



## Eureka's 'holy war'

BECKY GILLETTE

The "Let's take back the city" meeting held March 7 at the Faith Christian Church on Passion Play Rd. drew an estimated 35 people, front page coverage in the *Arkansas Democrat Gazette*, and a blog post in the *Arkansas Times*, "Holy war in Eureka Springs over civil rights ordinance."

*"Christy may know his Bible, but seems unfamiliar with the U.S. Constitution's First Amendment or the contents of Eureka's NDO."*

— Michael D. Walsh

in and around Eureka Springs" to the meeting to discuss the issues surrounding the recent Chamber of Commerce and City Council actions.

"Hope you can attend," he said. "We have a plan. We need all Christians to unite... let's take back this city."

The meeting was called by Randall Christy, founder of the Gospel Station Network in Oklahoma, who took over as CEO of the Great Passion Play about two years ago after the attraction went into bankruptcy. In an email, Christy invited "Christians

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**Roll camera!** – Mark Wetzel, left, Zeek Taylor and Lilah Leigh Stiger get ready for their roles in *A Fistful of Noodles* being filmed by Teresa DeVito for April's Indie Film Fest. *Fistful* will have a cast of 10 or so plus about 20 extras.

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### This Week's INDEPENDENT Thinker

Jeff Longo was ambling down the sidewalk on a Florida hot day (hotter than other states' hot days, they say), and saw a mound of not quite sure what baking in the sun. He leaned over and found a... something... he only knew that it moved, so it was alive. He scooped it up and took it home.

It turned out to be a tiny, female Southern flying squirrel that would've been fried squirrel before long.

Jeff named her Biscuits. Then he hand-fed her every two hours until she outgrew his shirt pocket, and now she has her own private cage with a camo sleeping pouch.

And Jeff, he has an admiration thing happening, big time.



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## INDEPENDENTNews

### Council bans circuses

NICKY BOYETTE

Ordinance No. 2224 "Prohibiting Traveling Exotic Animal Performances" passed second and third readings at Monday's Eureka Springs City Council meeting, though opinion was firmly divided at the table.

Alderman James DeVito moved to put the ordinance on its second reading by title only, and after the reading alderman Terry McClung stated, "For me, the chance of a circus coming back here is zero. There's no location except Lake Leatherwood City Park and the ordinance is a waste of our time."

Alderman Mickey Schneider also disapproved of the ordinance but for a different reason. "I still think the people should vote on it." She maintained no one at the council table was an expert and could say for certain what is harmful to circus animals. She conjectured the ordinance could put the city in jeopardy of being sued, and asked City Attorney Tim Weaver his opinion.

"Is it likely?" Weaver asked rhetorically as he shrugged and grimaced. "Who's going to try to force their way in here?" He figured odds were slim there would be a suit, but admitted there was language in the ordinance he would rather not have to defend in court.

Schneider then contended that since there was a likelihood of being sued, why not put the issue to a vote of the people?

Alderman David Mitchell said he agreed with McClung that circuses are not lining up to come here for the small audience, but the real reason for passing the ordinance is putting Eureka Springs on record with the other cities who are making a statement about animal abuse.

"We're doing it because it is the right thing," he declared.

DeVito said he had received many emails about the topic, and agreed aldermen were not experts but council had done its homework. "I feel it is my duty to foster the wishes of the people I represent," he commented.

Schneider insisted there was no rush, and council would be denying people their right to a vote.

Council voted 4-2, McClung and Schneider voting No, to approve the second reading.

Then DeVito moved to put the ordinance on its third reading. The vote to have the third reading was 3-3, with

McClung, Schneider and alderman Robert Thomas voting No, but Mayor Butch Berry voted Yes, so the 4-3 vote put the ordinance on its final reading.

"What's the rush?" Schneider protested.

"We've been discussing it for six or eight months," alderman Joyce Zeller said, "and no one has told me they want to vote on this."

"Let's just move on and finish this up," Mitchell said.

"The majority of people here [on council] don't give a damn about what the people want!" Schneider said, not holding back dismay.

DeVito pointed out citizens have had plenty of time to make their feelings known during the past few months.

As on the previous reading, the vote was 4-2, with Schneider and McClung voting No, so the ordinance passed.

#### Public Comments

Both Rachel Brix and Rebecca Delaney spoke up for passage of Ordinance 2224. Delaney said it sends a clear message the town does not abide animal abuse, and Brix thanked council for "giving a voice to animals."

Jack Moyer, general manager of the Crescent and Basin Park Hotels, asked council to set up a subcommittee to review the city's finances and see where money can be found to pay for upgrades in infrastructure. He mentioned streets near the Crescent Hotel need attention.

He said council in 2008 passed Ordinance 2083 reallocating a one percent sales tax so that 65 percent went to the general fund and 35 percent went to the street fund. Originally, Moyer said, the tax had been split with 50 percent for water and sewer, 40 percent for street repair and ten percent for purchase of police and fire vehicles. He wondered if council should reconsider the allocation of the tax.

Ferguson Stewart told council it might have lost the trust of citizens with its recent actions, but he wanted to thank Mayor Berry for getting the money for repair of the tunnel near the courthouse. He urged council also to refocus on infrastructure.

Susie Bell said her congregation at the First United Methodist Church of Eureka Springs is a Reconciling Congregation, which means they are part of a national

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# Room for compromise over non-discrimination ordinance

BECKY GILLETTE

The debate over civil rights protection being extended to people regardless of gender identity or sexual orientation has ignited a firestorm of controversy that has seen Eureka Springs once again on the national stage, this time over the city's recent passage of Ordinance 2223.

The ordinance was passed Feb. 9 with emergency provisions that made it go into effect immediately. That action was taken just before the Arkansas Legislature enacted Senate Bill (SB) 202 to ban local governments from extending civil rights protections to any groups not protected under state law. Opponents of Eureka's non-discrimination ordinance (NDO) say it is a bad law passed too hastily and could interfere with religious rights.

Mayor Butch Berry said he believes there is room for compromise that might allay concerns of opponents. "To me there would certainly be room for compromise, especially when coming to exemptions for churches and even wedding establishments," Berry said.

Efforts to get voters to oppose Ordinance 2223 in a May 12 election are being led by Randall Christy, the Oklahoma preacher and Gospel Station radio program founder who took over the Great Passion Play after it closed in late 2012. Christy said he believes there are legitimate concerns about the ordinance, but would be very willing to sit down with the city and discuss them.

"Absolutely, I would be willing to compromise," Christy said. "I believe there is a great possibility that we could reach a solution to this controversy over Ordinance 2223, and I would be happy to be involved in trying to reach a solution that would

protect all people from discrimination and unite Eureka Springs. I love the people here, and this is a one-of-a-kind city that the world needs to know about."

Christy said he has the most concern about impacts to churches whose members believe marriage is sacred, and that God meant for marriage to be only between people of the opposite sex. Christy said churches and wedding chapels in town shouldn't be forced to marry same-sex couples.

Supporters of Ordinance 2223 say churches have nothing to fear, and are considered private establishments that don't have to comply with the NDO. Christy doesn't agree with that interpretation, and would like to exemptions for churches and wedding chapels specified in the law.

Berry said he doesn't think same sex couples not welcome at a church would want to be married or have a reception at that church.

"Why would I want to give them my money?" Berry asks.

Berry said the more important part of the NDO, in his opinion, is prohibiting discrimination in employment and housing to someone who is lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender (LGBT).

"There is a perception that if you are gay, they have the right to bar you from a job or deny you housing," Berry said. "To me, those are pretty important rights that we have for the majority of people in the U.S. There is a group of people who aren't enjoying those rights."

Berry said he believes extending protections to the GBLT community is constitutional.

"We are all supposed to be treated equal," Berry said.

Christy said the controversy is causing economic harm to Eureka Springs by making it appear that the city is willing to discriminate against Christians. In an email, he said there have been numerous threats against people because of their religious beliefs made since the city council passed 2223.

He said proponents of 2223 took pictures of the license plates of vehicles of attendees of a Eureka Springs Christian Alliance meeting Friday that Christy had said in an email was a meeting to "take back the town." In an email March 9, he said the photographing license plates was "a way to evoke fear in those who attended." Christy said the purpose of the meeting was to encourage Christians to treat all people with love and to get more involved in Eureka Springs.

Christy also said a list of Christians is being posted online in an attempt to instill fear in those on the list, and that a few Christian business owners in Eureka have been contacted and their businesses

threatened by people filled with hate and indignation.

"This has happened many times in the past as well, and seems to be a source of fear and intimidation that goes unchecked in this community," Christy said. "It seems bullying has been permitted in Eureka Springs, as long as it's against Christians and/or people who support the Passion Play. People who represent themselves in this manner should not be allowed to represent Eureka Springs in public office, nor should their views be honored by any of us."

His email ended with a call to oppose discrimination and for unity.

"We won't always agree on all things, but we can all care about each other and get along," Christy said.

Berry said he doesn't think the controversy is harming Eureka's economy.

"Eureka Springs is certainly one of the most liberal, forward and progressive cities in Arkansas," Berry said. "Based on our tax records from the past year, we

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## INDEPENDENTNews

### City approves water, sewer line insurance program

NICKY BOYETTE

Mayor Butch Berry told city council March 9 about the National League of Cities warranty program, an optional service line warranty homeowners can pay which insures the homeowner for repairs to water and sewer lines between the meter and the house. Berry said the program does not cover damage caused by broken pipes.

Customers would pay \$5.75 per month for a water line and \$7.75 per month for sewer, and a customer can choose to cover both or only one line.

Berry said the service does not commit the city in any way.

Council unanimously passed Resolution 655 approving participation by Eureka Springs in the program.

#### Other council items

- Virgil Fowler was approved to sit on the Historic District Commission.

- Alderman Mickey Schneider said she had come to the end of her search for what to do with yard wastes in town. She said she has learned Eureka Springs is limited by its current shredding equipment and the lack of more available city-owned space to do anything it is not already doing.

- Council corrected an omission from a past meeting. The previous council had

discussed the 2012 legislative audit but never voted to accept it. This council voted unanimously to accept the 2012 legislative audit.

- Aldermen also approved Resolution 656 supporting the Parks Department's application for an 80-20 matching grant from the Arkansas State Highway & Transportation Dept. to improve a stretch of trail near Dairy Hollow Road. The trail would be hard-surfaced and handicapped-accessible, and the total amount of the grant is \$39,500. Parks would need to pay \$7,900.

- Berry told council he wanted to set up a joint meeting with the Parks Commission to discuss possibilities for the old high school property. He said a committee which has been working on this for two years wants to present ideas to council and Parks. Council agreed to meet with Parks at 5 p.m., Tuesday, March 17, which is an hour before the Parks Commission meeting.

Next council meeting will be Monday, March 23, at 6 p.m.

### Blue Skies On The Way *Read ahead for April book study*

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.

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.



**St. Paddy's Colleen** – Colleen for the 2015 St. Patrick's Day Parade is Natalie Royal, a 9<sup>th</sup> grade student at Eureka Springs High School. She is the daughter of Danielle Royal of Eureka Springs and David Royal of Fort Smith. Natalie is a member of the Eureka Springs Lady Highlanders volleyball team and is a gold card member of the Renaissance Club. Natalie works at Sparky's and enjoys riding her horse.

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# Rose says Bishop firing unfair

BECKY GILLETTE

Toni Rose said Monday she resigned as director of operations for the Greater Eureka Springs Chamber of Commerce because Chamber President/CEO Mike Bishop was fired for insubordination. Bishop had issued a Chamber statement of concern about the city's passage of a non-discrimination ordinance (NDO) even though he had worked on crafting that statement with Allen Huffman, who was president of the Chamber board.

