



Sidewalks make concrete addition to town

BECKY GILLETTE

Eureka Springs will become a far more walkable town when the contractors finish a current project to install sidewalks on US 62/Van Buren from Planer Hill to Arvest Bank.

The city received about \$400,000 in funding from the Arkansas Department of Highways and Transportation for US 62 sidewalks, a project that has been on the city's "wish list" for at least a decade. The city awarded the bid to NEC Contractors in Rogers, with McClelland Engineering providing design work. Walking along the heavily trafficked highway has previously been a dicey proposition, as in some areas shoulders are narrow, and crossing the highway can be difficult, especially during tourist season.

"Any time we can put sidewalks on top of the hill, it will not only help the safety, but also encourage citizens and visitors to walk," Mayor Butch Berry said.

Berry said the first phase of the project includes a crosswalk at the intersection of US 62 and Main St. at Planer Hill. For now, the sidewalks will go south from Planer Hill to the Arvest Bank. Later, sidewalks will be installed from Arvest to Hwy. 23 South, and down to Greenwood Hollow Rd. and city schools.

Dwayne Allen, director of Public Works, said deadline on construction of the

first phase of the sidewalks is March 1.

"This project to enhance safety meets an important need," Allen said. "We have some money left from our grant from the highway department, so we are looking to extend the sidewalks farther after we get the first part finished. We are looking at all the best options and how we finish this thing. We got the straight run started and are planning the next part. We are in the phases of deciding which side of the street the sidewalks should be and where crosswalks should be located."

Allen said this phase of the project would avoid the maple trees in front of the Best Western Eureka Inn. Years back citizens went into an uproar when the highway department wanted to remove those trees to widen the highway, and public opposition killed the project.

Allen is hoping phase two can be completed before the summer tourism season when traffic is heavy. He said one of the biggest engineering problems of the second phase of the project is determining how to put a crosswalk at the intersection of Hwy. 23 and US 62. Traffic is heavy and fast at this location, which also has a curve in the road that can make it more difficult to see oncoming traffic.

Allen said the city is also making a push this year to get more downtown sidewalks fixed. Many of the city's historic

sidewalks in downtown are in poor repair due to weather, subsidence and tree root heaving.

In areas where tree roots are lifting up sidewalks, Allen said they try to trim roots back and put root barrier down.



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This Week's INDEPENDENT Thinker

A sign isn't exactly an independent thinker, but it does make one remember, "When you're out of Schlitz, you're out of beer."

This *ca.* 1965 Schlitz sign on front of the old Wagon Wheel in Eureka Springs is gone, kind of like Schlitz Beer, whose brewing process was changed in the 1970s to save money. Beer drinkers wouldn't abide corn syrup instead of malted barley, and the FDA frowned on the addition of silica gel, so Schlitz, the beer of choice for college kids in Fayetteville in the 1950s, lost out, sold out, and never recovered.

It was still hard to see a sign that feels like a friend loaded into a pickup last week and taken bye-bye, without leaving so much as a forwarding address.



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Berry delivers State of the City address

NICKY BOYETTE

Mayor Butch Berry began the Jan. 26 city council meeting with his State of the City address in which he remarked he sees the city going through “enormous changes,” not only in leadership but in a renewed focus on boosting local economy and repairing infrastructure.

One change in particular Berry mentioned was Public Works replacing faulty or non-functioning water meters with new ones, so the city can bill accurately for water use. Berry said revenue in January from water use doubled compared to January 2014, yet Public Works has replaced only 15 percent of the meters so far. Berry said Public Works Director Dwayne Allen estimated by the end of summer he will have replaced all meters that need it.

Berry pointed out highlights for 2014:

- The number of building permits significantly increased.
- The Clean City Ordinance enabled the city to demolish two of three buildings targeted for demolition by neglect, and caused remodeling to begin on two others.
- Thomas Achord is now the Chief of Police.
- Billy Summers is the Interim Fire Chief for ESFD. The department recently received donation of a new ambulance and three gurneys from the Hospital Commission.

• The Transit Department will be getting another trolley this year and adding new routes, including one to Lake Leatherwood City Park. Berry said the ES transit department is the only one in the state which does not require funding from the city to operate.

• The CAPC again improved on its previous year in collections, bringing in more than \$1.2 million.

• Parks received \$150,000 in grants for refurbishing the Harmon Park office and the old cabin on that site, and for the new pavilion at LLCP. Also, the dog park opened

after fundraising by a volunteer committee.

• The Mayor’s Task Force on Economic Development has been formalized. Its goal is to facilitate communication among commissions and individuals in town who are trying to bring in tourists and attract new businesses to the area.

• There is a group working on what can be done with the old high school property; in particular, the group wants see if the site can be transformed into a community center.

Spring cleaning

Berry stated that because of last year’s Clean City Ordinance, seven properties in town were identified as targets of demolition by neglect. Two of the seven are being repaired as a result of the designation. Three others were targeted for demolition, and two of them have been demolished. Berry said so far the city has not been able to find the owners of the other two properties.

Other business

• Berry announced Eureka Springs had been chosen by Crews and Associates to receive the Tourism Development award for cities with a population of fewer than 5000.

• Council unanimously approved reseating Steve Beacham to the Planning Commission.

• Peggy Duncan, representing American Legion Auxiliary 36, announced they will stage a Memorial Day Parade on May 25. She said the University of Arkansas ROTC will be the color guard, there will be a military marching band, and Col. Mike Ross will serve as Grand Marshal. After the parade, there will be a memorial concert in Basin Park. Duncan said she would be advertising all over the state to pull in veterans from all eras. Featured will be veterans from World War II and the Korean Conflict. Duncan asked council to ride in the parade as a unit.

Next meeting will be Monday, Feb. 9, at 6 p.m.

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Jan. 21 – 5 p.m. – Umbrella Decorating, New Delhi Café

Jan. 28 – 5 p.m. – Umbrella Decorating, New Delhi Café

Feb. 4 – 5:30 p.m. – Umbrella Decorating, Eureka Live

Feb. 6 – 7 p.m. – Mayor's Inaugural Ball Basin Park Hotel

Feb. 7 – 6 p.m. – Eureka Gras Night Parade (Light and Sound Parade)
Downtown on Spring and Main Streets

Feb. 7 – 7 p.m. – Black Light Ball Le Stick Nouveau Restaurant

Feb. 12 – 6 p.m. – Hookers/Jokers Ball Inn of Ozark Convention Center

Feb. 13 – 6 p.m. – Coronation Ball Crescent Hotel Crystal Ball Room

Feb. 14 – 2 p.m. – Eureka Gras Day Parade Downtown on Spring and Main Street

Feb. 15 – 11:30 a.m. – Jazz Brunch Crescent Hotel – *Bring your Umbrellas*

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CAPC membership rules change

NICKY BOYETTE

City Council voted 4-2 Monday with aldermen James DeVito and Joyce Zeller voting No, to approve the third reading of Ordinance #2220 which would allow owners or managers of restaurants or tourist lodgings in town, but who live outside city limits but in the county, to be eligible for a seat on the City Advertising and Promotion Commission.

DeVito, who sits on the CAPC, stated there was a cloud of confusion regarding possible conflict between enabling

legislation and the state constitution. He said the commission was waiting to get an opinion from the attorney general's office on the ordinance, and saw no need to rush to a vote. City Attorney Tim Weaver also cautioned council to proceed with caution or the situation could end up in court.

Alderman Terry McClung also sits on the CAPC, and was undeterred by unanswered questions. He moved to put the ordinance on its third reading and his motion passed.

Quorum Court could revisit airport funding

MIKE ELLIS

During the first meeting of the year, the Quorum Court grappled with slashing the Carroll County Airport's budget from \$84,000 to \$48,000 in December, after a year of contention at the airport. In cutting the budget, justices of the peace referred to repeated failures by the Airport Commission in providing requested financial information.

Morris Pate, chair of the CCAC, said, "We have no employees." He and other commissioners have been answering phones and filling in where possible, but they had to release one full-time and two part-time employees when the quorum court removed funding for salaries. Pate said the airport stays open all the time, and called it a "vital asset" to the county and the cities of the county.

When JPs slashed the airport budget, they left open the possibility of revisiting the airport's budget in the new year. JP Lamont Richie, a member of the budget committee, said he would support calling a meeting of that committee to reconsider the airport's budget, although the JPs would insist upon seeing all the airport's revenues and expenditures.

Sheriff's Office

With Sheriff Randy Mayfield attending the Winter Conference of the Arkansas Sheriffs' Association, Maj. George Frye appeared on behalf of the Carroll County Sheriff's Office. He said CCSO has encountered some unexpected expenses, including an air conditioning unit that will cost \$4,000 to repair or \$9,000 to replace. The new sheriff found seven patrol units inoperable, and some have since been

restored to service. The department has purchased two of the three new vehicles included in the budget. Frye also said a sewer grinder, to protect sewer pumps, has been out of service for some time, and will cost \$20,000 to replace.

Former sheriff, Bob Grudek, told the quorum court in November he had sought an attorney general's opinion regarding contracts between CCSO and the cities of Berryville and Green Forest for housing prisoners. On Monday, Grudek said he has since received an opinion saying that either party can terminate the arrangement with six months' notice. He also suggested rewriting existing contracts to include such language.

In other business:

- Jason Hunt appeared on behalf of the Oak Grove Police Department, asking for quorum court approval for Oak Grove to have its district court cases heard in district court in Berryville. He said the arrangement was based on an agreement between Tontitown and Springdale. The county and the city of Berryville jointly support the district court. Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Devon Goodman said she would find out whether the quorum court would need a resolution or ordinance.

- Marti Suchsland asked for quorum court approval for the Grassy Knob Fire Department to apply for a grant from the Arkansas Department of Rural Services to equip a fire boat. Suchsland said the department is responsible for an area including 25 miles of Beaver Lake shoreline. The department owns an 18 ft., 115-horsepower outboard fire boat, and the grant will let them equip the boat

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Tunnel collapses between Aud, courthouse

NICKY BOYETTE

Mayor Butch Berry announced at Monday's city council meeting that he had gone with Public Works Director Dwayne Allen, alderman Terry McClung, engineer and former alderman Dee Purkeypile and others to inspect the tunnel underneath the Auditorium, and Berry said they discovered "the tunnel had failed."

The good news, according to Berry, was the failure occurred under the parking lot and not under the auditorium. He said the collapse extended at least

ten feet toward the courthouse. Berry said Purkeypile had mentioned there might be an eight-inch opening for water flow, which means during a large rainstorm or flooding, there could be a backup.

"It's not if, but when," Berry said regarding a backup that could flood the bottom floor of the courthouse. He said he had spoken with Carroll County Judge Sam Barr about the situation because the county owns the property, and Barr had said in order for the Quorum Court to consider helping, Berry would need

to get a Justice of the Peace to sponsor an ordinance for the court to consider.

To repair the spot, the city would lose at least six parking spots for four to six weeks. Berry said the cost estimate is very broad because they do not know what they might find under the parking lot, but he expects costs to range from \$60,000 to \$150,000, or more, depending on what is what down there.

