



Economy still developing

NICKY BOYETTE

Sandy Martin moderated the March 25 meeting of the Mayor's Task Force on Economic Development, and midway through put the meeting and their task in perspective by noting the group is in the process of collecting goals from the sub-committees before the task force can identify what to do and how to do it.

Tanya Smith, representing Turpentine Creek, reported the Attractions Subcommittee had met, and a need they identified was an easy way for a visitor to find out which attractions were open without having to call all of them. She said it would also be a boon to tourists planning an itinerary to be able to access an online calendar with up-to-date information about the attractions. She suggested making it the responsibility of the attraction to keep its information current on this calendar.

Jacqueline Wolven, director of the Eureka Springs Downtown Network, noted it would also be handy to have information about entertainment in town on the same site, but observed keeping a calendar current with what they are envisioning would take a lot of somebody's time. She suggested the calendar should be maintained by the City Advertising and Promotion Commission since the commission is a city department.

CAPC Executive Director Mike Maloney replied such a calendar was maybe doable but in his experience the issue has been getting the current information. "We request info, but we don't always get what we're looking for," he said.

Wolven noted other sites that list many community events. She said the Healing Arts Committee could keep up with their events, for example, the Rotary Club could list events, churches list their events, etc.

CAPC Commissioner Damon Henke stated if these events were listed on eurekasprings.org, which is already running, folks would learn to go there.

Maloney said he would be willing to pull information together, but he has learned when an event does not get on a calendar in spite of their best efforts, the promoter might call and fuss about it. Nevertheless, he said he would report back at the next meeting.

Where did everybody go?

Planning Commissioner Woodie Acord told the group there should be a sense of urgency about loss of population in Eureka Springs. He showed several graphs depicting growth in Berryville and Green Forest, but not Eureka Springs. "Traveling

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Whiskey and water, please –

Farm-to-Table FRESH owner, Ken Ketelsen, is in the process of installing a swim-up bar for patrons.

Here, he experiments with water levels to determine how high the bar should be so that tabletops will stay dry when bathing-suited guests enjoy dinner in the patio pool. Eureka got 5 in. of rain last Wednesday night.



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Happy Birthday, Rachel Maddow!

Home Occupation clarified

NICKY BOYETTE

Eureka Springs Building Inspector Bobby Ray addressed the Planning Commission at its March 24 meeting regarding concerns with a proposed definition of Home Occupation.

At the previous meeting, commissioner Ed Leswig had offered his definition for a Home Occupation as “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.

“Where do I begin?” Ray commented. He explained the city has been interpreting Home Occupations to mean the occupation was performed at home. He pointed out around town there are contractors, electricians, plumbers and other tradespeople who list their home address as the place of business but their work is not performed at home.

Ray said a big problem would develop quickly if Leswig’s definition were adopted because there are many people in town who perform work at home on their computers, and no one would even know they were home, yet they would be required to get a Conditional Use Permit.

“If it goes through as is, we’re going to have a huge logjam on our hands,” Ray stated.

Commissioner Pat Lujan asked Ray if he had heard any complaints about this, and Ray replied he hears more complaints about contractors just doing their jobs around town, not at their homes. He admitted he has heard about workers who go to a contractor’s home or to a staging site in a residential area and who park there during the day.

“People will say, ‘Hey, that’s my spot,’” Ray said, “but it’s not.” He said as long vehicles are not posing a traffic hazard, it is legal, but acknowledged parking is limited everywhere.

Ray also said he agrees with the **PLANNING** continued on page 23

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Electric transmission expert says SWEPCO's misconduct worst ever

BECKY GILLETTE

Save the Ozarks was disappointed in its quest for accountability from American Electric Power (AEP)/Southwestern Electric Power Company (SWEPCO) for what STO considered malfeasance in the proposed 345-kiloVolt Shippe Road to Kings River transmission line. In late March, the Arkansas Public Service Commission denied several of STO's motions, including one requesting attorneys' fees, and closed the docket on what has been one of the most controversial permit applications ever heard by the APSC.

The APSC allowed SWEPCO to withdraw its application rather than denying it, as requested by STO. It also denied STO's request that the APSC find STO to be the prevailing party in the docket and award STO attorneys' fees.

While disappointed, STO got what it wanted, stopping an unnecessary transmission line that would have cost more than \$118 million for a line through some of the more scenic and environmentally sensitive areas of the Ozarks.

"We won the big one," STO Director Pat Costner said. "This is far less important."

SWEPCO withdrew its permit application after a new study by the Southern Power Pool (SPP), a regional transmission organization, indicated the line was not needed. That was also the testimony of STO expert witness Hyde M. Merrill before the APSC. In the filing by STO asking for attorneys' fees, Merrill said that in his 29 year of experience in electric power system planning, operations, economics and regulatory matters, "the

misconduct by SWEPCO and SPP was egregious – the worst I recall having seen in my long career."

Merrill said that, in his opinion, SWEPCO and the SPP engaged in serious misconduct throughout the proceeding. "This misconduct includes but is not limited to deliberate and clear-cut misapplication of NERC and SPP planning criteria in identifying the need cited for transmission reinforcement; misleading representations and lack of candor in sworn testimony; and failure to consider alternatives to the proposed project."

Merrill said SPP and SWEPCO's behavior went beyond simple incompetence, although there was incompetence, too.

"Certain misleading testimony clearly was designed to defend an unsupportable position," Merrill said. "The supposed need for the project was absolutely unsubstantiated in the Application for Certificate of Environmental Compatibility

and Public Need. It was supported only by the Ozark Transmission Study. This study was performed in 2006-2007 and published in 2007. It identified a single problem that SPP cited as establishing the need for the project in 2016 – nine or ten years out at the time of the study. However, NERC states that a nine- or ten-year out study is invalid as a basis for justifying a transmission line."

NERC standards are that studies are to "be conducted beyond the five-year horizon only as needed to address identified conditions that may have longer lead-time solutions. SWEPCO filed in 2013 for a CECPN for the project, alleged to become needed in 2016, which is only a three-year time period to address the problem."

In withdrawing its permit application, SWEPCO stated that SPP's comprehensive reevaluation showed that reliability needs in northern Arkansas have significantly decreased compared to previous studies of area needs.

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CAPC reports on social media, group travel

NICKY BOYETTE

At the March 25 workshop, Gina Drennon, publicist for the City Advertising and Promotion Commission (CAPC), gave commissioners an overview of what she might do during a workday, and a prodigious list it was. She mentioned creating press releases for activities in town, writing copy for print and keeping

the website up-to-date.

Executive Director Mike Maloney noted the explosion of interest in social media has changed Drennon's job significantly. She keeps the CAPC current on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Google Plus and YouTube. He said there were 22,000 views on Pinterest during the past month, which adds to local exposure in the Internet world. "It's a good way to promote Eureka Springs," Maloney said.

Drennon told commissioners targeted ads on Facebook allow her to appeal to very specific audiences. She submits calendar entries to a plethora of sites, sends a monthly newsletter to at least 2000 readers, and works with travel writers to make sure they have information they need about Eureka Springs.

Commissioner Robert Schmid stated that even if viewers don't click on the CAPC ads, at least they see them and know something is going on. Commissioner Damon Henke added the CAPC would get more local support if citizens could see that these ads and press releases

generated results.

To Henke's point, Chair Charles Ragsdell said the CAPC should improve its local public relations. The commission cannot spend its dollars locally, but Drennon's press releases and media work along with Maloney's ads are "bringing successes and locals don't know. We need to let people know what we did to make something happen."

Group travel

Maloney said Sales Director Karen Pryor was promoting the city at a group travel show in Little Rock at that moment, and they know that 278 groups of ten or more will be coming to Eureka Springs in 2015. He said Pryor has been working with a dozen group travel planners who want to come here, and among the groups she is courting are the American Bus Association and Select Travelers.

Maloney said Pryor gets qualified leads from trade shows, and they are distributed to local tourist lodgings. Staff also compiles an extensive packet about Eureka Springs for prospective visitors

and maintains contact with them down the road.

Handicapped accommodations at the Auditorium

Joyce Roberts spoke to the commission on behalf of the deaf and hard-of-hearing community. "Acoustics are terrible for deaf and hard-of-hearing customers at the auditorium," she said. She said she was not looking to cost the CAPC anything, but the Americans with Disabilities Act mandates accommodations for deaf or hard-of-hearing customers. The ADA stipulates that facilities have a choice for how to accommodate – either provide amplification devices or set aside four percent of the seating. Her interpretation was the four percent of seating would be in the front.

Ragsdell replied that in his experience as a promoter, the law meant setting aside four percent of each section of seating, not just front row seating. Losing the preferred seating in front would mean a noticeable loss of revenue for a promoter.

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Forced resignation propelled local gay man to activism

BECKY GILLETTE

In Arkansas, it is not against the law to fire someone for being lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender (LGBT). In fact, Arkansas lawmakers passed Senate Bill 202 this year that forbids cities and counties from passing non-discrimination ordinances (NDO) for those categories.

Eureka Springs is the only city in the state that has an NDO, Ordinance 2223, which is currently the subject of a voter referendum on May 12. Proponents of 2223 say it is just about extending civil rights to all. One prominent opponent of 2223 has questioned whether there really is a problem with discrimination against gays in employment and housing.

Bryan Manire is one local resident who has personal experience with employment discrimination for being gay, and it is one that ended up having long-term consequences regarding his pension as a retired school counselor.

Manire, president of the Eureka Springs Unitarian Universalist Fellowship and husband of Gem Frederick, still recalls the hurt from being discriminated against. "It was like a kick in the gut for sure," he said.

