

# Residents stand up against B&B

NICKY BOYETTE

An SRO crowd spilled into the hallway at the April 12 Planning Commission meeting, with most citizens attentive to application for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for a one-unit Bed & Breakfast at 23 Elk. The property has a cottage toward the rear that has been used as a guest lodging off and on for more than 20 years.

Eight residents who spoke and 17 letters read into the record were opposed to the application by Gary Toub and Kathy Martone. Another letter was from attorney Kristi Kendrick explaining her opinion the CUP would violate the city's 200-foot rule which states a CUP cannot be granted if one for a similar use property already exists within 200 feet. There is a tourist lodging next door to 23 Elk. Two letters stated no objection to the application.

Most opposition focused on the same few objections. LauraLee Wilcox commented the 200-foot rule is in place for a good reason – protecting residential neighborhoods. Jim Puckett said he lives directly across the street from 23 Elk, and claimed the B&B would exacerbate an already inconvenient traffic situation. At least two letters pointed out there is already a continual parking challenge for residents in the area, and a letter from Peggy Kjelgaard warned of “oversaturation” and “tourist lodgings in the guise of B&Bs.”

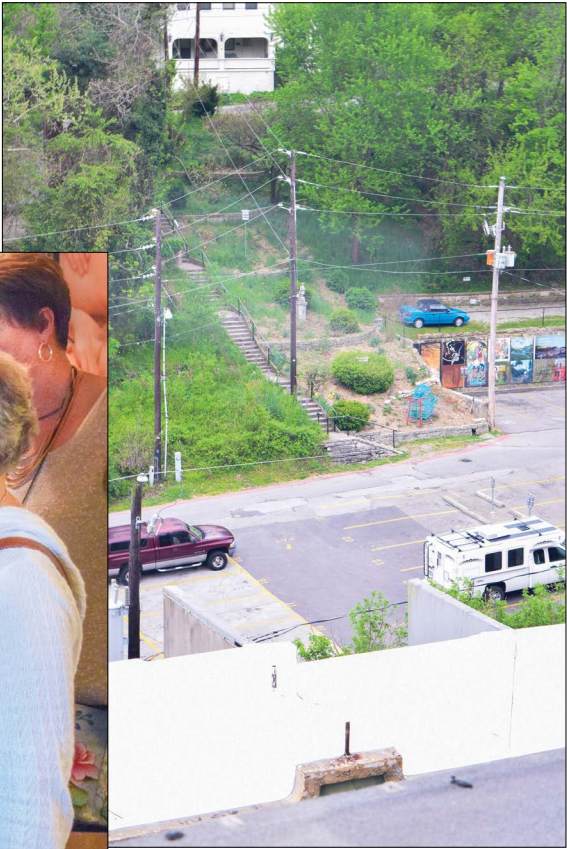
Betsy Rodier took the issue to a broader level and stated “the unchecked increase” of B&Bs and lack of City Code enforcement are diminishing quality of life in Eureka Springs.

One letter in favor of the CUP said it was “nice to see life on the property again.”

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**Taking a spa day** – Spa 1905 held the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual fundraiser benefiting ESDN's Native Plant Garden Project on Monday with \$10 - \$15 haircuts, massages/spa service and door prizes. Pictured is the five-tiered garden that will be weeded and have native plants to give the bees and butterflies another place to visit. The garden has a great view of Basin Park and ESDN hopes to get with the Preservation Society to put in a bench for people to sit.

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**Good Music, Good Friends and Good Barbecue season in full swing** – Friends with Benefits, under the enthusiasm of Latigo Treuer, sponsored a barbecue smoke off Sunday at Chelsea's to raise money for a new wheelchair for Shawn Flodman. The Flying Pig trophy went to Ivan of the Ozarks (pictured), who massaged ribs with his infamous Razorback rub. Expenses for the new wheelchair were met, and Ivan will be smoking ribs for which he needs quality control volunteers at Angler's, 3 p.m. Friday. *PHOTO BY JEREMIAH ALVARADO*

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Toub stated he and his wife love the town and were thrilled to get a chance to own the historic property. He pointed out there is a tourist lodging nearby but no B&Bs, and they assumed they were complying with all the rules. He claimed he has off-street parking and a B&B in that location would have “minimal impact” on traffic, parking, noise and other objections raised.

Chair Steve Beacham commented there have been as many as three tourist lodgings on Elk Street through the years, and pointed out City Code regarding B&Bs is more restrictive than for tourists' lodgings.

Commissioner Melissa Greene commented she has been a proponent of B&Bs, especially the smaller ones. She considers a B&B to be a home-based business that contributes to the local economy. She did not discount objections from neighbors who had spoken already, but decried limiting the initiative of Toub and Martone whom she considered “good people” while the city is steadily losing residents. She insisted language in Code regarding the distinction between B&Bs and tourist lodgings was vague, and would work against what she saw as “a good application.”

However, the vote was unanimous to deny the application.

### Other B&B concerns

Beacham stated City Economic Development Officer Glenna Booth is compiling a list of B&Bs and tourist lodgings with CUPs to establish whether they are operating legally, and has found some which were not. Commissioner James Morris added there are B&Bs with a current CUP, but not operating, thereby preventing potential operators from getting a B&B license because of the 200-ft. rule.

Greene said she knew of instances in which a B&B renter was asked to act as manager so the owner could maintain compliance with the law. She considered this tactic simply a way to sidestep Code.

Alderman David Mitchell had other concerns about B&Bs and tourist lodgings, and presented a document with more precise definitions for items in the discussion in order to clarify who was complying and thereby make City Code easier to enforce.

There was consensus that language in Code needed revisiting, and commissioners agreed to study Mitchell's document and discuss the topic again at the next meeting.

## Planning deals with late night tours

NICKY BOYETTE

Paul and Kristy Sutherland spoke to Planning commissioners last Tuesday about paranormal or ghost tours that occur just before midnight in their neighborhood. One site visited is Penn Castle on Eureka Street. Kristy said a van pulls up to a No Parking sign and lets passengers disembark with flashlights. The vehicle blocks the street while noisy ghost-seekers clamor about on the street and through the house. She mentioned the tours also encourage curiosity-seekers who come to the site on their own. Paul stated he had a letter signed by the neighbors asking the city to stop the tours, particularly at a site not designated as a tour home.

Beacham said Planning was preparing a list of items in City Code that needs to be updated, and a recommendation on tour homes would be included. Alderman David Mitchell suggested Planning request that council impose a 90-day moratorium on tours for homes in residential zones which do not already have a CUP as a tour home. Vote was unanimous to send Beacham to the

next council meeting with their request.

### Complaint process

As a follow up to previous discussions, commissioner James Morris presented a preliminary request for inspection. Citizens who suspect there could be a violation of City Code could file one of the forms with the city while remaining anonymous. Morris said an official complaint filing could come later, but the document would improve follow up and accountability by the city.

Other commissioners had reservations about the first draft, and commissioner Pat Lujan suggested they review the form and discuss it more at the next meeting.

### Last on the list

• Commissioners voted to send council a draft resolution crafted by Craig Hull who has been developing a Hazard Mitigation Plan for the city for two years. The resolution called for creation of an Improvement District, which Hull said would be a coalition of downtown property owners. The district would provide a way participants could equitably pay for projects that protect and improve their properties, such as further

repair of the tunnel underneath downtown. Hull mentioned that since the plan had been financed by the Federal Emergency Management Authority, it would open the possibility of FEMA assistance for projects, possibly even some aspect of the proposed community center.

• Commissioners approved a variance to allow St. James Episcopal Church to erect an additional sign at the southern and eastern entrances to town.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, April 26, at 6 p.m.

## Spirituality at Metafizzies

The April 25 meeting of the Eureka Springs Metaphysical Society will feature a group discussion on spiritual topics. The meeting will be at 7 p.m. at Heart of Many Ways, 68 Mountain Street. All are welcome.

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## Auditorium now part of downtown tours

**NICKY BOYETTE**

It took a few tries, but Eureka Springs Downtown Network Director Jacqueline Wolven got approval at the April 13 City Advertising and Promotion Commission meeting to include the Auditorium in ESDN’s downtown tours.

Wolven agreed ESDN would pay \$150 per month for the privilege even if there were days in which the facility would be unavailable because of sound checks or performances. She also committed to following a particular route through the facility, which commissioners would walk through before final approval.

CAPC Executive Director Mike Maloney made

concerns clear about expensive and sensitive equipment in the auditorium, as well as props that could be on stage, to which Wolven replied, “Just let us know when we can’t go on stage.”

Chair Ken Ketelsen remarked he was not sure the basement was in shape to be viewed by the public, but Wolven answered that the important point was the stories the basement can tell, and that it not being picture perfect was perfectly okay.

Commissioner Charles Ragsdell made the motion to approve tours with the stipulations that ESDN did not have exclusive rights to tours, ongoing events or sound checks might rule out a tour on a particular day, and CAPC staff could amend the path if need be.

Wolven agreed and vote to approve the motion was unanimous.

**Indie Film Festival**

Sandy Martin, speaking on behalf of the Eureka Springs Indie Film Festival, asked commissioners for \$3000, saying Arkansas Parks and Tourism offers a mini-grant in which Eureka Springs must put up \$3000, but Parks and Tourism would give \$2000 back. The funds would be used for advertising the event.

She said the festival is scheduled for August 5-6, with one day devoted to films about human rights, the other to films by students.

Commissioners unanimously approved the request.

