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This Week's INDEPENDENT Thinker



[IMAGE FROM BING PHOTOS]

"The more clearly we can focus our attention on the wonders and realities of the universe about us, the less taste we shall have for destruction." **RACHEL CARSON**

Carson pursued her interests in nature and writing until she struck it right. She had a trilogy of books about the sea published, then became interested in government use of DDT to eradicate fire ants. Her interest arced from fish to pesticides, and her lyrical writing and ethical research culminated in the publication of *Silent Spring* 50 years ago this year. The book proved DDT was harming the natural world and led to its ban.



Reindeer games – Third grader Olivia Cross was the reindeer with the bright and shiny nose in the Elementary School Christmas Program at the Auditorium Tuesday, Dec. 18. Who wouldn't let poor Rudolph play in any reindeer games?

PHOTO BY DAVID FRANK DEMPSEY

Healers make pitch for Basin Park

NICKY BOYETTE

At its final meeting of 2012, the Parks Commission discussed adding a different feature in Basin Park beginning in the spring. Alexa Pittenger represented Eureka Springs Partners in Wellness, a collective of massage therapists, chiropractors, fitness instructors and others who want to offer demonstrations and services in Basin Park.

The goal, according to Pittenger, "is to make downtown street life pleasant." Passersby can get a chair massage or witness a tai chi demonstration, all family-friendly activities which tourists and locals alike might enjoy.

Parks offers 4x8 ft. spaces in Basin Park for "fee performers" for a \$50 per year license fee, and Partners in Wellness wants to participate as a rotating group.

Pittenger said she expects most of the time their space will be used for demonstrations, although some practitioners might provide their services for a fee.

Commissioners decided that since a group is paying the \$50 license fee, anyone in the group who charges a fee for service would need to pay an extra \$10 in addition to the group fee.

Chair Bill Featherstone said developing the policies for use of the park is an ongoing process. "We're all figuring this out together," he said, adding that Partners in Wellness would be an "awesome" addition to park activities.

Vacation time on Rock Street

Commissioner Rachel Brix described the situation she and her

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Schools practice lockdown drills; court asked to rehear ES case

NICKY BOYETTE

Elementary school principal Clare Lesieur told the Eureka Springs school board Dec. 18 she had declared a lockdown drill over the intercom two weeks ago at the school, which no one knew was coming, and within seconds she could not hear or see a child anywhere. Kids practicing for the Christmas performance hid and got quiet. Students in the bathroom and teachers in the hall all knew what to do. Classroom doors were locked from the inside.

Lesieur said as she walked the quiet halls, in spite of the chilling reason for the exercise, she felt good her students and staff knew what to do. She said she conducts two lockdowns drills each year, and everyone takes them seriously.

Cindy Holt, principal of the middle school, said students and staff during her recent lockdown experience also performed well and they learn from each exercise.

Lesieur said it is hard to find the right balance between being a welcoming school where parents can eat lunch with their kids and members of the community can get involved but

never compromising safety of students and teachers.

Lesieur acknowledged Jerrit Burk, music teacher for the elementary and middle schools, for getting 270 kids coordinated and prepared for the Christmas performance.

Court rehearing

Superintendent Curtis Turner reported the Attorney General filed a motion asking the Supreme Court to rehear the case they recently decided in

favor of Eureka Springs and Fountain Lake school districts. He said Gene Sayres, attorney for Eureka Springs, is preparing a brief to counter the argument for rehearing the case and Turner told the board the Attorney General offered no new evidence or reasoning in his motion.

Turner asked Sayres what the probability of the court rehearing the case was, and Sayres guessed maybe

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Freedom of choice

On Nov. 12, 2012, Eureka Springs became the first city in Arkansas to buck the state constitution when our city council endorsed marriage equality. We couldn't let the year get by without being the first newspaper in Arkansas to endorse same-sex marriage – allowing gays, lesbians, bisexuals and transgenders the right to marry and share in the social and economic benefits of their union.

We believe individual liberty and the pursuit of happiness apply to all citizens of this country and state. We believe in human rights for human beings. The *Eureka Springs Independent* joins the *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *Baltimore Sun*, *Seattle Times*, *Minneapolis Star Tribune* and our president, Barack Obama, in championing the right to marry one's partner of choice.

Free community Christmas dinner

Christmas Day Dinner will be served by Flint Street Fellowship at the ECHO Clinic building from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. ECHO is located

at 4004 E. Van Buren. There is no charge and all are welcome. Please call 253-4945 for transportation or to volunteer.

The Eureka Springs Independent office will be closed the week of Christmas. There will be a paper on Dec. 27.

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Nothing but budget for Quorum Court

NICKY BOYETTE

Carroll County Quorum Court met for the final time of 2012 and discussions were related either to the 2013 budget or the budgeting process. Because of how the calendar unfolded in 2012, there will be 27 pay periods for county employees, which happens every eight years or so. Budget planning for 2012 did not account for this anomaly, so justices of the peace approved an ordinance appropriating additional funds to various departments to pay hourly county employees an additional paycheck. The total amount appropriated will be \$166,976.

A similar ordinance was prepared for elected officials, but Justice of the Peace Lamont Richie commented his research showed it would be a violation of policy to give elected officials an extra check. He said the respective annual salaries had been divided into 26 payments as stipulated by policy and dispensed accordingly.

JP Ron Flake added the extra check could be construed as a pay raise which the county would then be expected to maintain until the 2014 election, so he said he would be opposed to the ordinance.

Richie also stated, since the policy calls for 26 pay periods, the extra check could be seen as a bonus which no other employees received.

The court voted unanimously not to approve the ordinance.

Another ordinance was prepared to redistribute \$2,321 among nine line items in five different departments. Flake asked, "Why is this necessary?" He said all departments had funds left over to cover these minor amounts.

JP Jack Deaton pointed the court had passed an ordinance a year ago implementing a new way of budgeting to specifically prevent ordinances like this one coming to their table.

Flake suggested the departments could pay what they have to cover

these amounts. The court will consider a clean-up ordinance early in the year anyway. The court voted unanimously to table this item.

The 2013 budget ordinance passed easily because JPs had already done hashing out numbers and gnashing teeth. The ordinance included an emergency clause that means it "shall be in force and shall take effect upon passage and publication."

Richie introduced a proposed ordinance to set the number and compensation of all county employees. He said the last such ordinance was passed in 2008, and since then many employees have been hired, some into positions not on the chart and into salaries above what is listed as the maximum for the position. He said it was a daunting task to reconcile the situation described in the 2008 ordinance with the current situation in Carroll County.

Flake said this is the kind of situation the court is trying to address, and even though Richie put in plenty of time trying to rectify this, it will take a few more months for the court to fix all the problems.

Deputy Prosecutor Devon Closser commented this is just the first reading of the ordinance, so the court could send the proposed salary chart to all department heads and get input before the next reading.

Richie was quick to point out they had already tried that, and JP John Reeve asked, "What's next?"

Flake responded, "Two more readings, and the department heads should help us."

JP Dan Mumaugh pointed out, regardless of inconsistencies, this ordinance was a good thing. "It's always good to be in compliance with state law," he commented, and he asked Closser what they should do if someone's salary is outside the range in the 2008 ordinance.

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HDC says additions should look like additions

NICKY BOYETTE

The only application evoking much discussion at the Dec. 19 Historic District Commission was for 212 Spring St. Sale of property has not closed yet, but Travis Holloway represented the people looking to buy the property. They want the architecture of an addition to more closely resemble the original structure. This would include changing the roof pitch and adding decorative trim, but they wanted to see what HDC has to say first.

Commissioner Doug Breitling told Holloway the guidelines state that additions are not supposed to completely mimic the original look of a house. Additions are supposed to look like additions. Breitling liked some of the changes Holloway was considering, but he suggested leaving off the decorative trim as a way to distinguish original from addition.

Commissioner Richard Grinnell added an addition cannot be larger than the original structure, but Holloway assured him sizes were in compliance.

Commissioners approved two applications unanimously:

- 75 Hillside – replace existing deck; extend deck; pour concrete support wall
- 35 Kingshighway – new flagstone walkways; remove part of picket fence; new pergolas.

The following application was approved, but commissioner Dan Hebert recused himself:

- 2 Howell – remove two non-original windows in addition; re-surface exterior to match.

The following application was tabled for more information because no one showed up to answer questions:

- 12 Echols – revise previously approved application for ancillary building: add porch to garden shed.

Two items on the Consent Agenda were approved unanimously:

- 38 Vaughn – repaint new colors on porch ceiling and floor
- 75 Hillside – new signs.

Consent Agenda items are Level I applications the City Preservation Officer Glenna Booth believes to be in accordance with the design guidelines.

Vice-chair Greg Moon presented the following Administrative Approvals:

- 61 Mountain – replace cedar shingle siding
- 70 Clay – repaint

- 29 Alexander – repaint and continue painting with previously approved colors

- 227 W. Van Buren – repair damaged wall and replace siding same as existing

- 35 Kingshighway – re-roof, new color

Administrative Approvals are applications for repair or work involving no changes in materials or color or for applications for changes in roofing color.

Next meeting will be Wednesday, Jan. 2, at 6 p.m.

Last minute gift of health and freshness

Looking for an unusual but helpful gift? Foundation Farm has renewed its “foundation bucks program” for the 2013 season. Buy bucks now and they can be used all year – until 12/31/13 – at either the Tuesday and Thursday farmers’ markets in Eureka Springs or at the Saturday farmers’ market in Fayetteville.

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\$90 and receive two, and so on.

This is a great gift idea for someone who might need a nudge toward eating more fresh food. Foundation bucks can come in a gift envelope with a cover letter explaining the program. When ordering bucks, please indicate if you need gift envelopes.

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Sinter Klaus and magic mushrooms

STEVEN FOSTER

The December 2012 issue of *National Geographic* has a fascinating article called "Masters of Ecstasy" by David Stern on mystical priests, practitioners of intervening between the seen and the unseen in matters of money, health, the future and the past. These are the shamans of various ethnic traditions of Mongolia, Central Asia, and Siberia. The article tells how these ancient traditions are seeing a strong revival following the downfall of atheistic Communist regimes that fell like dominos nearly 25 years ago with the breakup of the former Soviet Union.

Shamanistic traditions evolved in what is now Siberia and spread throughout the world thousands of years ago. Suppressed by Christian, Islamic and Buddhist religions, then by Communist governments, their traditions went underground for centuries. Now shamans openly practice in north and central Asia. Many work alone while others have organized, like the 10,000-member-strong trade union at the Golomt Center for Shamanic Studies in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia's capital. The word shaman comes from a Siberian people known as the Evenki.

Santa Claus was a shaman.

This is the backdrop of origins of the personage that morphed into the modern American concept of Santa Claus. One element adopted in various Western European countries is celebration of a monk named St. Nicholas, who was born into wealth in Patara, in modern-day Turkey around 280 A.D. St. Nicholas, known for helping the poor and sick, was celebrated for his kindness and generosity on his feast day, Dec. 6. He was seen as a protector of sailors and children. The veneration of St. Nicholas, the most popular saint of Renaissance Europe, survived through Dutch traditions.

Celebrations of the anniversary of St. Nicholas's death (Dec. 6) came to America with Dutch immigrants to New York, and noted in a newspaper of the day in 1773 and 1774. The Dutch nickname for St. Nicholas was "Sinter Klaas," the source of our name "Santa Claus." The now familiar images of stockings filled with toys come from engraved woodcuts distributed in New York at annual meetings of the Dutch Sinter Klaas Society in 1804. The tradition was further cemented in America's mind in the writings of Washington Irving

(1783-1859). Best known for his short stories, "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow" and "Rip Van Winkle," he also wrote *A History of New York*, published in 1809 which described Dutch immigrants' celebrations of Sinter Klaus.

Gift giving for children and the

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THROWING THE DI-ZHA

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A Nenets (Samoyed) man throwing a di-zha (lasso) to capture reindeer. Reproduced from *Ice-bound on Kolguev: A Chapter in the Exploration of Arctic Europe to Which is Added a Record of the Natural History of the Island* by Aubyn Trevor-Battye, published by Archibald Constable and Company, 1895.

LISTENINGtoSprings

Springing into 2013 with a plan

The karst landscape and springs of Eureka Springs continue to be a source of pride and concern, and the Springs Committee advocates springs' preservation and restoration.

