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### This week’s Independent thinker

Bishop Curry IV is 11 and Texan, and when he heard of a baby in his neighborhood left unattended in a too hot car, he did something about it. He created an internal cooling system with a fan mounted on the car seat headrest. When the vehicle comes to a stop, GPS technology starts monitoring the air temperature. If it becomes too hot, the fan comes on and blows cool air on the car seat.



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It’s hard to believe people can forget children are in the car, yet it happens. This safeguard, much like seatbelts, is simply designed to kick in when needed.

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**Kicking ass** – The Carroll County Democratic Party created RICCI, a papier mâché donkey to parade down Spring Street on Tuesday morning. RICCI stands for Responsibility, Integrity, Compassion, Communication, and Inclusiveness, things we should all strive for. Edwidge Denyszyn, imaginator of the CCDP donkey, accompanies RICCI.

PHOTOS BY JEREMIAH ALVARADO



## Parks on track to spend tax money

NICKY BOYETTE

On June 28, the Parks Commission held its first meeting since voters approved renewal of the one-eighth cent tax to support projects outlined in the Lake Leatherwood City Park Master Plan. Chair Bill Featherstone expressed appreciation to voters by not saying a word.

Instead, he flashed his chairman’s comments on a series of pages in which he thanked the citizens who, in a historic show of support, chose to “preserve, protect and enhance” the city’s greatest single asset, LLCP. He said Parks is proud to represent people who care so much for the city’s parks and promised Parks commissioners and staff would be good stewards and make LLCP the best park of its size anywhere.

Director Justin Huss also thanked voters, even those who voted against the tax because their voices also matter and Parks should hear what everyone has to say. He called it “a transformative moment” for Parks, as even large projects such as necessary dredging the lake and repair of the dam can be penciled in now.

Huss said storms caused significant damage to trees in the part of LLCP near County Road 206. The downed trees would soon become a fire management concern, so were being cleaned up, and some were big enough to be milled for use in restoring the historic bathhouse.

Huss commented the wave of enthusiasm over local trails continues, and riders from the 1-49 corridor came over to assist the Ozark Off Road Cyclists develop trails near Black Bass Lake. Commissioner Draxie Rogers noted her guests were raving about the trails at LLCP and plan to return.

Geese and hogs remain a challenge at the park, and Huss said he has been coordinating with neighbors on where to station hog traps for best results. He is also experimenting with letting some areas go unmowed to give wildflowers a chance to spread and save a bit on mowing expenses.

He said LLCP did well financially in May despite the fact it rained every weekend.

Commissioner Steven Foster noticed Huss put

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in some parking compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act, and commissioner Ferguson Stewart said he spoke with locals camping at the newly refurbished campsites at LLCP which to Huss illustrated again that locals are benefitting from the tax dollars.

Foster commented the new camping pads are functional, the picnic tables are fabulous and there is no entry fee to the park whereas he recently had to pay \$25 to enter a national park.

#### Spanish-American War Memorial

Commissioner Ruth Hager stated a large rock and a plaque are the two memorials in town honoring Americans who participated in the Spanish-American War, but they're in different places and she wanted them united in one place.

Foster suggested a historically appropriate location in Basin Park to be determined, maybe on the second level. Vote to approve his suggestion was 4-0.

#### Other items

- Featherstone noted there is a vacancy on the commission due to resignation of former commissioner Jay Fitzsimmons.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, July 18, at 6 p.m.

## INDEPENDENTNews



On June 28, this group of activists entered Sen. Tom Cotton's office at the Capitol in Washington D.C to protest the Senate version of the proposed healthcare bill. Kati McFarland had informed Cotton at his Springdale town hall in April that she will die without health insurance. The current bill would likely deny her, and tens of millions others, that coverage. Sarah Bryan, Richard Bruno, Charles King, Caitlynn Moses, and McFarland were arrested for "obstructing, crowding and incommoding." They were processed and held in handcuffs for about eight hours, released, and on the Rachel Maddow Show on MSNBC. From left to right, Harrie Farrow of Eureka Springs, Blanca Estevez of Rogers, Leah Garrett of Washington, D.C., formerly from Fayetteville, Charles King of New York, Richard Bruno of Baltimore formerly of Little Rock, Sarah Bryan of Fayetteville, Kati Michelle McFarland of Springdale, and Caitlynn Moses of Fayetteville.

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## Morris resigns from Planning

NICKY BOYETTE

There was only one item of new business on the June 27 Planning Commission agenda, and it belonged to commissioner James Morris who announced he was retiring from the commission after 10 years and 2500 hours of service. He estimated he might have served with as many as 37 commissioners during his time, and his time was up.

Morris plans to spend more time traveling to see relatives and friends around the world. He said he has been thinking about retiring for about a year, but the final motivation came when a complaint to the ethics committee was filed against him by City Clerk/Treasurer

Ann Armstrong because Morris did not file required paperwork.

According to Armstrong, all elected city officials and commissioners on the Planning Commission and the City Advertising and Promotion Commission are required to fill out a Statement of Financial Interest report annually.

Morris said he had lobbied for years to get rid of what he considered an unnecessary and obsolete requirement. "We take the oath of office just once, not every year," Morris stated, and insisted he had the right to object to a particular law, so he chose not to file his financial paperwork but supplied a letter instead, which he claimed was just as good.

Morris noted Armstrong does an excellent job and is extremely thorough in her work, but he considered it "a stretch to do what she did" considering he has volunteered his time to the city for so long.

He stated it had been an honor and pleasure to serve on the commission, then removed his microphone and, to polite

applause, left the room.

### It's parliamentary, my dear

In less time than it takes to write the word "parliamentarian," commissioners voted to adopt as guidelines for running their meetings the modified parliamentary procedures presented by commissioner Doug Breitling at the previous meeting, primarily exceptions to proposals.

### Other items

- In Public Comments, Bob Jasinski mentioned that Planning recently spent time discussing whether meals served at an event conflicted with Code. He stated the city had more important things to talk about, for example, the lack of regulations on vacation rentals. He said B&Bs have strict regulations for fire and safety inspections but there are no guidelines for vacation rentals. He claimed all properties with guests should be safe according to city guidelines.

He also stated there is no Code enforcement or follow up if someone performs contrary to what Planning approved.

- Commissioner Melissa Greene told commissioners the mayor's office would set up a workshop with Planning and city council to discuss Planning's recommended revisions to Code.

- Greene noted there is a vacancy on the commission.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, July 11, at 6 p.m.

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## INDEPENDENTNews

### Planning knee-deep in clarifying Code

NICKY BOYETTE

Planning commissioners continued to try to make sense out of nuances related to special events, wedding receptions, and other gatherings so City Code would be consistent in definitions and conditional uses. Commissioner Susan Harman suggested the first thing to do would be to decide on a name for the category they were struggling with. City Economic Development Director Glenna Booth suggested the term “private events,” and commissioners seemed to like it.

Harman said she wanted definitions clear enough so that a person could not sneak around the law and, for example, have private events regularly, thereby impacting the neighborhood.

Commissioner Woodie Acord cautioned commissioners not to micromanage, but simply assume people would obey the law. Booth pointed out Quiet Use restrictions and parking regulations are already in place, but there are conflicts between what is prohibited in Code for C-3 zone and what commissioners want to allow at

private events. She added the wedding establishment section of Code is “very confusing. I am hoping you can clean it up.”

Commissioners noticed that some establishments have a Conditional Use Permit for being both a Bed & Breakfast and a wedding venue, but other B&B owners, such as Harman, had to obtain two CUPs.

“Seems like the process changed midstream,” Harman commented, and Booth responded, “That’s why we need to clean it up.”

Harman conjectured there simply could be check boxes on the business license for what a person is permitted for, but commissioners first must organize the

confusion so anyone could distinguish between the different wedding-related and event-related licenses.

“If we’re ever going to do this, let’s do this so we never have to do it again,” Harman said.

Commissioners continued to notice conflicts in Code, unclear nuances in restrictions, and a conundrum at every turn in the pursuit of making Code clearer.

Eventually Booth commented the commission might not need to do much, but it is bothersome that Code is confusing in parts. She said she would review some of the issues and report back. She said her intent was not to crack down on people who want to have events, but to clarify what the laws are.

### CAPC OK with ‘ultimate Eureka Springs app’

NICKY BOYETTE

Commissioners at the June 28 City Advertising and Promotion Commission special meeting were presented with the Sponsorship Agreement they had authorized Executive Director Mike Maloney to negotiate with Chip Ford of Modern Tourism Apps (MTA). Ford and his team have been producing what he called “the ultimate Eureka Springs app,” and the CAPC is putting up \$39,000 as sole sponsor.

The contract states “CAPC’s sponsorship is \$19,500 for 2017 fiscal year and \$19,500 for 2018 fiscal year.” The launch version, available sometime this summer, will be available for Apple device users only. The 2018 amount is contingent upon completion of making the app available to Android users about which the Agreement states, “MTA will release the Google platform version of the app within a reasonable period of time (current estimation is 5-7 months).” Ford said the sponsorship amount would be used to complete coding for the Android release.

When the sponsorship came up at the workshop, commissioner Terry McClung asked, “Is anyone really against it?” Maloney pointed out the commission set aside \$20,000 in this year’s budget for the app already in case commissioners decided to support it. Commissioner Susan Harman stated they never voted it up or down, but

Finance Director Rick Bright reminded the commission they voted May 10 to authorize Maloney to negotiate a contract with Ford which he did, and it was before them.