Berry said he would continue his conversation with the Quorum Court about the tunnel repair.

SWEPCO says 'No' to reimbursing STO

BECKY GILLETTE

Awarding attorneys' fees to Save The Ozarks (STO) for intervening in the Arkansas Public Service Commission application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need (CECPN) to build a high-voltage transmission line "would inevitably result in the failure of the regional transmission planning concept," American Electric Power (AEP)/Southwestern Electric Power Company (SWEPCO) argues in a recent APSC filing.

SWEPCO said it was directed to build the 345-kiloVolt line by the Regional Transmission Organization (RTO)/Southern Power Pool (SPP).

"Just as SWEPCO is dependent upon its RTO for direction on building transmission facilities, and does not possess the ability to operate on its own, SPP is dependent upon its members for load forecasts and predictions in order to plan on a regional basis rather than a utility-by-utility basis," the SWEPCO filing said. "Utility planning is not, and will never be, precise when looking into the future. Planning for

reliability inherently calls for watching forecasts, developing trends, and making adjustments when planning inputs change."

Ever since SWEPCO applied for a CECPN permit for the project about 22 months ago, STO maintained the power line was not necessary to meet local power reliability needs. Late in December, SWEPCO withdrew its permit application after SPP performed a new study showing the line was not needed.

"There have been recent material changes in load growth projected by the load-serving entities in the North Arkansas area and a cancellation of long-term transmission service reservations, as noted in SPP's December 29, 2014, letter to SWEPCO, which greatly altered the reliability needs in the area," stated the joint response to STO's motion for attorneys' fees filed by SWEPCO, SPP and the Arkansas Electric Cooperative Corp. "The fact that new load growth projections from other SPP members and neighboring utilities and the termination of two significant long-term transmission

service transactions had occurred since SPP's 2013 reevaluation does not mean that SWEPCO's filing in April of 2013 was in bad faith."

STO disagrees, pointing out that, for 20 months, SWEPCO and SPP defended their claim that the power line was needed. Then, suddenly, they said they had found that demand had dropped by 50 percent in a matter of months and cancellation of long-term transmission contracts had further reduced the need

for the power line.

"This sudden turnaround is a tacit admission by SWEPCO and its allies that the line was planned to make profits transmitting power through Northwest Arkansas – not providing power and increasing reliability in the area," STO Director Pat Costner said.

"The alliance–SWEPCO, SPP and the AECC–seems somehow to have missed the fact that, in one sentence,

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HDC OKs museum rain-protection wall

NICKY BOYETTE

The Historic District Commission considered 12 items of new business at its Jan. 21 meeting, a hefty slate for mid-winter.

Mayor Butch Berry posed as architect Butch Berry to represent the first item. He said the Eureka Springs Historic Museum had received a grant a few years ago to paint and restore the front of the building. Since then, the front has weathered far faster than anyone expected, and he provided photographic evidence of how it has happened.

The photograph showed a vehicle driving by on Main Street in front of the museum in a heavy rainstorm, and water is splashing higher than the roof of the car toward the front of the museum. After much deliberation, the museum board decided to build a three-foot limestone wall eight-inches wide along the front of the building at the outer edge of the sidewalk. Berry commented the deflection wall would include ornamental light

fixtures on top.

Berry said the museum would seek a grant to pay for the deflection wall.

Vote to approve the project was unanimous.

These applications were also approved:

- 26 Emporia – add garage and entry doors to rear lower level
- 52 Wall – new garage
- 1 Magnetic – New fence; non-property line
- 135 Spring – replace 103 windows
- 55 Vine – replace non-original front door
- 7 Lookout – replace two rear windows

The application for 35 Mountain was approved except the commission insisted the guidelines do not allow the door to be replaced and the decking on the front of the house must be wood. The remaining parts of the application were approved: repair/replace siding, windows; repair/replace trim, siding; new porch decking material.

Also, the application for 11 Cliff to replace four windows was approved but the

commission denied the request to replace one the windows with a bay window.

These applications were tabled for either more information or a site visit:

- 24 Singleton – replace wood gable vents with operable metal vent; add windows
- 26 Ridgeway – extend rear upper deck; move staircase; replace deck flooring with new material; add deck railings
- 3 Washington – new materials for chimney

The commission approved these items on the consent agenda:

- 102 S. Main – new paint colors
- 44 Spring St – new sign
- 11 Spring St – new sign
- 28 Spring – new paint colors
- 28 ½ Spring – new paint colors

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

Vice-chair Dee Bright presented these items on the Administrative Agenda:

- 2 Kirk/4 French – repaint
- 182 W. Van Buren – rebuild existing

retaining wall

- 11 Pine – maintenance
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- 25 Kansas – maintenance
- 24 Kansas – maintenance
- 9 White – maintenance
- 279 Spring – maintenance
- 2 Kingshighway – maintenance
- 28 Emporia – maintenance
- 51 ½ S Main – repaint
- 11 Cliff – repair, repaint fence posts
- 5 Ojo – repair/repaint soffit; paint stairways

Administrative approvals are applications for repair or for work involving no changes in materials or color and includes applications for changes in roofing color.

The commission elected these officers for 2015:

- Chair: Dee Bright
- Vice-Chair: Melissa Greene
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- Next meeting will be Wednesday, February 4, at 6 p.m.



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real estate transaction, bankruptcy and business law.

Crow has practiced law in Carroll

County for 25 years, including eight years as a judge. He is one of only three judges in Arkansas to hold a Master of Judicial Studies degree. He will focus on the areas of probate, trusts, wills, real estate and business law. He will also offer limited services to those who wish to represent themselves in court.

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CCSO officer’s plea ends career

Joel Hand, former Carroll County Sheriff’s Office Corporal and head of the Criminal Investigation Unit, entered a guilty plea to a charge of third-degree domestic battery. The charge will prevent him from possessing firearms, effectively ruling out any future employment as a law-enforcement officer.

Hand was arrested in Berryville Nov. 30 by CCSO deputies, following an incident with a live-in girlfriend. He appeared in Eastern District Court in early January, entering a not guilty plea and asking to have a no-contact order removed. His girlfriend also asked to have

the no-contact order lifted, but the state opposed lifting the order.

Hand returned to court Jan. 21 and entered a guilty plea. He received a 90-day sentence, with credit for a day served, and the other 89 days suspended. The suspended sentence depends on no new offenses, and completion of an anger management or domestic violence counseling within six months. He will also have to remain alcohol-free for a year.

Although Hand pleaded to a Class A Misdemeanor, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Devon Goodman explained that a federal law concerning domestic abuse

carries the prohibition against possession of firearms. Hand was fired from the CCSO after his arrest.

Get “schooled” at first BAH of 2015

The new year of socializing, learning about local businesses and networking kicks off at the Eureka Springs High School, 2 Lake Lucerne Rd. on Thursday, Feb. 5, at 5:30 p.m. as the Eureka Springs School District hosts The Greater Eureka Springs Chamber of Commerce’s first Business after Hours.

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Greetings, Honorable Robin Green,

I am astounded that any sitting judge would declare from the bench that merely being a resident of Eureka Springs constituted “probable cause” [ES Independent Jan. 21] for law enforcement to stop and detain a person. The fact that this statement was made in open court proceedings makes it all the more incredible.

I believe the ethics of the legal profession demand that you recuse yourself from the case at hand, as well as any future case that involves residents of Eureka Springs. It is quite obvious that you have a strong bias against us. How can any Eureka Springs resident be assured a fair trial if it is presided over by a judge who believes that we are all drug abusers and that police can use “geological profiling” to justify their actions?

You obviously know little about our city. Our town is the way it is because *that is the way we want it!* It is an extremely diverse community. The overwhelming majority of people in Eureka Spring are honest, law-abiding, hard working citizens. As in any municipality (including Benton County) there are always a few citizens who have trouble obeying the law. You may dislike who and what we are, but we all manage to live in more-or-less harmony respecting each other’s beliefs and individualism. The freedom to pursue “life, liberty, and the pursuit of

happiness” is at the core of our unique culture. I know this culture is tough for conservatives to understand due to their obsession for conformity.

Police calls in our city are public records published weekly in our newspapers so it is easy for us to know the frequency and type of any criminal behavior. Based on what those records reveal, the narcotic situation in Eureka Springs is better than many, if not most cities of comparable size.

Your Honor, I challenge you to come here to our city for a weekend. Look around for yourself. Enjoy our shops, restaurants and attractions. Talk to the people who live and work here. Talk to our police. If you can manage to visit us with an open mind, I think you’ll come away with a new opinion. If not, at least you’ll have seen the people that you have declared to be potential criminals because of where they live.

Rita Wessel

Dog park is a solution

Editor,

In reaction to the article about the leash law and the more strict enforcement of said law, it is important to understand why this law exists. Leash laws are intended to protect people and animals from harm. It is the dog owner’s responsibility to protect your dog and the public from unpredictable situations that may arise. No dog is a 100% predictable when off leash. Just because your dog

is friendly, doesn’t mean other dogs are friendly. Fights may occur when a loose dog approaches a leashed dog, which may lead to the owners or the dogs being severely injured. Additional hazards include: dogs being hit by cars, causing auto accidents, biting people or pets, getting into chemicals or trash, knocking people down and scaring the public.

I would like to remind people that we have a fantastic Dog Park in the city. It is located at Harmon Park and has both small and big dog play areas. It’s great for your dog’s socialization, exercise needs, and mentally stimulating. The best part is it’s *free!*

Rebecca Zeleny

Hold the onions

Editor,

For some time now I’ve been seeing an ad from a bar and restaurant boasting they have the “best burger in town.” I thought that designation went to the Pied Piper Pub this year, they won the right to claim “best burger in town” by winning first place in the “Braggin Rights Burger Cook-Off” held during the Veteran’s Day event. KJ from Caribé held the honor last year.

At no time during the five years they have been holding the burger cook-off have I seen this restaurant enter the competition and win, to prove they have the right to say in their ad that they have the best burger in town. I challenge them to do so.

M.S. Smith



WEEK’S TopTweets

@CandyWarhole: No sweetie, mommy’s not drinking vodka again. This is potato water.

@strobegold: We are probably the first generation that will have our user names on

the headstone.

@Smethanie: More outlets please, anyone planning on building anything anywhere.

@LOLGOP: I remember how the folks on food stamps cost our country trillions by selling bets on bad mortgages to suckers. Glad they’re being punished!

@BorowitzReport: Hard to believe that Twitter is six years old. Seems like just yesterday that I spoke to my family.

@biorhythmist: If I could be any arithmetic operation, I’d be subtraction. I just want to make a difference.

@meganamram: No one spoil the ending, I haven’t finished the iTunes user agreement yet!

@LOLZILLA: I should try my hand at high stakes poker because I’m pretty good at keeping a straight face when knowingly using an expired coupon.

@iAmSuzieA: How does Moses make his tea? Hebrews it.

@sacca: Having trouble with your iPhone saying “No Service?” Just put your shirt and shoes back on.

@DannyZuker: If a mass murderer on death row ordered a Klondike Bar for his last meal I bet it would explain a lot.

