



Fluoridation testing questioned

BECKY GILLETTE

Just a few days before a major break in a water main on Main St. on August 9, Eureka Springs Public Works Director Dwayne Allen sent an email answering council member requests for information on city water testing since water fluoridation began July 15 that said, “Eureka Springs has, unfortunately, become a test lab for the effects of fluoride on century-old water mains.”

Long-time fluoridation opponent Crystal Harvey of Hot Springs wonders if it is just a coincidence that the city had a big water main break soon after fluoridation began at the Carroll Boone Water District (CBWD). Harvey said fluoridation chemicals are very corrosive, and old water pipes have the potential to leach out significant amounts of lead into the drinking water, which resulted in thousands of children being poisoned by lead in Washington D.C.

“I spoke frequently to the late Jim Allison when he was manager of the CBWD,” Harvey said. “He was very concerned about how corrosive fluoridation chemicals are. He told me the contract between CBWD and the City of Eureka Springs states that CBWD will not add any chemicals to the water that will increase corrosiveness.”

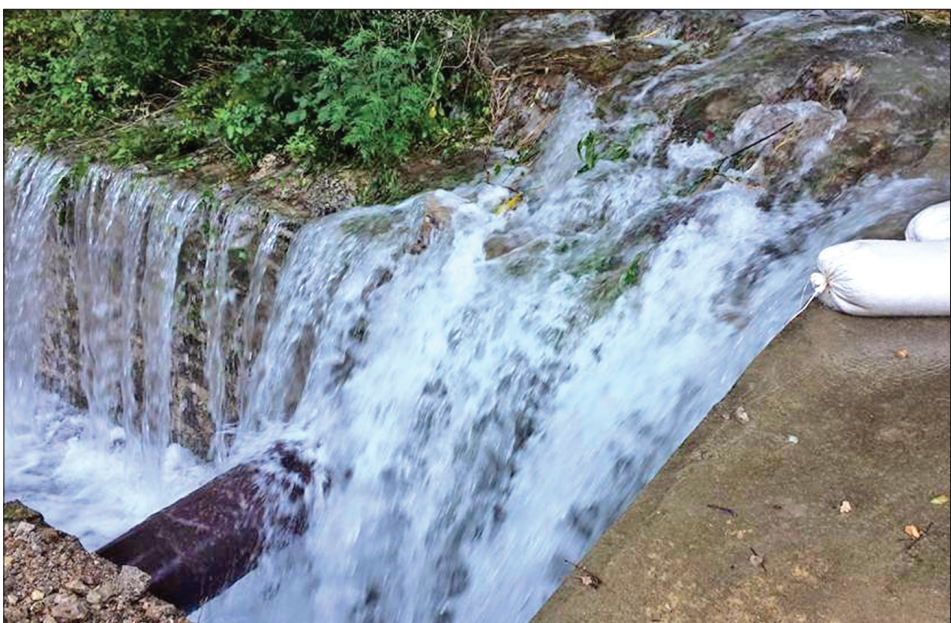
The city’s memorandum of agreement with CBWD states, “The District shall produce a treated water which will neither corrode nor scale the transmission line or distribution systems of the user Cities under the normal range

of domestic operating conditions.”

“Of course, it is impossible to know for sure what caused the pipe to fail. The failure occurred at a fitting,” Public Works Director Dwayne Allen said. “When we exposed the area, an eight-inch cast iron

pipe had split seven feet along its edge. Most heat-related iron pipe failures are caused by ground shifts and the pipe will split around the circumference of the pipe, which is a pipe break. This was a

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Water we doing here? – A break in the water main at 120 N. Main on August 9 left some folks without water and the rest of the city with very low pressure. A precautionary boil order was issued, and, although the leak has been repaired, city water can’t officially be declared safe until samples from two days have returned from state testing labs (perhaps Wednesday). Inset shows the culprit responsible for the waterfall – a split in an 8-in. water line (near bottom of pic). PHOTOS COURTESY OF BUTCH BERRY



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Accident claims local man

An accident just after midnight on Sunday, August 9, claimed the life of local resident Christopher Reeves, 23, a 2011 graduate of Eureka Springs High School.

According to Arkansas State Police, Reeves was negotiating a left curve southbound on Hwy. 23 south of the

intersection with Hwy. 187 when the left front of his Honda Civic struck the left front of a northbound car.

Preliminary report listed the other driver as injured but State Police could not disclose details at press time other than Reeves was pronounced dead at the scene and an investigation is ongoing.

Next Blue Skies book study scheduled

Camp Nine by Vivienne Schiffer will be the next Blue Skies Book Study selection to be discussed on Tuesday, Sept. 29 from 5 - 6:30 p.m. at St. James Episcopal Church. While most Americans know that many Japanese Americans were interred during WWII in California, many were also incarcerated at the Rohwer Relocation Center in rural Desha County, Ark.

While *Camp Nine* is a novel, the

story is set and based on the Arkansas Delta camp. Viewed through the eyes of a local girl, the issues of race, prejudice and fear come vividly into focus. Rev. Ben Helmer will lead the discussion on the lower level of St. James Episcopal Church at 28 Prospect St. Copies of the book are available at the Carnegie Public Library. Everyone is welcome! For additional information, please call (479) 253-8610.

Classes for homeschoolers at Clear Spring

Clear Spring School is offering the following fall classes for homeschoolers:
Wood Turning/Working on a Lathe for ages 9 – 15: Sept. 21 – 24, from 1 – 2:30 p.m. \$50 plus \$12 material fee.

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Space is limited to 7 students. Please call (479) 253-7888 to register.

Volunteers Needed for The Eureka

Fire Chief Jack Deaton would appreciate additional corner marshal volunteers during The Eureka triathlon event Friday, August 14, from approximately 1:30 – 4 p.m. at Holiday Island. Please contact Jack (479) 253-8397.

Mayor says latest water main break mostly repaired

NICKY BOYETTE

Mayor Butch Berry told City Council at its Monday meeting a water main broke at 4 p.m. Sunday, August 9. An eight-foot section of eight-inch pipe sprang a major leak, but repair was near completion. Berry said a boil order was in place in the East Mountain area, but normalcy should be restored soon.

Explore Sufism

An exploration into the mystical tradition of Sufism through music, prayer and teachings will be two Wednesdays per month starting August 12 at 7 p.m. at the Christian Science meeting room. Future meetings will be on the 2nd and 4th/5th week.

Buddhist study group and reading

The Eureka Springs Buddhist Study Group will gather for 30 minutes of meditation followed by reading and discussion of *Atisha's Lamp for the Path* on August 13 at 4 p.m. at Heart of Many Ways in the Christian Science Church at 68 Mountain Street. Anyone is welcome to attend.

Bead blast open to the public

Check out Beading in the Ozarks's bead and beading supplies sale Saturday and Sunday, August 15/16, from 12 – 2 p.m. at the Inn of the Ozarks Convention Center. Browse a colorful wonderland of all shapes and sizes of beads, seed beads, lampwork glass, one-of-a-kind handmade beads, beading supplies and bead pads. And check out some of the stunning work being done at the Beading in the Ozarks Retreat!



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New superintendent leaning on technology

NICKY BOYETTE

David Pruitt, new superintendent for the Eureka Springs School District, has spent practically his whole life in the northwest corner of Arkansas, which a visitor to his office might infer from the Razorback flag on the wall. He was born and raised in Ozark and attended the University of Arkansas from which he earned a B.A. and an M.A. in agriculture education. He graduated in 1986. Since that time he was an agriculture teacher for 18 years at Bergman High School before serving as principal for 10 years.

Pruitt said as an educator he has seen technology force schools to change. He said some schools “are educating kids for jobs that don’t exist.” His goal is to prepare students to be successful wherever they go, “and not be intimidated or behind.”

He said he wants students to know schools care about their personal growth and becoming productive citizens. He commented it is important for kids to be deep thinkers and open to new ideas, and technology allows them to research ideas in more depth.

Therefore, he plans “to lean on technology.” One of his goals is to have a one-to-one school, which means one computer or electronic device per student, “and we’re not that far away.”

Pruitt observed this school year would be a learning time for him and he’ll be learning about the culture of the district to see where it can go next. He said he appreciates the teachers being

student-centered and appreciates being part of that kind of team.

Pruitt said it was a good time for a change for his family. His wife, Eileen, recently retired as a teacher, and they want to find some land where he could tend a dozen cows. They have three daughters – Maggie Jo, Karly and Taylor, all University of Arkansas students.

Dog Days Sale and adoption

Saturday, August 15, the Good Shepherd Humane Society will hold a mini adopt-a-thon at Brashears during their Dog Days of Summer Clearance Sale at 500 W. Trimble in Berryville.

Drop by between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. to take advantage of adoption specials, munch on hot dogs and pet real ones inside Brashears’ discount warehouse, where they can roam around out of the heat. Hot dogs, sodas, and pickle-on-a-stick are all \$1 each.

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pipe failure and in the time frame of isolation and repair, we lost 1.4 million gallons of water, just that quick. We log all our leaks and I will keep a record from July 15 forward. I have been in contact with the health department on the status of this.”

Concerns about the corrosiveness of fluoride chemicals were raised by alderman David Mitchell at a presentation to the Arkansas Board of Health April 29. The ABH has not responded to concerns raised by Mitchell on the city’s behalf about potential corrosive chemicals combined with chloramine disinfectants, leading to lead leaching.

“The board has not answered those concerns, and that puts it in violation of the state’s Administrative Procedures Act (APA),” Harvey said. “The court action could ask for an injunction against fluoridation until these concerns are addressed.”

APA states, “In any case of rule making or adjudication, if an agency shall unlawfully, unreasonably, or capriciously fail, refuse, or delay to act, any person who considers himself

or herself injured in his or her person, business, or property by the failure, refusal, or delay may bring suit in the circuit court of any county in which he or she resides or does business, or in Pulaski County Circuit Court, for an order commanding the agency to act.”

Harvey cites a recent Arkansas Attorney General’s opinion in regards to questions about fluoridation that the health department can’t pick and choose which laws to enforce. The health department is threatening water districts that have refused to fluoridate with fines, but Harvey maintains it is not enforcing laws regarding testing of fluoridation chemicals at the plant where they are injected into the water.

“State laws says that all drinking water chemicals must be in accordance with the latest edition of the applicable American Water Works Association standards, and those clearly state that testing samples shall be taken at the point of destination,” Harvey said. “CBWD says they are not sampling.”

The sodium silicofluoride being used at CBWD comes from a plant in Belgium, and product specifications on the product

show that it contains lead, arsenic, aluminum and barium. The *Independent* asked CBWD for results of testing of the drinking water for those contaminants. Cathy Klein, CBWD office manager, said they are not testing for those chemicals in drinking water leaving the plant. “We are not required to test for those chemicals,” she wrote in an email.

Klein also said that they are not required to test the sodium silicofluoride prior to it being injected into the water.

Pharmacologist Dr. Phyllis Mullenix said failure to test could mean people get water that contains harmful substances.

“If the water operators do not test each bag or lot that comes in, then they are just accepting someone’s word,” said Mullenix, who authored a recent article in the *International Journal of Occupational and Environmental Health*. “They are blindly fluoridating. There is every opportunity that they can get the concentration wrong in terms of contaminants such as lead. That is a problem because they can inadvertently exceed the EPA allowance for lead or arsenic by not knowing the content of lead and arsenic in the additives.”



