# More CUP contention at Planning

NICKY BOYETTE

It was a déjà vu revival for the Planning Commission at its April 26 meeting. For the second meeting in a row the meeting began with a Public Hearing

"And if you can't define it, put a moratorium on it until you can."

- Pat Matsukis

for a Conditional Use Permit for a one-unit Bed & Breakfast, similar to the previous meeting, commissioners were treated to a long line of citizens with opinions. There was also a spate of letters read into the record. Even though this application was

different and elicited strong support, the outcome again was to deny the application.

Applicants were Jaclyn Cross and Stephen Scott Dobbins, who want a CUP to use their cottage at 5 Kirk as a B&B. Cross stated they live on the premises, there were three parking spaces and she was aware of the need to maintain harmony in the neighborhood. She contended her B&B would contribute to "the greater good of the community."

Several opponents, as they did at the April 12 meeting, cited traffic issues on a narrow street, parking concerns and additional noise in the neighborhood. LauraLee Wilcox stated she spoke for many others in asking the commission to protect residential neighborhoods. Betsy Rodier noted the impact on traffic would extend to the adjoining street, and Leigh Short claimed visitors at the proposed B&B would be unfamiliar with the tight

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**Sock it to me –** Some of the trees in Basin Park got dressed in colorful, crocheted party socks in celebration of the May Festival of the Arts. The kniffiti is the art of Gina Rose Gallina.

Рното ву Jay Vrecenak

### This Week's INDEPENDENT Thinkers

We're glad that Ringling Bros. circuses no longer allow elephants to be transformed from wild jungle animals into entertainers. The list of abuses is long and hard to read, and it's high time humans stop using any and every sentient being to make money.

But wait! We found a



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happy elephant story and are starting to feel better already.

Me-Bai was taken from her mother when she was just a calf, and sold to give tourists rides. She went through a brutal training where she was taught that humans are in charge, then forced to give rides all day every day.

She became too weak to work, so her owner sent her to an elephant nature park, where as luck would have it, caretakers found her mother and reunited the pair after their three-year separation.

This picture is going on the office refrigerator.

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Yo! Mama! Want me to cook or take you out?



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turn on the street and might present a traffic hazard.

A letter from Glenda Satterfield stated the B&B would be a commercial venture in a residential area and would affect nearby property values. Joann Wintery argued against having out-oftown guests in their quiet neighborhood. Gwen Bennett pointed out there was a platted section of Kirk Street running onto the property and between the two structures thereby making the application contrary to City Code.

However, Mark Mattmiller said the applicant was a local entrepreneur with new ideas providing a room within walking distance of downtown. He maintained the B&B would not devalue properties, and warned his prospective real estate clients draw inaccurate negative conclusions about the town from statements espoused by naysayers.

Beau Satori pointed out the building was built as a guest lodging many years ago, and he was in favor of the CUP. He said might parking be tight, but parking is tight all over town. Attorney Tim Parker said in his letter that Cross was very detail oriented and should do well with a B&B. Others spoke up for Cross as being respectful and well-deserving, and Miranda Smith called the B&B "a hidden oasis... and a great addition to our town."

In all, public speakers were evenly split for and against the application. Among the letters, 12 were favorable and six were opposed. After the Public Hearing, Pat Matsukis took a broader view in her public comments. She reminded commissioners, "Recognize this is not about whether Jackie is a good person; it is about the rules." She said there needed to be further conversation at city hall about home businesses, and the city needed to pursue action against illegal B&B owners. But above all, she insisted the commission should stick to the rules. "And if you can't define it," she commented, "put a moratorium on it until vou can."

Commissioners got their turn to speak and asked Cross to clarify the parking situation and the fact that two buildings are on the property. Commissioner Melissa Greene read from City Code regarding B&Bs that if there are two residences on the same property, there cannot be a street, alley, right-of-way or green space between them. She wanted Cross to prove the two residences sit on one undivided property. She said even though she was a proponent of B&Bs, she would have no problem voting No if she saw a problem.

However, she stated the owners live on the property, they are contributing members of the community, and "we need some young spirit," so she said she could support the application.

Commissioner James Morris claimed he saw no negative impact on that neighborhood with the cottage being used as a B&B. He also asserted the complaints "don't hold water" that a B&B there would make the traffic worse; in fact, he said it might provide more control.

Regardless, he insisted there must be a balance, and the answer must come from existing City Code. He said the CUP would not change the area into a commercial area and it would not change the zoning as some claim. Morris admitted, "It is hard to be fair," but said there are rules and for him it comes down to one question: "Is it within our current regulations to grant this CUP?"

Greene moved to grant the CUP with the condition the owners prove it is one property only. Vote on her motion was 3-1 to deny the application, Greene being the only Yes vote.

On May 10, for the third meeting in a row, there will be a Public Hearing regarding a CUP for a one-unit B&B. The next application is for 8 Washington Street.



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# **INDEPENDENTNEWS**

# Food truck committee starts prepping

### NICKY BOYETTE

On April 11, Eureka Springs city council convened a joint workshop with members of the Planning Commission to discuss what to do about food trucks in relation to City Code. Vigorous discussion brought to light opposing points of view which were not getting resolved, so the group asked Mayor Butch Berry to appoint a committee to winnow the wheat from the chaff.

For the committee, Berry chose alderman Bob Thomas, Planning chair Steve Beacham, and city clerk/treasurer Ann Armstrong. The committee held its first meeting April 28.

Armstrong noted location for the mobile food vendors was one of the sticking points. Space would be available in parking lots along the highway, but in the downtown area, only the North Main lot and parking lots near the courthouse have enough space, but food trucks and their trailers would take away valuable parking.

Beacham also mentioned that Oscar's and Ermilio's on White Street have parking lot space available when not operating, but Thomas commented the whole food truck controversy began because the owners of Café Amore on US 62 allowed Frank and Lisa Rebiejo's food truck to operate in its lot contrary to the peddler ordinance. Thomas also asked if a food truck were allowed to open for business in a parking lot, would other types of vendors be ushered in as well.

Conversation wended back to locations. and Beacham identified two areas to focus on: the old part of town and along US 62. After particulars were considered, Beacham offered this suggestion: private property owners would apply for a permit to host a food truck and permits would be for one-year and one food truck. The private property owner would make arrangements with the properly-licensed vendor.

Thomas then followed that a food truck

operator would get a permit only by having an agreement with a property owner who has a permit. Armstrong asked about a food court, and Beacham agreed to amend his proposal.

The committee eventually arrived at the following suggested framework as a solution to the food truck situation:

- Private property owners would apply for a permit to host mobile food vendors.
- · Permits would be for one year and awarded by lottery. The drawing would occur in December with the permit to begin January 1.
- There would be one permit available for a food court (two or more vendors) on
- There would three permits available for one mobile food vendor only on US 62.
- There would be one permit available for Main Street and one for White Street for one mobile food vendor.

The committee acknowledged there were details to work out regarding times for operation and eligibility criteria, and agreed to meet again Thursday, May 5, at 2 p.m.



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# CCSO's new alert system in place

Sheriff Randy Mayfield is implementing a new notification system for the citizens of Carroll County, enabling the Sheriff's Office to send automated voice calls, text messages, and emails to notify citizens of flooding, searches, or road closures, etc. The notification system is divided into four regions: Carroll County, East Carroll County, West Carroll County and the Beaver Dam area. The system will contact people in the affected areas of the county rather than needless calls to unaffected areas.

Signing up is easy! Call (870) 423-2901, Monday through Friday, and ask to be added to the list. Callers can choose to receive voice calls, texts, emails, or all three. All numbers will be verified either by caller ID or confirmation call before being added to the system.

# Fun food Tuesday at the Farmers' Market

Sue Waggoner will be demonstrating a fresh market stir fry with an Asian flair on Tuesday, May 10 at Pine Mountain Village.



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# Planning wants Council consideration on Code

### NICKY BOYETTE

Christy Sutherland told Planning commissioners April 26 that ghost tours of Penn Castle, a historic home in her neighborhood, had not stopped as had been reported at the April 25 city council meeting. She stated there had been tours late at night on the previous Saturday and Sunday, April 23 and 24. There was even a printed itinerary, and people could purchase tickets online ahead of time. She said tourists now remain on her street with flashlights and do not go into the home of interest. She again asked Planning to do something to stop the "intrusion" into her neighborhood.

Commissioner Melissa Greene asked Sutherland if she would object if the tours occurred during daylight hours, and Sutherland replied it would still be an intrusion and an enticement for curiosity seekers. Cindy Wolf said tourists even came into her nearby yard.

Commissioner Pat Lujan, who chaired the meeting, acknowledged council had not imposed the 90-day moratorium Planning asked for, but instead encouraged commissioners to submit proposed updates to City Code. He said topics Planning is targeting include tour homes, B&Bs, tourist lodgings and the 200-ft. rule. Lujan urged commissioners to come to the May 10

meeting prepared to move the process along.

Commissioner James Morris suggested a joint workshop with aldermen would help, and Lujan proposed to set one up before one of the next two meetings.

### Vacation

Commissioners approved the request by Jim Girkin for a vacation of a portion of the platted but undeveloped Hickory Street according to a compromise he worked out with the Parks Commission. Girkin owns the property on both sides of Hickory Street.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, May 10, at 6 p.m.

# Goddess Gala raises \$5K for Grandma's House

### BECKY GILLETTE

For the seventh year, local women came together to dress up in goddess costumes, eat, drink, dance and pray while raising money for the Merlin Foundation's Grandma's House in Green Forest that provides a safe environment for helping abused children from Carroll and Madison counties.

"We thank all who donated money and items for the raffle, and bought tickets for themselves and others," gala organizer

Valerie Damon said. "The generosity that happened this year was over the top and because of that we were able to send \$5,496 to the Merlin Foundation."

About 200 women attended the event April 12 at the Basin Park Ballroom. The mission statement for the Goddess Gala is "an all-woman bonding, feasting, dancing celebration of the sisterhood with blessings for the food, water, children, goddesses and seeds."

Damon describes the event as "a spiritual dinner theater" that includes different religions. There was a blessing of the food by Lisa Dawn, a blessing of the children by Rebecca Babbs, a blessing of the goddesses by Margo Pirkle, a blessing of the water by Gigi Cottrell and a blessing of the seeds by Marcie B.