@capricecrane: Old people talk into cell phones like they hit the Caps Lock key on their voice.

@GreenishDuck: Spent most of my early twenties trying to open a pistachio.

Butler Hollow project unjustified

The drastic measures proposed by the Forest Service for Butler Hollow are straight out of its playbook. Prior to moving to Eureka four years ago, I lived in Newton County near the Ozark National Forest, where for many years I was involved in the Newton Co. Wildlife Association. This group was formed in 1975 to stop the Forest Service from spraying extremely toxic herbicides (2, 4-D) to kill hardwood trees in favor of commercial pine. The Forest Service's proposals for the Ozark forest were never again quite as extreme.

These days, they use the same argument (now in the Mark Twain forest) to justify their actions (this time – massive burnings). The argument is that is “necessary” to “restore” the forest to its “natural state” – that being the way it was before man started messing with it.

It is no doubt true that at one time the central forests of the U.S. were more glade-like with fewer and larger trees as claimed, **but what we have now, is by definition, the natural state.** Left alone the forest would gradually evolve towards the way it was – an oak/hickory climax forest.

The Butler Hollow Project proposes the controlled burning of 17,000 acres – or 93 percent of the total area – not once, but multiple times. This reflects a policy change made by the FS at the national level about 20 years ago, following some major wildfires in the west. It was decided the suppression of wildfires up to that point had been a big mistake because it allowed a dangerous build-up of combustible material in the forest. Previously, controlled burns had been used, but to a limited extent.

Preemptive controlled burns would reduce chances of larger out-of-control wildfires. Thus, Smokey's slogan changed from “forest fires” to “wildfires.”

While the policy change might make sense for the arid evergreen forests of the west, it doesn't for our damp hardwood forests in this part of the country, where, in fact, incendiary fuels are usually necessary to get a fire to take off.

Burnt over areas are susceptible to increased erosion. All living things, from microscopic to large mammals, are adversely affected. Humans, especially those with respiratory problems (I'm one – twice hospitalized with asthma attacks) are put in harm's way. While the FS says it does everything it can to avoid impacting people, in fact, they can only take an educated guess where the smoke will go.

Several days, every year, the smoke got so bad where I lived in Newton County that I had to hide out in my house. If I was out working or doing errands I had to drop what I was doing and get home as quickly as possible. Tourists got caught while floating the Buffalo – probably never to return. On two occasions the news reported Harrison and Springfield were inundated with smoke from Newton County burns, but the Forest Service didn't know what was happening!

It seems absurd that with our awareness of climate change and its causes, the FS is allowed to dump tons of carbon dioxide and particulate matter into the atmosphere. They get around clean air standards by averaging the pollution over a 24-hour period. When they still exceed them, (assuming anybody's keeping track), there's **no penalty** since they have a “smoke management plan.” But their monitoring stations are few and far between.

Regarding the use of poisonous chemicals on our public lands, well, we've become well-educated on the subject in these parts from our battles with Carroll Electric and SWEPCO. The fact that an herbicide is “registered” with the EPA does not mean it has been tested for safety, only that the company recommends how it should be used. It's meaningless. Back in May 2009, the EPA required Carroll Electric to change its letters to property owners by forcing them to drop any reference to “safety” about herbicides.

I urge anyone with the same or other reservations about the proposed project to let the FS know by the Feb. 6 deadline (email your letter to comments-eastern-mark-twain-ava@fs.fed.us). Otherwise, you don't have “standing” to input later. While the FS is required by law to take public input, it doesn't have to listen. However, as we've seen with SWEPCO, people united *can* make things happen!

Dave Spencer



The Pursuit Of HAPPINESS

by Dan Krotz

Writers of literary fiction generally fall into two categories. There are writers who are painters and create lavish or complicated pictures with their words. Henry James and Mrs. Humphrey Ward were two such writers of the early 20th-century. Later, David Foster Wallace and Thomas Pynchon came along to paint eye- and patience-popping novels.

And then there are writers who are really architects. They use words to build tangible structures that are open or closed by design, intentionally sparse and linear, organic and functional. H.G. Wells was among the best of these writers, followed by Hemingway, Flannery O'Connor, Raymond Carver and Cormac McCarthy.

Iowa Senator Joni Ernst's rejoinder to the President's State of the Union was quite a tale, and I couldn't help wondering how some of these writers might report it. What if Hemingway covered Joni's story?

“Her feet smelled like bread. He was hungry and wanted to lick them. Licking is good. Bread is good. His pants jumped at the thought. Maybe there was corn, too. Yeah. There was corn. \$460,000 in USDA corn subsidies. Money. His pants jumped again. He could love this woman.”

No? How about Henry James?

“Under certain circumstances there are few hours in life more agreeable than the hour dedicated to the ceremony known as catching the school bus. There are circumstances in which, whether you partake of the bus or not – some people of course never do – the situation is in itself delightful. The she that I have in mind, in this mind and this time, is adorable Joni, her feet demurely shod in Wonder Bread bags as she stands with the impeccable posture that is the chief employment of the Middleborder child by the side of a splendid country road and Lo! it is the bus, a stream of festive yellow waltzing over the blackened macadam between fields and fields and evermore fields of subsidized corn that would, one day, make of Jodi the finest castrator among Iowans, and a true princess in a family of subsidy rich Welfare Kings and Queens.”

So anyway, I thought Joni gave a pretty good speech. How about you?

A little help from our friends:

• **Carroll County Domestic Violence Hotline:** 1-844-247-3223 (844-24PEACE) is available 24/7. The Purple Flower Domestic Violence Resource and Support Center of Carroll County is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. on North Springfield St. in Berryville. (479) 981-1676.

• **GriefShare** is a weekly seminar and support group for people who are grieving the death of someone close to them. Group meets in the library of the Holiday Island Community Church from 2 – 4 p.m. each Sunday. Contact Dale or Laura Nichols (479) 253-8925 or email lardellen@gmail.com for more information.

• **24-hour NWA Crisis Line for Women** – NWA Women’s Shelter serving Carroll County – “Empowering families to live free of violence.” (800) 775-9011 www.nwaws.org

• **Cup of Love free soup lunches** – 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. 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 followed by 12-step Christ-centered meetings for those suffering from addiction, habit, hang-up or hurt.

• **No high school diploma?** Free GED classes in the Carnegie Library Annex every Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from 9 a.m. - noon with study and tutoring for the GED test. Open to ages 18 and up. GED classes also in Berryville at Carroll County Center. Some open to ages 16 and 17 per educational requirements. For info: 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:

• **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 ConstablesOnPatrol

JANUARY 19

2:31 p.m. – Constable initiated a traffic stop and arrested the driver for driving on a suspended license.

4:30 p.m. – Restaurant staff said a male came into the kitchen claiming to be with a pest control company. An argument ensued when he was told the establishment used a different company for pest control. He left the premises, possibly on foot, and constables did not encounter him in the vicinity.

7:22 p.m. – Constables responded to a request to accompany an individual on a welfare check.

JANUARY 20

1:20 p.m. – Individual came to the station to report someone had run into her parked vehicle during the night.

1:46 p.m. – Animal Control responded to a report of dogs running loose in a parking lot and issued citations for dogs at large.

2:54 p.m. – Clerk in a business along US 62 reported a shoplifter who drove away in a Cadillac. Constables did not encounter the vehicle.

JANUARY 21

7:41 a.m. – Guest at a hotel uptown claimed his vehicle had been broken into overnight and items had been taken.

10:04 a.m. – There was a minor two-vehicle accident on US 62 toward the eastern edge of town.

11:47 a.m. – Animal Control went to see about dogs running unattended in a neighborhood. He found their address but no one was home. He made a note to follow up.

12:12 p.m. – A daughter asked for a welfare check on her mother who was staying in a motel. Constable spoke with the mother and advised her to call her family.

12:46 p.m. – Building Inspector visited an address to check on a report of littering. The issue was cleared up without incident.

7:20 p.m. – ESH asked for a constable to find the wife of a patient who was having a medical emergency. The wife lived at a campground and did not have a phone. Constable found the wife and gave her a ride to ESH.

JANUARY 22

10:55 a.m. – Individual claimed her wallet had been stolen out of her car while parked near a hotel. Constable checked the surveillance video which showed no one ever came near her vehicle. She decided not to file a report.

12:33 p.m. – Another daughter asked for a welfare check on her mother. Constable found the mother at her home and asked her to call the daughter.

JANUARY 23

4:09 a.m. – Madison County deputy followed an intoxicated driver across the county line, and, with permission from CCSO, stopped the vehicle in Eureka Springs. A constable arrested the driver for DWI, fictitious vehicle license, driving on a suspended license, no proof of insurance and open container.

10:14 a.m. – Person who was moving noticed some of his tools were missing. Constable filed a report.

10:34 a.m. – Animal Control checked on the welfare of a dog residing along North Main. Dog was fine.

10:44 a.m. – Person from an apartment complex told ESPD a tenant had died the previous day and persons not related to him were taking things from the apartment. Constable told the complainant and the manager this would be a civil issue.

3:16 p.m. – Constable parked on a one-way to street to watch for vehicles going the wrong way.

5:18 p.m. – Barking dogs on a road just east of downtown attracted a constable. He asked the owner to take them inside.

7:43 p.m. – Vehicle was allegedly performing reckless tricks in a parking lot. Constable went to check it out but the vehicle was gone.

10:58 p.m. – Restaurant manager reported an intoxicated driver had run into more than one permanent structure on the premises before parking in a lot next door. Constable arrested the driver for public intoxication.

JANUARY 25

12:09 a.m. – Guest at a motel claimed two possibly inebriated women were randomly banging on doors and yelling for someone. Constable arrived to find out they were looking for the person they were staying with. He helped them find their room.

2:41 a.m. – Person in downtown area reported hearing an explosion nearby. Constable searched for but did not find a source or site of any explosions.

3:47 a.m. – Another call came in of an explosion downtown, but again the constable found nothing to report.

9:17 a.m. – Hotel employee called in a domestic dispute in one of the rooms. Constable spoke to the couple and they claimed the dispute had been verbal only. However, constable arrested the male on a Carroll County warrant for bad checks.

10:28 a.m. – Constable picked up a stray dog in front of a business and took it to the kennel.

1:08 p.m. – CCSO alerted ESPD to a reckless vehicle coming from Berryville that had almost hit another vehicle. Constables watched for but never encountered the vehicle.

2:05 p.m. – Individual claimed tools were missing from her residence.

3:59 p.m. – Another person came to the station to file a theft report.

4:50 p.m. – As a result of a domestic dispute at a motel, the constable arrested the female for third degree domestic battery.

Men’s fellowship breakfast Feb. 2

The Holiday Island Community Church will be holding a men’s fellowship breakfast on Monday, Feb 2 in the Church Fellowship Hall at 188 Stateline Dr. Coffee is served at 7:30 and breakfast at 8 a.m. for \$5. At 8:30 guest speaker, Charles E. “Ernie” Wattam, retired U.S. Navy Commander, will present his experience on eight Western Pacific deployments.

