

Ambulance tussle dominates QC

MIKE ELLIS

Questions about the ambulance service in eastern Carroll County livened up an otherwise uneventful Quorum Court meeting Monday evening. During public comments, Green Forest Fire Chief Tim Howard took issue with the service provided by Ozark EMS. “We’re going backwards instead of forwards,” he said. “We’ve gone back twenty years.” Howard said the fire department had to loan a cervical collar to an ambulance responding to a recent accident.

Leon Cheatham, owner of Ozark EMS, said he had not heard about that incident, but noted that his ambulances passed state inspection last week. He said the company brought in two more ambulances last week, for a total of four paramedic trucks and one for transfers. He also passed out copies of reports showing Ozark’s response times. The state requires that a vehicle leave the station within two minutes after an emergency call, and Ozark averages 72 seconds. He also said the time en route to a call averaged less than 10 minutes, although it would take considerably longer to reach some parts of southern Carroll County.

Green Forest Mayor Charlie Reece has worked with a committee to make recommendations about the long-range future of ambulance service in the eastern half of the county. He said the committee will meet for the final time on May 26, and will then forward its recommendations to the quorum court. Reece said that information would include submissions from several ambulance providers.

In his comments at the close of the meeting, County Judge Sam Barr took issue with Howard’s statement. “We’re in better shape than we’ve ever been, with four vehicles instead of three,” he said. “I feel like we’re going in the right direction.”

In other business:

- Sam Ward was approved for another term on the West Carroll County Ambulance District. Justice of the Peace Jack Deaton said, “He’s done a great job, and he’s agreed to come back.”
- The JPs approved \$250,000 for radio upgrades at central dispatch.
- A public hearing is set for 1 p.m. on Friday, May 20, concerning the Tyson Foods expansion in Green Forest, which will receive a tax abatement

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Blooming in season – The garden at the Crescent Hotel was abuzz with authors signing copies of their books last Sunday during the 11th annual Books in Bloom. Authors also spoke about their work and aspects of publishing and writing. Pictured, Brian Biggs signs a copy of one of his illustrated works. *PHOTO BY JEREMIAH ALVARADO*

This Week’s INDEPENDENT Thinker

We’re such suckers for brilliance that’s also precious.

Cincinnati cop James Givens was sitting in his patrol car last week when he heard a pecking at his door. Givens saw a goose, so naturally he tossed her some food. But she wouldn’t have it. Instead she quacked, walked away, then came back and started pecking again.

Givens decided to follow her.

The goose led Givens 100 yards away, near a creek, where one of her goslings was all tangled up in a Mother’s Day balloon string.

Givens thought if he approached the gosling, mama would come after him. But Officer Cecilia Charron showed up, walked over and freed the baby goose while its mother stood there and supervised. When the little one was untangled, the geese waddled to the water and swam away.

So... animals asking humans for help... we’re liking it.

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Planning grants CUP to restorers

NICKY BOYETTE

For the third meeting in a row, the Planning Commission was presented with an application May 10 for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for a two-unit Bed & Breakfast at 8 Washington. Henry Branstetter, co-applicant with Tom McCoy, told commissioners they wanted to restore the nearly 6000 sq. ft. building into “a place where people stop and take pictures,” but to accomplish the goal they needed cash flow.

Since there are other B&Bs within 200

feet, Branstetter and McCoy also asked for a waiver of the 200-ft. rule.

Alderman David Mitchell, who owns the Heart of the Hills B&B and which is within 200 feet of 8 Washington, spoke in favor of the application. He pointed out the area is more commercial than residential, and Planning had granted a CUP to the previous owners three years ago. He stated the restoration would enhance nearby property values and urged Planning not to “continue down the denial path.”

Chris Fischer said he agreed with Mitchell’s sentiments, but suggested Planning “make more information available about applications as we go through this awkward CUP period.”

Nine letters were read into the record, and the score was 7-1 in favor of the application with one letter making points on both sides of the discussion.

Bill King stated in his letter he owned property within 200 feet, and in his opinion the applicants were an asset to the neighborhood. He stated, however, he would be opposed to the CUP if off-street parking did not follow City Code. He also encouraged Planning to look at the definitions in City Code related to B&Bs and bring them up to date.

Gwen Bennett stated in her letter she was opposed to granting a variance to the 200-foot rule, which she said was in place for a good reason. In her opinion, a variance would cast a shadow over future decisions by setting a precedent that she said was “equivalent to spot-zoning.”

In her letter, nearby neighbor Sandra

Ostrander, on the other hand, gave “an enthusiastic two thumbs up” to the application. Ken and Debbie Davis noted “the property was literally falling apart,” and restoration plans “are an asset to the city.” Tyson Burden said the property had been abandoned “but they’ve saved it. He added, “I can’t imagine how else such a large property could be used.”

Other nearby neighbors stated their support and appreciation that the applicants took on the challenge of cleaning up the property.

McCoy pointed out the previous approval from Planning had been for a three-unit B&B and the current application was for two units, so there should be no problem complying with requirements for parking.

Commissioner Melissa Greene commented she was on Planning when the previous CUP was granted, and when the plan for the previous owners did not work out, the property sat untended. “It needs a use,” she said.

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from the county.

- The county is seeking bids to resurface Mundell Road, although Barr said the Road Department may not have enough funds to complete the entire length of the road.
- In a look ahead, JP Larry Swofford said the quorum court will soon consider an ordinance about unsanitary conditions, but he thought the ordinance “was walking a dangerous, close line to county planning.” Swofford said he agreed with the provisions regarding sanitary issues,

especially when they affect neighboring property, but provisions concerning disabled vehicles went too far for him. “I’m just letting you know how I feel,” he said.

- JP Chuck Olsen said the densely-populated Grassy Knob area would welcome some of these restrictions, and Swofford said he had no problem with a subordinate service district passing its own restrictions, but balked at passing regulations that would affect the entire county.



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23 Elk CUP: Planning reconsiders

NICKY BOYETTE

Planning Chair Steve Beacham told commissioners last Tuesday that city council chose not to make a decision on the appeal of Planning's denial of a Conditional Use Permit for a one-unit B&B at 23 Elk at its April 12 meeting, but instead sent the application back to Planning because there was new information. He stated the procedure Planning must follow requires applicants Gary Toub and Kathy Martone to present additional data supporting their application, and 75 percent of the commission must vote to reconsider the CUP request again at a subsequent meeting.

Since there are seven commissioners, 75 percent is 5.25, so six commissioners

would have to vote for reconsideration.

During Public Comments, alderman Mickey Schneider commented, "What happened to 23 Elk was sinful." She said it is a personal irritation "when one person spreads innuendoes and lies to get their way," and there was no reason to pit neighbor against neighbor.

Alderman David Mitchell said he also had concerns about the decision regarding 23 Elk, and encouraged Planning to consider a gamut of issues related to B&Bs including the 200-ft. rule, the phrase in City Code "same or similar," and the impact of Airbnb and other rental strategies.

Chris Fischer reiterated concerns about the need for greater clarity in Code. He said there are "so many layers and questions" the public gets frustrated trying to understand the legalities. He contended lodging is one of the backbones of the community and has been for a long time, so "we should know how to do it by now." He urged Planning to watch out for the best interests of the city.

Martone said she and her husband had studied all pertinent materials and conversed

with city officials. "We were diligent in our efforts to fulfill all the requirements and felt we had satisfactorily done so," however, she said she was unprepared that "people far outside our neighborhood would be allowed to bully and harass our neighbors, as well as spread rumors and lies about us. A group of up to four women organized a smear campaign against us." Martone commented she and her husband would have met with neighbors to reassure them of the facts of the situation if they had only known.

Toub said they have since tried to talk to those who previously opposed their application, "but some have already been poisoned." However, he said after meeting with nearby neighbors, most recanted their opposition and were willing to let him list their names as being supporters. He read those names into the record, and said only one person on the street still opposed the CUP.

Beacham explained the required process to Toub and Martone and encouraged them to prepare their defense and submit it to the commission prior to the May 24 meeting.

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Walk with the art

The 26th annual White Street Studio Walk will be Friday, May 20 from 4 – 10 p.m. The public will be invited into local artists' homes and studios to view their latest works and more than 40 guest artists from the Eureka Springs area will join them.

White Street is on the upper historic loop and the event is free.

