

# Ambulance district discussion soldiers on

NICKY BOYETTE

After a 30-minute executive session and wading through a resolution and seven appropriation ordinances – one of them five-and-a-half pages long read in its entirety, the Carroll County Quorum Court got to a discussion at Monday’s meeting regarding the ongoing struggle to establish an ambulance district for the eastern side of the county.

Justice of the Peace Lamont Richie mentioned he was surprised to see in a newspaper an ad asking for Requests for Proposals for an ambulance service in the eastern district. He had missed the February meeting when JPs voted to authorize the Citizens Advisory Committee to advertise for RFPs. He wondered if those who might respond to the ad knew the specifications of the service they were applying to procure or where to find them.

JP Larry Swofford explained the court just wanted feedback on what companies would expect as compensation for their services. Green Forest Mayor Charlie Reece told the court he had the specifications available in his office and agreed to redo the ad to make it clear where interested parties could get the specs.

Reece said he was not going to let eastern county residents go without ambulance service after Mercy Ambulance stops its service later this month. There will be a gap of several months before an official ambulance district for the eastern part of the county can be established, but Reece said in the meantime, Ozark EMS, which has been sharing ambulance duties with Mercy, would be allowed to use the Green Forest Fire Department to house vehicles. He said he had spoken with other ambulance companies, as well.

JP John Reeve explained the process for establishing the ambulance district for the court again. To find out what it would cost to finance an ambulance service, the court was sending out the RFPs. Once the information was received, JPs could determine if a millage would be required to pay for the service. The millage would apply only to parts of the county served by the new ambulance district.

Then the court would need to pass an ordinance establishing the ambulance

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“If the bee disappeared off the surface of the globe, man would have four years of life left. No more bees, no more pollination, no more plants, no more animals, no more man.” ALBERT EINSTEIN



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district. If a millage were required, it would be written into the ordinance. If the ordinance were approved, voters affected by the ordinance would still need to vote their approval of the millage, the amount of which is still to be determined.

The court could then put out a request for bids to get a company to sign a binding contract.

JPs and ambulance providers at the meeting agreed that reviewing specs would determine the cost a provider would build into a bid, thereby determining whether a millage would be required.

In closing comments, County Judge Sam Barr said he was not against establishing an ambulance district, but has heard from many citizens who do not want to pay a tax to support one. He also said he thought it was his call what kind of ambulance service was provided, and he was pleased with the performance of Ozark EMS and owner Leon Cheatham.

He told the court they were the ones who authorized the ad calling for RFPs, but responses were directed to him although he had not asked for them. JPs should have received the responses.

Barr also said it was good to see the court trying to correct something they thought he was doing wrong, but commented, "As far as I'm concerned, it's Leon's call if he wants to do it as long as he does a good job."

This discussion was not on the agenda.

### Court decisions

JPs retired into executive session and met as the Grievance Committee to consider a request they hold a grievance hearing. Upon reconvening, JPs voted 11-0 to deny the request to hold the hearing.

JPs unanimously approved seven appropriation ordinances and a resolution.

• Grant funds in the amount of \$5,000 from the Northwest Arkansas Economic Development District were appropriated to the County Office of Emergency Management.

• The sum of \$8,400 granted by the Arkansas Economic Development

Commission was awarded to the Grassy Knob Fire Department as part of a 50-50 grant for the purchase of a fire boat to protect the shoreline and marinas.

• JPs appropriated \$212,000 for the purchase of the property housing the Prosecuting Attorney's office.

• The court established a Detention Center Capital Project Fund and transferred \$100,000 into the fund. This fund will be distinct from the capital project fund for Central Dispatch.

• JPs then renamed the Detention Center/Central Dispatch Capital Project Fund as the Central Dispatch Capital Fund and appropriated \$150,000 to fund it.

• JPs approved the "clean-up" appropriation ordinance amending the 2015 budget. The ordinance was comprised of 37 sections over five and one-half pages. Various amounts from \$.02 to as much as \$17,013.04 were transferred within departments from one line item to another to balance individual ledgers.

• Another ordinance appropriated an additional \$4,208.67 which was spread among five departments.

• JPs approved a resolution requesting and authorizing the County Judge "to pursue a contract with the Harris Corporation for upgrades to the radio portion of Central Dispatch at a cost of no more than \$239,880." The contract would include financing over five years at a rate of not more than 2.69 percent. The first payment would be during 2017, so it would be included in that year's budget.

Richie explained that in addition to upgrading equipment, the county has applied to relocate the Central Dispatch operation to a part of the County Detention Facility once plans for remodeling a space there have been approved by the state. Richie stated, however, that even if the state does not approve the relocation plans, upgrades of equipment would still occur and the operation would remain at the courthouse.

Next meeting will be Monday, April 18, at 5 p.m.



## Bariola leaving ESH

NICKY BOYETTE

Vicki Andert, Chief of Nursing at Eureka Springs Hospital, announced at the Monday Hospital Commission meeting that Chris Bariola, CEO of ESH, had submitted his resignation effective Friday, April 8. Andert said the search for his replacement is ongoing, and in the meantime, "we'll continue to do what we do."

Bariola, who has also been CEO of another Allegiance facility in Dardanelle, was in Dardanelle handling a state level audit of that facility at the time of the meeting. He said in a telephone conversation it was a difficult decision to leave ESH because he loved Eureka Springs and thought the staff were doing a terrific job. He said he was pleased with new services, such as the clinic with Dr. Christopher Baranyk, and mentioned he was disappointed there had not been more progress toward the new hospital.

Nevertheless, he said he will not miss the back and forth travel involved with the two positions, and is moving to a similar position at Baptist Memorial Hospital in Germantown, TN just south of Memphis, which is nearer his family.

Bariola began his tenure at ESH in the summer of 2012.

### Clinic is busy

ESH community liaison Catherine Pappas told commissioners the ESH clinic at the Eastgate Center, which opened in October 2015, already has 350 patients, some from as far away as Harrison. Dr. Baranyk had 23 patients scheduled Monday. Pappas mentioned one goal of the clinic is to become a part of the community, and, as an example, Baranyk has agreed to go to Eureka Springs High School to perform free wellness tests for athletes in August.

### Banking

In other business, commissioners discussed what they should do with

\$2,025,000 in hospital accounts. Chair Michael Merry said their attorney strongly suggested they not spend any funds, but hang onto it and invest it wisely. The commission receives \$180,000 annually from Allegiance, the company that leases operation of ESH, and about the same amount from Louisiana Health Care, a home care provider.

Merry said it would be the responsibility

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## Lease negotiations continue

NICKY BOYETTE

At its meeting March 17, the Eureka Springs School Board tabled approval of two items related to the future of the old high school property pending further study, followed by discussion at a work session.

Superintendent Bryan Pruitt told the board the district was now in the lease negotiation phase with the Community Center Foundation. Wade Williams, attorney for the Foundation, had marked a long list of items in the proposed lease he wanted to discuss further. Pruitt said he had just received the response to Williams from Kristi Kendrick, attorney for the district in these negotiations, and Pruitt was not comfortable making a recommendation on the lease at that meeting.

Board member Debbie Davis suggested they convene a work session before the next regular meeting, and in the meantime wade through the long lease and evaluate comments from attorneys. The board agreed to reschedule the regular April meeting to 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 12, and hold a work session with Kendrick at 3:30 p.m. prior to the meeting.

The Board also voted to change the date of possession on the Offer to Lease from April 1 to July 1 at the request of the Foundation. Board member Al Larson, also on the Foundation board, explained the Foundation has raised \$50,000 from the community so far and has had positive

discussions with financial institutions and the Walton Family Foundation regarding support for their plan for the old high school property.

Larson also stated the demolition of B-100 must go out for bid, and part of the process would be preparing the bid document. He said Cromwell Architects volunteered to accomplish this formidable task, but it might take some time and the timeline for completion was up to staff at Cromwell. So at this point, all the board could do was agree to authorize Pruitt, when the time came, to accept a bid valid under state law.

### Business of the board

- Pruitt presented a proposed schedule for the 2016-2017 school year. He said there were five snow days built in, and, weather permitting, school would be out May 23. The board unanimously approved the proposed schedule.

- The board also voted to accept Pruitt's recommendation to approve the Licensed Personnel Policy, Classified Personnel Policy and Wellness Policy.

- They also accepted the 2014-2015 financial audit.

- The board took no action following an Executive Session.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, April 12, at 5:30 p.m. preceded at 3:30 p.m. by a work session to discuss issues related to the lease with the Community Center Foundation.

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# INDEPENDENTNews

## Chronic wasting disease – can it affect you?

BECKY GILLETTE

Recent discoveries of one elk and one white-tailed deer in Newton County with chronic wasting disease (CWD) have elevated consternation that the fatal infectious illness could spread, decimating elk and deer populations across the state. In addition to concerns about impacts on wildlife, deer hunting has a major economic impact on the state accounting for an estimated \$370.6 million in annual retail sales in Arkansas.