Bloomer-what?

SUSAN DOUGLASS

The mission was clear for the members of the Association of Arkansas Blacksmiths. They were going to build an experimental bloomery furnace to extract iron from iron ore.

In 2014, Dale Custer, president of the Blacksmith Association of Arkansas, approached Peggy Kjellaard, director of Eureka Springs School of the Arts (ESSA), and planted the seed of helping revive this almost-lost art. Peggy enthusiastically agreed, since part of ESSA's vision is to be a teaching institution that helps arts survive as well as thrive.

On Jan. 21, aficionados of the metal arts converged on the grounds of ESSA. To construct the furnace, blacksmiths prepared a type of clay cob: a mix of clay, sand and peat moss, the last of which is a good substitute for the traditional ingredient – horse manure.

Fires were started to make coals, and coal was sifted to get the largest chunks for the furnace, as it takes a hot fire to pull iron out of ore. On the second day, the clay cob was formed around a wooden frame core that would then be burned out, leaving the cob.

The burn began in the afternoon, consuming the core and curing the cob.

Cure time would carry on into the third day, so the group decided to use downtime in the heavy metal studio, a state-of-the-art facility built in 2014.

The studio's forges weren't all that got fired up that day. ESSA staffers Becky Newhart and Susan Douglass joined Kjellaard in learning the operation and safety of the forges, power hammer, and other tools of the trade; and were honored to receive personal instruction from Master Blacksmith Bob Patrick. Other blacksmiths also shared pointers and ideas for projects.

Day of reckoning

Saturday, the bloomery furnace was ready to be fed. A fire was started in the belly and charcoal and iron ore were added about every ten minutes to maintain consistent temperatures needed to extract iron from the ore. A special device maintained airflow and allowed the blacksmiths to view the fire through a glass, with the color of the flame indicating approximate heat.

The process went well into the evening, with visitors dropping by throughout the day. Bob Patrick played a fine fiddle, adding to the camaraderie. Finally, after four days, the "bloom," resembling a sponge, was removed and worked on the forge to remove any remaining impurities.



Blacksmiths await the bloom – Its wooden frame is burning out inside this clay bloomery furnace, curing it. Next, coal and iron ore will be added in ten-minute intervals throughout the day and night, ending in a bloom of iron. From left, Dale Custer, Blacksmiths of Arkansas president, Little Rock; Ronald Wells of Mt. Judea; Susan Douglass of ESSA; Harold Enlow from Marble Falls; Garrett Sheeks of Stuttgart; and Keith Heffelfinger, Mt. View, wait out the cure with Ross Wilkinson of Greenwood in the foreground. *PHOTO BY JAY VRECENAK*

End result: a successful extraction of iron.

The participants were pleased, and the Association of Arkansas Blacksmiths voted to make ESSA an honorary lifetime member. Not only did the blacksmiths

succeed in making iron, they also forged lasting relationships ... one of the reasons ESSA has become a destination for folks from around the nation who desire to join forces and make art.



Newly elected – Charles T. Cross, President and CEO of Cornerstone Bank, has announced the election of Ms. Catrina Chester, owner/operator of the local Nationwide Insurance Agency; and Mr. John Wilson, co-owner/operator of Southwind Farms, to the bank's Berryville Advisory Board of Directors. Both Chester and Wilson are very active in the Berryville community. *PHOTO SUBMITTED*



Metafizzies meet Feb. 2

The next Eureka Springs Metaphysical Society meeting will be on Feb. 2 and feature videos on the pilgrimage site of Lourdes, France, famous for miraculous

cures from its waters. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. in the reading room of the Christian Science Church, 68 Mountain St. All are welcome.

New Testament Survey begins Feb. 3

Christview Ministries is offering *A Survey of the New Testament*, taught by John J. Turner, author of *Living the Full Bible*. The New Testament will be covered in approximately 24 sessions, one each month, with each session offered twice – the first Tuesday or following Saturday from 9 a.m. – noon. Optional bring your own bag lunch, with discussion following each session. Suggested voluntary donation is \$15 per session.

Course begins with *The Earliest Gospel: Mark, Part 1*, Tuesday, Feb. 3 or Saturday, Feb. 7. Make reservations now to assure there will be enough study notes available. Sessions are held at Christview Ministries Center, 992 County Road 309 in Eureka Springs. Reserve by calling (479) 253-5865 or emailing john@christviewmin.org. Leave contact information so you may be notified of any schedule adjustments.

1986 Berryville Grad receives NEH Fellowship

Dr. Marcy Lascano, a 1986 Graduate of Berryville High School, has been awarded a Fellowship from the National Endowment of the Humanities for the term of 2015-16 to complete her book, *Early Modern Women Philosophers: Cosmology to Human Nature*.

Lascano is the daughter of Connie Lascano and niece of Joyce McMullen and Judge Kent Crow, all of Berryville. The endowment promotes excellence in the humanities and conveys the lessons of history by awarding grants for top rated proposals examined by panels of independent, external reviewers.

Sunday at EUUF

Caden Pruitt will discuss the physical, emotional and social changes during the last 10 months of physical transition from female to male on Sunday, Feb. 1, at the Eureka Springs Unitarian Universalist Fellowship on 17 Elk Street.

Program is at 11 a.m. and childcare is provided. Soup Sunday follows the program. Enjoy fellowship along with homemade soups, bread and beverages. Price is \$4 for adults, \$2 for children, \$10 max per family.

Berry Grand Marshal for Eureka Gras X

Newly-inaugurated Eureka Springs Mayor, Robert “Butch” Berry, is Grand Marshal of the Mardi Gras Parades in celebration of the 10th year of Eureka Gras Mardi Gras. Berry grew up in Carroll County and established his architectural firm in Eureka Springs after working with several firms in Little Rock and as Executive Director of the Capitol Zoning District Commission. Numerous board and commission appointments have dotted his professional practice while he remained dedicated to Arkansas and the Ozarks.

Eureka Springs celebrates Fat Tuesday in grand style with balls, parades and events during the 2015 Eureka Gras X Mardi Gras Extravaganza directed by the Krewe of Krazo (Ozark spelled backwards), gearing up to make this year even more spectacular with the theme *Carnival Around The World*.

The Eureka Gras Nite Parade is scheduled for 6 p.m. Feb. 7 along Spring and Main streets. The Krewe of Krazo will enter six of its own permanent floats. Other lighted floats are encouraged to parade as well.

The legendary Eureka Gras Day Parade starts at 2 pm Feb. 14 along the traditional parade route, offering throws of beads, trinkets, candy and toys from the floats. Walking groups and the Krew of Barkus canine parade rounds out the fun. All Eurekans and visitors are asked to “dress-out” and join in the parade! Details at www.Krazo.Ureeka.org.



Making the grade – Eureka Springs Middle School held its 2nd 9-week academic awards assembly recently. Above are the 5th and 6th grade students who were on the All A and the A/B Honor roll. Below are 7th and 8th grade students on the All A and the A/B Honor Roll.



Tax-Aide available in Holiday Island, Berryville

Under the auspices of AARP Foundation and IRS, the Tax-Aide program will be available in Carroll County. This is a nationwide free tax preparation with free electronic filing and answers to tax questions.

Tax-Aide is scheduled at the Holiday Island Community Church at 188 Stateline Drive on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. from Feb. 4 – April 6. Help is also available in Berryville at the Freeman Heights Baptist Church, 522 W. Freeman Avenue, on Mondays at the same times. Note this is a change in location.

No appointments are necessary and AARP membership is not required. Taxpayers are required to bring their prior tax return and any current documents needed to prepare the 2014 tax return. For more information contact Local Coordinator Anne Dray at (479) 253-7611. Businesses and rental property owners are not eligible for this program. This program is intended to assist low and middle income taxpayers of all ages with special attention over age 60. IRS-provided software is used for all tax returns and all counselors are certified, having passed IRS testing.

Party Gras! Mayor's Ball premiers, parades set to roll

Eureka Gras celebrates 10th Anniversary with Carnival around the World

Don't miss any of the fun! Put these dates on your calendar and let the good times roll ...

Jan. 31: Taste of N'Awlins 1 – 3 p.m. Saturday at the Grand Taverne inside the Grand Central Hotel. Hot beignets and chickory coffee will be served. Cash bar and Second Line dancing – bring your umbrellas.

Feb. 6: The first-ever Mayor's Ball debuts at the Basin Park Hotel, hosted by Mayor Butch Berry and sponsored by the Greater Eureka Springs Chamber of Commerce and the 1905 Basin Park Hotel, with live music from Joe Giles and the Homewreckers. Doors open at 6 p.m., ball begins at 7 p.m.

Dress in your Mardi Gras finest or casual attire and enjoy a cash bar, Kings Cake, light hors d'oeuvres, and a whole lot of fun! Tickets are \$25, per person but only a limited number are available. Get yours now by calling (479) 253-8737 or stop by the Chamber of Commerce Visitor Center, or reserve online at reserveeureka.com.

Feb. 7: Eureka Gras Nite Parade begins at 6 p.m. followed by Second Line street dancing followed by the Black Light Ball. Email TonyPopovac@Yahoo.com for info on entering the parade.

Black Light Ball begins at 9 p.m. at Le Stick Nouveau. Billed as “a sexy, artistic and fun event in a stylish underground space,” the over-21 event features black light models, black light body painting and black light goodies featuring signature Black Light cocktails. Music by DJ. Dance all night long at a party with purpose and pandemonium! Hosted by the Eureka Springs Main Street Program and Le Stick Nouveau. Tickets are \$25 per person. Limited capacity, please purchase tickets in advance.

Feb. 12: Hookers & Jokers Ball, Inn

of Ozarks Convention Center, 6 p.m. Hors d'oeuvres, entertainment, costume contest, indoor parade and revelry. \$25 advance, \$250 table, (479) 253-7788. Email Steve Roberson, stevew501@sbcglobal.net.

Feb. 13: Coronation Ball, Crescent Hotel, 6 p.m. (Invitation only)

Feb. 14: Eureka Gras Day Parade, 2 p.m. Email TonyPopovac@Yahoo.com for parade information. Dog owners contact the Krewe of Barkus, sponsored by Percy's Grooming & Pet Spa, and dress out your pooch for the parade. Meet at the post office building at 1:30. For more info email rachelmrbrix@yahoo.com.

Feb. 15: Jazz Brunch at Crescent Hotel begins at 11:30 a.m. Live music. Bring your decorated umbrellas for second line! Reservations required and may be made by calling (479) 253-9652. \$25.

Feb. 16: The “Tastefully Risque” Arti Gras Reception/Art Review begins at 6 p.m. at KJ's Caribe Cantina, 309 W. Van Buren. More than 20 artists present original works and bejeweled masks. Festive Dress.

Feb. 17: St 'Lizbeth King Cake Ball and Cajun Dinner, 6 p.m. at St. Elizabeth Parish Center, Passion Play Road. Early Bird cash raw oyster bar from 5:30 – 6:30 followed by King Cake Ball & fabulous Cajun dinner, cash bar and music by Naturally Brass beginning at 8. Costumes optional but encouraged. Your last ball with Krewe of Krazo Royalty. Largest King Kake (praline pecan) ever! Tickets \$40, reservations only, (479) 253-8864 or 253-4503. Tickets at the door only if event is not sold out. Email Rod McGuire at oceanman0001@gmail.com.