## CAPC reports positively reverberate

**Group tour report**

At the April 13 City Advertising and Promotion Commission meeting, Sales Director Karen Pryor gave commissioners a survey of the geography she has covered so far this year, saying she handed out 5000 *Ride Guides* at the Progressive Motorcycle Show in Chicago where prospective visitors told her they would visit on four

wheels first, then on two. Another 3000 *Ride Guides* were distributed in Dallas and other shows closer to home. Pryor met with a gathering of tour operators in Oklahoma City, and later this month two representatives of Mayflower Tours will get her familiarization tour. As a result of these shows, three motor coaches will visit Eureka Springs in April.

Five more trade shows are planned for the rest of the year, and 25 to 30 tour planners, who book groups, will meet in Eureka Springs in autumn.

**Event coordinator report**

CAPC Events Coordinator Dori Thomas reported a crowd of 350 assembled in Basin Park for the first Second Saturday concert. Blues master John Hammond entertained, and following his performance was the April gallery stroll. The rest of the Second Saturday lineup is set and available at eurekasprings.org.

Thomas told commissioners the May Festival of the Arts would feature more than 60 events from art, to music, to culinary, to the White Street Walk.

The Bluegrass Festival will be August 18-20, and JazzEureka Weekend is planned for September 8-11. The Celtic folk group, The Elders, will be the featured group at this year’s Folk Festival scheduled for October 12-15.

Thomas also mentioned tickets for the Gordon Lightfoot concert at the Auditorium on Thursday, June 23, are selling well.

**Director’s report**

Executive Director Mike Maloney again pronounced the benefit of Facebook to marketing. He said there have been 614,184 impressions on the Eureka Springs Facebook page, and as a comparison, Eureka Springs has more

than 53,500 likes. Fayetteville has around 10,500, and totals dwindle for everyone else in the area.

“Social media is big,” he said, with emphasis on big. “Virtually every social media outlet we can get our fingers in, we’re in there.” He said he continues to work with 121 Digital, an Internet marketing service, to “hone in on valuable markets.” As a result, the ability to track effectiveness of the marketing efforts continues to improve.

An aspect of the evolving marketing outreach is fine-tuning access to a landing page most pertinent to the viewer. Maloney called it a “rifle shot,” an attempt to reduce the number of clicks a viewer must make to find desired information.

He also reported the Northwest Arkansas Film Association is in its final steps of becoming a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Eureka Springs is the only member city so far which offers incentives to prospective film producers.

**Financial report**

Finance director Rick Bright reported all categories of collectors are up compared to 2015. Total collections through the end of February were up 17.3 percent, and March collections were looking good, also.

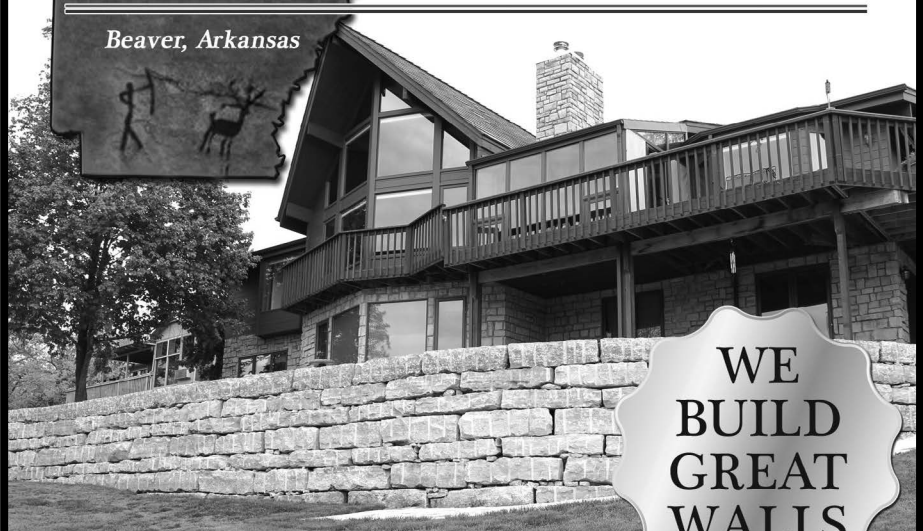
Next workshop will be Wednesday, April 27, at 4 p.m., at the CAPC office and the next regular meeting will be Wednesday, May 11, at 6 p.m.

### Meditate in a quiet place

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Airport's Touch event next month

NICKY BOYETTE

Chase Tressler, chair of the Carroll County Airport Commission, announced last Friday he would again stage a Touch-a-Truck/Plane event during the Friday, May 20 fly-in at CCA. Last year's event drew a sizable crowd to get up close to a backhoe, bucket truck, dump truck, water truck, sheriff's patrol car, an ambulance and a large tractor. He hopes he can get a helicopter to fly in along with the usual small aircraft. There are photos and a video of last year's event on the CCA Facebook page.

Tressler said food will be available and he hopes to have a bounce house for the kids.

Airport projects

Engineer Dan Clinton has arranged for the runway repair in June, a traditionally slower time for CCA. The runway will be resurfaced for better rainwater runoff, and French drains will be installed along each side. The work might take two weeks.

Airport manager Michael Pfeifer

told commissioners that wiring between the building and the card reader for the fuel delivery system is substandard and exposed to moisture. Repair will require excavating a ditch and properly protecting new wiring.

Commissioner Morris Pate commented the fuel system ought to be fixed right away and moved to have Pfeifer get bids so there could be a vote at the next meeting.

Tressler said the fuel system would have to be shut down during repair, and suggested they make the repair during same the period in June since there would be no traffic.

Road work

Clinton again addressed repair of County Road 3084, which runs onto airport property to a hangar leased by Larkin Floyd for his business, Tri-State Airmotive. Clinton said large trucks have difficulty getting to this area of airport property via the narrow road, so instead they use the taxiway. Clinton has a plan for how to repair the road, and said he could get the Federal Aviation Administration to help pay for it. He insisted there needs to be a solution because ground transportation on airport properties is a big deal to the FAA.

Pate questioned whether CCA could get the road repaired because it is a county road. He suggested they get an opinion from the county's attorney,

and Clinton insisted the county could designate the road as airport property. He urged commissioners to approach the Quorum Court before next year's Capital Improvement Plan.

Clinton agreed to draft a letter for Tressler to send to the county's attorney. Floyd said he would speak to nearby residents to get support for the plan.

Final items and maybe a food truck

Tressler mentioned CCA needed a utility vehicle, and proposed the commission authorize up to \$4000 for the purchase of a 4-wheeler utility vehicle to use for weed abatement spraying and other maintenance uses on the grounds. He said it could even tow a plane if it needed to. Vote to authorize the purchase was unanimous.

Tressler stated he has seen airports with play areas for kids, and wondered if CCA should set up a playground area beside the terminal. Interested citizens at the meeting suggested grant possibilities and commissioners acknowledged there would be liability insurance to consider, but they voted to have Tressler follow up and report back at the next meeting.

Pate suggested CCA should pursue having a burger bar in the terminal as a way to attract attention. Commissioner Sandy Martin replied having a food truck operate in the parking lot would be easier and would promote a local business.

Next meeting will be Friday, May 20, at 12 p.m.



**Hallelujah for theater** – The Holiday Island Theatre Guild is in rehearsal for their showings of John, Hope and Wooten's *Hallelujah* Girls on April 22 and 23 at 6:30 p.m. and their Sunday matinee at 2:30 p.m. (l. – r.) Mary Kolbe, Colleen Shogren, Mary Diehl and James White. Seated: Carmen Caldwell, Carolyn Green and Susan Vernier. PHOTO SUBMITTED

INDEPENDENTNews

Eleanor Lux is an Arkansas Living Treasure

BECKY GILLETTE

Eleanor Lux has long been one of Eureka Springs more admired artists because of her weaving, beading, jewelry making and being a mixed media artist. In addition to being one of the founders of the Eureka Springs School of the Arts, she and two friends also started the White Street Walk held as part of the May Festival of the Arts.

Now Lux been named the 2016 Arkansas Living Treasure, becoming the third person from Eureka Springs to be named by the Arkansas Arts Council. The program recognizes an artist who is outstanding in the creation of a traditional craft and has significantly contributed to preservation of the art form. An independent panel of craft and folk art professionals selects the recipient based on the quality of work, community outreach and overall contributions.

Lux is well deserving of the award, says fellow White Street Walk founder and artist Zeek Taylor. "I have been a friend and neighbor to Eleanor for almost

thirty years and from day one I have been inspired by the endless dedication she has to her craft," Taylor said. "She amazes me with her ability to produce innovative and strikingly beautiful artwork. Her work is fun, colorful, and finely crafted. She is truly a treasure."

Lux was barely past the toddler stage  
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**Reaction to commentary**

Hi!

Vernon Tucker [Guestatorial April 13, 2016] is a small black hole.

**Jim Nelson**

P.S. I challenge Vernon to a pissing contest.

**Musings on community center**

Editor,

Vernon Tucker hit the nail on the head last week in the Guestatorial “The community camel,” in my opinion.

Our community cannot afford another center when the Legion Hall is perfect for our needs. It’s in a great location, it has a good size kitchen, two public restrooms and lots of meeting space.

We don’t know who will be in charge of our nation’s government next year, so we don’t know how are economy will be high or low. If the GOP is still running the House of Reps and the Senate we can be in the Great Recession, again. Our little town cannot pay for a huge center used by office buildings and town council. The Legion Hut would be fine for council and other community meetings.

As for the old high school, it would be great for a vocational school, which I suggested last year. We have many students who can’t afford to attend college. However, we need young people in our community who need skills training, so we can have really well-trained students who can be used by carpenters, plumbers and mechanics in the area as apprentices.