“Hunting is a large sport in Arkansas that generates millions of dollars and can affect the local economy,” said Eureka Springs Mayor Butch Berry, who is a deer hunter. “Many communities depend on hunting season to help support their local economy.”

Berry said if the disease spreads, hunting as it has been known for generations in Arkansas could completely change.

According to the Arkansas Game & Fish Commission, the disease belongs to a family known as transmissible spongiform encephalopathies or prion diseases. Prions are irregularly shaped proteins. The disease

is 100 percent fatal. CWD is similar to bovine spongiform encephalopathy (mad cow disease) in cattle and scrapie in sheep.

There are currently no confirmed cases of a human contracting illness from eating infected deer or elk meat, but the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) states that foodborne transmission of mad cow disease to humans indicates the species barrier may not completely protect humans from animal prion diseases.

“Conversion of human prion protein by CWD-associated prions has been demonstrated in an in-vitro cell-free experiment, but limited investigations have not identified strong evidence for CWD transmission to humans,” the CDC states.

According to AG&F, studies have shown that the disease can be spread both directly (animal-to-animal contact) and indirectly (through soil or other surfaces).

“The most common mode of transmission from an infected animal is believed to be through saliva, feces and possibly other body secretions,” AG&F states. “There is strong evidence that people have helped spread the disease over long distances by moving live infected animals and infected carcasses.”

Randy Zellers, assistant chief of communications for AG&F, said officials have been meeting weekly in Jasper regarding a sampling program put in place to monitor whether the disease is spreading. Plans put into effect years ago are now being used to respond to the threat.

“As of Friday, March 18, we had 138 of the 300 deer we are sampling,” Zellers said. “They have been sent off for testing, but it takes a week to a week and a half to get test results. We are waiting to hear back on the first round of testing sometime this week.”

If tests come back negative, meat harvested from the deer will be donated to

landowners where the deer were harvested or to Arkansas Hunters Feeding the Hungry, a group that supplies meat to food pantries across the state.

“As soon as it comes back as non CWD, we can release that meat,” Zellers said. “If it comes back positive, we will immediately incinerate the meat and sterilize the area where it was stored. All carcass remains, including bones, are incinerated as soon as the meat is deboned.”

Zellers said it was only a matter of time before CWD, which is found in 23 states, was found in Arkansas.

“This is sooner than we thought it would be, which isn’t to say we weren’t prepared for it,” Zellers said. “In 2006 we first created a plan for when it did show up. The plan is available on our website. This won’t be the end of hunting deer or elk in Arkansas.”

Humans who eat meat from cows with mad cow disease can contract Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease. Zellers said there is no confirmed link from CWD jumping over to humans as Creutzfeldt-Jakob did.

“CWD has been around since the 1960s and there have been no spikes or rises in Creutzfeldt-Jakob in areas where people are consuming deer meat,” he said. “However, if any animal is visibly sick, it is not a good idea to eat that animal. That’s common sense.”

While the disease can be spread by feeding deer or elk, hunters in Arkansas are still allowed to bait the deer by putting out food.

“However, feeders can cause deer to group together unnaturally, and there is a lot of nose-to-nose feeding that can increase the possibility of spreading any disease,” Zellers said. “If one animal has it, it is very easy for the rest to get it when they are concentrated

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# Public airs concerns at Quorum Court

NICKY BOYETTE

Virginia Pozza told Justices of the Peace at Monday's Quorum Court meeting she asked for county help after a flood a few years ago, and was told it had been a 100-years' flood and she got no help. She said there have been three similar floods since that one, and she is still looking for aid. Farmers have lost pastures and barns, vineyards have been wiped out, and the county has lost roads. She asked the county again to get involved with the Flood Insurance Program. She said her family incurred \$150,000 in damages, and she felt she was not being heard.

Anna Strickers spoke again to the court about the "trashy, unsightly property" on County Road 301 also known as Greenwood Hollow Road. She cited a line of garbage bags almost 20 ft. long, trailers without windows sometimes inhabited, and burn piles and rubbish heaps near the elementary school. She said she has not gotten any relief from the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality or the Health Department, and asked

what to do next.

JP Lamont Richie told Strickers something is being done, but there is a process. He has spoken about her plight with Deputy Prosecutor Devon Goodman, who found state laws regarding possible citations, but there must be local ordinances in place first. Richie said he and Goodman are working on it.

Linda Maiella spoke for the Purple Flower organization, a nonprofit group providing help for victims of domestic abuse. The organization was created in the wake of the 2014 murder of Laura Acevez. Their hotline number is (844) 247-3223. She said they are available for anyone in danger. Even transportation can be provided, as well as help with orders of protection, safety planning and advice on legal support. Thirty-four women got help during their first year, and Maiella said the county should stand with them to say No More. Those interested in donating can visit their website, thepurpleflower.org, to find out how.



**Helping others** – ES Rotarian Cathy Handley and her husband, Larry (at projector), joined Blessman Ministries of Iowa on a mission trip to South Africa. They presented photos of their work to repair/paint a classroom for 41 children who get only a single meal of rice and beans per day.

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## 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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## Parks has optimistic To Do list

NICKY BOYETTE

Chair Bill Featherstone enumerated ten top projects in his annual State of the Parks address at the March 15 commission meeting

1. Hire a new director and gardener. Featherstone said Parks is only as strong as its director, and the commission was looking for someone to take the department to the next level. "Mission accomplished," he said with the hiring of Justin Huss, who starts work March 23. Search for a new gardener is ongoing.

2. Maintain 1800 acres with a small budget. He pointed out after payroll and other non-discretionary expenses, Parks must operate for the entire year on \$46,000. "Volunteers are vital, and an endowment would be great," he said.

3. Continue toward the primary goal of the Master Plan for Lake Leatherwood City Park (LLCP) to make the park self-sustaining. Again, he said, valuable support of volunteers on committees and workdays make a big difference. Another factor in becoming self-sustaining would be renovating the cabins and campsites to

attract more visitors.

4. Continue work on rewriting the policy manual.

5. Continue to build out the Master Plan for trails, which is to create a connected trail system to reach from downtown to Black Bass Lake to LLCP.

6. Fill the vacancy on the commission.

7. Populate the committees and keep them focused.

8. Create a robust new website to be maintained regularly by staff.

9. Play a leadership role in establishing the new community center thereby creating new recreational activities for residents.

10. Reconcile fulfilling existing responsibilities while adding new ones, such as expanding recreational opportunities. "Being underfunded is no excuse. Staff and commissioners simply must be more efficient and creative."

Featherstone stated there is so much to do it would be easy to get overwhelmed, yet he sees great opportunities. The people of Eureka Springs really do appreciate what he called the city's greatest asset—the wonderful parks system. He also bestowed highest

kudos to interim director Donna Woods who he said in her short time put a system in place that holds commissioners and staff accountable, got finances in good order, charted a new course for the department and instilled a passion for excellence.

### Vacation on hold

Jim Gerkin had applied to have Hickory Street, a platted but undeveloped street in the middle of properties he owns, plus a portion of nearby Hazel Street vacated so he could sell his property there. Featherstone told Gerkin he and other commissioners went to the site and saw complications that would necessitate further study before making a decision. Featherstone promised commissioners would be prepared to vote on his request at the next meeting, so the matter could continue its journey to the Planning Commission for a public hearing and then to city council.

### Other items

• Featherstone announced there would be a meet-and-greet event Friday, March 25, from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. so the public can shake hands with Huss.

• Commissioner Steven Foster

reminded the public that feral hogs are active at LLCP, primarily on the eastern side of the lake. "It looks like a rototiller went through some areas," he said. Featherstone said feral hogs prefer to avoid people, but hikers should be aware.

• The new Trails Committee website can be found at [eurekaspringstrails.com](http://eurekaspringstrails.com). Featherstone added the committee has plans for adding directional and distance signs at LLCP.

• Commissioners voted to add to the special event permit application that the application fee is non-refundable.

• With guidance from Woods, commissioners cleared up check-signing responsibilities, safety deposit box access and authority for telephone transfers between accounts to reflect current staffing. They also closed the account for the Basin Project for the time being, in accordance with bank protocol.

Next workshop will be Tuesday, April 5, at 6 p.m., at Harmon Park. The topic will be projects at LLCP.

Next regular meeting will be Tuesday, April 19, at 6 p.m.

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## Bleachers on the horizon for soccer fields

NICKY BOYETTE

Justin Ermert told Parks commissioners at their Tuesday meeting he would construct bleachers along a sloping embankment at the soccer field at Lake Leatherwood City Park as his Eagle Scout project. He distributed copies of three designs of either four or five levels, with the length to be determined. Ermert said if there were a quick decision on which design commissioners wanted, he could be finished by the end of May.

Chair Bill Featherstone suggested he and Executive Director Justin Huss

go to the site, assess it, and report back. In the meantime, Ermert could begin fundraising.