For all other Mardi Gras events email LeRoy@cfbes.com. For info on joining the Krewe of Krazo, email jcbreaux@project-strategies.com. For updates and details see krazo.ureeka.org or eurekaspringsmardigras.com.

Historical Museum community garage sale

The Eureka Springs Historical Museum's first benefit garage sale will be Saturday, Feb. 7, at the Best Western Inn of the Ozarks Convention Center from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Admission only \$2 per person. Those who wish to empty garages, storage sheds and closets are welcome to join the event – and you can keep what you make!

Tables will be available on limited basis at no charge and 8' x 10' booths are available for \$30. Set up will be Friday, Feb. 6, from 5 – 8 p.m. and Saturday, Feb. 7 from 7 – 9 a.m. Call Inn of the Ozarks at (479) 253-9768 or email sales@innoftheoark.com to reserve your space. All admission and booth rental fees will be donated to the Historical Museum.



Helping Eagle fly

– A fundraiser held at Chelsea's Jan. 24 raised money to help Eagle finish building his home in Madison County. Eagle operated a bicycle shop in Eureka for many years, and visits at least every two weeks to visit friends and the Carnegie Library. His many pals, including Sarai Aleshire (left) and Nancy Paddock, shown here with Eagle, organized and showed up for a silent auction, live auction and live music.

PHOTO BY BECKY GILLETTE



He's b-a-a-a-ck – Even though someone has been kissing his feet (yes, that's really lipstick on the right), Chip Ford has rejoined his former newspaper cronies (Mary Pat, Perlinda and Cheri) who own the *Eureka Springs Independent*. As the new sales rep, Chip's Dancing-with-the-Eureka-Stars-winning feet will continue to transport his familiar face hither and yon along the local horizon whilst (to use a Chipism) he takes ad orders. PHOTO BY CD WHITE

An old fashioned smelting occurred last weekend at ESSA as iron was extracted from iron ore beginning with the building of a bloomery. See story page 11 and more pics on Facebook.

PHOTOS BY JAY VRECENAK

The burn begins. The clay furnace's wood frame must burn away.



Bob Patrick fiddles while the bloomery burns



At last, after three days – the iron bloom!

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You've got mail

OZ-arks Drama Club, a new theater company founded by Artistic Director Joe Watts, will present *Love Letters* by A.R. Gurney Saturday, Feb. 21, at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, Feb. 22 at 2 p.m. at the Main Stage Creative Community Center, 67 N. Main Street.

Love Letters is a funny, emotional portrait about the power connection of love. Two friends, rebellious Melissa Gardner and straight-arrow Andrew Makepeace Ladd III have exchanged letters with each other for over 50 years. From second grade to well into adulthood they have spent a lifetime discussing their hopes, ambitions,

dreams, disappointments, victories and defeats. Long after the letters are done the question remains: Have they made the right choices or is the love of their life only a letter away?

Love Letters will have a different cast for each performance with Joe Watts and Teresa DeVito performing on Feb. 21 and Bryan Manire and Faith Pettit Shah on Feb. 22. Tickets are \$15 and may be picked up at DeVito's during business hours, or reservations may be made by calling (479) 981-2880 or (479) 363-8185. For more info call (479) 981-2880 or email joeleewatts@att.net. Recommended for age 13 and above.



Sarah Hughes Band

4th Annual

Hometown Jam and toasty after-party

Beat the winter blahs and kick off Valentine's weekend with the 4th Annual Midwinter Hometown Jam at The Aud Friday, Feb. 13. Six bands will each perform a twenty minute set, followed by a show-stopping jam with all bands ripping favorite rock n roll tunes.

Returning acts confirmed from last year's Jam include The Sarah Hughes

Band, Kevin Riddle, The Ariels and The Josh Jennings Band – so far. Show begins at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$12 at the door and \$10 in advance from the Chamber Visitor Center.

And don't let the Jam end the night! Stop by the After Party at the Rowdy Beaver Restaurant and party with the bands! For tickets & info call (800) 638-7352

Love brews at Brews

There will be an artists' opening reception for *The Love Show* at Brews, Saturday, Jan. 31, 5 – 7 p.m. followed by music by Brian Martin from 8 – 11.

Local artists Teresa Pelliccio DeVito, Raven Derge, Paula Tyndale, John Rankine, Julie Kahn Valentine, Sarah Scissors, Regina Smith, Adrian Frost, Edwige Denyszyn and Drew Gentle each take on the theme of *Love*.

The exhibit will hang throughout February, but you're invited to hang with the artists beginning at 5 p.m. Saturday at Brews, 2 Pine St., across from the post office; and stick around for the music! (479) 244-0878.



Film Fest calls for entries

Lights, camera, action! The Eureka Springs Indie Film Fest is now accepting entries from established and emerging independent filmmakers. This year you can even submit a film made on your phone!

ESIFF was established to inspire, encourage, recognize and promote filmmakers of all ages. Organizers are particularly interested in films from Arkansas, but filmmakers from around the world are encouraged to enter. Under 18s must have parental/guardian permission.

Multiple submissions are acceptable in the following categories: Drama, Comedy, Documentary, Cause-related Documentary, Art Film, Animation, Feature Length and Young Filmmakers – plus a special category, Shot on a Mobile Device, for films made on iPhone and/or iPad. A minimum of three finalists will be



selected for each genre and craft category.

Completed entry form must be submitted with full entry fee(s) and DVD. Submission Format: DVD, NTSC, 4:3 or 16:9, title and entrant name clearly marked on DVD. Films must be postmarked by Feb. 28 deadline and selections will be announced on or before March 20. Films will be screened during the Indie Film Fest April 23 – 25 at the city auditorium.

For complete details, entry forms, fees, rules, screenings, prizes, judges and more, see www.esfilmfest.org on the web, or Eureka Springs Indie Film Fest on Facebook.

Writing workshop Feb. 7

Eureka Springs resident, Kenzie Doss, is continuing a monthly series of basic writing craft workshops in Rogers with "The Word & The Sentence" on Feb. 7. Doss studied at the University of Edinburgh and holds an MFA degree.

Workshop modules can be taken in any order and topics covered will include How to Begin, Character, Dialogue, Setting, Subtext, High Events, and much more for true beginners to established writers. Meet at Schlotzsky's, 2709 West Walnut, from 9 – 4 p.m. with an hour for lunch. For cost and info phone (479) 292-3665, email alisontaylorbrown@me.com or visit www.villagewritingschool.com.

Oh, my heArt

Farrow and Kahn book signing and Valentine's Day cards

Writer Harrie Farrow and artist Julie Kahn Valentine will be at Brews, 2 Pine Street, for a special event Friday, Jan. 30, 5 – 9 p.m.

Farrow will sign copies of her novel, *Love, Sex, and Understanding the Universe*, a coming of age/coming out story about a young bisexual man. This literary work contains non-gratuitous, steamy sex/love scenes and universal themes of being true to one's self, love and friendship.

Kahn Valentine (aptly named, considering the occasion) will present and sell a variety of fun, whimsical, and subtly titillating Valentine's Day cards with her signature impish characters in various posturings of heartfelt revelry.



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*.

After lunch and the short nap ordained by Doctor Totten, she put on her stout laced boots and warm jacket, and the red cap ordained by Walter – “Because,” he had said, “some idiot’s always shooting off a gun in the woods, this time of year, and, at a distance, you do look like a rabbit.” Jane thought it far-fetched, but she obediently wore the red cap for self-preservation. It would be a bad break, she reminded herself, to get shot for a rabbit just now.

Outside, the afternoon sparkled and sang. The sycamores had dropped their huge leaves, and the great, bone-white trunks and branches stood clear, high-flung against a wide blue sky, with the seed-balls dangling like whimsical Christmas ornaments. Against the bluff at the back of the house hung the target that Walter had set up for her to practice on. “Anyone living in this region,” he said, “should be able to handle a gun.” Jane strode across the damp flagstones to where she had begun to make a rockery, and thumbed her nose at the target. “I don’t want to handle a gun,” she said aloud. “Besides, I did hit the bull’s-eye once, and that’s enough.”

She crouched beside the embryonic rockery, trying to visualize it as it would be in April or May, when the crocuses and rock cress and candytuft would be blooming. I will show it to Junior, first thing, she thought, if only the little stinker doesn’t turn up too late... She was conscious, then, of swift, small movement, and of alert eyes watching her from among the tattered leaves of the Judas tree in the cleft rock. “Oh, it’s you,” she said, and moved with stealth toward the white squirrel. “Grampus is gone,” she said.

“For three days. He won’t scare you now...” Secretly, she disliked Grampus because he adored Walter shamelessly and treated her with disdain.

“You dug up a scilla bulb,” she told the squirrel, crooningly. “I saw you at it, Moby. *Flagrante delicto*. Why won’t you come and eat the nice nuts on the kitchen step, and leave my scillas alone?”

When she’d got to within ten feet of it, the squirrel threw her a glance of mistrust (and, she fancied, of derision) and darted to the top of the bluff, its white plume shaking. I belong to the killers and they know it, she thought sadly. Banging away with guns: good, clean fun. Why does Walter like to kill things?

She picked up her big basket and started for the Skeltons’, taking the path that zigzagged round the mountain, rather than the road. The forest still glistened with wetness and her feet trod softly on a deep, moist pile of pine needles and fallen leaves. “And they walked in the Wet Wild woods by their wild lones,” she chanted nostalgically, becoming for an instant a drowsy child huddled in the curve of a man’s arm, her head against his chest, the book spread out for both of them, and the voice coming gently from just behind her right ear. “Curiouser and curiouser—” how things you’d believed without warning! Will Junior like *Just So Stories* and *Alice*? she speculated. Or will he eat up those ghastly books about little locomotives and steamboats with human faces? Mother never read to me. Can’t imagine her doing such a thing. Always fussing over my hair or my clothes or my manners. But I’ll read to Junior. Every

night...

As she descended the path, which dropped like a rude staircase, the steps formed by outcroppings of rock and emergent tree-roots, she could see the roof of Willy May’s haphazard-looking old frame house, with the shingles warped and humped, and she recalled how it leaked under the impact of beating rains, and how Floyd invariable made this the occasion for quoting *The Arkansas Traveller*, and how Aunt Willy would plod in her abstracted way through the rooms, carrying a limp gray mop and an assortment of pans to catch the drips... Another few steps downward, embracing convenient tree-trunks for support, and she could see the desolate garden, and Aunt Willy herself, buttoned into a hand-me-down-looking sweater that could certainly not have been Floyd’s, since it hung baggily even on *her*. She was on her knees beside one of the beds, grubbing with her hands in the loam. A spading fork stood upright in the bed, and beside her was a heap of bulbs.

