



Overflow crowd upbeat for Ordinance 2223

BECKY GILLETTE

Discrimination not being a Christian value was a major theme of a community meeting at KJ's Caribé Cantina March 11 that drew more than 200 people to launch a major campaign to encourage Eureka Springs voters to vote "For" Ordinance 2223 which extends civil rights protections to the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) community.

The upbeat gathering was part pep rally, and at times even took on the flavor of a religious revival as speakers said the issue has not just local, but state and national implications.

"I can guarantee you there are more than six registered voters in the room," Mayor Butch Berry said, referring to an earlier meeting at First Christian Church where only five or six people raised their hands when asked if they were registered voters. That meeting attracted about 35 people.

Berry said people born and raised in Eureka Springs remember when the Great Passion Play was being under construction in the 1960s there was grave concern about it being built by an anti-Semitic Nazi sympathizer, Gerald L.K. Smith.

"There was a lot of fear about that in the 1970s, but we got over it," Berry said.

Berry urged everyone in attendance to stay on the high road, and keep focused

on the ordinance's value in promoting equality and fairness. He urged each person in attendance to reach out and touch five other voters to discuss the merits of supporting Ordinance 2223 in the May 12 election.

Alderman James DeVito said the reason the city's non-discrimination ordinance (NDO) was passed so hastily was for there to be standing in a lawsuit challenging the

constitutionality of Senate Bill 202 (SB202) approved by the legislature preventing local cities and counties from passing NDOs for LGBTs or anyone else not covered under the state law.

"Ordinance 2223 gives us a foothold to challenge SB202," DeVito said. "This law cloaking discrimination will not be allowed to stand. What we do here with this ordinance will affect the nation as a whole,

not just Eureka Springs. We have justice on our side, and we shall prevail."

Lamont Richie-Roberson, a Carroll County Justice of the Peace who helped draft Ordinance 2223, said this issue is about the heart and soul of Eureka Springs. He and his partner moved here 23 years ago in part because they wanted a home where two gay men could live together openly

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Equality for all

During the St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 14 Christians for Equality, a multi-denominational Christian group, shared their messages of Jesus's love on signs, urging the community to "Keep Eureka Fair." Group organizer, D Rude, said, "...a Christianity that is full of love for all persons" was "alive and well in Eureka Springs." More on p. 12-13

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This Week's INDEPENDENT Thinkers

On Valentine's Day, Love Has No Labels, a campaign to shed light on prejudice (especially sub-conscious prejudice) stopped people in their tracks and raised awareness.

Videographers erected a screen on a busy street in a crowded city, and when people stood behind the screen, crowds could only see their skeletons. After sharing a hug, a kiss, a dance, a high-five, people stepped out so onlookers could see who they were, and reactions were astounding. Those behind the screen proved that love has no race, no gender, no religion, no disability, no age, no labels – because hearts don't see those things. See for yourself. lovehasnolabels.com




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Planning confers on Code conundrum, calls for caution and clarity

NICKY BOYETTE

At its March 10 meeting, the Planning Commission wrangled over what to do about lack of clarity in City Code regarding Home Occupations. Commissioner Ed Leswig distributed his suggestion for defining Home Occupation in City Code, although he observed nowhere in Code is there a zone which allows Home Occupations.

He said he received several phone calls from residents who claim their property values might be diminished because of a neighbor's unsightly collection of work-related paraphernalia stored outside.

His suggestion for a definition of Home Occupation was "any activity other than those normally associated with, and consistent with, occupying a residence are, for purposes of this section, considered to be a Home Occupation." He also recommended Home Occupations would require a Conditional Use Permit and the permit holder should screen work-related materials from view.

Commissioner Steve Beacham pointed out City Attorney Tim Weaver and Building Inspector Bobby Ray have said they do not interpret a situation in which a resident stores work materials, such as ladders and scaffolding, in the yard but does not work at home to be a Home Occupation.

Commissioner Pat Lujan held up a list showing there are 27 contractors and 32 landscapers in town who operate out of their homes. "Personally, I don't think it is a problem," he said. He wondered if

Planning was not being pulled into a neighbor dispute.

"You see trailers with lawnmowers all over town," Lujan observed. He contended asking them to hide from view all their equipment would be tantamount to asking them to leave town.

"Residents are just trying to make a living," Lujan said, claiming only one person has mentioned this as a problem.

"I've received calls about this, and it is a problem," Leswig responded. He said Code states zoning regulations for R-1 are intended to protect the neighborhood from "other adverse effects" like a yard full of paint cans. He said, "It is not the intention to stop anyone from being in business but to establish guidelines... maintain your business but consider your neighbor's view."

Lujan said there are hardly enough parking places in neighborhoods and yards are small, so where would a working person store stuff. "The eyesore issue should be dealt with," he admitted, but encouraged commissioners to be cautious about crafting regulations.

Chair Jim Morris replied that the city has requirements for Bed & Breakfasts, but not Home Occupations.

"I'm just saying we should be careful where we draw the line," Lujan maintained.

Morris agreed the spirit of the law is to make neighborhoods better, but "I don't want us to get ridiculous."

Beacham reiterated the opinion of the City Attorney and

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Hospital commissioners patient, but exploring new ideas

NICKY BOYETTE

Michael Merry, chair of the Hospital Commission, announced at the Monday's meeting he had no news to report regarding progress on plans for a new hospital, so the commission instead discussed what else it could do with its funds to benefit citizens of Eureka Springs.

Commissioner Pam Crockett mentioned they could make another equipment purchase for the Fire Department as long as the end result would be a direct benefit to all, such as the ambulance and three gurneys the commission purchased last year. Mayor Butch Berry said there might some items Interim Fire Chief Randy Ates could suggest.

Commissioner Anna Ahlman also discussed the Lunch and Learn event scheduled for Thursday, March 26, at the Inn of the Ozarks Convention Center. She

said Dr. Leslie Sessions, emergency room doctor at Eureka Springs Hospital, will speak.

Commissioners were unsure if the commission could use its funds to pay for the Lunch and Learn events because they have seen that doctors who speak at these luncheons do benefit by garnering patients. Merry said the commission could not use funds in a way in which individuals benefit. However, he posited that since it an educational opportunity for the public, it might be legal for them to fund it.

Commissioner Mary Jean Sell mentioned they could use the interest they accrue from accounts because interest is not bound by the same legal restrictions as the principal.

Merry said it might be worth an email to their attorney to find out.

Next meeting will be 1 p.m., Monday, April 20, at ECHO Clinic.

CAPC January collections 'look favorable'

NICKY BOYETTE

Last Wednesday evening, the City Advertising and Promotion Commission quickly dispatched with a short agenda as commissioners voted to approve destruction of 2008 records and write off two uncollectible debts of \$106 and \$14 of two businesses that had closed and the owners moved away.

Finance Director Rick Bright announced the January collections looked favorable compared to January 2014 because last winter was so severe. He said he would henceforth provide comparisons for a span of years to give commissioners a broader perspective.

Next workshop will be Wednesday, March 25, at 4 p.m., at the CAPC office, and the next regular meeting will be Wednesday, April 8, at 6 p.m.

Carroll County off-road cyclists meet

The Ozark Off Road Cyclists will host a club branch formation meeting in Eureka Springs on Wednesday, March 18 at 6:30 p.m. at Sparky's Roadhouse to form a branch that will organize mountain bike trail maintenance and building in Carroll County.

Ladies of Faith meet March 24

The Ladies of Faith will meet at the Gazebo Restaurant in the Best Western Eureka Inn March 24 at 10 a.m. This month's speaker will be Beverly Dowland. Originally from Arkansas, Dowland has lived in England for 28 years. Since returning to the States, she has done voluntary work for recovering addicts and is also an elder in her church. She has been working in tourism for over 25 years.

Come hear exciting testimony and enjoy brunch. For details contact Margo Pryor (870) 480-3161.

Emendation - In the March 11 *Independent* it was reported that the Great Passion Play had gone into bankruptcy two years ago when actually it faced foreclosure, but proceedings were never filed.

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Local control of fluoride defeated by Senate committee

BECKY GILLETTE

Opponents of fluoridation of public water supplies were shocked and disappointed after the Senate Public Health, Welfare and Labor Committee voted March 4 against allowing the Senate to vote on House Bill 1355, An Act To Provide Local Control Over Fluoride Levels In Water Systems, a bill that passed the House earlier by a two-to-one margin.

Fluoridation opponents were given less than a day's notice that the bill would be considered. Debate on the bill was limited to two minutes for each side. Only three members of the committee voted for it – Sen. Scott Flippo, Sen. John Cooper and Sen. Gary. Since there are eight members of the committee, five votes were needed to pass the bill.

"The failure of the legislation to prevent our water supply from being medicated against our will is proof the people we have elected to safeguard our interests have failed us," said Eureka Springs alderman Joyce Zeller, a member of Carroll Boone Citizens for Safe Drinking Water. "Our

representatives are eroding the rights granted to us by the US Constitution one at a time. Forcible medication of our water is one. Denying our right to declare ourselves a discrimination-free environment is another. Introducing a bill guaranteeing the right, by law, to discriminate for any reason is another. What has happened to us?"

Jeannie Burlsworth, chair of Secure Arkansas, said there was no opportunity at the recent Senate hearing to discuss recent research linking fluoridation to high rates of hypothyroidism and attention deficit hyperactivity disorder.

"This is a very serious issue," Burlsworth said. "Ingested fluoride affects the whole body, and is highly toxic. No one's body is exempt from the effect of ingested fluoride. For them to totally ignore studies showing harm, especially some of this new research that has come out, is criminal."

Burlsworth is also concerned that it seems the Bledsoe family is dictating Arkansas public health and the people have no say. Sen. Cecile Bledsoe, pro-fluoride

chair of the Senate Public Health, Welfare and Labor Committee, has a son who is the newly appointed Arkansas Surgeon General, Dr. Greg Bledsoe.

"Her husband is a physician, and he was also at hearing," Burlsworth said. "It seems that this family is making blanket decisions regarding health of residents of the whole State of Arkansas by forcing mass medication of fluoride upon the state."

