



CBWD pipe expansion draws ire

BECKY GILLETTE

Owners of property near Beaver Lake are concerned about being offered what they consider a pittance for an eight-ft. easement for a new water line that will require digging a pit about five feet wide and ten feet deep near their homes and wells. The easement is for a water line from the Carroll-Boone Water District plant east to Hwy. 23.

CBWD District Manager Barry Connell said a new 36-in. line parallel to the existing 30-in. line is needed to meet growth needs for the next 20 years. It would tie back into the existing line at Hwy. 23.

"The actual need is at the other end of the system," Connell said. "There is a bottleneck on this end. Eureka Springs is one of our small customers. Berryville, Green Forest and Harrison use a lot more water."

While the project hasn't yet gone out to bid, Connell estimates it at more than \$10 million.

Property owners on the line near the treatment plant are concerned about potential damage to their homes and water wells from the project they believe would require jack hammering or blasting to get through the dense rock.

"They say they are going to condemn the land if we don't sign the papers and deal with them," homeowner Jody Bascou said. "They had a big meeting Dec. 3 and no one that I have talked to that is on the line was invited to that meeting. We couldn't find out anything, nor do they want to give us information. They don't want to tell us what the appraisal company used or how they appraised our property."

CBWD's easement goes through 500 ft. of her property,

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A long and winding road – ended in jubilation for STO and a concerned community. Faces were radiant and spirits high during a celebration Jan. 11. See story, p. 4.

PHOTOS BY BECKY GILLETTE

This Week's INDEPENDENT Thinkers

Flags were at half-mast in Paris last weekend as hundreds of thousands of people, the largest demonstration in French history, gathered to make it clear they are Charlie. And Muslim. And Jewish. Atheist. Smart. And old, young, female, rich, crippled, brave, scattered, athletic and any other word used to describe people.

Forty-four world leaders linked arms in Paris to let the world know that solidarity and sanity are attributes, and that violence, whether on an unarmed magazine office or a heavily armed enemy hideout, is not going to improve this world one little bit. Violence is irrational. Peace is practical.



PHOTO BY KJ ZUMWALT

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Council faces old issues with new mayor

NICKY BOYETTE

January 12 was the first Eureka Springs City Council meeting of the year, with Mayor Butch Berry and new alderman, Robert Thomas, the only two not present at the table during the past two years of council meetings. Berry had served on council before.

One item right away was a resolution approving the 2015 budget. Finance Director Lonnie Clark said the budget anticipates a three percent growth in revenue, with one contributor to city revenue the replacement of faulty water meters. Council unanimously approved the resolution.

Carriage franchise discussion

Not as simple was regarding Ray Dotson's application for one of the animal drawn carriage franchises. Hanging over the conversation was a writ of mandamus from Judge Kent Crow which stipulated council was obligated to vote yea or nay on the application at that meeting.

Alderman David Mitchell asked City Attorney Tim Weaver if the city could decide whether to keep, close or modify its franchises.

Weaver replied council could decide to leave the franchise open if there were not an appropriate applicant or if the franchise were not needed. He said if a city wanted to make changes to an ordinance regarding a franchise, it might freeze the situation in the meantime, and indicated that logic applies to this situation.

Alderman Mickey Schneider pointed out in detail missing information on Dotson's application. Travis Story, attorney for Dotson, said he considered that since the clerk had passed on the application for council's consideration, it was complete.

Schneider was not buying it. "We can't vote on something that is illegal," she insisted.

Mitchell said they should put the franchise on hold and have Weaver research and update the franchise ordinance.

Weaver suggested they follow the judge's order and take a vote on the application.

In order to bring about a vote, alderman James DeVito moved to accept the application. The vote on the motion was 0-3-3, with James DeVito, Terry

McClung and Schneider voting No, and Mitchell, Thomas and Joyce Zeller voting Present, so the application was denied.

Save the Ozarks gets its Day

Berry read a proclamation making April 3 Save the Ozarks Day honoring all those who participated in the efforts to thwart the SWEPCO plan. "Words cannot adequately express my appreciation for their efforts," Berry said.

Commissioners assigned to seats

Council approved Woodie Acord to be reseated on the Planning Commission; Susan Tourtelot reseated on the Hospital Commission; Henry Romanski on the Cemetery Commission; and Terry McClung and DeVito reseated as council reps on the CAPC.

Potpourri

- Berry announced that Chris Bariola, CEO of Eureka Springs Hospital, had said Allegiance, the company that leases operation of the facility, told him they were concerned about the cost of the proposed new hospital on the western edge of town. Bariola told Berry that Allegiance management would be meeting soon with architects to see if they could come up with a plan for a bank loan.

Mitchell pointed out council had stepped up last summer regarding responsibility of accounting for extending a sewer line to the proposed site, but the city had not heard from Allegiance management since.

- Council voted 5-0-1, Schneider voting Present, to repair suspect spots in the parking lot beside the Auditorium. Berry said he would get Public Works Director Dwayne Allen to inspect the spots and report back.

Schneider again asked if the county, owner of the property, should not be responsible for the work, but Berry stated it was the city's responsibility to pave the lot.

- Third reading of an ordinance updating the Personnel Policy Handbook was approved.

- Berry announced he had asked McClung to represent council on the Mayor's Economic Development Task Force.

Next meeting will be Monday, Jan. 26, at 6 p.m.

Council considers anti-fluoridation letter

NICKY BOYETTE

City council considered a letter Monday asking the Arkansas Department of Health to ensure anything added to the local water supply is safe. Alderman Joyce Zeller said she wanted the mayor and aldermen to sign the letter and forward it to the ADH. The letter originated from a local group opposing impending fluoridation of the water supply by Carroll-Boone Water District.

"The purpose is to reassure our citizens we are doing our due diligence to protect our water supply," she said, adding that suppliers of fluoride products do not divulge what all is in their additives, which Zeller claimed might have lead or other dangerous elements.

Alderman James DeVito was not sure what the letter would mean. He said council had already passed a resolution stating

opposition to fluoridation.

Alderman Terry McClung said he unwilling to sign anything until city attorney Tim Weaver looks at it.

"No one argues the science of fluoride," alderman David Mitchell said, suggesting the letter attempts to point out liability in oversight of the water supply. He said the letter would ask authorities to prove the additives are safe. He added some water districts with a similar fluoride mandate have avoided adding it by claiming they could not find a safe enough supplier.

Alderman Mickey Schneider said the effort to stop fluoridation needs the letter. "We need everything we can do," she said, claiming the letter states the will of the people.

Nevertheless, DeVito moved to have Weaver look at the letter first, and vote to approve his motion was 6-0.

Council will allow mayor to wrap-up previous commitments

NICKY BOYETTE

On city council's agenda Monday was an ordinance allowing Mayor Butch Berry to continue working on two projects with the city he had begun as an architect before he was elected mayor. One project is the pavilion at Lake Leatherwood City Park, and the other is the new work facility for Public Works. Aldermen also were presented with an ordinance which did not limit Berry's architectural work to only the two ongoing projects.

Berry stepped aside to let mayor *pro tempore* James DeVito preside over the

discussion.

Alderman David Mitchell said he was not comfortable with Berry going beyond the pavilion and the Public Works barn. DeVito moved to approve the ordinance allowing Berry to complete the two ongoing projects, but not other architectural projects with the city while he is mayor.

Vote to approve the first reading was unanimous. Because of the urgency of the pavilion project, council also approved the second reading. Aldermen decided to wait until the Jan. 26 meeting for the third reading.



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Save the Ozarks... did

BECKY GILLETTE

Save The Ozarks proved it could grow a grassroots movement in sparsely populated areas of Northwest Arkansas and be successful in stopping a \$116-million high voltage transmission line. In late December, American Electric Power (AEP)/Southwestern Electric Power Company (SWEPCO) withdrew its application for the project citing a lack of need – the primary contention of STO's during proceedings before the Arkansas Public Service Commission (APSC).

Sunday afternoon, STO also proved that local supporters of the group know how to celebrate. Several hundred residents came out to congratulate each other on a successful campaign where several hundred spoke against the project at a public hearing. A total of 7,731 comments were submitted in opposition to the project – a record number for any proceeding before the APSC.

Eureka Springs Mayor Butch Berry congratulated STO on its victory.

"In a community as diverse as ours, there are often issues that pull us apart," Berry said. "This was an issue that united us. We were called upon to rise above our differences for the protection of our community, not only for our community, but the entire region of Northwest Arkansas and Southwest Missouri."

Few people initially thought that STO could prevail in a regulatory climate strongly canted toward interests of large utility companies.

"You have proven the skeptics wrong and accomplished what most said was impossible," Berry said. "This is a huge accomplishment that will be spoken of for some time to come. Admiration for your accomplishment is felt by all of us. Thank you!"

Berry also read a proclamation designating April 3, 2015, Save the Ozarks Day in Eureka Springs.

Pat Costner, director of STO, drew on a career of experience as an environmental scientist with Greenpeace in directing the STO campaign that began with only a month to intervene in permit applications before the APSC. That required hiring attorneys, expert witnesses, educating the community, learning the ins and outs of the electric power transmission industry and raising large sums of money for a defense.

While acknowledging the importance of the formidable legal and technical team hired by STO,

Costner said, "I want you to know that it was all of us together who prevailed. We've done a really good job, all of us together."

She also acknowledged the work documenting the group's activities, including hundreds of newspaper articles, a detailed website, a Facebook page, a video, a large volume of filings with the APSC, and photography including images allowing people to see how drastically the landscape would have been altered by the power line.

"We have been the most well-documented opposition group in the country," Costner said.

The event drew tears from the audience as they reflected back on the 20-month campaign to protect their homes, the environment and the area's economy.

Doug Stowe, a member of the STO board, pointed out that they were celebrating "on the very spot where we poured out our hearts to stop what they proposed." He was referring to two days of public hearings on the permit application held at the same Inn of the Ozarks location.