Jane had taken the precaution of warning her that she was coming. She had felt uneasy since a day last summer when, on an impulse, she had walked to the

Skeltons’ from Mrs. Knowles’s, and had surprised Aunt Willy in the act of driving tenpenny nails into a curiously formed bit of a branch, on which a scrap of cotton-print material had been tied like a crude little petticoat. Willy May had no idea that she was observed, as Jane came up behind her, across the grass. Her large, crouched body and intently bowed head, and the biting blows of the hammer, implied an almost frightening absorption in what she was doing. Jane would have been glad to tiptoe away, but it was too late for that, so she stood staring over Willy May’s shoulder, and saw quite plainly the appallingly human character of the gnarled object in her hand, the big, bright nails protruding from it (head, chest, pelvis) and the bit of paper pasted where the face should have been, with “M.J.G.” in painstaking letters. There was something so horrible about the pierced and violated doll that Jane had gasped in spite of herself, and Willy May started up, tucking the thing under her apron, crying out in alarm.



CONSTANCE WAGNER

QUORUM COURT continued from page 4

for rescue work or for fighting fires at shoreline structures which may be difficult to reach by road. Suchsland said Starkey Marina has offered a covered slip for the boat.

- The appointments of Martha Fargo and Nancy R. Wood to the Carroll County Library Board were approved unanimously.
- County Judge Sam Barr released a

list of members appointed to quorum court committees.

- Justices of the Peace held a special meeting earlier this year to set the time and date of meetings. They decided upon the third Monday of each month at 5 p.m. The January meeting was moved back a week because of Martin Luther King Day. The February meeting will also move back a week, to Feb. 23, because of Presidents’ Day.

NOTES from the HOLLOW by Steve Weems

While back, Reggie Sanchez scored 37 points for the Eureka Springs High School Highlanders basketball team in a game against Magazine. His older brother, Ryan, was a star player for the Highlanders last year and now plays on the college level for Avila University in Kansas City.

This got me to wondering about who some of the best players have been through the history of the Highlanders. I did some informal and wholly unscientific polling of various people who have been associated with Eureka Springs basketball over the years. This subject was also recently discussed on social media. Between these

two sources of information, I amassed a list of about 60 names that came up time and time again as being the best players for the Highlanders. I’m sorry there isn’t room to list them all.

For the girls, the names that were mentioned the most were (alphabetically with year of graduation): Tanya Ashford (1988), Ramona Capps (1978), Mitzi Clemons (1978), Bobbie Cross (1979), Frances Fargo (1982), Gaye Lynn Head (1980) and Kim Hull (1985).

For the boys, the names brought up most were: Lynn Ray Brashear (1958), Mike Butler (1974), Billy Clark (1982), James Nall (1980), Bobby Pyatt (1955), Joe

Sheets (1973), Marvin Siebert (1990), Chris Wise (1994) and Scott Young (1989).

Realizing that these players were mostly of fairly recent vintage, I asked McKinley Weems who the best players were from his time as a Highlander. He replied brothers Charles Freeman (1936) and Bob Freeman (1939).

Instead of naming individuals, some people brought up certain teams that played well together, such as the boys’ teams from 1989 and 1994 that went to the state tournament. Others named off families known for producing quality basketball players over multiple generations, notably the Cross, Freeman, Morrell and



Wolfenbarger families.

I saw in an old *Times-Echo* newspaper that L.B. Wilson scored 46 points in a game in 1967 for the Highlanders. I wonder if that is the school record? By the way, basketball runs in that family, too, as his daughter, Kimberly Wilson Jenkins, coaches at Valley Springs High School.

Aquarius Calling, Humanity Rising

Aquarius (11th sign after Aries) is the sign of service – serving one another, building community. Aquarius is fixed air – stabilizing new ideas in the world. When new ideas reach the masses the ideas become *ideals* within the hearts and minds of humanity. Air signs (Gemini, Libra & Aquarius) are mental. They think, ponder, study, research, gather and distribute information. For air signs, education and learning, communicating, writing, being social, tending to money, participating in groups and creating sustainable communities are most important. One of the present messages Aquarius is putting forth to the New Group of World Servers is the creation of the New

Education (thus thinking) for humanity. One based not on commodities (banking/corporate values), but on virtues.

Humanity & Aquarius

Aquarius is the sign of humanity itself. We are now at the beginnings of the Age of Aquarius, the Age of Humanity (rising). The “rising” is the Aquarian vision of equality, unity, the distribution and sharing of all resources, and of individual (Leo) creative gifts for the purpose of humanity’s (Aquarius) upliftment. This is the message in the Solar Festival of Aquarius (at the full moon) Tuesday, Feb. 3. We join in these visions by reciting the World Prayer of Direction, the Great Invocation.

Tuesday’s (Feb. 3) solar festival follows **Monday’s** Groundhog Day, or Imbolc (ancient Celtic fire festival) the halfway mark between winter solstice and spring equinox). The New Group of World Servers (NGWS) during these two days are preparing for the upcoming Three Spring Solar Festivals – 1) Aries Resurrection/Easter Festival (April); 2) Taurus Buddha/Wesak Festival (May); and Gemini’s Festival of Humanity (June). Aquarius and the new and full moons together are the primary astrological influences behind all of humanity’s endeavors. The NGWS are to teach these things, calling and uplifting humanity. Join us everyone.

ARIES: Much of you has, should be or will go into retreat for a while. This is a good thing. Your ruler (planet influencing Aries), Mars, is hiding away, calling you to a place of shelter, refuge, sanctuary, an inner harbor, so you can reflect upon the past year and make plans in the quietest part of self for the upcoming seasons. This is a gift of time and contemplation. Go to church.

TAURUS: You find yourself thinking of groups, the NGWS. It’s because they need your ideas, practical direction, determined focus and quiet, efficient

and illuminating mind. Behind all your words and ideas is the reality that it’s time to re-educate, restore and salvage the world, and that much sacrifice must come forth from all of us. When you lead, everyone follows.

GEMINI: What do you think and feel are your abilities that assist in reconstruction of the new world? What do you want to be recognized for and what gifts of self do you aspire to offer to the New Group of World Servers whose

task is to impress humanity with new ideas that become ideals in humanity’s mind, which then help create the new culture and civilization? Where do you stand on these? Actually, where are you?

CANCER: An interesting situation is occurring. You now have the freedom to choose many paths. You can also choose to remain the same. Your life becomes filled with possibilities and potentials. You will be impressed with complex information, while perceiving multiple levels of reality. You have entered a region where the veils are parting and new information is being given. Be still more.

LEO: You might find that religious themes, especially a past religion, form an important focus in your life. Altruism becomes your keynote. People begin to perceive you as philosophical, idealistic, visionary. You will have inspired insights. You imagine other lands and worlds. It’s good to build a boat, eat fish, swim in warm waters, hang golden veils.

VIRGO: At times you find yourself functioning in other worlds, feeling compassion and intuition growing daily. Don’t be concerned with shared finances and resources and try not to feel deprivation. There is no deprivation. There is only goodness, everywhere. God

is always good. Love underlies all events. Some obligations and responsibilities call. Serve like a saint you admire.

LIBRA: Perhaps you find yourself yearning for someone. Perhaps you’re striving to harmonize others – friends, family, business colleagues, etc. Relationships invite you to grow and become more whole. It’s painful, the razor’s edge, honing our rough edges. This is the sacred design and purpose embedded

within relationships. Libra’s function is to learn how to be in relationship. Your most important one needs recognition, understanding and care.

SCORPIO: This is the time to care for your health. Especially previous health issues. Do you have a dream you’re envisioning, hope for, are working with? A vision? Don’t become disillusioned. This will affect your health, which, with focus, you must build up again. Do not overwork or allow excessive worry. You will never fail. There is no such thing as failure. Only experience, which is how we learn.

SAGITTARIUS: There are times you may struggle with disillusion and disappointment concerning relationships and professional endeavors. In the midst of this you will also discover needed creativity and world recognition. There are great powers still to be expressed along with doing something significant. You’re talented and lucky. Sacrifice plays a part. Amidst peaceful seclusion.

CAPRICORN: You must be curious about the words you and others speak. Look beneath the surface of language to understand the complete picture. If we listen to communications through the lens and question, “what is attempting to be expressed here?” the hidden

psychological messages become clear. Seek solitude when creating. Know that a new identity of self is coming forth from your transforming creativity.

AQUARIUS: You can be very generous. However, you can also (recently) be dreamy and/or imaginative or confused about your money. You have a sense of right timing and intuition concerning when important things should be done, with whom, when and where. These abilities emerge more and more in the coming months. You often tap into unusual resources. You always have access to what is needed. Sharing creates more.

PISCES: You’re not an everyday sort of person. You don’t have the energy of Aries or the steadfastness of Taurus, the business acumen of Capricorn or the relating skills of Libra. You’re in touch with other states of reality with different values based on spiritual motivations. I see you are beginning to create boundaries out in the world. You will play your part when the needed organization comes into your life. Boundaries are good. Include music and art and study the planting of edible and medicinal trees. It’s preparation.

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Are we there yet? Anticipating spring.

Are we there yet? You can start to feel it – spring just around the corner. So far we’ve lucked out this winter. As this paper goes to press, one of the largest blizzards in history is reportedly hitting the Northeast. I think of my poor older brother and his wife, living in the South – the Arctic South – in Presque Isle, Maine. They measure their snowfall in feet. We, on the other hand, at the same time this week are experiencing unseasonably mild weather with temperatures in the mid-60s. And that pretty much sums up why I chose to settle in Arkansas, instead of spending my adult life in Maine where I grew up.

Sure, we have ticks and chiggers in the Ozarks, but I would rather deal with them any day over the black flies and mosquitos that have literally driven me out of the woods in Maine. Oh, the many teenage hours I spent shoveling snow in Maine! Here, in the Ozarks, we don’t bother with such a silly endeavor. When snow is here, we tromp right through it. If you see someone out shoveling snow in the Ozarks, chances are they’re a Yankee.

In Maine when the spring thaw comes, that is when the frozen ground starts melting in March, they have what

they call “mud season.” It’s the worst of all, the softening ground oozing with mud and planks lined in your walkway to avoid going ankle deep in mud. Here, typically, the ground doesn’t freeze. We have not mud season. No matter where you live, there’s some kind of trade-off for seasonal difference of precipitation, heat, cold, insects, critters and other sorts of things we encounter in the great outdoors around us.

While citizens of the Northeast don’t even have a twinkle of the possibility of spring in their thoughts, I’m heading out this week to look for early spring wildflowers. Soon the toothwort (*Dentaria*), acute-lobed hepatica (*Anemone acutifolia*), and bloodroot (*Sanguinaria canadensis*) will begin blooming. They’ve already started to flower in the Ouchitas. Spring is just around the corner.

I’m glad global warming came to the Ozarks this January. Who knows what February will bring? We still have about two-thirds of the winter to go, but it is nice to have a “normal” Ozark January for a change.