Who to call

Burlsworth recommended people call or email Greg Bledsoe (501) 661-2878, greg.bledsoe@arkansas.gov) and ask him why, with all the new science being revealed, is the State of Arkansas not calling for a moratorium on water fluoridation?

Burlsworth has a grandson with dental fluorosis, and she has hypothyroidism. A University of Kent study published recently showed that residents of England living in areas with fluoridated water had a 30 percent higher risk of hypothyroidism, which can cause depression, weight gain, fatigue and aching muscles.

Secure Arkansas alleges that dental

groups paid off the Senate Committee members to sabotage HB 1355 or any similar legislation.

"We simply cannot compete with this type of money," Burlsworth said. "Have you ever wondered why they are locked into their vote most of the time regardless of what you say or how much evidence you provide to them? They're influenced by lobbyists and deep pockets."


Burlsworth said from 2011 through 2014, \$501,044 was rotated through the Arkansas Dental PAC. Delta Dental has provided \$4,250 in campaign contributions to the committee, while the Arkansas Dental PAC has provided \$32,500 in campaign contributions since 2011.

Sen. Bledsoe had the largest amount of campaign donations, \$1,500 from Delta Dental and \$6,000 from the Arkansas Dental PAC (2011-2015). Overall the Arkansas Dental Association has given \$347,579 in campaign contributions to Arkansas legislators over the past 16 years.

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Resident protests lack of environmental controls

BECKY GILLETTE

Joyce Carlson, who lives off US 62 between Berryville and Green Forest, is talking with a gravelly voice and having trouble breathing. Carlson, an asthmatic, said her health has been greatly impacted by dust from contractors digging a deep trench for a new Carroll Boone Water District (CBWD) line that is being relocated because of the widening of US 62 from two to four lanes.

The huge machine digging out solid rock next to her home has created big clouds of dust. Large amounts of debris have settled in her yard and on her porch, and some coats furniture inside. Recently when she was walking outside to care for her goats and llamas, she had an asthma attack.

"It really scared me that day," Carlson said. "I didn't know if I was going to make it back into the house. My lungs closed up. I take a daily medication for asthma, and used to need my rescue inhaler rarely. Now I have to use it four times a day. It looks like they didn't even consider the health effects of exposing residents to this dust, and that bothers me. Who do we send the medical bills to?"

She said she was not notified of when they would be working near her, and contractors are taking no precautions to prevent the dust from impacting residents and animals. Workers also aren't wearing any protective masks.

"There are ways to control the dust," Carlson said. "Our entire neighborhood is being exposed. My pets are being exposed, my goats and my llamas. They have to breathe the outside air. You can hear how I've been affected in my throat and I can hear it in my lungs. My whole property almost is a rock bed, limestone and quartz. Quartz dust is silica, which is known to cause a lung disease called silicosis."

Carlson filed a complaint with the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality, and said the inspector who came out told her it looked like the project was almost over, which would end the impact on her. However, contractors told her they are just digging up the rock and filling back in the hole and will come back later to dig it up again to lay pipe. Carlson said the contractors told the ADEQ investigator they could have sprayed water to keep the dust down, but elected not to do that because it could have resulted in mud running off into her yard. She would have preferred the mud to asthma attacks and wants it done differently when they come back to bury the water line.

"This exposure to airborne contaminants isn't over by a long shot," she said.

Cathy Klein, office manager for the CBWD, said questions about dust control should be directed to the contractor for the project, Rosetta Construction from Springfield, Mo., which was the low bidder for the project at \$1,081,710. When contacted at the number listed for the contractor, a man who answered said, "I have no comment." When asked his name, he hung up.

Klein said CBWD elected to replace the current 24-in. pipe with a 36-in. ductile iron pipe because it was consistent with their long-term master plan to have a parallel water line between Beaver Lake and Harrison.

"This option closely aligned with our long-term master

plan and provided considerable cost savings because the highway department is paying for what it would have cost to replace the 24-in. line," she said. "They did not pay for what is considered betterment, which is replacing the 24-in. line with a 36-in. line. The original estimate of cost was \$305/linear foot, while this option with the help of state highway funding is \$120/linear foot."

Was it necessary?

Carlson, who has a four-in. thick binder filled with documents relating to the water line, believes there is good evidence the highway widening was not necessary. She also said that according the guidelines from the highway department, CBWD could have put the new water line in the highway right-of-way rather than taking her property and impacting her homestead severely.

The highway department told her they didn't require CBWD to move its line.

"There was no reason they had to come onto my property," said Carlson, who has a home-based graphic arts business. "They are displacing a lot of people, taking a lot of land and spending a large amount of our tax money for something we absolutely don't need. The pros and cons of living in Arkansas is that you can pretty much do what you want, but so can everyone else."

Klein denied that the line could have been placed closer to the road, and said the highway department required CBWD to move the line because of the widening project.

Two more gardening classes

The last two Foundation Farm gardening classes in the current series will be Insect & Disease Management, 3:30 – 5 p.m. on Thursday, March 19, at the Unitarian Church building, 17 Elk, and the hands-on inside scoop on Preparing a Garden Bed Thursday, March 26, at Foundation Farm. Fee is \$20/class. For directions and details, email mamakapa@yahoo.com or see www.foundationfarm.com.

33rd Annual Victorian Classic Race

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Register as an individual, group or family and join in the fun. To register and for more information call (479) 981-3065, (479) 244-6545, email victorianclassic@gmail.com or go to www.eurekarotary.org online. See the page, Victorian Classic 10K Run - 2 Mile Run & Fun Walk on Facebook for updates.

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Sunday at EUUF

Helga Dietzel will speak Sunday, March 22, at the Eureka Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 17 Elk Street, about the early years of the women's movement, the women who lay its groundwork and why its continuation is essential for bringing about equality for all. Service is at 11 a.m. followed by refreshments. Childcare provided.

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Advertised time is 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. but Turpentine Creek welcomes flyers earlier and later. It's the perfect environment for a family outing, and everyone is welcome to bring a picnic or snacks. There will also be music, so bring your lawn chairs and spend the day! Festival admission is free, and regular admission will be charged to tour the Wildlife Refuge. There is no rain date. For details call (479) 253-6596 or see www.kaleidokites.com.

What's next at Quilting 101

Holiday Island Quilters' Guild invites anyone interested in quilting to attend the third of six sessions of Quilting 101 March 26, 10 a.m., at the Holiday Island Clubhouse, Room A.

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Book bucks – Carnegie Public Library Head Librarian Loretta Crenshaw, right, presented Clear Spring High School and Middle School teachers Tony Stephenson and Juanita Crider with a check for \$500. Clear Spring students organized, shelved and sold donated books for the March 14 Friends of the Library Book Sale to help fund their 2016 Washington D.C. trip.

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Victory for Gentry Safari Park

BECKY GILLETTE

It was good news for Arkansas landowners that the Court of Appeals reversed the decision of a Benton County Circuit Court in an eminent domain case involving an American Electric Power (AEP)/Southwestern Electric Power Company (SWEPCO) high-voltage transmission line and the Gentry Safari Park, Pat Costner, director of Save the Ozarks said.

"The three-judge panel of the Court of Appeals reversed the circuit court ruling and sent the case back for rehearing because certain of the Safari Park's witnesses were not allowed to testify on issues related to the property's fair market value," Costner said.

Costner said the judges referred to two Arkansas Supreme Court rulings that are important for landowners who are or have been forced to sell their property to a utility company or have the utility take it by eminent domain: 1. The danger of transmission lines and the frightening of animals on the property is a proper element of damages in condemnation cases. 2. Plaintiffs can receive damages for impairment of views.

The Court of Appeals found that such damage is "consequential," and that Safari Park is entitled to just compensation based on witness testimony and the effect of construction and operation of the transmission line on that property.

Sandy McMath, who represented Safari Park in the appeal, noted that property was taken from the Safari Park to be used as right of way for SWEPCO's Flint Creek-Shipe Road transmission line, the first leg of their

plan to run the transmission line from Shipe Road to the Kings River near Berryville. McMath said cancellation of the second leg of SWEPCO's plan, the Shipe Road-Kings River transmission line, raises questions about the need for the transmission line that now goes through the Safari Park.

SWEPCO originally offered the safari owners \$36,600 to take about nine acres which housed many of the reserve's exotic species. Owners of the Gentry Safari Park said damages weren't limited to those nine acres, and that their animals could be affected by the noise and disturbance of the high-voltage powerline.

Appeals Court Judge Waymond Brown ruled the circuit court erred by excluding testimony, ruling that the only proper testimony was that concerning the before-and-after value of the property.

"In doing so, the court inadvertently took an unduly narrow view of what proper damages are in a condemnation case," Brown said.

The Arkansas Supreme Court has ruled that testimony about the danger of a transmission line and the frightening of animals on a property is a "proper element of damages in condemnation cases."

"The rationale for such a rule is that if the existence of transmission lines exposes livestock to dangers or frightens the livestock, it has the effect of depreciating the value of the remaining lands not taken because the land can no longer be used as before and must be considered," Brown said.

"It's a victory," McMath said. "These are modest landowners."



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

Some examples are:

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

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

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

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Mend the bridges

Editor,

As a Christian and deeply spiritual man who knows well the bible and the teachings of Jesus Christ, I must admit I was frustrated to read Randall Christy's letter from last week regarding the campaign to repeal 2223. Mr. Christy, who is not a resident of Eureka Springs or Arkansas and whose business is outside our city limits, appears to me to be extremely disingenuous. His letter was filled with hearsay and stories he has "heard" about Christian bashing in Eureka Springs with little to no facts involved.

If Mr. Christy was genuinely concerned about LGBT discrimination, why did he choose to conduct his "take back the city" meeting at the church of a well-known homophobic minister who preaches the God hates fags agenda, except uses different words? Why not invite the entire community to a safer place?

There are bruised and battered homosexuals in Eureka Springs (and all over the USA) who have suffered their entire lives the discrimination in question, and I think tolerance and forgiveness should be allowed them in their passionate vision and actions to make things right.

