



Chamber ousts Bishop over NDO flap

BECKY GILLETTE

A meeting of the board of the Greater Eureka Springs Chamber of Commerce ended March 2 with the firing of Mike Bishop as director, and the resignation of Toni Rose, vice president of operations. The two were architects of a statement of concern put out by the Chamber a week ago about a non-discrimination ordinance (NDO) passed by the City of Eureka Springs.

This is a civil rights issue. It sends a false and wrong message about Eureka Springs.

– Sandy Martin

The Chamber referred questions about the issue to Scott Smith, last year's board chair, and current board member Kent Butler. Both confirmed the information, but declined to give details.

"The board just wanted to leave it at that right now," Butler said.

Smith declined to talk about the issue beyond

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Warming up with school pride – Two Eureka Springs students participating in area Special Olympics events model the new, embroidered team warm-up suits the Olympians will wear courtesy of the Holiday Island Elks Lodge. Gary Ritter, former Lodge president, coached Special Olympians at Eureka Springs Elementary School in 2014 and saw that the special education students needed warm-up suits. On March 3, Lodge President John Childers, right, and Lodge Vice-president Rick Ragan, left, presented 33 warm-up suits to ESHS Principal Kathy Lavender just in time for the March 6 area Special Olympics basketball game. Now all elementary, middle, and high school Special Olympians can stay warm and comfortable while they enjoy team spirit and school pride! **PHOTO SUBMITTED**

This Week's INDEPENDENT Thinkers

Many women who were born on a farm and locally educated, grew up and flew the coop to find greener pastures. They went off to marriages and careers, but now they are coming back. Why? They inherited the land their parents farmed.

Women Caring for the Land has more than 2000 participants, most over 65 years old, who now own farmland but have never worked the fields. In Iowa alone, women own 14 million acres.

WCL educates – the women learn land management, cover crop planting, how to take river borders out of production and restore wetlands. Taking responsibility has made a difference in their lives, and now that they know what they're doing, the women are totally about soil health. And leaving their descendants a viable way to earn a living.



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Hunker down! Here we go again!



Here's a quiz for you – Cindy Holt, Middle School principal, announced at last week's school board meeting the Junior Quiz Bowl Team, the Asymptotes, placed second in Regionals. She introduced Jake Allen, staff sponsor of the team, who said the team chose the name after correctly defining an asymptote as the straight line that a curved line forever approaches predictably, but never reaches. Pictured (l to r) are Jake Allen, Jordan Henley, Isaiah McCoury, Kaden Eckman and Chris Segura. Not pictured are Emma Rorick and Ashlyn Lockhart.

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Ordinance 2223 on the ballot

NICKY BOYETTE

The Eureka Springs City Council convened for a special meeting Feb. 24, with the purpose, according to Mayor Butch Berry, “of discussing an ordinance calling for a special election to refer the issue of Ordinance 2223 to the voters of Eureka Springs.”

City Clerk Ann Armstrong announced the ordinance would be Ordinance No. 2225 entitled “An ordinance calling for a special election to refer ratification of Ordinance 2223 to the voters of Eureka Springs, Arkansas, for their acceptance or rejection.”

The proposed date of the special election is May 12.

After the ordinance had been read aloud, alderman Terry McClung asked City Attorney Tim Weaver, “Are you happy?”

Weaver replied the proposed Ordinance does what council wanted, to put the issue to a vote of the people. He said opponents of Ordinance 2223 are not pleased that council’s quick action enabled the city to craft the title for the ballot.

Council quickly approved all three readings and the emergency clause of Ordinance 2225.

Biz After Hours March 5

Thursday, March 5, the Eureka Springs School District will host The Greater Eureka Springs Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours at 5:30 p.m. at the Eureka Springs High School, 2 Lake Lucerne Rd., off Greenwood Hollow road.

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CAPC closes on Aud deal

NICKY BOYETTE

The City Advertising and Promotion Commission gathered for a special meeting, instead of a scheduled workshop, Wednesday, Feb. 25, for the sole purpose of discussing a business deal.

Bob Nichols of SSK Entertainment had proposed to bring Steve Kinworthy's "Loving Every Minute" musical variety show to the Auditorium for 144 nights April through December. The CAPC had countered the original offer, and Wednesday's meeting was an evaluation of the response from SSK.

Executive Director Mike Maloney said that in the most recent proposal, Nichols was willing to pay \$250 per day for 144 shows but wanted one hundred percent of the concessions.

Finance Director Rick Bright also pointed out the CAPC would be on the hook for the cost of a full-time janitor, a house manager and ushers.

Commissioner Terry McClung quickly disagreed with that proposal. "Those should be their employees," he stated.

"We wouldn't cover out expenses," commissioner James DeVito added.

Bright stated the Auditorium costs \$346

every day without the lights on.

Commissioner Damon Henke said it bothered him that the CAPC was trying to find a compromise while it seemed the feeling was not reciprocal, and DeVito noticed the costs of running the Auditorium go up as the show is more successful but the share for the CAPC would remain the same.

More attention to details unfolded regarding the split of net concessions profits, who cleans the bathroom, who trains the ushers and what happens if the show closes in July, but commissioners eventually agreed on a counterproposal:

- Nichols would pay \$250 per night for 144 nights on Tuesdays through Saturdays April through December of 2015;
- the two parties would split evenly the net profits from concessions;
- Nichols would employ the janitor and ushers;
- negotiations for renewing the agreement for 2016 would begin in October 2015;
- Nichols would put up a \$10,000 deposit

refundable upon successful completion of the contract.

Nichols said on March 3 he anticipates 450-600 in the audience for a while once the season begins, 200-250 after things settle down and still at least 300 per night toward the end of the year. "We couldn't come down here if you weren't already doing a good job bringing people to town," he said.

At the end, Nichols and commissioners struck this deal:

- Nichols would pay \$270 per performance for possibly 144 shows April through December;
- The CAPC will get \$2 per ticket on ticket sales from 100-300 tickets;
- Nichols gets 100 percent of the concessions and fully staff the events;
- Nichols will guarantee that if his show pulls out before the CAPC makes \$10,000, he would pay the difference;
- The parties will begin negotiations for 2016 in October.

The first show will be either in April or May.

Sunday at EUUF

All are welcome at the Eureka Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 17 Elk St., Sundays at 11 a.m. for a program followed by refreshments. On Sunday, March 8, Pearl Brick will speak on "For women, the end is *not* in sight."

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

Show your Irish side!

There's still time to sign up for the Eureka Springs St. Paddy's Day parade March 14. Wear your green and make the scene! Parade lines up at 1 p.m. at the library and starts at 2 p.m. For more information or to join up call (479) 244-0123.

Carroll County Republican Committee meeting

Beginning in March the CCRC will meet on the second Monday of each month. The next meeting will be held March 9, 7 p.m., at the Storm Solutions Building, 206 S. Springfield in Berryville. The women's meeting will precede the men's at 6 p.m. All conservatives and those who believe in limited government are invited to attend.

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Diane Murphy relays committee report to the school board.

School board filled in on vacant property

NICKY BOYETTE

The Eureka Springs School Board heard at its Feb. 24 meeting a tentative but thoroughly-conceived proposal of what could be done with the vacant high school property. Realtor Diane Murphy, representing the ad hoc group that has met almost weekly for two years, told the board one of their goals all along was to figure out how the city could turn one of the buildings into a community center. She said they have met with encouragement from potential grant sources, and finally have "a viable concept we can get support for."

Murphy said the group at first gathered input from citizens for possible uses of the property, and a community center topped the list. A group of individuals continued to meet on Friday mornings to come up with the best plan possible. The group has included Murphy, Supt. David Kellogg, Mayor Butch Berry, Mike Bishop, Chair Bill Featherstone of the Parks Commission, school board member Al Larson, Realtor Glenn Crenshaw, and Jack Moyer, general manager of the Crescent and Basin Park Hotels.

Murphy said the building with the gymnasium, known as B300, would be refurbished and transformed into a multi-use facility for recreational and educational events. She said the city has missed out on hosting certain large

events because of limited seating, so the multi-use facility could be designed to provide an expanded event space.

"The facility could serve the community well on a lot of levels," she said. Besides the gymnasium, there would be workout rooms, a multi-media room and meeting space. The city would own the building and the Parks Department would manage it.

The building toward the front of the property is B100, and Murphy said it presents "major issues for renovation possibilities." The committee's recommendation was for the city to own the space but raze the building and replace it with a multi-use outdoor space for concerts, farmers' markets, flea markets and other events with the goal to be "green, useful and inviting."

A section of a wall from B100 would be saved as a tribute to alumni.

Murphy said B200, the third building on the property, was in reasonable condition, and one idea would be to have the property privately developed. A possible use would be for office space near downtown. She said they have begun searching for an investor or developer.

She said Mayor Butch Berry has been involved in discussions and has stated the city is ready to do its part but with no negative impact on the city

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Gathering storms: Ballinger for local choice or not?

BECKY GILLETTE

Rep. Bob Ballinger, [R-Huntsville] doesn't like being called a bigot. But while he said he has been too busy to sign his name as a sponsor of a bill to return control of fluoride added to public water systems to the local level – something that passed the House recently by a margin of two to one – he is the main sponsor in

the Arkansas House of Representatives of two gay discrimination bills that are gaining the state national attention.

One of the biggest issues for Eureka Springs has been overturning the mandate to fluoridate water supplies, something some residents have been fighting for more than 20 years. During the campaign, Ballinger said he supported

local choice, but was not among the 25 House members who sponsored House Bill (HB) 1355, An Act To Provide Local Control Over Fluoride Levels In Water Systems.

Although local control is a mantra among conservative Republicans, Ballinger doesn't support local choice when it comes to non-discrimination ordinances designed to protect the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) community from discrimination. Ballinger was a main sponsor of Senate Bill 202, which passed the legislature and makes it illegal for local cities and counties to pass non-discrimination ordinances. Eureka Springs is the only city in the state with such an ordinance.

Ballinger is also a main sponsor of HB 1228, which some people are concerned is an even more dangerous law that would make it legal to discriminate against gay people and anyone else someone's religion sees as being a sinner. For example, emergency medical workers

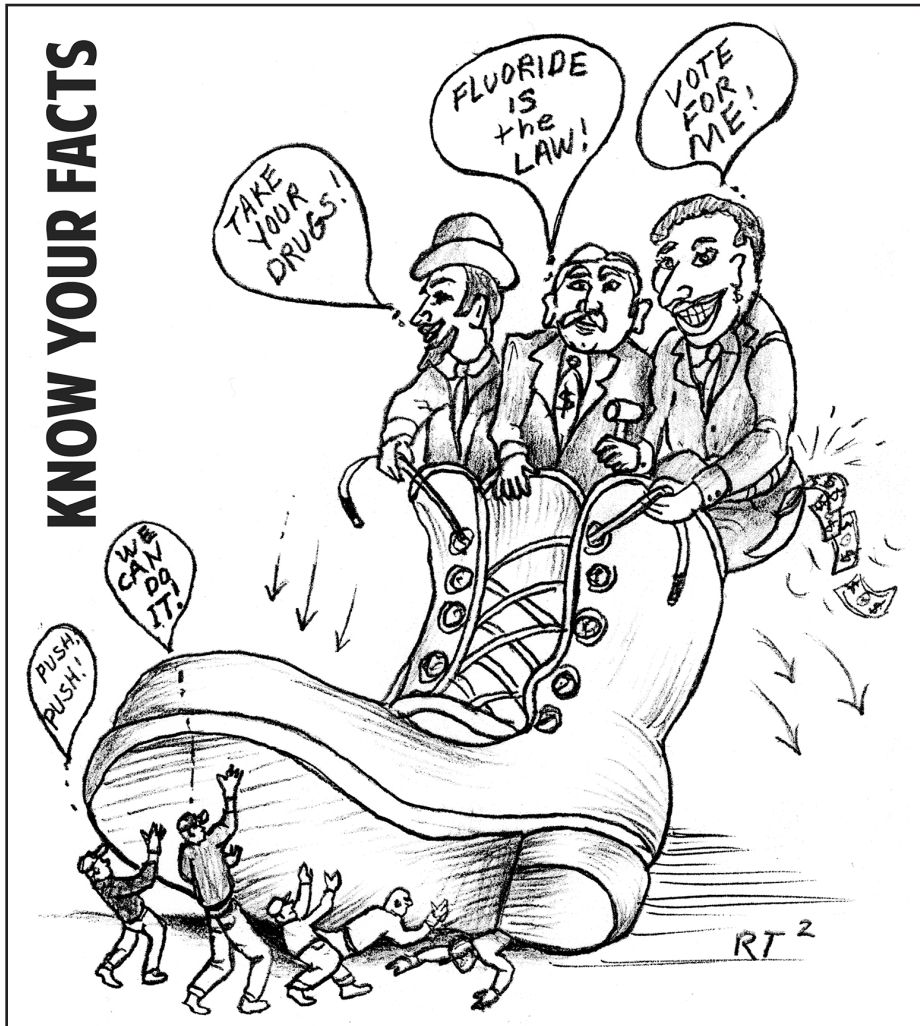
could refuse to treat someone based on "a sincerely held religious belief."

