



Bikes and 'Vettes wheel in record business

BECKY GILLETTE

The past two weekends in Eureka Springs brought possibly a record number of motorcycles to town for the Bikes, Blues & Barbeque activities the last weekend of September followed by about 400 Corvettes converging the first weekend of October. Merchants and tourist lodging managers say great occupancy and sales during those two weekends bodes well for the upcoming fall color season.

"October is off to a good start," Steve Roberson, owner of Quicksilver Art and Fine Art Gallery said. "It was a good weekend and we were up from last year's Corvette weekend. We had a good BBB weekend, it was up from a year ago. The past two weeks have been good. I think visitation has been up the past few months. There appear to be more people on the sidewalks than a year ago for this past summer and fall."

Roberson said May and October are traditionally the busiest months for the galleries. Those months tend to attract couples traveling without children and with higher disposable income.

Nancy Wines, owner of the Jewel Box, also reported busy weekends.

"The good weather and special events brought people to town and they were in the mood to shop," Wines said. "I would add that typically October is one of our

best months of the year."

Robin Barner, owner of Booze Brothers, said business from BBB was better than a year ago.

"When you get that many people in the area, it can't help but make a big impact on

the local economy," Barner said. "I know a lot of people don't like it because of the noise. But it is only one week out of the year."

Barner said overall 2015 business has been definitely better than 2014, which is a good sign for the busy fall color season.

"People are coming up for the colors," Barner said. "It's looking like it will be good."

Eureka Springs could get a boost this year by being named one of the top ten places

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Wanted! Can you identify any or all of these students and teachers, class of 1939-40, at the old Brooklyn Schoolhouse at 115 S. Woodsdale on Hwy. 187 near Holiday Island? Susan Pohl and her husband have renovated the building and are building archives to keep the former school's heart alive. If you recollect who these people are, the Pohls would appreciate knowing. Email: susansplace.sp@gmail.com or call her at (479) 981-0009.



This Week's INDEPENDENT Thinker



You just never know what you'll learn when you can't sleep, and turn on BBC radio. Last night it was about a woman mentioned in Steven Foster's Nature of Eureka on p. 12.

Dr. Tu Youyou is the first citizen of the People's Republic of China to win a Nobel Prize in the sciences.

In 1967, Mao Zedong asked Chinese experts to find a cure for malaria, as Chinese and North Vietnamese soldiers were dying miserable deaths from the fever caused by parasites. But as luck would have it, the experts were politically incorrect, so Mao nixed that idea and turned to Traditional Chinese Medicine.

Dr. Tu found a 1700-year-old herbal that proclaimed artemisinin, or sweet wormwood, as the cure. At 39 years old she started her research, and by the time she turned 84, it paid off.

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in the U.S. to see fall color by *USA Weekend*.

While heavy rainfall in the spring discouraged visitors, it resulted in a tremendous amount of tree and leaf growth.

"With all the rain, we look forward to an unbelievable fall for foliage," Damon Henke, interim director of the Eureka Springs Chamber of Commerce said. "We have more leaves on trees going into the fall than we have had in the past five years. We are just now seeing colors starting to come out. The colors will depend on time of the first frost and the amount of clouds."

Henke said after all the rain earlier in the year, June and July were two of the economically stronger months ever experienced in Eureka Springs.

According to the Chamber's new online reservation tracking system, there were only a couple of properties in town that had any availability for BBB and Corvette weekends.

"BBB and Corvette weekends were nearly 99 percent full based on what we saw on the availability system," Henke said. "Restaurants reported having their best year for seasonal events. They are seeing higher sales than they have had in the past on event weekends. Restaurants stay at capacity throughout event days."

One of the more popular places for BBB is the Pied Piper Inn and Pub and the Cathouse Lounge where a sea of motorcycles parked throughout the weekend. "We were slammed," said manager Shawn Griffin.

Some fine dining restaurants and other businesses on Dickson St. in Fayetteville shut down during BBB because of lack of business and traffic headaches. But Eureka Springs restaurants haven't experienced that. James DeVito, owner of DeVito's Restaurant, said all the food tents at BBB in Fayetteville hurt local restaurants. He said that is a factor to consider as the city looks at licensing food trucks, which could have an unfair advantage over brick and mortar restaurants.

DeVito said they didn't get an exceptional amount of business from BBB, but that restaurants that cater to the biker crowd were so busy "you couldn't shoehorn another person into their places." DeVito's business for Corvette weekend was nearly double that of BBB. But he said part of that isn't the cuisine but with the nice weather, it was hard to get people off their bikes.

"They were all over Jasper, the Buffalo River Valley, the entire quadrant of Northwest Arkansas," DeVito said. "They drove far and wide. That is why we are such a great destination for them because unlike Daytona and Sturgis, we have scenic rides. Highway 23 is a legendary road for bikers."

Jack Moyer, general manager, 1886 Crescent Hotel and 1905 Basin Park Hotel, said both weekends were just as busy as the year before, which is good. "We will be very busy through mid-November," Moyer predicted.

Joy Motel owner Marcia Yearsley said her BBB business drew record occupancy. "The bikers were very pleasant and easy to work with," she said. "BBB was a record for me. We turned people away for days in advance."

Henke said the Chamber's new computer system that tracks last minute vacancies on its website is making it easier for properties that are full to refer visitors to other properties. Each lodging property can log in with a password and put in a week's worth of availability. The new program that rolled out on Labor Day weekend solves the problem of people making multiple calls to find lodging for a walk-in guest.

"If visitors decide Eureka Springs is full, they will go somewhere else to stay," Henke said. "If everyone can use the website to refer them to different options, guests won't leave the city because of the frustration of not finding a room. It definitely keeps last minute travelers in town."

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Bucket brigade controls fire until help arrives

Around midnight Friday night, bystanders noticed a fire on the exterior wall two stories underneath the Eureka Grill and took action while firefighters were on their way. The Eureka Grill building fronts Spring Street and has lower stories opening to Center Street behind Chelsea's Bar.

A report released by Eureka Springs Fire & EMS notes that the quick action of locals saved the fire from getting out of control as alert citizens dumped buckets of water on the burning wall and contained the fire. The building, formerly the downtown laundry, had already been destroyed once by fire in the 1940s before being rebuilt.

Owner of the Eureka Grill, Linda Hager, was thankful. "Apparently the chef and staff of Le Stick were leaving their restaurant and noticed the fire and called it in," Hager told the *Independent*. "They filled five-gallon buckets with water and passed them along to help control the fire. Where else but a restaurant could you get your hands on five gallon plastic buckets? I'm just so thankful they were there and noticed the fire. They prevented it from becoming huge."

Assistant Chief Nick Samac and arriving firefighters forced entry into the interior of the building and extinguished



Charred – Fire Marshal Jimmy Kelley investigates the burned wall under the Eureka Grill. Cause was undetermined as of press time. PHOTO COURTESY EUREKA FIRE & EMS

smoldering hotspots. The wall was disassembled to check for fire extension above and below.

Damage to the exterior area was limited and no evacuations were necessary at Chelsea's. Fire Marshal Jimmy Kelley

immediately began his investigation, and the cause is not yet known. This was the second fire call of the night as the department had been dispatched to a fire alarm at Hillspeak Publishing a short while earlier.

Two bodies found in Black Bass Lake area *Criminal death investigation ongoing*

ESPD Chief Thomas Achord released preliminary information Monday about two bodies found in the Black Bass Lake area on Saturday, Oct. 3.

Officers Brad Handley and Tim Holm went to the scene at approximately 5:30 p.m. Saturday to investigate a call about a possibly abandoned vehicle. While searching the woods around the vacant van, the officers discovered the bodies of a man and woman. The deceased individuals were estimated to be around 40 – 50 years of age.

Investigators worked through the night and into the morning processing evidence from the scene along with identifications that indicate the persons may have been from out of state, though it is not yet known where they may have been living. Plates on the vehicle were also from out of state, but not the state listed on IDs found at the scene.

The bodies were transferred from the Carroll County Coroner to the Arkansas State Medical Examiner. Following receipt of the examiner's report, more information will be released. Meanwhile, the deceased's financial and phone records are being used to establish a timeline as the investigation continues.

On Oct. 6, Achord told the *Independent* next of kin have been notified, but the names of the deceased cannot be released until identification confirmation from the examiner's office, which should come later in the week.

AARP Driver Safety program

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

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

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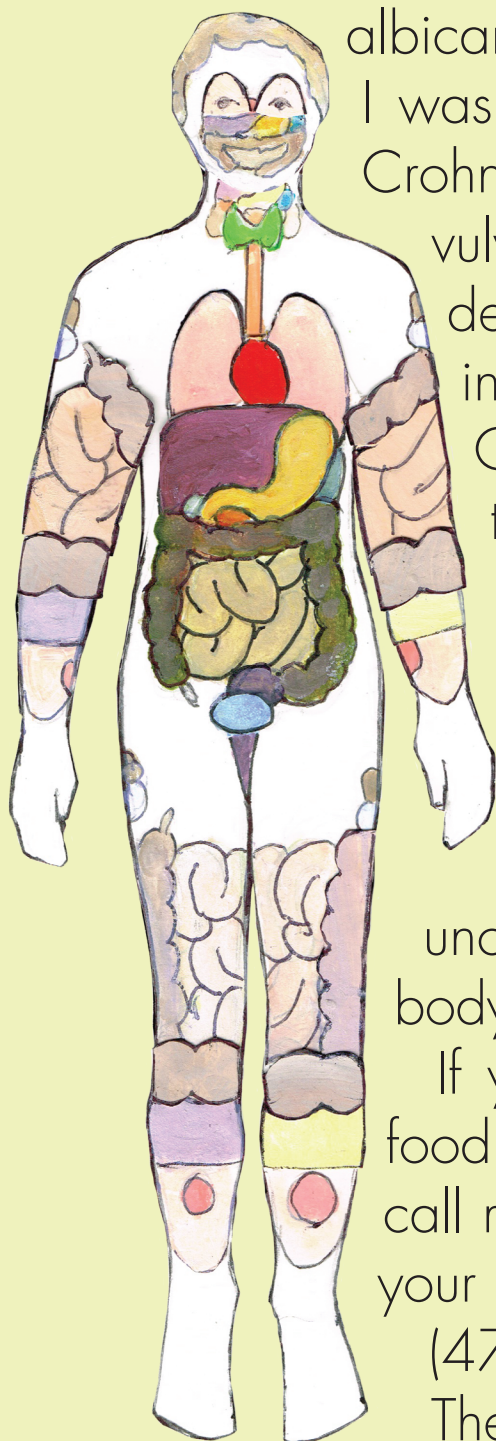
In a previous advertisement I explained that health problems were not individual conditions like "cancer," "diabetes," "arthritis," etc., but they are actually many different manifestations of one single problem – chronic candidiasis – which was made known to the general public 30 years ago in Dr. C. Orian Truss' book, *The Missing Diagnosis*.

