

B&B compliance on the horizon

NICKY BOYETTE

At Monday evening’s city council meeting, alderman David Mitchell addressed unfinished discussion from last week’s Planning Commission meeting regarding Bed & Breakfasts operating in violation of City Code. Code requires a B&B to have a manager or owner live on site and provide breakfast for guests. Mitchell claimed there has been lax enforcement, and now, because of Airbnb, VRBO and HomeAway, there are new ways to list properties as overnight rentals in defiance of Code.

He said four properties were recently uncovered as acting illegally – no license, no insurance and not paying the CAPC tax – and two of the properties were planning to remedy their situations by applying for a B&B license. Mitchell stated as a way to mitigate further end-runs around Code and to allow time for proper enforcement of existing situations, council could consider imposing a four-month moratorium on licensing of new B&Bs to give Planning a chance to get a handle. He referred to the lack of enforcement as “a big mess.”

Mayor Butch Berry said city hall checks to see who is licensed for a B&B, who advertises for overnight rentals, and if owners are operating within the law. If they are not, the city sends them letters. Berry said letters went out.

Alderman Bob Thomas stated the rules for B&Bs are clear, and asked Mitchell if he wanted more restrictions.

Mitchell replied, “I’m not sure, but our rules are not being enforced.”

Alderman James DeVito asserted he was wary of moratoriums because stopping all licenses penalizes legitimate operations, and the city can deal with violators on a case-by-case basis. He maintained there are only a few transgressors.

Thomas agreed, and proposed, “Why don’t we just start enforcing the law?”

Berry urged citizenry to notify his office if there are B&B operators out of compliance with City Code. If a complaint is filed, the city can act on it. “We have sent out cease and desist letters to violators, and if you know of others, let us know,” he said.

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We certainly have talent – D.J. Rassinier plays French horn during the We’ve Got Talent Concert on Sunday. The We’ve Got Talent concert was a fundraiser for the Carroll County Music Group to provide scholarship assistance for young musicians to further their education through experiences such as the Opera In The Ozarks, band camps, or other opportunities. *PHOTO BY JEREMIAH ALVARADO*

This Week’s INDEPENDENT Thinkers

Unexpectedly torrential rain, 23 inches of it, let loose on the Gulf Coast last weekend, displacing homes, trees, people, semis, malls and wild animals.

Two brothers from Hernando, Mississippi, Frankie and Joe Williams, looked out in their pasture and saw raccoons, opossums and armadillos stranded and holding on to each other for dear life while water was rising.

The Williams brothers got their small boat and set out to save all they could, and for that they should get a front row seat wherever for whatever event they want for just about ever.

We dare any of you to say you would’ve let the armadillos stay. Or that we shouldn’t have an “o” in front of possum.

PHOTO BY FRANKIE WILLIAMS



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Go ahead and press your luck.

Food trucks headed for a workshop

NICKY BOYETTE

Steve Beacham, chair of the Planning Commission, explained to city council on March 14 the thinking of his commission regarding food trucks and trailers in Eureka Springs. He said commissioners looked at city-owned spaces in C-1 and C-2 zones, and viable options were the Music Park on North Main and parking lots and spaces downtown. However, commissioners were wary of taking away parking.

All that was left would be private property, and Beacham said Planning

decided it would be up to council to structure restrictions for food trucks on private property.

Beacham acknowledged there had been suggestions about food trucks in the Auditorium parking lot late at night on weekends, but Planning had no recommendations about that.

Alderman Mickey Schneider commented if food trucks were allowed downtown, they would have to use one of the two private parking lots downtown and the possible times would be after 9

p.m. on weekends. She said council would need to amend the peddler ordinance to accommodate them, and there would need to be a franchise arrangement in place to set strict times and days, and restrict the number of vendors.

Alderman James DeVito suggested council set up another workshop because the bucketful of considerations was overflowing. Alderman David Mitchell concurred, saying he liked the idea implemented by

Fayetteville of having a lottery each year for which operators got an annual license. He stated it would be premature for council to make any decision before they worked over the details at a workshop.

Mayor Butch Berry said Planning would be involved at the workshop, but the decision to allow food trucks rested with council. Vote was unanimous to have Berry's office set up a workshop date.

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DeVito suggested if there were a problem, quarterly inspections would tighten up compliance, and Berry added random inspections would also encourage conformity.

Mitchell withdrew his suggestion of a moratorium to give Berry a chance to follow up.

Final items

- Council adjusted the language in Ordinance #2239, which adjusted EMS

fees, to make sure it complied with Arkansas law, and passed its third reading.

- Berry announced aldermen would have February budget numbers for discussion before the 5:30 p.m. workshop prior to the March 28 council meeting. He commented the budget so far "looks very tight," and he would propose revenue enhancement measures in April.

Next meeting will be Monday, March 28, at 6 p.m., with a budget workshop at 5:30 preceding the meeting.

Launching the season with a boost

Main Street Arkansas and Main Street Eureka Springs/ESDN will share two awards with a community at their 7th annual Season Launch on Thursday, March 17. This free event has brought business owners and employees together to start the season with a boost from ESDN. This year will be the launch of a new grant program for downtown businesses for their commitment to promoting nightlife and dining downtown, and hosting two Downtown Development Forums to learn the ins and outs of running a business downtown.

There will be a free Irish feast, green beer, silent and live auction and the night will feature Cocktails for a Cause with Jake from Chelsea's giving out tastes of an Irish punch before the after party at Chelsea's.

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Bond set at \$300,000 in Stone Wall killing

MARY PAT BOIAN

An Affidavit of Probable Cause has been released in the arrest of Christopher Kevin Butler, 43, for the First Degree Murder of John Catlin Keck, 32, on Feb. 19. The affidavit, a sworn statement by interrogating deputies outlining evidence to present a judge, was submitted in Carroll County Circuit Court March 7, where Judge Tim Parker set bond at \$300,000.

According to the section of the affidavit written by Carroll County Sheriff's Office investigator Jerry Reddick, he responded to the area of Stone Wall Mountain on Hwy. 23 North after a call reporting trespassers making threats was made. While en route, Reddick was advised there had been gunfire.

Reddick was told on arrival that Butler was being detained by deputies, a deceased man was in a Jeep, and there was possibly another person in the woods. The deceased man, who had been shot, was identified a short time later as Keck.

An AR-15 style rifle was lying on the ground, and a Dodge Dakota was parked directly in front of the Jeep. Reddick found a green and black Ruger P-90 .45 on the floorboard of the Jeep with a live round next to it, and three bullet holes were on the Jeep, one in the driver's door and two in the rear glass. The victim had wounds in his side and back, and there were three holes in the driver's seat.

A second handgun, also a Ruger P-90, was located partially obscured under the passenger seat.

Eureka Springs Officer Brad Handley told Reddick he had received a phone call from Chris Butler saying he had just shot and killed someone. The affidavit states Butler told Handley he was on the

mountain hunting hogs, which he did about five nights a week. Butler said he was in the woods when he saw "a truck flying up to his Jeep and two guys came out of the truck and appeared intoxicated."

Butler had permission from the landowners to hunt there, according to Dep. Major George Frye of the sheriff's office.

Butler told investigators the men yelled at him to move his Jeep, to which he responded they should stay where they were, but one of them got in his Jeep anyway. Butler said he thought he heard a "round being racked into one of the pistols" on the front seat of his Jeep, so he fired the rifle into the Jeep, fearing for his life. He said the second man ran into the woods.

Butler said he then called his nephew, Dustin Anderson. Anderson said he actually had one of Butler's two identical .45s when he arrived, which Butler grabbed from him and was then seen at the driver's side of the Jeep, although Anderson did not see what Butler did with the gun. Butler told Anderson to drive down the hill to show law enforcement how to get up the hill, which Anderson did.

Anderson is apparently not a blood nephew of Butler, but the two grew up together.

Butler told investigators he left the two pistols in his Jeep because they were too heavy to carry while hunting, but deputies told Butler they believed he was startled and fired into the Jeep and then realized Keck was unarmed, so he took the gun from Anderson and put it in the Jeep.

Butler denied that scenario, claiming both guns were in the Jeep and he was afraid he would be shot. But when

investigators told him Anderson claimed he, Anderson, had the second .45, Butler recanted and said Anderson was telling the truth, and that he, Butler, took the gun and threw it on the floorboard of the Jeep.

When asked why he had lied, Butler said, "I was scared. I was afraid if that ol' boy didn't have a gun, I'd be charged for murder."

The .45 was sent to the state crime lab in Little Rock for fingerprints, according to Frye.

The affidavit states the interview with Butler started at 11:43 p.m., Feb. 19, and Butler was advised of his Miranda Rights. He read, signed the statement of rights and said he understood his rights before questioning. When told he was entitled to legal counsel before questioning, Butler said he understood and replied, "But the truth is the truth." At one point in the interrogation, Butler was told he could ask for the interview to be stopped at any time, and he said he understood.

Butler is being represented by Little Rock attorney Joseph Tobler.

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CAPC – thumbs up and down for marketing support

NICKY BOYETTE

The City Advertising and Promotion Commission (CAPC) spent much of its March 9 meeting considering requests for money, as commissioners had earmarked \$20,000 in the 2016 budget for marketing support.

Jean Elderwind represented the Books in Bloom Literary Festival scheduled for Sunday, May 15. The request was for \$1628 to promote the event. Commissioner Damon Henke estimated the event would gross more for the CAPC than the request, so he moved to approve the full amount. Commissioner James DeVito commented Books in Bloom is always a worthwhile event and he was impressed with quality of the scheduled authors. Vote to approve the request was unanimous.

The second request evoked a fuller discussion. Bruce Dunn promotes the Eureka Multi-Sport Event, which will take place over three days beginning with

a triathlon at Holiday Island on August 12. Dunn asked for \$10,000 for his direct mailing and to reach into more print media with his advertising.

He said the triathlon would be followed the second day by bike races and rides of varying lengths. The third day would be for running. Besides the individual daily competitions, there is the distinction of completing the triathlon, the 100-mile bike ride and the 10K race to earn the title of “The Eureka.” He said there is also a half-Eureka competition this year. The finish line for the biking and running events is downtown Eureka Springs.

Dunn acknowledged the difficulties his event has presented to downtown merchants, but pointed out the event has grown steadily over its five years. He said 49 people have pre-registered, only 16 who are from Arkansas. He projected 750 people might participate this year, and envisioned 1000 within the next five years.

Alderman Terry McClung, who chaired the meeting, wondered how the various sites in Holiday Island and downtown Eureka Springs could accommodate so many participants, and Dunn explained he has experience at making it work.

