



Beaver Watershed Alliance asks CBWD for a big raise

Protection now would reduce long-term costs

NICKY BOYETTE

John Pennington of the Beaver Watershed Alliance made a presentation at the Oct. 15 Carroll-Boone Water District board meeting asking the board to consider passing a three cents per thousand gallons increase to help fund a long-range plan to protect the water quality of Beaver Lake. CBWD has donated \$5000 the past two years to BWA. Pennington's request would be equivalent to CBWD customers committing to \$65,700 annually, a considerable increase.

He said BWA hopes the four water suppliers – CBWD, Beaver Water District, the Benton-Washington Regional and the MC Regional Water District – would implement the increase, or “source water protection fee,” by March 2016.

Pennington stated BWA has a goal of maintaining a “dependable, safe and affordable water supply,” but cautioned degradation of the water supply would lead to more expensive treatment if suppliers want to assure quality water for customers. His proposal was to ask all utilities around the lake to invest next year in a watershed fund to be administered by BWA. The scope of the plan looks at

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Infinity table – Center Street was shut down for a little outdoor dining last week as Eureka Springs Downtown Network hosted the Arkansas Parks & Tourism Commission and department management team. Numerous Eureka Springs business owners, restaurateurs and volunteer waitstaff made this special mini-fest, downtown tour and street dinner successful. Our guests from around the state were impressed by the hospitality.

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This Week's INDEPENDENT Thinker

It was closing in on their wedding day, a mere five days away. The reception had been paid for in advance and the \$35,000 fee was unrefundable.

Then the groom mentioned he was having doubts, and the wedding was called off.



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Mother of the bride, Kari Duane, decided to advertise, quickly, in homeless shelters. Ninety people showed up Saturday afternoon at Sacramento's Citizen Hotel banquet hall – old people, young parents, financially strapped people, people down on their luck. Hungry people. They were served appetizers, salads, vegetables, salmon, tri-tip steak, the works.

Then the non-refundable flowers were distributed to local nursing homes.

And the honeymoon in Belize? Kari and her still single daughter are splashing in some of the cleanest, most breathtaking water in the world.

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Burn Ban

It's warm, dry and dusty out there. Eureka Springs Fire Chief Randy Ates has issued a Burn Ban for the City of Eureka Springs which will be in effect until an announcement is made that the ban is lifted. Check Eureka Springs Fire & EMS on Facebook for updates.

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protection strategies for 30 years down the road.

BWA provides staff “to assist land-owners of the Beaver Lake watershed with technical assistance regarding priorities such as a stream bank stabilization, pasture management, forest management, land conversation and construction site management,” Pennington said.

He commented the quality of the water in Beaver Lake is questionable and particular contaminants have increased faster than expected. Since it is a complicated mix of variables that contribute to the problem, Pennington said he is “not sure what to expect,” and claimed protection now would reduce costs over the long-term.

He asked the board to consider his proposal, and “do what you feel is reasonable.”

Chair James Yates told Pennington his first reaction was “sticker shock at what you’re asking for.” He pointed out CBWD is going through several projects at the moment, and the board had already recently asked its four customers to incur a rate increase. His said it was too early to implement another increase, and if Pennington convinced the cities to approve another increase, then okay, but otherwise he was uncomfortable doing so.

Board members mentioned they wanted more information about where the problems originate and who is responsible. They also wanted any investment they made to go directly toward solutions and not toward administration.

Engineers’ report

Chris Hall, consultant and engineer with McGoodwin, Williams & Yates, told the board relocation of transmission lines related to the US 62 widening project near Green Forest was completed. The project will be closed as soon as there is enough rainfall to make the grass grow where they have been working.

Phase I of the parallel transmission line project has progressed to the point of stockpiling materials, primarily 42-in. pipe, in preparation for installation. Hall said one change to the initial plan was initiated by the manufacturer regarding pipe that will go under the Kings River. Instead of boring the tunnel and inserting

a pipe that would require being pulled back out for repair, the manufacturer suggested using a different kind of pipe which could be repaired from within. He will provide an update on that part of the project at the January meeting.

Hall also reported on progress with repair of the coating on the filters at the West Plant. The filters he referred to are deep cisterns through which water flows during purification. Hall said there have been cracks in the coating covering the filters, and he and the manufacturer disagree about what caused the cracks. Hall said he suspects the cracks were caused by the product not being able to handle drastic weather changes in Arkansas.

To resolve the dispute, the manufacturer will conduct a test over the winter, and results in April 2016 hopefully will solve the debate.

Business report

- General Manager Barry Connell reported one of the properties they use for disposal of sludge that collects in their tanks is up for sale. They haul the sludge 12-14 miles to 300 acres east of Gateway. He said it might be that nothing changes or they might need to find an alternate site, possibly in Missouri, for some of the sludge. He will know more before the January meeting.

- Connell also reported electricity costs this year have been lower than budgeted because of the moderate weather. He mentioned he pays special attention to which pumps along the line are pumping to make efficient use of electricity.

- Office manager Cathy Klein presented her 2016 budget that includes a five percent raise for 12 employees and a ten percent raise for one person who took on some of Connell’s former responsibilities. She said the raises were based on being competitive with nearby districts rather than cost of living adjustments. The budget included two new employees hired in July. Yates said they must offer raises if they want to keep good employees, and he had no problems with Klein’s budget. The board voted to approve the proposed budget.

Next meeting will be Thursday, January 21, 2016, at 10 p.m., at the Freeman-Raney Water Treatment Plant.



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Tour of Homes and facial hair funded

NICKY BOYETTE

The City Advertising and Promotion Commission (CAPC) approved two funding requests for upcoming events at its Oct. 14 meeting. Dee Bright, chair of the Preservation Society, represented the 33rd Christmas Tour of Homes that will take place Saturday, Dec. 5, from 3-8 p.m. She told the commission the tour gets “tons of repeat out-of-town visitors,” some who stay the entire week. Bright said she gets regular visitors from Memphis and Dallas and as far away as Minneapolis.

Chair Charles Ragsdell, who with his wife, Lori, owns the Rosalie on Spring Street, said they greeted 800 guests when they were part of the tour.

Bright asked the commission for \$1000 for advertising in the I-49 corridor. The CAPC did not fund the event in 2014 and Bright said she noticed a decrease in visitors from the Fayetteville to Bentonville area.

Bright pointed out the Preservation Society uses the proceeds from the event to fund projects around town such as those created by the Parks Department.

Commissioner Damon Henke stated firmly it made no sense for the CAPC not to fund the \$1000, and commissioner

Terry McClung asked if they could add a bit more for television ads. Ragsdell suggested Executive Director Mike Maloney could instead include the Tour of Homes in his Christmas video spots that promote the whole town.

Vote to fund \$1000 for the Tour of Homes was unanimous.

Don't shave yet

Jacqueline Wolven of the Eureka Springs Downtown Network and Latigo Treuer of the Pied Piper Pub and Inn represented the request of \$1000 for radio advertising along the I-49 corridor for the Great Ozarkan Beard Off to be held Nov. 27-29. Treuer said the event is a fundraiser for Arkansas Prostate Health and Cancer Foundation, and there will be 12 different events around town. He said there will be more than beards on display – mustaches, sideburns and goatees will also, as they say, go head-to-head.

Wolven said some of the participants take their facial hair on the road to whiskered events nationwide, and their goal is to become a regular stop on the circuit. She also mentioned a person in the corridor pledged to match the first \$1000 raised by the event.

McClung said he appreciated what Treuer and his sister, Fatima, do for the

city and moved to fund the request. Vote to approve his motion was unanimous.

Holiday cheering

Maloney said the CAPC would be kicking off its Christmas ad campaign Nov. 6 with ads in 13 cities. The theme this year will be “Rockin’ around the Christmas Tree.” He has budgeted \$75,000 for television, print, outdoor and digital ads.

McClung stated with this advertising push along with the \$34,000 city council allocated for refurbishing the stock of decorations, “Maybe Christmas will be back.”

Maloney said the Christmas lights would be turned on Nov. 27, the day after Thanksgiving. Eureka Springs is also back on the Arkansas Trail of Holiday Lights.

Maloney mentioned the usual locations – Dallas, Tulsa, Wichita, among others – were again the most frequent visitors to eureka springs.org, and he included Illinois, with Chicago now scoring in the top ten in viewership. Commissioner Ken Ketelsen said he encountered people in his restaurant from Chicago who found Eureka Springs in different fashions. One wanted to meet up with a person from south Texas, so they chose a place in the middle. A Chicago couple found Eureka Springs through visiting Branson. Maloney said the precision-targeted people who looked up Branson and Chicago kept popping up.

He also commented a participant in this year’s Indie Film Festival alluded to the experience in an interview which led to Eureka Springs being mentioned by approximately 50 television stations. He added Eureka Springs has already got excellent play in media because of the Folk Festival.

Other items

- Bright announced year-to-date collections through August are up 5.4 percent over 2014 collections through the same period.

- The commission voted to reseat Ken Ketelsen to Position 3.

- Ragsdell mentioned there would be a joint workshop with city council Wednesday, Oct. 28, in the Auditorium.

Next workshop will be Wednesday, Oct. 28, at 6 p.m., at the Auditorium. Next regular meeting will be Wednesday, Nov. 11, at 6 p.m.



Cover story – Greater Eureka Springs Chamber of Commerce and Visitor Guide advertisers were treated to the unveiling of the 2016 Eureka Springs Visitor Guide cover at a recent soiree at the Inn of the Ozarks. At left, in charge of advertising, is Terri Brockleman with Interim Chamber President Damon Henke.

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Eastern Ambulance District has rocky ride at Quorum Court

NICKY BOYETTE

The Carroll County Quorum Court went around and around Monday evening about creating an ambulance district for the eastern part of the county before realizing they agreed about most everything except the particulars of what the long-term funding mechanism would be.

Justice of the Peace John Reeve moved to approve the second reading of the ordinance establishing the ambulance district, but immediately JP Marty Johnson said he had a problem with the section in the first paragraph which stated the ordinance would not only provide for an ambulance district but “provide procedures to finance said services.”

