

## Council flips food trucks to Planning Commission

NICKY BOYETTE

Food trucks were the focus for five citizens who spoke to the Eureka Springs City Council during Public Comments at Monday evening's meeting, and opinion was divided.

Richard September, owner of Grandma's Beans and Cornbread restaurant in Pine Mountain Village, told council restaurants in town are struggling. He read a long list of overhead expenses his business incurs that food trucks do not. He said during the recent antique car show in Pine Mountain Village parking lot right in front of his restaurant, his business suffered because there were food trucks that he claimed offered no benefits to Eureka Springs, and belong in large cities.

Michael Shah distributed material from research at Harvard regarding cost-benefit analysis plus a sampling of regulations for food trucks in different cities in the country. He said food trucks dramatically changed the area near his business in Washington D.C., and that city still has not resolved all the problems.

Joe Joy, restaurant owner, said he had talked to restaurant owners in town since the recent council workshop on food trucks, and found no one who supported allowing food trucks in town. He said he employs 13 people, and would not want their families to suffer because of food trucks. He asserted there is only a certain amount of money that will be spent on food in Eureka Springs, so if food trucks are allowed to operate, it is logical some restaurants will feel the impact. He urged council to have a yes-or-no vote that evening on food trucks.

Rod Minner owns the Rowdy Beaver Restaurant, and he said food trucks might be popular, but he does not think Eureka Springs is the right place for them. He could offer them space on his property and lay off

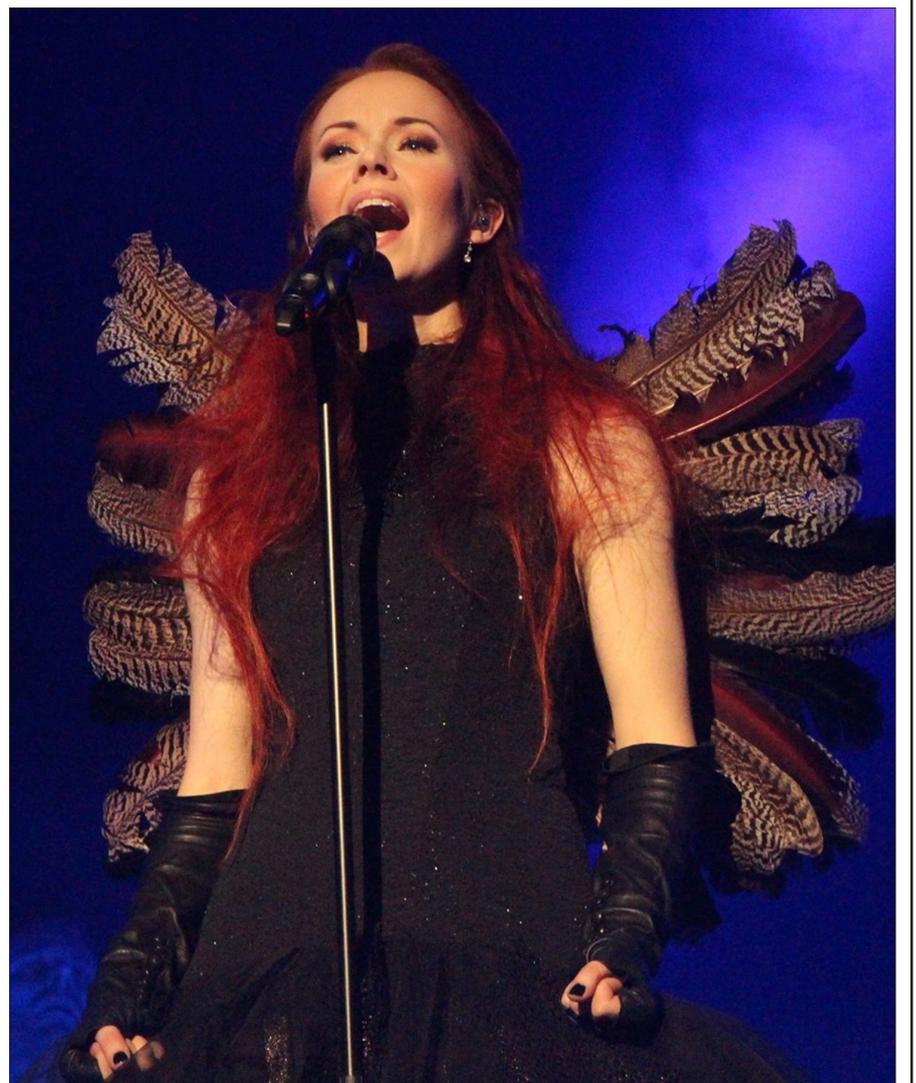
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### Songbird flies the sea

– Finnish singing star Johanna Kurkela has landed on our shores to begin her first American tour right here in the Ozarks, thanks to John Two-Hawks. Two-Hawks, who has a huge following in Finland, met Kurkela while performing there and suggested collaboration on a Christmas album.

The result is the beautiful CD, *Noel*, much of which will be heard on Dec. 5 at the *Annual John Two-Hawks Christmas Concert* as the two perform their celestial holiday music beginning at 7 p.m.

Tickets are \$15 at [www.johntwohawks.com](http://www.johntwohawks.com).



### This Week's INDEPENDENT Thinker

Sarah Josepha Hale took a job as magazine editor in 1828. In 1837 she started a campaign for a national day of Thanksgiving, and goosed her readers and the government for more than 40 years to make Thanksgiving a national holiday.

George Washington issued a presidential proclamation in 1789 for Thanksgiving every fourth Thursday in November, but it lost some steam amid all our growing pains. Abraham Lincoln issued another Thanksgiving proclamation in 1863, hoping a national day of family and feasting would salve some of the wounds between the North and the South.

It wasn't until Franklin Delano Roosevelt signed an Act of Congress on Nov. 26, 1941 that Thanksgiving became a legal holiday.

Sarah Josepha Hale was an editor until she retired at 89, so there's that inspiration to thank her for, too...

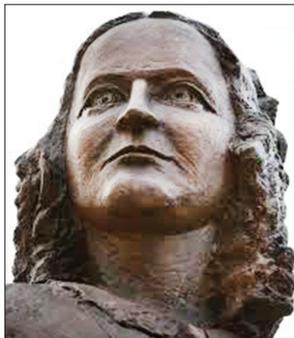


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lots of payroll, but said Eureka Springs does not have enough people to support them. Restaurant owners have invested in staying here. He asked, “Why should we step over dollars to pick up nickels?”

Victor Smith owns Catered Creations, a catering business he runs from his food truck. He again stated he is looking forward to operating once the city gets an ordinance with the proper regulations in order. He pointed out he grew up here and his kids go to school here, so he is invested here. He thinks food trucks would broaden what the town has to offer.

When council got its turn, alderman Mickey Schneider declared she had asked for a committee to be formed to look into the subject, but first asked city attorney Tim Weaver if it would be discrimination to say yes to one kind of food establishment but no to another kind.

Weaver replied it would not be discriminatory because they offer different sales.

Schneider insisted council have an up-or-down vote before the matter went any further.

Alderman James DeVito said, “I think a vote tonight is premature, and I move to send it to Planning for further study.” Alderman Joyce Zeller seconded his motion, and alderman David Mitchell agreed, saying he

was not ready to decide.

Schneider then wondered what Planning was being asked to do. What were they supposed to report back on?

Zeller responded Planning would know about zoning issues and she does not. She added so far no one has provided a reason we should not have food trucks except restaurants do not want them. “We should look at it,” she surmised. “If there is a possibility of a benefit to the city, we should investigate it.”

Alderman Terry McClung cautioned council that allowing one kind of transient business in town might open the possibility of others. He advocated they be “slow and deliberate.”

City clerk Ann Armstrong reminded council there are already food trucks in town, and City Code stipulates they are allowed at city-sponsored events if they get a permit. Berry clarified council is looking at expanding where they are allowed.

Schneider still wanted to clarify what Planning was supposed to do. She wondered if council should develop a list of items for commissioners to consider.

Berry told her food trucks in town becomes a land use issue. Planning commissioners could scrutinize different aspects and bring information back to council as they do for other discussions. Council could then massage their research into an ordinance or vote it down.

Alderman Bob Thomas reminded council sending the topic on to Planning is what they agreed to do at the workshop. To do otherwise would be going against their word to the public.

Mitchell agreed. “Send it on to Planning, and go from there. Let the process work itself out.”

Vote was unanimous to approve DeVito’s motion.

Next meeting will be Monday, Dec. 14, at 6 p.m.

## Notice

The *Eureka Springs Independent* office will be closed Thursday, Nov. 26 in order to stuff ourselves with Thanksgiving yummys. The office will also be closed on Friday, Nov. 27 in order to stuff ourselves with Thanksgiving leftovers. We will continue to digest and recoup over the weekend but will be back to our normal selves and in the office on Monday, Nov. 30. Happy Thanksgiving!

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## Water rates mushroom

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The ordinance stipulates these rates for customers inside the city limits:

First 2,000 gallons of water consumption per month, or any portion thereof = \$11.20/1,000 gallons;

for the next 6,000 gallons = \$4.29/1,000 gallons;

for all water consumption in excess of 8,000 gallons = \$5.74/1,000 gallons.

For customers outside the city limits, the cost will be exactly doubled the above rates for the same usage.

Alderman James DeVito moved to approve first reading of the ordinance, which passed unanimously, and then moved for a second, saying he would not approve a third reading because council should allow the public a chance to respond. Vote to approve the second reading

was also unanimous.

Third reading will occur at the Dec. 14 meeting. If council invokes the emergency clause on approval of the third reading, the rate increase would be reflected in the next billing cycle. Otherwise, the ordinance would take effect 30 days after passage, and the increase would be reflected in the next billing cycle thereafter.

## City property auctions conform with state law

Council approved a resolution Nov. 23 authorizing auction of city property. The auction already occurred, but

Mayor Butch Berry said the resolution brings the city into compliance with State Code. As a result of the auction, Public Works received \$3,7550; the police drug fund received \$19,235; the police non-drug fund received \$2,365; the Fire Department received \$1,466.

