



Ord. 2223 will go to voters

NICKY BOYETTE

Much of Monday evening’s Eureka Springs City Council meeting was a response to council’s passing of Ordinance 2223 at the Feb. 9 meeting. At the end of the long and winding discussion council voted to put the issue to a vote of the people, but do so on its own terms.

The intent of Ordinance 2223 was “to protect the civil rights of Eureka Springs residents and visitors... and safeguard the right and opportunity of all persons to be free from unfair discrimination.” Mayor Butch Berry stated a group, not all who are from Eureka Springs, had hired attorney Travis Story of Fayetteville to assist with a referendum effort to have the ordinance rescinded or put to a vote of the people. Berry said the group would need to obtain 96 qualified signatures to be eligible to have the referendum put to a vote of the people.

During Public Comments, five citizens spoke against the ordinance and three spoke for it. James Morris commended council for caring about Eureka Springs, but said he doesn’t see bigotry in town. He said the ordinance was not in the best interest of the city because it would not stop discrimination. He said enough laws were in place already, and other issues in town deserved council’s attention.

Kevin Thompson asked what incident caused this issue to be such an emergency for council. He said people in Eureka Springs do not want to be

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Scary, but safe – Firefighters and EMS responded to a rollover accident on E. Van Buren Tuesday morning near Thurman’s Lodge where a pickup driven by Allen Cruzan, 76, of Huntsville had overturned and snapped an electric power pole, strewn telephone, cable and live electric lines across the highway. The pickup came to rest upside down in an embankment with Cruzan trapped inside. Rescue crews tied the pickup to a rescue truck, using stabilizing jacks to keep it from sliding down the hillside, and helped Cruzan, who sustained minor injuries, out of the vehicle. The highway was blocked for several hours so power crews and utility services could replace poles and live wires. **PHOTO BY JED BULLOCK**

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Airport gets funded by Court

MIKE ELLIS

The quorum court restored \$29,000 to the 2015 budget of the Carroll County Airport on Monday, bringing the airport's budget almost back to last year's levels.

The airport commission had requested \$93,000 for 2015, an 11 percent increase over 2014. On recommendation of the quorum court's budget committee, justices of the peace slashed the airport budget to \$48,000 during deliberations in November. Committee members noted at the time that the CCAC had repeatedly failed to provide requested financial information, and said they would revisit the airport's budget if conditions improved.

Morris Pate took over as chair of the CCAC in January, and has worked to improve relations between the CCAC and the court. He explained that volunteers have helped keep the airport operating, but the airport needed money for a full-time staff member. The airport budget for 2015 will now total nearly \$80,000, with the addition of \$2,800 the quorum court had already spent for insurance.

Pate also invited the community to a bake sale at the airport from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, March 7.

County-city contracts

Former Sheriff Bob Grudek asked for time on the agenda to further discuss an Attorney General's opinion, which suggested that contracts between cities and the county should contain a provision allowing either party to the agreement to withdraw with six months notice.

Grudek explained that cities stopped paying for housing their prisoners in 2005, in exchange for supporting the sales tax for construction and operation of the jail. Contracts drawn up at that time did not have clauses allowing either party to terminate the arrangement, as required by state law.

The sales tax passed in 2000 also covered central dispatch services. At a meeting in June, Grudek asked Berryville and Green Forest to pay more for services he did not think were included as dispatch services, such as answering non-emergency phones after hours. The mayors of the two cities said

existing contracts between the cities and the county covered those costs, and the JP who sponsored that meeting agreed with the mayors.

Ambulance issues

JP John Reeve asked County Judge Sam Barr about reports that Ozark EMS will provide part of the ambulance service for eastern Carroll County.

Barr said he had met with representatives of Mercy Hospital, who said they may have to suspend ambulance service in eastern Carroll County because of losses.

Reeve said hospital officials expressed concerns to him about the arrangement, but Barr said he had to guarantee that the eastern part of the county would have some ambulance coverage, and Ozark and Mercy will alternate calls, effective immediately. Barr said Berryville Mayor Tim McKinney and Sheriff Randy Mayfield attended that meeting with Mercy, and they had a similar assessment of Mercy's position. JP Jack Deaton said Mercy's service sometimes leaves the eastern county without an ambulance, if they have transports to make, and ambulances from across the river sometimes have to respond when Mercy does not have an available ambulance. Deaton also said the situation may lead to a ballot initiative next year.

In other business:

- Barr reported that a road grader had overturned on Carroll Road 626 during the icy weather last week. The operator was not injured.

- The quorum court passed a resolution authorizing the county judge to apply for a \$4,200 grant from the Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration to buy cordless microphones for the two-way radios carried by sheriff's deputies.

- The JPs passed an ordinance to determine the distribution of funds received from the Arkansas Game & Fish Commission. Those funds are divided among the county's schools and the 4-H program.

- The JPs restored \$4,000 to the juvenile probation budget, for overtime for the juvenile probation officer.

Group pressured anti-bias ordinance to go to vote

BECKY GILLETTE

Travis Story, the same attorney who successfully led a petition drive that ended up with Fayetteville voters overturning an ordinance to extend civil rights protections regardless of gender identity or sexual orientation, is working to do the same thing here in Eureka Springs where an anti-discrimination ordinance was passed recently.

Story said the ordinance was passed without notice to the community and opportunity for public input. He said the law is vague and one of the most punitive SOGI (Sexual Orientation Gender Identity) laws in the country.

The local ordinance originated with the Human Rights Campaign (HRC), a national organization with offices in Fayetteville working to achieve lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender equality.

Michael Walsh, a local businessman and co-owner of the online gay magazine, *Out in Eureka*, said the current effort to overturn the city's anti-discrimination ordinance is similar to the efforts made in 2007 when there were two failed attempts to overturn the city's Domestic Partnership Registry (DPR) laws that allow same sex couples to register.

"The world hasn't come to an end in the past seven years because of the DPR," Walsh said. "It has raked in tens of thousands in fees for the city and hundreds of thousands in revenue for the local economy. Our new non-discrimination ordinance will do much the same because it telegraphs a message of enlightenment, hospitality and safety to prospective visitors." Walsh said he hopes this will be more than a dollars-and-cents argument.

"I hope hearts and minds have changed over the same period," Walsh said. "I hope some of the animosity toward gay people has diminished to the point where revenge and retribution are no longer considered a necessary response to an advancement in human rights and human decency."

Story said the city ordinance might result in penalties for churches that refused

to hold a wedding reception for a same sex couple in a fellowship hall, or refused to hire a layperson on the basis of sexual orientation. He said it was worse than the Fayetteville ordinance, which would have provided more protections for churches.

"The ordinance opens churches and ministers to criminal prosecution," Story said. "It exempts church sanctuaries and chapels, but no other piece of church property. This means a Eureka Springs church could be forced to open its fellowship hall for a same-sex reception. It also means churches cannot consider sexual orientation and gender identity when hiring bookkeepers, receptionists and other "secular" staff members."

Walsh disagrees about any potential harm to churches.

"Churches and ministers have constitutional protection against having to marry or recognize anyone else's marriage," Walsh said. "Churches don't have to hire people they don't want to. They have nothing to worry about. This ordinance doesn't take anything away from them and doesn't impose anything on them."

The American Family Council (AFC), in an article published online after the Eureka Springs ordinance was passed, objects to the ordinance stating it could open "people of faith to criminal prosecution. Christian bakers, florists, wedding chapel owners, photographers, and others have faced litigation and prosecution in other states for declining to participate in same-sex ceremonies. This ordinance opens people of faith in Eureka Springs to the very same possibility of criminal prosecution."

The AFC said because the ordinance is substantially similar to the ordinance originally proposed in Fayetteville this last summer, it will have the same unintended consequences including allowing men to use women's restrooms, locker rooms and changing areas.

"The ordinance says you cannot treat someone differently because of their gender identity, but it does not address public restrooms," AFC said. "By protecting

gender identity without including exceptions for public restrooms and similar facilities, the ordinance permits a biological male who claims to be female to use the women's restroom at any business or public site. This means grown men could use the women's restrooms at parks, public pools, sports stadiums, and similar locations where children are present."

Walsh said that is a typical scare tactic used by gay hate groups.

"I have never read a single account from any of the 20 states or 200 communities around the country that have non-discrimination ordinances of anyone entering the wrong bathroom because they thought it was allowed under the provision of a non-discrimination ordinance," Walsh said. "It is now and always will be illegal for anyone to enter the wrong bathroom with the intent to harm someone. The non-discrimination ordinance does not foster that."

The issue with bathrooms would likely not be an issue with gays or

bisexuals. The concern might be with a transgender person such as a biological man who looks like a woman. Walsh said all transgender people he knows seek out unisex bathrooms in order to not be harassed or frighten anyone.

"The bathroom issue is fallacious argument," Walsh said. "It is just a scare tactic. It is something bigots can feed on to frighten people. It is totally specious. It is absurd. It shows how bigoted and shallow their arguments are that they have to resort to something having to do with bathrooms."

The Eureka Springs ordinance, which will only be in effect for 90 days before a state ban on local anti-discrimination ordinance goes into effect, enacts a misdemeanor penalty with a fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$500. Complaints are to be investigated by the mayor as civil rights administrator. If the mayor finds substance to the complaint, he can refer it to the city attorney's office for prosecution.



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Anti-bias ordinance backlash

BECKY GILLETTE

There apparently has already been a major counterblast to the statement of concern issued by the Greater Eureka Springs Chamber of Commerce Monday about the City of Eureka Springs's passage of an anti-discrimination ordinance that would extend civil rights protections to lesbian, bisexual, gay and transgender people.

A statement from the Chamber released Monday said the "emergency" passing of Ordinance 2223 by the Eureka Springs City Council has caused great concern, having heard from several business leaders and members.

"The concerns thus far are focused on due process – the fact that no one was aware of this proposed ordinance prior to the February 9 council meeting and was not given a chance to weigh in on it before being passed through an emergency action; financial hardships the city could endure in defending its actions should litigation occur; the unknown

restrictions and regulations that might be placed on business owners including but not limited to: enforcement and fines, penalties and punishment that might be placed on a business owner or employee of said business, and basic rights of business owners and citizens alike. In a nutshell, there are too many unanswered questions and potential 'what ifs' that need clarification for people to feel comfortable with this ordinance," the Chamber statement read.

The statement continued that the board of directors, staff and management, in representation of over 440 members, does not support discriminatory actions on behalf of or towards any individual. "Eureka Springs is one of Arkansas' top tourist destinations and has built its reputation and ultimately its financial base on hospitality, welcoming everyone."

Sandy Martin resigned from the board on Tuesday, saying, "I was taken by surprise by the Chamber's statement. The full board was not sent the statement,

nor were we consulted before it was sent to press. That bothers me, particularly when city council's process was put in question. This is a civil rights issue. It sends a false and wrong message about Eureka Springs. I'm proud of our city leaders for making the statement that discrimination is simply not acceptable. Even Walmart has come out against 202, saying it sends the wrong message about Arkansas."

Alderman James DeVito and Justice of the Peace Lamont Richie-Robertson, who encouraged the city to pass the ordinance, met briefly with the Chamber board Monday. DeVito said also present at the meeting were Michael Story, a Fayetteville attorney who is leading an effort to overturn Ordinance 2223 with a voter referendum, and Rev. Philip Wilson, pastor of First Christian Church in Eureka Springs. Wilson was prominent in the unsuccessful battle in 2007 to overturn the City of Eureka Springs Domestic Partnership Registry that allowed same sex couples to register.