"It is an incredible bonding of the sisterhood," Damon said. "The love that pours out of the event is inspiring. The costumes are incredible, and women of all ages have a great time sharing a wonderful time together while doing something important to help the most vulnerable children in our community."

People might like to think child abuse is uncommon in Northwest Arkansas, but this past year Carroll County had 120 Priority One reports of child abuse - the most serious offenses - and Madison County had 75. There were 62 children served by Grandma's House from Carroll County and 26 from Madison County.

"We only respond to Priority One reports sent by the Arkansas State Police Crimes Against Children Division," said

Dr. Merlin Leach, chair of the Merlin Foundation. "These are the most severe cases. Most, if found true, will result in a felony."

Leach said the Goddess Gala is the largest fundraiser of the year for Grandma's House. "Personally and on behalf of the directors, staff and the children, I thank Valerie and her fantastic make-it-happen crew and those who gave their time and donations. Without you all we couldn't do what we do."

Leach said Carroll and Madison counties have a child abuse multidisciplinary team authorized and monitored by the state. The team consists of the prosecutor, the Arkansas State Police (ASP), local law enforcement (LLE), the Arkansas Department of Human Services (DHS), and a mental health professional. Also on the team from Grandma's House are a child forensic interviewer, a child advocate and a coordinator.

"In these two counties, the coordinator is Michelle Steiner, executive director of Grandma's House," Leach said. "From the

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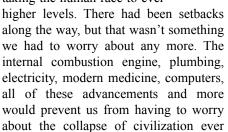
# The next decade could bring chaos

### JOHN HOUSE, MD

The '60s and '70s were an exciting time to be young. So much was changing; everywhere a person looked there were

technologies, new discoveries - even other planets were no longer off limits.

Like many people raised in the industrialized world during the 20th century, I was taught – directly and indirectly that humans would experience non-stop progress; each generation would build on the successes of the last taking the human race to ever



again. At least that was the overarching message I received from my education and from society at large. Indeed, there are many who are preaching that message even today.

> As amazing as the 20th century was with all the wonders it brought, the 21st century has been equally amazing in how little progress has been made. With the accelerating pace of advancements we saw in the 100 years from 1900 to 1999, it seems astonishing that so little has been accomplished in the last 16.

There are numerous reasons humanity hasn't progressed at the same pace in recent years. Beginning in this article and continuing in ones to follow, I'm going to examine three of the biggest challenges that will dominate events in the next decade and help us understand why progress has stalled.

They are: 1) decline in net energy 2) explosion in debt as the primary engine for economic growth and 3) climate change.

### **Decline in Net Energy**

Net energy is a simple concept: It is the amount of energy left over after expending energy to produce that energy. For example, if I want to build a fire to cook my food, I have to spend my body's energy to gather the wood and create a spark to start the fire. The fire gives me more energy than I had to start with, so there is a net energy gain. If a rainstorm puts out my fire before I can cook my food, then there is a decline in net energy since I get very little energy from the fire but still had to spend energy to begin with.

Since the beginning of the human experience, humans have had to use manual labor to accomplish every task. From finding food, to making clothing, to building shelter, humans had only the energy gleaned from plants and animals

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# If you build it...

# Anonymous donation expands ESSA capabilities

### **CD WHITE**

Word is, if you build it they will come. That's exactly what happened after Eureka Springs School of the Arts built and launched its new heavy metal studio. Today, most of the iron and metalworking classes fill early on and students love working in the space.

Now, thanks to a sizeable donation from the same anonymous donors who funded the metal studio, ESSA's cramped wood working classes will at last have room to create on a larger scale.

ESSA director, Peggy Kjelgaard, announced the donation last week, saying, "We here at ESSA are very excited to announce the next phase of our growth on campus. We are thrilled to be able to have more diverse wood workshops in the coming years."

Although no date has been set for the groundbreaking, Kjelgaard's best guess is that it will be sometime in the fall of this year. The 4,000 sq. ft. sister building to the iron studio will sport a large lathe room and a state of the art wood shop with an additional clean classroom nestled between the iron and wood studios.

Wood classes have already been a big draw on the campus – with the only drawback being lack of space for the number of interested students and the limited equipment that can be housed.

"The school's dedicated wood instructors have continued to keep the program moving forward – Doug Stowe, Les Brandt and Steve Palmer among them," Kjelgaard said. "With a new studio, we'll be able to increase the quantity and diversity of wood workshops offered."

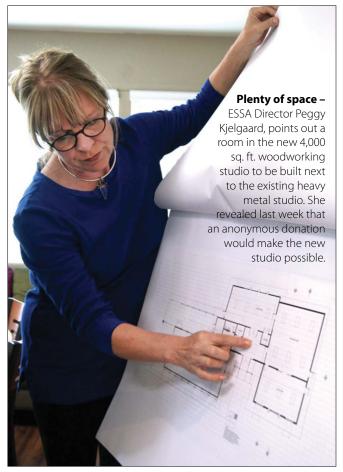
New workshops could include furniture making, wood sculpture, wood turning and more.

Kjelgaard said Doug Stowe, an Arkansas Treasure woodworker, ESSA instructor and one of the school's founders "will be the key to the design of our wood studio;" adding, "He's the reason we have such a great wood program.'

Although the donors wish to remain anonymous, Kjelgaard was able to relate that their support came because they believe in the work ESSA is doing and have seen the progress being made across the entire

If the groundbreaking does happen in early autumn as hoped, the first workshop in the new wood studio will take place in summer, 2017.

For more information on the project, see www. essa-art.org or phone (479) 253-5384.





# 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.



# Melonlight dances into new Space

### **BECKY GILLETTE**

The Melonlight Dance and Yoga Studio has developed a loyal following since opening in the summer of 2014. That includes not just students, but the many people who have enjoyed watching dance and theater performances. Recently the studio relocated from The Quarter on US 62 to The Space downtown across the street from the post office, accommodations that will give them ample room to do both dance classes and theater productions.

The owners of Melonlight Dance and Yoga Studio, Emma Anne and her partner, Raymond Ulibarri, moved from Denver in March 2014 and established the dance studio in July.

"We were dead set on leaving Denver and initially had no idea where we wanted to go," Emma Anne said. "Our intention was to get some land and get closer to nature. We began shopping for land on eBay, and found several listings that highlighted the Ozarks. We didn't know the area at all and came out to see a listing. We ended up passing through Eureka Springs late one night, and distinctly remember feeling the magic buzz of the town. Later it occurred to us this was where we wanted to be. We really fell in love with Eureka."

Some of their Colorado friends were dubious. Are you crazy, they asked? You are moving where? And then there were locals who cautioned them about how small Eureka is, and that the economy is seasonal.

"None the less, we felt strongly this was the place and we would make it work," Emma Anne said. "We were met with open arms. A lot of people were excited we were here and creating something new. All that positive, warm loving energy very much outweighed the other comments warning us about the slowdown of the economy in the winter. We ran the Melonlight Studio in Denver for several years. So, while we were starting from scratch in Eureka, we had confidence that we knew what we are doing and would make it work."

They knew they couldn't rely entirely on tourists for customers, and that it was the locals coming to class each week who would be their stronghold. They have had enough local students to make it through winters, and have worked with the Crescent Hotel since their early days providing entertainment on New Year's Eve and for other events.

"Oddly, winter becomes a busy time for us prepping for New Year's Eve and Mardi Gras events," Emma Anne said.

This past fall Melonlight had a lot of support for their production at the Auditorium of Anna: A Haunting Theatrical Experience, a blending of scripted theater, dance and haunted house. The audience moved through the stage as the show occurred.

"It was a shift in our model," Emma Anne said. "We would encourage people to come to Summer Salsa Nights

at the Aquarius Taqueria on Main St., and also check out our show when in town."

Other members of the Melonlight's ensemble include three dancers who relocated from Denver with them including Emma Anne's sister, Maggie Mae, Caia Claire and Jerry Watson.

While they loved their original studio, they found it was too expensive to rent both their studio and the Auditorium. They are now planning a six-month show, I Dreamt of Tango. The new venue is large enough to host classes, and can be quickly transformed into a theater. Currently they are crowd funding at www.IndieGoGo.com to purchase theatrical lights, curtains and technical equipment.

'We have just hit more than a third of our goal," she said. "We have had a lot of support from here in town and former students and supporters in Denver. Our next show is being designed specifically for The Space. We hope to open the show in late summer."

The Melonlight owners said The Space has a big open room with tall ceilings and authentic hardwood floors "just aching to be danced upon. Our vision hasn't budged an inch, even though we uprooted our business and moved 900 miles from the Rockies to the Ozarks, the heart of the goal remains the same. The theater is, in a word... versatile. Every fixture is mobile, transportable, and transformational."

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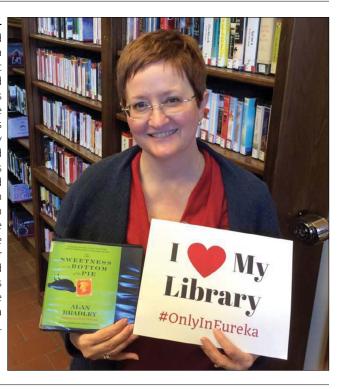
# Celebrating **National** Tourism Day

The Greater Eureka Springs Chamber of Commerce is celebrating National Tourism Day on May 6 from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. at Pine Mountain Village. Prior the event there will be booths and the chamber will be sending visitors form the visitor center to learn more about Eureka Springs attractions, lodging, and restaurant.

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### Book 'em, Loretta -

Loretta Crenshaw, head librarian at the Eureka Springs Carnegie Public Library, completed course work for a Masters of Library Science degree and graduates this week. The Library Board has designated Wednesday, May 11 as "Loretta Library Day" and is hosting a reception in the Library Annex from 4 – 6 p.m. The entire community is welcome to come congratulate our wonderful librarian and friend. Lemonade, cookies and good cheer will be served, just as Loretta would like it.



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## It's all in the Planning

I'm new here and have noticed how the Planning Commission meetings have turned into public speaking marathons. Seems like everybody in a neighborhood shows up to speak against folks trying to set up a home-based business. It's the American way to speak your mind and it's the American way to start a business. A well-run B&B ought not be a negative. There's supposed to be a manager on site to watch over things and that is something a lot of neighborhoods could use. The town needs the tax revenue from the businesses and it needs the good will it could get from responsible B&B owners. Those are positives.