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Heart of downtown crazy quilt will be missing a piece

BECKY GILLETTE

For decades there has been a quilt store anchoring the downtown Eureka Springs retail scene at the most photographed corner in town, the unique, triangular-shaped Flatiron building located at the corner of Spring and Center Sts. The Quilt Shop is closing at the end of the month.

Sandy McClung, owner of the Quilt Shop, 2 Center St., is retiring. McClung, who has been in retail in Eureka Springs for 45 years, decided it was time to leave the demands of a seven days a week retail store to enjoy more leisure time.

"I'm really looking forward to having some weekends off so I can do some things with my family I haven't been able to do," she said. "In the tourist industry, you have to work when the tourists are here."

McClung didn't know until she announced her closing how much people have enjoyed her shop.

"People come in every day and say, 'You can't close!' This is my favorite store," McClung said. "Many times I have heard people say they have never seen such a beautiful collection of quilts. Even Amish people said that. They really appreciated the quality they found here."

The Quilt Shop has featured Amish quilts that take an average of one year to produce. The exquisite needlework and designs make them heirloom quality. The store also carries Mennonite quilts, locally made Ozark quilts, and imported quilts for those who can't afford higher-end, U.S.-made quilts.

The current Flatiron building is the third version. The first building was four



stories, built in 1880 and burned in 1895. It was rebuilt as three stories, and burned again after the turn of the century when most of the town burned down. The current version was built in 1989.

After re-building the Flatiron, Sandy and Joe McClung, Sr., rented to Sharon's Quilts. When Sharon's Quilts decided not to renew the lease in 1997, McClung decided

to keep a quilt shop there.

What has she enjoyed the most about running the Quilt Shop? Getting to know and become friends with the Amish.

"It has been a very rewarding experience," McClung said. "I have made lifelong friends. When we go out on buying trips, we stay in their homes. Almost all

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Roadrunners – rattlesnake whipcrackers

NICKY BOYETTE

Rockhouse Road runs south from US 62 just east of Eureka Springs, and after about three miles, it meanders between large, open fields on both sides of the road. It is not uncommon there to encounter a roadrunner crossing the road before it quickly darts into the brush. No, it does not say, “Beep, beep!”

The greater roadrunner is a ground-dwelling species of cuckoo. It can be at least 12 inches tall and twice that length from tip of beak to the end of its long tail, so its size will distinguish it from most other open-range birds – pheasants are bigger and more colorful, and grouses and their relatives are fatter and shorter. Also roadrunners instinctively run rather than fly.

Because of their legendary status in cartoon lore, many Americans think of roadrunners as desert birds. Actually, during prehistory there was a larger species of roadrunner that lived in open woodlands in the western United States



PHOTO BY NICKY BOYETTE

that eventually became desert grassland, so the birds were there before the desert. Martha Anne Maxon says in her book *The Real Roadrunner*, “Even in desert lowlands, roadrunners, like most other desert birds, are more common near wooded arroyos and riparian areas than in the midst of spindly, low desert scrub.”

The local roadrunner species made its way to Carroll County and beyond from Central America and Mexico. Maxon stated during the past 100 years, roadrunners fairly quickly moved north and east as far as its environmental tolerance would allow. “This roughly 500-mile movement is a remarkable distance for a ground-dwelling species whose individuals move only a few miles during their lifetimes,” she wrote.

They can be found from the southern

half of California eastward to northern Louisiana, the western half of Arkansas into southern Missouri and all states in between. Although their range has expanded, Maxon claims roadrunners need places with low humidity and at least 140 sunny days per year. She suggested “a combination of cloudy days, cold temperatures, prolonged snow cover, lack of woody vegetation and scarce winter food limit the roadrunner’s northern range.”

They do not hibernate and are ground-dwellers, so prolonged snow cover makes moving about and hunting difficult, and some birds die during harsh winters. Roadrunners living near wooded areas have an easier time finding food in winter than birds in open areas.

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Friends are important to mental health

BECKY GILLETTE

Research shows that friends are more important to our psychological well being than our love and family relationships. Friends bring us more happiness than virtually anything else, says author Alice French, a former Holiday Island resident who now lives in Rogers. She is author of *Happy Birthday: Adjusting to Life's Changes as the Birthdays Keep on Coming*.

What do you do when you're over 50 years old and have lost a spouse and close friends? That happened to French when she lost her husband, parents, and two close friends within a few years. Two other close friends moved away and she found herself feeling isolated and alone, especially as she also suffers from fatigue and pain from having post-polio syndrome.

It could have been easier to concentrate on other activities rather than building new friendships.

"Maybe I'm a little down," French said. "Maybe I have lots of things I want to do, and just don't want to stop to spend some leisure time with a friend. That happens – probably to most of us. Right?"

She started thinking about how so many of us over 50 isolate ourselves, especially after retirement when we don't go to work each day.

"It's hard to take the initiative sometimes," French said. "At 60 plus, how do we find and make new friends? That would be a good discussion topic, wouldn't it?"

And that is the topic of discussion in her book, which includes research done contacting women across the country, posing questions on her blogs, and printing responses in her book.



Alice French

"One of my best decisions was to write a book about what it's like to grow old, what unique challenges we face," said French, who is also a motivational speaker. "Of course, I didn't have the answers, so I spent a year doing research. I talked to about 100 women – more than half of them from here in Eureka or Holiday Island – face-to-face – about what it's like being an older woman living alone, adjusting to all the things that come with aging – not only isolation and loneliness, but grief, health, finances and friendships, all the way to wrinkles, incontinence, and other downers.

"To my delight, I learned that most women were anxious for the opportunity to talk seriously and intimately about the important things we face as aging women. Looking for wider representation, I started a blog and invited every woman I knew across the country to participate. Each week, I posted a topic and explained

my experience with it, then asked others to answer a question on that topic. From coast to coast, women responded to explain what it's really like to grow older in our society."

French said it isn't hard to convince people of the importance of friends.

"Loneliness is killing us," a statement French read recently said. "In our society, loneliness is more deadly than obesity. The challenge now is to help lonely people connect. We all know in the back of our minds that friends are important, but sometime we might need reminders and courage to nurture those friendships."

After losing so many loved ones in a short period of time, French said she felt like the loneliest person on the planet. "I grieved," she said. "I got depressed. I isolated myself. I got really lonely. Somehow I got the strength to break out of that pattern and look for ways to re-connect. Being the list-maker that I am, I came up with a nice long list and started forcing myself to follow my own

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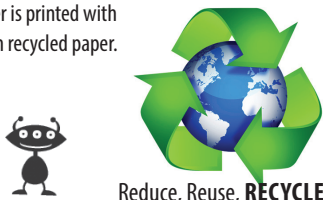
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Several field trips to local areas of top botanical interest will be scheduled for Saturday and Sunday. There will be an excursion for everyone – slow and easy or something more vigorous.

You must sign up for field trips on

Friday evening to allow for adequate planning. Some field trips will be repeated on Sunday morning to accommodate those who could not work them into their Saturday schedule.

The annual native plant auction will be held Friday night and is an event not to be missed. There will be a Saturday evening program including a talk by botanical author and photographer Steven Foster. For more information see “upcoming events” at www.anps.org.

Local artists highlight high school yard sale

Tradition is that the junior class is charged with hosting the prom, so the Class of 2017 will be holding a garage sale at the back of the high school (2 Lake Lucerne Road) on Saturday, Oct. 10 from 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. (rain or shine) to raise funds for prom. At the sale we will be featuring the pottery ‘seconds’ of local artists Sara and Terry Russell. Wonderful pieces with slight imperfections. All proceeds from the sale of the pottery will go towards the ESHS junior class.

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Being spiritual is kind; mumbling Latin not so much

Editor,

I just read John Rankine’s guest editorial on the Pope’s visit to America. He is RIGHT ON!

We are in such desperate need of someone in public life, a politician, a Pope, to express humane ideas that we (atheists included) rejoiced at his comments about helping the poor and the immigrant.

Unfortunately, some of his comments could be construed as anti-woman and anti-gay. Also, as one of the Nuns on the Bus said, “I looked out there at the mass and it was all male!”

Besides Catholicism’s sordid history of cultural imperialism and destruction of native peoples’ culture, land, lives and languages, it had a practice of physically torturing anyone who disagreed with its tenets and brutally suppressing “witches” and their involvement in cultivating early feminism. They are still torturing: priest abuse of children, disrespect for nuns, preaching anti-gay hatred disguised as Biblical, and dissing women.

That’s the patriarchy’s way. It is not enough to just begin to have a few women priests; the whole culture, ideas and practice of this religion have to change.

As philosophers Bill Maher and Karl Marx point out, religion is the drug of the people; only with one’s actions toward our animal friends, our planet, the poor, and each other can we create real change.

We don’t have to be religious to be spiritual and kind.

It is not necessarily spiritual to mumble some words in Latin or Spanish by men who can wear dresses without being called trans. Their wearing dresses *is* one of the things I liked about their costumes and his visit.

Trella Laughlin

Murder at the Aud

Editor,

My daughter and I went to see ANNA last night, and it was stunning! It starts out like a play, except that you’re right there with them, moving about the set as the story unfolds. And then just as the novelty of that starts to wear off, BAM! – it goes into Haunted House mode. It’s like a haunted house, play, murder mystery and backstage access to a murder scene from a psychological horror flick all rolled into one.

The Melonlight crew did an amazing job with their acting. This is like the real thing, and as close to a murder scene as I would ever want to get. The music, lighting, and acting were perfectly synced. And it was all happening right around us. Forget front row seats!

I don’t want to give too much of it away, but let’s just say that I’ve never experienced anything like it before. It’s about as unique as Eureka, and fits in perfectly for Halloween. And it’s playing at my favorite local venue: The Aud. So go see it!

Jeff Danos



WEEK’S TopTweets

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Me: Sneaks out of the house. Drives to another state.

Hides in a cave. Quietly opens a bag of chips. My kids: Can we have some?

@amishschool: Just asked my wife what she’s burning up for dinner and it turned out to be all my personal belongings.

@missekay: Smartphones are pacifiers for adults.

@catwhisperer: It’s okay password,

I’m insecure too.

@phook75: So apparently RSVP’ing back to a wedding invite ‘maybe next time’ isn’t the correct response.

@TomSchally: More people would use gambling addiction hotlines if every 10th caller was a winner.

@theshamingofjay: Getting drunk is like having a 3rd base coach that waves you on no matter what.

@hamonwry: Rosetta Stone for Starbucks.

@ch000ch: The easy way to tell between

local police and state troopers is that state troopers usually have more brightly colored, magnificent feathers.

@echobunny: Found another spider in my bedroom, so now I’m on the curb watching my house burn down.

@spenceralthouse: Imagine how much self control people who make bubble wrap must have.

@theTweetofGod: “It was Adam and Eve, not Adam and Steve.” Whatever. The point is it was two people with contemporary American names.

