

Mayor proposes two percent tax to boost city revenues

NICKY BOYETTE

Monday evening Mayor Butch Berry presented city council with a preliminary plan to jumpstart the local economy by proposing re-initiating a two percent sales tax on retail purchases in the city. He projected the tax could bring as much as \$1.2 million annually based on calculations from finance director Lonnie Clark. The tax would have to be approved by the voters, and Berry said he hoped to work out details so the issue could be on the ballot in November.

“We’ve had our heads in the dirt for too many years.”

– Mayor Butch Berry

Berry emphasized that revenue would not be for city operations, but for specific unmet maintenance needs that have been neglected for too long. He projected \$200,000 of the revenue could be dedicated to refurbishing and maintaining the Auditorium, which has a list of unmet problems from the roof on down. As much as \$900,000 would go toward repairing and expanding the city’s water and sewer infrastructure, and \$100,000 annually could go into a reserve fund which the city has been draining for several years to supplement expenses for water, sewer, the Auditorium, and other responsibilities.

Berry stated he would recommend putting a 10-year sunset on the tax, so voters could then decide whether it was still needed.

He made the case that the city has been “robbing Peter to pay Paul” for too long. The city has overspent its

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I want to believe – Jim Marrs speaks on Remote Viewing at the annual UFO Conference in Eureka Springs that was hosted at the Inn of the Ozarks Convention Center. The conference was heavily attended with so many people that we at the *Independent* lost count very quickly.

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This Week’s INDEPENDENT Thinker

Good works have an unspoken effect on those who do the giving as much as on those who receive. Sometimes it’s outside our comfort zone to get involved with others’ plights, but laundromat owner Samuel Van De Cruze of Queens, New York, did it anyway.

On March 28, Van De Cruze picked up laundry from a homeless shelter, 5000 lbs. of it, and washed, dried, folded and delivered it back to people who were accustomed to spending up to \$30 to do the weekly wash.

“As a Christian, I’ve been taught to do good works,” he said.

Christian or not, it’s a practical matter to have clean clothes, whether for a job interview or to simply feel proud. And those who were walking to a laundromat with a couple or three kids who didn’t want to go, likely gave this man a lot of thought on Easter Sunday.

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budget in an attempt to deal with its aging infrastructure, broken pipes need fixing, and sewer lines still don't extend to certain parts of town. The city is making payments on its bonds, but not meeting requirements of the bonds and not catching up.

He said having a water testing facility would pay for itself in a few years, but the city doesn't have money to build the facility. There are grants that could help with repairing water and sewer pipes, for example, but they're matching grants and the city can't make the match.

Berry claimed budgets in city departments are as tight as possible, and he's looked for other ways to raise revenue, but the city can't wait any longer. He advocated a proactive approach, and hoped council would support him. "We've had our heads in the dirt for too many years," he said, and with extra steady revenue the city could begin to accomplish what has been left undone.

Berry pointed out the city will get a rush of visitors this weekend, and they will impact the infrastructure. It is only fair they pay their fair share in rebuilding it. In fact, he pointed out, visitors will pay

for most of it.

Alderman Terry McClung agreed there has not been enough work done to protect the city's reserves, but was skeptical the two-percent tax would generate as much as Berry hoped for.

Other aldermen asked for more clarity about Berry's plan. Alderman Joyce Zeller was unsure what items Berry's plan would tax, which led to the question of who would be collecting the tax. Important other particulars percolated and contrary opinions flew back and forth across the table until alderman James DeVito observed council needed more information.

Berry said he would check into legalities regarding the tax and address some of the details before the next meeting, but just wanted council to know where his thinking was headed.

Alderman David Mitchell urged consideration of Berry's ideas because council has already cut expenses as much as they are comfortable with, so the next step would be to increase revenue in the fairest way possible.

DeVito said he applauded Berry for taking on this daunting task. "You're doing something that is necessary. If there were a better way of doing it, I'm sure you would have found it."

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It's how we roll, taking care of our own – Shawn Flodman lives at Brighton Ridge care facility in Eureka Springs. He's in his thirties, has cerebral palsy, and has been in the same wheelchair since he was 16. Latigo Treuer, of local benevolence fame, had already planned a fundraising event called Friends with Benefits for April 17, but Flodman needed a new chair sooner. Treuer secured a loan from Community First Bank and took care of business. Treuer plans to use proceeds from a Sunday, April 17 event to pay off the loan and raise enough money to help the next person without having to procure another loan. The Friends with Benefits benefit is noon to closing Sunday at Chelsea's. Treuer has teamed up with local restaurants to provide a buffet, and there will be a New Belgium beer tasting, live music, and an auction. Suggested donation is \$10. Donations can also be made to the Friends with Benefits account at Community First.

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Workshop on food trucks gets spicy

NICKY BOYETTE

City Council convened a workshop Monday afternoon before the regular meeting to discuss whether to allow food trucks to operate in the city. Three Planning commissioners were in attendance, and discussion covered a menu of perspectives though discord and contention sat ready to intervene throughout.

Chair Steve Beacham of Planning commented his commission had looked at the advantages and problems associated with food trucks relative to current City Code. They also considered ordinances regarding food trucks in other cities and eventually decided food trucks would be legal in the C-1 and C-2 zones, but there was no public property where food trucks could operate, so they would have to be on private property. Beacham also cautioned against giving up parking spaces to have food trucks, and advised against impacting existing brick-and mortar restaurants by maintaining a 200-ft. rule.

There was a bit of disagreement about what City Code said regarding food trucks at special events, but there was consensus they must clear up language in Code regarding special events.

Alderman Mickey Schneider commented she had long ago recommended food trucks be allowed to operate downtown in an empty downtown parking lot from 9 p.m. – 2 a.m. on Fridays and Saturdays and maybe Sundays on long weekends. However, she maintained there are now a couple food businesses near City Hall that would be affected by having food trucks right across the street. She also pointed out bars are required by Arkansas law to have a kitchen and the ability to serve food,

though she has seen little enforcement of the law. Nevertheless, food trucks downtown would compete with the bars for food business.

Schneider claimed it is discriminatory not to allow food trucks within 200 feet of a standing restaurant unless there were also a 200-ft. rule that applied to the restaurants. She insisted the city would be setting itself up to a discrimination lawsuit.

No one else at the table shared her fear of a lawsuit. However, alderman James DeVito said existing restaurants pay property taxes all year-round, but a mobile food truck would not. However, he observed Eureka Springs is unique in how many restaurants per capita it has, and food trucks can be more than a place to get a snack. Some serve haute cuisine and would compete with any restaurant in town.

DeVito suggested a one-year regulated food court at the North Main parking lot as a way to bring interest to the arts and cultural district. “Getting people to visit North Main would benefit the whole town,” he maintained. The effect on losing parking there would be less dramatic than taking away parking spots downtown.

Not everyone agreed the North Main parking lot was the solution. Schneider called it “a damn little hole a mile down the road.” Others pointed out the North Main lot does fill up because the parking spaces are needed.

Alderman Joyce Zeller said that whatever they decide, someone would be impacted. The feedback she has heard is that people like food trucks because they are fun, cheaper and offer different food. “Whatever makes Eureka Springs sound

like fun,” she responded, and encouraged council to give them a try.

Planning commissioner James Morris also thought food trucks could provide something for pedestrian traffic downtown, saying the group should look at whether there is a need for them and a benefit to the city.

DeVito stated that being a restaurant owner, he has more to lose than anyone else at the table, but is in favor of trying food trucks. He also said council would inhibit the ability of food truck owners to operate if it limited times of doing business, pointing out a solitary food truck in a parking lot on the highway would not be the draw that a well-regulated food court could be. He urged council to learn from what other cities have already gone to the trouble to learn.

Alderman Terry McClung reiterated the issue for Eureka Springs regarding food trucks is where to put them, and although he didn’t want to sacrifice parking, he could not think of any private parking areas that met their needs. He wondered if food trucks were even a viable idea based on the problems they were struggling with. He said he was not against them, but it was difficult to fit them in.

Mayor Butch Berry reiterated it appeared the group was in favor of food trucks but was bogged down with details. Comments were batted back and forth like shuttlecocks on a summer holiday until alderman David Mitchell suggested Berry pick three people to pull together ideas from the discussion or risk wasting an hour of hearty discourse.

Berry said he would get a group together for a discussion and set up another workshop, time to be determined.

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School board reviews property lease

NICKY BOYETTE

Eureka Springs School Board gathered Tuesday morning with attorney Kristi Kendrick in the next step of negotiating a lease for the old high school property. Wade Williams, attorney for the Community Center Foundation in the lease negotiations, had forwarded a list of 29 objections he had with the lease Kendrick prepared, so Kendrick and board members went through it item by item.

Kendrick stated it is important in lease negotiations to clarify the rules are and anticipate issues that might occur. She acknowledged she did not fully understand some of Williams's objections, but following the board discussion she would prepare a response and arrange to meet with him.

Legal questions arose about the district's position as owner of property it leases. For example, after the lease is in effect and the Foundation takes possession, can there be a wine and cheese event on the property? It would still be

school district property where alcohol is not allowed.

If lease fees were overdue and late fees imposed, would they count toward paying down the purchase price? Also, what if the Foundation were to leave early for whatever reason? Kendrick said Williams wanted the Foundation to be able to leave it in the condition it is now. Board member Gayla Wolfinbarger preferred the property be delivered in better condition. Everyone agreed some particulars in the language were negotiable, but Wolfinbarger pointed out this arrangement is more complicated than a simple sale.

Board president Chris McClung suggested improvements in the section dealing with insurance for property damage, and cited appropriate language for Kendrick to include in the revised lease. He noted the Foundation might not be able to get replacement cost insurance without paying a higher rate.

Other points needing clarification including who has responsibility for

what once the lease is in effect, and what supervision the district should have on future projects on the property. Wolfinbarger insisted, "The lease should not compromise the schools." Al Larson added it was in the district's best interest to "make this doable" so the district could get out from under the burden of maintaining the property.

School board member Debbie Davis

pointed out several times that the board needed more information from the State regarding legal issues about a school district as a landlord, and Supt. Bryan Pruitt took on that assignment. Kendrick said she would prepare a response to Williams and find a time to meet with him.

"We have to make sure public interests are protected," Davis commented as the meeting adjourned.



Have you seen the banners? The time is close to the Bible reading marathon at the Great Passion Play that happens from April 28 – May 5. People of all ages are encouraged to attend and readers are still needed to sign up for a 15-minute block of time. Call Peggy at (870) 726-6037. Pictured – (l. – r.) back row: Wes Higdon, Larry Kirk, and John Wallace. Front row: David Kline, Dale and Laura Nichols, Bonnie Roediger, Dianne Higdon and Bob Perkins. PHOTO SUBMITTED

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The Eureka Springs Farmers' Market will host an opening day celebration on Thursday, April 14 from 7 a.m. – noon

sunny day in the forecast it is a perfect time to celebrate and support the community. Farmers' Market summer hours are Tuesday and Thursday, 7 a.m. – noon.