Jewel Box artist

David Rush is the featured artist at the Jewel Box on Saturday, May 21. He will be showing new designs in his Soutache jewelry line as well as his flame painted copper work. Meet the artist from 3 – 5 p.m. with a reception from 6 – 9 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

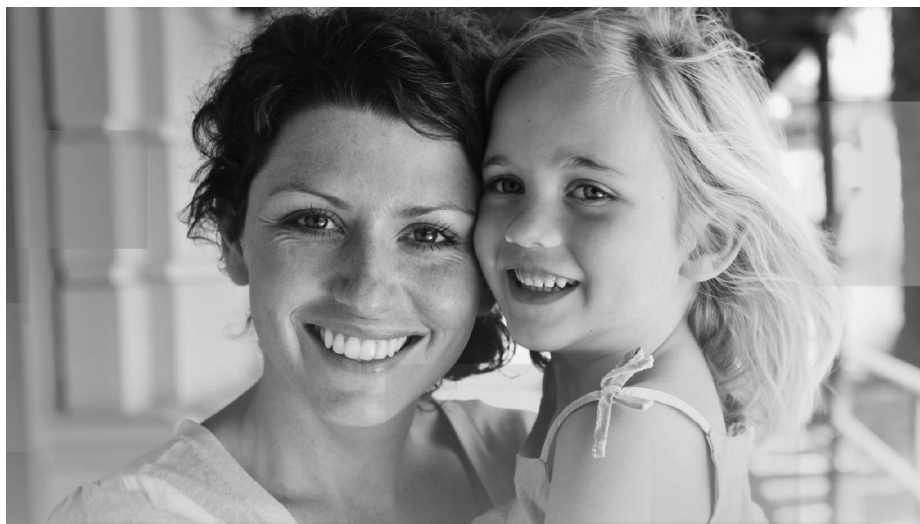


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Paranormal tour owners respond to allegations

NICKY BOYETTE

Steve Arnold and Charles Mowrey, co-owners of the tour business Haunted Eureka Springs, responded in the Planning Commission's Public Comments last Tuesday to testimony made in previous meetings by residents on Eureka Street about the impact of their tours. The tours are referred to in advertising as "paranormal and historic tours."

It has been residents near Penn Castle who have complained to city council and Planning that customers on the tours leave the van late at night with flashlights and walk not only up to Penn Castle and peer inside, but onto neighboring properties. Mowrey stated he would fire tour operators who allowed what some of the neighbors have claimed.

Arnold told commissioners their business has a valid license just like other tour operators in town. They no longer enter Penn Castle and are generally out of the neighborhood by 9:30 p.m. He stated Penn Castle is the most historic house in the town's registry, and the tour is far better

if customers can walk up to it rather than see it from a van. He said they intend to follow the law, but their goal is to give customers the best value.

Arnold mentioned they have earlier tours, but customers seem to prefer the late tours. He encouraged anyone with questions to email him at contact@hauntedeurekasprings.com or call (479) 310-5266.

Mowrey expressed concern about a possible moratorium on tours. He claimed a moratorium might have unanticipated

effects on other tour businesses or services.

Commissioners agreed sections in City Code regarding tour homes is one of the topics they must address along with different aspects of B&Bs and tourist lodgings, as well as RV parks. They decided to begin work on these issues by convening a workshop at 5 p.m. before the May 24 regular meeting.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, May 24, at 6 p.m. The meeting will be preceded by a workshop at 5 p.m. to discuss updating sections of City Code.

Tyson's to expand Green Forest plant

MIKE ELLIS

Representatives of Tyson Foods attended the May 10 meeting of the Green Forest City Council to discuss a major expansion at the poultry plant. Plant Manager Tonya Byers said the \$136 million project for further-processing will add 214,000 sq. ft., and create 85 permanent new jobs, with construction starting in mid-summer.

Tyson vice-president Stacy Miller assured city officials the expansion will not cause any additional load at the wastewater plant. "We've made so many advancements in saving water," Miller said, noting that further-processing procedures require much less water than slaughter facilities, and the company does

not have any current plans to expand the slaughter sector.

Miller acknowledged that since the plant uses 80 percent of the city's total water volume, "We know we have to work with the city." He said Tyson and Green Forest have had a successful partnership since 1967.

Green Forest Mayor Charlie Reece described the relationship as "a good marriage," and said his parents both worked there and he worked a summer at Tyson's.

Miller promised a "huge" groundbreaking ceremony for the first major expansion at this plant in more than 20 years. The project is expected to take about 19 months to complete.

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Holiday Island man accused in stabbing

Shortly after midnight Wednesday, May 11, the Carroll County Sheriff's Office was notified of a stabbing at 53 Woodsdale Dr. in Holiday Island, where deputies found Christopher Mark Callison, 41, with stab wounds in the right side of his chest. Callison was transported by helicopter to Washington Regional Medical Center in Fayetteville, where he still is as of May 17.

Deputies arrested Douglas Lee Ellingson, 51, at the scene and charged him with Conduct Constituting Attempted First Degree Murder. Ellingson is being held in the Carroll County Detention Center on a \$400,000 bond.

According to the CCSO report, the men lived at the same residence.



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Food truck committee devises details

NICKY BOYETTE

Last Thursday the committee appointed by Mayor Butch Berry continued to fine-tune suggestions for fitting food trucks and trailers into compliance with City Code, or even in some cases revising City Code to accommodate their suggestions.

The committee's considerations:

- Alderman Bob Thomas asked when City Attorney Tim Weaver would be involved in the process to ensure their suggestions were legal. City Clerk/Treasurer Ann Armstrong replied the committee is presenting a rough sketch, just suggestions for city council to consider. When council is ready for an ordinance, it would be Weaver who drafts it.

- Thomas also asked how to ensure the property owners hosting the food trucks would be responsible for abiding by City Code. Chair Steve Beacham of Planning responded that according to their plan the property owner would have the permit to host the food truck, so the property owner must comply with all regulations. "The property owner must be serious about it," Beacham said. The owner would make arrangements with the vendor using the property regarding trash and other considerations.

- The committee agreed that permits would be for one year with no carry-over. The lottery would be held

at a televised council meeting in November before Thanksgiving. All applications would be drawn to establish a waiting list. The person or persons drawing the selections were not yet determined.

- Thomas asked if a property owner with enough room to host a food court could also apply to host a single food truck in case someone else is drawn for the food court, and ensuing discussion revolved around fairness. The idea was floated that the food court host could be drawn first and that name eliminated from the single vendor drawing, but the eventual sentiment went toward a property owner applying only once. Committee members agreed these guidelines are in the nascent stage and suggestions could morph.

- Armstrong advocated adding Hwy. 23 South to areas to be considered, and Thomas and Beacham agreed to include Hwy. 23 South to the city limits with US 62 as a possible lottery location for either a food court or one of two food truck vendors.

- Armstrong also recommended that Harmon Park and Lake Leatherwood City Park be included in the ordinance, not in the lottery, as possible sites for a food truck. She said this inclusion would require amending the peddler ordinance.

- Beacham presented a draft of an application a property owner would use to apply for the lottery. The

committee reviewed and amended it.

- The committee agreed a \$25 inspection fee would be appropriate once a site is chosen since the Building Inspector would have to visit the site to ensure compliance.

Thomas stated the intention of the committee would be to present a broad set of suggestions, and council or the city attorney could add restrictions. Beacham added that, above all, they want it to be beneficial for everyone.

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Part Three: Climate Change

JOHN HOUSE, MD

Climate change is, by far, the most worrisome of the major challenges we face as a species. We can live without debt and a modern economy, and maybe a few of us can survive on the energy levels utilized by our ancestors, but not a single one of us can survive without a livable climate.

Over the last 20 years there has been lots of debate about global warming with respect to its causes, how fast it will happen, how severe it will be, etc. The one salient fact that in recent years has become indisputable, however, is that the climate is changing now and happening much more rapidly than almost anyone has predicted.

On a steady basis, new studies are published that demonstrate this rapid change. Sea levels are rising faster, storms are becoming increasingly intense and more common, droughts are more severe and widespread, forest fires are raging

more fiercely and over greater areas, and the oceans are dying. All because CO₂ and other greenhouse gases are rising faster than ever before.



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It's important to understand that there is a time lag of about 30 years in the effects of greenhouse gases in our atmosphere. So the warming temperatures and climate chaos we see today are from the CO₂ emitted in the 1980s.

The amount of carbon we are pumping into the atmosphere today is far greater than that of 30 years ago. This means that even if we were to stop absolutely all CO₂ emissions right now, temperatures will keep climbing for another 30 years! Since it takes at least 1,000 years for CO₂ to work itself out of the atmosphere, that likely unlivable temperature would be the new normal for a very long time.

Is it even possible to stop *all* CO₂ emissions? Think about what that means:

no cars, no electricity, no stores, no air conditioning, no burning fires for heat or cooking, no food except what you grow yourself by hand, no refrigeration, no medicines, no hospitals or clinics, no Internet, no phone, no TV... in other words, literally everything in our world would have to stop.

There are now more than 7.4 billion people on the planet. Almost every one of us depends entirely on food grown using fossil fuels. If we stop all CO₂ emissions, almost every one of us starves to death in just a few months.

What are the odds of stopping all CO₂ emissions anytime soon? It should be obvious that the chance of that happening willingly is zero.

A few years ago, politicians decided arbitrarily that Earth can adjust to a 2°C rise in average temperature without too much problem. That seems to be highly suspect, however, as we haven't yet crossed the 1°C mark (on an annualized basis) and are already having huge problems related to climate change. What's more, almost every model developed that keeps temperatures to 2°C warmer requires a dramatic reduction in CO₂ emissions. Immediately. The longer we delay, the higher the temperature goes in those same projections.

With "business as usual" emissions, the global average temperature is projected to climb to 10° or 20°C above the historical level. Human beings cannot survive those kinds of temperatures. Even if we could, livestock, grains, fruits, and vegetables on which we all rely, can't survive. We'd have no food.

Already there are places on the planet that are experiencing enormous amounts of suffering related to climate change. Every day one billion people go hungry due to crop failures related to drought and flood. What will it be like at 2°C?

Since it seems clear that we can't stop CO₂ emissions entirely, is it possible that we can reduce greenhouse gas emissions?