Manire was an elementary school counselor in the Fayetteville schools when he was offered a higher-paying counselor job at a brand new school being built in Springdale.

"I had a verbal agreement that I was hired, but the administrator who handled contracts was on vacation for two weeks, so the paperwork was delayed," Marine said. "In the meantime, rumors were flying around that George Elementary had hired a counselor who was gay. Even the construction workers were joking about it, and some of the parents knew."

The assistant school superintendent called the principal at the school where Manire had worked and asked if Manire

was gay. The principal said he didn't know, but that Manire had done an excellent job and still had a job in Fayetteville if he wanted it.

Manire met the principal of the new school at a McDonald's, and was asked to resign.

"Basically I can't technically say I was fired," Marine said. "I was forced to resign because they laid out this chilling effect if I didn't resign. As a counselor, I had students come into my office and close the doors. If parents said they didn't want me to counsel their children, then I couldn't do my job and they would fire me. What was I going to say at that point? I still needed a job. After much soul searching, I agreed to resign and scurried back to Fayetteville with my tail between my legs. I know now they wanted to get rid of the gay and lesbian people in the Springdale schools."

Manire said that although Fayetteville

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"I'm always looking for solid investments," Buffett told owners Mary Pat Boian, Perlinda Pettigrew-Owens and CD White. "I like your paper, read it every week, and think this is a good fit for our multi-billion dollar enterprise."

Buffett said he thinks independent newspapers are not dinosaurs, rather they are undergoing a resurgence because they are a lifeline for those not on Facebook. He added that Facebook is the real dinosaur. He has been an *Independent* subscriber since July 5, 2012.

"You print what people want, make city politics understandable in an unbiased way, have news about how to

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After depositing the check before lunchtime Wednesday, White made reservations to fly to the Outer Hebrides off the coast of Scotland, where she will

hole up in a cottage until she has read every book she ever wanted to read, then start writing every book she ever wanted to write.

Pettigrew-Owens is spending time researching 24-hour tractor and garden supply stores within a tankful of gas of Eureka Springs. "I don't want to get too far from home," she said, "because

I have many rocks on my land that haven't been moved yet and will make fabulous garden spots."

Boian sent a Wednesday afternoon email from Turks and Caicos where she is busy looking for love in all the wrong places and searching for her lost shaker of salt.

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On the matter of Jesus and discrimination

Editor,

“The first to speak in court sounds right – until the cross-examination begins.” (Prov. 18:7)

Those words from the Bible came to mind as I picked up a recent copy of the *ES Independent* and scanned the picture on the front page. The words “Jesus did not discriminate” jumped out at me. Being a pastor, I felt it was my responsibility to set the record straight.

While it is true that “Jesus loves all,” as several signs stated, Jesus did not condone the lifestyle of all. Jesus was known as the friend of sinners, but he did not ignore or overlook their rebellion against God’s law. As a matter of fact, He died on the cross to save people from their sin. He became the remedy for sin, since we could not save ourselves.

The Bible says, “The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.” (Romans 6:23) Just like any gift, we must accept Jesus’ gift of forgiveness and, in so doing, we must accept Jesus Christ as Lord, which implies we will obey His commands.

When Jesus spoke to the woman caught in adultery, (John 8:1-11), He spoke words of forgiveness and grace, but then He said, “Go and sin no more.” Grace and forgiveness is God’s loving response to us, as sinners. Repentance and obedience is to be our response to God.

If discrimination means “differentiating” or “recognizing a distinction” as the dictionary states, then Jesus did and still does discriminate. He differentiates between good and evil, He recognizes the distinction between righteousness and unrighteousness. Jesus

discriminates between those who follow His commands and those who live in rebellion against His commands. Jesus loves sinners... enough to die for them... but He did not and does not condone sin.

David Kline

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Who are ‘they’ and what is their fear?

Editor,

I am writing this letter to share a very disturbing experience I just had – discrimination. Yes, discrimination against myself and my Methodist friends. You see, we applied to be in the Jesus Parade. After answering questions about our banner content (Jesus loves all. All are welcome!) we were accepted. Now today, the parade chair came to personally tell me we are indeed *not* welcome. In fact when I asked her – so you are telling me I am not welcome? Her answer was yes! Why? Because I am a vocal supporter of my LGBT friends. I was told our Methodist group was not appropriate and not suited for this “kind of parade.” Really? You mean we cannot love Jesus too? I pointed out we shared more things in common as Christians than differences but she was not to be swayed. We were *out*!

So as I reel from the hurt and betrayal of fellow Christians I wonder really what their fear is? I asked her but she had no response. In light of the upcoming vote on Ordinance 2223 I understand the narrow and fearful rhetoric behind their adamant opposition to seeing us extend grace and hospitality to everyone. They are afraid of anyone who does not believe or think as they do. Who are the “theys?” I believe them to be modern day Pharisees who are

afraid of change.

I follow a humble carpenter who was radical and unafraid to do the right thing. So this Saturday if you are downtown, come by the top of the New Delhi restaurant and receive some free water, popcorn, candy (that was going to be thrown from the parade) and a warm hand of welcome. We would have been at the Basin Park but we were told there was no room for us – hmmm, seems I know a carpenter who suffered the same.

I am proud to serve a very *big* God – one whose heart is open and welcoming with room for all. Love wins. Every time.

Suzie Bell

Overturn of 2223 could cause exodus

Editor,

As area property owners and part-time residents, we are very disappointed in the efforts to overturn Eureka Spring’s non-discrimination Ordinance 2223. We chose to invest our lives and money in this area because we’ve long loved its welcoming and inclusive culture.

As Christians, we’ve long seen Eureka Springs as an outstanding example of Jesus’ call to love all. Now my husband and I have had our eyes opened. We see some “Christian” groups disinviting other Christian groups from the “Celebrate Jesus Parade” because they support the ordinance.

We have read the hateful letters to the editors of our newspapers denigrating those in the LGBT community, both local and tourist. We hope that Eureka’s voting citizens will see the negative consequences of overturning Ordinance 2223. If it is left intact, no church will be required to marry gays or lesbians, despite what some hometown preachers are saying (see the

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kat@lzanikapani: It’s not difficult to tell crocodiles and alligators apart. One will see you in a while whereas the other

will see you later.

duck@ducksoon: I don’t need a reason to enjoy a little wine. All I need is a glass.

Fitz@Unfitz: I’m getting my demons some exorcise equipment.
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@sammyrhodes: Saw two Jeeps crash into each other today. There were Dave Matthews Band CDs everywhere.

@joesmithreallly: Before Google, there was memory.

@WilliamAder: I didn’t sign up for the 401k at work because there’s no way I can run that far.

A Tale of Two Cities

Those who fear that Ordinance 2223 will result in an torrent of unfounded complaints charging discrimination against local businesses or religious facilities should take a look at the experience of Pennsylvania. I lived nearly all my life in the Keystone State prior to 2009, so I'm familiar with conditions there.

First, let's get one thing clear: Pennsylvania is not an "ultra-liberal Northeast state." The center and northern tier counties are as conservative as any you'll find in Arkansas. Movements to add GLBT persons to state-level non-discrimination laws have repeatedly failed. Another more humorous example, most of the state's school districts are off for one to three days for deer hunting season.

The Borough of New Hope, Pennsylvania is a small eastern Pennsylvania city that is a carbon copy of Eureka Springs. I spent much time in New Hope while I lived in Pennsylvania and the comparison is accurate. New Hope:

Is approximately the same geographic size and has a demographically diverse year-round population of just over 2500

Has at least five churches within city limits and more just outside the city

Depends on tourism for the overwhelming part of its income; there is little or no non-tourism business or industry in New Hope

Draws thousands of tourists each year from several surrounding states

Has many bed-and-breakfast accommodations and is a popular wedding venue destination

Has a large and active artistic and fine dining community

Features terrain and Victorian architecture that closely mirror ours; there is even a tourist railroad!

Enacted a GLBT-inclusive non-discrimination ordinance in 2002

The opponents of Eureka Springs Ordinance 2223 forecast an avalanche of litigation and complaints against businesses if Ordinance 2223 is ratified. Following this logic, New Hope should have been overwhelmed with complaints by now. So how many discrimination complaints and lawsuits has New Hope had over the last 12 years? Dozens? Hundreds? The answer: None, Zero, Nada. There have been *no* complaints filed under the terms of New Hope's ordinance since its enactment in 2002. And New Hope's experience is not a fluke.

According to a 2015 survey by Equality Pennsylvania, only 34 out of 2,562 Pennsylvania municipalities have adopted GLBT-inclusive ordinances similar to Eureka Springs. Most were adopted after 2002, though some date back to the mid-1990s. Twenty-five of these 34 municipalities responded to the survey in question. From 2002 until present, eighteen of these 25 municipalities have experienced *no* discrimination complaints under their ordinances.

So what about the other six municipalities? The survey revealed that a grand total of only 39 GLBT-oriented discrimination complaints were reported by these municipalities during this period. Allegheny County (population: 1,223,348) had the highest number of complaints; 22 complaints since 2002. The second highest was the City of York (population: 43,718) which had a total of only five complaints since enacting its GLBT-inclusive non-discrimination ordinance in 1998.

The opponents of Ordinance 2223 are currently basing their litigation scare stories and ad campaigns on a few isolated anecdotal incidents and theoretical "what-ifs." They are trying very hard to conceal their real reason for their opposition to the ordinance: it protects GLBT persons. The ten-year plus experience of at least 25 municipalities with similar GLBT-inclusive non-discrimination laws totally discredits their claims. There is absolutely no legitimate reason to expect that our experience with Ordinance 2223 will be any different than that of New Hope, Pennsylvania.