Celebration at Christview Ministries

Christview Ministries will launch its 12th year of ministry with a celebration Saturday, April 16, 1 – 4 p.m. at Christview Ministries Center, 992 County Road 309. All are invited for food, fellowship and music from 1 – 3 and a worship service from 3 – 4 p.m.

Christview offers individual and small group retreats, spiritual direction and Bible teaching. For more information go to www.christviewmin.org or www.livingthefullbible.com

City bee-comes Bee City

NICKY BOYETTE

City Council voted Monday to approve Resolution #678, which establishes Eureka Springs as the first city in Arkansas that "accepts the designation and commits to the standards of Bee City USA."

Beekeeper Ken Trimble gave council a brief tutorial on bees and their benefit to the economy by being pollinators. He said bees pollinate 85 percent of all flowers, some that are becoming endangered.

Trimble said a committee has formed under the auspices of the Parks Commission to follow through with requirements of Bee City USA, and Parks commissioner Steven Foster agreed to be the media contact for the group. Trimble envisioned the Bee City designation as a platform for educating the public.

After perusing the proposed resolution, alderman Terry McClung commented, "I don't see anything that would set us up for a sting."

Vote to approve the resolution was unanimous.

Ordinance to waive bidding gets started

NICKY BOYETTE

City council's Proposed Ordinance 2240 would waive requirements of competitive bidding for purchasing self-contained breathing apparatuses for the Eureka Springs Fire Department. Alderman Terry McClung mentioned at Monday's council meeting he noticed the proposed ordinance in front of them differed from previous discussion. He said he remembered they had discussed purchasing ten of the apparatuses, and the maximum cost to the budget was \$80,000.

Aldermen agreed to strike the first paragraph, and Mayor Butch Berry said he had reservations about other parts, but urged aldermen to pass the revised ordinance on its first reading, and he would bring more information to the next meeting.

Aldermen agreed to commit to the purchase of ten of the devices, and Berry said grant funds might help with the purchase. Council passed the first reading of the proposed ordinance.

Final Items

- Chair Ken Ketelsen of the City Advertising and Promotion Commission said the first quarter was strong for CAPC collections, and they are making a big push for the May Festival of the Arts. Geofencing has proved to be an effective advertising tool, and social media continues to be "the best bang for the buck." As an example, he pointed out Eureka Springs has more than 53,000 likes on Facebook compared to around 10,000 for Fayetteville.

- Council voted to reseat Jay Fitzsimmons to the

Parks Commission.

- City clerk Ann Armstrong showed council a list of city documents from 2008-2011 that would be destroyed.

- Council approved a resolution for putting two old fire department vehicles and an old police vehicle on the auction block.

- Another formality was unanimous approval of Resolution #680 which would authorize use of Rule #4 of the Arkansas Fire and Police Board. This is one step in the process of applying for an increase in pension amounts for eligible retirees. Final decision on the request is made in Little Rock, and the decision has nothing to do with the city budget.

Next meeting will be Monday, April 25 at 6 p.m. There will be a budget workshop at 5:30 before the meeting.

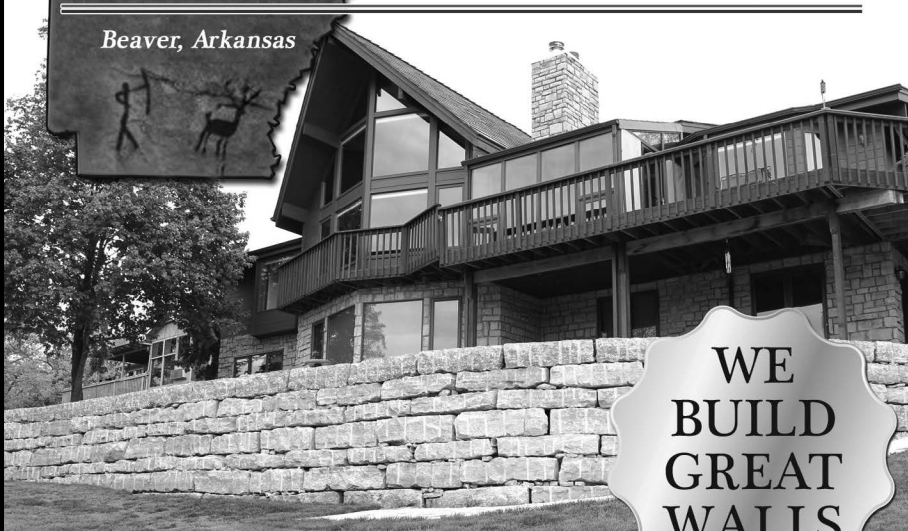
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John Rankine, grand marshal of ArtRageous Parade

The Eureka Springs Art Council has announced that John Rankine will be the 2016 Grand Marshal of the May Festival of the Arts ArtRageous Parade. The parade is the official kick-off of the month long celebration of the arts in Eureka Springs.

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HDC holds off on new construction approval

NICKY BOYETTE

At its April 6 meeting, the Historic District Commission considered the application by Bill King for construction of a new single-family residence on Point Street, a short street that juts east off Washington Street. The plans called for a three-level structure with a 16x26 footprint, and King wanted a lap panel steel roof. He claimed since this would be a new construction and hardly visible to most traffic, and since commissioners had approved lap panel roofs before, his roof choice should get consideration.

Commissioner Virgil Fowler stated there were too many unspecified elements on the application, but recommended approving the footprint and consider the rest of the application later pending more information from King.

Commissioner Melissa Greene pointed out the commission had approved lap panel roofs in other zones but not for the R-1 zone, which is where Point Street lies. She agreed with Fowler's recommendation.

King commented it appeared decisions by the commission regarding lap panel steel roofs seemed arbitrary. Greene suggested King speak with homeowners who have standing steel roofs, which would be allowed by the guidelines in R-1.

The commission did allow King latitude in the choice of materials for his deck since it would definitely not be visible from anyone's perspective at this point and maybe not ever.

Commissioners voted unanimously to approve the footprint of the plan and consider the other design elements as King presented them.

These four applications were approved:

- 75 Prospect – add permanent awning; new posts; enclose part of fourth floor rear deck
- 275 N. Main – new deck
- 4 Drennon – addition to new construction
- 171 W. Van Buren – new construction: studio/workshop

These items on the Consent Agenda

were approved:

- 45 1/2B Spring – new sign
 - E. Van Buren – re-wrap existing billboards
 - 1B Center – previously approved sign in new location
 - 107 E. Van Buren – new sign; new paint colors
 - 207 W. Van Buren – replace two existing signs
 - 26 Emporia – free-standing rear stairway
- Consent Agenda items are Level I applications that the City Preservation

Officer believes

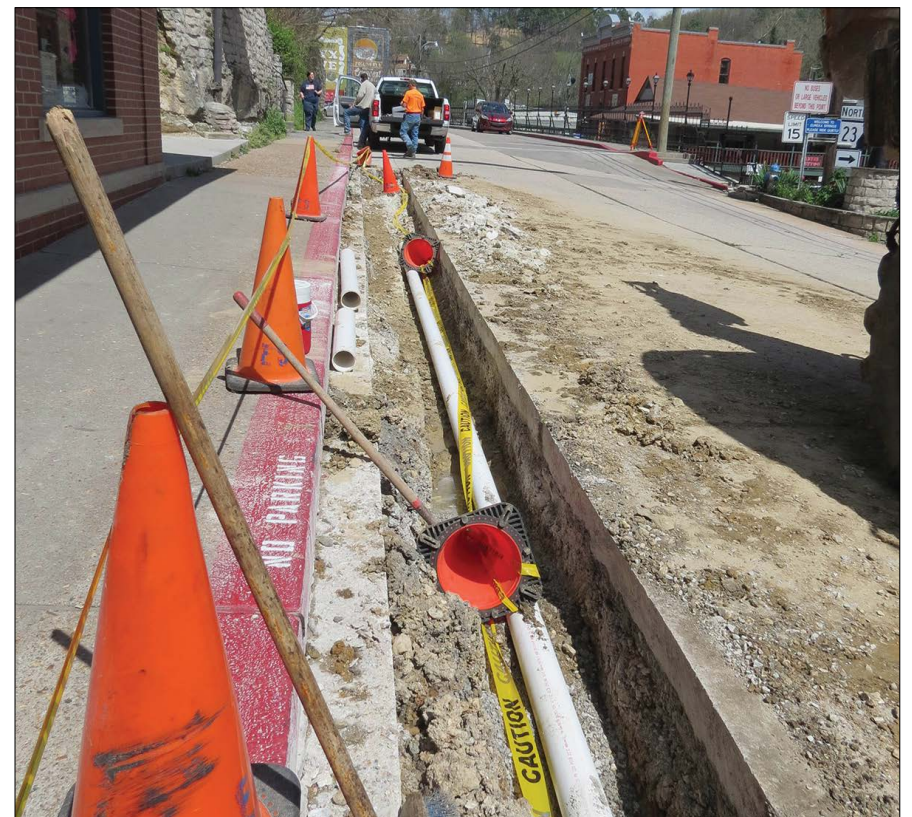
to be in accordance with the Design Guidelines.

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.

Level I – 27 Paxos – replace sidewalk

Level I – 36 Elk – re-roof

Next meeting will be Wednesday, April 20, at 6 p.m.



Cone-struction – The city installed new sewer and water lines last week to the property line of #1 Basin Building, after which the owner will be responsible for getting the line inside.

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Deer feeding ban had greater effect than realized

BECKY GILLETTE

The population of deer inside of Eureka Springs has declined considerably recently, which a wildlife biologist who recently surveyed the deer population suspects is largely due to the city banning deer feeding about five years ago.

William Craker, president of the Bull Shoals Urban Bow Hunters Association, and other bow hunters came back in January to survey the local deer population to see if numbers warranted a bow hunt to remove excess deer that destroy people's gardens and can cause vehicle accidents.

The survey indicates there are probably not enough deer to warrant a hunt.

"Based on what the deer population was estimated when they had the urban hunt, and the sheer lack of deer we saw after the holidays, our preliminary conclusion is there aren't enough deer in Eureka Springs for an urban hunt," said Craker, who has a master's degree in wildlife biology. "We expected to see a lot more than we did. There weren't very many. The numbers were nothing like the surveys for Lakeview and Bull Shoals."

Neither city has an ordinance against feeding deer, and Lakeview and Bull Shoals have a number of tourist lodging establishments that feed deer and advertise with deer photographs.