Some of the naysayers claim there for their tourist heads.

Those visitors tell their friends back home about Eureka Springs, and they might tell them about what a fun town it is for a weekend visit or they might tell them about the squabbling at the Planning meetings. After all, squabbling is the American way.

Other opponents of the new B&Bs cite the 200-foot rule. Seems like a good idea to spread out the B&Bs, but there are other tourist lodgings with less oversight that might be more of a nuisance than a well-run B&B.

One of the speakers at the Planning meeting said the city could not grant a CUP to the applicant just because she was a nice person with a good reputation. Instead, the decision must abide by the rules. How about changing the rules so that only respectful, lawabiding, positive-minded people can get or keep a CUP? Is that the American way?

Ben Norton

### are B&Bs without a manager on site. For one thing, that does not say anything about the new applicants. It just means the city ought to find the lawbreakers and revoke their CUPs. Some of the protesters claim the recent applications were on narrow streets and therefore the wrong place for a B&B. If we rule out US 62 and Highway 23, where in this town is a street not narrow and short on parking? That logic means no B&Bs in town, and visitors who keep our lights on need beds

# **WEEK'STopTweets @thecatwhisperer:** We are a generation

away from having grandpas named Skyler and Landon and it's all of your faults.

**@rollinintheseat:** I wish I could replace my central nervous system with a central

confidence system.

@doublewenis: A GPS, but for where I was going with this. @aparnapkin: "WHOM WHOM WHOM" - owl that never gets invited to parties.

**@theyearofelan:** Please keep yelling incoherently at strangers on the Internet about which candidate you think is best. That will

surely change their minds.

@trevso\_electric: How to be a good person: 1. Listen to everything they say on Fox News. 2. Do the exact opposite.

**@andylassner:** Thanks to the Internet I know the actual medical terms for all the ailments I'm positive I'm dying from.

@thecatwhisperer: I just walked across my cat's keyboard while he was filing his tax return.

@joshgondelman: Eleanor Rigby would probably get super bummed out if she ever heard the song about her.

**@badbanana:** It makes more sense to dump Gatorade on the losing head coach.



# **INDEPENDENT Guestatorial**

# Arkansas deforestation

"The impact will be felt for generations" - Gov. Asa Hutchinson

hen I heard Arkadelphia won the Chinese lottery, my second thought was "this is weird." Weird is used to describe situations beyond belief: mysterious, strange, abnormal, unearthly, unusual, creepy, spooky, freaky, and many others.

### **Twilight Zone**

The only thing missing was the theme song and the eerie introduction, "You are about to enter another dimension, a dimension not only of sight and sound but of mind..." When the plans for Sun Paper were announced last November, it sounded like a great idea for China. Not much was known; some said it had to do with paper or solar panels. The details last week of a mill by the Ouachita National Forest makes a bad dream a terrifying nightmare.

Not everyone agrees with me. I found an online report with a long title, "What turned one cynical, liberal environmentalist around on Sun Paper in Arkadelphia." Bryan DeBusk says there is nothing to worry about, Arkadelphia will not stink like Pine Bluff or Crossett, no contamination, no loss of property values, and the \$167.5 million in incentives is not cash that can be directed toward a specific goal. DeBusk says the mill is a done deal and great things will come. Brian is dead

### **Pretend Free Zone**

What is the total cost of deforestation? According to Matthew Pelkki, a forestry professor at the University of Arkansas at Monticello, China will use three million tons of wood to produce 700,000 tons of pulp per year. With the other mills planned for 2016, ten and a half tons of trees would be used per year.

First things first. Arkansas is not prepared for severe floods, droughts, and extreme heat. Climate Central, based on known threats and preventive actions, ranks Arkansas at the bottom of the list. Why spend funds planting trees, emergency shelters, warning systems, repairing bridges, sewer lines, and country roads, when we can pretend nothing has changed?

Arkansas foresters talk about the wood basket and surplus timber inventories, pretending trees are crops and growing new trees is only a matter of time. Flooding, droughts, and extreme heat in

a 406 ppm world are ignored. Replacing forests with fast growth tree plantations ignores the importance of biodiversity and the wildlife habitats ecologists understand. Some trees are more resilient when waters rise. Fast-moving floods can damage root systems, and injure trees with debris. Sluggish waters, deposited mud, sediment and waterlogged soils deplete oxygen and suffocate trees.

China knows forests are the source of clean air, clean water and food, and precious forest soil. Trees are not sticks in the ground to be clear-cut for timber. Bamboo and other fast-growing grasses are used for construction.

What is the total cost of the mill to Arkansans? \$167.5 million in incentives, paid by public funds, is incomplete and deceptive: rebate and tax back programs, sales exemptions on equipment, property tax abatement, a recycling tax credit, customized training for company workers, and development of an "intermodal facility" for a public railyard located at Gum Springs. Every penny comes from

Think of the logging trucks from the forests to the mill: 400 daily truckload deliveries will be made to the mill. Who pays for roads and road repairs to handle these trucks?

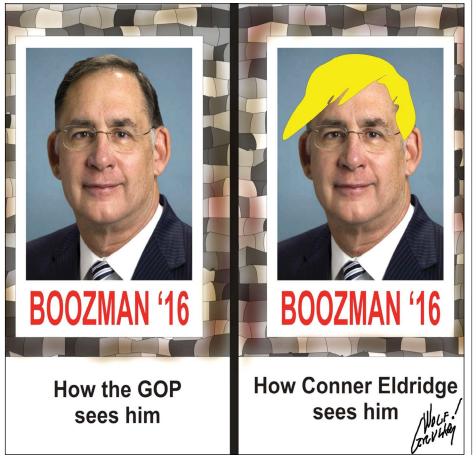
Intermodal containers are shipping containers used across different modes of transport - from ship to rail to truck - without unloading and reloading the cargo. Who pays for the new facility?

### **Reality Check**

There is time to re-think and find better ways to provide safe jobs, protect public health, and the Arkansas tourist economy. We need emergency shelters and an overhaul of roads, bridges, sewer lines, and everything else to deal with extreme weather.

Climate warriors have been arrested at sit-ins and other peaceful demonstrations. Disclosing the whole truth and proposing alternatives is my choice. Why lay down on the ground when we can stand tall? Sun Paper is not a done deal. If asked, I would be happy to call Chairman Li.

Dr. Luis Contreras



# **Pursuit Of HAPPINESS**

by Dan Krotz

early everyone morally judges people who think or act differently than we do. Remember the time you drove over to Rogers, and you got behind some geezer slow-poking his way back to Kansas? What a moron! Or, how about that maniac in the pickup who tailgated you for miles before ragefully passing on a blind curve? If only people would drive as safely and expeditiously as we drive.

We make the same moral judgments about how people wear their pants, express their sexuality, or how often mow their grass. I'm sure, for example, that I set the standard for lawn and home care: what I do to my yard, and when I do it, is what you should do, and when you should do it. You're welcome.

That's why I was happy see a guy down the street remodel the old house he'd just bought. He began by gutting the entire interior, and he tore off a bunch of dreadful 1970's aluminum siding to reveal some old and handsome shiplap siding from the '30s. I'd have done the same

Then he brought in a stump grinder and loaded it with the discarded drywall, the aluminum siding, the asphalt shingles, and all the nails and the screws he'd pulled off the joint. Pretty soon there was a pile of ground up stuff in his backyard twice as big as your father's Oldsmobile. Which he thickly spread over the yard.

I'd judged the guy good because he'd rescued an old wreck - I've done the same thing. Then I judged him bad - a moral and, probably, a rational judgment - because he'd turned his lawn into an environmental freak-show, which ought to be reported. But I won't.

Years ago, I frequently complained to a city official about unkempt properties in town. Sighing, he stared over my shoulder, and said, "There are two things you can know about poor people. Their dogs will always bark all night, and they never cut their grass."

What he meant was that I'm a Middle Class Twit who moved to a small southern town and ought not to be so judgmental... because moral judgment, absent context, is always a two-way street.

# A little help from our friends:

- Carroll County Domestic Violence Hotline: 1-844-247-3223 (844-24PEACE) is available 24/7. The Purple Flower Domestic Violence Resource and Support Center of Carroll County is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. at 103 West Church St. in Berryville. (479) 981-1676. The Purple Flower will also have free and confidential Domestic Violence Empowerment Support Group on every 1st and 3rd Thursday of the Month at the Berryville Community Center from 6 - 7:30 p.m.
- 24-hour NWA Crisis Line for Women NWA Women's Shelter serving Carroll County - "Empowering families to live free of violence." (800) 775-9011 www.nwaws.org
- Cup of Love free soup lunches Cup of Love provides soup lunches at Flint Street Fellowship Mondays and Wednesdays from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. and at First Baptist (Penn) Church on Fridays, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. (479) 363-4529
- Flint Street Fellowship food pantry, lunch, free clothing -Pantry open 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays. Free lunch Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Free clothes/shoes closet, books and household items. (479) 253-9491 or 253-4945. Leave donations in barrel at entrance if facility is closed.
- Wildflowers one-dollar, furniture barn/thrift store US 62E across from Hill County Hardware. One-dollar store in the yellow building every Friday from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Thrift store, furniture bank in big blue barn behind the chapel open Wednesdays – Saturdays from 10:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. Donation drop offs Thursday – Saturday between 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Healing and delivery outreach in chapel Saturdays at 7:30 p.m.
- Shamatha and Tonglen meditations Monday A meditation group will meet every Monday at 6:30 p.m. to focus on Shamatha, learning how to focus to achieve peace of mind, and Tonglen, a practice of love and compassion on all beings. The meetings will alternate these two practices so that one is the focus on each Monday with coffee and tea afterward. Call Alece at (479) 244-6841 or Gary at (479) 244-6840.
- Celebrate Recovery Soul Purpose Ministries, 801 S. Springfield, Green Forest, 6:30 p.m. each Wednesday. Potluck followed by 12step Christ-centered meetings for those suffering from addiction, habit, hang-up or hurt.
- No high school diploma? Free GED classes in the Carnegie Library Annex every Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from 9 a.m. - noon with study and tutoring for the GED test. Open to ages 18 and up. GED classes also in Berryville at Carroll County Center. Some open to ages 16 and 17 per educational requirements. For info: Kathy Remenar (417) 342-8498, Carnegie Library (479) 253-8754, Carroll County Center (870) 423-4455). Offered by North Arkansas College with Carnegie Library support.
- Grief Share, A Bible-based, 13-week program for those who have lost a loved one will begin on Sunday, Feb. 21 from 1-3 p.m. at Faith Bible Church, Suite C, 3 Parkcliff Drive, Holiday Island. Share with others experiencing similar circumstances in an informal, confidential setting. Call (479) 253-8925 or email lardellen@gmail.com.
- Overeaters Anonymous Thursdays, 10:30 a.m. Barbara (479) 244-0371 • Narcotics Anonymous – Fridays, 5:30 p.m. (903) 278-5568. Meetings held at Eureka Springs Coffee Pot Group behind Land O' Nod Victorian Inn.
- · Coffee Break Al-Anon Family Group Women Tuesdays, 9:45 a.m., Faith Christian Family Church, Hwy. 23S, (479) 363-9495. • Al-Anon Family Group (AFG) - Sundays, 11:30 a.m., Mondays and Tuesdays 7 p.m. • Eureka Springs Coffee Pot AA Groups Monday - Saturday 12:30 p.m.; Sunday 10 a.m.; Sunday - Thursday, Saturday, 5:30 p.m.; Tuesday and Friday, 8 p.m. (479) 253-7956 • Al-Anon Wednesday, 5:30 p.m. Meetings held at Eureka Springs Coffee Pot Group behind Land O' Nod Victorian Inn. All other meetings: See www.nwarkaa.org