High kick – Two familiar folks at Diversity events in Basin Park are Allen, left, and Kevin. Kevin, who travels to town for such events, seems to be taking a quiet break from loudly admonishing revelers with quotes from the Bible. Allen loves to dance, and here executes a high kick that might be construed to be aimed at the backsides of Kevin, but isn't. Perhaps they're both just enjoying the Cate Brothers' music, each in his own way. *PHOTO BY JAY VRECENAK*

It's budget pre-season!

NICKY BOYETTE

Alderman Bob Thomas told city council on Monday he was disappointed with the recent budget workshop because of the time constraints. "We had only about thirty minutes to discuss a nine million dollar budget," he lamented. He suggested they schedule another workshop, at least 90 minutes long, soon.

Mayor Butch Berry pointed out the 2016 budget season is nigh, and he will encourage department heads to submit 2016 budgets as soon as possible. He also said he would ask department heads to attend budget meetings if council requests.

Alderman Terry McClung suggested

waiting until September to begin, then have meetings every two weeks "and be diligent about it."

Finance Director Clark told council he does not expect a surplus this year. Alderman James DeVito pointed out business people he has talked to have had good years so far, and Clark agreed fiscal dynamics could change the end-of-year forecast.

Alderman David Mitchell requested that Berry get council "the best possible information" on the city's finances so aldermen can "zero in on the budget."

Council agreed to have the mayor's office schedule two-hour afternoon budget workshops beginning in September and continuing every two weeks.

CCMG hosts musical membership meeting

Carroll County Music Group's annual membership lunch meeting is Sunday, August 16, 1 p.m., at Island Pizza & Pub, 6 Parkwood Dr., in Holiday Island near the Cornerstone Bank. The public is invited.

The meeting will open with a presentation by young music students and end with an upbeat musical program by Gordon Norrell. Space is limited and reservations must be made prior to August 8 with Mary Dolce (479) 253-4939.

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Local restaurants flow with fluoride filters

BECKY GILLETTE

Restaurant owners in Eureka Springs are facing the same dilemma as individuals, where many are aware health effects of drinking fluoridated water but uncertain how to proceed on purchasing filters to remove fluoride and potential contaminants such as lead, arsenic, barium and aluminum.

"I don't know where to get them, how expensive they are or which one is best," an owner of a popular local restaurant and bar said. "I hate getting on the Internet and looking up all that. You don't know what you are buying. You don't know if you are getting anything that is worth a crap. Until I find information to know what is best and how it works, I'm not just buying stuff to be buying stuff."

Several of the larger restaurants in town responded, "No comment," or didn't return calls when asked if they are filtering their water. But one restaurant that has installed a fluoride filter is encouraging other restaurants and bars to consider it.

"You have to do it," said Teresa

DeVito, co-owner DeVito's of Eureka Springs. "We hooked up a filter this week. It runs through our ice and beverage machine. We have a fresh water dispenser on there and the ice in the machine is made from filtered water. We drink that water, too. We just didn't want it for ourselves or for our customers. Most tourists who come through town don't know or care. But the locals really care. It just had to be done. We have a lot of local business. It is important and it isn't very expensive."

DeVito's uses a reverse osmosis (RO) filter, the type of filtration recommended by most experts. They can be purchased for less than \$200, and filters have to be replaced after a certain amount of usage.

Some people find that the RO filter removes not just what you don't want, but all minerals that give water a crisp taste. DeVito said she drinks Mountain Valley bottled water because she prefers the taste.

KJ Zumwalt, owner of Caribé Restaurante & Cantina, purchased a reverse osmosis filter on Amazon.com recently for less than \$200. She said

a plumber is coming to install it soon and the under sink filter is not difficult to install. Until the filter is in, there is Mountain Valley bottled water and Smart Water for drinking available.

A member of the staff at Ermilio's Italian Restaurant said the restaurant has been double-filtering water ever since it opened. There were contaminants of concern prior to fluoridation, such as chloramines, that can combine with organics to produce carcinogens.

The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship voted unanimously this past week to purchase an RO filter. UU executive committee member Penny Carroll recommended considering a system available for sale at www.h2ro.com for about \$300. She personally purchased one there, and while the initial cost is more, filters don't have to be changed as frequently as other systems,

which reduces the overall cost.

H2RO says on its website that purchasers of a reverse osmosis system should not focus only on the initial purchase price.

"RO systems are like cars," H2RO said. "Your cost to have one is not just the initial purchase price, but the cost of maintaining the system over several years. Over time, you will need to replace components of your system. For instance, we recommend that you change your pre-filters every three years (although they will normally last longer than this). We also recommend that you change your membrane and post-filter every six years."

H2RO said the 12-year cost of its system is only \$40 per year or \$3.30 per month.

"We haven't seen a competitor come close to these overall prices," the company said.

City to take bids on new Public Works building

Nicky Boyette

Mayor Butch Berry said at the August 10 city council meeting the city must put the construction of a new Public Works building up for bid. He proposed they prepare two bid packages – one for the concrete pad, building and insulation and one for electrical, plumbing and the rest. He said some work, such as interior walls, might be done in house. Plans are still being developed.

Berry said both bid packages would require an engineer to oversee the projects. Vote to approve Berry's suggestion of two bid packages was unanimous.

Alderman Terry McClung observed the city should refurbish the existing building in the meantime, and Berry listed some features needing repair, such as rusted siding, and expected it would not cross the \$20,000 threshold for requiring a bid process.

Be a sport!

Break out your gear and join the excitement of The Eureka multisport festival in Holiday Island and Eureka Springs August 14 – 16. The festival is structured so the entire family can participate. Enroll in one or all events including the swim/bike/sprint-distance triathlon on Friday afternoon, road bike tour rides and racing on Saturday morning and foot races on Sunday.

See www.eurekasportsfestival.com for complete registration and event times and locations or call All Sports Productions, Inc. (479) 521-7766 (or pick up the August *Fun Guide*) and come be a spectator or a competitor!

First registration for all events is Thursday, August 13, from 5 – 8 p.m. at the Inn of the Ozarks.

August 17 Metafizzies meeting

The August 17 meeting of the Eureka Springs Metaphysical Society will feature a group discussion on spiritual topics. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. at the Heart of Many Ways in the Christian Science Church at 68 Mountain Street. All are welcome.

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Smaller homes get a boost from HDC

NICKY BOYETTE

The Historic District Commission considered seven applications August 5 including three for construction of new residences smaller than 900 square feet. David Marry represented his application for an 864-square foot retirement cottage for himself at 52 Wall Street set 300 feet away from the street. Also there was the application for 60 Wall Street in which applicant Glenn Crenshaw will first continue with a demolition already approved and then build three 16x50-foot shotgun-style houses with parking behind them. Both applications were approved unanimously.

The third small construction approval

was for a 768-square foot residence at 4 Drennon.

The commission also approved the re-roofing of all buildings of the Art Colony at 185 N. Main. Commissioners noted the buildings are fairly new and the property is commercial, so they approved lap panel steel roofs in several colors for what contractor Dennis Alexander called an “artful, eclectic” look.

In other business, the commission approved these applications:

- 34 Elk – new paint colors; replace non-original windows in rear sunroom addition
- 104 Main – remodel addition; new deck; front balcony
- 120 N. Main – replace siding, soffit, porch

floor/trim, back door.

The commission approved these items on the Consent Agenda:

- 215 and 217 N. Main – new signs
- 69 Mountain – new paint colors
- 12 Cliff – new deck railing
- 275 Spring – new paint colors; re-roof, new color
- 28A Spring – new sign

Consent Agenda items are Level I applications that the City Preservation Officer believes to be in accordance with the Design Guidelines.

Chair Dee Bright presented these Administrative Approvals, which are applications for repair or work involving no changes in materials or color but which include applications for changes in roofing color.

- 9 N. Main – re-roof, flat
- 9 College – re-roof
- 10 White – replace cement sidewalk & steps; extend handrail
- 12 Cliff – replace deck support posts
- 120 N. Main – re-paint; repair windows

Next meeting will be Wednesday, August 19, at 6 p.m.

Council wrap up

NICKY BOYETTE

During Public Comments at Monday’s city council meeting, Becky Gillette told council the recent break in a water main in town should remind everyone that corrosion of pipes is a concern and fluoride is a corrosive. She reminded council Eureka Springs made its concerns about fluoride known to state legislators and got no response in return.

“People need to know what is in their water,” she said.

Alderman David Mitchell read an email he received from Public Works Director Dwayne Allen in which Allen responded to a query from Gillette about water testing done by Public Works.

Allen said he tested 10 locations in the city for lead and copper before fluoride was added but has not received results yet. He plans to expand the city’s water sampling capacity but a fluoride analyzer costs more than \$6,000. He does have testing equipment

that, with the proper reagents, might allow him to analyze for lead, aluminum and fluoride.

Allen said the test for lead requires no water flow for at least six hours.

He also commented he attended last year’s meeting when the Arkansas Department of Health discussed implementation of the new mandated fluoridation law, and asked if ADH would tighten regulatory laws and get Delta Dental to help with training personnel to handle the fluoridation process.

He said, “I was certified in fluoride several years ago during a 24-hour course, and now half a day is considered sufficient. Eureka Springs has unfortunately become a test lab for the effects of fluoride on century-old water mains.”

All over the world

Alderman Joyce Zeller said she received a flood of emails from people all over the

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Mandated school testing reduced by more than half

NICKY BOYETTE

Rachal Hyatt, testing coordinator for the Eureka Springs School District, said every school day for three months toward the end of the recent school year, students in at least one of the three buildings were taking state-mandated standardized tests. “It was just so much,” she said.

Other districts in state also clamored about the burden of so

many standardized tests, and Gov. Asa Hutchinson stepped into the ring to advocate for a change. *The Arkansas Times* reported in its July 9 blog the Arkansas Department of Education (ADE) voted to lighten the testing load for students and teachers by dropping the PARCC (Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers) tests and choosing instead the ACT Aspire testing regimen.

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Fluoride unsafe, unnecessary and unfair

Editor,

Jasmine Stanley’s letter in the July 29 issue is right on. Call the governor’s office at (501) 682-2345 to request a moratorium on fluoride in the water.

It takes just a couple of minutes. You may get a recorder or a person. Be brief. Ask for what you want – an end to fluoridation in the water in Eureka Springs at least until there is some valid documentation on the benefits – and what is in the Chinese chemicals as well as clear direction on usage.

We have eaten at three restaurants in town in the past week. None has filters. Nor bottled water. One owner, obviously concerned, said she had checked cost on a filter and it would be between \$5-\$6,000. She has bottle water ordered. One man in the cashier line at a different restaurant said he would be bringing his own water next time. As will we.

However, that doesn’t solve the problem. It is unfair to restaurant owners, bar owners, bakers, landscapers, etc. to have to go to extraordinary expense just to be able

to assure their patrons their water is safe to drink; ice is safe to use; vegetables and anything else requiring water are safe to eat.

And certainly the unnecessary fluoridation of our water, after evidence proves the downside, is an abomination for the citizens and visitors. If this little town can defeat SWEPCO and the unwanted and unnecessary power line, surely demanding and receiving safe water should be a piece of cake.

Paula Koch

What’s up with vehicular noise?