Commissioner Damon Henke said he appreciated what Dunn has been able to accomplish with the event, and he sees Eureka Springs provided Dunn with “a great canvas.” He said he would give Executive Director Mike Maloney the charge of promoting the event extensively on social media, but would not support putting out money for the event.

Dunn urged commissioners “to ride the wave for the next three to five years.” He said those who would see his ads are passionate about their sports and would return and bring their friends.

Commissioner James DeVito moved to support the full request. Commissioner Dustin Duling mentioned there is nothing else going on in town that weekend, so he seconded the motion.

Commissioner Robert Schmid, however, pointed out Dunn always makes a profit on the Eureka and the CAPC would not get much return on its investment. He suggested a smaller support amount. Henke again urged marketing support through social media,

but no money. Commissioner Charles Ragsdell also said he would not support funding the entire request.

McClung commented the event does appeal to outdoors enthusiasts, a group Eureka Springs wants to attract. However, the vote to support the \$10,000 request was turned down unanimously. Henke moved to support the event with a media plan that would benefit the whole city but without further funding, and the vote was unanimous to approve.

Maureen Alexander represented the request from the Eureka Springs School for the Arts for \$4000 to support the first ever Plein Air Festival to be held May 22-26 during the May Festival of the Arts. She said events like this one are cropping up all around the country, “and we need to have one.”

She expects maybe 50 artists to participate and others to come just to watch. “It is a spectator sport,” she remarked. So far, 20 people have registered from as far away as Maryland.

Ragsdell pointed out the scoring sheet used to evaluate marketing support indicates the CAPC would get only \$1140 from its investment, and Schmid noted the CAPC has already invested heavily in promoting the May Festival of the Arts. Nevertheless, he suggested they fund \$1000 of the request. Henke stated it is an important event, and he is already getting calls because of it. He said the event will make “a very big splash,” and suggested the CAPC could make the first event an even bigger splash by supporting it. He advocated a \$2000 amount.

In the end, commissioners voted to allocate \$1000 specifically to the Plein Air Festival and add another \$1000 to the May Festival of the Arts support that would include mention of the festival.

Commissioners then voted to allocate \$2400 for printing 15,000 copies of the Parks trails’ brochure that DeVito said was a useful product for promoting outdoor recreation in the area. Duling noted the brochure has been “a great piece to put into the hands of visitors.”

Commissioners also agreed to fund \$200 per performance to Angelou Yao for Drumming in the Park on the first Saturday of each month from April through November.

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CAPC Director's Report upbeat

NICKY BOYETTE

Executive Director Mike Maloney reported *CitiScapes* magazine would be featuring the Google eCommerce Award received by Eureka Springs in its March issue. He said this marks at least 20 articles and press releases about the award so far, valued at more than \$20,000 in free advertising for the city since late December.

Eureka Springs will be collaborating with the Arkansas Philharmonic Symphony for performances March 15-18 at the Thorncrown Chapel, the Auditorium, and two Master Classes in Rogers and Bentonville with the Eroica Trio. One accomplished student will perform with the Eroica Trio at the Sunday, March 18 performance at the Auditorium. "This event marks a major accomplishment in regionalizing Eureka Springs music events," Maloney said.

He reported the Northwest Arkansas Film Commission has almost completed the process of becoming a 501(c)(3) organization. One goal will be to assist individual cities in either establishing or successfully continuing film festivals. Support for the commission comes from the principal cities including Eureka

Springs, Bentonville, Rogers, Springdale and Fayetteville. Presently, Eureka Springs is the only city offering a rebate to producers for films made locally.

Maloney added that at this point the Eureka Springs Independent Film Festival has been canceled for this year.

He also announced he expects the eureka springs.org app to be available by the end of the month. It will be a miniature version of the full website for mobile devices, and will showcase local activities, restaurants and lodging properties. Also on the app will be autoloads from social media sites such as Twitter and Instagram. In the works is a similar app for the Auditorium.

Maloney said he has been working with the Chamber of Commerce on a strategy to speed up the lead-generating process for businesses involved with the group travel industry. He said 50 businesses would get the information at this point. Anyone not on the list who wants to be, call the CAPC at (479) 253-7333.

Next workshop will be Wednesday, March 23, at 4 p.m., at the CAPC office. Next regular meeting will be Wednesday, April 13, at 6 p.m.



Help is out there – Chuck Welch (r.) of the American Red Cross spoke at the ES Rotary Thursday meeting about various programs available to Carroll County residents including fire, flood, wind, and storm damage assistance. John Ingehart, President of ES Rotary, thanked Welch with a Victorian Classic coffee mug.



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Planning votes down B&B CUP as 'encroachment'

NICKY BOYETTE

In a narrow 4-3 vote on March 8, the Planning Commission denied the application by Marsha Yearsley for a Conditional Use Permit for one-unit Bed & Breakfast at 6 Hazel, and a variance to the 200-ft. rule. The rule is part of City Code that states a CUP cannot be issued if a similar CUP exists within 200 feet.

Yearsley said she has owned the property since the early 2000s, and wanted to turn the upstairs into a one-unit B&B and remake the downstairs into quarters for a manager. There is another B&B nearby.

In his response, Bob Jasinsky, co-owner of the Angel at Rose Hall, declared B&Bs are destroying neighborhoods, not only in Eureka Springs, but throughout the country. He also insisted a variance should be granted only in extraordinary circumstances, and commissioners should get a legal opinion before granting a variance or else it makes the city liable for a lawsuit. He also claimed there is not enough enforcement of the rule that an owner or manager must live on site.

Alderman David Mitchell, owner of Heart of the Hills B&B, said he saw a problem with the city limiting tourists lodgings in residential zones but not B&Bs, and feared the impact of an influx of one-unit B&Bs in these areas. Like Jasinsky, Mitchell questioned whether every licensed B&B in town complied with the law requiring a manager or owner to live on site and provide breakfast. He also wondered if coffee and a pastry fits the definition of a breakfast.

Mitchell pointed out Planning and the Historic District Commission look at properties before considering an application, so why not also look after a vote to see if the applicant stays within compliance? If there is a problem, the commissions could send a formal notice to the Building Inspector for follow-up.

Susan Harmon, co-owner of a B&B at 5 Ojo, said she also had heard about compliance issues around town, and requested the commission establish a list of B&Bs that do not have a manager on site. She stated if there is a rule, it should be followed.

Commissioners then convened as the Board of Zoning and Adjustment to discuss Yearsley's request for the CUP and variance, and commissioner Ed Leswig said he was around when Planning rewrote zoning ordinances which included the 200-ft. rule because "there were a plethora of B&Bs." He said he wanted to see the city remain a place where people live, not just a place to visit, thus could not approve the request.

Commissioner Woodie Acord asked if variances like this one had been granted before, and commissioners responded yes. Commissioner James Morris remarked the 200-ft. rule is a safeguard against situations worse than this one. He maintained the law allows variances, and commissioners should consider the request from all angles.

Leswig suggested if legality were an issue, commissioners should get an opinion from the city attorney.

Commissioner Pat Lujan questioned why the city would set up a rule and not adhere to it. He maintained the street in question is narrow with no safe turnarounds, and it was a "nice residential road that should stay residential."

Commissioner Melissa Greene said she did not want to lose the right to grant a variance. She pointed out no neighbors had complained, and she "wouldn't be against it [a variance] for this situation." However, she agreed with Leswig's suggestion for getting a legal opinion.

"We have a legal opinion," Morris firmly stated. He said there is an allowance for a variance in the law, and questioned why commissioners should even come to the table if they were going to let the city attorney decide for them.

"There's not a negative thing I see

about this application," he said.

Chair Steve Beacham read considerations from City Code regarding granting variances, including impact on the neighborhood and opinions from neighbors, and acknowledged no neighbors had voiced a complaint.

Yearsley contended there were turnarounds and the street could handle the traffic. She also stated there were B&Bs on nearby streets, so the area is already semi-commercial.

Greene reiterated her sentiment that an important factor is following the rule of having a manager or owner on site. She said if Yearsley maintained compliance, there was not a problem.

Acord pointed out Planning has granted similar variances before, and no neighbors have complained.

When it was time for a vote, Greene, Acord and Morris voted Yes. Leswig, Lujan and commissioner Tom Buford voted No to create a 3-3 tie. It was up to Beacham to cast the deciding vote. He paused a moment to consider and said, "I have to vote No. I see it as commercial encroachment in a residential neighborhood."

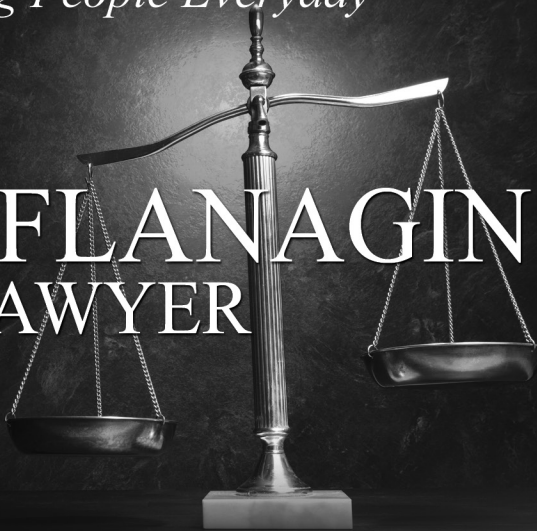
The application was denied.

Report from the Mayor's Task Force

Acord reviewed the results of the February 10 meeting of the Mayor's Task Force on Economic Development. He said chair Sandy Martin, Mayor Butch Berry and Dan Hebert had visited the business incubator in Fayetteville in which the University of Arkansas assists aspiring entrepreneurs in developing their ideas. The Task Force might see if a similar incubator can be established in Eureka Springs. Acord said there will be a G60

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Aud committee gathering ideas

NICKY BOYETTE

A group of six individuals comprising the Auditorium Committee, plus one interested onlooker, gathered March 10 to continue finding a strategy for re-energizing the historic downtown Auditorium. Promoter Jeff Danos chaired the meeting, and asked Mayor Butch Berry about a sales tax to provide a consistent funding stream for the facility.

Berry replied that a sales tax on retail merchandise, which existed until seven years ago, could generate \$125,000–150,000 annually. Revenue would depend on how the tax is structured and how many tourists visited the city each year. Regardless, the tax would provide

a dedicated stream for operating the Auditorium.