It would also be swell if

the skills’ operators would offer scholarships to our outstanding skills’ students. This would be a good use for the old high school and it wouldn’t cost as much to convert it to a Vo-Tech. Plus students would likely come to use the facility from around the area. We would be known [for] another business in town other than tourism. Students would be charged tuition at the Vo-Tech as well, but not as much as college. How about that idea?

**Enid B. Swartz**

We have more going on in this town than just a tourist spot. We have people who live in this town and need to supplement their businesses with jobs for our citizens.

*(Eds. Note: The community center is not supported by tax money nor will it be used by city council.)*

**In support of the community center**

Editor,

You’re damned if you do and you’re damned if you don’t, particularly if you are part of the business community and are trying to make a contribution to community life in Eureka Springs. I am writing in response to the guest editorial in last week’s *Independent*.

For years I’ve heard complaints from residents of Eureka Springs that the business community cares too little for the interests of residents. We have watched community developments in other towns like Berryville. They’ve had a community swimming pool since the ‘70s. In more recent times, they invested heavily in a full-fledged community center. Haven’t we all wished we had something like *that*?

Unfortunately, there seems to be no tax money available to support a community center like the one in Berryville, so a team of residents and business people (who are also residents) have been working with the resources we have to convert the old high school to serve as a new center for community activities. That team, working with the school board, formed a foundation and came up with a plan that would largely pay for itself by developing a commerce center on site. If those who oppose that part of the plan can come up with a way to pay for the project without it, I’m sure those ideas would be welcome.

Maybe some would just like to have the old American Legion Hut back. Some may feel that if it was good enough for the ‘70s it’s good enough for now. I disagree. If we want Eureka Springs to be a place where young families will choose to reside, and where the elderly can meet with each other just as they do in Berryville, and where the generations can intermingle to the benefit of all, support of the proposed community center makes sense.

**Doug Stowe**

**Sustainable living is the goal**

Editor,

We’re grateful to celebrate Earth Day in the magnificent Ozarks. And we’re inspired by our friends and neighbors who are loving the Earth in a myriad of powerful ways – adding solar panels, eating more locally-sourced food, recycling, driving less, planting native trees, supporting bees

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# INDEPENDENTGuestatorial

## The Gatekeepers

“In a democracy, people get the leaders they deserve.” – *Abraham Lincoln*

On April 12, 2016, life in Crossett, Ark., made the news. Georgia-Pacific had great things to say about their bond with the community: “Our view is that we don’t just employ local citizens. We work and live in the Crossett community, and we take our commitment to the communities around us very seriously. Many of our employees own property near our operations, and many of our future employees are being educated in nearby schools. It is imperative that we don’t stop at merely being a good local citizen or an economic boost – we also must invest in our communities.”

On the same day, *Newsweek* had a different tale: “How a paper plant in Arkansas is allegedly poisoning the people of Crossett.” According to Leroy Patton: “The Lawson couple used to live here, Patton says; the street was named for them. “They’re dead from cancer and stroke.” He pointed to another property. “Down here is Pat. Her parents died from cancer back there, and now her husband is sick, too.” He turned to a long driveway lined with trees and junk cars. “And this here is my place. Ain’t nobody but me and my old lady left. Everybody dead in my family but me. All of ’em from cancer.” People in Crossett need jobs and are afraid to speak up.

This story is not going away. Koch Industries owns Georgia Pacific. Their attacks on scientific evidence that formaldehyde causes cancer, after 15 deaths in Crossett, were reported in *The Nation*, October 12, 2011, “The Kochs and Cancer in a Small Town.”

At the heart of this tragedy is a “generous” permit granted by the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality allowing emissions of 1.5 million pounds of toxic chemicals including formaldehyde, dioxin, acetaldehyde and chloroform. GP is not in violation of the ADEQ permit!

ADEQ logic explains why the C&H hogs continue on the Buffalo National River watershed. The National Park Service sent ADEQ a request to declare Big Creek and two other tributaries impaired. In the ADEQ “Draft 2016 Impaired Waterbodies List” the streams recommended by NPS were not included. With this omission, C&H is

not in violation, and all the pigs get to stay!

Environmental compliance is smart, sustainable business, a strategic choice made by the board of directors. This is what Tranlin, a new \$2 billion paper mill in Virginia, says they are doing to preserve the environment:

1. No trees. Uses post-harvest wheat straw to make sustainable products. Pulping one ton of straw saves 5,000 square feet of natural forest trees and 14,000 square feet of man-made forest.

2. No air emissions. One ton of straw emits 1,310 kg of carbon dioxide if discarded from the field without being treated. Pulping excess straw instead of discarding, burning, or letting it decompose on its own reduces carbon dioxide emissions to 0.4 kg.

3. No carcinogens. Clean pulping avoids chlorine bleaching process, eliminating dioxin emissions.

4. No water. Using our own wastewater treatment system allows us to re-use wastewater and carefully control carbon dioxide emissions.

5. Tranlin says, “We protect the forests, conserve water, and reduce pollution.”

GP has no excuse for irresponsible, immoral and abusive behavior. Advanced, sustainable technology is available. Environmental discrimination enabled by ADEQ processes is a dumb business practice.

ADEQ and the Arkansas Economic Development Council decide our future with permits and public funds, selling Arkansas to energy-intensive, high-carbon, low-tech, high-pollution, heavy industries. AEDC is doing all it can to host the Chinese pulp mill, using all available public funds. There is a bidding war for deforestation, traffic congestion, air and water pollution. Foresters can’t wait to sell “forest products” ignoring the destruction of the forest soil.

We elect the people in charge and we can choose a better future. Arkansas has many geographical advantages; it can be the top eco-tourist destination with protected forests, cover crops and no-till farming, solar power, clean air and clean water. We deserve better, vote!

**Dr. Luis Contreras**



## ThePursuitOfHAPPINESS

by Dan Krotz

Our Constitutionally guaranteed rights to “life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness” are routinely taken as licenses for every manner of excess, especially in today’s political environment. And, contrary to the absolute confidence of all the True Believers on social media, it is hard to imagine voluntarily giving any of their candidates an operator’s license.

What makes these licenses excessive is their isolation from the fact that every right flows through a series of obligations or duties grounded in common decency, common sense, and thoughtfulness. It is these obligations or duties that we refer to as responsibilities.

By way of example, Bernie Sanders says that we ought to have the right to a free college education. I agree with him, but also know that such a right is the equivalent of the right to be thin. Attaining a free BS, or an optimal body weight for that matter, involves a number of devilish details that can actually include ideas like handicapping smart people – or skinny people – the way we do race horses and jockeys. Kurt Vonnegut described such a world in a short story from his collection, *Welcome to the Monkey House*.

Bill Clinton proposed a similar college education free-for-all, but in that inimitable Clinton way, added a supply-side dimension that guided thousands of young people into expensive remedial wildernesses, for-profit diploma mills, and high interest loans that have kept them poor and uncredentialed into middle age. What Mrs. Clinton believes is not quite clear, but it will certainly involve some sort of Sanders-like rhetoric during the campaign, and if elected, a thorough testing of various free-market winds prior to implementation.

As grim as this sounds, it hardly compares to the decency-free, sense-free, and thought-free Monkey House constructed by the Republican candidates. The clearest idea they’ve presented so far is that all the bathrooms in the Monkey House will be strictly sex-segregated, no Muslims can pee in them, and if you’re still scared you can take your gun in with you.

We can’t be sure who’ll clean them since there won’t be any immigrant labor around but, by golly, the GOP promises to Make our Toilets Great Again. What a deal.



## 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the Month at the Berryville Community Center from 6 – 7:30 p.m.

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

• **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](mailto: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](http://www.nwarkaa.org)

# INDEPENDENT ConstablesOnPatrol

#### APRIL 11

6:06 p.m. – Employee accidentally set off an alarm at a bank.

6:10 p.m. – Manager of a downtown store was concerned because she heard footsteps in the vacant apartment upstairs. Constable who responded found out a new lease had just been signed.

7:08 p.m. – Central dispatch transferred a call requesting a welfare check on a storeowner in the east part of town. Constables arrived and called for EMS to help with emotional issues.

#### APRIL 12

10:14 a.m. – A medium-sized dog roamed freely through a neighborhood along the Historic Loop. Animal Control found the animal at its residence and warned the owner about leash laws.

1:33 p.m. – Constable performed a welfare check on children at an address on the west side of town and found them well-attended.

2:45 p.m. – Constable responded to a call regarding an individual having a psychotic episode.

2:53 p.m. – Two vehicles near the schools allegedly drove around a crossing guard and almost hit a child.

5:56 p.m. – A burglar alarm was triggered at an address on the Historic Loop, but constable found the building secure.

7:48 p.m. – Constable went to a residence west of downtown for a welfare check and found the person okay.

9:33 p.m. – A male was sleeping on the floor of a female’s house, and she did not want him there. Constable woke him with the news he should leave and not come back.

#### APRIL 13

9:26 a.m. – Several items were reported missing from a work site in the south part of town.

9:37 a.m. – Ex-boyfriend claimed his ex-girlfriend took the title to his vehicle without his knowledge or permission and used it to get a loan.

4:02 p.m. – Animal Control picked up a wandering dog and returned it to its owner along with two citations.

8:25 p.m. – There was a motorcycle versus vehicle accident on US 62 in the commercial area. The driver fled the scene. Constables searched for but did not find the driver.

11:15 p.m. – Individual was arrested on warrants out of Madison and Barry Counties.

#### APRIL 14

1:05 p.m. – Central dispatch reported a 911 hang-up call from a local inn. Constable followed up.

2:06 a.m. – Individual reported concerns for a roommate who had been asked to move out. The roommate apparently did not take the news well and had mentioned in a text hurting herself. Constables searched for her vehicle but did not find it.