"I think not feeding plays a big part in the decline in the number of deer in Eureka Springs," Craker said. "It looks like Eureka Springs was smart in doing that. Seven other cities in Arkansas have active urban hunts every year. As far as I know, none of those cities has a feeding restriction on the deer. What Eureka Springs did was insightful, the single most effective thing they could have done."

Craker said another reason for fewer deer is that Eureka Springs doesn't have a large body of water nearby, which is a draw for whitetails.

Arkansas is ninth in the country for deer-vehicle collisions, up from 14th a year ago, according to State Farm Insurance. State Farm estimates the cost of 20,000 deer-related collisions in Arkansas at more than \$60 million in claims.

Currently there is concern about the outbreak of Chronic Wasting Disease in deer in Arkansas. Arkansas Game & Fish

William Craker, president of the Bull Shoals Urban Bow Hunters Association, said a recent survey shows the deer herd in Eureka Springs has reduced so much it wouldn't be worthwhile to do an urban deer hunt.



has found 71 deer and elk in the Buffalo River area infected with CWD, a fatal disease that could drastically reduce the deer population. There have been no reports of deer in Carroll County with CWD, but testing of road killed or sick deer has been expanded to 20 counties surrounding where the outbreak was found.

"But it is going to change the face of deer hunting in Arkansas," Craker said. "It is big news in the hunting community. Any time two hunters are standing next to each other, they talk about CWD. The future is uncertain how it is going to affect hunting. The most dedicated conservationists tend to be hunters, and they are hoping CWD hasn't spread that far. Our biggest fear is the disease will spread from where it started in the Buffalo River Valley to the White River Valley, which would bring it to our part of the state."

"One of the best things hunters could do is get online and do a little research in states where CWD has been active a number of years. Physical attributes of CWD can be identified by hunters once they become familiar with what the disease does to the whitetail in later stages. Look at the procedures

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It's in the garage

Editor,

I saw on the city council meeting on cable last night someone from the CAPC said collections are going well which means lots of people are visiting our town. He also said there would be a big push to bring in lots more people during May.

The mayor talked about a tax on retail items which would be paid mostly by visitors, and some of the new money

would fix up the Auditorium, which might bring more visitors still. All these tourists coming to see the sights around here means more money circulating and that is good for everyone, but if the city keeps luring more people to come visit, where are they going to park? It's hard to park here as it is. Sooner or later the visitors will have to park in Holiday Island and ride a shuttle to town. That is a need an entrepreneur should grab hold of.

Awhile back, city council briefly

mentioned a downtown parking garage. Other cities have built them and they fit in and served the need. It would require money and Eureka Springs has none, so funding would come from grants or large donations or loans, but it would solve a great need. Eureka Springs is proud of its history, but old connections might be getting in the way of something good for the town. If the city wants to increase tourism, make it easy for visitors to park near downtown.

Jane Cook



WEEK'S Top Tweets

@MotleyKoen: Speaking of short term memory,

@robdelany: I would rather be a goat or a bag of teeth than a "low information voter."

@filthyrichmond: So-called "Trader" Joe's wouldn't let me pay with furs or rum or even live birds.

@iNusku: I want to make a font joke but I'm not bold enough.

@jonnyusun: It's pretty gutsy that you call yourself salad, potato salad.

@SteveMartinToGo: Haven't tweeted lately because I'm really absorbed by this Bounty paper towel.

@JohnLyon: I saw an ad for burial plots and thought that's the last thing I need.

@clarkekant: I want a flatscreen so big I can't tell where TV begins and real life ends.

@mugkip: Just once I'd like to see a cactus that isn't flexing.

@awryone: Bricks and mortar are so passé. I'm going to live in my homepage.

@thethryll: How many light bulbs does it take to change a man?

@imalegend: Maybe middle America will believe in global warming if we make it a Snapple Fact.

@meganamram: I don't want to learn karate but I really need a new belt.

@angelahelga: The thermostat was invented 125 years ago but I have yet to work in an office with one that has anything but Africa and Siberia as settings.

by Vernon Tucker

The community camel

I miss the old Legion Hut.

Thanks to the Veterans of Foreign Wars Walker-Wilson Post #9 and the late Warren Keck, the old log building in the heart of town served Eureka Springs for years as a lively community center.

It wasn't grand, it was just a big, affordable, funky old room with a kitchen, a stage, a wooden dance floor and a couple of bathrooms, but hundreds of Eureka residents enjoyed dozens of different activities there every month. In Berryville they used to have the same thing in an old one-room church just off the square.

One of the best things about being a small town newspaper reporter/photographer is that it gets you out of your circle of daily acquaintances. Working for various local newspapers over the past 46 years, I've had a chance to observe a lot of different tribes in Eureka, many of them within the log walls of the old Legion Hut.

I wasn't a Cub Scout, or a Brownie, but I was privileged to cover some of their meetings there. Likewise, through the Legion Hut, I got to know some of the veterans, local theater groups, and members of various family reunions, weddings and other celebrations.

The weekend indoor yard sales were a great mixer. It seemed like, sooner or later, every Eureka went to one of those, on one side of the table or the other. There was plenty of free, unmetered parking and the Legion Hut was just a short walk for everyone who lived downtown.

Gumbo Ya-Ya!

Eureka's old Legion Hut Community Center reminds me of something Trixie told me as we watched a Rex parade roll down Canal Street. "The parades are like a gumbo that blends New Orleanians together. You got your coonass cousin from the swamp standing next to a white banker from the Garden District standing next to an exotic stripper who's standing shoulder to shoulder with a black priest, all jumping up and down screaming, 'Throw me somethin', mister!'" Parades show that, as different as we all are, it's OK to be neighbors in the same community."

The de-evolution of Eureka's Folk

Festival parade, the highlight of America's oldest continuing folk festival still held in its original location, is a sad barometer of the demise of community spirit that started around the time the Legion Hut was sold and turned into a disco.

Believe it or not, Spring Street merchants used to close their stores so they could march in the parade, with their children and their neighbors! Today, the Highlander marching band is sadly absent, as are the floats and entries packed with what seemed like just about every kid in town. Mostly today it's swells riding in expensive cars and merchants complaining

about people clogging the sidewalks in front of their stores instead of buying whatever they're hawking.

Eureka's sense of community has been further eroded by a number of extinctions. Gone are the annual Thanksgiving and Christmas community meals at the Legion Hut, where all were welcome and neighbors contributed what they could. Gone is the Sunday Starlight Cinema and Charlotte Buchanan's parking lot flea market. Gone are the Hillfolk who performed on weekends in Basin Spring Park until the highway music shows squashed the free competition. Gone is the Ukulele Club and Virginia Tyler's Hiking Club. Gone are the music festivals that Verna Maberry used to host at Lake Leatherwood City Park.

Long gone is the Ozark Music Festival that drew 30,000 visitors to Eureka in 1973, and with it went the Ozark Institute think tank. Gone is the Eureka Brotherhood Cooperative that served as a hiring center for local workers and a wood shop and foundry housed in a donated downtown building. Gone is the Eureka Springs Art Guild, which secured funds to commission and install local artwork in public areas. Gone is the city's July 4th community birthday celebration at Lake Leatherwood. Gone are nationally prominent entertainers like Ray Charles and Willie Nelson who loved performing at the city auditorium opened by John Philip Sousa.

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The Pursuit of HAPPINESS

by Dan Krotz

It came to my attention that a late middle-aged and disabled veteran was identified as a vulnerable adult. The consequence was that a sister was awarded guardianship, along with its associated powers. Summarily, the old airman was lodged in a nursing home and the sister seized control of his assets, checkbook, etc.

Why was this man, who owned property, had savings, paid taxes, and was entirely lawful in his behavior, declared vulnerable and in need of protection? Because his housekeeping was atrocious: he failed to take out the garbage; last year's dishes remained unwashed; roaches roamed the household range freely, and the deer and the antelope played in every corner. His personal Department of Environmental Quality was, in other words, just awful, and hardly better than its State of Arkansas equivalent.

Although competent in every other instance, a legal authority agreed with the sister that her brother was incompetent, based solely on their conflicted aesthetics. The sister's ideas about hygiene – and, we assume, the judge's – differed from her brother's; thus, their aesthetic differences allowed "them" to legally toss the old vet into Dwindling Lights Storage Systems, Inc., and take away his Do-Re-Mi.

You may think these actions against the brother are unfair, but I have some sympathy for the sister. A casual walk about my neighborhood will lead you, if you have the most casual preference for washed necks and recycling, to think that a fair number of my friends and neighbors ought to be institutionalized.

Along these same lines, a visit to the Eureka Springs Hospital – surely a Third World relic despite being staffed by competent professionals – causes one to imagine that our city's leaders must be vulnerable and befuddled adults. How else to excuse the shambles of the place? Perhaps our leaders should – shouldn't they? – be loaded on a small bus, helped to fasten their seat belts, and taken away to Dwindling Lights.

Then again, what of the brother's rights? Since when is a free citizen of the United States required to take a bath on Saturday night, or any night? There is no law saying you have to smell nice for snooty Yankees, or even for your sister.

A little help from our friends:

- **Carroll County Domestic Violence Hotline:** 1-844-247-3223 (844-24PEACE) is available 24/7. The Purple Flower Domestic Violence Resource and Support Center of Carroll County is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. 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.
- **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.
- **Overeaters Anonymous** – Thursdays, 10:30 a.m. Barbara (479) 244-0371 • **Narcotics Anonymous** – Fridays, 5:30 p.m. (903) 278-5568. Meetings held at Eureka Springs Coffee Pot Group behind Land O’ Nod Victorian Inn.
- **Coffee Break Al-Anon Family Group Women** – Tuesdays, 9:45 a.m., Faith Christian Family Church, Hwy. 23S, (479) 363-9495. • **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. Meetings held at Eureka Springs Coffee Pot Group behind Land O’ Nod Victorian Inn. All other meetings: See www.nwarkaa.org

INDEPENDENT ConstablesOnPatrol

APRIL 4

9:59 p.m. – Traffic stop resulted in the arrest of one individual for theft by receiving and another individual for disorderly conduct, resisting arrest, public intoxication and obstructing governmental operations.

11:07 p.m. – A couple engaged in a domestic dispute in their front yard. Constable arrested the male on a warrant out of Bentonville.

APRIL 5

8:32 p.m. – Person was supposed to be in Eureka Springs for a job interview but her concerned friend had not been able to make contact. Constable was able to locate the person at a motel. She was okay.

9:17 p.m. – Traffic stop resulted in the arrest of the driver for driving on a suspended license and defective equipment.

APRIL 6

12:10 a.m. – A mother asked for a welfare check on her daughter who was supposed to be moving out of a residence. Constable found the daughter packed up and leaving.

1:22 a.m. – Same daughter wanted a constable to ask her mother to stop harassing her. Constable complied.

