

History of quilting with Rotary – Marty Benson, co-author with Laura Redford of the newly published *Ozark Coverlets*, presented research findings on hand-woven bedspreads west of the Mississippi during the 1800s to ES Rotary last Wednesday. *Ozark Coverlets* includes the patterns, thread-by-thread analysis, how to weave patterns and the history of who made these coverlets. *PHOTO SUBMITTED*

Wildfire cause of smoke

BECKY GILLETTE

Leap Day, the 29th of February, was unusual for more than one reason in Eureka Springs. That Monday saw the Eureka Springs area quickly blanketed with smoke that made it difficult to breathe and causing anxiety, especially for people in the country.

“I was out taking a walk with Jack. We could smell the smoke and it obliterated the sun,” Paula Koch, who lives at Holiday Island, said. “All you could see was this orange glow. It was horrible. Jack said it looked like the pollution in Beijing.”

Koch and Jack Stone had heard that prescribed burns by the U.S. Forest Service were source of the smoke. “What can we do to unite and stop this?” Koch asked. “We are being poisoned.”

“We got a lot of calls, everything from ‘Is the Crescent Hotel burning?’ to ‘I’m worried there is a fire in the valley behind me. It’s coming to my house,’” Eureka Springs Fire Chief Randy Ates said. “No one knew where the smoke was coming from. If you are living out in the country, that is frightening. You don’t know if you are in danger or not.”

Ates said there were multiple wildfires around the region in late February and early March, including in Washington, Madison and Franklin counties, all south of Eureka Springs. There was also a prescribed or

controlled burn notice for that day that led the fire department to tell callers it was a controlled burn set by the U.S. Forest Service in Franklin County.

But Tracy Farley, public affairs officer of Ouachita and Ozark-St. Francis National Forest (about 120 miles south of Eureka Springs) said the fire that caused the smoke in Eureka Springs was what they named “Pipeline Wildfire” in Crawford County.

“We had several prescribed fires going that day, but those weren’t causing the smoke in Eureka Springs,” Farley said. “We pulled up satellite imagery and could definitely tell the smoke blanketing Eureka Springs was coming from the pipeline fire.”

Farley said that fire began Feb. 27 in an area so rugged and difficult to access that on the 29th they did a burnout operation setting fires at natural or manmade barriers to burn back to the wildfire and create a good, defensible line for stopping the fire. That protected firefighters as well as property that could have been affected if the fire had continued to spread.

On March 2, the fire that ended up covering 3,295 acres was deemed 100 percent contained, but as of March 7 it was still burning and had not been controlled. Cause of the fire is believed to be arson.

Farley said if the fire had been a **FOREST FIRE** continued on page 2

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This Week’s INDEPENDENT Thinker

Jose Diaz-Balart has an office full of broadcasting awards – Emmys, Associated Press, du Pont, Peabody and Excellence in Journalism statues and plaques.

In July, Diaz-Balart was asking Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump a question when Trump interrupted to chastise him for the way the press reported what Trump “really said.” Diaz-Balart endured the scolding and asked if he could finish his question. “No, no, you’re finished,” Trump said after bragging about his close relationship with Hispanics.

But Diaz-Balart is our independent thinker because when he substitutes on NBC News, he closes the show by looking right in the camera and saying, “Thank you for the privilege of your time.”

We thank him for grace under pressure, being a stellar journalist, and simply having good manners.



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Go ahead and parallel park like nobody’s laughing.

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controlled burn, there would have been less likelihood of smoke impacts. With controlled or prescribed burns, the Forest Service has a long checklist of weather conditions that must be met that minimize a fire burning too hot or spreading too much smoke to populated areas. Parameters such as temperature, humidity, wind speed at surface, transport winds, and how likely it is to dissipate in the upper atmosphere are all considered.

"We work hand-in-hand with the National Weather Service to get the most accurate forecast we can, plus spot weather forecasts as we go through the prescribed burn," Farley said. "It is a very scientific approach."

She said before a controlled burn is approved, it has to meet a natural resource objective such as improving forest health, enhancing wildlife habitat, helping forest regeneration, and/or removing excess fuels from the ground to prevent a hotter, more damaging fire later. When the forest grows up too much, food is out of reach of a lot of animals on the ground.

"Prescribed fire provides a new flush of growth at ground level," Farley said. "It does release nutrients when prescribed fire goes through an area. Lush grass could come back, there is more browse for deer, and

excellent bugging opportunities for turkeys. It provides groceries at the ground level for the wildlife."

Farley said what happened Feb. 29 was rare.

"I've been working for the Forest Service for more than 20 years and I'm not aware of Eureka Springs being smoked in before from one of our prescribed burns," Farley said.

Between the two forests, they burn 100,000 acre per year out of about three million acres.

"When we conduct prescribed burns, we notify smoke sensitive people, and post it on our website and Facebook page," Farley said. "People call also call our toll-free number, 1 (888) 243-1042 for information."

Locally there has been a lot of opposition to a plan to burn 18,000 acres every three to five years at the Mark Twain National Forest in Missouri. The Save Butler Hollow organization has strongly opposed the proposal. Sharron Becker, a Eureka Springs business owner and organizer of SBH, said they could see the dense smoke from the Feb. 29 fire all the way to their Butler Hollow home in Missouri.

"We kept wondering where the smoke was coming from," Becker said. "This might really develop awareness. The Butler



Not a Non-Smoking area – The U.S. Forest Service released pictures of the Feb. 29 burn, being investigated as arson, that caused choking, hacking, runny eyes and alarm for those in the Eureka Springs area.

Hollow project, thank God, is on hold. Senator Roy Blunt from Missouri put a clause in the 2016 federal budget that there should be no controlled burning in the Mark Twain National Forest until a study is produced proving its effectiveness. The clause is non-binding, but it does indicate we

have political support from that direction. That has stopped the project in Missouri. If a plan like the Butler Project is approved, that smoke will surely come this direction."

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Is Eureka's water safe?

BECKY GILLETTE

While the City of Flint, Mich., continues to get national attention because of struggles to address lead-contaminated water that has adversely affected the health of residents, particularly children, the problem is by no means confined to only Flint.

"There are a number of cities I've seen in the news that are saying they have lead problems comparable to or greater than those in Flint," said Pat Costner, a retired Greenpeace senior scientist. "I think the big question for people living in Eureka Springs is whether the city is complying with EPA's Lead and Copper Rule. The requirements there are quite clear for a city of Eureka's size. They are required to sample at 20 sites under normal conditions and required within 30 days of learning the results to provide individual lead tap results to those who receive water from sites sampled regardless of whether the results exceed the lead action level. Is the city in compliance with the rule?"

Eureka Springs Public Works Director Dwayne Allen said earlier in the year the city was testing for lead in part because of concerns that fluoridation chemicals would increase lead leaching of service lines to older buildings. He initially said he expected the results in early February. But as of early March, test results had not yet been released.

Costner said it is also important to properly identify the buildings at most risk. Those would be older buildings served by service lines put in before lead soldered pipes were outlawed in the late 1980s.

Another important thing, Costner said, is assurance that the city was collecting first draw samples in homes or other buildings at high risk for lead contamination. That is an important consideration in light of a recent article in the *Guardian* that states water utilities in some of the largest cities in the U.S. that collectively serve some 12 million people have used tests that downplay the amount of lead contamination found in drinking water for more than a decade.

The *Guardian* article published March 6 said in the tests, utilities ask customers who sample their home's water for lead to remove the faucet's aerator screen and flush lines hours before tests, potentially flushing out detectable lead contamination.

"The distorted tests, condemned by the Environmental Protection Agency, have taken place in cities including Chicago, New Orleans, Philadelphia and Columbus, Ohio," the *Guardian* article states. "Improper screening could decrease the

chance of detecting potentially dangerous levels of lead in water," the EPA has said. The analysis comes on the heels of an EPA letter, which repeated earlier warnings to utilities not to use such methods, and the *Guardian* reporting that revealed water customers in "every major U.S. city east of the Mississippi" could be drinking water tested using questionable methods.

ADH Engineering Director Jeff Stone said that in Arkansas, the ADH has been careful to be consistent with EPA recommendations with regards to sample collection.

Another major issue is a study that indicates fluoridation chemicals increase lead leaching. The paper published in the journal *Neurotoxicology* shows that fluoride (both sodium fluoride – NaF – and hexafluorosilicic acid – HFA) in various combinations with chlorinating chemicals (e.g. chlorine, CL or chloramine, CA) and ammonia (NH3) increases the release of lead from leaded brass fittings used in water pipes.

"This study is entirely credible," Costner said. "There is every reason to believe the addition of fluoride will exacerbate lead leaching problems in Eureka Springs."

Fluoridation in Eureka Springs commenced last summer despite being voted down twice. The Carroll Boone Water District board claimed it had no option but to add fluoride to the water because of a mandate passed by the state legislature.

The ADH has threatened enforcement action against water districts that have refused to fluoridate. ADH Director Dr. Nate Smith said the article published in *Neurotoxicology* almost a decade ago is in a lesser known journal and only recently came to their attention.

"For this reason our technical staff will

need additional time to review the scientific quality of the report," Smith said. "Previous published reports did not find credible evidence that community water fluoridation increases lead levels in drinking water. Lead levels in Arkansas drinking water sources are monitored on a regular basis, and we have not seen increased levels associated with community water fluoridation. We will continue to monitor lead levels in drinking water and work with water operators to implement anti-corrosion measures as needed to prevent leaching of lead from pipes. Community water fluoridation is beneficial for good oral health at any age, but is especially effective for reducing dental cavities among children. The Arkansas Department of Health joins the CDC and other public health organizations in strongly endorsing community water fluoridation as a proven, safe and cost-effective way to improve the health of children and adults."

In addition to concerns about lead leaching from plumbing fixtures, there are also contaminants such as lead in the fluoridation chemicals. However, the Arkansas Department of Health has stated it is not aware of any evidence that lead contamination "meaningfully contributes" any lead to the drinking water.

Allen said prior to fluoridation, the city was already close to exceeding lead limits. "Our 2015 ninetieth percentile for lead was 0.011 mg/l and 0.24 mg/l for copper, which does not leave much leeway for increased lead leaching," he said.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention concludes there is no safe blood lead level in children, and lead exposure can affect nearly every system in the body. The EPA says exposure to lead in drinking water can result in delayed physical or neurologic

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Eurekans die in Texas plane crash

NICKY BOYETTE

According to a report from KTXS-12 in Abilene, Texas, two men from the Eureka Springs area were killed when a small two-person experimental aircraft crashed as it took off early March 1 from Elmdale Airpark five miles east of Abilene in Taylor County, Texas. Authorities identified the victims as James Estol Hathcock, 63, and Aaron T. Taylor, 33.