Editor,

Recently, I was in the State of Arkansas and was amazed to see the number of excessively loud, illegally equipped, motorcycles, trucks and autos assaulting the general public. Curious, I researched Arkansas’ Motor Vehicle Code and found the following:

27-37-601. Noise or smoke producing devices prohibited. (Abbreviated)

(a) Every motor vehicle shall, at all times, be equipped with a factory-installed muffler or one duplicating factory specifications...

(b) No person shall use on a motor vehicle upon the public roads, highways, streets, or alleys of this state, nor shall any person sell for use on a motor vehicle upon the public roads, highways, streets, or alleys of this state, a muffler, other than as defined in subsection (a)...

Even though a very articulate, exacting, vehicular noise law restricts mufflers to OEM-factory emissions limitations and prohibits the sale of any muffler that does not conform to factory specifications, Fayetteville and Ft. Smith, Arkansas (possibly others), hold biker rallies where hundreds, if not thousands, of *loud* bikers attend.

The mayors and councilpersons responsible for these cities are obviously prostituting themselves for the “money” generated by the *loud* biker community at the expense and hurt of the tax paying citizenry left completely vulnerable to the unlawful, dangerous, intrusive noise.

The cities I visited in Arkansas were inundated with illegally equipped, illegally loud motor vehicles, all apparently operating completely unencumbered by law enforcement. Hey Arkansas, what’s up with that?

Rickey Holtsclaw



WEEK’S TopTweets

@brendohare: In my opinion, the most important part of any meal is the ingredients.

@cheeseboy22: Whenever I go to Subway, when they ask if I would like my

sandwich toasted, I say yes & then raise my cup of Coke & say, “To my sandwich!”

@burnie: I just ordered a party hat for a cat over the Internet while flying on a plane at 35,000 feet. We should really stop inventing stuff.

@subsistingpasse: According to chemists, alcohol IS a solution.

@erased250968215: First rule of Thesaurus Club: You do

not talk, speak, chat, deliberate, confer, gab or converse about Thesaurus Club.

@Yourfavwhiteguy: Canadian bacon is just like regular bacon but with health insurance and a passion for hockey.

@factualfiction: I feel sorry for all the atheists named Christian.

@JennyJohnsonHi5: If Betty White killed someone I wouldn’t turn her in.

@punkrockie: I’m about to watch *Funny or Die* on HBO. Wow. Now I’m nervous... I hope I laugh.

@robfee: Everyone’s dad turns down the radio when he misses a turn or gets lost like it was Tom Petty’s fault or something.

Why extinction should be extinct

Being gay is the new normal. No, I'm not a self-serving lesbian. I am a married heterosexual old lady who thinks it's time humans become extinct, seriously. We've done enough. Major extinction events are not new, but thanks to humans, species are now dying out at alarming rates. We are long overdue to take our turn and pay the ultimate price. "2000 species of plants and animals risk extinction. Unlike mass extinctions by asteroid strikes, volcanoes and natural climate shifts, the current crisis is entirely caused by the human race." *Center for Biological Diversity*.

The world no longer needs more humans. 200 years ago, the human population stayed around one billion. It took 123 years to double that number and 33 additional years to triple it. Since then, the population has been on a gluttonous sprint. Humans totaled seven billion in 2012.

Cecil the lion, one of Zimbabwe's most loved wild animals, was slain two weeks ago by unscrupulous safari guides and an American crossbow-happy dentist. Sadly, Cecil's death is only the tip of the iceberg and unlike the real icebergs we're so intent on melting, this one isn't shrinking. "Each year humans deliberately kill thousands of animals, even the ones 'protected.' Not content with destroying their habitats and compromising their food supply, humans slaughter creatures that are already struggling to survive. It's not just big game hunters who want to shoot something. It's organized criminals who cut up animals and sell them to other humans who think they'll make them live longer or look good on their walls." Jessica Phelan – *GlobalPost*

Whatever the motivation, human killers are wiping the most vulnerable species off the face of the earth.

Fact: humans are the worst things ever to happen to tigers. By 2014, the former population was halved. The most haunting proof that poaching is the greatest threat to tigers? Roughly 620,000 square miles of tiger habitat currently lies unoccupied. Rhinoceros, like elephants, suffer the misfortune of having an external protrusion upon which humans arbitrarily place a high value – profoundly high: rhino horn sells for \$65,000 per kilo, making it more expensive than gold and diamonds. Some SEAsians believe consuming rhino horn (approximate nutritional value: human fingernails) will cure cancer to hangovers to a dull night out. Horns are sometimes hacked off while the animals are still alive. The western black rhinoceros went extinct in 2011. The rest of Africa's wild rhinos will follow suit within 20 years.

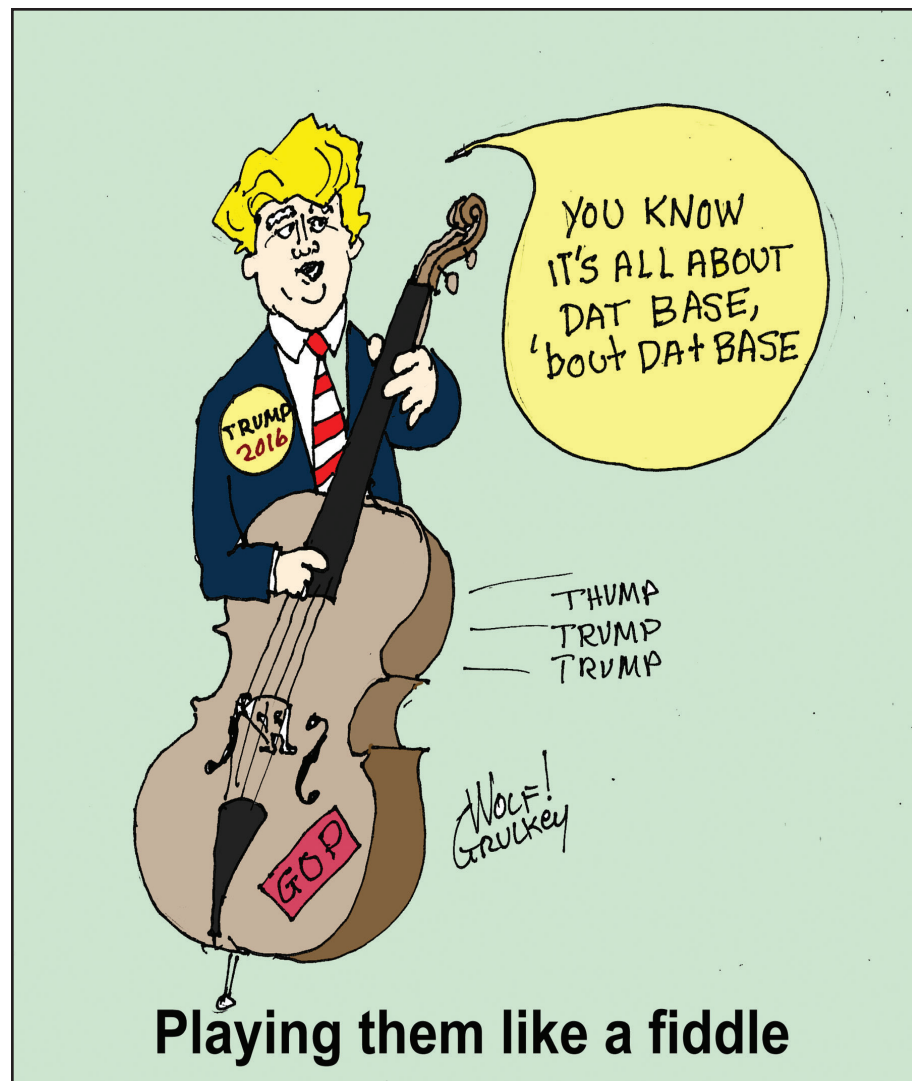
Poachers are the single biggest threat to elephants' survival. After decades of decimation of elephant populations for their ivory, the international trade in "white gold" was banned in 1989. Yet people's persistent willingness to hand over larger sums of money for dead elephant tusk – in China, \$2,100 per kilo – has made it more tempting than ever for profit seekers to kill elephants illegally. Hunting expeditions have seen gangs turn grenades and AK-47s on entire herds, even within the supposed shelter of national parks.

The ocean's most popular target is the hawksbill, the tropical turtle whose yellow-and-brown shell provides the commodity known as tortoiseshell. Millions of the animals have been killed over the past century to feed the fashion industry,

Still clinging on to a scrap of trust in humanity? Prepare to drop it. Humans slaughter the greatest of our fellow great apes, the gorilla. Gorillas used to be protected from human assassins by their habitat in the enormous tracts of unspoiled forest in Africa. Logging, roads and migrations caused by wars brought people within firing range of gorillas. Rapidly, an illicit commercial trade in gorilla meat took hold that sees the animals butchered, transported and sold. There are restaurants that serve up "bushmeat" to wealthy clientele who like their dinner endangered. Poachers have begun to target gorillas for their body parts to be used in folk remedies or simply as trophies. According to the International Union for Conservation of Nature, by mid-century we will have wiped out more than 80 percent of all western gorillas.

Well done, humankind. Do we need more proof that a change is needed with regard to the human population – why being gay is normal and procreation is not? I don't think so.

Julie Freeman



The Pursuit Of HAPPINESS

by Dan Krotz

I spent a lot of time out in my shop pretending to be that Ozark Mountain Primitive Craftsman, Skidmore C. Shanksberry. This involves cutting old boards up and nailing them into shapes resembling benches, tables, and chairs. A furniture picker from Kansas City buys it all and re-sells the shapes to discerning decorators with time and money on their hands. The picker tells them, "this is a genuine Shanksberry, handmade from ancient Ozark Mountain timber." They nod solemnly, and fork over the AMEX.

I do this work because my wife loves money. I have done other work. I've written two novels, and co-authored a textbook on small-scale equity finance. But my wife hasn't bothered to read them because they didn't make any moola. She doesn't read this column either, for the same reason. The upside is that I can say whatever I want here and she won't know about it.

She is aware that I'm old and can't work as fast as I used to; she knows I'm fully depreciated but, thrifty person that she is, still expects to get a few more miles out of the wreckage. Maybe that's why she encourages me, as Skidmore, to paint primitive folk pictures. She reasons that, if Skidmore's shapes sell, his paintings will sell, too. And I can do the work sitting down.

My latest picture is of Donald Trump. He looks like Fat Elvis, but with blond hair. He's pouring slop into a trough, and women are diving into it. I think I captured the essential Trump pretty good, but my wife doesn't like it. "Stop being political," she says. "Folk artists capture the common, shared experience of folks doing everyday things. Paint that, and make it flat, and colorful!"

I guess I can do that. I see six snowflakes falling from the sky. The roads are filled with crazed pick-up drivers. All roads lead to Walmart. A mob of shoppers plug the front door. Behind them, Bob Ballinger carries an EndTimes sign, a blunderbuss, and a coupon for half off on all the pork you can eat.

I'll call it *An Arkansas Winter*. What do you think? \$28?

A little help from our friends:

• **Carroll County Domestic Violence Hotline:** 1-844-247-3223 (844-24PEACE) is available 24/7. The Purple Flower Domestic Violence Resource and Support Center of Carroll County is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. on North Springfield St. in Berryville. (479) 981-1676.