Some large corporations in the state have spoken out against the gay discrimination legislation. Walmart said SB 202 sends the wrong message about Arkansas. Apple Inc., issued a statement saying HB 1228 is "a bill that could allow any person to undermine state laws by citing their personal religious belief as an excuse to discriminate against others."

"At Apple inclusion inspires innovation," Apple said. "Our employees in Little Rock have a right to equal treatment under the law, as do their coworkers in Cupertino and around the world. We join the many voices across Arkansas in opposing HB 1228 and urge the State's legislators to vote against the bill."

Headlines in national media include, "Arkansas clears a new kind of anti LGBT law" on MSNBC.com, and *The Washington Post* article, "Everything you

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Carroll County Airport looking for manager

NICKY BOYETTE

Chair Morris Pate announced to the Carroll County Airport Commission at its Feb. 27 meeting that recent negotiations have resulted in the Quorum Court adding \$29,000 more to the 2015 airport budget. Pate said beginning on March 1 and on each first day of the month during 2015, he would hand over the updated CCA financial report to the County Clerk's office and receive a check for \$6500 to run the airport.

He said there are other documents the court asked for, some of which should already be in Judge Sam Barr's files, but he is trying to gather what they want. Pate said since there is no staff at CCA, he has been learning on the job how to run a rural airport, and it has been a full-time adventure. The budget question had been settled for 2015, so Pate called for a workshop at the end of the meeting to figure out a strategy for hiring an airport manager.

He emphasized he had been told by members of the Quorum Court the airport manager would not be a county employee,

so all employer-employee considerations would be up to the commission.

In the workshop, commissioners labored through technical aspects of suddenly being an employer and what they could afford to pay an airport manager. After a thorough roundabout of observations, the commission first agreed that they wanted the airport to have someone present. Pilots in attendance noted not all small airports in Arkansas are manned. One posts a sign saying to call the sheriff if you need fuel, but commissioners did not like the unmanned option.

Next, they agreed they would want someone for 35 hours during the week and five on-call hours on weekends. They would pay the manager an hourly rate commensurate with experience.

Commissioner Lonnie Clark commented, "The next step would be to put it out we have a job available to get résumés and interviews."

Tree cut on the horizon

During the meeting, Pate announced the commission had received a letter from

the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) stating night operation at CCA would need to close unless at least two trees are either removed or topped. He said he had identified the two principal offenders at the west end of the runway, and five others in two more locations that would also be candidates.

He said some of the offenders are growing on a downhill slope and another is beside a county road, so cutting them could be difficult.

"I'm not clear on the procedure going forward," Pate admitted.

Commissioners agreed they would need to notify the three owners of the situation. One owner, Larkin Floyd, was at the meeting and said he had no problem with his two trees being cut. They would then need to identify a tree cut service, and Clark said he knew of a grant they could apply for which might pay for the tree cut and maybe the repair of their mower. Also, Pate would communicate their plan to the FAA.

Bake sale and beyond ...

Pate announced there would be a bake sale fundraiser at CCA from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Saturday, March 7. He said there might be 20 pounds of fudge on hand, and 30 or so cakes. Several volunteers, Daylight Donuts and Roadhouse Restaurant are contributing to the event, which is being spearheaded by Nadine Pate.

Pate said he already has received \$100 in donations.

He also threw out other ideas for fundraising at CCA that would bring the airport more onto the radar for county residents. He cautioned whatever event is held there, it cannot interrupt normal aviation activities. Commissioners

mentioned the popularity of radio-controlled aircraft and hosting one of their events, but Pate reiterated they could try to get approval for it, but nothing can interrupt general aviation.

He added he would love to see hot air balloons taking off from CCA. "It would be extremely cool to do it here," he remarked.

He also mentioned hosting an event in conjunction with War Eagle Weekend.

Other items

- The commission voted 4-0 to approve seating Jimmy Tresler to the commission. Tresler is a pilot who leases hangar space at CCA.

- Michael Coughlin, who also leases hangar space, asked for permission to bolster the front wall of his hangar where it has aged, add another door and reinstate his business dismantling aircraft and selling the parts. The commission approved his request.

- Pate reported the process for renewing the depredation permit could be completed within a week.

Next meeting will be Friday, March 20, at 12 p.m. at CCA.

CC Airport benefit bake sale

There will be a Bake Sale Saturday, March 7, at the Carroll County Airport in Berryville from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. to benefit the airport.

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Planning considers 'Home Occupations'

NICKY BOYETTE

Commissioner Steve Beacham mentioned at the Feb. 24 Planning Commission meeting that a section of City Code needs their attention again. One part of Code calls for someone running a business in their home to obtain a "Home Occupation Permit" but the city has never issued such a permit.

Beacham said Planning had already sent along its recommendation that City Council amend Code to read "a Home Occupation Permit may be required," but City Clerk Ann Armstrong told him Code still does not include their recommendation. Beacham said he was requesting Planning follow through on straightening out the language in Code as they thought they already had done.

Chair Jim Morris added City Code needs clearer definitions regarding running a business from home. He said he runs his business of renting properties from his home, but does not regularly display evidence of his

business in his yard.

Chris Fischer spoke of a business run near his residence in a residential zone in which a paint contractor regularly stores painting equipment in his yard. Fischer claimed the contractor regularly has employees come to the property to load equipment such as scaffolding. Plus the property is immediately adjacent to a Bed & Breakfast.

Fischer cited sections of Code which would seem to conflict with a commercial enterprise operating legally in his neighborhood, but Beacham told commissioners neither City Attorney Tim Weaver nor Building Inspector Bobby Ray considers that the contractor is running a home occupation.

Fischer said he had concerns about vagueness in City Code that appeared to lead to uneven enforcement. "There are lots of ways to look at how the city defines a business, how it issues a business license and how our properties are zoned for different uses."

He commented Code should be more black and white. He stated, "My humble recommendation is that you examine Code, consider updating language with more descriptive terms to better regulate commercial uses in residential areas."

Fischer said he certainly was not against home occupations and hoped the conversation would lead to a way home offices can exist, but with clarity about what activities would necessitate a variance or a Conditional Use Permit.

Commissioner Melissa Greene said she agreed with Fischer's interpretation of City Code.

Commissioner Ed Leswig commented the Code does not allow the activity and "as typical" the problem is lack of enforcement.

Beacham reiterated Weaver's opinion that the situation did not fall into the category of Home Occupation. Morris insisted something was missing because the business makes a commercial impact on a residential area. If the owners of

the Bed & Breakfast wanted to sell, he asked, would the commercial nature of the property next door affect the sale? And, Morris added, this is not the only situation like this in town.

Leswig urged Morris to call the Municipal League to get clarification and guidance.

Commissioner Pat Lujan told the commission he ran his business from his home in another state for many years and no one ever complained, so he understood the perspective of a business owner who does not want to rent office or garage space. He encouraged further study to try to determine when a home business becomes invasive.

Beacham and Leswig agreed to be the committee to explore this topic and report back.

New commercial construction review

Bill Reed represented his application for a makeover of his property at 106 E. Van Buren. "It's an eyesore," he said. He

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How long is the law's arm?

Editor,

If non-discrimination ordinance 2223 is voted down, will that make it legal for Christian firefighters to refuse to fight fires at LGBT homes and businesses because of religious beliefs? Will it be legal for Christian police officers to refuse to protect and serve LGBT citizens? Will it be legal for Christian water department employees to refuse to provide water and sewer services to or accept payment from LGBT households and businesses?

Lany Ballance

Discrimination smacks of fascism

Mr. Wilson, Mr. Story and the Chamber of Commerce,

I know you cover up your bigotry with illusions of “invasion of your rights,” fears about “church facilities coming under government control,” losing business because some people do not want lesbians and gay people to be visible in our town and blather about “restrictions and regulations being put on business owners.”

Mr. Wilson was also one of the so-called ministry who opposed the Domestic Partnership passed in Eureka. I know he went door-to-door trying to get people to oppose the DP. He really had no compassionate case then and he has none now.

I assume Mr. Story makes his money from opposing anti-discrimination laws in Fayetteville and Eureka. It all smacks of growing fascism.

President Von Hindenburg of Germany granted powers to Hitler and the Nazis in

1933. Hitler never won an election but played on peoples’ anti-Semitism to gradually burn books, fire Jewish teachers and political officials, destroy Jewish businesses, discriminate against Jews in every aspect of life including shopping and any business, and made up “reasons” why Jews were inferior and dangerous people. Then... bam. Deportation of Jews, socialists, homosexuals and anyone who spoke against Nazis to “work camps” or extermination camps. After it was too late. *Gradual acceptance* of the people of Germany about discrimination until Hitler had control of every aspect of German life.

I am sure Mr. Wilson, Mr. Story and the Chamber will poo-poo this analogy, saying it is extreme. They will say they do not hate the homosexual, just homosexual acts or that some business owners in Eureka feel threatened.

I have been trying to figure out how this disguised hatred gets a foothold in a town like Eureka.

No discrimination is valid. All of us who love Eureka and spend our money here, who have our own definitions of spirituality, who ourselves do not discriminate against right-wing churchgoers, who invite our lesbian and gay friends to come to a safe space – we invite our sisters and brothers to drop their thinly-disguised campaigns against us. Enjoy our natural beauty, as gay people and as people who practice love, honor and fairness.

Trella Laughlin

Plant it in Springfield

Editor,

Doug Tallamy, Professor and Chair of the Department of Entomology and

Wildlife Ecology at the University of Delaware, will be speaking in our area March 28 on two topics that will surely be informative and fun! Dr. Tallamy’s visit has been generously funded by the MO Department of Conservation.

From 10 to 11 a.m., he will present “Bringing Nature to your Home” and from 1 to 2 p.m. he will present “Creating Living Landscapes,” at Springfield Conservation Nature Center, 4601 S. Nature Center Way, Springfield, Mo.

