



ESFD

Chief's job goes to Ates

C.D. WHITE

Mayor Butch Berry announced April 1 at the Eureka Springs Fire Department's monthly Fire Meeting of all paid and volunteer staff that he had appointed Randall D. Ates to the position of Fire Chief.

It was somewhat of a surprise to Ates, who thought it was just going to be a normal meeting; then Berry told him just before it started he was going to announce he had been selected for the post. Although experienced and eminently qualified for the job, Ates admitted he was still a bit nervous. "It's like riding a bicycle. You never forget how, but I've just never ridden on this many hills before," he quipped.

Known to have a quirky sense of humor, Ates nonetheless takes the job very seriously. Regarding his appointment, he told the *Independent*, "There is no greater responsibility than the safety of the community, and there is no greater honor than to be given that responsibility."

Berry commented, "I believe Randy has the qualities and experience required for this job. His expertise will help improve training programs and implement user-friendly policies to achieve goals that enhance the fire department as a whole."

Ates has 30 years' experience as a fire and EMS manager and has served twice before in the role of Fire Chief for other agencies. He worked as ambulance service director in the private and government sectors and has also consulted for numerous emergency

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Down the rabbit hole – Eureka Springs Public Works is providing some help and supervision as Carroll County Road Department workers and equipment dig 18 – 21 feet down to the collapsed tunnel under the auditorium parking lot. Word at mid-day Tuesday was the tunnel had collapsed completely and had water in it. Nonetheless, workers said it might be cleaned out by day's end. Mayor Butch Berry estimated the project would be completed and the parking lot back in service in two to three weeks, depending on the weather. See the Indie Facebook page for photos and posts as work continues. *PHOTO BY CHIP FORD*

This Week's INDEPENDENT Thinkers

Finally, a scientific study we can buy into – *Nature Neuroscience* magazine has just reported that a team of scientists from Columbia University and NYU proved that when healthy 50-to-69 year olds eat chocolate, it's better for their brain function than aerobic exercise. Whew!

Now, to reap the benefits of memory, one would have to eat an inordinate amount of cacao powder (one kilogram) a day, or 44 lbs. of Butterfingers, which would be a bit much sugar, but it's for health.

Knowing that chocolate is brain food has been an idea that was scoffed at, denied, and thought absurd by the old school, and persevering until the actual truth is found is the mission of hometown news.

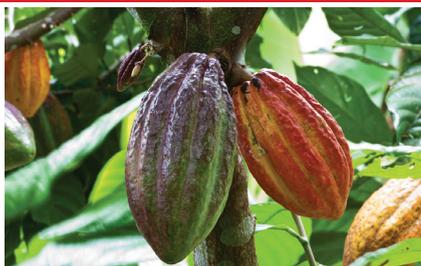


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Six applications get the nod at HDC

NICKY BOYETTE

The Historic District Commission reviewed six applications at its April 1 meeting, and all six were approved.

- 173 N. Main – change roofline in previously approved addition
- 26 Ridgeway – replace window with door on rear addition
- 56 Hillside – replace damaged garage door with entry door
- 171 W. Van Buren – rear addition; wrap-around porch
- 5 Ojo – add lower rear deck

The application to add a safety rail to the rear ramp and stairs at 184 N. Main was pulled from the Consent Agenda for discussion, after which it was approved.

Three items on the Consent Agenda were approved:

- 82 Armstrong – extend patio surface

and railing after tree removal

- 46 Armstrong – new sidewalk and flowerbed

- 125 Spring – new sign

Consent Agenda items are Level I applications that the City Preservation Officer believes to be in accordance with Design Guidelines.

Chair Dee Bright presented three Administrative Approvals:

- 1 Magnetic – repaint
- 184 N. Main – repair deck and railing
- 5 Cushing – replace front concrete wall

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

Next meeting will be Wednesday, April 15, at 6 p.m.

A Gala for Goddesses (and help for kids)

The annual women's Goddess Gala and Blessing of the Seeds festival featuring dancing, feasting, and drumming is coming up Tuesday, April 14.

Enjoy spring socializing in a festive Gala atmosphere from 6–11 p.m. in the Basin Park Hotel Ballroom. Dance to the music of GiGi, Propolus and Lany and have a great evening for a good cause. The long-running Goddess Gala brings out local women in colorful, fun costumes for this fundraising event to

benefit the Merlin Foundation, which provides services to local children in need.

Last year's expenses, due to donations, were zero – and *all* profits went to the Merlin Foundation. Let's do it again this year! Tickets are \$13 in advance at Annie's, Gazebo Books, Eureka Market and other places around town; or \$15 at the door. See details and a schedule for the evening at www.GoddessGala.com.