Alderman James DeVito mentioned the additional tax revenue would free up \$110,000 the CAPC now pays every year maintaining the Auditorium, and that money could be used for additional advertising.

Berry commented the tax idea is still being developed and the ultimate decision about how to structure the tax and when to put it on a ballot would be determined by city council. The group agreed the general election in November would be a better choice than a special election because more voters would participate.

Danos said he had solicited comments

from the public about the Auditorium, and the list of responses ran onto the middle of a second page. “Lots of people want to see a busy Auditorium,” he said, and his priority was what the committee could implement right away.

Dori Thomas, new CAPC events manager, said she has been pondering how to revive interest in the Auditorium. She stated that in 11 years the Auditorium will be 100 years old, and the city should plan a 100-year celebration and “make a big deal of it.” She proposed putting together a hardcover book featuring all the major acts that have performed there and bring some of them back. She said people in town care about the historic facility, and suggested reviving a Friends of the Auditorium group to act as ushers and perform other volunteer duties.

Ron Sumner, technical director at the Auditorium, said the committee needs creative input from the community, and if they can show results soon, it will sway voters to pass a tax to support their efforts.

Coming soon to the Auditorium?

DeVito commented the CAPC has on its next agenda the purchase of a quality projector so the Auditorium can host second-run movies, and he opined there was a good chance it could happen. He is pursuing advice, and the group agreed there is interest in seeing movies in town. He speculated the projector could pay for itself within five years.

Ideas abounded for regular local events, such as a monthly dance party in the basement to engage teenagers or other local productions such as the successful Melonlight Dance production. Danos pointed out they must continue to address technical issues in the building so promoters would not sour on bringing in acts.

In the end, Thomas asked Sumner to make a list of what the Auditorium needed. He took a deep breath indicating this might be a lengthy list, but Thomas stated she saw a blank slate and was ready to get started on what happens next at the Auditorium.

Next Auditorium Committee meeting will be Thursday, April 14, at 4 p.m.

Poetluck with Karen Hayes

Karen Hayes will read about socks, sauerkraut, naturing, arguing with Alzheimer’s, and chili peppers at this week’s Poetluck on Thursday, March 17. Karen is a Writers’ Colony alum and frequent flyer at Little Rock poetry venues. She is a member of Poets Roundtable of Arkansas.

Poetluck will start with a special St. Patrick’s Day poetluck dinner Irish Stew and possibly some soda bread at 6:30 p.m. at 515 Spring Street. Local writers and musicians are invited to read from or perform their work for up to five minutes.

Poetluck takes place every third Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the Writers’ Colony. Writers of all kinds and genres are welcome so bring a dish to share and settle in for a great evening.



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Who ever heard of Wearin' of the Orange?

Editor,

Eureka Springs must be the only community in the U.S. that honors the English and insults the Irish by having a St. Patrick's Day banner that is 95 percent Orange, the symbol of England's tyranny over Ireland. Is it just historical ignorance? It certainly is embarrassing.

Virginia Lindblad

Rudeness spooks horse, rider bucked

Editor,

This was Sunday morning March 6, 2016. My 28 year-old sister, Ashley, and I had been enjoying a country getaway at the lovely Bear Mountain Cabins in the historic city of Eureka Springs, Arkansas. At about 11 a.m. my sister and I couldn't contain our excitement to start our horseback riding adventure with the highly experienced stable hand, Carla. Just as we started down the path about 50 yards from the stable as we traveled adjacent to the main road [US62] just entering the clearing, a white Honda Civic passed with four male passengers. One of the passengers in the back seat on the left side screamed out his window very loud purposely spooking our horses. The driver nearly missed two deer.

My sister was taken on a full run screaming for help, and as the horse ran toward the road her body was flung around as if she were a rag doll, then bucked off head first onto the asphalt. It was just like a scene from a movie. All I could think of was that I already have one sister in a wheelchair and I couldn't bear the other to become paralyzed! A couple weeks prior, my sister was given the joyful news that she was pregnant with her second child.

Moments after she hit the asphalt a man who had seen the incident stopped with his

two children in the car and called for help. We were not allowed to take our cell phones on the adventure due to risk of spooking the horses.

The EMTs took special care of my sister as they transported her to a life flight headed for the best neurologists at the Mercy Hospital in Springfield, Mo.

The reason for writing this is to spread awareness to the people of Arkansas. There should be consequences for trying to scare a horse a person is riding.

Please advise the public of the possible reactions that one individual's action may have on others.

Cindy Howe

[Eds. Note: Ms. Howe and her sister live in San Diego, Calif. She said her sister is recovering after having six staples put in her head, and possibly suffered a couple of cracked ribs. Ms. Howe said she thinks people who ride horses should be given the option of wearing helmets.]

Thuggery on TV

Editor,

I was watching TV about the protestors who were assaulted by a Republican candidate's supporters in Chicago.

"The disaffected mob was at his feet and although the middle-of-the-road bourgeoisie viewed their thuggish antics with contempt [...] knew that leading the party involved tolerating – if not secretly encouraging – the street demonstrations that gave the mob element its thrill. They needed riots and violent outbreaks of racism. They would much rather beat up Jews and political opponents than get on with the serious business of recruiting members and raising funds."

You fill in the blank.

Since Mr. Trump blames his diverse group of protestors, Mr. Cruz also blames the protesters, and Mr. Rubio equivocates, I will give you a hint: this reference is to

Hitler from *The Lost Life of Eva Braun*. It could just as well apply to Donald Trump.

He eggs on his admirers, he says he will pay their legal bills, he wants to punch out any protestor and yearns for the "good old days...." Of what? Lynchings?

Now, of course he does not advocate violence, but....

Cyprian Blamires in *World Fascism: A Historical Encyclopedia* says, "Nationalism is the main foundation of fascism. The fascist view of a nation is of a single organic entity that binds people together by their ancestry (Caucasians?) and is a natural unifying force of people. Fascism seeks to solve economic, political, and social problems by achieving a millenarian national rebirth, exalting the nation or race above all else, and promoting cults of unity, strength, and purity."

Goddess help us.

T.A. Laughlin

Open letter to Jim Swiggart

Editor,

Thank you, again Jim, for giving me this opportunity to share my God-given creative talent; moreover, to be among the many talented people who love music as much as I do – and that certainly includes you!

I know I speak for all of us when I say how much I appreciate you for the vision you had, and have maintained, to make this area in the Ozarks one of the greatest producers of skilled and inspirational musicians – building on their talent and their desire to grow – by helping them develop what's already in their soul – that thing called MUSIC!

We love and appreciate you and your lovely wife (and lifelong supporter to you) for who you are, what you do, and for Climbing Every Mountain to achieve your goals!

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!

Diana Brown



WEEK'S Top Tweets

@fuzzlime: I parallel parked today without turning the radio down.

@bradbroadass: My toddler puts his pants on just like everyone else. One arm at a time.

@johnfugelsang: Every single person on this subway is staring at their phone and I'm so appalled I have to tweet about it.

@donni: I need a new waffle iron. These waffles are still wrinkled.

@succitaM: I named my dog "Password."

@bazecraze: Tan or get your teeth whitened. But only one of those.

@cpinck: I have a love/hate relationship with mood swings.

@thisisbryann: I wonder how telemarketers react to other telemarketers when they are at home...

@GibJimson: I don't know what century you guys live in, but all my clocks change themselves.

@thatcarlygirl: I entered ten puns in a contest and thought I would win, but unfortunately, no pun in ten did.

Fantasy or jeopardy?

Comparisons of Donald Trump to Hitler, Stalin, Assad, Amin, Franco and Pinochet are not really accurate. Those men actually tortured and killed their opponents. Trump merely wants to pay the legal fees of those who do his punching.

Ooops, no, that was last week. This morning he said he never said that. So, we continue to dismiss brains, experience, compassion, strength and agility in favor of, “Holy Cow! I could be just like him! I could insult all the lessers in this world and get away with it!” People can easily do what they want and say whatever occurs to them since group approval has teeth.

When did politics go from an exchange of ideas to an exchange of socks in the kisser?

Being president is likely a bigger job than deporting and demeaning people. Unless of course the president deports all of us, and every single person in this country whose roots go back to another country must leave. Yeah, well.

Doesn't being president mean being in charge of seeing to it the elderly are not losing their homes to mortgage predators? Making sure old people, who have done everything as well as could be expected, from raising children to making things and growing things, are able to live without fear of hunger? Without pain? We have that capability, just not the desire. Let someone else do it. Deport them to Ireland.

What's the point of educating children if they're just going to grow up and get old and move to Ireland?

Now, plaid flannel shirts from Old Navy made in Bangladesh look every bit as American as a Brioni suit, measured, cut and sewn in Italy. A wide Trump brand necktie made in China or Mexico has the same brio as a peerlessly stitched \$25 ball cap, made in Indonesia, that says Make America Great Again.

Naturally, this brings us to Hugh Hefner and his silk smoking jackets accented nicely with a meerschaum pipe and French poodle.

Hefner publishes a glossy magazine that once was delivered in a plain brown wrapper, which is odd since people claimed they bought it for the writing. Hefner worked hard and did have good writing to fill in the space around photos of women sans clothing. He eventually bought a stylish mansion in a stylish city and had parties that were legends in their own time. Then an unanticipated thing happened – Americans chose Hefner as an idol. He had it all – money, women and the Pacific Ocean.

Hefner didn't discover sex, he sold it. He let American men know they, too, could be part of his dream just by thumbing through his magazine in the privacy of their workshop. For the price of a subscription they got to be part of a movement. They even got a key they could give to a bunny.

Along came Mister Trump, who took his cue from the Hefner playbook. One can live vicariously through Donald Trump, too. Here is a new idol, one who's also a genius at manipulation and providing fleeting spa steam.

But is the by-product of running a country making people angrily choose sides? Is it? Shouldn't the reason we elect a president be because we trust him/her/them to consort with other world leaders to make this a healthy, breathing, happy-go-lucky planet?

There is no telling where this weird political wave will carry us, but to call Mister Trump dangerous is dangerous. And inaccurate. He is a man who probably does love his country, probably does love his work, and likely is proud of who he is. Talk about the American dream! He isn't remaking himself into a politician. He is simply applying what he has learned to a hungry populace. It's the populace that can be dangerous. All those guys mentioned in the first sentence didn't do what they did by themselves.

But, really, one can only speculate why an American teetotaler would market and sell “Success Distilled” vodka, created in Holland.

Doesn't matter. Just pass it.