Rita Wessel



The Pursuit Of HAPPINESS

by Dan Krotz

The website Bankrate has named Arkansas as the worst place to retire among all 50 states. The Natural State received low scores for weather, crime, healthcare, taxes and happiness. Among seniors, Arkansas was the fourth unhappiest place in the US, based on ratings older folks gave for how they feel about their personal, emotional and physical health.

Arkansas also has the 6th highest crime rate in the United States, and the seventh-lowest healthcare quality score. That's because we have fewer available healthcare resources than other states. And snowbirds planning retirement want a place with better weather. Thanks to the Weather Channel, they've learned that Arkansas has a paralyzing Storm of the Century every six weeks or so; apparently, all of those snow-related bread lines at the Evil Retail Giant make the national news.

"Best" and "Worst" lists pop up all the time, and we often forget about them. Is Bankrate's evaluation any less forgettable? Well, Bankrate provides information and advice to investors, financial planners, and savers – you know, people with money. How many? About 13,000,000 people visit Bankrate's website every month. Thirteen million people with money.

No worries though. Arkansas's crack legislators are on it. They've mandated that the Secretary of State build a monument commemorating the Ten Commandments on the Capitol grounds. Felons can now own a blunderbuss. And thanks to Frank Broyles Worship, you may be sued for putting your daughter's photo on Facebook (SB-79) if a stranger walks by when you snap the picture. Did they do anything else? Oh yeah...

...HB1228, Ol' Bob Ballinger's "conscience protection" bill ensures that you don't have to sell queers wedding cakes, gasoline, American flags and, I suppose, chemotherapy, if your religion-based conscience informs you that you shouldn't. Not selling. What a powerful economic development concept.

In fairness, retiring Christian fundamentalists may find Arkansas to be the right fit, and flood into the state, our lousy healthcare notwithstanding. Unfortunately, they differ from secular humanists and atheists in that, while an atheist will occasionally break a \$20 bill, they won't. They do, however, break many more Commandments – and that's worth something, I guess. At least to lawyers.

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.

• **Grief Share** 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.

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

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

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

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

Meetings at Coffee Pot Club:

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

INDEPENDENT ConstablesOnPatrol

MARCH 23

7:05 a.m. – Constables responded to several reports of a deer with a broken leg on a road in the western part of town.

2:24 p.m. – Person at a tourist lodging reported vandalism to her vehicle.

7:58 p.m. – Hotel staff reported a black Lab puppy showed up in their lobby, and another just like it was captured nearby. Constables took them to the kennel where the owner later retrieved them after paying an impound fee.

MARCH 24

12:20 a.m. – Resident on North Main asked for a constable to help her move a beaver. Constable decided they should leave the beaver alone.

10:55 a.m. – Daughter told ESPD that someone other than her mother, who resides at a care facility, had filed her mother’s taxes.

4:25 p.m. – Constable spoke with individuals going house-to-house asking if residents needed trees cut. Constable told them they would need a business license, and they said they were leaving town.

6 p.m. – A mother reported a shop owner had slapped her daughter’s hand, so she filed a report.

MARCH 25

1:01 p.m. – Wife told ESPD her husband was missing, and his last known location was a motel in Eureka Springs over the weekend. Constable filed a report.

3:53 p.m. – Constable on patrol provided traffic assistance while a stalled truck was moved out of the roadway.

5:16 p.m. – Two women were screaming at each other over a parking issue in a neighborhood. Constable arrived and the issue found its resolution.

MARCH 26

12:39 a.m. – Passerby told ESPD he had been flagged down by a male who claimed his vehicle had been taken without permission. Constable gathered information.

6:50 a.m. – Person who delivers papers to a residence noticed the papers had not been collected, so he asked for a welfare check on the residents. Constable spoke with them and they were okay.

7:41 a.m. – Concerned observer reported an injured deer behind a business on Main Street. Constables removed the deer.

9:54 a.m. – Staff at a clinic reported a male walked in and told them he had been dropped off there and he needed help. Staff were not able to determine what help he needed, so a constable went to the site and spoke with him. No report was necessary.

2:41 p.m. – Observant bystander noticed a truck with a flat tire pulling out of a parking lot. Constable on patrol encountered the vehicle as it was entering the parking lot of an auto parts store to fix the tire.

10:04 p.m. – Constable went to the scene of a hit-and-run accident. A truck had clipped a small car and kept going. Constable never ran across the adverse vehicle.

10:49 p.m. – ESPD got word of a person acting suspiciously in the parking lot of a business on US 62. Constables went there and arrested the individual for DWI, driving on a revoked license, possession of a controlled substance, possession of paraphernalia and

refusal to submit.

11:50 p.m. – Caller said his son-in-law’s vehicle had been stolen while the son-in-law had been in a business on US 62. Constables noticed the description matched the vehicle involved in the earlier hit-and-run. Constables did find the vehicle parked in a parking lot, and it was towed.

MARCH 27

11:34 a.m. – Security company reported a residential alarm, but constable found everything okay at the residence.

3:17 p.m. – Constables arrested two shoplifters at a business on Main Street.

MARCH 28

2:27 a.m. – Staff at a downtown hotel alerted ESPD to three intoxicated women who had elicited complaints for being very loud and were now on their way toward Basin Park. Constables looked for but never encountered them.

7:07 a.m. – ESH asked for help with a disruptive patient. Constable spoke with the individual and things calmed down.

1:07 p.m. – Motorist reported a vehicle being driven recklessly on its way toward town on US 62. Constable encountered the vehicle but saw no problems.

3:40 p.m. – Constable went to ESH to help with a disoriented patient.

5:34 p.m. – A female asked for ESPD intervention because a male against whom she had a protection order had followed her into a store. Constable arrived and reminded the male of the protection order.

MARCH 29

1:34 a.m. – Traffic stop resulted in the arrest of the driver for possession of a controlled substance, speeding, open container and driving left of center.

12:53 p.m. – Individual filed a report claiming her makeup bag containing expensive jewelry had been taken out of her purse while she had been shopping.

2:15 p.m. – A vehicle left the roadway and caused damage to a yard and retaining wall of a residence near downtown.

11:27 p.m. – Staff at a downtown hotel reported hearing a domestic dispute on the sidewalk outside a bar. Bartender told constable it had been a verbal dispute only and the couple had walked away. Constables did not encounter the couple.

2:51 p.m. – ESPD received a call from a hotel only to hear a loud dispute in the background about guests being too loud. Caller hung up but ESPD returned the call, and respondent asked for constable assistance. Constables went to the scene only to find the problem guests had retired for the night and all was calm.

HI Blood Drive April 6

The Holiday Island Community Blood Drive will be Monday, April 6, from 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. at Elks Lodge #1042, 4 Park Cliff Drive, in the Holiday Island Shopping Center. Free cholesterol screening for all donors. Help make a difference in your community by donating blood!

Biz After Hours welcome Harber Digital

The Greater Eureka Springs Chamber of Commerce April Business After Hours will be held at Harber Digital Solutions Thursday, April 2, 5 – 6:30 p.m., at 506 Village Circle in Pine Mountain Village. Come see what this new business has to offer and connect with local professionals.

Ribbon cutting at 5:30 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. For details or to contact Harber Digital Solutions call (479) 200-8081.

Metafizzies view pilgrimage

The April 6 meeting of the Eureka Springs Metaphysical Society will feature a video on a Japanese Buddhist pilgrimage that reenacts the stages of the path to enlightenment. All are welcome to join us at 7 p.m. in the reading room of the Christian Science Church, Mountain Street.

Lunch and Learn draws a crowd

NICKY BOYETTE

At least 70 people attended the Eureka Springs Hospital's Lunch and Learn event March 26 at the Inn of the Ozarks Convention Center. Featured speaker was Dr. Les Sessions who began the Sessions Group, a collection of emergency room doctors who have made themselves available at different hospitals since 2001. Sessions gave the audience an overview of emergency room procedures.

"Every person who comes in gets a medical screening," he stated. "We want you to feel cared for."

Chris Bariola, CEO of Eureka Springs Hospital, also provided an update on progress toward building a new hospital for Eureka Springs. He said at this point the project is in the hands of the cost estimator who will soon meet with the architects and engineers to determine what can be built with the budget they have.

"We want to take our time because we want to master-plan it correctly so patients won't have to drive to Fayetteville," Bariola said. "We want people to say, 'I'm going

to drive to Eureka Springs to have my colonoscopy.'"

Commissioner Anna Ahlman of the Hospital Commission, who hosted the

event, announced there will be Lunch and Learn events on May 22 featuring Dr. James Brantley, podiatrist, and on July 15 featuring Dr. Charles Beard, internist.



ESH luncheon honors volunteers

The staff of the Eureka Springs Hospital is hosting a luncheon at the hospital cafeteria on April 7 at 1 p.m. for the Eureka Springs Hospital Guild in recognition of Volunteer Week. Short meeting will follow.