DeVito said he and Richie-Robertson were taken aback because they came to the meeting expecting to answer some of the chamber's questions about the ordinance – not debate with Wilson and Story.

"To us, it was a change in the format and threw us for a loop," DeVito said. "Mr. Wilson spent his time having gleaned items from various gay websites in the community, and he was reading what he found mostly on the Internet talking about Eureka Springs being 'The Gay Capitol of the Ozarks' and inviting gay people here. For some reason, he took exception to that."

DeVito said he explained the ordinance was passed as an emergency instead of the usual process that allows three readings was due to impending passage of Senate Bill 202 prohibiting local communities from passing civil rights ordinances. The governor didn't sign the bill, but it goes into effect in about 90 days. The legislature said the action was necessary to insure uniformity of laws like this across the state.

"In my opinion, it was an emergency," DeVito said. "If we had waited, it is very likely we would not have had the ability to pass Ordinance 2223."

Story led a successful effort to

overturn a similar anti-discrimination ordinance that was passed by the City of Fayetteville. Story said it is important to repeal Ordinance 2223 because it is a bad law which is void of definitions and vague on the process which imposes civil penalties and restricts the business owners and residents of Eureka Springs personal and religious rights.

"The Eureka Springs ordinance is even more punitive than the Fayetteville ordinance," Story said. "It is the most punitive SOGI (Sexual Orientation Gender Identify) law in the nation right now."

Story said they only need 97 signatures in Eureka Springs to put the issue to a vote. Sources said that petitioners were gathering signatures at Hart's store this past weekend to put the issue on the ballot.

DeVito said a lot of the talking points against Eureka's referendum are the same that were used in Fayetteville, where the civil rights ordinance was overturned by a vote of 52 to 48 percent.

"It is purely scare tactics," DeVito said. "They are lifting everything they found effective in Fayetteville. This includes hysterical concerns about transgender people using the wrong bathroom. This isn't a homegrown counter movement. These are basically the people from Fayetteville making sure this ordinance doesn't stand."

The Eureka Springs ordinance will be negated in about 90 days when the Senate bill goes into effect. So DeVito questions why opponents sprang into action so quickly to defeat the ordinance. And DeVito, a long time member of the Chamber of Commerce, questions whether the Chamber will go one step farther and encourage people to vote to repeal the ordinance that won't be valid after 90 days anyhow.

"I don't think it would benefit the chamber at all to take a position yea or nay on voting on the referendum," DeVito said. "They should remain neutral. They have nothing to gain by taking that position. In a matter of months, it becomes a moot point. It could harm the Chamber if they come out against 2223. The Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce took that position and I'm sure that it cost them some members."

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Fluoridation on tap... or not

BECKY GILLETTE

Local residents, including some who have been opposing fluoridation of water supplies for more than 20 years, are buoyed by the recent passage of House Bill 1355, An Act To Provide Local Control Over Fluoride Levels In Water Systems.

The bill passed the Arkansas House Feb. 19 with 60 voting yea and 34 voting nay and six not voting. The bill has now been sent to the Senate Public Health, Welfare, and Labor Committee. Unless it is passed out of that committee, it will not be voted on by the entire Senate and won't become law.

Kit Shepperd, with Carroll County Citizens for Safe Drinking Water, said she would have preferred a bill that repealed the fluoride mandate.

"I think it needs to be more clear about what we can actually do, whether we will be able to cut it completely off," Shepperd said. "That is what I would like to do. But at least they made a concession let us have some say in what goes on instead of mandating it."

Government research has shown 41 percent of adolescents in the U.S. are over-exposed to fluoride, leading to a mottling of teeth. That fluorosis is the outward sign of the harm being done to the brains of developing children, Shepperd said, pointing to a Harvard study has shown that fluoride is a neurotoxin.

"Growing minds can't grow the way they should when children are exposed to fluoride," Shepperd said. "It harms their pineal gland. Fluoride is a poison. We don't need fluoride to grow teeth, and we certainly don't need anyone to put it in our water."

She also objects to fluoride on the grounds of improper governmental interference in people's lives.

"This is a way for the government to take away our rights," Shepperd said. "We are supposed to be free. We should have freedom to make our own decisions."

The statewide group Secure Arkansas has made overturning the fluoride mandate its number one legislative priority this year. In 2011 the legislature approved a bill requiring all water systems with more than 5,000 customers to fluoridate drinking water.

Who to call about fluoride

Members of the Senate committee on mandatory fluoridation: Chair Sen. Senator Cecile Bledsoe, (479) 636-2115, Rogers; Vice Chair Sen. Stephanie Flowers, (870) 535-1032, Pine Bluff; Sen. John Cooper, (870) 761-0130, Jonesboro; Sen. Scott Flippo, (870) 421-3420 Bull Shoals; Sen. Keith Ingram, (870) 735-9580, West Memphis; Sen. Missy Irvin, (870) 740-9694, Mountain View; Sen. David J. Sanders, (501) 682-6107, Little Rock and Sen. Stubblefield, (479) 635-4314, Branch.

Sen. Stephanie Flowers, the vice chair, Pine Bluff, said that she hasn't looked at HB 1355 yet, but previously supported mandatory fluoridation.

"I understand it is a matter of health," Flowers said. "I'm not a doctor. I depend on the experts to give me information. From all indications in the past, it was not something that is so harmful as some people like to allege. I will listen to the presentation before the public health committee and vote accordingly."

Flowers grew up in a city with fluoridated water, and said, "I don't think my brain has been affected. You've got people who do studies, and they come up with opposing conclusions."

Local Sen. Byran King said earlier in the session that he had little hope of overturning the mandate because there aren't enough votes to get it out of the public health committee.

Another issue is whether or not overturning the mandate would turn off fluoride at the tap at Carroll Boone Water District. CBWD accepted a \$1.6 million grant from Delta Dental foundation for fluoridation equipment that would have to be repaid if the district decided not to fluoridate. The fluoridation was scheduled to begin early this year, but has been delayed due to back-ordered equipment.

A study published in the *International Journal of Occupational and Environmental Health* in April 2014 said fluoridation products studied contained arsenic or arsenic in addition to lead, barium and "a surprising amount

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Since receiving the Five Star rating in 2014, Brighton has done some tremendous work on Quality Measures. "Quality Measures" are key components picked out by the Centers of Medicare and Medicaid. They are specific issues that Skilled Nursing Facilities battle with every day, and measurements on how well each facility copes with these issues.

Some examples are:

- % of residents that were appropriately given the flu shot
- % of residents that are physically restrained
- % of residents with moderate to severe pain
- % of residents who lose too much weight

There are many different Quality Measures, and the more proactive a Skilled Nursing Facility is on making sure that their residents are not "in pain" or "losing weight", the better the quality of care is, obviously, and therefore the better Star Rating each facility is awarded.

The public should be aware that CMS just finished a major overhaul of the Five Star system. In efforts to truly capture the homes that needed to fall within the Five Star category, and reduce the issues of too many homes receiving the Five Star rating, CMS added more categories that Skilled Nursing facilities needed to excel in, such as the use of antipsychotics, and how staffing is calculated. All homes were warned this past week that most would receive a one to two star demotion, due to the changes. Brighton Ridge was notified late last week that they were STILL a Five Star!

Kids, fences, old school and lake get Parks attention

NICKY BOYETTE

At the Jan. 20 Parks meeting, Rachel Brix, chair of the Dog Park Committee, mentioned there had been reports of children, with adults standing by, sticking their fingers or arms through the fence between the playground and the dog park. She asked commissioners to consider what safety measures would be appropriate.

Director Bruce Levine brought the subject up again at the Feb. 17 meeting, and reported he had investigated using slats fitted through the cyclone fence as a safety measure. Chair Bill Featherstone suggested hanging some kind of tarp might be easier, but also mentioned the commission set up the dog park to be self-sustaining.

Commissioner Fergie Stewart replied the dog park is going through normal growing pains and the committee is making good progress. Nevertheless, he agreed the committee was obligated to take care of the park.

Featherstone continued that the

Trails Committee is trying to be self-sustaining. The Lake Leatherwood City Park Master Plan states the park should strive to be self-sustaining.

Levine pointed out Brix had not asked for any money, merely pointed out the concern.

Conversation turned to liabilities and exactly where the responsibilities lay. Commissioner Jay Fitzsimmons commented Parks is providing “reasonable care” to protect the kids in the playground just as they do at all sites.

However, Fitzsimmons asked more questions about the status of not only the Dog Park Committee, but other Parks committees and in which ways the commission was obligated. He said commissioners needed a framework for how committees work.

Featherstone added this framework would contribute to long-term maintenance of their goals, and commissioner Ruth Hager suggested this topic deserved their attention at the March 3 workshop.

Vacant school property

Featherstone announced that the ad hoc committee intent on finding the best use for the vacant high school property is moving forward. He called the project a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for the city.

The phased project still could go several directions, he said, but the plan is for B100, the building toward the front of the property, to remain city-owned but undergo a “mass transformation,” with the final disposition to be determined. B200 would be privately-owned and privately developed.

B300, the building housing the gym, would be converted into a community center managed by Parks, and proceeds from the sale of B200 could be put into an endowment to fund operation of the community center. Featherstone said the long-range plan would include a public swimming pool.

Studying the lake

Featherstone said he and Levine had meet with two lake experts in an effort

to plan for long-term maintenance of Lake Leatherwood. He said they learned a good fishing lake might not necessarily be a good swimming lake. He said the two consultants would put together a proposal, with a cost attached, for how Parks can provide long-term oversight of the lake.

Other items

- Featherstone announced Jeff and Kay Franco had signed off on the first official easement for the Trails Master Plan.

- Levine told the commission Heavy Constructors of Arkansas of Berryville made the lowest bid for approximately \$24,000 of work on the Spring Garden Trail.

- Commissioner Myrna Thaxton said she “can see an end” to her work remaking the Policies and Procedures Manual.

Next workshop will be Tuesday, March 3, at 6 p.m., at Harmon Park, and the next regular meeting will be Tuesday, March 17, at 6 p.m.

E-nobling the future... CSS and 3-D printing

DOUG STOWE

Last year Clear Spring School was given a MakerBot 3-D printer that presented the challenge that always comes from attempting to integrate new technologies into a long-standing program. There is a huge amount of excitement surrounding the process of 3-D printing, and as the equipment is rapidly becoming less expensive and interest reaches a fever pitch, the question came up, how can we use it to best effect?

Our first experiment involved using Sketchup software and making our own personalized Legos™. Certainly there are plenty of Legos™ in the world already, and they are produced far less expensively than with 3-D printing. Certainly also, with 8 million metric tons of plastic entering our oceans each year, and as a school that takes the environment seriously, making more plastic stuff may not fit the school’s mission. On the other hand, it was impossible to deny our students’ interests in this exciting technology bringing changes to every thing from manufacturing to medical science.

Sketchup required students to learn the program and its tools, but also work in an exacting framework. If the measurements they entered at various steps were not exact, their own Legos would not fit real ones out of the box or ones other students had designed. They fit, or they did not.