Since Springfield is in the Ozarks and so close to Eureka Springs, I think that it would be awesome if either a bus could be chartered or a carpool arrangement could be made so Eurekaans can learn from Dr. Tallamy first hand. For more information, please call the nature center at (417) 888-4237.

The Springfield Conservation Nature Center is located in southeast Springfield just west of US 65 off of the James River Freeway.

The following Saturday, April 4, at the same location, there will be a native plant sale and workshop from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be nearly a dozen exhibitors and vendors selling native plants and I have heard that the quality and the prices will be sure to please!

Susan Pang

Sale a success for museum

Editor,

The board of directors, staff, and volunteers at the Eureka Springs Historical Museum send out a heartfelt thank you to the Best Western Inn of the

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WEEK'S TopTweets

@Classy_Cassy89: Homophobic means you're scared of your house.
@BDGarp: The “smoking gun” has a greater risk of dying early than guns that don’t smoke.

@mikeysan: Does AT&T allow phone calls on their network? Anyone know?

@primawesome: Brunos are from Mars, Freddie's are from Mercury.

@donni: Never own a pet store. Stores make bad pets.

@TerminalSingles: There's a thin line between “I should

tweet about that” and “I should talk to a therapist about that.”

@WhiskeySoured: Besides tweeting during this job interview, what would you say is your biggest weakness?

@EliBraden: E.T.’s last name was “Cetera.”

@kellyoxford: The way you feel when your phone dies is exactly how Cinderella felt at midnight.

@TheTennisPhenom: Let's get married but instead of kids we have nachos.

@TheNardvark: I just saw a can of ginger ale that wasn't on an airplane and it looked really uncomfortable.

Transmission Greed

A congressional delegation headed by Sen. John Boozman, on Jan. 23, sent an urgent letter to Dr. Ernest Moniz, US Secretary of Energy to protect landowner private property rights, asking for a 60-day extension of the Plains & Eastern Draft EIS.

This was a timely request we all appreciate. However, the next sentence in their letter is flawed, the clue to where we are today: “We understand the importance of infrastructure projects, including properly-sited transmission lines ...” Why deny the overwhelming evidence provided on Dec. 29, 2014 by Southwestern Power Pool on the end of demand growth?

Transmission Evolution

Nikola Tesla died in 1943 before finding a way to eliminate transmission lines. That was his dream, he ran out of money and time.

Remote bulk power generation goes back to a time when coal was the only way to generate electricity. Coal-fired plants require huge amounts of land and water, creating toxic waste from emissions and coal-ash. Coal plants need to be near rivers and away from people.

Four Phases of Transmission

1. Providing service to all ratepayers
2. Providing reliable service with redundant lines
3. Exporting energy to far away, high profit markets
4. Integration with local solar and wind power generation

The rooftop solar revolution marks the end of *transmission expansion*. Solar technology and electric vehicles are the perfect solution for the new low-carbon economy, with safe, simple integration with the public grid. Like boots-on-the-ground replaced by smart drones, local systems are ideal: far away 4,000 MW farms are equivalent to 40,000 10-kW local wireless systems!

Farmers’ markets, local shops, community centers, and local energy solutions, provide local jobs eliminating unnecessary transportation.

Transmission Greed

Greed is one of the Seven Deadly Sins “the desire for material wealth ignoring the cost to others.” It comes with a high cost: “You’ll be boiled alive in oil,” some say.

Corporate greed benefits investors, paying millions of dollars to company executives. SPP has no investors only highly paid executives and extraordinary employee benefits. SPP benefits from increasing its footprint, number of member utilities, and transmission lines. Regional transmission planning has failed.

Why should we care?

Financial engineering provides a different perspective we need to know. Real estate investment trusts let people invest in shopping malls and office buildings generating income from leasing these properties. REIT’s are great investments, unless “your” mall is full of empty shops.

Transmission lines are corporate assets as long as they generate revenue. Abandoned transmission lines are liabilities nobody wants. Proposed IRS regulations would allow utilities to shelter up to one billion dollars per year selling REIT’s traded in financial markets. The Clean Line projects would span over 120,000 acres of easements. With a 600 kV transmission line and right-of-way restrictions easements may be leased for gas lines and other utilities. However, land easements vary in width and location. Selling REIT’s backed by a wide mix of easements is a high risk venture that could make Enron and the Savings & Loans crisis look like a bump in the road.

What can you do?

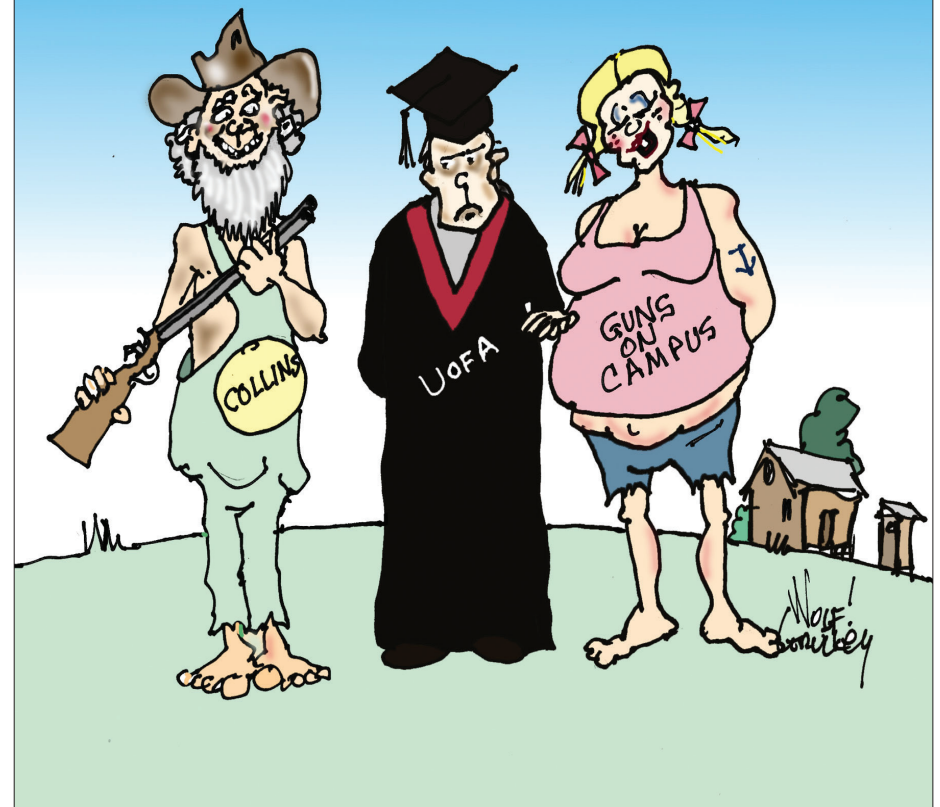
Let’s face it, ten cents per kWh is not the real cost you currently pay for coal electrons. Ratepayers give up private property rights, public health, and sponsor man-made extreme droughts, flooding, forest wildfires; global climate changes we can’t ignore.

Go on “dog saving time.” Dogs run with sunlight, up with the first rays and early to bed. Dogs keep you in shape, away from Fox News, and teach you all you need to know. Adopt two; dogs love other dogs.

Conserve energy, enjoy life, and find simple ways to do more with less. Get a free energy audit and invest in your community. Become a power generator. Trade your car for an electric vehicle and hum along. Informed smart communities working with public representatives make a difference. We are Eurekans; we have the power.

Dr. Luis Contreras

PROUD PAPA



The Pursuit Of HAPPINESS

by Dan Krotz

Among the lies told about the Keystone XL pipeline, the two biggest are about the number of jobs created, and the volume of crude exported versus the volume used by the domestic market. These lies are endlessly told by the usual suspects – no surprise there – but they get repeated over and over again by partisan ideologues who can’t see the forest for the trees.

Sure, several hundred jobs “will be created” during the construction of the pipeline, but after it’s built, 41 jobs will result. From start to finish, it’s not even a decent road between here and Springfield, Missouri. Similarly, and over time, more than 70 percent of the crude piped south from Canada will be used by Americans for all-American purposes such as driving to Walmart, or picking up the household dry-cleaning in \$45,000 Dodge RAM pick-ups. Contrary to popular hoop-la, most of it will come to places like Eureka Springs, Arkansas, and not go to Shanghai, China.

Two other annoying bits: since the XL controversy began in 2008, more than 10,000 miles of gas and oil pipeline has been laid in the US. Why? Because pipelines are demonstratively safer and more efficient than rail or truck transport. Secondly, we’ve spent \$4,000,000,000,000 in the Mideast over the past 14 years to prop up petroleum racketeers, but are fine with sticking it to Canada, our single largest trading partner and most reliable ally. Canadians are, to say the least, browned off by the President’s veto.

Do these factoids trump the brute reality that a go-live Keystone pipeline would transport the filthiest, most carbon-intensive fuel currently in the marketplace? Of course not. But – here it comes – I’ll guess that 99 percent of us depend on petroleum based transport, and will for at least the next half century, unless consumers become much earlier subscribers to alternatives.

Climate change deniers and Tea Bangers will raise feral and unemployable children who will ultimately be taken out of the policy-making process by Darwin. But sensible and moral people – and their children – are sensible and moral because they harness noble sentiment with changes in behavior and lifestyle. Wise energy policy, like charity, begins at home.

A little help from our friends:

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

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

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

• **Cup of Love free soup lunches** – Fridays from 9:30 a.m. 2 p.m. in front of Wildflower thrift shop (yellow building next to chapel) on US 62E. Cup of Love also provides soup lunches at Flint Street Fellowship Mondays and Wednesdays from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. (479) 363-4529

• **Flint Street Fellowship food pantry, lunch, free clothing** – Pantry open 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays. Free lunch Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Free clothes/shoes closet, books and household items. (479) 253-9491 or 253-4945. Leave donations in barrel at entrance if facility is closed.

• **Free Sunday Night Suppers** at St. James Episcopal Church, 28 Prospect, 5 – 6:30 p.m. Suppers will continue Sunday nights through March 29.

• **Wildflower food pantry, furniture bank and clothing** – Wildflower Chapel (US 62E) free food pantry 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. on Fridays. Thrift store and used furniture bank (now in big blue barn only) Wednesday – Saturday 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. and Friday 1 – 6 p.m. Drop off donations Thursday – Saturday 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

• **Celebrate Recovery** – Soul Purpose Ministries, 801 S. Springfield, Green Forest, 6:30 p.m. each Wednesday. Potluck followed by 12-step Christ-centered meetings for those suffering from addiction, habit, hang-up or hurt.

• **No high school diploma?** Free GED classes in the Carnegie Library Annex every Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from 9 a.m. - noon with study and tutoring for the GED test. Open to ages 18 and up. GED classes also in Berryville at Carroll County Center. Some open to ages 16 and 17 per educational requirements. For info: Nancy Wood (479) 981-0482, Carnegie Library (479) 253-8754, Carroll County Center (870) 423-4455). Offered by North Arkansas College with Carnegie Library support.

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

Meetings at Coffee Pot Club:

• **Alateen** – Sundays, 10:15 – 11:15 a.m. Email alateen1st@gmx.com or phone (479) 981-9977 • **Overeaters Anonymous** – Thursdays, 10:30 a.m. Barbara (479) 244-0070 • **Narcotics Anonymous** – Fridays, 5:30 p.m. (903) 278-5568 • **Al-Anon Family Group (AFG)** – Sundays, 11:30 a.m., Mondays and Tuesdays 7 p.m. • **Eureka Springs Coffee Pot AA Groups** Monday – Saturday 12:30 p.m.; Sunday 10 a.m.; Sunday – Thursday, Saturday, 5:30 p.m.; Tuesday and Friday, 8 p.m. (479) 253-7956 • **Al-Anon** Wednesday, 5:30 p.m. All other meetings: See www.nwarkaa.org

INDEPENDENT ConstablesOnPatrol

FEBRUARY 23

8:57 a.m. – A landlady asked for constable assistance with a dispute with a tenant. Landlady claimed the tenant continues to come into the office yelling at her. Constable told them the issue was a civil matter but advised the tenant to stay away from the office.