“Let’s turn them loose,” McClung remarked.

Commissioner David Mitchell wanted a big rollout of the app they were investing so much in, even a presentation at the Auditorium, but McClung countered that recent events at the Auditorium did not draw sizable crowds. Mitchell explained that he wanted to present the app to locals “and get them jazzed” about its potential, but also to let them know the CAPC was a sponsor.

Maloney said there would be the organic awareness of the app through social media, but he intended to promote it in ads for the next few months. Harman said they need a marketing plan for the rollout, and Maloney said he would have it ready at the next regular meeting.

#### Other business

- In a special meeting before the workshop, Maloney announced former chair Ken Ketelsen had resigned from the commission. Commissioner Bobbie Foster nominated Susan Harman to replace Ketelsen as chair, and she was elected 4-0-1, Harman abstaining but accepting.

- There is a vacancy on the commission. Next regular meeting will be Wednesday, July 12, at 6 p.m.

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## More and better acts coming at us

NICKY BOYETTE

CAPC Events Coordinator Andy Green passed around a chart at the June 28 workshop showing all events he needs to fill in 2018, wanting discussion with commissioners to make clear they are partners in the process of filling a year's worth of events.

Executive Director Mike Maloney said Green has been hamstrung because the budget is not settled until late in the year but Green must line up acts far in advance. Maloney said the ideal situation would be if Green had all the acts booked by the first of the year to create a buzz beyond their own promotions, and he was convinced Green could provide acts the city has not seen recently.

Green suggested they discuss having a large kickoff event for next year's May Festival of the Arts instead of a parade, but he was "only proposing" the idea. Nevertheless, he encouraged commissioners to consider budgeting for such an event. He also suggested spending money in conjunction with the Blues Weekend with the goal of putting entertainment in the Auditorium again.

"We need to give our new golden boy some money so he can do his job," commissioner David Mitchell said.

Green passed around his budget for filling goals, a total of

We hired you to bring us some entertainment and put heads in beds, so I guess we should give you some money.

- COMMISSIONER  
DAVID MITCHELL

\$165,000.

Commissioner Terry McClung wondered if Green brought better-known acts to Music in the Park and more spectators came, "Where you gonna put them all?" Green said extra people would wander downtown, and if commissioners want more heads in beds, he'll need to bring more recognizable names to events.

Commissioner Susan Harman commented that would be a good problem to have. The event could be moved to the Auditorium and the CAPC could sell concessions.

Green said he has been recruiting sponsors for events, and sponsors want to see a more compelling music program, and events planned in advance so they have a reason to participate.

Mitchell again proclaimed, "We hired you to bring us some entertainment and put heads in beds, so I guess we should give you some money."

Finance Director Rick Bright pointed out much of what Green asked for was already in the budget, and Maloney added a part of the goal is to become the must-attend location.

Green stated Basin Park is a charming location with a proven track record, and could build on itself and become the thing to do. The CAPC would get word out that Eureka Springs is the place to hear good music.

However, according to Green, potential sponsors must believe in the quality of the entertainment plus the value of the marketing and exposure.

Green, speaking for his frugal nature, said, "I want you

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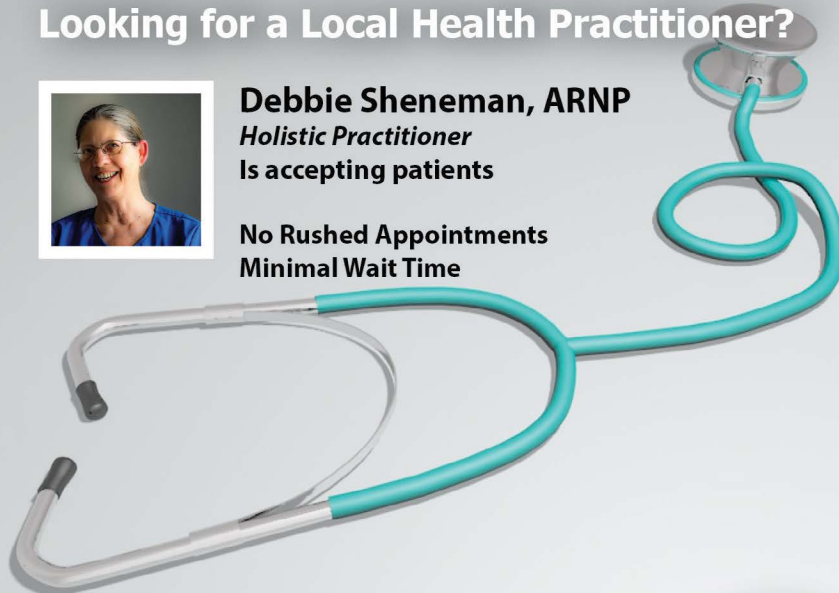
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## Main Street ES requests funding

NICKY BOYETTE

Jacqueline Wolven, director of Main Street Eureka Springs, told commissioners she needed help with their publication *21 and Fun*, which is distributed by front line workers at businesses and lodgings in town to guests to inform them of upcoming entertainment and other events.

Damon Henke, also representing Main Street Eureka Springs, asserted *21 and Fun* was an economic development tool because it drove guests to local sites and provided a comprehensive list of downtown music. Henke said in the past ads paid for the guide, but some buyers dropped out and others did not pay, plus there are new owners not in the loop yet, and the result is less support for the publication.

Wolven asked the CAPC for \$8900 annually to float the project.

Commissioner David Mitchell asked since the CAPC was putting up a considerable amount for Chip Ford's Eureka Springs app which supposedly

would have the same up-date-information, if supporting the *21 and Fun* was not a duplication.

Ford responded that Main Street Eureka Springs was targeting the specific goal of listing all the nightlife. He said he had added a link to their site, and though his app would probably have the same nightlife information, it would not be concentrated like *21 and Fun*.

Commissioner Terry McClung was okay with putting the request on the

next agenda, but did not like the fact that businesses were no longer supporting it.

Wolven said she was hoping for the best visitor experience possible, and Mitchell was still confounded by the CAPC suddenly being asked to support something that ought to be covered by Ford's app.

Chair Susan Harman said her guests are thrilled to see the *21 and Fun*, but agreed they should discuss supporting it at another workshop.

## Missing Eureka Springs woman found

Shastah Naumann of Eureka Springs, who was reported missing on July 1, 2016, according to police documents, was found in Orange Beach, Alabama, June 28. According to Sgt. Brian Jones, a family member received a call from Naumann, who gave her location in Alabama. That family member notified ESPD, which contacted the Orange Beach PD, and they went to Barber Marina where they took Naumann into protective custody. A family member went to Orange Beach to pick Shastah up, and Jones said Monday he thinks she's back home and will be interviewed by ESPD soon.

The man suspected of being with

Naumann, Kelvin Montgomery, also known as RJ, was found hiding on a boat at the marina and arrested, according to Police Chief Thomas Achord.

In 2014, Montgomery was convicted of kidnapping, rape and attempted murder in Memphis, but allowed to go home for 30 days before starting a 12-year prison sentence. He disappeared and has been on the run under an assumed name ever since.

Jones said Montgomery was being held in Alabama under previous warrants, and once Naumann is interviewed by ESPD additional charges against Montgomery could be filed.

## Parking dilemma getting more attention

NICKY BOYETTE

At last Wednesday's CAPC meeting, commissioner Bobbie Foster brought up downtown parking, saying she was not convinced about the parking garage idea presented by former alderman James DeVito, but hears from customers at her downtown restaurant all the time about parking woes.

She suggested that an alternative solution could be crafted at the parking area at the top of Planer Hill, insisting that regardless of complications and hurdles they face at any location, the city must start somewhere because customers tell her they won't be back due to parking frustration. She added that if Events Coordinator Andy Green starts bringing more shows to the Auditorium, the city will need more parking.

Foster also suggested consideration of a city-owned location off Water St. behind the Flint Church.

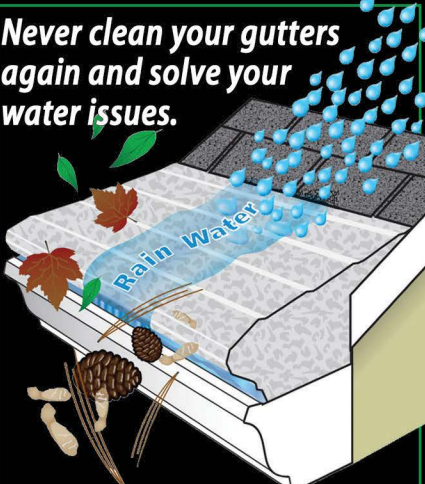
ED Mike Maloney said he would clear up what the CAPC can do legally, and Finance Director Rick Bright will pursue information about a bond to finance the garage.

## July HIAG meeting scheduled

The Holiday Island Art Guild will hold their July meeting on Tuesday, July 11 at 10 a.m. in Room A of the Holiday Island Clubhouse. The topic will be the 2017 HIAG Show to be held from

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Nature in Eureka  
gathers steam

NICKY BOYETTE

Steven Foster told other commissioners at the June 28 Parks meeting that the Northwest Arkansas Master Naturalists intend to establish a pilot site in Eureka Springs for lectures and workshops. Foster anticipated the Master Naturalists would find ways to volunteer for projects at Lake Leatherwood City Park. He also mentioned that 50 people participated in the Frog Watch USA event at LLCPC in which they identified 7-9 different frog species.