# INDEPENDENT

# **ConstablesOnPatrol**

### APRIL 25

11:12 a.m. - Staff at a hotel reported a group engaged in shoving and shouting in the parking lot. Constables arrived to learn brothers were having a dispute. Everyone went separate ways and no charges were filed.

6:20 p.m. – This time a motel parking lot was the scene for a family dispute. Constable spoke with the manager and a guest, who refused to talk about the problem. Constable stood by while the guest was asked to leave the premises. 9:18 p.m. - Individual reported hearing a gunshot in the eastern part of town. Constable asked the reporting party to call back if it happened again.

10:54 p.m. – Observer saw people smoking a pipe in Basin Park and suspected it might be an illegal activity. Constable arrested an individual for possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.

### APRIL 26

6:50 p.m. – Constable on patrol spoke with a business owner about suspicious activity at the business.

8:24 p.m. – Constable took a report about suspicious activity at a residence.

8:46 p.m. – An inebriated person was causing problems and arrested for public intoxication.

11:56 p.m. – A mother told ESPD her 13-year old daughter and a friend sneaked out of the house and might have left in a vehicle. Authorities in the area kept watch and later the two were found and returned home.

### APRIL 27

2:11 a.m. – Restaurant employee accidentally set off the backdoor burglary alarm.

12:36 p.m. – Merchant caught a shoplifter as she tried to leave the store. Merchandise was returned so no charges were filed.

4:11 p.m. – Animal Control spoke with a resident about a dog running loose.

5:53 p.m. – Passerby reported a female sleeping in public. She told the constable she was waiting for a ride.

9:51 p.m. – ESFD responded to and extinguished a small brush fire just east of downtown.

11:18 p.m. - A female walking her dog in a parking lot was observed pulling on door handles of vehicles as she passed by. Constable who responded did not encounter anyone fitting her description.

11:46 p.m. - Motorist driving by noticed a vehicle backed up to the dumpster of a business and an individual possibly rifling through it. Constables spoke with two people at the scene.

### APRIL 28

2:24 a.m. - Something triggered an alarm at a business, but a constable and the manager walked through and found everything okay.

5:37 p.m. – A male was going door to door in a neighborhood trying to sell meat. A constable

advised him of local ordinances, and the salesman moved on.

8:31 p.m. – Constables searched for but did not encounter an allegedly intoxicated driver.

9:47 p.m. - Two individuals at the station wanted to file complaints on each other. They were separated, and nothing was filed.

### APRIL 29

11:29 a.m. - Merchant reported a person had stolen items during the night.

4:11 p.m. – Landlord asked for a welfare check on one of his renters. Constable was not able to make contact with the renter.

7:38 p.m. – Two constables walked into a bar. They were there see that the music was turned down a notch as it exceeded the legal limit.

9:36 p.m. – Constables went to a motel. There was a domestic disturbance there, and the parties claimed everything had been verbal only, and parties went separate ways.

10:41 p.m. – Something again triggered an alarm at the same business, and again the constable and manager found nothing awry.

11:58 p.m. - Intoxicated female was trying to enter rooms at a condominium. She passed out, and EMS transported her to ESH.

### APRIL 30

10:36 a.m. - Individual had been loitering in a restaurant for too long according to the manager. Constable asked the gentleman to leave.

11:18 a.m. – Constable took a report about a person receiving threatening messages from a co-worker.

11:52 a.m. - Hotel staff reported someone tampered with a guest's vehicle during the night. Guest did not file a report.

5:13 p.m. – Constables arrested an individual on an outstanding warrant.

5:57 p.m. - There was a rollover accident off a road in the western part of town. The driver had left the scene but did call constables as they surveyed the scene.

### May 1

12:25 a.m. – Passerby thought a group of people beside a closed business looked suspicious. The group told the constable they were waiting for

1:17 a.m. – Traffic stop resulted in the arrest of the driver for violation of city noise ordinance, no insurance and driving on a suspended license. 6:09 a.m. – Another traffic stop resulted in the arrest of the driver for DWI.

3:23 p.m. – And yet another traffic stop which resulted in the arrest of the driver for driving on a suspended license, no proof of insurance, violating the noise ordinance and fictitious

7:36 p.m. - Central dispatch alerted ESPD to a male laying on US 62 as the result of a motorcycle accident in the western part of town. EMS transported him to ESH.

# **INDEPENDENTNews**

# ESHM showcases Red Cross quilt top

The American Red Cross that provides emergency assistance and disaster relief was founded May 21, 1881, and Carroll County started its ARC Chapter in 1917.

Thirty-four years ago, May 15, 1982, Dorothy Mathews Fuller donated a Red Cross friendship quilt top to the Eureka Springs Historical Museum. The quilt top, measuring 73 in. wide and 87 in. tall with 12 squares across and 14 down, was never completed with batting and backing. Most squares have two embroidered names of Eureka Springs residents. A large red cross in the middle of the quilt has names on four sides, Mrs. Boody, Mrs. C.E. Perkins, J.A. Bridgeford (correct spelling Bridgford), and H.G. Hays. There are 320 names on the quilt.

Claude Albert and May Obenshain Fuller, John Storrs and Ruth Fuller Cross, and John and Claude Cross, are three generations of one family named on the quilt top. John Fuller Cross, born 1934, and his brother Claude Christopher Cross, born 1935, are the only people on the quilt who are alive today as far as we know.

Andre Williams, owner of The Sewing Studio at Holiday Island for 20 years, did the restoration.

Visit the Eureka Springs Historical Museum to see the quilt and see if any of the 320 names are a relative of yours.

Local historian and preservationist, John Cross, holds the Red Cross quilt top on display at the Eureka Springs Historical Museum.



# Thieves snag Japanese maple

A weeping lace leaf Japanese maple worth \$200 was stolen last Thursday night from Planter's Paradise, a garden and plant retail business in the Hart's parking lot. According to a Eureka Springs Police Dept. report, owner Gerri Hamby said when she opened her business Friday morning she discovered the tree was missing.

Gerri and her son, Harley, looked at surveillance video showing someone drive up at 10:09 p.m. in a white or silver Honda CRV with a spare tire on back. What appeared to be a heavy set woman with short dark hair and wearing glasses, parked, looked around for a few seconds, got back in the vehicle and drove off.

At 10:15 p.m., a woman with light-colored hair walked around the garden area, grabbed the maple, moved it twice, then she and the tree disappeared from camera view. Hamby said transporting the tree to a vehicle out of camera range was likely. She also said the woman seen moving the tree had a peculiar gait.

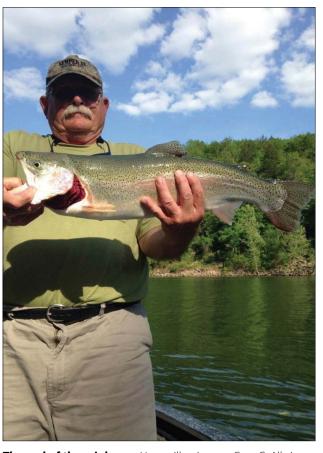
"I just think it's too unusual that two people show up within five minutes of each other after hours, walk around the garden and the Jap maple disappears," Hamby said. "They must have been working together."

She also said she is distributing a flash drive with video footage to local business people who might be able to identify the women.

Two years ago thieves helped themselves to plants and were caught by Harley after he reviewed the security camera information and saw the suspect vehicle drive by.

Hamby has had her retail business at the same location since 1992, and had a wholesale garden business before that.

Anyone with information is asked to call ESPD (479) 253-8666.



The end of the rainbow - Huntsville piscator, Gary C. Albritton, went walleye fishing last week in Beaver and imagine his surprise when he landed a 25.5 in. rainbow trout. Gary's a good cook, too.



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# **INDEPENDENTNews**

# 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 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.



**Bucket Brigade brought in funds –** With more than 100 people attending, the Buck Mountain Bucket Brigade Potluck Social was a resounding success. A total of \$5510 was raised for the rural fire department. There will be another social in the fall. PHOTO BY RANDY ATES



### Cats and dogs ecstatic for new facilities - The Good Shepherd Humane Society - Shelter & Doggie Shop held a grand reopening open house at the shelter on Sunday to offer pet adoptions and show people the improvements that have been made to the property. PHOTO BY JAY VRECENAK

**Puppy love –** Darlene Warings holds Ziggy to raise money at the Smooch a Pooch booth at the grand reopening of the Good Shepherd Society dog shelter Saturday. Shown smooching the pooch is Adrienne Gremillion. Ziggy is available for adoption. PHOTO BY BECKY GULETTE



# Quiet meditation, reading and discussion

The Eureka Springs Buddhist Study Group will gather for 30 minutes of meditation followed reading and discussion on Thursday, May 5 at 4 p.m. at Heart of Many Ways, 68 Mountain Street. All are welcome.

# Clear Spring School sign up time

Clear Spring School is now accepting students for grades 1st -6th. Partial scholarships are available until June 17. Call (479) 253-7888.