The campaign to defeat 2223 is filled with fear-mongering and outright lies. The ordinance **does not** force any church or minister to go against their faith. It does not force anyone to perform gay marriages. The transgender scare tactics are unfounded and not based in fact. Sexual predators exist everywhere and don't care about laws. The fact the "sinner of the day" is LGBT people is a political issue, not a true Christian issue.

Mr. Christy, if you are so genuinely seeking to follow what you present in your play, then the way should be plain. Don't try to pluck a splinter from my eye when you have a log in your own. I encourage you to mend the bridges that are burning now. You and your business need Eureka Springs,

not vice versa. And as a gay Christian, if you believe there can be such a thing, I will gladly turn my other cheek to you.

Troy Johnson

Religions shouldn't rule each other

Editor,

Some do not want laws passed which will cause them to go against their own personal religious beliefs? Which person? Which religious belief? What if one's religious belief says one should discriminate against, stone or kill someone if they do or do not wear a cross, burka, star of David, or a dress?

The reason for having separation between church and state (a founding principle of our country) is so no one religion rules another.

I'm grateful to live in Eureka where some are still striving to preserve our sacred freedom.

Valerie H. Damon

Christians are inclusive

Editor,

Randall Christy, chief executive officer of the Great Passion Play, erroneously speaks for all Christians in his thinly masked bias against our LGBT community. I know many Christians who are appalled at him and his group who mask their bigotry through Christianity.

Christians are not biased people. Rather, they are inclusive doers of good rather than closers of doors. Christians who are against all forms of discrimination do not use the bible to validate bigotry. Christy and his followers who choose to discriminate are not unlike those who refused to serve four black students at the Greensboro Woolworth's lunch counter in 1960. Here it is 55 years after this historical event that took care of businesses refusing service to another human being and they still want to discriminate?

In Christy's most recent letter he plays

the old game of "No I didn't, but you did" in an attempt to portray those of us who oppose his prejudicial views as the aggressors. We are merely willing to fight for what's right. Isn't that the Christian way?

Julie Freeman

Taking the city back?

Editor,

"Christians, let's take back this city?" I am a Christian, have been since birth, baptized, confirmed and everything.

I wondered, where are you proposing to take this city back to? Back to before women had the right to vote? Back to when blacks had a separate school and drinking fountains? I think both of those events happened in Eureka Springs. But, have we ever *not* had artists, loving, creative people both gay and straight in our beautiful town? Randall, I know you are newcomer and might not know much Eureka history, but I think artists and dreamers formed with the town, so we can't take back the town to before that point.

Remember, Christ said that this is the Great Commandment, "Love Your Neighbor As Yourself." I think Eureka seem to do that just fine. Furthermore, I don't think the word "discrimination" ever has meant "love" in this town or anywhere else.

Christi Wagner

Ordinance 2223

discriminates against clergy

Editor,

The text of Ordinance 2223 speaks about "non-secular positions" in "a religious or denominational institution," a church if you please. As a religious professional of some 48 years' service, I want to say that being called a "non-secular" employee is one gross example of the discrimination contained in this ordinance. I've been called many things in my life of Christian service: a minister, a pastor, a reverend, a doctor, a

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WEEK'S TopTweets

@shutupmikeginn: The thing I like best about smartphones is how they're a prison you keep in your pocket.

@Lisa_Laugh: It's such a beautiful day to stay inside and tweet about what a beautiful day it is out there.

@Home_Halfway: French toast is just regular toast that smokes cigarettes and has a tiny mustache.

@lunchyprices: Not feeling great about how much scrolling down

I have to do to get to my birth year.

@sammyrhodes: Instead of buying a new pair of sunglasses I think I'll just randomly leave \$100 somewhere.

@kellyoxford: If you need someone who is good at looking into a full fridge and complaining that there's nothing to eat, I'm your Mayor!

@shelbyfero: No pain no gain but also no pain no pain.

@ieatanddrink: Oh OK thanks for the tip, I was actually planning on letting the bed bugs bite but good call.

Keep Eureka Fair

One of the more frequent questions being raised about the City's Non-Discrimination Ordinance (NDO, Ordinance #2223) relates to discrimination based on socioeconomic background. There are concerns that it will prevent them from obtaining credit and other background checks on prospective employees and tenants.

The short answer is a resounding NO!

It does not prevent any type of checks that will help someone hire a qualified employee or rent to a responsible tenant. The NDO is not an affirmative action law. It does not require you to hire or to rent to or to do business with anyone who is not qualified.

If you operate a retail establishment, you are entitled to be paid for your goods.

If you are a landlord, you are entitled to expect the rent will be paid when due and the tenant will abide by all of the terms of the lease or rental agreement.

If you are an employer, you are entitled to hire the best candidate you can for whatever position you have available.

Ord. 2223 does not create any entitlements or free rides – for any individual or any reason.

So, then, why include socioeconomic status in the ordinance at all? First, we must look at why we even need a Non-Discrimination Ordinance. In a perfect world, people would be evaluated solely on those traits needed in any particular transaction. But the world isn't perfect, yet. The Civil Rights Act of 1964 recognized that. Several subsequent pieces of legislation, like the Americans with Disabilities Act, continued in that vein. And now we have the Non-Discrimination Ordinance of Eureka Springs, Ord. #2223. The world may not yet be perfect, but we continue to get better.

In a retail situation we have a seller and we have a buyer. The seller sets the price and the buyer can accept or reject it. If the buyer accepts it and has the funds to complete the transaction, we have a deal. It is rational to expect the buyer to pay for the goods before taking possession. If the buyer does not pay, it is not discriminatory for the seller to say, no deal!

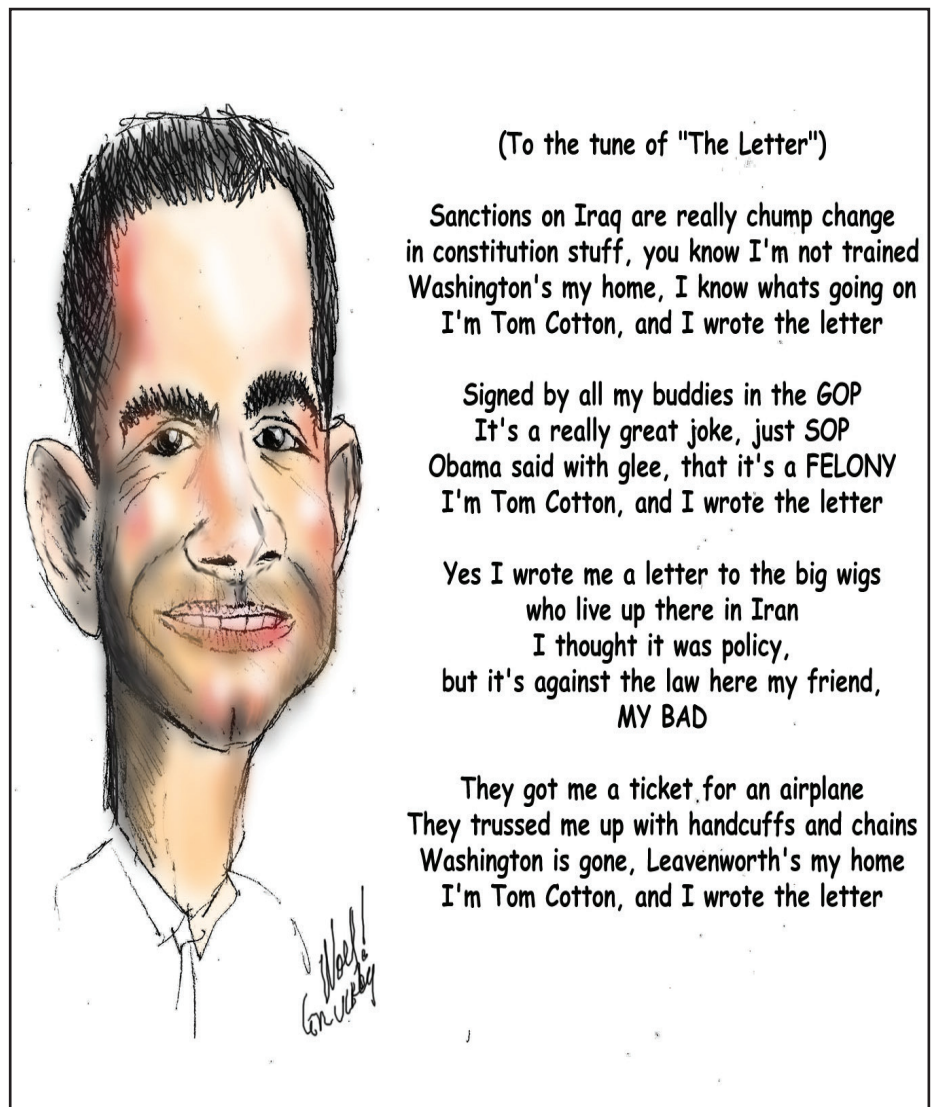
But if a seller, or a landlord or an employer or other business open to the public says no deal for a reason that has no rational connection to the transaction, such as skin color or religion or ethnicity or sexual orientation, that is discriminatory. It's an arbitrary barrier that is disruptive to the marketplace. It's unfair to the buyer and it's harmful to society in general.

But forms of discrimination other than those based on race and religion and ethnicity and sexual orientation also have existed and limited many people from gaining equal access to the public arena. One such form is discrimination based on socioeconomic status background.

Simply stated, when we rely upon traits such as a person's accent, choice of clothing, family background, language, food and political preferences *instead of* objective factors such as personal references, credit reports, background checks and résumés to evaluate their ability to do a job or responsibly rent a housing unit, we are discriminating solely on their socioeconomic status background. This is not to say that an employer or a landlord cannot consider the whole package in hiring and renting. That's perfectly okay.

There is but one theme that runs through the NDO as well as all other non-discrimination laws: In gaining access to public accommodations, employment and housing, people must be judged fairly on their own merits and not on factors that have no rational connection to the transaction in question. To do otherwise is to engage in unacceptable and discriminatory practices.