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The Federalis, Mr. Fox, and Dusty Pearls and some sort of bowl they say is Super

It's Super Bowl XLIX weekend and we've got great parties all about town! Saturday The Federalis bring new music with authority to Chelsea's, the dreamy Jeff Fox exhibits his sly delivery at the Cathouse, and Dusty Pearls brings shimmering sultriness to New Delhi. The hardest thing you have to do all weekend is find a place not showing the Super Bowl. Last umbrella decorating for pre-Lenten parades is Wednesday at Eureka Live! and February starts this Sunday, don't want to miss that, either. Oh, Jeannie's legendary birthday party, Saturday night, at always fun Legends!

THURSDAY, JAN. 29

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

LEGENDS SALOON – *StarSeed*, Rock 'n Roll, 8 p.m.

FRIDAY, JAN. 30

CATHOUSE LOUNGE – *Adam Johnston*, Singer/Songwriter, 8 p.m.

CHELSEA'S – *1 oz. Jig*, Americana, 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 p.m.

ROWDY BEAVER DEN – *Karaoke*

with DJ Goose, 8 p.m.

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

SATURDAY, JAN. 31

BREWS – *Brian Martin*, Singer/Songwriter, 8 p.m.

CATHOUSE LOUNGE – *Jeff Fox*, Singer/Songwriter, 8 p.m.

CHELSEA'S – *The Federalis*, Rock 'n Roll, 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 – *Another Fine Mess*, Rock 'n Roll, Jeannie's Birthday Party, 9 p.m.

NEW DELHI – *Dusty Pearls*, Female Singers/Songwriters, 6 p.m.

ROWDY BEAVER – *Hellbenders*

Trio, Bluegrass, 7 p.m.

ROWDY BEAVER DEN – *Shannon Holt Band*, Rock 'n Roll, 8 p.m.

SUNDAY, FEB. 1

CHELSEA'S – *Alex Culbreth*, Singer/Songwriter, 7:30 p.m.

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

OZARK MOUNTAIN TAPROOM –

Service Industry Sunday, 2- 9 p.m.

MONDAY, FEB. 2

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

TUESDAY, FEB. 3

CHELSEA'S – *Open Mic*

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 4

EUREKA LIVE! – *Mardi Gras Umbrella Decorating*, 5 p.m.



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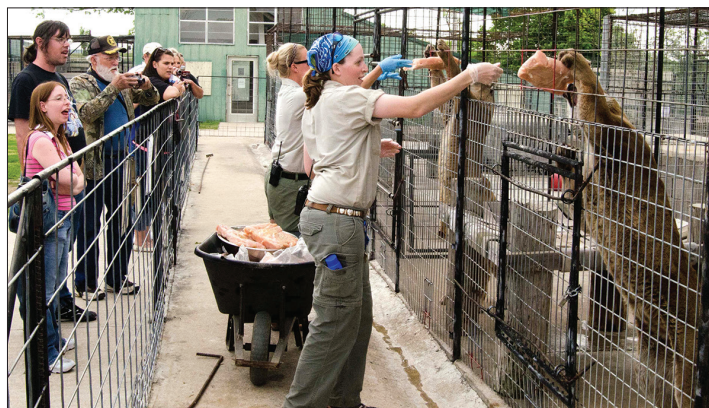
But, unlike Kitty, it takes about 1,000 lbs. of raw meat each day to do it. That's a lot of ground chuck. Fortunately, TCWR has several generous meat suppliers including Tyson Foods, Inc., and a number of local freezer plants that come through for low or no cost.

Like any donations, those supplies vary in quantity from time to time so TCWR is always looking for other sources of food for their cats.

Healthy carcasses welcome

As it turns out, cattle donations are a valuable resource for the refuge. Many people don't know farmers or others are welcome to donate cattle they have lost or are about to lose.

"It happens quite a bit," Victor Smith, TCWR



staffer, said. "A cow dies birthing, or unfortunately has to be put down due to an injury. When that happens, the owner has to do something with the carcass. If it's within about a 30-mile radius, we're happy to come pick it up. It sure helps us out."

TCWR also welcomes frozen meat culled from

people's freezers.

A few restrictions

It's important to note donated beef cannot come from cattle that have been treated recently with antibiotics or that have been sick, as both circumstances can cause health problems for the big cats. For a similar reason, TCWR can't accept venison unless it has been skinned and butchered. Otherwise, there are ticks and other problems with deer, according to veterinarians.

Regrettably, horse donations are also a problem. "It's tragic when someone loses an animal they love, but again, we have to be worried about whatever medications may have gone into trying to restore the animal's health that could adversely affect our big cat population. So we have to say thanks anyway," Scott Smith, TCWR Vice-President, said.

Anyone interested in participating in carcass donation should call Turpentine Creek at (479) 253-5841.

NWA Master Naturalist enrollment open

The Northwest chapter of the Arkansas Master Naturalists is accepting enrollees for the 2015 annual training programs, which run each Saturday from Feb. 21 – May 16. The first class will be held at Northwest Arkansas Community College, 1 College Drive in Bentonville with remaining classes at various NWA locations. Over 90 hours of expert instruction (including field studies) will be offered with only 40 hours required for graduation to Arkansas Master Naturalist status.

Training encompasses techniques for observation and identifications of plants, insects, birds, mammals, mushrooms, reptiles, amphibians, fish and non-living

ecosystem features. Arkansas Master Naturalists may choose to perform at least 40 hours of volunteer service and complete 8 hours of advanced training annually within the organization's fiscal year to remain certified.

Enroll at home. arkansasmasternaturalists.org. Click "How Do I Join" to access the application form and tentative schedule of classes. Spaces reserved on first come, first serve basis. A fee of \$135, which covers cost of books, materials, and tuition should accompany the completed application. For more information email nwamnContact@mn4Arkansas.org or call (479) 301-2760.

Anti-Violence Valentine event

The 1 Billion Rising Revolution is a worldwide event to end violence against women. Join the revolution on Saturday, Feb. 14 from 11:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. in Basin Park. Be part of the worldwide gathering of artists, authors and women around the world for dancing, speakers, drumming and music.

Donations will be given to The Purple Flower Domestic Violence Resource Center for Carroll County. For info on the worldwide event, see onebillionrising.org online.

Sign-up deadline Feb. 16 for spring baseball

Berryville Parks and Recreation is now registering for spring Cal Ripken baseball, ages 7 – 15. Registration forms are available at the Berryville Community Center and are being sent home with Berryville Public School students. Please return completed form, a copy of the participant's birth

certificate and registration fee to the Berryville Community Center by Monday, Feb. 16, at 8 pm.

Registration for girls' softball, 7 – 15 and T-ball/Parent Pitch, both boys and girls 3 – 6, will be at a later date. For fees and details phone (870) 423-3139.

EXPLORING the fine art of ROMANCE... by Leslie Meeker

My wife and I are in a great space in life but I still struggle with controlling my anger at home. It stems from abuse in my past but that was 50 years ago. I'm grateful for my wife, she's been my rock. I'm tired of hurting her and sick of being angry. Is change possible?

Yes, it's possible and you're already off to a good start. Recognizing your pattern of anger and making the conscious decision to change is half the battle. Being grateful for your wife reflects your capacity for gratitude. Embracing gratitude is the key to transitioning from uncontrolled anger to internal peace.

While you survived a childhood marked by aggression and anger, you cannot ignore the toll it's taken on your spirit. Recovering from a painful past requires processing the pain and anger that continue to reside within you, as well as creating a life outside of you that is inspired by gratitude and fueled by the

positives you choose.

Creating a life enriched with positive influences does not come easy when you didn't grow up with that model. You must deliberately seek out the positive and structure your life accordingly. This means surrounding yourself with others who value themselves and you equally.

Seek out teachers, mentors, companions and colleagues who are positive, actively growing and inspiring. You will continuously learn from them. If you're always learning, you're always growing. Take time to understand and appreciate all of life's lessons, especially the hard ones. Appreciation leaves no room for resentment.

A loving partner is a tremendous gift. Commit wholeheartedly to being a positive influence in your partner's life. They've seen your wall of anger, and despite it, they've stood by you. Take a good hard look at that wall yourself. Trustingly allow your partner into

your heart. Together you can break that wall down much more efficiently than you can alone.

Recognize the positive impact you've had on others in your life. Look through their eyes to see your own value. Hold your value, the value of those who surround you and all of life's gifts in sight at all times. You may need to refocus often but with practice it becomes habit. Soon your default mode will be Gratitude, forcing anger to relinquish its hold on you.

Questions? Email leslie@esindependent.com. Leslie Meeker, M.A., L.P.C., is a psychotherapist who has specialized in relational and sex therapy, sexual compulsivity and sexual trauma for the past 16 years, after receiving extensive training in human sexuality at the Masters and Johnson Institute in St. Louis, Mo.



DEPARTURES

Dustin Wendell Troxell Jan. 3, 1992 – Jan. 11, 2015

Dustin Wendell Troxell of Berryville, Ark., was born Jan. 3, 1992, in Houston, Texas, a son of Troy Garrick Troxell and Lorrie Reynolds. He departed this life Sunday, Jan. 11, 2015 in Fayetteville, Ark., at age 23.

Dustin enjoyed reading, helping with his niece and nephews and playing Xbox. He attended the Antioch Church north of Berryville.

Dustin is survived by his mother, Lorrie Reynolds of Berryville, Ark.; one sister, Brandy Hans of Berryville; two nephews, Keagan Morales and Aiden Pape; one niece, MacKenzie Pape; and a host of friends and loved ones.

Dustin was preceded in death by his father, Troy Troxell; maternal grandparents, John and Lois Reynolds; and paternal grandparents, Ronald and Margaret Troxell.

A private memorial service will be held at a later date. Cremation arrangements are under the direction of Nelson Funeral Service. Memorial donations may be made to the family to help with service expenses at Dustin Troxell Account, c/o Nelson Funeral Service, Inc., P.O. Box 311, Berryville, AR 72616. Online condolences may be sent to the family at nelsonfuneral.com. © Nelson Funeral Service, Inc. 2015

Josephine Louise Mesa January 16, 2015

Services will be held at 1 p.m., the Elmwood House which they Saturday, Jan. 31, at the Penn Memorial Baptist Church for the Frog Lady of Eureka Springs, Josephine Louise Mesa, 82, who passed away Jan. 16.

Louise started collecting frogs in 1937 when as a three-year-old, she cranked a gumball machine and out rolled a frog charm. Her mother also started collecting, and Louise later inherited her mother's frog collection.

After moving to Eureka Springs in the late 1970s, Louise and her husband, Pat, operated tourist lodging, including



restored. Later they opened the Frog Fantasies Gift Shop and Museum at 151 Spring Street, another historic building they restored. They charged \$1 admission to the Frog Museum, which had grown to 6,000 frogs.

The Mesas often wore frog costumes in local parades, and starting in the mid-1980s sponsored 11 International Frog Collectors Conventions. They had customer friends from England, Germany and other foreign countries, and articles about the Frog Museum were published in many national magazines and on network television.

Their most famous frog collector customer was Robert Goulet, who visited the museum while Goulet was performing in Branson, Mo.