Pope Francis alarmed by climate chaos

Pope Francis came to the U.S. as a Climate Change warrior: a warrior of peace, hope and compassion. His words and actions during his brief visit inspired all who wanted to listen. Laudato Si, Pope Francis's encyclical "On care of our common home" is a blueprint for survival. COP21, the December Paris United Nations Climate Conference, is our last chance for global action.

With simple words and actions, showing love and affection, Pope Francis delivered an urgent message: take care of our common home and take care of the poor. "Now is the time for courageous actions," Pope Francis said. We need to deal with enormous challenges we are facing today. The problems and solutions are known, as long as we act now. Delays will increase the cost and decrease our chance of survival.

During his Sept. 24 address to the Joint Session of the U.S. Congress, Pope Francis, in a soft calming voice said, "I am convinced that we can make a difference. I have no doubt that the United States, and this Congress, have an important role to play. Now is the time for courageous actions and strategies, aimed at implementing a culture of care and an integrated approach to combating poverty, restoring dignity to the excluded, and at the same time protecting nature."

Water and carbon dioxide

Two common elements will determine our survival: water and carbon dioxide. For over 800,000 years, the maximum pre-industrial CO₂ levels were 280 parts per million. In 1988, we passed 350 ppm, the upper limit to avoid dramatic climate change. Our lack of respect for nature in the pursuit of economic profit has significantly added CO₂ in the atmosphere, passing the lethal milestone of 400 ppm in March 2015. The annual rate of increase, driven by positive feedback loops, is getting faster.

Climate action

The leading sources of greenhouse gases are electric power generation and transportation. Immediate adoption of the EPA's plans to reduce emissions from power plants, and their regulations to reduce heavy-duty transportation emissions, is essential.

Our forests are the environmental mirror image of fossil fuel combustion, capturing and storing CO₂ and storing rainwater. The 2015 USDA's Climate-Smart program will promote reforestation, and preserve the carbon sink and water stored in the forests. We must stop wood pellet exports, under the pretense of renewable energy, a clear and present danger of deforestation and pollution. Two new plants are planned for 2016 in Monticello and Pine Bluff, Ark.

The time is now

Having access to clean water, something we take for granted, is a thing of the past in places like Syria and California. Extreme droughts followed by torrential rains make a bad situation much worse with flash flooding and soil erosion. What do you do when rivers run dry and public water gets contaminated?

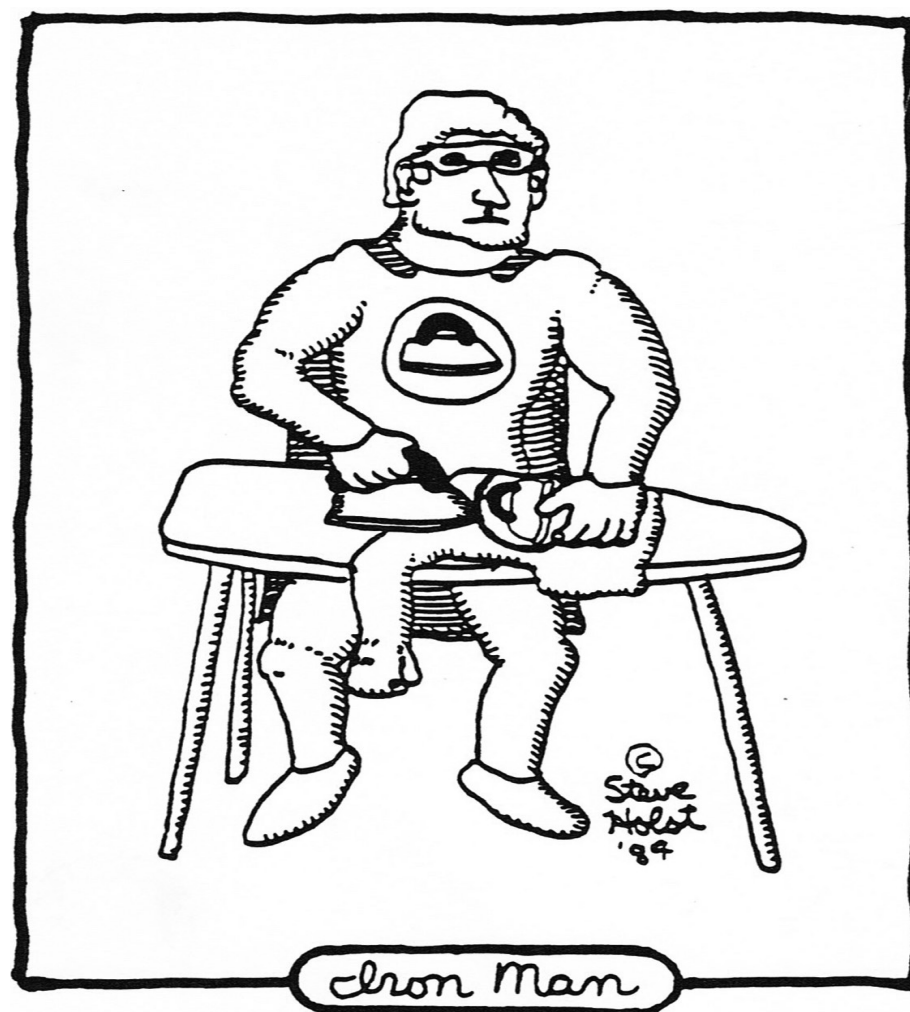
Severe droughts in Syria is one of the causes of the massive migration of people, seeking safety and refuge in Europe and other parts of the world. Are we prepared to provide food and shelter?

California forests are on fire. Extreme droughts are the worst in 500 years. What was once fertile farmland feeding the U.S. is now at high risk. California is expected to lose an estimated 2.2 trillion gallons of surface water in 2015. Most areas are facing exceptional drought. The water level of some key reservoirs is down 75 percent. Some hydroelectric plants have shut down. Droughts are expected to get more intense this winter.

With no tap water in some areas, people will have to relocate. Long-term droughts will increase the frequency of conflict and displacement of populations. How can we ignore our brothers and sisters? Our world is not a safe place anymore. The U.S. major polluters oppose corrective actions to protect their assets, a senseless, irresponsible behavior.

This challenge is as personal as it gets. What are you doing to take care of our common home and people in urgent need?

Dr. Luis Contreras



The Pursuit Of HAPPINESS

by Dan Krotz

Writer and performer John Cleese has produced a video in which he succinctly describes "people who are too stupid to know that they are stupid." This rather funny (and sad) condition was identified in 1999 by two Cornell University researchers, David Dunning and Justin Kruger. Their study was inspired by the case of McArthur Wheeler, a bank robber who covered his face with lemon juice, an "invisible" ink, under the assumption it would make him invisible to bank tellers. When apprehended, Wheeler refused to believe the ink hadn't worked.

The Dunning-Kruger Effect was confirmed in a 2008 paper by Joyce Ehrlinger, also of Cornell University, who found that "self-satisfied poor performers do not learn from feedback suggesting they need to improve." Conversely, Ehrlinger's study found that high performers often feel inadequate and in need of self-improvement. Bertrand Russell summed it all up: "One of the painful things about our time is that those who feel certainty are stupid, and those with any imagination and understanding are filled with doubt and indecision."

One illustration of Russell's meaning are the True Believers who euphorically recall the Clinton Administration, unrivaled in history for the vacuousness of its policies – with the possible exception, of course, of Chester Alan Arthur's term in office. But why talk about Frank and Claire Underwood (Honey Bunny and Pumpkin) when there are so many other and contemporary fish to fry?

Take Kim Davis, the clerk of Rowan County, Kentucky, who must have signed her four marriage licenses with lemon juice – a neat trick especially mastered by Evangelical Republicans who lead the league in multiple marriages. And then there's Carly Fiorina, who saw a dreadful awful evil Planned Parenthood movie that was apparently filmed and processed with lemon juice: Carly absolutely saw the PP connection... but no one else can find it anywhere no matter how hard they look.

If there are limits to enduring the Dunning-Kruger Effect, it is possible that John Boehner found it. He chose to resign from office rather than spend time in the company of his own party. Imagine being so stupid that even John Boehner refuses to drink the invisibility juice you're peddling.

A little help from our friends:

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

INDEPENDENT Constables On Patrol

SEPTEMBER 28

9:34 a.m. – Constable filed a report for criminal mischief at a motel. He asked the perpetrator not to return to the property.
 12:09 p.m. – At a different motel, constable responded for a report of a stolen gun, but he found it under a mattress and returned it to its owner.
 4:23 p.m. – Individual walking his dog found what looked like counterfeit money behind a tourist lodging. Constable confirmed the cash was fake.
 5:54 p.m. – Apartment dweller complained about the upstairs neighbor making noise at all hours. Responding constable was not able to make contact with the upstairs tenant and advised the complainant to call back if the problem happened again.
 10:10 p.m. – Central dispatch alerted ESPD to a juvenile female who was having suicidal thoughts. Constable transported her to ESH.

SEPTEMBER 29

12:14 a.m. – Motorist observed an erratic driver headed to town from the east, but constables never saw the vehicle.
 1:17 a.m. – Smoke alarms were triggered at a tourist lodging because guests were smoking outside their room with the door open.
 8:02 a.m. – Constable went to the middle school for a student who was out of control. Constable was able to calm the person down.
 8:52 p.m. – A tip came in that a wanted person was downtown. Constable went to the scene and arrested him.
 9:54 a.m. – Restaurant staff called for a constable because of suspected drug paraphernalia. He responded to make a proper disposal.
 1:59 p.m. – Constable checked on a vehicle reportedly parked in loading zone for hours.
 2:42 p.m. – Motel staff reported vandalism.
 7:42 p.m. – Complaint of a barking dog came from the eastern side of town. The dog had been put away for the night by the time constables arrived.

OCTOBER 1

6:17 p.m. – Animal Control issued a warning to a dog owner for excessive barking.
 7:34 p.m. – Madison County authorities asked for help finding a couple possibly involved in a domestic dispute and headed to ESH. Constable went to ESH but did not find them there.
 8:09 p.m. – Witness reported a possibly intoxicated driver traveling east through town. Constable stopped the vehicle and discovered the driver was not intoxicated but he did issue a citation.
 8:48 p.m. – Person downtown called in a possibly intoxicated individual who was verbally abusive and who drove away going south almost hitting another vehicle. Constables did not encounter the vehicle.

OCTOBER 2

7:17 a.m. – Constable took a report of cash stolen from a hotel office.
 10:57 a.m. – Constable made a traffic stop on a semi hauling scrap metal because the trailer did not have any brake lights.
 2:19 p.m. – Witness saw the driver of a truck back into another vehicle and leave the scene. Constable found the truck, however, and the driver returned to the scene

for an accident report.