Lamont Richie-Roberson



(To the tune of "The Letter")

Sanctions on Iraq are really chump change
in constitution stuff, you know I'm not trained
Washington's my home, I know what's going on
I'm Tom Cotton, and I wrote the letter

Signed by all my buddies in the GOP
It's a really great joke, just SOP
Obama said with glee, that it's a FELONY
I'm Tom Cotton, and I wrote the letter

Yes I wrote me a letter to the big wigs
who live up there in Iran
I thought it was policy,
but it's against the law here my friend,
MY BAD

They got me a ticket for an airplane
They trussed me up with handcuffs and chains
Washington is gone, Leavenworth's my home
I'm Tom Cotton, and I wrote the letter

The Pursuit of HAPPINESS

by Dan Krotz

A traveling salesman slides into Hindsville, Arkansas, and sees Bob Ballinger playing checkers with a Cocker Spaniel on the front porch of his house (Bob's house, not the dog's house). The salesman is amazed. "My goodness," he exclaims. "That must be the smartest dog in the world!" Bob smiles. "He ain't so smart," Bob says. "I done beat him three times out of five."

That's an old joke, but it's still worth deconstructing. The salesman is "the outsider," probably a Yankee and a city slicker to boot. The dog is just a dog, but also the natural world; the salesman reacts to it with wonder and awe; Ol' Bob sees the dog too, but dismissively, and himself as the dog's master. He is the native Arkansan. He represents the people, the common man and common denominator who you meet on the street every day. Is that fair? Sure it is. We elected Bob to represent us: he is us. No kidding.

The outsider-salesman's reaction to what he sees is delight. How smart the dog is! How breathtaking, how unusual its intelligence and grace. If such a dog exists in such a place, the salesman thinks, I want to be part of that place. After the joke is over he may even call a Realtor and start looking for a retirement home.

If the outsider thinks about Bob at all, he imagines Bob is sweetly self-effacing, or making a joke on himself. "How charming," he thinks. "How small-town friendly. And look at those hills! The valleys! What a place! What a dog!" It will take him a while to learn that Bob is meaner than a snake and, in terms of understanding the US Constitution, dumber than a box of rocks.

The punch line, though, isn't that Bob can beat a dog three out of five times playing checkers and thinks himself smart. It's that the local and state Democratic Party is so bewildered and aimless that Ballinger and his casting-out-demons-Nuke-the-Muslims buddies can beat it every time. It ain't a yellow dog, or even a Cocker Spaniel; it ain't no dog at all.

A little help from our friends:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Meetings at Coffee Pot Club:

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

INDEPENDENT Constables On Patrol

MARCH 9

8:02 a.m. – Constable responded to call about a large cat that had been hit by a vehicle on US 62. Animal was in distress and constable did his duty.

10:45 a.m. – Individual turned herself in on an outstanding warrant.

11:35 a.m. – Concerned passerby reported seeing a male lying on the ground near a restaurant. Constable went to the scene and discovered a Public Works employee restoring water service to the property.

1:35 p.m. – Individual reported criminal mischief to a painting he had purchased. After the purchase, he returned the painting to the artist for additional shading and claimed the work had been compromised. Report taken.

6:21 p.m. – Constable filed a report on a minor vehicle accident.

8:30 p.m. – Person told ESPD her boyfriend was harassing her by driving in front of her place of employment. Constable spoke with her, and she said she would stay somewhere else for the evening.

9:08 p.m. – One neighbor reported hearing a woman screaming. Constable went to the area but another neighbor had not heard anything.

MARCH 10

8:16 a.m. – There was a vehicle accident just outside city limits. No injuries. Constable called CCSO.

8:45 a.m. – Worried friend asked for a welfare check on female staying at a tourist lodging with her boyfriend who reportedly was being violent. Girlfriend told the constable who responded things were fine, and constable saw no signs of physical abuse to the girlfriend or damage to the room.

10:40 a.m. – Staff at the same tourist lodging reported to ESPD that now there was damage to the room the constable had visited earlier.

12:46 p.m. – A vehicle headed to town from the west was allegedly traveling all over the road, but constables never encountered it.

1:12 p.m. – Constables came upon a stolen ATV from a CCSO case, and they assisted deputies in the recovery.

4:21 p.m. – Passerby reported a vehicle at Black Bass Lake had its front door open for more than an hour. The vehicle was being driven away just as a constable arrived.

4:44 p.m. – Constable went to a laundromat to arrest an individual on an outstanding warrant.

5:50 p.m. – A concerned female provided information about a male neighbor.

9:30 p.m. – Constable returned a call to a mother regarding possible mental abuse.

MARCH 11

1:01 p.m. – Animal Control picked up a stray dog on Main Street and took it to the kennel.

3:21 p.m. – A truck was parked illegally for awhile until just before a constable arrived.

5:27 p.m. – There was a two-vehicle accident on private property.

9:26 p.m. – Someone broke a window of a parked vehicle and stole a purse.

9:41 p.m. – The female caller, who was very intoxicated,

told ESPD she was afraid of a male who was screaming outside on her premises. He vamoosed before the constable got there.

9:49 p.m. – Individual turned herself in on a warrant.

MARCH 12

8:01 a.m. – Girlfriend reported her boyfriend was at her apartment even though a protection order had been served on him the day before. Constable went to the scene and arrested the boyfriend for violating the order.

8:22 a.m. – Concerned observer reported seeing a vehicle with out-of-state plates and a possibly intoxicated driver on a roadway in the east part of town. Constable searched for but did not encounter the vehicle.

4:57 p.m. – There was a two-vehicle accident in a parking lot.

8:17 p.m. – Staff at a place of business asked for constable assistance in removing an unwanted person from the premises.

MARCH 13

9:24 a.m. – Resident complained about a vehicle parked on her property. She said she wanted it towed. Constable arrived along with a tow truck, and the troublesome vehicle was removed.

11:40 p.m. – Traffic stop resulted in the arrest of the driver for DWI #3, implied consent, driving without headlights, failure to use turn signal and driving on a suspended license #4.

MARCH 14

1:38 a.m. – Traffic stop resulted in the arrest of the driver for DWI and driving left of center.

12:41 p.m. – Constable fixed a change machine downtown.

1:12 p.m. – One person said the music at an establishment was too loud. Constable went to check, and thought the noise level was okay.

3:19 p.m. – There was another two-vehicle accident in a parking lot.

4:02 p.m. – Constable was on his way to check out a burglary alarm when the alarm company canceled the call.

5 p.m. – ESPD got a report of patrons outside a bar with open containers. They were gone before the constable arrived.

6:36 p.m. – Customer found a large sum of money on the sidewalk outside a business and left it with the business so a constable could retrieve it. Constable located the owner and returned the missing moolah.

11:58 p.m. – Traffic stop resulted in the arrest of the driver for DWI and speeding.

MARCH 15

2:25 a.m. – Constables watched for an erratic and possibly intoxicated driver but never encountered the vehicle.

8:59 a.m. – Constables and EMS responded to an unattended death.

11:10 a.m. – Motorist reported two vehicles speeding and passing on the double yellow lines on their way into town from the north. Constable noticed the vehicles parked in town and advised the drivers of the complaint

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FOR

Local Ord. 2223

REGISTER TO VOTE BEFORE APRIL 11, 2015



Eureka Springs has never accepted discrimination on any level.
Local Ordinance 2223 protects **EVERYONE's** civil rights.

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”EQUALITY

Join us on facebook at www.facebook.com/KeepEurekaFair.com

Don't be confused about what Ordinance 2223 “IS” and “IS NOT” !

- Ord. 2223 **IS NOT** an affirmative action law - it **DOES NOT** require you to hire, serve or rent to anyone.
- Ord. 2223 **DOES NOT** limit your right to obtain background or credit checks on any prospective employee or tenant. It also **DOES NOT** limit your right to use that information, once gathered, to make your hiring and renting decisions.
- Ord. 2223 **DOES NOT** require **ANY** religious institution to make its **Chapel** or **Sanctuary** available to **ANY** individual or organization, or for any ceremony, that conflicts with its principles.
- Ord. 2223 **DOES NOT** apply to any institution, club or other place of accommodation that, by its nature, is distinctly private. This means that **Private Clubs** and **Religious Institutions** that do not offer services, goods or entertainment to the general public are **NOT** bound by Ordinance 2223.
- Ord. 2223 **WILL NOT** open the “floodgates” to frivolous claims. The Mayor is required to investigate complaints and then attempt to resolve the issues, if any, that might be raised.
- Ord. 2223 **DOES** ensure that no one is denied employment, service in a public accommodation or housing on the sole basis of **Religion, Race, Perceived Race, Age, National Origin, Gender, Gender Identity, Pregnancy Status, Citizenship, Familial Status, Disability Status, Veteran Status, Socioeconomic Background, Sexual Orientation** and **Gender Expression**.

Ord. 2223 = Assurance that **ALL** People get a chance to be judged **EQUALLY** and **FAIRLY** on their own merits.

If you have questions about Ordinance 2223, email: KeepEurekaFair@gmail.com | Vote **FOR** Ord. 2223 on May 12, 2015



CW on the scene – Drew Thompson of the Arkansas CW gives Eureka two thumbs up. See their slide show from the parade at www.4029TV.com.



Starting early – Mom Denise Pepmiller and the youngest Irish wanna-be at the parade.



Kazoops – Eric Scheunemann toots a giant kazoo in the Free Form Kazoo Band.



Sparky style – Roxie Howard goes for the green.