We continue to test our springs' water quality. For two years our Ozark land has been affected by a historic drought – springs are producing a trickle and some have completely dried up. Four years of monitoring established a database that shows all public springs are contaminated by *E. coli*.

We look forward to working with the mayor and newly elected city council toward a definitive plan for protecting the springs and the watershed. "Bringing the Springs Forward" includes shedding light on our infrastructure problems and working in unity for resolution.

Knowledge is key to preserving our springs and watershed.

The 2013 Celebrate the Springs, April 27 and 28, will offer Eureka Springs residents an opportunity to learn what they can do directly to help ameliorate our storm water impact as well as recharge the springs. The event will focus on information sharing through a rain garden/rain barrel workshop with Delia Haak of the Illinois River Watershed; hands-on field experience with Chris Fischer at the grant-funded Cardinal Spring bioswale demonstration project; and a springs geology walk with geologist Jim Helwig.

Local schools are some of the best advocates for the springs. Eureka Springs and Berryville High School students, under the direction of ESHS teachers Jessica Cummings and Sara Russell, created beautiful water-themed ceramic pieces. Their show was at Iris at the Basin Park and their heartfelt

artist statements, which will be featured in our next article, will inspire you. "Water is life," says one. Could it be any clearer? The revenue from the student show will finance the rain garden workshop.

Clear Spring School students, through teacher and new Springs committee member Cindy Blackburn, did a springs-related study in the middle level 7th-9th grades and wrote information packed essays. Each student studied and reported on a different spring. Our youth get it. Now it is time for the adults to figure out a plan to honor our history and protect our watershed.

To be part of the database and receive bi-monthly springs related

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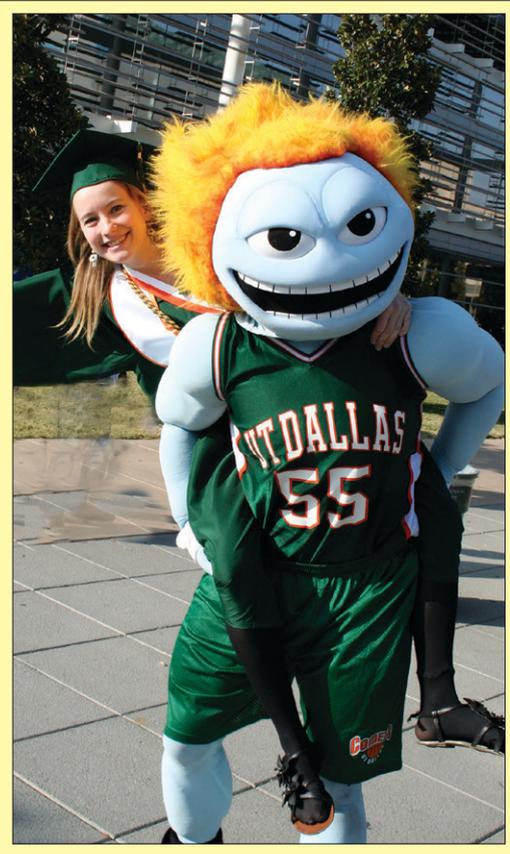
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Reaching for the sky – Riding her school mascot, Temoc, (comet spelled backwards) Maija Lauren Wallace, daughter of Jim Wallace, celebrates her graduation *summa cum laude*, Collegium V and McDermott scholar with a bachelor's degree in International Political Economy from University of Texas-Dallas on Dec. 8. During her time at UT-Dallas Maija studied abroad in Argentina, France, Senegal and Spain. Next she heads to Istanbul to teach English and work on language number five, Turkish. She currently speaks French, Spanish and Wolof (a language of Senegal). After mastering Turkish, she intends to pursue graduate school in Europe. Wallace is a graduate of Clear Spring School and Arkansas School for Math, Science and the Arts in Hot Springs. Rotary International provided her with scholarship assistance to live in Santa Cruz, Bolivia, for a year – resulting in graduation from a third high school.



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Dalton Johnson dominates again

Highlander senior boys won handily Friday night against Magazine behind another huge night from Dalton Johnson who poured in 38 points, including 8 three-pointers. Josh Premeau and Tanner Allee controlled things under the basket and Andrew Ritter, Nathan Andress and Michael Deleon clamped down on defense for a total team effort. Final score was 70-44.

The contest was close through the first half, Highlanders leading 29-28 at

the break. The Scots outscored Magazine 19-8 in the third period, however, and really turned it up in the final period.

Overall record is now 9-10, 1-2 in conference.

Scorers: Dalton Johnson, stellar again, with 38 points (8 three-pointers and 4/5 free throws); Josh Premeau scored 17; Tanner Allee had 12; Andrew Ritter put in 2; Michael Deleon added 1.

Junior High Boys lost to Magazine

47-39 to take their conference record to 2-1.

Scorers: Dalton Kesner led the way with 12 (2 three-pointers); Oscar Mendez added 10; Tyler Boyd 5; Jacob Holloway and Mathew McClung 4 each; JM Gregg and Dakota McKinney put in two apiece.

All four teams play in our "Shut Out the Lights Night" at home vs. Mountainburg Friday night, Dec. 21. This is the last game in the old gym.

Hackett handles the Lady Highlanders

It was a tough night for the Lady Highlanders Tuesday, losing 39-20 to the Hackett Lady Hornets. A strong run by Hackett put them up 13-2 at the end of the first quarter, and it was all uphill from there for Eureka Springs.

In spite of a lack of defensive energy

and poor free shooting, the Lady Scots pulled to within seven during the third quarter, but Hackett responded with a surge of their own and put the game out of reach.

Scorers: Taylor Osterhout led the way with 13 (including three 3-pointers); Abbey Moore scored six and Jazmin

Urioste added one.

On Friday, Dec. 21, the Lady Highlanders will play their last game at the old gym against Mountainburg Lady Dragons, the #1 team in Class 2A. Coach Brian Rambo invites everyone to join all the Highlander teams at "Turn out the Lights" night.

Don't forget the Christmas ham (radio)

Little Switzerland Amateur Ham Radio club meets Jan. 10 and every second Thursday at noon at the Pizza Hut on US 62 in Eureka Springs. For more information contact patriciadean@cox.net.

New year, new school – new mentors wanted

During the last two elementary school years our community volunteer mentor program has helped K – 4 students improve reading and math skills, and community mentoring proved to be an important element of student academic and personal success. This school year the elementary school is in need of volunteer mentors to help kindergartners learn their ABCs and 123s. Small group positions are also open with 1st and 2nd graders.

Teachers will have lessons prepared and will be close by if there are any questions. To sign up for a couple of hours one day a week to help children become successful learners, contact Donna Kesner at (479) 253-8704.



Santa's sleigh pulled by Elks – In keeping with a 21-year tradition, the members of the Holiday Island Elks Lodge recently distributed donated toys and goodies to 164 children and 25 adults at the Carroll County Learning Center.

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A little help from our friends:

(Please email your ongoing community service announcements to newsdesk@eurekaspringsindependent.com)

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• **Free Clothes Closet** in Penn Memorial First Baptist Church on Spring Street is open from 1 – 4 p.m. on Wednesdays. Call (479) 253-9770 to arrange to bring donations of clean new or used clothing, personal care items, linens, small appliances or dishes in good condition. These will be available to the community free of charge.

• **Coffee Break Al-Anon Family Group Women** meets Tuesdays at 9:45 a.m. at Faith Christian Family Church, Hwy. 23S. For more info, phone (479) 363-9495.

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• **Eureka Springs Coffee Pot AA Group** Monday – Saturday 12:30 p.m., Sunday at 10 a.m.

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Epidemic not missing Carroll County - Part II

C. D. WHITE

OxyContin, Xanax, Vicodin, Lortab, Lorcet, Dilaudid, Percocet, Valium, Aderrall, Demeral, Opana and more groups of brand name drugs containing methadone and codeine are among the many prescriptions classified as painkillers and psychotropic drugs most commonly abused across the country. They are stolen, bought, sold and abused at higher rates than ever in rural areas – up some 40 percent since 2010, according to one study.

“Prescription drug abuse is the fastest-growing type of substance abuse in the country, a phenomenon fed by aggressive drug marketing,” said a recent report in the Chicago Tribune.

For one thing, there are just more pills out there. In 15 years, prescriptions for oxycodone and hydrocodone alone increased from 40 million to 180 million, and that was six years ago.

Richard Miech, Ph.D., professor of sociology at Colorado University, Denver, claimed a while back that, “Prescription drug abuse is the next big

epidemic,” noting that pain medication abuse among youth in the United States is “higher than any generation ever measured.”

Local law enforcement would agree. “It’s the new meth,” claimed more than one officer in both the Berryville and Eureka Springs police departments. Along with the abuse comes a rise in theft, not only of prescriptions from nursing homes, medicine cabinets and pharmacies – but of resalable goods taken from homes and businesses by users looking for money to buy the pills. On the other end, there are people making house and car payments with the money they make from selling the pills. As mentioned last week, it’s a big business.

Sadly, there have been deaths. Injecting instead of swallowing, mixing the pills with alcohol, taking too many and/or taking certain combinations of pills together can be fatal. Recognizing the problem among addicts prone to soaking down the pills and then shooting them up, pharmaceutical companies

have periodically changed formulations to make the pills un-injectable once crushed, but it tends to become like a game of Whack-a-Mole. As soon as one pill falls into disfavor another that can be liquidized takes its place.

Why aren’t the warnings heeded? For one thing, there is a perception that if a doctor prescribes a pill, it must be safe. If the FDA approves a drug, it must be safe. If it’s in my parents’ medicine cabinet, it must be safe. Tragically, that’s only true if the pills are taken as directed.

Doctors prescribe pain pills at the dose they believe will offer the greatest benefit at the least risk. Doubling or tripling the dose won’t speed relief, but instead can speed the onset of harmful side effects – especially in combination with other drugs.

But why take them if you don’t need them? Other than stealing and selling the pills to make a living, it might be the perceived fun of being high that gets kids started and then hooked. Others, including adults, start with a legitimate temporary prescription, like the way it

feels, and then don’t want to stop. It’s not a problem limited to closet users; even Rush Limbaugh and other public figures have fallen prey to the feel-good effect.

For some, taking pills becomes a temporary way to deal with pain, stress and/or an unpleasant life incident, and then becomes a necessity to get through the day. Without further prescriptions being issued legally, the recourse is to turn to buying on the street.

As far as youth are concerned, this generation has probably lived under more demand and stress than most adults can remember having to deal with as a young person. But are pills the answer?

The Partnership for a Drug-Free America advises parents to educate themselves, communicate with their kids and safeguard medications. Helpful information can be found at www.drugfree.org, and a wealth of other important material can be found in a Google search of “prescription drug abuse.”

Meanwhile, on the national level, momentum for a broader change in domestic drug policy appears to be building. “Unfortunately,” commented Congresswoman Mary Bono Mack (CA-45), Co-Chair of the Congressional Caucus on Prescription Drug Abuse, “it’s because more and more members are hearing from back home in their districts that people are dying.”

That includes Carroll County.

Original Eureka Jazz Band debuts at Jazz Funeral

In their first public appearance, but surely not the last time to be heard from, is the Original Eureka Jazz Band – a group organized quickly at the behest of local musician Archie Ryan, and by Dan Ellis, who requested music at the upcoming Jazz Funeral on Dec. 21,

With a brief period available for rehearsals, leader Jim Swiggart acknowledges the newly created Jazz Band will be sporting a different sound from that of the old-timer traditional Jazz bands of New Orleans. “The guys I have are trained musicians who will not be playing by ear but from their own experiences and will be adding some embellishments that should delight our Eureka universe,” Swiggart said.

Not without expected mishaps such as music scores not arriving on time and very busy schedules placed upon this select group of professionals, the new local Jazz Group was born. The group is organized by and led by Swiggart, currently in his 25th year as general director of Opera in the Ozarks. He is the trombonist of the group, having degrees from OCU, Wichita State and a teaching career in Oklahoma, Kansas and Arkansas.

Another member, Daniel Hodge, on alto sax, is a native of Ft. Smith, having received his education in Oklahoma.

Hodge was first chair all state in Oklahoma for three years running. He is recognized as one of the best young band directors in Arkansas, and is the head director at Berryville High School.