4:34 a.m. – Person at a tourist lodging reported receiving odd phone calls. Constables put on extra patrols in the area.

1:03 p.m. – Motorist reported a vehicle with no license plate was swerving all over Hwy. 23 South

on its way toward town. Constable encountered the vehicle and cleared everything up.

4:36 p.m. – Caller thought it was suspicious a vehicle was making several trips through a neighborhood. Constable went to the scene and spoke with the driver. Everything was okay.

4:51 p.m. – State Police officer made a traffic stop in the city limits and discovered the passenger had a warrant out from ESPD. Constable responded to make the arrest.

11:16 p.m. – Motorist reported an injured deer lay on US 62 toward the western edge of town. Constable did his duty and Arkansas Fish & Game was notified.

#### APRIL 15

9:35 a.m. – Another motorist claimed a semi headed toward town from the south stayed in wrong lane. Constable stopped the vehicle and made an arrest.

10:06 a.m. – Individual was arrested for DWI, possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.

1:43 p.m. – Resident claimed a vehicle had run into his parked vehicle in a neighborhood above downtown.

3:45 p.m. – Individual obtained a prescription for narcotics using a false name.

3:56 p.m. – Constables captured a dog running loose along Hwy. 23 South and returned it to its owner.

9:01 p.m. – Traffic stop resulted in the arrests of two individuals for outstanding warrants.

#### APRIL 16

12:45 a.m. – Traffic stop resulted in the arrest of the driver for driving on a suspended license, failure to dim lights, possession of drug paraphernalia and no proof of insurance.

1:26 a.m. – Alarm company reported a front door alarm had been triggered at a motel. Constable discovered employees had locked themselves out and had tripped the alarm trying to get back in.

7:13 a.m. – Complaint came in about a male driving up and down Spring Street with the radio turned up all the way. Constable never encountered the very loud vehicle.

9:26 a.m. – Pedestrian walking his dog noticed a vehicle had run into a traffic sign and fire hydrant. Constable found the vehicle responsible and issued a citation.

9:35 a.m. – Individual came to the station to report vandalism to her vehicle.

9:49 a.m. – Another person reported vandalism to a row of planter boxes near downtown.

1:25 p.m. – Guest at a tourist lodging reported staff had not allowed him to go to his room. Constable arrived to intervene, and the guest agreed to wait for the person with whom he shared the room.

2:35 p.m. – There was an accident in a parking lot.

3:38 p.m. – Driver drove away after a gas fill-up with the hose still inserted. Constable did not find any resulting hazards.

4:51 p.m. – Motorist called in an allegedly erratic

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# INDEPENDENTNews

## Aud committee charts a course

#### NICKY BOYETTE

The Auditorium Committee and others gathered April 14 to toss around ideas for what the Auditorium needs for long-term success. Jeff Danos, local promoter who serves as chair, asked the group what would be an immediately implementable idea to bring people to the Auditorium.

*The Rocky Horror Picture Show* was the quick response from Dori Thomas, events coordinator for the City Advertising and Promotion Commission. Danos agreed Rocky Horror could be a recurring event because it has been a successful draw in many other cities. Ken Ketelsen, chair of the CAPC, said he knew of a Kansas City theater group looking for a place to perform Rocky Horror. The group concurred this was an idea worth pursuing.

Discussion also covered better use of the bulletin boards on the west wall of the building for promoting events and gathering attention. But first, the frames need repairs to make them weatherproof. Thomas also mentioned the [theaud.com](http://theaud.com) website is due for an upgrade with more photos. Danos termed the site “a work in progress.”

Mayor’s assistant Kim Stryker handed out copies of recommendations to city council from the 2011 Auditorium Committee which have yet to be acted upon. “Here we are again, so it is time to ask again,” she said.

Stryker commented that Mayor Butch Berry has started the conversation about a two percent sales tax which would provide for a steady revenue stream for the city, and part of the revenue would be designated for the Auditorium. She stated the task of the committee would be to come up with specific recommendations regarding what it would take to operate and maintain the building, including anticipated costs, and send it to city council.

Danos added they also would need to prove to the public a tax is

worth it by showing what the Auditorium can do for the community. “However, if we can do that without the tax revenue, then why would residents endorse a tax?”

Thomas responded that just addressing structural needs of the aging building should justify the tax.

Ron Sumner, technical director at the Auditorium, said renovating the basement of the Auditorium could open it up as a multi-use facility, from monthly local shows to exhibits and beyond. Artist John Rankine agreed the basement holds great potential for more use by the community, and Stryker remarked, “This [the Auditorium] is the community center.”

Rankine gave the historical perspective. He said there was a time when people in the broader area looked to see what the next act at the Auditorium would be, and a goal should be to get there again. He also suggested a monthly alternative music night might spark interest.

Danos commented having an events coordinator focused on bringing in entertainment changes the dynamic for what is possible, but he also noticed because of more competition in the area and the price of tickets for competitive acts, they must strike a balance between striving to re-create the glory years and charting a new course.

Rankine reminded the group that regardless of the production and promotion issues, the Auditorium is a great venue. Stryker said the Eroica Trio ranked it among venues with the best natural acoustics of any place they have played.

Sumner stated that among performers, the Auditorium has a great reputation, and the group agreed it is important to remind citizens the Auditorium has served many functions for the town over the years.

Next meeting time is not yet scheduled.

## Spinning the fork for the animals

Enjoy a meal of delicious homemade meatballs, salad, and garlic bread offered by Good Shepherd Human Society volunteers on Thursday, May 5 from 4:30 – 7:30 p.m. at the 4 States Event Center, 2100 East Van Buren. Complement the meal by purchasing a glass of wine for \$5. A silent auction with 15+ items will be offered, and a mini adopt-a-thon to find your perfect friend. Adults are \$7 and children under five are \$3.

### Humane Society board meeting next Wednesday

The Good Shepherd Humane Society will hold its monthly board meeting on Wednesday, April 27 at 1 p.m. in the downstairs conference room at the Grand Central Hotel on South Main Street. All are welcome to attend and hear changes taking place at the shelter.

## GASKINS CABIN STEAKHOUSE



\*In addition to our regular menu

**Skewer of Prime Beef 19.95**  
*The best steak kabob around. Large chunks of our juicy Ribeye skewered with green pepper and red onion, marinated and grilled to perfection. Served with your choice of sides.*

**Grilled Pork Chop 15.95**  
*Grilled bone-in pork chop, served with a spiced apple compote and your choice of sides.*

**Steakhouse Char-Grilled Cheeseburger 13.95**  
*We grind our famous Ribeye steaks to make this half-pound\* burger. We add a special blend of spices and seasonings and aged cheddar cheese to make this a very juicy and delicious burger. We serve it with steak fries, on a sesame seed bun with all the trimmings. Add smoked bacon 2.00*  
\*Pre-cooked weight

**Grilled Chicken Caesar Salad 12.95**  
*Fresh Romaine lettuce, and house-made Caesar dressing and croutons.*  
**Substitute Grilled Shrimp 18.95**

**Fettuccini Alfredo with Grilled Chicken 14.95**  
*Grilled breast of chicken atop a bed of our delicious Fettuccini Alfredo.*

\*Consuming raw or undercooked meats, poultry, seafood, shellfish, or eggs may increase your risk of food borne illness, especially if you have certain medical conditions.

A 20% gratuity will be added to groups of 5 or more. A charge of \$3 will be added to all split plates.



**Located 3 Miles North of the Train Station on Hwy. 23 N. Midway between Holiday Island & Eureka Springs 479-253-5466**  
**Open Wednesday thru Saturday at 5 P.M.**



Venison safe, wildlife experts say

**BECKY GILLETTE**  
Arkansawyers rely on venison to have tasty meat in the freezer and reduce grocery bills, but discovery of Chronic Wasting Disease in elk and deer in the Buffalo River Valley has raised concerns about the future of deer hunting for food. CWD is always fatal, and has been found in 79 deer and three elk in the Buffalo River area recently.

A reader of the *Eureka Springs Independent* called to say local deer hunters are worried about consuming local venison, even though CWD has not yet been found in this area. The reader wanted to know if cooking venison at high temperatures would make it safe to eat.

William Craker, president of the Bull Shoals Urban Bow Hunters Association, said that while cooking meat to at least 145° for five minutes is always a good idea, CWD proteins are impossible to destroy with heat.

“Please let your hunters know that it is safe to eat the meat,” Craker said. “There is absolutely no evidence to show that CWD is transmissible to humans. The protein or actual prion

responsible for CWD is concentrated in brain fluid, spinal fluid, and lymph glands located in the jaw of infected animals. It is better to avoid these areas when handling possible infected animals. There is no evidence of the protein being present in the meat tissue. I do, and will continue to, eat deer meat with no fear of CWD.”

Craker, who has a master’s degree in wildlife biology, recommends boning out all deer meat to avoid bone marrow. He said there is no way to know if elk, reintroduced in that area from 1981 to 1985, carried the disease here or not.

Initially that was the reasoning because it was discovered in Ponca, Ark., elk first. He said it is just as possible CWD was brought in from deer harvested from other states that have CWD. There are also a few wealthy landowner/hunters who have purchased deer from deer farms and introduced them to local herds in an effort to “improve trophy deer” here in Arkansas.

There is no evidence CWD originated with the elk, agreed Keith Stephens, chief of communications, Arkansas Game & Fish Commission (AG&F).

“Anything is possible,” Stephens said, “but it is highly unlikely. The elk came from an area of Colorado that didn’t have CWD and still doesn’t have it. At last count we have just over six hundred elk in the Buffalo River area, and CWD has been found in only three. One of them was harvested by a hunter, and two others we sampled appeared to be sick.”