Reading, discussion  
and meditation

The Eureka Springs Buddhist Study Group will gather for 30 minutes of meditation followed by reading and discussion on Thursday, July 6 at 4 p.m. at Heart of Many Ways, 68 Mountain. All are welcome.

Fitness trail gets OK, sidewalk takes back seat

NICKY BOYETTE

Parks Chair Bill Featherstone recapped the saga of the Transportation Alternative Program grant from the Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department of \$63,700, which originally would have been for a pathway from Harmon Park to Clear Spring School. However, specifications for that project exceeded what had been anticipated, so the state agreed the money could be diverted,

but only to a sidewalk or trail project.

Featherstone said two choices would be for a sidewalk from the top of Planer Hill west along US 62 to the Community Center or for a fitness trail around the perimeter of the Community Center property. He commented that the TAP grant, plus \$40,000 already targeted for the fitness trail, might be enough to complete it.

He reminded commissioners the Community Center will eventually become

the trail hub connecting all branches of the urban trail system, plus he envisioned the fitness trail would be used regularly by locals. If there are funds left over after the fitness trail, he suggested it could go toward the sidewalk.

Featherstone added he expected the city would apply for other TAP grants in the future.

Vote to direct the grant funds toward the fitness trail was unanimous.

Walk and talk Main Street

Join the Main Street Arkansas Team: Architect; Mason Toms, Small Business Consultant; Mark Miller, and Interior Designer; Susan Shaddox to brainstorm what is possible for 36 N. Main on Thursday, July 6 at 5:30 p.m. Gather for an hour to work directly with the property owner, Suzie Allen, and share ideas of what 36 N. Main could become.

The Main St. Arkansas team will

be lending their expertise on getting the property leased, trends they are seeing across the state and how to attract the right tenant.

After the meeting walk up Main Street with Main Street Arkansas to discuss other properties that are for lease and for sale. Join for dinner afterwards at Aquarius Taqueria to continue the conversation.

Sunday at EUUF

In 2005, Carmen Suzan Bell along with her husband, Dr. Dan Bell, founded Eureka Christian Health Outreach, Inc. and she will discuss the ECHO Village project and creation of ECHO Free Clinic on July 9 at Eureka Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 17 Elk St. at 11 a.m.

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Editor,

Letter to the Arkansas Secretary of State Mark Martin:

I am appalled by the news that Trump's new "Voting Integrity Commission" has requested very extensive information about each voter from each Secretary of State for all 50 states. The person that Trump has appointed as head of the "Commission" is notorious for his efforts to make voting more difficult... in short, what many of believe is voter suppression. His and Trump's motives are extremely suspect to those of us who believe in universal suffrage.

As I am sure you are aware, Trump holds firm to the egoistic delusion that he actually won the popular vote, but for *three million* fraudulently cast votes. This, despite the fact that there is no evidence of such fraud. He is already campaigning for re-election, and I can only believe that his wish is to purge three million voters from the rolls before 2020.

I beg you to resist this effort altogether, but at the very least, refuse to provide any voter information that is not available to the public already!

Thank you for your service to the people of the State of Arkansas.

**Katie Johnsonius**

## Destroying all that is good

Editor,

Never in my nearly seven decades

did I imagine I would be face-to-face with so many people espousing and enacting such vile, despicable, evil things as I now encounter on a daily basis – particularly those entrusted with upholding the Constitution and serving the American people.

Upon hearing repeated warnings growing up that we must never forget what the Nazis did, I naively thought that such horrors could never happen again, especially here in the USA. I was wrong. I am saddened and frightened to witness the destruction of all that is good in America by a mad president and his power-hungry Republican cronies, who do not cherish the most basic human values of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, and who have no compunction trampling on the rights and welfare of those who are less advantaged, not to mention abandoning their sacred responsibility to care for our planet.

**Gary Toub, Ph.D.**

## Our senators not working for us

Editor,

I am now 80 years old, older than dirt. Now, I love dirt since I am a happy tree-hugger and appreciate the dirt that grows flowers and gardens.

I have seen all kinds of political chicanery: the racist Dixiecrats in my birth state of Mississippi; the trickle-down nonsense of Reagan; the lies and war of G. W. Bush; and now, the overthrow of the American federal system by Cheetolini (remember, I call him that because his hair was orange

before his adviser told him to tone it down and he struts, patterning himself after the dictator and fascist Mussolini).

Cheetolini and his boss and banker, Russian President Putin, stole the election! Our "President" is doing everything he can get away with to obstruct justice: firing Comey, tweeting ignorant and vile lies, threatening to fire anyone who would really investigate the Russian interference in the presidential election, and supporting his minions in the Congress who have recently come up with another dirty deed. He does nothing constructive or helpful for those who voted for him.

Republican Senators Grassley and Graham are requesting that the FBI send them all their evidence in the investigation about Russian involvement in our election. Obviously, this is to discredit the FBI and then "leak" the data to right-wing media. The elected Republicans are not doing their jobs to uphold the Constitution – upholding the Constitution would interfere with their power and pockets.

Our senators, Boozman and Cotton, have sold out their integrity to a president who is a liar, a misogynist, a bully and a little rich boy who throws temper tantrums. Our senators do not represent the best interests of Arkansans. This is a very bad omen for our state's and country's future.

We need a revived, progressive Democratic Party in our state that will listen to us and help us right this awful wrong that elected a truly awful man to the highest office in our country.

When will this travesty end?

**Trella Laughlin**



## WEEK'S TopTweets

**@WheelTod: Six Flags:** \*Opens first theme park\* **Five Flags:** We should have seen this coming.

**@ericshadow: Officer:** Is there anything in your car I should know about? **Me:** \*remembers photo album filled with 1,000 pics of my dog\* OMG YES!

**@bbrewstandup:** Million dollar idea: a shirt made out of eyeglass cleaning cloth.

**@jandalize:** If you have three cookies and one is oatmeal raisin, you only have two cookies.

**@ericshadow: Guy:** My new boss is gay. **Me:** My new bed sheets are warm. **Guy:** [clearly frustrated] What does that have to do with anything? **Me:** Exactly.

**@gneicco:** If you want to trust Siri to transcribe your spoken words accurately, be my guessed.

**@seamusmccracken:** I just know I will die trying to pet something I shouldn't.

**@obscuregent:** I took one of those naps everyone is raving about.

**@merittk:** Love when a baby makes eye contact with me and smiles, recognizing a fellow baby.

**@ruinedpicnic:** Love that classic Italian phrase "mamma mia" which means my mother is missing in action.



## Venting, flaring and leaking

*Knowledge is power. Information is liberating. Education is the premise of progress!* **KOFI ANNAN**

Kofi Annan, Secretary-General of the United Nations from 1997 to 2006, was awarded the 2001 Nobel Peace Prize. He was born in Ghana, a remote West African country. His strong leadership and worldview of peace and cooperation among nations set the stage for the 2015 Paris Climate Agreement.

Complaining about the food on the upper deck of the Titanic after hitting the iceberg is like talking about *American Energy Dominance*. On June 29, 2017, at the Department of Energy, President Trump tried to deceive the American people with the promise to use *clean coal* and export fossil fuels. If this sounds like old news, it is. Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke told the same story on May 1, 2017. If this sounds like a scam, it is. Fracking is about money, high investment bank fees, master limited partnerships, and Ponzi investments.

Knowledge is power. Misinformation on climate and energy is oppressive and insulting. Let's learn all we can and regain our freedom. Science is based on repeated observations, expert analysis, and facts. Climate disruption is complex, not something to be decided by beliefs or personal opinions.

### Survival is a matter of time

Most people know the climate is rapidly deteriorating, and a majority agrees the change is hurting people. But many believe they are safe and no harm is coming their way. If you take a couple of French fries from the guy sitting on the next table, you are risking your life. We are wired to deal with immediate threats, not complex changes.

Methane is invisible, odorless, and deadly. Venting, leaking and flaring are terms used in the context of natural gas. When you drill for oil you get natural gas, a fuel released with shale crude. Natural gas is mostly methane. Fracking for crude has created a deadly, hidden threat.

### Venting methane

Overproduction of shale crude oil has created two environmental problems: wastewater and methane disposal. Frackers worry about time and money, they don't care about the environment. Frackers see methane as waste and venting is the "simple" solution. Methane emissions from fracking are invisible, odorless, and ignored. Venting must be stopped.

### Flaring Methane

An alternative to venting is to burn the

methane at fracking wells and refineries. Flaring creates carbon dioxide emissions and heat. Flaring is bad practice used by refineries as a "safety" measure. Here are two recent examples. On June 28, 2017, the Valero Wilmington, Calif., refinery had a flaring event when a compressor broke down. The Valero refinery in Benicia released more than 74,000 lbs. of sulfur dioxide during 14 days of flaring methane after a power outage on May 5, 2017. Refineries run around the clock and skip on maintenance.

According to the World Bank, approximately 150-billion cubic meters of natural gas are flared into the atmosphere per year. This is about one-third of the yearly amount used in Europe.