Johnson interpreted that language to mean the county would be on the hook for bailing out an ambulance district if finances fell short. JP John Howerton agreed, but Reeve said the Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) that would

oversee the ambulance district, would establish parameters for the ambulance service, and, in the event of a shortfall, appeal to voters to approve a millage to support it.

JP Lamont Richie wondered why any ambulance company would even bid for the job knowing there is no tax base to support it. Reeve replied at this point in the process the CAB is just trying to set up an ambulance district so it will survive.

Judge Sam Barr gave the floor to Richard Harp, CAB member, along with Green Forest mayor Charlie Reece, Nestor Rivera, Josh Peeden, Roberta Frye and Dr. Milo Warner. Harp gave a brief retrospective of ambulance service in the eastern part of the county for the past 40 or so years. He said his board is looking at ways to make the district work, but every strategy tried so far has been “a losing proposition.”

He said the only consistent period of ambulance service was when the county subsidized it because of a handshake agreement; and when elections changed those involved, the subsidy disappeared. He stated his board is looking for a long-range plan so their ambulance district can be as stable as the Western Carroll County Ambulance District (WCCAD), which is supported by a 2 mill tax.

JP Jack Deaton, who is also the Holiday Island Fire Chief, agreed the eastern part deserves a quality ambulance service, and he is “all for getting it going.”

Brian Unruh, EMS manager for the North Arkansas Regional Medical Center, told the court the ambulance district can set up the kind of service it wants to provide – establish a target for response times, for example, which would determine how many ambulances it needed and how many EMTs it must have on board. All of this leads to budgeting requirements.

“There is a lot of money attached to ambulance service but not much profit,” he commented.

He also pointed out there were four ambulance companies represented at the meeting, so there must be an interest in being the service provider.

“It gets down to what you want and

what it costs to provide it,” he said.

Deaton said he was willing to vote to approve the second reading at that meeting, but wanted assurances from assistant district attorney Devon Goodman the ordinance was sound because the county cannot afford to subsidize the district.

Goodman replied the ordinance was “legally sufficient. Your difficulties will be practical.” She said the ambulance district would have to find funding because the ordinance does not provide a revenue stream.

Allen Usrey of the Southern Paramedic Service advised the court to first establish the district and go from there. Robert Tollett of Ozark EMS added, “Don’t fool yourself. It will take a vote of the people for funding it.”

Reece also addressed the funding issue. “There’s no such thing as a free lunch. There will be a cost but it is up to us to manage the cost.” He said he does not intend to leave his [Green Forest] citizens without an ambulance service, and will be talking to ambulance companies for his city if the county cannot move forward to provide the service.

“No one wants to spend money, but we need an ambulance service. We need to get this fixed,” Reece remarked.

Commentary around the table seemed united on the need for reliable ambulance service to cover the eastern part of the county, but differences persisted as to whether the ordinance at this point was the vehicle they wanted.

Nevertheless the vote to approve the second reading was 10-1, Johnson voting No.

JP Matt Phillips moved to read the ordinance for its third and final reading, but the vote to even read it was 7-4 against. Phillips, Reeve and JPs Joe Mills and Don McNeely voted Yes, so the third reading will occur at the Nov. 16 meeting.

Barr later commented when Mercy Hospital told him they would have to quit their ambulance service in the county because they were losing money, he felt threatened, and that is why he involved Ozark EMS to complement Mercy’s

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Mayor's Task Force pitches more, better jobs

NICKY BOYETTE

At the Oct. 14 gathering of the Mayor's Task Force on Economic Development, Chair Sandy Martin introduced the draft of a 37-page presentation intended to attract new businesses to the Eureka Springs area with the goal of creating more year-round jobs that would pay higher wages for locals.

The presentation focuses on the theme of Live/Work/Play and Martin said it brings together a pitch to potential businesses along with a resource guide for prospective newcomers and a guide for easing the transition to moving here.

She also showed lists of trade and professional associations, such as the Arkansas Association of Sales Representatives, through which the city could gain access to company administrators who might see Eureka Springs as a relocation site.

Their task, Martin stated, would be to decide where to go and who goes there to make the presentation... "and then let's do it." She added there has also been discussion about producing a companion video or an electronic component that could combine the presentation with video links.

Martin said one goal would be to change the perception that starting a business in Eureka Springs is difficult. "Eureka Springs is easy. Sneeze and you're in business," she commented.

Alderman Terry McClung said it was

not always that way and cited examples of previous complications. Mayor Butch Berry, however, pointed out Eureka Springs is far easier than some cities, and businesses do move here. Rick Bright, finance director of the City Advertising and Promotion Commission, mentioned O'Reilly's Auto Parts persevered and brought to town a business that created 14 full-time jobs.

Martin viewed the situation as those who prefer the old Eureka Springs ways with limited employment opportunity versus change.

McClung contended a business might look at local motels on the auction block and other empty storefronts and be scared away. "That hurts," he said.

Berry stated the stumbling block for the recent attempt by Walmart to build a Walmart Express here was the city council at the time. He said council needs more progressive thinkers rather than "aginners."

"It has been city government that has stood in the way of attracting businesses. It's different now," Berry commented.

He said he has talked to Walmart representatives since their attempt to move here and wondered if their plan might have had a better chance if they had targeted a different location in town. He said they are still aware there is property here.

McClung stated the city turned away a good opportunity and it remains hard to woo prospective businesses because of it.

"So who do we want to woo?" Martin

asked. She said the town does not need many newcomers to make a big difference.

The group tossed around examples of possible businesses they considered low-hanging fruit, but Bright pointed out the city might need to offer incentives to pull them in. Berry said the city budget is so tight now it would be difficult to offer tax breaks.

Martin asked even if a new business wanted to move to the county, would there be an appropriate workforce? She said North Arkansas College received funds for workforce development, and Supt. Brian Pruitt wants Eureka Springs students to be involved.

Berry added there is state money available for conversion schools similar to the Pea Ridge Manufacturing and Business Academy in which teachers teach what businesses want. In fact, local businesses like Walmart bring in the teachers, and a high percentage of graduates find employment with decent wages. Martin mentioned local sites available for a conversion school or another educational or training facility could be the National Guard Armory in Berryville, and the Victoria Inn and vacant school property in Eureka Springs.

Members of the group agreed to homework assignments such as identifying the best choices in the list of trade shows to attend, making contact with links to potential new employers, and studying the draft presentation. Martin and Berry agreed to get on the agenda of a Board of Realtors meeting to bring them into the loop because Realtors would be an important point of contact between the city and potential entrepreneurs who want to move to town.

Next meeting will be Wednesday, Nov. 11, at 10 a.m., at the Auditorium.

CCSO Detention Officer Arrested

Investigators with the Carroll County Sheriff's Office arrested Detention Officer Irvin Gerald Earles on Oct. 15 as a result of an investigation into allegations of misconduct within the Detention Center. Earles was terminated at the time he was arrested.

Earles, a resident of Berryville, was hired as a Detention Officer at the CCSO on Feb. 25, 2015. He was previously employed as a Detention Officer at CCSO from June 11, 2011 until satisfactory separation on June 21, 2014.

CCSO Maj. George Frye said Earles was fired for providing prisoners with candy and cigarettes. Inmates must purchase these items at the commissary.

"It was a violation of the Conspiracy Statute. He knew better. Nothing can be brought into the jail. On ten occasions, Earles conspired to bring contraband into the Detention Center, and on at least two occasions, he did bring contraband in," Frye said.

Earles faces charges of Conduct Constituting Conspiracy – Class D Felony (10 counts) and Furnishing, Possessing, or Using Prohibited Articles – Class C Felony (2 counts). Bond has been set at \$100,000. Earles is being housed in the Benton County Detention Center.

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Upgrades all around at Carroll County Airport

NICKY BOYETTE

Carroll County Airport (CCA) manager Michael Pfeifer's Oct. 16 report at the Airport Commission meeting was a two-page checklist of maintenance items and meetings being accomplished one-by-one. Bills were paid, files reorganized, the state auditor visited, burned out runway lights replaced, rotating beacon adjusted, grass mowed, more gas delivered because more gas is being purchased, and the Ozark Flying Club (OFC) has relocated back to CCA.

He has also instituted a fly-in, drive-in breakfast at the airport on the third Saturday each month.

Pfeifer reported consulting engineer Dan Clinton received four grants for CCA totaling just over \$18,300 for upgrades for the fuel system, the runway apron, road repair and Phase I of the perimeter fencing project. The troublesome fuel dispenser will be replaced in November, and the hose, at the end of its life expectancy, will be replaced next year. Pfeifer said

the commission should look at installing some kind of awning or covering over at least the dispensing end of the fuel tank.

Clinton told the commission the company who will be resurfacing the runway announced the project would be delayed until April 2016.

Chair Morris Pate commented with the return of OFC, all units of the new eight-bay hangars are rented and only three hangars on the north side of the runway are available. There have been brisk overnight hangar rentals, as well.

Commissioner Chase Tresler suggested they consider relocating an out of the way hangar on the south side of the property because it is unapproachable and unusable as it stands now. Commissioner Mark Mallet said if they removed it there would be four or five acres available, and Pfeifer added the space could house another eight-bay hangar.

Commissioners discussed strategies for adding more hangars – where to put them and how to arrange them – and after ideas had flown around awhile, commissioner Sandy Martin moved to have Clinton do a feasibility study on how to maximize their space to bring in the most revenue. Commissioners approved her motion.

Martin also made a motion for Clinton to seek a grant for a Jet-A fuel tank or tanker truck to hold the fuel. Jet-A is a kerosene-type fuel. Pfeifer asked if it should be prioritized ahead of the runway extension.

Pate announced flight instructor Harvey Cleveland has soloed five students at CCA, and one of current students is Sen. Bryan King, who said he wants to purchase a plane and house it at CCA.

Pfeifer also acknowledged volunteer bookkeeper Lanna Fletcher for her work on attempting to reconcile past financial records. Fletcher said she began to go back through records and has discovered that entries in financial statements and check registers simply did not coincide. She was unsure how far back she should go, and Martin suggested no farther than January 2014.

Pate stated their decision would depend on what auditors want. Martin offered to check with their bank to see how to make the process hereafter simpler and secure.