## 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.

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## Tree harvesting has a double-edge

BECKY GILLETTE

Some people who hike and do other recreation in the Madison County Wildlife Management Area located south of Eureka Springs off Hwy. 23 are alarmed about large pine trees marked to be harvested in a section that contains some of the largest and oldest trees in the WMA.

"They are some of the largest old growth trees in the area," said one area resident upset about the trees marked for harvesting. Old growth generally refers to trees more than 100 years old, although some define old growth as trees in an area that has never been logged.

"I wouldn't say they are old growth," said Michael Gregory, habitat biologist for the Arkansas Game & Fish Commission. "They may be a little large in diameter in their viewpoint. We do have a timber sale planned for that area in March. Currently it is still under the marking contract under our specifications. That has not closed at this time. I haven't completed a final audit on that timber markup. If all goes well, the marking contract will end at the end of this month. I will be looking at assimilating the data at that time for potential harvest. Probably about June or so I would put this out for bid for prospective buyers. Realistically, as far as anything on the ground, the earliest the trees would be cut would be July to August."

Gregory said as part of routine management of the 14,500-acre WMA, areas are broken into compartments and further broken down into stands. On a rotational basis, they do a forest inventory on these compartments and look at management needs.

"This particular compartment is one of the older areas not recently inventoried," Gregory said. "In 2014, I did an updated forestry inventory on that area. Those areas in

particular I chose to do a thinning to open the overstory and promote herbaceous growth on the ground. That area is mostly a pine-dominated stand that lacks pine regeneration on the ground. Historically, those ridgetops were more open pine dominated stands." While he hasn't done core drilling to establish the exact age of the trees, historically most of this area was harvested from the late 19<sup>th</sup> century to the mid-20<sup>th</sup> century. He considers it likely that, with this being a ridgetop with easy access, it had been harvested at least once.

Gregory said what is planned is a light thinning creating more the type of open pine woodland ecosystem. "We are planning to make some subtle changes primarily to some narrow ridgetops," he said. "I would not approach that ecosystem all at once."

One criticism some environmentalists have made about WMA management in Arkansas is that it is managed for hunting, not general recreation or general health of the forest. Gregory said while this harvest does aim to provide vertical and horizontal diversity that would be favorable for deer, and a better brood and nesting habitat for turkey and quail, it would also provide structural diversity across the stand to benefit a larger variety of songbirds.

Some people who might be considered "tree huggers" think larger trees should be preserved, not harvested when they become a marketable size. But Gregory said that just like people, trees have a finite lifespan.

"As they are approaching the end of life, they are eventually going to die out," Gregory said. "That stand has some trees with ice damage. By thinning and removing some of the trees that realistically will not make it five to ten more years down the road, taking them out now to reduce the danger of wildfires by removing fuel makes sense. A

lot of the target trees may be declining trees. A lot have broken tops in them. That is going to end up on the ground as hazardous fuel eventually in the next few years. We are somewhat attacking that issue first hand, eliminating hazardous fuels and harvesting trees while they can still be utilized."

Gregory said trees marked to be cut are based on enhancing the quality of the stands for both wildlife habitat and forest health, leaving the healthiest and most productive stems to grow. Trees damaged due to stresses such as ice damage or disease are targeted for removal first. Some healthy trees may also be removed in efforts to improve sunlight to the ground and improve forest spacing to promote vigor, growth, and productivity to improve the quality of life for residual trees. He said this in turn enhances the forests vitality and promotes resistance to factors such as insects, disease and drought.

Rumors in the area by people who have watched this and many other timber harvests over the years are to the effect that timber sales are often motivated by private

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**Shining among the stars** - Cellist Layne Rogers (in black) won the Eureka Springs Into Music YouTube competition to earn the opportunity to play onstage with the Eroica Trio, performing the *Duet from Makme* with cellist Sara Sant'Ambrogio. From left, the Trio, Sara Perkins, Erika Nickrenz and Sara Sant'Ambrogio comment on film about the excitement generated with students in the area. Layne is a student in Rogers. **PHOTO BY CD WHITE**

## 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.

## 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.

## CCF extends spring deadline

The Eureka Springs Community Center Foundation, whose fundraising has exceeded \$50,000, announced a 90-day extension of the April 1 deadline to sign a property lease agreement with the school district. Foundation chair Diane Murphy wrote in a press release the extension was practical due to recent significant gifts, expected contributions, and an invitation to submit a grant application to the Walton Family Foundation.

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## Politicians could take a lesson from town

Editor,

Love your paper!

This time last year, each side of a political divide within Eureka Springs was rallying its troops. We heard misleading assertions dripping with sanctimony like poisoned honey — sort of like when Ted Cruz opens his mouth. There was boisterous, ponderous (though bordering on dubious and frivolous) rhetoric and slogans — the kind we heard when Marco Rubio would get a microphone and start yapping. Signs, some ugly like political ads on Missouri television, sprouted up alongside springtime mushrooms. A

couple jobs changed hands. Lines were drawn as though spirituality itself were under assault, but it wasn't because the point was just about being fair. The whole affair passed quickly.

Eureka Springs came through the ordeal relatively unscathed, nobody got punched or brutalized, church pews still got warmed on Sundays and tourists can still get a good Italian dinner in town. Eureka Springs fussed and stomped around a bit but settled its business and moved on.

Which brings to mind two observations. Those in Congress who object to considering a Supreme Court nominee because it is being made by a lame duck president might have a reasonable point. However, that is not

why they are impeding progress on filling the vacancy. It is plain as day. It is simply more obstructionist tactics like all the others we've seen in the past seven years. Wouldn't our country respond favorably if instead, professionalism and fairness prevailed? I think so.

And then there is the circus. One of these clowns is going to be the next president. I suggest they take off the makeup and stop yelling. If a candidate spends more time bashing an opponent than telling the truth, then we should be wary of the person and the process. Eureka Springs found its way without embarrassing itself.

Pay attention, America.

**Jane M. Cook, old timer but newcomer**



## WEEK'S Top Tweets

**@stephenjmollay:** Doctor: "I think this patient is dying. What blood type is he?" Nurse: "B Positive." Doctor: "Okay, I don't think this patient is dying."

**@cheeseboy22:** The declawed cats that I feel most sorry for are the ones that want to play scratch off lottery tickets.

**@Ispeakteenlife:** Yawning is our body's way of saying 20% of battery remaining.

**@sixthformpoet:** Just found the worst page in the entire dictionary. What I saw was disgraceful, disgusting, dishonest and disingenuous.

**@ianabramson:** I don't know what's healthier, but a grilled cheese sandwich tastes way better than a boiled one.

**@bumpyride:** I wonder if Earth teases other planets for having no life.

**@paxochka:** When will forms stop asking me if I'm Mrs., Miss, or Ms. and realize I'm an @?

**@kellyoxford:** The way you feel when your phone dies is exactly the way Cinderella felt at midnight.

**@LMFaye:** Saw a chameleon today so I'm assuming it wasn't a very good one.

**@Bill\_Nye:** Reading a book about anti-gravity. It's impossible to put down.



## The Green Pellet Deception

**R**ecent developments regarding the U.K. Drax Group and the U.S. Enviva Partners may change the future of Arkansas. Many things need to happen but the results would be awesome for the Natural State.

### Enviva and Drax under investigation

A report filed on March 14, 2016 by the Dogwood Alliance and the Partnership for Policy Integrity, on behalf of Enviva shareholders holding \$53 billion in assets, requested an investigation by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission on Enviva's claims "burning wood pellets reduces greenhouse gas emissions and benefits forests."

The European Commission opened an in-depth investigation to assess whether the U.K. plans to subsidize conversion of a third 660-megawatt generator at the Drax power station from coal to wood pellets, are in line with EU aid rules, and assess whether the results of burning pellets are achieving EU energy and environmental 2020 objectives.

### Pet Rocks and wood pellets

Commercial products have perceived value that makes them desirable. Pet Rocks gave busy people a simple alternative to taking care of a dog. After six months, the pet rock industry died. Enviva sells wood pellets as "low-carbon" solutions to power plants replacing coal.

Enviva has created a whole new export industry with a massive supply chain, consisting of wood pellet mills with an average capacity of 500,000 metric tons per year, an army of loggers, forest owners, truckers, railroads, storage facilities, export ports, shipping lines, etc. All to keep the Drax 4,000-megawatt coal-fired power station alive.

Enviva's website says for investors: "We export our pellets primarily to power plants in the United Kingdom and Europe that previously were fueled by coal, enabling them to reduce their carbon footprint by about 80 percent."

The carbon reduction is an illusion. It has been generously called "an accounting error" by some, but now there are 53 billion questions. Let's do an experiment. Go to your bank and ask for a \$1 million unsecured loan, payable in 100 equal installments of \$10,000 per year. If your bank uses Enviva pellet-math, you will walk out with \$1 million and come back for more!

The November 2015 *AlterNet* article, "How Europe's good environmental intentions are inadvertently destroying America's Forests," tells the Enviva story. How can increasing greenhouse emissions be good for the environment? A hot place is waiting for people with good intentions, ironic at a time of global warming. How can the deforestation be an unexpected result?