10:07 a.m. – Neighbor complained about a dog running freely through the neighborhood. Animal Control advised the dog’s owner about local leash laws.

11:38 a.m. – Motorist eastbound on US 62 was reportedly speeding and passing on dangerous curves almost causing a head-on crash. Constable observed the driver behaving appropriately in city limits.

2:50 p.m. – Building owner downtown told a constable the previous tenant had stolen items upon vacating the property, but the owner did not want to file a report.

4:52 p.m. – Motel manager alerted ESPD to possible drug dealing in one of the rooms and asked for extra patrols.

8:45 p.m. – Restaurant manager reported a suspicious person lurking on the property and asked for constables to watch for and ask him to leave the premises.

10:35 p.m. – Alarm at a bank was triggered somehow, but the alarm company assured ESPD everything was okay.

APRIL 7

9:47 p.m. – A daughter came to the station to report harassing communications from her mother. Constable advised all parties involved of a protection order. No charges were filed.

9:51 a.m. – A mother claimed her son had written checks on her account without her permission.

1:01 p.m. – Storeowner reported an item had been stolen over the weekend.

2:37 p.m. – Individual entered a downtown hotel in violation of a protection order. Constables gathered information.

3:56 p.m. – Restaurant staff reported an ex-

employee not allowed on the premises had made an appearance. Constables responded and arrested the individual on a felony warrant.

8:45 p.m. – Passerby reported there was a business on Main Street with its door wide open. Constable searched for but did not find a wide open door.

APRIL 8

12:17 a.m. – Individual was arrested for sleeping in a vehicle and DWI-drugs.

9:53 a.m. – Clerk in a store reported a suspicious male wearing sunglasses, a blonde wig and gloves. Constables responded but did not encounter the person.

3:32 p.m. – Constable went to the scene of a vehicle parked in a loading zone.

10:32 p.m. – People were loitering in the parking lot of a business that was closing. Constable advised them to move along.

10:45 p.m. – Constable asked a restaurant downtown to turn down the volume of the music.

APRIL 9

1:54 a.m. – Concerned onlooker alerted ESPD to a person too inebriated to drive. Constable responded and watched the person leave in a taxi.

9:39 a.m. – Caller was worried about an employee and asked for a welfare check. Constable found the employee doing well.

1:12 p.m. – Constable explained local ordinances to dump truck drivers in the east part of town.

2:14 p.m. – Passerby noticed a dog locked in a vehicle with all windows up. Constable was able to speak with the dog’s owner.

2:35 p.m. – Person came to the station to express concern for the welfare of a sales clerk in a business. Constable went to the store to speak with the person.

10:25 p.m. – As a result of a hit and run accident, a person was arrested for DWI, careless driving and endangering the welfare of a minor.

APRIL 10

2:22 a.m. – Individual reported her car and other items had been taken from a residence near downtown.

6:20 a.m. – Motorist said he was behind a vehicle which had crossed the centerline several times. The vehicle had pulled into a motel parking lot. Constable responded, but the vehicle was not there.

10:11 a.m. – Guest at a Bed & Breakfast claimed her purse had been stolen.

11:27 a.m. – Traffic stop resulted in the arrest of the driver for driving on a suspended license and of the passenger on an outstanding warrant from Washington County.

12:03 p.m. – Ex-boyfriend told ESPD his ex-girlfriend had entered his residence without permission. Constable spoke with both of them and advised the ex-girlfriend she would risk arrest if she entered the premises again.

10:30 p.m. – Individual was arrested for burning during a burn ban, fleeing an officer, resisting arrest and disorderly conduct.

I miss all those wonderful community-building events but I miss the Legion Hut the most. It's the only place where I played drums for Greasy Greens at a wedding where everyone came dressed in outrageous costumes! A lot of local musicians honed their chops in that funky old building.

Gone are city council meetings in a room large enough for the community to participate. Gone are elected representatives who put the rights and hopes of the community above the right-wing goals of the city's homophobic Chamber of Christian Commerce.

Sometimes you do need a weatherman

"Times change," is often heard from city aldermen when reminded of previous services and opportunities once freely available to Eureka's residents but that glib generalization throws the baby out with the bathwater. Many of those bygone events and organizations provided important services for those who call Eureka home. They probably didn't do that much to boost tourism profits but they gave a big lift to the city's spirit and sense of community.

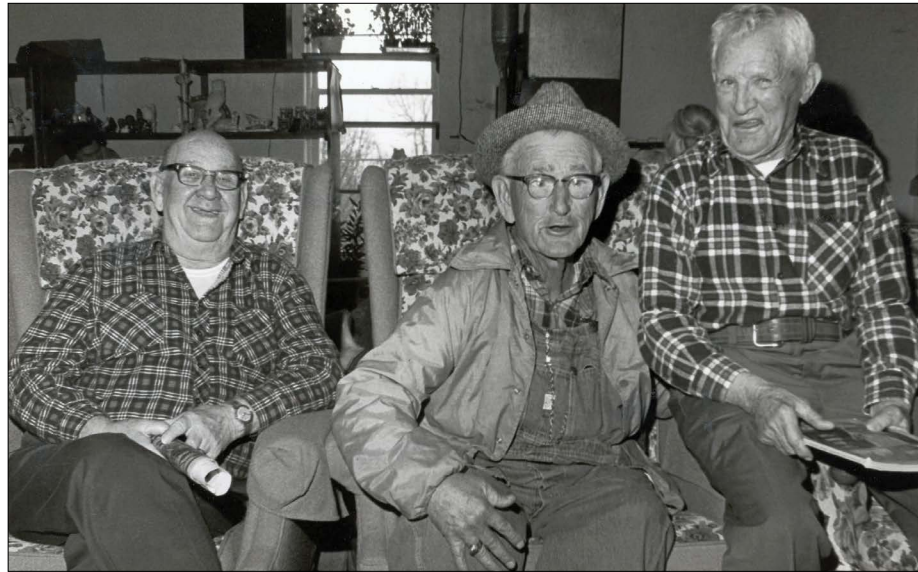
After the Legion Hut was killed and the city's most powerful banker no longer had to see hippies and queers traipsing in and out of the Legion Hut across Main Street from his office window, some community activities tried to relocate at the Auditorium or Harmon Park and some just curled up and died. Eventually, the rent for use of The Aud was jacked up so high that even the popular Eureka Players rang down the curtain and disbanded.

The building used for community dinners and other gatherings at Harmon Park became Eureka Kids but its after-school program petered out for lack of city support and is now used to store the city's Xmas decorations. Kids who used to attend Lane House were sad when it closed but were looking forward to resuming community activities at Main Stage until its directors changed direction and opted for more adult activities with economic potential.

Now we have no after-school programs for kids or community center activities for older Eurekans. We don't even have a municipal swimming pool! Eureka's many swimming pools are "tourist only."

The party line ... and Shuggie

The trend that's destroying our community is driven by one big lie, "Tourism is Eureka's only source of income." This self-servingly overlooks the fact that a sizable portion of the



A one-room church in Berryville was a great place to listen to old timers spin their yarns.



Veterans of Foreign Wars Walker-Wilson Post #9 on S. Main served Eureka Springs residents as an outstanding and affordable community center.

resident population has no dog in that fight and is tired of subsidizing those who do.

Half the people who live on my street do not depend on tourism revenue. Some of them arrived with money, some commute to work outside Eureka, some live on "mailbox money" and some are just comfortably poor.

If all we're about is selling knickknacks, how come we have four banks for fewer than 2,000 people, and dropping? That's a lot of pet rocks and T-shirts! It also overlooks the big dogs in Eureka's economy: banking, real estate and insurance. And, as Shuggie Tucker recently pointed out on Geekfest, "booze." The last time I did the math, this little town had more than 60 businesses that sold alcohol. That's gotta be a per-capita record for Arkansas cities!

Gone are some of the oldest churches where neighbors once walked to worship.

Gone are the stores that sold, and repaired, useful items. Gone are the downtown utility company offices where pedestrians could drop off bill payments. Gone are Harps and Clarks, the small downtown grocery stores you could walk to. Gone is the Hi-Hat, a kid-friendly bar where bankers, hippies, rednecks, dope growers and busking musicians were welcome and well behaved, mostly. Gone are the school children who formed life-long acquaintanceships with older neighbors they used to walk past on their way to and from school.

The city's hospital is on life support and spring water that once won medals at World's Fairs has been condemned by the State Health Department. Unfortunately, the tap water is worse. The city continues to spend our tax money on tourism promotion instead of infrastructure repair.

One hump or two ... or three?

The more I look at the plans for

the new old high school visitors and convention center the more I'm reminded of that hoary definition of a camel: "A horse designed by a committee."

The proposal to develop the old high school property calls for so many "revenue-producing" components that I wonder where the activities that used to be held in the old Legion Hut might occur. How much money does it take to keep the utilities turned on in a one-room community center like the Legion Hut?

We don't need a zillion-dollar project that falsely calls itself a "Community Center" when it is actually just another cog in the tourism industry that will benefit the same old good old boys that have monetized so many aspects of Eureka that should be freely available to those who think of this town as a place to simply live or possibly raise a family.

The late Paisley Livingston is one of my local heroes. He, and his wife Nell, were stalwarts in the Eureka Springs Preservation Society when a local motel owner wanted to lean on his old college roommate, a well-connected congressman, to relocate Eureka's downtown post office up on the highway to anchor a strip mall. Paisley wisely warned, "You can only take so much out of a town before it stops being a town."

Hillbilly gumption

Most Eureka residents are sharing and creative people, as is typical of many who live in remote areas with cyclical economies. We don't need much to make a real community center work, just one good-sized room, a kitchen and bathrooms. We still remember how to do the rest.

You know, something like the old Stone Church atop Mountain Street, which is closed half the year and "land-banked" for appreciation as a magic theater during tourist season. Instead, we're being offered a chance to boost convention tourism with a so-called "Community Center" which is actually just the latest in a long line of tourist-industry moneymakers.

I have no problem with Eureka's lodging industry asking for zillions of dollars to boost hotels' convention and banquet income potential by developing the old high school as a "Visitors' Center" as long as we don't let it blind us to the crucial need for just a few bucks to open a real "Community Center."

Please do the town a favor and don't insult Eureka Springs's children and older residents by calling it a "Community Center." That would be another lie.



Shipping containers evolve into eco home

BECKY GILLETTE

April and Dustin Griffith have a love of design, recycling antique materials, and protecting the environment. They have indulged all three interests by building a unique home in rural Carroll County from three metal shipping containers, pre-owned windows and doors, and antiques such as the 1922 bathtub they restored.

April, a librarian, and Dustin, a mechanic, both have college degrees in industrial design. That gave them the confidence and skills to use a CAD software program to design the light and airy structure that avoids the problem of some container houses of feeling too closed in.