10 a.m. – Business owner brought a bad check to the station and filed criminal charges.

11:03 a.m. – Owner of a tourist lodging reported damage to one of the rooms over the weekend.

1:47 p.m. – Employer reported an employee had been acting strange and at that moment was walking down a road in the south part of town with the company keys. As constable was traveling to the location, the business owner made contact with the employee and got the keys back.

4:39 p.m. – Person came to the station to report harassment. Constable later spoke with the alleged harasser and advised him not to have any further contact with the complainant.

10 p.m. – Another person came to the station wanting to get her money and cell phone back from her boyfriend. Constable found the boyfriend and retrieved the girlfriend’s property.

FEBRUARY 24

8:59 a.m. – Vehicle crashed into a utility pole alongside US 62 knocking down power lines and blocking the road. Constable and ESFD responded.

1:30 p.m. – Constable followed up on request for a welfare check on an individual and found her chatting with friends.

5:28 p.m. – Constable went to the scene of a residential alarm ringing out and found everything secure.

11:19 p.m. – Proprietor at a motel reported intoxicated guests in the parking lot. By the time a constable arrived, they were going to their rooms and the constable advised them to stay there for the night.

FEBRUARY 25

10:07 a.m. – Subject was arrested on an ESPD warrant for failure to pay fines.

12:12 p.m. – Hotel employee reported receiving harassing communications.

6:28 p.m. – Individual turned himself in on a warrant.

FEBRUARY 26

3:56 a.m. – An alarm sounded at a business on US 62 but the constable found the building secure.

11:31 a.m. – EMS asked for a constable at the scene of an unattended death. Constable filed a report.

2:53 p.m. – Individual told ESPD a former employee had stolen keys and cleaning supplies.

11:34 p.m. – Caller reported hearing a female in a Bed & Breakfast screaming for help and a male yelling back at her. Two constables went to the scene, and they were told the altercation had been verbal only.

FEBRUARY 27

9:29 a.m. – A small dog dragging a red collar ran loose through a neighborhood, and the constable never encountered it.

10:48 a.m. – A residential alarm was triggered but the

constable found the residence secure.

1:10 p.m. – Constable had to repair a parking meter that had gone haywire.

1:19 p.m. – Observant neighbor reported seeing two trucks pulling trailers park at an abandoned residence nearby. The people in the trucks told the responding constable they were property assessors.

3:53 p.m. – Two vehicles had a minor bump up on a neighborhood street. No injuries.

4:18 p.m. – There was an accident on North Main. One person was transported by EMS.

4:24 p.m. – Constable responded to a domestic disturbance and arrested the male.

4:37 p.m. – Motorist bumped into a gas pump at a gas station.

5:17 p.m. – There was an accident on US 62 toward the western edge of town.

FEBRUARY 28

6:49 a.m. – Displeased neighbor told ESPD her neighbor’s dog keeps her from sleeping and the neighbor lets it out early in the morning. The constable who went to the scene did not see a dog outside.

1:12 p.m. – Motorist told ESPD Planer Hill and downtown streets were becoming slick. Constable responded and Public Works plowed the streets.

5:44 p.m. – There was a one-vehicle accident on US 62. Vehicle was towed.

10:46 p.m. – ESPD got a report of an intoxicated male in the middle of US 62 carrying a knife and threatening to commit suicide. He had flashed the knife at two persons trying to get him out of the roadway. Constables arrested the individual for second-degree assault, carrying a weapon, public intoxication and disorderly conduct.

11:08 p.m. – A wife told ESPD her intoxicated husband was throwing things and scaring the kids. She also said his hand was bloody and she did not know why. Constables arrived but had no charges against the husband. However, they took him to ESH to have his hand bandaged.

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7:54 a.m. – Neighbor claimed the dog next door was keeping her awake. Constable on patrol asked the owner to take the pet back inside.

12:26 p.m. – Constable filed a report on damage done to hotel property.

12:26 p.m. – A concerned mother-in-law told ESPD her son-in-law had had an argument with her daughter and had taken off, possibly on his way to Texas, in a vehicle that did not belong to him. No one wanted to file charges yet. They just wanted to know where he was. Dispatch put out a BOLO for him.

4:31 p.m. – Caller asked for constable assistance because he was involved in a disagreement. Constable responded and one of the parties left for the night.

7:12 p.m. – Alarm was activated at a business on the eastern side of town. Constable found the building to be secure.

Local control of fluoride bill iffy

BECKY GILLETTE

The Senate Public Health, Welfare and Labor Committee could meet as early as March 4 to take up action on the House Bill 1355, An Act To Provide Local Control Over Fluoride Levels In Water Systems, that passed the House by a margin of about two-to-one recently.

Public Health Committee staff member Phil Price said Monday he wasn't sure when the fluoride bill would be on the agenda. "It could come up Wednesday or at a later time," he said. "The committee meets on Wednesdays."

The bill has to be passed by the committee in order for it to be voted on by the entire Senate opening the way for it to become law.

While fluoride opponents haven't been notified when a hearing may be held, dental groups are posting online that they expect to testify against the bill when the committee holds a hearing.

The failure to schedule a hearing on the issue early enough to allow fluoride opponents to organize to attend reminds anti-fluoridationists of the stealthy way the fluoride mandate was passed by the legislature in 2011 late in the session with little opportunity for public input, while pro fluoridation groups like the Delta Dental Foundation were intimately involved in drafting the legislation.

The statewide group Secure Arkansas said passage of the fluoride mandate bill is an example of legislators being paid for their votes. "Most of the legislators that voted for the bill received a campaign donation from Arkansas Dental PAC for their 'yea' votes," Secure Arkansas said. "Some legislators received over \$4,000 for this one vote."

Most of those same legislators are still on the public health committee.

The *Eureka Springs Independent* called and emailed members of the public health committee this past week. One said he was learning towards supporting passage of the legislation.

"I do have some reservations about it," said Sen. John Cooper, Jonesboro. "I think it is probably beneficial, but I also support local control rather than have it mandated by the state. I have mixed feelings about the bill, actually, but most likely I will wind up supporting the legislation. There is a lot of activity about this bill, a lot of emails and phone calls, on both sides of it. I hate to say in advance of hearing a bill whether I'm going to support it or not because you want to hear the bill presented. But I tend to support it, and most likely that is where I will be when the vote is taken. I will still listen to all the issues as they are presented."

Cooper said he thought fluoride was a bigger issue in Eureka Springs than anywhere else in the state.

A week ago the *Independent* spoke with the vice chair of the committee, Stephanie Flowers of Pine Bluff. She said she grew up with fluoridated water, and doesn't think it has harmed her. She voted for the fluoride mandate, but said she would listen to the presentation before the public health committee and vote accordingly.

Two members of the Senate committee, Sen. Scott Flippo, Bull Shoals, and Sen. Gary Stubblefield, Branch, were co-sponsors of HB 1355.

Longtime fluoridation opponent Crystal Harvey of Hot Springs said that it is critical that the legislators hear about new research linking fluoridation to thyroid problems and attention deficient hyperactivity disorder in children.

"It is almost divine providence that these two new studies would come out at the same time that the legislature is considering returning control of fluoridation to local water districts," said Harvey.

The study published recently in *Environmental Health* said each one percent increase in artificial fluoridation prevalence in 1992 was associated with approximately 67,000 to 131,000 additional ADHD diagnoses from 2003 to 2011. The study concludes parents reported higher rates of medically-diagnosed ADHD in their children in states where a greater proportion of people receive fluoridated water from

public water supplies.

"The relationship between fluoride exposure and ADHD warrants future study," the authors said.

A review of the research published in *Science Daily* said the research suggests public officials rethink the public health policy to fluoridate the water supply in a bid to protect teeth.

The U.S. puts more fluoridation chemicals in drinking water than the rest of the world combined. Some health experts warn there is an epidemic of hypothyroidism in the U.S. There are also concerns about a thyroid epidemic in dogs.

Library book sale, one day only!

The Friends of the Library and The Clear Spring School students will host a used book sale on Saturday, March 14 from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. in the Library Annex. Choose from hundreds of books, priced at \$1 for hardbacks and trade paperback and 25 cents or 5/\$1 for pocket paperbacks. For more information contact the Carnegie Public Library at (479) 253-8754 or email info@eurekalibrary.org.

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need to know about the gay discrimination wars in 2015," which said Arkansas and Tennessee are the only two states in the nation that ban local non-discrimination laws.

"Since both states allow gay discrimination, these laws require all their local communities to allow it, also," the *Post* article said.

Ballinger said he didn't like being referring to as a "gay discrimination sponsor" in the headline of an article in the *Arkansas Times*.

"I think there is a whole lot of people who call themselves media and actually they are attack dogs," Ballinger said. "They want to use that inflammatory type language to demean a person rather than debate an issue that is very important in our time."

Ballinger said HB 1228, the Conscience Protection Act, makes it more difficult for the government to infringe on a person's religious beliefs. Ballinger said he believes HB 1228 is getting heat because

the LGBT community came out against SB 202, which Ballinger said was designed to prevent the Human Rights Campaign agenda of passing Sexual Ordination and Gender Identity ordinances.

"You have all the pent up energy against SB 202, which is now law," Ballinger said. "So what are those people going to do? Turn to HB 1228. They say it is bigoted. I say they are bigoted by not wanting to protect someone else's religious standards. It is bigoted to not want to protect someone else's beliefs. Religious persecution has been common throughout the world, and I think in the U.S., it would be bad to move that direction."

However, as *Arkansas Times* editor Max Brantley writes, "To 'good Arkansas Christians,' religious faith requires discrimination against gay people."

Ballinger said that if someone is a baker and her religious beliefs are opposed to same sex relationships, she shouldn't be penalized if she doesn't want to bake a cake

for a same sex marriage reception.

"When some people believe in something, it is not right for the state to burden that belief without having some good reason to do it," Ballinger said.

However, Ballinger doesn't see the legislation he has promoted as hateful.

"There are a lot of mean people in the world," Ballinger said. "I'm against that."

Brantley said the truth is that this bill is not only about discriminating against gay people, though that's the immediate motivating force. "It is dangerous particularly because... it offers up a religious defense to all sorts of things that we take for granted – from medical services to city zoning," he said. "It is dangerous legislation."

Ballinger said he ran on the platform of "protecting traditional Arkansas values" and has been living up to that. He said some legislators ran on a platform of creating legislation to give LGBTs a "protected class" status.

"Where are these people?" Ballinger asked. "Why didn't they file a bill saying we want to create a new protected class? I would be awful mad at those people who made those promises and did nothing to help me. Going the direction I'm going took some political courage. That is what I'm going to do, Lord willing."

Ballinger is also the sponsor of a bill being considered this week to call for a constitutional convention in Arkansas. Robert Greenstein, president of the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, said this is a dangerous proposal circulating in states across the country.

"The implications are enormous," Greenstein said. "At stake, potentially, are the freedoms we take for granted under the Bill of Rights; the powers of the president, Congress and the courts; and the policies the government can or cannot pursue. Conventioneers could alter absolutely anything about the way the United States is governed."