"Those two days were unprecedented in the life of our community," Stowe said. "Hundreds of you attended for the two full days. Almost 400 people presented eloquent, passionate and intelligent statements of objection. These rooms were packed with emotional tension, with SWEPCO's lawyer joking at a table at the front of the room, and Judge Connie kindly addressing each of us in turn and listening to our testimonies before filing them away to be ignored in their regulatory process."

Stowe took issue with the statement by APSC executive director John Bethel that the STO victory is evidence that their process works.

"If that were the case, the power line application would have been stopped immediately in response to the serious concerns raised overwhelmingly by our community," Stowe said. "Citizens addressed the incredible deficiencies in the Environmental Impact Statement and the fact that the power line was obviously not needed. If built, it would have more than quintupled the amount of power delivered to our local area grid."

"But they chose not to pull the plug at that time and our small community raised over \$150,000 for legal fees and to pay expert witnesses. With your unwavering

support we proved to the APSC what our citizens made known to it at our public hearing in July and that it should have understood and accepted in the first place.

"To build a 34-kilovolt power line claiming it's needed for regional growth and reliability, and that our culture, our environment and our economy would not be damaged by their plan, was proportionate in scale to watering a pot of lovely petunias with a fire hose and claiming it was for our own good.

"So, in this day of celebration, I applaud each of you and each of us. We did what so many others told us was impossible. We stopped SWEPCO."

Save the Ozarks "AskList"

PAT COSTNER

STO is asking the APSC to hold SWEPCO and the Southwest Power Pool accountable. Rather than allowing SWEPCO and SPP to walk away on their own no-fault terms, we are asking the APSC to acknowledge that SWEPCO and SPP are at fault by

- denying SWEPCO's application
- declaring Save the Ozarks as the prevailing party
- setting a schedule for filing motions for fees and costs by Save the Ozarks and other intervenors who challenged need for the project.

Background

SWEPCO asked the Arkansas Public Service Commission to approve construction of a 345 kV transmission line that both SWEPCO and the Southwest Power Pool knew at the time to be unnecessary.

The notice of withdrawal is a clever, but transparent, attempt by SWEPCO and SPP to extricate themselves from a situation in which they caused significant harm to affected citizens and the APSC – expenditure of large amounts of money, time and energy – and to do so without being held accountable for their actions.

There is no legal basis or other precedent for the APSC to follow in dealing with a notice of withdrawal.

These 'tails wag for a good cause

The Eureka Springs Downtown Network's Cocktails for a Cause will benefit the Good Shepherd Expansion Project in their effort to raise \$35,000 by the end of January to partner with the city of Berryville to manage their animal control facility.

Go East Young Dog has been running the Berryville facility, but due to extenuating circumstances will no longer be able to do so after Jan. 31. The Good Shepherd Humane Society has raised \$11,345 so far. If unable to

raise the entire \$35,000 by Jan. 31, this project will not move forward.

Please drop by the Grande Taverne in the Grand Central Hotel at 37 N. Main Thursday, Jan. 15, between 5 and 7 p.m. to show your support for Good Shepherd. Tickets are \$10 at the door. If you can't attend you can send a donation to GSHS, P.O. 285, Eureka Springs, 72632, ATTN: Expansion Project - or just stop by the shelter or donate online at goodshepherd-hs.org.

Healing workshop series

Three sessions will be offered on third Wednesdays for the next three months starting Jan. 21 with Part One: Healing Our lives.

Explore spiritual resources, technologies and commitments to assist personal healing and help develop a greater capacity for healing others. Contact Melissa Clare (479) 253-8252 or email melissaclare01@gmail.com.

Residents sound off on Butler Hollow project

BECKY GILLETTE

After hearing from citizens concerned about the proposed Butler Hollow Project, a restoration project designed to address declines in forest health and native plant communities, the U.S. Forest Service will hold an open house Tuesday, Jan. 27 in Cassville, and re-open the public comment period for 12 days from Jan. 27 through Feb. 7. The proposed project affects 18,181 acres of land in the Cassville Unit of the Mark Twain National Forest (MTNF) in Missouri.

District Ranger Joseph Koloski said reopening public comments came about because people didn't become aware of the project until late in the comment period. Residents opposed to the plan said having the public comment period between Thanksgiving and Dec. 22 made it difficult to comment because so many people were busy with holiday activities.

Opponents of the project also objected that the only legal notice was placed in a daily newspaper in Springfield, Mo., that is

not easily available in the area.

Koloski, a wildlife biologist, said he sees a lot of wildlife benefits for both game and non-game species in the project.

"I think a lot of people are concerned the size of the project and the number of acres we are talking about," he said. "One thing I want to make clear is it won't happen over night. It is going to take time. It will take ten years or more to fully implement this project."

"It is intended to improve forest health, enhance native plant communities, offer dispersed recreation opportunities, and provide timber products," a summary of the project states. "Mature timber that is susceptible to disease and decline will be removed and encroaching cedar will be cut in order to restore natural communities to desired conditions. A combination of commercial harvest, non-commercial treatments, and prescribed fire would be used to move the area toward the desired condition."

The plan states that historically, fires

occurred in the area on average every three years and were instrumental in maintaining open woodlands and glades. Without fire, the forest has become more dense as eastern red cedar and other trees have taken over large areas that once had white oak and post oak as the dominant tree species.

Dale and Sharon Becker, owners of Granny's Place in Eureka Springs, have lived in Butler Hollow for 36 years. They are concerned about smoke from prescribed fires, the potential for erosion and increased flooding from steep areas that are logged, and that use of herbicides to prevent cedar trees from regenerating after being cut would contaminate surface and groundwater supplies.

"The goal is to turn 18,000 acres of prime, diverse forest land into open woodlands and glades," Sharon Becker said. "If it should be open woodlands and glades, it would be just that. There is enough soil to support forests. To maintain the system you propose will require constant manipulation and management at huge taxpayer expense.

To sell off our national forests to timber interests for oak trees is a real travesty."

Becker also argues that the poisons and herbicide use proposed to achieve the desired results are anything but natural.

"The cedars are on ridge tops and the poisons used can only come down into the karst topography and eventually poison local wells," Becker said. "The run-off created by erosion from burning such an extensive area will all drain to the Table Rock Lake watershed. Butler Creek empties into the headwaters of Table Rock Lake, a huge recreational area. The town of Beaver and its campground would be affected adversely by the run-off. We experience large rainfall events here, all of which will create adverse effects on the water systems."

Becker said it has taken decades for this perfect, diverse, climax forest to come to its present state.

"This plan would destroy 18,000 acres of real forest," she said. "This 'experiment' you call very predictable is not predictable

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HI Ladies Fellowship Jan. 19

Holiday Island Ladies Fellowship will meet Monday, Jan. 19, at 10 a.m. in the HICC Fellowship Hall (188 Stateline Drive). Speaker will be Roxie Breaux who will introduce herself to the group with her testimony and vision for the Ladies Fellowship for the coming year. Music and singing will be led by Laura Nichols and Tooley Martin. Light refreshments will be served. All are invited and encouraged to bring a friend. For more information contact Roxie Breaux (337) 513-9346 or Eula Jean McKee at (479) 253-8021.

Moving joyfully

Dances of Universal Peace will be held at the white church building, 17 Elk St., at 7 p.m., Friday, Jan. 16. The Dances are simple and joyful moving meditations involving the singing of sacred phrases with accompanying movements from the world's many spiritual traditions. Participation is free. Email Rebecca Babbs at babbsrebecca@gmail.com or phone (479) 253-8303 or for more information.

Sunday at EUUF

All are welcome at the Eureka Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 17 Elk St., Sundays at 11 a.m. for a program followed by refreshments. On Jan. 18 Janice Durbin, Good Shepherd shelter manager, and Tracellen Kelly, thrift stores manager, will talk about "Animals and Their Connection to Us." Childcare is provided. Extra parking at Ermilio's Restaurant, 26 White Street.

INDEPENDENT Art & Entertainment

Birds invade city auditorium

Eureka Classic Movies' first classic film will be *The Birds*, one of Alfred Hitchcock's most popular horror movies. Released in 1963, the cast included Tippi Hedren, Suzanne Pleshette, Rod

Taylor and Jessica Tandy. Join other horror flick lovers for this haunting and scary story Sunday, Jan. 18 at 7 p.m. at the auditorium. Adult tickets \$3, 16 and under free.

Tales of *West Side Story* at Poetluck

Thursday, Jan. 15, Writers' Colony writer-in-residence, Julia Foulkes, will read from the final chapter she is writing for her book – a cultural history of *West Side Story*. The musical and film have traveled around the world as a resonant vision of New York City and America.

Local writers and musicians are invited to read from or perform their work for up to four minutes following Julia. Bring something to share for the potluck dinner at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome at the Writers' Colony at Dairy Hollow, 515 Spring Street.

If it snows, Poetluck will be cancelled.

Resolve to see this show!

Resolutions 2015, an invitational multi-media exhibition, will be shown at The Space Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 17 and 18. The theme is a nod to collective New Year's resolutions – the ones we keep, the ones we break and the ones we hope for or choose to ignore – creatively interpreted by 50 local and regional artists.

This will be a big, captivating show with lots of interesting interpretations, so make plans to attend and brighten up your interior horizons while the outdoor scenery is bleak. There will be a public reception Saturday from 5 – 9 p.m. Exhibition is open from noon – 9 p.m. Saturday and noon – 4 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is a canned or dried food item to be donated to local food banks.



OzMoMu 2 - Jan. 22 – 25

If you thought you were settled in for that long winter's nap – think again. The Ozark Mountain Music Festival, affectionately known as OzMoMu, is about to interrupt that snooze with a romping good time.

It's an indoor campout at the Basin Park Hotel with bands often celebrated at major outdoor festivals such as Wakarusa or Harvest Fest. Headliners include Shawn James and the Shapeshifters, The Hooten Hallers, and Hosty Duo along with local favorites Mountain Sprout, Chucky Waggs, DimeTrip and Fayetteville's Foley's Van.