"It could be like a cave," Dustin said. "But we designed it to have plenty of light."

Having metal bones means no worries about termites, rot or mildew. There is one small shipping container on the lower level that serves as a shop and supports the back porch deck. Two 40-ft. long shipping containers flank each side of the house, with one side serving as the kitchen and baby October's room, and the other side a bathroom, bedroom and storage room. Between containers housing the living room and dining room

is an elevated ceiling with eight clerestory windows on the east side that add plenty of light and ventilation. There are glass sliding doors at the front entrance and a large window at the back door.

The eight large double-pane windows were bought off craigslist for \$200. They came from a house where there had been a fire, and although the windows were still good, the insurance settlement required them to be replaced.

Used doors to the rooms are rustic and colorful. There is a glass window in the bathroom made from recycled wine bottles and a refinished antique bathtub. Metal trusses in the living room were bought used, and someone gave them steel beams to support the home. Even the living room floor coverings are made from recycled materials, in this case paper grocery bags laid over an OSB subfloor and finished with a walnut stain.

April and Dustin had been thinking about building a container home for five years before launching into the project that took a year and a half to complete. While they did save money by purchasing used materials, April said the shipping containers weren't any cheaper than if they had constructed a stick-built house. The primary motivation to use the shipping

containers was to recycle materials that otherwise might have just sat stacked up at a port somewhere for decades.

"We didn't save that much, but we wanted to do the environmentally conscious thing," April said. "We also wanted something that would last with little maintenance. Shipping containers are very durable. In addition to metal walls, one of the containers had teak floors for pest resistance. We just left the teak floors."

They could have painted the exterior to make it look more conventional, but they like the funky way it looks with the original paint, a durable, marine-grade paint that will never need repainting.

Dustin said a lot of shipping containers are never used again after importing goods because the U.S. imports a lot more products that it exports, and it isn't cost efficient to ship them back to China empty.

There was a learning curve with cutting holes into the sides of containers for windows, doors and room openings. "The hardest part was installing the windows because it is difficult to cut straight into a corrugated metal surface without it buckling," he said.

They credit the help of Dustin's

father, Pat, with getting the 1,200-sq.-ft. built so quickly. They also had help from others.

"It is inspiring to live in a community where a lot of people have built their own houses, and were nice enough to come and give us advice," April said.

The house they moved into in October 2015 is comfortable and has low energy bills with a wood stove to supplement a mini-split heating and air conditioning system. They estimate their energy bills will average \$100 a month or less.

Building an alternative home can have its challenges beyond the skills needed. They initially ran into difficulty getting a mortgage because the bank they were using couldn't find a suitable home to compare it to in order to estimate its value. But First National Bank of Berryville helped out by deciding to just compare it to a house in the area of a similar size.

"You could think of it as just having unique siding," Dustin said.

While right now it is hard to find a "comp" sale for a container home, April said one banker told them they are getting increased requests for loans on container homes and that "it is something we will have to figure out."

The truth about lightning

NICKY BOYETTE

According to one version of a Chinese myth, thunder god Lei Gong was keeping watch on a village and mistakenly thundered death down on a woman he thought was throwing perfectly good rice into a ditch. Turns out the woman was discarding rice hulls after making a porridge for an elderly person. The Jade Emperor pointed out the mistake to Lei Gong and revived the woman. She became Lei Gong's wife and was named Dian Mu, or Goddess of Lightning. To prevent her new husband from making any more mistakes, she would use two mirrors to throw lightning across the sky to brighten up the world before Lei Gong thundered (and blundered). That's why lightning precedes thunder.

Lightning has been a mystery to observers from the beginning. Humans and pre-humans have witnessed it in volcanic eruptions, forest fires, hurricanes, snowstorms and thunderstorms. Native North American legends featured a powerful thunderbird whose wingbeats caused thunder while lightning flashed from its beak. Norse folklore has Thor wielding his mighty hammer accompanied by bolts of lightning to scare away trolls, which explains why there are so few trolls in Scandinavia today.

Ancient Greeks mythologized that Zeus, supreme ruler of the Olympian gods, had a never-ending supply of lightning bolts in a bucket which could be used as weapons, such as when a rival lusted after his wife. Mythologies from around the world had legends about a god of thunder and lightning, and often this god was the most powerful.

Science

Since ancient times, people have known there were fish that would shock a person when touched and that rubbing animal fur caused a static reaction. In 1600, English scientist William Gilbert focused on the phenomenon of magnetism and static electricity produced by rubbing amber, and created the word "electricus" to describe the effect of one element attracting objects after being rubbed.

In the middle of the 18th century Benjamin Franklin sold his possessions to finance the first systematic study to connect electricity with lightning. According to an Arizona State University (ASU) article, during a thunderstorm in 1752, "Franklin tied a key to a damp kite string, which was then tied to an insulating silk ribbon wrapped around his hand. Sparks were observed to be jumping from the key as Franklin's grounded body provided a conducting path for the electrical currents that resulted from the strong electric field buildup in the storm clouds."

Franklin, however, realized a practical use for his experiment. He hypothesized attaching a metal rod to the highest point of a building and connecting the rod to the ground, thereby directing the electrical current from lightning into the ground and diverting it from the structure to prevent fires. Franklin considered the lightning rod to be his most important invention.

Scottish meteorologist and physicist CTR Wilson contributed much to the knowledge of clouds and cloud formations, and was awarded the Nobel Prize in Physics in 1927 for his invention of the cloud chamber. His work laid the groundwork for modern understanding of lightning discharges from clouds.

What makes lightning

Researchers have learned that the negatively-charged ions in clouds are larger than the positive ions, so they gravitate toward the bottom of the cloud while positive ions flow upward. The ASU article states, "The separation of particles causes a large electrical potential not only within the cloud itself, but also between the cloud and the earth. The electrical potential can be millions of volts in magnitude."

Eventually, the resistance between the opposite ions does not hold, and an electrical discharge – lightning – is sparked either within the cloud, between clouds or from a cloud to the ground.

ASU maintains the average peak power of a lightning strike is about one trillion watts. The lightning flash heats up the air in its vicinity to 20,000°, three times the temperature of the surface of the sun. "The air that has been heated by the lightning is then compressed, and this produces a shock wave, which quickly decays to an acoustic wave as it flows away from where the lightning struck."

We call the acoustic wave thunder. Although the lightning and the thunder occur simultaneously, light travels much faster than sound, so we see the electrical discharge before we hear the acoustic wave. The ASU article posits if a person counts the seconds after seeing lightning until hearing the corresponding thunder, then divide that number by five, a person can estimate the distance in miles to the location of the lightning.

Statistics

The odds of a person being hit by lightning are one in 750,000. The number of deaths and paid claims as a result of lightning have decreased significantly over the past 50 years. An average of 31 people per year have died in the United States as a result of lightning strikes since 2006, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration with the number steadily decreasing. July is the cruelest month, claiming almost one third of the deaths, with June close behind. Almost 80 percent of the victims were males. Extending the statistical period another 20 years puts August in the danger zone as well.

Statistics from the Insurance Information Institute (III) indicate the average number of fatalities from lightning strikes per year in the United States going back 30 years is about 51. The continuing decrease in this number is due to "fewer farmers working in fields, along with technological advances, better lightning protection and awareness of lightning safety."

Florida topped the list of states with lightning fatalities in 2014 with six. Arkansas tied for third with two. Florida was again leading in 2015.

A Weather Channel report stated a couple were fishing on Beaver Lake in Benton County in July 2015, when lightning struck and killed the husband.

Two people have died in 2016 from lightning strikes – one at a music festival in Larose, La., and the other picnicking with family in a grassy field north of West Palm Beach, Fla.

III reported homeowner insurance losses in 2014 amounted to \$739 million, which is a 9.7 percent increase over the previous year. There were 213,278 claims in 2010 compared to 99,871 in 2014 yet the average cost per claim for those same years increased from \$4,846 to \$7,400. The

number of claims has decreased because of education, awareness and better surge protection but the value of losses continues to increase in part because of the increase in home electronics.

Protection

Consumer demands in recent years have brought about better lightning protection devices. Homes and buildings are required to have lightning rods to direct electrical current away from the home to rods driven into the ground to avoid a fire.

At the very least, when lightning threatens residents should unplug vulnerable items such as televisions and electronic devices. Modern appliances have some built in surge protection, but power surges caused by lightning strikes can surpass this level of protection. Carroll County Electric Cooperative states it has lightning and surge protection built into its system. Nevertheless, CCEC advises homeowners to install external protection at the meter to provide another barrier from externally generated surges. In addition, it is advisable to install plug-in surge suppressors inside the home for televisions, computers, printers and other electronic devices. Remember to protect your hot tub.

A homeowner can also mark certain circuit breakers in the breaker box (with colored tape, for example) so they can be quickly clicked them off in preparation for a scary-looking thunderstorm.

Well pumps are also vulnerable to the surge from a lightning strike. In a split second, an unprepared, unprotected resident could lose televisions, computers and access to running water and suddenly get a glimpse of Ozark living 100 years ago.

Sunday at EUUF

Rabbi Rob Lennick returns from Benton County to speak and sing at the Eureka Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 17 Elk Street on April 17 at 11 a.m. Child care is provided and there is extra parking at Ermilio's Restaurant, 26 White Street.

Enjoy moving meditations

Dances of Universal Peace will be held at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 17 Elk St. at 7 p.m. on Friday, April 15. The Dances are simple, joyful moving meditations that involve the singing of sacred phrases from the world's many spiritual traditions. Participation is free of charge. Contact Rebecca Babbs (479) 253-8303 or email babbsrebecca@gmail.com for more information.

Exploring past life at Metafizzies

The April 18 meeting of the Eureka Springs Metaphysical Society will feature Jennifer Olsen demonstrating past life regression therapy through quantum healing hypnosis. The meeting begins at 7 p.m. at Heart of Many Ways, 68 Mountain Street. All are welcome.

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 hunt at 1 p.m. with prizes being awarded for the most found, largest and 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. If you would like to participate in the guided mushroom hunt the cost is \$5. Remember to wear boots, gloves, etc. For more information about the event, booth space and sponsorships contact Chris Rodgers at (479) 253-8737.

Putting Unity in Community

Join to be a part of a community-wide beautification project on April 16 at Leatherwood Park by the ball field, hosted by Community Affects. Build picnic tables, paint trash barrels, and clean up the park. The event lasts from 8 a.m. – noon with a potluck between noon – 2 p.m. The project is in conjunction with The Parks and Recreation Department of Eureka Springs and the Holiday Island Suburban Improvement District.

To learn more and to sign up for this event go to CommUNITYAffects.com or call (682) 225-6549.