Ordinance supporters say concerns invalid, opponents launch website

BECKY GILLETTE

Opponents of the non-discrimination Ordinance 2223 passed unanimously recently by the Eureka Springs City Council that extends civil rights protections to the gay community have quickly geared up a major campaign to convince voters to vote against Ordinance 2223 when it comes up for a vote May 12. They have purchased advertising and launched a website.

The website's home page lists four major bullet points for repealing 2223, referred to as a Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (SOGI) law.

1. Support a Business Environment Without Excessive Regulation
2. Defend our 1st Amendment Freedoms of Religion and Free Speech
3. Protect Women and Children in Our Public Spaces
4. Give the Citizens of Eureka Springs the Right to Set Our Laws

Supporters of the ordinance extending civil rights to the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) community say many of the concerns are not justified and instead represent obvious homophobia under the guise of "protecting religious freedom." Rev. Phillip Wilson, pastor of the First Christian Church of Eureka Springs and the foremost local opponent of ordinance 2223, said the ordinance is an invasion of his rights as a landlord.

Wilson said by including "socioeconomic background" in the list of categories protected from discrimination, it makes doing a credit check of a prospective renter an offense of the ordinance, subjects him to a possible \$100-\$500 fine and possibly "makes me a criminal guilty of a misdemeanor."

Justice of the Peace Lamont Richie-Roberson, who worked with the City of Eureka Springs to adopt Ordinance 2223, said landlords have nothing to fear.

"A landlord can and should perform whatever checks are necessary, including but not limited to personal references and employment verification, in order to assure a tenant who will pay the rent and maintain the property in the condition in which it was rented," Richie-Roberson said. "However, an individual, otherwise qualified to rent property, should not be denied the opportunity to do so because he or she arrives in an older model vehicle that may have some dents in it or because he or she is wearing clothes that did not come from a fashion magazine. There is nothing in the ordinance that would require

any landlord to do a background check of any kind, but a landlord is not precluded from doing that either."

Wilson said the ordinance 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," Wilson said.

But churches are not considered a public places and churches do have control over the usage of their facilities.

"The ordinance provides that '[a] place of accommodation does not include any institution, club or other place of accommodation, which by its nature is distinctly private,'" Richie-Roberson said. "I believe that applies to a church gymnasium or fellowship hall or other building, provided those facilities are used principally for private purposes and not typically available to the general public. There are more than 50 years of history regarding what is, and what is not, a public accommodation. That is the foundation on which this ordinance will be based."

Wilson also objected to the "process of secrecy and failure to give notice" before the council acted. Wilsons said it "smells bad. The council stole my citizen's right to discuss and participate in the democratic process."

However, the action was taken by the city officials elected by the city voters to represent them. The reason given for the council's action was that the Arkansas Legislature had passed SB 202, which forbids cities and counties from passing anti discrimination ordinances. The legislature attempted to do that as an emergency, which would have made the law go into effect immediately. However, that effort was not successful, so it will be about 90 days before the statewide ban on anti-discrimination ordinances goes into effect.

Supporters of the non-discrimination ordinance find it ironic that Wilson would claim it wasn't an emergency situation for Eureka Springs, even though opponents of the SOGI ordinance tried to invoke the emergency clause on the statewide level.

Wilson also argues that the ordinance

is bad law that is poorly written. Eureka Springs alderman James DeVito said council is willing to consider changes to law if legitimate concerns are raised.

Richie-Roberson points out that laws such as the Civil Rights Act of 1964 or the Americans with Disabilities Act or the Equal Employment Opportunity Act of 1972 consists of much more than just the words of the laws themselves.

"There have been opinions, both judicial and administrative," Richie-Roberson said. "Massive regulations have been developed to implement the laws; and amendments have been made."

As he sees it, there are three separate

arguments.

"We can talk about the way in which the non discrimination ordinance was adopted; we can talk about whether or not sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression ought to be included as classes protected by non-discrimination laws; and we can talk about enforcement issues with the NDO as it exists today," Richie-Roberson said. "But there are three distinct conversations. If someone is upset only because of the way by which the ordinance was adopted, they will continue to remain opposed if they also are opposed to extending non-discrimination protections to LGBTs."

Metafizzies meet March 9

Rebekah Clark will lead the Eureka Springs Metaphysical Society in a session of Divine Singing and Sound Meditation on Monday, March 9, at 7 p.m. No vocal experience is necessary. Singing will be led in a call and response style, making it easy for everyone. Chants and mantras from multiple traditions will be used.

All are welcome to join the meetings in the basement reading room of the Eureka Springs Christian Science Church, 68 Mountain Street.

Blue Skies On The Way

Another Blue Skies Book Study is scheduled for April 28 in the undercroft at St. James Episcopal Church. The announcement is made now so that everyone will have a chance to read the selection, *Things Seen and Unseen: A Year Lived in Faith*, by Nora Gallagher. Copies are available at the Carnegie Library, the St. James Library and online. Rev. Betsy Porter will lead the discussion.

Commenting about the selection,

Porter said, "Lay person, journalist, seeker and preacher, Nora Gallagher reminds us in her spiritual memoir, *Things Seen and Unseen: A Year Lived in Faith*, that we often find the sacred in the ordinary when we look with new eyes."

Plan now to join the group Tuesday, April 28, from 4 – 5:30 p.m. at the church, 28 Prospect Ave. For further information, call (479) 253-8610. All are welcome.

Call for musicians, parade participants in April

The Celebrate Jesus Parade and Concert will take place Friday and Saturday, April 3 and 4 with Christian music in Basin Park from 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. on Friday. On Saturday, music will begin at 11 a.m. and break at 2 p.m. for the parade. After the parade music will resume until 5 p.m.

If your group or church would like to participate in the concert or be in the parade, call (479) 253-8925 or email lardellen@gmail.com.

Cornerstone Bank enters Southwest Missouri market

Charles T. Cross, President & CEO of Cornerstone Bank, has announced the upcoming expansion of the bank into Southwest Missouri with a Loan Production Office in the lake community of Shell Knob.

This will be the local bank's first office in Missouri. However, Cross said this is the first of what will most

likely be even greater expansion across Southwest Missouri. The \$170 million, 103-year-old institution has been growing rapidly in recent years. The bank is currently under construction with a full service branch facility in Madison County next to the new Wal-Mart Supercenter in Huntsville on Hwy. 412.



“What?
No ice
cream?”

Babycakes – Josh Ridenour celebrated his first birthday Saturday, Feb. 28, with a smash cake – which he duly decimated. It was also his brother Zachary's 7th birthday, which Zach celebrated with a bit more restraint. (Guess which one turns out to be the kid who cleans his room.) Proud

parents of the double-birthday boys are Kendra and Travis Ridenour.

PHOTOS BY KENDRA RIDENOUR AND MELANIE MYHRE



Fun art – Ninth grader Jordon Henley's blue, big-eyed creature will also be on display at ACO in Springdale until March 27, along with lots more two and three-dimensional art from ESHS students.

PHOTO BY BECKY GILLETTE



Mixed media – ESHS Senior, Luis Palacios, shows two of his drawings being exhibited in Springdale at the 32nd Annual Senior High Exhibit and competition opening March 5 at the Arts Center of the Ozarks. More than a dozen ESHS art students will have some 20 works on display.

PHOTO BY BECKY GILLETTE

When life hands you snowflakes – make a snow sculpture of a princess being kissed by her prince. At least that's what Misty and Curtis Shaw and daughter, Willow, did last weekend near their home off Lake Lucerne Road.

PHOTO BY MELANIE MYHRE



Snow Queen – When she's not busy cleaning chocolate cake off her youngest, Kendra Ridenour is lovely in white as she poses in last weekend's snow for Melanie Myhre as part of the TMP models' program.

PHOTO BY MELANIE MYHRE

ESHS artists in ACO show

Eureka Springs High School art teacher, Jessica Cumming, has been busy submitting her students' work for the 32nd Annual Senior High Exhibit and competition opening March 5 at the Arts Center of the Ozarks in Springdale. Art from students in grades 9 – 12 from Benton, Carroll, Madison and Washington counties will be entered into one or more of eight categories for judging and will be on exhibit until March 27.

From left, are Nicole Morrison, Kennedy Cash, Jordon Henley, Leah Erskine, Justin Gall, Callista Dendler, Jalyn Stokes-Crite, Callista Audet and Tyler Thomas. Students who also have work in the show but are not pictured are Annika Hirmke, Kathryn Dransfield, Heather Brooks, Luis Palacios and



Sarah Weems.

Awards and prizes will be announced March 13 online at www.acozarks.org.

There will be a reception Saturday, March 15 from 1 – 2 p.m. at the ACO, 214 S. Main St., in Springdale.

Hours are 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., weekdays and Saturday from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. (479) 751-5441.

Aud heats up with *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof*

The Directors of Eureka Classic Movies will present *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof* Sunday, March 15 at the Aud. This 1958 box office hit is based on Tennessee Williams' stage play of the same name and features Elizabeth Taylor, Paul Newman and Burl Ives. Join other classic movie lovers at 7 p.m. for this movie great – and popcorn! Tickets are \$5 per person.



Help sell out the Aud March 8!

A fabulous We've Got Talent concert is coming up March 8 with a fantastic day of performances that will mark the beginning of 40 to 50 young musicians going to a summer music camp experience that will change their lives.

If organizers can sell out the Aud it will be because performers, underwriters

and music lovers have reminded all their friends that the concert is almost here.

The Aud will open at 1:30 p.m. Sunday for ticket sales, the Pre-Show will begin close to 2 and curtain for the main show is at 2:30. Adults tickets are \$10, children \$5. Please make a difference by helping organizers fill the Aud!

Harbingers brings spring to DeVito's

The Norberta Philbrook Gallery is pleased to present photographer Lorri Carter as the feature artist at DeVito's Restaurant welcomes the promise of spring with her latest photographic series, *Harbingers*. The series features the harbingers that signal the spectacle of spring as Lorri's vivid photographic work captures the movement of their promise in stunning fashion.

Harbingers will be on display March 12 - April 29 at DeVito's Restaurant, 5 Center Street. Carter's work is also featured at the Norberta Philbrook Gallery, 95 Spring. See norbertaphilbrookgallery.com for gallery hours, and phone DeVito's at (479) 253-6807.



House Concerts features Harpeth Rising

Eureka House Concerts will present Harpeth Rising at 17 Elk Street on March 8. Doors open at 5 p.m. for a meet and greet potluck, music starts at 6. \$15 donation at the door.

Named for the small but powerful river in Tennessee, Harpeth Rising creates original songs that layer lush instrumental arrangements with rich harmonies and powerful lyrics. Inspired, intelligent and charming, this trio of talented women will wow you with their range of styles, musical virtuosity and well-crafted songs.



Their songs depict wanderlust, eternal curiosity, class struggle and extraordinary love. For more on the group, see www.harpethrising.com and phone (479) 244-0123 or email eurekahouseconcerts.com about the concert.

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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

Gladys Williams, waving a coffee cup, was becoming expansive over recent developments and the shapes of things to come. “Oh, we’re going to see great changes,” she cried happily. “Mr. Jaffray is really taking hold. He’s a man of great vision and action. The town is so fortunate in having a man of his caliber come here and interest himself in bringing Sycamore back! I just can’t help feeling a little bit proud over having had something to do with it...”

Jane had heard rumors (not all of them voiced in Mrs. Williams’s tone of unqualified approval) of Prentiss Jaffray’s humming activity about town, on what appeared to be several planes at once. Walter, from the *Democrat* office, turned a skeptical eye toward all of this, she knew, and refused to go overboard about Jaffray. “My guess is, there’s both more and less to the guy than meets the eye,” he had told her. She was anxious, however, to get Mrs. Williams’s sharply contrasting view of what was happening, so she kept quiet and let Gladys gush.

