources. You will subtly touch on all these issues. If you are an artist, this is a time to be in your studio creating beautifully inspired works. Be equally creative with your money and resources. Invest in land. Invest in those you love. Invest in the family. No one is taught this anymore. Now you know a secret of the wealthy.

**SCORPIO:** You're finding yourself back in time, interacting with people from the past. You're being given an opportunity to fulfill long held hopes and wishes. As you perform daily work you realize success. It's taken years to come to this place of understanding. Your gifts and skills are seen, recognized and appreciated. You touch everyone's heart. This is Soul work.

**SAGITTARIUS:** Work will become busy, offering new structures and disciplines. You have, in the past, felt

overworked with no room for creative endeavors. Your mind is fertile with possibilities. Something reveals itself soon. Perhaps you're thinking from distant places, people. You long for loving care. Look not at the past, but live in peace and unity at this time.

**CAPRICORN:** While Mercury as messenger aligns with Sun & Venus (in Libra) your mind is figuring out what you want to accomplish in the coming months. You're busy helping others. Always working behind the scenes, tending to others, reading books on religion, seeking respite and seclusion in your garden. All of these prepare you for a loving & transformed future.

**AQUARIUS:** Are you realizing how important your place and responsibilities are in the world? Do you see you've come to an end, a culmination of past ambitions and achievements? More goals and responsibility will come forth later placing you in the public eye. You will assume your position with grace creating Right Relations and harmony. Many learn from you. Be aware of this.

**PISCES:** Come closer to the one(s) you love. Be aware of the passage of time and have the intention to be kinder to everyone. You will reap many benefits from this. Contact releases love. With more contact, more love is released. This nourishes and nurtures you in return, which you need. Nurturance, care and love from those around you. But you must initiate them first.

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## Drumming in the Park and Rebellion drum up October rhythms

October is the most colorful month and Eureka has some fine live music offerings to fill autumn aural spaces. Drumming in the Park Saturday brings dozens of drummers and dancers each month, creating a wonderfully rhythmic spectacle that gets everyone on their feet. Saturday night at Chelsea's Rebellion brings their skank vibes and Jah love to the stage for a reggae extravaganza. It's time to dance the talkin' blues away.

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1

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

**CHELSEA'S** – *Camptown Ladies*, Americana, 9:30 p.m.

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

**LEGENDS SALOON** – *DJ Karaoke with Kara*

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

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

**LEGENDS SALOON** – *DJ and Karaoke with Kara*

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

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

**ROWDY BEAVER** – *Aaron Mullins Band*, Rock, 7:30 p.m.

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

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2

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

**CATHOUSE LOUNGE** – *Steve Zimmerman*, Americana, 8 p.m.

**CHELSEA'S** – *Matt Reeves*, Rock, 9:30 p.m.

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3

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

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

**BREWS** – *Chris Harp*, Singer/



**Rebellion play Chelsea's Saturday, Oct. 3**

Songwriter, 7 p.m.

**CATHOUSE LOUNGE** – *Caleb Ryan*, Americana, 8 p.m.

**CHELSEA'S** – *Rebellion*, Reggae, 9:30 p.m.

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

**LEGENDS SALOON** – *Another Fine Mess*, Rock, 8:30 p.m.

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

*How important is sexual fantasy? It seems like men fantasize about sex 24/7. I don't think that's true for most women. Are we missing out? If so, how can I incorporate more fantasy into my sex life?*

Fantasy is indeed an important part of healthy sexuality for both men and women. You definitely hit the nail on the head regarding gender differences. Though much has changed over the years, the capacity for women to engage in sexual fantasy and the appropriateness as to whether they should has long been a topic of considerable debate.

When Nancy Friday's book *My Secret Garden* was published in November 1973 it created an absolute shock wave. The detailed collection of women's sexual fantasies drew both outrage and enthusiasm. That same month *Cosmopolitan* magazine featured an article that began with the words, "Women do not have sexual fantasies, period. Men do."

Fortunately, intellectual evolution has not allowed us to be forever bound by such archaic rigidity. Fantasy is freedom and only limited by the boundaries of our minds. Through erotic fantasy we bring our thoughts, feelings and physical body together to uncover our deepest desires and conflicts.