• **24-hour NWA Crisis Line for Women** – NWA Women’s Shelter serving Carroll County – “Empowering families to live free of violence.” (800) 775-9011 www.nwaws.org

• **Cup of Love free soup lunches** – Cup of Love provides soup lunches at Flint Street Fellowship Mondays and Wednesdays from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. and at First Baptist (Penn) Church on Fridays, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. (479) 363-4529

• **Flint Street Fellowship food pantry, lunch, free clothing** – Pantry open 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays. Free lunch Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Free clothes/shoes closet, books and household items. (479) 253-9491 or 253-4945. Leave donations in barrel at entrance if facility is closed.

• **Wildflowers one-dollar, furniture barn/thrift store** US 62E across from Hill County Hardware. One-dollar store in the yellow building every Friday from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Thrift store, furniture bank in big blue barn behind the chapel open Wednesdays – Saturdays from 10:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. Donation drop offs Thursday – Saturday between 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. Healing and delivery outreach in chapel Saturdays at 7:30 p.m.

• **Shamatha and Tonglen meditations Monday** – A meditation group will meet every Monday at 6:30 p.m. to focus on Shamatha, learning how to focus to achieve peace of mind, and Tonglen, a practice of love and compassion on all beings. The meetings will alternate these two practices so that one is the focus on each Monday with coffee and tea afterward. Call Alece at (479) 244-6842 or Gary at (479) 244-6840.

• **Celebrate Recovery** – Soul Purpose Ministries, 801 S. Springfield, Green Forest, 6:30 p.m. each Wednesday. Potluck followed by 12-step Christ-centered meetings for those suffering from addiction, habit, hang-up or hurt.

• **Coffee Break Al-Anon Family Group Women** – Tuesdays, 9:45 a.m., Faith Christian Family Church, Hwy. 23S, (479) 363-9495.

• **No high school diploma?** Free GED classes in the Carnegie Library Annex every Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from 9 a.m. - noon with study and tutoring for the GED test. Open to ages 18 and up. GED classes also in Berryville at Carroll County Center. Some open to ages 16 and 17 per educational requirements. For info: Nancy Wood (479) 981-0482, Carnegie Library (479) 253-8754, Carroll County Center (870) 423-4455). Offered by North Arkansas College with Carnegie Library support.

Meetings at Coffee Pot Club:

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

INDEPENDENT ConstablesOnPatrol

AUGUST 3

9:54 a.m. – Citizen reported two kayaks had been stolen from his residence.

1:07 p.m. – There was a two-vehicle accident on US 62 in the commercial area. No injuries.

1:12 p.m. – One neighbor claimed another neighbor had left trash in someone else’s yard. Constable on patrol told complainant he would speak to the perpetrator and get him to put his trash back where it belonged.

3:02 p.m. – Constable red-tagged a vehicle parked in the same spot for five days.

3:14 p.m. – Constable issued a ticket for a parked vehicle blocking a driveway.

9:49 p.m. – Constable went to Washington County to pick up an individual detained there on an ESPD warrant.

11:34 p.m. – Couple argued loudly in a vehicle parked in front of a motel. Constables learned the dispute was verbal only, and the couple decided to get a room for the night.

11:59 p.m. – Constable responded to report of an intoxicated male walking through a neighborhood and told the individual to go home and stay there.

AUGUST 4

8:50 a.m. – Individual received a threatening phone call. Constable investigated.

3:05 p.m. – ESPD got a call about a stolen trailer, but the property was recovered.

9:36 p.m. – Constable checked out a van parked suspiciously beside a business, but no one was in the vehicle.

AUGUST 5

7:59 a.m. – Individual told ESPD his credit card company had reported his credit card had been compromised while he was in Eureka Springs over the weekend.

10:28 a.m. – Shopper noticed the door to a business with a closed sign was actually unlocked and people were inside the store. Constable discovered the clerk of the business had gone next door to assist another merchant.

12:46 p.m. – Individual told ESPD his stolen property was in a pawnshop. Detective followed up.

1:26 p.m. – Observer saw a fatally-injured fawn along Main Street. Public Works responded.

1:55 p.m. – Taxi driver told ESPD a passenger was trying to avoid paying his fare. Constable who responded settled the matter and warned the passenger of his outstanding warrants in Little Rock.

6:10 p.m. – Central dispatch reported two 911 hang-up calls from a residence and no response on the call back. Constable went to the address and learned the calls had been made by a child trying to get a game to play on a cell phone.

AUGUST 6

8:30 p.m. – Constable checked on a vehicle apparently abandoned for a couple of days. He made contact with the owner who promised to move it the following day.

11:48 p.m. – Resident in the south part of town reported an extremely intoxicated older male knocked on his

door and asked for gasoline. The resident refused to give him gas and the person drove away. Constables were not able to find the suspect vehicle.

AUGUST 7

9:25 a.m. – There was a two-vehicle accident on US 62 toward the eastern part of town. No injuries.

8:47 p.m. – Constable initiated a traffic stop and arrested the driver for possession of drug paraphernalia, defective equipment and driving on a license suspended as the result of a DWI.

9:57 p.m. – Fire alarm rang out at a motel on US 62, and the responding constable arrested the female who pulled the alarm for communicating a false alarm.

AUGUST 8

10:45 a.m. – Passerby reported a person in Basin Park yelling religious comments. Constable stood by in case a situation developed.

11:39 a.m. – Resident claimed her neighbor had backed into her vehicle. Constable took the information in case a report was needed.

7:12 p.m. – There was a traffic accident on Spring Street, no injuries, and constable filed a report.

9:13 p.m. – As a result of a traffic stop, driver was arrested for driving on a suspended license.

AUGUST 9

1:07 a.m. – Patron at a bar claimed the driver of a pickup had backed into her vehicle and left the scene. Constables located the vehicle later in a neighborhood but could not find the driver.

2:13 a.m. – Traffic stop resulted in the arrest of the driver for driving on a suspended license.

11:06 a.m. – Constable went to a residence on Main Street to take a report on vandalism.

11:08 a.m. – Constable took a report on a damaged vehicle.

11:40 a.m. – Alarm was triggered at a business. Constable on patrol cleared the building and waited for the keyholder to arrive.

12:01 p.m. – There was a two-vehicle accident in a parking lot.

12:30 p.m. – Constable repaired a broken parking meter.

4:34 p.m. – Central dispatch transferred a call from a mother who claimed her son had kicked her out of his vehicle and left her stranded. Constable brought her to the station where she spoke with individuals from the ministerial alliance. They gave her a ride back to Fayetteville.

6:30 p.m. – Caller complained about a parking situation behind the Auditorium.

GSHS raffle tickets available

Good Shepherd Humane Shelter is raffling off two Silver Dollar City adult tickets valued at \$120 and valid until Dec. 31. Tickets are \$1 each or 7 for \$5 at either thrift store, the shelter or the mini-adopathon at Brashears on August 15. Raffle ends Monday, August 31.

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

“WHY DIDN’T YOU TELL ME you were going to run for commissioner?” Jane asked, over Saturday’s breakfast. She had known it since Thursday, but had waited for Walter to bring it up, and he hadn’t. “Imagine picking up the paper and that’s the first inkling I had of it! It almost looks as if you were ashamed of it.” She had had to hurry to get into street clothes before breakfast, and had felt out of sorts, even before she’d burned her fingers on the toaster.

“Maybe I was, a little.” Walter spoke carefully, studying the pitcher as he poured cream. “Or maybe embarrassed. It wasn’t more than a gesture, of course. Back up Dad, you know, after the colonel turning tail and going over to the other side the way he did.”

Jane lifted one eyebrow in a way that she fancied annoyed him. “Maybe I’m just stupid,” she said, meaning that she was really very bright, “but I can’t for the life of me see why it should matter that much – this election.”

“In a way, perhaps it’s better that you *don’t* feel it’s important. Of course,” he added, looking out the window, “I can’t help feeling a little hurt, to see you standing apart this way, from the family. And from the town, too. Not caring what happens, in *Sycamore* –”



CONSTANCE
WAGNER

“Oh, I care!” she cried unhappily. She began making little pleats in her napkin and pressing them down with her thumbnail. “If only the town had taken *me* in... You know, they don’t like me. I’m an outsider. They don’t like anything I stand for, anything I care about. They don’t even like what I’ve done with this house. I could feel it, the night of the party. I know now what

they expected: satin damask hangings, black-and-gold wallpaper, floors covered with carpeting two inches deep! Or hideous Victorian knickknacks! They thought it was all cheap and commonplace – our dull wood surfaces and hand-loomed fabrics, and pottery. How do you expect me to care about people whose tastes are all miles removed from my own? People that *resent* me? Tracy,” she added bitterly, “is the only one who actually put it into words, but it goes for everybody here.”

Walter got up and stood staring into the garden, where the daffodils lay in drifts of yellow. “Are you really unhappy here?” he asked, with his back to her. “Would you rather go somewhere else after the baby comes? Back to New York maybe? If you really haven’t learned to like it, after a whole year –”

“I love it,” she said, suddenly close to tears. “It’s the loveliest place I’ve

ever been. I love our house, and the hills all round, and the big woods. It’s just the people. I’m not one of them!”

He turned and put one hand under her chin so he could look down directly into her eyes. “Is it the people? The town? Gold wallpaper? Isn’t it just – Mother?”

With the name between them, she sat gazing up at him, a little breathless, not daring to look away. Yes, she thought. Yes. Now it’s happened.

He sat down close to her, picked up her hand and studied it, turning it gently between his own. “It’s a little hard,” he said slowly, “to say – to explain. That meeting Monday – I’m sorry you weren’t there. It was – well, awful in one way, but in another way, it was like a good strong wind blowing through the place, blowing out something old and dead and rotten that’s been there a long time. Too damned long.”

She said quietly: “Yes, I see what you mean,” and waited for more.

He took a deep breath, caressing her fingers one by one. “I suppose everybody,” he said, “sooner or later reaches a point where he doesn’t see his parents with a child’s eyes any more. Somewhere along the line, you get to be an adult looking at two other adults – equals of yourself, subject to the same set of values, same rules you apply to yourself, to other people. It’s – something of a shock. I thought I grew up a long time ago,” he said. “Back

there in Kansas City, before I came home. But that was just the beginning. I see that now.”

Jane leaned toward him. “You mean,” she said, “it all came to you Monday – when she tried to keep that water business from –?”

He stared at her hand, frowning. “No. Not that suddenly, I guess. Maybe I’ve been seeing it ever since that day in February (remember?) when you came to the office from the Woman’s Club, all upset, and I made my speech about Mother and how wonderfully she’s handled everything and everybody. Just putting it into words, telling *you* – and knowing somehow that you weren’t getting the reaction I meant for you to – It bothered me, after you’d gone. I kept remembering what I’d said to you, and it didn’t mean what I *thought* it meant, when I said it. It was as if –” he paused, “as if I’d shifted my focus and seen Mother and everything she’s done, all she’s stood for, through your eyes. And, that way, it was all changed. Ugly. I couldn’t quite face it, then. Saw and didn’t see. But last Monday, when she took that stand, and Dad joined me against her, for the first time – well, everything fell into place, and I *had* to see it. It was ugly, all right. Power! *That’s* what she’s wanted, what she’s grabbed and held, all these years. It’s what she saw being taken away from her, that day. She was licked. Her face – as if somebody had hit her –”

NOTES from the HOLLOW by Steve Weems

In my novel, *Murder in the Ozarks*, Andy attends church one Sunday morning. “A tall man with a crew cut and black-framed glasses met Andy at the door, welcomed him by name, and handed him a photocopied program.” That line is my earliest recollection of Theo Jackson, handing out bulletins Sunday mornings before church when I attended with Granny. He knew everybody, and everybody knew him.