“It’s amazing what he’s done already!” She crouched forward in her chair, vibrant with animation, looking ready to leap out of it. “Not *all* by himself, of course, but he’s been instrumental in everything. And it’s only a beginning, you may be sure of that.”

“For instance?” Jane urged.

“For instance, the Hillcrest House. Ah, you didn’t know about that!” Mrs. Williams said triumphantly, although Jane did. “Of course, they had to keep it quiet for awhile, but now it can be told. Mr. Jaffray has interested a group of big men from Detroit in putting their money into it, and they plan to open it next summer. Think of it – after it’s been closed and empty for something like twenty years!”

Jane called up the image of the pretentious and dilapidated pile of rocks on top of North Mountain, and mentioned that it would need a good deal of renovating, if it were to be made livable by summer.

“Completely done over,” said Mrs. Williams. “Completely. They plan to spare no expense. Of course, they want to keep the quaint, gay-nineties *character* of the place –”

Jane said: “Ah, yes – but Mr. Jaffray.

What else?”

“Oh, he’s done so much, got so *many* plans!” Mrs. Williams said excitedly. “Hardly begin to tell you. One of his associates is building a new tourist court just outside town. All very modern. Twenty cabins. And – Prentiss didn’t tell me this himself, but I got it on good authority – they say he has bought quite a lot of property around town, and is planning to paint and redecorate the old houses, to rent out for summer visitors. He’s already leased one of those empty stores in the square to a young couple who plan to open a gift shop – and a new printer is coming very soon, to go into business –”

That was one Walter hadn’t heard. “A new printer?” Jane laughed in bewilderment. “What on earth for? There’s not enough job-printing even to keep Walter’s presses busy all the time. He’ll starve.”

Mrs. Williams, embarrassed, raked the air with a fat hand as if she were trying to capture an idea on the wing. “Well – we have to take into account the – the *increase* in business of all kinds, don’t we? It will be a going town,” she cried, warming up to the notion. “Maybe even small industries coming in – a cannery, furniture factory – things like that. Oh, and yes,” she remembered suddenly, “we’ve got a new doctor already. From the North. A much younger man than Doctor Totten – progressive, all the latest ideas at his fingertips. Prentiss has just sold him the old Preston place, and he plans to open an office in the square...”

She had the gift of communicating her enthusiasm to others (perhaps it was her only gift) and Jane could not help catching a little of her mood. “But what,” she asked, “about the unspoiled atmosphere of Sycamore,

Mrs. Williams? There’s something about it, just as it is, all run-down and backward and funny, that I like. I thought you liked it, too –?”

“Oh, we’ll keep that!” Mrs. Williams promised. “You may be sure, Prentiss Jaffray will see to it that none of the charm of Sycamore is destroyed –”

She did not explain how this consummation was to be brought about, and she departed shortly, in a fog of happy confusion and joyful prophecies. After she was gone, Jane sat puzzling over it all, trying not to hear at the back of her mind the wild weeping of Tracy Blake, nor to feel so certain that, very soon now, Tracy’s voice would be coming, urgent and distraught, over the telephone wire, begging her forgiveness.

NOTES from the HOLLOW

by Steve Weems

On December 6, 1993, I stopped by my grandparents’ farm for a minute. I was home from college and made notes of my visit that day, not because it was extraordinary, but because it was typical. Jack and Betty McCall believed in hard work and expected everyone in the family to pitch in and help. I knew I ran the risk of having to help with chores.

Just after I arrived, Uncle Arlie Weems drove up in a dump truck and dropped a load of gravel for the farm lane leading to the county road. Though I thought I was in a hurry, I ended up helping Betty smooth gravel for two hours. She was just shy of 80 at the time, but she worked me into the ground. She invited me to stay for lunch.

Jack’s health was deteriorating, but he still had work to be accomplished, so after we ate, I changed the spark plugs in his Ford pickup. Since the hood was up, he had me replace a radiator hose, too. He decided he needed some O-rings, so we left for town. At the highway, the carburetor kept flooding, so we stopped and put the hood up again. Shade Hadley stopped and helped, but we still were

unable to diagnose the problem. Since we were blocking traffic on Rock Springs Road, Jack rolled the truck backwards down the road until it would roll no more.

Betty happened to drive by and stopped and picked up Jack. He returned, chugging along on his ancient Farmall tractor and towed the pickup back to the farm. He still wanted O-rings, so I drove him to Kimes in my vehicle. When we arrived back at the farm, Jack called his son Sherall, a mechanic, and was told to



blow out the carburetor as there might be trash in it not allowing the needle to seat. That fixed it. By then it was time to put out hay for the cattle. I left tired and dirty, but feeling good. At the time, it never occurred to me that days like that would come to an end on the McCall farm.

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had previously obtained permission to demolish the two structures on the property, but, as he began working, he found the back wall to be very sturdy. He now wants to keep the rear wall and rebuild the rest of the structure to about one-third the existing size and open a fabric shop this summer.

The commission unanimously approved his application.

Other items

- Commissioner Woody Acord officially agreed to be the representative on the Mayor’s Task Force on Economic Development.

- Alderman Mickey Schneider, sitting on Planning temporarily, said an expert in Arkansas law regarding minimum size requirements for residences would attend the March 10 meeting.

Commissioners voted to keep the same slate of officers from 2014: James Morris, chair; Ed Leswig, vice-chair; Melissa Greene, secretary.

Week of Festivals – Full Moon, Lantern Festival, Purim, Holi

It is a week of many different festivals along with a full moon, all occurring simultaneously. Thursday Chinese New Year celebrations end with the Lantern Festival (at full moon). Thursday is also the Pisces Solar festival (full moon), Purim (joyous Jewish Festival) and Holi (Hindu New Year Festival). Sunday, March 8, Daylight Saving Time begins at 2 a.m.

The festival of Purim celebrates the freeing of the Hebrew people from the cruel Haman (a magistrate) seeking to destroy them. Esther, the Queen of Persia, who was secretly Jewish, saved her people from

death. The sweet cookie hamentaschen celebrates this festival.

Friday, March 6, is Holi, the Hindu Spring Festival celebrated after the March full moon. Bonfires are lit the night before warding off evil. Holi, Festival of Colors, is the most colorful festival in the world. It is also the Festival of Love – of Radha for Krishna (the blue-colored God). It is a Spring festival with singing, dancing, carnivals, food and drink (Bhang, a drink made of cannabis leaves). *Holi* signifies good over evil, ridding oneself of past errors, ending conflicts

through rapprochement (returning to each other). It is a day of forgiveness, including debts. Holi also marks the beginning of New Year.

At the Pisces Solar festival we recite the seed thought, “We leave the Father’s home and, turning back, we save.” Great Teachers remain on Earth until all of humanity is enlightened. The New Group of World Servers is called to this task and sacrifice. Sacrifice (from the heart) is the 1st Law of the Soul, the heart of which is Love. This “sacrifice” saves the world.

ARIES: In the next month it’s important to see yourself as valuable. Perhaps this is difficult. If so, make lists of all your gifts, abilities, talents, good deeds, thoughts, ideas and plans. In these you will discover your value. Place these lists on your walls. Read and review daily. These initiate your self-identity as a server for humanity – the task for all Aries in the Aquarian Age.

TAURUS: Things hide away, especially you. Or you find someone else in hiding and join them. Someone close is quite mysterious and valuable to you. They’re

knowledgeable and have the skills needed for your next creative endeavor for humanity’s future. Resources are hidden away too, though still available. But you must call it forth while tending to practical things. Eliminate (give away) as much as possible.

GEMINI: Past friends, relationships, and past resources are contacted, discovered and renewed. They’re valuable for reasons revealed in the future. A certain group, also from the past, holds great Love/Wisdom (Ray 2, Gemini’s ray). They hold out to you technical possibilities and a way to enter the life stream of humanity through study and understanding of the mysteries. You should be studying your transits/astrology.

CANCER: Ponder upon how you want to be seen, known and recognized in the world and how you want to help build the new culture and civilization. You are to nurture the new era at its foundational stages. Begin your garden soon, have a worm bin, create bio-dynamic soil, use organic seeds. Then teach everyone what you learned. Cancer needs to move from feeding the world to helping them feed themselves.

LEO: The Earth (soil, trees, plants) is very important for your well-being. Make sure you’re out and about in the Sun with the devas and nature – the most balanced kingdom. Its radiations strengthen your heart and mind, refocus your enthusiasm (it means “filled with God”). When we are balanced and in rhythms, practicality emerges. Where is your garden and who are your companions?

VIRGO: You may struggle mentally to maintain equilibrium between what you desire and what is actually possible. It’s good to study the subject of sacrifice – the 1st Law of the Soul. At the center of sacrifice is Love. Love and sacrifice are the same. We are on Earth because we sacrificed (chose) to be here. You may feel you’ve become the

warrior. You have. Spiritual warriors are always triumphant.

LIBRA: You will assess your relationships in terms of their value. Not value as in money, but virtues. Simultaneously, assess the values you offer others and if there is more you can give of Goodwill which creates Right Relations. Allow only the goodness of yourself in relationships. Goodness is a purity and an inner quality. What is your goodness and what do you offer others?

Include all relationships. Remember true love isn’t a feeling. It’s a choice.

SCORPIO: Tend daily to all thing small and necessary. Give them your deepest attention. Observe habits, agendas, your work, environments and others in your worlds. And how to care for yourself. We evolve step-by-step. We begin with tending to our physical, emotional and mental bodies. Then we progress to things spiritual. Each day “brood” upon the service needed for the coming day. Ask for Soul direction. The personality then calms.

SAGITTARIUS: The outcome of a long held creative dream has come true. You’re redefining, reassessing and reaffirming its importance as part of your life’s work. In the meantime, you’re called to two things. Amusement and play, much needed and much missed recently. Acknowledge your creative work reflects who you are now, and part of who you will become. All parts of you are aligning in a close spiritual unity. This is good.

CAPRICORN: You see the need for nourishment of the self and of others. One source of nourishment is financial security. Another is the design and layout of your home, its rooms, the garden, etc. Make sure as you tend to your home and its practical beauty, that you have a

special workspace for yourself, for your creative home arts. Your creativity is most important for the home and family at this time. Work on this. And in the garden of your dreams.

AQUARIUS: Many things seem so paradoxical – wild, a bit out-of-control, thing dissolving, hurting, illuminated. Eliminate all not absolutely necessary, including that treasure trove of saved things. New interests, new sources of information, new identities are appearing. This identity is yourself. You are a “returned angel” come to help humanity steer itself downstream in a lifeboat. You are to identify, work with and bring in the new culture and civilization. What part can and do you want to play? Think deeply on this.

PISCES: Life becomes more subtle, a bit out of focus, very different with deep feelings of compassion awakening. Pay debts, then tithe (give) – St. Jude’s Children’s Hospital; Catholic Charities; Doctors Without Borders; UNESCO; Red Cross. These are difficult financial times. However the spiritual law is whatsoever we give is returned ten-fold so we can give again. When we serve others our life is spiritually cared for. The 3rd Law of the Soul is Service. Hang lanterns everywhere.

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saying the news would be communicated to Chamber members via email.

"The person who sends these emails out to members can't get in to work today because she is snowed in," Smith said. "When she gets back to work a statement will be put out."

Chamber Board President, Allen Huffman, resigned last week during the NDO controversy. He did not return a call asking for comment. The new Chamber president is Cathy Handley, who was previously vice chair. Handley is Sales Director for Best Western Inn of the Ozarks.