## Trot like a turkey on Thanksgiving

The Grassy Knob Fire Association Auxiliary will hold its 6<sup>th</sup> annual Don Gammie Turkey Trot on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 26 at 8:30 a.m. at Lake Leatherwood Park and begins at Lake Leatherwood Ball Fields. Top runners in the 5 kilometer trail run will be presented with medals. A one mile walk/run is available for those who would prefer a less challenging course.

The race is sanctioned by USA Track and Field. Entrance fee is \$20 for adults and \$15 for children under 12 years of age which includes a t-shirt. Deadline for registering is Nov. 17 to receive a t-shirt. Contact Adam Biossat at adam@adamsells.com or call (479) 236-0701 for registration form, or register online at www.TurkeyTrotAR.com for a \$3.25 fee. Participants must sign a waiver.

This race is in memory of Don Gammie of Grassy Knob, a longtime runner, and proceeds benefit the Grassy Knob Volunteer Fire Association. Sponsors are Roadrunner Inn, Angler's Grill and Pub, Community First Bank, C and J Sports, Starkey Marina and Bay Realty.



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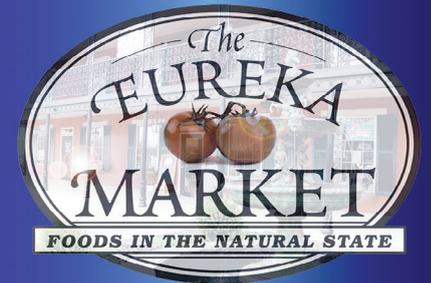
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## Festivals could take a hit

NICKY BOYETTE

Commissioner Damon Henke asked about funds dedicated to each festival listed in the City Advertising and Promotion budget, which led to a wide range of comments about festivals in general and how to make budget dollars most effective. At last Wednesday's CAPC workshop, Finance Director Rick Bright even suggested they drop the \$15,000 line item for the Bluegrass Festival down to \$3000 and just have free music in Basin Park. He said shows in the Auditorium have not drawn well recently but Basin Park is always packed. He had the same observation about the Jazz Festival. "I don't want them to go away, but they need to make sense," he said.

Interested citizen Beau Satori said the Bluegrass Festival just needs bigger names to attract a bigger audience, but Chair Charles Ragsdell pointed out adding headliners means adding at least \$50,000 to promotion costs. "There's no negotiating it down anymore," he said. "It's getting harder to draw national acts until they are on the way down."

Commissioner James DeVito added the festival scene now is different because there are more venues in the area that are closer to the patrons, and the concert business is not as vibrant as it once was.

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## CAPC reviews advertising

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The City Advertising and Promotion Commission (CAPC) used its Nov.18 workshop to go line-by-line through Executive Director Mike Maloney's proposed 2016 budget. A common theme throughout discussion was trying to stay up-to-date with strategies while maximizing advertising dollars.

For example, the CAPC sent out 10,000 direct mail postcards to a select list and Maloney said he "saw very little bump" as a response, so will scrap this strategy. Another item dropped from the next budget is \$13,200 for promotions at the Branson Airport, which not long ago were very effective but then the airport lost its major carrier. He will still place video spots on the Branson cable vacation channel and ads in Branson print, but airport promotions will be grounded.

Precision digital marketing, native advertising and niche marketing have proved to be effective, so budget lines for them will increase. These techniques draw a potential customer to a particular link about Eureka Springs, so in conjunction Maloney will make the pages customers see next more specific and dynamic. The CAPC will also be able to re-target those individuals to continue the conversation about Eureka Springs.

Maloney said analytics indicate the CAPC digital advertising is "reaching people by the millions. We can hammer Tulsa, for example, and test the results. We can't do all this with magazine ads." He added the data they collect from digital marketing allows him to strengthen print ad placement by targeting a more specific audience.

Chair Charles Ragsdell agreed "riding the same horse too long" was an ineffective advertising strategy, and he hoped new approaches could attract more overnight visitors.

Maloney echoed Ragsdell's sentiment by noting they had "been there, done that" with certain magazines, but nowadays "people read their smart phones - that's the world now." He speculated as 2016 unfolds, he might shift even more from print to digital advertising.

Ragsdell pointed out there are smarter levels of cable television now that could be a new tool for CAPC advertising. Commissioner Dustin Duling suggested staff could try to capture visitors while

they are already here, and Ragsdell commented there are apps for that, and he and Maloney had already talked about building one during the next year.

Maloney said he had put \$5000 in the 2016 budget for building an app that would be essentially a miniature version of the eureka springs.org site but more specific to restaurants and lodging with a map for getting around town. It would have a time-specific calendar, for example, making upcoming events easy to find, and a link to the primary website, but it would be a simpler, visitor-friendly tool.

Maloney said television and radio ad budgets would be about the same though there would be some shifting around. He announced he plans to expand outdoor digital ads to prime locations in Tulsa because Tulsa has proved to be "a dynamic market."

An addition to the next budget will be a \$5000 membership in the Northwest Arkansas Film Commission. "We want films here," he said. "They're like a small convention at your doorstep for thirty days."

### Group travel under the microscope

Commissioner Damon Henke suggested commissioners have a workshop devoted to discussion of the group travel program. He wanted more month-to-month reporting on group promoting and results, as well as a clearer long-term goal.

Ragsdell added the most common complaint he gets is about perceived ineffectiveness of promoting to group travel and bus tour operators. He noted Branson handles group travel promotion differently and it seems more effective, and advocated seeking out smaller groups to come mid-week which might benefit the city more.

Commissioner James DeVito said the group travel industry in general is diminishing, and Finance Director Rick Bright mentioned the Great Passion Play is the only local attraction that draws motorcoach tours. Commissioners agreed specific niches were needed for group travel.

Henke said he wanted to continue the group travel program, but establish expectations and then look at performance.

A workshop time was unresolved, and the next meeting will be Wednesday, Dec. 9, at 6 p.m.

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## Parks grapples with budget crunch

NICKY BOYETTE

Chair Bill Featherstone began the Nov. 17 Parks Commission by pointing to a chart behind him showing the budget arithmetic under which the Parks Department operates. Operating income is expected to be about \$294,000 this year, and staffing accounts for \$226,000, or about 76.9 percent. The remainder would be \$68,000, and Featherstone said \$38,000 goes for utilities, phone, fuel and sanitation leaving \$30,000 for the year to accomplish everything Parks must do to handle 1700 acres of city property.

Featherstone stated if a citizen sees a tree fallen in Lake Leatherwood City Park (LLCP) or a bench that needs repair, to consider the financial constraint under which staff operate.

“We squeeze water out of a rock every day,” he remarked, “and I’m offering no excuses. It is what it is.”

He said the numbers on the chart are what staff works within, so commissioners are looking at all options including, to his

dismay, implementing a permit fee to use the parks.

Interim director Donna Woods followed Featherstone’s comments with three points she said must be addressed: 1) Parks operates on a limited budget; 2) Parks staff are overextended because they have been given expanded responsibilities without additional staff or funds; and 3) Parks has longstanding operational issues which must be addressed.

She pointed out Parks has three full-time staff, three part-time seasonal workers and one part-time bookkeeper. “None of our staff is getting rich working at Parks.” She added that the \$30,000 they have to get through the year includes mandated expenses such as insurance and termite control.

Woods said she gets phone complaints indicating if the commission would only get its priorities in order, which means focus on their pet issues, then particular problems would get the attention they need. She stated the commission does its due diligence and staff does “an amazing

job with our limited resources.”

She gave an example of a recent operational issue. A driver, possibly impaired in some way, drove into and damaged the dog park fence. The maintenance budget for the year has already been exhausted, but Parks must fix the fence by finding funds designated elsewhere in the budget.

Woods observed if Parks were a family, it would be operating at poverty level.

Nevertheless, they have been working on putting up Christmas decorations for the town and “the lights will go on the day after Thanksgiving.” Some are already operating on light sensors, but Friday the big light displays begin. She said her staff has put in to that point 318.75 hours refurbishing and repairing decorations and 154.25 hours installing them.

She reported occupancy rates at LLCP went down in October as they do every year, but Parks is still on schedule to meet its 2015 budget.

She noted Jim and Susan Nelson gave

gift certificates to the full-time Parks staff in acknowledgment for their work putting up the Christmas decorations, and implored the public, “Please support the people trying to make Eureka Springs beautiful for the holiday.”

### Permanent director

Featherstone announced Woods had given notice that she would continue as interim director only until the end of January. He urged commissioners to begin advertising right away. He recommended publishing widely in local newspapers, in parks-specific websites and on sites used by job seekers.

He declared, “We earnestly want to find the best director we can who will accept the funds we can offer.”

Vote was unanimous to begin advertising right away.

Next workshop will be on Tuesday, Dec. 1, at 6 p.m., at Harmon Park, and the next meeting will be Tuesday, Dec. 15, at 6 p.m.

## Community Garage Sale Jan. 23

Best Western Inn of the Ozarks in Eureka Springs will be hosting the second annual Eureka Springs Historical Museum’s Community Garage Sale in the Convention Center on Saturday, Jan. 23 from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. If you need to clean out your garage and empty your closets 8’ X 10’ booths are

available for \$30. Tables are available for an addition \$5 and set up will be Friday, Jan. 22 from 5 – 8 p.m.

Admission is \$3 per person. Call Kindra at (479) 253-9768 Ext. 602 or email kindra@innoftheoarks.com for information and to reserve your space.

## Flint Street at ECHO Thanksgiving dinner

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## Park use policy under consideration

NICKY BOYETTE

Parks Commissioner Jay Fitzsimmons presented the policy he crafted at the Nov. 17 meeting for getting a permit to use Basin Park. He said commissioners had spent much workshop time considering the policy, and mentioned there was no policy in place at the time, just a series of approvals and no document stipulating what a person or group would be agreeing to. He said sometimes Basin Park is left after an event in a "state of disorder" which Parks staff must clean up.

He stated the proposed policy requires a \$50 fee except for registered nonprofits or governmental entities. It also requires a refundable security deposit of \$200. He said once Parks puts things back in order, the deposit is refunded, but Parks intends to come out even.

Commission Chair Bill Featherstone liked the fact the policy was only one page, and said he understood nonprofit to mean a 501(c)(3) agency, but said the term "governmental" was less clear and he wanted to keep politics out of the policy.

Fitzsimmons clarified "governmental" meant a city or county entity.

