



Ordinance parlance needs clearance

NICKY BOYETTE

Ordinance 2223 continues to command attention of the Eureka Springs City Council. During their July 13 meeting, city attorney Tim Weaver told aldermen he has been cautioned regarding Ordinance 2223, “There might be problems with one of the areas of protection.”

The first paragraph of the ordinance lists groups the city wants to protect from unfair discrimination, and among the categories is “socioeconomic background.” Weaver explained, “The city can only protect the classes the State says we can protect.” He has heard scuttlebutt that once Act 137 becomes law on July 23 and trumps the local non-discrimination ordinance, the state might file some kind of action against Eureka Springs or all cities which have passed similar actions the State sees as contradicting the new state law.

Weaver added in the case of the city being sued by the state, Municipal League attorneys said they might be able to help. The American Civil Liberties Union representative has said the action would be out of their realm because ACLU focuses on

civil liberties, not criminal actions.

Weaver tried to explain to council that some readers of the ordinance in Little Rock see a possible violation of interstate commerce because of the term “socioeconomic background.”

Alderman James DeVito reminded council the arguments being voiced are only opinions of folks in Little Rock. “Nobody is sure about any of this,” he contended.

Alderman Joyce Zeller opined she saw the confrontation as a turf war, and DeVito added, “Yes, they’re stepping on our local rights.”

“Should we tweak the ordinance now?”

asked alderman David Mitchell.

Weaver replied he has been advised there is a perceived weakness in the ordinance, and other attorneys have said he should get the language changed. “If we’re convinced we’re going to be sued, then I suggest we change it. I lean toward we might get zapped on the twenty-third.” The Eureka Springs non-discrimination ordinance is the broadest in the state, he pointed out, making it a likely target.

Alderman Terry McClung commented he understood intent of the ordinance and was on board with the intent, but if the state were to take action against Eureka Springs,

he would find it difficult to want to spend money on lawyers’ fees when the city has so many other pressing needs.

“We knew this would not stop with 2223,” Mitchell said. “I guess we’re left with asking the city attorney to tweak the ordinance,” at which point DeVito blurted out, “I second” as though Mitchell had made a motion, at which point Mitchell did make the motion and DeVito seconded that as well. Vote to approve the motion was 6-0.

Aldermen agreed to convene a special meeting, possibly Friday, July 17, to consider Weaver’s change to Ordinance 2223.



Well done and fare thee well – Having served as assistant to Eureka Springs’ mayors for 13 years, Diane Wilkerson was awarded a plaque and many well wishes at a reception on July 12 in the mayor’s office. Among the city employees, aldermen and friends attending were, from left in front, Lynn Berry, Mayor Butch Berry, Wilkerson, Iris Feutz and City Clerk Ann Armstrong. Back row, from left, Randy Ates, Jimmy Kelley, Dakota Cox, Dee Bright, Rick Bright, Mary Dozier, Fergie Stewart, Alex Harber, Kim Stryker, Rick Feutz and Jim Morris. Diane’s plans for the future include marriage and a move to Colorado. We’ll miss her! **PHOTO BY SANDY MARTIN**

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This Week’s INDEPENDENT Thinker

There was a time when disposable utensils were made from organic materials – plant cellulose and camphor. Then along came polypropylene, ensuring that plastic would be a burden on society and the environment.

A picnic plastic fork is never re-used. It likely goes from the mouth to the trashcan to the landfill. It takes between 10 and 100 years to decompose. To say nothing of the chlorine and petroleum products it takes to make one.

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CAPC reports healthy collections

NICKY BOYETTE

The City Advertising and Promotion Commission met last Wednesday, but both Executive Director Mike Maloney and Chair Charles Ragsdell were out of town, so two items on the agenda were postponed, leaving only setting a workshop date and the financial report.

Finance Director Rick Bright reported year-to-date collections through the end of May were up nine percent over the same period last year. Commissioner James DeVito, who chaired the meeting, replied nine percent indicated “a healthy May for the city. I hope it holds for June.”

Commissioners agreed the topic of the July 22 workshop would be the contract with the city to manage the Auditorium in 2016. Any negotiated changes would need to be completed 90 days before the end of the year, which would be Saturday, Oct. 3.

If there is time at the workshop, commissioners agreed to discuss the contract with the Chamber of Commerce for mailing the *Visitors Guide*.

Next workshop will be Wednesday, July 22, at 4 p.m. at the CAPC office. Next regular meeting will be Wednesday, August 12, at 6 p.m.

Public Works building costs soar

NICKY BOYETTE

Mayor Butch Berry reported at Monday's city council meeting that because of changes in plans, he had to pursue a new estimate for cost of constructing a new Public Works building. Whereas council last year had authorized \$150,000 in the current budget for the project, the new estimate came in at \$230,000.

Berry said he asked for a breakout of costs and was told cost for the concrete pad and building shell would be \$112,000. The city could contract out the rest of the design, and the total ran to \$155,000, which included mechanical, plumbing and electrical, but no inside walls.

Berry added they could also wait for their mid-year budget review to look at their financial status.

Alderman Terry McClung added the city also needs to consider deferred maintenance to the existing building, so he moved to table the discussion until after the mid-year budget review.

Alderman Mickey Schneider asked how long could the city safely defer this project.

Berry replied the new building is needed, but the present facility would suffice with repairs and maintenance. “It depends on the budget,” he said.

Council voted to table the item until after their mid-year budget review.

Green Forest meth lab dismantled; one arrest

Green Forest Police contacted the Carroll County Sheriff's Office July 7 providing information about a possible meth lab in operation outside the Green Forest city limits. CCSO investigators concluded that a meth lab was likely in a trailer on the property at 836 CR 906, and deputies executed a search warrant the next day.

Evidence was recovered and hazardous material was delivered to Washington County Sheriff's Office for disposal.

Jessi Dustin Widner, 34, was arrested and booked into the Carroll County Detention Center on charges of violating Arkansas Statutes 5-64-443 (b) Drug Paraphernalia (Class B Felony) and 5-64-443 (a)(2) Drug Paraphernalia (Class D Felony).



WIDNER

Nailing down the roamin' calendar

NICKY BOYETTE

The Mayor's Task Force on Economic Development concluded last month's meeting thinking it might have found a way to create an all-inclusive calendar of events for the entire community. At the meeting July 8, chair Sandy Martin reported staff at the City Advertising and Promotion Commission (CAPC) had found it difficult getting event information from sources around town, so, "We'll have to throw it back on the table."

Alderman Terry McClung insisted the calendar on the eureka Springs.org site should be the primary calendar of events in town regardless of other calendars. He said it should include all community events out several months so potential visitors could plan a trip here using the calendar. In addition, event planners could use the calendar to avoid doubling up with another event.

He also stated the calendar they design should depend on input by individual parties and not by CAPC staff, although someone would monitor the postings before they go online.

Rick Bright, CAPC finance director, said the process of what goes on the calendar and what does not can become "a nightmare." He said businesses sometimes ask to include their special classes which are as much an enticement to the business as a community event.

Kent Butler, representing the Great Passion Play, pointed out strict guidelines would be important, and agreed that individuals should post their own events but "it might get chaotic and it would need oversight."

Bright reiterated the biggest problem the CAPC has faced is staff do not hear about all events.

Martin remarked there are several calendars of events for Eureka Springs plus Facebook posting of events, and a goal of the task force would be to find a way to coordinate a mutual all-inclusive calendar.

Damon Henke, interim executive director of the Chamber of Commerce, pointed out that City Hall has a list of all permits issued for events. That list would be an easy way to get event information.

McClung added the permit process would also be the time for someone to check for conflicting events, but there is no one person to coordinate the calendar. He added it would be nice for an event planner to be able to pick a weekend knowing with certainty what else was happening.

Planning commissioner Woodie Acord stated the protocol they develop needs to make it easy for event promoters to know what their responsibilities are regarding the calendar.

Martin said she would begin working on a calendar that takes advantage of links to other sites to avoid cluttering, and links could provide access to more information

than the calendar would allow. She said she would also address protocol for using the calendar.

Henke said they were setting it up so a person could go to capc.biz and click "Calendar Submissions" to submit an event, and once the event is approved and posted on the .org site it could automatically distribute to four or five other calendars. Bright added that posting an event goes much further than just the calendar because information also becomes available through social media postings.

Mayor Butch Berry commented their design would allow promoters to send the item to the CAPC and, once posted on the .org calendar, viewers would be able to find it on several calendars.

Martin replied that would mean they would have moved closer to providing up-to-date event information for everybody. The problem remained, however, of getting people to submit the information.

"You'd think someone with an event would want to notify everyone," Bright observed.

Martin will report back at the next meeting, which will be Wednesday, August 12, at 10 a.m., at the Auditorium.

Cocktails for a cause

The Eureka Springs Cocktails for a Cause is celebrating the good folks at the American Legion Post #9 July 16 from 5 – 7 p.m. at the Pied Piper. \$10 at the door and 33% of the proceeds during the two hour event are split between ESDN and the American Legion Post #9.

Mandala closing ceremony Thursday

The Eureka Springs Buddhist Study Group will gather at 3:30 pm on July 16 for the closing ceremony of the Mystical Arts of Tibet Healing Mandala at the Basin Park Hotel Barefoot Ballroom. Anyone is welcome to attend.

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Peddling ordinance upgrade continues

NICKY BOYETTE

Alderman James DeVito moved at Monday's city council meeting to put Ordinance 2227, a proposal to refine language regarding peddling in City Code, on its second reading.

Alderman Mickey Schneider said discussion should be delayed until council has a workshop or separates out what she sees as different issues lumped together. She also said because the issue involves a mobile food service vehicle, which she saw as "direct competition"

to DeVito's restaurant, he should recuse from the vote.

Hers was not the prevailing view. Vote to put the ordinance on its second reading was 4-2, Schneider and alderman Bob Thomas voting No.

After DeVito moved to approve the second reading, Schneider groaned, "What's the big damn rush!" She reiterated they had already decided they were going to have a workshop on the topic of food trucks in town, "so why was there a rush to pass this ordinance without

a more complete discussion?"

The vote on approving the second reading was 3-3, Schneider, Thomas, and Zeller voting No. Berry cast the deciding fourth vote, so the second reading was approved.

Other items

- Council voted to use funds from the Public Works account to pay for repair of a vehicle window broken during weedcutting on a city street.

- Laura Coker told council during Public Comments that Carroll-Boone

Water District is authorized to improve water, not administer medicine. Act 187, according to Coker, clearly intends to act as a prescription when it mandates fluoridation for water suppliers to communities of 5000 or more. She said she is working with others to remedy the situation. She also claimed that local media have discriminated against her by sometimes reporting the comments of other speakers but not hers.

Next meeting will be Monday, July 27, at 6 p.m.

O Solar mio — Solar power shines in savings

NICKY BOYETTE

Contractor Carl Evans can pull up to a worksite where he will be constructing the frame for an array of solar panels and power his equipment with energy generated by the solar panel mounted on his truck. Jerry Landrum said he uses three 230-watt "bargain basement solar panels" mounted on a trailer to power an air con-

ditioner and a freezer storing popsicles for passersby.

"The popsicles don't melt," he commented.

Landrum stores energy from the three panels in four golf cart batteries. He displays his setup weekly at the Eureka Springs Farmers' Market in an effort to spread the word about the availability of

solar power for homeowners, business-people and farmers.