It can take years after exposure before you see any signs that a cervid (moose, elk and deer) can show signs of the disease. After initially finding CWD in Newton County, game officials were hoping it was isolated to a small herd of elk and that if they took down the entire herd, it might contain the disease. But finding CWD in 79 deer in Newton and Boone counties dashed those hopes.

“The prevalence rate was greater than we expected,” Stephens said. “We have expanded testing statewide. We are asking the public to contact us if they see a deer or elk hit by a car or one that may have recently died so we can pull a sample from those.”

Stephens said it is likely CWD will spread to other areas of the state. “We are the twenty-fourth state with CWD,” he

said. “It is spreading eastward. Through the efforts of other agencies like ours, they still have deer hunting in those states. Deer hunting didn’t disappear. It is the same thing for Arkansas. We don’t expect it to end deer hunting. But you want to contain it because it is one hundred percent fatal and we don’t want to start seeing large numbers of deer dying across the state.”

AG&F recommends burying or incinerating remains. “Obviously, not a lot of folks have livestock incinerators, but don’t move it,” Stephens said. “If you are in the area where CWD is found, it is already infected and won’t change anything to put it back where you shot it. But we don’t want it moved out of that area. The reason why feeding is a concern in the wild is we don’t want to concentrate deer under a feeder where they are urinating and defecating, which are some of the main ways to transfer the disease between animals.”

To report sick or dead deer, including road kill, call (800) 482-9262.

Deer hunting accounts for an estimated \$370.6 million in annual retail sales in Arkansas.



**If they grow it, we will come** – The Eureka Springs Farmers’ Market hosted an opening day celebration for their summer hours last Thursday. Stuart Drizner and Butch Berry hold ribbon cutting scissors as the ribbon falls. Behind them are the vendors you can find from 7 a.m. – noon on Tuesdays and Thursdays at Pine Mountain Village. *PHOTO BY JEREMIAH ALVARADO*

Eureka students score at state competition

**NICKY BOYETTE**  
Construction technology teacher Jason Hill announced at Monday evening’s Eureka Springs school board meeting that four of eight Eureka Springs students who participated in the state SkillsUSA competition came away with honors. Jacob Holloway won first place in construction and Cole Rains won first in masonry. David Birchfield place third in masonry and Tyler Crawford was third in plumbing. Kyle Rains participated in masonry and Jon Fraser in carpentry. Hill advised these students. Koltin Massey and Dyllan Miley participated in digital cinema production, and were advised by Adam Louderback.

Holloway and Cole Rains will go to Louisville June 20-24 for the National SkillsUSA competition.

Hill’s construction students will participate in rehabilitating the elementary school playground.

**Old high school lease**

Supt. Bryan Pruitt said he has been looking for answers to questions regarding negotiations with the Community Center Foundation for leasing the old high school property. He spoke with state level representatives who cited an “absence provision” which would indemnify the district if, after the lease is in force, the Foundation or a sublessor were to hold a wine and cheese event, for

example. He is also clearing up questions of when the district would not need to approve future construction projects.

Pruitt said, however, he and district treasurer Pam McGarrah researched financial records and discovered the district refinanced a bond in 1989, and in 1993 paved the parking lot at the old site, and these debts are still not paid in full. Pruitt told the board they were not able to determine how much is still owed, but engaged a bond attorney to sort it out for them and the answer should come soon.

Also, Pruitt said he would get an attorney who specializes in law related to school districts to look at the lease from a district’s perspective.

**Salary increase for teachers**

Pruitt said the district had not given staff a raise since 2010. There have been one-time bonuses annually, but he recommended a \$500 increase to the base salary schedule. He commented this move would help keep the district competitive, and there could be bonuses if the finances allow.

Board members had no hesitation approving Pruitt’s recommendation.

**Other business**

- The board voted to renew its agreement with

financial advisor First Security Beardsley for another three years.

- Following executive session, the board accepted the resignations of Donna Kesner (elementary literacy coach) and Kathy McCurry (elementary librarian); hired Jake Allen and David Parkman for track scorers for meets at the school; hired Jason Hill and Adam Louderback for the additional duty of co-coach for baseball.

Next meeting is Thursday, May 19, at 5:30 p.m.

### Fifth annual Cats’ meow

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](http://TurpentineCreek.org) for \$110, 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.

TheNATUREofEUREKA by Steven Foster

Contrasting temperate with tropic

Eureka Springs today. Costa Rica yesterday. This time of year the contrast is not quite as dramatic as one might think. I almost regretted leaving at this time of year when the Ozarks display

a thousand shades of green, but the canopy of the Costa Rica rainforest also flashed greens of every possibility. Far underneath our feet in the Ozarks are the geological remnants of a three-billion-year-old volcanic



substrate. In Costa Rica, the ever-present volcanic experience reminds one of human smallness, like microorganisms at the base of a skin blemish.

No ticks or chiggers were to be seen in Costa Rica, but one still had to be aware of every manner of biting and stinging creatures such as *Paraponera clavata*, the bullet ant which delivers the most dramatically painful experience of any stinging insect. We carefully avoided one another.

Second on the list of insects offering a painful wallop are tarantula wasps. Given their length of more than two inches, they are also known as tarantula hawks. No, they don’t look like tarantulas, they eat them for lunch. I experienced a fly-by or two of the blue-black giants with rust-colored wings, but we, too, avoided contact.

And of course, just like in the Ozarks, one wants to keep a keen eye on the ground (or in the trees) for well-camouflaged pit vipers. Our highly-evolved pit vipers, including rattlesnakes and cottonmouths, have sophisticated warning mechanisms. In the tropics, the pit vipers offer no such warning. Most tourist venues no longer



allow open-toed shoes along trails. Seldom seen here or there in day-to-day activities, venomous critters, no matter where one lives, always seem to become a topic of conversation.

Like Eureka Springs, Costa Rica is dependent upon and serves the tourist. Unlike Eureka Springs, most of those who work in Costa Rica’s tourist industry have not themselves ever been tourists or traveled abroad. Costa Rica has carefully developed its image of a friendly location for ecotourism. Nature, itself, is the attraction. We can learn from that. Returning home to the beauty of an Ozark spring also reminds me of how fortunate we are to live in natural beauty. Sure, Costa Rica has more plants species, more birds, more bugs, and more beaches. We only need turn our attention to the beauty in front of our eyes to appreciate home as a destination.



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

## Special ceremony at Soldier On Service Dogs Facility

Mayor of Fayetteville, Lioneld Jordan will proclaim Northwest Arkansas Veteran Suicide Awareness Day on April 29 at a special ceremony that will begin at 9:30 a.m. at Soldier On Service Dogs’ facility, 2378 W. Moore Lane.

Twenty-one red, white, and blue trees will be planted on Soldier On Service Dogs’ grounds to represent the 21 veteran lives lost in Northwest Arkansas to suicide each year. SOSD hopes that these trees will serve as a motivator to band together as a community to lessen the number of seeds of suicidal thoughts planted and as a memorial to those who have suffered.

The public is invited to attend. Individuals may purchase one of the trees in memory of a loved one or to show their support of the effort to erase Veteran suicide. Each tree will include a plaque that can be inscribed with a name or quote. The trees are \$50 a piece.

For questions about the ceremony or if you would like a tree email [Katelyn@soldieron servicedogs.com](mailto:Katelyn@soldieron servicedogs.com) or call (479) 521-9301.



**Adventure and art coalesce** – Christie Braswell, an ESSA Instructor, spoke at the Rotary Meeting last Thursday about how her backpacking, camping, biking, kayaking and journaling intersects with her various art forms.

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when she knew she wanted to be an artist.

“There are people who at an early age know what they want to do and I was one of them,” Lux said. “So it is kind of handy because I never wondered. I was about four and was seriously into color crayons. It was just something I liked doing. Now I know I need to do it. It sort of centers me and calms me down to make things.”

She learned to sew at a very early age, and got very good at it. Her mother started taking her to Saturday school at the Memphis Academy of Art when she was only 12. “That was pretty amazing because I had some excellent teachers there,” Lux said. “I also taught young kids art so I could get extra spending money.”

In high school she was named the Tennessee State Sewing Champion. She graduated from Memphis State in 1961 with a degree in printmaking and history, then took her first weaving course at the Memphis College of Art. She went to work at a stained glass company where she did designs, primarily for church buildings, for ten years.

“Stained glass always fascinated me,” Lux said. “When I moved to Eureka Springs in 1970, I had two little girls and I thought I would do the stained glass

studio myself. That doesn’t work with a three and a five year-old. So I quit that. I knew how to weave, and the Palace Bath Hotel hired me to demonstrate weaving on the weekends, which was perfect because the girls could hang out there. When the hotel closed in the winter, I produced and sold things made with my loom. They let me take the loom home, and I still have it. It is still my favorite loom.”

In 1974 she married Bob Wilson, who owns Bubba’s Barbecue. She recalls once finding a 130-year-old loom that was sitting in a mud puddle outside a junk store in Rogers. She paid for it with all the money she had on her at the time, \$60 in grocery money. After she unloaded it from the car and told her husband, he said, “It was worth it. We’ll have potato soup this week.”

The Lux Weaving Studio is located in what was an old, vacant grocery store before she purchased it in 1978. The space has great ambiance with a molded tin ceiling, a wooden floor, and colorful weaving and beading supplies, in addition to the looms and spinning wheels.

Lux and Wilson are avid travelers, and have spent about a month in Mexico each winter for the last 30 years. For most of that time, they camped out on the beach to be close to the fishing that Wilson loves. More recently they purchased a

home in Mérida, which she describes as a city plump with Mayan culture.