Commissioner Steven Foster asked what would be the situation for a person who wanted to announce his candidacy for office in Basin Park. He also mentioned there are different classifications of nonprofit status. If an agency is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, it has a letter in hand from the Internal Revenue Service granting this status, and it is not "registered."

Commissioners discussed clearing up language and terms, and Foster then asked about drumming in Basin Park. Is a permit needed?

Discussion ensued about groups leaving tidy-up work for Parks staff after events, and Featherstone said even though use of Basin Park requires staff time for cleanup, Parks does not want to discourage use of the park.

Fitzsimmons commented all of the parks use policies he saw on the web, but

Basin Park is below minimum in what it expects of the users. "We're just trying to keep the park whole," he said.

Foster returned to his question about drumming in the park, and Featherstone brought up large unscheduled events. Interim director Donna Woods asked about protocol for collecting a ten percent commission of sales during events as stipulated in the proposed policy.

Featherstone noticed they were discovering a multitude of gray areas, and commissioner Fergie Stewart nevertheless contended the proposed document establishes policy and "creates protection for public trust." He moved they approve the document subject to clarifying language about nonprofit status. Fitzsimmons seconded.

Featherstone speculated there would be backlash from the public if they voted on it at the meeting, and suggested they table it until the December meeting to give the public time to respond.

Fitzsimmons reminded the group because of the commission-imposed morato-

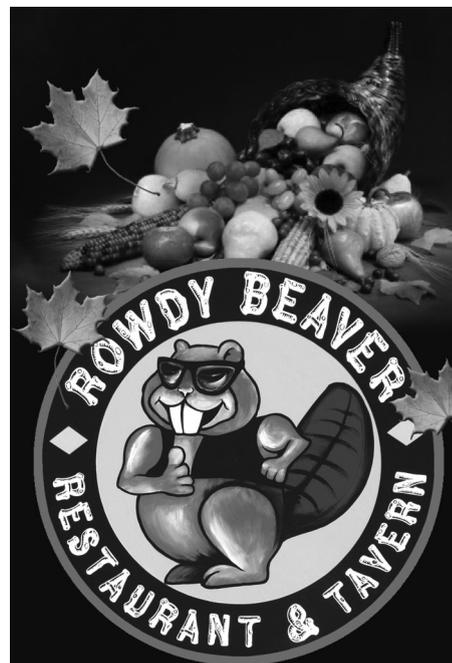
rium, no dates have been secured for use of the Park for 2016. Woods responded she has taken reservations, so dates are in place pending approval of the policy and she could wait another month if commissioners chose to consider public feedback.

Foster then brought up other uses of the parks not clearly defined. Does the policy apply to all Parks properties? He suggested making it specific to Basin Park. His opinion was there were parts of the document needing further clarification.

Stewart agreed to withdraw his motion, and Fitzsimmons reluctantly withdrew his second, but wanted the public to know the document is almost complete.

Featherstone hoped they got public input within the next 30 days because it is his intent they vote yes or no at the December meeting. Complications with the document continued to arise until Foster suggested perhaps they should get advice from the city attorney.

Commissioners voted to table their decision until the next meeting, Dec. 15.



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# INDEPENDENTNews

## Carriage will roll on upper loop

NICKY BOYETTE

Susan Tharp of Olden Days Carriage presented the application to renew her horse-drawn carriage franchise on the upper historical loop. She told city council Monday that for the past five years she has operated the route from the Crescent Hotel over to the old high school property, down Ellis Grade, then on to the library and back up to the Crescent.

Alderman James DeVito right away moved to approve her application.

Alderman Terry McClung asked questions about whether the map council was approving accurately reflected her route, and

city attorney Tim Weaver cautioned council not to alter the route or they could face litigation.

Alderman David Mitchell clarified with Tharp she was applying for nothing different than what she has done for the past five years. She reiterated nothing is changing, she simply has applied for a renewal of the franchise.

Discussion continued regarding any possible deviation from the route, and Tharp finally said if there were cause to go off the prescribed route, she would ask for a police escort if necessary.

Vote to renew her franchise was unanimous.

In a side note, during Public Comments, Rachel Brix implored council to enforce City Code regarding animal safety, in particular, the application by Karen Garriott for operating the animal-drawn franchise on Main Street. Brix stated Main Street, which is Arkansas State Hwy. 23, is not a safe route for animal-drawn transports, Garriott's proposed safety measures on her carriages seems inadequate, and her hours of operation do not allow for effective enforcement by Animal Control.

# INDEPENDENTMail

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## Do we really know what time it is?

Editor,

A big thank you to our city for remembering Thanksgiving comes *after* Halloween and *before* Christmas. It should be the most important celebration of all the harvest festivals, because it can be shared by all races and faiths of the United States of America. I'm especially partial to the great feast of Thanksgiving since I was raised in the Congregational religion; the faith of the Pilgrims.

Thank you, again, for postponing the Christmas light up until after our first nationally recognized holiday in the USA. I hope this decision becomes a yearly tradition in Eureka Springs.

*Enid B. Swartz*

## Bernie getting my vote

Editor,

I'm voting for Bernie Sanders and I will not be voting for Hillary Clinton if she wins the Democratic nomination. Sanders represents something we haven't seen in years, a clear and bold voice for the United States people.

*Enid B. Swartz*

Democratic socialism means something very simple: We have a heart and care for the people who are the backbone of this country. Un-rigging our political system so our politicians actually represent the people instead of big money and special interests is not a radical idea. Health care for all is not a radical idea. A living minimum wage is not a radical idea. Tuition-free public college is not a radical idea. Wall Street, big corporations and the incredibly wealthy paying their fair share in taxes is not a radical idea. Polls show that the majority of the American people favor these policies.

Republican voters, your Washington politicians don't represent you and they don't respect you. They feed you misinformation so you vote against your interests. Democratic voters, if you think Clinton will represent you over her Wall Street donors, you're allowing yourself to believe a lie. And for those of you who say, I like Sanders but I don't think he's electable, if you vote for him in the primary, he will be electable. Bernie can win. I believe it now more than ever. But it's going to take work.

*Stephen Reynolds*  
*Mayflower, Ark.*



## WEEK'S TopTweets

**@qwertying:** Walmart needs an observation deck.

**@buckyisotope:** Being a grownup is throwing something at the trash can, missing, and actually going over and picking it back up.

**@michaeljudson:** The guy who named eggplants, pineapples and guinea pigs is all the same guy.

**@aspersioncast:** In Australia, lawsuits are just what lawyers wear to court.

**@shelbyfero:** You give me one leather jacket, I invest it, then give you back two leather jackets! – Fonzi scheme

**@nickschug:** Twitter has messed me up. Now when someone says something I like in real life, I gently place my hand on their face and whisper "favorite."

**@jferg1616:** My phone wanted to autocorrect "mos def" to "most definitely." I swear, my phone has absolutely zero swag.

**@lafix:** Watts a homonym?

**Beingtheo:** As hillbillies age they're called hillwilliams.

**@smethanie:** Drunk girls whisper in caps lock.

**@nachosarah:** I'm so sick of being white, it's like playing a video game on easy.

## United States should take the lead

The United Nations Conference on Climate Change (UNCCC) is scheduled for Nov. 30 – Dec. 11, in Paris, France, also known as the Conference of Parties 21 (COP21). This will be the 21st annual meeting of all countries willing to take action on the climate. For more than 20 years, the world has known of the climate threat and some countries have decided not to show up or declined to sign an agreement.

The main issue is whether or not a binding agreement on greenhouse gas emissions reduction will be reached. This is a surprising and disturbing issue. Why would any country get in the way of preventing what is clearly a catastrophe in the making? This may be the last chance to survive. Last month, the hottest month on record, with an increase in the average global temperature of one degree Celsius, we reached one-half of the gap left before the lights go out.

Here is some background. The Kyoto Protocol, a precursor of the Paris meeting, was adopted in Kyoto, Japan, in December 1997 and entered into force in February 2005, to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, based on the premise that (a) global warming exists and (b) man-made CO<sub>2</sub> emissions have caused it. Canada withdrew in December 2012 and the US refused to sign.

Will the United States, for the first time, have the courage and determination to lead the world and prevent the unthinkable? Most countries are determined to make a solid commitment. France, in the middle of what Pope Francis calls a piecemeal World War III, will host the conference and is ready to make a deal.

The U.S. Senate, however, has chosen financial interests of the dying coal industry over the survival of mankind. On Nov. 20, 2015, the Senate rejected the EPA Clean Power Plan to reduce carbon dioxide emissions from coal-fired power plants. This is not a done deal; the Senate is simply buying time for the coal industry.

The overall message is that as Obama and his negotiators head to Paris, there is considerable resistance at home to the key policy by which the U.S. promises to reduce emissions.

Great news: Wood pellets from Arkansas forests will be discussed in Paris. Canada is taking action showing it is serious about fighting climate change, imposing a carbon tax starting in 2017, and a cap on emissions from the oil sands. The UK plans to close all coal-fired power plants by 2025. Yes, it can be done.