Eureka Power and Light is Landrum's business, and his interest is seeing solar power at work in the community. He worked with one customer to use a 12-volt pump from an RV direct-wired to a solar panel to power an irrigation pump. He said he will be putting in a solar system for ECHO Clinic, and what he installs will be determined by what ECHO can afford.

He mentioned there was a spike in interest during the recent SWEPCO controversy. Evans said he installed 259 panels during 2014, and halfway through this year, about half that many so far.

Evans said a reliable cost estimate for a solar installation might be \$500 per panel. Besides the solar panel, a user could need inverters, cables and storage batteries, plus the frame for mounting the panels. Affecting the cost would be whether the installation is on the ground or on a roof.

Evans said one of his customers lived in the woods and did not want to lose any trees near her house, so he installed the panels in a clearing and ran cables back to power the house.

Landrum said he and Evans worked with Richard and Jane Pille on a solar system for their property. He called the Pille's setup "grid-optional" because they can rely solely on their own solar energy and be off the electric grid while remaining hooked up to utility lines.

In fact, Richard pointed out a meter on a power pole that indicated he was putting power back into the grid. He took the stance that not everyone in the community can be off the grid, so the grid and



Richard Pille watches his electric meter run backwards as solar power is put back into the grid.

the utility companies are necessary to the community. "Carroll Electric is not a demon," Pille stated, and as for his solar array, "This is not a bad thing [to Carroll Electric]. This could be a positive experience for everybody."

Jane said they wanted to invest in something useful, and solar panels will alter their experience on the property forever. Richard said he expects payback on his solar panels in seven years, and small solar setups might have a two-year payback because systems are getting more affordable all the time.

Landrum mentioned the cost of electricity goes up maybe four percent annually, another factor in figuring the payback

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Stop and smell the coffee

NICKY BOYETTE

In 2009, Steve Gassaway and his family created Mountain Bird Coffee Company (MBC), a coffee-roasting business, out of a garage overlooking the White River near Beaver, but the business has outgrown the family garage and now operates out of a building Gassaway purchased on Holiday Island.

The new location is 3 Park Drive, which is the building a driver must navigate around after passing Powell's Hardware on the way to Peachtree Circle. One storage room of the new site is approximately the size of the former workspace. Gassaway designed the rest of the space to include a roasting room, lab, kitchen facility, office space and plenty of storage for easy inventory control. He also has a shop for repairing espresso machines and brewing equipment.

The new space allowed for a roaster upgrade, and Gassaway said the quality and consistency of the roasts has improved and output has tripled.

"We can handle the higher volume of sales easier and in less time," he commented.

Another new tool is a device that uses a laser to analyze color levels in the beans to help him keep roasts consistent.

The roasting location has changed, but the mission is the same. The mountainbirdcoffee.com website states, "From 'Farm to Cup,' Mountain Bird Coffee Company ensures the highest quality and freshness while supporting sustainable practices and social responsibility." Gassaway buys Rain Forest Alliance certified beans directly from farmers. He travels to Central America once a year, and this year is adding a trip to visit coffee farmers in Colombia, Peru and Brazil.

MBC outgrew its garage because new markets continued to open up. Gassaway commented during an interview on the June 20 Ozark Harvest Radio Hour he never expected the business to grow as big as it has. "I expected it would stay in my garage," he remarked, but now his coffee beans are sold all over Arkansas from El Dorado to Mountain Home and Harrison to Ft. Smith, but especially in Little Rock and the I-49 corridor. He said his beans outsell all other brands at Ozark Natural Foods in Fayetteville. Travelers who drink coffee at Northwest Arkansas Regional Airport drink Mountain Bird Coffee.

MBC's aroma has also wafted into Oklahoma City, Tulsa, Joplin and Springfield.

Gassaway now has a full coffee lab at the new site and can bring in groups and teach them about grinding or brewing. His might be the only cold brew tutorials being offered in Holiday Island.

Every Tuesday morning, he conducts "cuppings" to educate the public about different coffees, and business owners can compare the different blends. Call to set up a time, (479) 426-6777.

"As we grew, it became obvious that the lost art of artisan-crafted teas was our passion, too," Gassaway has on his website, and MBC expanded its product line to include artisan-crafted teas such as Sweet Passion Berry, Citron Delight and Mountain Chill. MBC buys in bulk from a specialty tea manufacturer in North Carolina who has farms in Asia. He said the finer restaurants in Little Rock, Fayetteville and Bentonville carry his teas.

Gassaway is also a vendor of Da Vinci Gourmet syrups and sauces.



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He said the business has progressed to the point of needing to create a Procedures Handbook but he started the business to roast coffee beans, not write handbooks, and he's still the Master Roaster.

"I still love it as much as before. It's more complex but not overwhelming," he commented.

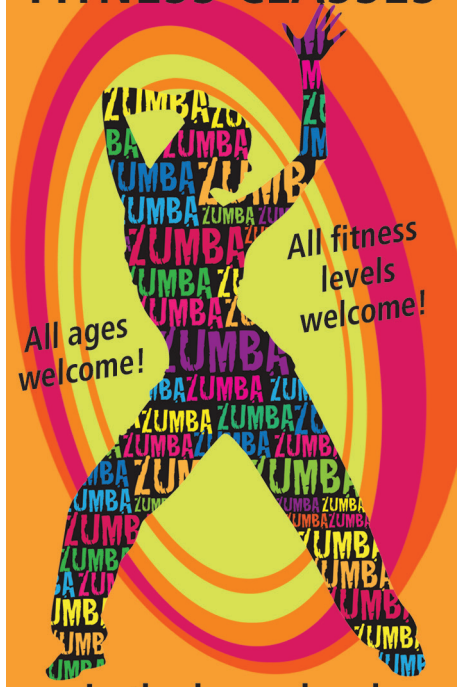
Gassaway also mentioned during the radio interview that sustainability, integral to the mission of the Rainforest Alliance, "gets to the heart of what matters." One part of MBC's drive for sustainability is using biodegradable bags and making the workspace energy-efficient, but another part is being part of the community, both here in Arkansas and in communities where the coffee beans are grown. He wants customers to know purchases of his bags of coffee beans contribute toward significantly higher wages and better benefits for the workers on the farms where he buys.



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Yarn bomb explodes on Center Street

BECKY GILLETTE

Gina Rose Gallina is the bomb, the yarn bomb. Defying the old stereotype that it is primarily little old ladies who crochet things like afghans and potholders, Gallina takes her obsession with crocheting to new heights turning yarn into myriad art forms such as a whimsical costume described as a “Marie Antoinette-meets-Pee-wee-Herman” ball gown that landed her on the front page of the entertainment section in the *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*. Other creations include lampshades, chair covers, wigs, puppets, an entire kitchen with appliances, dinnerware, tables and chairs, all covered by yarn.

You can also see her work on the street where telephone poles, signs and trees get decorated by the crochet artist who seems to have an inexhaustible supply of energy – and lots of colorful yarn. The outdoor work is known as “yarn bombing,” a guerilla street art phenomenon.

“Yarn bombing is a trend all over world, and it hasn’t fully peaked yet,” Gallina said. “I just happen to be the only one doing it strong in Northwest Arkansas.”

Gallina said the fuse to her explosion as a crochet artist was lit in 2013 when her friend, Caitlin Cantele, invited Gallina to display her crochet art at Cantele’s tattoo studio during White St. Walk. Not only were there displays in the shop, but Gallina crocheted a number of colorful, unique costumes that friends wore in a parade.

Gallina’s creations had come out of the closet, and got rave reviews. Her work displayed at the White Street Walk also attracted the attention of artist Jeremy Mason McGraw. She credits collaboration with McGraw as moving her forward as a crochet artist.

On July 2, Gallina and her friends and fans celebrated the grand opening for the Crochet Shop at 16 Center St., below the New Orleans Hotel. In addition to being a showcase for her creations, Gallina will be hosting



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art openings for other artists and teaching crocheting and rug making.

“It has been a great outlet instead of having it all in my closet at home,” Gallina said. “It all just happened. I really don’t know what I’m doing and what will become of it, but it is very exciting to have a little place to work and have all my stuff out. It is great to have an outlet to share with people something that I love.”

Gallina was only eight when she learned to crochet from her grandmother, who crocheted hats for special needs children and newborns. Gallina gave up crocheting for many years, then took it up again from 2006 to 2011 when she was traveling the country doing road managing and touring with a professional musician. There was plenty of time to crochet while traveling.

Currently Gallina’s day job involves booking bands for the Pied Piper and Chelsea’s. She is also a bartender at Chelsea’s. The petite artist who favors elegant, retro clothing is also a singer and

songwriter who plays banjo and guitar with the Camptown Ladies and other bands.

“We would play in Eureka in the summer and New Orleans in the winter,” Gallina said. “I started playing with Melissa Carper in 1997, and we entered a Prairie Home Companion contest in April 2000. We won third place, and flew up to Manhattan to perform for Prairie Home Companion. After that is when we started getting paying gigs.”

Ninety percent of the songs performed by the popular Camptown Ladies are original and Gallina intends to continue to make the Crochet Shop a place not just for yarn, but storytelling yarns made into music.

“The shop is a great place for all of our artist and musician friends,” Gallina said. “I want it to be a great outlet for all of us. Come for lunch and art. I want it to be the place to be. Right now anyone can come in, feed the kitty and I will teach you what I know. Once it settles down, I will have workshops for crocheting, t-shirt rug making, and knitting. I will have wig making classes, group projects, granny square nights, and group charity projects like making blankets to donate to kids.”

Gallina has also taught at the Eureka Springs School of the Arts and Crystal Bridges Museum.

The woman who has been known at times to crochet for 12 hours straight admits that crocheting has become “somewhat of an obsession” in the past five or six years.

“I just can’t stop,” she said. “Ideas just come in my head. I get an impulse and have to create something. Right now I’m making an Afro wig. To me, crocheting is therapeutic. It is great to do while you are watching movies and hanging out with friends.”

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Poetluck July 16

Kim McCully-Mobley and Vicki Mayk will read at Poetluck on July 16 at the Writers’ Colony at Dairy Hollow. Kim will be reading prose from a memoir she has been working on, titled *Backroads Byways: A Seasonal Journey*. She will also read a passage from a column she writes for a regional magazine called *Hills & Hollows*.

Vicki Mayk will read from her essay *Verismo*, a prize winner in *Hippocampus Magazine*’s 2013 Remember In November

contest. The essay chronicles her memories of her grandfather in her mother’s Italian-American family.

Local writers and musicians are invited to read from or perform their work for up to four minutes afterward. Poetluck takes place every third Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at The Writers’ Colony, 515 Spring. Everyone is welcome so bring a dish to share and settle in for a great evening.

Losing it has big benefits

BECKY GILLETTE

Becky Jean Heath has lost a lot for love – a lot of weight. Familiar to many as a popular local musician and a cashier at Hart's Family Center, Heath has struggled with weight her entire life. A couple of years ago, she weighed more than 400 pounds. For her, overeating was an addiction, as much as alcohol can be for others.

As anyone who has struggled with weight control knows, no amount of nagging from other people can make you lose weight. But in this case, the love of her husband, John Henry Heath, helped her make the necessary diet and lifestyle changes to lose about 275 pounds – which she credits with saving her life.

"I was a walking death trap," she said. "The fact I could stand, let alone stand and work, was amazing at that weight. I had trouble even walking from the front of Hart's to the back of the store."

In 2008, John Henry became very ill, and when hospitalized lost about 100 pounds in water weight. With an enlarged heart and degenerative joint disease, it was a long battle for John Henry to get back to health. When he did, he told Becky they needed to have a talk.