Sexual fantasy is an amazing tool. If your tool belt is lacking, consider the benefits. At minimum sexual fantasies eliminate boredom, but more important, they empower sexual confidence, increase desire and arousal and intensify sexual response and climax. Sexual fantasies can be used as rehearsal for future sexual encounters and help in overcoming limitations that have been sexually stifling.

Incorporating more sexual fantasy into your love life is simple. Like any new skill it requires practice. Set aside 10 minutes each day for sexual fantasy. There is no right or wrong fantasy. Fantasy is not reality and the most exciting fantasies are often those you would never act upon. The more illicit fantasies tend to be the most arousing. In terms

of subject matter, the sky's the limit. Most fantasies fall into the following categories: submission, domination, exhibitionism and voyeurism, group sex and sex with your current partner or a previous one. Pick a genre and unleash your imagination.

Erotic fantasy keeps you connected to your own sensuality, which will serve to inspire and enhance the sexual connection between you and your partner. It's a serious win-win. Enjoy.

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



## HI Hikers at Roaring River

Join the Holiday Island Hikers Monday, Oct. 5 on a moderate, three mile hike on Roaring River Devil's Kitchen. Group will meet at the Holiday Island Recreation Center at 10 a.m. with lunch at the Roaring River Park Lodge. For more information call Dan Kees (660) 287-2082 or email [dandtkees@cox.net](mailto:dandtkees@cox.net).

## Stephen Foster at Metafizzies meeting

The Oct. 5 meeting of the Eureka Springs Metaphysical Society will feature local metaphysical scholar Stephen Foster speaking on ancient Egyptian philosophy. 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.

## Ladies Weekday Bible study Oct. 6

The Holiday Island Baptist Church will begin a Ladies Weekday Bible study on Oct. 6 at 9:30 a.m. The study will revolutionize your speech habits and improve relationships with Mary Kassian's 7 session bible study. Each session will be 2 hours. For more information or to order a workbook call Debbie Rose at (479) 981-0343 or the church at (479) 253-7624. Workbooks will cost approximately \$14.

## Hungry Bowl Kickoff Benefit Oct. 8

Art auctions, live and silent, plus live music and a cash bar will be center stage Thursday, Oct. 8 from 6 - 9 p.m. at Caribé Restaurant during the kickoff fundraiser for the Soup and Bowl benefit. Come have some fun for a good cause. Many favorite artists will have pieces for the highest bidder and tickets for the Oct. 10 Hungry Bowl event will be available.

Your donations for auction items on Oct. 8 will help fill our local food pantries for the coming winter. Then, get ready for some great soup in a unique, handmade bowl on Oct. 10 from 5 - 8 p.m. in the Eureka Springs High School Cafeteria. Tickets for Oct. 10 event are \$20 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under.



**Test flight** – Eight huge C-130s from the Little Rock Air Force Base flew to town on a training mission to see if they would be able to land at SilverWings Field on Onyx Cave Road in an emergency. About 25 people showed up to watch Sept. 28 as each aircraft made two practice approaches without actually landing, completing the disaster preparedness mission. *PHOTO BY CHIP FORD*

## New ministry at Pine Mountain Theater

Exceedingly Higher Expectations Ministry and Pastor Terri Brockelman invite the public to Sunday services at the Pine Mountain Theater at 2 p.m. Oct. 4 and every Sunday. 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! For more information: (870) 423-8885 or [exceedinglyhigherexpectations@gmail.com](mailto:exceedinglyhigherexpectations@gmail.com).

## Holiday Island blood drive Oct. 5

The Community Blood Center of the Ozarks has issued a code yellow alert for O Negative and B Negative blood types. The next blood drive will be at the Holiday Island Elks Lodge, 4 Parkcliff Drive, on Monday, Oct. 5 from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Each donation will be awarded LifePoints as a part of CBCO's donor rewards program. LifePoints may be redeemed online for a variety of gift cards or points may be assigned to other meaningful causes or charities.