“I resigned on principle because the executive committee at no time told Mike he could not release a statement to the press,” Rose said. “The executive committee discussed at length what talking points the Chamber could officially discuss. Then Mike Bishop created the statement, and ran it by Allen Huffman. Allen and Mike discussed it and made some changes to it, and then Mike sent it back to Allen and copied me. That was the statement

that was released to both the *Citizen* and the *Independent*.”

Rose said if a statement wasn't going to be released, what was the point of going through the discussion process, telling Bishop what points the Chamber was comfortable in stating, and creating a statement. She said the easiest way to take a stand on the issue was to send out a written document that couldn't be disputed.

Allen, who heads the local branch of Arvest Bank, later resigned as Chamber board president. He has not returned phone calls for comments, nor has Bishop. Chamber executive committee board members declined to comment beyond confirming that Bishop had been fired and Rose had resigned. The Chamber said a statement would be released, but no statement was forthcoming as of press time.

An article on the topic in the March 5 *Independent* referred to Bishop and Rose as architects of the chamber statement.

Rose, who sent the Chamber statement to newspapers, said she was not the architect of the statement. She said her role was confined to being the official notetaker when the board executive committee met to discuss the issue.

However, in the interview Monday, she agreed with the concerns expressed in the statement.

"Of course I agree with the position," she said. "That doesn't mean I was the architect of the statement. I just have feelings about it. Sometimes as the leadership in this city, you have to put down whatever flag you are waving, whatever cause, and ask, 'Is this the right thing for our city and are we fulfilling our judiciary responsibility to keep this city from financial hardship?' Maybe we need to stop and think about this a bit. Maybe we need to let the public weigh in on this. There was no emergency. I understand how emotional this issue is. The city council was elected to represent people, but also to

take care of the city. And [city attorney] Tim Weaver warned them, maybe we need to slow down, maybe we are opening ourselves to liabilities. Anyone looking at this ordinance sees gigantic holes in legal liability for both the city and businesses.”

Rose said Bishop was fired for insubordination because he allegedly had been told not to put out that statement.

“That is what Kent Butler, [current board president] Cathy Handley and Lisa McMahon told him when they came over from their board meeting this past Monday,” Rose said.

Rose said it is a fair assumption that the Chamber board started getting heat about the position statement, and decided the statement was unwise.

"Now everyone, including myself, has attorneys involved, so it is difficult to speak publicly without compromising whatever case people, including myself, think they might have," Rose said.

## KNOW YOUR FACTS





## Local voices ignored on US 62 expansion

BECKY GILLETTE

Who decides which Carroll County highways get widening projects or other improvements? Berryville Mayor Tim McKinney said it looks like the Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department (AHTD) is in the driver's seat, not people who live in Carroll County.

"It appears over the last several years that the AHTD has developed a 'take it or leave it' attitude regarding projects in Carroll County," McKinney said. "No public input from the general citizenry, business leaders or elected officials is solicited until a project is already in the design stage. Personally, I have received more information from the local coffee shop about AHTD plans in recent years than from the department itself."

McKinney said a case where the wishes of locals were ignored is the current US 62 widening project between Berryville and Green Forest. McKinney said he has never seen traffic congestion on that road, which has wide shoulders and plenty of places to pass.

McKinney and other Berryville leaders instead wanted the money put towards improvements to Arkansas Hwys. 23S and 21S to provide better access to Hwy. 412.

"Tyson Foods and many other companies, along with the citizens of the eastern half of Carroll County, are very interested in seeing these improvements made to Arkansas Hwy. 21S that were discussed some ten years ago, as they are seen as essential to our future economic growth and public safety," McKinney said in a letter to the ADHT in protest of a public involvement meeting held in Berryville two years ago regarding the widening of US 62. "Carroll County needs road improvements that do more than move traffic quickly and easily from Berryville east on U.S. 62, which in my opinion has not been a big problem in the past."

"As you continue to make future plans for highways in Carroll County, I hope you will consider soliciting the involvement of local officials, business leaders and the general citizenry and gain the valuable insight of local people for which your plans impact the most."

Joyce Carlson, who lives in the area where the road is being widened, said the widening project that has adversely impacted her was not needed.

"When I found out what they were going to do to my trees and my yard, I did a Freedom of Information Act

request, and what I received makes me believe that ADHT got federal funding for the project based on untruths and misinformation," she said. "They said the majority of people who lived on the road were in favor of the highway expansion when only about 20 percent of the people even knew about the meeting and showed up for it."

In addition to the letter from McKinney, she also saw a letter from the Berryville Chamber of Commerce saying the greater need was to improve Highways 21 and 23 South connecting to Highway 412 – major corridors for the largest business in town, the Tyson's chicken processing plant.

Carlson said she feels the ADHT fudged the data by claiming 8,000 cars a day use that section of Highway 62. She has done estimated counts, and come up with more like 800.

Documents Carlson received from ADHT show the agency told the federal government that US 62 expansion was needed because they were expecting 11,000 cars per day to use that route in the next five years.

"It is an absolute lie," Carlson said.

"Basically I don't why they are doing it all. It was the highway expansion that caused everything else, including moving the Carroll Boone Water District (CBWD) water line that has caused major problems at my home."

"There is no reason for the four lane. All they needed to do was put in a turn lane. There are other people here who now will have a highway within eighteen feet of their front door. We aren't only ones affected on this road, and we won't be the only ones affected by this project."

Initially the highway design curved down onto Carlson's property, which made no sense to Carlson as the curve appeared unwarranted and would have been a far greater intrusion on her home. That curve meant that CBWD would have had to come close enough to her house to require removal of large trees, and could have also impacted her well. She corresponded with the ADHT and was successful in getting the curve straightened out to lessen the impact and reduce the amount of land CBWD wanted for the right-of-way from more than two acres of .6 of an acre.

The ADHT failed to return calls for comment.

## Code red alert for type O Negative blood types

The Community Blood Center of the Ozarks (CBCO) has issued a code red alert for O Negative blood and code yellow alert for all other negative blood types. A recent winter storm resulted in blood drive cancellations and donations are needed immediately.

There will be two blood drives in Berryville on Friday, March 20 with the first from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. at Tyson's, 110

W. Freeman, and the second from 2:30 – 5:30 p.m. at the Wal-Mart Supercenter.

Each donation will be awarded LifePoints as a part of CBCO's donor rewards program. To be eligible to give blood you must weigh at least 110 points, be in good health and present a valid photo ID. For details on LifePoints donor rewards visit [www.cbco.org](http://www.cbco.org) or call toll free (800) 280-5337.

## 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 March 15, Trella Laughlin will speak on "Women We Do Not Know," including Winona LaDuke, Anishinabe of White Earth Reservation in Minnesota; Wilma Mankiller, first female chief of the Cherokee Nation in Oklahoma; Indigenous Women's Network, Austin, Texas; Dorothy Turner, president, Black

Citizens Task Force; and many more to be respected.

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

## Socc it to 'em

Thursday, March 12, the Highlanders host the Rogers JV Girls at 5 p.m. at Lake Leatherwood City Park. Afterwards, the boys will play a Red/White Game starting at 7 p.m.



**Large crowd marks 'Buffalo Savings Time'** – People came from all over the region to demonstrate support for the safety and health of the Buffalo National River Sunday morning. Many signed a petition asking Gov. Asa Hutchinson to help reinstate the ban on allowing additional large and medium hog confined feeding operations to be sited within the watershed of the river. The Arkansas Legislature is expected to vote soon on whether to place a permanent ban on allowing further large and medium hog feeding facilities in the watershed surrounding the Buffalo River.

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## Mormon Church supports anti-bias legislation; ACLU says HB 1228 could be harmful

BECKY GILLETTE

At the same time Arkansas legislators have overwhelmingly approved Senate Bill (SB) 202 that prevents cities and counties from passing non-discrimination ordinances for any categories not covered by state law, another of the more conservative states in the U.S., Utah, is seeing a bi-partisan effort to extend civil rights protections to the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) community.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (the Mormon Church) is supporting legislation that would make it illegal to discriminate in employment or housing based on someone's gender identity or sexual orientation. The Mormon Church praised lawmakers for striving to strike a balance between the many competing concerns in today's world.

A church statement said, "The principle that we have urged legislators to address is that of fairness for everyone. In a society which has starkly diverse views on what rights should be protected, the most sensible way to move forward is for all parties to recognize the legitimate concerns of others. LGBT people cannot

be fired or denied housing just for being gay. At the same time, religious conscience and the right to protect deeply held religious beliefs is protected by robust legislation."

About 77 percent of legislators in Utah identify themselves as Mormon, and the endorsement of legislation by the Mormon Church usually guarantees passage. The Mormons recently announced changes in their policies for treatment of gay church members, who in the past have been persecuted and shunned.

About half the donations for Proposition 8 in California, which outlawed gay marriage, came from the Mormon members. The church came in for heavy criticism for that campaign, and recently announced a change in its policies towards the LGBT community.

The anti-bias legislation was adopted by the Utah Senate March 6. Utah Senate Majority Whip Stuart Adams, a Republican, said, "If Utah can do this, in my opinion, it can be done anywhere in the nation."

### The Conscience Protection Act

In an interview published a week ago in the *Independent*, Rep. Bob Ballinger

questioned why legislative supporters of the LGBT community have not introduced anti-bias legislation. Ballinger sponsored not just SB 202, but also House Bill (HB) 1228, which opponents claim would make it legal to discriminate against gay people or anyone else who is considered sinful by that person's religion.

The Arkansas ACLU says HB 1228 is unnecessary because the Constitution already protects freedom of religion.

"This new law puts religious beliefs ahead of the common good," the ACLU says.

The ACLU points to the following ways that HB 1228 could be used in harmful ways.

- Public Safety – A man could claim his beliefs give him the right to ignore domestic violence laws and harm his wife and children.

- Business liability – Employees could claim they don't have to follow

company policies that don't comply with their beliefs. A restaurant worker doesn't want to serve mixed race couple and the restaurant gets sued.

- Discrimination – A landlord could refuse to rent to an unmarried couple, or a woman who has had children without being married.

- A teacher could refuse to teach a gay student.

"If this bill passes, people and businesses could argue that their religious beliefs allow them to refuse to comply with other laws or policies, and that there is an open season on discrimination," the ACLU said.

SB 202 passed the House, 58-21. Ballinger's HB 1228, titled "the Conscience Protection Act," passed in the House, 70-20. At press time, HB 1228 had failed to make it out of the Senate Judiciary Committee, but there are continuing efforts to get it passed.

## Agencies collaborate on arrests

Two armed robbery suspects were arrested shortly after a robbery in Hugh on March 9. Forty-five year-old Christopher Wayne Barker of Green Forest has been charged with Aggravated Robbery, Possession of Firearm by Certain Person, Theft, and Commercial Burglary, and 19 year-old Travis Arron Boling of Green Forest has been charged with Aggravated Robbery, Theft, and Commercial Burglary.

According to Major George Frye of the Carroll County Sheriff's Office, on Monday at about 5 p.m., a male entered the Hugh Mini Mart and raised his shirttail, showing an employee what appeared to be a pistol in his waistband, and demanded cash. The employee gave the suspect an undisclosed amount of money from the cash register, and the male departed as the passenger in a dark colored vehicle. As the vehicle was leaving, the employee was able to capture a digital image of the

vehicle with her cell phone.