Think back to the previous part of this series. Debt requires growth in order to be repaid. All economic growth comes – ultimately – from utilizing energy. The only way to reduce CO₂ in any meaningful way requires a significant reduction in economic activity. That leads to debt default and likely economic depression. What politician is going to vote to do

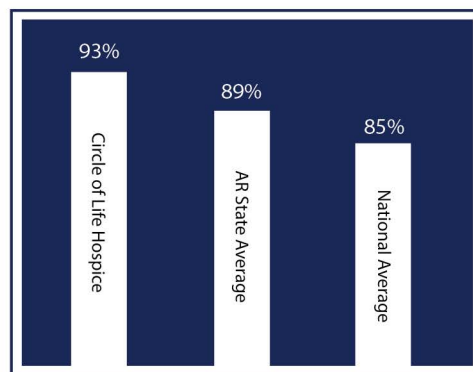
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Plain facts about plein air *From impressionism to the new golf*

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The first Eureka Springs Plein Air Festival (ESPAfest) may be the perfect philosophical creative match for the spirit of Eureka Springs. For one thing, it's all about capturing the moment; for another, everyone will see it their own way. In this case, that's the desired outcome.

Beginning May 23, painters from several states, along with local artists, will gather at a different location each day for a week of painting what they see in nature's open air. ("Plein air" being short for the French equivalent of "in open (full) air.")

Because paints were compounded with mortar and pestle historically, the tradition was to take an outdoor painting or sketch back to the studio to complete. It was only after the field easel was invented and oil paints first came in tubes in the 1840s that artists could easily complete a painting outdoors.

That being the case, four enthusiastic art school students began to venture into the French countryside to paint in the middle 1860s. But alas, the young artists and their work were roundly rejected by the annual Salon de Paris in 1874 – a tragic blow since no artist was accepted into society or considered important unless his work had been shown there. Rather than accept the blow, the friends, Claude Monet, Pierre-Auguste Renoir, Alfred Sisley and Camille Pissarro organized a month-long show of their own paintings. Among them was Monet's "Impression – Sunrise." After taking it all in, an art critic for a local satirical newspaper coined a derogatory term to describe his distaste for the entire show: *impressionism*.

And voilà! The rest is history. The



Lloyd Kelly

Impressionists, along with the Hudson River School in the United States and Newlyn School in England, among others, gave great importance to working outdoors in natural light; but then the movement declined for decades until surging to new life in America in the 1980s.

The new golf?

By 2004, the practice of painting "en plein air" had gained enough adherents to warrant its own national art magazine, and in 2013 had become so popular that the publisher of *Plein Air Magazine*, Eric Rhoads, called it "the new golf" while speaking at one of the many plein air festivals and competitions held around the country.

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Dances of Universal Peace will be held at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 17 Elk St. at 7 p.m. on Friday, May 20. The dances are simple moving meditations that involve the singing of sacred phrases with accompanying movements from the world's many spiritual traditions. Participation is free. Contact Rebecca Babbs at (479) 253-8303 or email babbsrebecca@gmail.com for more information.

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Voiles deserve thanks from all of us

Editor,

I want to publicly thank the owners of Village Gifts in Pine Mountain Village, Ken and Gayle Voiles, for persevering in their attempts to return my husband's wallet that he lost at the Morel Festival several weeks ago. They called him and left messages and even went to the trouble of driving out our bumpy country dirt road (we weren't home). When we finally connected at their lovely shop in Pine Mountain Village, they delivered the wallet completely untouched and refused to take a reward.

It's wonderful to have people like that in our town and we hope they have a really good year.

Sara Peine (Buz Peine's wife)

Let's see some ID

Editor,

Apparently America's unemployment problem has been solved by the Koch brothers' robot-dolls that dominate so many of our state legislatures. In order to enforce the new toilet fear ordinances, millions of workers will be needed to monitor each of the nation's public restrooms. If you thought it might be inconvenient to have to come up with a photo ID in order to vote, think about having to carry a certified copy of your birth certificate with you every time you go out in public in case you might need to pee.

David Zimmermann

Reaction to who uses which bathrooms

Editor,

In response to President Obama's administration report today concerning guidance from leaders at the departments of Education and Justice regarding transgender identity, and that public schools are obligated to treat transgender students in a way that matches their gender identity, even if their education records or identity documents indicate a different sex, I have this to say. I will not comply with such foolishness. My grandchildren will not be attending public school. They will be homeschooled.

This transgender business really has nothing to do with the emotional concerns of a transgender person. It has in fact, opened up the privacy of the public restrooms to every sexual deviate, sex offender, and pervert who has now found a new way to prey on our children. I implore all God fearing people to join me in this fight.

Let it be known that if I am in a public restroom with either of my grandchildren changing a diaper, or assisting them in toileting, and a male-transgender or not-enters the restroom, God help him. If he is lucky, he will only need an ambulance to respond to remove him. If he is not so lucky, he will need the coroner and a hearse.

Marti Suchsland

Basin Park looking good

Editor,

I have never seen the Basin Park in the 18 years I've lived in Arkansas look as festive as it does during 2016 May Arts Month by Gina Rose Gallina, Eureka Springs, a fine stitchery artist.

I am a stitchery artist, too, but I am an embroidery and crewel specialist. I never learned how to crochet. I'm still no good at it. My mother tried to teach me, but I couldn't get the hang of it. My mother also tried to teach me how to tat. I didn't get the hang of that, either.

However, I worked for two years with 40 other women at Plymouth Congregational Church in Minneapolis, Minn. I worked on a crewel embroidery, the largest wool tapestry in the world. It measures 16 feet tall and 24 feet long. If you ever get a chance to visit Minneapolis, this tapestry is a must see. There are four tapestries to view. There is one for each season, while the others rest so that they don't stretch. Each tapestry weighs approximately 80 pounds. I only worked on the first one, which is entitled *The First Thanksgiving* and is hung during autumn.

It is so wonderful to see people picking up the old arts. Knitting is so great, too. Many people, both genders, find knitting relaxing and mind comforting.

Gina has a swell studio on Center Street where you can visit and find just what you are looking for in stitchery arts. You can also find the materials for these arts, and the tools as well as learning guides

Hope I see you there.

Enid B. Swartz



WEEK'S TopTweets

@karenkilgariff: I just changed the clock in my car to show the actual time, here comes the good life.

@sammyrhodes: Everyone's awkward shines a little brighter on an elevator.

@sweettoof: I bet Abe Lincoln only paid with \$5 bills and as the cashier's face lit up he'd smugly grin "yep."

@samreidsays: Dogs are probably really excited about dog sledding before they find out what it actually is.

@rolldiggity: Facebook has really revolutionized how quickly we find out friends from high school gave up on their dreams.

@swiftenhaal: In Mexico the KKK is known as What What.

@cravenheart: Does anyone else's cell phone make periodic ringing noises?

@OBiiiee: Don't Google horses wearing jeans unless you have a good 12 hrs. to spare.

@stellacopter: Did you know there's a little lonely man inside automatic towel dispensers who gives you a towel because he's happy you waved to him?

@esindie: Only three more weeks until our Christmas lights change from still being up to being up early.

Sun Paper mill not a done deal

"You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself any direction you choose." **DR. SEUSS**

Clark County officials and the Arkansas Economic Development Council (AEDC) have been celebrating the Sun Paper deal. It is time to take another look, sometimes things are not what they seem.

First, the good news. The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed to meet the May 1 deadline to choose a location for the mill, is not a binding agreement. Creating jobs and selling excess timber are the two reasons given to invest in the mill.

Creating jobs is easy

The real challenge for Clark County and other low-income communities is the lack of funds for jobs, but the MOU shows Arkansas has millions of dollars available for new jobs. Mill jobs are a poor choice. Arkansas is not prepared for extreme floods, droughts, heat waves, and other weather threats. Forget the mill, we can have jobs for everyone and be prepared for severe weather.

Arkansas has excess timber?

Forest owners deserve compensation for their investments. Paying forest owners to keep standing forests is the highest and best use for the greater number of people for the longest time. One acre of forest will sequester over one ton of CO₂ per year. Stopping the mill would sequester over 300,000 tons of CO₂ per year, with no pollution from logging trucks and all other fossil fuels used to harvest, deliver, process, and ship 854,000 tons of fluff per year. Today, with a rising rate of 406 ppm of CO₂ and methane leaks increasing the rate of climate change, selling timber pales in comparison to our survival. The MOU is full of holes, let's look at some highlights.

The mill will create 250 new jobs with an average wage of \$52,000?

Not everyone gets \$52,000 per year. The average wage includes the salaries of all people at the mill. How many of these new jobs will be taken by Chinese managers, engineers, and supervisors? Not only that, the 250 people will be hired within four years of start-up of the mill, in about eight years.

We gain an intermodal facility?

No, intermodal facilities are

state-of-the-art railroad yards with heavy machinery to transfer shipping containers from truck to train. What is the cost of the facility and who pays for it? Union Pacific has a large facility in Marion, Arkansas, why would they build another nearby? Minimum cost would be over \$15 million for a 40-acre site, a massive infrastructure project that would attract additional trucking traffic with no revenues for Clark County.

No air and water pollution?

The mill will take 16 million gallons of water a day out of the Ouachita River; 11 million gallons of water will be returned in wastewater. Burning wood to generate steam and electric power comes with large CO₂ and particulate matter emissions, a serious public health threat. PM is deadly.