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Saving it – From left, Peggy Hill, Nora Patterson Viola, James Viola, John Two-Hawks and Becky Newhart were among the crowd March 26 for the Save Roaring River/Save Butler Hollow event at KJ's Caribe Restaurant. *PHOTO BY BECKY GILLETTE*



Christening – Wayne Wolf of Holiday Island, who donated the land for the Good Shepherd Humane Shelter, was invited by GSHS to christen the lane into the Shelter Wolf Lane last week. He did so in memory of his late wife, Diane, who volunteered there. Diane's son and his wife came in from Illinois for the ceremony.
PHOTO BY JAY VRECENAK



Citizen of the Year – Save the Ozarks Director Pat Costner, left, was presented with the Holiday Island Elks Lodge Citizen of the Year 2015 award by Lodge President John Childers on March 27. Bev Wright, longtime resident and member of Save the Ozarks, introduced Costner. Holiday Island Elks are grateful to Costner for her time, energy, and expertise with STO, working diligently to fight the construction of a high-voltage power line that would have run through the heart of Carroll County.
PHOTO SUBMITTED



So that's how it works! – Steve Shogren, from left, Mariellen Griffith and Steven Chain were among Holiday Island Photo Guild members who visited Edward Robison at Sacred Earth Gallery for a demonstration of how time lapse photography works on the printed page.
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UP the down staircase – Roxie Howard, Karen Overgaard and Steve Yip Vorbeck were among some 10 volunteers getting this stairwell ready for the UP Project mural painting.
PHOTO BY JAY VRECENAK

Rotary Exhibit on display at ESHM

The Eureka Springs Historical Museum has announced the opening of a new exhibit featuring and profiling the Eureka Springs Rotary Club, which was organized and received its charter on November 12, 1923.

On September 7, 1922, a Cavalcade of Rotary (autos and buses loaded with Rotarians from across North Arkansas) had visited Eureka Springs and received a warm welcome and interested response among businessmen in the community. Eureka Springs Rotary Club can cite a long and active history in community service projects from its founding to the present.

This fascinating exhibit will be at the Museum until the end of April and can be seen from 9:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday or 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. on Sunday at 95 S. Main. All members view the museum at no charge.



Water, water everywhere – March 25 proved to be quite busy for Eureka Springs Fire and EMS as personnel responded to numerous calls during the course of a stormy afternoon and evening. Personnel performed a rescue from this vehicle on Mill Hollow Road, responded to several gas leaks and electrical short circuit calls, a fire alarm, people trapped by rising water and various medical calls. *PHOTO SUBMITTED*



Happy hikers – The Holiday Island Hikers are having a great time every Monday, and enjoyed this trek in the Buffalo River area on March 23. Next hike is April 6 for an easy three miles at Crystal Bridges. Meet at the HI Rec Center at 9 a.m. in the parking lot if you want to go along. Lunch will be at the Flying Fish. For details, call Dan Kees (660) 287-2082.

New trolley tag saves waiting time

Eureka's many guests and locals who ride the trolley are going to be happy with the latest news from the Eureka Springs Transit System. They've partnered with GPS Insight to provide real-time trolley tracking via an easy-to-use, free service to the public.

All trolleys have been equipped with GPS trackers that transmit location information to GPS Insight servers. Information is accessed by scanning the QR tag at any trolley stop with a smart phone, using a free downloaded app. A map of trolley stops will come up showing the real-time location of every trolley in service.

On other other devices, customers can also access the map at www.eurekatrolley.org or cityofeurekasprings.org by clicking on the trolley link.

All trolley stops should be equipped with the QR tags in early April. Now you'll know exactly when to head for that friendly green bench and skip sitting out in the heat!

Start Spring with a Spark!

Find out what's open, new and awesome this season. Get involved with Main Street ESDN and their new projects, hear from the CAPC about promoting events, and don't miss the Silent Auction to bid on goodies for you and your business (ads, massages, vacations – everything it takes to make you and your business great this season).

It all happens Thursday, April 9, 5:30 p.m. at the Basin Park Hotel. End the evening at the Annual Downtown Bartender Contest and Eureka Springs Family Feud. Good times for all, sponsored by Glaziers and Jack Daniel's Fire Jack.

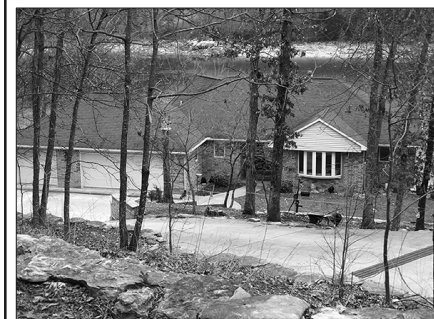
Ticket Admission: One dessert – bring your best sweet to share – cupcakes, cookies, pies and all the sweet things you adore. Open to all business owners, managers and key employees! See the Spring Spark page on Facebook for updates and details.

Technology Petting Zoo April 7

Carroll County Libraries are hosting Technology Petting Zoos featuring a 3D printer and the latest tablets and e-readers (no live animals, sorry), on April 6 and 7. The Zoo is an open house where you can explore new technology whether you want some hands-on experience before you buy, or are simply curious. The Zoo will be at the Carnegie Library Tuesday, April 7, 1:30 – 4:30 p.m. with a 3D printer demo at 2 p.m. (479) 253-8754.

You may also bring your own device for troubleshooting. The drop-in "zoo" is provided by the Arkansas State Library's Technology Support coordinator, and is free to everyone! Other library Zoo hours: Berryville, Tuesday, April 7, 9 a.m. – noon with 3D printer demo at 9:30 a.m. (870) 423-2323; Green Forest Library, Monday April 6, 1:30 – 4:30 p.m., 3D printer demo at 2 p.m. (870) 438-6700.

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Call for actor readers

Joe Watts, OZ-arks Drama Club artistic director, is seeking actors/readers for a staged reading of *Dotty and Doug*, a new, one-act play by Eureka Springs resident Thomas Gorsuch. There will be one performance reading in late April or early May at a venue to be announced.

Dotty and Doug is a surrealistic dramedy about a deceased rural judge who comes back to life at his own funeral to resolve long-standing family hostilities. He then debates a close-minded fundamentalist preacher about

the existence of God and the nature of true Christianity.

Characters needed: Dotty, about 70, wife of Doug; Viv, daughter of Dotty and Doug, early 40s; Tizzy, Gerald's girlfriend, 20s; Melissa, daughter of Dotty and Doug, late 30s; Gerald, son of Doug and Dotty, mid 40s, who will also play Brother Bob.

As a staged reading there will be limited rehearsals, no experience necessary. Contact Joe (479) 981-2880 or email joeleewatts@att.net.

Free Poetry Workshop April 11

April is National Poetry Month, and Carnegie Public Library will host a free poetry workshop to celebrate on April 11. Learn about writing, presenting and appreciating poetry from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. in the Library Annex, 192B Spring Street.

A panel including published poet Wendy Taylor Carlisle and champion slam poet, Molly Sroges, will cover metaphor, close reading, and presentation styles. Following the workshop, panelists and participants will offer a reading for the public.

A light lunch and beverages will be included at no cost. All skill levels are welcome, and if you can't make the workshop, plan to attend the reading at 3 p.m. Call the library (479) 253-8754 for details and to reserve a space, or email info@eurekalibrary.org.

Goddesses all

The Goddess Gala women's party and Blessing of the Seeds festival featuring a raffle, dancing, feasting and drumming is set from 6 – 11 p.m. Tuesday, April 14, at the Basic Park Hotel Ballroom. The long-running Gala invites area women to show up in colorful, fun costumes at this fundraising event for the Merlin Foundation, which provides services to local children in need.

Music by GiGi, Propolus and Lany. Advance tickets are \$13; \$15 at the door. All proceeds go to the Merlin Foundation. Schedule and info at: www.GoddessGala.com.



Harp concerts, workshops from Heart of Many Ways

Spiritual dimensions of healing, *The Healing Light* workshop, with Melissa Clare will be held April 4 and 5 at the Christian Science church building on 68 Mountain. The Heart of Many Ways Center is also offering a series of four concerts, *The Festival of Harps*, as a

benefit for the historical Christian Science church building.

The first of the harp concerts, featuring the Silvermore Trio, is April 11 at 7 p.m. Register for the workshop or for concert tickets, at (479) 253-8252 or see www.heartofmanyways.org

Paint with plein air panache

Plein Air Painters of Eureka Springs are out and about painting from 8 – 10 a.m. every Wednesday, weather permitting. Those who wish to participate should meet at the specified locations below. Breakfast will be at Myrtie Mae's at 10 a.m. See entire season schedule at www.studio62eurekasprings.com.

No fees, and all painters are welcome!

April's painting schedule:

8 and 15 – Eureka Springs Train Depot, Hwy. 23N
22 – Grand Central Hotel
29 – Thorncrowne Chapel.

A family affair

A group art show spanning four generations of local artists will be on display for the month of April at Brews. Terry and Sara Russell, two well known, beloved artists (and recently retired art teachers) will be showing new works along with their daughter Jessica Cummings and her two children Anastasia, 7, and Draven, 4.

There will also be a piece in the show by Sarah's father, the late Hal Mallett, who was also a well-known local painter.

Ceramic artist, Terry Russell, taught high school art in Eureka Springs for 24 years before retiring in 2007 when daughter Jessica took over his role as art teacher. Terry's wife, Sarah, taught art at the Berryville High School for 18 years before retiring in 2013.

This is the first time this creative family has exhibited together, and Brews will be replete with a variety of mediums including, ceramics, oils, acrylics and mosaics.

All are invited to an opening reception for the artists Thursday, April 2, 6 – 9 p.m. at Brews, 2 Pine St., across the street from the post office.



SHOAL CREEK GALS
BY SARA RUSSELL

Fun with wet felting

Fiber artist Cathy Wycliff will teach a wet felting class at the Writers' Colony at Dairy Hollow, 515 Spring, Saturday, April 11, 1 – 4 p.m.

Come learn the process and make a mat using wool fibers, olive oil soap, rolling pins and other fun stuff. Simple designs can be incorporated using different colors of wool. The mat can be embroidered or beaded and used as a cat

bed, decorative object or wall hanging.