### Methane leaks are deadly emissions

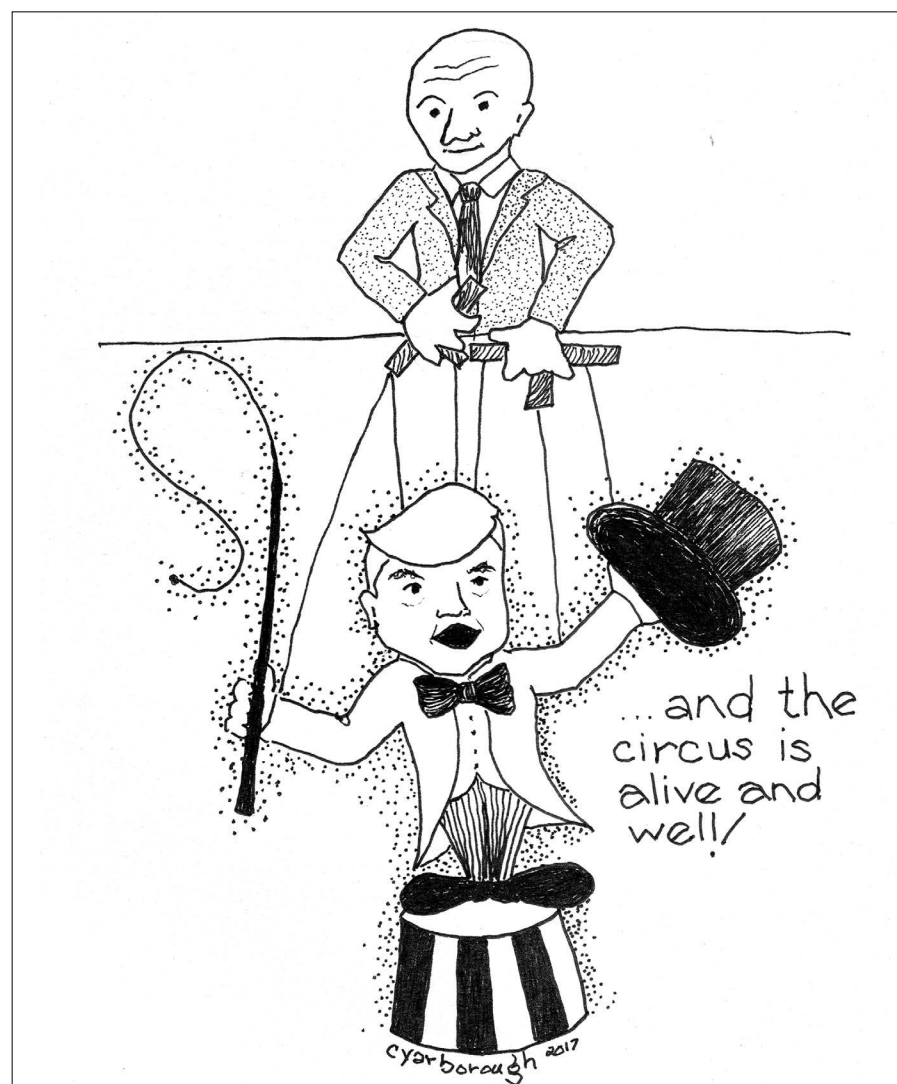
Natural gas pipelines and storage facilities are sources of methane leaks. Abandoned oil wells are commonly used to store natural gas. There are an estimated

333 natural gas storage facilities in the U.S. The October 2015 Aliso Canyon, Calif., methane leak was discovered from an old 1970 oil well. It was reported by neighbors for days, the largest methane emission in U.S. history. This was a blowout, with a carbon footprint larger than the Deepwater Horizon disaster in the Gulf of Mexico. The methane was mixed with mercaptan, a rotten-egg smelling toxic gas, added as an aid to detect gas leaks. Benzene and other carcinogenic toxic gases were also released from the bottom of the abandoned oil well.

### Energy freedom

We must stop fracking. There is a glut of oil and gas in the world, at record low prices. Solar and wind systems can provide all the energy we need. In 2017, Oklahoma Oil & Gas purchased the first all-electric Chevy Bolt with a 238-mile range, in our area – never go back to a gas station again!

**Dr. Luis Contreras**



## The Pursuit Of HAPPINESS

by Dan Krotz

Memory bumped into an old Rod McKuen poem last week. I was cleaning out my clothes closet and the lines *bridges fall down/and meadows turn brown/and life falls apart/in a little room on Stanyan Street* popped unexpectedly into my brain... and stayed there for the rest of the... well, until at least now because here we are, aren't we?

Don't razz me for knowing and remembering a McKuen poem, okay? It was the sixties, I was a mixed-up kid with a girlfriend named Holy Cow, and President Richard Nixon had just sent me a letter. "Greetings!" he said. "@#%\* me," I said. Two months later I met my first redneck, Drill Instructor Warren L. Kittridge. "Sound off like you got a pair!" he said.

At the very back of my closet is a US Army uniform. I took it off on June 26<sup>th</sup>, 46 years ago; it's been hanging at the back of some closet ever since, and I've never worn it again. For most of those years no one said much about my time in the army, but lately, it's become fashionable, or polite, or something else I can't define, for people to say "thank you for your service" when it comes up in conversation. I say, "you're welcome," ... and then I say, "... it was a long time ago."

It was a long time ago. The fact is the Vietnam War resonates among most Americans with the vividness of recollections of the Spanish-American War. Vietnam veterans are doddering grandfathers now with grandchildren who've forgotten the single paragraph covering the war in their High School textbooks. What did we learn from Vietnam? What do we do with our old army uniforms?

This isn't a criticism or complaint. We Baby Boomers remember where we were the day Kennedy was shot, but for younger Americans, the Kennedy assassination is almost as distant in time and memory as the McKinley assassination is for us. Bridges are always falling down, and meadows keep turning brown, and someone's life is inevitably falling apart in a little room somewhere.

What we learn from history is that we seem destined to repeat it.



## A little help from our friends:

- **Good Shepherd Humane Society** monthly board meetings are held the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month at 1 p.m. at LeStick Nouveau Restaurant, 63 Spring St. All are welcome.
- **Carroll County Domestic Violence Hotline:** 1-844-247-3223 (844-24PEACE) is available 24/7. The Purple Flower Domestic Violence Resource and Support Center is open Tuesdays and Thursday from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. at 109 W. Church Ave. in Berryville. (479) 981-1676.
- **24-hour NWA Crisis Line for Women** – NWA Women’s Shelter serving Carroll County – “Empowering families to live free of violence.” (800) 775-9011 [www.nwaws.org](http://www.nwaws.org)
- **A Cup of Love Ministry** – Feeding the Hungry – Located at 4032 E. Van Buren, Hwy 62. Serving Soup Monday-Friday 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Sunday Service – 10:30 a.m. Noon potluck following. Wednesday – Bible Study 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. Friday – Food Pantry 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Caring for our community, spirit, soul, and body. (479) 363-4529.
- **Flint Street Fellowship food pantry, lunch, free clothing** – Pantry open 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays. Free lunch Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Free clothes/shoes closet, books and household items. (479) 253-9491 or 253-4945. Leave donations in barrel at entrance if facility is closed.
- **Wildflowers one-dollar, furniture barn/thrift store** US 62E across from Hill Country Hardware. One-dollar store in the yellow building open Tuesday – Saturday from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Thrift store, furniture bank in big blue barn behind chapel open Friday and Saturday from 10:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. Donation drop offs by the blue barn only.
- **Recorded Teachings and Meditation Monday** – Recorded Rinpoche teachings at 5:30 p.m. on Mondays followed by meditation at 6 p.m. Call Alece at (479) 244-6841 or Gary at (479) 2444-6840.
- **Celebrate Recovery** – Soul Purpose Ministries, 801 S. Springfield, Green Forest, 6:30 p.m. each Wednesday. Potluck followed by 12-step Christ-centered meetings for those suffering from addiction, habit, hang-up or hurt.
- **Grief Share** – A Bible-based, 13-week program for those who have lost a loved one will begin on Sunday, Feb. 12 from 2 – 4 p.m. at Faith Bible Church, Suite C, 3 Parkcliff Drive, Holiday Island. Share with others experiencing similar circumstances in an informal, confidential setting. Call (479) 253-8925 or email [lardellen@gmail.com](mailto:lardellen@gmail.com). You may join at anytime.
- **Overeaters Anonymous** – Thursdays, 10:30 a.m. Barbara (479) 244-0371 • **Narcotics Anonymous** – Fridays, 5:30 p.m. (903) 278-5568. Meetings held at Eureka Springs Coffee Pot Group behind Land O’ Nod Victorian Inn.
- **Coffee Break Al-Anon Family Group Women** – Tuesdays, 9:45 a.m., Faith Christian Family Church, Hwy. 23S, (479) 981-1686. • **Al-Anon Family Group (AFG)** – Sundays, 11:30 a.m., Mondays and Tuesdays 7 p.m. • **Eureka Springs Coffee Pot AA Groups** Monday – Saturday 12:30 p.m.; Sunday 10 a.m.; Sunday – Thursday, Saturday, 5:30 p.m.; Tuesday and Friday, 8 p.m. (479) 253-7956 • **Al-Anon** Wednesday, 5:30 p.m. Meetings held at Eureka Springs Coffee Pot Group behind Land O’ Nod Victorian Inn. All other meetings: See [www.nwarkaa.org](http://www.nwarkaa.org)
- **St. Vincent De Paul Thrift Store** – First Tuesdays – provide assistance with medical help, utilities, clothing, emergency shelter, shoes, etc. Annual charity Christmas Gift & Food Program. Mon-Sat 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. 1844 Hwy. 62W Berryville.
- **St. James’ Community Suppers** – Held Sunday from 5 – 6:30 p.m. Meals provided by local restaurants and are free to all. St. James’ Episcopal Church is located at 86 Prospect Avenue on the historic loop and meals are served in the undercroft.
- **Support Group** – for those with **Parkinson’s** and their caregivers, first Wednesday of each month, ECHO Community Room at 10 a.m. For questions email Sally at [sarahg@arkansas.net](mailto:sarahg@arkansas.net) or call (479) 9810-1587. Next meeting Dec. 7.
- **Echo Thrift Stores and Clinic** – The Clinic is open 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month for appointments open 1 – 4 p.m. Open every Tuesday/Thursday to assess needs and to make appointments. Free services are offered to those without insurance or if insurance does not cover them. The Thrift Store is open Monday-Saturday from 9 – 5 p.m. Clinic number: (479) 253-5547. Thrift Store number: (479) 253-5888.
- **Heart of Many Ways Open Sanctuary** – Wednesdays 1 – 4 p.m. A Sacred Space open for silent prayer, meditation, spiritual reading or simply for soaking in the silence of a quiet place. People of all faiths, spiritual paths, or individual spiritual expressions are welcomed. 68 Mountain St. Enter up the front stairs to the left. Call Amrit at 253-3165 or email [oeema@mail.com](mailto:oeema@mail.com).