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



## Business After Hours Oct. 8

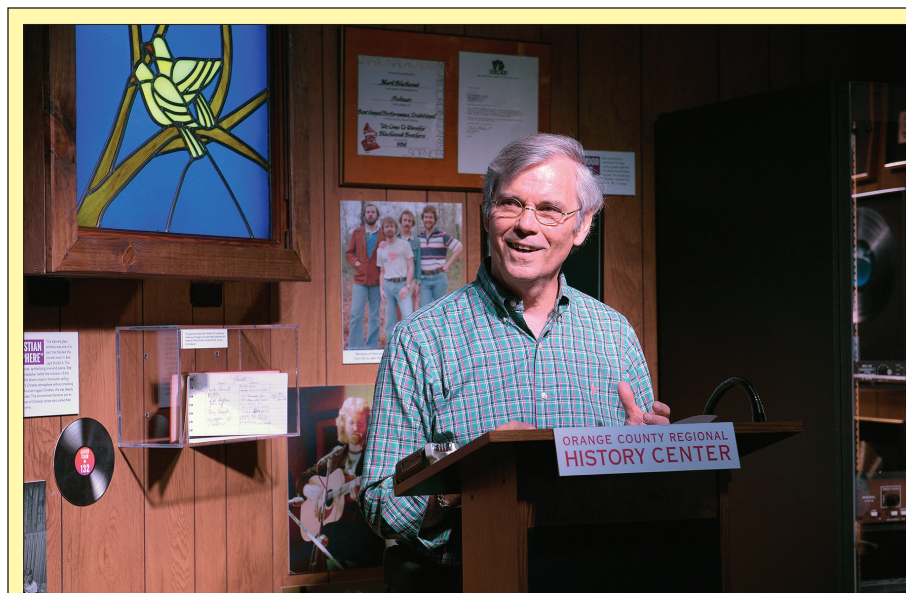
The Eureka Springs Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours will be on Thursday, Oct 8 at Peachtree Village at their location in Holiday Island at 5:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to an evening of networking and socializing with members of the local business community.

For more information about Business After Hours call the Chamber of Commerce at (479) 253-8737. For more information about Peachtree Village visit [www.peachtreevillage.org](http://www.peachtreevillage.org) or call (479) 253-9933.

## Gospel Fest Weekend at Ozark Mountain Hoe-Down

Chris Hester will kick off Gospel Fest Weekend on Thursday, Oct. 8 at the Ozark Mountain Hoe-Down Music Theater. Friday, Oct. 9 will feature Eric Hinson and Hinson Revival and Saturday night Tisha Todd and Circle of Friends Homecoming Choir will be present.

Doors open at 6:30 and show starts at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for Carroll County residents, \$19.50 for adults, \$14.50 for teen tickets and children 12 and under are free. Adult and teen tickets are tax included. For more information call (800) 468-2113.



**Without music, life would be a mistake** – Eric Schabacker, president of Winterwood Recording Studios in Eureka Springs, was given a proclamation in Orlando (Fla.) last week for founding Bee Jay Recording Studios in Orlando in 1967, and recording some of the great names of rock, heavy metal and Christian music. Schabacker sold the studio in 1985, but Orlando acknowledged his contribution to the city, declaring that, "Today and forevermore, people around the world will continue enjoying classic musical recordings made right here in Orlando and paving the way for future growth of the cultural arts community."

## HIFD Pancake Breakfast

The Holiday Island Fire Department will hold its annual Pancake Breakfast Saturday, Oct. 10, from 7 – 10:30 a.m. at the Clubhouse, 1 Country Club Drive in Holiday Island. Cost at the door is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children under 12. Proceeds will go to benefit the fire department's training, equipment, supplies and programs.

## ANPS Fall meeting

The ANPS Fall meeting will be held in the American Legion building on Hwy 23 N, Oct. 9 – 11. Meeting registration is only \$5 with not pre-registration required and will begin at 5 p.m. Oct. 9.

There will be the annual native plant auction on Friday, Oct. 9 along with several field trips to local areas of top botanical interest on Saturday and Sunday. Sign up for field trips Friday evening are required to allow for adequate logistical planning.

## Crystal Skull Festival Oct. 9 – 11

The 5<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:GKdipi@aol.com) or see Hot Springs Crystal & Crystal Skull Festival on Facebook for details and schedule.



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## Ham Radio meeting

The Little Switzerland Amateur Radio Club will meet on Saturday, Oct. 10 at 4 p.m. at the Physicians building at Mercy Hospital in Berryville, 211 Carter St. Anyone with an interest in amateur radio is welcome.

For additional information go to <http://lsarc.us> or contact [gmjar@outlook.com](mailto:gmjar@outlook.com).

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driving with a suspended license.

10:21 a.m. – Noise complaint about barking dogs came in from just east of downtown. Animal Control was not able to make contact with the owner but will follow up.