Bring sponges, small buckets, bubble wrap (small bubbles), towels and an apron (or wear old clothes) and your own handspun wool (or purchase some from Cathy). Class fee is \$20 plus cost of materials. Register at (479) 253-7444 or email director@writerscolony.org. Wycliff's list of exhibitions can be seen at www.cathywycliff.com.

Come audition April 12 for *The Christians*

The OZ-arks Drama Club will hold auditions for *The Christians*, by Lucas Hnath, on Sunday, April 12, 2 – 4 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 195 Huntsville Road (Hwy. 23S).

Pastor Paul feels called to deliver a message he knows will shake the foundation of everything he has built. *The Christians* – a play with a live choir

– compels a conversation that attempts to bridge the seemingly insurmountable distance between us.

Needed is a cast of three men (two ages 45 – 60, one 25 – 30), and two women (40 – 60). No experience is necessary if right for the role. Contact Joe Watts, Artistic Director, at (479) 981-2880 or email joeleewatts@att.net with any questions.

Last House Concert of season

Singer-songwriter-storyteller Rebecca Loebe returns to Eureka House Concerts Sunday, April 5. Stories spill freely from this songwriter's own circus heart, captured in lyrics that are thoughtful, reflective and often poetic.

Rebecca has won numerous awards for her songwriting and recognition for her unique, powerful voice. In 2011 she was a featured contestant on NBC's *The Voice*, winning a spot on Team Adam and an iTunes Top 10 single worldwide with her re-imagining of Nirvana's "Come As You Are."



Come as *you* are and enjoy an evening of music at 17 Elk St. Doors open at 5 p.m., music at 6. Donation at the door is \$15. (479) 244-0123.

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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

“Why, who’s going to believe such rot? This is a poor town, a poor region. We haven’t got the money for improvements? Not even for a first-rate school. That ought to be clear to anyone over the age of ten...”

“Don’t argue with *me* about it,” she said. “I didn’t print it.”

Roger looked past the pink paper at something far off. “They won’t get anywhere with this kind of thing,” he said slowly. “The folks around here have known me all my life. They believe in me. They’re my friends.”

“Yes,” she said. “Greg Totten thought that, too. And how many of ‘em stayed with him as patients, after this new doctor set up shop? Owed him money for two generations, some of them. He’s worn himself out, running whenever he was needed, day or night – and now they’re all flocking to Doctor Glover. That’s their loyalty... Roger, if you’re counting on friendship you’d better forget it and start putting up a fight. Have Walter run a series of—”

Roger inspected the broadside again. “Who the hell is the Citizens Progressive Committee?” He crumpled the pink sheet into a ball and threw it on the table.

“I’m sure I don’t know,” Agnes said. “It sounds – very *forward*-looking, doesn’t it?”

He left her and went through the big,

high-ceilinged living-room, which had seemed a clutter of ugly elegance the first time he’d ever entered it, and still looked so, in spite of Agnes’s modernizations and improvements. His glance rested on her grandfather’s portrait hanging above the organ – a bad painting, he’d always thought, and now time-darkened and drab, almost a monotone. He hoped, in passing, that he might live long enough to see the heavy-jowled self-importance of the Major’s face recede into the canvas, as already the gray uniform and the epaulets had done...

When he got to Doctor Totten’s office, he found the waiting-room deserted – the scar-faced oak table littered with old *Geographics*, the broken-sprung black leather sofa, the moth-eaten deer’s head. The door of the consulting-room was ajar, and he could see Greg napping, with the swivel chair tilted back, and his feet on the desk. He looked old and tired, like the objects that surrounded him. He knows more about this town than anyone else, Roger thought. More than I do. All the secrets, the troubles, the knots he’s helped them untangle! Glad, now, to deny him, turn their backs on him – because, whenever they look at him or talk to him, they’re brought face to face with their guilty selves. Pleasanter to trip up to Glover’s shiny new office, build themselves a new, fake respectability in the eyes of Glover – so modern, so ignorant of the adulterous, diseased, incestuous past of

themselves and of their kinfolds...

“Greg,” he said softly. “Sorry to disturb you—”

The doctor’s eyes opened slowly, saw him without surprise. “Hullo, Roger,” he said, without taking his feet off the desk. “Chance to catch up on my sleep these days, eh?”

“Agnes was telling me.” Roger sat down, offered a cigar.

“Three patients so far this week,” the doctor said. “Sometimes I amuse myself – sit out there and watch ‘em flocking up those stairs to Glover’s office, across the square. Then I look up how much each one of ‘em owes me, and figger out how long it’ll take ‘em to get into Glover for that amount. Diverting.”

“What about him?” Roger asked, curious. “Does he know anything?”

“Oh, he’s sound enough, I guess. A bit given to snap diagnoses, perhaps. Always in a hell of a hurry, you know. I see him going in late for office hours, always. Waits till the place will be jammed, then drives up, smashes on his brakes, flies upstairs like a bat out of hell, and through the waiting-room – brisk nod to the left, brisk nod to the right – streamlined medicine, Roger. Very impressive. They figger any M.D. in that much of a hurry must be mighty important.”

Roger sighed. “Agnes says we’ve got to fight ‘em. The invaders – and these boys

from over South Mountain. She says together they’re trying to run the town. A plot.”

“They can take the town and welcome to it, far as I’m concerned,” the doctor snorted. “I’ve got little enough out of it, God knows.” He glanced sharply at Roger. “Might be the smartest thing if you’d just refuse to be mayor again,” he said. “Let Laertes pull rabbits out of his hat...”

Roger shook his head. “Agnes would never forgive me.” The doctor eyed him gloomily. “How’s Jane coming along?” Roger asked him.

“Fine. Everything normal far as I can judge.” He looked across at Roger with his near-smile. “Roger, our women always beat us in the end. They’re the winners. The minute the first child is born, they’ve got us. And if there isn’t a child, they take us some other way.”

Roger laughed, feeling his habitual sense of well-being flow back into him. “Oh, come on now, Greg! War between the sexes? And the women don’t always come out on top. What about Floyd and Willy May?”

“Yes. Even those two,” the doctor said stubbornly. “But you don’t get what I’m driving at,” he added. “Guess it’s just as well...”

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

During an evening with friends I was outside conversing with another guest’s husband while the rest of the group stepped inside to warm up. In an instant everything changed. Within minutes he restrained and violated me sexually. Horrified, we left immediately. My spouse wanted to return to confront him. In my frenzied terror that was not an option. I’m 49 years old and an experienced social worker at that. Never saw this coming! I can cope with the effects it’s had on me. I cannot cope with the effects it could have on that man’s marriage, family and friends! I know the protocol, but is exposing this really necessary or even best?

“Protocol” typically dictates that the offender be confronted and the sexual assault be reported to authorities and disclosed to family.

Many would argue that it’s actually your *responsibility* to do so in order to protect the welfare of unsuspecting others. There is some truth in that.

However, sexual assault is an exceptionally personal event and you have every right to privacy. While you have a professional understanding of sexual victimization, this by no means gives you a free “skip the elephant in the room” pass. You *never* have to confront your offender. That’s your choice and yours alone. The assumption is that doing so is therapeutic. The truth is offenders deny, deny, deny, minimize and justify. Victims leave confrontations feeling demeaned and further victimized.

You do have one absolute responsibility: *You* and healing you.

This means processing the trauma by talking about it. Building walls and feeling aversion to affection after an assault is common. Don’t let this create distance between you and your spouse. Gentle physical closeness will restore your trust in the world and provide the safety you need to truly process.

No names required – but sharing the event and its effects upon you with your loved ones is imperative. Trauma that is held secret breeds shame and rage. As an adult, you understand boundaries and have a well-developed sexual self. You are minimally susceptible to shame.

Rage is your Nemesis. As a social worker you understand people and trust your intuition. This event blind-sided you. It will eat you alive if not adequately addressed.

You’re not sparing your loved ones by keeping silent. In fact they’ll suffer more dodging your uncontained emotions and inexplicable behaviors. If you don’t Talk it out, you will assuredly Act it out.



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Passion Week, Eclipse, Full Moon, Aries Festival, Passover & Easter

We have entered a most important week of multiple festivals. Three Ages and religious festivals – stages for humanity's development – are occurring simultaneously. Aries (Age of Laws), Pisces (Age of Faith) & Aquarian (Age of Science & Humanity); Jewish, Christian/Catholic & Esoteric teachings.

The first of the Three Spring Festivals occurs Saturday along with the full moon, a total lunar eclipse (something in form and matter has come to an end, its usefulness completed). It's also Passover, celebrating the passage from the Taurus to the Aries Age, symbolized by the Hebrew people's walk of 40

years from Egypt through the Sinai Desert to Canaan (land of milk and honey), culminating with Moses given the 10 Commandments – Laws that directed humanity through the Aries Age. Passover celebrates their safe passage out of Egypt, "the Angel passing over the Jewish homes, safeguarding their first born."

The Aries Festival (1st of Three Spring Festivals – Aries, Taurus, Gemini) celebrates the Love of God. Accompanying the Aries Light (Light of Life itself) are the Forces of Restoration (restoring humanity's hope) and the Spirit of Resurrection (uplifting humanity in need of new education, resources, direction and guidance). Guidance to be given by the

New Group of World Servers. Saturday's solar Aries festival (at the full moon lunar eclipse) is celebrated by the New Group of World Servers worldwide. Join us everyone.

Sunday is Easter, celebrated by humanity worldwide. The three religious festivals arriving simultaneously signal the coming new world religion is at hand, a synthesis and integration of all religions. We stand with our brothers and sisters everywhere in celebration. We see what is no longer needed, which created separations between us, disappear. We stand forward together in the new light, with the Spirit of Resurrection directing us. Hosanna!