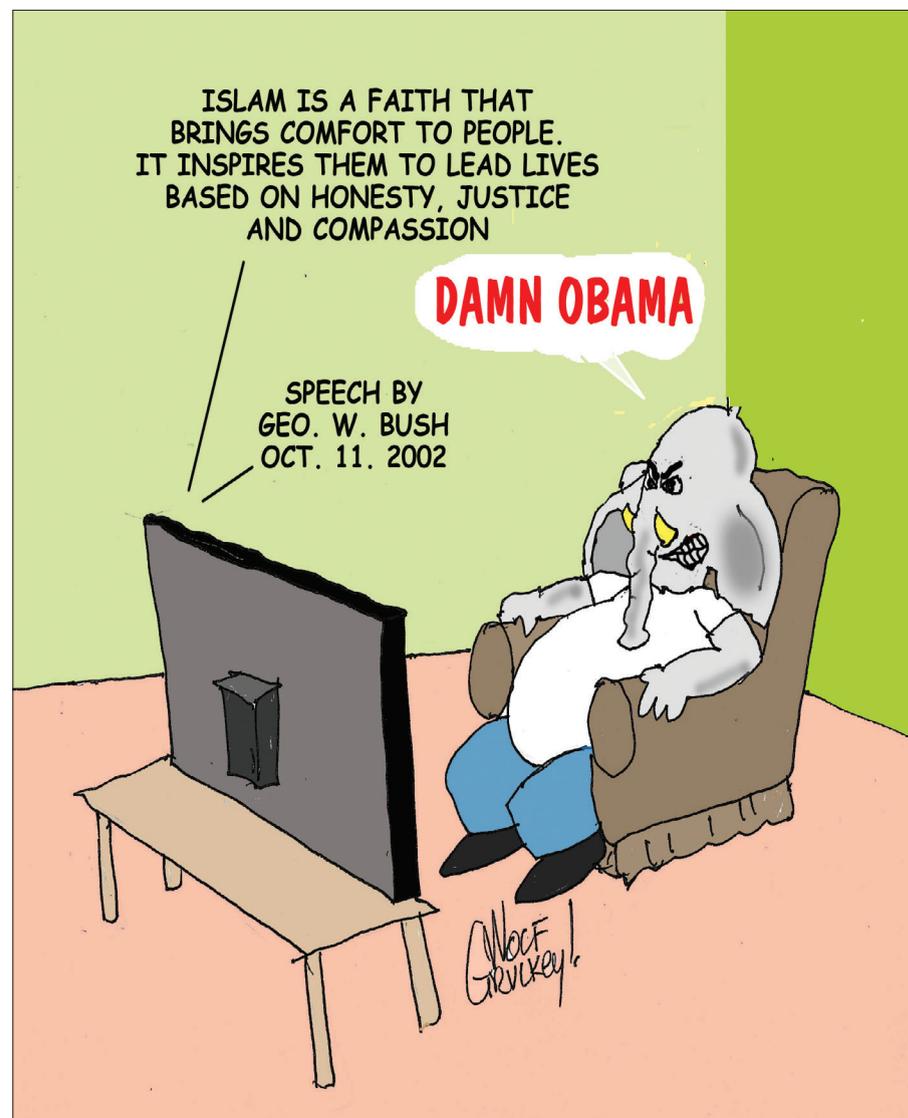
Bad news: 2nd Generation black pellets. Zilkha wood pellet mills developed black wood pellets to replace coal without having to make modifications to power plants. Black pellets use lignin from tree trunks without added adhesives to eliminate the safety hazards of white pellets. Zilkha is licensing this technology to upgrade old pellet mills and marketing “clean heat” to US coal-fired power plants. Drax Power, the UK 4,000 Mega Watt monster coal-fired power station, shamelessly has a video entitled: “Biomass: from forests to firms.” This video is available on YouTube.

Second only to the use of fossil fuels, deforestation is responsible for more than 15 percent of all greenhouse gas emissions.

More bad news: Last week I called AR Rep. (R.) Bruce Westerman’s DC office to check on the status of the Resilient Federal Forests Act, H.R. 2647, under review in the Senate. The Act would give USFS unlimited power to conduct projects without environmental review or public comments, and limited legal intervention. I followed up with an email asking the following questions. If the Resilient Federal Forest Act were approved, from your perspective, what would the likely consequences be on: 1. Climate change, 2. Reforestation, 3. Commercial logging, 4. Forest clear-cutting for wood pellet mills, and 5. Social justice and public health.

To find out what Westerman thinks of my five questions, please call his office, (202) 225-3772. All I got was an email declining to comment. Just don’t ask about climate change.

*Dr. Luis Contreras*



## The Pursuit of HAPPINESS

by Dan Krotz

Love is often an alibi for our worst behaviors. I’m thinking specifically about the avalanche of advice we sometimes ladle out to our adult children. We mean well; we want the not-so-little nippers to be healthy, wealthy and wise, but the advice we give often translates as anticipation that they’ll earn more money and have better stuff than we did. To be just like us, only better.

We’ll often tell our children, “All I want is for you to be happy.” That’s true, but a lot of the time it really means, “I want to feel less uneasy, less afraid, and less worried about you.” Here again, love is an alibi, this time for our anxiety. If we’d take our own advice, and be happy, we’d be that best and worst of all things, a good example. It’s extremely difficult for kids not to see and understand good examples; they’re always walking the walk – and in your shoes, too – and they rarely talk.

Sometimes love is an alibi for what is functionally a banking relationship. Some people need constant reassurance that they are esteemed, that love is returned – and returned with interest. Kids might start the conversation with “...if only you loved me you would...” and parents may remind their children, “I’ve sacrificed so much for you that...” If the art of the Renaissance has taught us anything, it’s that the lives of saints end badly. While we might really respect Caravaggio, Norman Rockwell is the guy we actually love.

This is all by way of saying that Thanksgiving is here, and Christmas is just around the corner. The kids and grandkids, and maybe Weird Uncle Al, will be coming across the river and through the trees to see us and all that stuffing we’ve jammed into some poor bird. They’ll eat the vile green bean casserole you got from a recipe in *The Ladies Home Journal* back in 1976 because it’s a tradition, and they’ll watch football while you do the dishes... and everything else. But it’s okay.

Let love be love this holiday season, and make it an alibi-free one. From my house to your house, Happy Thanksgiving.

## A little help from our friends:

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

Meetings at Coffee Pot Club:

- **Alateen** – Sundays, 10:15 – 11:15 a.m. Email [alateen1st@gmx.com](mailto:alateen1st@gmx.com) or phone (479) 981-9977
- **Overeaters Anonymous** – Thursdays, 10:30 a.m. Barbara (479) 244-0371
- **Narcotics Anonymous** – Fridays, 5:30 p.m. (903) 278-5568
- **Al-Anon Family Group (AFG)** – Sundays, 11:30 a.m., Mondays and Tuesdays 7 p.m.
- **Eureka Springs Coffee Pot AA Groups** Monday – Saturday 12:30 p.m.; Sunday 10 a.m.; Sunday – Thursday, Saturday, 5:30 p.m.; Tuesday and Friday, 8 p.m. (479) 253-7956
- **Al-Anon** Wednesday, 5:30 p.m. All other meetings: See [www.nwarkaa.org](http://www.nwarkaa.org)

# INDEPENDENT Constables On Patrol

## NOVEMBER 16

11:15 a.m. – Animal Control responded to a business downtown because there was a bat inside. He captured and relocated it.

8:08 p.m. – A couple were arguing as they walked through a neighborhood, and an observer reported they might be inebriated. Constables on patrol went to the scene and arrested the female for public intoxication and an open container.

11:17 p.m. – Resident on the west side of town told ESPD someone had been knocking at her door. Constables scoured the area but nobody saw anyone.

## NOVEMBER 17

2:05 a.m. – Traffic stop resulted in the arrest of the driver for DWI and driving left of center.

4:28 p.m. – Constable red-tagged a vehicle in a neighborhood.

11:49 p.m. – Resident in a neighborhood above downtown claimed he went outside because his dogs were barking and saw someone grab his pirate flag and abscond to a nearby vehicle and drive away. Constables never saw a vehicle fitting the description.

## NOVEMBER 18

6:29 a.m. – An alarm was triggered at a motel, but the constable found everything secure.

2:07 p.m. – Animal Control caught a dog wandering near a motel and returned it to its owner.

6:31 p.m. – Constable on patrol noticed three people near a vacant building. He made contact and discovered one of them had a warrant out of Berryville PD, so the constable arrested him.

## NOVEMBER 19

12:01 a.m. – Individual reported a reported a suspicious vehicle parked next to hers as she left her office. The same vehicle had been there once before. Constables looked for but did not encounter the suspicious vehicle.

11:56 a.m. – There was a two-vehicle accident on US 62 toward the western edge of town. No injuries.

1:01 p.m. – Witness reported items were flying off a semi on its way through town. Constable encountered the vehicle but did not see anything escape the trailer.

## NOVEMBER 20

9:20 a.m. – Business on the east end of US 62 reported an overnight break-in. Constable filed a report.

7:19 p.m. – There was a verbal altercation in a neighborhood. The squabblers went their separate ways.

9:26 p.m. – Constable went to a residence in the west

part of town for a report of a female being threatened. There was also a report of a dog bite.

## NOVEMBER 21

1:51 a.m. – ESPD received a third-party call about a possible domestic disturbance at a hotel, but constables were unable to locate the caller.

5:55 a.m. – Motorist claimed the driver of a semi heading east on US 62 might be impaired. Constable stopped the vehicle and issued a citation.

7:49 a.m. – When a constable responded, he discovered bank employees had triggered an alarm.

7:21 p.m. – A gentleman was walking into and off of Main Street. Constable arrested him for public intoxication and resisting arrest.

10:44 p.m. – Two individuals were reportedly walking down a road and almost caused an accident. Constables did not encounter them.

## NOVEMBER 22

1:44 a.m. – Constable initiated a traffic stop and arrested the driver for DWI and driving left of center.

8:44 a.m. – Benton County authorities asked ESPD to check for two juveniles who might be at a local motel. The two were gone by the time constables got there.

8:55 a.m. – The caller told ESPD his car was missing. He had called all the towing companies and they did not have it. The vehicle was eventually found.

9:39 a.m. – Concerned observer reported seeing a child on the median of a busy highway. Constable discovered the student was not in danger and was conducting a school project.

10:23 a.m. – Constable tried but was unable to fix a broken change machine downtown.

11:01 a.m. – There was a two-vehicle accident downtown. No injuries.

12:29 p.m. – There was another two-vehicle accident, this time toward the eastern end of US 62, and again no injuries.

12:32 p.m. – Constable preformed a welfare check and found the person okay.

2:47 p.m. – Constables responded to a tourist lodging to investigate apparent forced entry. Two doors were damaged and items were missing.

11:19 p.m. – A resident reported a possible break-in. Constable gathered information.

## NOVEMBER 23

6:46 a.m. – EMS responded to a male who had fallen and suffered a laceration to his head. He was transported to ESH.

## Be creative on Shop Small Saturday, Nov. 28! Fun in Basin Park and Art Bazaar at Inn of the Ozarks

Shop Small Saturday begins at the Eureka Springs Art Bazaar, open from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. in the Inn of the Ozarks Convention Center. You’ll find amazing gifts and the work of a host of fine artists and artisans under one roof.

Downtown in Basin Park, the first 100 shoppers can pick up a free VIP shopping bag stuffed with

discount and gift certificates.