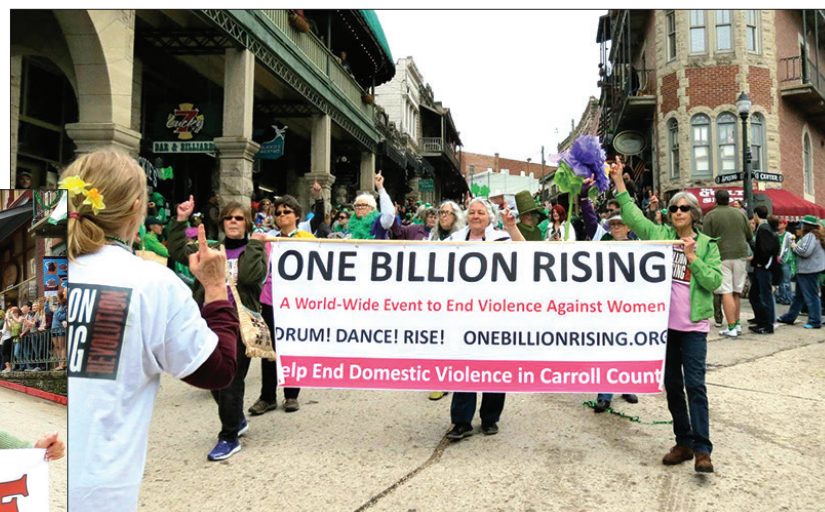
Blarney – Charles Templeton trades war stories with a highly decorated shillelagh.

PHOTO BY JAY VRECENAK

Melonheads – Ethan Robison, left, and T.J. Streker, along with other Melonlight Studio dancers, cut a rug Ceilidh-style for the crowd at Basin Park.



PARADE PHOTOS BY
JAY VRECEK AND BECKY GILLETTE



Several organizations shared their causes on March 14 during the St. Patrick's Day Parade. See all of Jay's and Becky's photos on our Facebook page.



Pi(e) Day – Pi is the Greek symbol used to represent the ratio of the circumference of a circle to its diameter, about 3.14159. Pi(e) Day, 3.14.15, was used to celebrate the grand re-opening of the Norberta Philbrook Gallery at 95 Spring. Above, Josie Yerby, left, and Nancy Wines contemplate the infinite nature of pie. *PHOTO BY JAY VRECEK*

Tour de force – Kim Stryker makes sure Lorna Trigg is ready for her close-up. Kim and Mike Maloney spent all day March 19 taking head shots and video interviewing most of the more than 30 artists participating at 23 studios in this year's Studio Tour Sept. 18 – 19. See Eureka Springs Studio Tour on Facebook for details.

PHOTO BY JAY VRECEK

Vernal Equinox Celebration

Join the "Celebration of Spring, Youth and Seeds" Saturday, March 21, from 1 – 4 p.m. at the Open-air Meditation Sanctuary, 268 Cr 2037. Plant seeds on a meditation walk through the OM Sanctuary and enjoy a Spring Ritual with Shakeenah and seasonal harmonizing music by Fred Mayer, Sage Ahava and friends.

Bring vegan foods, non-alcoholic drinks and indigenous wildflower seeds and bulbs for planting your dreams in the Sanctuary. A donation is requested for the Sanctuary and

the Equinox performers. For directions, phone (479) 363-7024 or visit www.28rites.com.

Metafizzies meeting

The March 23 meeting of the Metaphysical Society will feature a video on the Hajj, the pilgrimage to Mecca that all Muslims who are physically and financially able are required to perform. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. in the reading room of the Christian Science Church, 68 Mountain Street. All are welcome.

Who likes pancakes? Come woof 'em down

Good Shepherd Humane Shelter will host a benefit pancake breakfast March 21, 7:45 – 11:30 a.m., at the Berryville United Methodist Church, 400 Eureka Avenue. Bring the whole family to feast on pancakes (gluten-free available), bacon or sausage, fresh fruit and your choice of coffee, juice or milk.

There will also be delicious baked goods for sale and a raffle for an XXL Digital Electric Indoor Fryer and a Brother 17-Stitch Sewing Machine. Tickets are \$5 adults and \$2 kids 7 and under. Money raised will go toward improvements on the newly acquired Berryville out-of-state adoption facility to ready it for opening to the public.

INDEPENDENT Art & Entertainment

Deadline nears for 10x10 Play Festival

Submissions are still being accepted for the first 10x10 Play Festival – a series of 10 ten-minute plays by writers from Eureka Springs and those within a 50-mile radius. Submission deadline is April 10, after which all submission will be read and judged and the top 10 chosen to comprise the Festival. After auditions and casting, dates and festival venue will be announced.

The plays must be in play script format with page numbers and must not run longer than 10 minutes. Monologues are not accepted, and cast must have no more than five characters. The plays must have a simple, single unit set. Each writer may submit up to two scripts. Email scripts and any further questions to Artistic Director Joe Watts at joeleewatts@att.net or phone (479) 981-2880.

Playwriting workshop March 28

Veteran playwright and actor Keith Scales will lead an all-day workshop on writing for the stage from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Saturday, March 28, at the Village Writing School. The workshop will focus on basic concepts such as space, time and conflict; as well as what the actor needs from the

writer for the play to succeed.

Participants will have the opportunity to develop a ten-minute play to read publicly later if they choose. Cost is \$45. For information or to register visit villagewritingschool.com or phone (479) 292-3665.

Spring into Poetluck



Celebrate the awakening of spring with Crescent Dragonwagon, featured reader at Poetluck on Thursday, March 19, at the Writers' Colony at Dairy Hollow. She'll read from her memoir, *If We Make An Exception for You*, and possibly from another work in progress (working title: *50 Shades of Earl Grey*) as well as a poem or two.

Crescent, with Crow Johnson and the late Ned Shank, was one of WCDH's co-founders and is author of 50 published books in five different genres.

Local writers and musicians are invited to read from or perform their work for up to four minutes after Crescent's presentation. Potluck dinner

begins at 6:30 p.m. at the Colony, 515 Spring Street. Poetluck takes place every third Thursday and everyone is welcome; bring a dish to share and settle in for a great evening.



Don't miss the VM 10th anniversary production

Saturday, March 21, the highly anticipated 10th anniversary production of *The Vagina Monologues* by Eve Ensler, takes the stage at 7 p.m. in the Aud. The production is a fundraiser for the Red Tent Sisters of Eureka Springs and a benefit for Carroll County Safety Network to assist women, children and families dealing with domestic abuse.

Ticket pre-sales are being offered by Red Tent Sisters at several local places including Eureka Market and

Crystal Waters and are available online at www.tinyurl.com/VM2015Eureka. \$25 General Admission, \$35 VIP Seating. Doors open at 6, seating at 6:30, show at 7 p.m.

The anniversary cast features Robin Milam Weinmann, Becca Martin Brown, Rae Hahn, Rebecca Hahn, Lauren Levine, Amber Brown, Dorothy Crookshank, Kodi Price, Maureen Alexander, Patti Corcelli, Phyllis Moraga, Jillian Guthrie and Kate Lucariello.

Free radio time!

The Ozark Harvest Radio Hour welcomes announcements from businesses, churches, civic organizations and artists about upcoming events, grand openings, performances, etc.

Please email these to danielkrotz@gmail.com no later than the first Tuesday prior to your event. Producers of the Ozark Harvest Radio Hour are also interested in interviewing business owners, fine and performance artists, writers, civic leaders and community activists.

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This week's fine tuning

Up next on the Ozark Harvest Radio Hour: Writer and publisher Dale McCurry tells about his new Bluegrass-focused publication, *The Wire and the Woods*, host Richard Pille attempts to be amiable and nearly succeeds, Dr. Jim Young celebrates local heroine Marsha Havens and Suzy Q introduces us to Blues legend, Albert Ammons.

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



CONSTANCE
WAGNER

He reached the foot of the lane where the paved road passed at right angles on its way to the square, where Ora Jessup's old store stood by itself, as it always had within his memory, its sign – **WE BUY WOOL HIDES FURS** – a faint whisper of unintelligibility. Have to sick Jaffrey onto old man Jessup, with his face-lifting, he thought. Needs a coat of paint. Used to swipe licorice whips out of that case when Ory wasn't looking, and those big, hard, colored balls you sucked on a long time, and finally come to a seed. Caraway, I guess. Never had pennies to buy any. Only once in a while when *she* had some guy staying there. To get rid of me, show off for *her*: "Here's a penny, a nickel. Go buy yourself some candy, Fent..." Still, it was better then than after Holly Gowdy married her. Out there to Bushy Knob – and her screaming every time a kid was born. Christ!

He strode into the square, deserted now and cold, under the leafless trees. Only old Ray Braithwaite sat hunched beside the spring, attending the slow drip of water into his bottle. " 'Twas froze up last night," he said. "How you doin', Fent? Looks like Mr. Jaffray's really fixin' fer good times in this here town, again. Like I always said, when you got water like we got, ain't no reason –"

"That's right, Ray." He quickened his steps, turning his eyes away from the bulge on the old man's turkey-red neck. He hated twisted or deformed people, and went out of his way to avoid Jim Gurley's dwarf daughter, with her huge head and tiny limbs. Once, when Holly Gowdy's cow had borne a two-headed calf, he had felt it as a personal outrage, and had shot the creature. He still endorsed his conviction that he had destroyed something that should never have been – a conviction not shaken in the least by the horsewhipping he'd got at the hands of his stepfather (who, with witless avarice, had hoped to keep the monster alive long enough to charge his neighbors admission for seeing it).

Above the pool-hall, he could see Asa Byrne's lank figure on a ladder, hoisting a strip of wallpaper, and he caught a glimpse of Clytie, with her shining hair, her face upturned, giving

orders to the old man. She knew what she wanted, he thought with satisfaction. Too good for Walter Knowles. Walter'd got himself the right one: her with the frozen face. Showed *her*, that night: could have had her, didn't want her. The hell with her...

Roger Knowles's car passed within a few feet of him, as he stepped off the curb heading toward the furniture store. Fenton stood to let the car pass, and their eyes met. Roger jerked his head in a nervous, slight nod, and his lips moved, but the car window was closed, so no sound came. Fenton made no sign, but kept his eyes steadily on the older man's face.