"You know, Becky, when I got so sick, I lived for you because I knew you wanted me to live," he said. "It would have been easy to give up the fight. I want you to do that for me. I want you to live for me. Your weight has become an issue. I want you to be healthier. I want you to be able to do things with me. I would like to



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go out and dance with you."

Instead of feeling put down, Heath felt a new motivation to address her weight. Another factor was that she needed surgery, and her doctor said she needed to lose weight for the surgery to be successful.

"Before you can have bariatric surgery, they make you go through a psychological evaluation and counseling with a nutritionist," she said. "Even after doing surgery, your diet has to change. After I ran through all their hoops, I had already lost more than 80 pounds. Then they told us my insurance had a cap on it and wouldn't cover the surgery that would cost about \$28,000. John and I talked about it, and since I had lost so

much weight already, we decided to just continue what we were doing."

In addition to reducing calories, exercise has been important. At first, it was difficult to walk very far. A couple laps around the Hart's parking lot and she was exhausted. But she slowly grew in endurance, and walking became easier as the weight came off.

It has been a transformation many in town have watched with admiration.

"I had support from coworkers and everybody in town," Heath said. "I tell you what, everybody has embraced me on this. It is like a big family anyhow to live in Eureka Springs. People cheer me on when I'm walking. They honk their horn or say, 'Way to go!' I have definitely felt that love even to the point as I was losing weight, people were giving me clothes so I didn't have to go out and buy all new clothes every time I dropped a size."

Losing weight has also helped her musical performances. She has more breath for singing, and more energy to make engagements. The couple has lived in Eureka Springs for nine years, and performs as Becky Jean & the Candyman doing traditional music, folk and country.

Heath credits the support of her husband.

"He let me take over the kitchen," Heath said. "If you don't have people in your own household helping you do this, it is almost an impossibility. Most people say they will support you, but they don't know really how to do that. They will say, 'One candy bar

won't hurt you.' When you haven't had a candy bar in four years, one candy bar could hurt you."

Heath doesn't ever see herself as "size four jeans girl," and that is okay. What is most important to her is to be healthy.

"If I can walk up a flight of stairs and not lose my breath, or if I need to go run and get something, I can do it," she said. "That is the most important thing for me. Going out and singing, I have more confidence just sitting there. I feel better about myself. I like to smile."

In addition to avoiding sugar, she said the most important thing is watching portion sizes.

"As a whole, Americans overeat," Health said. "We are an overindulgent society. I try to be as natural and fresh as I can possibly be. I get a good, healthy portion of protein in the day. I start the morning with a protein shake and go from there. During the day, I eat a lot of fresh fruits and vegetables, mostly raw. I read labels to find hidden sugars. Simple things you might think are healthy sometimes have a ton of sugar in them like fruit juice, yogurts and dried fruits. You become a label reader. Know what you are putting in your body."

She also cut back on alcohol, which is high in calories, and particularly works hard to prevent overeating during the holidays. And she doesn't beat up on herself if she slips up.

"You are going to have your ups and downs just like anything else," Heath said. "Then you get back on track."

SORT search has happy ending

Carroll County Special Operations Rescue Team (SORT) took part in the successful search this week for an 84-year-old resident of Witts Springs who had wandered from her family home in a remote corner of the Ozark wilderness in Searcy County.

Family members described her as "a hardy lady of American Indian descent, able to survive by living off the land, but suffering from dementia." Efforts by the local sheriff's personnel and fire department to locate her through Saturday and Sunday had failed.

On July 12, the Searcy County Sheriff called for help from the Tri-County Search & Rescue Group, of which SORT is a member. Seven SORT members responded to the scene on Monday, joining the Mennonite Disaster Service, Forestry Service, Game & Fish, Park Rangers, local law enforcement and fire volunteers in the search.

Monday evening searchers discovered a pair of boots near a wilderness trail that were confirmed as belonging to the missing person. A tracker dog followed the new scent to a nearby area where the woman was found lying on the ground but unharmed. A SORT medical responder confirmed her vital signs were stable and she was transported five miles back to the highway where an ambulance took her to a hospital.

SORT is a volunteer group of local people who meet monthly for training in water, ropes, cave and wilderness search and rescue. For more information contact Mike FitzPatrick, SORT Public Information Officer by email fitzmxea@gmail.com or call (479) 253-6244.

Anniversary celebration fetches water at Bark Park

One year ago the Eureka Springs Bark Park opened its gates to nearly 50 dogs and their humans. To mark its first anniversary the Eureka Springs Bark Park invites the public to the dedication of a newly erected drinking fountain for both humans and dogs Saturday, July 25 at 10 a.m.

The Bark Park project was a long-awaited addition to Eureka Springs and much needed, since local dogs otherwise don't really have space to run, explore, socialize and play off-leash. The park quickly became a social gathering spot if not a play date venue for dogs and their people; and it soon became obvious from

out-of-town visitors' comments that we have one of the better dog parks in the country.

If there was ever a drawback mentioned, it was only that we didn't have a watering station. The new watering center will be a welcome addition to the fencing, benches, dog waste stations, trash cans, kiosk and signage funded and provided by the community.

The Bark Park Committee continues to fundraise and be involved with the self-sustaining park, and is grateful for the Parks Department's help with maintenance and trash removal.

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Warning to drinkers!

Editor,

As a health care provider, I have been encouraging and teaching clients about the benefits of drinking water appropriately for their health. Many of you have found this to enhance your well being, and some of you drink as much as a gallon of water a day. This is pretty much the amount I need daily for optimum performance.

Now I need to warn you: The American Dental Association claims we only need a pint of fluoridated water a day to pass over our teeth. Those of us drinking the suggested 6-8 glasses a day or more are medically going to be overdosed with fluoride.

I am recommending you make a plan to get fluoride out of your water. Many sources of bottled water come from a fluoridated municipal water supply, so thinking “bottled” water is not such a good idea, plus the other drawback of the plastic bottle used.

Here is a suggested website, www.waterfiltercomparison.com to help you. Here's to your health.

Carol Brown

Fluoride: A matter of conscience

Editor,

The legislative fluoride mandate of 2011, Act 197 is designated as “an act to provide for certain water systems to maintain a level of fluoride to prevent tooth decay and for other purposes.”

This act vacates specific civil rights: the right to live according to religious beliefs and specific doctrinal precepts; it infringes on the parental

authority to choose or reject specific medication therapy for their child or children; it removes the contractual consultative decision process between patients and their individual medical providers while also removing medical civil remedy for harm resulting from any prescription.

This mandate imposes an unacceptable ethical burden on our water systems operators whose licensure requirements include demonstration of “competence and knowledge of the public health and scientific principles,” who must also “exercise independent judgment – directly or indirectly – that might affect the safety, quality or quantity” of water delivered from their public systems.

They are authorized by law to treat the water only for the purpose of “improving the quality” of it. Fluoride includes contaminants – lead, mercury, arsenic and other elements proved to cause health harms.

The [Carroll-Boone] Water Board will be in material violation of law, acting outside the scope of their legal practice to treat only the water for the singular purpose of improving its quality. Addition of fluoride causes many health concerns as a single agent, but inclusion of toxic metals and contaminants provably decreases safety.

ADH has the duty to adequately prove safety and compelling government interest before this mandate of non-consensual mass medication can be imposed.

Laura L. Coker

There oughtta be a law

Editor,

I think Larry Low's letter last week

was an excellent solution for visitors who ride motorcycles and community members who dislike the noise on our town's narrow streets.

Parking their motorcycles at the town's Park and Ride is a great idea for road weary bikers who are able to stretch their legs while walking down the sidewalk on Planer Hill. They will be able to take their time seeing all the beautiful architecture that Eureka has to offer and visit the stores and restaurants without worrying about a parking ticket.

Our town residents won't have to have their afternoon naps on their porches or their lunches and dinners ruined by thoughtless bikers speeding with pipes wide open. Even our council can win by passing a law prohibiting motorcycles in our historic city limits.

Enid B. Swartz

Down in the dirt

Editor,

I just want to “Thank You” our gardener for doing such a good job, we appreciate your hard work. All the gardens in Eureka Springs are beautiful!

Kay and Gary Dandy

Why no signs?

Editor,

So many tourists who have been to Eureka Springs many times are not aware of stores north of the train station.

What is wrong? Are the stores south afraid of competition? How sad for everyone. Thought competition was good?

Leta Gibson



WEEK'S TopTweets

@shutupmikeginn: Get off your high horse. Send your high horse to rehab. Keep an eye out to make sure your horse isn't getting high again.

@Qu4rtKn33: Mustard is the most vulgar of the condiments. Pardon my French's.

@RexHuppke: I've got writer's bl I've got writer'ssssss somethinnnn somethin Writer's blah blah blah I'm going to get coffee.

@WhiskeySoured: Besides tweeting during this job interview, what would you say is your biggest weakness?

@jeremysarber: Thanks to the Fed continuing to print money, a picture is now only worth 583 words.

@HunterFelt: 80% of life is pulling percentages out of thin air and stating them as facts

@redherringbear: If you want to join our Scrabble club, I can put in a good word for you.

@sween: Hipster sushi restaurants only serve eye rolls.

@TheTweetOfGod: If mankind has learned one thing from human history, I'd be stunned.

@yoyoha: “How many televised singing competitions are too many?” “I don't know, let's find out!” – Television executives

@Cheeseboy22: Happy to report that I just made *People* magazine's list of top 100 million people on Twitter.

@IGotsSmarts: I read quantum physics magazines for the particles.

INDEPENDENT Guestatorial

Respecting nature

Imagine a world without trees, clean water, or clean air. Last week we had a taste of extreme weather. People near Butler Creek were spared; Cassville, Butler Hollow and Roaring River did not fare as well.

Pope Francis reminded everyone to take quick actions to protect Mother Earth, our common home, and to take care of each other. This is a new paradigm: let's improve our environment working together.

Preserving our forests is about survival. We have new rules for the Butler Hollow Project. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) made awesome recommendations to the Forest Service, based on the high level of public interest, questions on impacts of prescribed burning on local and regional air quality, and compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) review process. Here are the highlights:

Geographic Scope – EPA strongly suggests the Forest Service expand the geographic scope of analysis broadly, to include more than the project area or the Mark Twain National Forest. The scope of analysis should encompass the entire areas impacted, particularly areas where air quality could be affected by prescribed burning, and areas where water quality could be affected by erosion and land surface runoff from burning or commercial harvest.

Greenhouse Emissions – The Council on Environmental Quality identifies reductions in carbon sequestration capability as “emissions” in addition to the release of stored greenhouse gases through destruction of natural carbon sinks. EPA expects the Environmental Assessment (EA) to fully account for the total emission of GHGs through prescribed burning and the loss of forest mass serving as carbon sink.

Air Quality – The project states prescribed burning would be done on approximately 17,517 of the total 18,181 project acres, repeated every three to five years. The EA should describe those conditions and locations where prescribed burning would be conducted, using best management practices to ensure public health and safety surrounding prescribed burns. The EA should identify smoke-sensitive areas and measures to mitigate burn-related impacts.

Alternatives – EPA understands the Forest Service has new, additional, alternatives for the project, including no-action.

Public Comments – EPA believes an unrestricted opportunity for additional public review of all alternatives and comment on the EA and, potentially, any finding of no significant impact is warranted.

Pesticide Application – The EA should identify each pesticide application method and the criteria used to determine why the method was chosen.