# Divine singing at Metafizzes

Rebekah Clark will lead the Eureka Springs Metaphysical Society meeting in a session of Divine Singing and Sound Meditation on Monday, May 9. No vocal experience is necessary. Chants and mantras from multiple traditions will be used. The gathering will begin at 7 p.m. at the Heart of Many Ways, 68 Mountain Street. All are welcome.

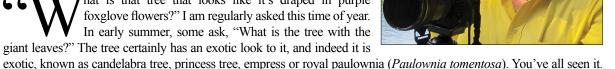
# NWA Permaculture study group meeting May 7

Evolving to living mulches and methods to protect crops and gardens from invasive animals will be discussed at the Northwest Arkansas Permaculture study group meeting from 10 a.m. - noon at Angel Falls 259 County Road 301, Greenwood Hollow Road. For more information call Jerry Landrum at (479) 244-0377.



# Perch of the phoenix - Royal Paulownia

That is that tree that looks like it's draped in purple foxglove flowers?" I am regularly asked this time of year. In early summer, some ask, "What is the tree with the giant leaves?" The tree certainly has an exotic look to it, and indeed it is



It produces candelabra-like displays of large, thimble-shaped, purple flowers in late April-early May before the leaves appear.

When the large, more or less heart-shaped leaves come on they are easily the largest leaves on a deciduous tree in town (especially younger trees). Native to East Asia, it was introduced into European horticulture in 1844, and arrived in the United States by 1847.

The earliest account of the tree comes in the classic Chinese text the Erh-va, attributed to unknown authors of the Chou Dynasty (1122-255 BC). The Erh-ya is the first text that transforms oral natural history of prehistory to the written word. The tree is among those listed with useful wood. When alive, the tree's wood is soft and brittle. It will not resist an axe. However, once dried it does not crack or decay if soaked, hence it symbolizes both tenderness of heart and stability of character.

In ancient Chinese tradition, scholars met in a garden under a *Paulownia* tree to drink to good health and compose poems. Confucianism holds *Paulownia* as the symbol of the junzi. When one becomes a "man-at-his-best," respectful and respected, a perfected human being of complete virtue, one attains the title of junzi.

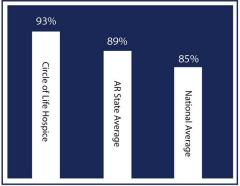
At ancient Chinese temples, hollowed paulownia tree trunk segments are carved into the form of a fish. The Chinese character and sound for "fish" is the same as for the word "abundance." Fish figures as objects, therefore, represent good wishes for abundant life and boundless blessings. In temple yards, a hollowed fish carved from paulownia wood is hung. Hit with a hard stick, it strikes a deep resonance, the morning call to prayer.

According to Chinese legend the mythical phoenix bird will only perch on the *Paulownia* tree. As a good omen, the phoenix only appears when a benevolent ruler leads the people. Don't look for a phoenix perched on a *Paulownia* in Washington D.C. during or after the 2016 election cycle.



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# **INDEPENDENTART**

# Harps for Heart of Many Ways

Four harpists from the Northwest Arkansas area will have an evening program, Harpe Diem, on Saturday, May 7 at 7 p.m. at The Heart of Many Ways, 68 Mountain St.

This is the final concert in the springtime fundraiser for the Heart of Many Ways historic church building. \$15 suggested donation at the door.

### Second Saturday music announced for May

Second Saturday Music in the Park coincides with May Festival of the Arts events on Saturday, May 14. The gypsy jazz of Fayetteville's Block Street Hot Club will be in the Basin Park band shell from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Internationally recognized saxophonist/flutist Bryan Savage will perform from 4 - 5:30 p.m.

and from 6 - 7:30 p.m.

Art in the Park will be going on from 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. featuring artists offering textiles, jewelry, painting, sculpting and fine wood designs. Enjoy art as it is being created by members of the Weavers Guild, Potters Guild, and the Plein Air Painters in the park setting.

### Gallery at Sun Fest Dining Room

The May-June exhibit by fifteen Holiday Island Art guild members will open on May 5.

### HIAG art at Keels Creek

The Keels Creek Winery will exhibit the works of Holiday Island Art Guild members during the month of May.

Opening reception is Saturday, May 7 from 4 - 7 p.m. with entertainment by Catherine Reed.

### Early plein air artist exhibit

The Eureka Springs Historical Museum will hold a reception for a special Plein Air exhibit of paintings by early Eureka Springs artists on Thursday, May 12 from 1 - 3 p.m. Paintings and

information on past Plein Air artists and their works of art will be on display.

This exhibit is in conjunction with the May Festival of Fine Arts during the month of May.

### Sacred Earth concert for mothers

John Two-Hawks returns to The Auditorium for his annual Mother's Day concert at 2 p.m. Two-Hawks welcomes all to reawaken the awareness of our living connection to the earth and universe. All mothers get in for free.

# Drinking in the pink

The first Nuits Rose' Eureka Springs Wine Fest will be celebrated May 6 - 8. Various restaurants and bars will be offering Rose' tastings, flights, and pairings to serve with special menu

Drink in the pink at these businesses: Cottage Inn Restaurant, DeVito's of Eureka Springs, Eureka Grill, Grand Taverne Restaurant and Lounge, Grotto Wood-Fired Pizza and Wine Cave, Keels Creek Winery, KJ's Caribe Raustarante y Cantina, Le Stick Nouveau, Railway Winery, Sparky's Roadhouse Café and Stone House Wine Bar

Check individual participants websites or Facebook pages for details on offerings during Nuits Rose'.

This would be a wonderful event to take mother on Sunday...



# It's an ArtRageous month!

Join on May 7 for a quirky and energetic ArtRageous Parade to kick-off of the May Festival of the Arts. Floats, art cars, dancers, musicians and more will float down Spring Street in bright colors. Go to www.eurekaspringsfestivalofthearts.com for more events happening this month.

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# EARLY DAYSat 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

red Roberts must have come into our fellowship when he was ten or twelve years old. The Roberts family moved into the house two doors south of ours. Fred was at our place every day, as were most of the children in our neighborhood. We had a large yard full of peach trees, with peaches for all in season and they ripened early and late. We could stand by a tree and eat all we wished.

Fred had an older brother Billy, who worked in the office at the passenger station at the depot. Fred took great delight in teasing anybody. When he learned Ida's middle name is Mary he would call her Ida Mary Janey-O, and recite this jingle: (I have forgotten the first line):

"Her apron's long, her sleeves are short, her name is Mary Jane.

She goes to school and on the way she dearly loves to meet

The muffin man who every day comes marching down the street.

Though very fond of study, she dearly loves to eat."

Ida was young enough that this would make her furiously angry, but what could she do about it?

I remember the last time Fred went

barefoot; it was a prank of his and Frank Pickard's. It was the last year school was held in the old Lamar. I was not there but I heard of it from those who witnessed the performance. Fred and Frank took off their shoes, and pattered around the floor. Bare feet on a bare floor can make a loud noise when an effort is made to slap-slap every step on the boards. The exhibition caused much merriment until the teacher decreed those boys must be promptly and properly shod.

We used to have good times on North Main Street. Our immediate circle was frequently increased by the floating population. Our sister Minnie and Gertie Rippetoe never played ball which became our most popular game after we learned at school to play Town Ball. They would sometimes go with us on our rambles, but they were not only older, but were more sedate. Kate Rippetoe cared little for ball. She would play hopscotch with us in the alley.

We had long played Two Old Cats in our alley. Guy Logsdon was a boy who had played with us while he lived near. The old Lamar was the first school where we had much room to play. We would play Draw Base and Town Ball; when we played those games at home we had to play in the street. We also began to try Serub, or Work Up, baseball's poor relation. Some of us girls must have been a headache to the boys when they had enough for a game without us. Ida, the youngest girl that played, was by far the best, except for one who occasionally came down from her home up the hill and just below Hillside Avenue and below the Presbyterian Church. This was Josie McDonald, who could hit a ball as hard and throw and catch as well as any of the boys. Any of us girls could run as fast as any of the boys but our batting average was low.

"No chicken nips!" How many know what that means? To choose sides, two batters would take a bat, one throw it to the other, and from where the first grasped it in his fist, the other would clasp with his fist just above and touching the other, thus alternating until there was no handhold left on the bat. The one with the topmost hand had the first choice. Unless there was "No chicken nips," one might still find room with hunched fingers to lift and throw the bat.

One day we girls were called home by our mothers, who desired our help.



Nobody had a keener sense of humor than Fred Roberts, who afterward related with glee, to Roscoe Rippley's embarrassment, that Roscoe had said, "Now the girls are gone we can get up a game of Town Ball."

Our street was called Mud Street. But on my way to the Post Office one day I saw tangible proof that it had no monopoly on mud. There were no sidewalks on Main Street below Breeding's store, opposite the foot of Mountain Street. On Spring Street there were sidewalks on both sides from north of the Crescent Spring around to the Basin. The Post Office at that time was about where now is the laundry beside the Springs Hotel. Mr. True was the postmaster. We could climb the hill to the Grade below the Presbyterian Church. Following Spring Street we would cross the Footbridge and cut across the vacant lot that had once been our playground.





**Community first** – The benefit for longtime Eureka Springs artist Max Elbo on the top floor of the Basin Park Hotel brought a large number of people who celebrated his artistic talent. Silent and live auctions had numerous of donations and many bids continued well into the evening.

PHOTO BY JAY VRECENAR

# ESOTERICAstrology as news for week May 4-11 by Risa

# Honoring The Mother

**\riday** is the new moon, 17 degrees Taurus. Sunday is Mother's Day - for everyone who has the task of "mothering." Monday Jupiter is stationary direct, and Mother's Day has a Gemini moon. Moon is mother & Gemini is communication. Mercury, Gemini's ruler, retrograde, helps us to turn inward, to find the true value of our mothers, and to offer words of kindness, gratitude and nurturance to our mothers. All mothers, a task and job description, are learning how to be mothers. The task of mothering is difficult, confusing, filled with suffering and paradox. Mothering is an initiation, actually. Some (adult) children are estranged from their mothers. Such sadness! It's good to remember the prayer of St. Francis of Assisi, saint of Right Human Relations with everyone. "Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there

is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy." In our mothers' later years, they will look to us for guidance. Let us promise this to them with understanding, compassion and love.