ARIES: Everything you've thought about yourself is changing. The changes are obvious yet subtle. They are affecting your entire life and all relationships. What you've learned in the past is good. But your mind now seeks more information, in-depth study, expanded awareness and new dimensions of thought. You will step into new fields of endeavor and study. Take special care of yourself as your new creative abilities come forth.

TAURUS: It's possible you're doing great work, yet others (and not you), are

recognized and applauded. This could create sadness that casts a shadow of unease all around. Perhaps you want to show your true self but somehow you're misunderstood. Results are emotional upsets and possible confrontations with others who can't understand. Solitude is best. Near a stream, under trees, in a forest, under stars or a desert far away. You know this place.

GEMINI: It helps to gather with others working on a common project, a study, reading, gardening, cooking, dancing, exercise, swimming or parenting. Be sure to balance your presence (ideas, needs, wants) with the group needs. You're not to be only in charge. Nor are you to be subservient. You're to be equal. This is done by observing and coordinating your interests and needs with others. Ask Venus to assist you in this important group task.

CANCER: When working with others, great things can be accomplished. New ideas fill the mind; the heart opens. When changes are sensed in the world you realize you must lead others towards safe alternatives. You have great strength of purpose. Others may have different paths and purposes in life. Much work is needed. Create notebooks for each project. Upgrade your technology.

LEO: Proceed with great care. Realize the power you project can make other feel uneasy. Therefore, be aware of communication, especially if giving orders or speaking with officials. Aligning with them, letting them know you are on their side, makes people help you. Our most important gift (task, actually) is the ability to create Goodwill, which leads to Right Relations leading to Right Actions and peace. Cultivate constant Goodwill.

VIRGO: Things are subtle and blatant, present and then not, here but not there, then and later. How confusing this is.

What impels you to move forward is quietly transforming your vision of the future. It's OK if things are a bit blurry. Nothing can correct this. You must live with paradox for a while. Your life experiences are being reviewed for their usefulness. Call forth the virtue of patience. For a while.

LIBRA: Use the tensions you're experiencing to pursue a creative endeavor. It's good to coordinate and cooperate with another, to bring forth harmony and intimacy within relationship. Right Human Relations occurs when grievances are brought forth and listened to carefully to clear the air and discover truth. If there's conflict, notice who has less power. Stand up, stand by, protect and fight for them.

SCORPIO: The focus is values once again. Listen carefully to what others value. Ask why they value what they do and how they came to their awareness. Some people may not understand the word value. Understanding your values defines present and future life choices. Create a visual and written journal describing what you value. At some defining point, the contents of your notebook manifest in the world of form and matter.

SAGITTARIUS: Maintain a daily exercise program and avoid anything unfavorable to your health. Should you feel frustrations do not maintain a pained and distant silence. Find someone(s) who listens without offering advice. Keeping silent while experiencing intense feeling can create illness. Work each day on a goal. Do not push it aside. Tending to

practical life helps us live with rhythms, pride, self-discovery and happiness.

CAPRICORN: Family issues bring forth today what happened long ago, activating what's forgotten, behaviors not remembered, but most of all don't understand. When we find ourselves arguing with others it could be we don't understand something and this hurts us. It's vital to be aware of the reason behind choices, actions, words and intentions. There is much activity within and at home. You need communication, solitude and rest there all at the same time.

AQUARIUS: Are you experiencing lots of activity – errands, short trips, fixing things, decorating, preparing for guests, cleaning and clearing? You want others to recognize you've ordered your environment beautifully. This is good. Careful with seeing only one side of things – things only about yourself. Should you notice a shift in other people's behavior it could be you're not taking their needs into consideration. This isn't Aquarian.

PISCES: A sense of discipline is needed for rest and relaxation. You need play, fun, simple and easy life experiences. Anything or anyone making demands upon you dissipates the little energy you have. You may need to explain how you're feeling. Try and inform everyone of your need for ease and freedom. A Pisces can't always be sad and hidden and drowning somewhere behind a watery fern.

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Easter Events and Services

Saturday, April 4

Diversity Weekend Outreach Event, New Delhi Café, top deck across from Basin Park: The Reconciling Ministries of the Eureka Springs First United Methodist Church will hold their 3rd Annual Outreach from 11 a.m. – 4 p.m., sharing the message, “Jesus Loves All,” with those who stop by. Free bottled water, hot spiced tea, popcorn and cupcakes will be served.

Sunday, April 5

First United Methodist Church, Hwy. 23S: Easter Sunrise Communion service at 6:45 a.m. Breakfast will be served in the fellowship hall at 7:30 a.m. An old-

fashioned Easter Egg Hunt for *all area children* begins at 9:30 a.m. prior to the worship service at 10. Hundreds of eggs will be hidden, including several golden eggs with special prizes inside.

The Great Passion Play, Statue Road: Community Easter Sunrise Service, 7 a.m., at the foot of the Christ of the Ozarks statue.

Eureka Springs Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 17 Elk Street: Essays by Tony Kushner (winner of Pulitzer and Tony Awards for his play *Angels in America*) will be read by Bryan Manire, Gem Frederick, Marie Howard and Trella Laughin. Service at 11 a.m., and all are welcome. Childcare provided. Easter

potluck follows the service; please bring a dish or beverage to share.

Easter Brunch and Annual Egg Hunt, Crescent Hotel: Brunch 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. by reservation (479) 253-9652, free Egg Hunt for area children at 1 p.m.

Bonnets and Benefit Lunch for Rapha House, DeVito's Restaurant, 5 Center, 1 p.m. EasterBelles and friends gather to benefit Rapha House's work to stop human trafficking. (See RaphaHouse.org.) Reservations (703) 400-6090. All are welcome – wear your Easter chapeau!

39th Annual Easter Egg Hunt, War Eagle Mill, 11045 War Eagle Rd., Rogers, 2 p.m.

DAR Chapter meeting

Abendschone Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, will meet at 1 p.m. Thursday, April 9 at the ECHO Community Meeting Room. The program will be presented by guest speaker Drenda Higdon, co-chair of the Holiday Island Emergency Preparedness Team and will present information on being ready for a disaster – big or small.

The program is sponsored by Jack Deaton and the Holiday Island Volunteer Fire Department. Guests wanting to learn more about DAR are welcome. For more information call (479) 363-6005.

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Diversity Weekend celebrates Human Rights and Coexistence: Live music, dancing, and entertainment amongst friends all about town



Maureen Alexander plays
 Brews Saturday, April 4.

This weekend Eureka Springs hosts Diversity Weekend, an eventful time more revelatory given Arkansas's current political climate. We will celebrate in the streets, in Basin Park, on dance floors, and on stage. Pepe Tacos at Casa Colina now featuring live music on the weekends with Jimmy Gyles kicking things off Friday and Saturday from their big deck. Ale House, on US 62 West, features multiple taps and Elby playing piano on Friday. Brews, featuring Arkansas Craft Beers, has Maureen Alexander performing sultry jazz vocals on Saturday. Basin Park hosts the first Drumming in the Park of the year. Whatever your disposition, there are plenty of great spots for celebrating diversity among friends with live music. New Delhi is putting on late night Diversity Breakfasts Friday and Saturday, a good way to wind down and refuel.

THURSDAY, APRIL 2

CHELSEA'S – *Lou Shields*,
 Americana, 9:30 p.m.

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

LEGENDS SALOON – *StarSeed*,
 Blues, 9 p.m.

FRIDAY, APRIL 3

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

CATHOUSE LOUNGE – *Jimmy
 Wayne Garrett & The Liberty Bell
 Rhythm Band*, Blues, 8 p.m.

CHELSEA'S – *IRIS*, Rock 'n Roll,
 9:30 p.m.

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

GRAND TAVERNE – *Arkansas Red*,
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Westphal to speak at Hobbs State Park

Local historian, June Westphal, co-author of two books on the history of Eureka Springs, comes from a pioneer family that spans nine generation in the Arkansas Ozarks from pre-territorial days to the present. She was a founder of the Eureka Springs Historical Museum in 1971, and currently serves as executive director emeritus.

Westphal will speak at Hobbs State Park visitor center on “Early Saw Mills of Benton, Carroll, and Madison Counties” in a free event on April 4 at 2 p.m. at Hobbs’ visitor center, Hwy. 12, just east of the 12/War Eagle Road intersection.

In the years following the Civil War more than a dozen sawmill operations spread out across the timberland of western Carroll County, northern Madison County, and parts of Benton County. When Eureka Springs began with a great rush of people to an encampment in this wilderness, the need for building materials dramatically increased and hundreds of new

structures were built practically overnight.

Out of this came stories of interesting people and happenings that Westphal will bring to the listener along with a presentation of photographs. For details, call (479) 789-5000.

CCRC meets

The next meeting of the Carroll County Republican Committee is April 13, 7 p.m., at the Storm Solutions Building, 206 South Springfield in Berryville. The Carroll County Republican Women’s meeting will precede the men’s at 6 p.m. Conservatives and those who believe in limited government are invited, along with our Hispanic friends who share the preceding beliefs. Meetings are held on the second Monday of each month. For details phone (479) 253-0042.

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Music, 6:30- 9:30 p.m.

LEGENDS SALOON – DJ and

Karaoke with Kara, 8 p.m.

LE STICK – Pete M. (voice of an angel) 7 p.m.

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

Breakfast, 11 p.m. – 2 a.m.

PEPE TACOS AT CASA COLINA – Jimmy Gyles, Singer/Songwriter, 5 – 8 p.m.