4:14 p.m. – There was a two-vehicle accident on US 62 partially blocking the roadway.
 6:52 p.m. – Four juveniles were on the roof of a building downtown. Constable warned them not to go up there again.
 11:47 p.m. – Innkeeper complained about guests who were being noisy. The noisemakers assured the constable they would be quiet for the rest of the night.

OCTOBER 3

3:19 a.m. – Resident in a neighborhood above downtown was awakened by an individual outside her residence screaming profanities. Constables did not encounter the screamer.
 1:16 p.m. – Allen County, Kansas, 911 alerted Central Dispatch of a female having problems with her vehicle in Lake Leatherwood City Park. Constables searched the area but did not locate her.
 5:23 p.m. – Constable responded to an abandoned vehicle in the parking lot near a tourist lodging. He learned the owners were deceased, so ESPD began an investigation to find out what happened.
 9:51 p.m. – Noise complaint came in regarding an establishment on US 62 toward the western edge of town. Constable determined the noise was within acceptable limits.

OCTOBER 4

12:03 a.m. – There was a report of screaming in the parking lot of a tourist lodging, but a person at the scene told the constable she had not heard anything.
 12:33 a.m. – Individual at an inn just north of downtown told ESPD his brother was inebriated and causing a disturbance. Constable gave the drunk brother a ride to a motel for the night.
 5:35 a.m. – Someone complained about loud music just north of downtown, but responding constables did not hear it.
 10:35 a.m. – Two dogs in a vehicle on Main Street were reportedly barking, but they were quiet as church mice when the constable arrived.
 10:44 a.m. – Downtown bathrooms were reportedly locked, but the responding constable found them unlocked and ready for action.
 11:45 a.m. – Individual turned himself in on an ESPD warrant for failure to pay.
 11:55 a.m. – Person prohibited from a residence showed up there anyway. He had already left when the constable got there.
 9:42 p.m. – Inebriated customer would not leave a business. Constables told him to leave and informed him future visits to the premises would be considered trespassing.

30 minutes of meditation and reading

The Eureka Springs Buddhist Study Group will gather for 30 minutes of meditation followed by reading and discussion on Friday, Oct. 9 at 4:30 p.m. at the Heart of Many Ways in the Christian Science Church at 68 Mountain Street. All are welcome.

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

Dory had sat alone in the room for nearly half an hour, scowling more and more darkly as Asa failed to reappear with the bottle of whisky he'd been sent to get. When he finally opened the door and ambled in, she pounced on him. "Where you been so long? Where's the liquor?"

"Hell, Dory –" He stood scratching his head in a foolish way. "I plumb fergot it in all the excitement."

"What excitement?" she asked with foreboding. "Was they a fight?"

"Well – ye *might* call it a fight," he drawled with his slow grin. "Course, I didn't atchally *see* the fightin' ..."

"Godamighty!" Dory cried, driven beyond endurance. "See kin you git them muddled-up wits o' yours together and tell me the straight of whut happened. You went out that there door to git the liquor. *Then* whut?"

He stood for a moment, herding his ideas together, then he told it carefully. "Well, I was a-goin' down the hall, when Fent come a-bustin' outen their room and grabbed me. 'Git Doc Glover in here quick,' he says. So I didn't ast no questions, seein' it's Fent, but jest went down to the ballroom, where the Doc is dancin', and tuck him back to Clytie's suit. Well, the bedroom's all tore up, cheers turned over, and here's Mr. Jaffray layin' on the bed with Fent's knife a-stickin' in him, and blood all over that purty bed-quilt. The Doc looked scairt

and wanted to know whut happened, but Fent he says" 'Never mind that. Jest git busy. I don't want this son of a bitch to die on me,' he says. 'Fix him up so he kin be leavin' town tomorrer.' Jaffray he begun moanin' about how he's dyin', and Fent says: 'No, you ain't, but yer lucky I *didn't* kill you, tryin' to rape my wife.' Then Jaffray tried to set up, and he says: 'Did you say wife?' and Clytie says, yes, they was married way last November. He kinda fell back then, and the Doc pulled out Fent's knife and fussed around, washin' and puttin' on bandages, then he jabbed a needle in his arm and says he ain't hurt much."

"Well, don't that beat all!" Dory cried with relish. "So *then* whut?"

"Well, after the Doc went out, lookin' like a scairt rabbit, Jaffray set up, and his face was all bunged up where Fent musta hammered him, and Fent says: 'In the mornin', we'll announce it over that speaker that you've withdrawn as a candidate, account o' your health, and I reckon they won't be no trouble about that property, 'cause all the deeds is in my name anyhow.' And Jaffray, he went to moanin' agin, and sayin' he'd agree to anything only would Fent please not tell his pore wife, 'cause the shock might kill her. And Fent says Okay, he will keep it to hisself, long as Jaffray don't go makin' no trouble, but jest leave town quiet, by tomorrer night.

"Then him and Clytie started to go out – back to the dance, I reckon – and Clytie says, kinda mad-like: 'The damn fool, he ruint my orchids,' and Fent says: 'Never mind. You kin have more 'f you like 'em. You done fine, honey,' he says, and Jaffray jest a-settin' there on the edge of the bed, lookin' sick ..."

Dory slapped her knew and rocked with silent laughter. "That Fent!" she said, choking a little. "He's a sight. ... Now you go fetch that liquor."

Chapter 22

THERE WAS a disarming air of informality about the scene in the lobby of the Jefferson Davis Hotel, when Jane went down with Walter, next morning, to vote. The judges chatted with everyone who came in, voters sat down anywhere, since there were no booths, sought for pencils, and scratched the names they did not want (an oddly negative procedure, she thought). It was all done in the chummiest way, with people looking over other people's shoulders and commenting on their choice of candidates, objecting, advising, and without a trace of the rancor that had been so prevalent during the turbulent campaign. It was as if, having whipped itself into a frenzy of contentiousness for the past two weeks, the town had subsided abruptly into an easy-going, amiable mood when the day itself had arrived.

Jane made some outcry against signing her name on the duplicate ballot. "Why, I never heard of such a thing!" she sputtered at Walter, indignant and disbelieving. "I'm sure it's illegal."

She signed it, though, and popped the two small folded papers each into its proper box, just as, earlier, she had come to terms with the poll tax. "I won't pay it, ever," she had announced, with the boundless conviction of ignorance. "I'm against it on principle."

"Oh, yes you will," Walter had assured her. "It's included with the real estate tax. Can't pay that without paying our poll tax."

–So even this outrage had been accepted, had become merely another seasonal detail in the over-all pattern, like stacked stove-wood on the porches in winter, or the blazing October color of sassafras trees.

Colonel Blake was circulating about the lobby, looking broad and smooth and pink, greeting Jane with a courtly grace, being pally with Walter. "Y'know, Walt," he said, popping out his eyes in the manner that dared his hearers to misconstrue what he said, "Prentiss Jaffray's name is scratched off the ballot. Regrettable – hrmpph, circumstances – Maybe you –?"

NOTES from the HOLLOW by Steve Weems

I worked part time at the Crescent Hotel in the early 1980s, primarily helping with banquets in the Crystal Dining Room. I recall a narrow dimly-lit corridor in the basement of the hotel that was spooky late at night, but I never saw a ghost. There were employees who truly believed in the idea of a haunted hotel, though. I do remember Morris, the big orange cranky cat who haunted the lobby.

Susan Schaefer has a new book out called *The Crescent Hotel...With Ghost Stories*. It covers the hotel's history, and, as the title indicates, provides an overview of the legendary ghosts that are said to inhabit the fine old building on the hill. Many of the ghosts reported

over the years are profiled and six even have painted portraits reproduced in the book. My understanding is that the paranormal reputation of the Crescent is a bigger draw now than it ever has been, and that people come from all over the globe for a chance to experience something otherworldly. I've always intended to go on one of the ghost tours, but have yet to do so.

Susan Schaefer worked several years at the Crescent Hotel, including time as the Dining Room Manager and Wedding Coordinator, and her thorough familiarity with the Crescent Hotel is apparent. This is her sixth book on Eureka Springs and her familiarity with all facets of Eureka's

history is obvious. She makes ample use of historic newspaper articles and photographs to illustrate the hotel's history. Everything is covered, from the Crescent's early grandeur to its years as a women's college and later as the infamous cancer hospital.

I learned a great deal I didn't know by reading this book. For instance, I had no idea that the ceiling in the dining room is suspended from above by cables. This design allows the open expanse of the large room to be unbroken by pillars for support. This is just one of many interesting tidbits in the book.

I was horrified by one story in the book, but it wasn't the descriptions



of the ghosts. When the Crescent was purchased in 1973, it was with the intention of tearing it down and selling the stone to a company in Kansas. Luckily for Eureka Springs, that didn't happen.

Get to know native plants

If you're interested in learning how to identify native plants or just hanging out with people who like plants, then this coming weekend is for you. For the first time in its 35-year history, the Arkansas Native Plant Society (ANPS) will be

holding its annual fall meeting in Eureka Springs, October 9-11. The venue will be the American Legion building located on Hwy. 23 about three miles north of the train station at the intersection of Hwys. 23 and 187 toward Holiday Island. One reason for

the rather unusual meeting location is that the group likes to keep meeting expenses very low. Registration for the weekend event is just \$5, yes, as in five bucks. The caveat is that you have to be there Friday evening to sign-up for field trips on Saturday and Sunday, which will include various local venues including Lake Leatherwood and Black Bass Lake, along with Ninestone Land Trust in southern Carroll County, among others. The field trips are at the heart of the gathering.

The ANPS was officially organized in September 1980. According to a typewritten document accessed on the history tab of their website (www.anps.org), "The Society was organized (1) to promote appreciation and public interest in native plants of Arkansas through programs and field trips designed for the exchange of information and ideas, and (2) improve the knowledge of native plant understanding through identification, distributional documents and ecological analysis."

I was pleased to learn a few weeks



ago that as one among a handful of Charter Members of ANPS from 1980, I am entitled to a free lifetime membership! There is no better way to learn about plants than to be out in the field with people who really know their plants. The core of what members of the ANPS do is getting out to see plants in wild habitats, with a particular eye toward the rare and unusual. Many ANPS members are also accomplished botanical photographers.

Why learn about plants? Just today, 5 October, Dr. Tu Youyou of the Institute of Chinese Materia Medica, Academy of Traditional Chinese Medicine, Beijing, shared the 2015 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine for her discovery of an antimalarial drug – artemisinin – from a Chinese native plant *Artemisia annua*. You never know what the plants will reveal to you...



Democrat T.V. debate party

Watch the Democrat debate with your neighbors on Tuesday, Oct. 13 at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Marie Howard (Hillary supporter) and Trella Laughlin

(Bernie supporter). Bring food to share, your chair and drink. Apple juice, tea and coffee will be provided. Call (479) 253-2444 for directions.