From 6 p.m. Thursday until Sunday's "Bloody Mary Morning Show," 11 bands will keep you pumped with Indie folk at its best. Four-day access passes are \$55. For full schedule and tickets, visit www.ozarkmountainmusicfestival.com or phone (800) 643-4972.

Curious about Quilting?



Holiday Island Quilters' Guild invites you to attend '**Quilting for Beginners**' beginning Jan. 22 at the Holiday Island Clubhouse, Room A.

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We invite you to our monthly meeting held the third Thursday of each month, 10 a.m., at the Holiday Island Club House, Room A. Come join us!

Crafters and makers, get a jump on May shows

The Village at Pine Mountain on US 62E will host its annual Spring Village Craft Show Saturday, May 9, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Booth space applications for this popular show are currently being accepted. Spaces are 12x12-ft. and cost \$40 (electric available on request). Only handmade items allowed. For more information, contact Gayle Voiles at (479) 244-6907 or (479) 253-7047.

Two writing workshops Jan. 17

The Village Writing School is repeating its Planning and Plotting workshop, on Saturday, Jan. 17, from 1 – 4 p.m. at 177 Huntsville Road. Also on that day, Eureka resident Mackenzie Doss will teach a full-day writing

workshop covering dialogue, setting and research from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. at Schlotzky's in Rogers.

For costs and to register for either workshop call (479) 292-3665 or visit www.villagewritingschool.com or.

Models on display at Carroll County Airport

NICKY BOYETTE

On display in the lobby of the Carroll County Airport are 124 immaculately hand-painted models of World War II airplanes from around the world. The award-winning collection was the passion of Don Pratt, and after his death his widow donated his work to CCA.

"They're flawless," commission chair Morris Pate, said. "The handcrafting just blows me away."

The models were numbered and carefully catalogued by Pratt's widow (who wished to remain anonymous). She also arranged them in a very particular pattern in the cases in the airport lobby, according to airport manager Dana Serrano.

Serrano said Pratt hand-painted each model down to every detail, and his widow compiled an equally detailed

binder with photos and descriptions of each plane. The catalog listed eight different countries, including Italy, Egypt and Poland, in just the first few pages.

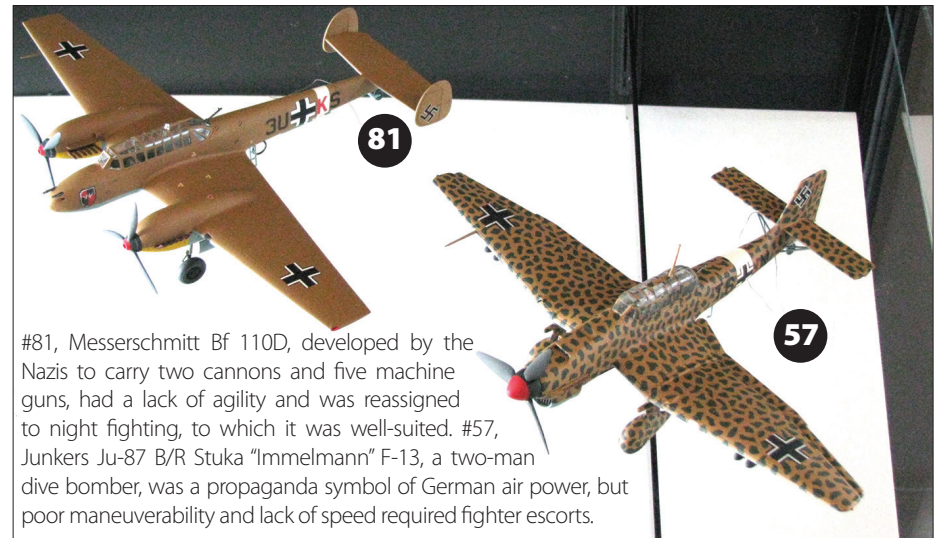
Former commissioner Ron Rupe was the commission's contact person in getting the collection and finding cases to house them. He said Pratt's widow wanted the models displayed so the public could see them, adding he did not know the value of the collection, but "it was valued as expensive by the insurance adjusters."

"They're museum-quality," Pate said about the models. "We want the community to know about them. We're just housing them for the public."

CCA is located three miles west of Berryville on County Road 308, just south of US 62.



Imperial Japanese Navy Kawanishi Type 2 Flying Boat H8K2, dubbed "Emily" by the Allies.



#81, Messerschmitt Bf 110D, developed by the Nazis to carry two cannons and five machine guns, had a lack of agility and was reassigned to night fighting, to which it was well-suited. #57, Junkers Ju-87 B/R Stuka "Immelmann" F-13, a two-man dive bomber, was a propaganda symbol of German air power, but poor maneuverability and lack of speed required fighter escorts.

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Point and counterpoint

Editor,

A heartfelt thank you to Susan Pang for her well-researched article about the sterilization of American landscapes. We were inspired! We are busy cultivating a pollinator's paradise. Every plant we use must feed our insects and birds. We are learning a great deal from her reading recommendation, *The Living Landscape* by Doug Tallamy.

So I was confused by a recent letter saying her statement about turf grass was "grossly misleading?" Why so harsh? Did we read the same article?

Turf grass is an enormous vanity crop; primarily a perennial providing little to our environment. It feeds no one. Corn lives for three months, dies and has to be reseeded. Neither is great for the environment, using too much water, herbicides, pesticides, gas and oil for what they provide. My point is – these are two separate discussions.

Ms. Pang advocates plants that feed over plants that are purely ornamental and sterile (of which turf grass is certainly a big player). Period.

I agree about the wasteful practices used to deliver someone's hamburger, but I sure don't understand how this criticism sprung from Ms. Pang's article.

Faith Shah

It was our pleasure

Editor,

We want to send our thanks to you and your staff at the *Eureka Springs Independent* for continually keeping the citizens of Northwest Arkansas informed as to the progress

of SWEPCO's Proposed Transmission Highway. The last 10 months for us certainly has been a testimony to our strong feelings that SWEPCO did not have proof of need to destroy thousands of acres of forest in the Ozarks, especially, on a personal note, our Lynch Family Farm which has been in our family since 1841. We, plus Save the Ozarks, had an ally with you and your newspaper, the *Eureka Springs Independent*.

We appreciate your many months of keeping the public aware of SWEPCO's intent and how the public could express opposition to their intentions.

Hopefully this will send SWEPCO and other energy giants who might want to do the same to our Ozarks, a message – "Northwest Arkansas will stand and resist." The communities, informed by independent newspapers like yours, stand firm together in resisting needless energy power grabs.

Thank you again for standing strong and keeping the community updated and informed.

Stephen Lynch

Sheila L. Calix

**SWEPCO Power Lines Route 33
and 109**

Wise water use

Editor,

A few have addressed turf grass and water. Here is a bit more information:

Fresh Water Facts

a. Three percent of water on the planet is fresh water and 68.7 percent of that water is trapped in glaciers.

b. The average American uses 100 gallons per day. Europeans use about half

the water we do and in many less fortunate countries they use far less than Europeans.

c. About one third of American water usage is for outdoor purposes, but mainly for lawn irrigation or watering ornamental plants that are inert. Residential landscapes in USA use about nine billion gallons of water per day.

d. Fresh water is a scarce resource and it is only a matter of time that we will need to seriously address this. Why aren't we? Why is watering a vanity crop allowed?

e. Groundwater provides about one half the USA population with water. Almost all rural folks use water from a well versus surface water, and about 50 billion gallons per day are used for big agriculture purposes. Most of our groundwater is being used at a much faster pace than it is being replenished. This causes wells to dry up, depletion of lakes and river water sources, and deterioration of overall water quality.

In short, we have a water crisis that will continue to worsen if we don't address how we are using it. [Watering] lawns and ornamentals that provide no benefit has become a social norm that needs to be questioned. Desperation has led to people in Texas and California ripping out their turf grass.

We have over 3,000 different native plants adapted to our climate. They are not only drought tolerant, but come in all different shapes and sizes that can suit any landscape if given careful thought and planning. An extra bonus their long root systems clean the soil and help run off by absorbing large quantities of water before it runs off into the streets and watershed.

Susan Pang



WEEK'S TopTweets

@Pundamentalism: Anyone else able to tie rope using telekinesis? Thought knot.

@donni: Got a tan this weekend. Might exchange it for a turquoise.

@sween: They should put ads on slow people.

@shariv67: If there's one thing I like better than paying bills, it's anything else.

@meganamram: Does this optic nerve make me look?

@sammyrhodes: Imagine the most awkward thing you've

ever experienced & it pales in comparison to watching me try to pass someone walking.

@Swishergirl24: I hate it when I open Twitter and miss a week of work.

@clarkekant: Life just handed me lemonade. Not sure what to do.

@LaytesAgain: Who forgot his phone charger today? THIS gu

@TiffanyJMoore: Do we still not know who let the dogs out?

Ête-vous Charlie?

Ah, Paris. It doesn't even need a country name after it, everybody knows where you mean when you call her by name. Eyes shine at her mention.

A long time ago, back in the BC days (about 2300 years ago) travelers came across a beautiful river and settled on each side of it. One side was filled with writers, cooks, sculptors – robust, creative people. The other side was settled by those more comfortable with money as their reason to live. Artists and aristocrats shared the Seine and little more, but they made it work for them, living in harmony and staying out of each other's business.

Parisians managed to put some things together over the years. They started paving their streets 1200 years ago. Then came the Louvre. Notre Dame. Eiffel Tower. Coco Chanel. Brigitte Bardot. Jean Cocteau and Jacques Cousteau.

Paris was home to so many Hemingways, Picassos, Matisse, Steins, and Joans of Arc that it's daunting to find someone who hasn't been influenced by the City of Light and Enlightenment. Paris waters the deepest roots of art and thought, and patiently waits for harvest.