Carroll County Dispatch broadcasted an initial description of the suspects and vehicle on law enforcement radio. KTHS Radio promptly aired the description of one of the suspects and the suspect vehicle. CCSO posted this same information on social media.

An Arkansas State Police Trooper remembered that in late February 2015, ASP had issued a warning for a broken taillight cover to a vehicle matching the description. Using their reporting system, the address of the registered owner of the vehicle was used to locate the vehicle, which ASP and Green Forest Police found in the Green Forest city limits.

Based on eyewitness accounts, physical and digital evidence recovered at the scene, and physical evidence recovered at the residence, Carroll County deputies and investigators made Probable Cause arrests of the two suspects.

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## Legal rights of all

Editor,

Black Elk describes the great vision thus, "... for I was seeing in a sacred manner the shapes of all things in the spirit, and the shape of all things as they must live together like one being. And I saw that the sacred hoop of my people was one of many hoops that made one circle, wide as daylight and as starlight, and in the center grew one mighty tree to shelter all the children of one mother and one father. And I saw that it was holy." *Black Elk Speaks* as told by John G. Neihardt, 1932.

Dr. Robert Buckman in "Human Wildlife" makes the case that only 10 percent of our cells are human. The remainder are bacteria, and other complete or partial life-forms that co-exist or synergize within us to create the very bodies that carry our souls and minds through our lives; in sickness or in health, for richer or poorer – we are all composites of all aspects of our environment; physical emotional and social.

Only race, ethnicity and national origin are immutable determinants upon which each life is built. It is that very immutability that commands a just society to affirm the legal rights of all, independent of the other "mutable" elements recognized in Ordinance 2223.

**Laura L. Coker**

## Vote Yes on 2223

Editor,

On Feb. 9, the city council passed Ordinance 2223 protecting persons who live or work within the city and granting equal access to employment, housing and public accommodations. It prohibits discrimination based on real or perceived race, ethnicity, national origin, age, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, disability and veteran status.

Unfortunately, a group who purports to represent all Christians immediately began to clamor for the repeal of this ordinance by claiming it grants special rights and privileges to gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender persons.

A group headed by men who claim to know what Jesus actually meant when he stated that we should love one another have hijacked this ordinance. They claim that they need to "retake" this city. They play upon the fear and loathing they taught their followers to fuel a repeal 2223.

But actually there is a bigger reward should they achieve their goal. They can restore the superiority that was once held by white men until the middle of the 20th century. They can act upon their bias hiding behind their white cloaks of religious righteousness.

As Americans we should be extending our constitutionally granted rights to everyone regardless of their gender or skin color, and no matter which way the chose to express their spirituality. Look beyond the single issue that this biased group wants to use as an excuse to restrict the grace and dignity to which each and every one of us is entitled. Vote "Yes" on May 12 to uphold Ordinance 2223.

**LauraJo Smole**

## Economic strength

Editor,

To you who oppose ordinance 2223

I, along with my constituents, make it our policy to *never* go to establishments that put our businesses at venues where, dine at restaurants that, or buy merchandise from companies that discriminate based on sexual orientation, race, or gender. Period. So those of you who want to repeal 2223, take your "not good for business" excuse and remove it from your bank account. We

do not eat at Chick-fil-A, buy Fancy Feast, purchase merchandise at Urban Outfitters, eat at Cracker Barrel, or purchase any of Purina's products for our 100s of pets. Fair warning, we will boycott any and all Eureka Springs establishments, churches, and the like who oppose 2223.

There are no legitimate reasons for being decidedly prejudiced against your fellow human beings. For those of you who cite the bible as validation for your bigotry, "Where was the Bible written again? Last time I checked, ancient Galilee is not one of the 50 states." **JON STEWART**

Ask me how proud I am of the Eureka Springs City Council for passing ordinance 2223.

Inclusive and loving heterosexual,

**Julie Freeman, Ph.D.**

## Time to focus on leaking sewers

Editor,

What brought me to want live here in Eureka Springs and not any other place was the type of people that live here. They are unique to Eureka Springs and they would not want to live anywhere else. The character of these Eureka Springs made me want to be part of this community and become one of its citizens. They have certain qualities that most people of these United States can only hope for. These are trustfulness, honesty, integrity, acceptance, openness, spiritual dedication and faithfulness, helpfulness, kindness and many more.

But this city council after the actions of Feb. 2 have lost the faith and trust of its citizens by the actions it took. This action IMHO was at best not of the best interest of Eureka Springs. I hope this council will use the tools that the taxpayers of Eureka Spring

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## WEEK'S TopTweets

**@goldengateblond:** Ten seconds of drug commercials are spent telling you what the drug is for and the rest is spent basically daring you to take it.

**@RobtBeau:** That first kiss in the morning is so special, and the dog enjoys it too.

**@Interdome:** "Well, very clearly cats were sacred to them." - Archeologist who discovers the Internet

**@NickMotown:** Jamie Oliver says there's "nothin worse in the

world than an undercooked green bean" – I'll go out on a limb & say he doesn't watch the news.

**@Angrea:** I don't sign anything without pretending to read it first.

**@shariv67:** Show me on this lemon where life gave it to you.

**@Matt\_Tice:** I'm leaving for London tomorrow. It's going to be really weird Tweeting from the left hand side of the road.

**@thesulk:** Calling someone "one in a million" in China means they aren't that special.



If you're for something, you're for it.  
That doesn't mean you have  
to be against anything.

A woman who moved here 50 years ago had high heels, high mascara and high hopes for her new life. She learned to shed outward signs of the city within a few months. She became so involved in being a local, she was even refused service at a downtown café because she was considered by the owner to be a hippie.

"I had done the right things all my life. I had an employed husband. Children in school. We owned property, paid taxes and tithed. But I was publicly diminished because I was wearing overalls. Or maybe because I was having coffee with a real hippie. Whatever it was, I knew then I wanted to be with my friend more than I wanted to drink their coffee."

The woman went on for quite a while remembering her initiation to a town that didn't like "her kind."

"When I got to town, all I knew about family was my family. We were a big family, thirteen children. We were always with family, which included uncles, cousins, in-laws and a smattering of boyfriends.

"What I found out about Eureka Springs was that there was such a thing as extended family. That was news to me. I never knew you could have friends who cared about you, cooked for you, spent birthdays with you, loved you. They were closer than family had ever been. And they were lifelong. Actually, they still are.

"I was in fantasy land for a long time after we moved here. I would wake up in the morning and still not quite believe that I, the daughter of Mississippi sharecroppers, could live in this town where people seemed to enjoy talking to me, where people were interesting. I would pinch myself and think, 'Can you believe you just had a conversation with a writer? An artist?'

"It's been a long time since that morning in the coffee shop. We stuck to our business and our friends, and stayed away from those who didn't think we should be here. We had a gay grandchild, but for heaven's sake, who doesn't?

"Save the Ozarks changed my way of thinking. I got active. I already knew that this place brought out the best in each of us, and for those it didn't, they didn't last long. They were mostly investors who called themselves saviors. But Save the Ozarks was grassroots. Hippies. Gays. Christians. Kids. Military. It was a genuine movement to stop others from thinking they could take what we had without even knowing what that was. We had it, and it wasn't something you could buy or sell. They showed me we could push the river."

This town of 3,000 was incorporated on Valentine's Day 1880, and celebrated its first birthday on the Fourth of July 1880 with a population of 4,000. Those who were here in 1879 couldn't believe that six months later there would be an epic land grab, and no one knew how to deal with those who came with money and attitude to make the town theirs. The town was full of hunters, healers, preachers and dreamers, swashbucklers, storytellers and liars. People came from all over the country to be here, for as many reasons as there were people. They didn't happen on this town by accident – there were still no roads!

The town went through rugged times from the word Go, but never something that couldn't be overcome. After the Depression, Louis and Elsie Freund visited and were blown away by the beauty, the air, the emotion of Eureka Springs. They brought a lot of Kansas City Art Institute friends to town, and a resurgence in loveliness started. Buildings were painted, both on the outside and on canvas. Trees were planted.

Then the hippies came. They couldn't get a cup of coffee, but they managed to heal from the atrocity of the Vietnam War. They also planted trees, and then hugged them.

The Christians were always here, and they healed, too. Even the most fervent and literal soon realized that life here is not what we're against; life is what we're about.

The gays were always here, too, from the beginning, always making things smart and pretty, and occasionally making waves with lifestyles some simply didn't understand, but they, too, learned that splash is fun and harmony is essential.

Seems we all need a cup of coffee, together. It doesn't mean we have to marry each other.

Mary Pat Boian



## The Pursuit Of HAPPINESS

by Dan Krotz

My great grandfather, Lars Hoihjelle, emigrated from Norway to the United States in 1889. His wife, Raganhild, came two years later with their three sons, Lyle, Knut and Emil. On the voyage over, sailors taught my great-grandmother how to greet her husband in English; when she and the boys got off the train in Minneapolis, she smiled shyly, and said, "Hello, Lars, you old son of a bitch. How are you?"

Lars and Raganhild bought farmland in western Minnesota on the South Dakota border. They lived on the land for the next 50 years with Knut and Emil, and later, a daughter named Alma. None of these children married, and they died on the farm, too. Their son Lyle, my grandfather, moved to town and became the town blacksmith. He married a Catholic woman, the immigrant child of parents who came from Germany. It was a "mixed marriage" and something of a scandal.

Emil fought in WWI and was gassed at the Battle of St. Mihiel under the command of Jack Pershing. After he came home, he was "funny in the head" and hardly ever spoke. When we came to visit the farm as children, Emil would leave the house, walk into the corn, and stay there until we left.

Norwegian was exclusively spoken at home, but they knew enough English to enjoy William Bendix on *The Life of Riley*, and to get the weather off the radio. My grandfather and grandmother spoke English by default; Lyle couldn't speak German, and ditto for Grandma and Norwegian.

The entire family, from Lars to Alma, were reliable Republican Party voters up until 1932. Then, like most Americans, they opted for Franklin Roosevelt and the New Deal, and probably cast their last votes for Hubert Humphrey, a Democrat.

Not a single one of these people took a US Citizenship test. No one asked them for an ID when they voted. And no one asked to see their papers. No one ever called my great-grandfather, or his sons Lyle, Knut and Emil, "Dreamers." If they called them anything at all, it was Mr. Hoihjelle, or Sir.



## 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](http://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](mailto: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](http://www.nwarkaa.org)

# INDEPENDENT ConstablesOnPatrol

## MARCH 2

12:38 p.m. – A pickup was blocking an intersection downtown because its wheel had fallen off. Vehicle was towed.

12:50 p.m. – Person asked ESPD to deliver an emergency message to an address. Constable complied.

12:57 p.m. – Constable provided an escort for a funeral procession.

1:08 p.m. – Resident reported a vehicle had slid off the roadway into her yard causing damage.

## MARCH 3

10:03 a.m. – Constables were called to the scene of a neighbor dispute just east of downtown.

2:09 p.m. – Customers at a restaurant complained to the manager a male was doing drugs in the bathroom. Constable arrived and spoke with a person matching the description who claimed he was waiting for a friend to pick him up and take him to Fayetteville.

7:10 p.m. – Constable reported to the residence of a male not breathing. He notified the coroner.

## MARCH 4

10:56 a.m. – Detective took a report from an individual who claimed the wheel assembly from a vehicle he had been working on had been stolen from his garage.

11:27 a.m. – Witness told ESPD a vehicle had hit a mailbox in front of a business on US 62 on the western edge of town. Constable found the disabled vehicle parked at a tourist lodging. The owner of the vehicle claimed he had had his accident out of city limits. Constable found no damage in city limits, so he referred the situation to the sheriff’s office.