Serve a bowl for the shelter

The Arkansas State Chili Championship will hold its annual competition on Saturday, April 16. There will be live music, arts and crafts exhibitions and chili tasting galore. Proceeds from the event will be donated to support the dogs and cats at the Good Shepherd Humane Society.

The International Chili Society sponsors the event and winner of the championship will represent Arkansas in

subsequent competitions at the national and possibly international level.

The event will be held at the Holiday Island Country Club from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. with tasting at noon. \$8 will buy an adult tasting kit which allows you to sample any and all entries in the “People’s Choice” section of the competition. Children 5-12 are \$5 and kids below 5 eat free. For more information, call (479) 253-9511.

Harping on Spring

Harpist Brenda Bowen Cox and cellist Carol Widder will play a concert at The Heart of Many Ways, 68 West Mountain St. on April 17 at 3 p.m. Their duo named *Great Soft Day* will be the first of two concerts offered as part of

this year’s Festival of Harps, a springtime fundraiser for the Heart of Many Ways church building. There is a \$15 suggested donation at the door. For more information go to www.heartofmanyways.org or call (479) 253-8252.

Main Street wins Main Street awards

Main Street Eureka Springs has been honored with two Main Street Arkansas Awards for downtown revitalization efforts. MSES won the Best Cultural Heritage Tourism Award for Eureka Springs Walking Tours, which provides year-round stories of *Hell Raisers*, *Hoodlums* and *Heated History*.

Jack Moyer received a Special Service Award for leadership on the MSES board, as it continues to develop new programs.

Main Street Arkansas is a program area of the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program, an agency of the Department of Arkansas Heritage. For more information, contact Main Street Eureka Springs Executive Director Jacqueline Wolven at (479) 244-5074 or director@eurekaspringsdowntown.com, or contact Greg Phillips at (501) 324-9880 or greg@arkansasheritage.org.



Back in the saddle – Phyllis Poe (l.) will return as Director of Clear Spring School in June 2016. Pictured with her are Interim Director Charles Templeton and Peggy Pot, Board Director of Clear Spring School.

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Fifth annual Cats at the Castle fundraiser

All are invited to join on April 23 at Castle Rogue’s Manor for a fundraiser benefit for Turpentine Creek Wildlife Refuge at 7 p.m.

Tickets are available at TurpentineCreek.org for \$110 per person. Tickets are open to all and price includes a full bar for those over 21, open seating indoors and outdoors, food stations, silent and live auctions and music by Brick Fields.

As an added bonus Tigers in America has offered to 50% match any donation made at the Cats at the Castle event above \$200.

Sprucing up the Island

The Holiday Island Hospitality Association will hold the semi-annual roadside cleanup on Saturday, April 23. Volunteers will meet at the Holiday Island Clubhouse north parking lot at 9 a.m. and will receive road assignments and supplies. A picnic lunch will be provided for all volunteers at approximately 11:30 a.m. at the Recreation Center Pavilion and there will be no rain date. To volunteer call Ben Helmer at (479) 244-0482.



No smoking in the park – Mayor Butch Berry and alderman James DeVito manage the petition booth during the John Hammond concert down at Basin Park on Saturday.

PHOTO BY JAY VRECENAK

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

Etie taught two terms, one of them, while we were in school over by the Footbridge, was in a small building down the hill from the Harding Spring. The schools were all in rented buildings.

Our readers had been McGuffey’s, of which our teachers complained they were out of date. And now McGuffey Clubs are formed to honor the compiler of those books! Ours were revised editions. The first ones were printed in 1836. But those books were full of good reading. When our schoolboard changed our texts to the Normal Series and we could trade our old readers in as part of the purchase price of the new ones, Mrs. Rippetoe kept their McGuffey’s Fifth Reader because of one poem in the old reader – **The Blue and the Gray**. I treasure an old McGuffey’s Fifth Reader.

One day when Minnie and I were coming home from school we had reached the place where a narrow bridge without a handrail crossed Leatherwood just between the St. Charles and Seidel Brothers’

wagonyard. Suddenly Minnie exclaimed, “Oh, see that child!”

A little girl had slipped from the bridge, and was clinging to it, half submerged by the creek which was swollen by a recent shower. Just then the child lost her hold, the water caught her and was carrying her away. Minnie was twelve or fourteen years old, big enough to wade into the swift water, pick up the little girl, and wade ashore with her. Minnie saved that child’s life; she could not have escaped from that strong current. We never knew who she was, but she must have lived up that lane to the east, behind Seidels’ wagonyard. The child’s reaction upon being set on solid ground was a shrill cry. “Oh, my book and slate!” But they were gone beyond recall. That was tragedy for a six year-old mite.

Though that East Mountain school house was the only one built for a school house that I ever attended in Eureka Springs, there was some reason for our school district being always low on funds. What

rendered conditions complicated was the short time in which thousands of people came here for a short time, or remained indefinitely without being taxed. I have been told that in those early times there were here living in tents, houses, hotels and boarding houses, ten thousand people. That state of affairs was one source of difficulty in conducting schools, for after the schools were established, families that came here would put their children in school and after a few months many of them would leave here without paying taxes or tuition; now, at any rate, non-residents must pay tuition for putting their children in school.

Even as late as the first year Mr. Barnett was here, he reported one ward school with an enrollment of one hundred five, with only thirty-five belonging at the close of the year, and not one of those remaining had been there when school opened the previous September. As Mr. Barnett said, that school had been renewed during the year.

But all through the years we had good



schools because we had good teachers of experience in other places. Teachers from cities came to this new resort and made good use of their teaching skill. They could not leave records when no system was provided for such things. During those early years we never were given grade cards. Some permanent records may have been burned in a disastrous fire, but I very much doubt if any permanent records were made of our first schools. The only thing of which I have any unpleasant recollections were of the sanitary conditions, which were superlatively deplorable.



A town is simply buildings gathered around a library – Eureka Springs Carnegie Public Library received an Arkansas Historic Preservation grant of about \$36,000 for the \$50,000 project shown above to replace steps entering the library from Spring Street. The original steps lasted more than 100 years, as they were completed when the library was built in 1912.

PHOTO BY BECKY GILLETTE

Haircuts benefit plants

The 2nd annual fundraiser benefitting ESDN’s Native Plant Garden Project at Spa 1905 will be April 18 from 3 – 6 p.m. Enjoy \$10 - \$15 hair cuts, massages/spa services, bake sale, silent auction and amazing door prizes.

Jam session and sing along at the Library Annex

Bring your instrument – acoustic, non-acoustic or voice at the Library Annex at Tuesday, April 19 from 7 – 10 p.m. Each person is encouraged to lead a song whether it be traditional, popular, original or improv with works or instrumental. Everyone is free to join and play along.

Meditation in a quiet place

The Eureka Springs Buddhist Study Group will gather for 30 minutes of meditation followed by reading and discussion on Thursday, April 14 at 4 p.m. at Heart of Many Ways, 68 Mountain Street. All are welcome.

My Time Fellowship for writers with children

A two-week residency is being offered by The Writers’ Colony at Dairy Hollow for writers with children under 18 living with them. The Fellowship entitles the recipient to a two-week stay. Each resident has a private suite with writing space, private bath and wireless Internet.

The fellowship provides a stipend of \$1,500 to help pay for child care, travel expenses or to make up for time lost at work. My Time is not limited to a specific genre. Information about your family, and how this fellowship will help you progress as a writer, should be included in the application.

Deadline for applications is June 1. A non-refundable \$35 application fee must accompany fellowship applications. Email director@writerscolony.org or visit www.writerscolony.org for an application.

Mars Retrograde & Preparing for Wesak

Sunday, April 17, Mars, the red planet that propels us forward, turns stationary retrograde at 17 degrees Sagittarius, sign of journeys, justice and goals.

Mars retrograde shifts our usual outward trajectory inward, into places that haven't been touched since last Mars retrograde (Libra, 2014). Mars (red, hot, intense activity, desire) when retrograde creates life-altering transformations experienced internally rather than externally. Health wise, our vitality

lessens, Mars can be inflammation and Sagittarius rules the thighs. Therefore, we are cautioned to be careful of inflammatory foods and activities. Mars retrogrades every 26 months or so (not like Mercury every 3-4 months). Mars is retrograde for 2 ½ months at a time (73 days).

The same rules for Mercury retro apply to Mars retro.

Retrograde planets are close to the Earth. Earth, with Mars retro, will also experience an intensification of

events, or inflammatory situations, an uprising of things red, hot, conflictual and martial. Individuals experience Mars retro internally. However, collectively, the world experiences Mars retro as explosive. Mars is also courage, the ability to protect and defend, to "battle for the Lord." Ruler of Aries and Scorpio, Mars signifies the warrior's highest aspirations.

Mars creates the "burning ground," the pathway, an alchemical fire that purifies. Mars retro allows us to align with

and realign deep desires, aspirations and life purpose. All around us will be dramatic (at times, torrid) transformations, endings, reorientations, journeys, regenerations and significant encounters.

This week we prepare for the Wesak Festival (next Thursday & Friday, full moon time), the Buddha's yearly visit from Shamballa to Earth (Wesak Valley in the Himalayas), distributing the Will of God to humanity. Read more daily on my FB page as we prepare for the Wesak Festival together.

ARIES: A sense of being in alignment occurs this month for everyone, but especially you. As this occurs many unusual ideas appear in your mind. They are important, providing direction, stabilizing your actions and self-identity in the coming challenging times. Careful with groups. Stand tall and courageous and remember that anxiety is a state seeking more detailed information.

TAURUS: You're serving others, which often disrupts your own personal schedule. Or perhaps you're in retreat and behind the scenes, which allows you to ponder, think and study the world events undistracted. Or you're far away from home tending to a life and death situation or a medical emergency. Whatever the present journey love underlies all your actions and choices.

GEMINI: Hurry and do all that's needed to prepare for the Mars retrograde. Always you're being prepared for something important. Perhaps it's to dispel the illusions of others concerning what's occurring on our planet now. As you slowly move back into a reflective state something's happening to your sense of intimacy and relationships. Steady yourself, poised at the center of what matters.

CANCER: There's a different communication occurring between you and the groups you interact with and/or belong to. Perhaps you will be recognized more or called to lead or a wish is fulfilled. New people enter your circle perhaps through a community interaction, a market, a class or meet-up. Maintain your ethics and ideals as you adapt and compromise and plan for the future.

LEO: Work continues to be a deep stabilizing influence and new ideas occur that develop new ways of relating to everyone professionally. It's important to be especially in touch with your creativity. You are more than you think you are, more than most see and recognize. Careful with authority. Create a balance between discipline, structure, willingness and kindness. It equals Right Human Relations.