Charlie Hebdo is a weekly magazine in Paris, published every Wednesday afternoon, with an occasional special edition if the staff feels the expense is worth having their say. *Charlie Hebdo* (the "H" is silent – just saying it makes one's eyebrows rise with amusement and bemusement) has an attitude. The staff take satire seriously. *Charlie Hebdo*, which means Charlie Weekly, pokes fun at anyone who dares be rigid, inflexible, pompous, fanatical or intolerant. Which gave the staff plenty to write about. They did, and they were killed. For having an opinion.

Charlie Hebdo's editorial staff was warned to stop hurting people who had firm religious convictions. When the staff refused, citing freedom of the press and acknowledging that violence in the name of religion needed to be publicized, the French government banned the weekly from publishing. *CH's* response was to change their name and publish a cartoon of Muhammad lamenting, "It's hard being loved by jerks."

Which was likely funny to everyone except those who hold Muhammad in the same light many Americans hold JC. Yes, anytime we make fun of someone, it's the wrong, wrong, wrong, thing to do. Yet, when we nail it, it's our duty, or at least pleasure, to expose plain old bigotry. We seem to recognize that the more we are told not to do something, the more appealing it becomes. Isn't that the theme of most American literature?

Charlie Hebdo used humor, sometimes biting, and sometimes a verbal or visual form of birth control on craziness. Humor is designed to embarrass.

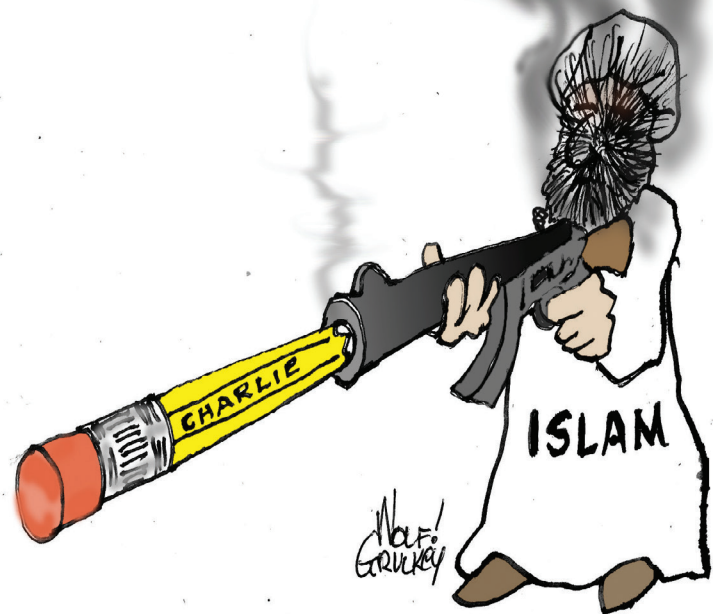
Last week, demoted Cardinal Raymond Burke was quoted as saying radical feminists are the reason the Catholic Church had so many pedophiliac priests. Now, it's news that a Cardinal would say that, but is that it? Because without a cartoonist or a reporter calling attention to the man's actual words, there is a tendency to skip it and get to the sports page, while the poor demoted man stew in his unenlightened bigotry and insistence on blaming someone, anyone, other than the priests, the adults.

But Cardinal Burke is probably not in mortal danger. Radical feminists are unlikely to bomb, shoot or run him over. Yet he should be held accountable, as a man who took vows and pledged his life to spreading the teachings of a fair and intelligent Jesus Christ, for saying something publicly that defies common sense and common good.

There are times when we yearn for the days when people simply socked each other in the nose to get their point across. And we're betting most Muslims are as mortified by the killings in Paris as most Catholics are humiliated by the actions and cover-ups of priests violating children. Heavens, this is a hard place to live when there are six billion other opinions, but recording who we are and what we do shouldn't cost us our lives.

Mary Pat Boian

BACKFIRE



The Pursuit Of HAPPINESS

by Dan Krotz

More than half of Americans, according to the Pew Research Center, believe that the CIA's post 9/11 interrogation methods are justified. Simply put, a majority of Americans believe that it is okay to torture prisoners of war. Seventy-six percent of self-identified Republicans give torture a passing grade; it's hunky dory with 37 percent of Democrats.

Men are more likely (57%) than women (46%) to say torture is justified, and old people (62%) are more in favor of sticking a funnel up a guy's rear end and hosing his intestines down than are young people (44%). Evangelical Christians (66%) give it the big okay, while many fewer Jews (19%) are in favor. Perhaps a study of history has given Jews a different take on the matter.

Divides in ethical and moral viewpoints on torture have edged up a tad over the last decade. A 2006 survey by the Scripps Center at Ohio University found that 66% of Americans who then identified as strongly Republicans supported torture, while 24% of those who identified themselves as strongly Democrat gave it the thumbs up. A 2009 Pew survey found that the religiously unaffiliated were among the least likely (40%) to support torture while, among racial/religious groups surveyed, white evangelical Protestants were the most reliable supporters (62%) for inflicting pain as a tool of interrogation. The more a person claims to attend church, the more likely he or she is to condone torture.

While 42% of Americans approve of the release of the Senate committee report describing the CIA's use of torture, 43% wish the report had been buried and kept out of sight. Americans apparently favor the torture of prisoners of war, but are ambivalent about advertising the inclination.

The Pew data has some limits. It fails to quantify, for example, the number of Americans in favor of shaking babies, or chaining dogs out overnight in blizzards. If the torture data are reliable indicators of overall characterological functioning, I suppose we can assume that a plurality of Americans, if not a majority, favor these enhanced measures as well... and that there are some scary people living next door.



Paying it forward – A generous donation from Pastor Carl Petering and the congregation of Community Lutheran Church in Eagle Rock, Mo., was presented by Ginger Petering (far left) and church member Ken Brown (far right) to Janet Arnett, ECHO Clinic Director, (center left) and Suzie Bell. The “small church with a large heart” donated an entire Sunday’s offering (plus a donation from Thrivent Financial) to three local charities.

PHOTO BY JAY VRECNAN

Christmas Forest grows green for charities

– The 1886 Crescent Hotel & Spa recently gave checks generated by the annual Christmas Forest on the hotel grounds. Charities decorate the trees and the public votes their favorite with dollar donations. Above, a check for \$812 was presented to the second top vote earner, Ozark AIDS Resources and Services, represented



by board member Greg Hein and clinic coordinator Nita Sue Stamps (center), by hotel general manager, Jack Moyer (far right) and activities director Mary Howze (far left). First place earner was Arkansas Children’s Hospital Jimi Tucker Fan Club with a total of \$1,815, and third place was Wounded Warrior with \$230. In the past seven years, the forest has harvested \$17,959.80 in charitable donations.

PHOTO BY BECKY GILLETTE

Meet Eureka Gras’ King and Queen

Cné Breaux has called many places home around the globe, but she is most at home in Eureka Springs. She fell in love with Northwest Arkansas 10 years ago after her parents moved to the area. During those visits, Cné co-founded Aspire Gymnastics and Dance in Bentonville and later moved her project management firm, Project Strategies, to Arkansas from Washington, DC, and New York. After looking for that special get-away cabin, she found a little cottage in town that suited her better.

Cné also brought her love of art to Eureka. Twenty-five years ago, while with the Texas Fine Arts Association, she created Artists In Situ, an organization to share business and marketing ideas with artists of all mediums through a series of small group discussions.

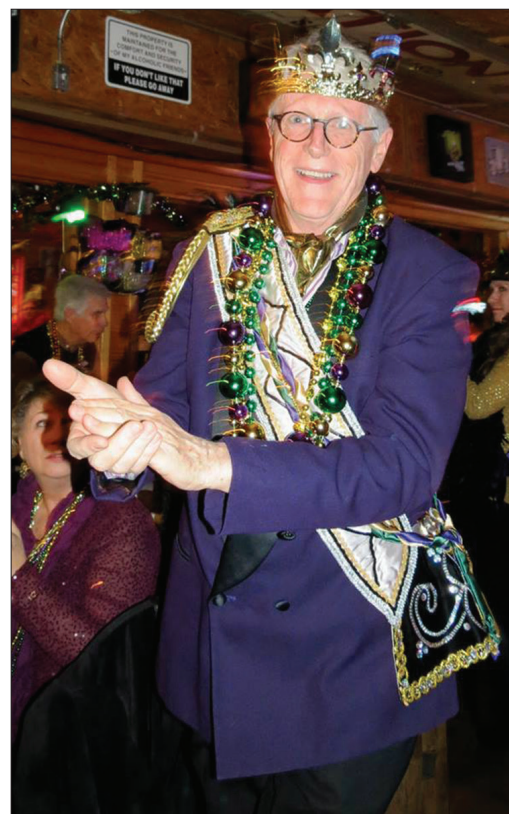
In turn, Eureka Springs brought Cné the love of her life, now her husband, Kevin Ruehle.

Cné also participates in the Downtown Network’s Committee on North Main, produces the ES EasterBelles’ Easter Parade to celebrate women’s organizations, and has served on the Eureka Springs Mayor’s Arts Council.

Eureka Gras Mardi Gras’ 10th year resonates with Cné - Eureka Gras started the year she found her Eureka Springs cottage. She served as Duchess



New Royalty – Cné Breaux was announced Queen Krazo X at the Jan. 10 King’s Day Kickoff Party at the Rowdy Beaver. The festivities obviously included second line dancing. **King LeRoy** – Now we have no excuse ... he actually is the king!



PHOTOS BY BECKY GILLETTE

for the 2011 Royal Court of the Krewe of Krazo and soon after joined the Cavaliers who work year-round to help organize and produce Eureka’s Mardi Gras’ 13 events.

LeRoy Gorrell is a Missouri native. While in college in Warrensburg Mo., he started a retail gift/

craft store for college students. While operating this business in the early 1970s he took a trip to Eureka Springs as he heard there was a beautiful old stone village pulling plywood off of old store front windows, waking up and trying something new.