During new moon times, reciting the Great Invocation together, we "strengthen the hands & arms & endeavors of the New Group of World Servers and women and men of Goodwill everywhere."

Jupiter stationary direct – After 120

days of retrograde, Jupiter pauses, stands still for three days, before beginning to move forward again (13 degrees Virgo). "Stations" (stillness) of a planet are potent and significant. Jupiter is concerned with freedom, justice, culture, religion, adventures, education, expansions of all types and love/wisdom. Jupiter in Virgo (retrograde) has all of humanity tending to health. As Jupiter moves forward, we are called to focus on our health in daily and practical ways. An opportunity.

ARIES: Careful how you interact with others. Do not rely only on possessions and monetary realities (though tending them is important). Rely also on instinct and then intuition to direct and guide you into knowing the quality of a person, event, resource, choice and investment. You will be called to courage, a virtue of the heart, and to a deep calmness that results when one knows all is well. Because you made it so.

TAURUS: Be aware that you make impressions on many, leading them to follow your every thought, idea, action and move. Therefore, it's important to act always with ethics and complete all plans, agreements, promises and agendas. You're attempting to initiate new projects impacting life far into the future. You may be one of the few able to accomplish this. The future of humanity awaits. Carry on through any obstacles or hindrances.

GEMINI: You may feel a sense of tiredness, exhaustion and needing rest. You may also be dreaming at night and while awake. It's good to create an Esoteric Journal, a Dream Journal, a Retrograde Journal. Recording your experiences each day. Over time the message of your life emerges. Maintain a light, fresh foods diet, eliminate anything excess, drink pure water, love more, and look to the stars each day for direction.

CANCER: It's important to maintain close connections with like-minded group(s) and with the values you find important. See all interactions as opportunities and seek to understand what the hopes, wishes and needs of others are. Know that no matter how life is now, greater community will be available to you and your family later. Careful while walking, lest you stumble. Careful.

LEO: Career matters assume new dimensions, co-workers need more care, you want to improve your health, create new work methods and tend to the necessities of your life. Big jobs! You realize this takes balance so you go slower than usual, foregoing adventure in order to create a long-term plan of practical goals. Your greatest success is acceptance of everything present in your life. Then everything shifts.

VIRGO: You may be traveling to teach and/or to study far away this summer.





You may be planning meetings, conferences, classrooms and/or curriculum. You will definitely be communicating with others on a large scale, either personally or through writing, speaking, teleconferencing, conference calling. Some or all of these will occur and all the while you gain knowledge, happiness and goodness. You have an adventure.

LIBRA: Are you harboring a secret, perhaps one or more? Is there money or resources you share with another? Is everything clear and aboveboard

> in this area? It is time to arrange your finances so that debts are paid quickly. These times call you to be frugal, economically prudent, thrifty and careful, thus being able to conserve resources with confidence. Be prepared to teach others very soon in these ways. You will be efficient, informative and illuminating.

> **SCORPIO:** Relationships are primary now so listen very carefully to what others are communicating and have the intentions to respond with care, interest and emotional equilibrium. Should you be uncooperative, imbalance will ensue and you will feel you have neglected a responsibility. Direct attention toward others now. Because only from you can they feel special care, love and safety.

SAGITTARIUS: You may be creating many and various lists consisting

of tasks and errands – cars that need tending, accounts that need reckoning, travels that need considering, responsibilities that need completing, and problems that need easing. Spending time alone will help you complete incomplete projects. You may dream more at night as you travel about in the ethers. Record all dreams. Over time, dreams offer a clear message.

CAPRICORN: Setting out each day's agenda and assessing priorities allows you to have more wisdom and brings a clarity and focus to things routine. Try not to criticize yourself or anyone. Compassion tells us everyone's doing their very best at different stages of development. New opportunities appear at first as philosophical ideas. Then they become goals. Rest more so you can imagine more. And then create more.

AQUARIUS: Home, family, property, community and parents become very important. Give them attention, attempting to improve relationships with family while also improving the beauty and organization of the environments you find yourself in. Do nothing that unsettles your safety or security, challenge no one, and calm tensions with exercise, prayer, vitamins, minerals and herbs. No storing them!

PISCES: It's best to set this year aside to gain better health. A new sense of self identity results from this. With Jupiter in Virgo, you are working with the shadow side of your health (things hidden). As well as your Sun side (things apparent). You feel the need for clear direction and the resources that provide stabilization, constancy and the right sense of home. Sometimes there's simply the need for silence. Inner and outer silence that let's us hear, "Be still, and know that all is well."

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# Grassy Knob Volunteer Fire Department hosts annual Fair Day

The Grassy Knob Fire Association Auxiliary will have their silent auction to benefit the Volunteer Fire Department on Saturday, May 21 from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the Grassy Knob Community Center.

The Silent Auction will include a new

pool table, artisan quilts, jewelry, antiques, and contributions from Eureka Springs' shops, restaurants, and businesses. For more information contact Kay at (479) 387-5020 or rkschriner@gmail.com or Sue at (479) 270-9109.

# Going from mild to wild

USA Today best-selling author Laura Parker Castoro (D.D. Ayres) will be at The Writers' Colony at Dairy Hollow for a day of red-hot tips on how to write smart, sassy, and compelling romance. Laura's publishing careers pans 30+ years and she has published

42 novels and is under contract for three more

The workshop will be Saturday, May 7 from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. and costs \$75 to attend. Register online at www. writerscolony.org or call (479) 253-

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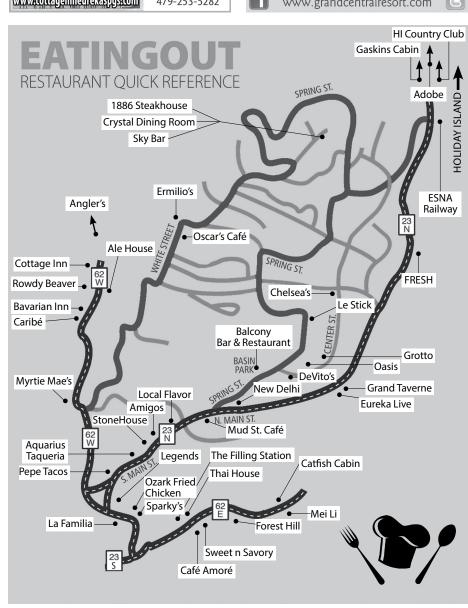














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# Fabulous ArtRageous Parade Saturday, then a drumming, but first, Cinco de Mayo with DJ Geronimo

char fiesta! Thursday, DJ Geronimo lassos some tequila tracks at Chelsea's for Cinco de Mayo. ✓ Saturday we have our kickoff to the May Festival of the Arts, a grand 5 p.m. parade down Spring Street, with African drumming in the Park preceding and following. On

Wednesday, some local boys, Sons of the Cherry Seekers, debut their band at Chelsea's, new rock to delight ears for years. And don't miss Sterling Witt at Legends, Friday at 9. The Kansas City independent rock band if only here once a year. May we all find something to do.

### **THURSDAY, MAY 5**

BALCONY RESTAURANT - Pearl Brick, Singer/Songwriter, 5 p.m.

CHELSEA'S - DJ Geronimo, Cinco De Mayo Hits, 5 p.m.

EUREKA LIVE! - Green Screen Karaoke, 9 p.m.

### FRIDAY, MAY 6

BALCONY RESTAURANT - Jeff Lee, Folk, 12 p.m., Steve Jones, Singer/ Songwriter, 5 p.m.

**CATHOUSE LOUNGE** – Fred Devore, Singer/Songwriter, 8 p.m.

CHELSEA'S - Big Damn Horns, Jazz,

EUREKA LIVE! - DJ and Dancing, 9

GRAND TAVERNE - Arkansas Red, Guitar Dinner Music, 6:30 – 9:30 p.m.

LEGENDS - Sterling Witt, they're famous! 9 p.m.

NEW DELHI - Opium Western, Rock,

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

ROWDY BEAVER DEN - Karaoke with DJ Goose, 9 p.m.

### **SATURDAY, MAY 7**

\*\*DOWNTOWN **ARTrageous Parade**, 5 p.m.\*\*

**BALCONY RESTAURANT – Michael** Dimitri, Singer/Songwriter, 12 p.m.

BASIN PARK - Angelo and Africa in the Ozarks Drummers, 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. BREWS - Dana Louise, Singer/ Songwriter, 7 p.m.

CATHOUSE LOUNGE Stevie Tombstone. Desert Rock. 8 p.m.

CHELSEA'S – Jerry Jones, Blues, 2 – 5 p.m., Josh Hoyer, R and B, 9 p.m.

EUREKA LIVE! - DJ & Dancing, 9

LEGENDS - Another Fine Mess, 9 p.m. GRAND TAVERNE - Arkansas Red. Guitar Dinner Music, 6:30 p.m.

NEW DELHI - Medicine Man Show, Folk, 6-10 p.m.

ROWDY BEAVER - Jimmy Garrett **Band**, Rock, 7:30 p.m.

ROWDY BEAVER DEN - Steve Zimmerman, Singer/Songwriter, 1 p.m., Mark Shields and Good Company, Rock,

### **SUNDAY, MAY 8**

BALCONY RESTAURANT - Pearl Brick, Singer/Songwriter, 12 p.m., Jeff Lee, Folk, 5 p.m.

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

ROWDY BEAVER DEN - Dorian Cross, Singer/Songwriter, 9 p.m.

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Angelo and Africa in the Ozarks Drum in the Park at 3 and 6 p.m. Saturday, May 7.





# ARTAttack by John Rankine

e, myself and I are back and were asked to write commentary on the May Festival of the Arts. Eureka Springs' month-long celebration of the arts and artists.

It was a party, a fundraiser and the

perfect May Day festival kickoff for beloved Eureka Springs artist Max Elbo. The venue was packed with friends and fans celebrating the man whose early posters for the Blues and Jazz Festival events remain iconic.

The 15-minute short of the upcoming



It's a bird! It's a plane! It's a coreopsis! - Local photographer, plant expert, and man-about-theworld Steven Foster checks out Rankine's interactive installation in Basin Park Monday morning.

feature length film about the Eureka Springs Non-Discrimination Ordinance can be viewed at the AUD this Thursday, starting at 7. Peace in the Valley has already stirred up controversy within the local gay community, and the producer and director will conduct a Q&A after the flick. Having seen the short, I, for one, have several questions, like "WTF is going on with that ending"?