11:28 a.m. – Constable noticed a gas leak from a relief valve at a vacant building. He called the gas company and ESFD, and gas company capped the leak.

11:50 p.m. – One motorist reported another motorist heading to town from the west might be intoxicated. Constable encountered the vehicle at a gas station and found the driver was not intoxicated, just cautious about driving in snow.

## MARCH 5

12:16 p.m. – Apprehensive observer told ESPD a man wearing a sidearm had entered a bank. Constable responded and discovered the man worked for the transport service.

1:12 p.m. – A vehicle disabled at the bottom of a street required a tow truck. Constable provided assistance.

1:20 p.m. – Alarm was triggered at the side door of a building along US 62, but the constable on patrol found the building secure.

2:20 p.m. – Caller claimed he had been threatened by a neighbor.

3:10 p.m. – Constables watched for but did not encounter a reportedly erratic driver headed to town from the east.

4:03 p.m. – ESFD responded to a fire alarm at a motel. The alarm had been set off accidentally.

5:30 p.m. – Constable responded to the high school because a door was unlocked.

9:06 p.m. – An unnerved female asked for constable assistance in removing a male from her premises. The

constable made sure the male left and the female was safe.

## MARCH 6

9:07 p.m. – ESPD got word of an intoxicated driver who drove away from a convenience store. Constable encountered the vehicle, but the driver was already at home.

9:37 p.m. – There was a domestic disturbance near downtown. Constables found there was property damage and the female was transported by EMS.

## MARCH 7

6:27 a.m. – Staff at ESH asked for assistance with a patient under the influence of some drug. Before the constable arrived, the patient broke out a window and walked away down a nearby street. After a short foot pursuit, constable arrested her.

10:17 a.m. – A vehicle temporarily blocked access to a church entrance, but it was gone by the time a constable could get there.

11:40 p.m. – Proprietor of a motel asked constables to check one of the upstairs rooms. Guests had noticed people entering it around midnight and leaving early in the morning. Constables found an upstairs room unlocked and the manager relocked it.

## MARCH 8

1:47 p.m. – Merchant uptown noticed a storage shed looked like it had been broken into. Constable investigated and filed a report.

5:34 p.m. – Neighbor reported there were people in a nearby house that was supposed to be vacant. They even had a fire going. Constables spoke with them and advised them to leave town and not come back.

8:38 p.m. – Manager of a tourist lodging complained about loud music disturbing guests. Constable cruised the area and did not hear any loud music.

## MARCH 9

12:21 a.m. – Girlfriend called from a motel to report her boyfriend had beaten her up. Constable encountered the boyfriend in his vehicle behind the building and arrested him for third degree domestic assault.

5:16 a.m. – Passerby noticed three persons behind a vacant building and thought they were trying to break in. Constable who responded did not find signs of attempted forced entry.

## Ham Radio March 12, 19

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

The club will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 19, in the physicians building at Mercy Hospital, Berryville. Go to [lsarc.us](http://lsarc.us) online or email [gmlar@outlook.com](mailto:gmlar@outlook.com) for details.

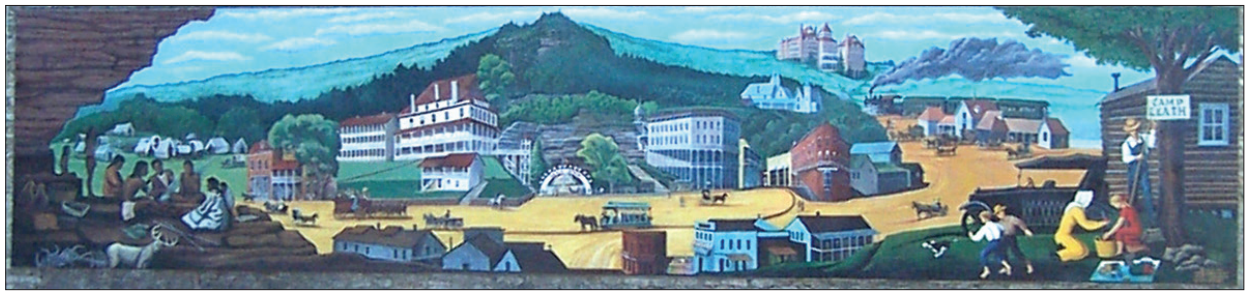


## Centennial mural to be restored

The Eureka Springs Preservation Society has been awarded an Arkansas Heritage Month Grant from the Arkansas Department of Heritage. Grant funds, with matching funds from ESPS, will be used to restore the Centennial Mural on North Main Street.

The mural was one of the big projects of Eureka Springs' Centennial in 1979. It was designed by local Louis Freund, a nationally known muralist, and painted by Freund and other local artists. By 2005, despite an earlier spot restoration, the mural's original vivid colors had faded to pale tones. Several small grants and donations were pieced together so local artists could restore the mural before it disappeared completely.

Due to its extreme exposure issues, the mural is



again in need of maintenance. This work will be done by Norton Art Conservators.

Another Preservation Society project has been the renovation of Calif Spring. In May, Arkansas Heritage Month, the Preservation Society will host an event at

the Historical Museum to celebrate both the Centennial Mural and Calif Spring. Both projects are one of the ways money generated by the Society's Christmas Tour of Homes is used to benefit preservation in Eureka Springs.

## Don't fear the dead walking – fear them *running*!

Join the fun of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Zombie Tag beginning at 11 a.m. on March 28 at Lake Leatherwood City Park for an afternoon of skill and horror with more than 100 other zombie enthusiasts from around the area.

As they arrive from 11 – 11:30 a.m., human players will be issued life tags, undergo basic training, be organized into

platoons and sent on special survival missions throughout the park beginning at noon. Along the way, watch out for hungry zombies trying to grab the life tags (similar to flag football). Players earn points and find extra life tags by completing each mission.

Zombie Tag is a no contact event and no weapons are allowed. Instead

of weapons, special anti-zombie marshmallows will be provided to stun undead attackers. No other physical contact or contraband ammunition is allowed. Although injuries from hand-tossed marshmallows are unlikely, it is recommended that all players wear eye protection (safety glasses or goggles).

This is also a canned food drive for

the Flint Street Food Bank. Players that bring two cans of food receive one extra life tag to help them win the game.

Tickets are \$10 for this fun event all ages can enjoy. For tickets and information about the game, prizes, rules, obstacle course, safe zones and more, see [www.EurekaZombieTag.com](http://www.EurekaZombieTag.com) soon – tickets are expected to sell out quickly!

## TheNATUREofEUREKA by Steven Foster

### Generation A-Z: Evolution or Devolution?

Not to worry, we humans are not descended from apes, only from a common ancestor. When God created anthropologists 6,000 years ago, she meant for them to discover fossils. In the 4 March 2015 issue of the journal *Science*, researchers reported on the 2013 discovery of a *Homo* jawbone fossil found in Ethiopia. Placed at up to

2.84 million years old, the fossil extends our direct ancestral timeline by about 400,000 years. A graduate student found the bone sticking out of the ground. He didn't even have to dig for it.

That discovery got me to thinking about differences that I see in generations living at the same time as me.

Recently, a friend's 87-year-old mother passed away in Fayetteville. A child of the Great Depression, though not wanting of material goods, she proved frugal in measurable ways. No matter what her daughter does to consciously conserve water, the water bill is still twice that of her mother's. Frugality and careful management of personal resources defines the "Silent Generation" (born between 1925-1946). My generation, Baby Boomers (born between 1946-1964), stand in idealistic judgment of the Silent Generation as we watch their solid 18-karat golden years fade into our uncertain, thin,

electroplated golden years.

Last week I spoke at the 4<sup>th</sup> annual Florida Herb Conference. Among the 600 attendees I was one of the few old Baby Boomers –

reflecting admiring, if misplaced, respect in the bright eyes of the youthful attendees. In my keynote, I spoke about my teachers who imparted truth as evidenced by facts. Like fossils, you have to dig for truth – unless it is handed to you or just sits on the surface in plain sight.

The audience included a smattering of attendees from Generation X (born between 1965-1980) – the lost generation, experiencing a resurgence of nostalgia (or as we Baby Boomers say, they are starting to learn). Self-absorbed Millennials or Generation Y (born between 1980-1999) dominated the audience. They prefer information delivered in 142 characters or less, a text message; no phone calls, please. We don't dig for information, we expect it to be delivered.

Despite the observable generational differences, we are all members of the 2.8 million-year-old genus *Homo*, and a single species *Homo sapiens* (which translates to "wise man").

"If I created them in my own image," God mused, "I had better seek counseling."





# Beaver Lake Master Plan

## open house

### *Public input sought*

The Corps of Engineers is hosting an open house at the Inn of the Ozarks Thursday, March 12, 2 – 7 p.m. The Corps is starting the process of revising the Master Plan for Beaver Lake, and welcomes public input at this event.

The master plan affects future management of natural resources and recreational opportunities to ensure

the sustainability of Beaver Lake, and revision will set the stage for a later update of the operational management plan and shoreline management plan. This is your opportunity to let the Corps know how you would like the lake to be managed for the future. To see more, enter Corps of Engineers Master Plan for Beaver Lake in your browser search bar.

## Final gardening classes

The last Foundation Farm gardening classes at the Unitarian Church building, 17 Elk, will be 3:30 – 5 p.m. on March 12 and 19. Get the lowdown on Four-season Gardening on March 12 and Insect & Disease Management on March 19. The

following Thursday, March 26, a hands-on class on preparing a garden bed will be held at Foundation Farm.

Fee is \$20/class. For directions and details, email [mamakapa@yahoo.com](mailto:mamakapa@yahoo.com) or see [www.foundationfarm.com](http://www.foundationfarm.com).

## Metafizzies explore Kumbh Mela

The March 16 meeting of the Eureka Springs Metaphysical Society will feature a video on the world's largest religious gathering, the Kumbh Mela, which takes place once every 12 years

on the banks of the Ganges in Allahabad, India. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. in the reading room of the Christian Science Church, 68 Mountain St. All are welcome.

## 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.

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

Enjoy live skits to contemporary Christian music by For His Glory Drama Group, and more music from JR Poulson and Soul Purpose Ministries. Speaker will be Pastor Joe Heintzelman. All are welcome! For details phone (479) 256-6711.

## Mary Magdalene guest speaker at ladies fellowship

The Holiday Island Community Church Ladies Fellowship will meet Saturday, March 14, at 10 a.m. to hear Mary Magdalene (Sharon Jacobson) share her experiences from the first Easter weekend. Sharon has performed as different Bible characters at the Great Passion Play Holy Land Tour for 10 years.

This celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ is being presented on Saturday instead of Monday to allow ladies who work the opportunity to attend. All are invited to stay for fellowship and refreshments after the presentation at the church, 188 State Line Drive, in Holiday Island. For details call Roxie Breaux (337) 513-9346.

## One-day-only book sale

Friends of the Library and Clear Spring School students will host a used book sale Saturday, March 14, from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. in the Library Annex, 192A Spring Street. Choose from hundreds of books, priced at \$1 for hardbacks and trade paperbacks, and 25¢ or 50¢ for pocket paperbacks. For more information, contact the Carnegie Public Library at (479) 253-8754 or [info@eurekalibrary.org](mailto:info@eurekalibrary.org).