Santa will be in the park from 1 – 3 p.m. for photo ops, and you’ll want to stick around for the fun Santa’s Beard Contest, part of the Great Ozarkan Beard-Off happening all around town. Any man, woman, child or pet with a beard (real or otherwise) can compete for votes and valuable prizes.

## Carrroll County Airport New 'flight plan' inspires confidence

NICKY BOYETTE

Commissioner Sandy Martin informed the Carrroll County Airport (CCA) Commission at its Nov. 20 meeting she and Chair Morris Pate had "a positive meeting" with the Quorum Court budget committee, and she sensed the justices of the peace had "a growing confidence" in the way the commission had turned the airport around.

Martin said the committee agreed commissioners could apply some reserve, as much as \$30,000 from current year allocation, toward debt reduction, which would assist in the airport's effort to be self-sufficient. Pate had announced at the Sept. 18 meeting the commission had learned of a \$77,000 debt it was previously unaware of.

The budget committee, however, told Martin and Pate since the airport was generating more revenue now it would recommend a reduction in the 2016 line item to \$60,000. During 2015, the court allocated \$4000 per month for January and February and \$6500 every subsequent month subject to Pate handing the county clerk the current monthly financial statement. What the court wants on the monthly statement is still being defined.

### Simulator as a marketing tool

One item listed in the proposed budget was a flight simulator. Pate said the simulator would be a marketing tool they could take to schools, civic club meetings and community events to promote CCA and introduce the public to flying airplanes. Commissioner Dane Mulligan was not sure this would be a worthwhile expense. He said the simulator experience compared to an airplane ride "is going from black and white to technicolor pretty quick."

Mulligan said a simulator is good for practicing

flight procedures, but Pate reassured him the plan would be for the simulator to spark an interest and pilots could follow up with the airplane rides. Commissioners still need to vote on the expenditure.

### Airport could use more hangars

Pate reported CCA had only two vacant hangars with one more lease ending at the end of the year, and a pilot from Kansas had already made a proposal to rent all three. "At some point, we'll need more hangars, maybe next year," Pate said. "It's good we're full and bad we'll have to say no. We'd be remiss not to pursue more hangars."

Jay Truelove, who leases a hangar, proposed investing in repairing his door and extending his parking area and apron in return for a long-term lease at \$100 per month instead of \$165. He speculated he would be paying 20 years of lease payments in advance just by making the improvements.

Airport manager Michael Pfeifer said the Federal Aviation Administration cautions against long-term leases without an escalation clause because property values can change dramatically. Commissioners voiced other contractual considerations and decided to develop a contract with details spelled out before negotiating Truelove's lease proposal.

### Weather Box

Commissioners voted to authorize Pfeifer to spend up to \$900 for the purchase of a cloud-based personal weather system called Weather Box, a solar-powered sensor that updates temperature, humidity, barometric pressure, wind speed and direction, dew point and rainfall every 2.5 seconds. Data can be uploaded onto a computer and made available to incoming pilots. Mulligan said the device is not an official weather station but still very

useful for the cost. Expenditure would include a monitor and camera.

### Other items

- Commissioners voted to invoke the 30-day notice and end their \$5000/year vegetation abatement contract and instead send Pfeifer to vegetation control training to get certified.

- Pfeifer recommended the commission authorize up to \$1500 for repairs to their four-wheel drive Chevrolet Tahoe with a trailer hitch that could tow a plane because it offers other benefits to the airport besides as a courtesy car. Commissioners voted Aye to repair the Tahoe.

Next meeting will be Friday, Dec. 18, at 12 p.m.

## Sunday at EUUF

New Eureka resident Peg Adamson will discuss the many different influences that have combined to form her spiritual outlook on life at the Eureka Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 17 Elk Street, on Nov. 29 at 11 a.m.

Childcare is provided and there will be extra parking at Ermilio's Restaurant, 26 White Street. All are welcome.

## HI Hikers go to Big Cedar

Join the Holiday Island Hikers Monday, Nov. 30 on an easy, 3-mile hike at Big Cedar. Group will meet at 9 a.m. at the Holiday Island Recreation Center. Lunch will be at the Big Cedar Lodge with an opportunity to browse and Christmas shop at the lodge afterwards. For more information call Dan Kees (660) 287-2082.

## NOTES from the HOLLOW

by Steve Weems

I opened up the November 16, 1978 *Eureka Springs Times-Echo* and saw my wife looking back at me from page 3, though she was only 11 years old. She, along with classmates Clyde Osterhout, Jessica Lux and others, were winners in the school poster contest. Over on page 2 is a large photograph of Paul Anderson with art teacher Barbara Ackley. He won the grand prize in the contest and his artwork would soon grace the cover of the new Ozark Gardens menu.

The lead story of the week is about the ongoing plans to build a city parking lot on Water Street in the wooded valley between Douglas and Steele. City Administrator

Karen Grulkey updated the city council about problems with the appraisal process when Mayor-elect Marcile Davis said she wasn't in favor of the location. After input from City Attorney Ed Buice, alderman Bill Reasor introduced a motion to drop the Water Street project completely. The motion failed when only Truie Walsh and Bill Reasor voted for it. Al Westphal, Richard Kelley and Dave Drennon abstained. I believe Water Street is now a city park.

It was also reported that United States Senator Dale Bumpers would be the keynote speaker at the upcoming Chamber of Commerce banquet. An \$8.50 ticket,

purchased at the Chamber of Commerce office located in the Municipal Auditorium, bought a meal of cordon bleu.

Also on the front page is a photograph of Ruth Eicher, Jeanette Bullock and June Westphal being sworn in as members of the Historic District Commission. Previously, Charles Freeman and Clio Miller were sworn in by Mayor Charles Robertson. There is also a photograph of Eureka Springs native, Sheriff Jerry Colvin.

I perused the restaurant ads, wondering where people may have had plans to eat out for Thanksgiving the following week. Inn of the Ozarks and Eureka Inn had competing Thanksgiving



buffets planned. The Hylander Steak House also had a special menu advertised. Miceli's and the Spaghetti Mill have ads, though it wasn't clear if they were open Thanksgiving Day. Tastee-Freez announced they'd be closed so they could stay home with the kids.



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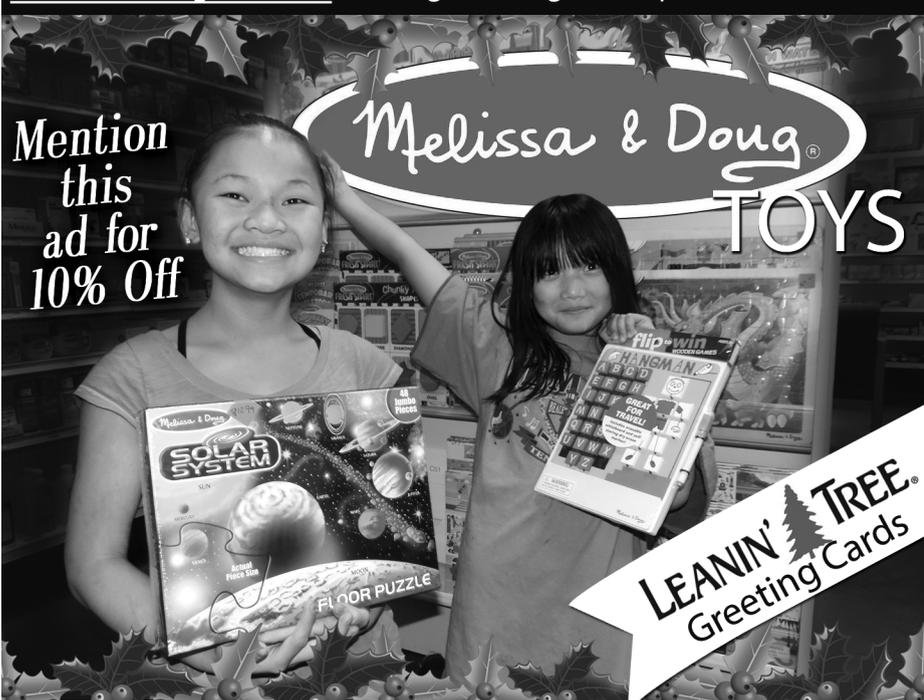
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## Same roof, same denial by HDC

NICKY BOYETTE

At its Nov. 4 meeting, the Historic District Commission denied Becky Gillette's application for installing a lap panel steel roof on the house she bought at 19 Kimberling. She returned for the Nov. 18 meeting saying she had learned from the previous experience and had done more homework regarding HDC guidelines and wanted to present her application anew.

She read from the guidelines where the commission could consider lap panel steel roofs on a case-by-case basis. One criterion would be consistency with the neighborhood, and Gillette displayed photographs of 10 houses nearby with lap panel steel roofs. Her opinion was her proposed roof choice would thereby not be inconsistent.

Gillette mentioned she has heard positive remarks about the appearance of a similar metal roof she was allowed to put on her property at 298 N. Main. She said it is important to be a good steward of the environment, and her roofing choice, though a bit

more expensive than shingles, would be in line with the city's commitment to green choices.

Commissioner Doug Breitling pointed out as a matter of protocol that this was the same application the commission had denied two weeks previous. Gillette responded that Glenna Booth, city economic development director, told her since Gillette was willing to change the roofing color, her application could be reconsidered by the commission.

Breitling then said the location was still in a residential area, and guidelines clearly state lap panel steel roofs are not allowed in residential areas. He added that metal was not the issue because there are allowable metal choices, such as standing seam or stamped metal shingles. He said standing seam is considered historic but lap panel is not.

Commissioner Melissa Greene told Gillette, "We don't make these things up, and we don't always agree with the guidelines, but they were given to us." She also mentioned most of the roofs in the pictures Gillette had shown were never approved. Greene also

lamented the fact the guidelines put Gillette in this situation.

Not to be denied, Gillette insisted the guidelines stipulate decisions can be made on a case-by-case basis, and asserted the commission should consider environmental concerns. She was trying to rehabilitate the house, incorporate environmental features and follow the rules. She said it was not fair others have already put on these roofs but she is being denied.

Commissioner Virgil Fowler pointed out there is the stamped metal choice, but Gillette stated besides the fact they are "stampy-looking," her roofer has never put one on and did not want to try.