A Department of Public Safety news release stated, "After the plane took off, it banked toward the west and went down toward the end of the runway." The crash happened about 8:50 a.m. Witnesses claimed the craft stalled as it took off, and exploded on impact.

A Federal Aviation Administration report identified the plane as a single-engine Vans RV-6 experimental aircraft which also crashed in Iowa in September 2014.

Staff from the National Transportation Safety Board are in charge of the investigation.

According to Michael Pfeifer, manager of the Carroll County Airport, the aircraft was not based out of CCA. Hathcock and Taylor landed at CCA Saturday, tied down and stayed overnight in the area. Hathcock was the pilot, and told Pfeifer they had flown in from Florida. The pair refueled and took off from CCA on last Sunday morning, and "Two days later we found out their plane had crashed in Texas," Pfeifer commented.

Quick night for HDC

NICKY BOYETTE

At its March 2 meeting, the Historic District Commission approved four applications, one for replacing siding at a commercial site and two for construction on residential properties. Commissioners also approved renovation and improvement of the gazebo in Basin Park.

- 107 E. Van Buren – replace siding material
- 4 Spring – repair gazebo; re-roof; add benches
- 36 ½ Spring – rear addition with rooftop deck
- 96 Angle – new construction: garage

Because no one was present to answer questions, the application for construction of a new shed at 169 Spring was tabled for the second time.

Commissioners approved these three items on the Consent Agenda:

- 17 Bridge – add rear steps for safety

- 8 ½ Spring – new sign on existing awning
- 8 S. Main – new sign.

Consent Agenda items are Level I applications that the City Preservation Officer believes are in accordance with design guidelines.

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

- 63 S. Main – re-roof
- 17 Bridge – repair/repaint
- 43 Vaughn – re-roof
- 39 Vaughn – re-roof workshop
- 12 Lookout – general maintenance and repair

Next meeting will be Wednesday, March 16, at 6 p.m.

Eating up art – The opening reception of the Sun Fest Market Gallery was a huge success with almost 75 people attending.

Members of the Holiday Island Arts Association and artists from Peachtree Village were showcased. Art work will rotate every two months.

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Main Stage renaissance contagious with energy

BECKY GILLETTE

Major renovations of the Main Stage Creative Community Center in 2015 greatly enhanced the building as a performance center and art gallery, but it made the building unavailable for events over a period of time, including for the May Festival of the Arts. Now the Main Stage renaissance is back bearing fruit with a number of programs planned for the May Festival of the Arts 2016 and the summer.

"We underwent a major physical renovation in 2015, and it is very rewarding now to be able to start using that space more," said Main Stage President Mark Mattmiller. "It just takes time for us to be on lists and be in contact with people to bring programs to town."

From May 23-27, Main Stage will host the Arkansas Arts Center's GoGalley Artmobile, one of only a handful of mobile art museums in the country. The Artmobile showcases original works of art from the AAC permanent collection chosen for artistic integrity and educational value.

"The Artmobile will open May 23 and be here all week," Mattmiller said. "They call it a gallery on wheels. I remember when I was in grade school it came to our small town in south Arkansas, Gillett. It made an impression on me. I think other people will enjoy it. Even though Crystal Bridges is not that far away, some kids might not get to go there. It is just good for the town to have something like that available. They also will have some art activities that kids will be able to do in the Main Stage space in conjunction with the Artmobile."

The Artmobile is celebrating its 50th anniversary bringing art to small towns around the state.

Other May Festival of the Arts activities at Main Stage include the Plein Air Painters of Eureka Springs, which will exhibit works in the front gallery on Saturdays and Sundays throughout May. Plein Air painters refers to painting live outdoors. There will also be the Eureka Springs Inaugural Plein Air Festival May 22-26 featuring various paint-outs in scenic locations in and around Eureka Springs.

"People from all across the country will be coming to this," Mattmiller said. "Then we have the 'Works of Five' that will feature the art of five Eureka artists: Janet Goodyear, Jody Stephenson, Maureen Daily, Julie Hop and Edwige Denyszyn. The opening reception for the artists will be Friday, July 1 from 6 to 8 p.m. The exhibit will be open Saturdays and Sundays during July. You can see we have quite a bit going on."

There are also great youth offerings planned. "The Momandpop Show" will start at Main Stage Memorial Day weekend with a summer children's show every Friday and Saturday morning at 10 a.m.

The Arkansas Arts Center's Children's Theater on Tour will present the Rudyard Kipling story, "How the Camel Got His Hump," on Saturday, April 30 at 2 p.m. at Main Stage. Admission to the play is free followed by an hour-long discussion of theater and how to produce a play.

"It is interesting for kids to see how a play is put together," Mattmiller said. "The Arts Center is pretty interactive. They want people to be involved in a discussion afterwards."

There are also two weeks of kid's musical workshop and two weeks of theater workshops planned this summer. Theatrical

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Mary Springer
Metalsmith



Mary Springer moved to Eureka Springs over 30 years ago after attending Memphis College of Art, ending up on White Street. As a metalsmith and a founder of ESSA she championed their metals' building construction. She has been involved with Clear Spring School since the mid-1980s when she worked alongside Molly Seeligson, a founder of CSS. Her involvement in ESSA bridges the programming of art classes geared specifically towards Clear Spring students. Springer became "involved when Clear Spring moved to Dairy Hollow... always donated... taught classes there (CSS) as an artist." Art education for students is imperative and the close ties of our community encourage this growth fruitfully.

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Fun(d)raising night at the old gym



How'd he do that? – Sophia Bunyar was (clearly? allegedly?) levitated by Sean-Paul last Saturday at the old high school gymnasium. Mediums, magic, mystery and a monkey made for a good rollick where \$1900 was raised for the proposed community center on the property.

PHOTO BY NICKY BOYETTE

NICKY BOYETTE

An energetic audience of more than 100 were entertained by an evening of prestidigitation and family-friendly tomfoolery Saturday evening by illusionist Sean-Paul, medium Julianna Fay, and Frankie the monkey at the gym on the old high school property. The event was a fundraiser for the Community Center Foundation in its effort to transform the vacant property into a community center, business complex, and outdoor plaza.

Sean-Paul and Julianna perform their crafts at the Intrigue Theater during the tourist season in Eureka Springs, but Sean-Paul told the crowd he wanted to kick off the 2016 season by showcasing parts of his repertoire not performed before in Eureka Springs.

He adeptly engaged the audience with silly jokes intended to be silly yet fun, and the crowd willingly laughed on cue and answered his call-and-response prompts. In front of everyone, he tore up a newspaper, folded up the pieces and unfolded a whole newspaper to everyone's surprise. He drew a bowling ball on an artist's sketchpad and a bowling ball fell out. He performed tricks with interlocking rings that separated and interlocked and separated again.

Then, the kids. Sean-Paul had a way of getting kids to say the darnedest things. Wyatt Patten assisted with the Chinese rice paper trick (in other words, yards and yards of toilet paper), and Sean-Paul asked Patten what he wanted to be when he grew up.

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Media can be a circus

Editor,

In his recent letter to the editor promoting Bernie Sanders, Rand Cullen described a life-changing experience years ago that left him forever distrustful of the ruling elite. I had a similar eye-opening experience around the same time! In August 1972 I traveled from Ohio to Miami for an anti-Vietnam War protest held during the Republican Convention (which was a totally scripted event to nominate Nixon for another term). We (rightly, it turned out) feared Nixon's re-election would mean the continuation of a futile, unjust, horrific war.

The anti-war marches, speeches, workshops and gatherings were well organized and peaceful. I saw no violence on our part and no major police abuse for that matter, though they did use a lot of tear gas. Not to say there weren't problems – I did not stick around whenever the police closed in on us, even escaping into the ocean once to get away from the gas.

In the end, I was arrested with many others and hauled to jail for blocking the highway in front of Nixon's hotel. From my jail cell I fixated on the television in the corridor, anticipating thorough coverage of all our peaceful protests – the whole point of the effort. To my dismay, there was almost no coverage! Worse, the only things shown were isolated instances of vandalism by protesters. But the media gave many minutes to the silly circus show that took place inside the convention center.

Like Rand, that was the end of my naive old self. I realized right then to what extent the powers that be control the message that gets doled out to the public. I'm afraid things are even worse 40 years later. The message I took away is don't blindly trust what the media and officials

tell you. Dig deeper to get the whole story. "Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty."

Dave Spencer

Best of luck to Ramsey

Editor,

I sincerely thank the good people of Carroll and Madison counties for their support during the district judge election. It was an exciting, positive race and I appreciate having the support of so many great people in our area. Receiving a majority of the vote in Carroll County was very humbling.

When heavily weighing the prospect of running last year, I asked the advice of an older lawyer from out of our area. He told me he chose never to run for judge, because a good judge serves as a referee, not an advocate. He preferred being an advocate. His advice to me was my talent was being an advocate, too.

The experience of being a candidate in the race was one I gave my all, and at my age one I can only gain from; I wanted this position for Carroll County, although I've always considered Madison County a second home, and have great respect for Judge Dale Ramsey.

Just like many trials I've tried in the past, it has never been personal between myself and the other attorney, or client, but simply a quest for vigorously advocating for my client and a just result. I am proud and appreciative of the race Judge Ramsey and I ran not necessarily against each other, but for the district we hoped to serve. I have confidence that in Judge Ramsey's courtroom the goal will be to find the just result. He's done a good job in Madison County so far.

Lastly, I thank my wife Tasha, family and friends, and office and staff at Thurman & Flanagin. There I will still be found, still advocating, albeit sometimes for unpopular cases or clients, simply

because I believe that unless all are heard, the court is without to find the just result.

Thank you and God bless,
Chris Flanagin

Let's play musical buildings

Editor,

City Hall moves its offices to the Carnegie Library building now that the Internet has made public libraries obsolete, and the library moves into the clothes closet where city council holds "public" meetings for the handful of people who can squeeze in.

The Harmon Park building where Eureka Kids used to provide after-school programs for children becomes a storage barn for the city's Christmas ornaments. A historic former church in a high-density residential neighborhood becomes a nighttime magic theater for the Crescent Hotel.