### **HOLY WAR** continued from page 1

Friday morning a call was placed to the Faith Christian Church, which is outside city limits, to ask Rev. Philip Wilson if the meeting was open to the public and press. Wilson is campaigning for people to vote against the city's new non-discrimination ordinance (NDO) in the May 12 election. Wilson didn't take the call, but had an associate call back who said, "This is a private meeting. Members of the press will not be allowed to attend."

However, the next day an article on the meeting was published in the *Democrat Gazette*. Contacted by telephone after the event, Christy said that the meeting was open to the press, and said it was a mistake that this reporter was told not to attend.

In an email sent to the *Independent* outlining his position, Christy alleges the new law that prohibits discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity is already having a negative effect on the economy of Eureka Springs.

"I know of tourism groups and wedding groups who have already cancelled their trips here because this law was irresponsibly passed, and because of the controversy it has caused," Christy said. "People of Eureka Springs, I implore you to stop deliberately doing things that put Eureka in a negative light to those considering where they are going to bring their families and church groups for vacation. Your actions, as well intended as they may be, are severely damaging Eureka's economy. Look around you. It is true. Live your lives, but please don't

advertise the controversial things that keep the majority of people away."

Supporters of the NDO see it differently, and claim Christy and Wilson are fueling the controversy with unjustified fear mongering.

In his statement, Christy said, "In Eureka Springs, you are welcome here. We love people. We do not discriminate. We do not attempt to force our beliefs on others. We stand united as one community, thankful and free."

If the NDO is defeated in the city election as Christy advocates, there would be no protections for LGBT people in employment or housing.

"Christy may know his Bible, but seems unfamiliar with the U.S. Constitution's First Amendment or the contents of Eureka's NDO," said Michael D. Walsh, co-owner of a website called [www.outineureka.com](http://www.outineureka.com). "Consequently, many of his assertions in the news story are flat out wrong. Besides, the Passion Play is outside the city limits and not subject to the NDO. Nor is the First Christian Church where the meeting was held. Religious 'freedom' at both will remain the same as it always has been.

"It's not freedom, but animus that motivates these people. One more point – an attempt to deprive LGBT people or anyone else of the right to equal access to public accommodations is, in itself, an example of discrimination."

Christy said he doesn't support discrimination against anyone, but opposes the ordinance, which he

describes as "an attempt to force churches and Christian-owned businesses to provide services which directly oppose their personal moral and religious convictions."

"It is simply morally wrong to attempt to force a pastor or a wedding service provider to conduct homosexual wedding services, or wedding services of other religions, even though the minister strongly believes that he/she cannot in good conscience perform such a wedding," Christy said. "This scenario is not an example of hate or discrimination against the customer... rather it would be discrimination against the minister. I think the Supreme Court has already spoken on this in the recent Hobby Lobby Case."

Supporters of the NDO say churches that want to discriminate against gay people have nothing to worry about because churches are not considered public. Churches do have control over the usage of their facilities and over who is hired.

"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,'" said Lamont Richie-Roberson, a Justice of the Peace who supports the NDO. "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 fifty years of history regarding what is, and what is not, a public accommodation. That is the foundation on which this ordinance will be based."





**It's twins!** – Proud mama Gefilte, a Nubian goat, looks over her day-old male kids. Proud papa Guido is a Saanen. He and Gefilte made cute kids didn't they? They all live in John Rankine and Bill King's small herd that includes five pregnant females. Goat milk?

PHOTO BY JOHN RANKINE



**Moveable feast** – A Eureka landmark, the Oasis, has moved one stairwell over from its former location to the space once occupied by Jack's Place. Owner Dena (DK) Sunday and crew are busy getting the new place ready to open Friday ... after they scrape Jack's Place off the door.

PHOTO BY JAY VRECENAK

## What light through yonder window breaks?

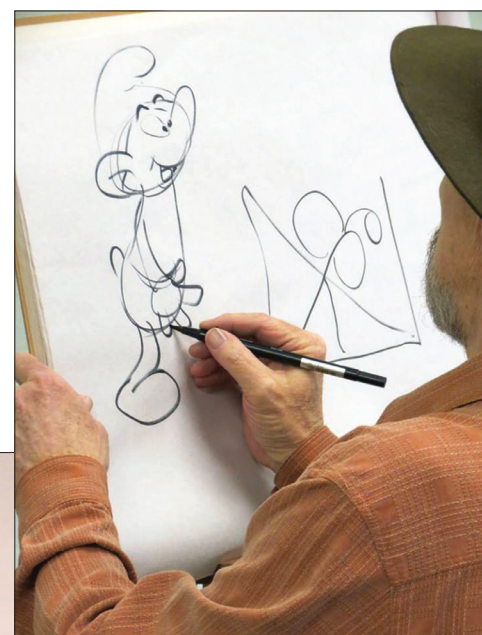
– Teresa DeVito wants to make sure it's enough as she gets ready to film *A Fistful of Noodles* for the upcoming Indie Film Festival. So far, 55 entries from Arkansas and around the globe have been submitted.

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**Gentle drawing** – At a recent meeting of the Holiday Island Art Guild, Drew Gentle related his childhood experience with art and his professional experience starting with Hanna-Barbera after he graduated high school. Drew drew many of the animation figures with which we are all familiar.

**Yep, that's a Smurf!**

PHOTOS BY JAY VRECENAK





## Call for Entries: MOREcolor Regional Juried Fine Arts Exhibition

Oklahomans for Equality is accepting entries to the 2015 MOREcolor regional juried exhibition and sale of fine art at the Dennis R. Neill Equality Center in Tulsa, Okla. Long a tradition to celebrate LGBT Pride through the arts, MOREcolor strives to be artist-friendly and encourage innovative work.

Artists receive 70 percent of their sales. Cash prizes will be awarded, including a cash Juror's Award and a People's choice award. There is a single entry fee (per artist, not per piece) of \$10 for up to five works. Artists will be notified of acceptance on May 18. Enter work at <http://morecolor2015.artcall.org>.

Review full submission requirements and enter online by May 1 deadline. Each artist may submit up to five original works, which have been created in the last two years and have never been shown at any OkEq event.

On June there will be an Opening Reception, 6 – 9 p.m., free and open to the public. Cash prizes will be awarded, surprises and live performances, catered cuisine and bar and sale of fine art. Artists are encouraged to bring as many guests as they like.

The show will run from June 18 – 21. Proposals for performance and installation works should be addressed to Michael Christopher at [michael@michaelfire.com](mailto:michael@michaelfire.com), or call for information (918) 406-3998. Sponsored by Oklahomans for Equality.

## 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 Missouri, 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 at (479) 981-0153.

## Oh, the drama!

### Submit your 10-minute play by March 25

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 within 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.

Each writer may submit up to two scripts. 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. Scripts and any questions should be submitted to Joe Watts at [joeleewatts@att.net](mailto:joeleewatts@att.net), or phone (479) 981-2880.

## The season's hottest team

Join Eureka's first Salsa Team on Wednesdays from 7:30 – 8:30 p.m. and turn up the tempo! It's time to mix up your best salsa – on the dance floor, that is. As part of Eureka's first Salsa Team at Melonlight Dance Studio, you'll develop a broad vocabulary of Latin dance movement, rhythm and style and be able to lead and follow on any social dance floor, or, if you're already got the moves, improve your skills for

performance and competition.

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## Casting call for *Pavane*, March 15

Joe Watts, Artistic Director of OZ-arks Drama Club, is pleased to announce a production of *Pavane* for Diversity Weekend, April 4 and 5, Easter weekend.

Auditions will be held from 2 – 4 p.m. on March 15 at UUF, 17 Elk Street. Joe is looking for actors between the ages of 30 – 50. Rehearsals will be limited. No experience necessary if right for the role. If unable to attend, another audition time may be possible.

*Pavane* is a one-act play that revolves around two gay couples (male and female) who perform a pavane to produce a child: a radiant, magical being who changes their lives forever. Fast paced with tart-tongued dialogue and rich in laughter, tears and insight, *Pavane* is a glowing tribute to human strength and love.

It was conceived as a readers' theater work, a tale told by actors holding bound scripts, seated at a table. If you have questions about the audition or cannot attend on March 15, phone Joe Watts, (479) 981-2880, or email [joeleewatts@att.net](mailto:joeleewatts@att.net).

## Creativity workshop

Jessie Rex, Certified Life Coach, will teach a workshop on March 14 about achieving your creative dreams – including techniques on how to be your own life coach, how to take control of your life, online resources and apps to keep you on your artistic track; and several fun surprises.

Anyone wanting to live a satisfying and productive creative life is welcome to join the session March 14 from 1 – 4 p.m. at the Village Writing School, 177 Huntsville Road. See [www.villagewritingschool.com](http://www.villagewritingschool.com) or phone (479) 292-3665 for costs and details.

## ESSA posts deadline for early registration discounts

The Eureka Springs School of the Arts reminds everyone the deadline to register and receive a 10 percent workshop tuition discount on more than 75 amazing art workshops is

available only until March 15. Call ESSA (479)-253-5384 to register, or log onto [www.ESSA-art.org](http://www.ESSA-art.org) and be sure to take advantage of these great opportunities!

## *Harbingers* brings spring to DeVito's

Enjoy a touch of spring at DeVito's with the work of featured artist, photographer Lorri Carter. Her series, *Harbingers*, captures the spectacle of spring in vivid photographs which will be on display March 12 - April 29 at DeVito's Restaurant, 5 Center Street. Her work is also featured at the Norberta Philbrook Gallery, 95 Spring. See [norbertaphilbrookgallery.com](http://norbertaphilbrookgallery.com) for gallery hours, and phone DeVito's at (479) 253-6807.



*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

On a raw December day, the entire brood of Gowdys came piling out of a borrowed farm-truck, along with two iron bedsteads, a stove, and gray rolls of bedding, and swarmed into the cabin in Beetree Lane where Mrs. Gowdy had been born Cricket Sayre, some fifty years earlier. Old Granny Knowles opened her door and stood listening and shivering, and wondered if a judgment were upon them all, that such chickens should come home to roost.

At about the same time, Asa and Dory Byrne moved into the old Jessup place – a decaying frame dwelling perched on stilts above the ravine of Water Street – and Clytie was with them again. The flat over the pool-hall was in process of reincarnation as a beauty parlor. Asa was hanging new wallpaper, and equipment was being put in (bought with money borrowed from Prentiss Jaffray). All over town, those of the newly moved country people who were not on principle averse to labor had no trouble at all to keep busy. Odd jobs of carpentry and painting were plentiful, even aside from the large-scale project of renovating the Hillcrest House. It was said that Fenton Sayre had bought up all this dead property, by paying the back taxes of a few dollars. It was certainly he who hired the labor.

"You let me handle 'em," he told Jaffray. "They'd charge you double, you being a stranger. Fifty cents an hour they'll take from me, and be glad to get it."

He made no exception in the case of his half-brothers, but he found that even fifty cents an hour went to their heads. A large and ornate radio appeared in the already crowded front room of the cottage in Beetree Lane, and all day long his mother drew spiritual solace from gospel hymns, and his half-sisters, slack-mouthed, trailed after the troubled lives of soap-opera characters.

After the coming of the radio, he stayed away from the cabin altogether. He took one look at it, stepped over Frankie Belle's baby which was inching damply across the floor, and switched off the billowing noise to make himself heard. "You just got no sense," he said. "None of you. *That* damn thing! Did

you plumb forget that you're going back out there, come April? What good'll it be to you then? You got no electricity."

"We kin sell it," said Frankie Belle, shrewdness overlaying the native stupidity of her face.

"Not if it ain't paid fer you can't. They'll just take it back. And there's your money gone."