Roger drove slowly around the square, waved at Walter, who was just leaving the *Democrat* office for lunch, and threw the car into low gear for the rugged climb up Jethro Street. These chance encounters with Fenton Sayre always unnerved him – out of all proportion, he told himself. Surely, after all this time, Fenton's outrage over simply having been born ought to have worn itself thin. You didn't feed on resentment for thirty years as if it were a secret form of nourishment! And

it was not as if he had made no gesture of conciliation. That fiasco was still painfully fresh in his mind, though it now lay eleven years behind him: that winter, bitterly cold, when money was even tighter than usual in the town, the poor clinging in half-starved desperation to the meager support of the dole. Those nights, he had lain sleepless in the bed across from Agnes's, and tried not to visualize the Gowdy place out near Bushy Knob, but had nevertheless seen it all too well, known minutely and in detail its degradation. No one, he thought, could have endured such nocturnal visions indefinitely...

On a Saturday, therefore, with an obscure sense of being engaged in a betrayal of Agnes, he had stopped Fenton in the square. He remembered how he had touched his arm, lightly, and had drawn him aside from the crowd – a conspirator, fearful of being overheard. "Like to speak to you, Fenton" – the name strange in his mouth. And he remembered how the boy, already taller than himself, had looked at him with the habitual dark hostility undiluted even by recognition or surprise. His cotton jacket was too small, and worn through

at the elbows, and his jeans were patched and thin. He didn't shiver, though – Roger remembered

noticing that, and noticing the steadiness of his hand, when he pulled a sack of Bull Durham out of the ragged pocket and rolled a cigarette – a gesture of insolence and disdain. Somehow it had destroyed Roger's self-confidence on the spot. The attitude that he had carefully created, in advance, for himself, the words he had meant to use, had gone down before the simple act of tilting tobacco onto a bit of paper, rolling and twisting, and licking the edge.

What *had* he said? Words coming out thickly, hurried, not the words he'd intended. "Want to do something for you folks, your mother. A hard winter. I can take you on at the mill –" God knew, he didn't need labor. Everything was at a standstill. But he needed to be rescued, he had a feeling of supplication, of urgently begging this ragged boy for pity and for help...

"Keep your job. I don't want nothin' off you, now or never."

NOTES from the HOLLOW

by Steve Weems

In the spring flowing behind our house, there are little bitty crawdads. I've not seen one for awhile, but I trust that they are still lurking in the water. I'm glad they're there, as I've read that crawdads are an indicator of healthy water. As you probably know, if you played in creeks as a kid, crawdads are small crustaceans, miniature freshwater lobsters with pincers. Though usually called crawdads in the Ozarks' vernacular, they're also called crayfish, crawfish and mudbugs.

When I was young, my Uncle Dana Scott came over from Rogers and took some of us out to catch crawdads. The way I recall it, we walked several creeks that day carrying buckets, looking under rocks and logs until we'd caught a mess of them to eat. We used our hands to catch them and, with practice, I didn't

get pinched. Dana cooked them up and they were quite tasty.

There are supposed to be approximately 60 different species of crawdads in Arkansas, and most are found in the cold springs and creeks of either the Ozarks or the Ouachitas. They come in a variety of sizes and colors: the ones in my spring are brown and smaller than two inches. Bigger ones can also be found, though.

Local outdoorsman, Jared Mourglia, has caught crawdads in the eight-in. range. Wearing goggles, he dove into the Kings River and captured them by hand under the piers of the old US 62 bridge. I believe crawdads that large would have to be the long-pincer variety found only in the White River Basin of Arkansas and



Missouri. I've read that some experts say the long-pincer crawdad is the largest in North America. While catching crawdads by hand is always an option, I've heard of others locally using baited traps to capture these big crawdads by the dozen.

Though commercial operations are more common in Louisiana, Arkansas does have crawdad farms. The crawdads are raised as food and, prepared correctly, they not only taste great, but are very high in Vitamin B12, which is essential for proper brain function.

Spring – Light Equals the Darkness, Pisces New Moon Solar Eclipse

Honoring all fathers, St. Joseph's Feast Day is Thursday, March 19. Friday, March 20, Spring begins. Less than one hour after the new moon (29.29 Pisces) total solar eclipse, the Sun enters Aries. It's Spring Equinox, the new Spiritual year begins, and we celebrate International Astrology Day. Essential eclipse themes – endings, completions, departures, breakdowns, breakthroughs, revelations.

The gate of Aries, sign of "all things made new" swings open at Spring Equinox and the primal fiery green force within all life on Earth resurrects. This fiery life force is the hidden mystery of Easter and Resurrection. Ancient people believed at the beginning of time/creation, when elements

first appeared forming the substance (matter, mater, mother) of our cosmos, the Sun was in Aries.

As Spring unfolds, the creative life-giving spiritual essences within humanity and Earth's kingdoms ascend. Spring initiates (Aries keyword) new life, new hope and vision, the new world order, culture and civilization. Sparks of fire appear at the rootlets of plants, "resurrecting" them "from fire to light to life." The two first leaves of new plants resemble the sign Aries.

The first day of Spring is the first full day of fiery Aries (after Pisces waters – fire and water together form new life), initiating the new spiritual and astrological year (International Astrology Day). A new cycle of

time begins in the tropical (seasonal) zodiac. Astrology is the heavenly directional template, the guidepost for beginnings, endings, changes, transformations for humanity.

Aries Sun, Spring Equinox, Sun at the equator, light equaling darkness, the northward equinox occurring also signal the Iranian new year (Norouz); beginning of the Bahá'í (Naw-Rúz) calendar; Ostara (Germanic spring goddess, giving birth to Yule in nine months); Chunfen (Vernal Equinox) in China. In Maya, it is the "return of the Sun serpent. The ever-moving wheel of the year turns once more. We together, "ascend." Resurrection begins within all life on Earth.

ARIES: The next three months sees you working in groups, then sliding behind veils, protecting yourself in order, later, to reveal yourselves to the world with new ideas, thoughts, processes and a new identity. Be aware of fluid shifts within and without. When summer comes you communicate a new way of life, new values, new finances and new ways to create the foundation of the next civilization. You're impelled.

TAURUS: More and more of you identifies yourself integral to group work. Groups call to you and although you may be at

times overextended, you're challenged to fully participate. Taurus uses their "will and willingness" to maintain. You're a forward thinker, always creating ideals and future goals, concerned with ways humanity can efficiently and ethically live differently. Study alternative homes, buildings and ancient architecture.

GEMINI: Jupiter asks, "Will you travel, take short trips, expand your area of interests even though there may be a wound involved or a state of unknowing? Are you seeking right livelihood in areas that reflect you or in areas others expect you to work? Are you asking what your role in the future is? How to serve? If you ask yourself these questions, the answer begins to form quietly within the self. Ask Mercury. Then Venus.

CANCER: You're learning new things, given the opportunity to redo much of the past in order to heal that past. This will continue. Through discussions with people – teachers, shamans, those who till the land, mentors – a new world opens. It's what you've been seeking. You realize others are interested in your life, thoughts, and how you see yourself. Who you thought you were in the past is dissolving. A new self-identity is forming.

LEO: The planets are maintaining their presence in your house of shared resources, the Scorpio house. Is your sense of self shifting? Do you feel something about yourself dissolving? You've thought about relationships. They bring you fortune, they wound – all part of their purpose. We always move from relationships to things shared. Are you sharing with another? Are important papers, finances in order? You've gone into hiding again.

VIRGO: You may feel the need to study a subject that brings the future into closer focus. Study heals wounds, brings ideals

forth, sets you upon the path chosen before coming into this lifetime. Mercury, your ruler (guardian), nudges you into integrating work that serves others. Should this occur, a new confidence comes forth. In what ways do you seek to serve?

LIBRA: You always wish for fun and romance and having a playful time. These balance you, make you happy and creating a golden light to emanate from you.

You seek love and humor and warmth of companionship. These are available. However your greatest joy will be the way you creatively and freely express your talents and gifts. Something's hidden. A wound, a sadness. What is it? Consider now a long tropical summer vacation.

SCORPIO: You've sought comfort from home and family. Now you seek daily life plans, agendas, work for comfort. You will create a home in a new place. It will be an inner sanctum. You've come to understand the foundations of your family, which helped you grow. Now you must create a new foundation with new values, comforts and nourishment. There may be a move, new dwellings may be constructed. Forgiveness comes forth.

SAGITTARIUS: Your intelligence increases and you take up new studies, the new knowledge needed to build your new life, along with the new culture and civilization. Your gifts teach other, expanding their knowledge, inviting them to be part of the new era being built. Walk though many neighborhoods, become familiar with them and the people living there. This is humanity. Photograph, draw and paint aspects of these neighborhoods. Design your new life from these.

CAPRICORN: Great parts of yourself are hidden. You seek these found objects of

self. They are your talents and gifts. Your talents are part of your value system. Think about what these talents and values are and how they will help bring forth your new era of life, different than yet colored by the past. Give abundantly to others in all ways. Especially praise. This assures that abundance is returned back to you. Giving becomes the true value.

AQUARIUS: You've experienced great changes in your life. Now you're faced with new challenges. You're creating a new value system. Make sure that as much has been given to you, you, in return, give to others. Tend to all relationships and interactions and to things lawful. And think about how you are helping to build the new world. You are one of its leaders. Identify what daily life actions are already there. Right identification is most important.

PISCES: You're always behind a few veils, behind the scenes, private, hidden for protection in order to contemplate the future in many ways still unformed. Your inner self want to give to those in need without expectations of being noticed, known or even thanked. Giving allows our inner life regenerate. Dreams become intuitive information. Faith and religion and spiritual things nourish. Do all these things with gratitude and a sense of purpose. They save you. So you can save the world (Pisces task).

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County Bible
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Proclamation
witnessed by
(from left) Larry
Kirk, Prayer
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Bonnie Roediger,
Coordinator/
President; Laura
Nichols, Celebrate
Jesus Coordinator



and Kirstin Cooper, committee member. Area mayors signed the document encouraging regular Bible reading and proclaiming May 3 – 7 the week of the 6th Annual public Bible Reading Marathon taking place in Green Forest, commemorating the National Day of Prayer.