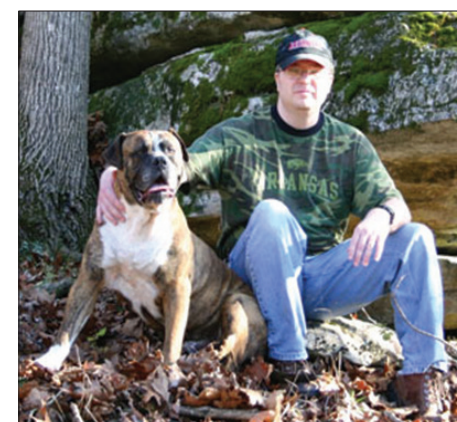
Theo was a direct descendant of the pioneer doctor Alvah Jackson, the man who many consider the founding father of Eureka Springs. Theo Jackson

made a big impression on me. He had a large farm in the Rock Springs area east of Eureka Springs and he was a man of stature in the community and in his church. I was always impressed with how he carried himself with both humor and dignity. We once attended one of his mountain oyster parties and he was a gracious host.

Theo is someone whom I regret that I’ll not have another conversation with. In fact, I feel like he and I started some conversations that were still in play; conversations we never finished. The last time we talked was in the barbershop and we continued a

conversation we’d been having for 20 years about coyotes and wolves.

We lived on Rock Springs Road at one time and Theo was a neighbor. We had a half-grown Anatolian Shepherd pup named Frost and I was concerned about Frost getting along with Theo’s dog. Theo pulled in one day and his dog jumped out of the truck. Frost was probably 80 pounds then and put the dog back into the truck. I apologized, but Theo just said that Frost was doing his job. Over time, Theo grew to think a lot of Frost. He said that he liked to drive by and see Frost standing out with his cows in the pasture because that



meant there were no predators around. After we moved to the hollow, Theo called a couple of times just to ask how Frost was doing.

Theo Ulysses Jackson died August 1, 2015, at age 88. He will be missed.



Drum roll, please – Julie Kahn Valentine drew a crowd to the Paul Daniel Gallery for her show opening during the Gallery Stroll August 8. Exhibitor Doug Powell appears ready to give her a percussive welcome. *PHOTO BY JAY VRECENAK*



Birds of a feather – Rigdon Irvin (standing), owner of The Birdcage, Eureka Springs' newest gallery, welcomes patrons to a comfy corner during her grand opening August 8. More than a dozen artists have work in the gallery, which is located on the Center to Spring Street stairwell next to New Delhi. *PHOTO BY JAY VRECENAK*

Family affair – It was dubbed 'Kresse Week' at ESSA because pastel artist Cynthia Kresse and her brother, sculptor Kevin Kresse, both taught classes. Too bad their fishing enthusiast brother Greg couldn't take time from his duties as an M.D. to teach us how to tie up some flies. *PHOTO BY JAY VRECENAK*



Hey cutie – Earl Cate gives photog Jay a big grin. The Cates catered to the crowd in Basin Park with a free two-hour concert and inspired dancing on a sultry August night. *PHOTO BY JAY VRECENAK*



Deja two – Barbara Kellogg and David Pettit enjoy the Cate Bothers in Basin Park; and probably look exactly like they did the *first* time they saw the band. Good to see. *PHOTO BY JAY VRECENAK*





Seat signing – Basin Park was packed for 'Diversity in the Park' August 8. Above, a crowd gathers to sign the Love Seat created by Stephen Feilbach. The bench was later moved to Main Stage and the crowd lingered to enjoy fab music by the Cate Brothers Band.

PHOTO BY JAY VRECENAK



Resting on his laurels – Love Seat creator "Gnome Man" Stephen R. Feilbach enjoys the fruits of his labor.

PHOTO BY JAY VRECENAK



A friend in need – The top of the Basin was hopping to the music of Opal Fly and other musicians during a fundraiser to help Zoi Young (above) with medical expenses. Great energy and lots of fun made one proud to live where people take care of each other.

PHOTO BY BECKY GILLETTE

Prelude – A Q&A with Arkansas Film Commissioner Christopher Crane (left) and filmmaker Mark Thiedeman followed a screening of Mark's *Sacred Hearts, Holy Souls* at Main Stage August 8. The Diversity Weekend film heralds the upcoming Human Rights Art and Film Festival.

PHOTO BY JOHN RANKINE

Benchmarks – Mayor Butch Berry and his wife, Lynn, were the first to sign the 'Love Seat' during Diversity in the Park on August 8.

PHOTO BY JAY VRECENAK



Clean Power

“Treat the earth well: it was not given to you by your parents, it was loaned to you by your children. We do not inherit the Earth from our Ancestors, we borrow it from our children.” This Native American proverb is timeless. Sadly, we did not listen, some do not want to hear, and we are running out of time. The 2015 EPA Clean Power Plan (CPP) gives us hope if we act now. Pope Francis’s message to care for our common home and each other has energized the world to act. Clean water, clean air and global climate change are at play. Our survival is at stake.

Transitioning from coal is good business practice

Burning coal is a deadly addiction. Coal is a dirty fossil fuel accounting for more than 40 percent of all CO₂ emissions, the main cause of global climate change. Coal is cheap, coal power is unaffordable.

American Electric Power built many coal power plants. In 2013 AEP started shutting them down; by 2016 AEP will have retired 6,000 megawatts. The transition away from coal power plants continues among U.S. utilities to comply with carbon reduction standards and reduce cost. Coal powered plants are inefficient. Only 30 percent of coal thermal energy ends up in the grid. The rest, in the form of heat, blows out the smokestacks.

Coal Plants are expensive to operate and maintain

Entergy Arkansas was in the news last week announcing it will shut down the White Bluff 1.7 megawatt coal plant. The timing made it look like a quick response to CPP; it was not and is not good news. An accurate headline would say, “After 16 years of no-compliance with EPA Clean-Air regulations, the 35-year-old White Bluff Power Plant designed to run for only 30 years, cancelled a \$1.1 billion emission control project and is asking approval to continue polluting for 13 more years.” The carbon dioxide emissions alone are over 10 million metric tons per year, equivalent to the emissions of two million trucks per year.

Do you have a 35-year-old car? The cost of maintenance increases with time to the point the old car costs more than is worth. Same with coal power plants: electro-mechanical components wear out running non-stop in hot dirty environments.

The problem and the solution are known

Coal plants seem harmless but they are not. The 500-foot tall smokestack sends up a column of deadly smoke away from the plant as steam rises from the cooling towers, and hot water is dumped in rivers. With new, superior clean sources of energy, aging coal plants need to go.

CPP provides a path to reduce carbon dioxide emissions. The rules include limits on carbon

emissions, the first step to set a price on carbon. The health and economic benefits of lowering carbon pollution under CPP are four to seven times greater than the estimated costs.

Clean Power Plan Opposition

AEP and many other utilities, along with their representatives, oppose the 2015 CPP. The Arkansas Attorney General joined 15 states claiming CPP is illegal, impossible, and expensive. The party line is “The Clean Air Act was enacted to protect the public from harmful pollution; it was not intended to address climate change concerns.”

We are part of the solution

There are two sides to the energy equation: demand and supply. Consumers control the demand that drives the amount of power needed on the grid. At 10 cents per kWh, anytime, as much as you want, always available, there is little incentive to conserve energy. However, the environmental cost is unaffordable. The alternative is unthinkable.

Energy conservation, energy efficiency, local and community solar power along with adherence to the CPP are part of the solution. It is up to us. We need to act, there is little time left. Please call your state and federal representatives, and your electric utility provider; ask them to comply fully with the CPP.

Dr. Luis Contreras

TheNATUREofEUREKA by Steven Foster

Prepping for Paleo re-wilding survival

Last week I had a visit from a friend with whom I enjoy talking about things botanical. Unlike most of my friends, he is very conservative, though not religious, and pretty much paranoid about every aspect of modern society. He doesn’t have an email address

to keep whomever is perceived as Big Brother at bay. He doesn’t answer his phone. Friends know to call him, let the phone ring twice, hang up, then call back in a few seconds. He lives as if the end of the world is just around the corner, though thinks the end will be a breakdown in

the economy rather than a calamitous Biblical event. He wants to know about every manner of edible plant, just as long as he doesn’t have to learn about it on the Internet.

“You are truly a prepper,” I said. His eyebrows raised and he took umbrage with my statement. “No, I’m not a prepper. Preppers have money and my fixed retirement income doesn’t allow for me to buy stocks of food. No, I’m a survivalist.”

I’ve learned to pay attention to end of the world events if predicted far enough in advance because they are great for sales of my *Peterson Field Guide to Medicinal Plants and Herbs* (with James A. Duke, with editions in 1990, 2000, and 2014). The best year for field guide sales was the run-up to the millennium when at the stroke of midnight on January 1, 2000, the electrical grid would fail and all computers (except Macs) would stop working. Turned out that that prediction didn’t come true until PC users loaded



Windows 10 last week. The end of the Mayan calendar was also a great run-up end time for field guide sales.

With the modern Internet and social media, all manner of virtual “return to nature” to use a worn-out 1970s phrase, is attracting entirely new generations of those interested in re-wilding, paleo diets, neo-aboriginal living, neo-ancestral lifestyles and more. Preppers and survivalist take note—there’s a great deal to learn from the new deep emersion younger generations. Now as before nature is viewed as the new retail outlet especially for food. It’s important to be sensitive to Mother Nature rather than attack her in anthropocentric arrogance. Quality re-wilding is to know the difference between edible and palatable. Rather than strive to survive, strive to enjoy.

“Juan, I think we should just avoid the wild food.”
Theodor DeBry engraving, 1591.



Mr. Big's Bluegrass Family Reunion August 13 – 15

Concerts in the park and in the auditorium bring the best of traditional bluegrass to Eureka Springs. From young'uns like 11-year-old fiddle player Mary Parker to the elder statesmen of the Bluegrass nation, this is one down-home party you won't want to miss!



Thursday

The good times kick off with a free Watermelon Social and open jam (spittin' n pickn') August 13 at 7 p.m. in Basin Spring Park. Everyone is invited to bring instruments and join one of the groups sure to be forming all around the park as locals join nationally known musicians in an exciting evening of sharing tunes, riffs and licks.

Free concerts in Basin Park

Friday

Noon: Mary Parker, Clancey Ferguson, Mountain View Friends

1 p.m. Eureka Springs Bluegrass Band

2 p.m. Clark Family with Bill Nesbitt

3 p.m. Buddy Griffin & Friends

4 p.m. Dragon Masters

Saturday:

Noon: Clancey Ferguson

1 p.m. Dragon Masters

2 p.m. Al Brumley & Friends featuring Buddy Griffin & Arkansas Red

3 p.m. Clark Family with Bill Nesbitt

4 p.m. Tennessee Gentlemen

Join the unbroken circle

A free event for beginning and intermediate musicians will take place at 9 a.m. Saturday at the Guest House Eureka Springs (formerly Swiss Holiday Resort Rodeway), 2015 E. Van Buren (479) 253-9510. Teaching sessions will be offered to help learn, understand and participate in circle sessions. Come have some fun and learn from the best!