We gain a bypass for all the log trucks?

No, we get road congestion and wear from 400 log truck deliveries per day. If a highway bypass is built, what

would be the cost and who pays for it?

Arkansas 2015 tourist revenue was \$7.2 billion

Dr. Seuss says "you can choose any path" but you can't have it both ways. The Natural State and the Industrial-Smelly State are mutually exclusive choices. In 2015, more than 28 million visitors spent over \$7 billion. With Sun Paper, tourist revenues would be at high risk.

Diligence or negligence?

AEDC's goal was to close the deal. What is the expected world demand for fluff after 2024, and the impact of other mills in the pipeline? Sun Paper will run the mill or buy fluff from the lowest cost supplier. AEDC in the Big River steel mill fiasco skipped due diligence. It may be a good idea to check with someone that knows his fluff.

"With your head full of brains and your shoes full of feet, you're too smart to go down any not-so-good street." — **DR. SEUSS**

Dr. Luis Contreras



The Pursuit Of HAPPINESS

by Dan Krotz

I walked into the Exxon Station on Passion Play Road wearing my customary face, the one announcing that I've just walked off the stage of Ibsen's *When We Dead Awaken*. A countrywoman standing behind the counter grinned and said, "You're gonna have to cheer-up, Honey. You make me feel all drizzly."

She was an older woman — older than "a woman of a certain age" — but still pretty in the way a vase of dried flowers is pretty, a tad brittle, but fragrant with memory and once upon a time the reason why God made Oklahoma. She can call me Honey if she wants to. I laughed and felt the day improve.

Many people think such a salutation is over-familiar, but I don't mind. It is invariably kindly intended and has a we're all in this together quality that seems both forgiving and egalitarian. The waitress and I are in the same dive together, the clerk and I stare at the same commercial geography, the cashier and I say hello and goodbye to the same money. Being called Honey makes the moment feel lived in and comfortable.

It is certainly a southern thing. In all the years I lived in Minnesota no stranger had ever called me Honey. And while Minnesota's public systems and civic order precisely demonstrate how Arkansas's similar attributes are a weary suggestion, the typical Minnesotan walks around like he's clutching a nickel between his buttocks; a family reunion is clutching a Roosevelt dime.

The flip side of Honey is that famous southern curse, "bless his heart," which always follows a defamatory but observable truth. For example, the south is rich in self-made men; you know the type: a guy buys a cow and milks the cow and thinks he's invented calcium. Then you meet him somewhere, and when you do, this guy you can't stand, you've never seen such whoops of joy and hail fellow well met. What a couple of fakers.

And then, later, in a private conversation just between you and a genuine pal, or a small group of pals, you'll hear the truth of the matter. "That Joe, he's so important, bless his heart."

A little help from our friends:

- **Carroll County Domestic Violence Hotline:** 1-844-247-3223 (844-24PEACE) is available 24/7. The Purple Flower Domestic Violence Resource and Support Center of Carroll County is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. at 103 West Church St. in Berryville. (479) 981-1676. The Purple Flower will also have free and confidential Domestic Violence Empowerment Support Group on every 1st and 3rd Thursday of the Month at the Berryville Community Center from 6 – 7:30 p.m.
- **24-hour NWA Crisis Line for Women** – NWA Women’s Shelter serving Carroll County – “Empowering families to live free of violence.” (800) 775-9011 www.nwaws.org
- **Cup of Love free soup lunches** – Cup of Love provides soup lunches at Flint Street Fellowship Mondays and Wednesdays from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. and at First Baptist (Penn) Church on Fridays, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. (479) 363-4529
- **Flint Street Fellowship food pantry, lunch, free clothing** – Pantry open 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays. Free lunch Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Free clothes/shoes closet, books and household items. (479) 253-9491 or 253-4945. Leave donations in barrel at entrance if facility is closed.
- **Wildflowers one-dollar, furniture barn/thrift store** US 62E across from Hill County Hardware. One-dollar store in the yellow building every Friday from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Thrift store, furniture bank in big blue barn behind the chapel open Wednesdays – Saturdays from 10:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. Donation drop offs Thursday – Saturday between 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. Healing and delivery outreach in chapel Saturdays at 7:30 p.m.
- **Shamatha and Tonglen meditations Monday** – A meditation group will meet every Monday at 6:30 p.m. to focus on Shamatha, learning how to focus to achieve peace of mind, and Tonglen, a practice of love and compassion on all beings. The meetings will alternate these two practices so that one is the focus on each Monday with coffee and tea afterward. Call Alece at (479) 244-6841 or Gary at (479) 244-6840.
- **Celebrate Recovery** – Soul Purpose Ministries, 801 S. Springfield, Green Forest, 6:30 p.m. each Wednesday. Potluck followed by 12-step Christ-centered meetings for those suffering from addiction, habit, hang-up or hurt.
- **No high school diploma?** Free GED classes in the Carnegie Library Annex every Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from 9 a.m. - noon with study and tutoring for the GED test. Open to ages 18 and up. GED classes also in Berryville at Carroll County Center. Some open to ages 16 and 17 per educational requirements. For info: Kathy Remenar (417) 342-8498, Carnegie Library (479) 253-8754, Carroll County Center (870) 423-4455). Offered by North Arkansas College with Carnegie Library support.
- **Grief Share**, A Bible-based, 13-week program for those who have lost a loved one will begin on Sunday, Feb. 21 from 1 – 3 p.m. at Faith Bible Church, Suite C, 3 Parkcliff Drive, Holiday Island. Share with others experiencing similar circumstances in an informal, confidential setting. Call (479) 253-8925 or email lardellen@gmail.com.
- **Overeaters Anonymous** – Thursdays, 10:30 a.m. Barbara (479) 244-0371 • **Narcotics Anonymous** – Fridays, 5:30 p.m. (903) 278-5568. Meetings held at Eureka Springs Coffee Pot Group behind Land O’ Nod Victorian Inn.
- **Coffee Break Al-Anon Family Group Women** – Tuesdays, 9:45 a.m., Faith Christian Family Church, Hwy. 23S, (479) 363- 9495. • **Al-Anon Family Group (AFG)** – Sundays, 11:30 a.m., Mondays and Tuesdays 7 p.m. • **Eureka Springs Coffee Pot AA Groups** Monday – Saturday 12:30 p.m.; Sunday 10 a.m.; Sunday – Thursday, Saturday, 5:30 p.m.; Tuesday and Friday, 8 p.m. (479) 253-7956 • **Al-Anon** Wednesday, 5:30 p.m. Meetings held at Eureka Springs Coffee Pot Group behind Land O’ Nod Victorian Inn. All other meetings: See www.nwarkaa.org
- **St. Vincent De Paul Thrift Store** – First Tuesdays – provide assistance with medical help, utilities, clothing, emergency shelter, shoes, etc. Annual charity Christmas Gift & Food Program. Mon-Sat 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. 1844 Hwy. 62W Berryville.

INDEPENDENT ConstablesOnPatrol

MAY 9

11:03 a.m. – Constable on patrol took a report on a stolen scooter. Later in the day, the constable went back to the same address for a report of another stolen scooter.

12:34 p.m. – Constable made a traffic stop on a vehicle which was reportedly being driven erratically. He found the driver was not impaired.

2:59 p.m. – Complainant went to the station to file a theft report.

4:19 p.m. – Motorist warned ESPD of a semi driver heading from west on US 62 going all over the road. Constable observed the erratic driving, made a traffic stop and issued a citation.

MAY 10

2:22 a.m. – Boyfriend claimed his girlfriend had come home inebriated and was yelling and throwing things.

5:51 p.m. – Resident was walking her dog near downtown when two unleashed dogs attacked it. A constable and Animal Control responded to gather information. The dog was taken to a vet for its injuries.

9:42 p.m. – Boyfriend told ESPD he had taken his girlfriend to retrieve her belongings from her ex-boyfriend when a disturbance erupted. Constables went to the scene, but the ruckus had subsided and the parties went separate ways.

MAY 11

12:37 p.m. – Constable filed a report on a fraudulent check.

2:12 p.m. – Constable and EMS responded to an unresponsive female at a local business. She was transported to EHS.

11:53 p.m. – Individual in the eastern edge of town claimed more than once someone would knock on the door but no one would be there. Constable checked the vicinity but did not see anyone. Extra patrols surveilled the area during the night.

MAY 12

8:49 a.m. – There was a one-vehicle accident near downtown.

1:54 p.m. – Concerned witness claimed a merchant at a business on US 62 was throwing objects at customers. Constables and EMS responded, and the individual was transported to ESH.

3:53 p.m. – Constables responded to a business for a disturbance involving a juvenile. The individual got a ride home.

5:10 p.m. – The same juvenile left the residence and asked for constable assistance. The individual got a ride to the station this time to wait for a DHS worker to arrive.

MAY 13

4:56 a.m. – Alarm company reported an alarm had been triggered at a bank. Constable walked through the building and found it secure.

10:24 a.m. – Individual was arrested on an outstanding ESPD warrant for failure to pay fines.

4:43 p.m. – Camper who had not paid for the camping spot got a visit from constables. Camper

changed spots and got a different bill.

4:46 p.m. – Horses ran loose onto US 62 toward the western edge of town. Their owners corralled them and cleared the roadway.

6:13 p.m. – There was a minor two-vehicle accident on Spring Street. No injuries.