The leaky Pine Mountain Village metal building that housed country music shows in the middle of the Harley park that used to house various businesses becomes the new city auditorium, as one council member suggested.

Plans are revived to sell Lake Leatherwood City Park to developers for construction of a theme park called "White Winds." A building on North Main Street that was converted to house art classes and after-school programs for children as a "creative community center" is converted into a theater directed by employees of the Crescent Hotel.

A former antiques store behind a large downtown parking lot becomes another late-night hangout for loud motorcyclists and screaming patrons. Plans are revived to turn the Post Office into a restaurant and finally move the Post Office to anchor

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WEEK'S Top Tweets

@bingowings14: He died doing what he loved, surprising tigers.

@JohnFugelsang: I told Facebook my concerns about lack of privacy; they said they already knew how I felt about it.

@ditzkoff: Nobody who does marijuana says they "do marijuana."

@macchiatonumb: I'm considering going vegan because the steaks are so high.

@1BadScientist: Grizzlies are emerging from hibernation, so

hiking in groups of 3 or more is recommended. Also not being the slowest one in the group.

@patnspankme: Nobody really owns Tupperware, we are all just borrowing it from one another.

@verifieddrunk: If they make it a point to tell you it's not a big deal, it's a big deal.

@TheJawn: Breaking News! Server 404 has been found!

@mat_johnson: I'm an atheist but if lightning struck Trump during his victory speech I'd become a monk.

@peterfrifinn: A paper cut is a tree's last revenge.

If you are burning, you are smoking Learn the facts be kind

Sharing your views on prescribed fires and burn bans is a great way to start a fight, but legacy and tradition are not always the best way.

Last week, people in the Ozarks were at high risk. On Sunday, Feb. 28, near Cass, Ark., someone started a fire. A criminal arson investigation is underway. US Forest Service firefighters contained the 3,250-acre wildfire the next day. We are most grateful for their professional and timely response. Heavy smoke traveled over 120 miles into Missouri.

What most people do not know are the public health consequences of wood fires. The short answer is: wood smoke from forest fires, prescribed burns, yard waste burns, and wood burning stoves, is deadly. Wood smoke is not regulated.

Good science

Utah Physicians for a Healthy Environment, a large civic organization of physicians, biologists, toxicologists, engineers, and air quality specialists, are wood smoke experts. The 17 reasons to ban wood burning are on their website, www.uphe.org. Here are the top five:

1. Wood smoke is the most toxic type of pollution in most cities, more dangerous than vehicle pollution and industrial pollution.
2. If you smell wood smoke you are being harmed. The sweet smell comes from deadly compounds like benzene.
3. Wood smoke easily penetrates homes of neighbors creating concentrations up to 88 percent as high as outdoor air.
4. Wood smoke is the third largest source of dioxins, one of the most toxic compounds known to science.
5. Wood smoke is the only pollution emitted where people spend most of their time. It disperses poorly, is not evenly distributed and stays in the air longer because of its small size.

Let's do a simple experiment. Get one cup of salt, go outside your house, and throw it up in the air as hard as you can. Write down your observations. Next, get one cup of flour and repeat the experiment. This is what you may find. One hundred percent of the salt and flour will come down. You could not get all of it back in the cup, but the mass lands somewhere. When you burn wood, the smoke lands somewhere.

Size matters. A grain of salt is 300 microns, and flour is about 60 microns. Wood smoke is made up of tiny particulate matter invisible to the naked eye, most 2.5 microns in diameter! When you breathe, PM goes into your lungs and brain. It sounds like a science-fiction story but it's true. Like cigarette smoke, PM is highly toxic and there is nothing you can do to stay safe. Eventually, your doctor will give you the bad news – with no clue as to what happened.

Bad science

The Arkansas Game & Fish Commission article last month, "Controlled burns improve habitat," says, "Smokey Bear has spread the Forest Service's message of preventing wildfires since 1944, but even Smokey may want to trade his shovel for a matchstick when the goal is promoting wildlife habitat. Next time you see a prescribed fire being conducted and smell the smoke, breathe a sigh of relief that another acre of high-quality habitat is being restored." Wildfires are controlled burns gone wild.

The EPA Burn-Wise program suggests burning the right wood, the right way, in the right appliance to protect your home. Don't do it. Wood smoke is deadly with or without EPA tags.

Burning yard waste when a burn ban is off, is legal. Don't burn, be kind to your family and neighbors. In 30 seconds www.tinyurl.com/be-kind-no-burns explains why heating your home with wood is one of the worst things you can do for your health. *Biomass Monitor* is the leading publication on the hazards of burning trees.

Green alternatives

Instead of burning yard waste, mulch grass clippings and leave them on the ground for a healthier lawn. Mulch fallen leaves to use on your lawn, shrubs, and flowerbeds. Compost yard waste and add it to your soil. Fayetteville provides community compost and mulching services. Why not Eureka Springs?

Dr. Luis Contreras



The Pursuit Of HAPPINESS

by Dan Krotz

I've been watching my Jack Russell Terrier over the past year to study aging. If I've done the dog to human age math right, she and I are the same age. In practical terms, this means that people say "Wow!" when they learn how old she is, and they tell me, after an uncomfortable pause, how good I look.

I don't think the dog knows how old she is. I don't know if she cares that she is getting old. I'm starting to care a bit. Anyway, the purpose of this study is self-awareness. I tell myself I'm as competent at the present moment as I've ever been, but is that true? How does my age look and feel to others? Do they experience me as a shuffling, know-it-all duffer, or as a wiser and kinder version of me at 40? Does the hackneyed phrase, "You're only as old as you feel," have any truth in it, or is it a delusion?

My dog looks old, and she definitely shuffles. I'm not sure how she feels, but I suspect it isn't great. She snaps and growls a lot, especially when she's surprised, and she no longer goes up or down stairs. Do I snap and growl a lot? I suppose I do, especially when I'm surprised, and I try to avoid stairs, at least the up ones. The dog isn't wiser or kinder, and I guess I'm not either. But is she disappointed in herself because she isn't? I hope not. It isn't a good feeling.

My wife has been talking about what kind of dog she'll get to replace our old mutt. That makes me think about what her next husband will be like. Dog-wise and husband-wise, I hope she gets another Jack Russell because they are hard-working and practical dogs – which is how I think of myself. But she's been talking about a Welsh-Corgi, mostly, I bet, because the Queen of England has got Corgis. The Queen snaps her fingers and the dogs go nuts. I see my wife smile when she thinks about the Queen and her canine companions.

Whatever she gets, he'll be a lucky dog.

A little help from our friends:

- **Community Suppers at St. James:** St. James' Episcopal Church, 28 Prospect, will hold Sunday community suppers, from 5 – 6 p.m., through March 20. Supper will be provided by local restaurants. The suppers are free and all are welcome.
- **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. at 103 West Church 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) 244-6841 or Gary at (479) 244-6840.
- **Celebrate Recovery** – Soul Purpose Ministries, 801 S. Springfield, Green Forest, 6:30 p.m. each Wednesday. Potluck followed by 12-step Christ-centered meetings for those suffering from addiction, habit, hang-up or hurt.
- **Coffee Break Al-Anon Family Group Women** – Tuesdays, 9:45 a.m., Faith Christian Family Church, Hwy. 23S, (479) 363- 9495.
- **No high school diploma?** Free GED classes in the Carnegie Library Annex every Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from 9 a.m. - noon with study and tutoring for the GED test. Open to ages 18 and up. GED classes also in Berryville at Carroll County Center. Some open to ages 16 and 17 per educational requirements. For info: Nancy Wood (479) 981-0482, Carnegie Library (479) 253-8754, Carroll County Center (870) 423-4455). Offered by North Arkansas College with Carnegie Library support.
- **Grief Share**, A Bible-based, 13-week program for those who have lost a loved one will begin on Sunday, Feb. 21 from 1 – 3 p.m. at Faith Bible Church, Suite C, 3 Parkcliff Drive, Holiday Island. Share with others experiencing similar circumstances in an informal, confidential setting. Call (479) 253-8925 or email lardellen@gmail.com.
- **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

Bond set in murder case

Carroll County Sheriff Randy Mayfield wrote in a press release Tuesday that Christopher Kevin Butler, 43, is scheduled to appear in Berryville Circuit Court on April 4 to answer charges of First Degree Murder (Class Y felony) and Tampering with Evidence (Class D felony). Butler was arrested in the Feb. 19 murder of John Catlin Keck, 32.

District Judge Tim Parker set Butler's bond at \$300,000. First degree murder does not automatically mean there is no bond, as is true in capital murder cases, according to CCSO Deputy Major George Frye.

Butler is being defended by Joseph Tobler of Little Rock.

INDEPENDENT Constables On Patrol

FEBRUARY 29

3:54 p.m. – Individual spoke with a constable about an incident at a bar. Constable took the information in case a report needed to be filed later.

6:48 p.m. – A father and son were fighting, and a witness wanted a constable to respond. The constable spoke with both parties and filed a report.

11:13 p.m. – Constable checked on an alarm triggered at a building toward the east end of town and found everything secure.

MARCH 1

9:48 a.m. – Deliver truck driver complained to ESPD vehicles parked in loading zones regularly make it difficult for him safely do his job. Constable promptly cleared vehicles out of loading zones downtown.

2:24 p.m. – Central dispatch reported 911 calls made from a location just north of downtown. Constable went to the location and was told there had been a misunderstanding.

3:37 p.m. – Constables responded to ESH because a suicidal patient was reportedly trying to escape through a window. Upon arrival of constables, the patient began to settle down.

6:19 p.m. – Traffic stop resulted in the arrest of the driver for driving on a suspended license and on warrants out of CCSO and Green Forest PD.

MARCH 3

6:50 a.m. – Individual appeared in court on local charges and was arrested on a federal marshal's warrant and a felony warrant out of Missouri.

7:11 p.m. – Central dispatch told ESPD there was an unresponsive person in the eastern edge of town. The constable arrived to find the person not only responsive but running away down the road. Constables intercepted the person and arrested her on a warrant out of CCSO.

MARCH 4

9:49 a.m. – Resident claimed she was having difficulties with her ex-husband and wanted him off her property. Constable went to the scene and advised the ex-husband to go away and not come back.

11:36 a.m. – There was a one-vehicle accident on North Main.

12:25 p.m. – Patron at a restaurant told ESPD her husband, against whom she had a protection order, was in the parking lot. Constables responded.