Ok, here comes the really self-serving part.

I am honored to be Grand Marshal of the Artrageous Parade, (What to wear, what to wear?) and will be riding in some vet-to-be-decided float with a lovely secret guest by my side. The parade winds down Spring St. Saturday at 5, followed by Drumming In The Park at 6 and a slideshow of my "On My Morning Walk" photographs at dusk.

On My Morning Walk evolved from the ritual walk taken each morning along our rural road with my three dogs and iPhone in tow. Over the period of a year I have snapped a daily picture of the surrounding nature and posted it to social media.

Two hundred of these images will be presented as a slideshow and projected onto the wall of the Basin Park bandshell Thur.-Sat. evenings.



For daytime viewing, vintage photo-viewers containing the images will be dangling in the center of the park.

Forty of the most "Liked" photographs on Facebook will be framed and exhibited at the newly expanded Brews, with an opening reception this Friday, May 6, from 5 to 8

There's a whole lot more going on during May and promise I will put ME aside to focus on other exciting people and events like the Plein Air Festival, Ms. Gina Gallina and her crochet posse. Saturday Night Gallery Strolls, White Street Studio Walk, Books in Bloom and more.

Pick up an Independent Fun Guide to read a feature piece that just happens to be all about ME.

# 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 - 7:30p.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.

**INDY SOUL** continued from previous page

### **MONDAY, MAY 9**

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

### **TUESDAY, MAY 10**

CATHOUSE LOUNGE - Los Roscoes, Blues, 5 p.m.

CHELSEA'S – *Open Mic*, 9 p.m.

### **WEDNESDAY, MAY 11**

BREWS - Trivia Night, 7 p.m. CHELSEA'S - Jerry Jones, Blues, 3 p.m., Sons of the Cherry Seekers, Rock, 9 p.m., Iron Swine, Heavy Rock, 10 p.m.







**Drama hits home –** The Eureka Springs High School Drama Department gave a stunning performance of Cry of the Peacock on April 29 and 30. The play is about Mary Blanton, a young girl being abused. The play is left to the audience's interpretation as to who is inflicting the wounds on Mary, and is a call of action to stay vigilant against child abuse.

PHOTOS BY JEREMIAH ALVARADO

**Lifting up your voice –** A beautiful mix of Southern Gospel and uplifting music was heard from the Holiday Island singers on April 29. The crowd had their toes tapping to many pieces sung by the group.

Рното ву Јегеміан Alvarado

# **DEPARTURE**

### Donald Ray McGuire (Cap'n Don) March 18, 1943 – April 28, 2016

Donald Ray McGuire (Cap'n Don) died of prostate cancer Thursday, April 28, 2016. He was 73.

Born in Mansfield, Texas on March 18, 1943, Don lived in Texas, Vietnam and Arkansas, and that was it.

He was a Chinook helicopter pilot during the Vietnam War, and after his discharge he bought a Corvette and just started driving east from California to get over the Dear John letter from his wife and what he called "that stupid shit war" in Southeast Asia. He stayed on two-lane roads, and one day found Eureka Springs simply by good fortune. He walked into the Quarter, a bar in the basement of the New Orleans Hotel, and said it was filled with the best music and most beautiful women he'd ever seen.

He opened Cap'n Don's bar on the corner of Main and Benton where he served beer and sandwiches. Cap'n Don's was furnished with 17

rocking chairs because he said overworked women needed a place where they could relax, talk, and not feel any pressure. When a bothersome drunk caused trouble one night, Don throated him up against the wall and said, "You have the components of manhood but not the entitlement."

He was arrested one night for marijuana possession, but the case was thrown out of court because at the time there was no law against marijuana possession in Arkansas. The law changed shortly thereafter, but it didn't stop Don from raising what he called "medicine for the pain of living."



PHOTO BY RICHARD OUICK

He was a long-time friend of Willie Nelson and responsible for Willie playing in Eureka Springs seven times. It's natural to listen to any Willie song and automatically think of Don.

Don knew the value of using good land for growing

food, not development. He used the GI Bill to study agriculture at the University of Arkansas, at least he said he did - he was better at acquiring knowledge than he was at hanging onto paperwork. Wherever he got his education, he was committed to the value of rich, black, unsprayed soil for farming, and the significance of the Roubidoux Aquifer that runs under this part of the Ozarks.

Don was generous with his money and other people's. He was a wonderful storyteller. He was funny, smart, and practical and impractical at the same time. It was always a treat when Don asked if you wanted to hop in his pickup

for a drive "around the block" that could be anywhere from cruising the historic loop to spending the afternoon in Newton County.

Don married Jan Fallis in 1982 in the old stone house in Butler Hollow, followed by a reception at the Quarter where Delbert McClinton played. Don and Jan had a son, Bo, who lives in San Francisco with his wife, Amy.

Jan died in 2014. His other relatives have died, but Don is survived by many who knew him, or at least knew of him.

He is survived by his faithful dog, Ginger.



# Youth, families and businesses read the Bible together

Many families were at the Passion Play during the 7th annual Bible Reading Marathon. The Youth Rally on Friday was held inside the Great Hall due to the rain.

### **JOHN HOUSE** continued from page 5

to get the job done. There was very little excess energy left over for other activities.

With the discovery of petroleum oil – and how to use it efficiently, humans had something that they had never had before: excess energy. With the incredible stored energy in oil, humans now could do all sorts of work without manual labor.

Fossil fuels are incredible batteries. They hold *lots* of stored solar energy per kilogram. For example, it would take a fit human adult laboring more than 10 years to equal the energy in one barrel of oil!

Looked at a different way, a barrel of oil has the energy equivalent of 1,700 kilowatt hours of electricity. To get that much energy from a typical 2'x4' solar panel in an hour you would need almost 19,000 panels! That's for just one barrel. The world uses 90,000,000 barrels a day!

Fossil fuels led to a paradigm shift in human activity. This advancement, more than anything else, has been responsible for technological achievements, increases in food production, excess leisure time, labor saving devices, and other conveniences that we think of as "the modern world."

So to define this in terms of net energy, before fossil fuels, humans used virtually the energy they took in via food, simply to gather more energy (grow or hunt food). For all practical purposes, there was almost no excess net energy available.

With fossil fuels, suddenly there was so much excess energy available that humans could achieve almost anything!

But. (There's always a "but.") Those incredible solar energy batteries of fossil fuels take millions of years to charge. Once we figured out how to use them, we started burning through them at astronomical rates.

We pumped the easy-to-reach oil first and, since fossil fuels are a finite resource and aren't replenished, when the easy stuff was gone, we started working on the hard-to-get stuff. Every increase in the difficulty of extraction results in spending more energy to get the energy from the oil. The more energy we spend, the less excess net energy there is.

From about 1825 to 1979 the amount of net excess energy per capita was growing almost exponentially. From 1979 through 2003, however, net energy per capita stopped growing. Since 2003, net energy per capita has been declining.

At first glance, this might not seem to be a big deal. But, it's actually an incredibly huge problem. Remember, all that excess net energy is what has made every aspect of our modern world possible. What happens when there is less of that very thing?

Actually, we are starting to get just a glimpse of the answer to that question since net energy per capita has been declining for the last 12 or 13 years.

If you think about what excess net energy allows us to do - travel, buy non-essential items, have leisure time, etc., - then it follows that with a decline in net energy, we will have less travel, less leisure time, we'll buy less nonessential stuff. In other words, we'll have a recession, perhaps worse.

There is a clear relationship between oil and the economy. In fact, there have been multiple recessions since WWII and all but one have been preceded by a spike in the price of oil. When the price of oil goes too high, it leads to an economic

Many believe we entered a global recession after the oil price spike of mid-2014, even if we aren't technically in a recession here in the U.S., and now the world is awash in cheap oil. We won't be awash in oil long, however, as most of the hard-to-reach petroleum costs more to produce than the current market price. Very soon, supply will dwindle. And that's how this time is different. In the past, we've been able to grow our way out of recessions by pumping more oil thereby creating more excess energy. Now, we can't. Now we have a decline in net energy.

Since developing an oil-based economy, we've never had to face a decline in net energy. This has enormous implications to our way of life.

The modern economy is dependent on growth. With a decline in net energy, substantive growth is no longer possible. I mentioned earlier that there has been a decline in net energy since the early part of this century. So, how is it possible that we've had economic growth since then?

In a word, debt.

Combined with a dramatic increase in debt, a decline in net energy is an explosive combination that risks destroying the world as we know it today. In the next installment, I'll explain what I mean by that.

# DROPPINGA Line by Robert Johnson



Skivers from Stillwell, Kansas, got the big fish this week with a 20-pound striper caught in the Hwy. 12 bridge area near Rogers. This fish already laid her eggs, we're getting some that have spawned and some that are still waiting to lay eggs.

The river warmed up so most stripers have started to move north into the lake area. The best bite through May should be around the Hwy. 12 bridge area, Prairie Creek, Goose Creek, and moving toward Rocky Branch. As long as water temps stay below 72° no weights should be needed with most fish being caught from the shoreline out to the 30 ft. water. Shad, perch, brood shiners and throwing top water baits are all catching stripers now. For shoreline fishing, May is also a good time to catch white bass, hybrids and stripers that stay on our end from the day

use side of the dam.

Here at Holiday Island, crappie have moved into the shoreline brush to spawn and are being caught between 4 and 8 ft. deep, best in the creek arms. We need a good rain for the creeks to get more current, otherwise most the whites will run up the river between the flats on the Island all the way to Spider Creek.

Bass are also moving close to the shore making their spawning beds in the pea gravel. Spinner blades, top water and crankbaits are all catching them now.

Well, that's it for this week. I got a new toy called the Hydrowave that I'm putting on the boat today. It's supposed to call the bait to my boat for more hookups. Can't wait to try it out. Good luck and stay warm.