With pictures of trucks full of whole logs making deliveries to their mills, Enviva needs to come clean. It is not. According to the March 2016 MIT report, "Pellet Problem: Biomass & Climate," Enviva is blaming environmental organizations, and apparently using the "too big to fail" strategy.

### False solutions drive wrong behavior

Surviving climate change requires new rules. Coal power plants and other polluters, need to pay private forest owners to keep standing forests. The USDA and the US Forest Service need to stop burning and thinning public forests. Arson and illegal logging need to stop. The Arkansas Economic Development Commission (AEDC), the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality and other state agencies need to stop using public funds to lure pellet mills, fluff mills, and other high-pollution, energy-intensive, high-carbon industries.

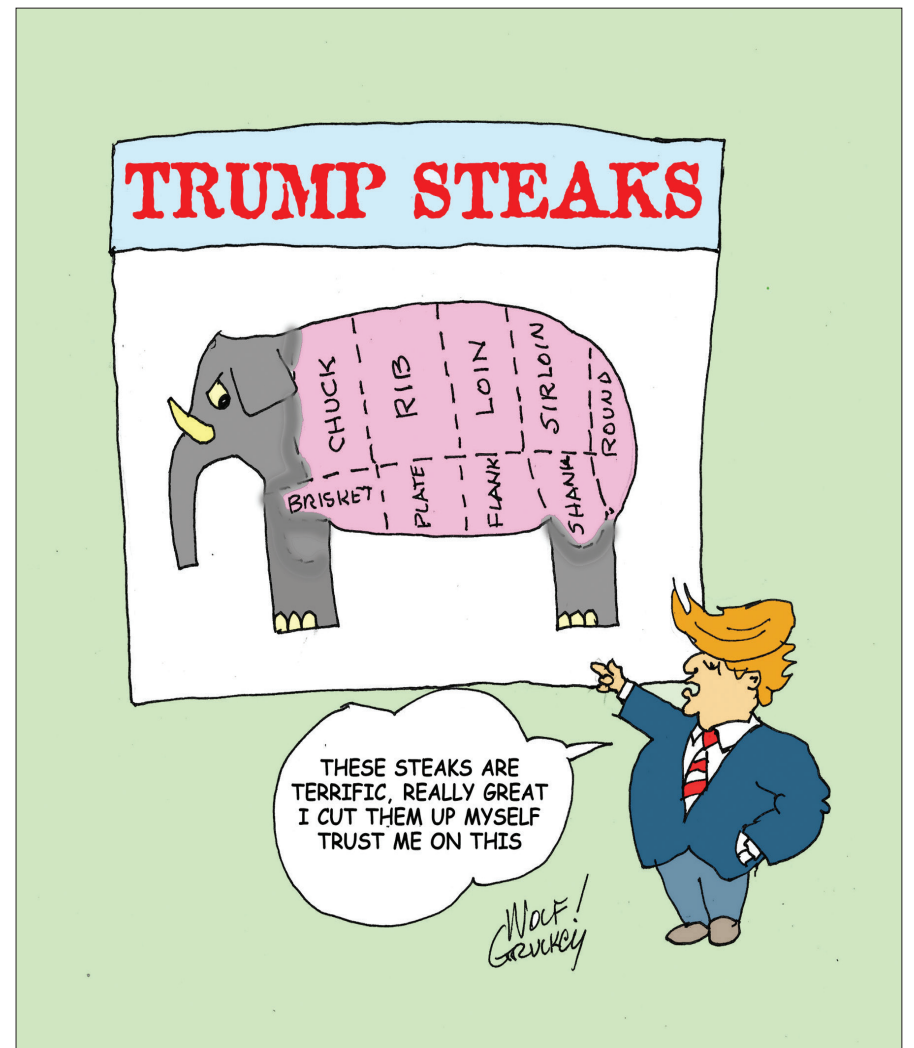
### Emergency Preparedness

To prepare the state for extreme weather emergencies, let's use public funds and other AEDC grants for Public Works providing thousands of full-time jobs. A recent study found California at the top of the Emergency Preparedness list and Arkansas, unchallenged, at the bottom. The rankings were done by comparing what precautionary steps a state has taken relative to the climate threats the state is expected to face in the future. Arkansas needs to be prepared, the threats are real.

### Hope for our forests, hope for the future

Honest businesses create value and are sustainable, good for all. False climate solutions profiting dishonest companies are unacceptable. How can Drax toxic wood smoke using Enviva pellets to power the grid be ignored? You can't train rocks and you can't stop climate change by burning our forests.

*Dr. Luis Contreras*



## The Pursuit Of HAPPINESS

by Dan Krotz

**T**he Republican establishment's panic over the ascendancy of Donald Trump includes a glimmer of understanding that "the base" has finally caught on to their trickle down scam, and now know that the only thing reliably trickling down is misery. The Party isn't quite sure what to do about it, but it's fun watching them balance the policy goals of nervous fat cat donors against the mundane but real world needs of irate voters.

It's also fun to watch them pat Ted Cruz on the head with one hand while holding their noses with the other. If they had a third hand they would use it to slap the snot out of themselves for their blindness to the realities, complexities and hardships of life experienced by working and middle class Americans.

What isn't fun is watching the Democratic Party get a free pass for their complicity in gutting opportunities for, and the security of, these same Americans. Is it a free pass? It has been, and will continue to be a free pass, until the Democratic establishment solidly, emphatically, rejects the policies and legislation of the Bill Clinton administration... which I knowingly and tediously repeat: the privatization of prisons and higher education, banking deregulation, disinvestment in and neglect of public infrastructure, abandonment of trades unions, and a willful, premeditated ingenuousness about the need for tax code reform. Clinton talked a good game, but doubled down on supply side economics and policies. It is entirely fair to say, and is commonly said among leftist, centrist and moderate economists, that his administration did more than any other to turn us into a nation of Walmart shoppers.

Voters need to hear – and see – that Mrs. Clinton knows that sounding like Lyndon Johnson, but governing like her husband, won't cut it. This is hardly an encomium for Bernie Sanders; it merely acknowledges that she'll need bigger and more capable hands than Slick Willie has to gain traction with voters.

And again, with respect to the Republican Party, it is fair – since we are being fair – to say that they are reaping what they have sowed, and will have to live with it. Unfortunately, we do too.



## 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://www.nwaws.org)
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- **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.
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- **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](mailto:lardellen@gmail.com).
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# INDEPENDENT ConstablesOnPatrol

## MARCH 14

10:57 a.m. – Two dogs ran amok toward the west side of town. Animal Control checked the area and spoke with the owner of the animals.  
12:50 p.m. – A soon-to-be ex-husband asked for a constable to stand by while he served his soon-to-be ex-wife with custody papers. Constable complied. Everything went smoothly.  
2:32 p.m. – There was a minor two-vehicle accident downtown.  
3:55 p.m. – Central Dispatch informed ESPD a woman on North Main had asked for assistance. Constable went to the area, but she was nowhere to be found.  
4:38 p.m. – A concerned sister told ESPD she was expecting her brother, who was driving a moving truck from Austin, several hours ago. Authorities searched for and located the brother.  
5:15 p.m. – A couple at a motel were quarreling, and the manager called for a constable. Neither disputant would explain what had happened, but the manager made it clear the male was not allowed back on the property.  
8:30 p.m. – An ex-wife claimed her ex-husband had taken her vehicle from a parking lot earlier in the day. Constable took down the details.  
9:36 p.m. – Resident in the neighborhoods east of downtown reported a disturbance at the neighbor's house. Constables responded and arrested an individual on a warrant out of Berryville.  
10:48 p.m. – Front desk clerk at a motel called for a constable because guests would not keep the noise down. Constable advised the group to cooperate or they would have to leave.

## MARCH 15

12:48 a.m. – The same motel clerk called again because a group was being loud again and allegedly smoking weed in the parking lot. Constables responded and kept watch.  
4:19 a.m. – Hotel staff reported a problem with an inebriated employee. Constable found the employee and encouraged him to skedaddle.

## MARCH 16

9:02 a.m. – Observant person downtown noticed meters were at zero but cars were in the spaces. Constable went to the scene and issued citations.  
1:49 p.m. – Concerned caller asked for a welfare check on an elderly person she had not heard from since November. Constable found the person in question doing well.

## MARCH 17

3:40 a.m. – In the north part of town, a motorist drove off a road and into a tree. She said she was unhurt and admitted it was her fault. She asked if she could wait until daylight to call a tow truck. Constable determined it would be okay since the vehicle was off the roadway.  
10:52 a.m. – Concerned witness saw two individuals on a balcony along Main Street trying to pry open windows. Witness claimed the

two had gained entry through a door. Constable discovered the two were workers cleaning out the building.