Justice of the Peace Lamont Richie had suggested a different format for CCA financial reporting to Quorum Court, and Martin said she agreed with Richie's suggestion because "it would eventually help us partner better with Quorum Court because they can see what we need out here."

Pfeifer told the commission financial records related to perceived past financial indiscretions are in the office of the Prosecuting Attorney who will determine what happens next. He said it is possible CCA might recoup some of its losses.

Next meeting will be Friday Nov. 20, at 12 p.m.

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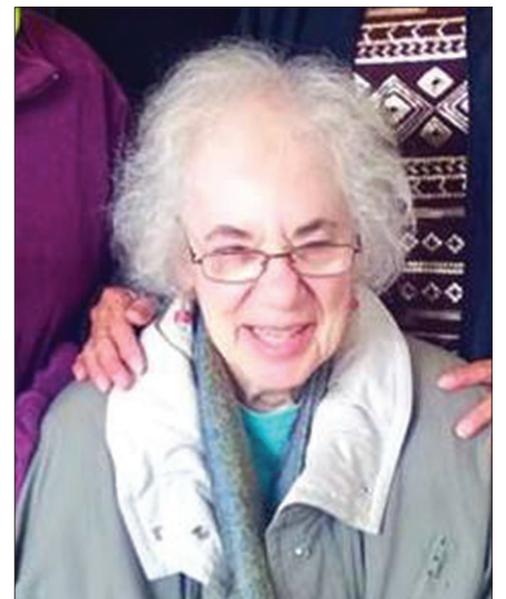
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Jamie Froelich is making a poster of photos and Barbara's accomplishments. Anyone who has images or documents they'd like to submit digitally are requested to email them to Jamie at jfroelich@wildblue.net, along with any questions you may have.



Signs get noticed, traffic flow gets hearing

NICKY BOYETTE

Commissioner Melissa Greene told the Planning Commission at the Oct. 13 meeting she has been noticing possibly illegal signs and banners here and there around town. She claimed people have expressed discontent about perceived violations of the sign ordinance being ignored.

“Are we missing something?” she asked.

Chair Jim Morris replied he has not seen a major problem, but folks over time forget what Code allows and things begin to get out of hand.

Commissioner Pat Lujan agreed there are situations such as banners that stay up too long and use of A-frame sidewalk signs which appear to violate City Code.

Commissioner Steve Beacham suggested they collect photographs of examples of possible violations, and commissioners agreed to review the sign ordinance and discuss signs and enforcement at the next meeting.

No way on one-way

Greene read a letter from Fire Chief Randy Ates in which he stated his “grave concerns” about changing Wall Street or sections of Armstrong Street into one-way streets as had been discussed at Planning. One reason he offered was that fire hydrants have been strategically placed according to the traffic flow. Also emergency plans are already in place and reasons given so far to change traffic flow are not sufficient in his view to prompt an overhaul of their plans. Another reason would be traffic confusion for locals but especially for visitors to town.

Ates stated the one-way idea needed further research.

Morris said he was not ready to drop the discussion. He commented all of Ates’s

objections could be handled, and reasons for the discussion still stood.

He contended residents were entitled to a voice in the decision because they are the ones who must endure the inconveniences that led to the discussion. He maintained locals must put up with speeders on Wall Street daily, and it was never intended to be a thoroughfare. He insisted there should be more consistent enforcement of the 15 mph limit there.

Lujan responded he has talked to some residents in these particular areas and those he spoke to did not want their street to become one-way. “I don’t see it’s fair to change if residents don’t want it. We should drop the one-way issue if residents don’t want it,” he said.

Commissioners concurred public input should be included in any discussion of changing traffic patterns in residential areas.

Morris clarified his primary concern, besides speeding on Wall Street, was the section of Armstrong from Main Street up the hill where he has seen several near collisions.

After further discussion, commissioners concluded the real issue they were grappling with was traffic flow and control in residential areas, not necessarily one-way streets, and that is how the topic will be named on subsequent agendas.

Construction reviews

The commission approved these new construction applications:

- 133 N. Main – new commercial/residential building
- 173 S. Main – pave parking lot
- 102 S. Main – add ancillary building for storage.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, Oct. 27, at 6 p.m.

CD release celebration at Caribé

The public is invited to join composer/performer Ellen Stephenson and producer Eric Schabacker of Winterwood Studios at a reception Oct. 23 at 5 p.m. at Caribé Restaurante & Cantina on US 62W for the release of Stephenson’s new CD, *Light Reflected*. The album, an all-original, piano-driven fusion of classical, new age and jazz is Stephenson’s second.

Stephenson also composed the best-selling choral piece “Cold and Fugue Season” and is the accompanist and composer for The Ozarks Chorale and an

instructor at Inspiration Point Fine Arts Camp.

Schabacker is owner of Winterwood Studio and Founder of Tener Records, Hype Records and Bee Jay Recording Studios. His clients included Michael Jackson, Emmy Lou Harris, Petra, Lynard Skynard, Gladys Knight and many more.

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Parks and dogs

Editor,

I just heard that the soccer coaches, et.al., are pressuring the commissioners who govern Leatherwood Park to keep the gates to the ballpark locked.

I am a taxpayer and property owner in Eureka. I also have a high-spirited Border Collie that I take to the ballpark to run after the throw ball in a secured, fenced-in area. The E.S. Dog Park does not allow for this kind of exercise.

I fully understand why the (mostly male) ballplayers do not want to step in dog doo. Neither do I. I pick up any dog doo my Border Collie may leave. I also pick up ballpayers' trash: Styrofoam cups, water bottles, soda bottles, used Band-Aids, candy wrappers, gum wrappers, and anything else that should not be thrown down.

I want us to compromise on this issue. We *all* need to be able to use our public facilities.

I urge dog owners to carry plastic bags and pick up litter. Also, I suggest to the commissioners that they provide a plastic bag stand for those who forget to bring one (as in Madison, Wis., at their dog exercise area). My partner and I (and probably other responsible dog owners) would be glad to go out to the ballpark before a game and make sure everything is picked up, neat and clean. We could have an email list.

There is no other secured place for us to provide our Border Collie with the exercise she needs.

Let's work together for the benefit of everybody. A lot of citizens do not like the motorcyclists' noise, e.g., but appreciate their contribution to the economy.

Please don't lock us out.

Trella Laughlin

Your move

Editor,

Open letter to (Chris) Mr. Wizard: for the past seven years, since I met the Lord, I have preached in Basin Park primarily during Diversity Weekend. At these times you seem to have made it your goal to harass and challenge me.

You say you care for me and only want me to see the errors of my beliefs, yet while professing this you bring up the deaths of my

three children.

I have attempted to avoid any discussion with you when you ask, "How does it feel to let your babies die?" and your hateful comments regarding their horrible deaths while you rant in my ear.

I am done avoiding you. You have said that you want to talk to me and have even suggested playing a game of chess. Okay, let's do that!

Meet me at Basin Park, Saturday Oct. 31, 10 a.m. and I will answer your question. I'll bring the chessboard and pieces. Will you come?

Kevin B. Thompson

Jericho Riders

People Helping People thank people who help people

Editor,

Hats off to Brashears for another wonderful Giving Tree Awards Ceremony. On behalf of People Helping People, we thank the Carroll County Community Foundation for our grant that helps to purchase vitally needed prescription medicine. With grants such as this, in combination with tax-deductible donations from individuals, we have provided this service for 24 years. In 2014, we spent more than \$17,000 at our county's pharmacies, filling more than 1,000 prescriptions and helping 338 people.

Please help us help others with a "Shot in the Arm" donation that will help sustain us through 2016! PHP will begin our Fall Letter Campaign in hopes you will choose to become part of this program of hope and healing. If you are not on our mailing list and would like to be (you will receive one Shot in the Arm request a year), please send your name and address to Brenda Jenkins, Office of Human Concern, P.O. Box 778, Rogers, AR 72757 and reference PHP. The OHC is our umbrella 501 (C) (3) organization. Alternatively, we will include our letter in an upcoming issue of the newspaper for your consideration.

All donations are used for medicine and your support is essential for this ongoing need in our communities. Our sincere thanks to all of you for making others' lives just a little brighter and healthier.

People Helping People

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WEEK'S TopTweets

@enidcoleslaw:

She died doing what she loved: telling someone the

difference between your and you're.

@bridger_w: I can almost always tell if a movie doesn't use real dinosaurs.

@iamnotdiddy: If there's a pedicure, why are there still pedophiles?

@bridesmum: Today, Apple is announcing to the world that millions of baby boomers still don't know how to rip mp3 files from their record collections.

@NoahGarfinkel:

Contestants on Jeopardy are always asking the stupidest questions. "What is bronze?" Read a book!

@kellyoxford: Fact: The Internet was invented to globalize complaining.

@PaulyPeligroso: I've been waiting 2 hours for an employee to come and wash my hands like the sign says...

@bdgarp: Live each day as though everyone loves you because self-delusion is underrated as a coping mechanism.

@drewtoothpaste: Just found out I've

been eating women's energy bars for the past few months. No side effects except making 30% less money than I used to.

@joshgondelman: You're good, Adobe Acrobat. You're fine just the way you are. No need to continue updating every three days.

@manda_like_wine: What idiot called it a book shelf instead of a know ledge?

@thenardvark: No one will ever be as excited as a dad who just drove somewhere in less time than the GPS said it would take.

Green lives matter

SOMEONE NEEDS TO EXPLAIN TO ME WHY WANTING CLEAN DRINKING WATER MAKES YOU AN ACTIVIST, AND WHY PROPOSING TO DESTROY WATER WITH CHEMICAL WARFARE DOESN'T MAKE A CORPORATION A TERRORIST. – WINONA LADUKE, VICE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE IN 1996 AND 2000.

Water is good medicine. We have seen entirely too many deaths recently from a disease we were practically unaware of when we were growing up. Now it seems it's more normal for people to be given a grim prognosis than a bouncy future. Yet our own state government, for no reason they would go on record with, insists we put rugged chemicals with dubious parentage in our drinking water. Water! And the water board wants to raise our rates. How much are we willing to pay to poison ourselves?