7:11 p.m. – A dog scampered along US 62 in the commercial area. Observer captured the animal and brought it to the shelter.

7:47 p.m. – Dogs were barking at a residence on a street above downtown. Constable did not find the owner at home, and Animal Control will follow up.

9:34 p.m. – A disorderly individual was arrested on a

warrant out of Berryville.

10:05 p.m. – A couple had a loud dispute at a business downtown, but they agreed to calm down after conversing with a constable.

MARCH 5

1:49 a.m. – As a result of a fight outside a bar, one person needed medical attention but was being belligerent. EMS checked him out, and a constable provided a ride to his residence.

2:31 a.m. – Person was arrested on a warrant out of Siloam Springs.

4:04 a.m. – A sister needed to pass along emergency information to her brother, but he was not answering his phone. Constable found him and passed along the message.

8:32 a.m. – Passerby noticed the passenger-side window of a pickup was broken out. Constable went to the scene and learned the owner of the vehicle had broken the window.

11:11 a.m. – Individual was arrested for violating the Arkansas hot check law.

11:48 a.m. – Motorist told ESPD he had backed into another vehicle in a parking lot. Constable filed a report.

2:18 p.m. – Witness complained teenagers in Basin Park were throwing rocks and being rude. Constable had a chat with them.

2:31 p.m. – Individual came to the station to report city property might be missing.

7:04 p.m. – Constable checked on the report of another broken vehicle window downtown.

MARCH 6

12:09 a.m. – Traffic stop resulted in the arrest of the driver for DWI.

1:17 a.m. – Caller told ESPD a female at a bar had hit him in the eye. Constable who responded saw no visible marks on the victim, and the alleged assailant promised to stay in her room for the rest of the night.

11:06 a.m. – Individual reported there were items stolen from his vehicle after he let someone borrow it.

1:21 p.m. – There was an accident on private property.

1:37 p.m. – Traffic stop resulted in the arrest of the driver for driving on a suspended license.

5:06 p.m. – Person on a walk in the western part of town claimed an aggressive dog charged him, and he was concerned it would bite him when he returned. Constable spoke with the owner, who brought the dog inside. Animal Control will also follow up.

5:34 p.m. – Someone heard a male running around near the old high school yelling for help. Constable scoured the area but did not find anyone.

10:18 p.m. – Central dispatch reported a one-vehicle accident near Main Street. Constable who responded did not encounter a vehicle in that location.



Be the Bee – Clear Spring School 7th grader, Chloe Kirk, was named National Geographic State Bee Semifinalist by the National Geographic Society and is eligible to compete in the 2016 Arkansas National Geographic State Bee at UCA Conway on Friday, April 1. State Champions win prizes and a trip to Washington, D.C. for the National Geographic Bee Championship in May.

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Madison County puts Ramsey over the top

The new District Judge for Carroll and Madison Counties will be Dale Ramsey of Madison County, who defeated Carroll County attorney Chris Flanagin in Tuesday's election. Although Flanagin carried Carroll County by a 57 percent margin, when votes from Madison County were added, Ramsey's total 6,008 beat Flanagin's 4,718. These figures are still unofficial.

Bernie Sanders got 31 more votes in Carroll County than Hillary Clinton, going against the statewide current where Clinton won by nearly 77,000 votes. Neither candidate held a rally in Eureka Springs.

Ohio Gov. Martin O'Malley showed third, with 16 votes.

Slightly more than 40 percent of 14,986 registered voters in Carroll County made it to the polls March 1, with Republicans outvoting Democrats by 28 percent.

Only Republican ballots were counted in the sheriff's race, as Sheriff Randy Mayfield had no primary opponent. Jason Hunt, with 1,248, will face Jack Gentry, Jr., who reeled in 1,436, in a runoff on March 22. Michael Zimmerman, a former Carroll County deputy, ran a close third with 1,032 votes.

Jeffery B. Usrey beat Clyde O. Thomas for Constable of Polo Township, 80-29.

Republican presidential candidates in Carroll County conformed to the statewide trend with Donald Trump beating Sen. Ted Cruz, 1,447 to 1,009. Florida Sen. Marco Rubio was third with 751. Businesswoman Carly Fiorina, who left the race in February, got one vote, as did Bobby Jindal who gave up the quest in November.

The state will verify results later this week.

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If you hear an onion ring, answer it

NICKY BOYETTE

When King Ramses IV of Egypt was laid to his eternal rest in 1160 BCE, his embalmers sent him on his way with onions in his eye sockets. Ancient Greek athletes strengthened themselves before Olympic competition by eating gobs of onions, drinking the juice and rubbing it on their bodies. The three primary crops for villagers in the Middle Ages were beans, cabbage and onions, with onions also being prescribed as a vulnerary for hair loss, snakebites and various other ailments. Plus, they were considered acceptable tender to pay the rent.

General Ulysses S. Grant issued onions to his troops as a remedy for dysentery and other hot climate maladies. He allegedly sent a letter to the War Department before a campaign in the summer of 1864 stating, “I will not move my army without onions,” and the next day three trainloads of onions chugged toward his encampment.

History indicates onions have been especially revered. Although found in all parts of the world, researchers guess that onions originated in Central Asia, possibly in the area from Iran to Pakistan, and archeologists maintain they were a regular on prehistoric menus. Evidence shows onions grew in Chinese gardens 5000 years ago, and they are mentioned in the earliest Vedic literature in India. In Egypt, onion references date even farther back. Egyptians venerated onions as a symbol of eternal life, and there are paintings on the interior walls of pyramids and tombs depicting onions as offerings to the gods.

Ancient physicians from India, Greece and Italy lauded the healing virtues of onions. Roman author, Pliny the Elder, a nature observer and naval commander of the first century A.D., wrote that Romans used them to heal mouth sores, toothaches and dog bites.

Pilgrims brought onions with them on the Mayflower only to find wild onions already growing in North America. Nevertheless, onions were one of the first crops planted when they established their gardens.

According to the National Onion Association (NOA), farmers in the United States plant approximately 125,000 acres of onions annually and harvest 6.2 billion pounds of onions, excluding bulb onions used for dehydration. This puts American farmers third in world production behind China (41.6 trillion pounds) and India (16.37 trillion pounds).

Varieties

Onions come in yellow, red and white bulbs, plus the skinny bunching onions we use in salads. Some onions are grown for harvest in spring and summer and others are best grown for harvest in fall and winter. Late season kinds typically have a longer shelf life, and some varieties stored perfectly will keep at least a year. The Sustainable Seed Company suggests gardeners in the northern part of the country choose long-day varieties, central states’ farmers should grow intermediate varieties, and short day varieties are for southern gardeners. NOA literature states yellow onions constitute 87 percent of the production in the United States.

Onion plants were pollinated for centuries by nature – wind and insects – and the ensuing genetic chaos,



“Life is like an onion: you peel it off one layer at a time, and sometimes you weep.” – Carl Sandburg

which worked for home gardeners, sometimes produced unpredictably shaped bulbs or onions more prone to disease, and this was unacceptable for large-scale onion farmers. During the past century, breeders began cross-pollinating onion flowers to produce pure inbred strains, but the seeds were often less robust and productive than open-pollinated seeds.

Then along came hybrids – the crossing of two inbred lines to produce more predictable varieties with consistently higher yields than open-pollinated seeds. NOA claims 90-95 percent of onion production in the United States are hybrid varieties.

More recently researchers developed recombinant-DNA technology that allows “for the isolation of a gene from one organism followed by placement of this gene into another organism,” according to NOA, and this “transformation” does not involve natural crossing. The result is referred to as a genetically modified organism, or GMO. NOA claims, “There are NO transgenic or GMO onions in commercial production in the United States.”

Carolyn Jabs in her book *The Heirloom Gardener* recounts the effort in Europe to draw up a list of “legal varieties” of onions and reduce what were referred to as synonym varieties, or simply the same variety but with a different regional name. Jabs maintained this process eliminated useful strains, such as a variety known as Up-to-Date Onion, known to be very resistant to downy mildew, in favor of Bedfordshire Champion, which had little resistance.

“English gardeners have lost not only synonyms but varieties seed companies are not willing to sell because they don’t sell 5000 packets a year. It is better business selling something new, patented and expensive than a cheap old kind that has sold on its merits since the 1900s,” Jabs wrote.

Nevertheless, there are plenty of old standards around. Baker Creek Seeds offers 21 open-pollinated

kinds from Australia, Italy, Scotland, Japan, Holland and the United States. Some are globular, flattened globular, long torpedo-shaped and some are thin bunching onions. The Ailsa Craig variety from Scotland can grow to a hefty five pounds. However, the British publication the *Daily Mail* reported in September 2012 gardener Peter Glazebrook grew an onion which weighed just over 18 pounds, breaking his previous best by almost two ounces. He won the prize. And for the record, he also has grown an 82-lb. cabbage and a parsnip more than 18-ft. long.

Growing and harvesting

Tiny black onion seeds have a shelf life of only a year or two, so a gardener who saves seeds from last year’s crop should use them quickly. Seeds can be sown directly into loose soil full of rich organic matter as soon as the ground can be worked, but heavy frosts are a problem, so plan accordingly. Mulch helps keep weed competition down after the seeds sprout. Seedlings can be carefully transplanted once they have established themselves. Allow at least five or six inches between large onion varieties and four inches for torpedo onions.

Onion seeds can be started in flats or planter boxes indoors two months before the final frost date, but the soil must be kept moist and warm enough.

During the season, water regularly. Onion plants are resilient and will survive stress as long as the soil is fertile and there is enough water. They will overwinter if protected by mulch and grow quickly to maturity when spring weather takes over.

Harvest them during the season as needed, but if left to maturity, the tops eventually yellow and fall over. Then dig them up and “cure” them. If the weather is dry, lay the bulbs with the tops on the soil they came from for a few days. If dew, fog or rain is threatening, move the bulbs to a covered spot and spread them out. Careful not to bruise them!

Onions to be stored for the winter months should be left to cure in their dry, protected space for up to a month. Once the stems dry completely, trim them off about an inch above the bulb. Also trim the roots. If any stems are still a bit green, use the onion soon.

Store properly cured bulbs in mesh bags, a basket or a ventilated box. Cool temperatures in a breezy, shaded location can keep onions usable for up to a year.