Lux takes her beadwork with her when she travels, and often ends up teaching. She has particularly enjoyed teaching in Mexico. She recently got back from Ghana, Africa, where she taught a bead class, and she has also taught in Mali, Africa.

“When I am beading, people will approach me and want to learn,” Lux said. “So I will end up giving them a class. It is just a neat way to really know people’s cultures. I’m trying to get a teaching job in Borneo next October.”

Lux dates the start of her fascination with beading back to taking a beading glass at Penland School of Crafts in North Carolina.

“Then I understood that was what I wanted to do, weaving with glass,” Lux said. “It blends glass with weaving.”

The types of art she does include rugs, decorative wall hangings, chair covers, jewelry and much more.

“I just like to do everything,” she said. “I can’t seem to slow myself down to just one thing. But if it is not selling, you have to do something about that.”

She recalls that she, Zeek Taylor and Mary Springer, another local artist who attended the Memphis College of Art, met 26 years ago to discuss having an

open house. The White Street Walk was birthed, a street festival that attracts a big crowd in May.

“The whole neighborhood opens up and invites people to show in their homes,” Lux said. “It is not a huge moneymaker, but artists get their work out there, and it is fun to see everyone. Tourists like seeing so many local artists there. They get a feeling for what the town is like.”

Lux is also an avid gardener. “Mother was a gardener, so I had my own flowerbed at an early age,” she said. “There is something so peaceful and relaxing about walking through a garden. It is a peaceful, healthy exercise for me.”

The public is invited to a reception to honor Lux from 4-6 p.m. on Thursday, May 12, at the Crescent Hotel in Eureka Springs. To reserve a seat, call (501) 324-9766 or email [faye@arkansasheritage.org](mailto:faye@arkansasheritage.org) by May 6.

Other previous local recipients of the Arkansas Living Treasure award include woodworker, author and teacher Doug Stowe, and Larry Williams, who makes woodworking planes sold worldwide.

“We are the only town in Arkansas with more than one winner of the Arkansas Living Treasure award, and now we have three,” Lux said. “The majority of people here are artists.”

## EARLY DAYS at Eureka Springs<sup>®</sup> – 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 Six – Play Days on North Main

After the railroad was opened for traffic February 1, 1883, the Narrows became a popular picnic ground. For many years our Fourth of July celebrations were always held there. The railroad company ran many trains from Eureka Springs, beginning early in the morning, the last one returning late at night. The company had not much equipment. We rode to the Narrows in flat cars with sides high enough that nobody could fall out; the seats were made of planks. Our mothers packed baskets of food for dinner and supper, for we would stay to see the fireworks put off from the top of the right hand bluff as one faces the river. There was a spring on the opposite side down a flight of wooden steps by the side of the bridge, but on a ledge of rock well above the river. We got our drinking water from this spring. Part of our equipment was always a tin pail to carry water. These picnics were a family affair, mother and father and all the children.

Between the Narrows and Leatherwood Creek to the south or west of the track is a wide, level stretch with plenty of room for a speakers’ stand,

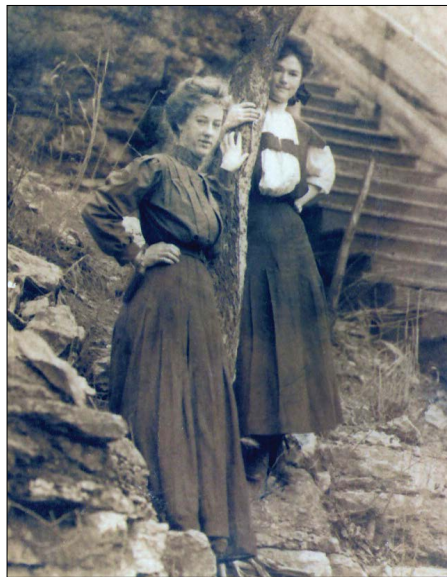
refreshment booths, a dance platform, and plenty of scattered boulders for convenient and fairly comfortable seats. The larger portion of the crowds usually stayed there. On the other side of the track, at the foot of the bluff, a large flat platform of rock had been left for a convenient station for passengers to descend from the trains. From that landing a long flight of wooden steps led upward along the face of the cliff to the top, where a path led up a gradual incline to the summit of the ridge which widens out until on the right is a smooth, flat mountain top, but on the left a precipitous bluff drops down to the river, which at the point curves back on the third side of the U loop. A pavilion had been built there which afforded a magnificent view of the river, back toward the Narrows and forward on its way. Occasionally refreshment stands were set up there. Often streams of sightseers were passing up and down the steps and along the path. Once I remember we at the head of those steps, on the rocks overlooking the bridge, to see the fireworks.

Often man, in arranging things to promote his own comfort, defaces God’s

handiwork. But at the Narrows had not that ridge of rock been cut through not many would have know of that unique formation. For the marvel is not cutting a roadway through solid rock, but the formation itself of that narrow rock isthmus which connected two wider flanges of the ridge. Every tourist who goes to Eureka Springs should include in his sightseeing drives a view of the Cut at Beaver along the side of White River and the Narrows. Those beautiful scenes are still there.

The first engineer for the new railroad was a man named Clauson. Mr. Clauson boarded in our home. He never moved to Eureka Springs. His wife visited him once. He was only there a few months. He was a man of very strong opinions. He hated rocking chairs. “The idea,” he said, “of rocking back and forth and staying in the same place. If it took you anywhere there would be some sense in it.”

Mr. Church took his place and Len Spangler was the fireman. Mr. and Mrs. Church lived in that house at the top of the flight of steps that led up the hill south of the Cold Spring. Mrs. Church raised Silver Laced Wyandotte chickens. She



was sociably inclined, and was often in our home.

Our brother Charlie, who had hauled freight into Eureka Springs until the railroad was built, worked for the Eureka Springs Railroad for a few months, but in the early summer of 1883 went to Pierce City and began more than fifty years of service for the Frisco; he then retired and soon after went to live in Los Angeles, California.

When Mr. Church left, after two or three years, Mr. Spangler became engineer. He and his family lived in our neighborhood for a number of years. By a trifling incident of no consequence I know they were there in the fall of 1883, perhaps sooner. We knew him quite well when he was Mr. Church’s fireman.

## 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.



**Rolling on the highway** – Airstreams converged into Wanderlust RV park carrying humans and dogs from across five states last week. The group, Air Midwest, travels the nation. PHOTO BY CHIP FORD



The Wesak Festival, Buddha Full Moon

Many years ago in the early 1970s I encountered an article in an alternative paper with symbols and shapes used for a festival called Wesak. I lost the article but I remember being deeply drawn to the geometrical shapes. Later, I found a pamphlet from Lucis Trust about the Wesak Festival and inside were the very same shapes – points, lines, crosses, interlocking circles and triangles, ending with a five pointed star. Today I know those shapes signify sacred movements

(evocations, a “calling”) performed in front of a flat rock altar next to a stream in a valley in the Himalayas during a full moon of April or May, the Buddha Full Moon also known as the Wesak Festival. The shapes are accompanied by sacred mantrams and these “call down” and assist the Buddha in his yearly visit and appearance to Earth from Heaven (Shamballa).

The Wesak Festival is this Thursday night/Friday morning, April 21–22, around midnight. People from all around

the world travel to the Wesak Valley for the festival. There’s a legend that Holy Ones appear in the valley, too. Buddha’s brother, the Christ, and the Hierarchy, the New Group of World Servers, preparing since Winter Solstice, all participate in Wesak. It’s part of the Ageless Wisdom teachings.

Each year the Buddha returns to Earth to bless humanity with the Father’s Love and Will-to-Good which, when received by humanity becomes Goodwill. The Forces of Enlightenment accompany

the Buddha, inaugurating an era of Right Thinking and strengthening the Will to Good in all lovers of humanity.

We place crystal bowls of water outside prior to the festival. The water, absorbing the Father’s blessings, becomes sacred water under the Taurus Light. Everyone everywhere is invited to participate. At the moment of the full moon we say together, “*We are ready, Buddha. Come Forth.*” And recite together the Great Invocation, the Mantram of Direction for Humanity.

**ARIES:** Something’s (everything about you) exalted, there’s an abundance of physical and emotional energy, your moods swing into a rhythm following the stars. You seek to understand, then protect your values, possessions, becoming steadfast, like a Taurus. Although fluctuating financially you’re always prosperous.

**TAURUS:** Watching you these days we see activity, forcefulness, courage, leadership. You’re free, independent lead by imagination and vision. Your feelings assert themselves everywhere. Enlightenment is your purpose. Nothing obstructs this, not even relationships. You pioneer new enterprises, teach new ways of thinking. You’ve found your Path. Careful.

**GEMINI:** You settle into a quiet place, alert and sensitive to the needs of others. At times you’re into the mysterious or mystical through prayer, meditation or imagination. It’s good to stay behind the scenes, study things like forgiveness, apokatastasis (Greek for “being restored”, returning to an original dream), a new word from St. Gregory of Nyssa. The Earth this week is being sanctified. Is your crystal bowl ready?

**CANCER:** A sense of being enlightened this week and month come through communication with social groups, friends, organizations and/or communities seeking to reform and revolutionize society. You will ask what are the collective objectives? And these help define your future hopes and wishes. If they are not practical you will make them so. Your values and ideals illumine.

**LEO:** You seek enlightenment through interaction with and great achievement in the world. Concerned with reputation, honor, or fame you learn how to be an authority and influence others with kindness. As you take on more responsibilities you also learn how to lead with both power and love. When one is without the other leadership is hollow. Every leader learns this through suffering.