Auditorium shows 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday

Friday's show in the city auditorium at 32 S. Main features Mary Parker, the Dragon Masters, Pam Setzer, the Clark Family with Bill Nesbitt, and the Tennessee Gentlemen.

Saturday night's performance includes Buddy Griffin & Clancey Ferguson, Pam Setzer & Mountain View Friends featuring Donny Catron, Myron Flippin, the Clark Family with Bill Nesbitt, Buffalo City Ramblers, Cutthroat Montana, Tim Crouch and Irl Hees.

Tickets are only \$20 adult and \$12 children 16 and under for a great night of entertainment. Purchase at www.theaud.org or at the door. Tickets including both nights only \$35 adult and \$20 children. More at www.eurekasprings.org

Too many stars to mention, but here's two:

Buddy Griffin was inducted into the American Banjo Museum hall of Fame in 2005. In 2011 the Vandalia Award, West Virginia's highest folklife honor, was presented to this renowned fiddle player, entertainer, educator, mentor and advocate for bluegrass and traditional country music. If you're not a bluegrass fan, come listen to this music played by someone who knows, understands and loves it. It just may change your mind.

Clancey Ferguson was voted Ozark Folk Center Musician of the Year. Her fiddle playing is huge and she's full of hot licks and strong chops with the stage presence of a seasoned performer. Only 17, Clancey has amassed an impressive list of appearances with noted performers and was interviewed

by Chelsea Clinton for *NBC Nightly News* and by Chris Jones for Sirius XM *Bluegrass Junction*. She's the 2012 Arkansas State Junior Fiddle Champion,

2013 Arkansas Junior Contemporary Fiddle Champion, and 2014 Arkansas State Junior Contemporary Fiddle Champion.



BUDDY GRIFFIN



CLANCEY FERGUSON



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BUFFALO CITY RAMBLERS

Cocktails yes, Poetluck no, 'Scripts & Screenplays' in

Cocktails for a Cause on Thursday, August 20, will be for the benefit of the Writers' Colony at Dairy Hollow. Join friends and associates at The Grotto Wood-Fired Grill and Wine Cave at 10 Center Street at 5 p.m. for some causeworthy fun.

Since August 20 would normally be Poetluck night at the Colony, Poetluck has been canceled this month, but not to worry. Instead, the Colony is hosting a free *Scripts and Screenplays* event on Tuesday, August 18 with Jacqueline Christy.

Christy, an MFA candidate in the Graduate Film Program at New York University, is working on a full-length film and also serves as coordinator of NYU's Purple List – the top production-ready feature screenplays written by Grad Film Program students or alums.

Come see if your script or idea for a movie or play will fly!

Join Jacqueline at 7 p.m. for an evening of scripts and conversation about theater and filmmaking. Bring your script or screenplay in progress (or your idea) and get some feedback on how to make a pitch, along with suggestions on how to create a successful project.

Pitches will be limited to three minutes but if you're welcome to read up to three pages of dialogue to give Jackie a real feel for the script. Volunteers will read parts to really bring it to life. There is no charge for this event but donations are always gratefully accepted.

Come join us Tuesday, Aug. 18, at 7 p.m. at the Writers' Colony, 515 Spring Street, for *Scripts and Screenplays* and again on August 20 for cocktails and fun at the Grotto beginning at 5 p.m. For more information, email director@writerscolony.org or call (479) 253-7444.

Mercury & Jupiter in Virgo

When the Sun and/or planets move through the sign Virgo, everyone begins to talk more. Talk, talk, talk and more talk. There's a reason. Talking helps us sort out and integrate experiences, thoughts and ideas. Mercury and Jupiter are now in Virgo, which means a surplus of ideas flowing through minds. Thus lots of talking. Mercury is exalted in Virgo. Jupiter expands Virgo.

Virgo has a great ability to see, point out, discuss and tend to earthly details. Pisces loves Virgo (sometimes). Pisces peers through clouds and veils, not quite understanding the earth plane. Pisces is water (flowing) to Virgo's earth (solid). Often Pisces turns

to Virgo to understand those details before returning behind the veils. Veils are a comfort for Pisces, for Virgo a frustration. Virgo is busy, serving all the time, seeing everyone's potential, working and waiting for that potential to come forward.

While Mercury is in Virgo we must be detailed and precise in our communication, discriminating in our choices without emotional or critical reactions.

Jupiter is the enthusiastic big picture. In Virgo, Jupiter offers the larger context surrounding the details. Both are needed.

Jupiter in Virgo is a bit cautious, less exuberant, hides its enthusiasm (at first). Jupiter becomes the

professor speaking of religions, philosophies, culture and travel. Jupiter invites Virgo onto the playground, to take a rare quenching gulp of pleasure. At first Virgo uses a thousand words (Mercury) to say, "No. I must be efficient, tend to details, create routines and schedules, and order daily life. I have no time to play." Jupiter laughs. He has lots of time. Jupiter remains in Virgo for an entire year (till September 2016).

Friday, August 14, is Leo new moon. The New Group of World Servers invites everyone to the Leo festival by reciting the Soul & Great Invocations. **"Let Light, Love & Power restore the Plan on Earth."**

ARIES: Your creativity is being called forth this month and next. Perhaps there's a long held creative art you've forgotten or put aside. Creativity allows us to step both inward and outward simultaneously, accessing our inner imaginative selves while also producing something in form and matter. Children, expressing your values, leisure and play unexpectedly fulfills your need for contact.

TAURUS: There's a strong focus on home and family, on things domestic,

your foundation and heritage. With Venus retro it's possible you're safeguarding things from the past. Releasing this past allows you to step forward into the future.

It's needed, actually. We begin releasing the past (physical things, emotional, mental) by saying, "I'm willing." Then we're liberated and a new present/future plan emerges.

GEMINI: You might be out & about, here & there, and sometimes feel that you're nowhere. Ideas flow through your mind too fast to comprehend. While tending to multiple tasks and errands notice an assessment of previous issues. You may rediscover talents and skills, reconnect with past relationships and ask for more comfort and ease at home. Seeking comfort increases throughout the year.

CANCER: There's a strong focus on resources, money, finances & the values you live by. It's most important to make a list of your values – what you value, whom and why – defining and recognizing them for yourself. List your valuable possessions. Then list your talents and gifts. List what is of comfort to you and security. Eventually your self-worth begins to shine through. Something thought lost is found.

LEO: It's a most fortunate time for you. It's also a time of self-awareness, developing new areas of your nature that have been hidden for many years. Allow yourself to be in the spotlight. Then allow yourself to withdraw, contemplating on and considering your values. Know that you are of great value. You can be charming, impulsive and even overly active (aggressive) at times. Good fortune trails you. Share everything.

VIRGO: Things hidden come into view for your recognition and assessment. So much from the past, private and not shared with others, comes forth. First

you remember the past, then it slowly fades away. Eventually the best Virgo qualities, a greater sense of confidence and a depth of spiritual awakening, different than before, emerges. Talk only with those who love you.

LIBRA: Libra is the social sign of the zodiac. This month and next all things social increases dramatically. Group focus, networking, friendships, community service are emphasized. You may feel overwhelmed and unprepared for such a force of energies. Summon poise and balance (your gifts), seek joy in all interactions. Tend to money carefully. Be aware that all your hopes, wishes and dreams will seek fulfillment. Rest.

SCORPIO: It's a very promising time concerning your work in the world, being recognized, your performance, career, public life, achievements and reputation. It is a time for you to assess and then reassess who you want to be in the world, who you've been and if this is enough. Soon new friends appear, new networks and groups that join you on your life journey. You experience happiness.

SAGITTARIUS: There's a focus on an important journey, on travel, new adventures, culture, and learning. Many surprises are occurring amidst a sense of joy and gratitude. Opportunities will be offered so it's important now to review hopes, wishes, dreams and goals, pursuing only what's most important to you. There may be a struggle concerning choices, as many will

be available. Stand under the Will-to-Good.

CAPRICORN: You will step behind a veil for a while into realms that allow for transformation and regeneration. You will think about money that is owed, money held in common, resources of all types. You seek a deeper, richer, meaningful experience in all relationships. Soon, if not already, the veils will part and you enter into a garden. The air is clear, the soil vital and moist, the sky is blue. You're happy.

AQUARIUS: It's important to make deep personal connections with people. One-on-one, heart to heart. There's a concentration on relationships like no other time of the year. Concerning needs, know that it's through friends that Aquarians are able to find and acquire things. Friends from the past may re-appear. You're beginning a new yearlong cycle of support. Ask, from your heart, for all that you need. It will be given.

PISCES: Health, right diet, food, daily routines, tending and caring for the self is important. You're learning how to manage and organize the needs for each day. Unhappiness creates a tension leading to attention pushing you to make needed changes. Trust yourself. Have faith in your feelings and knowing your needs. Call forth courage (and angels) to meet those needs. Everything plenty comes your way.

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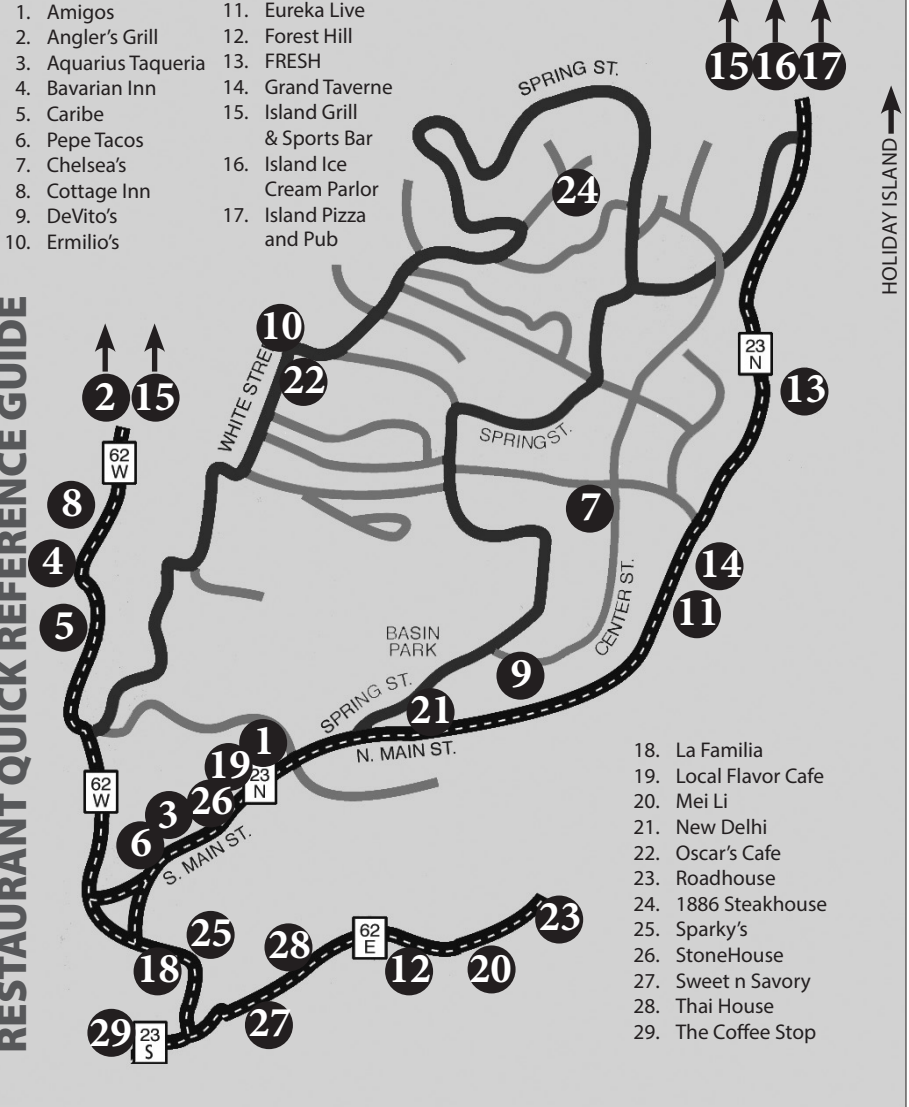
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In mid-August each year, Eureka Springs celebrates Bluegrass Weekend all over town. The musicianship displayed by favorites Tyler Gregory at the Cathouse Thursday and Mountain Sprout's Three Day run at Chelsea's is sure to delight the most discerning mountain music fans. Each night Chelsea's pairs another regional bluegrass act with Mountain Sprout to create amusing dynamics. Sunday we commemorate the death of Elvis Presley and the birthday of Madonna with Trailer Swift at Chelsea's, striking a chord between Memphis and pop radio.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13