His mother spoke up timidly. "Hit's shore been a comfort to me, Fent," she said. "All them beautiful hymns. And sech preachin' I never did hear. Why, it's like the preacher was right hyar in this room, a-hollerin' God's word s'big and loud..."

Fenton relaxed a little. "If you like it," he said, "reckon you better have it while you can. God knows, you ain't had much... Where's Anse?" he asked, turning on his sister who had scooped up the howling baby and begun to nurse it.

"Out there to his uncle's, I guess," she said sullenly. "He useter come and spend the night sometimes, when we was out home, but now we come to town, I don't never see him no more."

"Well, that was shore nice to see Anse." He stood looking around at the

littered bedding, the ragged, colorless oddments of clothing strewn over chairs and on the floors. "Looks like a hog-waller," he said. "Don't you *ever* want to pull out of it? No. You don't and you won't. You'll live and you'll die, jest like this..." Only his mother saw or suspected that, beneath the contempt that was so plain in his face, there was a baffled, angry grief.

He turned abruptly on his sister again. "There's too many of you-uns in here. Makin' *her* too much work. You send Anse word, will he move into town by the first of the year, you and him can have the old Tupper place that I done got for taxes. Tell him I'll pay him fifty cents an hour, workin' at the ho-tel."

"I don't know would he want to," said Frankie Belle dully.

Fenton's eyes hardened. "Anse," he said, "is goin' to take you and that youngun off her hands, or he's goin' to settle with me. You tell him that, see?"

Frankie Belle nodded, abject, holding the baby against her body. Fenton stood with one hand on the doorknob, and his eyes encompassed her. "Bringin' your kid home – and now you got yer apron high *again*. Anse better come care for his own. Tell him I

said so."

He flung open the door. Behind him, his mother's ingratiating "You come back here, Fent," was drowned in the radio's burst of sound.

As he started down the steep incline of Beetree Lane, he met Willy May Skelton on her way up, carrying a covered basket, plodding beneath the fringe of giant icicles that hung along the bluff where the sun never struck. Going to her mother's, he knew, returning her absent-minded nod, thinking only: She's cracked, all right... but thinking more of Floyd. A damn weasel, he said to himself. He's got a game, but what? Trying to sell out his dear brother-in-law, of course. That's plain enough, but that's not all of it. Playing both ends against the middle someway. Goes overboard about women, too. Can't depend on a guy like that. Jump the wrong direction every time... Blake, too. Wants to play on both teams. To hell with 'em. And Jaffray and them suckers from the North. Toss 'em all out, once I get 'em hog-tied...

## NOTES from the HOLLOW

by Steve Weems

If you know my Uncle Arlie Weems, then you probably know that he conducts morning office hours at the top of Stadium Road and has done so for as long as I can remember. His office is his Chevy pickup. Anyone can pull up and roll down their window, or maybe stand around depending on the weather and other factors. There are some gravel piles and usually a dump truck and backhoe there.

If you don't know Arlie, then you need to know that he has the reputation as a virtuoso with a backhoe. I've been told several times by various people over the years that he is an artist when using his machines.

On this particular day, I wanted to ask him what year he drank his first can

of Mountain Dew: I was thinking about writing a column about the beverage. I've always associated Mountain Dew (the carbonated version) with the Arkansas Ozarks. As a kid, I don't recall people drinking Mountain Dew in the Washington DC suburbs, or overseas, but when we'd come home to visit, there'd be someone drinking it. Often, it was Arlie.

So I asked him my question and the answer was this: in about 1965, a man named Nolan Brisco was driving the Pepsi truck out of Harrison and he stopped at the DX station where Arlie was working and gave him a free sample of Mountain Dew. Arlie has been drinking it ever since. The DX was the service station located about where the Subway is now on US Highway 62. Nolan Brisco



is still around. He owns ABC Signs and Advertising in Harrison.

The other interesting thing we talked about was a prior day's event that occurred south of town. Arlie had been backing a Mack dump truck when it inexplicably wouldn't stop. He tried all the tricks a person with 50 years experience knows, but nothing slowed it down. After the truck turned over, he climbed out. He said he wasn't really shook up, unlike the first time he flipped a vehicle several decades ago. It wasn't his first rodeo, as they say.



## Intensity, Change, Transformation – Mars, Uranus, Pluto

**M**ars/Uranus, Mars/Pluto, Mercury enters Pisces, Saturn Retrograde, Uranus square Pluto, Venus enters Taurus. This is astrology language describing significant cosmic events occurring this week. They signify intensity; portend inner and outer significant changes in our world. Changes that bring about a new world order (esoteric words), a new culture and civilization. It is a long drawn out process. Our senses will be affected. We will be tested. No one is unaffected. As Mars, Uranus and Pluto meet fiery exchanges may occur inter-personally and globally. Saturn retrograde, with Venus entering Taurus,

attempt to stabilize us. The planets circling the Sun stream energies into Earth that propel humanity forward. They are potent yet neutral. The character and consciousness of each of us depends on how we receive and are influenced (act out, react, respond, stay poised, etc.) by the energies. There may also be increases in geological and political (both Ray 1) events.

Since June 24, 2012 until now the major planets of change (Uranus) and transformation (Pluto) met four times in the sky. They meet for the last (5<sup>th</sup>) time March 16 – Uranus in Aries square Pluto in Capricorn (15 degrees).

Squares intensify energies, calling for directional change that anchors new realities.

Responses to these planetary influences are dual – war (Mideast), ongoing protests, killing and violent conflicts along with examples of Goodwill and demands for negotiation and peace. Extremes are everywhere.

We must adapt, remaining poised at the apex of the triangle. Then we can be of service to those in need. We realize the needed world changes are occurring, a new cycle of life eventuating. We continually recollect the need for poise. (read more at [www.nightlightnews.org/](http://www.nightlightnews.org/))

**ARIES:** Most don't recognize there are traditional, stable, responsible and detailed aspects to Aries. These virtues help you become successful in all endeavors. You recognize these qualities when assessing your personal value and worth. You know it's not how much money you have or make. It's more about perseverance, reliability and being steadfast when encountering challenges and adversity. True self value – your new task.

**TAURUS:** Your patience and deliberateness are how you assess everything, moving step-by-step with steadfast yet thorough care. You

have a visionary illumined mind. Taurus is influenced by the Pleiades, stars Aldebaran and Alcyone, source of the Buddha's wisdom. With monetary situations you're instinctive and intuitive (Taurus gifts) – apparent with a partner, in August, as Venus retrogrades.

**GEMINI:** Your work in the world must align with your values. Gemini is a complex, dual sign with a fluid mind. All information is first filtered through your emotional (astral) body that must be clear and pure, with no judgments or opinions. This must be developed. You're the sign of hidden treasures. Security for you isn't money or wealth. It's emotional ethics and whatever you love.

**CANCER:** You're challenged to emerge from under your protective shell, have a sense of adventure, step beyond comfort and tend to things more on the edge. Connect more deeply with others, creating heart-to-heart contact. This will further a sense of love, of self-expression and creativity, things you quietly seek. It's also important for you to have some fun. What would that be for you?

**LEO:** Most Leos are charming. Some are hidden. But all Leos are magnetic – important to understand as magnetism attracts others to you. When aware of this you will either be kind and compassionate or you will create fear in others. Leo is also powerful. Power must include love, or it destroys. People encountering you seek light, intelligence, vitality, a certain discipline, direction and willingness to Love. Do you have (and understand) these qualities?

**VIRGO:** Along with your excellent qualities of order, organization and disciplined list making (all things Pisces long for), you seek peacekeeping skills. All Virgos learn refinement and how to act with Goodwill, which creates Right Relations. It is good to know these are the vital life-

giving seeds planted within all Virgos that lead later to the art of cooperation, conciliation and negotiation. Virgos are learning the gifts and skills of Libra.

**LIBRA:** The smile in your eyes invites others to share about themselves, their joys and sorrows, and be friends with you. The Soul of Libra offers fairness, justice, openness and kindness. If not yet within this expanded Soul reality, visualize yourself stepping into it. The results will be happiness at first, then

joy. Concerning money and resources, the boundaries you have created to protect yourself from loss become more loving.

**SCORPIO:** Most Scorpios are aware that whatever they do often challenges others. Are you aware also that this is your task? As you're constantly challenged to transform and regenerate, you also ask (demand) this of others. A life of such intensity needs consistent times for rest and retreat – to gather strength, rediscover inner meaning and purpose. Only a few know, through constant little deaths, like a phoenix flying out from fire, that you're also a visionary.

**SAGITTARIUS:** Although you usually view life with broad hopeful optimism and because you're an imaginative thinker who sees signs and reads oracles in every situation, you also have a sense of being duty-bound, responsible, traditional and conservative. These gifts hide behind Sag's constant enthusiasm. Working under rules and regulations, you have a very serious side. This you must begin to value. It's your discipline and your wisdom.

**CAPRICORN:** You exhibit great control, discipline, structure and reserve, often playing the role of the parent or wise one. Traditions are most important either following or creating them. But there are valuable parts to you – being progressive and inventive. Here you enter the future, being different than most. Often people

can't understand your abilities to change quickly and offer everyone freedom to be (you and me).

**AQUARIUS:** It's important to acknowledge that you, like the planet Uranus, are different than most. Aquarius streams through Uranus and both influence you. Uranus is tipped on its side, its atmosphere is arranged in layers of clouds, its magnetic-tail twisted into a long corkscrew, the source of its magnetic field is unknown, it's blue/green, has a moon, many rings and satellites, seventh planet from the Sun and 3rd largest planet in the solar system. This unusual planet rules your life. Value and identify your differentness (as unique and beloved).

**PISCES:** The two signs most misunderstood are Scorpio and Pisces. Often the fish is seen as wandering about, a bit too idealistic, too sensitive, confused. In the outer world you can seem lost and dreamy. But there's much more to Pisces. You're brave and courageous when someone's in danger. You stand for the downtrodden and see everyone's innate gifts (which others cannot). When saddened you fall into despair. When spontaneous, light fills the air.

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# Off Road Cyclist Club branch forming

The Ozark Off Road Cyclists will host a meeting Wednesday, March 18, 6:30 p.m., at Sparky's Roadhouse to form a branch that will organize mountain bike trail building and

maintenance in Carroll County.

Two of OORC's first endeavors were developing and building trails and creating the Eureka Springs Fat Tire Festival, so we now have more

than 30 miles of quality public trails. Berryville has created a spectacular shared-use trail, Pension Mountain Trail System.

This branch is part of an outreach

attempting to organize smaller rider groups outside the NWA Corridor and expand membership. For more information, contact David at renko@progressivetraildesign.com.

## Souper Sunday March 15

The Holiday Island Fire Department Auxiliary's annual Souper Sunday fundraiser is Sunday, March 15, 10 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. at the HI Clubhouse, 1 Country Club Drive.

Come enjoy a variety of homemade soups and desserts served by department

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

## Go Green with gusto March 14

Help Eureka springs show its Irish side at the annual St. Patrick's Day parade through historic downtown Saturday, March 14, at 2 p.m. Come cheer this year's Grand Marshal, retired Aircraft Commander, Ellis Thiel, and the 2015 Colleen, Natalie Royal.

It'll be a green day with Irish music all over town and a corned beef and cabbage celebration at the Rowdy Beaver following the parade.

There's still time to sign up and strut your green – call (479) 244-0123 or email nlpaddock@gmail.com.