1:05 p.m. – Individual turned herself in on a warrant for theft of property.  
1:15 p.m. – Father filed a report regarding someone backing into his son's vehicle.  
3:18 p.m. – Traffic stop resulted in the arrest of the driver for driving on a suspended license.  
10:22 p.m. – There was a domestic dispute at a motel. Constables arrested one person for third degree domestic battery.

## MARCH 18

3:20 p.m. – Female came to the station to report her estranged husband had beat her up.  
4:06 p.m. – Constables responded to a residence to take a report about a person texting the resident about killing a woman.  
4:50 p.m. – Items previously reported as stolen were found at a location just east of downtown. Constables recovered the plunder and returned it to its owner.  
9:43 p.m. – Individual reported a theft from a vehicle parked in a lot.  
11:02 p.m. – Worried observer reported a verbal skirmish in a parking lot downtown. The couple in question left the scene, and constables did not encounter their vehicle.  
11:26 p.m. – Person at a bar downtown claimed he was attacked by two others at the bar.

## MARCH 19

2:26 a.m. – In an empty lot near downtown, two males were arguing loudly. Constable caught up with one of them for a report. The other one had already left the scene.  
4:29 a.m. – ESH asked for a constable to take a report on an assault as a result of a domestic disturbance.  
10 a.m. – Employee accidentally set off an alarm while opening the business.  
11:19 a.m. – Someone vandalized the bird feeder at a spring garden.  
11:38 a.m. – Rocks on a flat bed truck heading east on US 62 would fall off as the truck rounded curves. Constable stopped the driver and advised him to cover or contain his load.  
1:40 p.m. – One vehicle rear-ended another on US 62. No injuries.  
5:32 p.m. – Concerned motorist reported an erratic driver going all over the road on its way toward town from the south. Constables never encountered the vehicle.  
8:08 p.m. – Another quarrelsome couple at a motel drew the attention of constables. One person fled before constables arrived.

## MARCH 20

2:21 a.m. – Concerned individual told ESPD she suspected an unwelcome male was in her house, and she asked constables to clear the house. Constables complied and found not just one

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## Springs group tackles runoff

NICKY BOYETTE

Jim Helwig of the Springs Committee said at the March 15 Parks meeting that if the city had it to do over, it might decide to build City Hall beside the creek running through downtown instead of on top of it. The current situation constitutes a man-made hazard which last year required considerable expense and consternation, and there is still more to fix further downstream.

He said the committee has been studying Low Impact Development, which in simplest terms means mimicking nature, and for Eureka Springs in particular, an ecologically-

based storm water management strategy.

Helwig said the committee has learned much from the Illinois River Watershed Partnership based in Fayetteville about effective use of rain gardens and permeable pavement, for example, and other policies designed “to neutralize or offset excess runoff by increasing infiltration of water.”

He encouraged commissioners to support a resolution urging the city “to initiate an integrated approach to storm water management and low impact development.”

Chair Bill Featherstone promised commissioners would discuss the resolution at its next meeting, April 19.

## Parks attention directed to Leatherwood

NICKY BOYETTE

Interim Director Donna Woods reported Parks has operated for a month with only two full-time and one part-time staff. They will continue to accept applications for the gardener position until March 28, and new Director Justin Huss will choose the new staff member.

She said five seasonal staff, all having experience with Parks, are in place for 2016. She noted Parks took in \$649.82 on opening day at LLCP, more than for any previous opening day.

Woods pointed to the fact that the entrance road being paved before the 2014 season made an important difference in the march toward sustainability because income increased 17 percent in 2014 despite giving up fish and launch fees. The increase came not from cabins and campsite rentals but from bait shop sales, RV site rentals and boat rentals. There was also a significant bump in donations.

She urged the commission to focus on investing in an upgrade of the overnight accommodations – RV sites and the

cabins. Woods commented, “Lake Leatherwood City Park’s beauty and tranquility inspire and attract. All we need now are lodging options on par and this park will soon be on it way to sustainability.”

Woods observed the 1/8-cent sales and use tax dedicated to LLCP ends in September 2017. Parks will have received \$532,000 by her reckoning, which has been augmented by grants. She projected a considerable balance could remain after the tax sunsets but if the tax is renewed, LLCP will not continue to get the improvements seen there recently. “The single most significant thing this commission can do to increase revenue is to renovate the cabins at LLCP,” she said.

She also mentioned her staff replaced the signage along the Beacham Trail with the name correctly spelled this time. Repairs to the fountain in Basin Park are being funded by the Preservation Society, and the gazebo in the park is being renovated courtesy of Elise Roenigk and will be renamed Harmony Gazebo in honor of long-time Parks supporter Barbara Harmony.

## Local libraries offering digital magazines

The Carroll and Madison Library System now offer digital magazines via the eBook and downloadable audiobook platform Library2Go.

Magazines will be available for most devices and

are easy to download into the Barnes & Noble Nook app. Digital magazines have no due dates.

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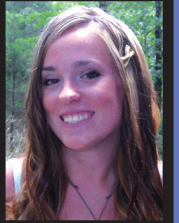


**Students of the month applauded** – Eureka Springs High School seniors Sarah Andress and Wyatt Pavelsk were recognized as Rotary Students of the Month for January and February. Sarah will be attending the University of Arkansas with a major in Biology, and Wyatt will be attending Hendrix College in Conway. *PHOTO SUBMITTED*

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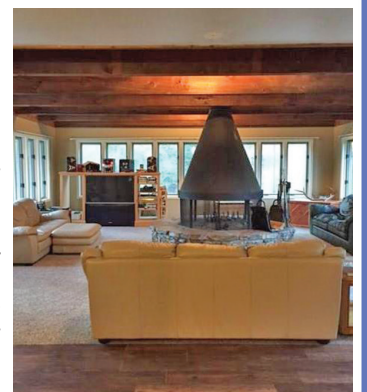
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Large farmhouse type home features large living/dining/kitchen area open to rear bluff view. View from front meadow as you approach the house. New front patio & door to the great room which has windows on 3 sides and large circular fireplace.

Large Great Room showing new carpeting, windows on three sides and wood floor in kitchen and dining area. Very rustic with beams and large, freestanding limestone fireplace – great for winter holidays. Can you image the size of the room to allow for 3 large sofas.



Custom Alderwood kitchen cabinets with travertine marble countertops and backsplash with decorative glass border. All new stainless appliances including double-oven. Breakfast bar open to Great Room.



## Schools procure bus, more coming

NICKY BOYETTE

Superintendent Bryan Pruitt announced at the March 17 school board meeting a new 77-passenger school bus arrived the first week of March. It was inspected by transportation director John Kesler and sent out on a route later the same day, replacing an older bus to be used as a backup. Pruitt said their fleet consisted of a bus for each of the eight routes, four

backups, a coach, and a small bus for short trips.

He mentioned there was money in the current budget earmarked for another bus, and recommended they consider one of three bids he had received. District treasurer Pam McGarrah said it was a good idea to buy a new bus every year, and the district had not done so during the years of the lawsuit with the State Department of Education, “so we’re still

catching up.”

The board voted to accept the bid for \$90,868 for another new bus to be delivered this spring.

They also voted to order another one just like it to be delivered during autumn of 2016, and that one would be part of the 2016-2017 budget. Pruitt alerted them that he would be asking again in spring 2017 for a bus to be delivered during autumn of 2017.

## 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](mailto:director@writerscolony.org) or go to [www.writerscolony.org](http://www.writerscolony.org) to register.

## Meditate, articulate, interpolate

The Eureka Springs Buddhist Study Group will gather for 30 minutes of meditation followed by reading and discussion on Thursday, March 24 at 4 p.m. at Heart of Many Ways, 68 Mountain Street. All are welcome.

## Readers invited for Bible Reading Marathon

All are invited to sign up for a 15 minutes slot during the 7<sup>th</sup> annual Bible Reading Marathon in Carroll County which begins on Thursday, April 28 at 6 p.m. with Soup Dinner put on by Cup of Love Ministries. The opening ceremony will begin at 7 p.m. and reading of the Bible will begin at 8 p.m. The 84-hour marathon will continue each day from 8 a.m. – 10 p.m. through Wednesday, May 4. The marathon will conclude on May 5 with National Day of Prayer from 8 a.m. – noon with a closing ceremony and prayer for the nation.

Each reader is asked to come 15

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

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

## TheNATUREofEUREKA by Steven Foster

### This redbud’s for you

From mid-March through early April redbud’s pink pea-like petals, held firm with a darker red base, mark the moment when spring vegetation changes daily. Blooming just before dogwoods, redbud is one of the better signals that winter is gone or you’ve been fooled into planting your garden too early and may become

victim to a hard spring frost. The Kiowa welcomed the blooming redbud as the dawning of spring. Flowering branches were broken off and taken into people’s homes to “drive winter out.”

Our eastern redbud *Cercis canadensis*, is historically called Salad Tree. It’s time to pretty-up your salads with the colorful

edible flowers, or if you wish, pickle them for future enjoyment. The flowers of the “salad tree” have a flavor similar to the first sweet young peas of the season, accompanied by a tart acidity, subdued with a hint of sweet nectar. Nothing beats these early blooms for color in salads. The buds, flowers and young green fruits can also be fried in a little butter or in batter as a tasty woodland morsel.