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Outdoing the undead

Join the fun on March 28 and be among tons of participants who show up at 11 a.m. for an afternoon of skill and horror at the 3rd Annual Zombie Tag at Lake Leatherwood City Park. Zombie Tag is a unique, inexpensive opportunity for kids and adults of all ages to spend time outdoors exercising and having fun in an exciting survival adventure.

Players start off as humans wearing life ribbons and are organized into platoons and sent on various missions throughout the park – such as timed runs, trail hikes, staged rescues, obstacle courses and special object retrieval.

Players earn points by completing each mission while outmaneuvering and briefly stunning zombies grabbing for their life ribbons by tossing well-aimed special marshmallows.

Come and play for awesome trophies! Zombie Tag attracts more than 100 human players each year, and is also a canned food drive for Flint Street Food Bank. Players that bring two cans of food receive a bonus life tag. Tickets are \$10. For rules, obstacle course, safes zones, tickets and more information, see www.EurekaZombieTag.com soon – tickets are expected to sell out quickly!

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Chelsea's hosts Big Idea Thursday, Medicine Man Show from Massachusetts plays New Delhi Saturday

Spring has sprung in the Ozarks and doors and windows are open, streaming music (rain?) and fun (rain?) in the streets. Big Idea brings their grand inspirations to Chelsea's on

Thursday. Local favorites Melissa Carper and Jerry Jones play the cozy patio at Brew's Saturday and New Delhi hosts the healing sounds of Medicine Man Show Saturday evening.

THURSDAY, MARCH 19

CHELSEA'S – *Big Idea*, Rock 'n Roll, 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 20

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

CATHOUSE LOUNGE – *The Camptown Ladies*, Americana, 8 p.m.

CHELSEA'S – *Keith Nicholson Trio*, Americana, 9:30 p.m.

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

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

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

ROWDY BEAVER – *Downday*, Classic Rock, 7:30 p.m.

ROWDY BEAVER DEN – *Tightrope*, Classic Rock, 9 p.m.

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 21

ALE HOUSE – *James White*, Americana, 2 – 5 p.m.

BREWS – *Melissa Carper with Jerry Jones*, Americana, 7 – 10 p.m.

CATHOUSE LOUNGE – *The Whole Fam Family*, Folk, 8 p.m.

CHELSEA'S – *Mark Shields and Good*

PLANNING continued from page 2

Building Inspector that “if you leave home to do your job, it is not a Home Occupation.”

Lujan suggested they keep the topic on the agenda, study it further and invite Ray to a meeting, but he added, “It is hard to make a living here. I would hate to see us make it this much harder to live here.”

Request for variances

Commissioners considered a setback variance application for a single-family home at 0 Thomas. The property was part of the former Pine Top Lodge that burned down. The plan is for a structure not visible from the road to be used for a weekend family vacation place.

The building will be constructed on an existing slab that will put it only six feet from



Big Idea play Chelsea's Thursday, March 19

Company, Americana, 9:30 p.m.

EUREKA LIVE! – *DJ & Dancing*, 9 p.m.

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

LEGENDS SALOON – *Jeff Horton Band*, Blues, 9 p.m.

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

ROWDY BEAVER – *Rideshy*, Classic Rock, 7:30 p.m.

ROWDY BEAVER DEN – *Tightrope*, Classic Rock, 12 – 4 p.m., 9 p.m.

SUNDAY, MARCH 22

CHELSEA'S – *Nathan Kalish*,

Americana, 7:30 p.m.

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

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

p.m.

ROWDY BEAVER DEN – *Jesse Dean*, Americana, 1 – 5 p.m.

MONDAY, MARCH 23

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 24

CHELSEA'S – *Open Mic*

the property line on the side, yet Code calls for a 15-ft. setback. The back of the building will be only 13 ft. from the property line and Code calls for 30.

Commissioner Woody Acord pointed out there must have been setback variances in place for the previous business, and the commission unanimously voted to approve the application.

Rezoning Planer Hill

Planning had voted in the past to rezone all of the Planer Hill area as C-1. Morris said that City Economic Development Officer Glenna Booth had researched the situation and found that the city would need to bear the cost of surveying 10 affected properties, plus notify other nearby property owners. She recommended that Planning rezone

properties in that area on a case-by-case basis, and that is what they voted to do.

New church on the way

Jason Kisic told commissioners the Eureka Springs Calvary Chapel now has 13.5 acres on Passion Play Road on which they intend to build a new church. He said he was alerting Planning to their intentions before they get architectural plans developed.

Kisic said he envisions a metal building with “a Frank Lloyd Wright façade on the front.” He called the design he is looking for “rustic industrial,” and provided photos of other buildings from which they will borrow design ideas.

The commission told Kisic to return when he has more fully-developed plans.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, March 24, at 6 p.m.

Twice Born business owner speaks for equal rights

BECKY GILLETTE

An email inviting people to a meeting March 6 held at the First Christian Church to “take back the city” by organizing residents to vote against Ordinance 2223 was addressed to “all Christians.” But not all Christians are opposed to extending civil rights protections to the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) community.

Speaking at a rally in favor of 2223 on March 11 was Jayme Brandt, “a Bible believing Christian” who said that not all Christians believe it is right to discriminate against LGBTs.

“I want to tell you that it is an honor to stand up against injustice with you,” said Brandt, who with his wife owns a Christian t-shirt shop on Spring St. called Twice Born. “Discrimination is always wrong and love is always right.”

Brandt spoke of learning at the age 11 that his father was gay, and being told “this is the worst kind of sin.”

“But I loved my dad,” Brandt said. “He is kind, meek, loving, strong, and very, very smart. He dedicated his life and work to helping people of all races and backgrounds with addictions. He was at my track meets. Most important, he liked me a lot. I had to decide if these good things mattered in light of him committing the ultimate crime of being a homosexual.”

Brandt said the truth is that this is not a gay issue or a God issue.

“This is about freedom,” he said. “Your freedom and my freedom. If you are not free, I am not free. I say that as a Christian. I am

Jayme Brandt, owner of Twice Born, spoke up for Christians who support equal rights for everyone.

PHOTO BY BECKY GILLETTE

a Christian and I want to protect what that means. The purity of the Christian faith has been hijacked by cowards who hide behind a thin veil of doctrine that contains so many holes, but they do not know that we can see them.”

Brandt’s heartfelt presentation had some people in tears, and he received some of the loudest applause of the evening. But Brandt didn’t just speak to the crowd of supporters of Ordinance 2223. He also spoke at the First Christian Church meeting. He said at that meeting he pointed to Bible scripture that forbids women from speaking in church or teaching men. There are also Bible verses that women must cover their heads in church.

“At the ‘take back Eureka’ meeting in that church, there were many women speaking and no heads covered, just so you know,” Brandt said.

Brandt spoke of his many LGBT friends in Eureka who have helped him out and said it was in part because of that love shown him that he stands with LGBTs regarding extending civil rights protections.

“I want you to know tonight that Christians are not your enemies,” he said. “We stand with you because we stand for truth.”

Brandt predicted that the younger generation he represents would bring about the end to discrimination against LGBTs.

loving in the human heart.

“There is power in this room tonight, deep friendships, insight clarity, wisdom and open hearts,” said Bryan Manire, president of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship. “Most of all there is a lot of love in this room tonight. We are showing the rest of Arkansas and the entire world that Eureka Springs is a place of equality and opportunities.”

The local Keep Eureka Fair – Keep Ordinance 2223 group has developed posters, flyers, buttons, bumper stickers and yard signs for the campaign. A contingent of about 25 local church members marched in the St. Patrick’s Day parade under the banner Christians for Equality.

The group encourages people register to vote by the April 11 deadline. Qualifications to register to vote include living in Eureka Springs for 30 days.



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without attracting attention.

“It about equal rights and civil rights, and not anything else,” Richie-Roberson said.

He recommended people sign up for email alerts and visit the website www.eurekaspringspartnersindiveristy.org to keep up with the campaign.

The meeting kept the focus positive, as members of the audience were asked to hold up four fingers to signify that they are “For” supporting the city council’s unanimous action in passing Ordinance 2223.

Local artist Zeek Taylor spoke about being a native Arkansan who has suffered from discrimination his entire life. He said he was embarrassed by the hateful SB202 legislation passed in Little Rock, and proud of Eureka Springs for standing as a beacon and love and hope for all that is good and

DEPARTURES

John Wesley Maxedon October 11, 1941 – March 12, 2015

John Wesley Maxedon of Holiday Island, Ark., was born Oct. 11, 1941 in Detroit, Mich., a son of John Wesley Sr. and Helen (Carlson) Maxedon. He departed this life Thursday, March 12, 2015 in Fayetteville, Arkansas, at age 73.

John worked as an educational trainer for Allstate Insurance Company. He was a member of the Elks Lodge in Holiday Island and the Theatre Guild

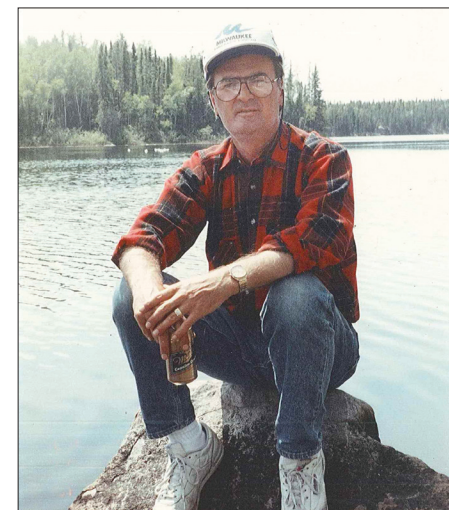
of Holiday Island. He enjoyed fishing, gardening, and was a great family man.

On January 1, 1988, John was united in marriage with Madonna (Lange) Maxedon who survives him. He is also survived by three children, Brad Maxedon and wife, Sam, of Pea Ridge, Ark., John Hamilton and wife, Shalla, of Beaver, Ark., and Wendy and husband, Chris Tupy, of Streamwood, Ill.; four grandchildren; and a host of other family and friends.

John was preceded by his parents and one brother, Gary Maxedon.