Breitling called for a vote and decision was unanimous to deny the application.

At the end of the meeting Breitling called for a workshop before the Dec. 2 meeting to discuss the guidelines regarding metal roofs.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, Dec. 2, at 6 p.m. It will be preceded by a workshop on the guidelines regarding metal roofs at 4 p.m.



**In with the new** – Several guilds enjoyed the Holiday Island Association of the Arts year-end membership meeting and annual holiday dinner on Nov. 20. New board members for 2016 were also elected, including, from left: Carol McGowen, music coordinator; Jean Razer, board treasurer; Jim Sexton, member-at-large; Mariellen Griffith, president; Jay Vrecenak, VP; Pat Sweeden, secretary; Nigel Hartey, Art Guild coordinator; and Carolyn Green, Readers and Writers' Guild coordinator. *PHOTO BY DON SODERBERG*

## Toys for Tots Chili Cook-Off

Join in a chili cook-off to benefit Toys for Tots for kids in Carroll County on Saturday, Dec. 12 from 4 – 7 p.m. at the Senior Center, 202 West Madison, Berryville. The community will vote on the winners so bring the best chili you can cook up.

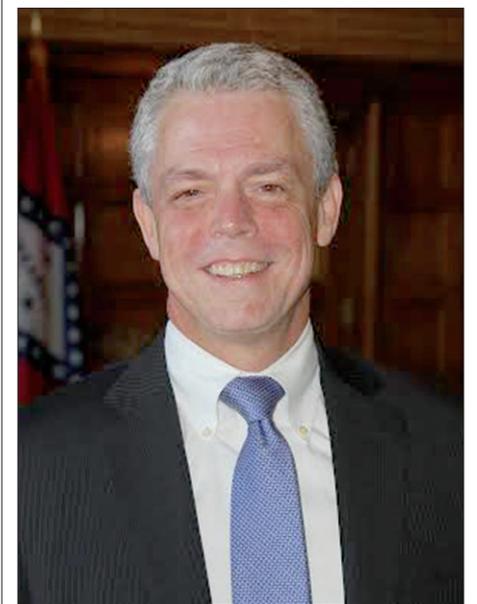
Entry fee to the chili cook-off is one new unwrapped toy. Admission is adults \$7; Senior 55 and up \$4; Children 13 and under \$3 or a new unwrapped toy of equal value to admission.

Application must be turned in by Dec. 7 to secure a spot. Proceeds benefit Toys for Tots for kids in Carroll County. For more information or to sign up contact Sirena at (870) 350-4283.

## Hospital Guild Christmas luncheon

The Eureka Springs Hospital Guild will have their Christmas luncheon at the Inn of the Ozark Dec. 1 at 11:30 a.m. at the Convention Center. Dr. Christopher Baranyk will be speaking. Cost is \$10. To make reservations and cancellations call Shirley (479) 253-5727.

## Grand Marshal Announced



The Greater Eureka Springs Chamber of Commerce has announced that the new Director for the Arkansas Department of Parks & Tourism, Kane Webb, will be Grand Marshal for the 2015 Christmas Parade of Lights.

The parade will take place on Friday, Dec. 4 at 6 p.m. in the historic downtown area. For more information call (479) 253-8737 or email holly@eurekaspringschamber.com.

## Planning considers new hotel and new neighborhood

NICKY BOYETTE

Two major construction projects, one ready to go and the other still in the concept stage, came to the Planning Commission at its Nov. 17 meeting. Mayor Butch Berry represented the first project, a multi-story hotel to be built on Montgomery Street, which is on the hillside below Center Street and above North Main. The only entrance to Montgomery is on the north end from Mountain Street.

Berry told the commission a person standing on Montgomery would see three stories of the building but someone on Main Street would see a basement plus four stories. The structure will have a footprint of approximately 3300 square feet.

The plan is for the exterior to be all brick and stone with a steel roof – all fire-resistant materials. Some of the parking will be in an adjacent lot and some on the property next door, but Berry said the owner, Fayetteville Royalty LLC, also purchased property up the hill that will be used for valet parking.

“We’ve been working on this for awhile,” Berry commented. He said he visited the site with the Fire Department because “if the fire marshal says no, it’s a dead issue.” However, he reported ESFD, after driving to the proposed location, was willing to allow the project even though Montgomery will remain only 15 feet wide instead of the usual 20 feet because the west side of the street faces solid rock.

Pat Matsukis, nearby resident, spoke up regarding drainage issues on Montgomery Street. She said she was neither for nor against the hotel project, but “I want my property protected.” She

claimed the hillside is shifting, and questioned whether the city’s ancient infrastructure could handle the impact of this project.

Berry reassured her and the commission all department heads would review the project, and Public Works Director Dwayne Allen has already visited the site to offer his suggestions. Berry said the owner is willing to invest several million dollars on the project and will make improvements to the area to address concerns.

Commissioners again had questions about drainage issues, and Berry said engineers would look at these issues. He added the owner would also widen the entrance to Montgomery, relocate a utility pole and improve the road besides investing in drainage control.

Chair James Morris commented concerns would have to be addressed in order to get insurance or approval of the building inspector and fire marshal or else the project would not go forward.

Commissioner Pat Lujan moved to approve the project and the vote was unanimous to endorse his motion, as was the vote of approval from the Historic District Commission on Nov. 18.

### ‘A really sweet neighborhood’

David and Carrie Marry presented plans for a development on East Mountain across from the renowned lookout point. David said they bought three acres with a view of the historic downtown area, and intend to create what he described as “a really sweet neighborhood.”

Preliminary plans show the property divided into lots no bigger than 60x80 feet, with size and shape

determined by the lay of the land. David said he has already gotten advice from the Fire Department and Public Works regarding sewer and water lines and the street layout. They figure 16 small homes will be built with a space in the middle for a park and one particular spot with the view of downtown will be reserved as a green space.

He said they intend to keep the largest trees and use lumber from harvested pines in some way in the project. “We want a place that can be loved by residents for generations,” he said.

Covenants they are developing will limit the kinds of architecture for the homes as well as specify design materials, and their intention is for permanent residences rather than rentals. Water gardens on each lot will be employed, along with native grasses and plants to control rainwater runoff.

David said they will build some of the houses one at a time and sell some of the lots, and he figures the project will take three or four years to complete.

In the end, commissioners gave the preliminary plans their blessing.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, Jan. 12, at 6 p.m.

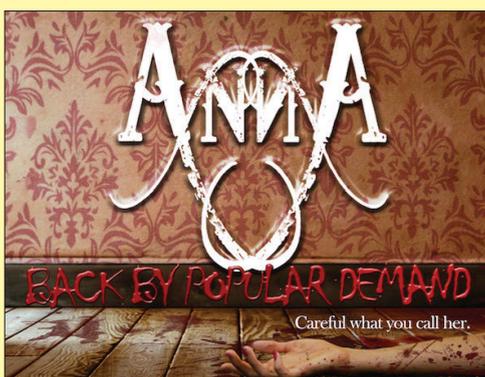
## Nov. 30

### Metafizzies meeting

The Nov. 30 meeting of the Eureka Springs Metaphysical Society will feature a group discussion on spiritual topics. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. at the Heart of Many Ways, 68 Mountain Street. All are welcome.

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## Gratitude - For Each New Morning With its Light

The full moon of Wednesday brings light to Thanksgiving (Thursday) under the Sagittarius Sun and Mercury. Mercury in Sag offers humanity the message (Mercury) of thankfulness and joy (Jupiter). No other sign represents food, music and joy better than Sagittarius (only Pisces, when not in despair). Beginning on Thanksgiving, we can list what we're grateful for. Then we can continue the list, creating a daily

Gratitude Journal. What we are grateful for always increases in our lives. On Thanksgiving Saturn/Neptune square (challenging) is in full effect. This can manifest as traditions not being honored, disappearing, falling away. It can also create a sense of sadness, confusion, of things not working out as planned. It's best to be as simple as possible. And to focus on Gratitude instead.

Learning about Gratitude. Gratitude

is a service to others. It is scientifically and occultly a releasing agent. Releasing us from the past, allowing our future – the new culture and civilization, the new Aquarian Laws and Principles, the rising light of Aquarian, the Age of Friendship and Equality – to come forth. Gratitude and Goodwill create the “*thought-form of solution for humanity and the world's problems.*” The Hierarchy lays great emphasis upon expressing Gratitude.

Gratitude illuminates all that is in darkness. Let us be grateful during this season together. Being, for others, the Light that illuminates the darkness.

A Poem – We are grateful... “*For each new morning with its light, For rest and shelter of the night, For health and food, For love and friends, For everything Thy goodness sends.*” (poem by R.W. Emerson). **I am grateful for my family of readers. Risa**

**ARIES:** You're grateful for family, however they are in your life. You're grateful you know everyone's a character. You're one, too. Over the months you find that home and land are vitally important. You seek to belong, have roots, create a foundation that supports your needs. You seek a community where you can serve. At home you find the need for more space, more room, more balance. For contentment.

**TAURUS:** You're grateful for your education and ability to communicate. You increase your studies in order to illuminate others. What you learn is communicated to others. Everyone is grateful. You understand the most complex realities and explain them in plain simple language. Deep down there's joy in teaching and sharing knowledge. For so long you didn't think you could.

**GEMINI:** You're grateful for the tangible things in your life, for your enthusiasm and your gift of feeling worthy, spontaneous, smart and talented. You're most grateful for your charm. A greater sense of self-worth reveals itself, attracting abundance in surprising ways. New talents appear. You develop these, which develops your creativity. Praise others more.

**CANCER:** You're grateful for your health, improving and getting better every day. You're grateful for the increasing vitality and for being able to help others with knowledge and poise. When challenges appear you still exhibit gratitude in your home life, with those who love and care for you, and for stability and balance. Something new is coming to your home. A new rhythm, agenda, order or beauty.

**LEO:** You realize a new sense of values and the self as valuable, loving and good. It's important to be out and about in the neighborhood (like Mr. Rogers in his neighborhood.) He was always grateful. You have the ability to express yourself with more joy and enthusiasm and to understand more things outside yourself. Allow yourself to creatively recognize others more. Then the golden crown rests easier on your head.