Redbud occurs in a range extending from Connecticut to Florida west Texas, and north through Wisconsin and southern Ontario. Eleven species are recognized in the genus *Cercis*, which as one might expect is in the Pea Family (Leguminosae or Fabaceae). Four species are found in North America. The generic name *Cercis* derives from the Greek name for the tree, coming from the supposed resemblance of the seedpods to a weaver’s shuttle.

Some call it a shrub, but it is a small tree usually, 12 to 15 feet tall, though rare specimens can grow to lofty heights of 50 feet or more. Mostly with branching trunks a few feet off the ground, its habit tends



towards greater breadth than height. The seldom-used wood, which is hard but not strong and takes on a high polish, was used only for small mechanical instruments.

As an ornamental tree there is no doubt of redbud’s value, but couple that with the edibility of the colorful spring blooms and you have a tree not only excellent for landscaping, but deserving of a spot in the edible landscape, too. In his monumental 14-volume *Silva of North America* (1903, Vol. 3), Charles Sprague Sargent, the first director of Harvard’s Arnold Arboretum wrote, “... at the end of a few years, if space is given for its free development, [it] makes a broad-branched flat-topped tree of formal outline, handsome at all seasons of the year, and in flower a striking and delightful object.”





## HDC gives nod on exact location of shed

NICKY BOYETTE

There was only one item on the March 16 Historic District Commission agenda. Rod Slane wanted to place a pre-fabricated shed at the back of the property at 169 Spring, and the only question from commissioners was where exactly he wanted to drop it. Once commissioners were assured the shed was going exactly where they thought it would go, the vote to approve the application was unanimous.

These four items on the Consent Agenda were approved:

- 51 Magnolia – re-paint, repair
- 4 Drennon – change roof color on new construction
- 12 Eureka – new front door color; add foundation lattice
- 2 Prospect – new paint colors for front of house

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

Chair Dee Bright presented these Administrative Approvals, which are applications for repair

or work involving no changes in materials or color but which also include applications for changes in roofing color:

- 242 Spring – re-roof front porch
- 4 Spring – repair/repaint fountain
- 4 Prospect – re-roof, repaint garage
- 130 W. Van Buren – re-roof

Next meeting will be Wednesday, April 6, at 6 p.m.

## INDEPENDENT Art & Entertainment

### ESSA April workshops

The Eureka Springs School of the Arts classes are about to start. ESSA is offering both three and five day classes from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Monday – Friday with one hour for lunch. For a list of classes and to register go online to [essa-art.org](http://essa-art.org).

## As easy as riding a bike

NICKY BOYETTE

Nate Griffey, representing the Carroll County chapter of the Ozark Off Road Cyclists, told Parks commissioners last week that OORC not only rides trails, they build and maintain them. He said a group of 14 volunteers recently began a new biking and hiking trail for beginners at Lake Leatherwood (LLCP), and they have been approached to build trails at The Farm near Butler Hollow.

In an effort to get students on mountain bikes, Griffey announced OORC is participating with the National Interscholastic Cycling Association to stage one of four NICA races in Arkansas this year at LLCP October 23. He commented this would be a noteworthy event because similar more established NICA races in other states draw hundreds of bikers, and this could become a significant annual attraction.

He also announced the Fat Tire Festival will be held at LLCP on the weekend of July 15-17.

OORC meets at 6 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month at Sparky's.

## 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

Miss Melon taught us a song with gestures – “I Want to Be an Angel.” We had a Christmas tree. Each of us children took a dime; then we got a present from the tree. Mine was a woolly lamb about four or five inches high, including the little platform on wheels on which it stood.

My next school was the Cromer – later converted into the Episcopal Church. It was in a row of houses that are now gone. The Crescent Hotel was not yet built. At the first turn on Prospect Street was the Christian Church. The Cromer had two rooms. The older pupils were in the back room with Miss Helen Putnam for teacher. We little folks were in the room next to the street with Miss Melon for our teacher. There might have been two terms there, for before we left I was studying the Third Reader. We also had spelling books and arithmetics – Ray's Primary Arithmetic. Of course, as usual, we had our slates. My sister Ida was old enough now to go to school. Minnie was in the other room.

There must have been a very large enrollment. We sat on homemade wooden benches without desks; long benches

that reached across the room. There were desks in the next room. Let no one speak disparagingly of our school in those days. I refrained from saying much about Miss Melon in describing our school on East Mountain. This is the best place to give an account of her teaching. Laura Melon was a teacher of training and experience, who had come from the St. Louis Public Schools. She came, as many teachers in those days came, for a sojourn in what was then a very new and popular resort for health and sight-seeing; a summer resort for those from the South, a winter resort for those from the North.

Talk of progressive education! Miss Melon taught us many of the things that are being stressed by modern educators. She had an abacus, and taught number combinations by pushing about, with a little pointer, colored beads on wires. We knew the primary colors and what combinations formed the secondary colors; she used colored crayons to show the results of marking one over another. I have never forgotten the seven prismatic colors in their proper order. She had a prism and showed its effect on sunlight.

We learned from her where are the

Boston Mountains, the meaning of the word “delta” and that there is a delta at the mouth of the White River, that it joins the Arkansas River with one mouth, the Mississippi with the other. I have seen children in high school who did not know the meaning of the word “opaque;” Miss Laura Melon's pupils knew.

She had some methods that would be condemned by modern educators; but I shall always give her credit for developing my reasoning powers. We had to give solutions for our little problems – reasoning from many to one and from one to many. I believe we were really using syllogisms; if this is true and that is true, this other thing is also true. Not a “since” or a “hence” or a “therefore” could we omit. We hated these lessons, of course; but many a time since, that formula has helped me solve difficult problems; it helped me to understand division of fractions.

At the Cromer School there were three delightful sources of play. At that time, on the site where Dr. Johnson's new house was built, there was an old frame building two stories high, with a plain roof and no eaves or leantos to cause grooves in the roof; it was a plain roof, an ideal place



for playing “ante over.” Should the ball strike the roof there was nothing to stop it from rolling off. The house was long enough for all the pupils of the school to play, and narrow enough that the ball could be tossed over. Nobody objected to our playing there. The older children did not object to the youngest joining in the sport. I suspect the biggest boys oftenest caught and tossed the ball; but it was fun to scamper around the end of the building when someone on either team caught the ball and led his “side” around to catch as many as possible of the opponents.



## Easter, the Resurrection Festival for Humanity

**Wednesday** is the Aries Solar Festival (and full moon). It is also a lunar eclipse. Something in form and matter in our lives disappears, no longer needed, having fulfilled its destiny. The New Group of World Servers everywhere is celebrating this Festival, which recognizes the Love of God and the work of the Hierarchy – inner world government. We recite the Great Invocation today, **Wednesday, and all week long during this Passion Week.**

**Thursday** is Purim (Hebrew festival of Lights). In Christian churches it is **Holy Thursday** – the evening of the Last Supper with Christ (Pisces & Aquarius World Teacher) and his “students” (disciples). On this night Christ instituted the priesthood and Holy Eucharist, the new dispensation (Law for the Pisces Age). **“No more blood sacrifice.”** the Christ said. Substituting the grape (signifying blood) and wheat to make bread (form and matter, the body).

**Good Friday** was (is) the Crucifixion, the 4<sup>th</sup> Initiation, the Great Renunciation. Christ Jesus, at the moment of death, “rent the veil” (opened the closed door) that kept humanity from returning home again (Spirit).

**Holy Saturday**, all candles are extinguished in the church, there is no light. The Christ is in the “tomb of matter”, the underworld, releasing the earth spirits from their imprisonment (Involutionary path into form and

matter). Humanity is released also.

**Sunday is Easter** (always after the full moon), the Festival of Resurrection for humanity, a festival of Love and of new “resurrected” life. All of nature knows this. This week’s events depict the Initiations (tests & trials) that Christ underwent. They are humanity’s Initiations also. After each “initiation” we are resurrected into greater & greater Light and understanding. This is the inner esoteric explanation of Easter.

**ARIES:** Past abilities and gifts emerge in your daily life. There are many and they are good. Wounds go into hiding, secreting away for a while. Tend with mindfulness on all daily tasks especially if traveling. Responsibilities increase as the month unfolds. Love increases, too. Find Taurus people. Sit and talk with them. They comfort you. Careful with money. Be prudent with money while also constantly tithing and sharing.

**TAURUS:** In these present times, when a reorientation is occurring, when our world as we know it may one day slow to a halt and how we’ve lived isn’t available anymore, you are very aware of how to prepare for life on the edge, life without comforts, and still maintain the Art of Living. Continue with research on what makes life livable. It’s time to gather the materials for a greenhouse. Old wood framed glass windows will do.