We only need three things to sustain human life – clean air, clean water and clean food. Everything else is an option – that would be shelter, sanitation, sleep, and to be caressed by another human. If we have the three necessities, we can make the rest of it happen. But our individual bodies must have nutrients, must wash them out, and must have enough pure oxygen to keep our trillions of cells from eating one another. Cells communicate with each other, they warn of a changing internal environment, and when that happens, we have to shift into sixth gear and try to boil the disturbance out before the body stoves up. It makes living a battle instead of a pleasure.

Living sounds simple and probably is when we don't have to fight for our lives. But it's difficult when we focus on money, property, anxiety, fashion, World Series, Trump, history, and all the stuff we can't do dip about. We can do something about our water.

Oil companies have been fracking the life out of North Dakota, Oklahoma, Texas, Colorado, California, Virginia – well, there are 22 active fracking states, ours included. Only New York has banned fracking. Fracking takes 2 – 5 million gallons of fresh water, sand and chemicals for each well drilled. Half the water is retrieved, although contaminated, and no one seems to know where the other half, also contaminated, goes.

We are fracking so we won't be dependent on Middle East oil, so we'll have cheap gas. But the Middle East is a sand box, and we are fighting over there against other people's religion, not recognizing that we could easily turn our own resplendent land into a desert and be reduced to fighting each other over church attendance.

The water table is dropping all over the world. More water is being removed than replaced. Aquifers take thousands of years to fill, and now everyone is drilling, from homeowners here who want access to the Roubidoux Aquifer to the fracking companies that take good, clean fresh water, millions of gallons of it, and destroy it in minutes, rendering it unusable.

So we drink water from Beaver Lake? The expert at the water board meeting last week said Beaver Lake quality is "questionable." Our response is to put a hazardous material, fluoride, in our drinking water and now the city must raise our rates? The city doesn't know, and can't seem to find out or admit, how many antiquated water pipes are going to blow because of pipe erosion due to fluoridation.

You know, it would be nice if Eureka Springs were known for more than art, homosexuals and marijuana. The SWEPCO foray empowered us, our community bonded like blood brothers and repelled a huge assault on irreplaceable beauty. It tried to bankrupt us, that SWEPCO fight, emotionally if not financially. But it was good training for what's to come.

What to do? The very thing we cuss. Drill. Town. Wells. Be independent. Protect our health. Stop supporting state legislators and board members who defer to corporate rapacity. Stop believing we must abide by laws that are detrimental to our well being, ideas we voted against but were told our votes didn't matter.

Then we could be known for art, healthy tourism, and political skill. We might even attract like-minded businesses.

Mary Pat Boian



The Pursuit of HAPPINESS

by Dan Krotz

One of the tender mercies of travel is feeling grateful when you get back home. Chesterton described gratefulness this way: "When a man finds his plain wife pretty, his dull children bright, and his small house grand, he feels grateful, and by way of feeling grateful, he is happy." And so it was after the boss and I went out west, and then came home; we were cheerful throughout, but most grateful, and happiest, standing back on our front porch.

Part of all that is our pleasure at returning for autumn's arrival. On leaving Oklahoma and slipping into the Ozarks, the trees lining the road home looked like a cobbler fresh out of the oven, burbling with sugar and cinnamon. And the leaves were falling, fast, as though they had fallen in love with the ground and couldn't wait to kiss it. Poet Rainbow Rowell wrote a homely stanza that is just right for how we felt: "O autumn! O teakettle! O grace!"

Reckoning into that happiness was greeting our old dog, reading the backlog of newspapers, and seeing friends who came to dinner, came for coffee, and who gracefully endured detailed accounts of the indignities travelers face – we faced – at the hands of America's hospitality industry. "Sleeping in a hotel bed," I whined, "is as unsatisfying as kissing a mirror. It's the same old mug every time, and there is never any warmth to it."

The pure and simple truth about travel is that it is rarely pure and never simple, but we travel because coming back to the place we left is not the same as never leaving it. If we hadn't left there would be no memory of Ken Patel, a Pakistani hotelier and call-center fugitive, no remembering of the washboard roads of Chaco Canyon, and no gratitude for the gallons of coffee I got at a discounted rate for no reason other than my geezerhood.

And now, Chip Ford, Noble Chip, go forth and sell advertising to the movers and shakers within our own hometown hospitality industry. If I can be of further help, do not hesitate to call me.

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

OCTOBER 12

9:18 a.m. – Animal Control assisted a resident with a honeybee issue.
 9:19 a.m. – Individual was sleeping behind a business on Hwy. 23 South. Constable asked the person to leave the premises and not come back.
 10:20 a.m. – Constable repaired the change machine downtown.
 10:44 a.m. – Constable took a report on a theft at a business.
 10:47 This time a parking meter needed a constable’s attention.
 3:25 p.m. – There was a two-vehicle accident in the commercial area on US 62.

OCTOBER 13

3:20 a.m. – Motel staff reported a suspicious male nearby but the responding constable did not encounter him.
 5:40 a.m. – Passerby noticed a small car parked with its lights on in a neighborhood and a person slumped over at the wheel. Constable discovered the driver had stopped to go to sleep.
 7:29 a.m. – Constable encountered two individuals sleeping beside Hwy. 23 North, asked them to continue their journey, and they complied.
 10:06 a.m. – Constable red-tagged an abandoned vehicle on a street above downtown.
 11:38 a.m. – Constable looked for but did not find a large dog reportedly running loose along Hwy. 23 South.

OCTOBER 15

9:35 a.m. – Central dispatch alerted ESPD to a possibly erratic driver on US 62. Constables encountered the vehicle just outside city limits and followed it until Berryville PD took over.
 7:30 p.m. – Domestic dispute prompted a visit by a constable. The disputants had already separated and left the scene by the time the constable arrived.

OCTOBER 16

9:13 a.m. – There was a two-vehicle accident on US 62. No injuries.

OCTOBER 17

12:12 a.m. – Traffic stop resulted in the arrest of the driver for DWI, driving left of center, no seatbelt, no insurance, failure to pay registration fees and no driver’s license.
 1:15 a.m. – Person in the northern part of town claimed he heard a woman screaming. Constable responded but was not able to track down the source of the commotion.
 1:48 a.m. – Individual was arrested for public intoxication and disorderly conduct.
 4:20 a.m. – Apartment dweller told ESPD someone had been knocking at her window. Constables searched the area but found nothing suspicious.
 3:07 p.m. – Constable responded to a private property accident and arrested an individual for DWI.
 7:35 p.m. – There was a minor two-vehicle accident near the intersection of Hwy. 23 South and US 62. Neither vehicle sustained damage.
 9:36 p.m. – Person was arrested for DWI.
 10:07 p.m. – A male and a female assaulted a taxi driver downtown. Constable arrested both of them.
 11:12 a.m. – Constable was asked to perform a welfare check in a neighborhood above downtown. He found the person deceased and notified the coroner.
 6:28 p.m. – Driver downtown backed into another vehicle. There was no damage so no report necessary.
 7:40 p.m. – Store owner on the western end of US 62 reported a suspicious male hanging around after she closed. Constable checked the vicinity but saw no lurkers.

OCTOBER 19

4:09 a.m. – Burglary alarm was tripped at a motel, but the responding constable found no signs of attempted entry. All secure.

Honored guests

– Eureka Springs Rotary was recently honored to have Larry Long, District Governor (District 6110) as the speaker. Pictured are Long (center); Nicole Crawford, Asst. Dist. Governor; and Long’s spouse, Nancy, at right.

PHOTO BY CHIP FORD



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

At half past five, Roger Knowles came downstairs, freshly shaven and showered. He had just decided that, next week, he would go off for a week of lazy fishing at his log shack on the White River. Perhaps Greg could go along, he thought, then remembered that Greg had a number of sick patients, and more turning up every day, it appeared. This threw a shadow across his mood of contentment and there was a faint gathering of trouble on his smooth forehead, when he reached the lower hall, with the Regency mirror and the marble Athena. Agnes, he thought, should have burned candles before this goddess of wisdom. Lately, she would seem to have turned her back on her protégée...

He wandered through the living-room, conscious of the fading gaze of Major Curtis Perry upon him from the wall, Roger

speculating as to whether there mightn't be a special and exclusive Hell reserved for the Major's type of scoundrel. A hot little corner where they'd find reproduced for eternity the kind of Hell they had created for other people upon earth? It was an agreeable fancy. The next time Agnes mentions the Major in that hushed voice, he thought, I shall laugh. Long and loud and derisively. And suggest that it's high time we took him off the wall. Ancestor-worship can be carried too far.

He continued through the dining-room, intending to mix cocktails before the Tottens arrived, and Jane and Walter bringing Willy May. As he stepped through the kitchen door, Agnes emerged from the breakfast-room at the other side, with an air of fluster that struck him oddly. She held out to him a long, folded white paper, extending her arm stiffly as if the muscles were cramped.

"Oh – here's the water report you've been looking for," she said, her offhand manner so spurious that he was torn between astonished anger and pity for her. "I – forgot to tell you. I opened it for you –"

He took it from her hand. "Thank you," he said with an irony that seemed to elude her. "When did it come?"

"Oh, just this afternoon." She turned away and began tying a freshly ironed ruffled apron round her waist. "D'you think they would like cheese biscuits for a change?"

"No," he said, though her "cheese biscuits" had called to his mind no image whatsoever. He crossed the breakfast room to where her small desk stood, bent to the wicker wastebasket, and picked up the long white envelope with its official department heading in the left-hand corner. He knew that, through the open door, all movement suspended, she was watching him.

"It's – bad, isn't it?" she called in a strained voice.

"Bad!" He turned on her, dropping the envelope back in the basket. "You know it's bad, Agnes. Amoebic content. Infiltration of sewage. And you knew all that five days ago. This was postmarked Wednesday at Little Rock. It came on Thursday. Boone Sugg remembered delivering it, that afternoon."

"Boone Sugg!" Her mouth looked white and frozen. "Are you accusing me –?"

"Yes," he said distinctly, standing in the kitchen doorway with the paper in his hand. "I am. Not a complete surprise, either. I've suspected it, but I hoped, right up to now, that I might be mistaken. Not only," he pointed out, "that a number of lives or deaths

were involved. Your – ethics were pretty clearly set forth here, a week ago. Unprincipled, yes – but stupid? *That's* what surprised me..."