## INDEPENDENTNews

### Kings River bridge accident claims Golden, Mo., woman

A one-vehicle accident around 9:30 Friday morning on US 62 near the Kings River Bridge west of Berryville killed a Golden, Mo., woman. An Arkansas State Police report said Jessica M. Koory, 29, was westbound on US 62 when her vehicle went out of control, hit a ditch and overturned, ejecting the driver. She was pronounced dead at the scene. Roads were wet with rain.

## INDEPENDENT ConstablesOnPatrol

### JUNE 27

10:18 a.m. – Resident just east of downtown complained of a dog barking all morning. Constable found no one home at the dog’s house. Animal Control will follow up.

9:34 p.m. – One neighbor claimed the other one keeps parking in her spot. Constable spoke with both and advised the other one to stay out of that spot.

### JUNE 28

12:17 p.m. – Constable responded to an alarm downtown. Nothing to report.

6:58 p.m. – In a 911 call from the western part of town, a motorist who was parked claimed another driver was harassing and threatening him and challenging him to get out of his vehicle. He did not want to file a report, but the constable performed extra patrols out there to watch for the adverse vehicle.

8:35 p.m. – Central dispatch passed along the call about a baby having fallen. Constable called the caller who said the baby was okay, it just hurt its knee and no assistance was necessary.

### JUNE 29

2:57 a.m. – Resident near downtown asked a constable to drive by her house. Constable complied and saw nothing unusual.

4:09 a.m. – Alarm was triggered at a business in the commercial area. Employee asked constable to check out the building, and he found it secure.

5:32 a.m. – Constable assisted a deputy in handling a fight just outside city limits.

6:11 p.m. – Individual turned in a set of keys found downtown. Constable called a phone number found with the keys, but the recipient knew nothing about missing keys.

### JUNE 30

3:46 a.m. – Call came in about two males burning something near a dumpster

behind a building along US 62. Constable responded.

3:58 a.m. – Person at same address as before again asked for a constable to check for trespassers. Again, nobody there.

12:37 p.m. – Alarm sounded at a business downtown, and constable learned from the owner it was a false alarm.

1:49 p.m. – There was a 911 hangup call, and the constable went to the location and determined there had been no emergency.

1:54 p.m. – Washington County asked for assistance watching for a juvenile female who ran away from West Fork and could be headed to Eureka Springs.

### JULY 1

12:33 a.m. – Constable assisted a deputy in handling a dispute between two individuals.

12:43 a.m. – Constable again checked the same address near downtown for a possible trespasser.

8:22 a.m. – Tree branch fell across both lanes of Main Street on Planer Hill. Constable and Public Works responded to clear the way.

12:33 p.m. – Call came in about two disorderly females yelling at people in a parking lot. Constable went to check on them but they were gone.

2:38 p.m. – Witness saw a passing vehicle knock off the mirror of a parked vehicle. Constable determined it was just the cover of the mirror that popped off, and the owners did not want to file a report.

### JULY 2

3:55 p.m. – Central dispatch reported an open 911 line at a residence. Homeowner told responding constable she did not call 911.

9:40 p.m. – Intoxicated individual carrying an open container walked into a restaurant cursing and causing a scene, so he was arrested for public intoxication and open container.



# Proper tree trimming and removal can prevent major damage

BECKY GILLETTE

Look around your home. You may have huge trees that you love and provide good habitat for wildlife. But every tree eventually dies. If one of your trees died or was blown down, how would that affect your house?

Chuck Welch, a local resident who has been a volunteer fireman and disaster relief worker for years, said people need to be aware of trees around the house. If you have a 70-ft.-tall tree, how will it impact your house if it falls?

In Eureka Springs winds typically come from southwest, so trees fall to northeast.

“Walk around the house and realize that the trees on the southwest are the biggest danger,” Welch said. “We had an EF1 tornado here a couple months ago that shows how many trees can be blown over in a storm like that. In addition to the entire tree falling over, big limbs that drop can also cause a lot of damage. Walnuts drop limbs. The oaks, if they die off, the branches get wet and heavy. We also lost a lot of trees in the ice storm in 2009.”

There is a lot of concern about oak trees dying off because of an aggressive fungus disease that is killing thousands of oak trees in the eastern U.S. Welch said oak trees can seem fine, but when you see bark falling off and tips turning brown, that is a bad sign, and they can be perfectly green and go brown in a week.

“I’ve seen that happen at my house,” Welch said. “And most trees as they grow up, the lower branches are shaded and die and fall off. It damages your house when it falls. Branches can punch a hole in your roof. Look at where you live. If you have a tree canopy over your house, you need to watch the dead growth, and remove anything that can damage your house.”

## Trees in our area can be more prone to falling over due to rocky soils

“The issue with the amount of rock in the ground is the roots don’t necessarily go deep,” Welch said. “When Hurricane Ike came through, straight line winds just blew the trees down. When trees are blown over, you can often see the roots were basically close to the surface.”

Welch recommends keeping a clear

space around your house of at least 50 feet, which includes keeping leaves raked up. Don’t forget to also remove leaves and pine needles from underneath decks. He recalls a fire here a few years ago when welding sparks set leaves under a deck on fire, destroying the house.

“The main source of fires in the winter is people putting out wood ashes from fireplaces and wood stoves,” Welch said. “They can be sitting in a container for several days and you think they are out. But if you put them out, they can start a fire. Another hazard is charcoal embers from a grill on a deck can fall out and set the deck on fire.”

Welch said tree safety is just common sense. In addition to falling trees damaging a home, trees close to a home can also be a fire hazard. The Arkansas Firewise program, which the Eureka Springs Fire Department participates in, outlines specific strategies for improving the defensible space – an area 30-300 ft. around the home and surrounded forested areas – to improve safety not just for individual homes, but the entire community.

But one plus is that this area of the country is less prone to catastrophic fires than California and other areas out West, just with the difference in vegetation.

“We have mostly hardwoods,” Welch said. “You won’t see the fires here seen in Portugal and California because we mainly have hardwoods. What I’ve seen of fires here is they are fairly slow moving and the flames don’t reach super heights like they did in the big fire in Yellowstone”

Two major factors impact wildfires: fuel and wind. When the Arkansas Forestry Commission responds to a wildfire in the woods here, they cut an eight- to ten-ft. perimeter around it.

“If it’s not windy, that will stop the fire,” he said. “With a Grassy Knob fire a few years ago, we had 25 mph winds, and 40-ft.-high dead trees were on fire from bottom to top. Forestry had to redo fire lines twice because of fire jumping the fire line.”

It can save a lot of damage to prune the limbs of trees overhanging a home or other building. Welch said while people cringe at the expense, look at the

deductible on your insurance.

“Anything you spend up to the deductible is better than having a claim and your rate goes up,” Welch said. “Look at it from a dollars and cents perspective.”

Local tree removal contractor Bob Messer said it could be hard to know when to trim or remove a tree near your home.

“It’s a crap shoot,” Messer said. “A big wind comes through, and the ones you were worried about are still standing. But a big, handsome specimen blows over. We do work for people all the time who want to prevent a potential problem because of concerns that if a certain tree blew over, it would wreck the house. But I don’t recommend to people what trees to take down. I don’t want to scare people and often it is hard to know which trees might be dangerous.”



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**The show must go on** – Those who showed up and stayed at the Leatherwood Ballfields on Sunday night found shelter from the rain under the roof of the concessions stand and dugouts. At around 9 p.m. fireworks were let loose into the stormy sky. It's always nice when rain doesn't cancel an event or dampen fun.

*PHOTOS BY JEREMIAH ALVARADO*









## Pea Ridge car show 11<sup>th</sup> anniversary a success

The Freedom Fest car show drew more than 130 cars from more than five states for its 11<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration July 1 at Pea Ridge City Park. Members of the Arkansas River Chapter of the Pontiac Club of NWA and other regional car clubs enjoyed clear weather, music and Bar-B-Q while supporting the Bright Futures of Pea Ridge non-profit.

Pictured is a Studebaker Avanti, America's only 4-passenger high-performance personal car, and fewer than 6,000 were manufactured in 1962-63.



PHOTO BY ERIC STUDER

**Homespun fun and occasional sun** – Pictured is about 15 percent of the crowd at the Farm for the Highberry Music Festival over the weekend. Festival veterans, families, and plenty of 20-somethings enjoyed four days and nights of music, fun and festivities despite a wee bit of rain.