7:13 p.m. – Something set off a burglar alarm at a bank. Constable walked through and found the building secure.

8:21 p.m. – Constable collected two roaming dogs and brought them to the kennel. Owners were notified.

MAY 14

6:06 a.m. – Motion alarm at a business along US 62 was triggered. Constable found everything okay.

8:05 a.m. – Dog was running around a motel parking lot trying to get into vehicles before it ran across the highway. Animal Control searched for it.

10:41 a.m. – Hotel staff claimed a guest had put money in a parking meter but the meter did not register correctly. Constable checked the meter, and it worked fine.

12:48 p.m. – Resident claimed a neighbor walking a dog allowed it to defecate in her yard. Resident’s husband confronted the dog walker while the resident called for a constable. He heard her complaint, and she said she would call the mayor anyway.

1:14 p.m. – Bank employee accidentally set off an alarm.

2:18 p.m. – Customer at a downtown establishment claimed someone slashed one of his tires.

4:05 p.m. – State Police arrested an individual in Madison County on an ESPD warrant. Constable transported her back to town.

6:04 p.m. – Downtown business owner complained that music in Basin Park was too loud. Constable found it to be within legal limits.

7:25 p.m. – A juvenile’s foot was run over while at a birthday party. The boy was taken to ESH by the father.

11:19 p.m. – Because of a warning from a concerned observer, the constable initiated a traffic stop and arrested the driver for DWI, no insurance and possession of drug paraphernalia.

MAY 15

4:51 a.m. – Another bank alarm was triggered, but the keyholder canceled the response before the constable arrived.

5:17 a.m. – Observer downtown called in an inebriated male having an argument with himself. He was gone when a constable arrived.

2:40 p.m. – A wild animal was hissing at customers on the deck of a restaurant near downtown. Constable who responded handled the situation.

3:18 p.m. – Witnesses said a guitar player downtown was panhandling. Constable advised him of local ordinances, and the individual moved along.

4:46 p.m. – Individual was arrested on a warrant for failure to pay on a time pay agreement.

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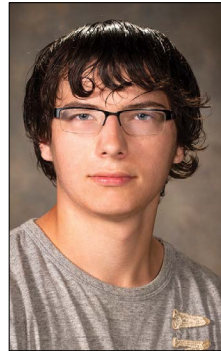
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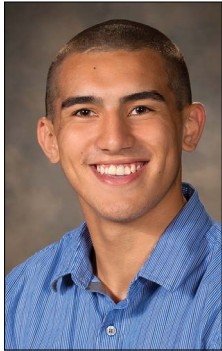
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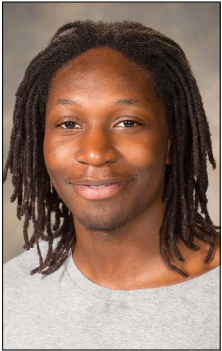
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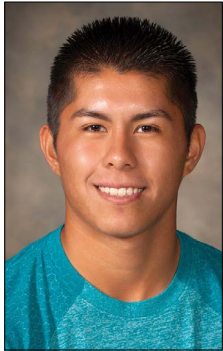
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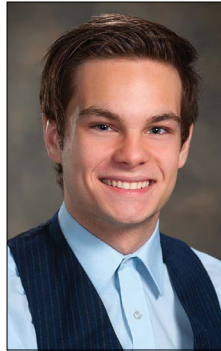
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Arbor Day celebration in memory of Ken Fugate

The annual *Eureka Springs Arbor Day Celebration* was held May 4 at the Eureka Springs Cemetery honoring Ken Fugate, a member of the Eureka Springs Cemetery Commission for 16 years. A tribute was offered by commissioner Mary Ann Pownall.

“Ken loved this cemetery. He cared for it and worked to create a living testimony of those who reside here. He spent countless hours in day-to-day operations. He found his niche with the Eureka Springs Cemetery Commission as a way of giving back to a community he loved and cherished.”

American Legion Walker Wilson Post 9 opened the celebration with an Honor Guard flag ceremony and the *Arbor Day Proclamation* was read by Mayor Butch Berry. The 2015 *Tree City USA* Awards were presented to the mayor.

A pink flowering dogwood tree was planted with a commemorative plaque laid beneath it. The American Legion Honor Guard closed the ceremony with the playing of “Taps” to honor his military service.



Meditation and recitation

The Eureka Springs Buddhist Study Group will gather for 30 minutes of meditation followed by reading and discussion on Thursday, May 19 at 4 p.m. at Heart of Many Ways, 68 Mountain Street. All are welcome.

Grassy Knob Fire's 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.

Silent, and sacred space open

The Sanctuary at Heart of Many Ways is available for prayer, spiritual reading and meditation on Wednesdays from 1 – 4 p.m. Call Amrit for more information (479) 253-3165.

TheNATUREofEUREKA by Steven Foster

Bee here now

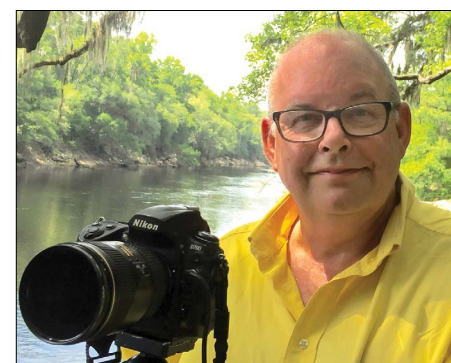
With a sneeze and annoying avoidance to scratch itchy eyes, my mind is abuzz with new appreciation for pollen in the form of the

pollinators. In recent weeks, pollinator awareness sparked by Ken Trimble's push for the development of a “Bee City USA” designation for the City of Eureka Springs

piqued my interest. As reported in the April 13 issue of the *Eureka Springs Independent*, city council passed Resolution #678 which “accepts the designation and commits to the standards of Bee City USA.” According to the news item by Nicky Boyette, beekeeper Ken Trimble who championed the concept, sees “the Bee City designation as a platform for educating the public.”

Since Ken first told me about the idea in the early spring, my awareness of pollinators in general, not just honeybees, has increased exponentially. The new word of the month in my vocabulary is, “hymenoptera” – the third largest insect order which includes more than 150,000 species such as wasps, bees, ants, and saw flies. Many have a long proboscis designed for gathering liquids such as nectar. They also move pollen from one blossom to another, ultimately making our life on Earth possible.

During a trip to Costa Rica last month I became aware of the potentially painful stings of hymenoptera, all of which are exquisitely described in a new book by Justin O. Schmidt *The Sting of the Wild*



just published by Johns Hopkins University Press. An entomologist at the Carl Hayden Bee Research Center in Arizona, with USDA's Agricultural Research Service in Tucson, Ariz., Dr. Schmidt famously created the Schmidt Pain Index, a scale rating the intensity of pain of various hymenoptera stings.

When I go to the field to photograph flowers, rather than avoiding insect pollinators, I seek them out. Now that Eureka Springs has become the first Bee City USA in Arkansas (and 17th in the nation), we have the opportunity to become more aware of our pollinator friends, the birds and bees, plus beetles and butterflies. That simple awareness has expanded my desire to not only smell the roses, but see what creatures dance with them in the infinite web of life.



How money can cost too much

BECKY GILLETTE

Few things give more peace of mind than having enough money to put a roof over your head, groceries on the table and pay the bills. A nationally recognized financial expert, Sheryl Garrett, CFP and founder of Garrett Planning Network, has started free "Financial Independence Day" discussion groups at the church at 17 Elk Street on Sunday mornings from 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Garrett testified in a U.S. Congressional hearing in favor of proposed Department of Labor regulations that went into effect recently requiring investment advisors to put their client's financial interests first when handling retirement savings. She has also testified in Congress on predatory lending, Social Security reform, and financial literacy. The Financial Independent Day discussions are being based on the book, *What Your Financial Advisor Isn't Telling You* by Liz Davidson.

Garrett said high costs to purchase investments could quickly eat away at earnings, particularly over long periods of time. She acknowledged there are normal fees from investing in stocks, bonds or mutual funds, but there are also hidden fees.

"You need to know they are there," Garrett said. "Some fees you shouldn't have to pay. Something like a one percent annual fee doesn't sound like much, but it makes a huge difference in the amount of earnings over a 30- to 40-year time period. Huge! It could be the difference in having half as much a nest egg."

No commission products, such as Vanguard, are the ones Garrett recommends. And she said it isn't a good idea to pick individual stocks to invest in, as that can be risky.

"I have never been good at picking individual stocks," Garrett said. "Even Warren Buffett, the best living investor out there, said most people should not be buying companies like he does. Buffett recommends no load (no commission to purchase) index funds, which are a basket of stocks or bonds or both."

Garrett, who has worked with more than 1,000 individuals providing financial planning advice, said the number one regret of most investors is not starting early enough. If someone starts saving in his or her teens or early 20s, even small amounts can grow substantially through

the years.

She considers Roth Individual Retirement Accounts "a brilliant tool, especially for young people. With Roth IRAs, all the earnings grow tax-free. Withdrawals are tax-free. You don't get a tax deduction for making the contributions like you may with regular IRAs, but earnings become the greatest part of the nest egg over time. Even though taxes historically are at a low rate, it adds considerable value when you don't have to pay taxes."