He fell in love with Eureka Springs on that trip and for the next 40-some years made Eureka Springs his home. Silversmith, carpenter, musician, photographer, advertising director – all leading to positions as newspaper publisher in Stone county, Carroll County and later as Publisher & Vice President of a newspaper group of 18 newspapers in California. After retiring from the newspaper business he served as the Eureka Springs City Advertising and Promotion director before joining Community First Bank. LeRoy and his wife, Sally, have both participated in community activities and been devoted art patrons.

Gorrell currently serves as Treasurer of the Clear Spring School Board, Community Development Partnership, is a Kaptain in the St. Patrick Day celebration, a Cavalier in the Mardi Gras organization, past board member of Eureka Springs School of the Arts, past Chamber Board Member, past Rotary member and was just named 2014 Man of the Year by the Eureka Springs Chamber of Commerce.

A Community Celebrates

STO hosted a celebration Jan. 11 at the Inn of the Ozarks for a grateful community, many of whom had gathered in that same location in July of 2013 to pour out their hearts in opposition to the SWEPCO power line. See story on p. 4.



A little help from our friends:

- **24-hour Crisis Line for Women** – NWA Women’s Shelter serving Carroll County – “Empowering families to live free of violence.” (800) 775-9011 www.nwaws.org
 - **Cup of Love free soup lunches** – Hearty soup lunch Fridays from 9:30 a.m. 2 p.m. in front of Wildflower thrift shop (yellow building next to chapel) on US 62E. Cup of Love also provides soup lunches at Flint Street Fellowship Mondays and Wednesdays from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. (479) 363-4529
 - **Flint Street Fellowship food pantry, lunch, free clothing** – Pantry open 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays. Free lunch Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Free clothes/shoes closet, books and household items. (479) 253-9491 or 253-4945. Leave donations in barrel at entrance if facility is closed.
 - **Free Sunday Night Suppers** at St. James Episcopal Church, 28 Prospect, 5 – 6:30 p.m., are once again available to the community, especially those who are out of work during the winter. Suppers will continue Sunday nights through March 29.
 - **Wildflower food pantry, furniture bank and clothing** – Wildflower Chapel (US 62E) free food pantry 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. on Fridays. Thrift store and used furniture bank (now in big blue barn only) Wednesday – Saturday 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. and Friday 1 – 6 p.m. Drop off donations Thursday – Saturday 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.
 - **Celebrate Recovery** – Soul Purpose Ministries, 801 S. Springfield, Green Forest, 6:30 p.m. each Wednesday. Potluck meal followed by 12-step Christ-centered meetings for those suffering from addiction, habit, hang-up or hurt.
 - **No high school diploma?** Take free GED classes in the Carnegie Library Annex every Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from 9 a.m. - noon with study and tutoring for the GED test. Open to ages 18 and up. GED classes also in Berryville at Carroll County Center. Some open to ages 16 and 17 per educational requirements. For info: Nancy Wood (479) 981-0482, Carnegie Library (479) 253-8754, Carroll County Center (870) 423-4455. Offered by North Arkansas College with Carnegie Library support.
 - **Coffee Break Al-Anon Family Group Women** – Tuesdays, 9:45 a.m., Faith Christian Family Church, Hwy. 23S, (479) 363- 9495.
- Meetings at Coffee Pot Club behind Land O’ Nod Inn:**
- **Alateen** – Sundays, 10:15 – 11:15 a.m. Email alateen1st@gmx.com or phone (479) 981-9977
 - **Overeaters Anonymous** – Thursdays, 10:30 a.m. Barbara (479) 244-0070
 - **Narcotics Anonymous** – Fridays, 5:30 p.m. (903) 278-5568
 - **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. All other meetings: See www.nwarkaa.org

INDEPENDENT Constables On Patrol

JANUARY 5

12:21 p.m. – Constable on patrol searched a neighborhood for a dog reportedly running loose and unattended for the past four days. He did not encounter the vagabond, and Animal Control was alerted.

6:25 p.m. – Hospital staff told ESPD they were concerned about the welfare of an intoxicated male patient who had left the hospital on foot. Constable responded to the area, but the patient had returned to ESH.

JANUARY 6

1:53 a.m. – Wife in Holiday Island said her husband had come home from work and had had taken a sleeping pill, then fell asleep at the kitchen table. She needed help moving him to his bed. Holiday Island first responders arrived to assist her.

10:40 a.m. – A woman went to the station to file a report on a hit and run accident, as someone had run into her vehicle.

JANUARY 7

10:26 a.m. – Animal Control officer helped get a dog out of a ditch along Main Street, and found it a foster home for the night.

11:23 a.m. – There was a one-vehicle accident on US 62 with minor injuries.

3:27 pm. – Tourist lodging refused to rent to a couple because they seemed suspicious. The couple sat in their vehicle in the parking lot for a long time afterward, so the front desk staff called ESPD. The couple left before a constable arrived, and their vehicle was not observed anywhere around town.

3:30 p.m. – Individual turned herself in on an ESPD warrant.

10:49 p.m. – A woman parked in the ESH parking lot thought the vehicle parked beside her looked like the vehicle which had been following her around Berryville earlier. Constable provided her an escort to the city limits.

JANUARY 8

7:04 a.m. – Passerby noticed a large dog running loose near North Main Street. Animal Control searched for

but did not find the rambler.

1:21 p.m. – A woman spoke with ESPD about filing a harassment claim against a male whom she claimed had been following her around town and making lewd comments.

9:57 p.m. – Constable responded to a call from an establishment where a female was reportedly harassing her ex-boyfriend. Constable escorted him out of the establishment.

JANUARY 9

6:58 a.m. – Employee noticed an open door at his workplace as he opened for the day, and asked for constables to clear the building. They did so, and everything appeared to be okay.

7:25 a.m. – Same large dog was running amok again on North Main. Animal Control warned the owner to control the dog or get a citation.

9:36 a.m. – School staff reported finding a syringe on the playground. Constable collected the materials and gathered information for a report.

12:38 p.m. – A bulldog mix puppy wandered into a garage in the south part of town. Animal Control found it a safe place for the night.

1:35 p.m. – A woman living above downtown reported a well-dressed male had come to her house attempting to sell insurance. Constables watched for his vehicle around town.

JANUARY 10

2:46 p.m. – Constables responded to a call out of city limits involving a possibly suicidal female. They remained at the scene until deputies arrived.

11:46 p.m. – Springdale PD picked up an individual who had an outstanding warrant from ESPD for animal cruelty and failure to pay fines. Constables brought the individual back to town for booking.

JANUARY 11

7:28 a.m. – ESH asked for a constable to deliver a message to a family member south of town.

Parade time is nigh ...

A call for floats, bands, costumed groups, individuals and convertibles for day and night parades has been announced by the Krewe of Krazo in preparation for Mardi Gras. This year’s theme is “Carnival Around the World” – and the first parade is only three weeks away! The fourth annual Night Parade rolls out Saturday, Feb. 7, at 6 p.m. Floats and walking groups participating in the night parade should plan on being lighted (and perhaps lit, if that applies).

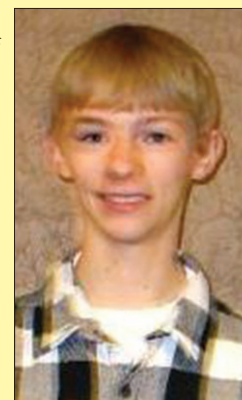
The Day Parade steps off Saturday, Feb. 14, at 2 p.m. The “Krewe of Krazo” will also roll out its seven permanent theme floats followed by corporate and business floats. The Annual Cavalcade of Royal Chariots, consisting of convertibles carrying Dukes, Duchesses, and past Kings and Queens of the Realm draped in colorful parade capes will be followed by costumers and other units.

Come “pass a good time” and let the good times roll! Contact the Krewe now and be in that numbah: TonyPopovac@yahoo.Com, (225) 405-9673 or (225)

405-9672. Details and updates at www.Krazo.Ureeka.Org. Parade applications at www.Parade.Ureeka.Org.

For a calendar of Eureka/Mardi Gras events, pick up a copy of the *Fun Guide*.

Student of the Month – Eureka Springs Rotary Club’s Student of the Month for November, Wade Carter, son of Keli and Ken Carter, is a senior at Eureka Springs High School with an A+ grade average. Wade has received Renaissance Cards in 13 subjects since in 2012, and received an academic letter in 2013. He is active in student government and is a member of the Future Business Leaders of America. In addition to other activities and hobbies, Wade is employed at the Beaver Dam Store and Spider Creek Resort. He hopes to attend Vanderbilt University and study Engineering.





The high-handed poinsettia



The palace of the last Aztec king, Montezuma (1466-1520), was adorned with a gift from the gods – *Cutetlaxochitl* – “the flower that perishes like all that is pure.” The Aztec’s Christian conquerors were soon to adopt this plant with green and red leaves to symbolize the blood of Christ and rebirth of life. We know it today as poinsettia. Native to Mexico and Central America, poinsettias are not the neat 1–2 ft. tall potted plants of our familiarity, rather they are tropical shrubs 4-15 ft. tall! The leaf-like bracts or floral leaves beneath the barely noticeable flowers mostly in reds, are what attracts our attention. A member of the spurge or euphorbia family, Poinsettia is known as *Euphorbia pulcherrima* (formerly as *Poinsettia pulcherrima*).

In 1825 soon after Mexico became independent, President John Quincy Adams offered the new Mexican

diplomatic post to Tennessee Senator, Andrew Jackson. Jackson declined the position as he aspired to another job, defeating J. Q. Adams in the election of 1828. Instead of Jackson, President Adams appointed a South Carolina politician with botanical interests to the post of Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary at the U.S. Mission in Mexico City. His name was Joel Roberts Poinsett (1779-1851).