Mary Pat Boian



The Pursuit Of HAPPINESS

by Dan Krotz

I should write something about the primaries and debates going on just now, but I don't have it in me. After all, what more can be said about a couple of geezers arguing about what they did or didn't do in the 1990s? And then there's the punk fest on the other side: without putting too fine a point on it – actually, no point at all – if we're stupid enough, mean enough, or cynical enough to vote for either of their top two candidates, then God help us and the United States of America.

After the war in Kosovo, the international community stepped in with reconstruction aid. Most of the people who live in Kosovo are ethnic Albanians, but they are an irascible bunch and genuinely share only one thing, a well-grounded thousand-year-old hatred of the Serbians who live next door. I don't have an opinion about Serbians, and only the observation that many Serbian women have mustaches.

Kosovars were and are grateful for aid from the international community, but also frankly assess their benefactors. I recall my friend Agron Mullatuhari saying, “The French spend a lot of money to hold conferences in expensive hotels to discuss their generosity. The Italians cheer us up by wearing fashionable sunglasses and flowing scarves as they race around in Land Rovers. They don't do anything, but they look great doing it. And the Germans come with thoughtful plans and budgets and spend not a pfennig more than budgets allow. Then they go home.

“But you Americans,” he said, with a sigh, “you build spectacular things with infinite money, but always stay around to charge an entrance fee. What's the fee? We have to kiss a Serb and make-up before we can go in. You call it democracy. We call it...”

I'll let you complete Agron's sentence, but we're in the same fix here in the Home of the Brave. Soon, we'll choose to spend four – or eight years – with one of these nauseating prom queens, and our job as a free people is to figure out how to live gracefully with, or in spite of, our choices. We call it democracy.

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. The Purple Flower will also have free and confidential Domestic Violence Empowerment Support Group on every 1st and 3rd Thursday of the Month at the Berryville Community Center from 6 – 7:30 p.m.
- **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: Kathy Remenar (417) 342-8498, 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

INDEPENDENT ConstablesOnPatrol

MARCH 7

11:24 a.m. – Constable on patrol complied with a request for a welfare check on a missing person. He found the person and she was doing well.
9:32 p.m. – Innkeeper noticed a suspicious odor emanating from the building and asked for assistance. Constables went to the scene and traced the odor to construction in one of the rooms.

MARCH 8

9:24 a.m. – Resident near downtown complained a newspaper distributor was violating the litter ordinance by continuing to deliver the paper after he had requested no more deliveries. Constable confirmed there had been a violation and spoke with the distributor.
3:08 p.m. – Constable checked on an alarm triggered at a residence and found the house secure.
8:24 p.m. – Constables spoke with a resident whose trashcan was blocking traffic.
9:38 pm. – A retaining wall collapsed, and rocks spilled into the street creating a traffic hazard.
10:44 p.m. – Clerk at a business reported a disgruntled customer would not leave the store. After a discussion, the constable told the customer to leave and not come back.

MARCH 9

2:05 a.m. – Alarm at a motel rang out, and responding constable found the building and the area secure.
2:06 a.m. – Vehicle found its way off a road and against a tree. The driver was not injured and the vehicle was towed.
6:41 a.m. – Constable was called to a tourist lodging for a guest having psychiatric issues. He transported her to ESH.
7:57 a.m. – For the third week in a row, dogs had scattered trash from trashcans at a school. There were no witnesses, and Animal Control would follow up.
12:32 p.m. – Individual was receiving threatening messages on Facebook and on her phone. She filed a report for harassing communications.
2:50 p.m. – Erratic driver reportedly drove past the elementary school. Constables looked for but did not encounter the vehicle.
3:44 p.m. – Resident in the downtown area reported a theft. Constables put on extra patrols.
6:29 p.m. – Passerby noticed a teddy bear with a plastic knife in its head was tied to a stop sign in the west part of town. Constable took down the bear.
9:22 p.m. – A 911 hangup call came from a motel. Constables discovered there had been a disagreement between a mother and daughter, but things were okay at the moment.
11:23 p.m. – Central dispatch alerted ESPD to a female walking along Hwy. 23 North and asked ESPD for agency assistance. Constables encountered her and found she was okay.

MARCH 10

12:01 a.m. – Security alarm was triggered at business toward the eastern edge of town. Constables checked the scene and found everything okay.
11:12 a.m. – Resident in the west part of town told ESPD a person was banging on his door and trying to enter his home. Constables went to the house and arrested the person for criminal trespassing.
8:32 p.m. – A semi got stuck on US 62 and was partially blocking traffic. Constable called for a tow truck.

MARCH 11

11:12 a.m. – Animal Control witnessed a vehicle on US 62 lose a tire. Constable assisted the motorist.
6:33 p.m. – There was a disturbance at a gas station. Constable on patrol intervened, and the patron was banned from the property.
8:57 p.m. – Traffic stop resulted in the arrest of an individual.

MARCH 12

1:14 a.m. – Traffic stop resulted in the arrest of the driver for DWI, implied consent, and driving left of center.
1:19 a.m. – Another traffic stop resulted in the arrest of the driver for driving on a suspended license, violation of the noise ordinance, no vehicle license, no proof of insurance and a warrant out of CCSO.
2:46 p.m. – Investigation of a suspicious vehicle led to the arrest of an individual for public intoxication.
5:27 p.m. – There was an accident on private property.
5:49 p.m. – Constable helped a person find her car.
10 p.m. – Central dispatch alerted ESPD to a possibly inebriated driver at a gas station. Constable responded and arrested the driver for public intoxication and sleeping in a vehicle.

MARCH 13

1:03 a.m. – One guest at a motel wanted the other guest in the same room to leave. Responding constable learned there had been a verbal skirmish which they were able to settle, and everybody went back to sleep.
3:56 a.m. – Several calls came in regarding possible gunshots above downtown. Constable discovered some intoxicated people shooting off fireworks.
4:24 a.m. – A nearby neighbor called about the same individuals being loud and trying to start an altercation with him. Constable spoke with them again, and they promised to go inside and be quiet.
9:53 a.m. – There was a two-vehicle accident on a street above downtown. No injuries.
10:50 a.m. – Concerned witness reported an 18-

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Clean City Ordinance faces enactment

NICKY BOYETTE

Commissioner James Morris pointed out at last week's Planning Commission meeting that Ordinance 2237, recently passed by city council, restricts contractors who store supplies and equipment at home from leaving items in view from streets and alleys but also from view of the neighbors. Ordinance 2201, known as the Clean City ordinance, does not restrict items from the view of neighbors, so there is a slight conflict. He added that the city needs to find a way to better follow up on enforcing laws it has enacted.

Alderman David Mitchell replied Planning can send its recommendation to council about redefining "nuisance" in Ordinance 2201 and council would consider it.

Regarding enforcement of existing laws, Mitchell paused before commenting that the lack of enforcement is a complex issue, and harmful to work done by commissioners crafting laws. He stated the problem is not about a person, and maintained commissions have a responsibility as well. He reiterated his suggestion for follow-up visits to a site to see if there is compliance. If not, the commission could send a formal letter to the Building Inspector. This extra step, in his view, would add to accountability and would probably improve compliance. The result would add to what the town offers visitors and prospective newcomers.

"It must be frustrating for you to do

your work and then see that rules are not enforced," Mitchell said.

Morris pointed out the city enforces parking laws because it brings in money to city coffers. He stated these other laws need enforcement as well. He suggested chair Steve Beacham appoint a commissioner to do an after-the fact inspection of properties to see if there is compliance.

Commissioner Tom Buford commented it is not hard to find violations of the Clean City Ordinance, as he sees them regularly on his walks around town.

Beacham agreed the commission could consider the suggestion of a follow-up procedure and look at the definition of "nuisance" in Ordinance 2201. He will keep the items on their agenda.

Code enforcement of B&Bs

Commissioner Melissa Greene again stated she has heard complaints that there are B&Bs in town which do not have a manager living on site. Beacham told her City Economic Development Director Glenna Booth is already developing a list of homes being rented out in violation of City Code, including B&Bs. He will ask Booth to supply commissioners with a copy of her list for their review once it is complete.

Morris commented there are situations far worse in neighborhoods than B&Bs. He claimed there are room rentals and other rentals that wander into "shady areas" relative to the law that have a negative impact on neighborhoods.

Auditorium tours considered

NICKY BOYETTE

Jacqueline Woven of the Eureka Springs Downtown Network told CAPC commissioners last Wednesday she would like to revisit offering tours of the Auditorium. She said a preliminary set of procedures for tours has been developed to begin the discussion. Her idea is promoting tours seven days a week from March through December. The tours would be directed by professional guides who would spend 15-20 minutes in the building.

Commissioner Damon Henke said Mayor Butch Berry indicated it was up to the CAPC to manage the facility, and there was no obstacle from his office regarding the tours. Henke said previous issues have been addressed, and he saw the tour as a

promotion of the building that would bring people back to see shows.

CAPC Finance Director Rick Bright stated the tours would add to housekeeping chores for the building, and those on the tour would need to buy a ticket, because otherwise the CAPC would be subsidizing a private tour business.

Commissioner James DeVito also mentioned since the CAPC cannot grant exclusive tours' rights to ESDN, other promoters would gain access to doing tours. He also was not comfortable with the arrangement suggested for handling the keys to the building. "There are too many variables and opportunities for things to go south," he contended.

Commissioners will discuss the topic further at the March 23 workshop.

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Countywide strength empowers grant requests

NICKY BOYETTE

Sandy Martin, chair of the Mayor's Task Force on Economic Development, opened the March 9 meeting with news about the upcoming G60 event scheduled for the Auditorium on Tuesday, May 24. G60 is an opportunity for aspiring entrepreneurs to present ideas in 60 seconds before a panel of judges. Two winners will be chosen – one by the judges and one by the audience – to receive prizes of \$1000. Prize money has been donated by three local banks; the Winrock Foundation and Startup Junkie, a Fayetteville consulting company.

Martin said she attended a G60 event in Bentonville where there were 38 pitches by people of all ages, from a young technology whiz to a woman in her seventies who, with her sister, knitted colorful book covers, hats, gloves and slippers, and for every item sold she bought a book and shoes for a needy child.

Martin said the intent of the event in Eureka Springs is “to gather the entrepreneurial mindset in the area” with the overall goal of developing local businesses. She said local schools have been informed and some creative minds have already signed up. She added that Gov. Asa Hutchinson is attempting to boost job growth in the state and there is legislation circulating in Little Rock that would loosen rules limiting what cities can offer as incentives to attract prospective businesses.

Martin introduced Lawrence Blood, new district manager of the Holiday Island Suburban Improvement District. She said the task force ought to include Holiday Island in its economic development efforts to which Blood replied, “Awesome!”