Crescent Hotel incarnation becomes historical project *Ladies college reunion planned*

In its long history, the 1886 Crescent Hotel building has been many things – including being abandoned. In one of its livelier early incarnations, between 1908 and 1934, the building housed a remarkable women's college, conservatory and preparatory school: the Crescent Conservatory for Young Ladies.

Today, Rebecca J. Becker is undertaking major research into the lives of the girls who attended – and is making some astonishing discoveries. The project investigates family archives and explores local, state and national historical societies, diaries, letters, journals, manuscript collections and photographs in addition to correspondence and interviews with descendants.



Becker has begun to publish her findings on the Facebook page: Crescent College History Project, and will be adding a new girl every few days. A Full Circle Reunion is in the planning for May 2016, and all descendants of Crescent College students are eligible to attend this extraordinary event. If you are a descendant or know of one, please contact Rebecca, rebecca@crescentcollegehistory.org.

Meanwhile, check out the amazing accomplishments of these ladies on the Facebook page!

The colors of Eureka Springs' history unfold Oct. 15

Eureka Springs Voices from the Silent City living history tours will take place on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings Oct. 15 – 17 and 30 – 31 at the city cemetery.

One hour walking tours depart every twenty minutes beginning at 5:30 – 8:30 p.m. with this year's theme being *Service and Philanthropy*, and you will meet folks who formed the colorful history of Eureka's past.

Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under. They are available at the museum at 95 South Main Street, all Cornerstone Bank locations, the Eureka Springs Chamber of Commerce

at Pine Mountain Village, or tickets may be purchased at the parking site on performance dates.

Free parking will again be available at the former Victoria Inn property on US Hwy. 62 East with free shuttle service to the nearby cemetery. There will be no parking at the cemetery.

This event is a fundraiser for the Eureka Springs Historical Museum, a 501c3 non-profit and is co-sponsored by Cornerstone Bank, Local Flavor Café and The Aquarius Taqueria. For further information contact Stephanie Stodden at director@eurekaspringshistoricalmuseum.org or call (479) 253-9417.

Nectar hunter finds camouflage on *Echinacea paradoxa*

The buckeye butterfly is an agile daredevil of a flyer compared to the flitting-around flight path of most butterflies. They live in most parts of the United States but prefer warmer climates. They migrate in enormous flocks to Florida at the end of summer, and overwinter there. The obvious eyespots on the wings, which make them easily identifiable, serve to surprise or scare away predators. As a caterpillar, a buckeye will feed on many plants, but it prefers plantain, common in our area. You might have seen a buckeye in your flower garden, yard, or on a 24-cent postage stamp.

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What sour grapes?

– Dr. Dan and Suzie Bell enjoy Dan's retirement at Frog's Leap Winery while drinking in some Napa Valley sunshine – apparently along with a few glasses of full-bodied, red wine. Makes us want to take two aspirin and call him in the morning. About 3 a.m.

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Hat party – Intl. Student Exchange rep Jennifer Veblen, from left, host June Hegedus and exchange students Anna Nguyen (Vietnam) and friend Lin, Asia Schmid (Belgium), Melanie Xue (China), Chaerin Lee (South Korea) and three-year old Mercer Osborn, host sister to Asia, plundered June's hat closet at a picnic she hosted for the students as host families and male exchange students kept an eye on the food outdoors! PHOTO BY JAY VRECEK

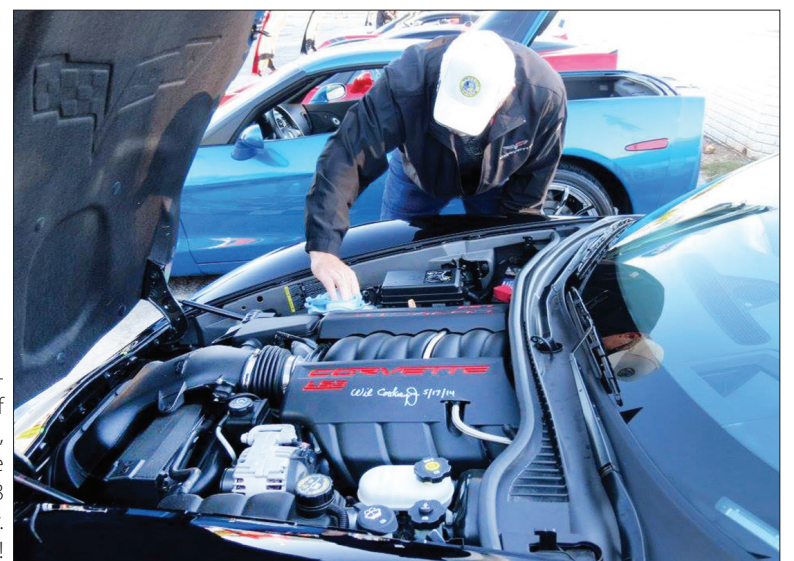


1) Fashionista – Left, Mark Wetzel could have starred on the runway, even without balloons. PHOTO BY NORA VIOLA **2) Stuff strutted** – Between crowds Hilke Zimmerman took a break from her art display booth to check out Karen Harmony's quilt work at the Strut Your Stuff Art & Fashion Show Oct 3. Check our Facebook page for fun pics of the fashion show! PHOTO BY C.D. WHITE **3) Hot stuff** – The ever-elegant Lilah Stiger cools off a spoonful and takes on a bowl of Peggy Hill's delicious chili before modeling Eureka designers' best on the Strut Your Stuff catwalk. PHOTO BY CD WHITE



Keeping pace – Ann & John Hastings of Clinton, Ark., drove their 1998 Indy 500 pace car to the super-crowded Corvette show at Pine Mountain Village. It was crawl speed only on US 62. PHOTOS BY JAY VRECEK

Extra clean – Ron Perry of Pearland, Texas, spruces up the engine of his 1978 Indy 500 pace car. Looks like new!



HIFD Pancake Breakfast

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

Fly casting workshop at Hobbs State Park

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

The workshop will be taught by Sallyann Brown, past recipient of the *Woman of the Year* and the *Federation of Fly Fishers Educator of the Year* awards from the Federation of Fly Fishers, Inc.

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

Sunday at EUUF

Gwen Murdoch, Ph.D., Professor of Psychology at Pittsburg State University and Quentin B. Welch, Ph. D., Population Genetics (retired) will lead *Discussion about scientific method & thinking with the specific example a brilliant contribution to genetics from a priest* on Oct. 11 at the Eureka Unitarian Universalist Fellowship on 17 Elk Street at 11 a.m.

Childcare is provided and extra parking can be found at Ermilio's Restaurant, 26 White Street.

Divine singing at Metafizzies

Rebekah Clark will lead the Eureka Springs Metaphysical Society meeting in a session of divine singing and sound meditation on Monday, Oct. 12. No vocal experience is necessary. Chants and mantras from multiple traditions will be used. The gathering will begin at 7 p.m. at the Heart of Many Ways in the Christian Science Church at 68 Mountain Street in Eureka Springs. All are welcome.

INDEPENDENT Art & Entertainment

Haunting thrills by Melonlight

Melonlight Dance Studio presents *A Haunting Theatrical Experience: ANNA*. Written, directed and performed by Melonlight professionals, this walk-through experience blends traditional theater, dance, special effects and haunted house thrills. Each show is limited to 20 guests and will be playing at The Auditorium every Thursday, Friday and Sunday in October plus Monday Oct. 19. Reserve your show time online for 6:30, 7:30, 8:30 or 9:30 p.m. at melonlightdance.com. Tickets \$20 at the door if available.

Gospel Celebration Oct. 8 – 10

A Gospel Celebration will be held at the Ozark Mountain Music Theater, US 62E, Oct. 8 – 10 at 7:30 p.m. Enjoy three Gaither-style nights of Gospel Music featuring some of the best voices and talent in the region.

Thursday: Chris Hester, Friday: Eric Hinson and Hinson Revival, Saturday: Tisha Todd and Circle of Friends Homecoming Choir. Tickets at the door or online – \$19.50 adults, (800)-468-2113, ozarkmountainhoedown.com.

NY Times bestselling author offers critique service

Jacqueline Mitchard is offering critiquing services while in residence at the Writers' Colony at Dairy Hollow in October. She is the *New York Times* bestselling author of 10 books for adults, including *The Deep End of the Ocean*, the very first selection of the Oprah Winfrey Book Club.

A veteran novelist, journalist and professor of Fiction and Creative Non Fiction at Vermont College of Fine Arts, Mitchard will review your five most troublesome pages and provide a written critique.

The cost for this service is \$65 and is limited to the first 10 registrants. Deadline to submit the pages in a Word document via email is Oct. 19 at director@writerscolony.org.

Mitchard's next novel, *Two if By Sea*, will be published in March by Simon & Schuster. Call (479) 253-7444 or email director@writerscolony.org for more information.

Second Saturday Gallery Stroll



The Jewel Box, 40 Spring St.

During the Oct. 10 Gallery Stroll, silversmith Wayne Schmidt, creator of many pieces in the Crystal Visions jewelry line, will be on hand along with Nancy Wines to greet you and answer questions about the process of working stones and gems with silver. Refreshments will be served at the artists' reception from 6 – 9 p.m.

The gallery and shop is open daily from 10 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. and later on weekends. For more information, go to www.TheJewelBoxGallery.com or call (479) 253-7828.



The Norberta Philbrook Gallery, 95 Spring St.

Featured is **Teresa Pelliccio DeVito**, painter, filmmaker and co-

owner of DeVito's restaurant. Teresa's lifelong interest in interior decorating, architecture, color, shape, and texture have fed her experimentation in the allegoric processes reflected in her paintings. Her forms are based on personal associations, which merge elements of spirituality, intuition and rebellion with femininity, whimsy and impulse.

Come meet Teresa and view her installation, "Whimsy," from 6 – 9 p.m.



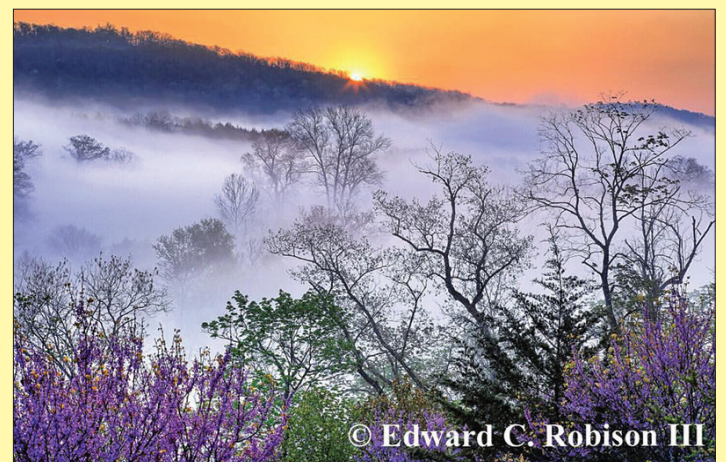
The Bird Cage, 1 Basin Spring Ave. (off Spring Street down the stairs)

Owner R.P. Irvin opened the space in July as a working studio/gallery for herself, but now represents 27 people working in a variety of mediums including ceramic, fabric, wood and paint.