Many people with 3-D printers simply download things to be made from a website called thingiverse.

com. There you can find nearly anything you might want to make, already designed by others. But a 3-D printer needs to be used for more than simply downloading and printing more plastic stuff. So we set out two rules for the printer’s use: First, it can be used for something useful a student has designed using a 3-D modeling program like Sketchup, provided that object is small enough it can be printed in a reasonable time. Larger objects can take a full day to print. The second scenario requires that the printer be used in service to others.

That’s where e-Nable comes in. eNablingthefuture.org is an open source volunteer organization designing, 3-D printing, and distributing free prosthetic hands and limbs for children and adults around the world who are in need of help. There are members of e-Nable on every continent. They have an active Google group in which all the latest developments in prosthetic research are freely shared. In addition to connecting hands with need, many members are involved at the cutting edge of the technology.

At Clear Spring School, so far, so good. We’ve printed and assembled test hands and are awaiting approval of the organization before we are given a “match.” The point of this is not just that we’ve found a use for the printer, but that we’ve found a way to make use of our children’s natural empathy to serve others and fulfill our educational mission at the same time.

3-D printing is not the most exciting thing that

happens in the Clear Spring woodshop. When we’d spent a few hours designing and printing our Legos™, some of the students were begging to get back to real woodworking. It is much more active and well suited to hands-on learning. Watching a 3-D printer at work may seem little more interesting after awhile than watching paint dry, particularly if you’ve already been involved in creative work using real wood.

Still, e-Nabling the Future, has given greater nobility to our use of a new technology. While e-Nable’s hands are far from the perfect instruments with which nearly all of us are endowed, the motive of the organization and its diverse participants is pure, and one worthy of our engagement, thus further e-Nobling our own students’ involvement in school. For more information contact info@clearspringschool.org

Metafizzies explore Kumbh Mela

The March 2 meeting of the Eureka Springs Metaphysical Society will feature a video on the world’s largest religious gathering, the Kumbh Mela, which takes place once every 12 years on the banks of the Ganges in Allahabad, India. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. in the reading room of the Christian Science Church, 68 Mountain St. All are welcome.

HDC approvals likely to spruce up town

NICKY BOYETTE

It was a lengthy mid-winter agenda for the Historic District Commission at its Feb. 18 meeting. These seven applications were unanimously approved:

New business

- 184 N. Main – replace window with entry door in addition
- 64 Center – replace space curbs with continuous curb; new concrete pad around pay box
- 75 Prospect – enclose pool cabana

- 12 Spring – add deck & catwalk to roof
- 41 Kingshighway – replace windows
- 156 Spring – add roof over north side deck
- Brush Street – new construction: residence (Commissioners voted to approve the design only for constructing a new 630 sq. ft. residence).

Application for a second floor door cut at 2 Spring was tabled pending resolution of a legal dispute between neighbors.

The application for constructing a new building at 106 E. Van Buren was tabled pending a site visit because the property had previously been approved for demolition, but applicant now wants to use the rear wall as part of a new construction.

These items on the Consent Agenda were approved:

- 12 Center – new signs
- 506 Village Circle – new sign
- 34 N. Main – new sign
- 2 Spring – new paint color for door
- 173 S. Main – new paint colors on rails, balusters; new sign art

Consent Agenda items are Level I applications that the City Preservation

Officer believes to be in accordance with the design guidelines.

Chair Dee Bright presented these Administrative Approvals:

- 269 N. Main – replace trim on 2 bay windows; replace decking; repair stone steps
- 218 Spring – re-paint
- 75 Prospect – repair siding by spa door

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

Next meeting will be Wednesday, March 4, at 6 p.m.

Arrest made in local burglaries

A Berryville man has been arrested in connection with robberies Feb. 10 at the Pied Piper Pub and Feb. 11 from Chelsea's Bar in Eureka Springs, and is currently being held in Washington County on other charges.

Richard Gregory III, known as Ricky Gregory, 26, was booked into Washington County Jail on Feb. 24 for aggravated assault, possession of controlled substances and possession of instruments of crime.

Prior to his arrest by Fayetteville police, Eureka Springs police had issued a BOLO (Be On the Lookout) in Washington and Madison counties on an earlier misdemeanor warrant and a current felony warrant for Gregory, who had fled the Eureka Springs area.

According to reports filed by Eureka Springs Police Officer Billy Floyd and Det. Paul Sebby, witnesses had come forward on Feb. 14 and 18 which led to the recovery of items that had been taken in the bar robberies, plus the discovery of other items including a lock picking kit and metal pry tools in bags allegedly belonging to Gregory.

A witness also disclosed that Gregory had been driven to Fine Car Autos in Fayetteville to purchase a vehicle. On



Feb. 16, Sebby spoke with the owner at Fine Car Auto who confirmed Gregory had purchased a 2003 Jaguar XTY for \$4,999 in cash on Feb. 12, the day after close to \$7,000 in cash and goods had been stolen from Chelsea's.

On Feb. 15 Gregory apparently crashed the Jaguar, which was found in Madison County and towed, triggering the BOLO, and ESPD was notified.

Gregory was later picked up in Fayetteville by police on outstanding warrants from Washington County. After being sentenced, he will serve time there before facing charges in Eureka Springs and being booked into Carroll County Detention.

ESH Guild meets March 3

The Eureka Springs Hospital Guild will meet March 3 in the hospital cafeteria at 1:30 p.m. Guest speakers will be Susan Hopkins and daughter, Piper Allen, who have created "Senior Solutions," a professional geriatric care consultation service. Susan specialized in home health for more than 30 years before her retirement from the hospital. Come and meet them and ask questions. Visitors always welcome.

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Each weekly bag contains a selection of six to eight freshly harvested produce and herb items, adequate for one to two consumers. Bags will be available at the market Tuesdays from 9 – noon or at Fain's Herbacy on N. Main from 1 – 5 p.m. To reserve, email mamakapa@yahoo.com or see www.foundationfarm.com.

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Forest Service is invasive

Editor,

I wish to respond to a letter in last week's paper that expressed support for the drastic measures proposed by the Forest Service for Butler Hollow. The letter advocates the removal of "invasive cedar trees that are degrading the site," noting that an 1849 survey of the area "did not record a single cedar tree," and that at the time "cedar trees were native in limited areas of Missouri." A bit more research shows that cedars were certainly a significant part of this region.

The book, *A Living History of the Ozarks*, notes that earlier settlers used cedar for fencing, buckets, churns and tubs, and that in the early 1900s "the American Pencil Co. in Branson made heavy use of the native cedar in this area." The company's "heavy cedar harvest lasted about 25 years." Additionally, "cedar logs by the thousands were floated down the White River."

One of the purported problems that the Butler Hollow cedars are accused of is loss of habitat diversity. While diversity is very important, it's not necessary that all parts of the forest be the same. The cedars here are obviously quite successful. On the

larger scale they fit in perfectly. How could it "provide direct benefits to people and nature" to come in and trash this established ecosystem with extensive burning and herbicide use? Would the public "benefit" from the addition of poisons into the water and air?

If the Forest Service implements this terrible plan, they will be the ones who are "invasive."

Nan Johnson

We are what we drink, too

Editor,

The nation's top nutritional panel added recommendations concerning dietary consumption, saying Americans should think of the planet Earth when making choices at the supermarket or while dining out.

I was happy to hear that this committee spoke of coffee and how moderate amounts are okay. However, not all is fine as far as the planet and coffee cultivation. In fact, millions of acres of mature forests have been cut down in coffee-growing regions so consumers can have cheap coffee. Companies like Sara Lee, Kraft, Smuckers, Massimo Zanetti and stores that sell off-brands like Walmart and Sam's Club largely control the coffee market. Since coffee

demand has taken off in recent decades, these large companies encourage the growth of sun-adapted coffee trees in monocultural plantation settings that rely heavily on fertilizers, pesticides and chemicals for large yields necessary to satisfy our need for coffee that's cheap.

Farmers who cultivate shade coffee where forests and biodiversity take care of fertilization and pest control (birds, bats, amphibians, invertebrates and reptiles all eat insects) have far more to gain when their surroundings are not trashed by large corporate interests responsible for deforestation on a large scale.

I suggest the committee go further and invite food companies to begin putting on labels all sources of their coffee beans, and how sustainability factored into their cultivation. How are these corporations helping farmers worldwide?

I suggest we can improve the planet and find happiness in our stomachs by purchasing sustainable coffee that is SMBC certified. Rain Forest Alliance coffees do not require shade.

No amount of savings is worth a cup of Joe with cream and pesticides. We can't afford to deforest the planet any more as we are hit with one bit of drought news after the other.

Susan Pang



WEEK'S TopTweets

@jojominion: I want my tombstone to read "Free WiFi" so people would visit more often.

@SocialExtortion: We are friends until the waiter sets that plate of nachos down on the table, then we are mortal enemies.

@StephenAtHome: Hey, so much for global warming – look at all this snow! And so much for global globalness, look how flat it is out there!

@Nickadoo: Why do receipts need to be 75 feet long? I reach into my pocket thinking I have a wad of cash, turns out I just bought a soda earlier.

@ChaseMit: One time I got stuck holding a Starbucks door

open from 2005-2007.

@kumailn: The difference between "she's jogging & healthy" vs. "she's in danger & I should help" is headphones.

@Lisa_Laugh: I'm not saying women are smarter than men, but its kinda ironic that there's so few known women serial killers and so many unsolved murders.

@cabel: If you get invited to an AT&T executive's wedding, don't go. The reception will be terrible.

@cynicanoldicus: Pushed too hard against my eardrum with a Q-tip and reset my brain.

@nachosarah: That kid at the public pool who kept screaming at his mom to watch him jump in grew up to be a blogger.

You are welcome, you are safe

On Feb. 9, Eureka Springs City Council passed Ordinance 2223 making it unlawful to discriminate on the basis of age, gender, marital status and religion. Included were sexual orientation, gender identity and gender expression.

The ordinance was introduced that night and passed unanimously (5-0) on three readings with an emergency clause. It went into effect on Feb. 10 after it was signed by Mayor Berry. Surprised?

Prior to the 9th, a bill was introduced into the Arkansas Senate that would preclude any city or county from adopting or enforcing any ordinance that would grant rights not already provided by state or federal law. This bill, SB202, was the brainchild of Sen. Bart Hester of Cave Springs; and it was in response to the nondiscrimination ordinance passed by Fayetteville last year.

It was fast-tracked in the legislature. Within days it was referred to committee, discussed, and returned with a DO PASS recommendation, then passed by the Senate before it found its way to the House. Under ordinary circumstances, a bill passed by both houses and signed by the Governor would become law 90 days following the adjournment of the Legislature. But SB202 had an emergency clause attached, meaning that once passed and then signed by the Governor, it would become law immediately.

I am a gay man and I would not be the least offended by having it made illegal, at least in Eureka Springs, to discriminate against me – or anyone like me – on the basis of being gay.

Now we have Ordinance 2223... and because of that, we are facing a referendum petition. Those involved in the repeal of a similar ordinance passed by Fayetteville last year are bringing their forces to Eureka Springs to try to convince enough people to sign a petition to put it Ordinance 2223 to a vote – and if successful at that, to defeat it in a special election.

As a resident, business owner and government official who has lived in this community for over 23 years, I now face having to defend my right to be served in any “public” facility in this community and be employed in any secular position without fear of refusal or termination for no reason other than I am gay!

I am gay... I am not contagious... I have no agenda other than wanting to live in peace, go where others are permitted to go, spend my money, buy things, work for my city and the county, and let life go on – all without my sexual orientation defining what my limits are.