During his time in Mexico, Minister Poinsett became intrigued by the plant that adorned Montezuma’s palace. He sent cuttings to colleagues in Charleston and Philadelphia nurseryman, Robert Buist. Buist in turn shared it with the first nursery to propagate the plant and offer it for sale, Bartram’s Garden in Philadelphia, America’s original nursery and botanical garden established in 1728 by John Bartram.

In 1829, Bartram’s granddaughter,

Ann Bartram Carr and her husband, Col. Robert Carr, introduced

“a beautiful euphorbia” into commercial trade. Buist distributed plants throughout the United Kingdom in 1834.

In 1836, Dr. Robert Graham of the Botanic Garden Edinburgh named the plant for Poinsett. The gangly, weedy greenhouse novelty remained just that until the Ecke family of Encinitas, Calif., developed a proprietary grafting method on dwarf stock and mass-produced the plant for the Christmas trade we know today by the common name poinsettia.

If you are Mexican, you may honor America’s first ambassador to Mexico, Joel Roberts Poinsett, as the inspiration for the word *poinsettismo* – an expression of arrogance and high handedness.

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Map showing streets: SPRING ST., WHITE ST., CENTER ST., BASIN PARK, N. MAIN ST., S. MAIN ST., 62 W, 62 E, 23 N, 23 S.

Serving in Aquarius – Sun, New Moon in Aquarius

While resting on the mountaintop of Capricorn, the disciples, hearing the cries of humanity in need, knew they would return to Earth to serve in Aquarius and save in Pisces (the last two signs). Tuesday, Sun enters Aquarius. The disciples return after a long well deserved rest in Capricorn's light.

Aquarius – the New Age (after Pisces); the Moon of the U.S.; President Obama's Ascendant (18 degrees Aquarius, close to the U.S. Moon). Aquarius distributes Ray 5 from a star in the Big Dipper. All twelve zodiacal signs are influenced by the 7 Cosmic Rays from the Big Dipper. Ray 5 is Concrete/Scientific

Knowledge (technologies central to the Aquarian new age). The heart of Aquarius, however, is Jupiter (Love/Wisdom). The rising sign (Ascendant) signifies one's Soul purpose (virtues). Now that our Sun and solar system is aligned with Aquarius, the rising sign of Earth (and all of humanity) is Aquarius. The Soul of Humanity is beginning to express itself as Aquarius, the "water bearer – Waters of Life Poured Forth for Thirsty Humanity" (Aquarian task). It is therefore through the characteristics and nature of Aquarius that humanity's collective human purpose (the next two thousand years) is revealed.

Esoterically Aquarius is the "light that shines on Earth, across the sea... the light shining in the dark, cleansing with its healing rays that which must be purified, until the dark is gone." The New Group of World Servers are present day "water bearers," commissioned with creating the new culture and civilization, the heart of which is Love/Wisdom, equality and essential unity, directed by the Aquarian Laws & Principles (explained next week). Upcoming week: Tuesday – Aquarius New Moon Festival. Wednesday – Mercury retrogrades (17 Aquarius). We complete major plans this week. During Mercury retro we rest and review.

ARIES: I don't know of another time in your life when you were called as deeply as you are now to help and serve humanity, focusing your will(ingness) and abilities toward initiating a new world culture and civilization. It's important to seek like-minded groups assisting each other in this historical, era-changing task. This is what you've been called here to do. Initiating all that's new.

TAURUS: You're called to bring forth all ideas that helps activate and then support the work Aries (and the New

Group of World Servers) is initiating that brings forth the new economic order (New Sharing Society). The past months (if not years) you've known your job was to gather information for the difficult times to come. Even if few listen, you carry on.

GEMINI: Your mind thinks on previous goals that did or did not manifest. You assess the education you did or did not complete. You think of travel and adventures, philosophies and religion, all these things, sorting them out, reviewing beliefs, gathering from conclusions new goals, adventures, ways of life, religious (or spiritual) beliefs. A new mind forming for the new times.

CANCER: The next weeks uncover deep unrecognized feelings affecting your next life steps. Careful. Don't be too secretive about what you're doing. You need people around to share thoughts and feelings, ideas and plans. It's what your heart's missing these days. You also hold information valuable to other's well-being. Say yes to what's offered. Then offer more.

LEO: Your mind assesses everyday work, how to tend to yourself carefully and daily, and the best ways to be effective and efficient within all your responsibilities when experiencing less and less time. There are relationships where real communication is needed, ideas to be shared, and time must be set-aside for special moments. This intense focus on time continues. It mirrors your future.

VIRGO: You'll complete tasks, then redo them. You'll have a thought as new thoughts arise. You'll think you've completed something, realizing it's completely incomplete. You'll find odds

and ends from the past seeking closure. You'll be busy, productive, at times impatient, look backward, backpedal when necessary, review, renew, and in the midst of it all be happy. This begins in a week or two.

LIBRA: It's good to upgrade and/or add more technology to your life. Do it now. Later, there may be more than a few steps needed than expected. With these new tools your creativity will express itself

more easily. In coming weeks think about home, family, growing up, and foods to prepare relating to art and culture. Consider your summer garden.

SCORPIO: You are having questions pertaining to security and what signifies safety. You think about home, wondering where it is. You consider living in other areas and regions. You make lists of priorities, needs, hopes, wishes. You need to include community because in the future you can no longer be alone all the time. Community has many meanings. What does it mean for you?

SAGITTARIUS: It's good to explore – neighborhood, neighbors, downtown, etc., renewing social contacts here and afar. It's good to focus on things local, spending money that supports community resources. You may also think about and study investing in gold or silver, precious metals. Research is best done during retros – next week. In the meantime don't careful of wrong turns. Silence is good. Sag is the sign of silence.

CAPRICORN: Money and finances will become a focused endeavor. You'll find yourself more generous. However, you can also spend in areas that are not essential, thus depleting financial

resources. Have you made a monthly budget yet, assessing expenditures at month's end? Begin to teach children the value, use, and tithing of money. You will and do not lack money. It is simply a time to be consciously careful with it. When an endeavor ends, something new comes forth.

AQUARIUS: People will be attracted to what you say, do and think. It's Venus, shining its benevolent light upon your life. You will magnetize, attract people. This has two outcomes. One is being constantly in the spotlight, becoming overworked and overstressed. The other is finding it difficult to rest, have quiet and solace. Be extra careful with health and add more exercise. Consider all that you do as serving.

PISCES: We see you struggling with a new self-identity, struggling to flourish. It's a struggle of identity, geography, place, groups and of things constantly dissolving away (Neptune). New opportunities and contacts eventually emerge from the shadows as past hopes and wishes are renewed. They will become practical. Use money on something special for yourself. A future plan is coming into form. It loves you. You'll want to dress for it.

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Sycamore, written by Constance Wagner and published in 1950 by Alfred A. Knopf, is the story of a sophisticated New York girl who marries a boy from Arkansas. The Wagners and their daughter lived in Eureka Springs while the novel was written. In addition to five novels, Constance Wagner wrote numerous articles and stories published in *The New Yorker*, *Atlantic Monthly* and *Collier's*.



CONSTANCE
WAGNER

She waved good-bye and stood on the steps for a moment, watching the two station-wagons out of sight, with their cargo of leather-jacketed men, and dogs, guns, canned goods, and whisky. She had a curious sense of released tension. There was something about a husband that absorbed you, and you found yourself surrendering bits of yourself, little by little. And the two shall be made one – but was that possible, or if possible, was it good? She closed the door behind her and shed her jacket, pursuing her idea as if even her mind had been granted a new freedom, now that Walter was bound for the deep woods. She decided that, in these three days of solitude, she would take her heart apart and find out the nature of its imperfection: why, loving Walter as she did, she was also able to hate him, sometimes for hours at a time. During these unhappy periods, she saw him all awry – arrogant, lazy, conceited, overbearing – as if she were looking at him in a distortion mirror.

She poured her second cup of coffee, sat down at the kitchen table and lit a cigarette. Well, perhaps it was just the Ozarks. What made Walter here so different from Walter in New York? He'd surely changed radically since he had returned to the hills. He had never shown a domineering spirit

before they were married, but is showed up more and more often, now – a kind of woman's-place-is-in-the-home attitude that she hotly resented. That's the way it is here, she thought. Those farm women waiting on their men, eating after the men do, not speaking till they're spoken to, pandering to them, having a child every ten months: Squaws...

And didn't he seem more and more *animal*? No, that sounded like Mother. Perhaps she meant, rather, earthy. Growing into his background? This absence of any understandable ambition (he hadn't written a thing, outside the *Democrat* routine, since he'd got home), this preoccupation with eating and drinking and making love and barging around outdoors – what a *physical* existence! Now that they were in their own home, this was even more noticeable. When she saw him, before dinner, sprawled in his favorite chair near the fire, with his legs stretched out in the heavy boots, and Grampus lying smug and somnolent on the rug between his feet, it was hard for her to realize that he'd ever read a book or heard a symphony or had an idea above ground level. His very maleness offended her. Sometimes he would say, quite crudely, that he wanted her, and once she had been so

annoyed that she had cried out her protest: "You sound like a – a *Turk!*" And that was a mistake, too. He had said only: "Oh, what the hell. Forget it..." but he had sulked all the rest of the evening, and turned a huffy back on her at bedtime.

Early in the summer, she had considered, once or twice, having a heart-to-heart talk with Mrs. Knowles, but through reticence she had never quite brought herself to the point. And somehow, after Tracy's revelation of the Cricket Sayre story, she had felt unsure of her mother-in-law. She seemed to catch an occasional glimpse, between Roger and Agnes, of a secret, almost shameful relationship – a whip held poised, a wound kept open – what exactly? In any case, it had barred her from any real intimacy with Walter's mother.

She got up and began to wash the breakfast dishes. At least, she thought, *I feel* wonderful. That's something. Maybe, after the baby's born, things will be different. In the meantime, you *would* think he'd show a little more consideration. How would he like it if I woke him up in the middle of the night with a craving for broiled lobster or guava jelly?