Timber Harvest – The EA should be explicit regarding where non-commercial cutting would include removal or cut-and-leave.

Cave Closures – The EA should describe how the Forest Service would determine which caves will be closed using specifications for maternity or non-maternity bat caves.

Invasive Species – According to the plan, commercial timber sales could be designated for small roundwood sales, including firewood. The EA should describe how the Forest Service would manage the potential spread of emerald ash borer, through sale and transport of firewood.

EPA suggestions and new Forest Service alternatives give everyone a great chance to participate in the review process. Previously, the scope included only the target area for burning and deforestation. EPA took the project out of the woods, recognizing Arkansas is on the boundary with Butler Hollow, where flash floods caused major damage in recent years. Wood smoke, a public health hazard with highly toxic particulates inhaled when breathing, is impossible to control with any degree of certainty, as wind direction and strength change when fires reach high temperatures. We are grateful to EPA for taking preventive and effective actions to protect public health and the environment.

Next steps – What if we look for common goals and new ways to work with the Forest Service? The possibility of losing the forest has touched thousands of people, new “Friends of the Hollow.” District Ranger Joe Koloski wants to do the best for the community, inviting everyone to the July 23 Cassville Public Meeting at 7 p.m., Family Life Center, 200 East 5th St. Please come and participate!

Dr. Luis Contreras



The Pursuit Of HAPPINESS

by Dan Krotz

Last week, the Sage of Carroll County assured me that I must be “drinking Al Gore’s Kool-Aid” because I mentioned the overwhelming number of scientists who believe in global warming. “Belief in global warming is politically correct codswallop,” he said. “It’s a known fact that the 97 percent of scientists who believe in global warming are cowardly lickspittles afraid of losing their cushy university jobs if they tell the truth about it.”

And where does this known fact come from? Apparently, one or two, or maybe one or two thousand, of the 36,000+ Christian denominations extant, found this fact in the Bible. These denominations also know from the Bible that science is the enemy of the Bible, and as truth follows dare, that scientists themselves are the atheistic spawn of Satan and will say and do anything to stay on their various sin-sodden gravy trains.

My friend the Sage, however, clambered around the source of his fact by doling out op-eds from the contrarian three percent, along with an impressive defense of science denial pundits on the Fox News Network. “The Fox boys,” he says, “are far better equipped to discuss climate and global warming than those syncopates at NASA.”

Yes, I know I sound snippy. And, as an occasional resident of Contraristan, I have some sympathy for Contrarians. For example, I am certain that, when I am abducted by aliens, it will be by Space Babes, and not by Little Green Men. Almost everyone else (fools!) buys the Little Green Men falsity. No wonder they live in fear!

What is more problematic is that that my particular Christian denomination fails to find that same fact in the same bible. The Sage of Carroll County says this is because my denomination is comprised of politically correct libtards, and are therefore and consequently, not really Christians at all. “But we don’t hate you,” he concludes. “We just hate your sin.”

So: my Concluding Unscientific Postscript is that the wages of discourse, education, rational exploration, *yada yada yada*, are the wages of sin: we will be deader than Whistler’s mother before some folks realize that what they’re smelling isn’t roses.



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INDEPENDENT Constables On Patrol

JULY 6

9:27 a.m. – Constable on patrol responded to a report of a loose, unmonitored dog near the library, but it was gone when he got there.

10:40 a.m. – Concerned onlooker asked for a welfare check on a dog supposedly chained to a porch and unattended for three days. Animal control found the dog had water and seemed to be okay. He got no response from anyone in the house, but will follow up.

10:44 a.m. – Constable assisted a housekeeper with a lock so she could go to work.

11:55 a.m. – Construction worker claimed someone had stolen a nail gun from the worksite.

12:42 p.m. – A parked pickup partially obstructed a roadway. Constable was able to find the owner who was advised to re-park.

12:50 p.m. – A male was taken into custody for probable cause for an incident in Boone County.

2:01 p.m. – Central dispatch alerted ESPD to a 911 hangup call. Constable went to the address and found the resident okay.

2:28 p.m. – Clerk at a carwash reported finding a wallet in the trash. The wallet was one previously reported missing, and a constable reunited wallet and owner.

8:20 p.m. – Staff at an establishment downtown reported having problems with a certain customer who had been obnoxious and rude and caused other customers to leave. Constables watched for his vehicle.

8:28 p.m. – Individual asked to file a theft report on money taken from her purse earlier in the day, and she knew who the culprit was. Report taken.

9 p.m. – Grandparents came to the station to report unauthorized use of their grandson's vehicle. They claimed the vehicle had been taken from his jobsite. All nearby authorities were notified. The vehicle was later found in the back parking lot where the grandson had parked it.

JULY 7

12:39 a.m. – Husband called from a motel room to report his wife had been drinking and was becoming violent. Constable arrived on the scene and arrested the wife for public intoxication.

2:22 a.m. – Witness called in a possibly inebriated driver heading west on US 62. Constables watched for but did not encounter the vehicle.

5:42 a.m. – Resident near downtown reported hearing people playing guitar and singing. Constable found the musicians nearby and asked them to keep it down.

2:49 p.m. – Individual filed a report on an attempt to gain entry into her house.

9:32 p.m. – Constable responded to a

neighborhood above downtown to the scene of a broken car window. Nothing in the vehicle appeared to have been disturbed.

10:19 p.m. – Constable went to the scene of low-hanging utility wires over Main Street. Utility companies and ESFD were notified.

JULY 8

7:57 a.m. – Staff at a care facility asked to file a report on a complaint.

8:38 a.m. – Passerby noticed the door to a shop was unlocked. Constable cleared the business and was able to secure the door.

11:06 a.m. – Two vehicles parked on a narrow street partially blocking the roadway. Constable found the owners who cleared the obstruction.

11:45 a.m. – Constable got a tip that the door at an address had been kicked in and someone was staying in the house. Constable went there and found the door kicked in and personal items inside. He found the interloper and removed him and his belongings from the premises with the warning he should never return.

1:11 p.m. – Report came in about a van broken down and blocking the roadway at the top of Planer Hill. It was gone when the constable arrived.

2:07 p.m. – Motorist reported following a vehicle being driven all over the road eastbound toward town. Constable encountered the vehicle parked at a tourist loading, and the driver said he had been carsick.

5:50 p.m. – Constable responded to a report of a person loitering in front of a particular shop most of the day and asked him to move along.

10:34 p.m. – Kids parked in the parking lot of a vacant business were playing their music loud enough to draw a complaint. The constable who responded asked them to keep the music down and head toward home.

JULY 9

12:54 a.m. – Alarm company alerted ESPD to a residential alarm, but the constable found everything secure.

2:35 a.m. – Resident reported hearing suspicious noises outside and asked for a constable to drive by. Constable complied but did not notice anything suspicious in the neighborhood.

6 a.m. – Passerby reported seeing a male sleeping in the laundrymat. Constable discovered the gentleman was doing his laundry.

8:01 a.m. – A mixed breed dog was running in traffic on US 62 east of downtown. Constable was searching for it when someone called to say she had the animal. Constable picked it up and took it

to the kennel.

10:51 a.m. – Individual reported she had just noticed her vehicle had been sideswiped and it could have happened during the past two days.

2:30 p.m. – Observer reported a vehicle being driven erratically, even hitting a guardrail, before finally pulling into a parking lot. The observer called back to report the driver was passed out in the vehicle. Constable arrived and arrested the driver for DWI.

6:32 p.m. – Two intoxicated males were making a scene downtown. The constable advised them to find rooms for the night.

9:13 p.m. – Individual reported finding a check in his possession and does not know how it got there. He will turn it at the station.

9:43 p.m. – While all constables were on calls, a CCSO deputy assisted by making a welfare check on an individual. He found the person was okay. He had fallen asleep inside his home but had left his truck running.

9:48 p.m. – Careful observer noticed a car with out-of-date tags was parked partially on the sidewalk in front of a vacant house. Constable red-tagged the vehicle.

9:52 p.m. – Person claimed she had been assaulted at a local clinic.

10:01 p.m. – Report came in about a male sleeping on a ledge downtown. Constable asked him to move along.

JULY 10

2:11 a.m. – Neighbor called in a residential alarm going off. Constable responded and found everything secure.

11:33 a.m. – A charter bus got stuck in a tight corner. Constable performed traffic control until the way was cleared.

6:02 p.m. – Constable responded to a shoplifting situation downtown. The items were returned, and the merchant decided not to pursue charges.

11:21 p.m. – Individual claimed he had been threatened by another person in a parking lot.

JULY 11

12:13 a.m. – Traffic stop resulted in the arrest of the driver for driving on a suspended license and the arrest of the passenger for possession of a controlled substance and drug paraphernalia.

1:13 a.m. – Motorist coming to town from the west said she was following a car that crossed the centerline several times. Constables never encountered the suspect vehicle.

1:32 a.m. – Manager of a motel reported an individual screaming outside in the parking lot. Constables arrested the person for public intoxication, possession of a controlled substance and possession of

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Input sought for Beaver Lake Master Plan

DAVID FRANK DEMPSEY

The Army Corps of Engineers is pushing through a plan to revise the nearly four decades-old Master Plan for Beaver Lake, a process that can take more than a year to complete. Taxpayers own Beaver Lake and it is not too early for citizens to begin formulating visions of what they want the lake to look like in coming decades, according to Beaver Lake Park Ranger Alan Bland. Bland addressed a group of lakeside landowners at Hobbs State Park Visitors Center on Sunday.

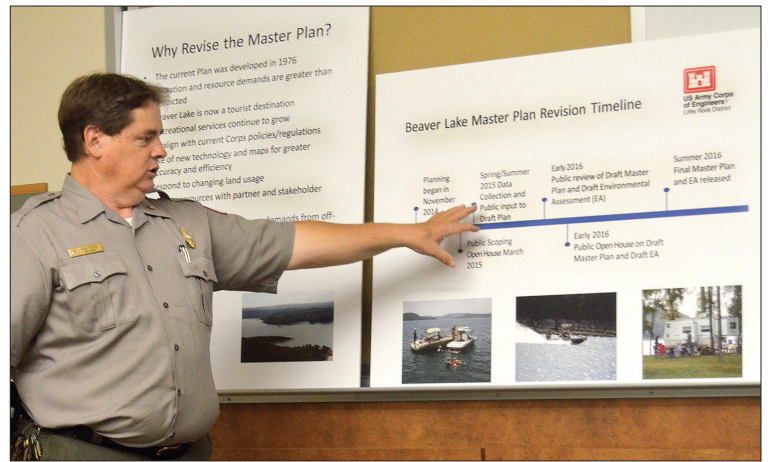
Planning for the revision began in November 2014 and public open house meetings were first held in March this year in Eureka Springs, Rogers and Fayetteville. Bland said he was impressed by the variety of strong opinions expressed during six hours he spent listening at the Inn of the Ozarks Convention Center.

A data and public input collection will be held later this year in preparation for a rough draft of the new plan and

its accompanying environmental assessment, both of which should be ready for public review in early 2016. Open house meetings on the draft and EA are to follow the review. Release of the final Master Plan and EA are anticipated in the summer of 2016. It is still too early, Bland said, to make a statement about when public opinions will be taken, but all media outlets will be informed in time to get the message out.