PHOTO BY NICKY BOYETTE



**Simple materials are always best** – Residents, staff, and visitors at Peachtree Village enjoyed an hour of creating wall hangings with various rocks and glass gems on June 27.

PHOTO BY JAY VRECENAK



## Singing for their vinyl

Walking into Brews in the middle of the afternoon last Friday I was shocked to find every table and bar top occupied with young people with open laptops. It was their open notebooks revealing music notes and the faint sound of classical singing that clued me in that the majority of these kids were from the Opera in the Ozarks.

It seems Brews has become a special hangout to many of the performing students because of the good coffee and beer, but more important, an Internet connection. They can sip their favorite beverage, go online, and even rehearse a little bit, together.

So on this particular day, I was heading

into town with a large stack of opera vinyl to see if the new record store, just down the street from Brews, was interested in purchasing my collection. Opera is a hard sell and Mojo's politely declined.

Striking up a conversation with some of the singers, several hands went up when asked if anyone collected vinyl and if they would perform a little something in exchange for their choice of record.

These kids are hardly shy, but many declined because they had not vocally warmed up or were saving their voices for that night's performance. Such discipline.

But five did volunteer, turning Brews

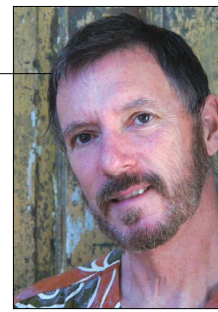
into a mini concert hall for a brief moment, where microphones need not apply. All sang beautifully, but it was tenor Felix Aguilar Tomlinson who stole the show, and chose Marilyn Horn's Greatest Hits for a friend.

It was the spontaneity that made it fun, and watching everyone agonizing over choosing Maria Callas over Leontyne Price.

Now in its 65<sup>th</sup> year, Opera in the Ozarks at Inspiration Point has played an important role for many of these professional graduates from all over the country, showcasing their talent and offering a chance to rehearse fully-staged productions with full orchestra in three major operas during an intensive eight-week training period.

How wonderful to see – passion, excitement and youth in what some may say is a dying art. But opera is alive and well and continues to flourish in this unlikely place we call the Ozarks.

The *Marriage of Figaro*, *Carmen* and *Susannah* continue through July 21. For ticket information go to [opera.org](http://opera.org)



### Ahhhpera in the Ohhhzarks

– Tenor Felix Aguilar Tomlinson from Minneapolis, Minn., and mezzo-soprano Rachel Lamphier who lives in Austin, Texas, performed at Brews in exchange for their choice of opera records.

## Meditation through sound at Metafizzies

Rebekah Clark will lead the Eureka Springs Metaphysical Society meeting in a session of Divine Singing and Sound Meditation on Monday, July 10. No vocal experience is necessary and chants and mantras from multiple traditions will be used. The gathering will begin at 7 p.m. at Heart of Many Ways, 68 Mountain. All are welcome.

## Expanded Wolf Wellness Center under construction

Wolf Wellness & 24/7 Fitness Center construction is underway to build an 8,000 square foot facility to house its health and medical services at the Holiday Island Shopping Center.

The new facility will be industrial grade, including new amenities for patients including: aqua therapy, full-spectrum infrared sauna, infrared hydro therapy, yoga, group exercise/dance classes, out patient rehabilitative services, physical and occupational therapy, cardiac and Parkinson's rehab.

The 24/7 Fitness Center will include virtual reality cycling, free weights, and the latest cardio exercise equipment.

## Duty to vote being repressed

This week, newly minted co-chair of Trump's Voter Fraud Commission, controversial Secretary of State of Kansas Kris Kobach, sent letters to all 50 Secretaries of State. His letter demands complete voter rolls with detailed information including social security numbers, dates of birth and voter history among other non-public information.

Kobach, also known as lawyer to White Supremacists, believes only white people should be able to vote. He agrees with Donald Trump's claim about winning the popular vote except for three million illegal voters. Of course, there is no evidence to support this racist lie and Kobach acknowledges he will never find those non-existent frauds.

In 2005, Kobach designed a program to remove "illegal," i.e. minority voters, from the voter rolls. His



computer program called Crosscheck is protected by unsecure, free encryption software. Through its use, Kobach has managed to disenfranchise thousands of mostly minority voters in Kansas and other states using his program by claiming they were double registered.

According to the ACLU, Kobach created and manages the notoriously flawed Interstate Voter Registration Crosscheck program, which he gives states for free. He admits his flawed program generates "a significant number" of "false positives" and that for every 200 registrations rejected there *might be one* (1) double state registration.

Of all the names run through Crosscheck over the past 12 years, there were only 119 cases of possible fraud. Now Kobach wants our highly personal information to be run through his program, even though only three

items (First/Last Name and Date of Birth) are used in a Crosscheck "match." So, who wants our highly sensitive information and why?

Twenty-six states have declined to submit to these outrageous demands. Mark Martin, Arkansas Secretary of State, has not enrolled in Crosscheck and says he has not received this letter as yet. The election department in his office, (501) 682-1010, is taking calls on constituent concerns.

While we are celebrating the birth of our Nation and our Constitution, Republicans are working to deny us our fundamental right to vote. Their strategy to win elections is suppress voter opposition, rig electoral maps to favor Republicans, and smear the opponent. The Republican Party's only platform has become, "Be Against Anything Democrats Propose." They are willing to destroy our country to win elections.

Let's not wait until it's too late. Call Mark Martin today and let him know that our personal information is ours.



## I Build a Lighted House & Dwell Therein

**Saturday night** (July 8) to early **Sunday** (July 9, day of rest), before and just after midnight, a full moon, reflecting the light of the Cancer Sun, sheds its light across the Earth. Sun, Mercury and Mars are in Cancer with the moon opposite the Sun in Capricorn. At the moment of the full moon (timing mechanism) the “Two Gates” swing open – the Gate into the Earth of form and matter (Cancer) and the Gate of Return to Heaven or the Father (Capricorn).

The Sun, at the full moon, is 17 degrees Cancer. It is good to know where that degree is in everyone’s

astrology chart. Then we know what area of life is affected by the Cancer Sun.

The Soul’s meditative seed thought for this Cancer solar festival (Thunder Full Moon) is “I build a lighted house and therein dwell.” The Soul responds to the desolate and lonely call of the personality, a call to end the isolation and be directed and guided. And so, the Soul responds. “Building a lighted house within the personality.”

Everyone is invited to join us, the New Group of World Servers, at this Cancer solar festival (and

all new & full moon festivals) by reciting the **Great Invocation** and the following **Mantram of Light**. When we radiate the Light into our environments, we become the **Light of the World** nourishing all of life.

**“I am a point of light within a greater light. I am a strand of loving energy within the stream of love divine. I am a way by which humanity may achieve. I am a source of strength, enabling them to stand. I am a beam of light, shining upon their way. And thus I stand.”** We stand together.

**ARIES:** The full moon affects both your home and profession trying to unify and synthesize them. Full moons are times of fruition. Things planned and hoped for emerge into the light. It’s like a gathering or harvest. If you work with this solar festival you can synthesize the two areas of your life. They will no longer be a source of difficulty. So many others are pulled in two directions. You needn’t be though. **Recalculating.**

**TAURUS:** You are emerging as a teacher, whether you accept, understand, or are aware of this or not. The Cancer solar festival (at the full moon) is a time when the teacher is recognized and gratitude is given. Think on teachers who influenced you with their kindness, goodness and knowledge. Thank them (inwardly). Then go forward and become greater than they. The student is always to surpass the teacher – one of the student’s spiritual tasks.

**GEMINI:** I remind you to read all the astrological signs each week along with the **Labors of Hercules**. To learn the mysteries and the Ageless Wisdom teachings embedded within each sign. Make a list of what you value – from

objects to people to behaviors to intelligence to facts. These help you understand yourself better. As you identify your values, a greater sense of self as also valuable comes forth. Remember to tithe.

**CANCER:** Whatever you’re doing this week and month will define what your self-identity is. So, observe your actions, interactions, choices, thoughts and the people you are with these days. Be sure to provide yourself with adequate foods, nurturance, safety and security. These you provide for others. Now you must learn how to provide them for yourself in great measure too.

**LEO:** Allow yourself to stray from work duties and responsibilities. You are more internal than usual and your imagination needs to roam about freely. Then your creativity comes forth. This will soothe you, create a sense of comfort and care that sometimes you seek from others (something they are unable to provide). Relationships from the past are on your mind.

**VIRGO:** You’ve been working deeply on realizing that you have great creativity. Virgo’s order and organization, the fine art detail are special creative acts. You bring in many gifts, abilities and talents from past lives. They are appearing in your daily life now. Are you a collector? That calls upon great creative discernment. You are being more and more defined in terms of your artistic nature.

**LIBRA:** Your home situation has changed and transformed you. You have sought stability (and a couch) for so long. It has been important that you have a permanent and structured foundation and although you hoped for this as a child, something always seemed to dissolve away. Life is different these days. Happiness is now yours to keep. Comfort and beauty, too.

**SCORPIO:** There’s an ongoing question concerning your home, where you belong, how to bring forth the future. It seems you’ve searched all the previous ways and places. To find a clue, a piece of the puzzle. Careful study and communication, along with more travel may be needed for a while. You’re used to this. It’s just another step. Travel creates a new philosophy and way of life for you. Travel inward more deeply.