Churches will not have to celebrate same-sex weddings. Private organizations will not have to cater to anyone other than their members unless they are otherwise open to the general public. Employers are not bound by this ordinance unless they regularly employ 5 or more individuals... not counting children, spouses or parents... for each working day in any 20 or more weeks. The ordinance does not apply to a homeowner who rents a portion of a single family home in which the homeowner lives, or a homeowner who rents a room and anticipates that a kitchen or bath will be shared with the boarder.

We must go forward with sending a message to the hundreds of thousands of people who come here each year... “you are welcome, you are safe... it doesn’t matter your color, your ethnicity, your religion, your gender, your veteran’s status, whether or not you are disabled, regardless of your sexual orientation, your gender identity or gender expression.”

This ordinance picks up where other federal and state legislation has left off: It adds sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression to the list of characteristics given civil rights protections. That’s all. It is not creating a special class any more than making it illegal to discriminate against people of color, or women, or because of age created special classes. It’s a matter of discrimination... and when people are treated less than equal, I believe discrimination becomes illegal.

Lamont Richie-Robertson



The Pursuit Of HAPPINESS

by Dan Krotz

Our son and daughter-in-law bought a small property north of Berryville overlooking a broad pasture where a neighbor keeps some horses. Deer graze in the yard when the sun rises and sets, and a stand of chestnut trees mingle in a grove just east of the house. It is a typical place in the Ozarks, disheveled and pretty in a plain girl way.

It was a mess when they bought it. As I found and stacked the 125 car and truck tires abandoned by previous owners, I recalled Alexander Pope’s *Consult the Genius of the Place*. It is both a poem and a prayer:

*Consult the genius of the place in all
That tells the waters to rise, or fall
Or helps the ambitious hill the heavens to scale
Or scoops in circling theatres the vale
Calls in the country, catches opening glades
Joins willing woods, and varies shades from shades
Now breaks, or now directs, the intending lines
Paints as you plant, and, as you work, designs.*

The last two lines are important. Pope says that God, a creative Genius, has intentions – wants and goals – that we ought to consult Him about as we plant, work, and design the place in which we live. There is a much-debated theological basis for Pope’s conclusions, but general agreement (if only haphazard compliance) that the least expectation is to do no harm. In big picture terms, cleaning up tire messes may be a futile occupation, but at the least, it does no harm.

Our Legislature is a garden of ideas, and the genius we’ve chosen to mind it, Bob Ballinger, has done three and only three things: he has more than doubled his compensation; he has colluded in extending the limits to his term in office; and he has co-sponsored legislation that will stick to your shoe if you step in it. This legislation is fundamentally bad for business, and will certainly result in costly litigation that the state of Arkansas will lose. God may not care that Bob behaves like a pig at the trough, but his harm to the U.S. Constitution, and common decency, are messes someone will have to clean up.

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

INDEPENDENTNews

Circus ban ordinance passes first reading

NICKY BOYETTE

Alderman David Mitchell introduced a “cleaned up” version of the ordinance banning traveling circuses with exotic animals from performing in Eureka Springs. Right away at Monday’s city council meeting alderman Mickey Schneider stated no one on council was an expert in caring for animals and they were assuming bad things would happen if a circus came to town.

She said there was no reason to rush to a decision, so council could put the issue on the next general ballot, which would cost nothing.

Alderman Joyce Zeller asked, “We’d have to wait two years, and people don’t want traveling shows with animals here, so why not get ahead of the curve?”

Mitchell added that there would be two more readings of the ordinance. The public had ample time, as he saw it, to state opinions and be a part of the process.

Schneider still held that the city has seen two circus-

es in her 41 years here, so there was no hurry, and council could wait for the general election in November 2016.

Nevertheless, the vote to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2224 was 4-2, Schneider and McClung voting No.

Ham Radio March 12, 19

Little Switzerland Amateur Radio Club will meet Thursday, March 12, at noon at the Rowdy Beaver Restaurant, 417 W. Van Buren, (US 62W), for monthly lunch and meeting. Anyone with an interest in Amateur Radio is welcome.

The club at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 19, in the physicians building at Mercy Hospital, Berryville. Check <http://lsarc.us> online for current information on the location of each meeting, or contact gmjar@outlook.com.

INDEPENDENT ConstablesOnPatrol

FEBRUARY 16

11:32 a.m. – Constable responded to a disabled truck at the top of Planer Hill. He got the vehicle moved and cleared the intersection.

12:57 p.m. – Vehicle bumped into a gas main in a neighborhood just east of downtown. Constable responded along with EMS and ESFD.

4 p.m. – Motorist ran into a curb and needed a tow truck.

11:59 p.m. – Concerned observer reported a four-wheeler pulling a sled up and down a city street. Constable did not encounter the vehicle or sled.

FEBRUARY 17

7:25 a.m. – Resident claimed a snowboard slid down a street and broke her bedroom window. Constable took the offending snowboard to the station.

8:50 a.m. – Employees at one business were nervous about an individual walking around a nearby building. He told the constable he was trying to find another business.

FEBRUARY 18

8:14 a.m. – Caller told ESPD her medications had been stolen from her vehicle while she was visiting over the weekend.

8:18 a.m. – Constable assisted a truck stuck on the Historic Loop.

8:48 a.m. – Then another truck got stuck on the Loop and needed help.

9:53 a.m. – Missouri State Police asked for ESPD to be on alert for a wanted person possibly in the area. He was wanted for fleeing from troopers after causing an injury accident.

10:02 a.m. – This time, a truck got stuck downtown. Constables went to the scene and assisted.

FEBRUARY 19

3:26 p.m. – Constable arrested an individual on a Barry County warrant.

FEBRUARY 20

9:55 a.m. – Clerk at a motel told ESPD he had provided a room for the night for a homeless person and now needed constable assistance in removing him from the premises. Constable complied, and the individual left the property.

11:01 a.m. – Onlooker reported a truck had run into a gas main and gas was escaping. Constables and ESFD responded. The driver of the truck was arrested on a warrant for child support.

FEBRUARY 21

5:13 a.m. – Resident claimed she could see a flashing red light as she watched through her window near downtown. Constable checked it out but did not encounter a flashing red light.

FEBRUARY 22

12:57 a.m. – Individual reported his windshield had been broken while he was at a bar. Constable took the information.

10:45 a.m. – Customer told ESPD he had been sold expired lottery tickets. Constable went to his location and determined the person had his dates confused and the tickets were valid.

12:36 p.m. – Vehicle owner claimed someone had bumped into his vehicle while it was parked in a parking lot overnight.

FEBRUARY 23

1:35 a.m. – Alarm company alerted ESPD to a front door alarm at a liquor store that had been triggered. Constable found the building secure and the keyholder found nothing amiss inside.

Destruction of 2007 records

NICKY BOYETTE

Mayor Butch Berry told council on Monday he had investigated the process for destroying city documents, and he found the city could have its documents from 2007 professionally shredded for just a bit over \$200, and the paper would still be recyclable. The task could be accomplished at the Public Works site, and alderman Robert Thomas volunteered to be the witness.

Alderman Mickey Schneider mentioned the city could buy its own shredder and hire it out to pay for itself, and Berry said he would look into it.

HI Ladies Fellowship hosts Mary Magdalene

The Holiday Island Community Church Ladies Fellowship will meet Saturday, March 14, at 10 a.m. to hear Mary Magdalene (Sharon Jacobson) share her experiences from the first Easter weekend. This celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ is being presented on Saturday instead of Monday to allow ladies who work the

opportunity to attend.

Sharon has performed as different Bible characters at the Great Passion Play Holy Land Tour for 10 years. All are invited to stay for fellowship and refreshments after the presentation at the church, 188 State Line Drive, in Holiday Island. For details call Roxie Breaux (337) 513-9346.



TheNATUREofEUREKA by Steven Foster

Yaupon Holly – my cup of tea

It seems every culture has its morning jump-start beverage – coffee, origination in Africa; tea, from China; yerba maté imbibed in temperate South America; and chocolate, which 500 years ago radiated out to the world from Central America. These plants contain caffeine and chemically related stimulating alkaloids. Depending on preparation methods, all have

their own variations on healthful antioxidants. Europeans adopted these beverages with further refinements.

But what happened to North America's – yaupon holly? Like other morning beverages, yaupon is loaded with antioxidants, and is the only plant from North America that contains caffeine. Like yerba maté, it is a member of the genus *Ilex* (hollies). You can buy evergreen, red-fruited yaupon hollies at almost every nursery in the South. Common in forests of south Arkansas, it evolved in the Ouachita Mountains, then spread throughout the Southeast.

If you were a pre-revolutionary European explorer entering a native village along the Gulf Coast, elders would greet you with an offering of yaupon holly tea. Native groups cultivated yaupon in naturalized groves beyond the plant's natural range. The leaves were carefully plucked, dried, then prepared and offered as a sacred ceremonial beverage. Referred to as "black drink" simmered to a thick brew

(think espresso) it was called "cassine" or "asi."

English naturalist, Mark Catesby (1682-1749) author of *The Natural History of Carolina, Florida and the Bahama Islands* published from 1731-1742, describes a cleansing ritual in which on one day a year, all of a tribe's members drank black tea to induce "spring cleaning" (vomiting). Yet, the other 364 days of the year, an infusion of yaupon leaves was drunk like we drink coffee or tea in the morning.

Today yaupon is making a comeback. Now you can do an Internet search for "asi tea" or "yaupon tea" and instead of references to historic literature, you will discover several small companies offering teas and beverages from the yaupon holly from Texas to Georgia.

Well-established as a beverage tea after the American Revolution, the Civil War seems to have disrupted sourcing in the South and relegated the plant's use to history until now. Confused botanical nomenclature, finally clarified in 1949, may also have impacted perceptions about the plant. Since 1949, the accepted scientific name, bestowed on the plant in a work by English botanist William Aiton in 1789, lives in infamy – *Ilex vomitoria*.



The Evidence is In: Transmission Expansion is no longer needed

Last year a historic announcement went unnoticed: The end of electric demand growth. Like global climate change, energy skeptics chose to ignore the facts – transmission expansion is no longer needed.

Here is the evidence:

1. July 28, 2014: WSJ, Electricity Sales Anemic for Seventh Year in a Row, “When customers of American Electric Power started dialing back on power consumption in early 2009, company executives figured consumers and businesses were just pinching pennies because of the recession. Five years and an economic recovery later, electricity sales haven’t rebounded to the 2008 peak. As a result, AEP had to abandon their century-old assumption that the use of electricity tracks overall economic conditions. “It’s a new world for us,” says Chief Executive Nick Akins.

2. December 29, 2014: Lanny Nickell sent a *mea culpa* letter to SWEPCO clearly stating: The 2013 SPP demand forecast was at least 50 percent too high, and 660 MW of transmission service subscriptions had been cancelled.

3. Last month, SPP members approved \$270 million on transmission improvements over the next five years with serious misgivings about the investment, which comes after the SPP spent \$1.8 billion on upgrades in 2014. Burton Crawford of Kansas City Power and Light declined to endorse the 2015 Integrated Transmission Plan 10-year assessment, approved with some nays and multiple abstentions. Crawford said the assessment predicts wholesale sales 50 percent higher than his company’s internal estimates. “The load forecast is way off,” said the Empire District Electric Co.’s Barry Warren, who noted that much of the growth is based on anticipated demand from oil and gas producers.