A separate plan called a shoreline management plan will follow the Master Plan and EA. Bland said public input and other data collected in the Master Plan and EA will be used in formulating the shoreline management plan, which will take on the ever-hot topics of zoning and permitting for private docks on the lake. Currently there are more than 1,800 private docks on Beaver, but according to Bland, much of the shoreline zoned for private docks has remained untouched. The problem arises when landowners,

Corps of Engineers
Beaver Lake Park
Ranger Alan
Bland points
to a timeline
for revising the
almost 40-year-
old Master Plan
for Beaver Lake
at Hobbs State
Park Visitors
Center near
Rogers last
Saturday.



who may not even want a dock for themselves, decide to sell their property. Lakefront property is almost always more valuable with a dock or zoning that allows for dock construction.

The unintended consequence of having Beaver Lake become a major tourist attraction is another reason for updating the Master Plan. When construction began on the lake in 1960, tourism and recreational use were not included in the three major reasons given for building the lake. Original reasons were flood control, hydroelectric power generation and public water supply (about

half-a-million people today drink water provided by the lake). Tourism was seen then as an incidental benefit at best.

Today recreational use of the lake and its tailwaters creates more than twice the combined dollar value of electricity it generates and the amount of flood damage it prevents. That is according to Hobbs State Park Interpreter Steve Chyrchel, who studied the subject for a federal congressional inquiry held in Little Rock.

The public will be asked for input on issues to be evaluated in the EA, including land use (Beaver Lake has approximately

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NOTES from the HOLLOW

by Steve Weems

My wife's grandfather, Bill Groblebe, worked for the electric company in the early days of electricity in Eureka Springs. In those days, a power outage meant Grandpa Bill would set out on foot carrying all the tools, equipment and wire he might need to look for the problem. He would follow the power line from Eureka Springs toward Rogers checking it out.

At the same time, a lineman from Rogers would start out walking toward Eureka with the same goal. Whoever reached the outage first spliced the line and climbed the pole to put everything right. Grandpa Bill spent cold winter nights in the woods miles from town with a lantern looking for the cause of outages and restoring power.

Recently, late one night, I heard the muffled crash of a large tree falling followed by the lights blinking out. I pulled on my boots and tromped around outside in the rain with a flashlight. I found the power line resting on top of our old concrete springhouse instead of being pulled taut between two electric poles. Dripping water, I returned to the house and called Carroll Electric. While



I was outside, my wife had lit candles and oil lanterns. Since I didn't expect to hear back from Carroll Electric until morning, I headed for bed.

Half an hour later, a utility truck came crawling down our little road. I jumped out of bed, pulled my boots back on and stumbled out the door. A Carroll Electric man was using a spotlight to look for downed power lines. I told the fellow the little I knew about the situation and we set out on foot. I hovered nearby at first, but then backtracked, knowing that standing ankle deep in spring water wasn't the safest situation.

The man returned to say that a sizeable white oak had brought the lines down and that he'd call his crew. The electricity was restored at approximately three in the morning.

Lots of things have changed in the electric utility business over the years, but linemen are still out in the middle of the night turning on the lights.

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Have fun helping visitors at Turpentine Creek

Turpentine Creek Wildlife Refuge is looking for volunteers through their docent program. People often come through and look around without benefit of a guide, and the docents help by offering information about the refuge and animals. Volunteers go through a training session and will receive a packet of general information and stories of rescues.

Docents only need to volunteer twice a month for four hours at a time on a morning shift from 9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. or afternoon shift from 1:30 – 5:30 p.m. Opportunities will be available to volunteer on Saturday and Sunday until September, and possibly during special events.

For more information email Ivy Cooper at ivy@turpentinecreek.org or call Tuesday – Saturday, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. at (479) 253-5958. As always, anyone currently employed in Eureka Springs may visit the refuge for free!

Shamatha and Tonglen meditations July 20

A new weekly meditation group will hold its first meeting on Monday, July 20 at 6:30 p.m. The group will begin with a 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) 244-6841 or Gary at (479) 244-6840.

Butler Hollow Project public meeting

Mark Twain National Forest invites the public to a meeting Thursday, July 23, at 7 p.m. in the Family Life Center, 200 East 5th Street, Cassville, Mo., to further discuss proposals for the Butler Hollow restoration project. Everyone is welcome.

The proposed Butler Hollow project can be found at www.l.usa.gov/1emYTFZ. For more information about the Mark Twain National Forest, go to www.fs.usda.gov/mtnf. Please call (417) 683-4428 x131 or email aaweathersbee@fs.fed.us with any questions.

INDEPENDENTLens

Sand man – Talks, exhibits and kids' activities are part of the Mandala Sand Painting event going on in the Basin Park Hotel Ballroom until the closing ceremony at 3:30 on July 16. As the Tibetan Monks create the larger mandala, Margo Pirkle shows Charlie Spradling, 10, from Copperas Cove, Texas, how it's done.

PHOTO BY CHIP FORD



'Pied' piper – Pies made by Sallie Overbey and her employees lured lots of folks to Zarks during the Gallery Stroll on July 11, and the Gary Eagan Retrospective did the rest. Good stuff.

PHOTO BY JAY VRECENAK



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

Samples and signings – Cookbook authors Sheila Reese and Casey Sams serve samples of food from their *Healthy Options for Everyday* cookbook at Fresh Harvest during Fleur Delicious while Troy Johnson (far left) waits on customers.

PHOTO BY JAY VRECENAK



And they're off – We're referring, of course, to the waiters racing down Spring Street July 11, not the lovely Ilene Powell, Karen Pryor and Teresa Pelliccio DeVito. Karen (at center) emceed the event while Fleur Delicious Weekend co-founders Ilene (left) and Teresa kept tabs.

Fleet of foot – Winners of the Fleur Delicious Waiters' Race July 11 were, from left, Rodney Slane of Grotto Wood-Fired Grill and Wine Cave – 3rd place; Ashton Shaw of DeVito's – 1st place; and Dustin Bergeron of Farm-to-Table FRESH, 2nd place. Congrats guys!

PHOTOS BY JAY VRECEK



Hop hug – Terry Russell gives Julie Hop a big hug in front of a wall of her paintings at a reception at Paul Daniel Gallery July 11. This was Julie's first show and six of her lush watercolors were sold to Julie's surprise (but not ours).

PHOTO BY JAY VRECEK

Next of kiln – Steve Beacham curated a show of Gary Eagan's pottery in his Spring Street Pottery studio, where he and Gary shared space. More of Gary's pieces are on display upstairs in Zarks Gallery.

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Daily (Eureka) Show – *The Daily Show* with Jon Stewart was in town last week and used Tee Rex and Twice Born Store as a setting for some comedy skits covering the success of Ord. 2223 and asking if there is fallout from recent political issues. Jayme Brandt (above) and Zeek Taylor, among others, were interviewed. The clip airs soon.

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'Call back' phone scam still dialing in

According to the official Federal Communications Commission website, a phone scam targeting wireless consumers is still operating after first being reported in February 2014.

"This scam appears to be a variation of an old long distance phone scam that tricks consumers into receiving high charges on their phone bills," the FCC reported. "In the past, telephone consumers have been fooled into making expensive international calls by scam artists who leave messages on consumers' answering machines or their email accounts urging consumers to call a number with an 809, 284, 876, 649 or other area code to collect a prize, find out about a sick relative, or engage in sex talk."

"These calls often disconnect after one ring, not giving the consumer time to answer the call and tempting them to return the call," the site reports.

If you do not recognize the number, do not return the call. You may be charged a fee just for connecting, along with significant per-minute fees if they can keep you on the phone, which some do by answering with a recording. One woman allegedly reported charges in excess of \$2,000 just for returning the call.

How it works

Your wireless phone rings once or twice and then disconnects the call. The number appears as a missed call or you get an email or voicemail telling you to call a phone number with a three-digit area code.

When you return the call, you assume you're making a domestic long distance call, but you're connected to a phone number outside the United States and are charged expensive international call rates and possibly pay-per-call services. (For example, 649 is in the Turks and Caicos, 809 is the Dominican

Republic, 284 goes to the British Virgin Islands, and 876 is in Jamaica.) You won't find out about the higher rates until you receive your phone bill.

How to avoid the scam

Check any unfamiliar area codes before returning calls. There is a list in the front of most phone books or you can just Google "area code ____." If you never make international calls, you can ask to have outgoing international calls blocked on your line. Always make sure you understand what all the charges are on your phone bill.

If you fall for it

If you're billed for a call you made as a result of this scam, first try to resolve the matter with your phone company. If you are unable to resolve it directly, file a complaint with the FCC at www.fcc.gov/complaints or at the FCC's Consumer Center (888) 225-5322.

Adventures await at Carnegie Library

The Eureka Springs Carnegie Public Library invites those going into 5th and 6th grades to take part in an afternoon of adventure and imaginative role-playing on Saturday, July 18 from 1 – 5 p.m. Adventurers will create their own characters and explore the strange, magical land of Coinworld as they work together to solve a series of mysterious events plaguing the people of Ellys City. Call the Library at (479) 253-8754.



Huntsville gains Hudgins – Jason F. Tennant, executive vice president and chief lending officer at Cornerstone Bank announced the appointment of Autumn Hudgins to Assistant Vice President/Loan Officer at the bank's new office in Huntsville. She will work in all phases of lending with an emphasis on mortgage and consumer lending.

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TheNATUREofEUREKA by Steven Foster

Enjoying our Mimosa tree

Few trees have enjoyed our transition from a cool spring to tropical monsoons and the cicada-singing summer heat as much as the one that we call "mimosa" or silk tree, sporting delicate blooms of powder-puff pink flowers. This fast-growing, small tree has become an integral part of the Southern

landscape, naturalized from cultivated material introduced more than two centuries ago.

First offered in America in the 1814 nursery catalog of John Bartram & Son in Philadelphia, seeds were brought to the U.S. in 1785 by the French botanist Andre

Michaux (1746-1810). By the early 1840s it was naturalized in Louisiana. Today this non-native Asian tree grows wild from Boston to Florida, Illinois to California, making itself at home in 31 states. Arkansans know it from its ubiquitous presence throughout the state.

The tree has a broad natural range extending from East Asia to Turkey. In 1749 the first specimens were brought from Constantinople to Italy by Cavaliere Filippo Albizzi. In 1772 The Italian botanist Antonio Durazzini described the plant from Albizzi's specimen in the *Magazzino Toscani*, calling it *Albizia julibrissin*, the name by which we know it today.

In China, knowledge of the tree is very old. The bark of the tree is first mentioned as an herbal medicine during the Tang Dynasty in a work called "Omissions from the Materia Medica" attributed to Chang Cang-qi dated to the year 720. Use of the flowers as an herbal medicine comes about 400 years later in the Ben Cao Yan Yin attributed to Kou Zong-shi, created in the Song Dynasty in the year 1116. The name



of the tree in China is *he-huan*. *He-huan-hua* is the name of the flowers. *He-huan-pi* is the bark. *He-huan* means "to enliven the spirit."

In China, the bark is traditionally harvested by lopping off lateral branches, then peeling the bark and drying in the sun. Bark harvested before April 5 is considered to be of the highest quality. Flowers are harvested before they open from May-July with a little piece of the stem attached. They are quickly dried under the sun (or under shade), stirring frequently to retain the color once dry.

Both the bark and the flowers are used separately in various preparations to treat "uneasiness of the body and mind with depressed vital energy, or in a word for treating anxiety. We might say it is used to "enliven the spirit."



Local CD release party

Ivan of the Ozarks has created a Eureka Sampler CD of 10 local singers and songwriters and a release party event will be held at Angler's Grill on Tuesday, July 21 at 6 p.m. Live music and Ivan will be grilling on the deck. The Eureka Springs Farmers' Market sponsored the duplication of the disks.