You must have earned income to contribute to the Roth IRA. One misconception about Roth IRAs is that people hear the maximum amount that can be contributed, and think they must invest that much. Instead, you can add smaller amounts.

Financial independence is also about avoiding debt. She is a big fan of going into retirement mortgage free, which has both financial and emotional benefits. And at any age, avoid the trap of high interest rate credit cards and payday loans.

"Payday loans can end up costing 400 percent a year," Garrett said. "If you don't have \$100 now, why would you think you would have \$150 in ten days?" When she went to college, it was rare for students to have credit cards. Now students get hammered with offers and many get in trouble spending too much.

"Credit cards are like bad drugs on campus," Garrett said. "They should not be advertised on campuses. Kids without supervision for the first time in college can end up making big mistakes putting themselves deeply in debt. Teach your children about avoiding credit card debt and the importance of saving. How early is too early? You can start teaching them lessons at age four and above. You want your children to learn money skills while you still have influence over them."

She insisted another thing children should be taught is that their most important asset is human capital: their ability to earn money. That can be difficult these days when incomes of the one percent are increasing dramatically while wages are lagging behind for the 99 percent.

"For the first time in four generations, the percentage of first time homebuyers in the U.S. has gone down," Garrett said. "It was forty percent for decades and now it is

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School bus safety gets an upgrade



JEREMIAH ALVARADO

The Eureka Springs School District recently received donation of a camera system to identify vehicles/drivers when a school bus is stopped and picking up or letting kids off. ESPD Lt. Al Frost worked hard to raise the money for the system with each camera system costing around \$3,500. Officers from the ESPD donated \$500 while Frost went to members of our community and raised the rest.

The system consists of three cameras situated on the side of the bus. One camera takes a picture of what is in front of the bus when it is stopped, another takes pictures of vehicles passing the bus and the last one takes pictures of a vehicle's back license plate. The system will be used to identify vehicles that pass the bus illegally.

New buses cycled into the fleet will include the new camera system.



Rotary student of the month – Jake Hager is the Eureka Springs Rotary Student of the month for April. Jake graduates on May 20 with a 4.1 GPA and plans to attend the University of Arkansas Honors College where he will study Computer Science. Here, Jake receives his award from ES Rotarian Joanie Kratzer. *PHOTO SUBMITTED*

Gemini Festival of Humanity, World Invocation Day, Full Moon

The Gemini Solar Festival of Goodwill, of Humanity, and World Invocation Day occurs Saturday, May 21, 2:14 p.m. (Pacific time) at 1.14 degrees Gemini. This is the third Spring Festival and the first of two blue moons of Gemini. Very auspicious, blue moons (which means two full moons) in the time of Gemini.

As the Light of Gemini enters the Earth, the Forces of Reconstruction also stream in. They sweep throughout the Earth producing in humanity (seeking God's Will) a dedication and

an aspiration to express Goodwill. Goodwill produces Right Human Relations that produce the first anchoring of Peace on Earth. During the festival the Christ, the Hierarchy (inner spiritual government) and New Group of World Servers distribute to humanity the Will-to-Good (the Wesak blessing) from the Father.

The Buddha's blessing, safeguarded by the Christ since the last full moon, is released to humanity. During the Gemini festival all things

polarized come into harmony and unity. The Gemini festival invoking world fellowship, represents the Work of both Buddha and Christ (brothers). During the festival, the Christ, representing humanity as its elder brother, reads the last sermon of the Buddha. The three spring festivals and the two great Teachers, together, through united invocation and rhythm, stabilize East & West, humanity and the kingdoms for the coming year.

Since 1952, humanity worldwide

has celebrated World Invocation Day (www.intuition-in-service.org) – a global day of prayer and meditation – where people of different spiritual paths invoke together the energies of Light, Love and Spiritual Purpose, using the Great Invocation.

The NGWS invites everyone to join the Gemini Festival World Invocation day (on inner levels) by reciting the Great Invocation together. (Read more on my FB page, Risa D'Angeles) Sunday, Mercury turns stationary direct.

ARIES: Notice your many and varied goals this year, climbing the ladder to reach those goals. Notice also that a new authority, one finer tuned, responsible, and aware of the importance to serve others, has appeared as new values in your life. These are the beginning of great accomplishments, as well as great challenges. They are the qualities of the Soul. You have done well. Keep climbing.

TAURUS: Your true self is a leader and teacher everyone seeks in these times of unpredictable changed & relationship instabilities. Is a health crisis making work difficult? Does it seem time has lessened? Do you barely have time for other pursuits? Continue research and contact with others also concerned for humanity's future. Expand your garden. Build a greenhouse. Find land for community for humanity and its children.

GEMINI: Offer the praise and recognition everyone in your life needs by articulating your gratitude to them ceaselessly. You're blessed with creative gifts manifested as outer abilities. A new identity is taking shape. It's a deeper Soul identity. One gift of the Soul is recognizing the spiritual purpose behind all relationships. Can you see these? Or are you caught in a duality of purpose? A Gemini test. Stand always with intentions for Goodwill. This is your festival.

CANCER: You may feel your work at times takes you away from family. And then, in turn, family feels like it takes you away from your (spiritual) work. Your task is to balance the two. The more difficult, the greater the Initiation. Do you have visions and dreams for a different future? Envision and (day) dream more. In between health crisis and responsibilities glimmers of dreams occur. Record them.

LEO: The work demanded in your life can feel overwhelming. So much to do, so many people to mentor, so many thoughts, so many emotions trying to express themselves all at the same time. Difficult communication creates a touch of sadness. Someone(s) needs communication. Relationships could feel hidden, like art objects yet to be found. Someone thinks of you daily.

VIRGO: A profound creativity is building within you. Some Virgos become pregnant with new physical life. Some will gestate a new level of artistry and creativity. You're being impressed from all levels, high and low, to bring beauty forth. Each day recognize the life force within all kingdoms by expressing clear unconditional love to everyone and everything. Study essential oils and flower remedies.

LIBRA: As thoughts from the past appear and reappear, your response to them determines how you feel each day. If saddened or in grief, take *Ignatia Amara* (homeopath). Some thought may urge forgiveness, contact and care of another. Distorted remembrances and beliefs hinder your deep creative self. Develop intentions for Goodwill. It creates Right Remembering and Right Relations. More love follows.

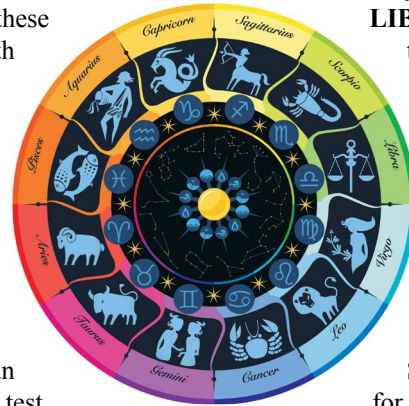
SCORPIO: Communication expands internally, becoming full and rich with memories. Though it's internal, you realize the need to communicate thoughts to others who can listen with care, ask the right questions, and maintain confidentiality when needed. Seek these people. Let others see your strengths as well as the need for security. Don't keep secrets. Share a bit more. It's safe.

SAGITTARIUS: Yes, more change is coming. Having its own sense of timing and this can lead you to feel impatience. A new world stage is being prepared. Your sign creates publishers, world travelers, foodies, writers, philosophers. Nothing overshadows your sense of adventure. Maintain the present direction. Let the doors (of perception) open by themselves. A. Huxley's words/book.

CAPRICORN: Spiritual forces, ever-directing, inform you to rest from climbing that ever-present ladder reaching into the heavens of success. It's good to unwind from your extraordinary capable sense of responsibility. We award your high standards applied to all endeavors of life. Now you must relax and rejuvenate before your next tasks appear. Begin each day with the words, *"I have the intention for Goodwill in all aspect of my life."*

AQUARIUS: All realities in life begin by having needs, then hoping, then imagining things appearing. Inner life is shaped by these until one day dreams appear in form and matter. Attempt to clarify what's important, of value and what you must pursue next. Sometimes this is difficult. Some of us live only in the moment. But within each moment is a vision of the future. Try to capture it.

PISCES: You had future plans. However, they are changing daily. Create collaboration with another. It will take you far into the future, creating the template for a new future. You understand the changes occurring on our planet. You *"seek to serve and not exact due service, to heal not hurt others."* At times you are hurting. This is so compassion deepens – your particular task. The future isn't formed yet. It must be imagined by all of us. Demonstrate this daily.



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Commissioner James Morris said Planning had approved a CUP before, "and there is no other relief for it... we would lose the building if someone doesn't do something."

Chair Steve Beacham noted there would need to be a minor modification of one parking spot to satisfy Code. He

also maintained that granting a waiver "is a pretty big deal."

Morris responded that the situation falls under special circumstances the applicants did not create. Greene moved to approve the waiver of the 200-foot rule, and vote was unanimous in favor of her motion.

Regarding the request for the CUP, Greene reiterated she is a proponent of responsible B&B owners because the town needs home-based businesses. She cited several

B&B owners who contribute to the city in a variety of ways.

Morris agreed. He said there is a B&B next to his home, and he has had no problems. He acknowledged, though, Planning should update City Code related to B&Bs to make it fair for everyone.

Beacham stated the applicants met the criteria for a B&B in Code, and vote to grant the CUP was unanimous.