Blood told the group he was involved in economic development in Sitka, Alaska, before moving to Arkansas. He said living there gave him a different view of what constitutes community. From Sitka, he would have to take a plane or boat to get to neighboring communities. He commented Eureka Springs and Holiday Island “are connected at the hip, the same community with some trees between us.”

Martin added the Carroll County Collaborative (C3) is also considering the county as a whole and strengthening communication between the cities. She said the mayors and superintendents of Eureka Springs, Berryville and Green Forest have participated in the discussion, and suggested Holiday Island should join the team. She stated, “As a county, we are stronger when we approach Little Rock for grants.”

Martin asked if a survey seeking information about perspectives of Eureka Springs would aid in refining economic development efforts. She had a draft of a survey handy, and passed copies around. She said it would provide input from people who do not attend meetings.

Mayor Butch Berry commented folks from Berryville and Green Forest view Eureka Springs differently, and Eureka still do not know as much as they need to know about who visits. He said the demographics of tourists are changing, and the group agreed they are seeing a younger crowd in town.

Alderman Terry McClung remarked that Martin's draft survey might be too comprehensive and folks might not complete it. Conversation ensued about how to refine it and how to get the most out of a survey that necessarily would include, as Blood pointed out, getting people to respond. Kent Butler of the Great Passion Play said he could get cast members to fill out surveys, McClung said he could take them to a Realtors meeting, and others strategized how they could get responses from a variety of sources.

Martin commented the information could include perceptions of the quality of life in Eureka Springs, suggestions for economic development, what services and stores people want, possible contacts, marketing phrases and schemes which could benefit the county as a whole.

“Working together is the smart thing to do,” Blood remarked.

Next meeting will be Wednesday, April 13, at 10 a.m., at the Auditorium.



Show me the green – People donned their green for the annual St. Paddy's Day Parade on Saturday. Above right, Corinna Francheska Campbell-Green, this year's Colleen representing Krewe of Blarney, smiled for Jay before the parade rolled down Eureka's streets. Right, Dan and Suzie Bell and Chris Flanagan have an Irish smile upon them.

PHOTOS BY JAY VRECENAK

Hands against the wall!

BECKY GILLETTE

It is hard to imagine Eureka Springs without its estimated 65 miles of historic rock walls that hold up roads, homes and yards in steep terrain. Many historic walls have survived more than 100 years, but some property owners might not be aware that plant growth on or around walls can lead to the rock walls failing.

It is common in Eureka Springs to see rock walls covered with invasive plants such as English ivy and Japanese honeysuckle. While controlling those plant pests is difficult, it can be a matter of preserving an important part of history.

“Allowing plants to grow in the wall is detrimental,” rock mason Ron Taul said. “The root systems that get into the wall will do damage as they get in cracks and expand. The roots will release the wall’s bonds. I’ve seen some walls so bad that there’s a point where the ivy will be holding it up.”

Taul has great admiration for the Irish stonemasons who built not just the rock walls, but stone buildings such as the Auditorium, and the Basin Park and Crescent Hotels. In addition to fine craftsmanship, he said another reason many of the historic walls have survived so long is the walls were built of dolomite, an alteration of lime mud and limestone.

Once a wall starts bulging out, just a hard rain can make it come tumbling down. Taul advises taking good care of your walls because it is expensive to rebuild, running \$10 to \$15 per square foot.

Rock mason Stacy Mahurin agrees that English ivy, honeysuckle and other vines should be kept away from masonry walls or houses. But he said it is the root systems of bigger bushes and large trees that cause even more damage. Trees need to be trimmed back in front of and behind walls.

“The heights of walls, degree of the hill, and distance to the trees all affect how close vegetation can be to a wall and not damage it,” Mahurin said. “But it is a good idea to avoid anything with a root big enough to move a stone.”

Rock mason Zack Martin likened stonewalls to people’s cars.

“Most people don’t plan ahead and fix stuff until it fails, just like they don’t change the engine oil in the car until it blows up on them,” Martin said. “You



Trees should never be allowed to grow close to historic rock walls as the roots can cause failure of the rock wall as shown in the photo above. PHOTO BY BECKY GILLETTE

can do a lot to preserve rock walls. Get on it before it gets really bad because some wall repair work is really expensive. It is hard work on steep hills and places that are hard to get to. The steeper it is, the harder it is to retain the wall.”

Martin suggests being careful when you remove ivy, honeysuckle or other roots.

“Sometimes once ivy or another plant gets growing inside like that and attaches itself, if you try to pull it out, you can pull the mortar attached to rocks out, and that pulls the rocks loose,” he said. “I know people who spray herbicide on them, but I don’t like that. That is bad stuff. I don’t recommend that. Just keep an eye on it

and keep trimming it back. Don’t let it get worse.”

Martin said ivy and honeysuckle aren’t as bad as trees. You only have to look at Eureka Springs’s buckled sidewalks to see the consequences of tree growth.

And while vines, bushes and tree roots can start the process undermining the wall, Martin said nine times out of ten, large rainfalls are what bring a rock wall down.

“The cause of the failures is water over the years, and time,” Martin said. “They have been up for a hundred years. You get cracks in your stone and they just keeps growing.”

Fire equipment resolutions OK’d

NICKY BOYETTE

Council approved two resolutions authorizing Fire Chief Randy Ates to apply for and accept grants for equipment including self-contained breathing apparatuses. One would be from the Federal Emergency Management Agency for \$294,286, with the city obligated for a five percent match of \$14,715. The second was a U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development grant for \$65,000 that the city would need to match with a 25 percent amount of \$16,250. Goal of the grants would be to replace the supply of 40 aging self-contained breathing apparatuses plus, if possible, replace other personal protective equipment.

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, where you will have the opportunity to visit with prospective employees. 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.

NOTICE

The March 19 event at the Aviation Cadet World chapel has been postponed. No new date has been set as of press time.

Easter Services with Rev. Clare Kelley

The First Presbyterian Church, 209 Spring Street will hold Palm Sunday Service on March 20 at 11 a.m., Good Friday Service on Friday, March 25 at 6:30 p.m. and Easter Sunday Service on March 27 at 11 a.m. Rev. Clare Kelley will conduct the services and all are invited to attend.

HIFDA Luncheon at the Elks Lodge

The Holiday Island Fire Department Auxiliary will hold a luncheon on Tuesday, March 22 at noon in the Elks Lodge at 4 Parkcliff Drive in the Holiday Island Park Shopping Center. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. for social time. Cost is \$8 and reservations must be made by Friday, March 18 by calling Peggy Arnhart at (479) 363-6235.

The auxiliary holds several fundraisers to pay for equipment, training and supplies for the Holiday Island district and rural fire departments. Membership is open to men and women. Dues are \$12 per year and may be paid at the meeting.

Invasive non-native plants creating stress for wildlife

BECKY GILLETTE

Bradford pear trees are blooming profusely in Eureka Springs right now, but this non-native tree that has large white blossoms is not popular with wildlife or with plant experts like Steven Foster, who has written or co-authored 18 plant books, including most recently the all new third edition of *A Peterson Field Guide to Medicinal Plants and Herbs of Eastern and Central North America*.

“Bradford pears serve no purpose except to bloom for a few days in the spring,” Foster said. “The seeds are likely distributed by birds, so it does get invasive. Non-native species compete with native species that are food plants for native fauna. So the non-native invasive plants reduce the amount of food available for wildlife such as mammals, birds, butterflies, etc.”

Faith Shah, a volunteer with the Eureka Springs Downtown Network’s native plant garden project, said what she has learned by reading books such as *The Living Landscape* by Doug Tallamy is that our choices in what we plant are determining the future of our songbirds, butterflies and bees.

“For example, the Bradford pear doesn’t provide food for insects such as caterpillars,” Shah said. “Insects have co-involved with plants for millions of years, and when you switch out an item on the menu, the insects don’t eat it. However, they feast on native trees like oaks, sycamore and American maples. If we are planting things the caterpillars don’t eat, we are going to wonder where all the songbirds are. People tell me they feed their birds, but birds can’t feed seeds to their young. They need insects, and a surprising number of them. It takes six-to-nine thousand caterpillars to raise a nest of hatchlings.”

Shah said planting choices also have to do with the survival of many insect species. Simply planting a lot of butterfly weed instead of tulips and daffodils will increase the butterfly population.

With the great spring weather, many people are out in their yard planting a few new things. Some non-native choices are not just hard on wildlife, but can take over crowding out everything else.

“I would imagine many a person



Bradford pears are on a list of 18 invasive plants not allowed in new developments in Fayetteville.
PHOTO BY BECKY GILLETTE

has regretted planting bamboo unless they control it with a poured cement foundation,” Foster said. “A lot of species of bamboo are going to get out of control. Basically we have probably thirty percent of our flora that are non-native species, plants that come from elsewhere that propagate on their own without humans. A good example is English ivy, which is native to Europe and probably planted as an ornamental early on by European settlers. Once it gets a foothold, it likes to climb up things including buildings and trees. In the case of trees, it tends to choke and kill them. For buildings it has special adhesive pads and sends little rootlets into mortar or wherever there is a crack and tends to break it down.”

Another non-native that is a major nuisance is Japanese honeysuckle.

“You certainly want to pull that

out when you can,” Foster said. “Vine is another terrible pest. Although they have pretty blue purple flowers right now, they form an evergreen groundcover that kills everything underneath it. It is a horrible plant in that respect.”

Foster thinks it would be a great idea for Eureka Springs to consider an ordinance similar to one adopted by Fayetteville in November 2015 that established a list of 18 invasive plants to be restricted from being installed in developments that require a landscape plan review by an urban forester.

“The list of invasive plants was determined through an open participation process that involved a team of 13 stakeholders,” states the city’s website for the new ordinance. “The team met to evaluate the economic and environmental harm caused by

invasive plants. Fayetteville also has an educational packet identifies each of the 18 invasive plants and recommends appropriate plant species for trees, shrubs or groundcover.”

The City of Fayetteville encourages all property owners to identify, remove and replace invasive plants from the landscapes around their homes and businesses.

Finding native plants at nurseries can be difficult.

“Just like every other business in the U.S., you have a situation where there has been a lot of consolidation in the wholesale nursery business,” Foster said. “So you tend to get plants basically from the same large wholesale nurseries in southern California, and many nurseries have the same plant material. If we are really going to do native plants, I would like to see something like purple coneflower (*Echinacea purpurea*) propagated from the material that grows wild in Carroll County, not what has been planted on roadsides, truly wild, and then plant that on the roadsides so you have the actual genetic materials adapted to that area.”