Playing trumpet is Julius Stevens, who attended University of Central Oklahoma with Daniel Hodge, then earned his Masters degree from Indiana University.

Also on trumpet is Andrew Morris, a native Arkansan, who like his father, is a great band director.

Playing tuba is Randal Cavanah, a resident of Holiday Island. Randal received his degree from the University of Missouri at Columbia and plays around Northwest Arkansas with several groups.

As an added delight for the audience, some all-state high school musicians from Berryville will join the ensemble.

The Original Eureka Jazz Band will appear at the Pied Piper Pub on a raised float before joining the Funeral Procession at 6 p.m. when they will play a few somber chords as they slowly walk to the New Delhi Café. On their return at 7 p.m. they will lead the procession, striking up “When the Saints go Marching In” with energetic pallbearers, mourners and umbrella waving second liners following jubilantly behind.

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The rule of love

Editor,

The fear that grips us during any time of change is being amplified by the shift in consciousness that is happening *en masse*. When we welcome the rule of love with open arms, happy feelings abound. When we're not sure that such a thing exists, we may feel a bit wary, disoriented, discontented as we stumble onward toward the integration of ideas that comprise our reality. If we're certain such shifts cannot be possible, that what we see materially is all there is, we may find ourselves angry for no reason, agitated and perhaps violent in our desire to keep change from happening.

Many of us have felt that there is something hiding behind the veil, just out of reach of the material senses. We may call it a sixth sense or intuition. Throughout the ages we have found ways to cover up Truth, hide our heads in the sand, convince ourselves

that living this way is safe and that we don't want to step outside safety to the unknown. Well, look around and tell me what's so safe about this! We have allowed ourselves to be victims of everything from disease to selfish motives. We've convinced ourselves we have no choice, so we'd best just hunker down and take it. I say we do have a choice, a moment-by-moment choosing of love over fear.

This is what I celebrate this Christmas: the Christ who is alive within everyone. It could be called the Buddha, the Mohammed, George – it doesn't matter. It's Love. It's the love that is God, which is everywhere. Let's celebrate all that is good and pure. By lifting our thoughts to infinite love, we will see solutions and avenues that were before invisible to mortal mind.

Join in celebrating change that is borne of Love and unity. When our so-called common sense tells us not to follow our heart, let's question the old way. Old habits can be hard to break,

but should it be so? Perhaps in the new paradigm we can simply leave behind cigarettes and selfishness, and all behavior that is not love-based.

Marsha Havens

Attention friends of Bridgett and Ronnie Thornton

Editor,

As you may know our Bridgett has been hospitalized and it look like she's spending the holidays with the doctors and nurses at Marin General Hospital, 250 Bon Air Rd., Greenbrae, CA 94904, (415) 925-7000 Room 5304

Even with all the love and skill our Ronnie has for taking care of our Bridgett (*No* one can do it better) the doctors won't release her. The MS has spread to her brain stem and her breathing at night lowers to alarming rates. She is having trouble swallowing

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WEEK'S Top Tweets

@Zen_Moments --- Fear is the path to the dark side. Fear leads to anger. Anger leads to hate, hate leads to suffering. ~ Yoda

@BarackObama --- "These tragedies must end. And to end them we must change." – President Obama

@campsucks --- Billion dollar idea: holiday decorations that dissolve after 6 days.

@SarcasticRover --- Went to a Christmas party on Mars last night...there was nothing to drink, but it was all on the rocks.

@GovMalloyOffice --- We are asking that on Friday, Dec. 21 at 9:30am, the entire State of CT observe a moment of silence.

@1310kzrg --- The city of Paragould, Arkansas deploys police with AR-15s to demand citizens show I.D. on the streets.

@annabeloakes --- You can tell yourself that Sesame Street is educational but Cookie Monster has lived there for like 40 yrs and still can't conjugate verbs.

@StephBWright --- Sorry, but your password must contain an uppercase letter, a number, a punctuation mark, a gang sign, an extinct mammal and a hieroglyph

@anitakissee --- Bullet-proof backpacks for kids.... WHAT!?!?!?!?! I don't want to live in a society where this is needed.

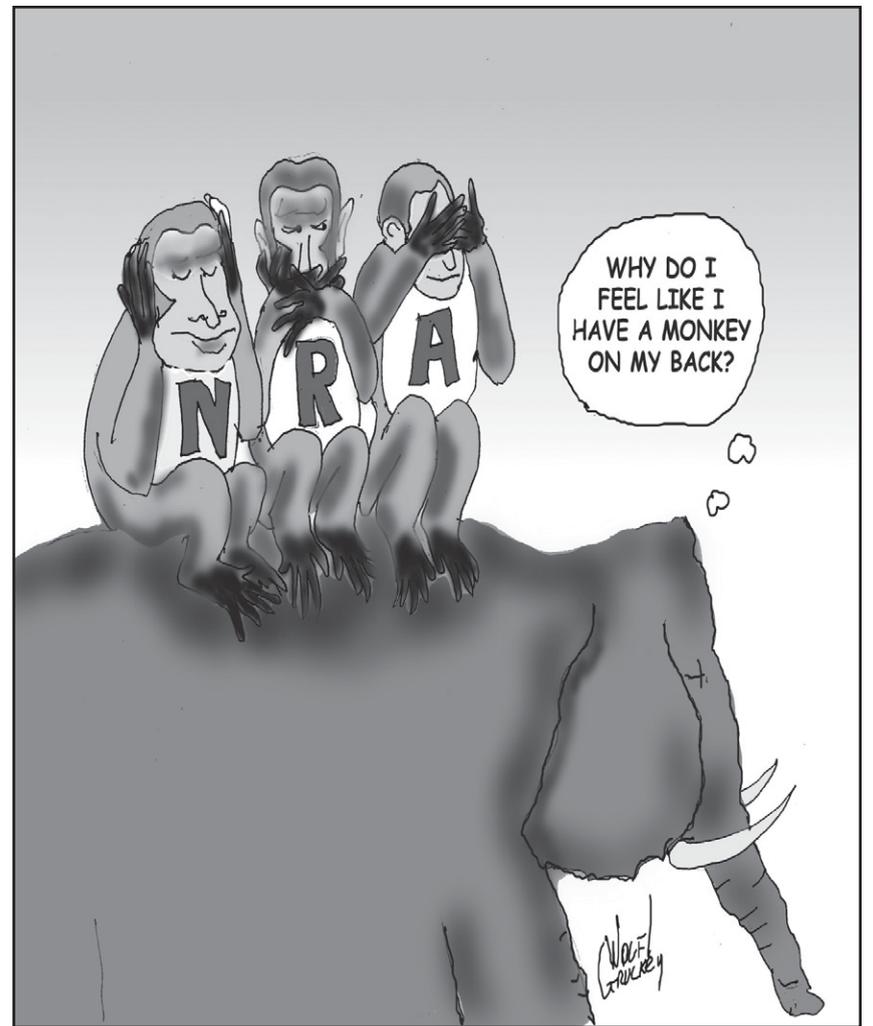
@turpentinecreek --- TCWR board of director members, Bill Plummer & Eric Studer recently visited "Jungle" Jack Hanna and his Columbus Zoo Staff.....



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Sleep in Heavenly Peace



The Pursuit Of HAPPINESS

by Dan Krotz

I was in Laos three or four years ago on a business trip traveling with a group of small investors thinking about setting up a Health Maintenance Organization (HMO). It was close to Christmas when the trip ended and I was in a hurry to get home. All packed, I went down to the hotel lobby where we'd catch a ride to the airport.

A companion – let me call him Eddie – sat in the lobby. He wore sandals, shorts and a Hank Williams Jr. t-shirt; buttocks firmly rooted; he wasn't going anywhere. "I'm not going," he said. "I've decided to stay." I shook my head. "You're kidding, right?" I said. "It's almost Christmas." He shook his head. "No. I'm staying," he said.

I guess I was baffled. Laos is okay, as far as it goes. The food is good, the girls are pretty, you can buy a cop for five dollars. But, like a lot of places in Asia, the air is so dirty you can smear it on bread, the coffee is beyond bad and, well, you can buy a cop for five dollars. Besides, it was nearly Christmas and time to go home.

Middle-aged crazy, I figured. On second thought, though, maybe not. He was underwater on an enormous California mortgage and married to a woman who didn't seem to like him very much. The kids were big, gone a long time. Even the dog was played out; leaky bladder and crabby. I knew this stuff because he'd told me about it, over and over again: at first like it was a joke, then all mad, then kind of wistfully.

I got on a plane. He didn't. We stayed in touch for a while, then we didn't. What became clear to me is that we don't ever walk in another person's shoes. One size does not fit all and sometimes even our own shoes don't fit very well. Sometimes the only thing we can think to do is to kick them off and hope for the barefoot best. What I hope is that Eddie is having a Merry Christmas.

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INDEPENDENT Constables On Patrol

DECEMBER 10

3:40 p.m. – Individual turned herself in on an ESPD warrant.

DECEMBER 11

7:53 a.m. – Motion alarm was triggered at a business along U.S. 62, but constable who responded did not see any signs of attempted entry and nothing seemed amiss.

10:34 a.m. – There had been multiple complaints about a dog barking at the same address. Animal Control patrolled the area and did not hear any barking, but he left a message for the owner to call ESPD because of the number of complaints.

12:33 p.m. – Witness reported a vehicle suspiciously parked in the weeds behind a vacant building. Responding constables spoke with an individual at the scene, and the constable found scrap metal in the vehicle. Owner of the property verified damage to the building, and constables arrested the individual for criminal trespass, theft of property and possession of drug paraphernalia.

12:43 p.m. – Hotel employee asked to speak with a constable about a person who keeps returning to the premises after being asked to leave and not come back. The person also gets belligerent at the scene.

1:28 p.m. – Tow truck hit a rock wall and damaged it.

1:49 p.m. – An unleashed medium-sized dog chased a passerby in a neighborhood near downtown. Animal Control found the animal in its yard but not on a leash. He will talk to the owner.

2:37 p.m. – Eyewitness at Lake Leatherwood fields saw someone trying to get into the concession stand. Constable responded to find the concession stand looked secure and there was no one in the area.

3:12 p.m. – Resident asked to speak to a constable about a person she believes comes to her residence, and she does not want him there.

3:54 p.m. – The first neighbor was calling ESPD about being harassed by the second neighbor while the second neighbor was calling ESPD about the first neighbor's vicious dog. Constable on patrol talked to both of them and

calmed things down.

DECEMBER 12

10:34 a.m. – The caller heard dogs barking but the constable who patrolled the area did not.

1:44 p.m. – Person told ESPD he was having trouble with kids at a private school, but could not clarify what the trouble was. Constable arrived to find the person had just changed his medications and was momentarily confused.

5:41 p.m. – One friend told ESPD he was concerned about another friend who was possibly on amphetamines and was depressed over the recent suicide of a third friend. The depressed person was known to sometimes carry weapons and might be on his way to Pea Ridge. Authorities in Carroll and Benton Counties watched out for the individual.

5:47 p.m. – A driver reported another vehicle hit hers and did not stop. She saw the adverse vehicle continue to a residence and maybe hit something else while parking. The driver of the adverse vehicle allegedly stumbled away from the vehicle.

9:33 p.m. – A couple engaged in a domestic dispute. The female drove away from the scene, supposedly intoxicated. The male told constables the dispute had been verbal only. Constables went to look for the female.

11:05 p.m. – They found her, and she was arrested for DWI, improper display, failure to use turn signal and no proof of insurance.

DECEMBER 13

4:56 a.m. – Constable assisted sheriff's office at a residence.

7:52 a.m. – There was a two-vehicle accident on N. Main. No injuries.

DECEMBER 14

7:10 a.m. – There was a minor accident involving a patrol car downtown.

8:10 a.m. – Another accident, this time on U.S. 62 involving a semi and a passenger car. No injuries.

2:04 p.m. – The middle school reported threats made by a suspended student.

9:18 a.m. – Someone took a piece of furniture from a motel lobby.

4:03 p.m. – Individual reported his friend stole his remote control car.

Constable spoke with the friend but he said he in fact paid \$450 for the item. This is a civil issue.

6:06 p.m. – Driver on U.S. 62 reported a vehicle going extremely slow and also braking suddenly. Constables watched for but did not encounter the vehicle.