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returns to Chelsea's Saturday night to wow us with her current musical adventures. Get yarned at Basin Park with Sad Daddy Saturday afternoon for the first ever Art of Crochet event. Fun and colorful!

THURSDAY, MAY 19

BALCONY RESTAURANT – Catherine Reed, Singer/Songwriter, 5 p.m.

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

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

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

FRIDAY, MAY 20

BALCONY RESTAURANT – Michael Dimitri, Singer/Songwriter, 12 p.m., Steve Jones, Singer/Songwriter, 5 p.m.

BREWS – Grace Askew, Singer/Songwriter, 7 – 10 p.m.

CATHOUSE LOUNGE – Brian Martin, Singer/Songwriter, 8 p.m.

CHELSEA'S – Chucky Waggs and Company of Raggs, Americana, 9 p.m.

EUREKA LIVE! – DJ and Dancing, 9 p.m.

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

LEGENDS SALOON – DJ Karaoke with Stan, 8 p.m.

NEW DELHI – Dusty Pearls, Americana, 6 – 10 p.m.

ROWDY BEAVER – BOSS Karaoke, 7:30 p.m.

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

SATURDAY, MAY 21

BALCONY RESTAURANT – James White, Singer/Songwriter, 12 and 6 p.m.

BASIN PARK – Art of Crochet featuring Brian Martin, Melonlight

Dance, and Sad Daddy, 1 – 7 p.m.

BREWS – Amy Kucharik, Singer/Songwriter, 6 – 9 p.m.

CHELSEA'S – Opal Fly and KAPOW, Jazz, 9 p.m.

EUREKA LIVE! – DJ & Dancing, 9 p.m.

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

LEGENDS SALOON – JAB the Band, Rock, 9 p.m.

NEW DELHI – Blew Reed and the Flatheads, Blues, 6 – 10 p.m.

ROWDY BEAVER – The Millionaires,

Rock, 7:30 p.m.

ROWDY BEAVER DEN – Jason Kinney Duo, Rock, 1 – 5 p.m., Jason Kinney Band, Rock, 9 p.m.

SUNDAY, MAY 22

BALCONY RESTAURANT – Jeff Lee, Folk, 12 and 5 p.m.

BREWS – Jazz #9, 2 – 5 p.m.

CHELSEA'S – Billabong Waters, Surf Rock, 7 p.m.

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

NEW DELHI – Whiskey Mendez,

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Grace Askew plays at Brews Friday, May 20.

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Get your crotch on and head this Saturday to Basin Park. Gina Gallina, who has already teased us with the crocheted trees and her first place Artrageous Parade win, has a whole lot more in store this weekend. The girl can sing like

an angel and crotch like the devil, at a pace unknown to mankind, and we can all be a big interactive part of it. Gina has big future plans to Yarn Bomb our giant Jesus, bringing together the gay and Christian communities and healing our city through art, crochet



Marvin Jonason's Universe is on display at Mel Shipley's gallery. Jonason is the featured artist for May at Mel's new downstairs space. **PHOTO BY JOHN RANKINE**

and love. Imagine the press we would get, attracting folks from all over the world to behold the seven-story Jesus wrapped in a patchwork of color, reviving the Passion Play, thus saving Eureka. Hallelujah!!!

For the past 26 years, the third Friday in May has been about the White Street Studio Walk, the street fair/block party where throngs of locals and visitors gather to be social and admire and buy local art.

I'm not showing this year, but will help artist Zeek Taylor in his kitchen, pouring wine and smacking down anyone who grabs a handful of his homemade oatmeal-raisin cookies.

Rigdon P. Irvin, (isn't that the coolest name, ever) co-owner of the Bird Cage has rented out two parking lots below his gallery to host an Art Bazaar all day Saturday. More than 30 local artists will have work on display, plus several demonstrations.

I was 12 when I first saw *Lust For Life*, the film about Vincent Van Gogh starring Kirk Douglas as the tormented painter. I'll never forget the scene where Van Gogh is painting his beloved wheat fields, refusing to pack up for the incoming storm. Determined to stay to catch the storm's light, it violently

ends with his paints, easel and canvas crashing to the ground.

We have passionate local Plein Air painters, and through their passion the first Eureka Springs Plein Air Festival was born. Plein Air is the hoity-toity French word for "painting outdoors," and, like pink Rosé wine, is resurging.

Between May 22–26 you should spot artists toting easels and canvas, literally painting the town, and because this is a festival, spectators are encouraged to spectate.

Here's a primer of proper Plein Air protocol: Do not honk when passing an artist on the side of the road. Keep your distance. If the artist feels your breath on their necks, you are way too close. Keep conversation to a minimum. They especially do not want to hear about how your grandmother was a painter, too. Check out the *Independent Fun Guide* for the complete list of Plein Air events and award presentations.



\$50,000 is quite a splash – Cornerstone Bank has stepped

up to fund multiple stages of the Eureka Springs Community Center project through matching grants, starting with an immediate gift of \$5,000 towards the trail hub project. Cornerstone is also looking at a \$5,000 matching grant to complete a permanent home for the Eureka Springs Farmers' Market. Another \$10,000 in matching funds will be available to provide an Interpretive Visitors Center on site. \$30,000 in matching funds will go towards the pool. **PHOTO SUBMITTED**



Warming up the woodwinds – Bryan Savage played in Basin Park on May 15 with art in the park. The Gallery Stroll happened early in the evening. **PHOTO BY JAY VRECEK**

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Singer/Songwriter, 12 – 4 p.m.

ROWDY BEAVER DEN – Mudhound Watson Duo, Americana, 1 – 5 p.m.

MONDAY, MAY 23

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

TUESDAY, MAY 24

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

CHELSEA'S – Open Mic, 9 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 25

BREWS – Trivia Night, 7 p.m.

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down to thirty percent. A lot of it is that real estate prices are so high in some areas. But, in some cases, children aren't willing to step down to the lower standard of living than

they experienced in their parent's homes. For the first time in American society, our children will not live higher on a higher economic scale than us. Do they need to? I don't think so."

The issues of Social Security and Medicare will be discussed at the next meeting, 9:30 a.m., Sunday, May 22, at 17 Elk St. Future meetings are set June 5, 19 and 26.

GSHS membership meets on the 25th

The Good Shepherd Humane Society will hold its annual membership meeting on Wednesday, May 25 at 6 p.m. in the downstairs meeting room of the Grand Central Hotel. At least 42 members of the organization must be present to vote any of these changes into the bylaws. If you are not a member of the Humane Society you are welcome to go and learn about the organization.

Going down to the river

The Kings River Watershed Partnership will hold its Carroll County river cleanup on Saturday June 4. If you would like to join us, meet at the Grandview Bridge at 8 a.m. For more information go to kingsriverwatershed.org or call (870) 654-4134.

DEPARTURES

James Oscar Nuebel Feb. 26, 1938 – May 7, 2016

James Oscar Nuebel of Oak Grove, Ark., was born February 26, 1938 in Fort Madison, Iowa, a son of Joseph Bernard and Gladys Virginia (Davis) Nuebel. He departed this life Saturday, May 7, 2016 in Oak Grove, Ark. at age 78.

He is survived by his two children; son, Robert Nuebel of Fort Madison, Iowa; daughter, Susan Redmond of Fruita, Colo. He is also survived by brother, Joseph Nuebel of Burlington, Iowa; sister, Barbara Clark and husband, Jerry, of Browning, Mo.; brother, David Nuebel and wife, Nancy of Burlington, Iowa; brother, John Nuebel and wife, Sharon of Nauvoo, Ill.; brother, Virgil (Butch) Nuebel and wife, Connie, of Fort Madison, Iowa; five grandchildren, one great-granddaughter, many nieces, nephews, several other relatives, friends and loved ones.

On Nov. 1, 1991 he was united in marriage to the love of his life, Christine Whitehead, who preceded him in death. He is also preceded in death by his parents, Joseph Bernard and Gladys Virginia (Davis) Nuebel, and seven brothers and sisters.

Memorial-graveside services were May 14 at the Blue Eye Cemetery, Blue Eye, Mo., with Terry Lynch officiating. Cremation arrangements are under the direction of Nelson Funeral Service. Memorial donations may be made to Shriners Hospitals for Children®, Office of Development 2900 Rocky Point Drive, Tampa, FL 33607 Online condolences may be sent to the family at nelsonfuneral.com. © Nelson Funeral Service, Inc. 2016



James Woodleigh Short, Sr. Sept. 8, 1919 – May 7, 2016

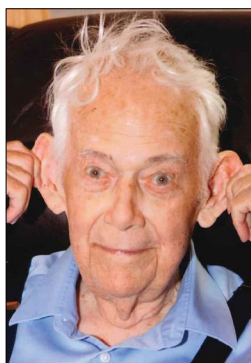
James Woodleigh Short, Sr., of Eureka Springs, Ark., was born September 8, 1919 in Fort Worth, Texas, a son of Samuel Belton and Pearl (Woodleigh) Short. He departed this life Saturday, May 7, 2016 in Eureka Springs at age 96.

James was a War World II Navy Veteran and a member of the American Legion.

He is survived by daughter, Jamie Short-Collier and husband, Lane, of Broken Arrow, Okla.; son, Leigh Short of Eureka Springs, Ark.; grandson, Marc Moyer and wife, Ashley, of Springfield, Mo.; granddaughter, Lynn Sheffield and husband, Todd, of Massachusetts; granddaughter, Lesley Collier, currently stationed in Qatar; and a host of other family, friends and loved ones.