ROWDY BEAVER – Karaoke with Tiny, 8 p.m.

ROWDY BEAVER DEN – Karaoke with DJ Goose, 9 p.m.

THE STONE HOUSE – Jerry Yester, Artist’s Choices

SATURDAY, APRIL 4

ALE HOUSE – Hootenanny Jam, 6 – 9 p.m.

BASIN PARK – Drumming in the Park, 6 – 8 p.m.

BREWS – Maureen Alexander, Jazz, 7 – 10 p.m.

CATHOUSE LOUNGE – The Outlaw Hippies, Jam, 8 p.m.

CHELSEA’S – Diversity Band, Rock N Roll, 7 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 – Opium Western, Rock ‘n Roll, 9 p.m.

NEW DELHI – Burlesque Show, 8 – 11 p.m., **Diversity Breakfast,** 11 p.m. – 2 a.m.

PEPE TACOS AT CASA COLINA – Jimmy Gyles, Singer/Songwriter, 12 – 3 p.m.

ROWDY BEAVER – Paper Jam Band, Jam, 8 p.m.

ROWDY BEAVER DEN – Arkansas Bootleg, Americana, 1 – 5 p.m.,

Karaoke with DJ Goose, 9 p.m.

SUNDAY, APRIL 5

CHELSEA’S – IRIS and Diversity Band Jam, 2 p.m.

EUREKA HOUSE CONCERT – Rebecca Loebe, Singer/Songwriter, 6 p.m.

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

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

ROWDY BEAVER DEN – Jesse Dean, Singer/Songwriter, 1 – 5 p.m.

MONDAY, APRIL 6

CHELSEA’S – Sprungbilly, Bluegrass, 8 p.m.

TUESDAY, APRIL 7

CHELSEA’S – Open Mic

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8

CHELSEA’S – AJ Gaither, Singer/Songwriter, 9:30 p.m.

LEGENDS SALOON – GiGi Unleashed, Open Mic, 8 p.m.

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around Arkansas, it is pretty grim to see towns that don’t keep their population,” he said.

Wolven pointed out the trend is to move outside the city but stay nearby, and Henke added the increasing number of second homes in town affects population numbers.

Acord replied that at least owners of second homes are paying taxes. He added that on his travels he checks in with other city halls, and noticed Eureka Springs has far fewer regulations than other cities. “The idea we have too many regulations doesn’t hold water,” he said.

Jack Moyer, general manager of the Crescent and Basin Park Hotels, contended that the city has land for development, available jobs and fewer regulations. “So what is the gap?” he asked.

He said Eureka Springs should begin to pay more attention to parts of town other than downtown, adding that the town needs to recruit a developer to build affordable homes here.

Martin responded that once the task force hears from all the committees and has a direction, hiring a developer would be a goal. As for the kinds of businesses they would want, she mentioned Jerry Landrum, chair of the Eureka Springs Climate Action Progress Committee, has put together a team to determine whether Eureka Springs would be an appropriate site for a Community Shared Solar project.

Moyer pointed out the need for a list of available properties for prospective developers because the town needs a couple subdivisions, and Martin answered, “Our dream is to create that list.”

Here they come

Maloney said according an informal survey, 278 groups of ten or more are on the books coming to town in 2015. He has stepped up ad placement targeting group tours, and Sales Director Karen Pryor has generated an extensive database of folks who already know about Eureka Springs. The CAPC will be following up on the connections

Maloney said 16 percent of the CAPC ad budget is for group travel, but it would help if the CAPC had better communication with lodging properties so it can use their data to help bring repeat visitors back.

Moyer replied the CAPC might want to “sharpen the pencil on how we qualify leads.” He said leads for possible group tours should be distributed widely among local lodging owners and the CAPC should improve its followup.

Next meeting will be Wednesday, April 22, at 10 a.m., in the Auditorium lobby.

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and Springdale are only eight miles apart, they were 80 years apart in progressive thinking.

There was a financial cost to the decision to not fight for his job in the Springdale schools. At the time, Springdale had second highest salaries in the state, and retirement income is based on the three highest salaried years.

“It has cost me money from my teacher retirement pension,” Manire said. “And it hurt that some people equate being gay with being a pedophile. I think we still have a ways to go for people understanding that is not true. That is what the religious right people are pushing, that there is somehow a connection, which is totally untrue. That is a lie.”

Manire kept a low profile as a gay

man during his years as a teacher. He didn’t participate in gay pride parades and other similar activities, fearing he would be seen by parents. One time when he was watching a gay pride parade from a distance, he said he got fed up with the hatred being spewed against gays by people watching the parade.

“I finally couldn’t stand their comments, so I spoke up,” he said. “I got shoved and slugged in the jaw.”

At one point when he was teaching, a grandmother wanted her granddaughter removed from his class just because he was gay. The girl had requested him as a teacher. Another time he went on a local television show to speak about gay rights thinking, “Nobody is going to see this.”

“But they did,” he said. “I even had a horrible call from a Church of Christ

minister who said he was going to get me fired.”

After being forced to resign from the Springdale schools job, Manire became more active working for gay rights.

“I felt discrimination against gays was so wrong,” he said. “It is part of the reason I agreed to be a plaintiff in a lawsuit against the State of Arkansas. It propelled me to be a much stronger advocate for equal rights for all people.”

Manire and his husband help organize a retreat for gay and bisexual men to have a safe place “to really be who you are without having to watch over your shoulder or explain yourself all the time. We’ve discovered we have guys come here who are uneducated, very rural log cutters and guys who are psychiatrists, and everything in between.”

Free Tax-Aide help ends April 9

The last day for Tax-Aide, the nationwide tax preparation service that provides free income tax preparation, free electronic filing and answers to tax questions will be April 9 at Holiday Island and April 6 in Berryville.

Until then, low and middle income taxpayers of all ages can take advantage of the program at the Holiday Island Community Church, 188 Stateline Drive, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., on Wednesdays and Thursdays until April 9. Help is available in Berryville at the Freeman Heights Baptist Church, 522 W. Freeman Avenue, from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. on Monday, April 6.

No appointments are necessary but you must bring prior tax return and any current documents needed to prepare the 2014 tax return. For more information, contact Local Coordinator Anne Dray at (479) 253-7611.

Clear Spring School ‘barn-raising’ April 12 at Holiday Island

The community is invited to an afternoon of fun, adventure and merriment with contests, great food and an opportunity to meet and talk with Clear Spring School students, families, alums and dedicated staff Sunday, April 12, at The Barn on Holiday Island.

The afternoon will be packed from 2 – 6 p.m. with a gumbo cook-off and a dance-off, live music, student demonstrations, kids’ games and more – and admission is free! Come savor the taste of delicious gumbos with a twist or two, created and served by local celebrity chefs. Then pick up some imaginary tools to get hands-on and raise

a cardboard barn. Get down to the joyful sounds of Eureka’s own Mountain Sprout and grab your partner and boogie with Melonlight Dance Studios.

It’ll be a great gathering of old friends and a chance to make new ones. Come experience how Clear Spring kids are positively impacting our community and the world at large. See the Raise the Barn page on Facebook for updates or contact the school: (479) 253-7888, email info@clearspringschool.org.

Discover the school and its great programs at www.clearspringschool.org.

Holiday Island Friday Farmers’ Market opens

The Holiday Island Farmers’ Market opens for the season Friday, April 3, with local produce, breads, pastries, jellies, candies and the like from 8 a.m. – noon across from the Holiday Island Welcome Center. Homemade goods and crafts and much more can also be found every Friday thru October.

The Market is also looking to expand with more fresh produce and handmade merchandise vendors. There are no set-up fees but pre-registration is requested. If you want to present a topic of interest, perform music or have a booth at the Holiday Island Farmers’ Market, contact the market’s new manager, Anita Gibson, (417) 846-3616 or anitagibson76@gmail.com.

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“You might have to give up some of the preferred seats. I don’t want to pay extra just to hear,” Roberts replied. “Losing preferred seating is not against the law. Denying me access is against the law.”

Ragsdell mentioned whatever CAPC does, it would also consider mobility-impaired customers and suggested they discuss this topic further at a workshop.

Marketing support requests

Commissioners looked at two

requests for marketing support funds. Maloney said the Eureka Springs Studio Tour asked for \$3000 for a revitalized version of the event in mid-September. He said 23 studios so far have signed up, and the event will last for three days during a weekend.

Henke said since there is so much support among the artist community, the event deserves CAPC support. Maloney said each artist has a database of customers and does direct mail

campaigns to bring people to town.

Commissioners will make a decision at the April 8 meeting.

Maloney also presented the request from the Eureka Springs Multi-Sport event, known as The Eureka, in August for \$8000 for advertising and promotion. The CAPC did not fund the event in 2014 because it was already an established event run by a for profit business.

Maloney said he had scored the event on their rating schedule and figures indicate

the event would bring no more than \$3100 in collections to the CAPC. Henke said, “I would support giving them \$3000. I have no problem giving them their share of what they help bring in.”

Commissioner Terry McClung observed the event is the same weekend as the Bluegrass Festival, so it might generate extra ticket sales for the shows.

Commissioner will decide at the next meeting, which is Wednesday, April 8, at 6 p.m.

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first amendment and look at other nations who have this law, please). No one will have to invite LGBTs into your private life.

What negative things have happened since our town passed the ordinance in the first place? However, if the ordinance is overturned, I can see a continued exodus of some of the best stores, artists and restaurants that draw us and our many friends to this town. I will no longer see Eureka Springs as a welcoming and inclusive town to live part-time and someday maybe full-time. Some of what makes this town special will be lost. In fact, we will be ashamed of our adopted town, and I know that many others will be as well. Like us, most of our friends are retired and like to visit and live in special places. Please vote FOR Local Ordinance 2223 and keep Eureka Springs special!