7:44 p.m. – Three vehicles were parked behind places of business, and the caller thought it looked suspicious. Turns out all three belonged to the same person, so ESPD figured he is probably at a nearby residence.

DECEMBER 15

9:18 a.m. – The front door to a motel was found unlocked and a table was missing from the lobby. The table was returned.

4:03 p.m. – Caller filed a report saying his remote control car was stolen by his friend. Officer talked to the friend who it was sold to him for \$450. This became a civil issue.

DECEMBER 16

12:17 a.m. – Individual called a female friend, and an unknown male answered the phone. The unknown male threatened to kill the individual next time he saw him. Constable went to the address provided by the individual, but it was the wrong address.

12:50 a.m. – The same individual reported he had just received a call from the same person who had threatened him.

7:49 a.m. – Someone took the camel from the Nativity scene in Basin Park. It turned up in the hallway of a hotel.

3:19 p.m. – Resident said someone might be stalking her.

10:12 p.m. – Gas station attendant thought a driver in the parking lot might be intoxicated.

10 p.m. – One person asked ESPD for assistance in getting the message to another person that the second person's mother is sick. Constable was unable to find the person based on the information given.

10:17 p.m. – A person reported finding a bloody shirt in a shed.

10:30 p.m. – Individual told ESPD about an argument that occurred on a social media site. He wanted ESPD to know about it in case something else happened as a result.

A Doll's House first play in new school theater – first night is free

The League of Extraordinary Actors of ESHS Drama will present *A Doll's House*, on Jan. 11 and 12 at 7 p.m. and Jan. 13 at 1 p.m.

Written in 1879 by Norwegian playwright Henrik Ibsen, *A Doll's House* is about a seemingly typical housewife who has a long-hidden secret and eventually becomes disillusioned with her condescending husband.

Based on actual events in Ibsen's life in the 1870s, *Doll's House* chronicles the dawning awareness of Nora (played by Mara Adams) that there may be more to life than being the perfect "doll" for her husband (played by Keegan Wilbur). The slam of the door as Nora leaves her life as a mother and wife was so disturbing to Victorian norms that the play was banned in many cities. This classic three-act play

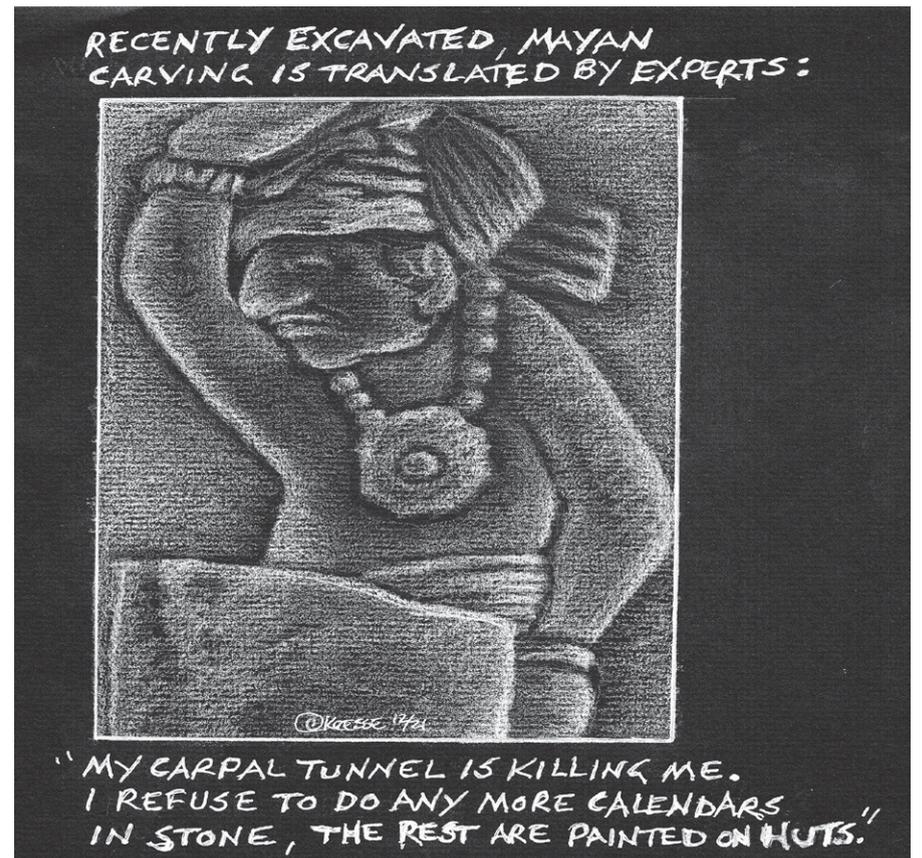
is why Ibsen is often called "the father of modern drama."

Residents, family and friends are invited to attend the Jan. 11 performance free of charge. It's ESHS Drama's way of thanking the community for the fabulous new facility, including the theatre of 240 seats.

To reserve a free seat for Jan. 11, please call the school (253-8875) with your name and number of people in your party. Donations to help defray the costs of the production are optional.

Tickets for Jan. 12 and 13 performances are \$7 for adults and \$4 for students and seniors 60 and over. Show times are Jan. 11 and 12 at 7 p.m. and Jan. 13 at 2 p.m. at the new high school on Greenwood Hollow Road.

Alternate dates for inclement weather are Jan. 18, 19 and 20.



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Hollies and Christmas

Hollies, members of the genus *Ilex* come in both deciduous and evergreen species. Here in Arkansas we have a common species called *Ilex decidua*, and you guessed it, this is a deciduous holly, it drops leaves in fall, but has persistent red berries

now aglow with bright red Christmas cheer in our forests. Most hollies associated with Christmas tradition are the evergreen hollies such as our native *Ilex opaca* (mostly found south and east of the Ozarks), and the commonly planted English holly, which is similar

in appearance with stiff, wavy, spine-armed, evergreen leaves and persistent vermilion red berries.

For many centuries of English tradition, berry-laden branches of the tree have been used to adorn houses and churches as emblems of Christmas. Some accounts suggest the practice dates back to the hidden traditions of Druidism, interpreted as a practice of hanging holly branches around the front of a dwelling to invite sylvan spirits in to protect them from winter cold until spring weather returned the little beings to their forest homes. British traditional holds that the first Christian church in Britain was made of holly wood to attract notice and differentiate themselves from Druid heathens. From its symbolic association with religious observances, we have the name "holly" which meaning "Holy-tree."

Other accounts link hollies to Roman traditions. The English Holly was known in ancient times to grow to

great size. Pliny the Elder (23-79 AD) wrote of a holly just outside the Vatican that was at least 800 years old. In his day a brass plate fastened to the tree had an engraved inscription in Tuscan letters, leading him to believe the trees was older than Rome itself.

Some ancient hollies grew to 35 ft. in circumference. Roman occupiers of Britain in the first century celebrated the great feast of Saturn in December. In Rome the leaves of evergreen oaks were used for the celebration, but in occupied Britain with only deciduous oaks, they compelled the Brits to gather the next best substitute – evergreen boughs of holly. Celebrating the birth of Christ on the 25th day of the same month, Christians continued the custom of placing holly and other evergreens in their homes and churches, signaling the feast of Christmas had arrived.

by Steven Foster

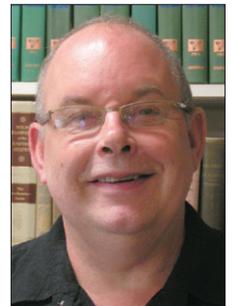


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Light show

As Eureka Springs sparkles its way through the season, why not cruise with the family through the local trail of lights? When you do, be sure to visit contestants in this year's CAPC Bling in the Springs Lighting Contest ... and remember to let your visitors and guests know where the lights are so they can enjoy the displays, too.



Winners in the residential category are Margie and Ted Snow, 3 Oakridge (Harvey Street off East Mountain, left on Oakridge, first house on the right).



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Holidays at UUF

Sunday, Dec. 23 – Music and Stories of the holidays, presented by Helga Dietzel, Peggy Kjelgaard and Sally Gorrell. Enjoy singing and listening to old and new messages of the holidays. Please join us at 17 Elk Street, Sundays at 11 a.m. Extra

parking in Ermilio's lot, 26 White Street. Child care provided. (479) 253-0929.

Sunday, Dec. 30 – *No service at 17 Elk Street* – Holiday Brunch at Peggy Kjelgaard and Roger Shepherd's home on the White River at 11 a.m.



Welcome! – Mary Jean Sell and Steven Sinclair, Historical Museum Director, had warm greetings for visitors to the Museum's Open House on Dec. 12. June Westphal was also on hand to sign copies of her book, *50 Memory Moments*. Guests got to go on a scavenger hunt and sign up for a drawing for a "Histerical" Guided Tour, a book about the Ozarks and other gifts. Grand winner was Donna Bridges.

PHOTO BY C. D. WHITE

Celebrate Christmas Eve with music at St. Elizabeth

There will be a special program of Christmas music at 11 p.m. prior to Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve at St. Elizabeth Catholic Church on Crescent Drive.

Choral and solo vocals under the direction of Sharon Parker will be offered, as well as instrumental selections by parish organist, Sam Donelson, and congregational carols. The program will conclude with pastor Rev. Shaun Wesley chanting the hauntingly beautiful "Proclamation of the Birth of Christ."

Midnight Mass immediately follows this program and will include musical gems "The Shepherds Had an Angel" and Gregorian chants by Richard Lee, leader of the Gregorian Schola from St. Joseph Catholic Church in Fayetteville. All are invited to attend.

Community Christmas Services & Special Music

Dec 23 – First United Methodist Church: Soprano Martha Bartell, 5:30 p.m.

Holiday Island Baptist Church: Christmas Candlelight Service, 5 p.m.

Dec 24 – St. Elizabeth Catholic Church on Crescent Drive: Christmas Carols, 11 p.m. followed by Midnight Mass. Faith Christian Fellowship: Candlelight Communion Service, 5 p.m.

First United Methodist Church: service of Lessons and Carols, 5:30 p.m.

Holiday Island Presbyterian Church: Candlelight Communion, 6:30 p.m.

St. James Episcopal Church: Christmas Eve service and music, 7:30 p.m.

Grace Lutheran Church: Christmas Eve service, 5 p.m.

Dec 25 – St. James Episcopal Church: Christmas Day service, 10 a.m.

St. Elizabeth Catholic Church: Christmas Mass, 9 a.m. at the parish hall, Passion Play Rd.

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A detail of Rankine's Holiday installation at Sweet Spring Antiques

*WAR IS OVER...
If You Want It*

JOHN LENNON/YOKO ONO

If the Mayan Calendar doomsayers are correct this could be my last column in the *Eureka Springs Independent*. I sure won't miss the Tuesday deadline.

It was hard to speak, never mind write about something after last week's tragic shooting, an event so horrible and beyond comprehension that it will remain a collective wound to our nation's psyche for a very long time.

The debate on gun control, mental health, and this country's culture of violence will go into chatter overtime – peak – subside and return only when the next inevitable “record breaking” mass shooting occurs. Politics as usual.

Meanwhile, it's that time of year when everyone is wishing, hoping or praying for Peace on Earth. Obviously, we are not wishing, hoping or praying hard enough.

INDEPENDENTArt

Area authors invited to bring, sign, sell books

Kimberling Area Library (KAL) is planning the first Authors' Book Signing Day on Saturday, Feb. 2, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., and is looking for authors willing to participate by selling and signing their works.

The event will be held in the KAL Community Room at 45 Kimberling Blvd., Kimberling City, Mo. Display tables will be provided. Set up will be at 9 a.m. Each author will handle his/her own book sales. There is no fee to participate at this event and a donation to KAL is optional.

Several authors will also be chosen to speak about their book(s). Presentations will be in a smaller, adjoining room allowing for a discussion format. Those interested in being scheduled for 15 minute speaking slots should include that request with your reply.

This Author's Book Signing Day is being planned to support and encourage regional authors, and will be publicized through the ten book clubs affiliated with the library as well as the Chamber of Commerce and other community organizations. Authors are encouraged to assist with marketing by including information about the event on their websites or other available networks.