On May 5, 1943 he was united in marriage to Dorothy Angelina Miller who preceded him in death. He is also preceded in death by his parents, Samuel Belton and Pearl (Woodleigh) Short and one brother, Samuel Belton Short, Jr.

Graveside service was May 13 at the Eureka Springs Cemetery, Eureka Springs, Arkansas, under the direction of Nelson Funeral Service. Online condolences may be sent to the family at nelsonfuneral.com. © Nelson Funeral Service, Inc. 2016



Knee deep in Jeep – 46 Jeeps arrived for Jeep Fest on May 14 at the Holiday Island Veterans Memorial Park. Music, food, and booths got everyone's attention and Arkansas Game & Fish even brought their portable aquarium. *PHOTO BY JAY VRECENAK*

HIFDA luncheon next week

The Holiday Island Fire Department Auxiliary will hold its final luncheon and business meeting of the season on Tuesday, May 24 at noon in the Clubhouse Ballroom at 1 Country Club Drive. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. and the cost is \$8. Reservations must be made by Friday, May 20 by calling Peggy Arnhart at (479) 363-6235.

Talk divinity at Metafizzies

The May 23 meeting of the Eureka Springs Metaphysical Society will feature a group discussion on spiritual topics. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. at the Heart of Many Ways, 68 Mountain Street. All are welcome.

It's a party in the park

The Holiday Island Rotary will hold the fifth annual Party in the Park from 4 – 7 p.m. on Saturday, May 28 at Veterans Memorial Park in Holiday Island. Pulled pork sandwiches, baked beans, cole slaw and drinks will be served with entertainment and a Veterans Flag Ceremony at 4:45 p.m.

Tickets are \$9 per person and may be obtained from Holiday Island Rotary members and the Holiday Island branch of Cornerstone Bank. Net proceeds will go to support the Rotary Club's community activities as college scholarships to Eureka Springs High School seniors, dictionaries for third grade students in area schools, Holiday Island Veterans Park, and grants to other local organizations.



Clayton Davis from Derby, Kan., got a nice striper this week from Beaver Lake, caught freelining shad off a planer board. Most our fish this week have been off the longest planer boards closest to the bank.

The shad are still spawning off the banks so the planers can get to them better without the boat spooking the fish. Stripers are being caught from the dam area to Rocky Branch area, on the gravel bars, points, humps and cuts in the bank. I call these fish traps, a place for fish to trap the bait.

Throwing a topwater bait early and late in the day and a 1 or 2 oz. bucktail or big shad 4 – 6 inches long are catching some, too, along with trolling umbrella rigs and deep divers.

Here around Holiday Island the crappie are from the shoreline to moving out and suspending in water up to 20 feet

deep. Try minnows or jigs in water 4 – 8 foot water, 3 – 6 feet deep. In water 12 to 20 feet deep, try fishing 8 – 10 feet deep. Some walleye are also hanging close to the crappie in the creek channels.

Walleye can also be caught off the flats from the Island to the town of Beaver. Most are being caught in water less then 20 feet deep from 5 – 15 feet deep. A jig and minnow, trolling or throwing crank baits off the flats can also get them.

Bass are near the pea gravel shorelines wanting to spawn. Most are hanging close to the brush and can be caught throwing crankbaits, spinners and spoons. You can also find the perch now hanging out in the shoreline brush with the best bait being a worm. Which can keep the kids happy.

So enjoy the water and take a kid fishing since school’s out now.

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

INDEPENDENT**Crossword**

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

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- ACROSS**

1. Magic spell

5. In the _____ (middle of)

10. Military instrument

14. Summer refreshments

15. Dramatize

16. Panicky retreat

17. Period in office

18. Reject

19. Sicilian spouter

20. Dashing

22. Indicate

24. Follow on

25. Modern message

26. Nutmeg coat

29. Central conduit

33. In toto

36. Type of fern

40. British hoosegow

42. Lose spirit

43. Opposite of all

44. Raw

47. Island in S. Denmark

48. Swelling

49. Catch in a cocking mechanism

51. Familiar grouch

55. Intrudes very slowly

59. To stripe
61. Relating to light

62. “In ____ veritas”

63. Unanticipated

65. Whine, whimper

66. Against

67. The end

68. Paradise

69. Light concealment

70. Long, sheer stocking

71. Home for eggs
- DOWN**

1. Bishop’s headdress

2. Vast expanse

3. Grabs suddenly

4. Very hard and brittle metal

5. Integrate

6. Tiny devil

7. Uncertainty

8. Scatter or sprinkle

9. Edgy

10. Capital of Sierra Leone

11. Tiniest bit

12. Dejected mood

13. Delivery statistic

21. Symbol of authority

23. Harry & David
- specialty

27. Surrender

28. Orioles’ Weaver

30. Highest part

31. Former British PM Blair

32. Gulf in Arabian Sea

33. Malarial fever

34. Alight

35. Rich supply

37. Also

38. Beer ingredient

39. Rapier

41. Furniture polish ingredient

45. Decorative vessel

46. Short race

50. Introduce again

52. Ecclesiastical law

53. Skeleton

54. Luxuriate in

56. Musical composition

57. Disorganized stacks

58. Aroma

59. Queue

60. Prefix for -mate or -fada

61. Defined intentions

62. Hebrew character

64. Politician’s driver

Book study at St. James

The next Blue Skies Book Study at St. James Episcopal Church is Tuesday, May 24 in the Undercroft from 5 – 6:30 p.m. Book selection is *Wearing God: Clothing, Laughter Fire, and Other Overlooked Ways of Meeting God* by Rev. Lauren F. Winner. The book is available at the Eureka Springs Carnegie Public Library. The meeting will be led by Joanna E.S. Campbell. All are welcome. For more information call (479) 253-8610.

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anything that’s going to cause a severe economic downturn? What’s more, this is a global problem. One country deciding to reduce carbon emissions isn’t enough – it has to be all of us. As the recent climate accord in Paris demonstrates, no one is willing to take any meaningful action.

Sadly, switching to solar energy isn’t the solution many hope for. Solar panels, while very nice to have when the power goes out, can’t begin to replace the energy density of fossil fuels and are simply unable to provide adequate power to run our economy at anywhere near its current level.

With respect to climate change, it turns out that solar panels, due to the enormous amounts of energy used in the mining and

manufacturing processes, actually produce more CO₂ per kilowatt of electricity generated than a coal-burning power plant.

Our climate is changing now. There seems to be no viable solution to stop it that doesn’t result in the loss of billions of human lives. And yet, the more Earth warms, the more likely humans will be unable to survive.

When rapidly changing climate is combined with net energy decline and an economic system dependent on unsustainable debt, it’s clear that humanity is facing the biggest challenge of its existence. In the fourth and final installment of this series, I’ll outline what we can expect over the next ten years and what each of us can do to prepare for these changes.

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these events scheduled across 36 states, including the inaugural ESPAfest in Eureka Springs. In addition to our local Plein Air Painters of Eureka Springs (P.A.P.E.S) who meet every Wednesday, more than a quarter million people are now estimated to be out there searching the perfect spot to set up an easel along landscapes and sidewalks.

Among them is ESPAfest headliner instructor, Lloyd Kelly, a foremost plein air artist, art educator, lecturer and teaching guide for plein air trips abroad. He comes with impressive educational credentials and

a long list of museum exhibitions and gallery shows in the U.S. and other countries.

Kelly encourages artists of all ages and skill levels to join one of the paint outs or workshops being held each day, and the public is even encouraged to come watch. But wouldn’t that be like giving away technique secrets?

“There should be no secrets,” Kelly said. “I share everything. Art is a generous act and all artists should share their knowledge. We’re all as unique as a fingerprint anyway, so we’re not really in competition.”

You’re never too old (or too young)

Kelly makes good on sharing his



Firefighter graduating from Paramedic Class – James Cowan of ES Fire & EMS has completed his course of study in the NWACC paramedic program. He will be testing for his Arkansas paramedic license in the next few weeks. PHOTO SUBMITTED



Chamber Chair Kent Butler, hospitality instructor Sherry Sullivan, NWA Council President Mike Malone and student aide Reggie Sanchez met with others May 10 to discuss vitality of Northwest Arkansas and provide reasons for students to stay in the area after graduation. PHOTO SUBMITTED

knowledge. Like a Johnny Appleseed of the art world, he plants the seed of creative thinking with people of all ages wherever he goes.

He recalls a 70-year-old woman who wanted to learn how to paint. “She asked me how long it would take and I told her it would probably be about seven to ten years. She was disappointed and remarked that by then she could be 77 or 80. I told her ‘you’re going to be 77 or 80 anyway,’ so she applied herself and is doing one-woman shows and traveling the world. It opened up a new life for her,” Kelly said.

Kelly will be holding three separate

classes during the festival, including his popular “Three-Ring Circus” where he works on three paintings in the same session.

Instructors Carl Petering, David Tripp and Wen Norton will also be conducting workshops covering everything from beginning plein air essentials to art restoration.

Each event during ESPAfest is separately priced apart from registration, so it’s possible to sign up for the entire festival or pick and choose and pay as you go. A full schedule can be found in the May Fun Guide. For details and registration, go to www.essa-art.org or phone (479) 253-5384.



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