Chimps (and Zeek) just wanna have fun

The Norberta Philbrook Gallery will host a reception for Zeek Taylor Saturday, July 18, from 6 – 9 p.m. at 95 Spring Street. Three years ago Norberta Philbrook Gallery, named after one of Taylor's iconic chimps, opened – the same year Zeek received the Arkansas Governor's Art Award for Lifetime Achievement.

Taylor incorporates a dry brush technique, one of the most technically challenging painting techniques an artist can choose, into the majority of



NORBERTA PHILBROOK
BY ZEEK TAYLOR

his watercolors; and each original watercolor on archival board takes hours to complete. This, coupled with the popularity of Taylor's work, always makes it a treat for the gallery to offer an original Zeek Taylor watercolor, several of which will be available during the reception.

Taylor will also autograph his book *Chimps Having Fun*, a delightful collection of his iconic whimsical chimpanzees. Come say hello and have some fun.

Eureka Style is hip and happenin'

A fashion expo featuring local Eureka Springs' designers will be held Saturday, July 18 at The Space in Eureka Springs from 2 – 8 p.m. Displaying and selling their fashions will be Mark Hughes, Rosie Rose, Nora Viola, Gina Gallina, Stella Ipswitch and John Rankine. Jewelry designers Mary Springer, Janet Alexander, Leigh Valens, Danielle James and Eleanor Lux.

Each designer will have a booth set up inside the air-conditioned space where there will be dressing rooms for trying on garments. The Space is located upstairs at the corner of Spring and Pine Sts. across from the Eureka Springs post office. Refreshments will be served and all are welcome.



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Don't think you're an artist? Think again!

There's nothing like the joy of discovering hidden talent (especially if it's your own!) and there are several opportunities coming up at ESSA to do just that. Sign up now for one of these great workshops and get plenty of individual help and attention in small group studio sessions with professional, talented instructors.

Explore the opportunities in workshops being offered now through November at Eureka Springs School of the Arts at www.essa-art.org. Register online or phone (479) 253-5384. All classes meet from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

July 20 – 24: Acrylic Painting (All levels) with Denise Ryan, a noted artist with 40 years of painting and teaching experience. Discover the endless possibilities of still life as metaphor, symbolism and extensive juxtaposition. Experiment in a variety of techniques and expect to produce three or four paintings in this exploratory class. www.deniseryanart.com.

July 22 – 24: Enter the word of artful beading and make a **Lacy Ocean Necklace and Bracelet** (Intermediate level) instructed by Edwige Denyszyn. Edwige creates her own designs and has taught and shown her work at bead societies in several states. Fashion a necklace and bracelet in the beautiful lacy, or netting, technique and learn the random free-form technique. Structure and balance will be part of your learning process.

July 22 – 24: The Joy of

Woodworking (All levels) with Steve Palmer, a juried member of the Best of Missouri Hands Artisan Association whose work is on display at galleries in Arkansas and Missouri. At the Clear Spring School woodworking shop, beginners will be guided safely through a range of woodworking equipment that will be used to create a display tray or cutting board. Learn how to safely operate a range of tools while creating a piece of art from beautiful hardwoods. See www.bestofmissourihands.org.

Coming up

July 27 – 31:

Sheer Color: Layered Screen Printing Techniques (All levels) with Lisa Kerpoe. Learn a wide variety of resist and masking techniques and create several pieces of coordinated cloth. www.lisakerpoe.com

Metalsmithing - Jewelry (Intermediate level) with Judy Lee Carpenter. Hone setting skills and learn fold forming and more. *Previous sawing/soldering experience is required.*

July 29 – 31:

Mixed Media Mosaic Icon (All levels) with Fran Carlin, at her Spring St. Studio. Create one-of-a kind handmade tiles using polymer clay altered by stamping and embellishing.

Art Doll Making (All levels) with Valerie Hubbard Damon. Create symbols of your spiritual journey and goals in the step-by-step construction of a freestanding Shaman Doll.

Myerscough at Philbrook

The Norberta Philbrook Gallery is pleased to introduce Eureka Springs to the work of Doug Myerscough with a two-month portfolio installation at DeVito's of Eureka Springs, 5 Center Street. Myerscough recently did the design, layout and implementation of The UP Project's Cash & Boardman Mural on the stairwell connecting N. Main Street and Center Street.

The DeVito's exhibition shows Myerscough's versatility as an artist and features paintings that link the romanticism of landscape with a conceptual approach to surrealism. In addition to DeVito's of Eureka Springs, original art by Myerscough can be seen at the Norberta Philbrook Gallery.



GATOR TREE BY DOUG MYERSCOUGH

Light in the Mind, Light of the World

On July 15, at the new moon (no light) something new was initiated in the United States called Jade Helm (July 15 – Sept. 15). Strategic military maneuvers in western and southern states, a massive surveillance of the United States people. It's important we know about these things. The keywords on the Jade Helm logo are, "Mastering the Human Domain." It's AI (artificial intelligence) being tested to monitor humanity and to make decisions based on the information gathered. See July 10 article on my FB page concerning Jade Helm (the name's innocuous) and why it's important to be aware. Access my FB page via my website

– www.nightlightnews.org/. So everyone can read, study, ponder & decide.

This is our last week of Cancer. Next Wednesday night, July 22, Feast of St. Mary Magdalene, the Sun enters Leo. Before Leo arrives, let us understand Cancer more. Everyone's astrology chart contains the sign Cancer. Every sign has three developmental stages that humanity sequentially progresses through. Here are Cancer's developmental stages. 1) At first we are self-oriented, self-absorbed and self-important (personality building). 2) After many lifetimes we awaken to our environments (Earth,

families, friends). We become sensitive to others. 3) Then, one day, under the Soul's Light we "identify" and are united with the Whole (which means holy) of Life. 1) At first we have selfish desires (developmental stage). Eventually caught in desire, we experience loneliness and isolation. 2) In despair we seek help, uplifting desire to aspiration (Soul quality). 3) The Soul then begins to shed light into our personality. Filled with the Soul's light we become the "Light of the World." With this light, we "build a lighted house for humanity and invite humanity home." We dwell there, too. Goodbye, Cancer. Hello, Leo.

ARIES: Notice your many and various goals this past year. You've climbed the ladder to a pinnacle in order to reach those goals. You have become over time very potent (Pluto). Notice your new authority, one finer tuned, more responsible, aware of the importance to serve others. These are great accomplishments though they felt like great challenges. You've done well. Continue.

TAURUS: Each day you demonstrate your true self, an illumined teacher during times of change and transformation, crisis, stress and strain. Actively pursuing

a "call," you barely have time for other realities. Continue speaking with those sharing your concern for humanity's future. Your resource in helping humanity understand our challenging times is communication. You have created a "garden" of needing-to-be-shared information. We listen, learn and are grateful.

GEMINI: Show others how you value them. Offer praise and recognition to everyone, all the kingdoms, and for everything in your life. Each of us is blessed with creative gifts and abilities.

Your gift is communication and love. What you offer helps others grow, transform, achieve, evolve and grow more. Your gifts move humanity forward spiritually. It's a contract you made long ago. With the Soul (Ray 2).

CANCER: You can feel work takes time away from family. Your task and lesson, difficult as it may seem, is to balance the two – work & family. The more difficult this task, the greater the test and Initiation (greater awareness, greater responsibilities). Do you have visions for a different future? Or have you given them up? A new identity is appearing with new dreams and visions. Watch for them.

LEO: Your life has assumed greater and expansive dimensions. You're being asked to love more. So many dreams, inspirations and thoughts moving through your mind yet are hidden behind a veil. This brings forth great emotions. Attempting to express yourself, you find communication difficult, tangled with sadness. You remember many things from the past. All your travels, loves, journeys. You gather them in a jewelbox of memories. You become Vesta.

VIRGO: A deep hidden creativity is building within. For many years to come creative ideas will appear. You're being impressed from spiritual realms to bring forth your artistic creative nature

through prayer, meditation, spiritual study, group work, sharing resources with others. You are to garden and collect seeds. Doing so helps express love to all kingdoms. Suspend crystals in each window.

LIBRA: Judgment, criticisms, anger from past experiences determine life in our present/future. Consider changing your thoughts. If you desire freedom, the first is freedom from the past. Before entering the Earth we make contracts with family members. Each family member will act in such a way that our evolutionary growth moves forward. What seemed so difficult was really a door toward liberation. Have the intention to always radiate forgiveness and Goodwill. Choose to love more.

SCORPIO: Expanded communication and creativity, full and rich, are being informed by the journeys taken. Share, write about and communicate your thoughts and experiences. Simultaneously, set aside moments of silence each day for yourself. Allow those you trust to understand your strengths and weaknesses. You are and are not an island. Don't confuse the two. They are one. However, island life is good for you.

SAGITTARIUS: A new world stage prepares itself for you. Sagittarians are publishers, world travelers, philosophers living in no one's shadow. In fact, these adventurous warriors create shadows others stand in. You continue to be at the very edge of change. However, that

change is not quite prepared enough for you. Maintain your present direction and state of being. Doors open gradually by themselves. Surprises ahead.

CAPRICORN: Inner impressions are informing you to take time alone and rest. Focus upon closeness and communication with those you love. More love is then returned. You might unwind from your extraordinary states of responsibility. We award your constant standards of beauty applied to all areas of life. Know that communication may be difficult (Neptune/Chiron). Try anyway. Speak from the heart. Other hearts listen.

AQUARIUS: Realities appearing in life begin with hopes, wishes, dreams and imagination. Form and matter are shaped by what we imagine until one day our dreams are materialized. Attempt to clarify what is important to you, what you want to pursue, and who you want to be in the years to come. Sometimes this is difficult. Some of us live only in the moment. But within each moment there is a vision for our future. Capture and ponder upon it.

PISCES: You may have plans for the immediate future. They may change. There is a collaboration occurring with you and another. Pursuing this will bring about a synthesis that will take you far into the future into a world very different than expected. Understanding the present planetary changes, "seek to serve and not exact due service... seek to heal never hurt." But at times you are hurting which deepens compassion for your particular task and Pisces duties in life.