The Chamber had reportedly been losing members since issuing a statement a week ago that parroted concerns of Fayetteville attorney Travis

Story regarding the NDO passed in Eureka Springs. Story claimed the ordinance was passed too quickly without enough time for people to provide input.

The Chamber statement said: "The concerns thus far are focused on due process – the fact that no one was aware of this proposed ordinance prior to the Feb. 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."

Sandy Martin resigned from the board on Feb. 24 after being 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," Martin said. "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."

Story was heading up efforts to overturn the NDO by petitioning to put it on the ballot. That was preempted by the city council deciding to put it to a vote May 12.

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Souveneers collect fun at Chelsea's Friday, Tyler Gregory takes an on-stage road trip at Cathouse Saturday

Great music again this weekend, including guitarist Cary Morin who brings belly-aching, finger-picking blues to Chelsea's Thursday. The Souveneers swing their Americana jams on Friday, also at Chelsea's, and Tyler

Gregory, a lovely bearded troubadour with an open road voice, plays the Cathouse Saturday – his singular style will make you want to follow him all around the country like a puppy, or at least buy *Roots Below*, his latest cd.

Thursday, March 5

CHELSEA'S – *Cary Morin*, Singer/Songwriter, 9:30 p.m.
GRAND TAVERNE – *Jerry Yester*, Grand Piano Dinner Music, 6:30 – 9:30 p.m.
LEGENDS SALOON – *StarSeed*, Rock N' Roll, 8 p.m.

Friday, March 6

ALE HOUSE – *ELBY*, Pianist, 6 – 9 p.m.
CATHOUSE LOUNGE – *Outlaw Hippies*, Americana, 8 p.m.
CHELSEA'S – *The Souveneers*, Americana, 9:30 p.m.
EUREKA LIVE! – *DJ and Dancing*, 9 p.m.
GRAND TAVERNE – *Arkansas Red*, Amplified Acoustic Guitar Dinner Music, 6:30- 9:30 p.m.
LEGENDS SALOON – *DJ and Karaoke with Kara*, 8 p.m.
ROWDY BEAVER – *Moonshine Mafia*, Americana, 7 p.m.
ROWDY BEAVER DEN – *Christine DeMeo*, Singer/Songwriter, 8 p.m.
THE STONE HOUSE – *Jerry Yester*, Artist's Choices

Saturday, March 7

BREWS – *Reece Sullivan*, Singer/Songwriter, 7 – 10 p.m.
CATHOUSE LOUNGE – *Tyler Gregory*, Singer/Songwriter, 8 p.m.
CHELSEA'S – *Matt Smith and Ocie Fisher*, Blues, 9:30 p.m.
EUREKA LIVE! – *DJ & Dancing*, 9 p.m.
GRAND TAVERNE – *Jerry Yester*, Grand Piano Dinner Music, 6:30- 9:30 p.m.
LEGENDS SALOON – *Another Fine Mess*, Classic Rock, 9 p.m.
ROWDY BEAVER – *Christine DeMeo Band*, Classic Rock, 7 p.m.
ROWDY BEAVER DEN – *Anna Williams*, Singer/Songwriter, 8 p.m.

Sunday, March 8

EUREKA HOUSE CONCERTS – *Harpeth Rising*, Female Folk Trio, 6 p.m.
EUREKA LIVE – *DJ, Dancing, and Karaoke*, 7- 11 p.m.
OZARK MOUNTAIN TAPROOM – *Cards Against Humanity/Board Games*, 2 – 9 p.m.



The Souveneers (that's how they spell it) play Chelsea's Friday, March 6

Monday, March 9

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

Tuesday, March 10

CHELSEA'S – *Open Mic*

Wednesday, March 11

BREWS – *Tap Talks*, Open Mic Night, 6 – 9 p.m.
LEGENDS SALOON – *GG Unleashed*, Singer/Songwriter, 7 p.m.

Destination Restoration March 14

First Southern Baptist Church of Holiday Island invites all to the Destination Restoration Community Renewal Project at the church, 6 Dove Circle in Holiday Island, Saturday, March 14, beginning at 11 a.m.

There will be tons of fun for the

kids, including bouncy houses, popcorn, snow cones and cotton candy. Hot dogs, hamburgers and barbecue will be served and local motorcycle ministries with all their bikes will be on hand.

The For His Glory Drama Production Group will perform live

skits to contemporary Christian music, and JR Poulson will lead Soul Purpose Ministries in more music. Speaker will be Pastor Joe Heintzelman.

All are welcome to the special day of renewal. For details phone (479) 256-6711.

St. Paddy's Parade will fly with airman Grand Marshal

The Krewe of Blarney has chosen Ellis Arnold Thiel to be 2015 Grand Marshal of the St. Paddy's parade on Saturday, March 14.

Born in 1933 in Orleans County, N. Y., Thiel eventually acted on his dream to fly aircraft and in 1953 applied for flight training as an enlisted man. While waiting to get into pilot training, he took an immediate opening for navigator training. In 1955 Thiel got his first set of wings and was eventually assigned as C119 instructor in Ardmore, Okla., where he met his wife, Letha.

That spring Thiel trained for Polar navigation, flying back and forth to the North Pole and earning a Pole Jumping Certificate. He became accomplished on several types of aircraft and helicopters, earning a second pair of wings and moving up to Chief co-pilot Instructor and Air Craft Commander. He accomplished a distinguished military

career throughout his deployments and assignments, including a third tour flying in and out of Viet Nam.

As Chief of the Standardization Division, he was responsible for 300-plus staff of bomber crews, tanker crews, base operations personnel and T29 planes, eventually being elevated to Chief of Bomber Scheduling. In 1972 he went to Saigon for his last tour as the Head Staff Operating Officer of Military Assistance Command.



Ellis Arnold Thiel

Thiel received seven air metals and an Army Commendation Medal (given for acts of bravery by meritorious achievement, service and acts of courage). He was on a first name basis with two Supreme

Commanders during the Vietnam Conflict and met with General Westmoreland for 30 minutes on one occasion and was in the home of General Abrams with another Air Force General.

"These occasions were special

moments to me," Thiel said. "I was surrounded by such greatness."

He retired in 1973, taking up a second career for the next 24 years in research and development, sales, manufacturing, quality assurance and customer service.

In 1998 the Thiels moved to the Grassy Knob area on Beaver Lake, where they live their dream of retirement, playing on the lake and enjoying visits from their two

daughters, grandchildren, family and many friends. Their boat is always full of fun loving neighbors on full moon nights in the summer.

The St. Paddy's Day Parade steps off Saturday, March 14, at 2pm. Everyone in green welcome! For information or parade application call Tony Popovac (225) 405-9673, email tonypopovac@yahoo.com or visit www.stpaddy.ureeka.org.

Hobbs State Park celebrates Aldo Leopold

March 7 will be a day of fun and family activities as Hobbs State Park – Conservation Area as Friends of Hobbs celebrate the life and career of Alpo Leopold and how he shaped the conservation and modern environmental movement at the Hobbs Conservation Area's visitor center on Hwy. 12.

The day will begin with *Birds and Breakfast* from 9 – 10:30 a.m., where the public will observe University of Arkansas personnel capture, tag and release songbirds. From 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. there will be a Dutch oven demonstration. At 2 p.m. attendees will watch the Emmy Award-winning documentary film, *Green Fire*, which chronicles Leopold's extraordinary career. Activities will include hikes, journaling, planting bushes and shrubs at the visitor center and more.

Attendance is free. For more information call (479) 789-5000.

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budget. City Council would be involved because the city must own the property to be eligible for grants.

Murphy said committee members have been to Little Rock to meet with representatives of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, the USDA Rural Development program, the State Department of Parks and Tourism – all grant sources – as well as local politicians. She mentioned it was encouraging to get such an enthusiastic response about the project from Rep. Steve Womack when he visited last October.

She added a future consideration in the development of the property could be a public pool.

But for now, "The next step," she said, "is funding."

School Resource Officer

Police Chief Thomas Achord presented his proposal for establishing a full-time school resource officer for the schools. He said he had been asked more than once about this possibility, and his proposal was for the school district to pay the salary for the position and ESPD would train, equip and provide a vehicle for the officer.

Achord estimated the annual salary would be approximately \$54,000 per year and the district would get 2080 hours of service. The person would need to be a sworn officer and serve under the Police

Chief but spend 40 hours a week on campus.

Achord said presently all officers patrol the school area during shifts as they drive around town. Officer Brian Young spends dedicated time on campus each week, but he could be called away if his services were needed elsewhere.

When High School Principal Kathy Lavender was asked how the present system is working, she responded, "Whenever I call, they are there."

Achord said he has seen a dramatic change in student-officer relations since the officers began spending regular time on campus years ago.

Other items

- Lavender announced the Holiday Island Elks Lodge 1042 donated warm-up jackets and pants for Eureka Springs participants in the March 5 Special Olympics basketball tournament.

- She also announced the recent engineering competition in Little Rock had been postponed due to weather. Instead the judges will travel to the different schools to evaluate students.

- Jake Allen, representing the Licensed Personnel Policy Committee, asked the board to consider adding two more steps to the salary chart in order to encourage continuing education. The committee also asked for a raise of \$1000 to the salary schedule.

Next meeting will be Thursday, March 19, at 5:30 p.m.

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Local woman selected for LeadAR

Heather Harvey of Eureka Springs is one of 22 men and women representing 15 Arkansas counties to take part in LeadAR, a leadership development program sponsored by the University of Arkansas Division of Agriculture, Cooperative Extension Service.

Harvey attended a three-day seminar in Little Rock focusing on major issues facing the state – including agriculture, education, environment, the criminal justice system and legislative issues. The seminar was the first of 11 in which Harvey will take part during the next two years.

The purpose of the seminars and tours is to enhance leadership skills and



give participants a better understanding of key economic and social issues facing Arkansas and the nation. The program also includes national and international study tours and a community service project.

Harvey has lived in Eureka Springs for 15 years and works for Dymark Sign and Display in Rogers designing “mock-ups” for large corporations such as Wal-Mart, Tyson, and Disney. She is passionate about shedding light on the vital role water plays in our lives. To learn more about LeadAR, see www.uaex.edu/leadar. The Cooperative Extension Service is part of the University of Arkansas- Division of Agriculture.

Ham Radio meets 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 also meets at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, March 19, in the physicians building at Mercy Hospital, Berryville. Check lsarc.us online for current information on the location of each meeting, or contact gmjar@outlook.com.

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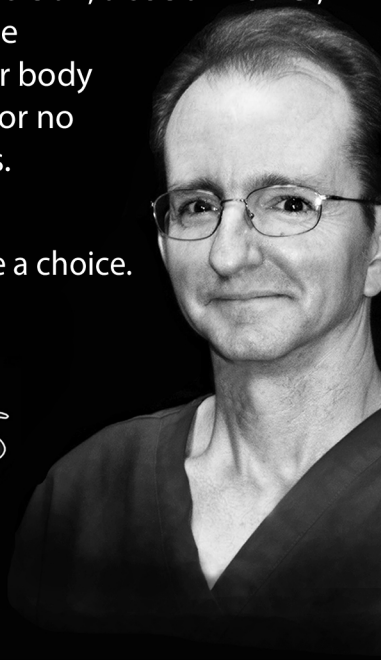
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Apply for Passion Play cast and crew March 8

Cast and crew registration for The Great Passion Play is 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. Families with children are also encouraged to sign up.