**SAGITTARIUS:** This is an important time when you think deeply on how you would want to improve, expand upon or restructure different aspects your life. It’s important to realize your gifts. One gift is your dedication. You carry an enthusiasm and joyfulness that, to others, is like an adventure. Enthusiasm (filled with God) can take you to great heights of achievement. One thing to

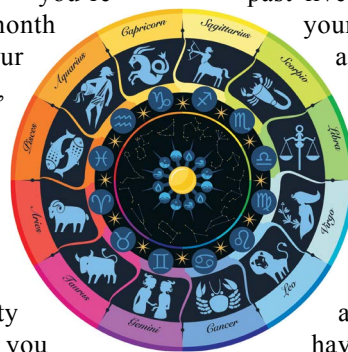
remember – everything has its own timing.

**CAPRICORN:** All things cultural bring out the best in you, inspiring your creative spirit, building your confidence so that you realize you are an artist. Whatever you do stimulates new and different perspectives in others. You are influential when following inner dreams, visions, likes, wants and wishes. Always write these down. In a special starry notebook. Recognizing them calls them creatively forth. You will work hard in the coming week. Include resting, too.

**AQUARIUS:** You may decide being at home is the best place to be to concentrate on health, the foods your body needs and comforts. It’s important to tend to daily tasks that nurture and enclose you. Sometimes (often), your nervous system needs this enclosure, for you are often a quiver of nervous energy. If sounds are affecting you take extra magnesium, calcium and Aconite (grounds electrical Uranian energy).

**PISCES:** You carry a vision of the future. Recently you’ve been presented with the impression to be at home wherever you are. To breathe in the air and to walk upon the earth wherever you are. To accept and recognize you are in the right place at this time. And to call upon both happiness and joy to be your companions. These adaptations, recalculations actually bring a soothing and comforting care to you. Pisces people need the deepest care of all.

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## Just for Fun

**Whew!** These barn swallow siblings were feeling much better after jumping ship from cramped quarters last week. The seventh flew off. The homeowner did not want to be identified for fear someone would make fun of the bird droppings on the front porch. Virgo.

**E-eow!** Not much to say here other than Dr. Pepper and Meow Mix will change your cat's life... or at least subtract some from the nine lives.

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**Showing the colors of Old Glory –**  
The Eureka Springs 4th of July parade began its way down Spring Street at 10 a.m. with people lining the streets to get a glimpse of red, white, and blue that covered nearly everything in the parade.

Pictured left: Back (l.-r.) June Owens, Ann Gelique, June Hegedus, Front: Gwen Etheredge and Cheri White sitting in front of Parkside Pretzels in Basin Park.

PHOTOS BY JAY VRECENAK







**Party in the Parking Lot** – The parade concluded at the parking lot between the Aud and the Courthouse where there was a voter registration tent, an apple pie contest, watermelon seed spitting, and parade dog awards.

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**How many fireworks can we put in this paper?** – Many would be the answer. And many fireworks were fired at the Owens' residence Monday evening for their celebration of 4th of July. Pictured is Angela Tenan firing a Roman Candle into the night.

*PHOTOS BY JEREMIAH ALVARADO*





## Sam and the Stylees, a calypso conga punch at Chelsea's Friday, Los Roscoes capture field-hollering blues chants at Cathouse Saturday

It's time for some easy skanking as Sam and the Stylee's from Tulsa bring their funky Reggae breaks to Chelsea's Friday. Los Roscoes, local blues outfit, wrench heartbreak from whiskey and women and work at the Cathouse on Saturday, in addition to their regular Tuesday evening gigs. The songs played strike right at the soul and draw people in. Often SRO, get there early.

### THURSDAY, JULY 6

#### BALCONY RESTAURANT –

*Catherine Reed*, Singer/Songwriter, 5 p.m.

**CATHOUSE LOUNGE – Jesse Dean**, Singer/Songwriter, 6 p.m.

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

**LEGENDS SALOON – It's About Time**, Rock, 9 p.m.

### FRIDAY, JULY 7

**BALCONY RESTAURANT – Steve Jones**, Singer/Songwriter, 12 p.m.,

*Michael Dimitri*, 5 p.m.

**BREWS – Blue Soul Jazz Group**, 7 p.m.

**CATHOUSE LOUNGE – Frisco Cemetery**, Rock, 8 p.m.

**CHELSEA'S – Sam and the Stylees**, Reggae, 9:30 p.m.

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

**LEGENDS SALOON – DJ and Karaoke with Scott**, 8 p.m.

**NEW DELHI – Blind Driver**, Americana, 6 p.m.

**ROWDY BEAVER – 2 Dog 2 Karaoke**, 7 p.m.

**ROWDY BEAVER DEN – Chicken Pot Pie**, Rock, 9 p.m.

**THE STONE HOUSE – Jerry Yester**, Artist's Choices, 6 p.m.

### SATURDAY, JULY 8

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

*James White*, Singer/Songwriter, 6 p.m.

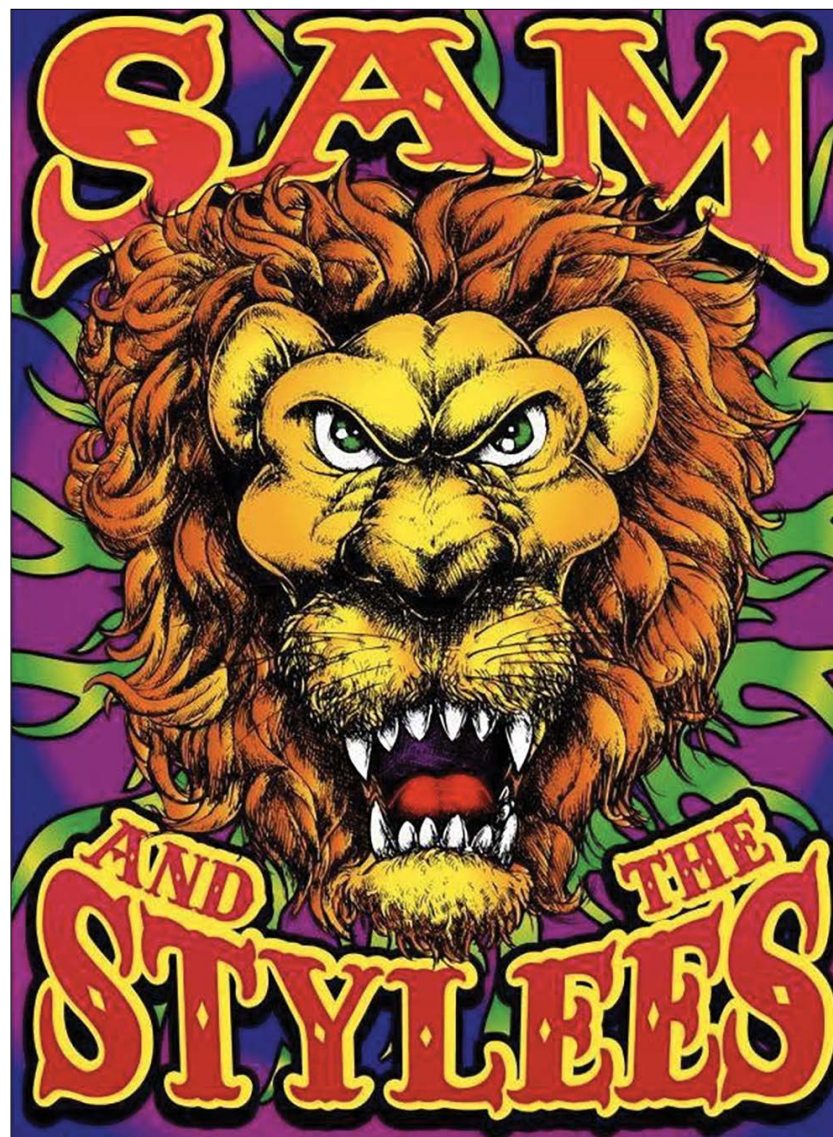
**BREWS – Melissa Carper and Jerry Jones**, Blues, 7 – 10 p.m.

**CATHOUSE LOUNGE – Los Roscoes**, Blues, 8 p.m.

**CHELSEA'S – Ron Landis and Pals**, Americana, 2 – 5 p.m., *Chris Meck and the Guilty Birds*, Rock, 9:30 p.m.

**GRAND TAVERNE – Jerry Yester**,

Sam and the Stylees play Chelsea's Friday, July 7.



Grand Piano Dinner Music, 6:30 p.m.

**LEGENDS SALOON – Hedley Lamar**, Rock Ridge, 9 p.m.

**LE STICK – Pete Maiella**, Singer/Songwriter, 7 p.m.

**NEW DELHI – Whiskey Menders**, Americana, 12 – 4 p.m.

**ROWDY BEAVER – Rusty Rose Rate**, Rock, 7 p.m.

**ROWDY BEAVER DEN – Michael Tisdale Duo**, Rock, 1 – 5 p.m., *Septembers End*, Rock, 9 p.m.

### SUNDAY, JULY 9

**BALCONY RESTAURANT – James White**, Singer/Songwriter, 12 and 5 p.m.

**BREWS – Trivia Night**, 7 p.m.

**NEW DELHI – Melissa Carper and Friends**, Americana, 12 – 4 p.m.

**ROWDY BEAVER DEN – Dorrian Cross**, Singer/Songwriter, 1 – 5 p.m.

### MONDAY, JULY 10

**CHELSEA'S – Sprungbilly**, Bluegrass, 8 p.m.

### TUESDAY, JULY 11

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

**CHELSEA'S – Open Mic**, 9 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 12

**ROWDY BEAVER DEN – Shawbee Karaoke**, 8 p.m.

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*Jesse Dean*

**FRIDAY, JULY 7**  
8-11 P.M.  
*Frisco Cemetery*

**SATURDAY, JULY 8**  
8-11 P.M.  
*Los Roscoes*





Hope you all had a happy and safe 4th. We did get out Saturday morning and were putting the boat on the trailer with our catch about the time the wake boarders were putting in. That’s what I call sharing the water. Let them have the sun, just let me have those cool mornings.