If you would like to participate please email Kathryn at kalibrary@mchsi.com ASAP. Please provide contact information (email, phone, city, state), genre and names of books you plan to feature in your display and your suggested topic for speaking program (if desired). Please attach a digital picture of yourself for promotional use. For information or deadline details, phone (417) 739-2525.



A perfect cup of (Silver) tea – Lucilla Garrett, left, president of ESSA's Board of Directors, and Peggy Kjellaard, executive director, accept a check for \$2,030 from Suzanne Tourtelot, right, St. James Episcopal Church Silver Tea chair. Garrett and Kjellaard plan to use the money to improve safety at the School of the Arts.

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Fame Came Late © is an unpublished historical manuscript written by Lida Wilson Pyles (1906-2000). It is the story as she was told about Eureka Springs bear hunter, John Gaskins. Pyles married into the Gaskins family in 1924.

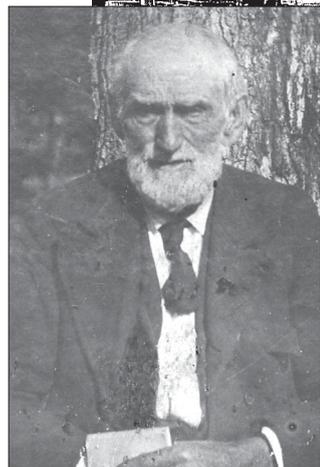
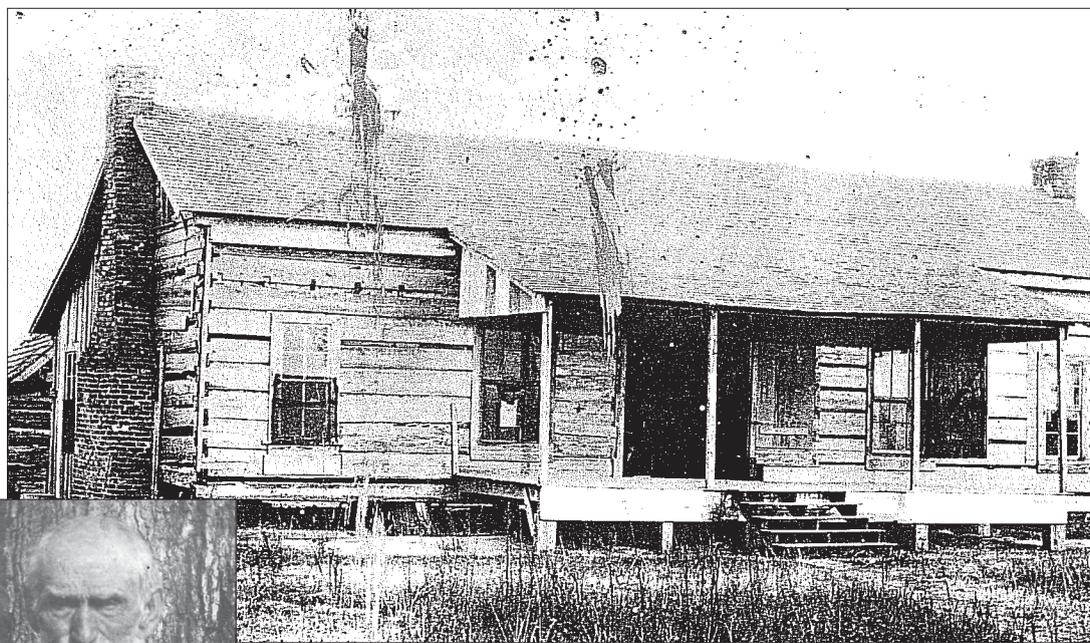
The word was out! There was a spring in the Ozarks that had healing power. People came from far and near to test its powers, to camp near the spring with their afflicted loved ones. They came in wagons, on horseback and on foot. Some on canes, some on crutches, some on stretchers, carried by other members of their families. Some afflicted with cancer, some with rheumatism, some with arthritis. Some were “just ailin’,” and were sure they would find relief after drinking the healing waters.

Dr. Alva Jackson and Burton Saunders decided that since they had found the spring, they should be the ones to give it a name. John Gaskins, Hiram Pinkley and a few others were not so interested in naming the spring as they were in pursuing the bears they found nearby. Jackson and Saunders agreed that the name, “Eureka” would be a suitable one since it meant, “I have found it.” Others in the group who had really discovered the spring were not so interested in the publicity in selecting the name. Many years later, their names were seldom mentioned in stories of the actual discovery of the spring.

John Gaskins said in relation to the discovery, “Well, that might of been the first time they saw it. I’ve knowed it was there for years. Jest never thought it was healin’. It was good to drink and to make coffee with when I camped there. That was all I was lookin’ fer.”

On his next hunting trip, as Gaskins made his way into the hills where the people were arriving daily to camp near the healing spring, he noticed several wagons and horses had been added to the number that had been there on his last trip to the area.

He talked to many of the newcomers. One man explained that



he was there with his wife, hoping to cure her of cancer. “I’m sure that this water is all that we will need to make her well again. I’m going to buy a plot of land here and build

us a little house. Just anything that will shelter us for the coming winter. I know that many others here are goin’ to do the same thing. This place is goin’ to be a regular little town,” the stranger predicted.

Several people inquired concerning the availability of fresh fruit and vegetables from nearby farms. “As fer me,” Gaskins told them, “I’ve got more than enough of everything to do my family all winter. I guess that most folks around here are just like me. I think we can manage fer us all to eat and get along until spring comes again and then we will jest have to plant bigger gardens.”

“How do you get your meat?” one man asked. Gaskins patted his trusty rifle and said, “Right here is all th’ help I need to get meat fer my table. I allus have plenty of deer and bear meat in my smoke house.”

“What about beef and pork?” the man asked.

“We raise enough cattle and hogs

fer that but the bears and wolves are pretty rough on them at certain times of the year. I’ve been tryin’ to kill off enough of them that we can raise a few more. About th’ only ones we can keep is the ones that range close enough to th’ house where th’ wolves and bears are afraid of the dogs we keep. I figure that in another year or so, we can have enough of them cleared out that our kids and animals will be a little safer.”

“Do you mean that wild animals would attack children?” one woman asked.

“Yea, ma’am, they will. They will attack anything when they’re hungry. You don’t have to worry none tho’. At this time of year, they ain’t bad. I’ll keep busy an’ try to see that most of ‘em get flushed out and off before time fer them to den fer th’ winter. I’m workin’ on it an’ knowin’ that there’s more people around here, now, I’ll work this part of th’ hills a little more. Don’t worry, ma’am. Me and my dogs will help you all we can,” he promised.

True to his promise, all winter long Gaskins roamed the woods for any wildlife that might mean harm to the new settlers. People were depending on him and he felt called upon to protect them. He killed several bears before they denned for the winter, and

on a few occasions found the dens and went in after the bears before they had settled down.

A few days later as the family was at breakfast, Mary brought up the subject of all the new people who were now camping in the spring area.

“Pa, there’s so much talk about the new healin’ spring that I’ll bet someday the men that found it will be famous.”

Her father blew on his saucer of strong, black coffee before he answered her. “I reckon so, honey, but I don’t think fame ever put grub on anybody’s table. They can have th’ fame an’ I’ll go on huntin’ bears like I’ve allus done.”

Thus the names of Gaskins, Harp and Pinkley were often omitted when the founders of the spring were discussed. It seemed that they were not interested in fame.

One morning Nancy asked, “Pa, are you goin’ over near the spring today? Will you see all the people that are over there?”

“Yeah, I reckon that somebody had better do a lot of huntin’ over there or somebody is goin’ to get hurt by a bear. Bears get a little mean at times an’ them strangers don’t know th’ first thing about tanglin’ with a bear. Them bears has got to be cleaned out over there before somebody gets hurt. I reckon me an’ Ol’ Bull and a few others can take care of it all right.” He took another sip of coffee from his saucer and added, “That’ll be fame enough fer me an’ Ol’ Bull.”

That morning, walking around the hill by a spring which later became known as Grotto Spring, he heard the screams coming from the direction of the spring. “Them screams can’t be comin’ from nothing but a panther or a woman, an’ there ain’t no panthers screamin’ around here at this time of day. Some women folk must be in some kind o’ trouble,” he thought to himself and hurried in the direction of the noise.

AUDacious by Ray Dilfield

As I write this, we've just finished up dress rehearsal for tonight's elementary school Christmas show. Always one of our favorites, this year's edition is sure to



be another crowd pleaser. Mr. Burk puts a lot of work into these shows and inspires the kids to give it their best. As mentioned before, the AF (*awwww factor*) is off the charts.

This year, though, there's a palpable pall and an unspoken wariness. You could see it in the eyes of the teachers and aides as they

ushered the kids in from the buses. Even the bus drivers seemed to be especially cautious, not opening their doors until a school representative was in place to escort their charges the ten feet between the bus and the lobby doors.

This year, for the first time ever, there was a uniformed, on-duty ESPD

officer present in the lobby during a rehearsal for a school program. Repeat: a rehearsal, for god's sake! Has it really come to this?

Short answer? Yes. Yes, it has come to this. We now lock the lobby doors once all the kids are in. We now view with suspicion the dad delivering his child who missed the bus until he's been vouched for by one of the teachers. We take no small measure of comfort from the presence of an officer. We scan our surroundings with a previously unwarranted (so we'd like to think) sense of awareness. Why?

Innocence



Because it's been cruelly driven home to us that these kids – these treasures; someone's

sons and daughters, grandsons and granddaughters – are not immune to the evil that can exist in this world. And because we accept the responsibility of doing all we can to shield them from it.

If there are small people in your life, hug them, love them and revel in their innocence. Protect them for as long as you are able. And keep a thought in your heart for all those who no longer can.

Bulletin Board

Holiday Events –

*Don't miss a minute of fun.
Keep this list of events handy
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21 Jazz Funeral – New Orleans style. Join in an authentic New Orleans Funeral to celebrate the end of the Mayan Calendar. Parade, pub crawl, wailing contest, Viking funeral at the New Delhi Café (and a resurrection!). www.jazzfuneral.danellis.net or jazzfuneral.blogspot.com.

27 – 30 Intrigue Theater in 1901 Gavioli Chapel, 80 Mountain. Experience inexplicable Victorian-era mysteries. Limited seating, 8 p.m. Advance tickets: www.impactmagic.com.

31 New Year's Eve Bash(es) – Reserve now at the Crescent and Basin Park Hotels and the Inn of the Ozarks for dinner, dancing and room packages. And check the *Independent* for celebrations at Pine Mountain Theater, the Rockin' Pig Saloon and other fun spots!

Free Parking! Enjoy events and shopping from December 1 - 31 for two hours of free parking at meters.

Sign up now for grant writing workshop

On Thursday, Jan. 24, 1 – 4 p.m., Ann Friedman, Manager of Grants and Foundations for the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art in Kansas City, will hold a grant-writing workshop at the Writers' Colony at Dairy Hollow during her residency at the colony.

Friedman has tailored her presentation to suit the Arkansas marketplace. There is a donation of \$35 to attend the workshop. Refreshments will be available. Call Linda Caldwell at (479) 253-7444 or email director@writerscolony.org to sign up for the workshop. Seats are limited.

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only five percent although he cautioned Turner not to take anything for granted. There is no timeline for a decision.

Gov. Mike Beebe came out as being against the ruling and filed to be a “friend of the court,” which means neither attorney solicited his testimony but he is offering it.

Another factor discovered by staff during a break at the meeting was that two of the judges who dissented in this case would be leaving the court at the end of the year.

- Turner reported the new high school is inches from being ready to open. “We will have school there on January 3,” he said, adding that they are down to little things. The auditorium seating is in place and security cameras are set. Teachers' desks will be arriving soon.

Work on widening and resurfacing Lake Lucerne Road has begun, and the laying of asphalt could occur this week.

Turner acknowledged SkillsUSA students for taking on the task of moving items from the old school across town. “They did a heck of a job,” he said.

He said there would be a brief, informal ribbon-

cutting ceremony at 9 a.m., Jan. 2, followed by an in-service for staff at the new school. That evening, there will be an Open House for students and parents, and it is back to school on Jan. 3.

- Turner told the board the original bid to build the school had included paving the south parking lot. The paving was dropped for cost considerations, but he has now learned the district cannot get the Certificate of Occupancy unless they pave a 60x100 ft. section for ADA-compliant handicapped parking. He has spoken with the paving company already on the scene, and they can perform the work once Lake Lucerne Road is resurfaced.