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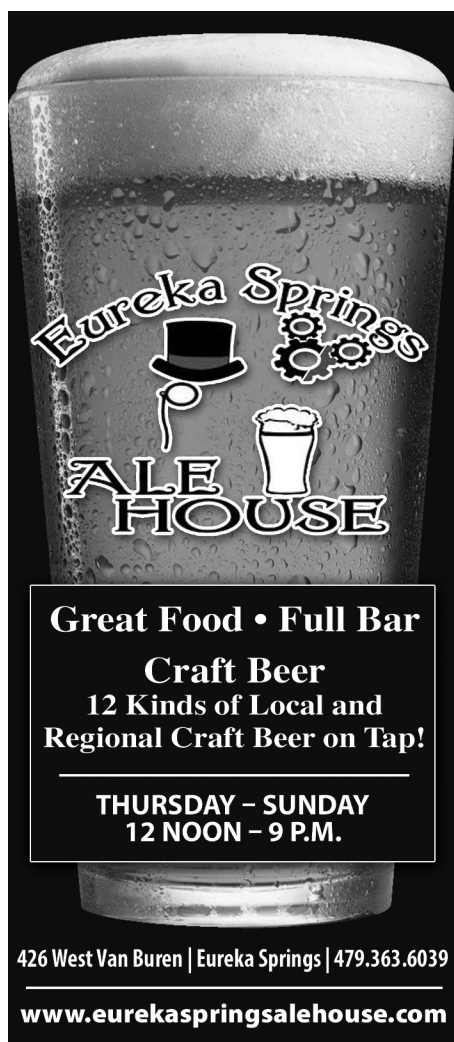
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## St. Patrick's Weekend: Fiery guitars at Brews, Ozark Traveling Band at New Delhi, and of course a Parade!

This is a big week in Eureka Springs and it may only rain half the time! Friday a gorgeous guitar duo shreds some light on our situations at Brews with Sam Dudley, a Eureka native, and Jacksonen Jennings, a friend for 10 years. Easy on the ears and eyes. New Delhi is hosting Ozark Traveling Band Friday and Pete and Dave all day Saturday to keep the energy high. The

annual St. Patrick's Parade winds bright green through downtown at 2 on Saturday. Check out the new **Oasis** location one stairwell closer to Basin Park, 37 Spring, where Diamond Lil, Shaw's and Jack's Place provided years of fun. Gobble molé enchiladas and homemade salsa to welcome them into new digs before the parade – fortification, you know.

### THURSDAY, MARCH 12

**CHELSEA'S** – *Lou Shields*, Singer/Songwriter, 9:30 p.m.

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

**LEGENDS SALOON** – *StarSeed*, Blues, 8 p.m.

### FRIDAY, MARCH 13

**ALE HOUSE** – *Elby*, Pianist, 6 – 9 p.m.

**BREWS** – *Sam Dudley & Jacksonen Jennings*, Master Guitarists, 7 – 10 p.m.

**CATHOUSE LOUNGE** – *Lou Shields*, Singer/Songwriter, 8 p.m.

**CHELSEA'S** – *Sad Daddy*, Folk Trio, 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.

**NEW DELHI** – *Ozark Traveling Band*, Americana, 6 – 10 p.m.

**ROWDY BEAVER** – *Norman Jackson Band*, Classic Rock, 7 p.m.

**ROWDY BEAVER DEN** – *Terri and Brett*, Classic Rock, 8 p.m.

**THE STONE HOUSE** – *Jerry Yester*, Artist's Choices

### SATURDAY, MARCH 14

**St. Patrick's Parade** 2 p.m.

**BREWS** – *Jerry Jones*, Folk Multi-instrumentalist, 3 – 6 p.m., *Lou Shields*, Singer/Songwriter, 7 – 10 p.m.

**CATHOUSE BEER GARDEN** – *RJ Mischo and his Red Hot Blues Band*, Blues Harmonica, 1 – 5 p.m., *Chucky Wags and Company of Raggs*, Americana, 6 – 10 p.m.

**CATHOUSE LOUNGE** – *Katy Guillen & the Girls*, Americana, 8 p.m.

**CHELSEA'S** – *Black Out Boys*, Americana, 2 – 6 p.m., *RJ Mischo and his Red Hot Blues Band*, Blues Harmonica, 9:30 p.m.

**EUREKA LIVE!** – *DJ & Dancing*, 9



Check these dudes out! Sam Dudley and Jacksonen Jennings play Brews Friday, March 13.

p.m.

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

**LEGENDS SALOON** – *JAB the Band*, Classic Rock, 9 p.m.

**NEW DELHI** – *Pete and Dave*, Singers/Songwriters, 12 – 11 p.m.

**ROWDY BEAVER** – *Terri and the Executives*, Classic Rock, 7 p.m.

**ROWDY BEAVER DEN** – *Terri and Brett*, Classic Rock, 12 – 4 p.m., *Austin*  
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and his red hot blues band  
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# EXPLORING the fine art of ROMANCE... by Leslie Meeker



*I'm divorcing my "functioning" alcoholic husband of 20 years. His drinking finally became out of control. Under threat of divorce he attempted treatment twice but continues to drink. Our four children are adjusting surprisingly well. Yet I'm in such pain. I love him but I'm furious that he's stolen 20 years of my life. How can I find closure and move on?*

Divorcing an alcoholic spouse may seem like a no-brainer to many, yet nothing is further from the truth. It's an excruciating decision to make. In fact, research suggests it's significantly more difficult

for women than men. While only one of every ten women married to alcoholics pursues divorce, only one of every ten men married to alcoholics actually stay married.

You are one of the few women choosing to break from the chains of addiction and commit to health for you and your children. Recognize and appreciate your courage.

Pretending is the name of the game in alcoholic families. Pretending to not see or know. Unfortunately, when everyone's pretending, no one's in charge. While your husband's obsessed with alcohol, you're obsessed with him,

his pervasive lies and the what, where and when of his drinking.

Pretending serves to protect the alcoholic's secret and it becomes priority number one for both children and spouse.

As a result, once you honestly considered divorcing your husband the guilt became insurmountable. After a lifetime of protecting your husband and his secret, choosing to divorce him feels deviously underhanded. Nothing could be further from the truth.

You did not cause his addiction, you cannot control it and you cannot cure it. Your husband's addiction to alcohol is his beast to master. Detach and leave him with what dignity he has left. If he changes, good for you. If he doesn't change, good for you.

It is your time now to grieve the man you first fell in love with but no longer see, the dreams you shared that

will never be, and all the hopes upon prayers you have had to set free. The hopelessness that permeated your daily life is

no longer. Commit to creating joy. Seek counsel, connect with others and find peace within yourself. Don't search for closure. In time it will find you and the relief will surprise you.

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

## Rawson to lead Cornerstone Bank into Madison County

Charles T. Cross, President/CEO of Cornerstone Bank has announced the appointment of Bob Rawson as Senior Vice-President, Commercial and Agricultural Loan Officer to lead the bank's entry into the Madison County market.

Rawson most recently served 9 years as Market President for Arvest Bank in Huntsville. He has been in the banking and financial services industry for more than 30 years and is active in a number of civic and philanthropic organizations.

Prior to his most recent tenure at Arvest, Rawson served a total of 25 years with Farm Credit Services and U.S. Bank. He is Vice President of the Madison County Fair Board, board member of the Office of Human Concern, Secretary of the Madison County Cattlemen, past President of the Huntsville Kiwanis Club, board member of CASA of Northwest Arkansas and a Deacon at First Baptist Church of Hindsville.

His office will be in the soon to be completed facility on Hwy. 412 next to the Wal-Mart Supercenter in Huntsville. Until construction is completed, the bank intends to open a temporary office in the coming weeks to begin serving clients in the area.



Bob Rawson

## Hikers head for Blowing Springs

Holiday Island Hikers will meet at the HI Recreation Center at 9 a.m. March 16 to depart for a moderate 3.4-mi. hike at Blowing Springs in Bella Vista along the north upper, north lower

and Kingsland spur trails.

All hikers are welcome. For details on this and all upcoming hikes, call Dan Kees (660) 287-2082 or email [dandtkees@cox.net](mailto:dandtkees@cox.net).

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**Cobb Band**, Classic Rock, 8 p.m.

**SUNDAY, MARCH 15**

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

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

**ROWDY BEAVER DEN – Terri and Brett**, Classic Rock, 12 – 4 p.m.

**MONDAY, MARCH 16**

**CHELSEA'S – Sprungbilly**, Bluegrass,

8 p.m.

**TUESDAY, MARCH 17**

**CATHOUSE BEER GARDEN – Fuggins Wheat Band**, Jam, 5 – 10 p.m.

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

**CHELSEA'S – Open Mic**

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18**

**CHELSEA'S – Chad Brothers and Mikel Shapiro**, Singers/Songwriters, 9:30 p.m.

**LEGENDS SALOON – GG Unleashed**, Open Mic, 7 p.m.

## Clear Spring School presents...

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# DEPARTURES

## Patricia Irene Galbreath Oct. 19, 1950 – Jan. 10, 2015

Patricia Irene Galbreath, daughter of Jack T. Johnson and Maxine L Miller Johnson, was born Oct. 19, 1950 in Eureka Springs, Ark., and passed away Jan. 10, 2015 at age 64. Private family services were held.

Survivors include daughters, Babette Lovena

Schwartzenburg of Inola, Okla., and Christy Lynn Fields of Beebe, Ark.; son, Daniel McKinley Fields of Avoca, Ark.; grandchildren, Huntington Clark Frederick, Hope Cheyenne Frederick, Lauren Tate Frederick, Kourtney Fields, Kyle Fields, Ashley Dawn Wesson, Jordan Daniel Wesson; great-

grandchildren, Peyton Jemma-Lee Burgess, Jaseton Lee Ross, Braxton Allen Scott Foulk, Aubrey Lynn Nicole Fender, Hunter William Fender, Ally Faye Cates, Conner Jayden Wesson, Kysen David Wesson; and sisters Dixie Eugenia Claussen, Linda Louise Myers and Jacqueline St. Claire Johnson.

## Richard Bloch

April 10, 1959 – March 6, 2015

Richard Bloch, of Eureka Springs, Ark., was born April 10, 1959 in Klatovy, Czech Republic. A son of Anthony and Edita Kollanyova' Blochova' Bloch, he departed this life Friday too suddenly, Friday, March 6, in Eureka Springs, at age 55.

Richard was a passionate member of the Eureka Springs Soccer Club where he served as a soccer coach for 12 years. He was best known in the Eureka Springs community as chef and owner of Autumn Breeze Restaurant for more than 22 years.

He was married on January 1, 2015 to Sheila Fuller of Branson, Mo., who survives him. He is also survived by son, Cassidy Bloch; grandson, Nico Bloch of Eureka Springs; father, Tony Bloch and stepmother Jarka Bloch of Eureka Springs; mother, Edita Bloch of the Czech Republic; sisters, Vicki Reddick and husband, Darrel Reddick, of Eureka Springs; sister, Michelle Edmondson of Eureka Springs; nephew Dillon

Reddick; nieces Nicole Komarek and Gabi and Sara Bloch of Eureka Springs; beloved cousin Karl "Charlie" Bloch of Eureka Springs; mother-in-law, Dorothy Fuller of North Troy, Vt.; sisters-in-law, Connie Fuller, Carol Lighthall, Melody Gamache and Tina Fuller Cisco; mother to his grandson, Glory Leggett; and extended family J.R. and Jana Jones.