She seemed to wilt down, as if she would have liked to bury herself in the bowl of flour in front of her. Her square hands moved irresolutely among the objects on the table, and her eyes took refuge under their folded lids. "Roger," she said in a suppliant voice he had never before heard from her. "Roger, you – don't have to tell them? Walter, all of them? I – lost my head, I think. You weren't putting up a fight. It almost seemed as if you *wanted* that Sayre to come out on top..." She met his eyes for an instant, with an effort. "Please – you won't tell, Roger?" There was a timidity about it that struck him as almost ludicrous.

"I won't," he said, after a moment, feeling himself strong and benevolent, like a man giving his promise to a child: no punishment. "They can think what they like. I won't offer any explanation."

She bowed her head over the bowl. "Thank you," she said in a muted voice, and began sifting flour.

He went back to the living-room, the cocktails forgotten. We're quits now, he thought, and she knows it. No more penance, forgiveness, expiation. If there's been any doubt in her mind, this past week, it's washed out now.

He clipped a cigar and lighted it, and, a moment later, heard the crunch of wheels on the graveled drive.

Nonprofits invited to participate in Arkansas Gives

All 501(c)3 nonprofits in Carroll County interested in participating in or learning more about Arkansas Gives Day are invited to join the Carroll County Community Foundation and a representative of the Arkansas Community Foundation (ACF) on Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2015 in the Cornerstone Bank of Berryville's meeting room at 11 a.m.

On the first Arkansas Gives Day in 2015 approximately \$2 million dollars were raised statewide in a 12-hour period. The next Arkansas Gives Day online event will be April 7, 2016.

Sponsored by the ACF in conjunction with the Arkansas Nonprofit Alliance, Arkansas Gives Day provides bonus dollars and prizes for participating nonprofits in addition to the funds donated by the public. The entire day is an exciting celebration of giving and a great way for nonprofits to raise money for and awareness of their cause.

Come learn how Arkansas Gives Day can benefit Carroll County nonprofits. For answers to questions or additional information, contact carrollcounty@arcf.org or call Executive Director, Janell Robertson (479) 253-8203.

NOTES from the HOLLOW by Steve Weems

My wife's dream when she was six years old was to be a professional race car driver. This ambition was triggered by attending races at the Hilltop Speedway just outside Eureka Springs. She would accompany her father and said she always wore her Hee-Haw overalls.

Curtis Hull built the racetrack on a high flat top hill east of town a few miles. It opened for business April 5, 1974. The quarter mile long track had a D shaped design with the straight stretch in front of the grandstands that seated 2500. The racing surface was red clay and entertainment was provided between

races. An emergency vehicle was always on standby.

Ratha Lawler lives down the road from the old racetrack and was a frequent attendee. She provided me with some old articles about the speedway and pages out of the program books. Bobby Scarrow published these *Hilltop Racing Review* books that sold for fifty cents.

The races were held in the evening and I'm told the roar of the engines could be heard for miles around, even on the grounds of the Great Passion Play. Some of the notable local racers who performed at the speedway were Bill Billings, George Butler, Donnie Franklin, Jerry Moon and

Bob Sherman.

My mother lives in the old Curtis Hull house and when I was in high school, I'd ride my Uncle Don's old gray mare Lulabelle up at the racetrack. The announcer's stand still stood up high between the wooden grandstands and the concrete safety wall still encircled the track. I'm told that after the Hilltop Speedway ceased operations, concerts were held there, with notables such as Grandpa Jones performing. It was called Rocky Top by then.

My wife, Diane, may have never been paid to race cars like she once wanted, but if you've ever ridden with her you know she is still partially living her dream.



If you have information or memories of the Hilltop Speedway, let me know at steve@steveweems.com or at Post Office Box 43 in Eureka Springs, 72632.

INDEPENDENTLens



If you can't beat 'em – John Rankine set up his Bleach It & Dye apparel tent along Hwy. 23 during War Eagle Weekend. Friday was great, but early Saturday was more like “freeze it & die” so John donned a War Eagle jacket over his fab fashions.

PHOTO SUBMITTED

Bird-noculars – Penny Sullivan created this sculpture during ESSA's Metal Fabrication class and donated it to the sculpture garden. Ms. Heron *loves* the view!

*PHOTO COURTESY OF
EUREKA SPRINGS SCHOOL OF THE ARTS*



1) Peerage – Captain Mary Anne Viator peers from the helm of the Belle as she pilots an Eagle Watch Cruise on Beaver Lake and rings the bell every time an eagle is spotted. Don't miss your chance to see one! Reserve a spot at (479) 253-6200. **2) Eagle Watch** – The Belle of the Ozarks was loaded to capacity with visitors from several states as guide and commentator Jay Viator, left, handed out coins to be tossed over the shoulder into the water for good luck. The good luck turned out to be an eagle spotted amidst the turning leaves. **3) There's one!** – Jay points out an eagle nest.

PHOTOS BY JAY VRECNAR

Step off the trolley and into the past – The 7th Annual *Voices From the Silent City* walking tours come to a close Oct. 30 and 31, so don't miss this lively bit of local history. Above, a group of visitors stepped off the trolley Oct. 15, and walked into the past to meet several of Eureka Springs' notable characters.

PHOTOS BY JAY VRECEK



Clara Whiting Floyd (Carolyn Greene)



Col. Charles Dexter James (Terry McClung)



Daisy Tatman Perkins (Alexa Pittenger)



Festus Orestes (F.O.) Butt (Kent Turner)



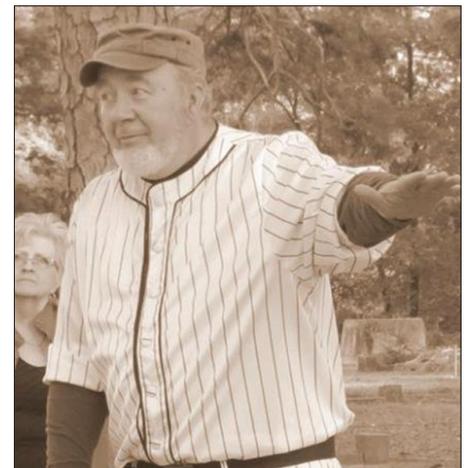
Helen DeLeuw (Mary Diehl)



Jenny Lofftus Wadsworth (Joanie Kratzer)



John (Chief) Moncravie (Bryan Byerley)



Richard (R.B.) Kelley (Jim White)



It's been good to know ya – Sandra Ostrander and Mike Durff set out on their move to Maine Oct. 13. They will be missed, but they're not giving up their house in Eureka yet ... just in case. Come back and see us, folks!

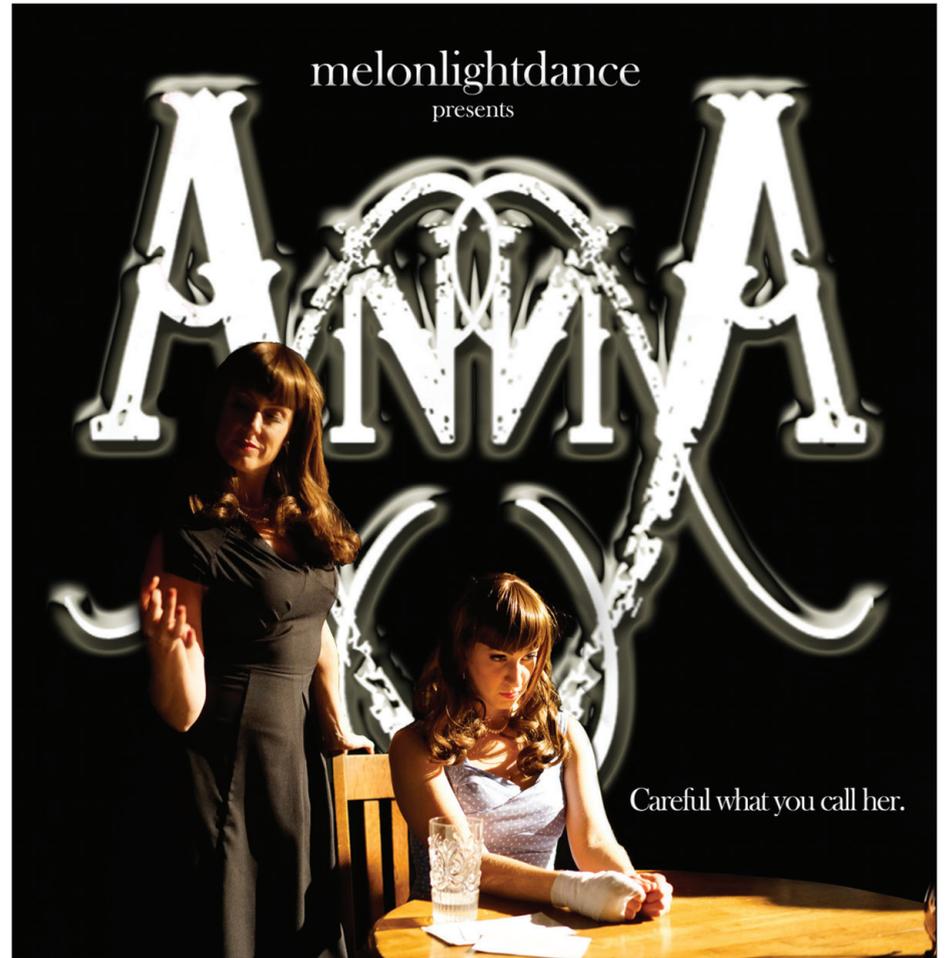
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'PEARLY HOLDING IT TOGETHER'
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Celebratory art – Hilke Zimmerman completed this painting Oct. 20, the anniversary of her 2000 Eureka Springs marriage to musician and computer programmer husband, Steve. "It was my first still life of fruit, which is funny because I've been painting for over a decade," Hilke said. Happy Anniversary Hilke & Steve ... you make a great pear!

PHOTO BY HILKE ZIMMERMAN



Say 'Yes' to Anna While you still can ...