The telephone rang, and she knew it was Tracy, from the first jingle. The familiar

whine came over the wire:

"Honey, isn't it marvelous not to have a man underfoot? We can just be together for the next three days and do whatever we're a mind to. You come over for lunch and I'll send the kids off with Birdie, after school –"

Wherever she had got the delusion that she would be alone, with all the other women's husbands gone too? Especially Tracy, who was developing such a proprietary air. She had begun to see that Tracy might become a nuisance. Perhaps that was what Walter had meant.

She said tentatively: "I'm afraid I can't today, Tracy," and threw out something about household jobs, curtains to be hung, bulbs to be got from Aunt Willy.

Tracy was petulant. "Oh, you can do those things *any* time. I thought we could have so much *fun*, Jane. With the men out of the way – no meals to get or anything –"

"No," Jane said firmly. "Not today, Tracy. Really I can't." Then, weakly capitulating before her dread of wounding Tracy's too-vulnerable heart: "Maybe tomorrow."

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across her back yard next to her garage, well house and RV shed. Bascou said it has been unpleasant and frustrating dealing with Nancy Roller of Farmington, Ark., who has been hired by CBWD to obtain the additional easement.

"My well now is only ten feet away from the easement and they have no concern for that, the edges of my garages or my electric lines," Bascou said. "They have no concern for how we will be affected. They said they are coming through whether we like it or not. If they would just come out and talk to us, and tell us what it is going on, people wouldn't be so upset."

Bascou said the easement takes up a third of her land, which sits on top of solid rock. "My concern is explosives," she said. "The engineers don't know how they are going to get through that rock. I guess when no one lived here and they put in the first line, they dynamited rock to get the pipe in that is there. There are not telling us who is digging the hole to make sure they are insured to take care of any damage they do. I know the water line has to go through; people need more water. But they way they are going about it is wrong."

Roller said she was not allowed by the engineers to give any allowances to property owners. "I was strictly to meet with people, make an offer, and get a signature or walk away," Roller, who acquires right-of-way easements for government and private utility work in Northwest Arkansas, said. "Other than that, I didn't have a lot of options. I had no negotiating power, and I told the property owners that."

Mike Mercer, pastor of Beaver Lake Baptist Church, said the church was offered only \$386 for the additional easement that goes through church property, in spite of the fact that it is on the only level ground and destroys a building site planned for a new church building.

"They want to come down and take the heart out of your land, make it unbuildable, but then give only a tenth of the value," Mercer said. "It makes all of our vacant land totally unusable. They want to take the prime part that is level land, and then pay us \$386. But they said if we would sign today, they would give us \$500 to destroy our property. I told them we are not signing today; we are not signing ever."

Mercer said the Baptist Church saw damage when the initial line was installed. After the property was dug up and put back together, it slumped. Mercer estimates it would take \$10,000 worth of dirt to repair that area.

"What it amounts to is they come through, tear everything up, make a mud hole, and don't fix the damages they have caused," he said.

Mercer said he was also told that if they didn't like the offer, his only option was to take it to court – something the church can't afford. Other property owners report being told that in order to get any compensation if the project damages their well, septic tank or building foundation, they must hire engineers prior to the project to certify that their infrastructure is in good condition.

"You have to prove the house is on a stable foundation, and that there are no well problems," Mercer said. "Nancy

said they only way they are going to stand behind us is if we have it certified. That is totally wrong."

Mercer said the last time CBWD hired a company that wasn't insured to install the water line. The company did a lot of damage, and the district got sued.

The new part of the easement goes through a corner of the house and porch owned by Kevin and Judy Thompson. Thompson said when he expressed concerns about damage to his home and asked what their options were, Roller told them they didn't have any options.

"There is the possibility of structural damage when they bring 50,000-pound equipment in front of our property," Thompson said. "I'm not saying the new line can't be done safely, but I would like to know how they are going to do. Plus, we have a well that is 25 feet away and it is always a possibility that could be damaged by the blasting, drilling or pounding they will do to get the hole deep enough. I asked, 'What are the guarantees this won't damage my foundation or property?' Nancy said, 'We are not guaranteeing anything. If there is damage, you will have to prove we did it.'"

Connell said the contractor chosen would provide insurance damages to property.

"We try to be a good neighbor," Connell said. "I hate for this, but this is progress."

He wasn't sure when the project would begin, but said he expects they will advertise for bids within the next three to four months.

Chucky Waggs and Company, Medicine Man, and Mr. Youngblood all this weekend, all here, going all out

The coldest month of the year won't slow down Eureka Springs' live music scene! **September's End** soulfully croon harmonies at Chelsea's on Friday. Saturday, **Zakk and Big Papa Binns** double guitar assault strikes The Cathouse, and **Chucky Waggs and Company of Raggs** bring troubadour funk to **Chelsea's** Saturday. If you're ailing, drop by **The Medicine Man Show** Saturday at New Delhi for some aural treatments.

THURSDAY, JAN. 15

GRAND TAVERNE – *Jerry Yester*, Grand Piano Dinner Music, 6:30 – 9:30 p.m.

LEGENDS SALOON – *StarSeed*, Rock 'n Roll, 9 p.m.

FRIDAY, JAN. 16

CATHOUSE LOUNGE – *September's End*, Americana, 8 p.m.

CHELSEA'S – *The Vine Brothers*, Singers/Songwriters, 9:30 p.m.

EUREKA LIVE! – *DJ and Dancing*, 9 p.m.

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

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

ROWDY BEAVER – *Karaoke with Tiny*, 7 – 11 p.m.

ROWDY BEAVER DEN – *Karaoke*

with DJ Goose, 8 p.m.

THE STONEHOUSE – *Jerry Yester*, Artist's Choices

SATURDAY, JAN. 17

CATHOUSE LOUNGE – *Zakk and Big Papa Binns*, Rock 'n Roll, 8 p.m.

CHELSEA'S – *Chucky Waggs and Company of Raggs*, Americana, 9:30 p.m.

EUREKA LIVE! – *DJ & Dancing*, 9 p.m.

GRAND TAVERNE – *Jerry Yester*, Grand Piano Dinner Music, 6:30- 9:30 p.m.

LEGENDS SALOON – *Taylor Youngblood Band*, Rock 'n Roll, 9 p.m.

NEW DELHI – *Medicine Man Show*, Americana, 6 – 10 p.m.

ROWDY BEAVER – *Shannon Holt Band*, Rock 'n Roll, 7 – 11 p.m.

ROWDY BEAVER DEN – *The Vine*

Brothers, Rock 'n Roll, 12 – 4 p.m., *Jesse Dean*, Singer/Songwriter, 8 p.m.

SUNDAY, JAN. 18

EUREKA LIVE – *DJ, Dancing, and Karaoke*, 7-11 p.m.

OZARK MOUNTAIN TAPROOM –

Service Industry Sunday, 2-9 p.m.

MONDAY, JAN. 19

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

TUESDAY, JAN. 20

CHELSEA'S – *Open Mic*



Zakk and Big Papa Binns play Cathouse Saturday, Jan. 17.

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Well, it's been pretty cold out so not much fishing going on. I thought it might be a good time to do the spawning temps which do kind of relate to this pic of two wild turkeys that fought in the road last week as if I was not there.

I have seen stripers and white bass act the same when spawning and feeding at the same time, even running into the side of the boat with no fear. On the other hand, walleye feed good before and after

the spawn, but are not so interested when laying eggs.

Bass lay eggs in the shallow gravel with the male staying to guard the nest, just hitting your bait for fear of it eating the eggs. Crappie move into shoreline brush to spawn, and still feed giving some of the best crappie fishing of the year. It all starts in February with walleye first, so here's the temps, hope it helps.

Walleye – 45-50°; Rainbow trout and paddle fish – 50-55°; Brown trout-Fall

– 47-52°; White bass – 45-48°; White crappie – 60-65°; Black crappie – 62-68°; Smallmouth bass – 59-60°; Spotted bass – 63-68°. Largemouth bass –68-72°; Bluegill – 70-75°; Sunfish, green – 75-86°; Sunfish, redear – 68-75°; Catfish, blue – 70-75°; Catfish, channel – 75-80°. Robert Johnson. Johnson Guide Service. www.fishofexcellence.com (479) 253-2258



Special speaker at El Shaddai Jan. 24

Nomie Mills, Doctor of Theology and Co-Founder of Antioch Global Ministries will be the special speaker at El Shaddai Chapel, Saturday, Jan. 24 at 2:30 p.m.

Mills is Vice Chancellor of Antioch College and University and has ministered with her husband, Craig, in churches they've started together since 1989. In 1994 they started short-term missions work in the British Isles, which soon expanded to Sweden, Nigeria, Canada, Croatia and Korea. They've been in full-time missionary work around

the world with a base in Sweden and in Branson, Mo.

Mills has founded and pastored churches in America and Sweden, and has direct association with churches and ministries in several other countries. She is an anointed singer and has an apostolic/prophetic gift blend. For more info call Jim or Charlene Phillips (870) 365-0004 or (479) 981-6388.

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44. Catch
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5. Retinal area
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10. Tiny pasta
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17. Cleo's cobras
19. Once named
22. Like notebook paper
24. Exclusive story
25. Sum it up
26. Regret
27. Dance step
28. Indolence
29. Not pos.
30. Time period
32. Odd
35. Horse color
36. Auto ID
38. Verses
39. Jacob's twin
40. Pelts
41. Affectedly cute
43. Bore out
45. Operatic solo
46. Ursine animal
48. Donkey
49. Tabby

HIFD Auxiliary luncheon Jan. 27

Holiday Island Fire Department Auxiliary will host a luncheon Tuesday, Jan. 27, in the ballroom of the Holiday Island Clubhouse. Doors open at 11:30 a.m., lunch starts at noon.

Cost is \$8. Annual membership dues for 2015 are \$12 and may be paid at this meeting. Reservations required no later than Friday, Jan. 23. Phone Peggy Arnhart (479) 363-6235.