The gloves are too small

The trial of the century came to an end when OJ tried to put on the gloves found at the crime scene. Johnny Cochran nailed it, using the evidence: “If the glove don’t fit, you must acquit.”

Why would DOE get in bed with Clean Line?

A masterful radio interview by Jacqueline Froelich of KUAF, “Big Wind Blowing Through North Arkansas” is all

you need to hear to dismiss far, far away wind. Michael Skelly, President of Clean Line, tries the line “the grid is maxed out.” SPP counters saying there is extra capacity. On the interview, Skelly confesses to many of the hidden facts on this project: Clean Line has no customers, no wind farms, and no money to build the line. But Skelly has not given up. This project, partly cooked up by DOE since 2001 hides dark secrets: DOE will keep the transmission line and the right-of-way. Clean Line will lease thousands of miles of transferable easements with unlimited access, and unlimited use for pipelines or whatever they want, forever. The offer to host a line is insulting and abusive: an empty threat to use eminent domain.

New Evidence: Grid Dispatching Rules – Carbon Fee and Dividend

EPA carbon rules for existing plants can be applied successfully

February 20, 2015: “The electric industry can achieve the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s goal to reduce carbon emissions from existing power plants on schedule and at a minimal cost to consumers without harming grid reliability or compromising the efficiency of existing energy markets,” Exelon said at FERC.

“Reliability Dispatch Safe Harbor,” builds on proven market mechanisms: grid operators dispatch power plants in order of cost to operate. EPA would determine a single, nationwide adder for carbon emissions reductions, commensurate with EPA Clean Power Plan goals.

Transmission expansion is a nuisance

Dealing with abusive Clean Line land agents giving people the option to host a transmission line is a nuisance. The real fight is global climate change, deforestation, severe draughts, complex wildfires and catastrophic methane from Arctic ice meltdown.

Irreversible, man-made environmental changes are incomprehensible to most people. By choosing to ignore scientific evidence we are on the path to destruction. We are the first generation to see the evidence and the last generation to prevent the unthinkable. Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, there is no hope.

Dr. Luis Contreras



Eat well, be well – High tunnel tomatoes are seeded now, planted in April, and produce fruit all summer.

Fresh food coming alive

Sycamore Bend Farm has the high tunnel planted with early spring crops. Tomatoes have been seeded and are coming alive next to the woodstove now.

We will run a full season Community Supported Agriculture this year. The CSA is more time-efficient than farmers’ markets.

Weekly produce pickups are from May 20 to Nov. 12, with two weeks off in late summer, for a total of 24 weeks. Pickup options include Thursday mornings at Eureka Springs Farmers’ Market (Hwy 62E) and White St. Saturday market (late morning).

We are also offering a delivery option this year within Eureka Springs city limits, with an extra charge of \$100 for the year. We also offer a produce share with on-farm

pickup in exchange for a morning’s work each week.

We price produce shares about halfway between retail and wholesale, and total cost for six months of certified organic produce is \$400. This averages out to \$20 worth of produce each week with a 17 percent discount off retail. We offer CSA members discounts of 10-30 percent off our products at our farmers’ markets stands.

Returning members get a 5 percent discount for each year they have been with us. (Yes, in 20 years you will get free produce.) Payment (or other arrangement) is due March 15. Send checks made out to Sycamore Bend Farm to: Andrew Schwerin, 875 CR 3025, Eureka Springs, AR 72632, (479) 981-3128.



Picture this – Photographers Susan Storch, left, and Melanie Myhre teamed up to present a talk and demonstration on portrait photography to the Holiday Island Photo Guild Feb. 24.

PHOTO BY JAY VRECENAK



Have cameras, will travel
– Melanie Myhre and Susan Storch sport dueling lenses at their talk on portrait photography for the Holiday Island Photo Guild Feb. 24.

PHOTO BY JAY VRECENAK

Good show! – From left, Jane Tucker, Bryan Manire, Gem Frederick and Faith Shah celebrate following a well-attended matinee presentation of *Love Letters*, directed by Joe Watts, at Main Stage on Feb. 22. Bryan holds a congratulatory bouquet from partner, Gem.

PHOTO BY BECKY GILLETTE



Score! – Mariellen Griffith, left, looks pleased that she scored these two pieces as artist Sara Mallett Russell hands her work over during the ArtiGras art revue and sale at Caribé.

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Not over 'til it's over
– Mardi Gras Queen JC Breaux isn't waiting for Kevin Ruehle to toss those beads. Although Lent began Feb. 18, ArtiGras got moved from Feb. 16 to the 20th due to weather, extending the season for one last bit of artsy fun and feathers.

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Steamy – Jerri Stevens and her steampunk mask. Understandably, it drew a lot of attention at ArtiGras!

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Chimp off the old block – Betty Johnson with her painting and masks. PHOTO BY JAY VRECENAK

Party arty – Artists Mary Springer and Adrian Frost make us wonder what they were up to at ArtiGras.

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Foreign film fest finale Feb. 27

The foreign film series at the Eureka Springs Carnegie Library ends Feb. 27 with the Swedish film, *We Are the Best!* a coming-of-age masterpiece about three young misfit rebels who want to form an all-girl punk band despite having no instruments or discernible musical talent. This film is not rated, but has been ranked as having “universal appeal.”

Free admission and popcorn with film at 7 pm. in the library annex, 192B Spring St. For more information see eurekalibrary.org



Now open at Crystal Bridges Free drop-in tours on Thursdays

Van Gogh to Rothko: Masterworks from the Albright-Knox Art Gallery is now open at Crystal Bridges. The exhibition brings together 76 artworks by 73 influential artists, including Vincent van Gogh, Pablo Picasso, Jackson Pollock, Andy Warhol, and Mark Rothko selected from the collection of the Albright-Knox Art Gallery in Buffalo, N.Y.

A free Drop-in Tour of the exhibition, *Exploring Abstract Expressionism in Van Gogh to Rothko*, will be offered on

Thursdays, beginning Feb. 26.

On Feb. 27, *RED*, a play about Mark Rothko, comes to Crystal Bridges, performed by Troy Schremmer and Zach Stolz, and directed by Mark Landon Smith. At an Art Talk on Feb. 28, Curator Manuela Well-Off-Man will discuss the Masters of Color in three works in *Van Gogh to Rothko*.

For tickets and details, see www.crystalbridges.org or phone (479) 418-5700.

Passion Play cast/crew sign-up March 8

Cast and crew registration for The Great Passion Play's 2015 season will be Sunday, March 8, between 2 and 3:30 p.m.

Men, women, and children five years and older are needed; particularly men between 18 and 50 for roles as apostles, priests and soldiers. Families with children are also encouraged to sign up.

More than 170 actors are hired annually to bring the story of Christ's final days of earthly life to audiences in a huge outdoor setting. Applications will also be received and interviews conducted

for food service workers, daytime actors, sound and light assistants, ushers, parking attendants, bus drivers, docents, telemarketers and reservation clerks.

Those unable to appear in person on March 8 are invited to call (479) 253-8559 between 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. before March 8 to be considered – or download the required documents at GreatPassionPlay.org/applications.html.

In case of inclement weather, the sign-up will move to March 15, 2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Scripts sought for 10 X 10 Play Festival

Joe Watts, artistic director of the new OZ-arks Drama Club, is accepting submissions for the first annual 10 X 10 Play Festival, a series of 10 ten-minute plays by writers from Eureka Springs and those within a 50-mile radius.

Submission deadline is March 25, after which the plays will be read, judged, and the top 10 picked to be performed during the festival. Auditions will be held, and after casting is completed, festival dates and venue will be announced.

Plays must not run longer than 10 minutes. Monologues are not accepted, and the cast may be no more than five characters. Because plays will run back to back, each must have a simple, single-unit set. Submissions must be in play script format with page numbers. Each writer may submit up to two scripts.

Scripts should be submitted via email to joeleewatts@att.net by March 25. Writers without Internet access may call Watts at (479) 981-2880.

Muy caliente!

Join Eureka's first Salsa Team on Wednesdays from 7:30 – 8:30 p.m. and turn this cold weather hot, hot, hot.

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Poker faces win in Las Vegas

Judge Roy Bean's Old Time Photos earned major honors at the 2015 Antique and Amusement Photographers International Photo Contest Jan. 29 in Las Vegas. Staff photographers earned 16 ribbons: three first place (Best Portrait of a Child, Best Western Themed Portrait and Best Holiday Greeting Card) a second place (Best Civil War Themed Portrait), four third place ribbons and eight Honorable Mentions.

The AAPI competition attracts hundreds of entries across the US, Canada and Europe from photographers and vendors specializing in “souvenir photography” including antique/Old Time Photos, special events, historical re-enactments and amusement portraits.

Judge Roy Bean's locations in Eureka Springs and Jackson Hole, Wyo., both specialize in Old Time photos and weddings. For more



information, call (479) 253-5848 or visit www.judgeroy.com. See www.oldtimephotos.org, for all AAPI winners' pictures.

We've Got Talent Raising funds for young musicians

One of the best concerts of the year featuring area talent in all genres of music will be back at the auditorium on March 8 at 2:30 p.m. Adult tickets are \$10 and \$5 for children.

The 4th Annual We've got Talent concert is a major fundraiser, with the area's top musicians donating time and talent to provide an outstanding evening of performances for the benefit of young musicians. The goal is to raise \$10,000 to help send 40 to 50 students to attend summer music camps to enhance their opportunities. This unique event is an example of adults using their talent to

open the door for youth to the importance of music education.

To help reach their goal, concert sponsor, Carroll County Music Group, a 501 c-3, is asking for help from the business community to raise funds and gather a sellout crowd. Sign up or sign your business up at the level at which you can support this incredible program – from Music Lover at \$20, or one of several other levels – all the way to Underwriter at \$500. You will be listed in the program and advertising for the event.

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



CONSTANCE
WAGNER

“Oh – men,” Tracy said. “Walter’s above average, you can be sure of *that*.” She scanned the books again. “I wish you’d lend me something to read tonight,” she said. “I’m going to have a long, hot bath with lots of nice smelly oil in it, and climb into bed in my best nightgown, and read for hours. Wonderful!” She pulled out a book and riffled the pages. “I didn’t get anywhere with Gide,” she said. “He put me to sleep.”

Jane took down *The Turn of the Screw*. “This won’t put you to sleep.”

Tracy tucked the book into the chair beside her and settled down cozily. “The funniest thing,” she said. “Miss Crandall at the library just got in that new bestseller everyone’s talking about, last week. She’s keeping it for the under-the-counter trade – just her close friends, you know – the nice, prissy middle-aged types from the Woman’s Club. Well (you’ll love this) the book bores ‘em stiff, and it’s way over their heads, but it’s got a four-letter word on page 136, so they’re taking turns borrowing the book, just to look at that one word, as far as I can make out. They call each other up to find out what page it’s on, just so they can sit and stare at it.”

Jane said: “It’s kind of awful,” but she laughed. Tracy was buoyant once more. She zoomed so rapidly from the depths of despair to a high peak of nervous gaiety that it was hard to keep up with her. “Men –” she said, hunching her narrow shoulders as she launched pleasurable onto her favorite topic. She liked to indulge in sweeping generalities about men, sharing her discoveries with Jane in a conspiratorial way, as if, between them, they might decipher some code or ferret out some strategy that would enable them to rout the enemy, once and for all.