Stroll on in and meet three Eureka Springs artists: **R.P. Irwin**, **Kathryn E. Guetzlaff** and **Jay Vrecenak**. All three paint in a variety of mediums, and Jay will also have some of her photography on exhibit. They'll all be on hand during a reception from 5 – 8 p.m. Come meet the artists and enjoy refreshments accompanied by the jazz music of The Blind Trio.

Robison film and image chosen for public venues

Edward Robison's film, *Ozark Landscapes*, was an official selection in the Conway Film Festival and was shown Oct. 5. The above image, "Spring Sunrise Over the White River," was just selected to be in the 2017 Sierra Club engagement calendar.



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Haunted Poetluck Oct. 15

*Like scary stories? 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 a story you love – and a dish to share. And you don't have to be a writer – just bring a hair-raising piece to read. Potluck at 6:30 p.m. followed by ghoulish readings.

Writer-in-residence, #1 *New York Times* bestselling author, Jacquelyn Mitchard (*The Deep End of the Ocean*), may be on hand and enticed to read from her children's book *Baby Bat's Lullaby*, which will be featured in a special evening for children on Oct. 25.

Who will scare ya the most? Find out Oct. 15 at the Writers' Colony at Dairy Hollow, 515 Spring St. **Please call (479) 253-7444 if you plan to read** so a schedule can be made. All are invited to come and enjoy the fun and horror of it all – and you aren't required to read, just bring a dish and enjoy.



Two-Hawks at MoNAH

The Museum of Native American History, 202 Southwest O Street in Bentonville, will host John Two-Hawks Oct. 10 at 5:30 p.m. for stories, wisdom and a performance showcasing his amazing flutes and award winning songs. As well as being a Grammy nominated recording artist, Two-Hawks is a teacher and speaker with a wealth of knowledge about American Indian culture.

Admission is free, donations appreciated. For more info: (479) 273-2456 or email monah202@gmail.com.

INDEPENDENT Art & Entertainment

68th Original Ozark Folk Festival Schedule Oct. 7 - 11

Wednesday, Oct. 7 at 6 p.m. – Auditorium doors open for the 68th Annual Queen's Contest featuring the cutest 3rd graders ever, the HedgeHoppers. Queen's contest begins at 7 p.m. Come pick your Folk Festival Queen from among some lovely, talented young ladies to preside over the week's festivities.

Thursday, Oct. 8 at 7 p.m. – Doors open for the traditional Barefoot Ball in the 1905 Basin Park Hotel. Music starts at 8 p.m. with Cutty Rye. Come dance the night away but check your shoes at the door – it's tradition! Tickets \$10 at the door.

Friday, Oct. 9 – Free music in Basin Park

- 1 p.m. – The Lark and the Loon
- 2 p.m. – Chucky Waggs
- 3 p.m. – Brian Martin
- 4 p.m. – The Black Out Boys

Saturday, Oct. 10 – More free music, The Folk Festival Parade, and more music! Noon – Folk Festival Singer/Songwriter contest. Best music you never heard.

- 1 p.m. – The Ozark Highballers
- 2 p.m. – We Brake For Parades! (That's not a band, it's a break for the actual Folk Festival Parade

with Grand Marshal, Mayor Butch Berry.)
2:30 p.m. – Music resumes with the Sweet Water Gypsies

- 3 p.m. – Outside the Lines
- 4 p.m. – Shannon Wurst
- 5 p.m. – Pearl and the Divers

7 p.m. – Headline show with Rita Coolidge at the Aud: \$30 advance, \$40 day of show. VIP \$75 advance, \$85 day of show. Tickets at www.theaud.org. Questions? (479) 253-7333.

Headliner Rita Coolidge

Rita Coolidge's credentials are the stuff of legend. Before her career took off, she was a popular background singer on other people's albums – Leon Russell, Joe Cocker, Bob Dylan, Jimi Hendrix, Eric Clapton, Dave Mason, Graham Nash and Stephen Stills. She became known as "The Delta Lady" and inspired Russell to write a song of that name for her.

In 1973, Rita married singer, songwriter and actor Kris Kristofferson. During their eight-year union the pair teamed up for a number of hits.

In the '90s, her Cherokee heritage inspired increasing involvement in projects that would benefit or call attention to Native



RYTA COOLIDGE

American music, culture and issues, and she joined the group Walela (Cherokee for "Hummingbird") with her sister and niece. Rita is the recipient of a Native American Music Award for Lifetime Achievement.

Rita's passionate and pure voice excels at rock, pop, R&B, country and folk equally. Her impact is undiminished — her voice as pure, sweet and powerful as ever and her ability to get inside a song honed by experience.

Soup and ceramics *Art and food for the hungry soul*

Sate your hunger for art and good food at the Eureka Springs Pottery Association's Hungry Bowl benefit events for the food banks and pantries of Carroll County on Thursday, Oct. 8 and Saturday, Oct. 10, and know you're also helping to feed others.

Oct. 8, from 6 – 9 p.m. at Caribé Restaurant, come bid in live and silent auctions featuring live music and a cash bar. Work from many of the area's favorite artists will go to the highest bidder.

The main Soup & Bowl event takes place October 10, from 5 – 8 p.m. in the Eureka Springs High School cafeteria. Tickets are \$20 adults and \$5 children 12 and under – and include one amazing handmade ceramic bowl to take home and a serving of soup from one of a dozen fine restaurants. Beverages and live music included.

Advance tickets at Angler's Inn, Sparky's, Cornerstone Financial Center, Berryville Community Center, Green



Forest Public Library or by credit card at (870) 350-4955. All donations are accepted and are tax deductible through the Carroll County Literacy. More information: (870) 350-4955 or Eureka Springs Pottery Association on Facebook.

On the road to Golgotha

Gallery owner and artist, Paul Daniel Van Klaveren, presents his first one-man show in oil in a new exhibit, "Gethsemane and On Through To Golgotha" from Oct. 16 – Nov. 13 at the Paul Daniel Art Company, 125 Spring.

"This is my story, this is your story, this is our story as humans, brothers, sisters, and friends in a series of paintings about the walk of a 'Man' as told in chapters 26 and 27 in the book of Matthew," Daniel explained.

The opening reception is Friday, Oct. 16, from 6 – 9 p.m. The exhibit on display until Nov. 13 includes Paul's seven new original oil paintings as well as the work of 22 other artists.

More info: PD@PaulDanielCo.com, www.PaulDanielArt.com or (479) 265-7055.

Mercury Direct in Libra, Columbus Day, Libra New Moon, "Let Choice Be Made"

Mercury completes its retrograde Friday, poised stationary direct **Friday** evening at 0 Libra. Mercury begins its journey through Libra once again, completing its retrograde shadow October 12. Things should be a bit less complicated by then. Daily life works better, plans move forward, large purchases can be made, communication eases. Everything on hold during the retrograde is slowly released. Since we eliminated all thoughts and idea no longer needed (the purpose of Mercury's retrograde) during the retrograde, we can now gather new information – until the next retrograde occurs

January 5, 2016 (1.3 degrees Aquarius), retrograding back to 15 degrees Capricorn on January 25. It's good to know beforehand when Mercury will next retrograde. The day before Epiphany.

Monday is Columbus Day, when the sailor from Genoa arrived in the new lands (Americas), Oct. 12, 1492. This discovery by Columbus was the first encounter of Europeans with Native Americans. Other names for this day are "Discovery Day, Day of the Americas, Cultural Diversity Day, Indigenous People's Day & Dia de la Raza." Italian communities especially celebrate this day.

Oct. 12 is also Thanksgiving Day in Canada.

Monday is also the (19 degrees) Libra new moon festival. Libra's keynote while building the personality is "**Let choice be made.**" Libra is the sign of making life choices, often under great tension. The tension of opposing forces seeking harmony and balance. There is a battle between our lower (personality) and higher selves (Soul). We are tested and called to cultivate Right Judgment & Love. When we align with the Will-to-Good, Right Choice, Right Judgment & Love/Wisdom come forth, our tasks in Libra.

ARIES: We've all been through weeks of readjustment with the Mercury retrograde. How has it been for you in terms of relationship interactions? No one is immune from the retrograde. Have you discovered new ways of relating, or perhaps new information about those you love? In the coming weeks you'll reorient again and again and loving others more.

TAURUS: Finally you move forward with important daily tasks. Things have been confusing with bills and finances. You make changes but somehow they're not heard, recorded, implemented. Consider all delays as helping you. In the days ahead, you become more organized, details are tended to, life becomes steadier, more composed. You will do what is needed. The path is clear.

GEMINI: So much will change, more choices available and finally a true direction is sensed. But you still must weigh the dualities and make a choice. The future may be different than expected. What you don't choose may stay with you for a while. You will wonder if the choice was wrong. Should you retrace your steps no time is lost. Everything is an experience for greater knowledge. Everything leads you to a new creative focus. And tender care.

CANCER: You've been quite silent these past weeks. Tending to home and family and creative endeavors, laying new foundations

for the future. Silence is good, allowing us to sense directly each next step. Silence allows for no distractions. During this time of inner contemplation you are choosing the people who will remain in your life. And who will not. Remember to align always with the Will-to-Good.

LEO: Was there confusion and difficulty around communication these past weeks? Almost driving you to distraction, and perhaps a sense of despair. The winding road from one mind to another seemed blocked forever. Detours didn't work. Maps for the journey were blurred. In the coming weeks things become clear, less obstructed, uncertainties disappear. It's always good to stay in the heart especially when difficulties appear.

VIRGO: Financial matters will begin to resolve. It felt like your values were in question these past difficult weeks. But in reality they are stronger and now more in control of your life. Nothing has been lost. Not time or resources. But it's a good idea to redesign your financial picture, remembering to tithe first, to save second. Then tend to bills and everyday needs. Call upon Venus if help is needed.

LIBRA: Your daily life and its rhythms were

somehow disrupted. You are attempting to reorganize so each day it's easier to navigate. This change is temporary, though it calls for a great readjustment. You will be learning many things during this time, like understanding and compassion, especially for those you can't seem to forgive. Understanding comes at time through loss and suffering. It's how humanity learns.

SCORPIO: Things won't feel like they're solidified for several more weeks. You don't know what it is you need to feel more safe and secure. You just know you do. You hope something new occurs, new events to restructure your life. At times you pray. Asking for help. The veils are drawn in front of your eyes. Like Lady Justice. It's purposeful. So you can look more inward than outward. Into your heart. And study yourself a bit there.

SAGITTARIUS: You are pondering upon who you can trust, who your friends are (true friends), what groups you need to be part of for continued connections. There are new friends and old, new and old places. New realities quietly appear. You need people, ideas, work, home to be reliable, focused, real and secure. Your mantram again to help you: "Let reality govern my every thought

and truth be the master of my life." This mantram seeds everything.