10:24 a.m. – Central Dispatch reported a 911 hangup call coming from a business on US 62. Constable responded to the address to find an employee had mistakenly dialed 911.

2:38 p.m. – There was a motorcycle versus vehicle accident on a section of US 62 on west part of town.

8:45 p.m. – Constable asked a vehicle owner to re-park out of the lane of traffic.

11:22 p.m. – Traffic stop resulted in the arrest of the driver for DWI and speeding.

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12:32 a.m. – Passerby reported a possibly inebriated female who almost walked onto US 62 west of downtown. Constable searched for but not find her.

1 a.m. – A nearby tourist lodging owner

reported a disoriented female had arrived at their door and did not know where she was. Constable gave her a ride downtown. 2:13 a.m. – Complaint came in about people screaming on Main Street. Constables encountered the noisemakers and advised them to keep it down for the night.

11:41 a.m. – Individual was arrested on a CCSO warrant.

2:47 p.m. – In response to a noise complaint, constable measured the noise at an establishment near downtown and found it was within legal limits.

8:15 p.m. – A wife came to the station to report she and her husband, who was intoxicated, were having a dispute and she did not want him with her. She wanted to return to Springdale. Constables intervened. The wife returned to Springdale and the husband stayed with a friend in Berryville.

10:40 p.m. – Guests at a tourist lodging were having a loud dispute, and constables arrested a male for public intoxication.





Well, it looks like fall is coming in fast this year. The water temp has dropped from 84° to 77° in the last 10 days on both lakes, and the fish are enjoying it with stripers on Beaver Lake rolling on top more every day. We are still catching them best on live shad down close to 30 ft. in the dam area and on top water baits when we see one come to the top.

Denny Ebert from Shawnee, Kan., came down Saturday with his father and son for a day of fishing on Beaver. We ended up getting five in the boat that were keepers and lost one big one next to the boat. As the days cool even more, the bigger, older fish and bait will start moving up the lake with Point 4 to Rocky Branch area being the places to start looking. Look from the back of the creek arms to the mouth and off the flats and humps on the main lake. If

you have no shad try small perch, brood shiners or go to trolling lures that will run 20 – 30 ft. deep.

Here at Holiday Island, a few walleye are being caught off the flats up river to the Beaver area, trolling deep divers that will run 18 – 22 ft. deep or slowly moving a jig off the bottom tipped with a minnow or night crawler. Our time here this week was spent upriver for trout and we did best again with a marshmallow and worm, and trolling small crankbaits that will run 6 – 12 ft. deep.

Well, that’s it for this week, so get out if you can or give us a call to fish in the fall. The books are pretty well open and the trees are about to start turning so enjoy the nice weather.

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

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- ACROSS
1. Holiday season

5. Creative expression

8. Speak casually

12. Change for a five

13. Street, in France

14. Steak sauce brand

15. Regulated selection of foods

16. Bad boy

17. Whetstone for sharpening

18. Autocratic rulers

20. Israel's chief port

22. Forepart of anything worn on the foot

23. Cereal grass for making whiskey

24. Large soup container

27. Treat a lawn

31. "We \_\_\_ the world"

32. Dinner check

33. Separate two space capsules

37. Fabulous

40. Finish first

41. Baseball bat wood

42. Adherent of Indian philosophy

44. Turpentine tree

47. Multiple points on a chart

48. Handwoven Scandinavian rug

50. Burn soother

52. Black

53. Meadow

54. Identical

55. Loud cymbal sound

56. Sweet potato

57. Ideal garden

DOWN

11. Football holder

19. Fish eggs

21. Affirmative, to a tar

24. Between Sigma and Upsilon

25. Place for dead ashes

26. Green's opposite on the color wheel

28. Polished off a meal

29. UNC \_\_\_ heels

30. Fall back

34. Holding possession of

35. 11<sup>th</sup> century Spanish military hero

36. Misshapen

37. Salutation meaning "peace" in Islamic countries

38. Declared independence

239 years ago, short version

39. Sentence fragment

42. King of the road

43. Computer image

45. Dressed

46. Domicile

47. Part of a relay race

49. Affirmative vote

51. Poetic "even"



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## MISSING

### MISSING SINCE MAY 11

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## MISSING

**Missing Cat!**  
**PINKY**



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If you have any info,  
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**Cindy Rogers**  
**479.981.1947**

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