Metafizzies ponder Zen

The Jan. 19 meeting of the Eureka Springs Metaphysical Society will feature videos on the life and discipline of Zen by the renowned scholar, Alan Watts, at 7 p.m. in the reading room of the Christian Science Church, 68 Mountain Street. All are welcome.

DEPARTURES

James Kuffel Dec. 24, 2014

James Kuffel, 71, passed away Dec. 24, 2014 at Eureka Springs Hospital after a brief illness.

He was born in Chicago, Ill., and moved to Eureka Springs with his life partner of 20 years, Bonnie Hughes, in 2001. James was a devoted single parent to his daughter, Tonya Kuffel and cherished his grandson, Travis Dingman.

James was “grandpa” to Jonas Ryan and “dad” to all of Bonnie’s children and grandchildren, as well. James earned his Master’s degree in Economics from Tulane University and developed software for the precious metals market for many years.

His true love was music and he composed and played many instruments, making his home a virtual concert hall.

Additionally, he was an audio and recording expert and did many demo tapes for aspiring artists in Illinois and Arkansas. James was well known for his humor and generous warm hugs.

A Celebration of Life service will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 14, 2015, at the Eureka Unitarian Universalist Church at 17 Elk Street, Eureka Springs, Ark. The

family asks that any heartfelt gifts be given to the Flint Street Food Pantry, 33 N. Main Street, Eureka Springs, Ark. 72632, an organization to be supported.

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Timothy Murray Lenser March 26, 1960 – Jan. 9, 2015

Timothy Murray Lenser, of Cassville, Mo., was born March 26, 1960 in Rock Island, Ill., a son of John and Marolyn Sue (Wilson) Lenser. He departed this life Friday, Jan. 9 in Springfield, Mo., at age 54.

Timothy worked as a butcher at Hart’s Family Center in Eureka Springs, Ark., and at T-Bones in Eagle Rock, Mo., for many years. He loved to hunt,

fish, and ride horses.

Timothy is survived by one son, Adam Lenser of Rock Island, Ill.; one daughter, Emily of Rock Island, Ill.; his mother, Marolyn Lenser of Eureka Springs, Ark.; two brothers, Michael Lenser and Joey Lenser and wife, Katherine, all of Berryville, Ark.; several grandchildren, nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Timothy was preceded in death by his father and one brother, Donald (Duck) Lenser.

No services are scheduled at this time. Cremation arrangements are under the direction of Nelson Funeral Service. Online condolences may be sent to the family at nelsonfuneral.com. © Nelson Funeral Service, Inc. 2015

Raymond Graun Coleman June 5, 1927 – Jan. 10, 2015

Raymond Graun Coleman, of Holiday Island, Ark., was born June 5, 1927 in Homerville, Ga., a son of Charles Leroy and Fannie (Smith) Coleman. He departed this life Saturday, Jan. 10, in Rogers, Ark., at age 87.

Raymond was retired from the United States Air Force. He proudly served his country in the United States Air Force during World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War.

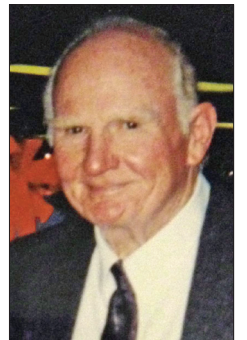
Raymond is survived by two sons, Donald L. Coleman of Savannah, Ga., and Daniel M. Coleman of Chula Vista, Calif.; two daughters, Debbie R. Coleman of Eureka Springs, Ark., and Denise K. Coleman of Holiday Island, Ark.; two grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and a host of friends and loved ones.

On Oct. 4, 1948, Raymond was united in marriage with Beatrice (Connolly) Coleman who

preceded him in death. He was also preceded by his parents, one brother and one sister.

A memorial service will be held at a later in San Diego, Calif.

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at all except for the outcome of destroying a forest which already provides habitat for plant and animal life.”

Becker said the smoke from prescribed fires would adversely impact tourism in the area.

Koloski said there is a perception they will burn the entire area at all the same time, but said they would only burn one or two areas per year on a three- to five-year rotation.

“The amount of fire on that landscape on any given year will be much less than the entire project area,” he said. “We can control the size and intensity of the fires to achieve the objective. A lot goes into doing prescribed fire. We are very careful about when we burn and consider the wind speed, relative humidity, etc.”

Prescribed fires are widely used elsewhere in the country for habitat management, and at times do result in fires that get out of control and burn private lands, sometimes resulting in liability damages. However, proponents say it is safer to burn regularly, as occurred before European settlement, in order to prevent buildup of combustible forest

materials that make a wildfire far hotter and more damaging than regular controlled burns.

Sometimes fires from the prescribed burns can cause automobile accidents by obscuring vision on highway, and people with breathing problems can be negatively impacted by the air pollution.

About 200 private properties adjacent to the MTNF are being given the opportunity to cooperate and allow their lands to be burned, as well.

“No landowners we have talked to will allow that, and we certainly won’t allow that,” Becker said. “The sad thing for Eureka Springs is this smoke coming at them when tourism is challenged anyhow. And what provision have they made to protect the wildlife or take care of injured wildlife when the burning is done?”

Dale Becker said Butler Hollow is a very special place that is a unique web of interconnected animal and plant communities.

“It scares me they can do something this drastic and consider it good for the forest,” Becker said. “You don’t kill the forest and protect it. It is an oxymoron, for sure.”

Another major concern is the potential for flooding. About a year ago Butler Hollow received six inches of rain overnight leading to severe flooding. Kate and Andrew Lucariello, who live near Beaver, said Butler Hollow flooding in 2011 and 2013 cut them off from any escape from their home for several days, and caused widespread damage including wiping out the Railway Winery.

“Please understand that this flooding occurred without the clear-cutting, burning and herbicide-applied tree removal you are proposing to do,” the Lucariellos said in a letter to the MTNF. “We are extremely concerned for our safety should your clearing plan result in even more loss of riparian buffer along Butler Creek.”

The address for the open house Jan. 27 from 4:30-7:30 is the Sho-Me Plaza, 404 State Highway 248, Suite 8, Cassville. Written comments can be submitted to the District Ranger, Ava/Cassville/Willow Springs Ranger District, Rt. 6, Box 614110, Ava, Missouri 65608. Fax comments to (417) 683-5722 or email to comments-eastern-mark-twain-ava@fs.fed.us (subject line: Butler Hollow Project Comments).

INDEPENDENTClassifieds

The INDEPENDENT Classifieds cost \$8 for 20 words, each additional word is 25¢. **DEADLINE – Monday at noon**
To place a classified, email classifieds@eurekaspringsindependent.com or call 479.253.6101

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FLORA ROJA COMMUNITY ACUPUNCTURE-providing affordable healthcare for the whole community. Sliding scale fee. \$15-\$35 per treatment, with an additional \$15 paperwork fee the first visit only. You decide what you can afford to pay! Francesca Garcia Giri, L.Ac. (479) 253-4968, 119 Wall Street.

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EUREKA SPRINGS FARMERS' MARKET Every Thursday, 9 a.m. – noon. Vegetables and fruits, cheese, meat, eggs, honey and so much more. Come for the food, music and to be with your friends. Catch us on Facebook.

BREAD ~ LOCAL ~ ORGANIC~ SOURDOUGH – Ivan's Art Bread @ the Farmers' Market – Thursday: Whole Grain Rye, Whole Wheat Sourdough rustic style and long breads plus specials like Cinnamon Rolls made with organic maple syrup, Fruit Griddle Muffins and more. Request line (479) 244 7112 – Ivan@loveureka.com

PRIVATE PARTIES!!! Ozark Mountain Taproom on Hwy. 62 is available for private parties. Bachelor/ette, receptions, etc. Call (479) 253-7453 for details.

Announce your event!
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PHARMACY TECHNICIAN – ECHO Clinic seeks an organized, self-motivated volunteer with computer skills to manage the in-house pharmacy to maintain inventory, set schedules, etc. Requires some week days and two evenings per month. Call ECHO at (479) 253-5547.

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RUSTIC CHARM ABOUNDS IN LOG CABIN, close to Berryville Walmart and country club. Features living quarters, small greenhouse, new roof/windows, updated appliances. Perfect for office, salon, shop, dog grooming, bike showroom, you name it. \$154,900. Details (870) 847-1934. \$154,000

TURNKEY SUCCESSFUL EUREKA RESTAURANT with proven track record. Sale includes real estate, all equipment to operate, and inventory. Owner will finance 50K. Selling price \$495K. Serious inquires only (479) 304-8998.

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FLEXIBLE COMMERCIAL SPACE FOR LEASE in Holiday Island, near marina & new fitness/wellness studio. Great parking, beautiful building with 3/4 bath, kitchen, new paint & carpet. Lease single or double office, or entire space (140 sq. ft. to 1500 sq. ft.). Lots of potential – personal, professional, retail, etc. (479) 363-6279 to discuss opportunities or schedule appt. to see.

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- Sign up now and show your Culinary Skills to win Cash Prizes in Contests for Amateur or Professional Bakers, Decorators and Candy Makers – Adult and Youth categories!
- Promote your Restaurant or Business to 1500 – 2000 Visitors and sign up as an Exhibitor or Vendor.

Saturday, Feb. 14, from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

- ~ Decorating Demonstrations ~ Exhibitor Showcases ~ Vendors
- ~ Wine and Chocolate Pairings from Keels Creek and Railway Winery (Commemorative glass for the first 250)
- ~ Watch as Celebrity Judges Taste and Tally to Pick Contest Winners!

Stop by the Eureka Springs Chamber, call (479) 253-8737, or go to www.eurekachocfest.org now for tickets; entry forms, fees and instructions for contests; and registration forms, fees and details for vendor tables and exhibitor space. Make a weekend of it and bring your sweetie to the Midwinter Hometown Jam at the Aud on February 13!