BASIN PARK BALCONY – *Catherine Reed*, Singer/Songwriter, 5 p.m.
CATHOUSE LOUNGE – *Tyler Gregory*, Bluegrass, 5 – 9 p.m.
CHELSEA'S – *Camptown Ladies and Mountain Sprout*, Bluegrass, 8 p.m.
GRAND TAVERNE – *Jerry Yester*, Grand Piano Dinner Music, 6:30 – 9:30 p.m.
LEGENDS SALOON – *Some Other Band*, Rock, 8 p.m.
NEW DELHI – *Jesse James*, Singer/Songwriter, 6:30 – 9:30 p.m.
ROWDY BEAVER DEN – *Lance and Kelly*, Rock, 8 p.m.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14

BASIN PARK BALCONY – *Hawgscalders*, Folk, 12 and 6 p.m.
BREWS – *Opal Agafia and the Sweet Nothings*, Folk, 7 – 10 p.m.
CATHOUSE BEER GARDEN – *Melissa and Grayson's Good Ol' Gooduns*, Bluegrass, 12 – 4 p.m., *Arkansauce*, Bluegrass, 6 – 10 p.m.
CATHOUSE LOUNGE – *Cutty Rye*, Bluegrass, 8 p.m.
CHELSEA'S – *The Squarshers and Mountain Sprout*, Bluegrass, 8 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 – *Genna and Jesse*, Singers/Songwriters, 6 – 10 p.m.
ROWDY BEAVER – *Aaron Mullins*



Mountain Sprout plays Thursday, Friday and Saturday at Chelsea's for Bluegrass Weekend.

Band, Rock, 8 p.m.
ROWDY BEAVER DEN – *Outlaw Hippies*, Rock, 9 p.m.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15

BASIN PARK BALCONY – *James White*, Singer/Songwriter, 12 and 6 p.m.
BREWS – *Melissa Carper and Rebecca Patek*, Bluegrass, 7 – 10 p.m.
CATHOUSE BEER GARDEN – *Kyle Young*, Bluegrass, 12 – 4 p.m., *Ozark Mountain Maybells*, Bluegrass, 4 – 8 p.m., *The Squarshers*, Bluegrass, 8 p.m.
CATHOUSE LOUNGE – *Deep Fried Squirrel*, Bluegrass, 8 p.m.
CHELSEA'S – *Arkansauce and Mountain Sprout*, Bluegrass, 8 p.m.
EUREKA LIVE! – *DJ & Dancing*, 9 p.m.
GRAND TAVERNE – *Jerry Yester*, Grand Piano Dinner Music, 6:30- 9:30 p.m.
LEGENDS SALOON – *Some Other Band*, Rock, 9 p.m.
NEW DELHI – *Sarah Hughes*, Singer/Songwriter, 12 – 4 p.m., *Josh and the Giant*, Folk, 6 – 10 p.m.
PINE MOUNTAIN AMP – *Jeff Horton Band*, Blues, 12 p.m.
ROWDY BEAVER – *Lance Griffith*

and the Midnight Prairie, Rock, 8 p.m.
ROWDY BEAVER DEN – *The Lark and the Loon*, Folk, 1 – 5 p.m., *The Hawgscalders*, Folk, 9 p.m.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16

BASIN PARK BALCONY – *Jeff Lee*, Folk, 12 p.m., *Michael Dimitri*, Singer/Songwriter, 5 p.m.
BREWS – *Cards Against Humanity/ Board Games*
CHELSEA'S – *Trailer Swift*, Double-wide country, 4 p.m.
EUREKA LIVE – *DJ, Dancing, and Karaoke*, 7- 11 p.m.
ROWDY BEAVER DEN – *Outlaw Hippies*, Rock, 1 – 5 p.m.

MONDAY, AUGUST 17

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

TUESDAY, AUGUST 18

CHELSEA'S – *Open Mic*

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19

CHELSEA'S – *Brujo*, Americana, 9:30 p.m.
LEGENDS SALOON – *Karaoke with DJ Lita*, 8 p.m.

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

We've been married a year and the sex is great. I'd like to spice it up though. I've enjoyed some pretty kinky sex in the past and want to include this in our marriage. I'd love for my wife to be on board but I'm afraid it may freak her out. How can I approach her about this topic?

I'm so glad you asked! Yes, it's important to be thoughtful in your approach but once the subject is open for exploration you will both reap endless and unrelenting rewards.

First, you must be confident in knowing that craving some non-vanilla kink is natural and healthy. If your initiation of the conversation is so nerved-up that your wife fears you're about to

confess to multiple affairs...well surely you can predict that outcome. Your level of comfort when discussing your desires will set the tone. This conversation should be had sober, when you're both in good spirits, have time on your hands and clothes on your backs.

Expose your wife to some positive representations of the activities you prefer. Don't be pushy. While you may have spent years reading or watching those who excel when gagged and chained, my guess is that your wife has not. Light exposure to the culture of kink can help normalize your desires and provide an environment of "permission" for your wife to autonomously explore additional avenues of information.

It's always possible that your wife has experienced negativity with a previous partner's fantasies or fetish. Many self-serving individuals use the term kink or fetish to cloak their acts of sexual abuse, degradation or domination-without-consent. Be patient. Answer all of her questions fully so she understands that ethical kink is based upon trust, negotiation, informed consent and above all, Respect.

It's a common misconception that acting out fantasies or engaging in kink creates objectification and distance between partners. In reality, openly sharing your deepest and perhaps dark desires with your spouse actually requires a much greater degree of vulnerability. Vulnerability is what allows for the

deepest levels of intimacy.

Be wise. You will see no gain if you begin with a whip and chain. Try a feather and a tad bit of leather – I promise you'll fare much better.

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



New experience

– Vietnamese exchange student, Trang (Anna) spent the day in Basin Park August 8 with June Owen, left, and her host for the school term, June Hegedus. Anna certainly got a taste of Diversity and Eureka Springs culture. Welcome to our world, Anna.

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For the birds –

Birds who love art, that is. The Birdcage, Eureka Springs' newest art gallery, opened during the Gallery Stroll on August 8. Owner Rigdon Irvin features more than 12 artists in the new space on the Center-to-Spring Street stairwell next to New Delhi.

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Sunday at EUUF

On August 16 Laura Kellams, Northwest Arkansas Director of Arkansas Advocates for Children & Families, will speak on "Making A Bigger Impact: Serving Children In Need Through Public Policy," and will discuss how social and political change, not just charitable giving, can serve children and families in our region. She'll outline Carroll County-specific data as well as the needs of children statewide.

Join us at the Eureka Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 17 Elk St., at 11 a.m. Questions and audience participation are welcome. Extra parking at Ermilio's Restaurant, childcare provided.

ESHM membership meeting

The Eureka Springs Historical Museum's annual membership meeting is Monday, August 17 at 7 p.m. at the Inn of the Ozarks Convention Center. Nominations will be submitted and elections held to fill vacancies on the Board of Directors.

A brief reception will be held following the membership meeting. Current and potential members are encouraged to attend and share ideas and ask questions. Help support your museum and preserve our colorful lives by becoming a member or renewing your membership in the Museum Association!

Workshop subject is crystal clear

Learn to work with crystals at the Academy for Healing Arts workshops coming up in Hot Springs, which include the Crystal Skull Festival with Mika – a trained Crystal Keeper and Guardian, traditional Reiki and Karuna Reiki Master, Master Teacher of Magnified Healing and a clinical hypnotherapist.

Mika is recognized worldwide for his excellence in teaching on crystals, energy healing and Magnified Healing. In addition to digging for your own crystals, the Hot Springs workshops include: August 22 – 26: Crystal Certification Classes, Sept. 19 – 22: Fall Equinox Experience with Nature, and, Oct. 9 – 11: Crystal and Crystal Skull Festival where Mika will be a featured speaker.

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DEPARTURES

Wanda Mae Castor July 30, 1926 – August 1, 2015

Wanda Mae Castor was born in Eureka Springs, Ark., July 30, 1926 and passed away at age 89 on August 1, 2015 in Eureka Springs.

She is survived by her sister, Anna Lee Clark Gunnels of Eureka Springs. Her husband of more than 50 years, Manson Castor, passed in 2004. She is survived by host of nieces and nephews. She loved to cook for her family and spent many years taking care of nieces and nephews and their children.

A big *Thank You* to the staff at Brighton Ridge for excellent care of our

dear Aunt, and what a blessing they were. Many staff came to sing and even danced for her 89th birthday. She was laughing at them all. Thank you to the Circle of Life for her hospice care.

One of her favorite sayings when she was asked where she lived was, "I was born and raised in Eureka Springs." She could pick out many landmarks in the local paper and tell exactly where they were. She will be interred on August 3, 2015 at Floral Haven Funeral Home in Broken Arrow, Okla.



Mary Ann Lee Nov. 23, 1937 – July 26, 2015

Mary Ann Lee of Roseburg, Ore., was born Nov. 23, 1937 in Sparta, Wis., a daughter of Rachel and Harold Hanson. She went to be with the Lord Sunday, July 26, 2015 in Portland, Ore., at age 77. She was a longtime resident of Eureka Springs and an active member of Faith Christian Family Church.

In 1965 she was united in marriage with Donald K. Lee, who preceded her in death. They moved to Eureka Springs from California and lived here a number of years before his death in 1983. Years later, Mary Ann was working for the City of Eureka Springs and was asked to run for city clerk. She was elected for two terms (8 years).

She loved people and always had a smile, a hug, or a prayer for everyone. Her friends and family, as well as strangers, have many things that she lovingly crafted especially for them over the years.

In June 2012 she moved to Roseburg to continue her life with her beloved cousin, Bob Hanson, who survives her of the home. He was her companion and loving caregiver for the last three years.