**VIRGO:** Is there something occurring in the present reminding you of times past? Long ago someone helped create your value system. You have remained within this



system. It's time now to expand beyond it. It is good to assess what your new values might be. A new sense of identity begins to grow within, outward. It will increase in the coming months. You're grateful. Your heart lotus opens all its petals.

**LIBRA:** Life feels more balanced. The key is gratitude. For this balance, you're grateful. Gratitude releases pent up energies allowing you to be more forgiving and understanding. You consider events in your life in terms of fairness.

Know you're the fairest of them all. Offer your optimism, joy, and cheerfulness the abandoned ones. A generosity begins. You realize giving creates freedom. You're grateful. Someone waits.

**SCORPIO:** Everything is behind the scenes, more so than usual. You retreat once more into privacy. You're grateful for this opportunity. You realize how protected and insulated you are, how this allows you to develop more gratitude, which eliminates fears, betrayals, sadness, loss and guilt. These are Scorpio feelings. Dreams are prevalent. And visions and revelations. Love, too.

**SAGITTARIUS:** You're thankful for all life experiences in your life – good, bad, indifferent. Sometimes you're satiated with those experiences. They stop you in your tracks. You realize you must begin to assess, eliminate, take control of the reins. You're grateful for the myriad goals presented. You see those goals, reach those

goals, then more goals appear. You feel like a point of Light. You're the horse and the rider on the horse. Knight of the Roundtable.

**CAPRICORN:** You're grateful for the shoes you wear. Sturdy enough to take you up to the mountaintop to see the rising Sun. At times you're the scapegoat, then the unicorn. Sometimes you're in the wilderness. You like the wilderness. The mysteries reside there. You're able to work the earth, rest on the mountaintop. For everything you're grateful. These are metaphors, meaning you're sure-footed, emotionally balanced, a lover of life. You understand these things.

**AQUARIUS:** You're the Light that shines on Earth, across the Sea. You shine for others when they cannot see. You purify the fields till the dark is gone. Know these things. Then your light shines brighter. You love to be all things to humanity. You're grateful when you serve. It brings your essence forth. You're often impersonal. Your love has its own strength. It's pure and potent because it comes from Jupiter, the heart of Aquarius.

**PISCES:** You're one of the artists of the zodiac with imaginative thoughts, dreams and visions. Circumstances will be such that a certain detachment, renunciation and a turning away (the Law of Repulse, a Law of the Soul) will occur. Eventually, for these you are grateful, leading you to a greater state of liberation and freedom. You need rest and fun and a bit of romance. Visualize these each day. Magic happens.

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night. Wink Burcham, living on Tulsa Time, brings his earnest, incisive guitar tunes to the Cighthouse Friday and Saturday. Sunday, if you need to travel faraway with backup singers head down the stairs at Eureka Live! for some video Green Screen Karaoke.

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26 THANKSGIVING

EUREKA LIVE! – *Green Screen Karaoke*, 9 p.m.

LEGENDS SALOON – *Some Other Band*, Rock, 8 p.m.

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27

BASIN PARK BALCONY – *Hawgscalders*, Folk, 12 and 5 p.m.

BREWS – *The Theorist*, Americana, 7 p.m.

CATHOUSE LOUNGE – *Wink Burcham*, Americana, 5 p.m.

CHELSEA'S – *Mountain Sprout*, Bluegrass, 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 – *Black Friday DJ and Karaoke*, 9 p.m.

LE STICK – *Pete "Rock" Maiella*, Singer/Songwriter, 7 p.m.

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

ROWDY BEAVER DEN – *Dorian Cross*, Rock, 8 p.m.

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28

BASIN PARK BALCONY – *James White*, Singer/Songwriter, 12 and 6 p.m.

CATHOUSE LOUNGE – *Wink Burcham*, Americana, 8 p.m.

CHELSEA'S – *Electric Rag Band*, Rock, 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 – *JAB the Band*, Rock, 9 p.m.

LE STICK – *Pete "Rock" Maiella*, Singer/Songwriter, 7 p.m.

ROWDY BEAVER – *Michael Tisdale Duo*, Rock, 7:30 p.m.

ROWDY BEAVER DEN – *DJ and*

*Karaoke*, 8 p.m.

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29

BASIN PARK BALCONY – *Catherine Reed*, Singer/Songwriter, 12 and 5 p.m.

BREWS – *Cards Against Humanity/ Board Games*

CHELSEA'S – *Chucky Waggs*, Americana, 6 – 9 p.m.

EUREKA LIVE – *Green Screen Karaoke*, 7 p.m.

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30

AQUARIUS TAQUERIA – *Buffalo Gals*, Americana, 6 p.m.

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

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1

CATHOUSE LOUNGE – *Los Roscoes*, Americana, 5 – 7 p.m.

CHELSEA'S – *Open Mic*

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2

BREWS – *Eureka Human Experience Open Mic*, 6 – 8 p.m.

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You'll visit the Eureka Springs & North Arkansas Railway station, a reminder of the time when visitors were first brought by rail to Eureka in 1883. At this stop the Holiday Island Singers will entertain – and they'll also be caroling along the route.

Learn some local history at the 1886 Roundhouse and the Brownstone Inn, built in 1895 – both of which have fascinated folks since early days with their many incarnations, including being the Ozarka Water Bottling Company headquarters.

There will be restrooms available at the Carnegie Library and a band, choir and refreshments at the First Presbyterian Church. Other stops include homes along Spring and Hillside.

So come have a Dickens of a time and enjoy the ambience that can only be found in a historic town at Christmastime. Tickets are \$20 and include a printed booklet and trolley pass for the tour route. Children under

12 free (with an adult). Tickets available at the Eureka Springs Historical Museum, 95 S. Main (479) 253-9417, or online at [www.EurekaSpringsPreservationSociety.org](http://www.EurekaSpringsPreservationSociety.org).



**Mijo needs a hand** – Mijo's owner has died and there's no one to keep him. He's been in twice for euthanasia but the doctor just couldn't do it. Mijo is 8 years old, very sweet and desperate for a new home. Please call the Berryville Vet (870) 423-6178 if you can give him a home. He's a big guy and super loving.

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**Brighten up your day** – Jayme Creek, executive director at Brighton Ridge, was named "The Administrator of the Year" by the Arkansas Health Care Association. She is one of the youngest to ever win this award and has worked at Brighton Ridge for seven years.

## TheNATUREofEUREKA by Steven Foster

### Ice ribbons and frost flowers

We had our first frost of the year on the evening of Saturday, Nov. 21, at least at an elevation of 1,340 feet. It was a hard freeze dipping to -22°F at my house by sunrise Sunday morning. With freezing temperature came

the first "frost flowers" of the year, which in the Ozarks occur in conjunctions with two plant species.

One is white crownbeard, frostweed or tickweed (*Verbesina virginica*). A late-blooming member of the aster family,



it sports ragged white flowers in flat-topped clusters. If you had noticed it in flower, likely you thought of it as a weed. Another plant found in acid woodlands, American dittany (*Cunila origanoides*), which grows in dry, wooded habitats, also produces frost flowers. A small, wiry plant about a foot tall, it has small clusters of purple-bluish small flowers in whorls in the leaf axils. Most notably, this mint family member has an oregano-like fragrance, hence the species name, "origanoides" (oregano-like). This year we had a perfect set-up for frost flowers with a good rain the week before the first frost.

Pennsylvania physician, William Darlington (1782-1863) seems to be the first to record observation of frost flowers in *Cunila*, or as he called it, Maryland *Cunila*. In the second edition of his *Flora Cestricea* (an herborizing companion for the young botanists of Chester County, Pennsylvania) he writes: "In the beginning of winter, after a rain,



very curious and fantastic ribbands [sic] of ice may often be observed, attached to the base of the stems of this plant – produced, I presume, by the moisture from the earth rising in the dead stems by capillary attraction, and then being gradually forced out horizontally, through a slit, by the process of freezing. The same phenomenon has been noticed other plants."

This phenomenon, known as "crystallofolia," usually occurs only during the first few frosts of the year. For me it has become a Thanksgiving tradition to search for frost flowers. For the most complete information on the subject, see the detailed article on the subject by Bob Harms at the *Flora of Texas* website: <http://w3.biosci.utexas.edu/prc/VEVI3/crystallofolia.html>.



**But ... anchovies?** – June Easton prepares to make an *authentic* Caesar salad for her supper club group on Mexico night. She explained the salad was first made in Tijuana by Chef Caesar Cardini, who used romaine lettuce, croutons, Parmesan cheese, lemon juice, olive oil, raw or coddled egg, anchovies and black pepper – and so did she! **PHOTO BY JANIE CLARK**



**Buffet of Books** – At the Nov. 20 holiday dinner and annual meeting, The Readers/Writers Guild, part of the Holiday Island Arts Association, offered a feast of free books. From left, Steve Shogren, Don Soderberg, Carolyn Green, and Beverly Duffourc look them over. **PHOTO BY JAY VRECEKAK**

## DEPARTURES

### James Dee “Scooter” Mitchell March 24, 1957 – Nov. 16, 2015

James Dee “Scooter” Mitchell of Eureka Springs, Ark., was born March 24, 1957 in Carlsbad, New Mexico, son of Jake and Dee Mitchell. He departed this life Monday, Nov. 16, in Fayetteville, Ark., at age 58.

Scooter worked as a self-employed handyman, jack of all trades. He was of the United Methodist faith.

He is survived by two sons, Jeremy Mitchell of Pontotoc, Okla., and David Mitchell and wife, Jessica, of Ada, Okla.; mother, Dee Mitchell of Raton, N.M.; six siblings, Jonnie and husband, Ed Warnken, of Texarkana, Texas, Mary B. Mitchell-

Ellis and husband, Rob Ellis, of Des Moines, N.M., K.K. and husband, Lonny Medina, of Raton, N.M., Dana Haynes of Andale, Kan., Cassie Jane Mitchell of California, and Glenda Mitchell of Tennessee; four grandchildren, Colton, Addelyn, Tyler and Taylor Mitchell; cousin, Tracy Deniz of Green Forest, Ark.; close friend, Gloria Schuler of Eureka Springs, Ark.; several nieces and nephews; and a host of other family, friends, and loved ones.