Services are scheduled for 10 a.m. on Friday, March 13 at the Faith Christian Family Church, 157 Huntsville Road, Eureka Springs, Arkansas, (479) 253-7414. The service will be officiated by Pastor Marvin Peterson. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Eureka Springs Soccer Club, c/o Community First Bank, 107 West Van Buren, Eureka Springs, AR 72632, (479) 253-0500. Please be sure to reference in memory of Richard Bloch, FBO Eureka Springs Soccer Club. Online condolences may be sent to the family at [nelsonfuneral.com](http://nelsonfuneral.com). © Nelson Funeral Service, Inc. 2014

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provide, such as the city attorney. He can only advise, it is up to the council to heed and listen.

As we move forward to a better Eureka Springs, I would like to praise the mayor for the success on the \$200K grant to repair the collapsed tunnel below the parking lot next to the courthouse. We (Eureka Springs) have more urgent repairs needed to our infrastructure, so refocus on leaking sewer and water lines.

*Ferguson Stewart*

## If you are truly Christian...

Editor,

Religion strives for ideals. Christianity, a Christ guided religion should (that is always a troublesome word) follow Christ's teachings. No matter who Christ came in contact with, he was loving and

kind. He even washed feet, John 13:1-17 KJV (a relief after long desert walks in sandals). If you are truly Christian, you do not condemn (remember God does that and you are not God). So relax, let go of fear, be merciful and loving.

Love,

*Valerie Hubbard Damon*

## Thanks to responders

Editor,

On Feb. 6 my daughter and I were stricken with carbon monoxide poisoning in our home at Holiday Island.

We want to thank all the emergency personnel who responded saving our lives – Connie and Jack Deaton, the ambulance crews from Eureka Springs and ESFD, and the doctors and nurses at Eureka Springs Hospital.

We are fortunate to have emergency service available in a short time.

*Lee Guthrie*

## Patrick Michael McCarty

April 27, 1959 – Feb. 24, 2015

Patrick Michael McCarty was born in Tulsa, Okla., April 27, 1959. He passed away after a brief illness on Feb. 24 at age 55.

He is survived by two sisters and one brother; three children, Allison, Dillon, and Carson; eight grandchildren and his father, Pat McCarty of Holiday Island.

## Elaine Marie Umland

August 13, 1919 – March 4, 2015

Elaine Marie Umland, of Eureka Springs, Ark., was born August 13, 1919 in Glen Wood, Ill., a daughter of John and Anna Hogeveen. She departed this life Wednesday, March 4, 2015 in Rogers, Ark., at age 95.

Elaine was a member of the Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Berryville. She and her husband previously owned the Swiss Holiday Inn and the Colonial Mansion in Eureka Springs.

Elaine is survived by two daughters, Darlene Burmeister of Eureka Springs; Gail and husband, Jim Ballard, of Chicago Heights, Ill.; one son, Earl "Bud" Umland of Huntsville, Ark.; one sister-in-law, Bonnie Umland of Crete, Ill.; 10 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, several nieces and nephews and a host of

other relatives and friends.

She is preceded in death by her parents; one son; five brothers and one sister; and one grandson.

Visitation will be from 5 – until 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 11, at the Nelson's Chapel of the Springs. Funeral service is 10 a.m. Thursday, March 12, at the Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Berryville with Pastor Stan Jones officiating. Interment will follow at the

Eureka Springs Cemetery under the direction of Nelson Service. Memorial donations may be sent to the Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, c/o Jackie Grunwald, 30 CR 635, Berryville, AR 72616. Online condolences may be sent to the family at [nelsonfuneral.com](http://nelsonfuneral.com). © Nelson Funeral Service, Inc. 2014



## Civil War exhibit at Hobbs March 16 - 29

The Arkansas Civil War Sesquicentennial Commission, in cooperation with the Old State House Museum and the Arkansas Humanities Council, presents "Civil War Arkansas, 1861 – 1865," a traveling exhibit about the state's involvement in the war.

Civil War activity extended to the Peter Van Winkle mill on land that is now Hobbs State Park when Maj. Gen. Earl Van Dorn retreated from the battle of Pea Ridge with the majority of the Confederate Army of the West. The hungry soldiers fired up the old Van Winkle saw/grist

mill, and corn was ground to make hard tack, a simple type of cracker or biscuit. An official Civil War Sesquicentennial marker was recently erected at the trailhead of the Historic Van Winkle Trail to commemorate the Civil War activities there.

From March 16 – 29 the public can visit the exhibit at Hobbs State Park visitor center on Hwy. 12 just east of the Hwy. 12/ War Eagle Road intersection. Admission is free. The center is open daily from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. For more information call (479) 789-5000.





This should be the last pic with snow and with having eight trips in a row starting tomorrow, should get back into some good fresh fish pics.

The walleye and some whites are still hanging around Holiday Island and Beaver, and should start catching up to Houseman with this warm weather and good current. The water temp is still a little cold, so fish slow near the bottom.

Stripers on Beaver Lake are being caught up river from Monte Ne all the way up the White and War Eagle Arms. They are still holding deep in 40 – 60 ft. of water. Live bait is still your best bet.

Big shad and the smaller shiners are both catching fish. Some of the stripers have six to seven in. shad in them, and some are just plumb full of small shad under two inches. Small spoons can catch them, too.

Just run about a 7-ft. leader above your hook with a 2 – 3 oz. barrel weight straight down and you might hook up.

Well, I gotta go for now. The fishing will take a big turn now, so get that tackle ready and good luck.

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movement “to mobilize all United Methodists of all sexual orientations and gender identities to transform the church.” They intend to change church law that bars LGBTs from being ordained or having marriages or unions blessed in their churches.

“With that as our mission, you can imagine how thrilled we were when

you also spoke up by passing the NDO [non-discrimination ordinance],” she commented.

“Jesus loves everyone,” she added, and she and others from her congregation will be on the top level of the New Delhi April 14 letting passersby know they support Ordinance 2223.

“If that’s what it takes, so be it,” she declared.

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1. African ground squirrel  
6. Competent  
10. Surgery leftover  
14. Delete  
15. Protein in corn  
16. Bass brass instrument  
17. Gradual decrease in tempo  
19. Really long poem or book or film  
20. Unified  
21. Peddler  
22. Helper  
23. Renegade in *Doctor Who*  
24. Slow to rot  
26. Pretentious, with a hint of vulgarity  
31. Liquid chemical dispenser  
32. 60 minutes is one  
33. “\_\_\_ loves you, yeah, yeah, yeah”  
36. Roman poet  
37. They must agree with verbs  
39. Fly  
40. Cat holder  
41. Asian bison  
42. Type of letter  
43. Leprechauns or kids  
46. Single-celled organism

49. Type of dancing  
50. Not as much  
51. Small sea snails  
54. Twitch  
57. Flag flower  
58. Surgical removal of an eye part  
60. Sheltered side of the ship  
61. Stare lecherously  
62. Table lights  
63. Withered, dry  
64. Quiet affirmation  
65. Discharge

DOWN

1. New Zealand software company  
2. Hibernian name for Ireland  
3. Score  
4. Where Springsteen sings he was born  
5. Butler or maid  
6. Southeastern tropical Africa  
7. Oregon logging city  
8. Outdoor public swimming pool  
9. Gargantuan  
10. Takes what’s not offered  
11. God of desire  
12. Act in accordance with  
13. Downhill skier, maybe  
18. Fender blemish  
23. Piece of thin cane used with a clarinet  
25. Address for Father  
26. Old Greek coin  
27. Capital of Fiji  
28. Acid could take you on one  
29. Hip joint in cattle  
30. Atom’s negative charge  
33. Hand cleaner  
34. Solid precipitation  
35. Sea eagle  
37. The art of swimming  
38. Opposite of in  
39. Foot covering  
41. Wooden wedge or pin  
42. Room of the Last Supper  
43. Renter  
44. Evades  
45. Heap of things  
46. AKA  
47. Haggard  
48. American dogwood  
52. Therefore  
53. Cover thinly with gold  
54. Big book  
55. Brats  
56. Abnormal growth  
59. Child’s game



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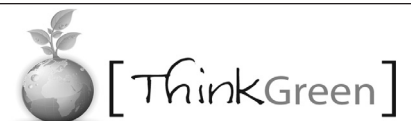
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## 33rd Annual Victorian Classic Race

Sign up now for this 10K Run- 2 Mile Run, 2 Mile Fun Run, and 2 Mile Walk on Saturday, March 21 and get out in the early spring air. Races begin and end at the Inn of the Ozarks. To register and for more information on routes and more see [www.eurekaotary.org](http://www.eurekaotary.org) online or call (479) 981-3065 or (479) 244-6545 See the page, Victorian Classic 10K Run - 2 Mile Run & Fun Walk, on Facebook for updates.

## Paint with a Mission

Have you always wanted to paint but didn't know where to begin? Here's a chance to pick up the brush for a good cause! Join the friends and supporters of Turpentine Creek Wildlife Refuge for a fun night at a "Painting with a Mission Fundraiser" at Mimi's Cafe in Rogers.

"We are coordinating this fundraiser with Brushes and Wine, a business that puts on painting events in partnership with local dining establishments," said TCWR Education Coordinator Bonnie Glover. "No experience is required. You are provided step-by-step instruction by artists who are there to help. At the end of the evening, every participant leaves with a painting

they've done, and hopefully, new friends."

A portion of the proceeds will go toward funding for Turpentine Creek. Come paint your own Tiger Refuge at Mimi's Cafe, 2105 Promenade Blvd. in Rogers from 7 - 9 p.m. Arrive early and mingle. Tickets must be purchased by 12 p.m. on April 7, as space is limited. Food and drinks available for purchase at Mimi's Cafe are not included in event ticket price.

For details see [www.brushesandwine.com/events/turpentine-creek-fundraiser-tiger-refuge](http://www.brushesandwine.com/events/turpentine-creek-fundraiser-tiger-refuge), email [info@brushesandwine.com](mailto:info@brushesandwine.com) or call (479) 876-8694.

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## Poets slam, music jams at Caribé

Molly Sroges, Berryville slam poet, will represent Fayetteville's Word Warriors Poetry Slam team at the Women of the World Poetry Slam in Albuquerque, March 18 - 20.

Women of the World want to give her a proper sendoff and help with travel expenses, so Molly is hosting a performance at Caribé on Saturday, March 14 (pi day!) featuring several Fayetteville poets along with live

music by Molly's parents, Cara and Kirk Ashworth, performing as Redneck Haiku.

Redneck Haiku performs original songs accompanied by banjo, harmonica, resonator guitars and bass fiddle. Come out for a night of entertainment with the Word Wars team, Molly Sroges and a few special guests! The show is free, but donations to Molly's travel expenses are encouraged. Show starts at 7 p.m.

## Irish music at War Eagle Mill

Come find your own brand of Irish frolicking at War Eagle Mill March 14 and 15. Dance to music by The Mudlarks and Paddy O'Grill and Bill O'Sayle and fill up on delicious corned beef and cabbage.

Traditional Celtic and American music will echo through the Mill for two full days beginning on Saturday,

11 a.m. - 3 p.m. with The Mudlarks, and on Sunday, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. with Paddy O'Grill and Bill O'Sayle band in the Bean Palace Restaurant.

War Eagle Mill is about 20 minutes east of Rogers and Springdale at 11045 War Eagle Road. For more information contact Liz Kapsner (479) 789-5343.

## John Stalling featured at Brews in March

Check out the work of local sculptor and metal artist, John Stalling, at Brews all during March - but don't expect sculptures or metal art! Stalling is showing his artistic range with a new series of paintings and drawings. Come enjoy good art and good company at Brews, corner of Spring and Pine, across from the post office.



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