The Vidalia Onion is the state vegetable of Georgia, and at least two Georgia cities hold onion festivals, including the Vidalia Onion Festival in late April which features a beauty pageant. Someone will be crowned Miss Vidalia Onion. Walla Walla, Wash., has its onion festival in mid-June where Walla Walla Sweets are sold out of the backs of pickups and at roadside stands. Cities in Texas, Utah and Hawaii also celebrate onions with festivals because local onion varieties are the state vegetables of not only Georgia, but Washington, Texas and Utah. It might not be the same veneration as burying them with departed royalty, but it appears onions are still a good reason to have a big party.

And one last thought from Carl Sandburg: “Life is like an onion: you peel it off one layer at a time, and sometimes you weep.”

You win some, you lose some

“The Lady Highlanders held the Van Buren Lady Pointers to a 0-0 draw on March 3 with sophomore Madison Eastburn and freshman Alison Follmer creating good shooting chances in the second half and freshman goalkeeper Erika Tapia coming up big with several saves,” coach Daniel Moose said.

The Lady Highlanders will carry their undefeated record into Conference season, which starts with a home game against Huntsville on March 29. They will have two official scrimmages

before then at Green Forest on March 8 and Lead Hill on March 17.

“The boys got off to a rough start and went down two goals, fighting back from a 0-2 deficit is really tough in soccer,” Coach Ben Rodda said, “Our boys fought hard and went up by one, but still have some things to learn.. Senior captain Oscar Mendez scored all three Highlanders goals, but we lost, 5-3.

The next home game will be Thursday, March 17 starting at 7 p.m.



Alison Follmer, Gabi Bloch and Madison Eastburn win the kick-off last Thursday.

PHOTO BY KYM RODDA

Readers sign-up for Bible marathon

All are invited to sign up for a 15 minutes slot during the 7th annual Bible Reading Marathon in Carroll County which begins on Thursday, April 18 at 6 p.m. with Soup Dinner put on by Cup of Love Ministries. The opening ceremony will begin at 7 p.m. and reading of the Bible will begin at 8 p.m. The 90-hour marathon will continue each day from 8 a.m. – 10 p.m. through Wednesday, May 4. The marathon will conclude on May 5 with National Day of Prayer from 8 a.m. – noon with a closing ceremony and prayer for the nation.

Each reader is asked to come 15

minutes ahead of their time slot so they can be ready to take over reading at their appointed time. Everyone willing to read call Peggy Holmes at (870) 726-6037 to sign up for your 15-minutes time slot. Families, groups, churches, businesses and individuals can sign up for a block of time and if your group has 12 members you can cover a 3-hour block. Each reader receives a certificate of participation from Bible Reading Ministry International.

If you have questions or would like to be involved contact Bonnie Roediger at (870) 350-0865 or Peggy at (870) 736-6037.

Running a business at EUUF

Join on Sunday, March 13 at the Eureka Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 17 Elk Street at 11 a.m. to hear Penny Pemberton of Pemberton Paint Company discuss running a business as a woman in a male dominated field. Childcare is provided and there is extra parking at Ermilio's Restaurant, 26 White Street.

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Spice up your Spring

From Friday to Sunday, spring sprang. Forsythias and jonquils communicated in unison to paint a brush stroke of golden yellows like waving a magic wand. This is “in-your-face” pay attention to nature signals for those who

might not otherwise notice. If you have a more nuanced appreciation for nature, a walk in the woods now may reveal tiny, less spectacular yellow blooms that for me are the real indicator that spring is here. They are the delicate light yellow

blossoms of spicebush (*Lindera benzoin*), tightly hugging the leafless branches of this shrub of moist woods.

There are about 100 species in the genus *Lindera* in the laurel family. Primarily a tropical plant group which includes aromatic woody plants such as cinnamon, two genera are temperate climate outliers in North America, *Lindera* and *Sassafras*. Most *Lindera* species are found in temperate and tropical Asia. Three species occur in North America, including our common spicebush and pondberry (*Lindera melissifolia*) a federally-listed endangered species found in the Southeast, including northeast Arkansas. Common spicebush ranges from Maine to Florida to east Texas, northward through Illinois and Michigan.

Male and female flowers usually appear on separate plants. A field study begun in 1980 of two spicebush populations in Massachusetts showed that in some individuals within a population



alter their sexual expression from year-to-year. Plants that produce male flowers in one year, may produce female flowers in another year! This occurrence is rare, however.

Nibbling a few of the flowers is an aid to digestion. The aromatic leaves make a good tea. The bright red fall berries, often persisting on the branches once the leaves drop, were regarded as a good allspice substitute in the American colonies. The infusion of the twigs was popularly used to treat fevers and colds.

This is a beautiful, aromatic, native plant that deserves more attention. Since it is able to change sex from year-to-year, you don't want to plant it near public restrooms.



Learn the foundations of gardening

Foundation Farm Gardening Classes will run on Thursdays through April 14 from 3:30 p.m. – 5 p.m. at the Unitarian Church, 17 Elk Street.

- March 10: 4 Season Gardening
- March 17: Weeds, Diseases and all else!
- March 24: No class

- March 31: Perfect Squash, Cucumber, etc.
- April 7: Perfect Tomatoes, Peppers, etc.
- April 14: At Farm, hands-on, building a no-till bed

Fees are \$20 per class or \$100 for all and RSVP is required.

Divine singing at Metafizzies

Rebekah Clark will lead the Eureka Springs Metaphysical Society meeting in a session of divine singing and sound meditation on Monday, March 14. No vocal experience is necessary. Chants and mantras from multiple traditions will be used. The gathering will begin at 7 p.m. at the Heart of Many Ways, 68 Mountain Street. All are welcome.

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ATDF elects Tanya Smith to the board

Turpentine Creek Wildlife Refuge President/Founder, Tanya Smith, was elected as a board for the Arkansas Tourism Development Foundation.

The primary function of ATDF is to fund industry events where Arkansas Law prohibits use of taxpayer dollars. The majority of these funds come from their annual membership drive and part of them from the scholarship auctions, memorials, and honorariums.

Holy Week and Easter at First United Methodist Church

All are welcome on March 24, 25 and 27 for Holy Week and Easter services at the First United Methodist Church in Eureka Springs.

Join at 6:30 p.m. on Maundy Thursday to commemorate the Last Supper through a meditation of candlelight and darkness, remembering the words of Jesus and the lives of the disciples and their sacrifices. On Good Friday at 6:30 p.m. there will be gathering around a cross of light to reflect, pray and remember the crucifixion, death and burial of Jess. Join at 7:15 a.m. on Easter for Easter Sunrise service, breakfast, an Easter egg hunt and celebration on March 27.

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Kiva Antiquities at The Jewel Box

Multimedia Artists, Lorna Trigg, will be showing her latest creations in jewelry on Thursday, March 17 from 5 – 8 p.m. at The Jewel Box. Kiva Antiquities were inspired by images and dreams that came to her during the wintertime. Working with polymer clay and semiprecious stones Lorna Trigg has made jewelry that looks like forged metals with the patina of age. The Jewel Box is located at 40 Spring Street. All are invited and refreshments will be served at the reception. Call (479) 253-7828 for more information.



Celebrate art and life at Chelsea's

All ages are welcome to join Regina Smith for a celebration of art and life on March 10 from 4 – 6 p.m. at Chelsea's Pizzeria with an art show and birthday celebration. For more information contact Regina at (479) 981-4070.

Celebration of Life at HICC

Join at the Holiday Island Community Church, 188 Stateline Drive for a Celebration of Life for Bob Reed on Saturday, March 12 at 10 a.m. The family gratefully receives your flowers and requests any memorial gifts to be made to the HICC. A light lunch will follow the service.

Come in green and walk the street

The Krewe of Blarney Halfast Walkin' Klub is looking for floats, trucks, groups, and walkers for the 22nd annual St. Paddy's Parade on Saturday, March 12 which steps off at 2 p.m. Contact Nancy Paddock at (479) 244-0123 or NLPaddock@gmail.com or contact Tony Popovac at (255) 405-9673 or email TonyPopovac@yahoo.com to sign up. For more information go to www.StPaddy.Ureka.org.

New ghost tour open for business

Steve Arnold, star of the award winning television show Meteorite Men, presents an all new paranormal experience for Eureka Springs. While known for some of the most haunted hotels and best hotel ghost tours in America, the city has other stories of paranormal activity with a history filled with bank robbers, unusual events, underground tunnels, crackpot healers and massive fires that have wiped the town out multiple times.

Eureka Springs Paranormal Tours runs multiple times a day and has a family special during spring break. For more information visit www.esptours.com, email contact@esptours.com or call (479) 310-5266.

RJ Cowdery at Eureka House Concerts

Eureka House Concerts will present RJ Cowdery at 17 Elk Street on March 13 with a meet and greet potluck at 5 p.m. and music beginning at 6 p.m. RJ is a Columbus, Ohio based artist who has made her place as a standout of the next generation of performing songwriters. For more information go to Eurekahouseconcerts.com or call (479) 244-0123.

Meditate in a quiet place

The Eureka Springs Buddhist Study Group will gather for 30 minutes of meditation followed by reading and discussion on Thursday, March 10 at 4 p.m. at Heart of Many Ways, 68 Mountain Street. All are welcome.

EARLY DAYS at Eureka Springs[©] – by Nellie Alice Mills, 1949

Early Days at Eureka Springs Arkansas 1880-1892, a memoir of Nellie Alice Mills whose family moved here in two covered wagons from Oswego, Kansas, was written in 1949, relying on memory. In her second book, *Other Days at Eureka Springs*, written in 1950, she went through old records she had kept. The family home was built on the west side of Leatherwood, "about a hundred yards beyond the mouth of Magnetic Hollow, opposite Cold Spring, which supplied us, and all our neighbors, with water."

Part Four – Persons and Places of Those Early Days

In the very early days at Eureka Springs, the Montgomery Brothers, Tom, Sam, and Hugh, had a clothing store across Main Street from Field's Store which was one of the many buildings which were built from one bank of the creek to the other; the banks at this place are very high. The Bellchamber drugstore above Field's had south of it a filled-in street that connected with the streets beyond the branch.

It will be observed that the distance between Main Street and Spring Street increases very rapidly after the junction south of the Basin Spring, and the difference in elevation is very great. The Montgomery Brothers' Clothing Store was much lower than Spring Street; the Post Office was above the store. A wide flight of wooden stairs led up to a broad landing. The Post Office was reached by a narrow arcade from this landing; on the same passage, almost under Spring Street, was Cuthbertson's Newsstand. A second flight of stairs reached up to Spring Street.