She is survived by two sons, Michael Lee of Oklahoma and John (Charme) Lee of San Diego, Calif.; two grandchildren, Ryan (Amy) Lee of Costa Mesa, Calif., and Daysha Barahura (Brendan) of San Diego; five great



grandchildren, Dylan, Jacob and Seth Barahura of San Diego; Ryder and Braxton Lee of Costa Mesa, Calif.; her sister, Anita Hanson of Eureka Springs; step-sister Kathy Ainger of Arizona, Kathy's daughters, Linda of Illinois and Sharon (Jon) Flick of Wisconsin, and son, Dennis (Catherine) Ainger; three brothers, Harold "Butch" (Judy) Hanson of Onalaska, Wis., H. Steve (Audrey) Hanson of Dane, Wis., William (Kris) Hanson of Wauzeka, Wis.; four nieces, Dawn

(Edwin) Fernandez of Norfolk, Va., Rachel (Bob) Birchell of Onalaska, Wis., Kimberly Eitland of Viroqua, Wis., and Heather (Baron) Wittman of Wauzeka, Wis.; one nephew, Harold Hanson of Wauzeka; four great nephews, Tanner and Dawson Burchell of Onalaska, Wis., Julian Finch of Norfolk, Va., and Graham Hanson of Virginia; four great nieces, Meredith, Hannah and Holly Eitland of Viroqua, Wis., and Chamara (Ken) Hanson of Norfolk, Va.; two great-great nephews, Kameron and Noah of Virginia, and a host of cousins and friends.

She is preceded in death by her parents, step mom Margaret Hanson, and husband.

Mary Ann was a woman of faith who loved the Lord and it was evident in all she did. Her last days were spent with her beloved cousin Bob and his daughter, Karen (Scott) Shoemaker, his son Bob (Peggy) Hanson, Jr., and families. All loved her and she them.

Cremation arrangements were made at Crown Memorial Center in Portland. Her remains will be buried in Wisconsin. There will be a memorial service in Eureka Springs in the future. Donations can be made to the Heart Association of the Diabetes Association.

To view her life story, go to www.anewtradition.com, click on obituaries/tributes.



Howard Joseph Bonin Feb. 11, 1952 – August 5, 2015

Howard Joseph Bonin, 63, of Fayetteville died Wednesday, August 5, 2015 in Fayetteville. He was born February 11, 1952 in San Diego, Calif., the son of Joseph Bonin and Joan Paine Bonin.

He is survived by his wife, Christine Mazilli-Bonin of the home; four sons, Greg

Bonin of Austin, Texas, Zackary Bonin of San Diego, Calif., Shane Bonin of Denver, Colo., Maximillian Bonin of Newton County, Ark., step-daughter, Amanda, and two grandchildren.

The couple also had a home in Eureka Springs

Services will be handled by family at a later date.

Cremation services are entrusted to Nelson-Berna Funeral Home of Fayetteville, Ark. Online condolences at www.nelsonberna.com.

John Howze Jr. Feb. 6, 1948 – August 7, 2015

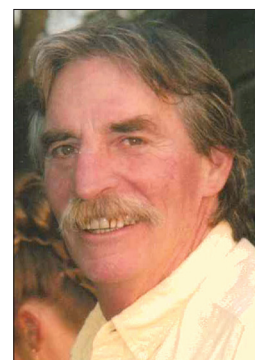
John Howze Jr., of Berryville, Ark., was born February 6, 1948 in Houston, Texas, a son of John Sr. and Gloria (Wynne) Howze. He departed this life Friday, August 7, 2015 in Springfield, Mo., at age 67.

John worked as a roofing contractor. On June 24, 1995, John was united in marriage with Brenda (Smith) Howze who survives him of the home. He is also survived by six daughters, Memorie Smith of St. Joseph, Mo., Jennifer Neighbors of Little Rock, Ark., Shana Howze

of Eureka Springs, Ark., Jannea Howze of Berryville, Ark., Grace Howze of Bella Vista, Ark., and Mary Howze of Eureka Springs; three sisters, Patricia and husband, Richard Norton, of Houston, Texas, Maralise Howze of Santa Cruz, Calif., and Holly and husband, Peter Hand, of Houston, Texas; nine grandchildren, Josi, Jordan, Peyton, Kaden, Hollie, Gage, Braxton, Audrey and Isaiah; several nieces and nephews; and a host of other family, friends, and loved ones.

John was preceded in death by his parents.

Memorial service will be from 6 – 8 p.m. Thursday, August 20, at the Manor House in Eureka Springs at the Crescent Hotel, 75 Prospect Avenue, Eureka Springs, AR 72632. Cremation arrangements are under the direction of Nelson Funeral Service. Memorial donations may be made to the John Howze Account, c/o First National Bank of North Arkansas, 305 Public Square, Berryville, AR 72616. Online condolences may be sent to the family at nelsonfuneral.com. © Nelson Funeral Service, Inc. 2015





Michael Jones from Pigeon Ford, Tenn., got his limit and big fish on Beaver Lake this week, in fact he got the biggest so far this year at 38 pounds. My scales said only a little more than 32 but at 45 in. long and the way he fit in the chest we’re calling him 38 to 40 pounds because that’s what fisherman do.

Well, we’re pulling fish pretty good in the dam area. Surface temps are running about 85°. You need to get down deep. We’re doing best running shad 28 to 38 ft. deep in the river channel. Up here on our end that would be the water between 100 – 200 ft. deep. Start fishing when you mark fish or a big ball of bait. If no shad, perch and brood shiners can work, too.

I still keep a top water tied on ready if one comes up for a surface roll, also a two oz. rattle trap and a two oz. bucktail jig for getting down deep this time of year. I hear Lake Leatherwood’s still doing good on crappie and bass, with the water up it gives you a good chance to catch fish from shore,

or boat by the trails going around the lake.

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Trout are also doing good up river and in the tailwaters from shore or boat. Powerbait and worms together work well for bait fishing. Small minnow lures, rooster tails and small spoons can also work if you’re not a fly fisherman. If you need any help on the trout, both Riverview and the Dam Store can point you in the right direction.

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INDEPENDENT Crossword

by Mike Boian

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- ACROSS
1. “A Long, Long Time _____”

4. Way to get rid of a fly

8. Wine is better if _____

12. Printer’s liquid

13. St. Louis landmark

14. Stiff hair or bristle

15. Beasts of burden driver

17. Not slack

18. Related to

19. Spain and Portugal

21. Pale

23. Affirm positively

24. Several poems with common epic theme

25. Asian

29. Dodge truck

30. Begins (with)

31. Yalie

32. Just born sheep or goat

34. Over

35. Forearm bone

36. Bonfire residue

37. OT book

40. Run away quickly

41. Slack-jawed

42. Ruler

46. Undraped

47. High-flying org.

48. Significant time

49. Notable adventure or exploit

50. Indian stable attendant

51. Failed explosive

9. Equipment

10. Sewing needle holder

11. Information

16. Squeezes (out)

20. Honey makers

21. Ethereal

22. Foretell or prophesy

23. Sport venue

25. Personal views

26. Lashed to

27. Century plant

28. Kissers

30. Earthen pot

33. Small piece of gold

34. Upon the briny

36. Green aquatic growth

37. Mount pictures

38. Fit of fever or chills

39. Residents of Mt. Olympus

40. Royal or state treasury

43. Put aside

44. Vineyard producing high quality grapes

45. Used to possess
- DOWN
1. “Ready, _____, fire”

2. Large African antelope

3. Sooner State

4. Fancy material

5. Small songbird

6. Card up one’s sleeve

7. Doing very well

8. Behind the ship

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globe following “*The Daily Show*” segment about the recent Ordinance 2223 controversy that featured her and Rev. Randall Christy. She said some of the comments were quite touching and none was negative.

Mayor Butch Berry said he got a call the day following “*The Daily Show*” episode from a person in Canada who had been paying attention to the local controversy and had nothing but glowing remarks about how Eureka Springs handled the situation.

Other items

- Council unanimously approved

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Resolution #664 which authorized “the Mayor and the Transit Department to seek financing for the purchase of a tram.” The tram will cost \$166,520, and the resolution states the Transit Department expects to cover the obligations “from revenue received from the city’s tram operations.”

- Berry reminded the public there are vacancies on the Parks and Cemetery Commissions.
- Berry also reminded the public this weekend is the Eureka Springs Bluegrass Festival and the Eureka multi-sport event.

Next meeting will be Monday, August 24, at 6 p.m.

Rebuilding the Langtang Village

There will be a fundraising party Saturday, August 22 from 5 – 8 p.m. at the church at 17 Elk Street to help rebuild the Langtang Village in Nepal. The village was destroyed by the recent earthquakes that triggered landslides killing 175 villagers and leaving 500 homeless. The party will feature music by Catherine Reed and Jazzper, Nepalese food and a silent auction. One hundred percent of funds collected will be donated to the villagers.

The event is being sponsored by a local Buddhist group that studies under Khentru Rinpoche in conjunction with the Katog Mountain Retreat Center located near Parthenon. To donate items or for more information call Gary Milczarek (479) 244-6840.

Pam Baumann speaks at Ladies of Faith meeting

The next Ladies of Faith meeting will be August 25 at the Gazebo Restaurant at 10 a.m. with guest speaker Pam Baumann from Texas. Pam and her husband started a church in Mexico that has grown to be large and has served in many areas of ministry. Join for fellowship fun and ministry. Cost for the buffet is \$10.50. For more information contact Margo Pryor at (870) 480-3161.

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Hyatt said the change will remove 70 percent of spring standardized testing, and the new test takes only two hours each day for three days.

There has been controversy across the nation in recent years about not only what some called “overtesting” but the inappropriate use of test scores as a measure of the quality of teaching. In his article on the Educational Leadership website, W. James Popham stated, “Employing standardized achievement tests to ascertain educational quality is like measuring temperature with a teaspoon.”

Melissa Lazarin posted on the Center for American Progress website in October 2014, that educators agree assessing student competence in basic subjects provides vital information for teachers and parents. However, standardized testing can be an anxious time for students, and she contended “The number of tests and/or the amount of time devoted to tests should be limited to the minimum amount needed to acquire critical information to improve student learning. Tests should not take center stage in the classroom, particularly at the expense of meaningful learning time.”

Lazarin reported districts in several states were re-evaluating their approaches to mandated standardized testing and were looking for alternatives.

Middle School Principal Cindy Holt said her teachers will appreciate the reduction in testing time because they will

have more time to teach. Still, she said, the district will be able to assess student achievement adequately so that teachers can use the feedback to address student needs. Holt also mentioned parents can look up the ACT Aspire website to get an overview of the test for themselves.

Superintendent Bryan Pruitt commented he appreciates the new testing will not interrupt teaching as much yet still assess student understanding of math, literacy, language and science. He pointed out ACT Aspire is aligned with the Common Core standards, and Pruitt claimed the ACT Aspire will help improve ACT scores for students.

Hyatt observed tests are not the overall indicator of the whole student. She said, “It’s a flawed system overall, but it’s what we have.” Colleges do look at ACT scores.

Holt agreed there is no perfect testing system, so she stresses “good teaching and engaging lessons. That’s what we can control.”

Hutchinson was quoted in the *Arkansas Times* article lauding the decision to switch to ACT Aspire which he said “is best for our students and teachers over the long term. It provides stability and aligns Arkansas with a nationally recognized testing system.”

Hyatt said before testing she coaches students to just do their best and present a good attitude, and she hopes the new system works like it is intended to do. As important as the tests might be, they do not tell the whole story about a student.

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