Susan Osborne

Wichita, Kansas and Eureka Springs, Arkansas

Let us prey

Editor,

Regarding “M.S Smith’s” letter noting “only six gay persons living here” in 1978: When I arrived in Eureka Springs in 1976 there were already many gay residents, and many followed soon thereafter. Perhaps “M. S. Smith’s” gaydar was defective, or maybe it’s because we were able to blend so well with those dirty hippies. We were here alright, the “special forces” laying the groundwork for the eventual

takeover of Eureka.

Years ago, as part of the Gay Agenda, Gay World Headquarters designated Eureka Springs a target community – a model for the eventual takeover of America. Getting city council, which we’ve infiltrated, to pass the non-discrimination ordinance, is part of the plan – it gives us standing in court. Once Arkansas’s newly conservative Supreme Court rules against us and upholds the new state law to allow discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity, we’ll be free to pass an ordinance banning heterosexuals within the city limits.

Ultimately, we will turn everyone gay or transgender – we have our ways. We’ll breed our gaybies in incubators. Everyone will use the same bathroom. Gay sex will be taught in pre-school. All will be required to gay-marry, with the age of consent lowered to six. The gerbil will replace the eagle.

I probably shouldn’t be tipping our hand, but at this point it’s too late for you to do anything about it. Don’t underestimate our powers.

We’re here, we’re queer, and soon you’ll be, too.

Be very afraid.

Bill King

Discriminating discrimination

Editor,

I was shocked at the irony of Randall Christy’s letter in the *Citizen* this week about the shopkeeper who turned

away a family because she did not want to be preached to (“prayed with” I believe was his term) in her own place of business.

First, I would point out that one person’s prayer visit is another person’s solicitation. What pastor Christy doesn’t see is that this family was treated exactly the way many gays could treated be if 2223 is repealed, maybe even worse. He is horrified by it, yet advocates legislation to allow Christian business owners to do the same, based on their mere perception of gay-ness, and that is flat-out discrimination. Please, reverend, quit whining about your “religious persecution.” It is extremely distasteful to those of us that do not have the rights you automatically have because you were born straight. Stop spending so much time trying to take even more rights away from us and show some real Love.

While you’re at it, give up the fear that you might have to bake us a cake, we are perfectly capable of baking our own. In fact, we’ve baked your cakes, done your hair, flowers, jewelry, dresses, catering and played music for straight weddings for years without denying services based on our beliefs.

Now if you’ll excuse me, I must go pay the local taxes my non-discriminating business collects so this town can continue to function. I pray you will lose your fears and find tolerance.

Mark Hughes

DROPPING A Line

by Robert Johnson



Sorry about last week. Was up river on Beaver with no connection till Wednesday. Kinda roughing it fishing above and below the mudline.

On Saturday Kasey Bare from Centerton got this 40-in., 28 lb. striper on a 4-in. shad, slow moving and freelineing 18 ft. behind a plainer board – yes, no weights.

It's time to drop the weights and fish on the flats and closer to the shoreline. Find the water temp on our end of Beaver is running about 52° and when we were upriver we got 57°.

Here at Holiday Island, well, we got a mess with the rain. Been hard to get a boat in but should be OK by the time this report comes out. If not, you can put in at Beaver and go up river because the

whites are moving up. You can also put in at Eagle Rock and work your way back or fish the mouth of Roaring River for some warmer water. We got into some good white bass up there this week throwing a white roostertail. Look at the flats and creeks. Start in the back, if don't catch fish go to the flats working your way out.

Oh yeah, crappie are being caught in the shoreline brush. If you find water temp over 57° you might get some as shallow as two feet. If water temps are closer to 52° they might be closer to 8 to 12 ft. deep.

Well that's it for this week. Got some warmer water and air coming, so pick a nice day and take a kid fishing. Robert Johnson, Johnson Guide Service. www.fishofexcellence.com (479) 253-2258.

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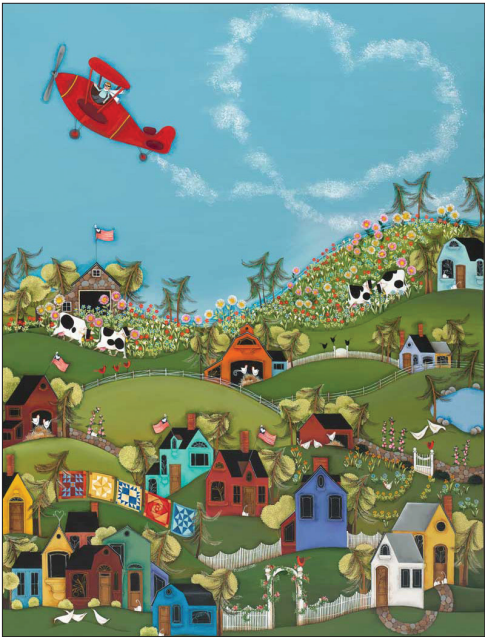
Happy 21st!

Blakeley and Sylvia Wilson opened Wilson & Wilson Folkart 21 years ago last week and are celebrating the beginning of the next 20 by introducing a new series of fabric art, an extension of their paint style.

They'll also represent Eureka Springs at The Nelson Atkins Museum of Art in Kansas City Mo., and Blakeley will be at Crystal Bridges on April 28 in conjunction with the movie *THE ART OF BEING*.

Stop by and see what's new at Wilson & Wilson Folkart, 23 Spring St.

LOVE IS IN THE AIR BY BLAKELEY WILSON



INDEPENDENT Crossword

by ESI staff

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ACROSS

- Way to fix a squeaky wheel
- Ladybug's favorite meal
- Competitive pricing
- Very small matter
- Dishonest eyes
- Pale gray-yellow-brown
- Public hygiene
- Enemies
- Absolutely positive
- Makes amends
- Afghani coin equivalent to a penny
- Pedro's pal
- Too much
- What can wag the dog
- High-quality vineyard
- Ostentatious
- Belongs to mama
- Bounce around
- Flatfish
- Nature's most efficient killer that can be a healer
- Speak in a wild way
- Some poisonous snakes
- Press
- 8-time Tony winning choreographer Bob
- Retired Chinese Rocket Ming
- Shortly
- Iron-headed mallet

- Expressed uncontrollable anger
- BFF
- Tube steak
- Tunnels or hallways
- One kind of car
- Dilute and diminish
- Jewish month of repentance
- Basic money of India and Pakistan
- Tear up the mountain to get the coal
- How you feel after doing 60A
- Long for
- " ____ out of it!"

DOWN

- But not least
- State of 2002 Winter Olympics
- It makes up skeletons
- Spew
- Old time calculator
- Loves me, loves me not indicator
- Ice balls from the sky
- Commitment words
- Exuberance
- Confuse
- Attacking of cherished beliefs
- Endure (Scot.)

- Realize, grasp
- Close to being drunk
- Sesame, primarily in India
- "Hammerin' Hank" of the Braves and Brewers
- High school assignment
- An official South African language
- Peddler of religious books
- Rams ma'ams
- Piece of wood that fits into a mortise
- Get the soap off
- Say, sort of
- King of ancient Palestine
- Point when action starts
- Wine left uncorked
- Fabricated
- Back in time
- Hurry up
- Confuse, daze
- Less robust looking
- Shades
- Scandinavian capital
- Insect undergoing transformation
- Gives slingshots to
- Obtain, achieve
- Italian hot spot
- Ooze
- Payable

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issue regarding unsightly storage of work materials in a residential area. He suggested the remedy would not be an ordinance but maybe extra language in the section of City Code regarding contractors. He suggested a simple additional statement that if a person listed the home address as the business address, all work-related materials at that site must be screened from view from all streets.

Commissioner Steve Beacham responded, “The concept here is to protect the value of residential quality of life as well as property values, and that should do it.” He added Planning should suggest including in Code that Home Occupation is a by-right in all residential zones.

The conversation turned to signage for Home Occupations, and Ray told the commission signage must be flat and against the front wall. Beacham suggested amending the law to restrict signage to a front window.

Ray replied that some Home Occupations operate out of a unit behind the main building, and fire code requires signage indicating there is a unit in the back. He said five square feet or less would be okay in his opinion.

“In my estimation, in a residential area, there should be no signage,” commented commissioner Woody Acord. He said he and his neighbors are sensitive to this issue because a beauty shop suddenly opened up on their quiet street, “and now cars are coming all day long... I want to protect people who have residences.”

Leswig followed that Home Occupations could be divided into two sections: one with no traffic and another that creates extra traffic in a neighborhood. He suggested the latter should be required to get a CUP.

Leswig acknowledged Ray’s guidance in illuminating the issue for them.

The group briefly discussed establishing minimum sizes for residences in commercial zones. Ray said he had heard 1000 sq. ft. mentioned as a minimum, but pointed out lots in Eureka Springs are small and oddly-shaped sometimes, so the commission would have a lot of variables to consider. He advised commissioners not to grant setback variances for the small lots because setbacks allow emergency personnel access to all sides of buildings.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, April 14, at 6 p.m.

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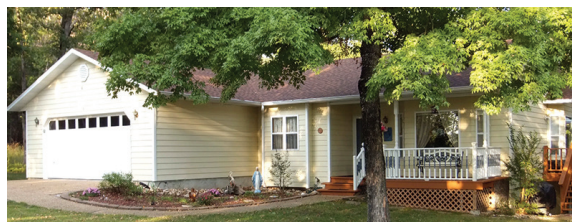
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