South of the Post Office, on the same landing, was a door leading into the water shipping establishment of John S. Tibbs,

whose narrow building had an entrance also on Spring Street above and directly opposite Basin Spring.

John S. Tibbs came to Eureka Springs in 1880. His water shipping business was a success from the start. I know very little of Mr. Tibbs's occupation; but I do know that before the Eureka Springs Railroad was built, our brother, Charlie, hauled in his freight wagon shipments of Basin water for Mr. Tibbs. I do not know what sort of containers were used.

Many have heard of Mr. Tibbs's long beard, which came down to his feet. I knew Mr. Tibbs by sight but any time I saw him his beard was tucked inside his clothes until it looked like the beard ordinarily worn by most middle-aged men of the '80s.

That was the set-up when I first got as far away from home as the Post Office, which was about 1884, for our sister, Ettie, was married at that time to J.M. (Mon) Mitchell, who clerked for Mr. Field. They lived on the street behind the old Opera House.

From THE EUREKA SPRINGS SOUVENIR published in March 1890, I

have taken this paragraph:

"THE SOUTHERN HOTEL, W.E. Beatty, Prop. Is beautifully located within 100 feet of the celebrated Basin Spring, overlooking the Basin and much of the city. This popular house, which is now owned and controlled by Mr. Beatty, has been thoroughly remodeled under J.C. Kellogg, architect, of Wichita, Kansas, and is now a very complete hotel of 65 rooms. Mr. Beatty is a native of Ohio, but came here from San Francisco, Cal., in August, 1885, for his health. He has become a well man."

Mrs. Gladys Beatty Wright, daughter of Mr. Beatty, now living in Long Beach, Calif., has cherished memories of her childhood in the Southern Hotel.

For my own part I can say that the Southern Hotel is the only hotel in Eureka Springs where I, as a child, wished I could board. My married sister lived on the street behind the old Opera House, and we could look across to the hotel where the boarders seemed to be having good times. I had that dream realized three different times when I returned to Eureka Springs on vacation trips, and once at the Alumni Banquet.



The view from there was one of the best in town. The mountains north and east stand out in picturesque distinctiveness. The walk above the Basin Circle reveals details of the bluffs seen from no other vantage point.

Hugh Montgomery's house was on the hillside street behind the old Opera House. Three of his children live in Monett, Missouri. Harry and Lucille (Mrs. Wm. Meador), who were born in Eureka Springs, and Hugh, who was born after the family left there.

Pisces, the Fishes

Spring's almost here, daylight's increasing, daffodils, dandelions and pear trees are blooming. And we humans, following the circadian cycles, are beginning to bloom and increase in light, too. Esotericists worldwide are preparing for the Three Spring Solar Festivals (Aries, Taurus and Gemini). Many, with the Hierarchy, began preparations at Winter Solstice for Wesak, the Buddha Full Moon Taurus festival (April 21/22).

We are nearing the end of Pisces the

fishes, last sign of the zodiac. During Pisces we can be sensitive to everything and everyone. Often we don't know the source or cause of the sensitivity. Our solar plexus and emotional natures can be wide open allowing every random energy to affect us. We often need to create boundaries, go into retreat or solitude. Or sleep a lot to bring some clearing to our canary-in-the-coal-mine state. Often, entering into a "low time," Pisces must withdraw, gather the self together again. Pisces often

seeks the fires of Aires, steadfastness of Taurus, order of Virgo and the structures of Capricorn. From these signs Pisces, often veiled, learns new things. Who knows a Pisces? We must be careful with them (the fishes). They can feel sensitive to & threatened by social limitations, criticisms, censure and judgments. They must swim away, hide behind ferns for protection, seeking safety, shelter, harbor and refuge. Never to be seen again.

There is a band, a golden thread,

connecting the two Pisces fish. It links the two fishes together creating a bridge between personality (form) and Soul & then Soul to the Father. Linking the Mother (Mater, matter) with the Father (Spirit), the holy child (each of us) in between. The three are actually One, forming a triangle, the foundational structure of all matter (says Bucky Fuller). **Note:** Daylight Savings Time begins Sunday morning, 2 a.m.; turning our clocks forward...we "spring forth!"

ARIES: Your new year begins soon, Ari. For now though and in preparation it's important to consider and contemplate on solitude and silence, you are in the womb of time, ready to be born again. It will be a new season for you, on a higher level, when spring begins (March 19/20). But first what occurred for you during the solar eclipse? Something vital about you changed.

TAURUS: It's important to share with us the new and far-reaching facts about health you're presently learning. You are to socialize in groups, lead them to greater challenges that open their minds. You are to make connections within all the disciplines, thinking through ideas that save humanity. You are to provide others with Uranian revelations from the future. Unveiling the moon for them.

GEMINI: In the coming months you will ponder deep upon your position in the world, your profession, how you're being of service and recognized for your gifts. There may be changes with work along with assessments of your personal and intimate relationship(s). Make peace with the mother, your mother, any type of mothering. In doing so you will need to be a nurturing mother.

CANCER: It's important to prepare mentally for an important project or experience happening in the future. Perhaps it's a long journey, perhaps a move, a change of profession or a call somewhere far away that you must respond to. Something new is occurring in your environment. You're organizing, ordering, cleaning, eliminating, giving away. This, too, is a preparation for what occurs in your future. Good work!

LEO: It's as if the underworld has surfaced, appearing into your life. All things hidden in the twilight of your feelings will soon begin to emerge. They are seeking the Light, tired of being in darkness, weary of being imprisoned. Doors open to not only deep feelings and remembrances of past relationships, but money and resources come into the mix, too. And self-identity. And journeys. You're busy!

VIRGO: Love and issues of intimacy come forth all of a sudden and sometimes

you feel speechless, tumbling about with thoughts on relationships past and present. Relationships may erupt like volcanoes or shift into new dimensions. Careful of wounding others, of bringing up too much of the past and of generally talking too much. Use your Virgo powers of observation to assess what is Right Action.

LIBRA: The stars say it's time to restructure your work, ways of rest, eating, caring for the self and all things that occur in your daily life. There has been a wound or limitation or an imbalance you've been coping with.

Now you can begin to restore balance and harmony to what has been a daily difficulty. Spring's beauty revitalizes you. What will you plant, gather and offer others for Easter this year?

SCORPIO: You're supposed to have a month of fun, of things expansive and good, opportunities at work, and new experiences in your personal life. Just be a bit careful of the money part. For now, Saturn, the discipline in our lives, has set up housekeeping in your house of finances. He'll be there for two plus years. Saturn says, "*Tithe first, save second, spend on your needs third.*" Can (will) you do this? It will "save" you.

SAGITTARIUS: A feeling of courage is returning to your body.

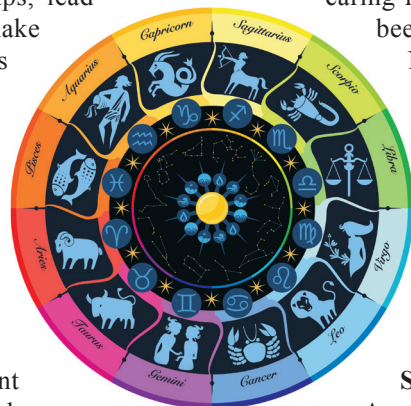
A sense of having landed after a long time of feeling unharbored. It seemed you journeyed in an ark you built by hand. You came and went, here and there. Now you're a bit more settled. Seven heavenly lights are in your sphere of home. So you're setting up house once again. You will trust, be happy and believe in yourself again. It's a good time.

CAPRICORN: Something might be happening in your neighborhood. All the planets are lined up in your house of communication, study, of siblings (you said you missed them) and your neighborhood. New and unusual ideas may continue to stream or even crash through your mind. You may need to take notes. You feel restless, yes? What Uranian changes are you considering? The garden's quiet reflection calls to you.

AQUARIUS: Everything money is coming up. So tend to resources very carefully. Know exactly what (money) you have, what goes out and what comes in. Bring safety into the care of yourself. Mars is out and about in your house of friends. Mars can have an attitude, be harsh, abrasive, angry. Be aware of not adapting these behaviors. If others do towards you, walk quietly away. Don't provoke.

PISCES: Eclipses bring forth changes in our inner and outer worlds. Their influence lasts for six months – three months before and three after. Something may have occurred in your self-identity. And some new things may still continue to occur. Solar eclipses signify major endings so new beginnings can stream forth. Observe your life. Pisces is the Alpha *in* the Omega. Think on this, Pisces.

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"A man," Patten replied.

Ten-year old Liberty Epley struck a pose holding an umbrella wrapped in newspaper while several feet away three-year old Aaron King identified a red handkerchief, then a white one and whole bagful of other colors until suddenly the umbrella material came out of the bag and the handkerchiefs appeared on the umbrella Epley had been holding.

Fay brought out Frankie, their 15-year old capuchin monkey, who charmed the crowd by trying on different hats and answering Sean-Paul's yes or no questions by pushing the inappropriate buzzer. During the encore, Frankie assisted by exposing Sean-Paul's seemingly endless number of hidden bottles in cylinders trick.

Sean-Paul also brought up three young "tough guys," ages five and six,

from the audience for a daring snake-in-a-basket routine. He asked one of the tough guys, "Where did this African basket come from?" to which the tough guy replied, "Walmart."

For the grand finale, Sean-Paul brought up Sophia Bunyar from the audience. She reclined comfortably on a board with supports at each end. He then slowly swung the supports under the board out of the way and passed a

large ring from one end to the other with smiling Sophia apparently levitating and the audience oohing and ahing.

Among comments heard as the crowd left were, "Could you see how he made her levitate like that?" and "Where did the bowling ball come from?"

According to Jean Elderwind, treasurer of the Foundation board, the event brought in just under \$1900.

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Hosty Duo rocks Chelsea's Friday; Wearing of the Green Saturday; aaaand, We've Got Talent Showcase Sunday

We've got an abundance of live music happenings this weekend to keep us busy singing and dancing! An eclectic favorite playing songs about pterodactyls, Hosty Duo showcases searing guitar heat at Chelsea's Friday.

Saturday don your green suspenders and tights for our 2 p.m. St. Patrick's Day parade, one of the most attended parades of the year. After the parade the Cathouse is hosting Violetta Lotus Burlesque and local jugglers to keep the spirited parade vibe moving.