**VIRGO:** You have high ideals that seek justice and equality. Your actions attempt to remove the blindfold from the eyes of Mother Justice. You aspire for more education, deeper consciousness and true wisdom. You expand your mind through travel, religion or philosophical endeavors. You try to spread new ideas. Few see your spirit of adventure. Begin to carve a sacred staff.

**LIBRA:** You look to others, seeing how they live a life of values. You contemplate aspects of death and regeneration, the phoenix-like qualities found in those with great courage. You seek a deeper level of intimacy. Some Librans will enter into detective work diagnosing difficulties (health, forensics, etc.) Whenever you engage in conflict you are seeking to find the way to greater harmony. Think on this.

**SCORPIO:** Enlightenment comes through seeing those close to you with new eyes, eyes not judgmental but unconditional, filled with love and understanding. You will find harmony through cooperation, balance through diplomacy, and peace through negotiation. This sounds like the United Nations, which is also Scorpio. The Great One is always knocking on the UN’s (and your) door.

**SAGITTARIUS:** You will enlighten and illumine others, just like the Buddha would, by blessing everything, being dispassionate, by tending to necessities, both personal and professional, by assisting and serving others which creates a holy order of things, by tending to details, particular to your health. All with a neutral attitude. Then you walk your usual razor’s edge with grace.

**CAPRICORN:** You’re often very dignified, and more so this month as the Buddha’s blessings shower upon your home and garden and creativity. Your dignity allows others to see you as self-expressive, entertaining (yes, very funny sometimes), dramatic, inventive, imaginative, romantic, and playful. If anyone acts proud of themselves, praise them even more. An interesting and kind response.

**AQUARIUS:** Enlightenment occurs this month through family, acknowledging the foundation of your life and how you’ve adapted to and embraced early learnings. As you grew you sought new sources of happiness, love and vitality. Nurture and shelter all that you have been given. Give thanks for your early years. They honed the goodness within yourself now. Do you need a new home?

**PISCES:** You seek to improve upon your environments. A creativity moves within you to clean and enlighten, clear, brighten, order and beautify. This provides you with tasks and purpose, two things needed to feel comfort and fit in. It would be good to contact siblings, walk through neighborhoods, take short trips and learn a new language, maybe Sanskrit, draw the Diamond Sutra, study the Tibetan Sand Mandala. Reaching for the Light.

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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.

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## Returning duo serenades at the Cathouse Friday, Pete Maiella returns to Le Stick

Voxana, quite the lovely harmonious male/female duo, returns to Eureka Springs this weekend to smother the Cathouse with

sweet jams Friday. Le Stick, below the New Orleans Hotel, begins hosting live music again starting with Pete Maiella, this Saturday. This man is one of a kind – a

bearded, multi-faceted gem of a guitarist, singer/songwriter triple-threat with some MC skills, too.

**THURSDAY, APRIL 21**  
**EUREKA LIVE!** – *Green Screen Karaoke*, 9 p.m.  
**GRAND TAVERNE** – *Jerry Yester*, Grand Piano, 6:30 p.m.  
**LEGENDS SALOON** – *Another Turn*, Rock, 8 p.m.

**FRIDAY, APRIL 22**  
**BALCONY RESTAURANT** – *Steve Jones*, Singer/Songwriter, 5 p.m.  
**BREWS** – *J Wagner*, Singer/Songwriter, 7 – 10 p.m.  
**CATHOUSE LOUNGE** – *Voxana*, Modern Folk, 8 – 11 p.m.  
**CHELSEA’S** – *Burn Barrel*, Americana, 9 p.m.  
**EUREKA LIVE!** – *DJ and Dancing*, 9 p.m.  
**GRAND TAVERNE** – *Arkansas Red*, Guitar Dinner Music, 6:30 p.m.  
**LEGENDS SALOON** – *Blew Reed and the Flatheads*, Blues, 9 p.m.  
**NEW DELHI** – *Terri and the Executives*, Rock, 6 – 10 p.m.  
**ROWDY BEAVER** – *2 Dog 2 Karaoke*, 7:30 p.m.  
**ROWDY BEAVER DEN** – *Karaoke with DJ Goose*, 8 p.m.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 23**  
**BALCONY RESTAURANT** – *James White*, Singer/Songwriter, 12 p.m., *Jeff Lee*, Folk, 6 p.m.  
**BREWS** – *J Wagner*, Singer/Songwriter, 7 – 10 p.m.

**CATHOUSE LOUNGE** – *Opal Agafia*, Singer/Songwriter, 8 – 11 p.m.  
**CHELSEA’S** – *Chucky Waggs and Company of Raggs*, Americana, 9 p.m.  
**EUREKA LIVE!** – *DJ and Dancing*, 9 p.m.

**GRAND TAVERNE** – *Jerry Yester*, Grand Piano, 6:30 p.m.  
**LEGENDS SALOON** – *DJ Karaoke with Stan*, 8 p.m.  
**LE STICK** – *Pete Maiella*, Singer/**INDY SOUL** continued on next page



Pete Maiella plays Le Stick on Saturday, April 23, 7 – 9 p.m.

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Intrigue surrounding the 6,500 hog factory farm permitted by the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) in the Buffalo River Watershed continues. The plot thickens as Mr. Ellis Campbell (EC FARM) has requested a permit to receive up to 6.5 million gallons per year of hog urine and feces from the Campbell and Henson (C&H) 6,500-hog factory farm. This waste will be applied to approximately 600 acres, some of which is in the Little Buffalo watershed, at the head of Shop Creek and the head of the East Fork of the Little Buffalo River.

On the surface one might think that spreading the waste around on more acreage further up from the Buffalo River is at least better than applying it to less acreage. Looks can be deceiving in the sensitive karst terrain of this region where groundwater can flow as far as 2,500 ft. a day.

At a public meeting on April 11 in Jasper by the ADEQ public concerns on this transfer of waste from C&H to EC Farms were voiced. A list of concerns

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Songwriter, 7 – 9 p.m.  
**NEW DELHI** – *Dusty Pearls*, Americana, 6 – 10 p.m.  
**ROWDY BEAVER** – *Skela* – **TONES**, Grave Rock, 7:30 p.m.  
**ROWDY BEAVER DEN** – *John Harwood*, Singer/Songwriter, 12 – 4 p.m., *Blew Reed and the Flatheads*, Blues, 8 p.m.

**SUNDAY, APRIL 24**  
**BALCONY RESTAURANT** – *Michael Dimitri*, Singer/Songwriter, 12 p.m.  
**EUREKA LIVE!** – *Green Screen Karaoke*, 7 p.m.  
**ROWDY BEAVER DEN** – *Steve Zimmerman*, Singer/Songwriter, 12 – 4 p.m.

**MONDAY, APRIL 25**  
**CHELSEA’S** – *Sprungbilly*, Bluegrass, 9 p.m.

**TUESDAY, APRIL 26**  
**CATHOUSE LOUNGE** – *Los Roscoes*, Blues, 5 p.m.  
**CHELSEA’S** – *Open Mic*, 9 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27**  
**BREWS** – *Trivia Night*, 6:30 p.m.

is readily viewed on the Buffalo River Watershed Alliance’s website.

Why C& H, that will have to bear the expense of trucking the waste and expense and responsibility for any spills over the rocky circuitous transport route, wants to pursue this avenue might best be answered by looking at a timeline:

1. 2012 C& H: Nutrient Management Plan good to go for the C&H acreage. Public is told that the spraying fields of C&H can handle the two million plus gallons of hog waste applied there as fertilizer, that there will be no contamination to the Buffalo River watershed.

2. 2013: In response to public outcry and concerns about potential contamination of Big Creek and Buffalo River, Gov. Beebe sets up taxpayer funded study, The Big Creek Research Extension (BCRET), to monitor effects of swine feeding operation

on the Buffalo River.

3. 2014: Elevated *e.coli* found in Big Creek by BCRET. Elevated *e. coli* and low levels of dissolved oxygen found by National Park Service suggest impairment of Big Creek.

4. 2015 and early 2016: National Park Service and Arkansas Game & Fish request Big Creek be placed on 303(d) list of impaired streams. ADEQ declines to do so despite robust data from credible sources.

5. According to recent soil tests most of the current C&H spreading fields along Big Creek are above optimum levels of phosphorus.

6. 2015 and now: EC farm application to Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality to receive swine waste from C&H to be applied to more fields existing further up in the Buffalo River watershed.

Now back around to 2012: The public was assured by the ADEQ that the C&H spray field acreage would be sufficient to handle at least three million gallons of waste a year.

Maybe things “ain’t a-working” as well as we were guaranteed. How long before these new fields reach saturation and once again the ADEQ appears to be giving no consideration to karst terrain?

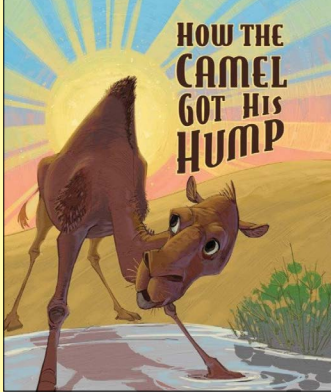
Spreading waste on more fields simply exchanges one set of problems for another. The ADEQ has a responsibility to the people of Arkansas and to C&H, which appears to have been poorly advised by the ADEQ.

Such a facility should never have been permitted in this sensitive and unpredictable karst terrain. ADEQ needs to admit its mistake of permitting this facility under any regulation.