**GEMINI:** Home and work simultaneously call you to. And in both places you must do your very focused best. Two directions imply a here and an “over there ness” – an opposition. Which creates at first much resistance. Then, later, acceptance and a blending of the two. How can this occur? The astrology shows that your intuition (Pallas Athena in Aquarius) is very active and willing to bring forth synthesis. Ask more, wait for subtle quiet answers. Take time off.

**CANCER:** If you are experiencing inflammation and pain, know that of turmeric is an anti-inflammatory. Preparing and eating East Indian (or ayurvedic) foods are best for healing and digestion. Indian spices have health benefits: cayenne for warmth; coriander, also for inflammation, contains magnesium; cumin aids in digestion; chilis have Vitamin C. Dry roast spices first then sizzle them in ghee (clarified butter). These are nurturing North Node in Virgo, Mars in Sag health tips.

**LEO:** Tending to self is your Easter season task. How is your relationship with family? Is there contact, communication and emotional support? It seems many things from the past remain behind the scenes, somewhat hidden away. You can no longer stay hidden. You are Vesta now, the light of life for others. Vesta is the found object of self. I suggest this yearly to different signs. Create a Vesta treasure box. It becomes your art form.

**VIRGO:** Focus on serving others and not on anything else. Sometimes it’s hard to do our work with concentration and dedication. However, if we have an intention to do

something in a certain way, like focusing on our intention to serve, then it becomes easier. What you will receive by doing this is a clear and grounded sense of self. That wound that’s hurting will step aside. And clarity of vision and purpose emerge. You need all of these.

**LIBRA:** In your daily life you’ve become prudent, disciplined, focused, reliable, industrious, serious, reserved, patient and persevering. You’ve taken on more and more responsibilities and some Librans are assuming a healing role. Perhaps you are the one in need of healing?

Do not allow any type of insecurity or inhibitions to limit you. Think these through.

Be only with those who cared for and support you. Where everyone sees you as perfect. Mother always said you were (perfect).

**SCORPIO:** There’s a brilliant new state of creativity flowing through you. Music, very important at this time, must be in your environments at all times. Travel, study, things cultural, sculpting, hiking, horse tending and/or riding, seeking your next out of body experience, are past gifts you can again cultivate. Tend to mundane tasks carefully and bless the details. Blessings create new and deeper awareness.

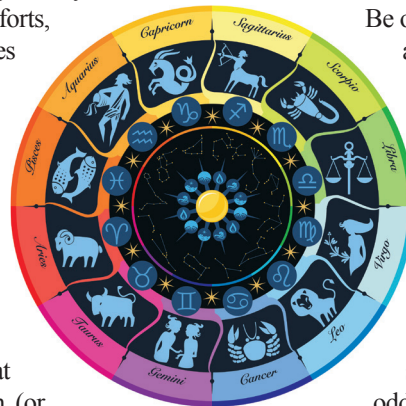
**SAGITTARIUS:** Home, for so long in a state of here and not here, now assumes a more defined reality. Bring in bright colors, plants, bowls of fish, art, lights and a flash of neon. They create the style you seek. Home is your sangha (refuge), sanctuary and retreat. Try not to be at odds with anyone and do tend to all tasks with constancy and care. You now expand your new identity, growth and development.

**CAPRICORN:** The tension and pressure you’re feeling can be used creatively. Know that a self-transformation is slowly coming your way. Cooperation is available from everyone. Teaching others to cooperate nurtures them and you. Everyone sees you as someone of great value, providing you with the courage needed that transforms all situations. You answer to needs. You are the harmony after the conflict.

**AQUARIUS:** It’s important to secure your money and not use it indiscriminately. It’s also important to share it with those in need. Your money should be used to safeguard your future, work and family. Invest with others in land, consider building an agrarian community. Assess the world situation and be the first to communicate what you see. A new world is coming. You will play a major part in its establishment.

**PISCES:** Is your daily life feeling somewhat shrouded in a mist? Can you assess your present daily needs and priorities? You want to be practical while initiating new goals. Relationships are expanding. How will this affect your life? Do you think about serving others? Serving is a Virgo task, your hidden sign. The Tibetan says, “Out of duty, perfectly performed, will emerge those larger duties which we call world work.” Always the world calls to you.

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### Soul talk at Metafizzies

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## CHRONIC WASTING continued from page 4

like that. It is just like a day care or school. When a lot of people are concentrated in one spot and one comes in with flu, everyone gets the flu."

Some people feed deer because they enjoy looking at them, and may think they are helping the deer. "But that is not the way it is meant to be," Zellers said. "Sometimes it can do damage when it comes to feeding wild animals."

Deer feeding was banned in Eureka

Springs in 2010 after complaints that residents feeding the deer was causing a nuisance because deer were decimating neighbor's gardens. Ordinance 2123 makes deer feeding a misdemeanor that, upon conviction, can be punished by a fine of \$100 for the first offense and \$200 for a second or subsequent offense occurring within one year from conviction of the previous offense, plus court costs. However, some residents might be unaware of the ordinance as there are reports of deer feeding continuing throughout town.

## HOSPITAL continued from page 3

of the commission to step in if Allegiance decided to walk away. He did not expect this, since Allegiance is making a profit and expanding services, but the commission must be able to handle payroll and operational expenses until a new contractor could step in.

Andert said the lease with Allegiance automatically renews for another five years October 17.

Commissioners suggested various

strategies for effectively investing funds using local banks and Certificates of Deposit of varying terms and rates. Merry said he and commissioner Bob Walling are scheduled to visit with a local bank to see what rates are available.

Commissioners eventually voted to recommit \$1.4 million to a five-year CD at one bank and discuss rolling over almost \$400,000 at another bank if the rate were satisfactory.

Next meeting will be Monday, June 20, at 1 p.m., at ECHO Clinic.



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## INDYSoul by Reillot Weston

### Tyler Gregory serenades Chelsea's Friday, Dusty Pearls glimmer at New Delhi Saturday

**M**usic makes the world go 'round because a song in your heart keeps the beat. Bearded, natural-love troubadour Tyler Gregory brings his soul to Chelsea's Friday night. On Saturday Eureka's own Violetta Lotus Burlesque dancers grace us with eccentric moves at the Cathouse.

If you want to sit outside and listen to music, you can catch Dusty Pearls at New Delhi Saturday evening, as well.

#### THURSDAY, MARCH 24

**EUREKA LIVE!** – *Green Screen*

*Karaoke*, 9 p.m.

**GRAND TAVERNE** – *Jerry Yester*,

Grand Piano, 6:30 p.m.

**LEGENDS SALOON** – *Locals Live Music*, 8 p.m.

#### FRIDAY, MARCH 25

**BALCONY RESTAURANT** – *Steve*

*Jones*, Singer/Songwriter, 12 p.m.

**BASIN PARK** – *Christian Music*, 11 a.m.

**CATHOUSE LOUNGE** – *Septembers End*, Rock, 8 p.m.

**CHELSEA'S** – *Tyler Gregory*, Singer/Songwriter, 9 p.m.

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

**GRAND TAVERNE** – *Arkansas Red*, Amplified Acoustic Guitar Dinner Music,

6:30 – 9:30 p.m.

**LEGENDS SALOON** – *DJ and*

*Karaoke with Stan*, 8 p.m.

**NEW DELHI** – *Terri and the*

*Executives*, Rock, 6 – 10 p.m.

**ROWDY BEAVER** – *Tablerockers*,

Rock, 7 p.m.

**ROWDY BEAVER DEN** – *Shockwave*

*Karaoke*, 9 p.m.

#### SATURDAY, MARCH 26

**BALCONY RESTAURANT** – *James White*, Singer/Songwriter, 12 p.m.

**BASIN PARK** – *Christian Music*, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.


**BREWS** – *Buffalo Gals*, Americana,

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Tyler Gregory plays Chelsea's Friday, March 25.


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**TUESDAY, MARCH 29**  
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DROPPING**A** Line by Robert Johnson

Kent Pennybaker came down from Lawrence, Kan., for an afternoon of striped fishing on Beaver Lake last week, so we put in at the dam and ran down to the Rocky Branch area. He got this 22-lb. fish pretty quickly on a five-in. shad free-lining about 60 ft. behind the boat. Idle around until you find where the big balls of bait are, then start fishing.

Big stripers are also being caught between the Hwy. 12 bridge and Hickory Creek Park, between Rogers and Springdale, from the surface to 28 ft. deep in the big creek arms and off the flats and points. Water temps are running from 50° – 54°, so fish are still full of eggs and the spawn should be in full swing in a couple of weeks with warmer weather coming.

Here at Holiday Island, it's about the same with walleye and whites moving in the creeks and upriver to Houseman, with most walleye being caught closer to Houseman and the whites popping up closer to Beaver and the island flats. It won't take but a few warm days to move them up and back into the back of the creeks again now that these freezing nights are over.

Crappie are a little slow but a lot of spotted bass can be caught four to eight ft. deep where the sun is hitting the water. This time of year you could get on a good bite



on all our warm water fish in the afternoons, too, as the water is warmer and they like sunning in the shallows.