Some performances of *Anna* have sold out and tickets are going fast, so be sure to get yours before *Anna* closes Oct. 30. *Anna* is an original script written by the professionals at Melonlight Dance; putting you smack in the middle of a combination suspense thriller/ haunted house theater experience.

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Miracles – of course!

The Story of a Course in Miracles will be shown Saturday, Oct. 24, 7 p.m., at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship building, 17 Elk Street. The film features

Helen Schucman and Bill Thetford, two psychologists who asked for a better way of living in this world.

Free admission!

HI Hikers in Pea Ridge National Military Park

Join the Holiday Island Hikers on Monday, Oct. 26 on a easy to moderate hike at Lost Valley/Eden Falls/Cobb Cave. . Group will leave for Lost Valley at 8:30 a.m. from the highway end of Hart's parking lot by the drive-thru pharmacy. Because there is no eating places close by Lost Valley we usually pack a picnic lunch to eat at the park.

4th Annual Spooktacular Boonanza

Berryville High School EAST students and Berryville Community Center will host the 4th annual Spooktacular Boonanza at the BHS Old Gym, Thursday, Oct. 29 from 5 – 9 p.m. There will be family fun for all with kid's carnival games and a spook house

in the basement. General admission is \$2 students, \$1 adults, children under 5 are free and spook house admission is \$1. Small children are not permitted in the spook house without an adult chaperone. For more information call Berryville EAST at (870) 480-4670.

Downtown Natives: Can you dig it?

Every Wednesday from 9 – 11 a.m. folks will be working in the Pagoda Garden next to the art wall on First Street. Everyone is welcome! Come learn about native plants, feel good about volunteering and be part of some of the good growth in Downtown Eureka Springs.

Wear boots, gloves and bring any hand tools you have to pull out weeds! For more information join the Downtown Natives group page on Facebook. A project of Main Street Eureka Springs.

Tricking or treating, celebrate in Holiday Island

Get ready for a treat on Saturday, Oct. 31 from 2 – 5 p.m. for Holiday Island's Trick-Or-Treat Fall Celebration at The Park Shopping Plaza. Dress in your favorite costumes and enjoy a family friendly tour through The Park. Prize gift certificates will be awarded for best costumes and there will be live music, games, food, vendors, Trick-or-Trunk and more. Stroll along while picking up treats and other goodies provided by Holiday Island's businesses, civic organizations, churches and HI residents.

Space is still available for vendors. This event is presented by the Holiday Island Chamber of Commerce and The Holiday Island Development Corporation. Call the Holiday Island Chamber of Commerce at (479) 363-6182.

Friday Bible Study at HICC

Join Frank Wicks at the Holiday Island Community Church each Friday at 9 a.m. in the Library of Haller Hall for Bible Study Class studying the book of John.

INDEPENDENT Art & Entertainment

Roving Gamblers play Ozark Mountain Hoe-Down

The Roving Gamblers will be playing Bluegrass music on Oct. 22, 23 and 24 at 7:30 p.m. at the Ozark Mountain Hoe-Down Music Theater. Carroll County residents \$10, Adults \$19.50, teens \$14.50 and children 12 and under are free.



Mömandpöp Community Performance at Pine Mountain Jamboree

Mömandpöp invite the family out to a fun night of entertainment on Tuesday, Oct. 27 at Pine Mountain Jamboree Theater with doors opening at 5 and the show starting at 5:30 p.m. Music is especially entertaining to preschool and lower elementary aged children, but kids from 2 to 102 will enjoy the humor and fun. Guests are also welcome to wear Halloween costumes and Mömandpöp will have CDs available to purchase in the lobby.

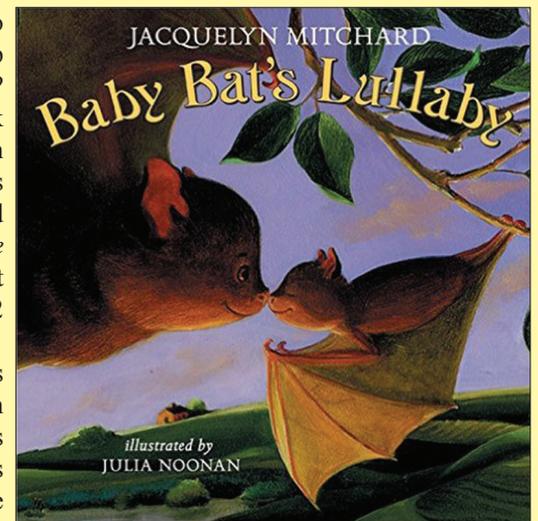
Mömandpöp will have video and photographers there filming and shooting pictures of the performance and the audience. The concert is free with suggested donations to support the Eureka Springs Elementary Music Department. Suggested donations are \$2 for Adults and \$1 for students. For more information call Mrs. Mann at (479) 253-8704.

Baby Bat's Lullaby charms on kid's day out Snacks and stories at WCDH

Does Mama Bat sing a lullaby to her precious baby bat to wake him up at dusk or put him to sleep at dawn? Come find out when #1 New York Times bestselling author Jacquelyn Mitchard reads from her children's books *Baby Bat's Lullaby* and *Starring Prima! The Mouse of the Ballet Jolie* at the Writers' Colony at Dairy Hollow Sunday, Oct. 25, at 2 p.m.

Suitable for children ages three and up, this pre-Halloween storytelling event is free and costumes are encouraged. Refreshments will be served. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Jacquelyn is the author of 17 adult and young adult novels, seven children's books and three creative nonfiction books. She is a Creative Writing faculty member at Vermont College of Fine Arts and is working on a ghost story while in



residence at the Colony.

For more information, see www.WritersColony.org or call (479) 253-7444. There's plenty of free parking at Harmon Park next to the Writers' Colony at 515 Spring St.

Get tickets to get chills Halloween night Intrigue Oct. 31

Witness the eerie Asylum Dolls and Walking through Walls, two new surprises that have been added to the "normal" spirited mayhem that occurs during Intrigue Theater's annual Halloween night performance.

The show will also be full of supernatural and paranormal occurrences as in the past, but for the first time is being held in the city Auditorium – which may have a ghost or two of its own.

The first three rows are already sold out, so purchase tickets (\$24.95 – \$29.95) at www.intriguetheater.com or (855) 446 8744 before they vanish. Doors open 8 p.m. – curtain time 8:30.

Pets on parade at Iris

If cats and dogs are characters in your life story, you'll want to see the whimsical work of local artist, Betty Johnson, at Iris at the Basin Park, 8 Spring St.

Betty will be in the gallery from 1 – 4 and 6 – 9 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 24. Stop in and say hello and see her newest work! (479) 253-9494



Sun Enters Scorpio, United Nation's Day, Full Moon

Wednesday and Thursday (21st & 22nd) are the last days of Libra. **Friday**, a very complex day, Sun enters Scorpio. During Scorpio we can expect the Nine Personality Tests, Scorpio's emphasis on death and regeneration and its call to Discipleship. There are unusual and multiple interactions with the planets reflecting the deep complex emotional and mental waters of Scorpio itself. A major shift of energies is the sign change (from Libra to Scorpio), from balance to desire, rest to transformations, choice to revelations.

Continuing through **Sunday**.

Saturday, United Nations Day, is the 70th birthday of the United Nations (Scorpio organization), created by the Hierarchy, to bring forth the Rule of Law for the world. The UN, in its reconstruction work, is a deeply Scorpio endeavor. UN history & birthday events – www.un.org/un70/en, www.un.org/en/events/unday.

Sunday is favorable with Venus/Jupiter in Virgo, radiating Love/Wisdom (Ray 2) to Earth and humanity, expanding Goodwill. **Tuesday** (27th) is full moon,

Scorpio solar festival (4 degrees). Scorpio is the sign of deep feeling, Temple Mysteries, Persephone and Pluto's underworld – psychological, spiritual, hidden and sheltered. Scorpio is the "flaming sword" protecting the Tree of Knowledge (and Desire), from which the serpent plucked the apple offered to Eve (feminine mental plane). Scorpio is the sign and color of pomegranates, the orange of persimmons, pumpkins and Halloween, the latter informing us soon "something wicked (good) our way comes." Scary indeed!

ARIES: A shift is occurring, a threshold almost crossed, new realities, work and responsibilities appear. You face the Sun, hidden behind Scorpio waters. Although not a Scorpio you and the sign of discipleship (Scorpio) share the influences of planets Mars and Mercury. So you're in Scorpio's family. All of you have transforming work to do. The key is intelligent communication. Use it for goodwill, for knowledge, to dispense knowledge, to uplift.

TAURUS: There seems to be no rest and each day provides new challenges, surprises, upheavals. Healthwise, sometimes your back hurts, your head or knees. Don't let your heart hurt even if things seem somewhat slow and difficult – weather, finances, moving forward, being understood. Help arrives in the form of unusual events, sometimes books. Continue with intentions to uplift humanity into the Light. Through loving visualization.

GEMINI: The Libran energies offer you inspired thinking, dispersing new information, praise of others and identifying your creativity. You are the builder of a bridge (Antakarana, between Spirit and matter. Building this bridge is Gemini's purpose) in many ways, opening the minds of others to think differently, to see a new light, a new day, a new life ahead. Although you may not fully understand yet, ponder on this identity.

CANCER: What at present is the focus of your life? Are you tending to resources for yourself and/or others? Are you being careful of what you communicate, how and to whom? It's most important that you use language filled with kindness and compassion or separations around you and within your heart will occur. Language can either create and strengthen or destroy. Each of us must go beyond family and children. Creating goodness and gladness in the world.

LEO: Good things are occurring with your money, finances and resources. What you give now returns to you ten-fold. Careful of any criticism – thinking and/or speaking. Criticism inflames our bodies, inflames situations, events and others. It's good to take turmeric (curcumin) daily. When anger occurs, neutralize with praise. Garden. Identify yourself through what you create. Our new identities are recognized through our creations. Even if you hide away, we still see you.

VIRGO: Communication, all levels and aspects, is important for you to understand at this time. Mercury (your planet) rules communication. As the Sun in Scorpio moves through your house of communication, talk, thoughts, ideas and interactions are transformative. Scorpio brings the tests for right communication seeking the intentions behind words. Observe these daily. Use communication for goodness and to bring forth loving kindness.