Jane did not learn what new secret she had unearthed, because she was cut short by the thump of the front-door knocker. “Probably Mrs. Williams,” Jane said, crossing the room, avoiding Tracy’s scowl. “I forgot – she said she might drop in this afternoon.”

On the doorstep, Gladys Williams stood beaming, panting a little from the climb, bulking large in heavy tweeds. “Just not used to these hills yet,” she cried breathlessly. “Oh – Mrs. Blake. How d’you –”

“How d’you do?” Tracy was already flinging on her coat. “I was just leaving,” she said, making for the door.

“Well – I hope I’m not intruding?” Mrs. Williams, with her perpetual laugh, looked from one to the other while she warmed her backside before the fire.

“Oh, no,” said Tracy, all frozen sweetness. “I’m the one that’s intruding.” She swept to the door with an absurd dignity. (Damn it, I won’t even ask her to stay, Jane thought. She’s got nothing against poor Mrs. Williams – only that she can’t bear it for me to have any friend but Tracy.) She opened the door and Tracy marched past her stiffly. “You might call me up sometime,” she said over her shoulder, “– when you’re not too busy.”

Jane said under her breath: “Oh, shut up,” and closed the door firmly. “I’ve got coffee hot in the kitchen,” she said, as she stooped to lay a log on the fire,

hearing the motor of Tracy’s car starting up angrily in the drive.

“Thank you. That wind is *raw*.” Mrs. Williams sat down close to the hearth. “I hope I didn’t drive Mrs. Blake away –?”

Jane said, “Oh, don’t mind Tracy,” and Mrs. Williams dropped the subject. She had just met Jane’s mother-in-law down in the square, she said chattily. What a remarkable woman! A lady, really. A Southern lady. And so intelligent... “She scares me a little,” Mrs. Williams confessed, with her ready laugh. “But I do admire her.”

It was astonishing, Jane thought, how Gladys Williams had lived here for six months, making notes, writing her cheerful trivia about the region, and missing the inner working of everything and everybody. She swallowed all but the most bare-faced of the lies that were fed her by dead-pan natives, and published them in a vein of bouncing enthusiasm

in her newspaper column. All was quaint, innocent and lovable, to Gladys Williams’s credulous eye. She pushed her passion for the Ozarks into the realm of utter confusion, referring to the people and their speech as “pure Anglo-Saxon” – a term that had impressed itself on the weightier minds of *Sycamore*. Colonel Blake, for instance, liked it so well (feeling that it somehow shed a new glitter of prestige upon his hills) that he could now be heard, on every public occasion, extolling the Anglo-Saxonism of the Ozarks. “Where but here,” he would demand with his eyes bugging out, “will you find the pure, unsullied Anglo-Saxon heritage? The last stronghold, gentlemen, of a proud race –”

NOTES from the HOLLOW

by Steve Weems

Ray Freeman of Eureka Springs, Arkansas, was known for his honesty and integrity. Toward the end of his life, he had O’Connor’s Texaco (now the location of Sparky’s) service his automobile. When the work was completed, Doris O’Connor returned the car to Mr. Freeman. What she didn’t realize is that she had accidentally left the Texaco’s bank deposit on the front seat of Ray’s vehicle. Duane O’Connor said that if you had to leave a bag of your money in someone’s car, you couldn’t find a safer person to leave it with than Ray Freeman.

Ray Freeman and his wife, Chloe, moved to Eureka Springs in 1921 soon after the birth of their son, Bob, while their other son, Charles, was a toddler. Though new residents to Eureka Springs, Ray was a member of a historic family that had long played a prominent role in the affairs of Berryville and Carroll County.

Quite successful, Ray Freeman stayed active in the business world. A sampling of his endeavors include the grocery business, partnering with Eagle Thomas in a variety of entrepreneurial

pursuits (including Onyx Cave), and operating cabins on the White River. He later founded Camp Joy, which evolved into the Joy Motel. He was a mayor of Eureka Springs and a charter member of the local Rotary Club. He also leased Lake Leatherwood.

The infamous Dr. Norman Baker once started a feud with Ray Freeman over integrity. He lived to regret it. Apparently, the Freemans had warned visitors away from becoming patients at Baker’s cancer hospital. In an open letter published in the *Daily Times-Echo* newspaper on June 15, 1939, Dr. Baker retaliated by accusing Mr. and Mrs. Ray Freeman of damaging the



economy of Eureka Springs. The long letter had “language tending to impeach the honesty, integrity, veracity and reputation” of the Freemans, according to the charges brought against Dr. Baker by the prosecuting attorney. Norman Baker fought the charges tooth and nail at every level, but, in the end, the Arkansas Supreme Court ruled that he was guilty of libel and upheld the fine of \$2,500 (equal to roughly \$42,000 today).

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of aluminum.” The study concluded that such contaminant content creates a regulatory blind spot that jeopardizes safe use of fluoride additives.

Fluoridation chemicals such as those chosen by CBWD contain lead, arsenic, barium and other toxics from the chemicals refined primarily from phosphate fertilizer waste. At the request of Carroll County Citizens for Safe Drinking Water, King has requested an Attorney General’s opinion on whether the state – which has a law forbidding adding lead to drinking water – can decide to enforce the fluoride mandate but not enforce the law regarding not adding lead, a potent neurotoxin, to water.

Two Fish Bound by a Golden Cord

Until March 20 (Spring Equinox), Earth and her kingdoms (mineral, plant, animal, human) experience the influence of Pisces, sign of the World Savior. Whereas the task of Aquarius is as world server, the Pisces task is saving the world – tasks given to the two fishes. Pisces never really enters matter and as the last sign of the zodiac includes all the signs. During Pisces, having gathered all the gifts of the previous 11 signs, it is a good time to prepare for new initiating plans when Aries (sign of beginnings) begins. No wonder Pisces, like Scorpio,

is so difficult (both are ruled by Pluto, planet of death, new life, regeneration, transformations.) Both signs (with Scorpio drowning in dark and deep waters) find life on Earth a hardship, disorienting (from the spiritual perspective), at times feeling betrayed. Life is a paradox, especially for Pisces.

Each zodiacal sign represents and distributes a different phase and facet (12) of the Soul's diamond light, Pisces is the "Light of Life itself, ending forever the darkness of matter." It takes two fishes to complete this work (creating eventually

an extraordinary human being). One fish turned toward the material world (in order to understand matter), the other fish toward the heavenly world. Around the two fish is a silvery cord binding them together. The two fish are forever bound until all of humanity is redeemed (lifted up into the Light). This is the dedication of all World Savors (Buddha, Christ, the NGWS). Thus, the sacrifice and suffering experienced by Pisces. Knowing these things about Pisces, let us help them all we can. Sometimes all of humanity is Pisces.

ARIES: What social networks are you presently on? What's social in your life? There's such a push for you to be part of or create a group, to lead, instruct and interact with various groups around town that you may need a calming homeopathic like Aconite Napellis to help anchor your energy. Groups and community endeavors could be electrifying, overwhelming, exciting, technological and so deeply into the future that grounding is definitely needed. Keep at them.

TAURUS: Venus, the planet that helps you build your personality (body,

emotions, lower mind) is in Aries (a new self identity). Eventually you will need to be out and about with groups, working in the world, directing, teaching and tending to outer realities with humanity all around. You are now in a state of retreat, moving deeply inward, almost unavailable. This is a natural rhythm.

GEMINI: Are you sharing with others what you're learning? Are people interested and listening? Your thinking is gradually changing, encompassing a greater range of ideas, becoming more consciously inclusive. These are preparations for becoming a world server. As Venus, your Soul ruler, is in Aries, more inner spiritual intelligence is revealed. Wherever you are, Venus will find you.

CANCER: You have many gifts and resources hidden away. You will begin sharing and then blending your abilities with others. This creates new resources, new ideas and techniques which later help transform humanity. The fact that others like and respond to you, sharing their secrets comes as a surprise. Then it gradually becomes a comfort. And then an intimacy.

LEO: It's time for new adventures in relationships, partnerships and perhaps, for some Leos, marriage. If already married or committed search for ways to bring new vitality and excitement to the relationship, shedding non-working interactions, habits and expectations, some of which now wound. Have the intention to express deeper feelings, have more devoted and dedicated loving. It's always about intention – the golden key.

VIRGO: You continue to organize and order externally. Internally, a new consciousness begins, affecting your relationships, creating new communication and ideas, new

obligations and responsibilities. Small things may disturb you along with a temporary sensitivity to sounds. This means you need more B vitamins. Sources are oats, barley, wheat bran, avocado, salmon (wild caught), Brazil nuts (and other nuts). Organic, non-GMO, gluten free.

LIBRA: It's good to recite a mantram morning and nighttime. It creates a gentle loving, healing rhythm in our lives and a light-filled vitality.

Here's a heart mantram (rhythmic prayer) for you. "At the center of all love I stand. From that center I, the Soul, will outward move. From that center I, the one who serves, will work. May the love of my Divine Self be shed abroad, in my heart, through my groups, and throughout the world."

SCORPIO: Wherever you are, wherever is home, create intentions of beauty, calmness, love and healing. Create a reflective contemplative space with the music and the sound of bells. Make your home into a temple welcoming travelers (such as yourself) into a restful peace that soothes and nurtures. Make foods that purify, cleanse and penetrate deep into your body's cells. Call yourself home. Study Ayurveda.

SAGITTARIUS: Scorpio's words are also for you. However, you have a bit more interaction occurring. You may be thinking ceaselessly about your hopes, needs and wants. You'll wonder why you can't stop. Somehow through all the talk and constant thoughts, reality steps in. You begin to understand more and more about yourself, your choices, your wound, your brilliance. And then you fall asleep, exhausted at all the self-uncovering. And forget.

CAPRICORN: You wonder if you should follow a dream or become more

practical. Following dreams actually is practical. So the question is, what do you dream about and how do you envision yourself in these extremely transitional times? It's important to place yourself within the context of the world changes occurring. You're an extraordinary server. If you place your dreams within the context of serving humanity, your dreams come true.

AQUARIUS: This is a defining time historically for all Aquarians. We're beginning to enter a new state of being, one influenced by the sign Aquarius, which brings forth the new culture and civilization under new laws and principles. It would be good if you understood these laws and principles and began to work with them in all endeavors. This will insure your success and call forth your gifts from that new future, and is needed now.

PISCES: Something new is beginning for the fishes tied together with a golden cord, linking the personality and the Soul. You want to be free of anything old and previous, you want to swim in new waters with new schools of other golden fish. You're very intuitive now, sensing things coming, you seek artists like yourself. They seek you, too. But shyness still prevails. It's time for new shoes again. Red slippers, perhaps.

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On March 1, Marianne LeGrande will open Women's History Month by touching on legal battles she won as president of Tulsa National Organization for Women.

This is also Soup Sunday! Soups, bread, sweets, juice, wine and tea will be served along with great conversation. Bring something to share if you can! It's a bargain at \$4/adult; \$2/children and \$10 max per family.

Childcare is provided. Extra parking at Ermilio's Restaurant, 26 White Street.

Elks help vets roll – Members of Holiday Island Elks Lodge presented \$1,200 to the Arkansas State Veterans Home in Fayetteville on Jan. 13. The donation was a major contribution toward the purchase of specialized wheelchair equipment for Veterans Home residents. From left are Dale Wachner, Don King (Chair, Veterans Committee of Holiday Island Elks), Carol Kick (Veterans Home administrator), Bob Hand and Roger Hill. Support for veterans and veterans' homes is a long-standing focus of the Elks.