He was preceded in death by his father, John Crawford Mitchell; brother, Steve Mitchell; grandparents, Jim and Veta Park; and uncle and aunt, Dick and Dolores Park.

Memorial service was held Nov. 23 at the Yocum Cemetery. A celebration of life was held Nov. 23 at Henri’s Just One More in Eureka Springs.

Cremation arrangements were under the direction of Nelson Funeral Service. Memorial donations may be made to the Flint Street Food Bank, 33 North Main Street, Eureka Springs, Arkansas 72632 or Yocum Cemetery Fund, 8111 Highway 103 North, Green Forest, Arkansas 72638. Online condolences may be sent to the family at [nelsonfuneral.com](http://nelsonfuneral.com). © Nelson Funeral Service, Inc. 2015



### Richard John Dillon May 5, 1948 – Oct. 25, 2015

Richard John Dillon of Eureka Springs, Ark., was born May 5, 1948 in Philadelphia, Penn., a son of Richard Thomas and Dorothy Barbara (Dzinsky) Dillon. He departed this life Sunday, October 25, 2015 in his home in Eureka

Springs at age 67.

Richard proudly served his country in the United States Army during the Vietnam War and worked as a carpenter.

He is survived by one daughter, Kayla Rose Dillon Kopf and husband, Nathan

Kopf of California; two grandchildren, Nathan Dillon Kopf and Adrian Dillon Kopf; one sister, Susan Giello; two brothers, Bob Dillon and Jeff Dillon; and a host of other family, friends, and loved ones.

Richard was preceded in death by his

parents and ex-wife, Joann Dillon.

Cremation arrangements are under the direction of Nelson Funeral Service. Online condolences may be sent to the family at [nelsonfuneral.com](http://nelsonfuneral.com). © Nelson Funeral Service, Inc. 2015

# DROPPINGA Line

by Robert Johnson

Local angler Jim Wilson, who limited out on stripers back in June, decided to get his wife, Nonnie, and visiting friend, Karen, on some of these big stripers last week but it ended up with the stripers not wanting to go. We caught everything else, so they did get a good dinner with a bass, catfish, and a big white.

The water temp on Beaver was 61° Friday and after this cold front it should be down to 58°, which means they can come

up chasing bait in the back of the creeks and on the flats. Picking a nice day with a little sun in the back of a calm creek could turn out exciting with live baiting and throwing a top water bait.

Holiday Island and its bass, crappie and walleye are being caught in creeks and around the flats from Beaver to Eagle Rock, Mo. You have to find the bait and you should find the fish. If you are an Arkansas or Missouri resident with a resident fishing license, you can get a

border license, which allows you to fish the Missouri side of the lakes that cross over, like Table Rock and Bull Shoals.

Well, I better go for this week. If you

see a nice day coming, get a line wet. Pretty peaceful out there this time of year. Robert Johnson, Johnson Guide Service. [www.fishofexcellence.com](http://www.fishofexcellence.com) (479) 253-2258.



## Alert for O negative and AB negative blood types

The Community Blood Center of the Ozarks (CBCO) has issued a Code Yellow Alert for O Negative and AB Negative Blood types with a blood drive at the Inn of the Ozarks on Tuesday, Dec. 1 from 1 – 6 p.m.

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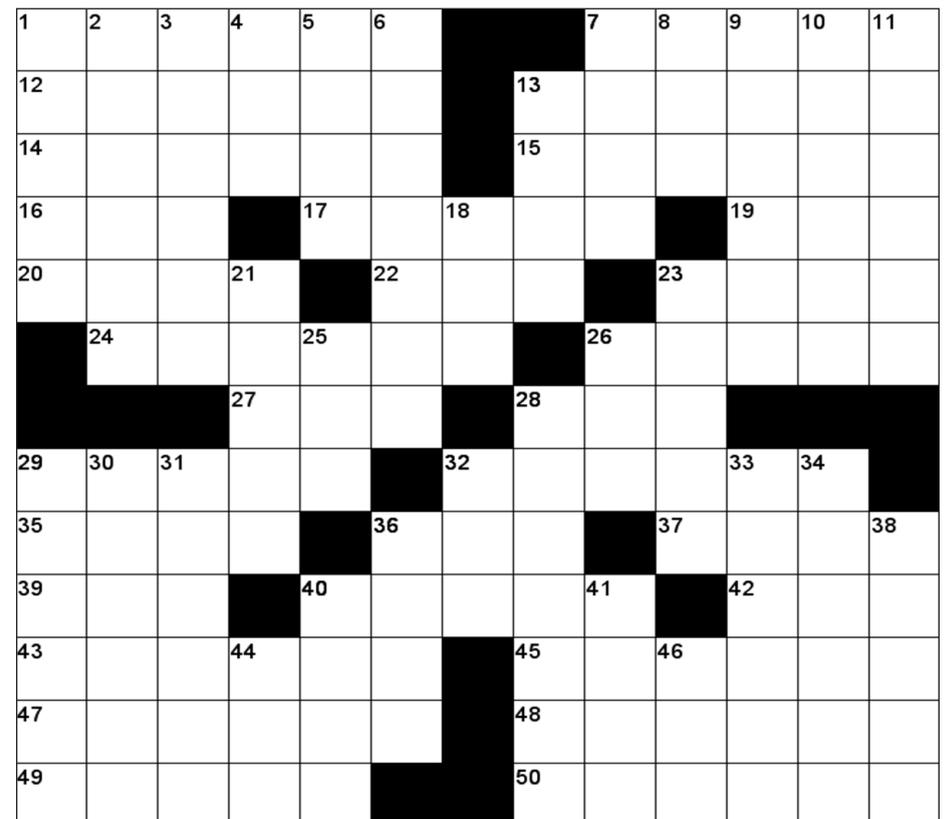
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## INDEPENDENT Crossword

by Mike Boian

Solution on page 23



### ACROSS

1. Deliberately hurtful wit
7. "Necktie" in the Old West
12. Frozen time in world history
13. Whipped, defeated
14. Group of four
15. Lacking in mercy
16. Time to land at SFO?
17. Two beats to the measure
19. Collegiate honor society Sigma \_\_\_ Delta
20. Punjabi disciple
22. Baby bear
23. Very small arachnid
24. Comes to an end
26. Student vehicles
27. Vehicle for students
28. Mythological figure who presides over the underworld
29. Upholstery fabric
32. Small circle denoting list item
35. "No" in Moscow
36. Rower's need

### DOWN

37. Sounds of satisfaction
39. Hard or soft boiled protein source
40. Multi-colored marble
42. Hundredth of a yen
43. Authorize
45. Extreme scarcity of food
47. Light the candle again
48. Time allowed for payment of foreign bills
49. Pipe sections
50. Accounting record of all transactions

11. Provides with quality
13. Tulips and sockets have one
18. Infection juice
21. Routine action
23. Muslim equivalent to priest or rabbi
25. Total of numbers
26. Miss Ellie, Barbara \_\_\_ Geddes
28. Upsetting, vindictive
29. Facial expressions showing scorn
30. Young swan
31. Entertain or amuse
32. Sheep's cry
33. Slackening
34. From that time or source
36. Double S-curve
38. Derisive or scornful utterance
40. Offerings for the poor
41. Comfort
44. Your bottom, in Canada
46. Mentally unhinged

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## Chamber to announce new director at banquet

Cathy Handley, 2015 Chamber of Commerce board chair, announced Nov. 17 in a press release that the Chamber has its “financial house in order,” a solid board and a strategy to serve chamber membership.

Handley credited Damon Henke, interim director, and the chamber staff for the accomplishment.

The press release also indicated that Henke would soon transfer to the chamber board. “Well, not immediately,” Henke told the *Independent*. Henke is also a City Advertising and Promotion commissioner.

Board chair for 2016, Kent Butler, said a permanent Chamber director would be announced at the Annual Chamber Banquet on Dec. 15.

The Chamber work plan includes the Mayor’s Ball, golf tournament, antique show and the Pine Mountain Craft Fair. An employee recruitment fair, partners in education and a new in-town guide are also in the works.

The Chamber will continue to produce the Chocolate Festival, Antique Auto Festival and Yards and Yards of Yard sales along with the annual Christmas Parade. Publications will include a visitor guide, wedding guide and attractions map and the chamber website.

Helping to guide the 2016 work plan will be a new slate of four board members and ex-officio advisory panel intended to represent a balanced reflection of those in the business community.

More about new and continuing services will be presented at the Annual Chamber of Commerce banquet on Dec. 15 at the Inn of the Ozarks Convention Center. For tickets and more information, phone (479) 253-8737.

## Christmas spirit in full swing in Eureka Springs

Eureka Springs will be in the Christmas Spirit on Friday, Dec. 4 for the annual Christmas Parade of Lights. This night-time parade strolls through downtown at 6 p.m. with the theme this year *Rockin’ Around the Christmas Tree*. Sign-up is available online at [www.eurekaspringschamber.com](http://www.eurekaspringschamber.com) under Special Events and the link can also be found on the Chamber’s Facebook page.

There are cash prizes for first and second place. To be eligible for prizes all entries must be received by Dec. 1. Entries that do not wish to be judged will be accepted up to the day of the parade. For questions or more information

contact the Eureka Springs Chamber at (479) 253-8737 or email [holly@eurekaspringschamber.com](mailto:holly@eurekaspringschamber.com).

## Blood drive at HI Elks Lodge

The Holiday Island Community Blood Drive will be held on Monday, Dec. 7 from 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. at the Elks Lodge #1042, 4 Park Cliff Drive in the Holiday Island Shopping Center. There will be a free cholesterol screening for all donors.

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### Saturday, November 28

**Santa Beard** ~ 12 noon, Basin Park

**Natural Stash** ~ 1 p.m., New Delhi Café

**Imperial Stash** ~ 1:30 p.m., New Delhi Café

**Freestyle Stash** ~ 2 p.m., New Delhi Café

**Side Burns** ~ 2:30 p.m., New Delhi Café

**Urban Amish** ~ 3 p.m., New Delhi Café

**Fake Beard** ~ 4 p.m., Brews

**Partial Beard** ~ 6 p.m., Chelsea's Corner Café

**Full Beard Natural** ~ 6:30 p.m.,  
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**Full Beard Styled Stash** ~ 7 p.m.,  
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