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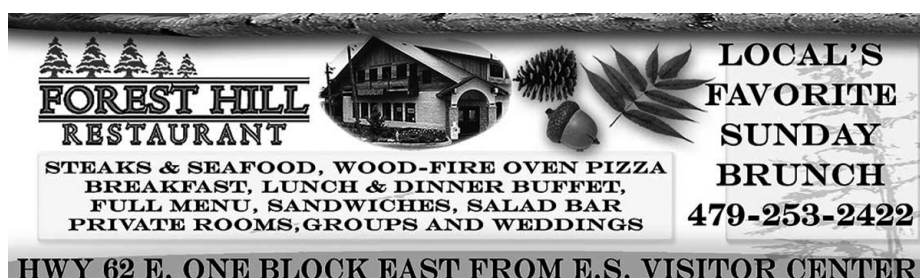


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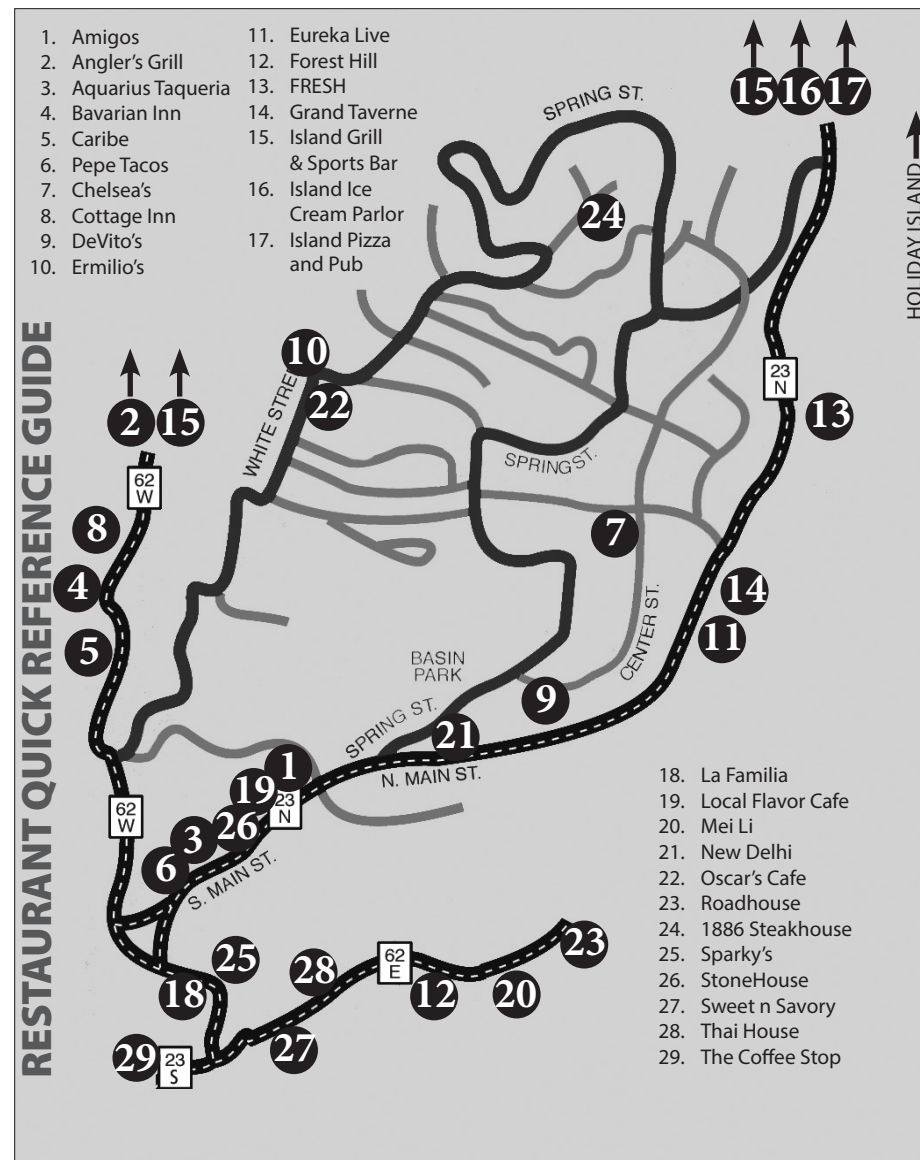
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THURSDAY, JULY 16

BASIN PARK BALCONY – *Jeff Lee*, Folk, 5 p.m.
CHELSEA'S – *Rebecca Patek X-Perience*, Americana, 9:30 p.m.
GRAND TAVERNE – *Jerry Yester*, Grand Piano Dinner Music, 6:30 – 9:30 p.m.
LEGENDS SALOON – *WTF- What the Funk*, Funk, 8 p.m.

FRIDAY, JULY 17

BASIN PARK BALCONY – *Hawgscalders*, Americana, 12 and 5 p.m.
CATHOUSE LOUNGE – *Dan Hicks Duo*, Americana, 8 p.m.
CHELSEA'S – *Chucky Waggs and Company of Raggs*, 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 – *Pete and Dave*, Singers/Songwriters, 6 – 10 p.m.
ROWDY BEAVER – *Downday*, Rock, 8 p.m.
ROWDY BEAVER DEN – *Hellbenders Trio*, Folk, 9 p.m.
THE STONE HOUSE – *Jerry Yester*, Artist's Choices

SATURDAY, JULY 18

BASIN PARK BALCONY – *Crosstown Richard*, Singer/Songwriter, 12 p.m., *Catherine Reed*, Singer/Songwriter, 6 p.m.
BREWS – *Pearl Brick*, Singer/Songwriter, 7 – 10 p.m.
CATHOUSE LOUNGE – *Ozark Mountain Maybells*, Americana, 8 p.m.
CHELSEA'S – *Josh Hoyer and the Shadowboxers*, R & B, 9:30 p.m.
EUREKA LIVE! – *DJ & Dancing*, 9 p.m.
GRAND TAVERNE – *Jerry Yester*, Grand



Josh Hoyer and the Shadowboxers play Chelsea's Saturday, July 18.

Piano Dinner Music, 6:30 – 9:30 p.m.
LEGENDS SALOON – *Headley Lamar*, Rock "Ridge," 9 p.m.
NEW DELHI – *Pete and Dave*, Singers/Songwriters, 6 – 10 p.m.
PINE MOUNTAIN VILLAGE AMP – *Brick Fields*, Blues, 12 – 3 p.m.
ROWDY BEAVER – *Steve Moeller Band*, Rock, 8 p.m.
ROWDY BEAVER DEN – *Arkansas Bootleg*, Rock, 1 – 5 p.m., *Blew Reed and the Flatheads*, Blues, 9 p.m.

SUNDAY, JULY 19

BASIN PARK BALCONY – *Jeff Lee*, Folk, 12 p.m., *Michael Dimitri*, Singer/Songwriter, 5 p.m.
BREWS – *Cards Against Humanity/ Board Games*

CHELSEA'S – *Chris Harp*, Singer/Songwriter, 7:30 p.m.
EUREKA LIVE – *DJ, Dancing, and Karaoke*, 7 – 11 p.m.
NEW DELHI – *Melissa Carper*, Americana, 12 – 4 p.m.
ROWDY BEAVER DEN – *Rockey Don Jones*, Singer/Songwriter, 1 – 5 p.m.

MONDAY, JULY 20

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

TUESDAY, JULY 21

CHELSEA'S – *Open Mic*
WEDNESDAY, JULY 22
CHELSEA'S – *Brian Martin*, Singer/Songwriter, 9:30 p.m.
LEGENDS SALOON – *DJ and Karaoke with Lita*, 8 p.m.

Animal underdogs reveal their superpowers

Live animals will be featured at the Eureka Springs Carnegie Public Library on Monday, July 20 at 3 p.m. Come to learn about and see some of the underdogs of the animal world.

Tuesday afternoon at 3 p.m. is Lego Club where the construction of Gotham Springs will continue and later you can wind down the evening with Pajama Storytime for the little ones at 7 p.m.

Wednesday morning is Preschool Craft & Story Hour at 10:30 a.m. Thursday afternoon you can beat the heat with free popcorn and a showing of Wreck-It Ralph, rated PG. Make plans to attend Saturday Crafterday on July 25 at 3 p.m. for an all new superhero craft.

All programs are free and intended for children and families with no pre-registration required. For more information contact or visit the library at 194 Springs Street at (479) 253-8754 or EurekaLibrary.org.

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



I'm a happily married older man and my wife and I are still very sexually active. Periodically I request panties from unknown, beautiful young women to utilize during solo activity for the added olfactory stimulation. Why does this happen every few months? Is it a compulsive disorder or a variant of normal?

From what you've described I'm not sure I would classify your behavior as disordered. Of course, many a lay person and possibly a professional or

two might disagree.

Sexual behavior is considered disordered when its urgency feels distressing to the individual, is used as a primary means of self-soothing and escape from stressors and is accompanied by feelings of shame and guilt. The level of secrecy involved isolates the individual markedly. Behavioral escalation is inevitable, as increasing illicitness is required to obtain the same level of satisfaction or relief.

Typically individuals struggling with sexual addiction are so consumed

by planning, fantasizing and engaging in their compulsive behavior that their lives become significantly impaired. Their lack of control invariably leads to the loss of relationships, career, family, finances, exposure to disease and potential legal consequences including arrest.

While your behavior is recurrent, I don't believe it qualifies as compulsive. What you've described is a sexual fetish. A fetish is a sexual focus on an inanimate object or non-genital body part. A degree of fetishistic arousal is common for many people and can certainly add an unexpected thrill to an otherwise vanilla encounter. An individual's sexual fetish becomes pathological when sexual arousal and climax are impossible to attain without the fetish.

While your interest in other women's panties certainly qualifies as eccentric, it

is not problematic assuming you've been open with your wife about your proclivity. Understand that secrecy could fuel

a harmless fetish into a burning and out of control compulsion. Secrecy impairs intimacy and creates distance between partners. Transparency on the other hand, can be quite titillating.

Enjoy your sexual interests and take time to explore your wife's interests as well. She may have fantasies and fetishes yet to be uncovered or shared within your sexual union. As we know, variety is truly the spice of life!

A friendly word of warning: Many women are highly attached to their beloved lingerie, approach with caution.

Permaculture group meets

The Northwest Arkansas Permaculture Group will meet Saturday, July 18, 10 a.m. at Sue and Fred Hopkins home, 6790 Hwy. 23N, a couple miles north of Sunfest. As you go through the

S curve you will descend a long hill; as it turns left, turn left at the first driveway. If you miss it you can turn around in the parking lot at Storage Solution. New members are always welcome.

Shh... The surprise is a secret!

Six year old Violet of Berryville will have her wish to set sail with Mickey and Minnie on a Disney Cruise granted by Make-A-Wish Mid-South. Her wish is coming true July 18 at 6:30 p.m. at the Berryville Community Center, 601 Dr. Spurlin Circle, due to the generous support of local anonymous donors and volunteers Sheila Robinett and Rita Huff. Violet believes she is headed to Berryville Community Center to swim. What she

doesn't know is that she will be surprised with a magical trip of fun in the sun as she sets sail on her Disney Cruise!

Make-A-Wish grants the wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions to enrich the human condition with hope, strength and joy. Each year, Make-A-Wish Mid-South fulfills the wishes of more than 240 children across the Mid-South. To learn more visit www.midsouth.wish.org.

Holiday Island Presbyterian Church Ice Cream Social

The Holiday Island Presbyterian Church, 111 Valley Drive, will have its annual old style ice cream social on July 19 from 2 – 4 p.m. There will be tons of flavors or ice cream with all the toppings, cold drinks and music. Step back in time and celebrate the peace and beauty of our community *In the Good Old Summer Time*. Bring your family, friends and neighbors – everyone is invited.

Metafizzies explore past life therapy

The July 20 meeting of the Eureka Springs Metaphysical Society will feature a discussion of past life therapy led by Certified Past Life Therapist,

Susanne R. Long, at 7 p.m. at the Heart of Many Ways in the Christian Science Church at 68 Mountain. All are welcome.

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487 miles of shoreline), recreational facilities, visual and aesthetic impacts, fish and wildlife, threatened and endangered species, cultural and historic resources, economic development, public safety, water supply, flood risk management and water quality. "It is time now for people

to begin assessing the importance of Beaver Lake and its future," Bland said. "It is also important that people avoid the temptation of stating their opinions to the next park ranger they see. It won't count. When public opinion is taken whether in writing, verbally or by email at public open house meetings, it will be recorded and it will count."