CAPRICORN: It's important to be able to explain yourself, who you are, what is important to you. It's important to communicate, correcting difficult misconceptions that may have occurred during the retrograde. Communication is the basis for real love, the need for those we find valuable. Communication nurtures. And has the ability to bring truth into focus. Sometimes the truth is painful. In Libra we go back and forth about things. So we can later choose where we stand.

AQUARIUS: There's been a lot of uncertainty the last weeks. For some great changes are occurring. Some need to move. Some will travel. Begin a new journey. Enter onto a new path. Will it be the road known or the one less traveled? Most important, all items in one's life must be re-assessed and re-determined as to their usefulness. Anything not useful must be given away, sold or recycled. So you can be free. So choices can be made.

PISCES: Events transpire that lead to a reassessment of values and beliefs. Things forgotten reappear. People and places are remembered. You try to return to the past. But it disappears. This leaves one in grief. For Pisces, it's despair. You must do what you can to provide a sense of comfort and ease, a sense of independence and know the self as valuable. Summon the template of balance. Balance harmonizes. Neutralizes karma.



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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8

BASIN PARK BALCONY – *Catherine Reed*, Singer/Songwriter, 5 p.m.
GRAND TAVERNE – *Jerry Yester*, Grand Piano Dinner Music, 6:30 – 9:30 p.m.
LEGENDS SALOON – *Some Other Band*, Rock, 8 p.m.
NEW DELHI – *Karaoke with Jesse James*, 6:30 – 9:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9

BASIN PARK – *The Lark and the Loon*, Folk, 1 p.m., *Chucky Waggs*, Folk, 2 p.m., *Brian Martin*, Folk, 3 p.m., *Black Out Boys*, Folk, 4 p.m.
BASIN PARK BALCONY – *Hawgscalders*, Folk, 12 and 6 p.m.
CATHOUSE LOUNGE – *Deep Fried Squirrel*, Folk, 8 p.m.
CHELSEA'S – *Chucky Waggs and Eric Howell*, Folk Funk, 9 p.m.
EUREKA LIVE! – *DJ and Dancing*, 9 p.m.
GRAND TAVERNE – *Arkansas Red*, Amplified Acoustic Guitar Dinner Music, 6:30- 9:30 p.m.
LEGENDS SALOON – *DJ and Karaoke*
LE STICK – *Pete "Rock" Maiella*, Singer/Songwriter, 8 p.m.
NEW DELHI – *Shannon Holt Band*, Rock, 6 – 10 p.m.
ROWDY BEAVER – *Nate and the Declaration*, Rock, 7:30 p.m.
ROWDY BEAVER DEN – *Madison Avenue Band*, Rock, 9 p.m.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10

THE AUD – *Rita Coolidge*, Folk Fest Headliner, 7 p.m.
BASIN PARK – *Ozark Highballers*, Folk, 1 p.m., *Parade*, 2 p.m., *Sweet*



Sweet Water Gypsies play in the park Saturday afternoon at 2:30 following the parade.

Water Gypsies, Folk, 2:30 p.m., *Outside the Lines*, Folk, 3 p.m., *Shannon Wurst*, Folk, 4 p.m., *Pearl and the Divers*, Folk, 5 p.m.
BASIN PARK BALCONY – *James White*, Singer/Songwriter, 12 p.m.
BREWS – *Brian Martin*, Folk, 7 – 10 p.m.
CATHOUSE LOUNGE – *The Matchsellers*, Folk, 8 p.m.
CHELSEA'S – *Black Out Boys*, Folk, 2 – 5 p.m., *Sam and the Stylees*, Reggae, 9 p.m.
EUREKA LIVE! – *DJ & Dancing*, 9 p.m.
GRAND TAVERNE – *Jerry Yester*, Grand Piano Dinner Music, 6:30- 9:30 p.m.
LEGENDS SALOON – *Headley Lamar*, Rock, 8 p.m.
LE STICK – *Pete "Rock" Maiella*, Singer/Songwriter, 8 p.m.
NEW DELHI – *Medicine Man Show*, Folk, 6 – 10 p.m.
ROWDY BEAVER – *North of Forty*, Rock, 7:30 p.m.
ROWDY BEAVER DEN – *Arkansas Bootleg*, Rock, 1 – 5 p.m., *Nate and the Declaration*, Rock, 9 p.m.

STONE HOUSE – *Handmade Moments*, Folk, 7 p.m.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11

BASIN PARK BALCONY – *Michael Dimitri*, Singer/Songwriter, 12 p.m., *Sarah Loethen*, Singer/Songwriter, 5 p.m.
BREWS – *Cards Against Humanity/ Board Games*
CHELSEA'S – *Brian Martin*, Folk, 6 p.m.
EUREKA LIVE – *DJ, Dancing, and Karaoke*, 7- 11 p.m.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 12

BASIN PARK BALCONY – *Jeff Lee*, Singer/Songwriter, 12 and 6 p.m.
CHELSEA'S – *Sprungbilly*, Bluegrass, 8 p.m.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13

BASIN PARK BALCONY – *Michael Dimitri*, Singer/Songwriter, 12 p.m., *Steve Jones*, Singer/Songwriter, 6 p.m.
CHELSEA'S – *Open Mic*

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14

BASIN PARK BALCONY – *Pearl Brick*, Singer/Songwriter, 12 and 6 p.m.

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



I'm in love with two women, my wife of 25 years and a woman I met five years ago through a mutual recreational interest. They know I love them both and they share a close friendship themselves. We spend a lot of "family" time together and I share an intimate relationship with each separately. We're honestly regular folks in a very unconventional situation. Are we doomed?

Unconventional, yes. Doomed, no. Being in love with more than one person at the same time is not unusual or even unethical, assuming all parties are informed and in agreement. Ethical polyamorous relationships require the same respect, honesty and compassion as conventional monogamous relationships.

As many would believe, falling in love with another woman does not prove that you no longer love your wife or that she's "not enough" for you. No one blinks twice when a parent chooses to have a second child. Doing so never implies that the first child is inadequate. Just

as a parent can love more than one child, a person can love more than one romantic partner respectfully and compassionately. Loving a second partner or a second child does not require withholding love from the first. Love is not a limited resource. Love is not finite.

Polyamory is a difficult model to accept in our culture because it is not well understood. The misconceptions are endless. Polyamory is not free love or an open marriage. It's not swinging and it's definitely not a means to justify cheating or "legally" incorporate infidelity into an otherwise monogamous relationship.

Polyamory simply means sharing your life and your love with more than one partner. The terms, conditions and expectations of polyamorous relationships must be just as explicitly defined and adhered to as in monogamous relationships. Ethical polyamorous relationships ensure that everyone's needs are met and no one feels slighted.

Polyamory is a relationship model that can be

successful and sustainable. However, as with monogamy, polyamorous relationships can also end in diabolical disasters. All conventional relationship demolition tactics apply. You know, like never being specific, only hinting at what you want, assuming the worst, looking relentlessly for hidden messages, withholding sex, keeping that list of your partner's previous failings to use in all future conflicts and posting everything on Facebook.

Questions? Email 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.

Sunny side up

The 2015 American Solar Energy Society (ASES) National Solar Tour will conduct open houses of NWA energy efficient and solar-powered buildings, and everyone is invited to visit listed sites on Saturday, Oct. 17. Go to www.ases.org, then the 2015 National Solar Tour tab for locations in NW Arkansas.

This is a great opportunity to learn about a variety of small and large solar systems. As in previous years, many sites in Carroll County and surrounding areas will be available.

Eagle watch weekend Oct. 16 – 18

October brings brilliant fall foliage in the Ozarks and a perfect backdrop for photographing the Bald Eagles on Beaver Lake. Eagle Watch will be aboard the Belle on Oct. 16, 17 and 18 from the dock in Starkey Park located at 4024 Mundell Rd. Departures are 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. (closed Thursdays). If you can't come for the special event you can still book a cruise in October to experience seeing an eagle in the wild.

Expert guides help locate the birds along the shoreline where they perch and will also identify the trees in color. Reservations are recommended to insure seating and can be made by call (479) 253-6200.

Totally new daily Eureka tours

Totally New Eureka Van Tours and Shuttle will be running daily tours of Eureka Springs at 11 a.m. highlighting the major and lesser known attractions, points of interest, dining and epic stories for visitors.

From the early "cliff dwellers" 10,000 years ago to modern fighter jets, passengers will hear the dynamic stories of how the hidden valley has grown to be a distinctive destination in America. The tours boast minimal walking while enjoying the best variety of activities and events happening in Eureka Springs.

Group prices and private shuttles for groups and specials events are available. Reservations are recommended as tours do sell out. Purchase tickets at www.eurekavantours.com, at the Chamber of Commerce or ReserverEureka.com.



Why not a parking lot? The old wolf oak on College St. in Berryville is still providing shade, and getting ready to shed her leaves for winter. The city wants to cut her down to put in a sidewalk, which defies taking care of the neighborhood and city and state and planet, but at least she's still standing today. Numerous people have offered to pay for the sidewalk to go around the tree rather than lose her. Your move, Mayor McKinney.

PHOTO BY MARY NELL BILLINGS



What I did on my summer vacation – Local carpenter and former Clear Spring School teacher, Jim Fliss, (tallest) has been summering in Redditt, Ontario, since 1962, when he was a mere tadpole. Jim spends most of his time reading, napping and pike fishing for dinner parties, but this year he volunteered to help Habitat for Humanity erect a new home in nearby Kenora for Cathy Patzel (l). Also slinging hammers were Cathy's sister, Dawn Patzel, Marion Hutchings and project manager Richard Bemben. PHOTO BY RUTH BOWIE, KENORA DAILY MINER AND NEWS



Fresh funds – Fresh Harvest raffled off a Harley Davidson rolling cooler, had a ring toss game and gave out free water with any donation – raising \$243 for the fur kids at Good Shepherd Humane Society during Bikes, Blues and BBQ. Above, Janet Chupp and Tracy Netherton manned the booth at Pine Mountain Village – without earplugs! PHOTO SUBMITTED



Local boat maker takes 1st place at White River Rumble

Ervin Capps, Eureka Springs native and owner of Cheyenne Custom Boats won his division in the White River Rumble in Batesville, Arkansas, with his drag boat *Big Bird Express*. The boat blazed the eighth of a mile course in 5.61 seconds running 93 miles an hour against a six mile an hour river current.

Capps also had built or race-prepared three of the winning boats in four racing divisions. The drag boat community was supportive of his efforts. "As many times as he has helped drivers win it was fun to see him out on the water with us. If I had to lose, I am glad it was to a legend," said a young fellow racer.

Erwin Capps, who is also an award-winning boat restorer, is just another example of the creativity and talent that runs abundant in Eureka Springs.