In addition to cast members, applications will 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 may 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 be March 15, 2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

The Missourians live at HICC

The Missourians will be live in concert at the Holiday Island Community Church, 188 Stateline Drive on Sunday, March 15, at 4:30 p.m. The group, based out of Joplin, is comprised of five talented musicians and singers who have been spreading the message of Jesus Christ through song for 25 years. For more information call Bill Branum (479) 981-0153.

CCBRM meeting rescheduled

The Carroll County Bible Reading Marathon Day meeting scheduled for March 2 has been rescheduled for Monday, March 16, at 2 p.m. at 1st Baptist Church in Green Forest.

The regular scheduled evening meeting is Monday, March 9, 6:30 p.m. at the Depot in Green Forest. Please plan to attend one of

these meetings to help the committee plan this year's National Day of Prayer event.

Sponsor packets are ready for churches, businesses and organizations to distribute. Contact CCBRM Coordinator Bonnie Roediger at 2roedrunners@gmail.com or (870) 350-0865 for more information.

DEPARTURE

Edith Ilona Holland May 21, 1936 – Feb. 26, 2015

Edith Ilona Holland of Eureka Springs, Arkansas, was born May 21, 1936 in Hamburg, Germany, a daughter of Franz and Agnes (Klingburg) Sabotawski. She departed this life Thursday, Feb. 26, in her home in Eureka Springs, at age 78.

Edith was a survivor of World War II and migrated in November 1954 to the United States. She became a United States citizen in 1957. Edith worked 14 years for the Arkansas Department of Health in Little Rock, Ark., as an x-ray technician, and the last four years as supervisor of radiology.

She has lived in Eureka Springs for the past 20 years and loved that town.

On Dec. 9, 1979, Edith was united in marriage with James William Holland who survives her of the home. She is also survived by two daughters, Ramona and husband, Richard Meeks, and Monika and husband, Larry Troillett, all of Little Rock, Ark.; five grandchildren, Aaron

Meeks and wife, Maria, of Richmond, Va., Lindsey (Meeks) and husband, Brad Booth, of Austin, Texas, Adam Meeks of Little Rock, Ark., Peyton Troillett of Fayetteville, Ark., and Marian Troillett of Little Rock, Ark.; one great-grandson, Braden Robert Booth of Austin, Texas; one sister, Helga Federiuk of Turtle Lake, Wis.; and a host of other friends, family and loved ones.

Edith was preceded in death by her parents and one brother, Peter Klingburg.

Funeral service was March 2 at Nelson's Chapel of the Springs with Pastor John Turner officiating. Interment followed the service in the Eureka Springs Cemetery under the direction of Nelson Funeral Service. Memorial donations may be made to St. Jude's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105. Online condolences may be sent to the family at nelsonfuneral.com. © Nelson Funeral Service, Inc. 2015





Well, the pic shows the boat stayed home this week with all my trips moving into next week. Roaring River opened up the 1st with about 8000 fresh trout put in, and I heard about 2000 fisherman battled the snow with some trout brought in around 10 pounds.

Here at Holiday Island, the walleye are here but not a lot of fisherman getting on the water. All will change in about three days with warm March. Forecast shows most days above 50°. Hope so.

A 44-lb. male striper was caught up river on Beaver Lake this week in the

Hickory Creek area. This is big for a male, and being caught that far up river means the spawn is getting ready to happen soon, especially since the water temp will start warming fast now.

Well, that's it for this week. I have trips booked every day from the 9th to the 16th. Some for Beaver stripers and some for our walleye, whites and crappie here at Holiday Island, so hopefully will get some better reports for you.

Goodbye, Cabin Fever.

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Ozarks for contribution of the proceeds from the 1st Eureka Springs Historical Museum's Garage Sale held at the Inn of the Ozarks Convention Center on Feb. 7. The sale was a tremendous success, and attendance was very high.

A check was presented to the museum in the amount of \$1,218.00, and all proceeds will help with the ongoing upkeep and maintenance of the museum.

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 - Military takeover group
 - Turn one's eyes away
 - Docs who deliver
 - Chinese, e.g.
 - Termite or drill
 - Dove's murmur
 - Fine-toothed
 - Jerk
 - Before
 - Obligated to
 - Turkey capital
 - Back of the neck
 - Quotes
 - Apportions
 - Sacred law expert
 - Poke fun at
 - Witch gathering
 - Surprise expression
 - Petticoat description
 - Organized singers
 - Crackle and pop's partner
 - Emote on stage
 - Excavator
 - Snow unit
 - Sheep cutters
 - Fuel-burning apparatus
 - Slink
- DOWN**

 - Green stone
 - Addict
 - Diamond players
 - What you get for a tit
 - Bring to life
 - Violate
 - Chevy model
 - Distinct period
 - It comes after braces
 - Garden State capital
 - Infrequent
 - Wild hog
 - Type of cracker
- Scrape
 - One who hates white people, e.g.
 - Hand propellers
 - Her
 - Drink sometimes bought by the yard
 - Egg order
 - Deceive
 - Poetry muse
 - Pants' type
 - "Not quite ____"
 - Devil
 - Patellas' homes
- Saucers' other half
 - Barbie's beau
 - Prying
 - Make a petty objection
 - Book of maps
 - Drain through
 - Milky in appearance
 - Loses degrees
 - Jiggle
 - Drunkard
 - Become cheerful
 - An animal
 - Lose balance
 - Wearing clothing
 - Rummage through; search
 - Singer DiFranco
 - Taverns
 - Synthetic material
 - Slightly lewd
 - Cactus curer
 - Aware of
 - Withered; dry
 - Enormous
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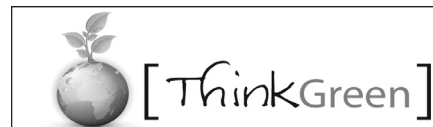
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To submit an event, go to eurekaspringsfestivalofthearts.com,

click on INFO at the top, and follow the directions for filling out the form for MFA events. There is no cost to submit to the website. From there your information will also be picked up for inclusion in the *Independent Fun Guide* and other publications.

The Arts Council and festival organizers are planning and promoting early, so don't chance being left out of May Arts event publicity.

Questions? Email artscouncileureka@gmail.com.

John Stalling presents new series

Local sculptor and metal artist, John Stalling, will present a new series of paintings and drawings at Brews during March.

An opening reception will be held for the show on Friday, March 6, from 5 – 8 p.m. Come enjoy good art and good company at Brews, corner of Spring and Pine, across from the post office.



Call for scripts

Joe Watts, Artistic Director of OZ-arks Drama Club, is calling for 10-minute scripts for the inaugural 10 x 10 Play Festival, a series of 10 ten-minute plays by writers from Eureka Springs and a 50-mile radius.

Submission deadline is March 25, after which the plays will be read and judged, and the top 10 will be performed in the Festival on a date to be announced. Plays must not run

longer than 10 minutes and must be submitted in play script format with page numbers. Monologues are not eligible, and the cast may be no more than five characters.

Plays must have a simple, single unit set, since they will run back to back. Each writer may submit up to two scripts. Scripts and any questions should be submitted to Joe Watts at joeleewatts@att.net, or phone 479-981-2880.



Original 2005 Cast – Bottom row, from left: Laurie Jackson, Sandy Davidson Goodier and Kendra Manley; Standing top row, right to left, Lauren Little Levine, Debi Walker, Rae Hahn, Robin Milam Weinmann, Becca Martin Brown and Vivian Brock. Jean Bolls and Rebecca Hahn were also in 2005 cast.

PHOTO BY JOHN RANKINE

Vagina Monologues 10th Anniversary production

Janet Alexander returns March 21 to direct a 10th Anniversary production of *The Vagina Monologues* by Eve Ensler one night only at The Aud. The event is a fundraiser for the Red Tent Sisters of Eureka Springs and a benefit for Carroll County Safety Network's work assisting women, children and families dealing with domestic abuse.

Alexander is happy to report a number of the original performers from 2005 have jumped back on board. "We are going to have such fun while raising awareness for a vital new organization, The Red Tent Sisters," she said.

Returning performers include: Robin Milam Weinmann, Becca Martin Brown, Rae Hahn, Rebecca Hahn, and Lauren Levine. New cast are: Amber Brown, Kodi Price, Dorothy Crookshank, Maureen Alexander, Patti Corcelli, Phyllis Moraga, Jillian Guthrie, and Kate Lucariello.

Lorna Trigg, co-founder of the Red Tent Sisters, will produce the event in association with Mothership Productions, promising "a full-stage production and lots of surprises from Janet Alexander and the cast."

Based on Eve Ensler's interviews with more than 200 women, the award-winning performance piece celebrates

women's sexuality and strength, and exposes the violations that women endure throughout the world. Ensler also founded the One Billion Rising annual event and has devoted her life to stopping violence, envisioning a planet in which women and girls will be free to thrive, rather than merely survive. Her work grows out of her own personal experiences with violence.

Don't miss *The Vagina Monologues* Saturday, March 21, 7 p.m. at the Aud. Tickets (\$25 or \$35 VIP) are being offered by Red Tent Sisters at local places including Eureka Market and Crystal Waters, and online at www.tinyurl.com/VM2015Eureka.

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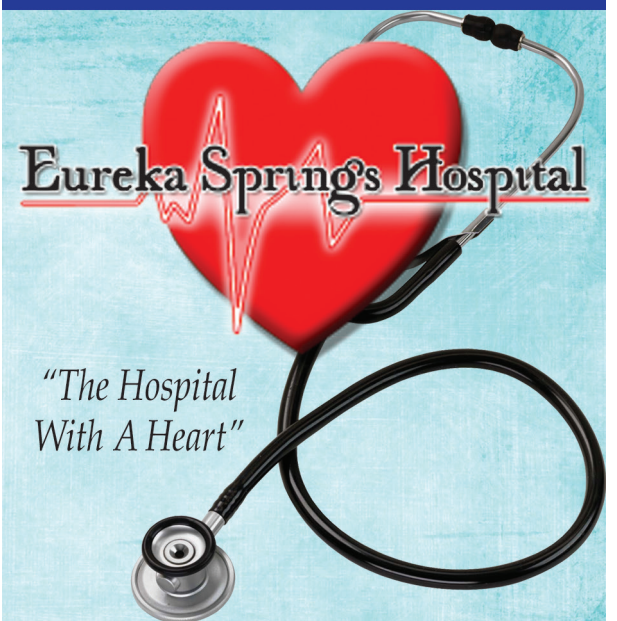
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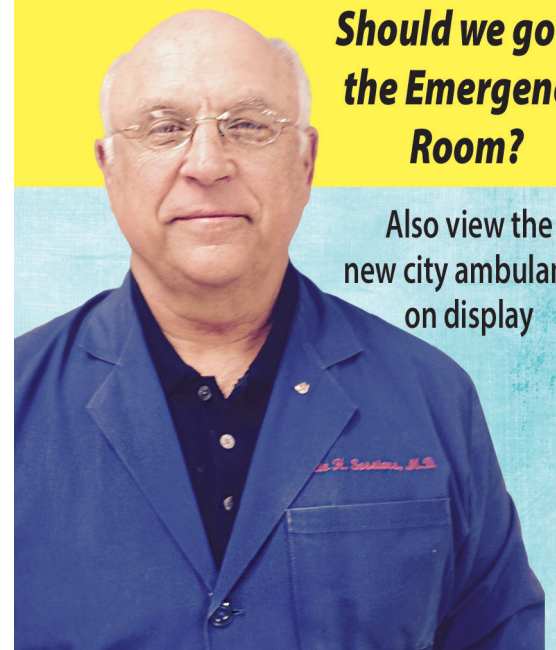
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