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

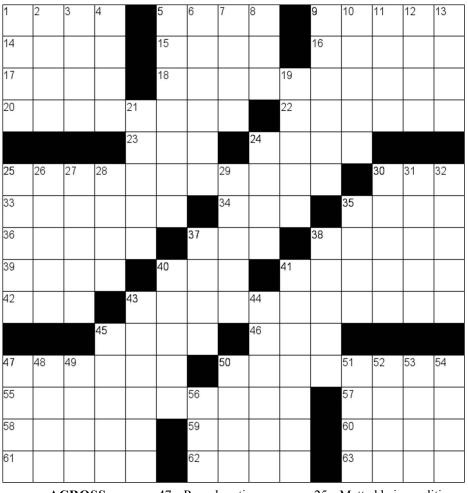
# Sunday at EUUF

Sheryl Garrett will share how fiduciary duties and Planned Parenthood overlap on May 8 at the Eureka Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 17 Elk Street at 11 a.m. Bring a photo of your mother and a flower for a collective bouquet. Childcare is provided and extra parking at Ermilio's Restaurant, 26 White Street.



# **INDEPENDENT Crossword**

by Mike Boian with extensive help from his wife, Ann



### **ACROSS**

- Heist proceeds 1.
- 5. Pout
- 9. Hit
- 14. It's connected to the fingers
- 15. Complex bannister shape
- 16. Closet wood
- 17. High speed movement 61. Shadow
- 18. Ill-bred
- 20. Land buffer
- 22. Second shot
- 23. Hebrew 10th letter
- 24. Greek god of war
- 25. Desecration
- 30. Possesses
- 33. Apt to change
- 34. Commit a miscue
- 35. Only
- 36. Perfection
- 37. Tina of SNL fame
- 38. Scorch 39. Chest for sacred
- objects 40. Prison releasee
- 41. Scar irregularity
- 42. Large hatchet
- 43. Tricky expression 45. South African river
- 46. Caviar

- 47. Reverberations
- 50. Native American originated game
- 55. Artillery result
- 57. Stupefied
- 58. Hearing related
- 59. Dull pain
- Den
  - Netherlands
- 62. Port feature
- 63. Gross behavior

### **DOWN**

- 1. Oil change and
- 2. Earthen pot
- Responsibility Container weight
- 5. Any individual
- Kampala is the capital
- Time of penitence 7.
- Mental perception
- Insect inhibitor
- 10. Changes from solid to liquid
- 11. Concept
- 12. Defined job
- 13. Gaelic language
- Fielding mistake 19.
- 21. Australian acacia
- 24. Ventilated

- 25. Matted hair condition
- 26. Number used as a base in math systems
- 27. Too overweight
- Italian auto 28.
- 29. Very small
- 30. Medal of
- Cold; chilly
- Very beginnings
- 35. Farm storage unit
- 37. Very young horse or mule
- 38. Famous Paris system
- 40. Group of graduates
- 41. Metal fixture on front door
- 43. Spanish dish
- Spinach substitute
- 45. Related to the palm of one's hand
- 47. Twin brother of Jacob
- 48. Shark bait
- Tarlek on WKRP in Cincinnati
- 50. Points, places
- 51. Site of Kaneohe Bay **MCAS**
- Decorative garland
- 53. Sign of authority
- Nervously irritable
- One's luck or lot

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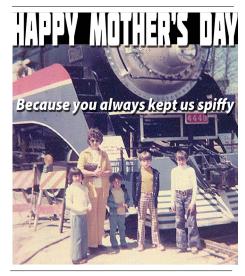
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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **OUILT SHOW**

May 6 & 7, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Inn of the Ozarks Convention Center. Almost 200 quilts, special displays, vendors, guild boutique, opportunity quilt, \$5 donation at the door.

### SOUP SERVED DAILY

Organic, locally sourced. \$8/pint. Available frozen. Also: Bone broth, kimchi, sauerkraut and pesto! Flora Roja, 119 Wall St. (479) 253-4968

### **PERSONALS**

Dear Mother, Happy Mother's Day! Missing you. Your Daughter

HKP - Glad you enjoyed the jam. You know where to get more. You know where I live. Are you going to avoid me until the jam is gone?

### **ESTATE SALES**

ESTATE/MOVING SALE - May 5 & 6, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. 29 Lakeshore Road, off Mundell Road /Sylvan Shores. Kitchen items/tools/household goods/washer/ dryer/refrigerator and more.

**ATTENTION! Fabulous Estate Sale of Jack Muzio.** His treasures include Parrish & Fox, local art, vintage BluesFest T's, antique furniture and lighting, clothing, beer memorabalia, etc. Also silent auction on certain items. May 14 & 15, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. 321 Hummingbird Lane, off Onyx Cave Rd.

### **YARDS & YARDS OF YARD SALES**

HOLIDAY ISLAND YARDS AND YARDS SALE – May 6 & 7. Kitchenware, decorative items, toys, girls and women's clothes, furniture. Holiday Island Shopping Center next to Post Office.

### THURSDAY THROUGH SUNDAY -

N-scale layout, refrigerator, vintage gas stove plus icebox, women's clothing, parrot cage, birdhouses, collectibles plus Jewel Tea Autumn Leaf dishes, Victorian dinnerware. 11 Singleton Street. (479) 253-9111

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ROCKIN' PIG now hiring experienced host or hostess. Apply in person only. Gaskin Switch Center, US62.

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Excellent pay. DOE. Apply in person, 8 Spring St. at Basin Park after 1 p.m.

### Myrtie Mae's Café is looking for Morning Shift Line Cook

For the person that enjoys working mornings and a full-time year-round position.

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> > Eureka Springs, AR

479.253.9768

**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY!** Maintenance position with Blue Spring Heritage Center. (479) 244-6418

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### **HELP WANTED**

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AQUARIUS TAQUERIA - Experienced line cook for night position, Thursday through Monday. Submit résumés or applications to 91 S. Main.

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THE GREATER EUREKA SPRINGS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE is looking for an outgoing, enthusiastic, friendly person to fill a part/time position in our visitor's center. Applicants must be knowledgable about Eureka Springs and the area. If interested please send résumé president@eurekaspringschamber. com.

Now taking applications for HOTEL MANAGER and FOOD/BEVERAGE MANAGER in Harrison. Interested applicants send résumé to conciergepalacehotel@yahoo.com or call (479) 244-6827.

FRESH Restaurant seeking part/time full/time servers. Experience preferred. Fill out application at 179 N. Main St.

NEW DELHI CAFÉ is now hiring for all positions. Taking applications 11:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. We are a fun, friendly, and fast paced restaurant. Please leave the drama at home. Experience required.

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# 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.

### **MELONLIGHT** continued from page 7

Also ahead this year the popular Salsa Summer Nights will be held again the second and fourth Thursdays May through September at a cost of only \$5.

Emma Anne and her fiancé, Raymond, met in junior high and starting dancing together in high school. They have now danced together for 15 years, and the chemistry between the two makes for riveting performances.

"After 15 years together, it is easier to communicate," Ulibarri said. "We have a connectivity no one else can share. I feel very connected to music. It illuminates my body. Dancing is sometimes easier than speaking. It puts life back in my veins. And being able to do that in a partnership dance adds a whole new level of excitement to the dancing."

Ulibarri said they have many diverse types of students. Most are looking for a way to stay physically active doing something they enjoy.

"Getting out of a sedentary lifestyle has a lot of benefit," Ulibarri said. "In any culture, dancing and music bring people together. And that is very healthy."

The couple are hoping to bring more activity to the corner of Spring and Pine Streets. Classes taught include ballroom, Latin, swing, Argentine tango, salsa, yoga and more. There are classes for youths, as well as adults.

Dr. Dan R. Jones, a local physician, said he and his wife, Alicia, had wanted to take ballroom dancing for a long time, but previously there wasn't a good place to learn around here.

"It is real gem for a small town to have a professional dance studio like Melonlight," Jones said. "My wife and I started taking lesson about a year ago and have really enjoyed it. It's something fun to get out and do one night a week. It is good exercise, good for your body and good for your mind. It gets you out of your house if you are hermits."

Jones likes the new location for Melonlight, which has twice as much space as the old location. "It really gives you plenty of space to cut loose without running into the walls," he said.

### **GODDESS GALA** continued from page 4

time the call is accepted by the Child Abuse Hot Line until it is closed, it is discussed and monitored every three weeks by the team. At any time ASP, LLE, DHS or the prosecutor can refer the child to Grandma's House for services and care. No Priority One child is left without constant monitoring and care in Carroll County."

"It has been fun watching the gala evolve over the years," Steiner said. "We appreciate the work, time and care which is put into this event and the support to provide services to local child abuse victims."

In addition to Damon, other key organizers of the event are Lani Ballance, who coordinates the audio visual technical support, MC Sarah Barne and Nora Patterson Viola, who donated her handmade sweater art clothing for the raffle and auction, and also ran both of those activities.

Viola went with Damon to present the check from the all-volunteer event to Leach.

"I was so moved by seeing Grandma's House and the outstanding work Merlin is doing for the cause, which is helping

innocent children who have had to endure cruel and vile actions," Viola said. "The Merlin Foundation provides them with that voice so justice can be served. Valerie is a dear friend of mine and when she approached me three years ago to be a part of a fundraiser that brings women together to enjoy a wonderful evening and also raises money for these children, I was happy to help. It is a cause dear to my heart."

Damon said that raising so much money wouldn't be possible without Elise Roenigk, owner of the Basin Park Hotel, donating the space for the event.

"Thanks to Susan Dickson and all the other staff at the Basin Park Hotel," Damon said. "Everyone was over the top helpful."

Music that fueled the dancing was provided by Melissa Carper, Rebecca Patek and Rocky Steen-Rolfzen.

Plans are already underway for the Goddess Gala 2017.

"We will meet for a pow-wow to fine tune it even more for next year," Damon said. "We have some great ideas to make it even better."

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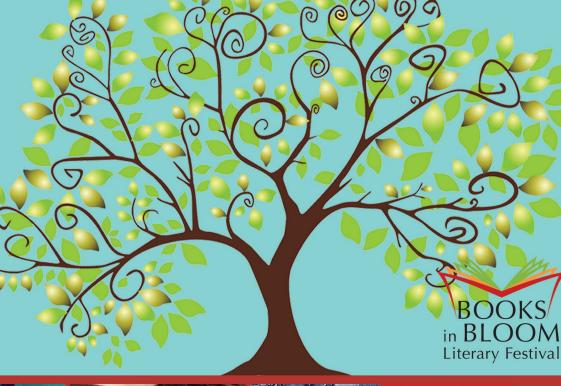
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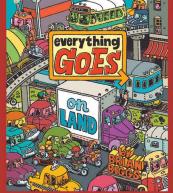
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