Sunday afternoon The Auditorium hosts We've Got Talent, a Northwest Arkansas music showcase fundraiser. See you out there!

THURSDAY, MARCH 10

CHELSEA'S – *AJ Gaither*, Multi-instrumentalist, 9 p.m.

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

GRAND TAVERNE – *Jerry Yester*, Grand Piano, 6:30 p.m.

LEGENDS SALOON – *StarSeed*, Rock, 8 p.m.

FRIDAY, MARCH 11

BASIN PARK BALCONY – *Steve Jones*, Singer/Songwriter, 12 p.m.

CATHOUSE LOUNGE – *Teddy Sabon*, Singer/Songwriter, 8 p.m.

CHELSEA'S – *Hosty Duo*, Electric Guitar Wizard, 9 p.m.

EUREKA LIVE! – *DJ and Dancing*, 9 p.m.

GRAND TAVERNE – *Arkansas Red*,

Amplified Acoustic Guitar Dinner Music, 6:30 – 9:30 p.m.

LEGENDS SALOON – *DJ Karaoke with Kara*, 8 p.m.

NEW DELHI – *Cory Jay*, Singer/Songwriter, 6 – 10 p.m.

ROWDY BEAVER – *Buddy Shoot and*

the Motivators, Rock, 7 p.m.

ROWDY BEAVER DEN – *Karaoke with DJ Goose*, 8 p.m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 12

ST. PATRICK'S PARADE, DOWNTOWN, 2 p.m.

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Hosty Duo plays Chelsea's Fri., March 11. PHOTO BY REILLOT WESTON

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BASIN PARK BALCONY – *Michael Dimitri*, Singer/Songwriter, 12 p.m., *Steve Zimmerman*, Singer/Songwriter, 6 p.m.

BREWS – *Chris Harp*, Singer/Songwriter, 7 p.m.

CATHOUSE LOUNGE – *Violetta Lotus Burlesque and Jugglers*, 2:30 p.m., *Opal Agafia and the Sweet Nothings*, Americana, 8 p.m.

CHELSEA'S – *Mountain Sprout*, Bluegrass, 9 p.m.

EUREKA LIVE! – *50 Shades of Green Drag Event, DJ & Dancing*, 9 p.m.

GRAND TAVERNE – *Jerry Yester*, Grand Piano, 6:30 p.m.

LEGENDS SALOON – *Headley Lamar*, Rock Ridge, 9 p.m.

NEW DELHI – *Pete and Dave*, Americana, 12 – 9 p.m.

ROWDY BEAVER – *Hedtripp*, Rock, 7 p.m.

ROWDY BEAVER DEN – *Gigging Lyons Key*, Singer/Songwriter, 1 – 5 p.m., *The Blacklisted*, Rock, 8 p.m.

SUNDAY, MARCH 13

THE AUDITORIUM – *We've Got Talent*, Music Showcase Fundraiser, 2:30 p.m.

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

EUREKA LIVE – *DJ, Dancing*, 8 p.m.

ROWDY BEAVER DEN – *John Harwood*, Singer/Songwriter, 1 – 5 p.m.

MONDAY, MARCH 14

CHELSEA'S – *Sprungbilly*, Bluegrass, 9 p.m.

TUESDAY, MARCH 15

CATHOUSE LOUNGE – *Los Roscoes*, Folk, 5 p.m.

CHELSEA'S – *Open Mic*, 9 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16

CHELSEA'S – *Stumptail Dolly*, Americana, 9 p.m.



St. Paddy's Day Parade
Colleen is? The Krewe of Blarney present Corinna Francheska Campbell-Green as this year's Colleen for St. Paddy's Day Parade. Corinna has excelled at her studies and is graduating from Eureka Springs High School this year.

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Library introduces 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten and Music/Movement Circle

The Eureka Springs Carnegie Public Library will be offering a free, 6-week interactive program for young children and their caregivers to launch the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten initiative. Glenda Moore, who has 30 years of teaching experience with young children and parent-enrichment classes, will lead the Music/Movement Circle with Storytelling.

The program is intended for toddlers and young children of preschool age and will be held in the library on Wednesday mornings at 10:30 a.m. beginning March 16 and continuing through April 20. Attendees can expect interactive parent-child games and movement stories in verse and song.

1,000 Books Before Kindergarten is an early literacy program with the goal of giving babies and toddlers the best start possible for lifelong reading and learning skills. Progress will be tracked on display near the children's area of the library so each child and parent can feel proud of their reading accomplishments. Children who complete the program will receive prize packages that will include coupons for free items from local businesses.

If you have questions contact the library at info@eurekcalibrary.org or (479) 253-8754 or contact Glenda Moor at (314) 646-0626.

Find part-time/summer employment for your business

The Eureka Springs Chamber's Partner in Education program is hosting a Career Fair at Eureka Springs High School on March 18, with 24 spots for booths. You will have the opportunity to visit with prospective employees and even have time to interview. Booth space is \$50 and the Chamber will award money collected from this event to students at the end of the school year.

Contact Tammy Thurow for more information at president@eurekaspringschamber.com.

DEPARTURE

Robert Richard Reed Oct. 25, 1941 – Jan. 13, 2016

Robert Richard Reed of Holiday Island, Ark., was born October 25, 1941 in Shawnee, Okla., to William B. Reed and Imogene McBroom Reed, who preceded him in death. He departed this life Jan. 13, 2016 in Bokeelia, Fla.

Bob, as he was commonly known, attended school in Broken Arrow, Okla., and after high school graduation joined the U.S. Navy and proudly served aboard the USS Calvert. After four years in the Navy he made his way to New Orleans.



Most of the rest of his career was in the New Orleans Harbor, directing ship captains and boat crews making their way up and down the Mississippi River.

Bob was also a great Saints football fan. It didn't matter if they won or lost, he was still a fan.

When retiring, Holiday Island became his home and he loved it! Everything about it!

He was a devoted Christian and a member of the Holiday Island Community Church, which he attended regularly. The other thing he did was coffee every morning with his friends, missing only the three winter months spent in Florida. Bob will be greatly missed by his many friends and family.

He is survived by his wife of 30 years, Marilyn, of the

home; two daughters, Tamara Kindle of Westville, Okla., and Pamela Austin and husband, Keith, of Claremore, Okla.; two stepchildren, Cheryl Langston and companion, Mike Scarber, of Shell Knob, Mo., and Christopher Green of Columbus, Kan.; four grandchildren and four step grandchildren; two great-grandchildren and seven step great-grandchildren. Also two sisters, Imogene Reed and Nancy Rawls; one brother, Joe Reed; and close family friends Charles Fisher III and wife, Jill, of Bokeelia, Fla.

A Celebration of Life will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 12, 2016 at the Holiday Island Community Church with Pastor Allen Thrasher officiating. In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to the Holiday Island Community Church.

James Edward “Tubby” Watson August 18, 1931 – March 2, 2016

James Edward “Tubby” Watson was born in Baton Rouge, La., August 18, 1931 and passed away March 2, 2016 following a massive stroke. He was 84.

Tubby was a Korean War veteran. He was retired from AT&T after 31 years, and spent his retirement doing mission work for his Lord.

He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Audrey Mayo Watson; his sister, Mary Alice Reeves; daughter Rita Williams and her husband, Johnny Williams; son Randall Watson and wife, Melissa; daughter Kay Tuner and her husband, J.D. Also by 10 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren, and two great-great grandchildren.

He is also survived by many Christian friends, brothers and sisters in the Lord.

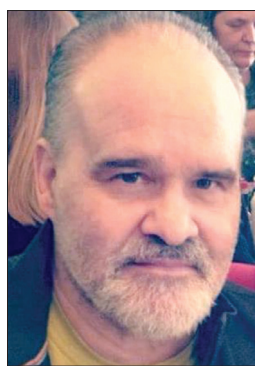
Tubby was preceded in death by his parents, James Edward and Roberta Devall Watson; daughter Judy McClure; brother-in-law Pete Reeves, and one granddaughter.

John Edward Gutierrez Nov. 3, 1955 – March 8, 2016

John Edward Gutierrez of Eureka Springs, Ark., was born Nov. 3, 1955 in Queens, New York, a son of Gonzalo Edward and Theola Mae (Dimke) Gutierrez. He departed this life Tuesday, March 8, 2016 in Eureka Springs at age 60.

John worked as a supervisor for a painting company. He was of the Christian faith and loved sports. He loved playing baseball and watching football.

He is survived by one sister, Debbie and husband, Brad Hill, of Eureka Springs; eight nieces and nephews: Ben Hill, Joe Hill, Jessica Hill, Susanna Hill, Naarah Johnson, Anna Johnson, Rachel Getzender, and David Hill; 19 great-nieces and great-nephews; cousins Michael and Jane Stenning of Wilbraham,



Mass., Pepe and Virginia Zuniga of Ann Arbor, Mich., Mary Kay Elliot of Toledo, Ohio, Kevin and Jill Wirtz of Eden Prairie, Minn., and Rick Gould of Pearl River, La.; and a host of other family, friends and loved ones.

John was preceded in death by his parents and grandparents.

A private memorial service will be held at a later date. Cremation arrangements are under the direction of Nelson Funeral Service. Memorial donations may be made to Brighton Ridge Nursing and Rehab, in memory of John Gutierrez, 235 Huntsville Road, Eureka Springs, Arkansas 72632. Online condolences may be sent to the family at nelsonfuneral.com. © Nelson Funeral Service, Inc. 2016

Amanda Brandy Rose Dodge Wade March 4, 1988 – March 3, 2016

Amanda Brandy Rose Dodge Wade of Eureka Springs, Ark., was born March 4, 1988 in Eureka Springs, Ark., a daughter of David Edward and Christina Rene (Blewett) Dodge. She departed this life Thursday, March 3, 2016 north of Eureka Springs at age 27.

Amanda worked as a phlebotomist with Quest Diagnostics. She proudly served her country in the United States Army. Amanda was of the Christian faith and loved traveling.

She is survived by her father, Dave Dodge of Eureka Springs, Ark.; two sons, Connor Wade and Ronan Wade both of Mount Vernon, Mo.; husband, Roy Wade of Mount Vernon, Mo.; grandmother, Kay Belk of Eureka Springs, Ark.; grandfather, Dale Pritchard of Berryville, Ark.; great-grandmother, Rosella Coker; aunt, Regina Anderson and Robert Crosswhite of Harrison, Ark.; grandmother, Patricia Ann Newman



of Blue Eye, Mo.; father and stepmother, Darrel and Linda Head of Oak Grove, Ark.; cousin, Briana Crotinger of Little River, Kansas; cousin, Jalesa Head of Oak Grove, Ark.; cousin, Joseph Head of Blue Eye, Mo.; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, other family, and friends.