Roadside cleanup and picnic lunch

The Holiday Island Hospitality Association will sponsor the semi-annual roadside cleanup on Saturday, Oct. 17. The cleanup will meet at the Holiday Island Clubhouse north parking lot at 9 a.m. and volunteers will receive their road assignments and supplies. A picnic lunch will be provided for all volunteers at approximately 11:30 a.m. at the Recreation Center Pavilion. There will be no rain date.

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suggestions on the list."

Here is her list of ways to make or keep friends:

1. Speak to people when you meet or pass them on the street. Just a simple hello as you pass by. Add a smile to that and it doubles the pleasure.
2. Go places. Join groups. Find friends at gatherings that reflect your major interests.
3. Play Words With Friends, a game French plays with her three older aunts who all live alone in different states and need human contact as much as she does.
4. Speak to at least three people every day. It can be on the phone, in stores, or personal visits.
5. Contact at least one close friend besides one you live with. Touching is good: holding hands, hugging, kissing.

6. Try writing cards and letters in your handwriting.

7. House calls. Don't be so afraid of disturbing someone that you don't stop by to visit.

8. Phone calls. Sure, a phone call takes more time than an email. "What's a more important thing to do with your time?" French asks. "In this situation, when you want to satisfy your daily need for people, it's going to take time and it's time well spent. Pick up the phone and call!"

French said her close friends enhance her self-esteem, provide companionship, enhance her sense of security and make her feel needed.

Happy Birthday: Adjusting to Life's Changes as the Birthdays Keep on Coming is available at www.amazon.com and as a Kindle book. French enjoys speaking on women and aging, and can be reached at (479) 409-2501 or alicefrench@cox.net.

DEPARTURES

Arnold G. Merbitz Sept. 7, 1928 – Sept. 27, 2015

Arnold G. Merbitz, of Eureka Springs, Ark., was born Sept. 7, 1928 in Chicago, Ill., a son of Arnold and Helen (Scherbarth) Merbitz. He departed this life Sunday, Sept. 27, 2015 in Fayetteville, at age 87.

Arnold enjoyed gardening, walking, writing and reading. In April 1952, Arnold was united in marriage with Donalda "Doni" Lundquist who survives him of the home. He is also survived by two sons, Charles Merbitz, DPM of Eureka Springs, Ark., and Erik Lawrence and wife, Nina, of Green Forest, Ark., and three daughters, Tana and husband, Keith Davis, of San Diego, Calif.; Marta and husband, Bud Patterson, of

San Diego, Calif.; Kyri Azar of Albuquerque, New Mexico; one brother, Chuck Merbitz and wife, Nancy, of Chicago, and two sisters, Pauline Masterton of Tallahassee, Fla., and Liz and husband, Jim Pare, of Boca Raton, Fla., and one brother-in-law, Wally Parham of Vienna, Va.; and six grandchildren, Satya, Kamin, Alexandra, Erik, Jake and Luke.

Arnold was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Lenore Parham. Interment was at the Eureka Springs Cemetery under direction of Nelson Funeral Service. Online condolences may be sent to the family at nelsonfuneral.com. © Nelson Funeral Service, Inc. 2015



Richard "Rick" Alfred Gaffga Dec. 9, 1943 – Sept. 29, 2015

Richard "Rick" Alfred Gaffga, of Berryville, Ark., was born Dec. 9, 1943 in Chicago, Ill., a son of Alfred Charles and Merle Marie (Nancarrow) Gaffga. He departed this life Tuesday, Sept. 29, in Kansas City, Mo., at age 71.

Richard proudly served his country in the United States Army. He worked for Tyson Foods for many years and enjoyed woodworking. He was a member of Church of God (Holiness) in Berryville.

On October 15, 1983, Richard was united in marriage with Carolyn Sue (Boothe) Gaffga who survives him of the home. He is also survived by one son, Shaun Gaffga of Wheat Ridge, Colo.; two brothers, Jim Gaffga and wife, Shirley, of Eagle Rock, Mo., and Gary Gaffga of Chicago; and a host of other family, friends, and loved ones.

Richard was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Brian Gaffga.

Memorial services were Monday, October 5, at the Church of God (Holiness) with Brother Mark Pepple officiating. Cremation arrangements are under the direction of Nelson Funeral Service. Memorial donations may be made to the Church of God (Holiness), 210 North Springfield, Berryville, AR 72616. Online condolences may be sent to the family at nelsonfuneral.com. © Nelson Funeral Service, Inc. 2015





Thought maybe y'all might want to see something besides striper this week and we only had one trip on Beaver and it was a very cold day with northeast winds. A little early for gloves for me. Looks like we're going to get some south winds that will pick it all up again.

We do have a pic of Pam Cook who was up with husband, Mike, to do some trout fishing. This was our big fish just over 16 inches long. Marshmallow and worm got this one. Trout seem to always be hungry for a snack. If you fish upriver from Houseman remember that you can only keep one over 16 inches and the rest have to be under 13 inches with a limit of 5. Also barbless hooks for bait.

Well, both lakes have cooled down to about 73° with the stripers on Beaver on the move to the top and now being caught from the dam area to Rocky Branch from the surface down to 30 feet deep. The

fall bite should be on pretty good after this week and should stay hot with a lot of surface feeding up to Christmas or our first big icestorm.

The gulls should also be here to help you find where the fish are pushing the bait to the top. Walleye are still being caught off the flats here at Holiday Island down around 20 ft. deep trolling or working jigs, nightcrawlers and minnows close to the bottom. Crappie are still in water over 20 ft. deep with sunken brush on minnows and jigs 8 – 12 ft. deep. A lot of spotted bass are being caught on top water lures early then drop shotting or working a crankbait after the sun moves the bait down. The back of the creeks will also be holding a lot of small bait.

Well, I hope this might help you catch your dinner. If you don't, give us a try and we will even get them ready for the skillet for ya. Enjoy the week, enjoy the weather too. Nice.

by Mike Boian

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1. Circular tent

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8. Unisex shirts

12. Sheltered

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14. Minor royal title

15. Mid-leg hinge

16. Practice one's lines

18. Sorrowful

19. Old, worn, dog-_____

20. Fresh, creative

21. Way to get bread or pizza

23. Soak in water

25. Trim, as trees or bushes

27. Person with extreme zeal

31. Taxi

32. Electrically charged particle

33. Big event

34. Hint, suggestion

36. Dark, shadowy

37. Hurricane center

38. Nonsense, usually British usage

39. Bikini part

42. Shady recess, formed by trees or bushes

44. Implement of access

47. Source of on the scene information

49. In this place

50. Seaport in Yemen

51. Highest mountain in Crete

52. Tennis star Kournikova

53. Prescribed amount

54. Fire residue

55. British light submachine gun

11. Killed

17. Paradise

19. Squeeze out a living

22. Joint connecting one's leg and foot

24. Lisbon river

25. _____ Beta Kappa

26. Colors that bled

27. The _____ of War, about Robert McNamara

28. Capital of Uzbekistan

29. Sort, type

30. Small, low island

32. Inactivity or sluggishness

35. Eighth month of Jewish calendar

36. Insect that buzzes in flight

38. The Pentateuch

39. Slender wire nail

40. Repeat the effort

41. Copies

43. Sections of a garden

45. Sea bird

46. Bring forth young (sheep or goats)

48. An Army of _____

49. Possesses
- DOWN
1. Large Tibetan oxen

2. Forearm bone

3. Yellowish African antelope

4. "Suits him to a _____"

5. Goddesses of the seasons

6. River between Germany and Poland

7. Capital of Iran

8. English midafternoon beverage

9. Work to deserve

10. Gaelic

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Claims to fame

True to its cartoon depiction, roadrunners with their long, stout legs are remarkably fast runners. Estimates for their top speed vary from 15-20 miles per hour – impressive for a bird only one foot tall. According to the Cornell University All About Birds website, “As they run they hold their lean frames nearly parallel to the ground and rudder with their long tails.” They prefer to scamper on the ground but can fly short distances to avoid predators if they must. Their wings are actually short and rounded.

Also impressive is their opportunistic diet. Except in winter when they will eat fruit and seeds, roadrunners are primarily carnivorous, feeding on a long list of insects, spiders, lizards, frogs, snakes, rodents and small birds. Grasshoppers are popular snacks for roadrunners. They usually hunt from the cover of a small shrub and have been witnessed leaping to capture in midair hummingbirds and dragonflies.

The DesertUSA website describes what must be a wonder to behold: “Using its wings like a matador cape, it snaps up a coiled rattlesnake by the tail, cracks it like a whip and repeatedly slams the snake’s head against the ground until dead. It then swallows its prey whole, but it is often unable to swallow the entire length at one time. This does not stop the roadrunner from its normal routine. It will continue to meander about with the snake dangling from its mouth, consuming another inch or two as the snake slowly digests.”

The cartoon never showed us that

side of the roadrunner.

Roadrunner family life

Roadrunners live alone for their first two or three years. Then, on a spring day when the time is right, the male will offer food to lure a prospective mate. According to Desert USA, the male will dance around with food, display plumage, and the female will beg for it. She gets the food after their brief special moment.

They both gather small sticks for a nest that the female uses to build a nest in a shrub or bush or, in the desert, a cactus. Nests are usually in a thicket of short trees or bushes rather than in woods.

She lays up to a dozen eggs over the next couple of days. Incubation lasts almost three weeks, and both parents participate. Hatching is asynchronous, and usually only three or four fledglings survive. They leave the nest after a couple of weeks and begin to forage with the parents after a few more days. If there is sufficient food, the parents might have two broods in a season. They do not migrate but stay in their nesting area year-round.

Roadrunners sometimes fall prey to hawks, house cats, raccoons, large snakes or skunks. And, yes, coyotes.

Roadrunners are monogamous and mate for life. Roadrunner life expectancy is maybe eight years. The male’s typical song is a cooing sound similar to its cuckoo cousins.

All About Birds states the best way to see one is when it might scurry into the open looking for lizards, frogs or mice along quiet country roads in open country... such as halfway down Rockhouse Road, for example.

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states have Amish except Arkansas. One year we would go east and the next year we would go west. So we got quilts from all over the U.S. The quality of Amish quilts is amazing. They are works of art. They take many, many hours to complete.”

In addition to quilts, the store has offered

many other items including handmade lace curtains, Amish toys, educational toys, baby clothing, baskets, garden art and wedding supplies.

“Because there are so many weddings in Eureka Springs, we have carried things people may have forgotten and need at the last minute like the ring pillow, a garter, guest book or flowers,” McClung said. “We also carried quite a lot of Christmas items. Jim Shore was very popular. We were one of the biggest dealers of Jim Shore.”

Who will fill the space in the bottom level of the Flatiron building? That isn’t known. There have been inquiries about renting the space, but no one has signed a lease.

“Just as soon as I get out, it will be available,” said McClung, who is offering quilts at 40 percent off and all other items at 60 percent off in order to clear out the inventory.

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