Louise continued to operate the shop into her late 70s, even while battling Parkinson's disease. Earlier in her life, Louise worked many years as a painter and jewelry maker. She was an avid gardener, and collected a large variety of different colored iris plants. She had a soft spot for animals, and was known for her generosity in helping people in need.

Louise also had a lively sense of humor, and particularly liked frog jokes. Outside her shop there was a sign, "Visitor Parking Only – All Others Will be Toad."

Mesa's father was a Harley Davidson

dealer in Fort Smith, and Louise loved riding motorcycles in her youth. Both of her brothers were famous racers. Her son, Denton West, also gained fame racing motorcycles and now operates the Adventure Mountain Outfitters in the location that once housed Frog Fantasies. Her grandson, Cory West, is a well-known international motorcycle road racer.

In addition to Denton and Cory, Louise is survived by her husband, Pat, and a brother, Robert Winters of Fort Smith. Preceding her in death were her parents, Quinn Winters and Mabel Inez Murray; a brother, Leroy Winter; and her dearly loved daughter, Cynthia "Cindy" Barnes.

Raphael (Randy) Troccoli March 9, 1956 – Jan. 22, 2015



Raphael (Randy) Troccoli of Eureka Springs, son of Marion and Angelo Troccoli, passed away Jan. 22, 2015 after an ongoing struggle with COPD, complicated by other health issues. He was 58 years old.

Raphael loved sharing whatever he had from the time he was a child in New York. Raphael would do things as small as bringing coffee over to things as big as dropping off a piece of his furniture for someone in need.

As a youth, Raphael took much pleasure in performing and making others smile. Later, he received a high school diploma and went on to Beauty School in New York to earn a cosmetology license. In 1994, he attended the Allen Schwartz Institute of Allied Health in New York City to secure certification as a phlebotomist in order to assist in the care of his longtime girlfriend, Genevieve,

who'd been diagnosed with cancer.

In May 2000, Raphael completed Hospice Volunteer training in Florida, and stayed with his elderly parents to assist them. Randy went on to earn a diploma from the Ft. Pierce Beauty Academy in Ft. Pierce, Fla., and practiced until his move to the Carroll County area in late 2006. He continued as always to offer his services to those in need at no charge. His faith in the face of adversity never wavered.

Raphael is survived by his two sisters, Paula Mary Troccoli and Nancy Lynn Rogonia of Florida.

A brief service will be held to honor his life on Valentine's Day at 10 a.m. at Victoria Woods, Apt. 11, for his friends and loved ones to share memories.

Faith LilyAnn Kennedy January 24, 2015

Faith LilyAnn Kennedy, of Eureka Springs, Ark., was born on Jan. 24, 2015 in Johnson, Ark. She was a daughter of Austin and Joy (Harrington) Kennedy. She passed away Jan. 24, 2015.

She is survived by her parents, Austin and Joy Kennedy of Eureka Springs; grandparents, Patricia and Gregory Wilson of Eureka Springs; one niece, Sandra Nash of Eureka Springs; three uncles, Robert and Michelle Kennedy of Friendswood,

Texas; Matthew and Jason Harrington of League City, Texas; aunt Dana Novak of Alvin, Texas; several other family and friends and a host of loved ones.

She is preceded in death by grandparents, Michael and Sandy Nash; grandfather, David Allan Kennedy; cousins, Kaitlyn Christian and Nathaniel Novak.

There will be no services at this time. In lieu of flowers memorial

donations may be made to the www.babyfaiths.myevent.com to help with the medical expenses. The family would like to thank the Inspiration Point Fire Department, family and friends for prayers & support during this difficult time. Online condolences may be sent to the family at nelsonfuneral.com. © Nelson Funeral Service, Inc. 2015

"You were lying in my arms, As I tried to say goodbye, It might be for the best," they said, But I knew

that was a lie. I gazed at your little footprint, Given to us that day, You would be in God's great arms, But I wanted you to stay. You fought for every second you had, Never letting go, Until the day God made you His, Leaving all of us below. Although you couldn't walk or talk, Or even count to ten, Your short life had more impact on me, more than a hundred million men. Love you to heaven and back, my sweet baby Faith. – Daddy

DROPPING A Line

by Robert Johnson

Well, she got a fish this week and no sticks. Did not have any trips this week so took Janet out again, but to Beaver Lake this time to try for some cold stripers.

We put in at Prairie Creek and found a lot of fish and bait right by the boat launch down between 30-40 ft. deep, with gulls picking up small shad being pushed up to the surface. Janet got this 30-lb. fish on the hook within 20 minutes. Took almost that long to get it in, too. She sat in her seat, braced her feet against the side of the boat and took charge. When I netted I don't know who was wore out most, her or the fish.

We had out brood shiners, small two-in. shad and big seven-in. shad, and all the fish would hit small bait. In the cooler months stripers will follow the schools of

small bait and sometimes hit nothing but small bait, so go deep with small bait or spoons until our water temps warm up.

Here at Holiday Island, walleye are hanging out between here and Beaver wanting to go upriver to spawn soon, mostly smaller males now waiting on the big females to show up. Trout fishing is good up the river. Crappie are a little slow.



Did have a guy call a couple days ago who caught a 33-in. walleye up the Kings River, so they are on the move in both rivers.

Well that's it for this week. Stay warm.

Looks like we might have a warmer winter than last year. Robert Johnson. JOHNSON GUIDE SERVICE. www.fishofexcellence.com (479) 253-2258.

INDEPENDENT Crossword

by ESI staff

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- ACROSS**
1. Japanese flip-flop
5. Swing and a miss item
8. Terminate
12. At best rest
13. Grassy land
14. Biblical birthright seller
15. Old Chevy
16. City planning pro
18. Archaic affirmative
19. Evidence
20. Her
21. Steeped barley
23. Cloth for checking the oil
25. Unsteady
27. Full of iron
31. 51 is one
32. Baby mink
33. Tiny pasta
34. Colonist's foe
36. Creator of Sawyer and Finn
37. Pig out
38. Jemima, e.g.
39. Exist
42. Secret romantic rendezvous
44. Wilder's ____ Town
47. Side effect of pot smoking
49. Eagle that loves salt water fish
50. Taro root
51. Not, to a Scot
52. Supports
53. Eliot or Loch
54. One pay grade below LTJG
55. What a shoot should do
- DOWN**
1. Madcap
2. Double-reeded horn
3. New and improved
4. Mount where Zeus was born
5. Say without thinking
6. Dynamic prefix
7. Small table
8. Barbie's beau
9. Terrorist gp.
10. Eye appendage
11. String instrument
17. Way out
19. Work steadily at a trade
22. Swiftly
24. Raised
25. Tobacco resin
26. Fury
27. In shape
28. Handel's *Messiah*, e.g.
29. Israeli submachine gun
30. Male descendant
32. Freshwater loch in Stirling, Scotland
35. Cuss word
36. Egyptian boy king, for short
38. Beasts of burden
39. Final word
40. Impolite
41. They justify the means
43. Give birth to a lamb
45. Extricate
46. Sunday's a day of it
48. Businesses (abbr.)
49. Jug handle, e.g.

Affordable Care Marketplace enrollment ends Feb. 15

Feb. 15 is the last day for individuals and families to enroll in health insurance coverage for 2015 through the federal site HEALTHCARE.GOV. Application may be done through their call center number (800) 318-2596 or the website. Call center is open 24/7 and local insurance agents and brokers can help enroll as well. Enrollment assistance can also be found through the state at the Arkansas Health Connector web site www.ahc.arkansas.gov or by calling (855) 283-3483.

Coverage help is available for low-income individuals and families through the Health Care Independence Program administered through the state Dept. of Human Services. A family or individual is deemed "low income" in these ranges:

earns \$21,707 for a household of two, \$27,310 for a household of three or \$16,101 for a single individual. If your income is at or below these figures you may see if you qualify by applying directly to www.access.arkansas.gov, calling (855) 372-1084 or picking up a paper application at your local DHS office which can be mailed, scanned or faxed.

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Master Gardener deadline nears

Registration for 2015 Carroll
County Master Gardener training classes
ends on Feb. 18. Classes begin March 7
at the Freeman Heights Baptist Church,
522 Freeman Ave. in Berryville and
end on March 28. All 8 classes (total
40 hours) must be attended to become a
certified Master Gardener.

The course, under the auspices
of the U of A Division of Agriculture,
includes topics from forestry to
vegetables and fruit, plant disease
and insects, landscape, watering and
composting, turf and weeds, ornamentals
and more. Fee of \$70 includes training
manual, refreshments at class, first year
membership and name tag.

Master Gardeners sponsor and
participate in a wide range of gardening
activities and programs in the county.
Applications are available at the county
Extension Office in Berryville, 909B
Freeman Switch Rd., or by calling (870)
423-2958 or emailing Bruce K. Lee,
Carroll County Agent, at blee@uaex.
edu.



Helping hands – Inn of the Ozarks Best Western’s 3rd Annual Food Drive, “People helping
People,” collected 2,061 cans of food from guests for Flint Street Fellowship in Nov. and Dec.
Guests got a 15% room rate reduction in exchange for three cans of food. Some guests were
more generous, and others also helped with food collection, making this year’s donation a
huge success. Above are Randy Wolfenbarger, Inn of the Ozarks, and Pat Kasner of the Food
Bank (center) flanked by Bill Henderson and Wes Taylor of the Inn. Flint Street is grateful for the
Inn of the Ozarks’ hard work raising such a donation for those in need. *PHOTO SUBMITTED*

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they acknowledged that STO expressed
a belief that SWEPCO and SPP wanted
to build their transmission line for
profit, and in the following sentence,
accused STO of offering no motive for
the alliance’s course of action,” Costner
said.

SWEPCO and SPP deny there has
been any misconduct in the case, but
STO argues – and both SWEPCO and
SPP admit – that SWEPCO initially
planned a much smaller, less damaging
solution.

In their reply, SWEPCO and SPP
said, “Although it is true that SWEPCO
originally proposed a local area solution
to resolve these future overloads, that
proposal was determined by SPP at
that time to not be the best long-term
solution.”

Costner counters that this proposed
solution wouldn’t have even been
brought to light without questioning by
STO’s attorney of SPP Vice-President
Lanny Nickell. And without Nickell’s
admission, the APSC, STO and other
opposition intervenors would not have
known about this low-cost, low-impact,
no-new-terrain alternative. According to
Arkansas law, the APSC shall not grant a
CECPN unless it determines the project
an acceptable adverse environmental
impact considering the various
alternatives, if any.

Costner said SWEPCO ought to be
willing to reimburse STO’s legal fees
considering the fact that the citizen’s
group opposition ended up saving
SWEPCO from spending \$116 million
on an unnecessary transmission line and
saved SWEPCO ratepayers from being
stuck with the bill.

STO has also requested that instead
of just allowing the permit application
to be withdrawn, the APSC should
dismiss the case and declare STO the
prevailing party.

Come celebrate with us!

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Bring your favorite dish to share. Dancing to the world famous band **BIG BAD GINA!** Bring a rock for Marie (she needs 80). Donations at the door for the Good Shepherd Humane Society. Icy weather date, April 25.