Well, that's it for this week, and if we get another warm rain, get out behind it and you might be surprised with a good day of fishing and catching.

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

INDEPENDENT**Crossword**

by Mike Boian with extensive help from his wife, Ann Solution on page 19

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5.	Lariat	63.	Puncture, as a wound	33.	Central American rodent
10.	The ____ of Man	65.	Popular laundry soap	34.	Group of common themed poems
14.	Double curve, in design	66.	Figure skater's feat	35.	Teenagers' clothing line
15.	School for the study of Hebrew	67.	Rose	37.	Attractive female leg
16.	Bearing, demeanor	68.	First human home	38.	Individual entry
17.	Sutherland presentation	69.	Unit of force	39.	Hawaii's state bird
18.	West Yorkshire city	70.	Verbal form	41.	Feverless
19.	Places for sleepovers	71.	Very unusual	45.	Middle of March, May, July or October
20.	Relating to a sovereign			46.	Belfry sound
22.	Bent the rules			50.	Some future cinema stars' job
24.	Levi's material			52.	City NW of Brussels
25.	Hindu collection of aphorisms			53.	Escape punishment (slang)
26.	Send out			54.	Projection for insertion into a mortise
29.	Diminished			56.	Nematocyst
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### Kites, family, and felines (and bears)

Turpentine Creek and KaleidoKites of Eureka Springs will host the annual *Art with an Altitude* Kite Fest on March 26 at Turpentine Creek Wildlife Refuge. Flying a kite and participating in Kite Fest activities is free but there are normal admission prices to enter the refuge.

You can make your own kite on site or buy a kite during the festival. There will be food, music, and family activities to fill the day and an Easter egg hunt at 3 p.m. for kids 8 and under. For the adults there will be an after party fundraiser from 6 – 9 p.m. at the Cathouse Lounge which will have live entertainment from local artists, lift the kilt donations, fire dancers and silent auction items.

KaleidoKites' experts will be available to assist children in kite making and flying techniques. Donations to the refuge is requested for kite making assistance. Proceeds finance rescue and ongoing care for the 100 tigers, lions, cougars and other wildlife at the sanctuary.

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## LEGAL

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

In accordance with Act 576 of 1987 of the Acts of Arkansas, and pursuant to the Security agreements between THE STORAGE SOLUTION and the following Tenants occupying storage units:

Lilian Simms, C-13

Buddy Clanney, C-14

Ginger Hawley, E-19

Jason & Amber Childers, F-11

The collateral securing the above named Tenant's Obligations to The Storage Solution will be sold at a public sale, buyer registration begins 10 A.M., March 26, 2016. Sale at 7055 Hwy. 23 North, Eureka Springs, AR 72631, (479) 253-6117. Shall be in parcels each parcel being the contents of storage unit.

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## PERSONALS

Dear PARENTS,

Nice visit!

Now when are you moving back?

Love and miss you,

Your DAUGHTER

PJP – Waited at the Walmart as long as I could. Sorry, didn't know you were at Perkins. Picked up some nice shells at the beach for you.

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**TREE CUTTING** continued from page 7  
profit. Some log trucks might be diverted to a different sawmill and the proceeds go to a person, not the state of Arkansas.

“I can assure you that is not taking place,” Gregory said. “While a timber sale is going on, I will do frequent audits out there to make sure the loggers are only taking what needs to be taken. There is a blue marker on stumps that is used for auditing purposes. If we run across an area and see freshly cut trees with no stump marks, there are going to be questions asked about that. That is something that would be dealt with.”

Gregory said he is sensitive to the concerns of the public who use the WMA area and is willing to address their concerns. “Hopefully, I can enlighten them on the way we operate,” he said. “I will do the best I can

**CONSTABLES** continued from page 10  
but three males in the home. They were advised to leave and stay off the property. 3:59 p.m. – Patron would not leave a convenience store when asked by the manager, so constables got a call. The unwanted patron had already left, but the manager knew where he was staying. Constables confronted the former patron

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to do so. I will be willing to listen to their ideas and address their concerns.”

Like national forests, WMAs do what is known as controlled or prescribed burns where fire is set intentionally in order to improve wildlife habitat while reducing potential for large wildfires that can be far more destructive.

Gregory said they are constantly monitoring weather to minimize the impact of smoke from controlled burns.

“We have areas on the WMA that we don’t touch,” he said. “We don’t put fire in those areas. The same thing is true with harvesting in those areas. We do a lot of research. We have some areas that we have set aside to not do management work on. That way we have a control area we can look at.”

there and told him he was not to return to the convenience store property. 4:35 p.m. – CCSO passed along to ESPD that a male was hit by a vehicle on a street just off Main Street. Witness told the constable and EMS the person was actually hit by his own vehicle while push-starting it. The vehicle also rolled into another vehicle, but it started in the process, so the individual jumped in a drove away. Constable gathered information for a report.

8:20 p.m. – Ex-girlfriend told ESPD her ex-boyfriend had been harassing her earlier in the day and he was at it again. Constables went to the scene, but the harasser was gone. Complainant was advised constables will patrol the area but she should call if the ex returns.

11:24 p.m. – Individual was arrested on a warrant for possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Blood drives in Berryville

Community Blood Center of the Ozarks (CBCO) has issued a Code Yellow Alert for A Negative and O Negative blood. CBCO will host two blood drives on Friday, April 1 with the first at Tyson of Berryville, 110 W. Freeman from 9 a.m. – noon and the second at Walmart from 2:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Each donation will be awarded LifePoints as a part of CBCO’s donor rewards program. LifePoints may be

redeemed online for a variety of gift cards or points may be assigned to other meaningful causes or charities.

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

Raising the roof

On April 7 from 8 a.m. – 8 p.m. you can go online and donate during the ArkansasGives event and help the Writers’ Colony at Dairy Hollow put a new roof on their main house. Go online at [ArkansasGives.org](http://ArkansasGives.org) and use a credit card to donate a minimum of \$25.

Potluck at the Holiday Island Barn

*Friends of the Historic Holiday Island Barn* will have a potluck on Sunday, April 10 at the Barn beginning at 1 p.m. and a meal at 1:30 p.m. A short meeting will be held afterward to discuss a proposed patio. Lonnie Nichols and others will provide entertainment.

Bring a dish to share and contributions to the barn fund and musicians are appreciated. All are welcome. For more information contact Ken Brown at (479) 253-8934 or Susan Smith at (479) 253-5163.

The morel mushrooms the better

The Greater Eureka Springs Chamber of Commerce will present the Eureka Springs Morel Mushroom Festival on April 16 at Pine Mountain Village from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

There will be seminars on mushrooming from 9 – 11 a.m. with topics: • **Intro to Mycology** – A study of biology concerned with fungi. Learn how to identify types of fungi, learn where they grow and the types of soil and trees that types of fungi like. • **Safety Guidelines** – Learn what you need before heading out into the woods. • **Ethical Foraging** – Learn to observe proper etiquette while hunting morels. • **Proper cleaning and**

**cooking of morels**  
There will be a morel mushroom hunt at 1 p.m. with prizes being awarded for the most morels found, largest morel and the strangest looking morel. Other contests will include best morel joke, poem, song and more. Silver Dollar City will provide the prizes.

The event is free to the public. If you would like to participate in the guided mushroom hunt the cost is \$5 and you must come prepared in proper clothing such as boots, gloves, etc. For more information about the event, booth space and sponsorships contact Chris Rodgers at (479) 253-8737.

**INDY SOUL** continued from page 16  
7 – 10 p.m.  
**CATHOUSE LOUNGE – Violetta Lotus** *Burlesque and Jugglers featuring music by Opal Agafia*, Performance Art, 6 – 9 p.m.  
**CHELSEA’S – Chucky Waggs and Company of Raggs**, Americana, 9 p.m.  
**EUREKA LIVE! – DJ and Dancing**, 9 p.m.  
**GRAND TAVERNE – Jerry Yester**, Grand Piano, 6:30 p.m.  
**LEGENDS SALOON – Marshall Wallace Band**, Rock, 9 p.m.  
**NEW DELHI – Dusty Pearls**, Americana, 6 – 10 p.m.  
**ROWDY BEAVER – 2 Dog 2 Karaoke**, 7 p.m.

**ROWDY BEAVER DEN – Steve Zimmerman**, Singer/Songwriter, 1 – 5 p.m., *Left of Center*, Rock, 9 p.m.  
**SUNDAY, MARCH 27**  
**EUREKA LIVE – Green Screen Karaoke**, 8 p.m.  
**MONDAY, MARCH 28**  
**CHELSEA’S – Sprungbilly**, Bluegrass, 9 p.m.  
**TUESDAY, MARCH 29**  
**BREWS – Ralph White**, Singer/Songwriter, 7 p.m.  
**CATHOUSE LOUNGE – Los Roscoes**, Blues, 5 p.m.  
**CHELSEA’S – Open Mic**  
**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30**  
**BREWS – Trivia Night**, 6:30 p.m.



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