LIBRA: This is an inward-looking time for Libra. Some event has forced Librans to concentrate on the past. There's deep thought concerning new choices of behavior and beliefs to be made. Some Libras are pondering marriage, commitment. Attempt to complete things unresolved. In Libra we face the past, clear it through forgiveness, planning for future unobstructed lives. Release all non-respectful and unkind attitudes. Use words that "give love a chance."

SCORPIO: For a while you become more hidden and protected. There's important internal work to do, developing self-empowerment through clearer identification. This happens yearly around Halloween. You drop into dark waters for renewal, emerging when comfort calls. Your communication for the next year becomes more potent. Some will understand. Some won't. Tell everyone you're searching for Persephone.

SAGITTARIUS: Communication with groups is key this month. You may feel somewhat restricted for the next several years. Saturn, the disciplined teacher, is reforming your identity. Tend carefully (not wildly) to resources. Are the foundations you relied upon no longer available? Is there uncertainty? Are things somewhat nebulous and painful? These are better than piercing and sharp. The wound will heal, making you more compassionate. New work comes calling. What will you choose?

CAPRICORN: As you continue to have deep and transforming (Pluto) experiences, you may find that communication at times seems nebulous (with others) and a wound with communication may occur. Work through it with carefully chosen words, with love and deep listening. Deep Listening is part of spiritual psychology. Deep Listening eases the suffering of others, the world (and the self). Travel, new philosophies, a sense of justice, a new journey appears. Sturdy new shoes are needed.

AQUARIUS: Be very cautious with resources and finances. Maintain this caution for the next several years. Have intentions for Goodwill in all endeavors. This leads always to Right Relations. Plant seeds of kindness wherever you are, in all speech and actions. Choose only what empowers you and attempt to empower others. Think on these things one by one. Place them in your heart. This is a spiritual time of opportunity for you.

PISCES: Expect increased work and responsibilities. Maintain health and strength in order to meet all expectations. Catch up on medical exams, tests and doctor visits put off too long. Do you also need new shoes and a new bed? I heard you need newer technology. Relationships have been restrictive, money's been perplexing, and change ceaseless. Who listens to you? Where is your home? No matter what occurs, have gratitude.



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Wood Chickens and Ozark Traveller cluck and pluck this weekend

Amber, red, orange, brown leaves fall around us, however *we're* not slowing down just yet. Eureka Springs is hosting some great Americana bands this weekend: Wood Chickens at Chelsea's Friday at New Delhi Saturday. These are first dates in town for these groups so let's get out there and see what they've scratched up for us to jig to.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22

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 – 10 p.m.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23

BASIN PARK BALCONY – *Hawgscalders*, Folk, 12 and 6 p.m.
BREWS – *Amy Kucharik*, Singer/Songwriter, 7 – 10 p.m.
CATHOUSE LOUNGE – *Opal Agafia*, Folk, 8 p.m.
CHELSEA'S – *Wood Chickens*, Americana, 9:30 p.m.
EUREKA LIVE! – *DJ and Dancing*, 9 p.m.

GRAND TAVERNE – *Arkansas Red*, Amplified Acoustic Guitar Dinner Music, 6:30 – 9:30 p.m.
LEGENDS SALOON – *DJ and Karaoke with Kara*, 8 p.m.
LE STICK – *Pete "Rock" Maiella*, Singer/Songwriter, 8 p.m.
NEW DELHI – *Terri and the Executives*, Rock, 6 – 10 p.m.
ROWDY BEAVER – *Smoke and Moonshine*, Country, 7:30 p.m.
ROWDY BEAVER DEN – *Karaoke with DJ Goose*, 9 p.m.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24

BASIN PARK BALCONY – *James White*, Folk, 12 p.m., *Jeff Lee*, Folk, 6 p.m.
BREWS – *Jerry Jones*, Americana, 7 – 10 p.m.
CATHOUSE LOUNGE – *September's End*, Americana, 8 p.m.



Wood Chickens play Chelsea's Corner, Friday, Oct. 23

CHELSEA'S – *Sad Daddy*, Americana, 9:30 p.m.
EUREKA LIVE! – *DJ & Dancing*, 9 p.m.
GRAND TAVERNE – *Jerry Yester*, Grand Piano Dinner Music, 6:30 – 9:30 p.m.
LEGENDS SALOON – *Headley Lamar*, Rock, 9 p.m.
LE STICK – *Pete "Rock" Maiella*, Singer/Songwriter, 8 p.m.
NEW DELHI – *Ozark Traveller*, Americana, 6 – 10 p.m.
ROWDY BEAVER – *Triple Shot*, Rock, 7:30 p.m.
ROWDY BEAVER DEN – *As Is*, Rock, 1 – 5 p.m., *Blackwater Trio*, Rock, 9 p.m.

Dimitri, Singer/Songwriter, 12 and 6 p.m.
BREWS – *Cards Against Humanity/Board Games*
CHELSEA'S – *Rebecca Patek Experience*, Americana, 7:30 p.m.
EUREKA LIVE – *DJ, Dancing, and Karaoke*, 7- 11 p.m.
ROWDY BEAVER DEN – *John Harwood*, Singer/Songwriter, 1 p.m.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 26

AQUARIUS TAQUERIA – *Buffalo Gals*, Americana, 6 p.m.
BASIN PARK BALCONY – *Jeff Lee*, Folk, 12 and 6 p.m.
CHELSEA'S – *Sprungbilly*, Bluegrass, 8 p.m.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25

BASIN PARK BALCONY – *Michael*

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



I'm divorced and at 34 I'm suddenly very interested in dating – a lot! I'm never sure when bringing sex into the picture is appropriate. In hindsight there've been times it was too soon and others when I think the relationship fizzled because I withheld. How do I know when the time is right?

“Adulting” is difficult! Without parental constraints, we're free to indulge our every desire with abandon. The options are endless, exciting and overwhelming.

Attraction varies considerably with every new love interest. Deciding when to have sex is most difficult when the sparks are immediate and the chemistry palpable. If your privates are sporting cobwebs and your personal power tools are exhausted from overuse – then getting it out, getting it on and moving on can be a reasonable choice.

First date sex typically translates to a one-night stand. There are exceptions but it's always a gamble. Before going for broke, visualize the morning after – while you're still sober of course. If this vision is difficult to behold then it's too soon. Sexual chemistry is a blinding force. Like any drug, it impairs your judgment and muffles your gut instincts. You'll miss every red flag.

The beginning of a romantic relationship is the most exhilarating and can never be reproduced. Keep it under wraps and take time to enjoy the dance.

Flirting, bantering, whispered hints and brazen implications of the heated passion to come intensifies the sexual tension. It also allows time for you to learn about one another. An informed lover is a good lover.

So let's break it down. You're probably ready for sex if you've had several dates (modern etiquette is 3.53), you share mutual respect and trust, sex will deepen the emotional bond you've already created, you're on the same page about commitment, you can comfortably discuss the future and you're flat-out dying for sex every time you're together.

You are NOT ready for sex if it's your first date, you want it because he's so super-hot, you're feeling pressured, trust is questionable, you're so lonely you intentionally ignore red flags (re-engage exhausted power tools now), your definitions of commitment differ, you're not sure he's into you but you think sex will fix that or you only want sex when you're intoxicated. Alcohol is the ultimate panty dropper. Beware.

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.

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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27

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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28

BASIN PARK BALCONY – Michael Dimitri, Singer/Songwriter, 12 p.m., Steve Jones, Singer/Songwriter, 6 p.m. CHELSEA'S – Chris Harp, Singer/Songwriter, 9:30 p.m.

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Broad-ranging medicines from nature

The way I know that anyone reads this column is by running into people at the store. Last Sunday, a reader in a grocery store aisle asked, "Will herbal medicines ever become mainstream?" That depends on how you define mainstream and how you define herbal medicine. Perhaps a more appropriate question is: do plants or molecules from nature contribute to healthcare? The simple answer is that medicines derived from nature are ubiquitous in virtually all healthcare systems.

Take, for example, the 2015 Nobel Prize in medicine, split between three researchers, William C. Campbell and Satoshi Omura for their discoveries concerning a novel therapy for roundworm parasites infections, and You-you Tu who led a research team that discovered artemisinin, used in the treatment of malaria.

All three scientists are researchers in pharmacognosy. According to the American Society of Pharmacognosy

(www.pharmacognosy.us), "pharmacognosy" derives from "pharmakon" or drug and "gnosis" or knowledge. Pharmacognosy is basically a highly interdisciplinary science based on the study of natural products and their molecules for the development of medicinal or other functional properties that we use in our everyday lives. "Natural products" are molecules derived from biological groups such as marine invertebrates, plants, fungi and bacteria.

Much scientific research on the medicinal properties of plants for possible discovery of new drugs, as well as science that helps us understand how dietary supplements function, are conducted by researchers in pharmacognosy.

Nobel laureate Prof. Omura is a microbiologist who has spent his career working on *Streptomyces* bacteria, found in soil. He isolated 50 promising strains from thousands of soil samples. Parasitic biologist, William C. Campbell



showed that one compound isolated from Omura's soil bacteria cultures was remarkably effective against parasitic diseases leading to development of the drugs Avermectin and Ivermectin. The drugs treat lymphatic filariasis, which can lead to clinical symptoms such as elephantiasis and river blindness. These tropical diseases affect over 100 million people and are on the verge of eradication as the result of their discoveries.

Whether your "herbal medicine" comes in the form of an isolated natural compound used in a prescription drug or a dietary supplement from a health food store, remember that your life has been touched by a pharmacognosist. Encourage your children to play in dirt. It could lead to a new discovery and a Nobel prize.

The hunt is on – The red carpet was rolled out for attendees at the State of Arkansas Parks & Tourism Conference last week. ESDN organized a scavenger hunt that took folks into shops throughout downtown. Joanna Springer Hanna helps some scavengers at Crescent Moon Beads.



Cave dwellers – The Grotto Wood-Fired Grill and Wine Cave was one of the businesses hosting folks attending the State of Arkansas Parks & Tourism Conference. Eureka Springs got rave reviews.