This was the big fish for Matt Powers from St. Louis who told the wife he was fine with coming down to spend some time with his sister-in-law as long as he could have a day of striper fishing on Beaver Lake, so we went fishing. Here’s his biggest fish that made it to the boat.

He lost two bigger ones that ran like a freight train before the hook popped out. Just didn’t quite get it set in hard enough, but we still had fun, and marked fish and big schools of bait without ever getting out of view of the dam.

All the action came off balloon floats set about 28 ft. deep with 2 oz. weights.

Here at the Island we still have our best fishing upriver past Beaver in the

afternoons when they’re generating that cool water from the dam. Whites and bass both mixed in with the trout feeding off small schools of shad swimming in the surface.

If looking for crappie it is best coming back this way and hit the sunken brush in the creek arms down 8 – 12 ft. deep on both minnows and bugs under a float. With both lakes running about 81° you should have no problems finding perch for the kids close to the shoreline, worms being the best bait. We’re still a little high with a lot of shoreline being blocked by the trees but there’s good cleared shoreline coming up every day now.

Lake Leatherwood is in good shape for crappie, bass, perch and catfish now or rent a canoe or paddle boat to get in the water.

Well, I better go for now. It’s time for fishing and swimming, so grab a kid and go.

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  - 13. Encode
  - 14. Anise-flavored liqueur
  - 15. Certain ester or salt
  - 16. About when the ship docks
  - 17. Father of Leah and Rachel in Genesis
  - 19. Moral failure
  - 20. Cambodian money
  - 22. Irritate or confuse
  - 23. Pocket bread
  - 24. Red table wine
  - 26. Diminishes
  - 27. Cheers, e.g.
  - 28. Egg layer
  - 29. Women in a Muslim household
  - 32. \_\_\_\_ Majority identified by RMN
  - 35. Type of exam
  - 36. Create a hole
- 37. Tire problem
  - 39. Play part
  - 40. Almost too comfortable
  - 42. Jamaican popular music style
  - 43. Nasal
  - 45. Accustomed; habituated
  - 47. Relating to the number six
  - 48. Plant known for decorative green foliage
  - 49. Barely beat out
  - 50. Citizen of Aden
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  - 2. Relating to the mind
  - 3. Country founded May 14, 1948
  - 4. Devotee
  - 5. Object of false worship
  - 6. Dead body
  - 7. Oven
- 8. Gorilla, e.g.
  - 9. Any manner or stage of being
  - 10. Diminutive
  - 11. Sports locales
  - 13. Tease; beg
  - 18. Wager
  - 21. I.D. tag on clothing
  - 23. Instrument board
  - 25. Male bighorn
  - 26. Electric fish
  - 28. “My way or the \_\_\_\_”
  - 29. Rough voice
  - 30. Having a curved form
  - 31. Comparative standard
  - 32. Sibling
  - 33. Spoon, e.g.
  - 34. Absorb, as a viewpoint
  - 36. Appropriately
  - 38. Small group of languages related to Thai
  - 40. Three of diamonds
  - 41. Distant past
  - 44. “No way” in Dundee
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*Dear daughter,*  
Things falling from the sky. Much excitement. Neighborhood in an uproar.

**HKP** – Working hard on September preparations. Once again worked too hard. Once again on the verge of a heat stroke. Not sure how I’m feeling. Hope you can make it early. The To Do list is long... and growing. Can’t wait for October.

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## INDEPENDENTArt

### Multiple artists, new works, and stuffed dolls at Eureka Fine Art Gallery

The Eureka Fine Art Gallery, 2 Pine St. will have a special group show of its members for the month of July with Barbara Robinson, Ernie Kilman, John Rankine, Larry Mansker, Drew Gentle, and John Willer displaying new works.

Jae Avenoso is July’s special guest three-dimensional artist and will have her handcrafted, stuffed dolls and animals on display. You can meet these artists during the Second Saturday Gallery Stroll this Saturday, July 8 from 6 – 9 p.m.



### Arkansas State University showcasing work by Deborah Lively



**Murder of Crows –**  
Deborah Lively

The Ozark Regional Arts Council will feature the work of President Deborah Lively in the Arkansas State University Mountain Home Art Gallery located on the second floor of the Vada Shield. The exhibit will run through July 31 and a reception for Deborah will be on Thursday, July 6 from 4 – 6 p.m.

For more information about the Ozark Regional Arts Council contact at [ozarkregionalartscouncil@gmail.com](mailto:ozarkregionalartscouncil@gmail.com), or call (870) 425-8291. You can also visit [ozarkregionalartscouncil.org](http://ozarkregionalartscouncil.org).

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to look at it at the end of the year and see I did not spend all the money, but we had a great year.” He said he was moving forward with the understanding they were in agreement he should begin getting acts for 2018.

Commissioners calculated Green was asking for an additional \$75,000 to his 2017 budget, but Maloney pointed out there would be \$40,000 they spent this year on utilities at the Auditorium that would be available next year. Bright was confident they could cover the remainder, so Green got a green light.



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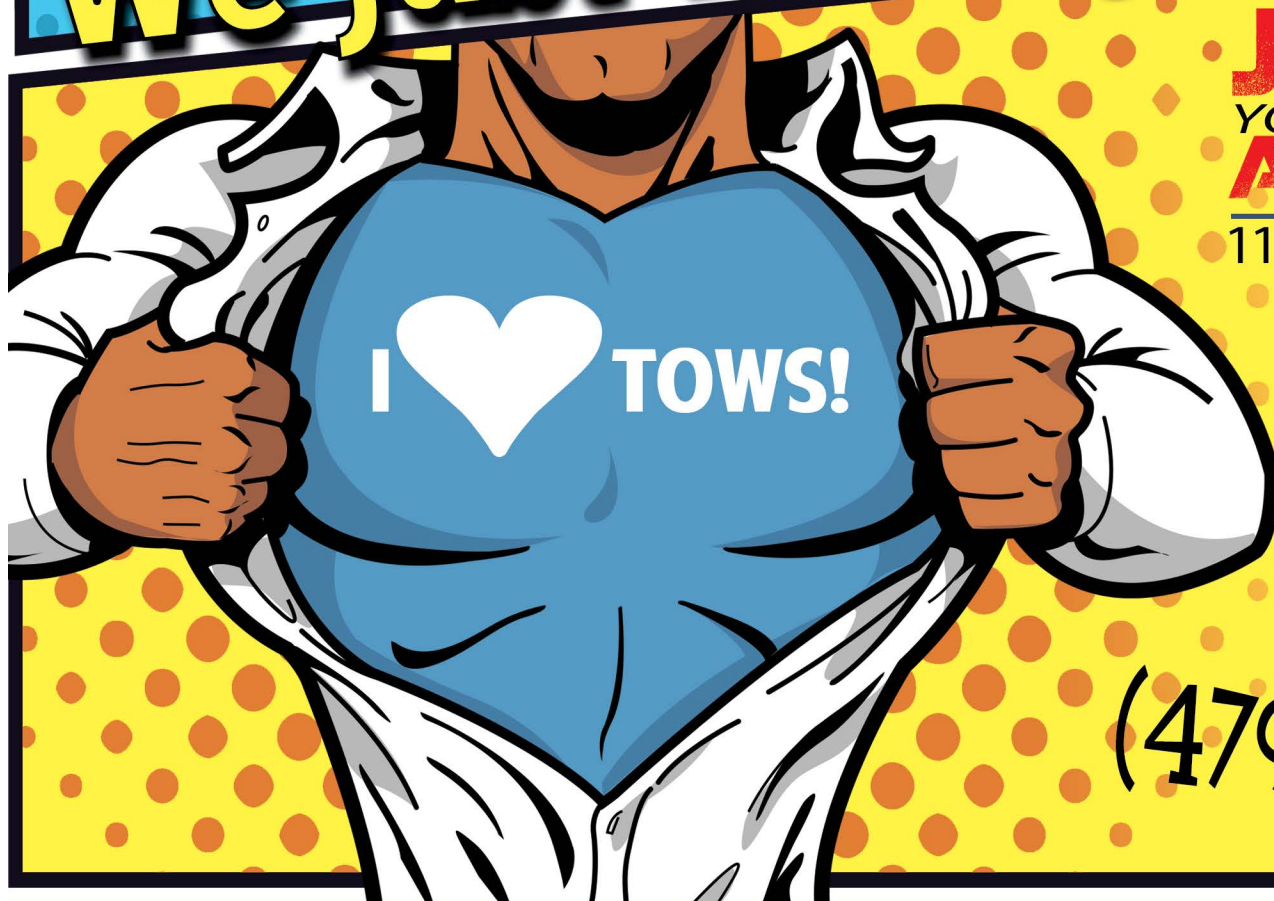
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