Amanda was preceded in death by her mother, Christina Dodge; one sister, Kendra Dawn Blewett; and grandmother, Barbara Pritchard.

Memorial service will be 10 a.m. Saturday, March 12, 2016 at the Charles M. Nelson Memorial Chapel with Pastor Freddie Blevins officiating. Interment will

be in the Blue Eye Cemetery. Cremation arrangements are under the direction of Nelson Funeral Service. Memorial donations may be made to and Cornerstone Bank location for Conner and Ronan Wade. Online condolences may be sent to the family at nelsonfuneral.com. © Nelson Funeral Service, Inc. 2016

Jimmie L. Miller

August 6, 1929 – March 4, 2016

Jimmie L. Miller of Berryville, Ark., was born August 6, 1929 in Drumright, Okla., a son of Oran and Kate Ellen (Wood) Miller. He departed this life Friday, March 4, 2016 in his home in Berryville with family by his side at age 86.

Jimmie worked as an insurance agent and held many other occupations throughout the years. He proudly served his country in the United States Air Force during the Korean War and was a Deacon in the Grandview Baptist Church for many years. Jimmie loved spending time with family and his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He enjoyed fishing and hunting, had a love for books and especially enjoyed horses and farm life. He accepted Jesus Christ as his personal Lord and Savior at 32 years of age and was baptized.

On Nov. 5, 1960, Jimmie was united in marriage with Shelba (Garrett) Miller who survives him of the home. He is also survived by, son, Steve B. Miller and wife, Brenda, of Cassville, Mo.; daughter, Vonda and husband, Terry Bailey, of Berryville, Ark.; brother, A.J. Miller of Lead Hill, Ark.; five grandchildren, Shea Bailey and wife, Leah, of Berryville, Ark., Breawna Bailey of West Monroe, La., Kinsee Bailey of Berryville, Ark., Katie and husband, Bo Prock, of Purdy, Mo., and Brandon Miller of Springdale, Ark.; two great-grandchildren, Chloe Prock of Purdy, Mo., and Kloie White of Purdy, Mo.; two nieces, Terri and husband, Dave Elam, of Rogers, Ark., and Mary Ellen and husband, Jerry Anderson, of Berryville, Ark.; and a host of other family, friends, and loved ones.

Jimmie was preceded in death by his parents.

Graveside memorial service will be 2 p.m. Saturday, March 12, 2016 at Maplewood Cemetery in Harrison, Ark. with Brother Billy McCall officiating.

Cremation arrangements are under the direction of Nelson Funeral Service. Memorial donations may be made to Mercy Hospice – Berryville, 804 West Freeman, Suite 4, Berryville, AR 72616. Online condolences may be sent to the family at nelsonfuneral.com. © Nelson Funeral Service, Inc. 2016

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workshops will be June 20 – July 1, 9 a.m. to noon for kids 9 to 12, and 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. for teenagers. The Glee Musical Camp is July 18 – 29.

“I do think this is the year Main Stage is going to pull off a transition from a new building to having lots of great activities,” said Kent Turner, vice president of Main Stage. “We think the activities will inspire people. We have a lot of people in Eureka Springs who are into visual art, but not many people into performance art. What we are trying to do is bring more performance art into the community. We want to inspire interest in the performance arts.”

Turner said it could be difficult to put together a show in Eureka Springs because there are not enough potential cast members with a theater background.

“And to be honest, the kids have been asking for something like this,” Turner said. “We’ve heard high schools and even grade schools kids asking for some theater activities.”

The Downtown Network recently held a fundraiser at Chelsea’s for Main Stage with more than 100 people in attendance. Main Stage is also applying for grants to do more improvements, such as adding more audio visual equipment and renovating the second floor of the building.



Well, this week I thought instead of a fish pic I would give you a pic of a couple rods bent down with fish from opening day at Roaring River. A lot of trout were caught March 1 and they put in fresh ones at night for the next day. If you ever go up to give it a try and you're an Arkansas resident, the border license won't work in the Missouri trout parks, but a one-day license is only \$7 and the trout tag only \$3. So you can have a pretty good day with fish for dinner for only \$10, plus the cost of butter and lemon.

Here closer to home, big stripers over 30 pounds are being caught on Beaver Lake from the Starkey Park area to the Rocky Branch area, and a lot of 8–20 pound fish are already upriver from Prairie Creek to Hickory Creek. Shad

and brood shiners are both catching them from the surface to 20 ft. deep.

Here at Holiday Island, the walleye are in the river and the spawn is on. With all the rain we have coming this week, I expect to here more reports on the white bass being caught as they also go up against the current to lay their eggs.

Temps have moved above 50°, so it is spring to me and the fish. Both fish like minnows and jigs this time of year. Walleye like the bait a little slower and closer to the bottom, but the whites will hit a bait or lure moving fast or slow about anywhere in the water column.

Warm temps and spring rains are here, so it's about time to get on 'em and share with a kid.

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

by Mike Boian with extensive help from his wife, Ann Solution on page 23

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5. Milk source

10. Hoax

14. Poetic praises

15. Ruth's mother-in-law

16. Stride

17. Boisterous, vigorous

19. Sicilian spouter

20. Unselfish concern

21. Small bag containing perfumed powder

23. Anger

24. Pig meat

25. As gladly, as happily

27. Terminated

32. Shrewd

33. Destined

34. Bustle; fuss

35. Formerly

36. Narrow openings

37. Catcher's message

38. Bee's home in Britain

39. Winter pollution

40. Loose rocks on a hillside

41. Tardy arrival

43. Distractions for children

44. Kentucky Derby, e.g.

45. Make a lap

46. Open the wine

49. Half-pike (weapon)

54. Surprise attack

55. Incorporeal

57. Vaulted recess

58. Strikes perfectly

59. White fish

60. Permits

61. Unclean

62. What a judge does to a case
- DOWN
1. Repeated thrice, attack signal

2. Model

3. Obligation

4. Greedy

5. Loosen

6. Raised platform

7. Unavoidable ill fortune

8. Flightless Australian bird

9. Small pastries, usually with meat or fish filling

10. Tiny pieces

11. "Greater love ____ no man"

12. Teenage worry

13. Flesh

18. Beach condition

22. Very dry

24. Col. Sherman

25. Immature insect

26. Map in a map

27. Blazing

28. Common billiard table covering

29. Hirsute

30. Borders

31. Finished

32. Overlay with wood or plaster

36. Certain embroidery stitches

37. Glaswegian language

39. Duel mark of honor

40. British musician, b. 10/2/51

42. Wears away

45. Robust, healthy

46. Russian mountain range

47. Back area of neck

48. Chest, esp. for sacred utensils

49. Mix

50. Tropical tree

51. Woodwind instrument

52. Earthen pot

53. Poetic "never"

56. Scottish negative

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Cash in on your clutter

The springtime Yards & Yards of Yard Sales will take place on Friday and Saturday, April 29 – 30 from 7 a.m. – 3 p.m. at locations citywide. Now is the time to clean out your clutter and put some cash in your pocket. Make the most of your efforts by signing up and getting your name in the official YYYYS Map that is distributed throughout town on the weekend of the sale. Stop by the Visitor Information Center at Pine Mountain Village and pay \$15 to mark your spot on the map and get your YYYYS permit sign. The signup deadline to ensure there is space on the map for you is noon on Monday, April 25. Once the map is available it will be online, in local businesses and at the Visitor Information Center. If you are interested in having a yard sale but do not have a yard or live too far out there are a limited number of spaces available in the grassy area between the Visitor Information Center and Hwy 62/East Van Buren. For more information call (479) 253-8737 or email holly@eurekaspringschamber.com and find Yards & Yards of Yard Sales of Eureka Springs on Facebook. For advertisement and coupon opportunities email terri@eurekaspringschamber.com.

MAIL continued from page 8 a strip mall up on the highway. Space is made available at the city sewer plant for food truck parking and family picnics. The old community center in the Legion Hut is sold and reopened as a series of failed bars before its historic log exterior is painted bright yellow and limestone masonry work replaced with concrete blocks.

The front yard of a council member’s B&B is converted into a high-density parking lot. The former Auditorium building turns huge profits by becoming a wildly popular strip club with ticket holders lined up for blocks to get in. The old high school becomes an overflow parking lot for the Crescent Hotel, exhibition space and parking for the Inn of the Ozarks Convention Center and office space for the CAPC. Gambling is legalized in Arkansas and the Basin Park Hotel becomes a casino and whorehouse, again. City Hall becomes headquarters for the Chamber of Commerce and nobody notices the difference.

That’s progress, Eureka-style, for a city dedicated to making itself “a better town for the right kind of people,” meaning, those who own stock in Eureka Springs, Inc. Vernon Tucker

Kudos for mailers

Editor, A big thank you goes out to the wonderful group of property owners who volunteered to help mail out the 2016 assessments. A special thanks to Barb Kuhn who organized the group. The HISID staff appreciates these volunteers’

generosity; without their help, it would take days to get the assessment bills out. Our thanks goes to Nola Banister, Jan Bartlett, Kathy Bruha, Arline Confer, Joyce Crouse, Janet Farris, Betty Head, Dan Head, Myron Kilgore, Shirley Kilgore, Barb Kuhn, Bev Luhning, Roger Luhning, Donna Moore, Vern Moore, Susan Overgaard, Rita Potter, Jonna Scantlin and Rita Trickel. HISID Staff

Streets are a mess

Editor, I am asking the Eureka Springs Community to plead with our Town Council to pass an ordinance to refrain from merchants using polyurethane sacks for their merchandise sold at their businesses. I went before the council a few weeks ago and asked them to write an ordinance against poly bags. They seemed agreeable, but I felt I needed to remind the council that Eureka Springs is known all over the region for being an environmental leader. Therefore, it seems ES should be the leader to push for eradication of poly sacks in the Natural State of Arkansas.

California has had this law on the books for maybe a decade? Their coastline and byways look so good compared to our highways. Please call your representative on the council and the mayor to put this law on the agenda. Our highways and streets are a mess. Please also call our Governor and our legislator reps to push this law through for The Natural State. Thank you so much. Enid B. Swartz



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