Ginny Masullo



**Carve it and they will come** – Eureka Springs volunteer firefighters wrapped up the two day Carving in the Ozarks, with the largest crowds in 12 years. Spokesman Jimmy Kelley said \$6,000 was raised for volunteer firefighters. ESFD especially thanks Acord’s Hardware, Eureka Woodworks, All Seasons Realty, Kettle Campground, Bunch’s Quick Check, Fantasy & Stone, Arvest Bank, Community First Bank, Cornerstone Bank, Razorback Gift Shop, Sleepy’s Cabin Décor, Mountain Country Properties, Dave & Karen Grulkey, Best Western Eureka Inn, Sparky’s Roadhouse Café, The Nut House, Soap Stop, Harold’s Storage, Jim Holland, Windle & Associates, Bill Billings, Tysons, Booze Brothers, Candlewick Inn, Parker Law Firm, Fanning’s Tree Service, Kelley Excavating, Big Dipper Ice Cream, Old Town Electric, Master Sign Company, Hill Country Hardware, The Gift Corner, Catered Creations (Victor Smith), Spargur Photographics, Benny Rivett, Tammy Bullock, Charlie Cross, Miranda Cowan & Family, Elizabeth Kelley, Ken Wilcox and volunteer firefighters of Eureka Springs. PHOTOS BY RANDY ATES



### How the camel got his lump

The Arkansas Arts Center Children’s Theatre on Tour will perform *How the Camel Got His Hump* at Main Stage Creative Community Center on April 30 at 2 p.m. The story tells of the lazy camel who won’t do his part until the Djinn of all the Deserts rolls in on a cloud of magic dust and the camel learns a valuable lesson about hard work and cooperation.

Admission is free and seating is limited. Doors open at 1:30 p.m. Main Stage is located at 67 North Main Street.



and speaking out against deforestation, to name a few.

On a global scale, the world took a major step forward in caring for the Earth with the Paris agreement last December. This accord will be formally signed at the United Nations on Earth Day, April 22. Unfortunately, the US commitment to lowering greenhouse gas emissions and, thus protecting our planetary home, is in jeopardy because of the Supreme Court’s decision to delay the implementation of the Clean Power Plan. The court’s action demonstrates that in the United States we need a solution to climate change that is more resilient, more widely accepted, and more long-lasting than executive actions.

One such possibility is the passage of legislation that will put a steadily rising fee on carbon, while returning revenue to households. This revenue neutral approach, sometimes called “carbon fee and dividend,” incentivizes a rapid transition away from fossil fuels while fostering employment and economic vibrancy. It’s a fundamental solution that Arkansas’ senators and representatives could support, if encouraged.

To easily learn more about carbon fee and dividend and how it can help to preserve the well being of our beautiful Earth, check out citizensclimatelobby.org. **Jerry Landrum, Frances DaVilla, Jan Schaper**

Poison in the food

Editor, In case you are concerned with cancer, folks, take a look at this *Environmental Working Group’s* list of highly sprayed poisonous vegetables and fruits: strawberries, apples, nectarines, peaches, celery, grapes, cherries, spinach, tomatoes, sweet bell peppers, cherry tomatoes, cucumbers, kale, collard greens.

I who survived ovarian cancer eat only organic food. I buy from our Farmers’ Market and Eureka Market, and Ozark Natural Food in Fayetteville. I also try to grow as much food as I can without enough sun.

Mr. Trump, et al., could attempt to control these pesticides but he (and other Republicans) are busy yelling, cursing, and hating. I wonder why our government allows these poisons? Lobbyists?

T.A. Laughlin

Pass me a bowl – Suzanne Sweet took home the \$2100 prize money at the 2016 Arkansas State Chili Championship on Saturday and will compete at the 2016 International Chili Cook-off. The event also benefited Good Shepherd Human Society, which brought dogs for adoption. The Holiday Island Art and Photo Guilds had displays in the HI Clubhouse and Ozark Mountain Revival entertained.

PHOTOS BY JAY VRECEKAR



Cleaning the park, one paint stroke at a time

– A group gathered together on Saturday to build picnic tables, paint the old trashcans and clean up Leatherwood Park during the event hosted by Community Affects. The project was in conjunction with the Parks and Recreation Department of Eureka Springs and the Holiday Island Suburban Improvement District.

PHOTO BY JEREMIAH ALVARADO



And the morel of the story is... Crowds poured in and packed Pine Mountain Village for morel mushroom seminars, vendors and music presented by the ES Chamber of Commerce last Saturday. More than 100 people participated in the mushroom hunt that took place at Lake Leatherwood. Cheryl Kremer of Lakeview brought back the only morel found and won two tickets to Silver Dollar City. Pictured: (l. – r) Tammy Thurow and Cheryl Kremer.

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DROPPING A Line by Robert Johnson

That’s what I call big bait. Big brood shad we call thumpers, I like to put just one out on the longest line to get hit or draw attention to the rest of the bait. Sometimes they get hit by big fish, sometimes big herrings, now that’s fun.

The spawn is on from Point 12 and up the White and War Eagle arms of Beaver Lake for stripers, crappie and white bass. Best way to get in on it is to tow and put in between Rogers and Springdale with launch ramps at Monte Ne, Hickory Creek Park, or War Eagle Park.

Stripers on our end got fewer and moved upstream, but will be back this way in bigger numbers in just a few weeks as the river warms up to too hot for them. Still a few scattered on our end and some being caught around Prairie Creek. We caught our fish with no weights way back behind the boat.

Here at Holiday Island the whites and walleye are being caught from the Island to up past Houseman on the tailwaters. The whites are moving upstream to spawn as the walleye are heading back closer to the Island. Walleye like it slow near the bottom, and whites will hit about anything moving fast or slow that looks like a shad.



Well, I better go, got an early run up Beaver. This is our spring warm rain – brings current, brings spawn.

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

Heart and harmony at Holiday Island

The Holiday Island Singers will hold *Lift Up Your Voice* concert on Friday, April 29 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, May 1 at 2:30 p.m. at the Holiday Island Country Club Ballroom. Listen to southern gospel and harmony sung with heart and souls. Tickets are \$10 and available at Cornerstone Bank, Holiday Island Pro Shop and at the door or call Judy Slater (479) 253-7939.

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

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ACROSS

- 1. Insects with knees?
- 5. World-weary
- 10. Muslim call to prayer
- 14. Despoil
- 15. Favored marble
- 16. Post bath covering
- 17. Indicating constant temperatures
- 19. After season attraction
- 20. Notes
- 21. Settled, with “out”
- 23. Unisex shirt
- 24. Aroma
- 25. Bar fight reminder
- 29. Decree
- 30. Owned
- 33. Singled out
- 34. Ancient coffin or box
- 35. La Scala feature
- 36. Donations for the poor
- 37. Get the soap out
- 38. Outlay
- 39. Excessive amount
- 40. Small whirlpool
- 41. Sufficient
- 42. Isaac, to Abraham
- 43. Imitates
- 44. Submitted (to)
- 45. Felix’s roommate
- 47. Get too nosy

- 48. Italian ice cream
- 50. Send off exclamation
- 55. Peasant, in India
- 56. Trump’s core business
- 58. Yearning
- 59. Beaver’s state of mind
- 60. Doorbell ringing company
- 61. Howls
- 62. Type of code
- 63. Seize

DOWN

- 1. Highest point in a cup
- 2. Simplicity
- 3. Epic poetry
- 4. Hardens, as concrete
- 5. Hunter
- 6. Coincide
- 7. Mother horses
- 8. About when, abbr.
- 9. Dainty
- 10. Malicious burning
- 11. Believing oneself is an animal
- 12. Type of seaman
- 13. Must have
- 18. Despised
- 22. Soak, as flax

- 24. Coward
- 25. Issues
- 26. Shout of exultation
- 27. Study of disease resistance
- 28. Safe, comfortable place
- 29. Discovers
- 31. Supermarket walkway
- 32. Old fashioned
- 34. Autumn quaff
- 35. Highest point
- 37. Made good as new
- 41. Deep chasm
- 43. Portray another person
- 44. Firm instructions
- 46. Gluts
- 47. Best racetrack positions
- 48. Chow
- 49. Grayish tropical wildcat
- 50. Something thrown down as a challenge
- 51. Patron deity of craftsmen
- 52. Projecting part of a roof
- 53. School near Windsor
- 54. Result of a fender bender
- 57. Corn on a cob



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**CONSTABLES** continued from page 10  
driver entering town from the west but constables never saw the vehicle.  
6:25 p.m. – Report of a possible domestic disturbance prompted a response from a constable who found a teenage brother and sister playing around. Nothing to report.  
6:35 p.m. – Two constables complied with the owner’s request to see if someone was on the property. Constables did not find anyone there.  
10:17 p.m. – Constable took a report of a private property traffic accident.  
**APRIL 17**

12:30 a.m. – Traffic stop resulted in the arrest of the driver for driving on a suspended license.  
12:54 a.m. – Another traffic stop resulted in the arrest of a driver for DWI#2, possession of a controlled substance, possession of

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drug paraphernalia, careless and prohibited driving, violation of interlock device, implied consent and obstruction of governmental operations.  
2:23 a.m. – Constable arrested an individual for third degree domestic battery.  
12:52 p.m. – Complainant reported a stolen phone, and ESPD traced the phone to the Berryville area.  
4:30 p.m. – Person who had been a guest at a tourist lodging told ESPD he might have left his firearm in his room. Constable and manager checked the room but did not find a firearm.  
10:54 p.m. – Person who had been sitting at a gas pump for 45 minutes turned out to be intoxicated. She was arrested for public intoxication.  
11:09 p.m. – Resident complained of barking dogs, but the constable who drove through the area did not hear any barking.



**Soft sound of spring** – Harpist Brenda Bowen Cox and cellist Carol Widder played at The Heart of Many Ways on Sunday as the first part of this year’s Festival of Harps, a springtime fundraiser for the church building. *PHOTO BY JEREMIAH ALVARADO*

## 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.

## Patching it together

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 Thompson

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. 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.



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