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recorded on her own label since the 1990s. Deep Fried Squirrel satisfies lonesome appetites with down home jams at Chelsea's on Friday. Chucky Waggs lays down his funky Americana style at Chelsea's Saturday night.

THURSDAY, FEB. 26

CHELSEA'S – *Izzy Cox*, Outlaw Voodoobilly, 9:30 p.m.

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

LEGENDS SALOON – *StarSeed*, R&B, 8 p.m.

FRIDAY, FEB. 27

BREWS – *Brian Martin*, Singer/Songwriter, 7 – 10 p.m.

CATHOUSE LOUNGE – *Izzy Cox*, Outlaw Voodoobilly, 8 p.m.

CHELSEA'S – *Deep Fried Squirrel*, Rhythm and Bluegrass, 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 – *Downday Duo*, Classic Rock, 8 p.m.

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

SATURDAY, FEB. 28

CATHOUSE LOUNGE – *Jukebox Throwdown*, 8 p.m.

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

EUREKA LIVE! – *DJ & Dancing*, 9 p.m.

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

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

NEW DELHI – *Kimberly Patrick*, Singer/Songwriter, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

ROWDY BEAVER – *Brenda Meyer Band*, Classic Rock, 7 p.m.

ROWDY BEAVER DEN – *Rocky Don Jones*, Singer/

Songwriter, 12 – 4 p.m., *Hellbenders Duo*, Classic Rock, 8 p.m.

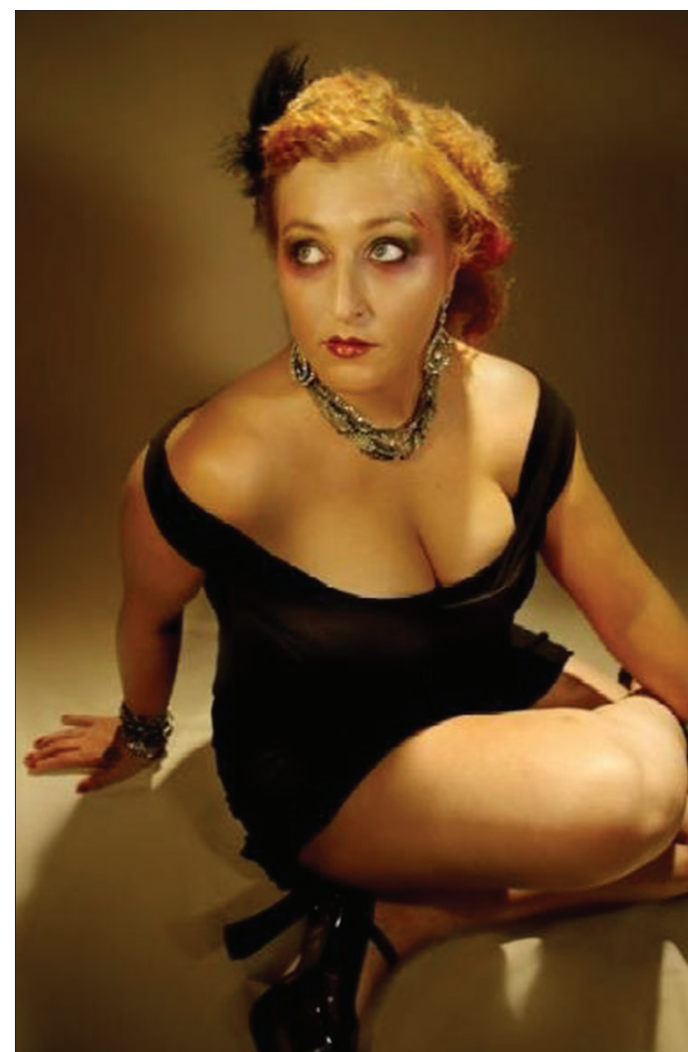
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EUREKA LIVE – *DJ, Dancing, and Karaoke*, 7- 11 p.m.

OZARK MOUNTAIN TAPROOM – *Cards Against Humanity/ Board Games*, 2- 9 p.m.

MONDAY, MARCH 2

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



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TUESDAY, MARCH 3

CHELSEA'S – *Open Mic*

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4

BREWS – *Tap Talks Mic Night*, 6 – 9 p.m.

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Dr. Richard Booker (www.soundsofthetrumpet.com) will be special guest speaker for the Passover Glory Conference and Seder April 3 – 4 at the Quality Inn Convention Center in Harrison.

Reservations are being taken for the annual Passover Seder meal, Saturday, April 4, at 11 a.m. Cost is \$15 adult and \$7 kids under 12. Mail check to El Shaddai Ministries, 4501 Quail Court, Harrison, 72601 or donate online at www.ElShaddaiMinistries.net.

Friday and Saturday night meetings are open to the public free of charge with love offerings received. Dr. Richard Booker will minister Friday night at 7 p.m. and preside over the Seder on Saturday. Rev. Craig Mills will minister Saturday afternoon at 4 p.m.

For more information, phone Jim and Charlene Phillips, (479) 981-6388.

Gardening class series continues

Each Thursday through March 19, Foundation Farm gardening classes will be held from 3:30 – 5 p.m. in the church building at 17 Elk St. The remaining weekly classes, in order, cover preparing and nourishing soil, four-season growing techniques, insect and disease management, and a final hands-on class at the farm on preparing a garden bed.

Fee is \$20 per class. Email mamakapa@yahoo.com or see www.foundationfarm.com to sign up. Next class is Feb. 26.

Spring soccer signup begins Feb. 28

Eureka Springs Soccer Club spring registrations for youth teams from under 6 through under 14 are now open as follows:

Saturday, Feb. 28, Middle School cafeteria, 9 – 11:30 a.m.

Wednesday, March 4, Middle School cafeteria, 3 – 5 p.m.

Saturday, March 7, Middle School cafeteria, 9 – 11:30 a.m.

Wednesday, March 11, Leatherwood ball fields, 3 – 5 p.m.

Check the Club website at www.eteamz.com/eurekasoccer for updates.

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

I love my partner deeply and believe our relationship is exceptional. We love spending time together through business, shared hobbies and friends. We really have fun together. So why is there no sex? The sparks flew when we first met. What happened?

Creating and sustaining a solid loving relationship is no small feat. You are one of those couples celebrated and envied by all. The assumption, of course, is that your endearing level of closeness leads to frequent and phenomenal sexual romps. In the beginning that was true. Your desire for one another was inebriating.

To your dismay, your deeply intimate emotional connection is now accompanied by a serious drought in all things sexual. It's baffling. You worked diligently to create an affirming, peaceful and safe relationship only to find yourselves thirsting in the Sahara's sexual desert.

This trumps the theory that sexual problems are due to a lack of communication and connection. Truth is, emotional connection does not always translate to sexual connection. While counterintuitive, *familiarity* may in fact be the culprit. Inherent in well-established safe relationships is familiarity and predictability. Predictability is not sexy. Familiarity is boring.

So rather than the traditional merging of two to become one, partners benefit most by maintaining their autonomy within their connection. There has to be space and differentiation in order for erotic interest and connection to

occur. Passion is fueled by mystery, not safety. It's human nature to crave the unknown and be drawn to all that is labeled illicit.

Finding someone to want you is no harrowing task. Being wanted by the one you have committed yourself to is ideal but *not* in your control. When you commit to one another with the expectation of fulfillment, you must also accommodate the reality of disappointment. Surviving disappointment is one task to master. Maintaining hope in the absence of inspiration is another.

Do not look to your partner for inspiration, erotic or otherwise. While it may spontaneously occur, it is a gift not a guarantee. Inspiration comes from within. Find your autonomy. Own it, and commit to continued intellectual, emotional and sexual growth. Inspiration will find you.

Familiarity breeds contempt may be a bit of an overstatement, but not by far. When intimacy is based upon differentiation rather than familiarity, the allure of the unknown is preserved.

If you want to keep it, keep it interesting.

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.



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controlled by government, and council was infringing upon the rights of others. He also held up a copy of the petition and asked if anyone in the room wanted to sign it.

Mike Mercer introduced himself as a Baptist pastor, and said council was damaging the community. He stated the issue should come to a vote of the people.

Philip Wilson said he was a religious professional, and had technical issues with Ordinance 2223. He said the ordinance protected the sanctuary and chapel of his church but left other sections open. He asked, "What if a Hindu asked to be married at the First Christian Church?" He wanted council to protect other parts of his church also.

DJ Holt-Gay said she loved the diversity of Eureka Springs but thought council was "walking on the rights of others" with the ordinance and hurting local businesses.

On the other hand, Cameron DeNoewer said he had Googled "friendly, safe, diverse small town" and Eureka Springs was first on the list, so he moved here. He thanked council for its actions two weeks ago and stated, "Any belief system that discriminates is based not on love, but fear."

Bryan Manire, president of the Eureka Springs Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, supported council's actions against discrimination, and Melissa Greene applauded council for passing Ordinance 2223 "to protect me." She was chagrined at recent state legislation and remarked, "Are we going to need wear arm patches

to tell us apart?"

Berry told council, "We're assuming he [Story] will get his ninety-six [signatures]." Berry said it would cost the city \$7500 to hold a referendum election for just this one item. However, he mentioned Berryville is having an election May 12, and Eureka Springs could put its issue on the ballot the same day and save half the cost.

Alderman Mickey Schneider claimed, according to her research, the simplest strategy would be for council to approve by voice vote at that meeting putting the issue on the ballot in the next general election, which would be November 2016. That strategy would, she insisted, cost nothing and resolve the issue ahead of the referendum supporters.

In addition, Schneider said Ordinance 2223 would become moot once the state law is enacted, which alderman James DeVito noted would be in August.

Berry was not convinced with her strategy and pointed out, "It's probably going to come down to a referendum."

"It's a lot of money and it's not life-threatening," observed alderman Terry McClung.

Weaver added, "It might cost more than that in legal fees if you try to put it off until a general ballot."

Alderman David Mitchell said he was not willing to place a cost on the dignity of citizens, but wanted council to once again gain control of the situation. Alderman Robert Thomas agreed that council needed to regain the upper hand.

McClung stated he simply did not want the city "to squander money on something that will be ineffectual."

Council eventually agreed unanimously to have citizens vote Yea or Nay on Ordinance 2223 in the May 12 election. They asked Weaver to draft the ordinance to put the Ordinance 2223 on the ballot, and they agreed to hold a special meeting Feb. 24, at 5 p.m., to consider Weaver's ordinance.

OTHER ITEMS

• Berry mentioned the county had been ready to go to work on repairing the collapsed tunnel underneath the parking lot between the courthouse and the Auditorium, but inclement weather intervened. Berry said the work could begin as soon as there are a few consecutive decent days. The county would supply materials and labor and Eureka Springs would provide engineering plans and the support of Public Works.

• Berry announced the Arkansas House had approved a bill that would give local control over what amount of fluoride could be added to local systems. The Senate has yet to consider the bill. Berry acknowledged all those who had voiced their opinions to legislators, and Schneider cautioned supporters not to stop the fight.

• Berry said Allegiance, the company that leases operation of Eureka Springs Hospital, is getting close to establishing a cost estimate they can present to the financial sector to see if they can get financing for building a hospital at the proposed site on the western edge of town.