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.
- **Grief Share** is a weekly seminar and support group for people who are grieving the death of someone close to them. Group meets in the library of the Holiday Island Community Church from 2 – 4 p.m. each Sunday. Contact Dale or Laura Nichols (479) 253-8925 or email lardellen@gmail.com for more information.
- **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 10 a.m. – 2 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.
- **Eureka Springs Meditation Group** All are welcome for meditation and teachings every Tuesday from 6 – 7 p.m. at 17 Elk St. in the UU Church building. Come any Tuesday for 20 minutes of meditation followed by a

10-minute break and teachings from various traditions.

- **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.

- **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.

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

Code yellow alert for multiple blood types

The Community Blood Center of the Ozarks (CBCO) has issued a code yellow alert for A Positive, A Negative, and all AB Blood types. There will be a blood drive at Mercy Hospital, 214 Carter in Berryville, on Friday, July 24, from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Each donation will be awarded LifePoints as a part of CBCO's donor rewards program. CBCO is celebrating its 20th anniversary by offering a

commemorative t-shirt to everyone who participates in a CBCO blood drive through the end of July.

To be eligible to give blood you must weigh at least 110 pounds, be in good health and present a valid photo ID. For more information about sharing your good health with others and on the LifePoints donor rewards program go to www.cbco.org or call toll-free (1-800) 280-5337.

Ladies of Faith meeting July 28

The Ladies of Faith will meet at the Gazebo, July 28 at 10 a.m. with guest speaker Tana Bolin. Tana is a singer/song writer and is an editor and producer in partnership at Music City Recording Studio. Come for food, fellowship, door prizes and fun. Cost for brunch is \$10.50. For more information contact Margo Pryor at (870) 480-3161.

Your junk is someone's treasure

The summer Yards & Yards of Yard Sales takes place Friday and Saturday, August 7–8 from 7 a.m. – 3 p.m. at locations citywide. Make the most of your efforts by signing up and getting listed on the official YYYS Map, which will be distributed throughout town on the weekend of the sale and will also be available online.

Stop by the Visitor Information Center at Pine Mountain Village and pay \$15 to mark your spot on the map and get your YYYS permit sign. Signup deadline is noon

Monday, August 3.

Interested but don't have a yard or live too far out? There are a few spaces available in the grassy between the Visitor Information Center in Pine Mountain Village and US 62. For more information call (479) 253-8737, email holly@eurekaspringschamber.com or find Yards & Yards of Yard Sales of Eureka Springs on Facebook. For advertisement and coupon opportunities email terri@eurekaspringschamber.com or call (479) 253-8737.

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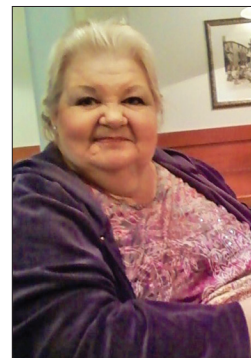
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You shoulda seen the one that got away – The Gary Cox family of Holiday Island has a family reunion to remember. The 4th of July, Gary, his son and three grandsons went on a guided fishing trip to Beaver Lake. Son Brian Cox of Cedar Park, Texas caught a 38 lb. striped bass, and grandson Corey, also of Cedar Park, caught a 20 lb. striper. Grandson Braxton Cox of Wichita, Kan., caught a 12 lb. striper, and grandson Brody Cox, also of Wichita, caught an 11 lb. striper. Thanks to the help of Big Dog Guide Service for arranging the trip. *PHOTO SUBMITTED*

DEPARTURES



Juanita Jean (Cricket) Bowling

June 28, 1949 – July 5, 2015

Juanita Jean (Cricket) Bowling of Eureka Springs, Ark., was born June 28, 1949 in Independence, Mo., a daughter of Paul and Jeanette (Kelley) Bolinger. She departed this life Sunday, July 5, 2015 in Eureka Springs at age 66.

She is survived by one sister, Loretta Mosher and husband, Wayne, of Eureka Springs; one niece, Kelly Walker of Eureka Springs; and one great nephew, Wyatt Walker of Eureka Springs; and a host of friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Bill Bowling; two daughters and one son.

Memorial services will be 12 p.m., Friday, July 17, 2015 at Loretta and Wayne Mosher's home, 702 CR 2560, Eureka Springs, AR 72632. Cremation arrangements were under the direction of Nelson Funeral Service. Memorial donations may be sent to any Cornerstone Bank Branch, c/o Loretta Mosher, for funeral expenses. Online condolences may be sent to the family at nelsonfuneral.com and at Kelly Fortune Walker facebook. © Nelson Funeral Service, Inc. 2015



Renee Wilson

Feb. 23, 1951 – June 27, 2015

Renee Wilson of Eureka Springs, Ark., was born Feb. 23, 1951 in Tulsa, Okla., a daughter of Carl and Doris (Lewis) Benton. She departed this life Saturday, June 27 in Fayetteville, Ark. at age 64.

In 1996 Renee was united in marriage with Bill Wilson who survives her of the home. She is also survived by one daughter, Ashley Bales and husband, Mark, of Tulsa, Okla.; two grandchildren, Markie Sue and Courtney; several nieces and nephews and a host of family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her first husband, Dennis Deaton.

Memorial services will be held at a later date. Cremation arrangements were under the direction of Nelson Funeral Service. Online condolences may be sent to the family at nelsonfuneral.com. © Nelson Funeral Service, Inc. 2015



Freddy Jones from Bentonville set up this outing for some friends from Kansas City. We got Bob here with a nice 24 lb. striper and Josh is the boy with a nice 10 lb. striper, and I plumb forgot the guy’s name with the 17 lb. fish.

We were fishing about 28 ft. deep in water about 60 ft. deep and getting hit on shad and shiners. Most the stripers on Beaver can now be caught between the dam and Rocky Branch. Find the bait and the fish should be nearby.

This high water as far as clean water and getting in is in pretty good shape still. Might see a lone tree floating every once in a while so just keep your eyes open.

Have not even been out this week at Holiday Island because been busy on Beaver, but the water is high and we got a lot of trash in the river, so if you can get in move slow. If it were me I would look for fish in Leatherwood Creek from the shoreline to 12 ft. deep and I bet you could still have fish for dinner. Lake Leatherwood is also in pretty good shape if you want to go after some fish from the shoreline or boat.

Well I gotta go, I’m on fish, pulling into a Long John Silvers :-)

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by Mike Boian

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ACROSS

1. May be a sign of commitment

5. Significant times

9. “We really had a _____”

14. One Russian mountain

15. Exclamation

16. Sound transmission

17. Bounding stride

18. What Ivy League colleges do to cowboys

20. Team with varied skills

22. Ebbed

23. Feedbag content

24. Operator

25. Excessively saturated

30. Residue

33. Footless

34. Age

35. Brownish purple

36. Escargot

37. Opposite of this one

38. Agreed (with)

39. Ability assessment

40. _____ big to fail

41. Under the weather

42. Corrode

43. A small bottle usually for smelling salts

45. Casting goal

46. Scottish rejection

DOWN

1. Hold sway

2. _____ Age

3. Brief rest periods

4. Exultant joy

5. Cranial orb

6. Commercial center in Venice

7. Church recess

8. Six games of tennis

9. Western range wire

10. Of the moon

11. Mine entrance

12. Magnitude

13. “He _____ the line.”

19. Lessened

21. Ethical

24. Unattractive

47. Conditional release

50. Despicable person

55. Kept going to the point of _____

57. Jacob’s twin

58. On point

59. Hostels

60. Porker exclamation

61. Contract for use, but not purchase

62. Informal language on the Internet

63. Alcohol made from rice

25. Unused leftovers

26. Breathing irregularity

27. Good Wishes, followed by a drink

28. Revise writing

29. Large jib for racing yachts

30. Review of policies and practices

31. Aroma

32. Counterbalancing investment

35. Large stack, as money

37. Steak sauce brand

38. Wailing warning

40. Slabs of baked clay

41. Anti

43. Spiral ornament in architecture

44. Speak

45. Lion warnings

47. Loud, sustained sound

48. Central linkage in wheeled vehicle

49. Mother of Zeus

50. Basic trig function

51. An Aegean island

52. Largest of seven

53. Disgusting

54. Below a prince, above a marquis

56. Sesame plant

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MISSING SINCE MAY 11

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drug paraphernalia.

4:46 a.m. — Staff at a hotel asked for assistance with a person passed out in a bathtub and the ensuing overflow which leaked onto the rooms below. Constable found the bather intoxicated but coherent, and he signed a refusal and was not transported to ESH.

11:13 a.m. — Alarm company reported a front door alarm at a residence had been triggered, but the constable found the place secure.

12:23 p.m. — Two vehicles crashed on US 62 in front of a motel. The vehicles were out of the roadway.

1:49 p.m. — Person asked to speak with a constable regarding someone going behind his business and moving his chairs and drinking.

4:42 p.m. — Constable took a report on vandalism. Constables will increase vigilance in the area.

5:11 p.m. — Constable responded to an injured deer in the north part of town.

7:03 p.m. — Driver fled when a constable

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date. There is also a 30 percent federal tax incentive through 2016 on purchase of a solar system, plus possible grants and loan guarantees such ones offered by the Rural Energy for America Program administered by the USDA.

KJ Zumwalt said her primary motivation for installing solar panels at her business, Caribé Restaurante, was the controversy with SWEPCO. She said, "It was time to put your money where your mouth is." She said renewable energy is the next step for all of us, and adding a solar array was her way of stimulating talk about the availability of solar energy.

Is she satisfied with the result? "I've never been so happy to open a utility bill in my life," she declared. She said she

saves several hundred dollars per month, and noted Landrum pointed out other ways she could be more energy-efficient, so the experience has been nothing but positive.

She added that having the panels at Caribé inspires conversations among customers about the availability of solar energy. All the while, Zumwalt saves money every month and the value of her building increased significantly.

Landrum can be reached at (479) 244-0377. He also brings his solar array to the Eureka Springs Farmers' Market on Tuesdays.

Evans' business is Sunshine Solar, and he can be reached at (479) 244-5139.

Landrum mentioned a third company T&R Solar, (479) 244-5104.

initiated a traffic stop. Subject eventually pulled over and was arrested for DWI, fleeing from an officer, resisting arrest, implied consent, driving left of center, reckless driving and disobeying an officer.

8:22 p.m. Constable drove through downtown in response to a report of revving of engines and a loud bass, but things were quiet at the time.

JULY 12

1:13 a.m. — Anonymous caller claimed a male downtown had approached him about buying drugs. Constables were unable to find the suspect vehicle.

1:15 a.m. — Traffic stop resulted in the arrest of the driver for DWI and implied consent.

1:50 a.m. — Resident wanted a vehicle blocking his driveway to be towed. Constable found the owner who moved the offending vehicle.

3:25 a.m. — Man downtown reported hearing a loud explosion but was not sure the direction of origin. He called back later and said he had just heard firecrackers in the street

in front of his business. Constables checked but did not see evidence of firecrackers or likely suspects.

9:46 a.m. — Person reported an animal had been run over downtown.

1:47 p.m. — Traffic stop resulted in the arrest of the driver for driving on a suspended license and violation of the noise ordinance.

4:24 p.m. — Constable on patrol assisted staff at ESH with a patient.

6:26 p.m. — Witness described seeing a vehicle pull into a parking lot and hit a lamp pole knocking it over. The vehicle then drove away on US 62 in a westerly direction. Constable took a report.

11:32 p.m. — Guest at a tourist lodging said a male was lying on the ground outside and a woman was screaming. Constables tried but could not find either of them.

JULY 13

6:26 a.m. — A dog fell into the pond at a tourist lodging. Constable was able to pull the dog to safety and took it to the kennel to await the arrival of its owner.

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