One of his favorite native spring flowering plants is rose verbain, or rose verbena, that has beautiful purple flowers, thrives on neglect, grows in a dry habitat and flowers for two months.

“It is a great plant to have,” Foster said. “Our native *Monarda fistula*, purple bee balm, that is common along roadsides in Northwest Arkansas is a wonderful perennial, as is butterfly weed, (*Asclepius tuberosa*). Purple coneflower is another pretty mid-summer flowering wildflower.”

The Eureka Springs downtown native plant volunteer group has adopted the Bamboo Pagoda Garden downtown and has removed non-natives, replacing them with native plants. The garden is intended as a demonstration project to encourage more gardening for wildlife with native plants in Eureka Springs. That group is currently planning a number of events and workshops centered around Earth Day week, April 18-22. For more information, check out the Eureka Springs Downtown Network’s Facebook page.

Shah recommends the Missouri Wildflower Nursery (www.mowildflowers.net) as a source for native plants in the Ozarks.

Just say ‘No’ to searches

BECKY GILLETTE

Recently a local resident was stopped for a minor traffic violation in a neighboring state. He was asked by police for permission to search his vehicle. Being unaware of anything illegal in his vehicle, he agreed. But the search turned up some prescription pills and a small amount of marijuana that probably had fallen out of someone’s pocket. The driver didn’t have a prescription for those pills, and spent a week in jail. He is facing felony charges.

Two local attorneys advise against agreeing to have your vehicle searched, citing a Fourth Amendment right against unreasonable search and seizure.

“Generally speaking, it only gets you in trouble if you let them search,” attorney Forrest Jacobi said. “You should not agree to your vehicle being searched. They could find an empty container of alcohol and charge

you with open container. If they stop you for a traffic offense, it has nothing to do with searching your vehicle. Be cooperative. Be friendly. But say, ‘No.’ If there is contraband in the car you don’t know about that someone else left, you could be victimized by it. There is really no reason to let them search.”

In Arkansas when you are stopped by police, they have 15 minutes to charge you with an offense or let you go. In some cases police will bring in drug dogs, which can sniff out illegal drugs, thus provide probable cause to search. But Jacobi said drug dogs are being used less and less across the country because they are unreliable. They can indicate false positives, and can’t tell the difference between misdemeanor and felony amounts of marijuana.

“I’m not friends of police when comes to searching people because they search people when they shouldn’t,” Jacobi said.

“It is discriminatory. More blacks and other minorities get stopped and searched than white people. And there are lots of cases across the country where police have routinely planted drugs on people. If you are innocent, it is a waste of your time. They aren’t going to get a search warrant and don’t have fifteen minutes to get a drug dog.”

Why do people agree to be searched? They may not know their rights, and perhaps hope they are less likely to get a ticket.

States surrounding Colorado, which has legalized recreational marijuana, are reporting increased number of vehicle searches for marijuana. Jacobi said in one case recently, women who rented a RV in St. Louis, Mo., drove to Colorado and were stopped in Kansas traveling back to Missouri. Because there were no labels on a prescription bottle, one was denied her medicine. She died.

“Police are out there to make arrests and give tickets,” Jacobi said. “If they ask questions like, ‘Where were you coming from?’ you don’t have to answer. All they are doing is fishing for something. Frankly, it is none of their business where you are coming from or going. They can ask for driver’s licenses, registration and insurance. If you are a suspect, just keep quiet. You don’t even have to talk to police. If they start accusing you of a crime, they have to give your Miranda rights. If they accuse you before, they are violating Miranda.”

Jacobi understands why people often agreed to be searched.

“People get scared,” he said. “No one wants to see flashing lights in the rear view mirror. Your heart starts pumping faster. You do stupid things and say stupid things. If you agree to a search, they are going to tear your

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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 Five – Early Schools

Some years before Seidel Brothers built their business house there near the entrance to Mill Hollow, there had been a little wooden house of one good-sized room, and a smaller lean-to in the rear. There was the first school I ever attended. With my new McGuffey’s First Reader, neatly covered with pink paper chambrie, I entered that small back room where Mrs. Brown was the teacher. Minnie was with the Third Reader class in the front room with Helen Putnam for her teacher. Minnie had brought from Oswego her Appleton’s Third Reader. I had studied the pictures and listened to Minnie read the stories, and wondered if I could, perhaps by the time I was twelve years old, read in the Third Reader. I could read in the Fifth Reader before I was twelve.

I did not finish my First Reader that term, but I leaned a good deal. We little folks were once invited into the front room where we displayed our ability to read. Great was my embarrassment when the older children laughed when I read. Minnie told e afterward that they laughed because I read so fast.

The only game I remember taking part in at that school was Jumping the Rope. It

must have been a short term in the spring of 1881. There was a basket dinner on the last day of school. That building must once have been a store, for we ate our dinner on something like a counter.

There must have been schools in other parts of town. Ettie attended a school somewhere up town; her teacher’s name was Mrs. Jack. Our brother Charlie never went to school after we left Oswego, but I still have an Appleton’s Fifth Reader with “Charlie Mills, Oswego, Kansas,” on the fly leaf.

How did children learn as much as they did in those short terms? Books were scarce and those of us who liked to read had plenty of time to spend on our readers. The next term – it must have been the fall of the same year – I went to school on East Mountain. Miss Laura Melon was our teacher.

That old East Mountain school was unique. It was three stories high, one room on each floor, “every floor a ground floor.” The hill is very steep there. The oldest pupils were on the floor nearest the street level; the rear wall of that room was part of a rocky bluff that formed a rough wall. The second floor had, beside the schoolroom, a narrow

passage which seemed to have been the bell tower; the big school bell hung there. The smallest children were in the room at the top. A narrow board walk led from the steep hillside to the door to our room. The incline was so steep it was hard to climb; any one falling there would have probably rolled down to the street; it would have been a serious fall from that narrow walk to the entrance, but no child fell off. In that primary room, overlooking the street was another door outside of which was a tiny unrailed balcony. What use could it possibly have? Miss Melon told her pupils never to step out on that portion. Miss Melon’s pupils usually did as she bade them. Thus, since I had sometimes been in that middle room, I was never in the belfry; such an act was also forbidden.

There must have been a lot of excavating done to provide room for that schoolhouse and the street that ran in front of it. The schoolhouse and a house next to it were elevated above the street. That little cottage had before it a stone wall that made the front yard level. It was a small house, but neatly painted; I thought it was very fine.



Across the street from it was a house below the level of the street. The hill slopes down a steep incline toward Mill Hollow; this house below the street always roused my curiosity. It seemed like a nice place, but it was neatly screened from too much publicity. An immense boulder covered with vines, and other vines however supported, insured for that house complete privacy. It may be that huge boulder was left after part of the bluff was blasted away. There was always a great deal of blasting done on those hills.

Spring Equinox, Aries Sun, Palm Sunday, Full Moon

Late night Saturday & early Sunday morning the Sun enters Aries and Spring begins. It's also Palm Sunday, Ostara (ancient name for Eostre, the Germanic goddess of spring) and International Astrology Day. Spring (and Aries) begins the new spiritual and astrological year.

Sunday is Palm Sunday, the start of Passion Week. **Palm Sunday** biblically

marks the triumphal entry of Jesus of Nazareth, overshadowed by the Christ, into Jerusalem (city of Peace). Palms (symbolizing peace, victory & respect) waved and placed on the ground for the young colt carrying the Christ to walk upon. It was a procession, heralding the Christ as Messiah, the Promised One.

Lent (preparation) ends and the Holy Week begins—a drama of cosmic proportions

played out for humanity. The Christ enacts major Initiations (transformations we all experience) for humanity. Holy Week begins with a majestic procession and end with a trial, Crucifixion and Resurrection. A deep psychological theme of redemption and hope offered to humanity, living as we are on Earth, one of the three planets of suffering.

A new world order appeared when Christ (Pisces World Teacher from Sirius),

visited Earth. Since then we've been moving steadily toward a New Age. A new era, the signs are everywhere. The story of Holy Week is written in the heavens, on the Fixed Cross of Taurus, Scorpio, Leo and Aquarius.

Full Moon, Lunar Eclipse (something in our outer world disappears). The New Group of World Servers is preparing for **Wednesday's** Aries Resurrection Festival. Join us, everyone.

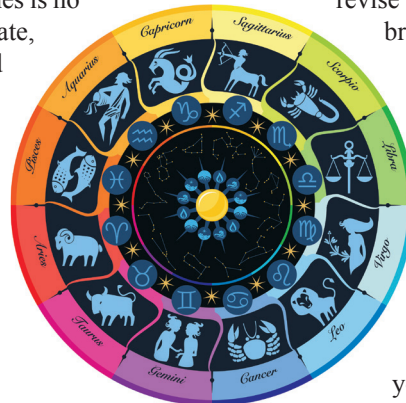
ARIES: Your true calling comes forth. No longer just a burning ground of aspiration, as the world begins to reorient everywhere, your initiating abilities clearly emerge, you gather your philosophical beliefs and goals, you are now at the highest level anyone can be in terms of world work, you begin to see your career in terms of how you help create the culture and civilization, how you serve humanity so their gifts can come forth, too. You're at the doorstep.

TAURUS: So often you stepped into the shadows, didn't want to speak up and out, thought others would do a better job. This gave you the needed strength and stamina, developed your awareness and abilities. Now staying behind the scenes is no longer is appropriate. You step into the limelight, begin to communicate, teach, lead, facilitate, make the transition from dark room to lighted world. You give your hope to humanity. It is the "waters of life" for them.

GEMINI: So much of your life has been about observing the needs of others, stepping into the great world field of service. This has been good. However, there comes a time when your focus must shift from others to self. To develop new tools. That time is now. For further development you need new studies, new people, new information. You're ready to answer a further call from the Soul. This is a transition time for you. Release yourself to your Soul's call and stand in its Light.

CANCER: Who you've been will no longer be who you are. What you've been asked to be is no longer who you can be. All the responsibility you've assumed for so long will begin to chafe, annoy and irritate you. You will gradually want more things in the world, less of a sense of duty, so your gifts and talents can come forth. The larger world, beyond family, needs you, too.

LEO: Over and over you will review plans, agendas, regimes and rituals in your daily life. And over and over these will change in terms of work, health, people and all environments you interact in. Old concepts shift to new concepts, discoveries break the mold of how you've worked and your thoughts on health. You'll seek new environments that allow for accelerated activities in areas, people, places and things your heart desires.