• Council voted to re-confirm June Westphal to sit on the Cemetery Commission.

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

ANOTHER Opinion

Dear Citizens of Eureka Springs:

You ask me why I am opposed to Ordinance 2223. Let me tell you five reasons, though I have many more.

1. It is an invasion of my rights as a landlord. By including “socioeconomic background” in the list of categories protected from discrimination – note it is background – it makes doing a credit check of a prospective renter an offense of the ordinance, subjects me to a possible \$100-\$500 fine and possibly makes me a criminal guilty of a misdemeanor.
2. It attacks my religious liberty by creating two types of religious employees. According to the ordinance there are “non-secular”



church employees that are exempt from the ordinance, and secular church employees which are subject to the effects of the ordinance. The ordinance is vague in that it does not specify who is a “non-secular” church employee and who is a secular employee. Is a schoolteacher teaching for a Christian school a secular employee? If so, this puts Mayor Berry over the teachers that are hired at the Academy of Excellence Christian School which is a ministry of Faith Christian Family Fellowship. If they did not hire a Muslim who had a Master’s degree, but instead hired a church member who had a Bachelor’s degree, they could be found to have violated the Ordinance, subject to a \$100 - \$500 fine, and potentially become a criminal guilty of a misdemeanor.

3. It unconstitutionally brings church facilities under control of the government. By drawing a distinction between the “sanctuary and chapel” portions of a church building and other parts of a church building such as a fellowship hall or a gymnasium, it allows a Hindu, a Muslim, or a homosexual to file a discrimination complaint against a church because the church would not allow their fellowship hall to be used for a Hindu, Muslim, or homosexual wedding. Read the Ordinance! It makes this ridiculous distinction.
4. I object to the process of secrecy and failure to give notice. It smells bad. I feel defrauded as a citizen because my City Council stole my citizen’s right to discuss

and participate in the democratic process.

5. It is based on an illegitimate emergency. An emergency is something like cars falling into the sewer. Politics in Little Rock does not constitute an emergency in Eureka Springs. The sheer arrogance that they would do city business this way and then be offended because some of us citizens don’t like it is mind-boggling.

This ordinance is bad law. It is poorly written. It causes more problems than it solves. It polarizes neighbor against neighbor. It isn’t needed. I urge you to sign the referendum petition so we the citizens can vote on the ordinance. If we want it, we will vote for it. If we don’t want it, we will make it go away.

Philip Wilson

DEPARTURES

Alice Gabrielle Walsh July 10, 1941 – Feb. 10, 2015



Alice Gabrielle Walsh, daughter of Francis Menard and Eliane (Roy) Menard, was born on July 10, 1941 in Ottawa, Ontario Canada. It was here that she met and married her first husband, Charles Johnston and began their family. In 1962, they moved to Belton, Mo. She spent most of the next 18 years residing in Peculiar, Mo., before their family was transferred to Little Rock Air Force Base in Arkansas.

In 1981, the family retired back to

Seligman, Mo.

Alice was truly a loving mother, wonderful friend and caring wife. She enjoyed reading, crossword puzzles, spending time with her family and spoiling everyone. She entered into rest on Tuesday, Feb. 10, 2015 at her home in Branson, Mo. She was 73 years young.

Alice was preceded in death by her parents, her brother, Maurice Menard, and sister, Denise Martel.

She is survived by son Robert Johnston and wife, Debra, of Branson two daughters; Catherine German and husband, Randy, of Raymore, Mo., and Susan Fletcher and husband, Allen, of Jericho Springs, Mo.; six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

A celebration of life will be held March 8 in Branson. Please contact the family for details. Arrangements were under the direction of Snapp-Bearden Funeral Home Branson, Mo.

Elizabeth June Sparks June 13, 1921 – Feb. 24, 2015



Elizabeth June Sparks of Holiday Island, Arkansas, was born June 13, 1921 in Wichita Falls, Texas, a daughter of Hayden and Bess (Buckley) McClung. She departed this life Feb. 24, in Holiday Island at age 93.

June grew up in Kingsville, Texas, and graduated from Texas A&I

as a music major. As a young woman she served on the church staff of the First Baptist Church of Corpus Christi. During World War II she met a young naval officer, Robert Earl Sparks, whom she married. Bob stayed in the Navy for 38 years, and they were stationed in many

places, including Hawaii, California, Washington D.C., Florida, Wyoming, and Spain. Always active in church, June led Sunday school, Bible Studies, and youth groups, and played the piano and directed choirs. She also taught piano lessons in the home. When Bob retired from the Navy, they settled in San Antonio, Texas.

In their retirement years, June and Bob were active in the Baptist Mission Service Corps, traveling to churches in Texas to encourage support for missions on the Texas/Mexico border, which included medical clinics, food pantries, economic development and sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

In 1999, Bob died. June continued living in San Antonio until her health declined and she needed to be closer to her daughter, Judy. June moved to Holiday Island in 2006, living first at Peachtree Village, and then at Green Acre Lodge.

June is survived by two daughters, Judy and husband, John Turner, of Eureka Springs; and Sue and husband, Toby Hale, of Winston-Salem, N. Car.; two grandchildren, Carissa Turner Smith and Matthew Hale; two great-grandchildren, Harry Smith and Hudson Hale; and a host of other family, friends, and loved ones.

June was preceded in death by her husband, parents, and one grandson, Benjamin Hale.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. Arrangements were under the direction of Nelson Funeral Service. Memorial donations may be made to the Holiday Island Community Church, P.O. Box 3055, Holiday Island, Arkansas 72631 or Christview Ministries, 992 CR 309, Eureka Springs, Arkansas 72632. Online condolences may be sent to the family at nelsonfuneral.com. © Nelson Funeral Service, Inc. 2015



Well, looks like I missed my report last week, sorry about that, got a little busy trying to finish up my taxidermy before the fishing gets busy.

Just finished this replica of the 28-inch rainbow put in report last month.

The cold has kept most in, but it's time to get the tackle ready, March is just about a week away with a lot of warm days in the forecast to get these fish going.

It all starts March 1 with the opening of Roaring River trout season. Think I might go myself.

Around here trout are feeding up the tailwaters. Walleye are still hanging around Holiday Island off the flats, just feeding and waiting for the next warm front to move them up the tailwaters.

Stripers on Beaver Lake are doing

about the same, hanging between Prairie Creek and Horseshoe Bend ready for their run up the War Eagle and White River arms for their spawn.

Looks like the water will start warming after March 2 with a nice forecast for most the month. Hope it's true, I'm ready to catch some fish, got six trips already booked for the second week of March, so be patient and hopefully we should start getting some good pics and reports after we get this cold February out of the way.

By the way, if anybody has any of those heated socks they want to get rid of give me a call so I don't get frostbite in my toes again. LOL. Stay warm.

Robert Johnson. Johnson Guide Service. www.fishofexcellence.com (479) 253-2258.

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DeVito said the city is willing to amend the ordinance if the Chamber identifies specific concerns that have merit.

"Even the U.S. Constitution didn't

get it completely right the first time," DeVito said. "They passed the Bill of Rights and subsequent amendments. If there are parts of this ordinance that are unconscionable, please let us know."

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14. Secret way to wed
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17. Fit adjustment
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20. Dundee version of "nyet"
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23. Submachine gun (Brit.)
24. Rosalynn or Jimmy
26. Analysis pro
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32. Dog's bane
33. Princess's bane
36. Hebrew month including February and March
37. Succulent
39. Strategy
40. Each
41. Really big
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43. Really evident
46. Lay to rest
49. Ethereal
50. Scallopini meat

51. Missing part of a manuscript
54. Utter
57. Malevolent
58. Cut the cable
60. Fold or wrinkle
61. Front or back of a golf course
62. 1962 Jackie Gleason film
63. Old time despot
64. Happy
65. Super model Campbell

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1. Denim jacket
2. Ceramic jar
3. Memo
4. Simian
5. Holder of contrary religious beliefs
6. Concealed
7. Wading bird
8. Betting machine
9. Persistence
10. Experienced spiritual change
11. Apportion
12. Make excuses for
13. Fall-blooming daisy
18. 10, 11 and 12, e.g.
23. The Sun

25. What a dentist expects you to say
26. Open-handed strike
27. Laundry detergent
28. Apple's bane
29. Author of *A Doll's House*
30. Type of nap
33. Commoner
34. ____ Grey tea
35. Pay to play
37. What clothes dryers are good at
38. Back then
39. Buy a lottery ticket
41. Sleeve tuck
42. Take someone to court to answer charges
43. General store
44. Drunk
45. Camper's shelter
46. Tennis star who married a tennis star, a skier and a golfer
47. Chronic skin lesion
48. Russian snowforest
52. Indigo plant or its dye
53. Biblical marriage site
54. Palm starch
55. Really small matter
56. Hairy Himalayan
59. By way of

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HIFDA Souper Sunday rescheduled for March

The Holiday Island Fire Department Auxiliary's annual Souper Sunday, Feb. 22 ended up in soupy ice and snow, so the fundraiser has been rescheduled for Sunday, March 15, from 10 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. at the Clubhouse, 1 Country Club Drive.

Come enjoy a large lunch featuring a variety of homemade soups and

desserts served by department firefighters. Cost at the door is \$6 for adults, \$2 under 12. All proceeds benefit the fire department, which serves Holiday Island SID and Eureka Springs area rural residents. Those who wish to donate a soup or dessert should call Mary Inglehart (479) 981-1725.

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Carroll County's Annual
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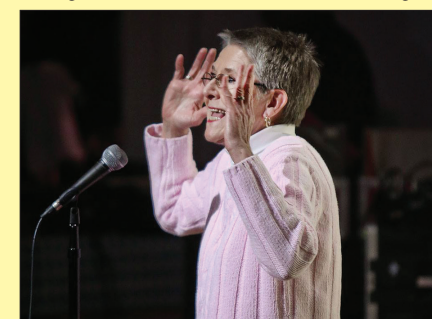
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Going for the Gold: A Weekend of Storytelling will take place March 6 – 8 at the Writers' Colony at Dairy Hollow, 515 Spring St.

Actress, teacher and writer, Elaine Blanchard, will help you mine the gold in your own memories, show you where to dig for your truth and how to tell your story with authenticity and passion.

In her recent "Prison Stories" project with women in the Shelby County Division of Corrections, Blanchard took her love and trust for story-sharing into the prison and helped women discover the power of their own stories. The project was documented by Craig Leake as a film, *Inside Story*, which just won a regional Emmy Award.

Come discover the power of your story with Elaine beginning Friday at 6 p.m. with introductions and getting acquainted. Workshops fill the day on Saturday, from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Participants dig into their memories, use their imaginations and put together stories that gleam like gold! Sunday morning and early afternoon will be spent polishing the previous day's work



ELAINE BLANCHARD

Elaine is adjunct faculty at Memphis College of Art where she teaches The Art of Storytelling, and at Memphis Theological Seminary where she teaches The Preacher as Storyteller. She has written and performed two one-woman performances about her life story, and Memphis Women of Achievement named her 2014 Woman of Vision for her creative storytelling work with women in the Shelby County Jail.

Registration is \$150 (a few scholarships are available for local writers.) by deadline at 10 p.m. Feb. 28.

Register by calling (479) 253-7444 or email director@writerscolony.org. For upcoming events and news, see www.writerscolony.org.

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