Turner said he wants to eventually pave the rest of the south parking lot, which for now will be gravel.

Updating policies

High school English teacher, Kathy Remenar, reported on the work of the Personnel Policy Committee that took on the daunting task of revising the personnel policy manual to bring the district into compliance with changes in state law. She said she would bring revisions to the board in sections over a period of a few months for approval.

Next meeting will be Thursday, Jan. 17, at 5:30 p.m.

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Closser replied that ranges in the ordinance should reflect the budget. If there is a discrepancy, the court needs either to lower the salary or raise the maximum listed in the range.

Flake pointed out they just passed the budget that contains the salaries, and the fact there are discrepancies just means they have not done their jobs well. "We're paying outside our own ranges," he

said. However, he followed that this is only the beginning, and the court has two more readings to fix the ordinance.

JP Larry Swofford said he was for the ordinance, but was not sure where the discussion was going. He reminded the court they had just passed a budget ten minutes ago, and they were not about to cut salaries. They are going to adjust the salary chart in the ordinance, so why not fix

it first and then have the first reading? JP Don McNeely said this discussion points to the need for the salary study like the one they wanted from the Johanson Group.

Mumaugh observed that no one had spoken against the proposed ordinance, "So what do we do?"

The vote to approve the first reading was 8-1, Swofford voting No.

The only non-budgetary item on the agenda was unanimous

approval of a resolution confirming appointments of Ed Thompson and Jim Simmons to serve three-year terms as commissioners for the Inspiration Point Rural Fire Protection District.

The court agreed to hold their organizational meeting, mandatory within the first five working days of a new year, on Friday, Jan. 4, at 10 a.m.

Next regular meeting will be Friday, Jan. 18, at 10 a.m.

Overshadowing & the Chalice of Receptivity

The long awaited time has arrived – December 21, 2012 – the end of a unit of time (k’atun) in the Mayan calendar. Initiated by three new evolutionary cycles, the Aquarian Age begins in earnest.

The Sun enters Capricorn 3:12 a.m. (West Coast). It’s Winter Solstice (northern latitudes), longest night of darkness. After a three-day respite at the Tropic of Capricorn the sun’s rays turn northward. At midnight, Christmas morning, the new light (holy child’s birth, new state of consciousness) shines forth. Virgo, mother

and pregnant Madonna (constellation) shines overhead in the night sky.

For esotericists worldwide, Sun entering Capricorn begins Festival Week of the New Group of World Servers (Dec. 21 to 28 full moon). Occurring once every seven years, the Festival this year (2012) occurs at the Mayan calendar’s ending. This is no mistake. In the sky an important astrological alignment occurs. Great spiritual forces, from a vast and distant constellation, will “overshadow” Capricorn (sign of initiation) and stream information into the Earth. The past comes to

a close, inaugurating all that is new (new archetypes, new rhythms, new age).

Esotericists are gathering in groups – meeting, studying, meditating and praying together, creating a “chalice of receptivity” as revelations (information) concerning the next seven years are impressed upon all servers’ hearts and minds. Humanity is invited. (Read more at www.nightlightnews.com for local events & around the world, two pyramids being erected (Santa Cruz & Taos), times of impact & meditations).

ARIES: The gift of your sign is courage, of pioneering energy that initiates most realities on Earth. Sometimes you are reckless and we worry about you. You are kind to animals, you have joy in humanity, you explore and help build, you engineer and are entrepreneurial, your schemes are usually brilliant. Tend to your head, face and throat. Grow geraniums. You are the Emperor.

TAURUS: You’re always loving and loyal, patient and trustworthy. Venus is your companion. Green is your color. If you garden the plants rise up to meet you. You can be immovable sometimes, afraid of change. Eventually you shift. Then creativity comes forth. You are steadfast and affectionate. You teach others these qualities. Notice (and grow) violets. They are edible. Sleep with rose quartz. Tend to your throat. You are the Hierophant.

GEMINI: You’re entertaining when you come in from the meadows of experience holding you in thrall. You’re ceaselessly curious and must teach all that you learn. You must also be charming, magnetic, and sharing. Does this describe you?

Entertainment and education are your tasks. Wear tourmalines, grow lilies of the valley. You are the Lovers.

CANCER: Your sensitivity and unselfishness heals many wounded and in emotional pain. Because often you’re wounded by others. You always know the right timing of things, especially in the garden. Affected by all environments you must seek protection (under your shell). Your colors are silver and pearl. Wear the moonstone. Have waterfalls around you. Tend to your tummy. Grow larkspur. You’re Elijah’s golden chariot.

LEO: Your gifts are generosity, faithfulness, enthusiasm and creativity. You can be hurt like Cancer (both signs of sensitivity). Although you seem aloof (regal bearing), your heart is passionately beating with the sound of the heart of the Sun. You are leadership, the arts and if wealthy, a philanthropist. Try not to be arrogant or standoffish. People will misunderstand. Your colors are gold and scarlet. Wear rubies. Tend to the heart of all matters and to your heart. Grow and eat marigolds. You are Strength.

VIRGO: Your gifts of organization, thoroughness and detail help the world to have order, which then releases creativity and intelligence. You lead people to the Path of Return. You love the Earth. You’re humane, of service, and the animal kingdom relies on you. Careful of criticism. It can destroy a young life’s endeavor. Goodness is better than perfection. Wear blues, sapphires. Tend to your digestion. Grow honeysuckle. You’re the Hermit and the Corn Goddess.

LIBRA: Martin Buber wrote a book

called *I and Thou*, about self and “others” (sacred relationship). Libra is always in relationships, learning about them, perfecting their art, learning to love more. You flirt a lot, are artistic, charming, poised. Venus is your attendant. Seeking balance and harmony you must create disharmony and chaos first. That’s the law. Diplomacy is your talent. Wear opals. Tend to your back and kidneys. Grow damask roses, the flower of Venus. You are Justice.

SCORPIO: The most misunderstood sign, you’re passionate, sensual, dynamic, hidden and Pluto is always around you. You can be moody (worse than Cancers) and jealous, resourceful and strategizing. Darkness becomes you. There you discover what no one understands. Research is your skill. Have obsidian nearby along with amber. Tend carefully to your generative system. Cultivate chrysanthemums, drink its tea. You represent Death, which is actually a “life-giving interlude between two activities.”

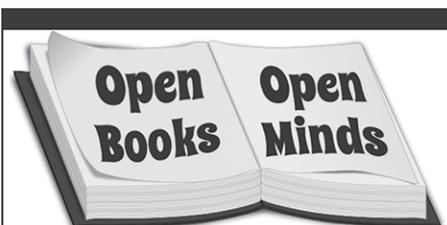
SAGITTARIUS: Your gifts are great intelligence, tolerance, enthusiasm (filled with God) and optimism. You’re never standing still. Jupiter, planet of love and expansion, rides with you. You can be seen as extravagant, hotheaded, excessive, yet very wise. You’re really very serious with very high standards. Laughter heals you. Sag makes a good astrologer, teacher, publisher, dancer and musician. Deep violet and royal blue are your colors. Wear turquoise and lapis. Tend carefully to hips and thighs. Plant narcissus and gaze at it. You learn Temperance.

CAPRICORN: Your gifts are

carefulness, discipline, hard-working, ever-striving upward. You make tradition an art form. Be impenetrable to apprehension and inflexibility. They do not serve you. Share feelings with others, allowing truth to come forth. Your greatest task is working with the Earth. Wear forest green, orange and gold. Have quartz crystals everywhere in the home (and in all windows). Tend carefully to knees. Grow cornflowers, lime, linden and mimosa trees. You are the World and the Earth.

AQUARIUS: Your gifts inventiveness, friendship, freedom and independence (modeling this). Your companion is Uranus, planet of surprises and revolution. You care for others with loyalty, equality and respect. You are the astrologer, radio and TV broadcaster, worker in technology that edges into music and the arts. Careful with tactlessness. It separates. Colors blue and violet, amethyst and the orchid create a magnetic attractive field around you. The violet devas like you. You are the Star.

PISCES: Your gifts, unseen, unusual and invaluable, are compassion, intuition, an expansive imagination, and the ability to praise others, understanding their potential (which others can’t see). Always assisting others, your wants and needs can go unnoticed. You must change this. The ideal is more real than the real. You must change this, too. Photography, painting, design, architecture – your creative abilities. Wear bloodstone, tend to the lymph system, grow water lilies (lotus), “roots touching unseen Pisces knowledge.” You are the Chalice.



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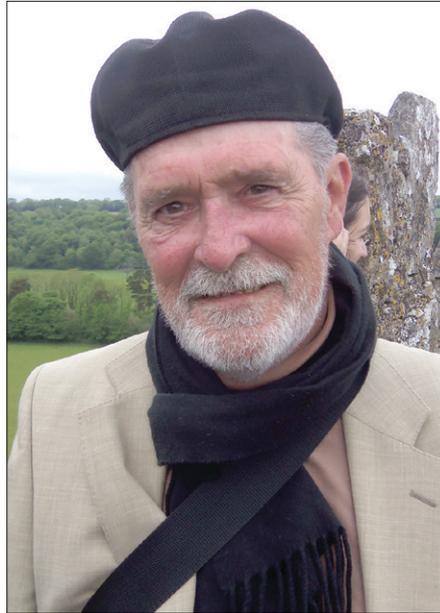
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A love letter to Jim

James Ray Allison came into this world on May 16, 1945, and left his earthly body on Dec. 2, 2012, in his home.

Life with my friend and soulmate began the day we met. I first saw him across the room and was told he would be my boss. Little did we know both of our lives were about to change forever. Our first kiss was on his birthday a few weeks later, a kiss that began our love affair that lasts to this day. We were married less than two months later. We were blessed with a life of 43 years filled with love and laughter. I was blessed by God to have Jim love me. This man of grace, beauty, integrity, intelligence, loyalty and compassion loved me with every being of his soul.

Jim gave me two beautiful children, Robbi and Cory. He was a great father, very proud of his children. He guided them and taught them how to be loving and compassionate. As much as he loved his children, he always told them I came first in his life. No one could be



JAMES RAY ALLISON

more blessed than I to have this man become a part of my soul. Jim was always the wind beneath my wings. He always called me his “free spirit.” I was free to be me. Besides his love, it was the greatest gift he ever gave

me. He told me many, many times during these past years, “If I were to die today, I would die so very happy because I spent a wonderful life with my soul mate, I love you.” Jim, I love you for all eternity.

Jim had already served his country before I met him. He was drafted into the service during the Vietnam War. He was an idealist that as he said, “...read too many Sergeant Rock comic books,” so he chose to be a Marine. God knew his tender soul would not survive the horrors in Nam so he sent Jim to serve his whole tour in Okinawa. He felt guilty that he did not go to Vietnam, but that was just Jim, a man of honor.

Jim was a dreamer and a sentimentalist. Along with my mother, he got us to Eureka Springs. He was a very successful corporate trust banker in Dallas. He had already held two positions of VP of Corporate Trust in two of the very largest banks in Dallas. Headhunters were always hunting

him down to come to work for other corporations. He had bigger things coming to him in his life. On May 14, 1980, we opened The Eighteen-ninety Deli and he became the dishwasher and janitor of his own business! We didn't move to Eureka to seek our fortune, we moved to become part of this wonderful community of what became our friends and family. If you ever met Jim, you knew him.

Jim worked many places and did many, many different jobs, as we all do in this community. He was so very proud to be an employee of Carroll-Boone Water District. He started as a water operator and later became the Office Manager. He always maintained his operators license even when his position demanded so much more. He fought for the health and welfare of the citizens of Carroll and Boone Counties, but especially the citizens of Eureka, by opposing the fluoridation of our drinking water. He would tell you

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tradition of Christmas shopping were promoted in newspaper advertisements in the 1820s, and by the 1840s, separate advertisement sections for Christmas shoppers appeared. In 1822, an Episcopal minister, Clement Clarke Moore, wrote a long poem for his three daughters called “An Account of a Visit from St. Nicholas.” Initially the poem was not meant for public consumption, but once published it became the iconic “’Twas the Night Before Christmas.” It introduced the concept of the “right jolly old elf” with a red suit lined with white fur, knee-high black boots rolled down at the top, and the magical ability to descend chimneys and deliver presents on a sleigh led by eight flying reindeer.