VIRGO: Things religious and spiritual, questions concerning justice and journeys

all come into your mind. You are greatly organized, tending well to plans and agendas that affect daily life. Careful at home with sharp knives, steps, tools, where you walk. Be aware of each moment lest you fall and hurt yourself. When we learn new things, stumbling about is always our first step.

LIBRA: Your heart fills up with love for another. When we love more sometimes wounds appear. Wounds have a purifying effect, bringing us to attention to what hurts most. What underground streams of thought are you having? Mars is uncovering wounds from long ago. Bring everything into the light of day for discussion. An old wound surfaces. It has to do with miscommunication. Forgive.

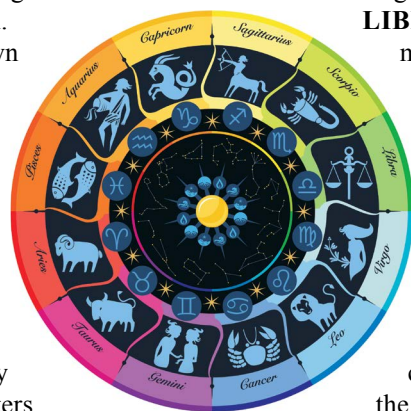
SCORPIO: In your daily life it's good at this time to listen carefully and agree with others, participating in their ideas, plans and agendas. This creates a magnetic emotional balance within you and all around you. You will be seen as wise, intelligent and caring. Cooperate, share, provide others with praise and attention. In the secret moments of your life, tend carefully to money and resources.

SAGITTARIUS: Something important now is you creating new methods and trainings at work, maintaining an ethical and just work environment, being the mentor everyone seeks. Also tend to physical, emotional and psychic health. Be sure to have sound financial advice. In odd moments remember to play a lot. Notice that what was previously a pleasure changes dramatically.

CAPRICORN: It's good every now and then to turn to our partner(s) (intimate, business, etc.) and renew commitments, intentions and vows. Bonds then deepen, trust too. A deep spiritual presence may appear in your mind, hear, dreams or visions. People may wonder what's different about you, what is that light they see around you?" It's the light of Goodwill emanating from you creating peace and goodness to all.

AQUARIUS: You will find yourself returning to friends and groups you've interacted with before. They have missed you. You'll be out and about, doing what's needed firmly and without distraction. A new base of operations is attempting to form but there are changes you must bring about first. List all things needed in your life. Then, take one step. Then the next. Each step lets you know you're in control of your life.

PISCES: You will ask yourself questions regarding life direction in life, work and in the world. The retrograde allows us to assess, reassess and re-evaluate our direction, aspirations and goals. Do not push the river in any way during the next three months. Tend to elders, parents, co-workers, mentors. Know there is no failure. There is only experiencing and learning. Know also that you are always a success.



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those hunters follow when they harvest. In some states inside an active CWD area, hunters still harvest deer, but are required to send the head in for testing before processing deer for eating.”

Craker said he is not concerned

about eating venison.

CWD is believed to be spread from feces, urine and saliva, and by movement of live animals or infected carcasses. Some states that have CWD have outlawed deer feeding, but Arkansas allows feeding, or baiting. Craker said it isn't known whether feeding or baiting

deer helps or hurts the CWD problem in Arkansas. It may be more of a problem in northern states where food is scarce in the winter and deer congregate in larger herds than in the south.

AG&F is asking residents statewide to report any sick or dead deer, including road killed deer. Call (800) 482-9262

and report it.

“Someone will come and pick it up right away,” Craker said. “Game and Fish needs as many samples as they can get, from all over the state.”

Anyone with questions about urban hunts can contact Craker at (870) 321-1447.

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Brews' new stage a diamond on the corner; Chelsea's to hold Friends with Benefits Fundraiser


Hot Dang there is a lot of fine music to be had this weekend! Brews fine new stage shows lovely and eclectic female singers and songwriters Friday and Saturday and mellows out a bit Sunday for a sit down with Jazz Mafia. Sunday Chelsea's hosts Friends with Benefits, a local annual fundraiser for a community member in need, all afternoon long. Jeff Fox plays some guitar jams at 4 p.m. amid generous revelry.

THURSDAY, APRIL 14

CHELSEA'S – Voxana, Folk, 9 p.m.
EUREKA LIVE! – Green Screen
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GRAND TAVERNE – Jerry Yester,
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EXPLORING the fine art of ROMANCE... by Leslie Meeker

I thought our sex life was great until my husband said he's bored with it. It crushed me. He said I barely ever make a sound so he has no idea what I like or want. This makes him feel really disconnected. He knows I climax so what else does he need?

The language of love is the missing piece. He's needing you to be more active and verbal during lovemaking. Even when highly sexually responsive, women often remain expressively passive.

Men have long carried the burden of "Sexpert," being expected to initiate, create and direct masterfully mind-blowing sexual phenomena throughout the relationship. Not fair. No man knows what sex feels like for a woman and vice-versa. Romance must be reciprocal with both partners fully engaged in their intimacy dialogue.

We all crave approval, men included. You can never go wrong with compliments. Being sexually expressive

is new to you. Start simple. Practice complimenting your husband during your daily routine. Use your body language. A soft touch, a playful smile or a suggestive glance will create connection. Plant a seed of desire with a saucy mid-day message.

Enthusiasm is the key to great sex. While you may feel enthusiastic you're definitely not communicating it. Your husband can't read your mind. Verbal communication during sex is your biggest challenge. Again start simple. Compliments can create a relaxed entrance to your sexual encounter: "I love your body," or "you smell delicious." When he does something that arouses you be certain he knows. It's not that difficult, "mmmm," "yes" or "more." Your arousal increases his arousal so it's essential that it's communicated.

Once you've got this down, take it up a notch. Say his name while making love, praise his nether regions, spell out exactly what you'd like to do with said regions.

Moan loudly. Give him a play by play, describing what he's doing and how it feels. Again, creating the connection he needs.

"Talking dirty" significantly increases arousal. Seductive or playful, it adds rocket fuel to the fire.

"Give me all of you," "Beg for it, baby." You get the idea.

Once you've reached that point of no return, give it a voice and let the world know. You only live once. Why not live loud?

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.



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LEGENDS SALOON – Live Locals, 8 p.m.

FRIDAY, APRIL 15

BALCONY RESTAURANT – Steve Jones, Singer/Songwriter, 5 p.m.

BREWS – Charity Ann and Kristal Cherelle, Singers/Songwriters, 7 – 10 p.m.

CATHOUSE LOUNGE – Septembers End, Folk, 8 – 11 p.m.

CHELSEA'S – Galaxy Tour Guide, Space Rock, 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 – Pete and Dave, Folk, 6 – 10 p.m.

ROWDY BEAVER – 2 Dog 2 Karaoke, 7:30 p.m.

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 16

BALCONY RESTAURANT – Jeff Lee, Folk, 12 p.m., **Steve Zimmerman**, Singer/Songwriter, 6 p.m.

BREWS – Dana Louis, World, 7 – 10 p.m.

CATHOUSE LOUNGE – Charity Ann, Singer/Songwriter, 8 – 11 p.m.

CHELSEA'S – Sad Daddy, Folk, 9 p.m.

EUREKA LIVE! – DJ & Dancing, 9 p.m.

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

LEGENDS SALOON – Another Turn, Rock, 8 p.m.

NEW DELHI – Pete and Dave, Folk, 6 – 10 p.m.

ROWDY BEAVER – Terri and the Executives, Rock, 7:30 p.m.

ROWDY BEAVER DEN – Terri and Brett, Rock, 1 – 4 p.m., **Jason Kinney Band**, Rock, 8 p.m.

SUNDAY, APRIL 17

BALCONY RESTAURANT – Melissa Carper, Singer/Songwriter, 12 p.m.

BREWS – Jazz Mafia, Duo, 2 – 5 p.m.

CHELSEA'S – Friends with Benefits Fundraiser, **Jeff Fox**, Singer/Songwriter, 4 – 7 p.m.

EUREKA LIVE – Green Screen Karaoke, 7 p.m.

NEW DELHI – Mike Grining, Folk, 12 – 4 p.m.

ROWDY BEAVER DEN – Terri and Brett, Rock, 1 – 4 p.m.

MONDAY, APRIL 18

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

TUESDAY, APRIL 19

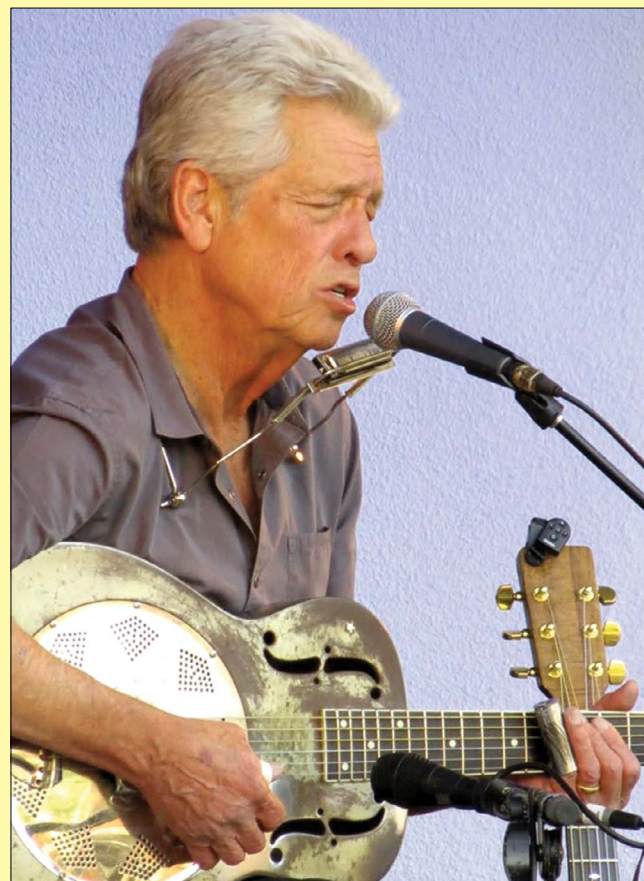
CATHOUSE LOUNGE – Los Roscoes, Folk, 5 p.m.

CHELSEA'S – Open Mic

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20

BREWS – Under 21 Open Mic, 6:30 p.m.

CHELSEA'S – Randall Shreve, Rock, 9 p.m.



Strumming in the Park – Legendary Grammy Award-winning blues master John Hammond returned to Eureka Springs and played a packed Basin Park for the first Second Saturday event of the year. Hammond made his first recording in 1962 and since has played with a plethora of artists from Muddy Waters, Jimmy Reed and Jimi Hendrix all the way up to Tom Waits and beyond. Hammond is considered one of the best acoustic blues guitarists in the world, and made it look easy.