VIRGO: Creativity, opportunity, options. What do these mean to you, in what areas of life? Gates will open for you, the Sun will shine brighter in your garden, and a new creative impulse soothes any sense of isolation. You've had to make adjustments living on hope. New realities dawn, a new sense of self-expression too. And a new philosophy takes you on a new journey. Be sure to have sturdy shoes.

LIBRA: All that's important to you, all that formed your foundational beliefs, will be revised. This is a part of growing up. You took a path into the new world long ago. You learned new understandings, eliminated restrictions to your true identity. Now you revise your values, assume a greater sense of self-assurance, knowing this brave new world will always support you. Know every life dimension has its own truth. As you adapt and change, the world changes, too.

SCORPIO: You will find the need to speak the Truth in many situations. Usually you stand aside, allow others to be the voice of society. However, this is changing. You become the voice of reason, allowing no false information to pass you by. You're very aware of the impact of untruthfulness. You practice "ahimsa" (doing no harm). Your work becomes a response to world events. Destiny has arrived. It's within your heart, written in the stars. You are the Truth and it sets you free.

SAGITTARIUS: Sag is always philosophically minded. Recently you've become security minded, wondering, as you age, how to prepare and build a strong system of resources for later times. It feels like providence has arrived. You sense this and bring forth purpose, energy and passion to whatever you believe in. And so, the question is what do you believe in? What is most important to you now? The answers when contemplated are surprising.

CAPRICORN: You have stepped into power, a most interesting situation. Authority figures, not understanding the energy of relationship in astrology, may feel you're challenging them, which you're not. However, your very presence challenges previous beliefs of others and those in authority. You bring revolutionary change wherever you are. What is this? A call to leadership requiring you to display your ability to lead with both willingness and love, while poised within the center of power. You'll be learning this over time.

AQUARIUS: As personal and outer world events around you continue to change, you learn to move easily within those changes. This helps you understand the requirements of the new world coming forth. Only your inner self can understand the truth of all matters, understand Right Direction and Right Attitude and how to shine a bright new light of hope for others to see. Your life situation calls forth your humanitarian endeavors. You will understand more later.

PISCES: Jupiter is in Virgo. This means it's a time of healing for all of humanity, but especially for Pisces, Virgo's opposite sign. Tend to all health matters in all parts of the body, inner and outer. Find a functional doctor or one who understands alternative methods of testing and healing. After tending to your health new opportunities will present themselves. New decisions will be made. A new change of focus will appear with new endeavors. Much of this year is a time of healing and preparing.

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event on May 24 in the Auditorium in which entrepreneurs will be allowed 60 seconds to present their ideas before a panel of judges. The two best ideas will receive a monetary prize to support their plans. The group also discussed the need for workforce development in the area and the need to diversify the economy.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, March 22, at 6 p.m.

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 Jesus. 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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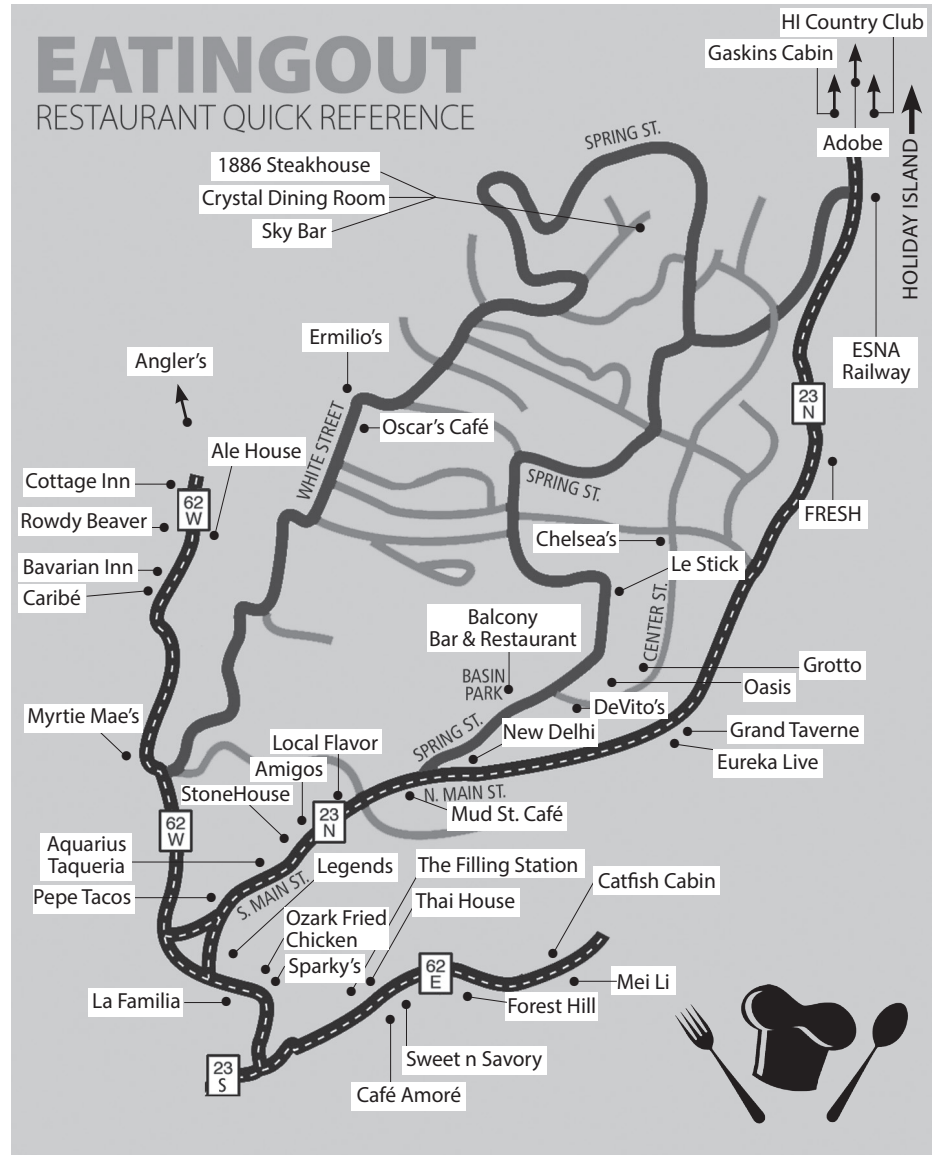
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INDYSoul by Reillot Weston

Polyester Robot flashes green On St. Patrick's Day, Eroica Trio strings Spring euphonies at Auditorium Friday

Don your green hats and tights; it's St. Patrick's Day! Polyester Robot, the automatic plastic party band, brings programmed jams to the Cathouse on Thursday. Friday, Eureka Springs into Music with Eroica Trio, a female classical music ensemble that displays lovely interplay, catch them at the Aud at 7. Sunday, former Eureka Stevie Tombstone brings breezy desert guitar songs to Caribé for a special one-night occasion.

THURSDAY, MARCH 17
ST. PATRICK'S DAY
CATHOUSE LOUNGE – *Polyester Robot*, Dance Music, 8 p.m.
CHELSEA'S – *Skinny Gypsies*, Irish Folk Songs, 5 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.
ROWDY BEAVER – *2 Dog 2 Karaoke*, 7 p.m.
ROWDY BEAVER DEN – *Terri and Brett*, Rock, 8 p.m.

FRIDAY, MARCH 18
AUDITORIUM – *Eroica Trio*, Classical Music, 7 p.m.

BASIN PARK BALCONY – *Steve Jones*, Singer/Songwriter, 12 p.m.
CATHOUSE LOUNGE – *Buffalo Gals*, Americana, 8 p.m.
CHELSEA'S – *Josh Hoyer and the Collosals*, R and B, 9 p.m.
EUREKA LIVE! – *DJ & Dancing*, 9 p.m.


GRAND TAVERNE – *Arkansas Red*, Guitar Dinner Music, 6:30 p.m.
LEGENDS SALOON – *DJ Karaoke with Stan*, 8 p.m.
NEW DELHI – *Jimmy Wayne Garrett and the Liberty Bell Rhythm Band featuring AJ Lyons*, Rock, 6 – 10 p.m.

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Stevie Tombstone plays Caribé, Sunday, March 20, 6 p.m.

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

I shared with my friend how unhappy I am with my sex life. She's become a workout fanatic and swears it's had an amazing impact on her sex life. I could definitely use the exercise but can it really improve my sex life?

Yes, consistent exercise will absolutely benefit your bedroom romps. Feeling fit increases self-esteem and confidence. Confidence = Sexy. Consciously caring for your body through fitness increases body awareness and produces the strong mind-body connection necessary for intimacy and great sex.

While sex is not a sport, though it certainly can be at times, satisfying sex requires many attributes honed by successful athletes: Overall muscular strength and stamina, core strength, cardiovascular endurance and flexibility.

Flexibility increases sexual options, especially for those creative types. Restricted range of motion in the shoulders, back or hips creates discomfort and limits enjoyable sexual positions. Successful workout regimens include stretching – every time.

Endorphins, the “feel good” chemicals are released during physical activity just as they are during sex. The more frequently you trigger this endorphin release, whether through exercise or sex, the more adept your body becomes at attaining sexual arousal. Researchers found that women engaged in strenuous exercise programs experienced more frequent and intense orgasms. Men who were moderately active four times per week were two-thirds less likely than their couch-potato counterparts to develop sexual dysfunctions.

Weight training significantly increases the production of dopamine in men and women. Dopamine creates the euphoria experienced, for instance, during a cocaine high and is a precursor to testosterone which influences sex drive. Cardio exercise improves stamina and releases both dopamine and serotonin. Serotonin, targeted by most prescription antidepressants, boosts mood. Cardio also increases circulation, improving blood flow overall and to the genital region, which primes the body for sex.

Exercising the PC muscle that stretches from the pubic bone to the tailbone is important for both men

and women. Strong PC muscles increase erectile strength for men, lubrication for women and intensify climax for both. Traditional instruction was to practice contracting this muscle for longer periods over time.

Today's exercise science clearly informs that for muscles to grow they must be challenged. At this juncture please hop on-line to find the latest in PC muscle strengthening: Vaginal Kung Fu and Penile Weight Lifting.

No, I'm not kidding and Yes that instruction extends beyond the limits of this forum.

Questions? Email leslie@esindependent.com. Leslie Meeker, M.A., L.P.C., is a psychotherapist who has specialized in relational and sex therapy, sexual compulsivity and sexual trauma for the past 17 years, after receiving extensive training in human sexuality at the Masters and Johnson Institute in St. Louis, Mo.