Still with me? We don't know what sources Clement Clarke Moore drew upon to create his fanciful vision of Santa Claus. However, an exhibit currently running at the Lloyd Library

and Museum in Cincinnati informs us of possible influences. The exhibit, running from Dec. 3 to Feb. 28, is called, “What Makes Reindeer Fly?” It is devoted to the role of mushrooms, particularly the Fly Agaric (*Amanita muscaria*) in cultural traditions. The Fly Agaric is the most iconic of all mushrooms. Its bright red cap, dotted with white cottony spots, is depicted in children's books such as *Alice in Wonderland*, children's toys, and even yard ornaments.

In Clement Clarke Moore's day in the early 19th century up to the creation of steam pleasure ships, such as the *Titanic*, readers experienced the world by reading travel literature. One book featured in the Lloyd Library and Museum's exhibit by English naturalist Aubyn Trevor-Battye is *Ice-Bound on Kolguev* (1895).

Kolguev is a 1900-square mile island in the Barents Sea, at 69° north latitude, the Arctic. Home to an indigenous tribe once called the Samoyed people, today

they are properly known as the Nenets. In Trevor-Battye's day they were nomads whose economy was entirely dependent on reindeer for food, clothing, shelter and mobility. Trevor-Battye planned a month-long birding trip to the island in July of 1894. Arctic ice blocked passage of boats, so his month-long expedition turned into a year's journey. He described the reindeer as fleet of foot, and when crossing a snow-packed ravine at a gallop, the Nenets reindeer-drawn sleds would literally become airborne.

Shamans of the Nenets' (and other nomadic indigenous tribes of northern Europe) wore red-dyed reindeer coats with white fur trim along the bottom, neck and sleeve edges. High black reindeer skin boots rolled down at the top were their footwear. Today the Nenets wear rubber boots of the same design. Their red caps were also trimmed with white fur. The colors honor their sacred mushroom,

the Fly Agaric. The Nenets' nomadic dwellings, a cross between a teepee and a yurt called a “choom” had an open smoke hole at the top. During summer months, Nenet shamans collected the red and white Fly Agaric mushrooms. They dried them, then during the deep snow of winter shared them with the community, entering the choom through the “chimney” hole at the top. They also shared mushrooms with their reindeer herds that relished them and would prance and jump under their influence.

Inspired by the good deeds and benevolence of second century saint, St. Nicholas, and obscure travel literature that described the shamans and material cultures of ancient indigenous tribes of Arctic Europe give us the vision of Santa Claus we know today, transformed into reality by the best traditions of American writers peppered with a high dose of American commerce.

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by Gwen Etheredge

Josh Bramhall, who has released an album with The Bramhall Brothers as well as his own *Dawn of Remembrance*, has put together a group of musicians who are straight up rocking the house with echoes of the Stones, Zeppelin and even Janis. Bramhall provides the drumbeat and vocals, showing off skills he learned at 15 playing the bars of Austin – back when that sort of thing was allowed. His vocals convey passion and fierce yearning, and when combined with Mo Michelle's vocals, they create some blues rock nirvana.

Mo's CD, *Lie A Little*, spotlights her voice, a sound like rocks worn smooth by the river. She plays guitar and keyboards as well. On lead guitar is Hotel, you may know him as Huey, formerly with Fatz 59 and Blue Moon. Traveling with a friend from Washington D.C. to Eureka Springs at the age of 15 to join a band who needed a bass player, he has been honing his talent since. Dan Bjorkquist on bass, a solid musician formerly with Slam Boxx, rounds out the band. They are only starting the adventure known as **The Dirty Roots**, but you can hear them at The Lumberyard Saturday at 8 p.m.

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• **SQUID & WHALE PUB** *Charlie Don't Surf, Running with Scissors, Tang* The End of The World Party
• **VOULEZ VOUS** *Ginger Doss*, 9 p.m.

SATURDAY – DECEMBER 22

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to keep up the opposition to putting poison in our water, the fight is not over.

Jim was going through cancer treatment successfully. We were planning another trip to England to visit our dear English family members. We promised each other to live till we were ninety, I guess that will be our goal in our next life together. Jim originally had cancer of the colon, which was not discovered until he had his first screening when he was 65. *I plead with you* get screened, Do Not Put It Off. They think he had a heart attack. I say that because I want you to know he was not lying in a bed wasting away, he was living life every day.

He was not alone, he was surrounded by his blessed children, our dogs. All eight of them are precious to us and give us so much joy. Every one of them are rescue animals. Jim would worry so about them when we would be on vacation. They are now so much love and comfort to me. Each one of them have been deeply affected by the loss of his physical presence but I know they see his spirit that is with us.

If you feel so moved to do something in Jim's memory, you could support the Unconditional Love Pet Rescue here in Eureka Springs.

I know this is an unusual remembrance of an unforgettable man. Jim did not want an obituary. He did not want a memorial service or funeral. He never wanted fuss made over him. He asked that upon hearing of his departing, that you love the one you are with and have a smile of remembrance with no tears, just good memories. We will have a celebration party at a later time this coming spring.

Thank you for your indulgence in this remembrance. And thank you so much for all the cards, calls, flowers, food and love you have showered on our family.

Sandy Allison

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Ancient gifts from the sea

DAVID FRANK DEMPSEY



Denizen of the deep – A manganese nodule collected from approximately three miles deep in the middle of the Pacific Ocean in 1974.

PHOTOGRAPH BY PAT COSTNER



A gift from the sea – The three to four million-year-old seashell from the island of Rhodes in Greece given to Dempsey.

PHOTO BY DAVID FRANK DEMPSEY

A couple of years ago I met the in-laws of an old friend here in Eureka Springs. Maria is an architect who was raised on the Greek island of Rhodes and her husband, Peter, is from Germany. They left a small gift for me, a seashell from an inland part of Rhodes. Shells found inland there are prized because they were there when the island was mostly covered with water – some three or four million years ago.

Since then I have thought several times about a return gift, but didn't know what to give. Recently I found something I have had since I was 21, working as a merchant seaman. I sent it to Peter and Maria with the following note.

"In 1974 I worked as an ordinary seaman aboard the *Indian Seal* out of San Diego. It was your basic 230-foot oil and mineral industry supply boat/deep sea tug, common in the Gulf of Mexico and Bering Sea oil industries.

"The *Indian Seal* was leased by Kennecott Copper Mining Co. for an expedition to the middle of the Pacific Ocean to assess deposits of manganese nodules that are now known to blanket huge portions of the bottom of the Pacific.

"It was all very secret corporate stuff with everyone involved required to sign long-term non-disclosure agreements. They even wanted the captain and mates of the boat to be kept unaware of the ship's location.

"They installed a giant winch capable of lowering a prototype machine to the bottom at depths greater than three miles. The machine was the size of a Volkswagen

van and when it worked correctly was capable of collecting a couple of hundred pounds of manganese nodules. It took a day or so to lower to the thing to the bottom and longer to retrieve it. While it was on the bottom we would tow it at a knot or less over plotted grids.

"Supposedly the main interested competition for this research was Howard Hughes, and while we were working on our site a ship approached and circled us just out of sight but within radar range. It stayed for many days, until our people began to refer to the ship as "Howard."

"We stayed on site for a couple of months during which everyone aboard collected at least a couple of manganese nodules as souvenirs. The most abundant mineral in manganese nodules is manganese but they also have worthwhile amounts of nickel, copper and cobalt. A nodule the size of the one I sent to you is thought to have taken about 10 million years to form.

"After a couple months on site we returned to San Diego where a representative from Kennecott came aboard with a copy of the most recent National Geographic Magazine. There was an unrelated story on the area of the Pacific we had worked in and on a double page map of that part of the ocean was a small dotted circle with these words inside: 'Kennecott Copper Mining Expedition Work Area.' No explanation was given by the magazine.

"It was quite a joke on Kennecott and their secret

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husband, Ryan, face just getting home. Their home on Rock Street is perched on a hillside, and the way home is up a steep and rocky unimproved city street that passes fewer than five feet from their front door. They own the property on both sides of Rock Street and hire someone to grade it occasionally before ruts develop.

"We knew we had an issue with our driveway when we bought the place, but we just loved the property," she said. Rock Street is the only access to their home and they pay to maintain it but don't own it. Only one other neighbor ever uses any part of Rock Street.

At some point, the Brixes will pursue getting a vacation of Rock Street, which she acknowledged is an elaborate process involving all the

neighbors and different commissions at city hall. She said her explanation at that meeting was just a preview of discussions to come.

Fundraising idea and volunteers

Newly-seated commissioner Myrna Thaxton came prepared to her first Parks meeting. She reported the Arkansas Forestry Commission has a nursery in Little Rock that grows thousands of tree seedlings of many species, and her idea is for Parks to purchase quantities of seedlings at reasonable prices, stage a fundraising event and offer the seedlings for a donation. Other groups have done it, she said, and she wants to use proceeds for projects at Lake Leatherwood Park.

Featherstone suggested they devote the fundraiser to a specific project so the donors will see results of their investment.

Thaxton said she sees that progress on Parks' projects depends on volunteers, so she unveiled a strategy for recruiting more volunteers. She said there is more help out there than Parks is availing itself of, so she will seek new helpers at civic clubs and church groups or wherever potential volunteers gather.

Everything else

- Parks Director Bruce Levine reported that Jimmy Jones once again helped out by using his equipment to dig the holes for the scoreboard at the Lake Leatherwood Park ballfields.

- Levine said Parks will begin seeing funds from the recently passed one-eighth cent tax in June.

- Levine also said he heard the paving of the road in Lake Leatherwood Park is on next year's list to receive a matching grant from

Arkansas Game & Fish. Sometime next year, AG&F will announce who gets funding in 2013.

- Lake Leatherwood Park proceeds for the year exceeded the budgeted target of \$60,000 by about \$1000. Levine said the wonderful autumn weather made the difference.

- The Springs Committee will prepare a state of the springs report. Levine said, "The springs are to our groundwater like the canary is to a coal mine."

- Brix reported the dog park committee had another fundraiser and came away with \$300. They are preparing for more fundraising and the pursuit of grants.

There will be a workshop Tuesday, Jan. 8, at 6 p.m. at Harmon Park.

Next meeting will be Monday, Jan. 22, at 6 p.m.

Start the year with ESP

Sharpen up your extra-sensory perception and head to the Crescent Hotel Jan. 4 – 6 for ESP (Eureka Springs Paranormal) Weekend.

This year, in addition to having full access to the Crescent for their investigations, ESP weekenders will enjoy a full slate of other paranormal-related activities including presentations by Larry Flaxman, renowned paranormal investigator and founder of Arkansas Paranormal & Anomalous Studies Team; medium Juliane Fay; psychic Lisa Dawn and a special appearance by Maha Vajra, Founder of the Quantum Buddhist Association.

Flaxman will lead a systematic search for ghostly activity and Vajra

will explain communication in the paranormal world, and exorcism.

Other planned discussion topics and events include remote viewing, technophilia, experiments in telepathy, a Crescent Hotel Ghost Tour, a special theatrical presentation of “Not Really A Door: Back From The Dead With Baggage,” an excursion to the Intrigue Theater for an evening of magic and illusion, and, of course, the “free roam” where amateur ghost hunters are allowed to investigate on their own.

For more information regarding ESP Weekend, overnight packages and registration information see americasmosthauntedhotel.com or call (800) 342-9766.

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some foods despite a craving for pizza... (So, just had one sent to them!) Ronnie can cut up her food in smaller bites so eatable arrangements or Christmas cookies would be a pick me up.

We all know the love and dedication these two have for each other and we've all been hugged and comforted by their love and dedication to us, their family and friends. It's time to step up to the plate folks and bat this holiday out of the park by showing our support for these two who have given so much to so many. Call, send a card, send a box of puppy treats or catnip.

Let's fill that hospital room with love, glitter, flowers and well wishes. Ronnie is alone in this. We all need to stand beside her in support as well. I know these are tough times and most budgets have long been run over by the freight train of holiday bills... but please. Do what you can. These women have been giving and caring to so many of us, it's our turn now to show them they are not alone in this fight and the miles between us mean nothing.