Open house will be at 15 Elm Lane, Sunday, March 22, from 1 – 5 p.m. for a celebration of life service.

Cremation arrangements are under the direction of Nelson Funeral Service. Memorial donations may be made to the Elks Lodge of Holiday Island, 4 Parkhill Drive, Holiday Island, AR 72631 or to the Theatre Guild of Holiday Island, c/o Colleen Shogren, 55 Cypress Point, Holiday Island, AR 72631. Online condolences may be sent to the family at nelsonfuneral.com. © Nelson Funeral Service, Inc. 2015



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and neighbors to join in support on that one special day – April 2. Tax receipts will be available. See www.arkansasgives.org for details and plan to make your donation on April 2.

Forest fundraiser at Caribé March 26

A call is being made for art, merchandise or gift certificates to be auctioned off at Caribé on Thursday, March 26, 4 – 8 p.m. to help save some 18,000 of Mark Twain National Forest from deforestation. (Butler Hollow and Roaring River are part of this project.) Come learn more about the threats proposed by poisons and planned burns.

Donations can be dropped off at Granny's Place, 75 Spring St., any day between 10 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. To arrange for pickup, phone (479) 243-5032 or (479) 363-7209 (after 5:30 p.m.) Come on out March 26, bid on some great stuff, enjoy samples of KJ's fabulous food and take advantage of "Miss Lilly's \$5 deals."

Keep it Fair at the "April For Day" cocktail social

The community is invited to gather at DeVito's, 5 Center St., for a cocktail social fundraiser Wednesday, April 1, 5 – 7 p.m. in support of passing Ordinance #2223 and securing equal rights for Eureka and beyond. A \$5 cover includes complimentary hors d'oeuvres, cash bar available.

Donations can also be made by making checks payable to: Keep Eureka Fair - Keep #2223 and mailing to Keep Eureka Fair c/o Caribe, 309 W. Van Buren, 72632, or donate in person at any Community First Bank. Donations may be made via PayPal at eurekaspringspartnersindiversity.org.

Sign up for next parade

Groups and churches can still sign up for the Celebrate Jesus Parade and Concert Weekend, April 3 and 4. There will be Christian music in Basin Park from 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. on Friday, and more good music

lined up for Saturday from 11 a.m. until the parade at 2 p.m. After the parade, music will continue until 5 p.m. If you or your church would like to participate, call (479) 253-8925 or email lardellen@gmail.com.

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federal level.

"Instead of handling the science of fluoridation in a professional manner, both the American Dental Association and the Centers for Disease Control are pouring money into PR to keep this outdated and dangerous practice going," Burlsworth said. "This includes over \$30 million of

taxpayer money that the CDC is using over the next five years to help fluoridate more communities in several target states, and the ADA is lobbying for more. According to the Center for Responsive Politics, the American Dental Association monetary involvement with the U.S. Congress in 2014 included \$1,187,100 in contributions to candidates."

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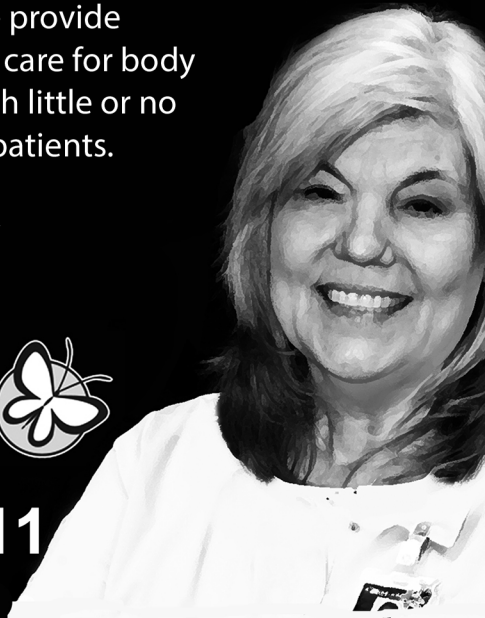
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DROPPING A Line

by Robert Johnson



Well, it's been a rough week with all the mud and trees coming up the river. Stripers are in the river wanting to go upstream to spawn, and we finally got a spring rain for some warm current, now just need the back of the War Eagle and White River arms to clear up behind the mud line. Till then the stripers are above the mud line from Horseshoe Bend and Prairie Creek, holding from 18 – 30 ft. deep. They should be hitting the top at 52° water temp, which we already have up river in the mud. Just look for fish north of the mudline where you find the warmest water.

Here at Holiday Island we have caught

a few walleye but seems like most are males under 18 inches. All fish are getting active as the water temp gets above 50°. We also got some crappie down 8 ft. deep in 52° water.

Pic of this week is Phil Kufelvt from Nebraska with one of the bass he caught this week jigging a split tail minnow about 14 ft. deep.

Well, gotta go, watch your graph and watch the water temp and you should catch some fish. Enjoy this nice weather and get some sun.

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

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and of the noise ordinance.

1:33 p.m. – A young male was reportedly laying on a skateboard and traveling down a city street. Constables did not see the boarder but kept watch for him.

2:03 p.m. – Individual claimed several expensive fish had been stolen from his pond.

5:20 p.m. – Observant passerby reporting

seeing a door open at the high school. Constable discovered the shop teacher was in the building.

6:00 p.m. – Constable arrested an individual for failure to pay fines.

8:22 p.m. – Helpful individual was trying to take care of a friend's animals but could not get the key to work in the front door. Constable responded and got the key to work.

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by ESI staff Solution on page 23

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- ACROSS**

1. Jolt

6. Snide remark

10. Aid

14. Tomfoolery

15. Chemical fruit spray

16. Toy on a string

17. Sky blue

18. Type of dance

19. Italian money

20. Similarity

23. Zero in soccer

24. Bitter beer

25. Walks decisively

27. Understands clearly (Can.)

32. Calypso music

33. Every single one

34. Bird houses

36. Font projection

39. Gilligan lived on one

41. Contaminate

43. Trig function

44. Must have

46. Wild sheep

48. Close to when you'll get here

49. Stare rudely

51. Emotional strainer

53. Attention grabber

56. Pass away
57. Part of baseball player's uniform

58. Reason to retire

64. Correct text

66. Arm bone

67. Extreme

68. Burn healer

69. Work hard

70. Related to kidneys

71. Remain undecided

72. Pillars

73. Delete
- DOWN**

1. What's left after a cutting

2. Smoky air

3. Musical paragraph

4. Cheerios

5. Moscow citadel

6. Impudent behavior

7. Pelvic bone

8. Marriage announcements

9. Constructs

10. Sure enough, sir

11. Dividing lines

12. Large nest (Var.)

13. Work implements

21. Assail on all sides
22. God of love

26. Treats a sprain

27. Drops from the sky

28. "Do it or ____"

29. Claim, generally without proof

30. Biblical birthright seller

31. Doesn't shake a Martini

35. Irritable fit

37. Long division word

38. Anxiety

40. Yellow cheese with red wax coating

42. Late

45. Absorbent cleaner

47. Free time

50. Person's creative force

52. One who lists with a Realtor

53. Inexpensive

54. Soup spoon

55. Falcon's claw

59. Component

60. Indian music rhythm

61. Most active volcano in Europe

62. Long times

63. Wan

65. Williams or Turner

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preacher, a priest, and a clergy to name a few. But this is the first time I have ever been called a “non-secular.” It is offensive and demeaning of the calling in which I serve.

It is always offensive to define a class or group of people by a negative because it assumes the superiority of the named class or group to the un-named one. Blacks object to being called “non-whites” because it infers the superiority of whites to blacks. Females object to being called “non-males” because it infers the superiority of males to females. Homosexuals object to being called “non-heterosexuals” because it infers the superiority of heterosexuals to homosexuals. Indians object to being called “non-Cowboys” or “non-Europeans” for the same reason.

In like manner, I object to being called a “non-secular” because it infers the superiority of secular service to religious service. It disrespects the calling I have received from God to be a minister of the Lord Jesus Christ. Personally, I feel I would have to lower my calling to be President. I have the high privilege of telling broken people about the love of God, the forgiveness we sinners can receive by believing in the shed blood of the

Lord Jesus Christ on Calvary’s cross, the new life that is possible by accepting Jesus as your personal Savior, and the hope and promise of eternal life with all the departed saints in heaven. My calling is a high one, far beyond my capacity to deserve. I received it by grace and am answerable for it to the One who gave it.

So don’t call me a “non-secular.” Call me a servant of Jesus Christ, if you will. Call me a preacher, a minister, a pastor, a reverend, or a clergy. If you hate me, though I don’t hate you, call me a Bigot. If you don’t believe me, call me a Liar. If I’ve stolen from you, call me a Cheat.

But don’t call me a “non-secular.” Change the ordinance. Better yet, vote against it and make it go away. It discriminates against churches and against clergy. In the name of non-discrimination it causes more discrimination than it will ever cure.

Phil Wilson, Pastor
First Christian Church

Acceptance, not just tolerance

Editor,
I had the privilege to go to Selma,

Alabama for the 50th Anniversary of “Bloody Sunday,” [March 7, 1965] where people were beaten for peacefully marching for the right to vote. Because of what happened there, The National Voting Act was passed.

I spent the weekend with nearly 100,000 people. We were crowded into the street to hear the President and other dignitaries on Saturday. We crossed the Bridge on Sunday, which was very crowded. No one had an unkind word, no one pushed or shoved. It was an extraordinary experience. A woman was being interviewed by the press, who commented on how peaceful and polite people were. The woman said, “We are the people who followed the teachings of Martin Luther King, of love, unity and equal rights.”

MLK was murdered for his beliefs in non-violence. Like Christ, he preached acceptance, not just tolerance, and to “Love thy neighbor as thyself.” He was murdered. Sadly, we are in a worldwide battle of judgments, and Eureka is a

microcosm of this division. I heard a new quote, “Do you want to be right or be kind?”

Mary Jo Rose

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Editor,
We would like to thank Gov. Hutchinson for nominating Randy Wolfinbarger to the Parks, Recreation and Travel Commission.

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Larry and Marge Schoenhofer

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