PHOTO BY JAY VRECENAK

Pie a la Music at the Berryville Community Center

The Carroll County Orchestra and the Berryville Symphonia will perform their joint spring concert on Sunday, April 24 at 3 p.m. in the upstairs concert hall at the Berryville Community Center at 601 Drive Spurlin Circle. The program will feature several classical and modern pieces performed by the string ensemble conducted by Dr. Fred Mayer, pieces by the Mills Family String Quartet, the orchestra, and works performed by both the symphonia and orchestra.

During intermission a flute choir and jazz ensemble will perform. Admission at the door is \$7 for adults and \$5 for students 18 and under. Proceeds benefit music scholarships for county youth.

Light and sound teaching

MasterPath Seeker Meeting will be held April 23 with an introductory talk and video of *Soul's Divine Journey* and *The Ancient Teachings of Light and Sound Techniques*. The meeting is open to all seekers and those wanting to know more about MasterPath and Light and Sound teachings. The meeting will be at the Fayetteville Public Library, 401 W. Mountain St. Doors open at 12:30 p.m. All are welcome.

Workshop in recognition of Earth Day

Arkansas Interfaith Power & Light will present a two-hour workshop, *Surviving Climate Change: With Pope Francis' encyclical, Laudato Si*. The public discussion from 10 a.m. – noon on Saturday, April 23 and will be at ECHO, 4004 East Van Buren. Dr. Donnal Walter will share reflections on the encyclical as a personal and collective guide for people of all faiths in surviving the environmental, economic and social crises facing our planet and us. Admission is free and all are welcome.

Hero and villain, a look into both sides

Learn how to write both character types with Mackenzie Doss in her *Hero vs. Villain Archetypes* workshop on Saturday, April 23 at the Writers' Colony at Dairy Hollow. Drawing from Joseph Campbell's and Diana Gabaldon's work, the workshop will look at various types and incarnations of the characters we know as "the hero" and "the villain." The workshop is from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. with an hour for lunch. The fee is \$25. Call the Writers' Colony at Dairy Hollow at (479) 253-7444, email director@writerscolony.org or go to www.writerscolony.org to register.

National Day of Prayer at the Great Passion Play

The Western Carroll County Ministerial Association is sponsoring a National Day of Prayer event on Thursday, May 5 in the Great Hall of the Great Passion Play. A full breakfast buffet opens at 6:30 a.m. and the program begins at 7. Keynote speaker is State Rep. Bob Ballinger and local Christians will lead praise music.

Tickets are available at the Kerusso Christian Outlet at 105 Passion Play Road. Kerusso's is open Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. Tickets are \$12.50 each and you can sponsor a table of 8 for \$100. Checks are payable to WCCMA. For more information contact Pastor John Wallace of Faith Bible Church in Holiday Island at (479) 363-6636.



Preserving cocktails – A crowd packed Grotto Wood Fired Grill & Wine Cave on April 7 to celebrate the Eureka Springs Preservation Society. Tickets were sold for raffle items donated by area businesses and individuals. *PHOTO BY JAY VRECENAK*

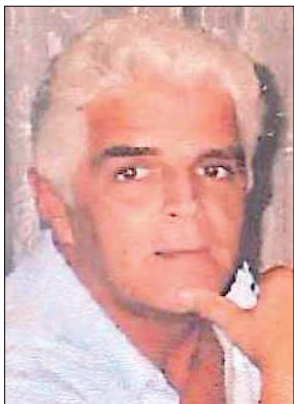
Give a warm welcome at HICC

Join at the Holiday Island Community Church on Sunday, April 17 at 9:30 a.m. to welcome new Pastor, Dr. Jeffrey T. Timm. Dr. Timm entered the USAF Chaplaincy where he served for 21 years and since then has served congregations in Tampa, Temple Terrace and Brandon, Florida as well as in Virginia and Louisiana. Cookies and fellowship will follow the installation ceremony in the fellowship hall. All are welcome. HICC is located at 188 State Line Drive.



Barn potluck success – Supporters of the Holiday Island Barn turned out on Sunday for delicious food and entertainment by Lonnie and Friends. *PHOTO BY JAY VRECENAK*

DEPARTURE



Richard Luciani Oct. 24, 1946 – March 28, 2016

Richard Luciani of Holiday Island, Ark., was born October 24, 1946 in Brooklyn, New York, a son of Ralph Luciani. He departed this life Monday, March 28, 2016 in Springdale, Ark., at age 69.

On November 19, 2004, Richard was united in marriage with Diane Elizabeth (Duckett) Luciani, who survives him of the home. He is also survived by one stepson, Keith Enstall and wife, Debbie, of St. Charles, Mo.; one stepdaughter, Tracey Sealey, of Holiday Island, Ark.; three brothers, Eugene Luciani and wife, Joyce, of Hudson, Fla.; Ralph Luciani and wife, Pauline, of Florida;

Bobby Luciani and wife, Pat, of New York; three step-grandchildren, Adam, Haley and Maggie Enstall, several nieces and nephews; and a host of friends and loved ones.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother and one sister.

No services at this time. Cremation arrangements are under the direction of Nelson Funeral Service. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.nelsonfuneral.com. © Nelson Funeral Service, Inc. 2016

DROPPING**A** Line by Robert Johnson

Caught fish this week but got my guys in kinda late and they had to get back to Tulsa. We have a debate here at home on this pic and I was told it was a pretty sunrise but better if the poles were gone. Art to me – my best sunrise.

We caught two good stripers and some big whites on Beaver Lake. My fishing partner caught some good fish up the War Eagle Arm.

I couldn't let the year go by without a river run. Water was pretty clear from Monte Ne all the way up. The water temp was warmer up that way and will warm faster than here with our deeper water, but it was stained from the Hwy. 12 bridge to Rocky Branch still due to the floodgates being open in December.

So, stripers are being caught from Hwy. 12 bridge to way up the White and War Eagle arms as far as you can go, with fish wanting to spawn. We also have some good schools of fish on this side of Rocky Branch to Lost Bridge and south, also in Indian Creek. These fish will stay there for the spawn.

Whether up river or on this end, they can be caught now with little or no weights on, with baits running 18 – 24 ft. deep. Have not seen any top water action yet myself, but that usually turns on more about with temps 58° to 64°.

We were 58° up river and 55° on our end. So the rest is still to come. I got my big spook tied on and ready for some action, just need a little more warm weather and warm rain to get it going.

Also had a trip out here at Holiday Island. Temps here also around the mid-50s and everyone's looking for the whites. They're here, but not thick yet. On the main channel going up river look for bait and fish



off both sides of the island and up the creek arms, from about midway all the way back.

Going up river, look at the Butler Creek area up from Beaver, from the dead sycamores to Cows Creek and Houseman Access. The walleye that went up to spawn should be about ready to come back our way and can be caught in the same areas.

Crappie are being slow but we caught a couple trolling in the mid-creek area.

Well, that's it for this week, enjoy the spring.

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

INDEPENDENT**Crossword**

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

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ACROSS

1. 1955's *The Long _____*
5. Cake remnant
10. Arrived
14. Top notch
15. Goddesses of the seasons
16. Double curve
17. Wading bird
18. Hockey call
19. Forsaken
20. Freshwater alga
22. Spiritual interpretation
24. Powerful mount
25. Bowling alleys
26. Nerve or blood network
29. Possession
33. Massachusetts Cape
36. Token of love or friendship
40. Number divisible by 2 with no remainder
42. Indian lute
43. Fishing line temptation
44. Marked with circular stripes
47. Juicy Fruit
48. Small Greek theater
49. Pitcher

51. Playful
55. Safari boss
59. Spiteful
61. Old West transports
62. Duo
63. _____ and kicking!
65. Informer (var.)
66. Pakistani language
67. Russian revolutionary
68. Urgent submarine command
69. Appear to be
70. Group of trees
71. All over again

DOWN

1. Positive results
2. R2D2, for instance
3. Caraway cousin
4. In olden times
5. Very cool
6. Mythical giant bird
7. Wild Asian sheep
8. Bread
9. Started
10. Huge, in Hollywood
11. Stupefied
12. Unimposing
13. Even (Scot.)
21. Part of German-Polish

- border
23. Equipment
27. Try out
28. Islamic chieftain
30. Close and secure
31. Light brown tone
32. Overflow
33. Large game fish
34. Roman poet
35. Low sand hill
37. Flight info
38. Construct
39. Home _____
41. Paper money of Bhutan
45. Obscenity
46. Amount owed
50. Kigali is the capital
52. Indicators
53. Small piece of terra firma
54. Precious dishes
56. Once more
57. Bravery
58. Misaligned
59. Offer support
60. Senior helper
61. Dispatch with instructions
62. Infection indicator
64. Short automobile identifier

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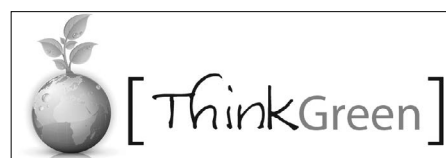
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ES Fire and EMS Staff Spotlight – April's fire department spotlight shines on Ken "Smitty" Smith. Ken has been on the department for four years and is a firefighter and EMT. Some may recognize him as he was a Transit Driver for four years and has been Transit Director for the last five. The community is lucky to have our volunteers. Express your gratitude and say thank you if you see Smitty or any other firefighter volunteer. *PHOTO SUBMITTED*

May Fest Quilt Show

Eureka! Quilters Guild will present, *Quilts – Enduring Treasures*, at the Convention Center at Inn of the Ozarks on Saturday and Sunday May 6 and 7 from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. The show will feature works of Suzanne Tourtelot, Carole Sturgis and Martha Ann Warren among quilts made by guild members.

Quilting vendors, a guild boutique and lunch will be available on site. A \$5 admission donation is requested. If you have any questions contact Margy Thompson at (918) 630-8992.

Book study at St. James Episcopal Church

The next Blue Skies Book Study at St. James Episcopal Church is Tuesday, May 24 in the Undercroft from 5 – 6:30 p.m. The book selection is *Wearing God: Clothing, Laughter Fire, and Other Overlooked Ways of Meeting*

God by Rev. Lauren F. Winner. The book is available at the Eureka Springs Carnegie Public Library. The meeting will be led by Joanna E.S. Campbell. All are welcome. For more information call (479) 253-8610.

Singer/songwriter contestants sought

The 69th annual original Ozark Folk Festival is accepting submissions for the singer/songwriter contest from amateur and professional musicians until August 1. The final competition will be Oct. 15 in the Basin Park Band Shell.

To participate in the competition send three songs on a CD and lyric sheet for each, a short biography of the songwriter(s) and contact information to: CAPC, Attn: Singer/Songwriter, P.O. Box 522, Eureka Springs, 72632. Songs must be wholly original and all co-writers' names must be provided. A \$25 entry fee must accompany submission with checks or money orders payable to Eureka Springs CAPC.

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