Debbie Dye

Or mail them directly
Ronnie, Bridgett Thornton
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Assault assault weapons

Editor,

By the time y'all read this letter,

we may know more about the sick puppy who killed 26 humans at Sandy Hook Elementary school in Newtown, CT.

I need to express my feelings on yet another gun related catastrophe that has struck our nation. As a parent and grandparent, I can't even imagine the depth of grief that has hit the parents and grandparents of 20 innocent children who were ripped from their lives by the cruel bullets of a madman.

In the next few days and weeks the parents will witness Hanukah gifts that won't be opened by their little ones or the Christmas presents under the trees that will remain wrapped. Parents and relatives will never hear the squeals of delight upon the revelation of each gift. Oh, the pain is just too much.

As our president tried to share his grief with us today he talked about all the missed occasions in these dear departed lives. There will be future milestones, which we take for granted, that will go on uncelebrated by these bereaved families. They will probably never have normalcy in their lives... ever.

This unnecessary trauma has happened, again, because we don't have laws controlling the sale of assault weapons. Please call your senators and representatives and state your opinions.

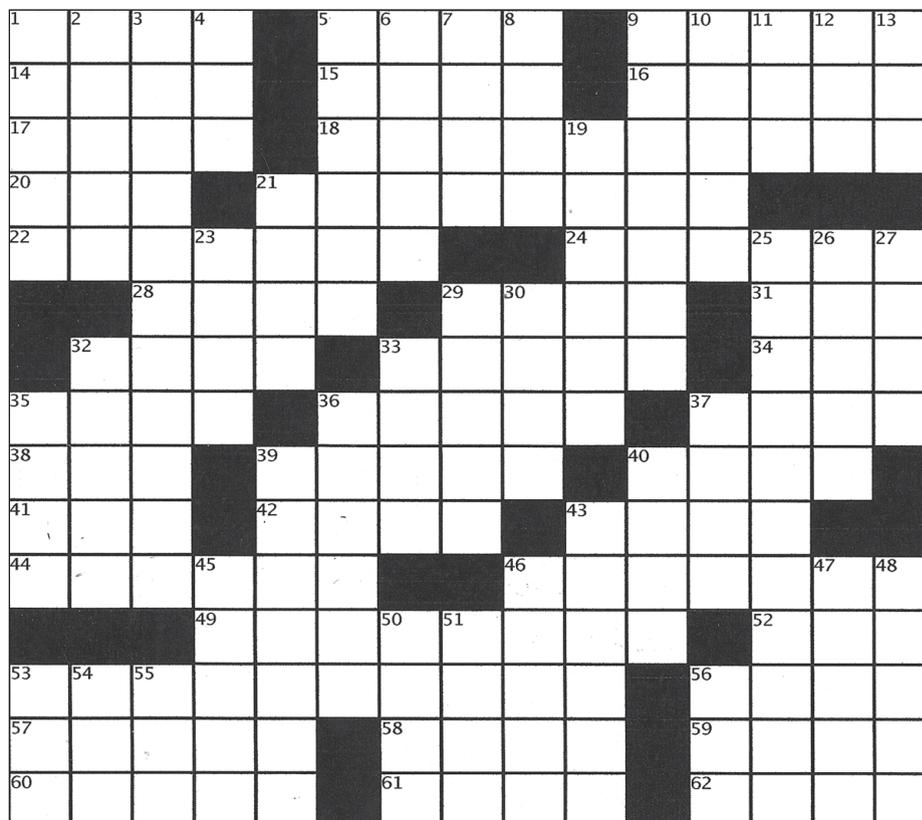
Enid B. Swartz



INDEPENDENT Crossword

by Chuck Levering

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ACROSS

1. South African river
5. Mild expletive
9. Capital of Idaho
14. Seashore raptor
15. Replacement for the DM
16. Mash company clerk
17. Memo
18. Unsullied, pure
20. Purpose
21. Leaving out
22. Part of the whole
24. Nero's instrument
28. Morays
29. Hay's home
31. Spud site
32. 06-06-44
33. Warm and comfortable
34. Hot spot
35. Dweeb
36. Exposed
37. Not so much
38. Campaigned
39. Stone memorial
40. Ice cream supporter
41. Yada yada yada
43. Building extensions
44. Light rowboat

DOWN

46. Adore
49. Chigger, e.g.
52. 23rd Hebrew letter
53. In sync
56. Slaw, fries, etc.
57. Spoken
58. Toreador's foe
59. Muslim summons to prayer
60. Corpulent
61. Eve's home
62. Sassy

13. Before

19. Angry
21. Unctuous
23. Dense, dark wood
25. Make unresponsive
26. Expire, as a subscription
27. Important historical times
29. British truck
30. Prophetic sign
32. Grim Reaper's bailiwick
35. Got larger
36. Fig tree variety
37. Kick back
39. Rust
40. Dolt
43. Stock ticker inventor
45. Branch (Bot.)
46. Harden
47. Croatian city on the Adriatic
48. Happening
50. Quote
51. Thug
53. Vietnamese currency
54. Priest's vestment
55. Caviar base
56. Fall guy



Coming to a living room near you – First graders rip into presents during the Elementary School Christmas Program at the Auditorium Dec. 18. The scene is sure to be repeated in homes all around the world on Tuesday morning.

PHOTO BY DAVID FRANK DEMPSEY

Bereavement support groups forming

For those who have lost a child or grandchild, a bereavement support group will have its first gathering on Jan. 5 at St. Elizabeth Parish Center on Passion Play Road from 12 – 1:30 p.m.

All are invited to attend. For more information, phone Linda Maiella (479) 253-1229.

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expedition. It also reinforced the idea among the crew that the mystery ship had been Howard, or his associates.”

David

On Dec. 2 my friend emailed back:

“I gave the manganese nodule to Peter and Maria. Irene read your email story aloud and everyone was very interested and excited in both the story and the nodule. Mason speculates your expedition was either part of the search for a lost Soviet nuclear submarine or part of the cover-up for the attempt to recover the sub.”

An excerpt from the beginning of *Wikipedia's* Project Azorian site states it was the code name for a U.S. CIA project to recover the sunken Soviet submarine K-129 from the Pacific Ocean floor in the summer of 1974, using the purpose-built ship *Hughes Glomar Explorer*. The 1968 sinking of the K-129

occurred approximately 1,560 nautical miles (2,890 km) northwest of Hawaii. Project Azorian was one of the most complex, expensive and secretive intelligence operations of the Cold War at a cost of about \$800 million (\$3.8 billion in 2012 dollars). In addition to designing the high tech recovery ship and its unique lifting cradle, the U.S. used concepts developed with Global Marine that utilized their precision stability equipment to keep the ship nearly stationary above the target (and do this while lowering nearly three miles of pipe). They worked with scientists to develop methods for preserving paper that had been underwater for years in hopes of being able to recover and read the submarine's codebooks. Exact

reasons why this project was undertaken are unknown, but likely reasons included the recovery of an intact nuclear missile and cryptological documents and equipment. After the Soviet Union performed an unsuccessful search for the K-129, the U.S. undertook a search, and by the use of acoustic data located the wreck of the submarine to within 5 nautical miles. The recovery operation commenced covertly about six years later with the supposed commercial purpose of mining the sea floor for manganese nodules under the cover of Howard Hughes and the *Hughes Glomar Explorer*.

The Institute of Museum and Library Services site states, “Now that rich potato size nodules of cobalt, copper, nickel, zinc and manganese

have been discovered littering the sea bottoms around the world, there is a sudden scramble developing to exploit them. Submersible barges, huge pincer-like machines and shovels are being developed by Union Carbide, Kennecott Copper and other large corporations. Recluse billionaire Howard Hughes has built a huge submersible barge which will be sunk three miles down and loaded with the valuable manganese nodules. Under U.S. proposals Hughes could put his barge to work virtually within sight of the coast of any nation.”

The only thing I am sure of is that I sailed aboard the *Indian Seal* in 1974 to somewhere in the middle of the Pacific Ocean with people I didn't know very well and we collected some quantity of manganese nodules. Giving a manganese nodule to a friend almost 40 years later has triggered a sense of mystery for me about a nearly forgotten voyage.

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11 HOWELL STREET



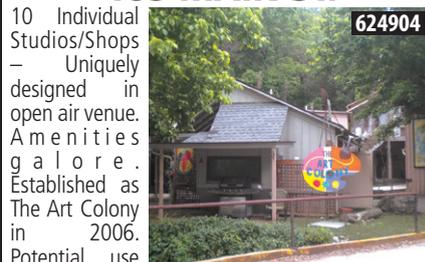
665785

Heart of ES, prime location, very well maintained on 2 city lots. Wrought ironed fencing, stamped

concrete patio/motor court w/ electronic gates, wrap around balcony/porch. Appraised 1/2012, under appraisal value, must see. Owner agent. Additional guest house & studio and garage available under MLS# 661098. Great in city compound with great privacy factor. **\$225,000.**

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185 MAIN ST.



624904

10 Individual Studios/Shops - Uniquely designed in open air venue. Amenities galore. Established as The Art Colony in 2006. Potential use limited only by your imagination. **\$275,000.**

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2058 E. VAN BUREN



652894

One of Eureka's best business locations, offering a rare opportunity of living quarters and business. The building offers all the charm of Eureka. Successfully being run as a unique retail shop, but has endless possibilities. Call Al for a private viewing and details. **\$272,000.**

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53 MUNDELL ROAD



661810

Converted school house w/ guest cottage nestled on 10 unrestricted acres. This perfect marriage of land & homes has unlimited usage. Your dream hideaway offers multiple possibilities, lovely home, commercial development or whatever you can imagine. Amenities galore! **\$295,000**

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540 CR 229 RD.



653416

Amazing views of White River. Open concept LR and Kitchen downstairs with half bath. Kitchenette in family room upstairs with bedroom, full bath. Large decks on both levels overlooking White River. Short drive to Eureka Springs and Holiday Island. **\$145,000.**

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2 ALEXANDER ST.



641688

1800's shotgun-style farmhouse nestled on private wooded acreage offers end of road privacy and endless possibilities. Double parlor, front and back covered porches, upper balcony, garden space and old barn.

Hidden gem waiting to be uncovered. **\$149,900.**
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5 KIRK ST.



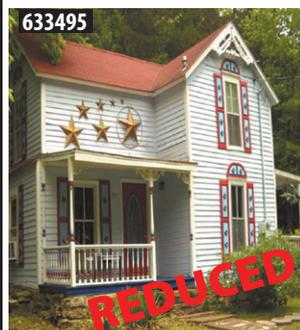
647573

Stained glass reflections bounce off the gleaming hardwood floors of this recently remodeled Victorian. Garage and Studio apartment/ guest

quarters included on landscaped corner lot with lush gardens and Koi pond. Short walk to town center. Move in ready! **\$198,000.**

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247 N. MAIN ST.



633495

C-1 commercial zoning, 2 story cottage, 2 bedrooms, 2 baths each with Jacuzzi, gas log fireplace, 4 lots 25x80 each, 4 to 6 off-street parking spaces. Great for antique shop, tourist lodging or home. Well traveled Hwy. 23 North with high visibility. **\$137,000.**

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3070 CR 152



661286

Custom built w/ top of the line amenities. Brazilian cherry floors, granite counters, marble vanities, coffered ceilings, crown molding, massive stone fireplace, wetbar, beech wood cabinets & more. Grand open living space, 4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, gourmet kitchen... LAKEVIEWS FOR MILES FROM ALL BUT 1 ROOM!!! **\$499,000.**

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63 N. MAIN ST.



660533

Historic Main St. building present home of Paper Odyssey. Dual street access with front and rear balconies. Living quarters upstairs offer a blank palette & unlimited versatility. Prime commercial in the heart of Eureka Springs retail, dining and entertainment area. 1,440 sq. ft. on each floor with unfinished basement. Great store front with wonderful windowed frontage on Main St. **\$333,333. \$289,900.**

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215 CR 301 GREENWOOD HOLLOW



657734

This building currently houses 'Enthios'. It is being used as a

Dance Studio & Performing Arts Venue. Right side of building is the dance studio with special flooring. The left side houses 4 suites being used in various artistic venues. The building can be used for any C-1 type of businesses. The building was formerly used as a coffee house. An incredible opportunity for that individual looking to house several different ventures or as a unique home or home business opportunity. **\$169,900**

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