PHOTOS BY WENDI LA FEY



Gotta make this one fast – just got another trip here at Holiday Island, and heading to the lake. Fished Holiday Island yesterday and did pretty well with the crappie about 11 ft. deep in the sunken cedar trees in water about 22 ft. deep, and also got spotted bass at that depth.

Got a buddy who did pretty good fishing for walleye on the flats between here and Beaver off the bottom, but we never got out of the creek because we were having fun catching some pretty good slabs.

Beaver Lake stripers are on the move going towards Rogers. We are still going out from the dam and found some bigger fish between Points 4 and 7 near Rocky Branch. They are moving closer to the

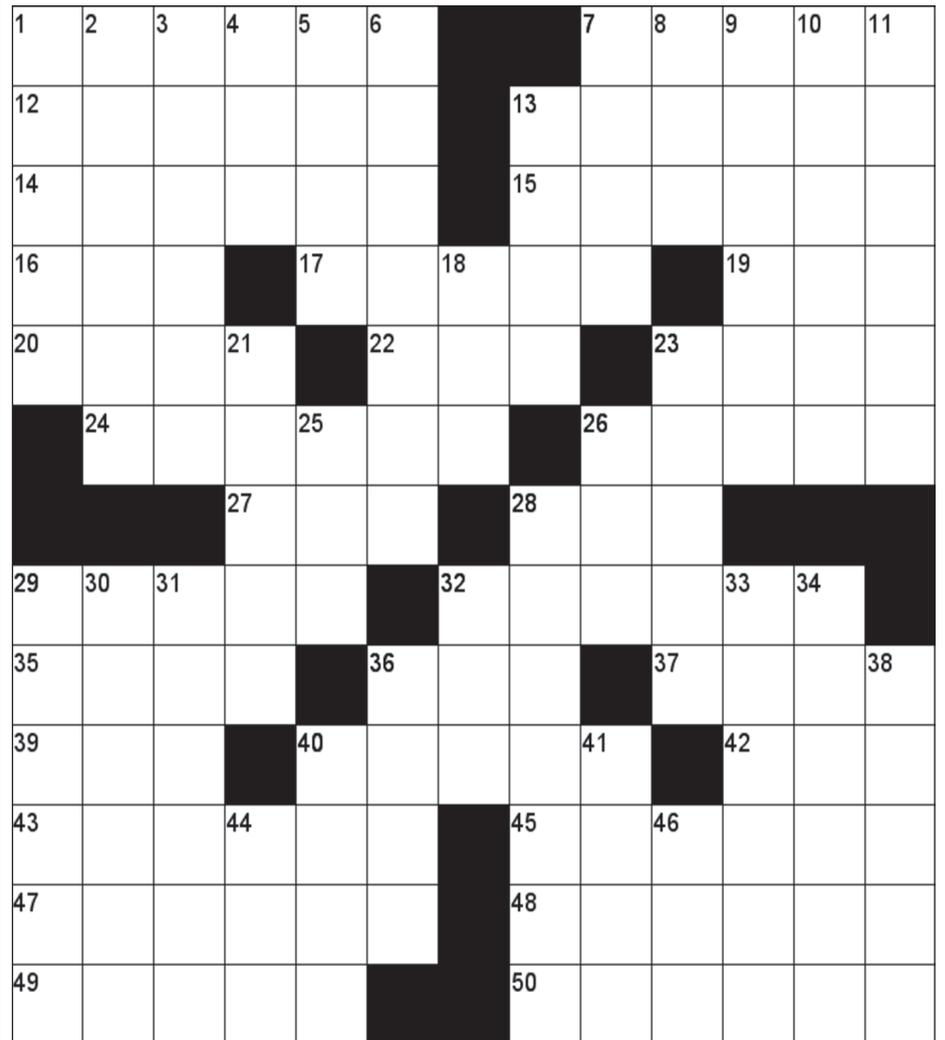
surface as the water cools.

Here's a couple that made it to the boat for Jeff Lewis and his fishing buddy, Kenny. Big fish was 25 lbs. We caught these Friday on six-in. shad between 20 and 28 ft. deep.

Water temp was down to 71° on Beaver, and yesterday here at Holiday Island we were getting 68°. Fifty-eight to 68° is a great temp to get all fish active. The bite is on, folks, so if you don't like burning up in the sun, now is a great time to get on the water.

Go enjoy the fall weather, as we are getting ready to do.

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



ACROSS

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| 1. Antenna or tentacle | 37. Reason to take action | 10. Progress, forward movement |
| 7. Russian revolutionary leader | 39. Type of tide | 11. In close proximity |
| 12. Get there | 40. San Diego catcher | 13. Harden by heat, as pottery |
| 13. Demand to depart | 42. Reverent surprise | 18. Sine qua _____ |
| 14. Recognition for achievement | 43. Brutish person | 21. Dig into |
| 15. Cat or wool | 45. Opposed to | 23. Existence |
| 16. Long time for geologists | 47. Indicator that employment is permanent | 25. 24 hours |
| 17. Golf course | 48. Come on or lure | 26. Misfortune |
| 19. Insect that buzzes while flying | 49. Small surface swelling on a plant | 28. Allocate over life of a contract |
| 20. Walked on | 50. Walks through a door | 29. Spin, whirl |
| 22. Caviar | | 30. Rendered unusable |
| 23. Talk excessively | | 31. Rockies or Alps climate |

DOWN

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| 24. Scandinavian country | 1. Polished plane of a diamond | 32. Mass of ivy |
| 26. Lawn needing attention | 2. Miscues | 33. Rough, unrefined |
| 27. Young man | 3. Before this time | 34. Heavy rope for mooring or towing |
| 28. Hawaiian dish from taro root | 4. Container cover | 36. Type of electrical fitting |
| 29. Sauce for meat, potatoes or rice | 5. Very bad | 38. Lustful glances |
| 32. Moat | 6. Went to bed | 40. Prefix for chute or meter |
| 35. December season | 7. Transparent substance designed to aid vision | 41. Fair and balanced |
| 36. Comment from a cow | 8. Hen's daily product | 44. English mother |
| | 9. Narrow strip of pasta | 46. Dine |

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LOST DOG



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Friday, Oct. 16,

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ambulance service. He also mentioned when someone says they need to quit their business because they are losing money, they quit, but Mercy still runs its ambulances. He said he would respect whatever the court decides to do.

Putting money in the right places

The court approved three appropriation ordinances. One was a \$2222.24 insurance reimbursement for a damaged county vehicle. The second was a \$1000 grant from the Carroll County Community Foundation for connecting

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juveniles with positive influences, such as county deputies. The third involved three amounts received for the sheriff's office: \$4200 for Arkansas Wireless Information Network radios, \$408.75 to repair damage to a vehicle, and \$1000 for 2015 calendars.

Other items

- Morris Pate, chair of the Carroll County Airport (CCA) Commission, reported since the last Quorum Court meeting, 54 planes had landed at CCA, 24 of which had fueled before taking off. Also, the Ozark Flying Club had returned to CCA as its base, and the airport received a \$5000 grant for general maintenance.

- Carla Mann, Carroll County Senior Center director, said her site is an activity and socialization center but it also provides transport to appointments and other services, in particular, the Meals on Wheels program, which provides free meals for homebound seniors from Osage to Holiday Island. She said she has provided 511 more meals than she is contracted for, and she pays the difference through fundraising and grants.

Next meeting will be Monday, Nov. 16, at 5 p.m.

Sunday at EUUF

UUA now offers *The Green Sanctuary Program* which provides a path for congregational study, reflection and action in response to environmental challenges. Join Forrest Jacobi and Jim Dudley as they lead a discussion of the steps to become certified as a Green Sanctuary Fellowship, and whether there is interest in it, on Oct. 25 at 11 a.m. Childcare is provided and there is extra parking at Ermilio's Restaurant, 26 White Street.

Call on Hog fans to roll up a sleeve and help save a life

The Red Cross and Hogs for Hope invite Razorback students, alumni, staff and the entire community to donate blood at the Hogs for Hope blood drive on Oct. 27 and 28 from 11:30 a.m. – 6:30 p.m. at the University of Arkansas, HPER Gyms 3 and 4, 155 Stadium Drive, Fayetteville. All presenting donors will receive a specially-designed Red Cross drive T-shirt while supplies last.

Call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-

733-2767) or visit redcrossblood.org to make an appointment or for more information. All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients. A blood donor card, driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age (16 with parental consent in some states), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood.

CERT classes offered

The Carroll County Citizen Corps Council that oversees the Community Emergency Response Team and Neighborhood Watch programs will be conducting a CERT class at the Holiday Island Fire Department on Wednesday, Nov. 11 and 18 from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. and Nov. 24 from 9 a.m. – noon. There will be a disaster drill on Saturday, Nov. 28 from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. at the fire department, a joint drill with the class being taught at the Berryville Fire Department on Tuesday evenings through Nov. 24.

This class is offered to county residents as part of the Office of Emergency Management to help them become prepared to meet the stress of a disaster. Covered in the class are Disaster Preparedness, Disaster Psychology, Light Fire Suppression, Simple Search and Rescue, and Medical Preparedness.

To sign up for the class or for more information you may contact Suellyn Fry at (870) 545-3317. Leave a message if there is no answer.

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A period of sorrow

Editor,

The family of Carol Murray thanks everyone for your thoughtfulness and prayers during our time of loss.

Robert Murray and Family

Diligence is the mother of good luck

Editor,

Hey, folks, I'm baaack! I traveled to Minnesota with the "the Hub" for two weeks and had a great time, but I'm so glad to be home safe and sound.

One of the best treats was to see real politicians in debate on October 13. What a

difference between the "Clown Parade" and people who are intelligent, fact based and genteel. The comparison is laughable if it weren't so pathetic.

Republicans arguing over which American woman should appear on our future currency? The rest of the world must have been scratching their heads and wondering if these are the best candidates the GOP has to muster?

At least my chosen party discussed crises of the day, such as wars, climate solutions and gun control. Not a 2000-mile wall with a golden door as a checkpoint or how unattractive another candidate's face was.

Oh, well, there's another whole year of this silliness. How lucky *are* we?

Enid B. Swartz

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