Arts, elegance, and an auction – Rogue's Castle was packed with people for the Clear Spring Fling Auction on March 12. Attendees were graced with creations from local artists in a live auction that went in support of Clear Spring School.

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A-buzzzz with life – With the warm days came the bees, gathering pollen in their pollen sacs and taking it back home. The bee pictured here decided to make a quick stop at a Bradford pear. PHOTO SUBMITTED

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ROWDY BEAVER – *Aaron Mullins Band*, Rock, 7 p.m.

ROWDY BEAVER DEN – *Terri and Brett*, Rock, 8 p.m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 19

BASIN PARK BALCONY – *Jeff Lee*, Folk, 12 p.m., *Catherine Reed*, Singer/Songwriter, 6 p.m.

CATHOUSE LOUNGE – *Jimmy Wayne Garrett*, Rock, 8 p.m.

CHELSEA'S – *Earl and Them*, R and B, 9 p.m.

EUREKA LIVE! – *DJ & Dancing*, 9 p.m.

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

LEGENDS SALOON – *Jeff Horton Band*, Rock, 9 p.m.

NEW DELHI – *Cori Jay*, Folk, 6 – 10 p.m.

ROWDY BEAVER – *Terri and the Executives*, Rock, 7 p.m.

ROWDY BEAVER DEN – *Terri and Brett*, Rock, 1 – 5 p.m., *Blew Reed and the Flatheads*, Rock, 8 p.m.

SUNDAY, MARCH 20

BASIN PARK BALCONY – *Melissa Carper*, Singer/Songwriter, 12 p.m.

CARIBE – *Stevie Tombstone*, Desert Rock, 6 p.m.

EUREKA LIVE – *Green Screen Karaoke*, 8 p.m.

ROWDY BEAVER DEN – *Terri and*

Brett, Rock, 1 – 5 p.m.

MONDAY, MARCH 21

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 22

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

CHELSEA'S – *Open Mic*

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23

BREWS – *Trivia Night*, 6 p.m.

Welcome the new Parks Director on March 25

The Eureka Springs Parks & Recreation invite all to join on Friday, March 25 in welcoming Justin Huss, the new Parks director at Arvest Stage in Harmon Park behind the Parks office at 532 Spring Street between 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. Food and beverages will be provided.

Looking at both sides of the coin

Whether it is good or bad guys, learn how to write both characters with Mackenzie Doss in her *Hero vs. Villain Archetypes* workshop on Saturday, March 26 at the Writers' Colony at Dairy Hollow. Attendees will take part in an exploration of character creation and development.

Mackenzie Doss is a writer and teacher at Clear Spring School. She also works at Brews and hosts their monthly writers' open mic.

The workshop is from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. with an hour for lunch with a fee of \$25. Call the Writers' Colony at Dairy Hollow at Eureka Springs at (479) 253-7444, email director@writerscolony.org or go to www.writerscolony.org to register.

Hunt up those Easter eggs!

The First United Methodist Church in Eureka Springs will have an old-fashioned Easter Egg Hunt at the church on Easter Sunday, March 27 at 9:30 a.m. before Easter services at 10 a.m. Hundreds of eggs will be hidden along with several special glitter eggs, exchangeable for an Easter toy. For more information contact Elizabeth Kelley at (479) 981-1226.



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Vegetation Admiration – Gordon Powell showcased new plants and varieties at Bear Creek Nursery to Master Gardeners of Carroll County before their meeting last Saturday. *PHOTO SUBMITTED*

Easter special at Metafizzies

The March 21 meeting of the Eureka Springs Metaphysical Society will be an Easter special featuring videos on Jerusalem and the monks of Mount Athos. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. at Heart of Many Ways, 68 Mountain Street. All are welcome.

Buddhist Study Group meeting March 17

The Eureka Springs Buddhist Study discussion on Thursday, March 17 Group will gather for 30 minutes of at 4 p.m. at Heart of Many Ways, 68 meditation followed by reading and Mountain Street. All are welcome.

World Bipolar Day at Brews

All are invited to Brews on March 30 at 5 p.m. for an informal forum concerning Bipolar Disorder in our society. Two professional social workers and one Ph.D. will be on board to answer questions and share their own experiences. For more information on this event email jalex1961@gmail.com.



Well, it felt like spring this last week with all that rain. We sure needed it. It helped Beaver Lake a lot by cleaning out the river that has just had dirty water since the December flooding.

Stripers are being caught on our end from Point 4 to the Rocky Branch area, and now water in the river from the Hwy. 12 bridge outside of Rogers to Hickory Creek has a pretty great color to it. A lot of nice stripers and big white bass are being caught also.

Here at Holiday Island were going out now to see what we can catch but for now

the walleye and whites are being caught from the Island to Houseman off the flats and gravel bars.

Today we have kids, so we're going after bass and crappie with minnows on floats mostly. We've been doing pretty good down about eight ft. above the brush and tree tops.

And now look! Jacob and Mia Kumoto caught their white bass in the back of Leatherwood and off the flats at Holiday Island!

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11. Mushroom known as a delicacy

14. Deflect

15. One way to get to home

16. Eroded

17. Cecil B. DeMille biblical epic

19. Mystery writer Grafton

20. Unusual

21. Impressive high school

22. Cream-filled delight

24. Practice boxing

25. Nerd

26. Noted astronomer

29. Crocker's chocolate cookies

32. 2013 Academy Award foreign language winner

33. Easy ride

34. What to say to a dentist

35. Grape plant

36. Cowboy's milieu

37. Opposed

38. Incite, with on

39. Birdhouses

40. Kinder

41. Lean section of lamb
43. Pompous academic

44. Encourages

45. Gambles

46. Italian ice creams

48. Sisera's murderer in Book of Judges

49. Noah's transport

52. LAX data

53. Acknowledgment as valid

56. Persona ___ grata

57. Leaf shape

58. Thai-related language group

59. Ultimate aim

60. Home of Tenzing Norgay

61. Put into vigorous action
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1. Shark type

2. Roman poet

3. Allow temporary use

4. Energy unit

5. Sink accessory

6. Serpentine gravel ridge

7. Radar image

8. Storage area

9. Sideways

10. Fall

11. Movie where Sam
- played it again

12. Needle case

13. Equal

18. Skirmish

23. Male assembly point in mating season

24. Turn uncontrollably (var.)

25. Pulls along

26. Safe location

27. "Adios, ____"

28. Coney Island locale

29. Brand of crayon

30. Consumed

31. "Keep your ____ on!"

33. Throws a lure

36. Get back

37. Assists

39. Chargeless particle

40. Anything intended to ensnare

42. Place of leisure

43. Hammer section

45. Served with lox

46. Basic unit of heredity

47. School founded by Henry VI

48. Spanish dance

49. Personal assistant

50. MGM trademark

51. Use yarn

54. Upper limit

55. Strain resources

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year old had grabbed a five-year old child by the throat, produced a knife and was threatening to stab people. Constables responded and arrested the aggressor for domestic battery.

11:29 a.m. – A guest was refusing to leave the room at a tourist lodging. Constables responded. Then the guest left.

12:33 p.m. – There was a two-vehicle accident on US 62 in the commercial area. There were no injuries, but one person got a bit agitated.

3:31 p.m. – Constable initiated a traffic stop and arrested the driver for driving on a suspended license and violating the noise ordinance.

6:47 p.m. – Concerned caller asked for a welfare check on a five-year old child who was possibly at a local motel. Constable spoke with the child's mother, and the child was fine.

7:06 p.m. – A mother told ESPD she was manager of a local motel that is currently closed, but her daughter, who

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is experiencing marital issues, was staying there, and the mother wanted extra patrols in the area. ESPD agreed to comply.

7:31 p.m. – Resident on a street on the way out of town going east complained of his neighbor's loud music and barking dogs. Constable advised both of them that further complaints might prompt citations.

9:16 p.m. – Worried onlooker saw people in a motel he thought was supposed to be closed. Constable spoke with caller and the manager and settled the issue.

10:34 p.m. – Hotel manager reported two guests had a fight and wanted to file charges. Constable took a report.

10:50 p.m. – Alarm rang out a business on US 62. Constable found everything secure.

10:57 p.m. – Resident told ESPD there were two dogs in her yard. Animal Control spoke with the owner of the animals.

Sunday at EUUF

Jillian Guthrie, LCSW Mental Health Therapist and Practicing Human will present a brief intro into mindfulness and how to apply it to everyday life at the Eureka Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 17 Elk Street on March 20 at 11 a.m. Childcare is provided and there will be extra parking at Ermilio's Restaurant, 26 White Street.



Getting ready for the season – Peggy Kjelgaard, along with other Eureka Springs School of the Arts staff and volunteers, worked to get the main classroom building in shape last week for spring classes. Another cleanup will be scheduled for a sunny day and volunteers will be needed.

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car apart. If nothing else, it is a waste of time. It would be nice if police were your friends all the time, but they aren't. Being a police officer is not an easy job. There are a lot of crazy people out there. But if you are a law-abiding citizen, you have nothing to worry about. Stand your ground."

Attorney Kent Crow agrees that people should not consent to having their vehicle searched. He said most people agree probably because they are intimidated.

"Most people want to cooperate with law enforcement," Crow said. "Some people say 'yes' because they don't know that they can say no. You have certain Constitutional rights in regards to the Fourth Amendment. If law enforcement has no probable cause or reasonable suspicion that you are possessing contraband or involved in some item of criminal activity, they have no reason to ask you to search your car. But they do it on a fairly regular basis. It occurs."

Crow, a former Circuit and District Judge, said laws that vary state-to-state are a problem.

"Obviously, the conflicting state

statutes with regard to marijuana are causing headaches for law enforcement and for citizens who may not be aware of laws and think because have they have a medicinal marijuana prescription from one state, it is legal in another. It is analogous to firearms. Certain states don't want you to have a firearm in your possession even though it was legal in the state you left. It is always good to check the law."

Crow said he has seen people spend a lot of money on attorneys' fees to get charges dropped that probably should never have been filed.

"My opinion of the criminal justice system is that it is broken," Crow said. "It needs to be fixed. I have people come in all the time and when I tell them I charge \$3,000 to \$10,000 to represent them on felony charges, they get sticker shock. There are so many people who can't afford to pay an attorney that kind of money to represent themselves on charges that probably shouldn't have been filed."

Crow said the problem also costs taxpayers.

"It is a burden to the system and to all of us," Crow said. "It needs to be fixed."

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