5th Annual Cats at the Castle April 18

Indulge your medieval fantasy with a night at Castle Rogue's Manor and the annual Cats at the Castle fundraiser for Turpentine Creek Wildlife Refuge. This is the TCWR Board of Directors' annual major fundraiser to help fund the care of more than 100 tigers, lions, bears and other exotic wildlife.

Not only is this a delicious dinner in an awesome location, but an opportunity to bid on art from some of the area's finer artists and craftspeople in both silent and live auctions. Artists donate their art for the sake of the animals, and TCWR also provides

a program through which the artist can receive up to 60 percent of the auctioned price back, creating a win/win for everyone.

Suggested attire is business casual to fancy. Social hour begins at 6:30 p.m. followed by dinner at 7:30. Diners may choose between the Tiger (prime rib) or Bear (vegetarian lasagna) menu option.

Tickets are \$110 each and limited to the first 100 paid reservations. Reserve your seat for Cats at the Castle banquet and auctions now at www.turpentinecreek.org (click on the Events tab) or email tigers@turpentinecreek.org.

CCSO saves big on fuel purchases

NICKY BOYETTE

Most news about county budgets is dire and foreboding, but Major Dep. George Frye of the Carroll County Sheriff's Office found a surefire cost-savings strategy he expects will save his department at least \$6000 in 2015.

Frye said he had heard that state agencies and departments in other counties had begun using the WEX Fleet Card, a credit card that deducts federal excise taxes of 18 percent on each statement.

Frye used last year's CCSO total gasoline purchases to determine the \$6000 savings for this year.

In addition, Frye said the monthly statement is reduced by an additional one percent rebate on gross sales for that period. Some states also receive a break on the state excise tax, but there is no provision in Arkansas law that allows this exception.

Frye said the second reason the card is a boon for deputies is that it is

almost universally accepted where gas is sold. Wright Express claims their card is accepted at 90 percent of places where gas is sold, but Frye said he had not encountered anyone yet who would not accept it. It's a win-win-win all the way around."

He said deputies sometimes transport a prisoner several hours away, and it is convenient for them to be able to

use the card almost anywhere.

The card also has a security feature built in so the card is used only for fuel, lubrication or service. Each vehicle is assigned a card, and each driver has a PIN, so every transaction can be tracked, and limits are in place for each use.

The WEX Fleet Card is distributed by Wright Express Corporation.

CSS students need backpack items to help the homeless

Clear Spring School students have chosen to head for Little Rock April 13 – 16 to help the homeless as their end-of-year trip project. While in Little Rock, they'll help out at the Little Rock Compassion Center and also hand out backpacks filled with combs, nail clippers, sunglasses, socks, underwear, toothbrushes and

paste, and the like.

The students would be grateful for anyone who can help by donating any of those items before the trip leaving April 13. Please leave them in the donation boxes at the Quarter in Eureka Springs or at Clear Spring School. For more information, phone (479) 253-7888.

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The UPS Store of Eureka Springs is locally owned and operated. Eureka Springs is the smallest community in the U.S. with an actual franchise UPS Store. "Pack It For Charity" is offered year 'round for any items we pack in-store and then ship via UPS or US Postal. It's just one of many ways we are pleased to give back to our Carroll County community. We thank all of you for your continued support as we start our 5th year in Eureka Springs.



Your contribution to PHP enables us to assist the people of Carroll County who are unable to get prescription assistance. This help is temporary and is a community supported, volunteer staffed, local help program. Call 870-423-5145

Mystery of the Trees documentary ready to roll

The Mountain Stewards, a non-profit organization, will present its newly released documentary, *Mystery of the Trees*, at Hobbs State Park on April 12 at 2 p.m. This is a first-ever glimpse into a part of Native American culture that has been mostly hidden from public knowledge. Parts were filmed at Hobbs State Park and the Buffalo National River area.

Narration is done by Native American actor Wes Studi (*Dancing with Wolves, Last of the Mohicans*) and includes interviews with tribal elders from the Cherokee, Muscogee-Creek, Comanche, Delaware, Ute, Osage and Quapaw tribes.

The Mountain Stewards formed to build trails so hikers could experience the beauty of the North Georgia Mountains. During their work, they encountered oddly shaped trees many call Indian Marker Trees. Probing the mystery in their own backyard raised many questions for the Stewards. As a result, researchers from other states joined with them exploring this fascinating but obscure story. The researchers met at Hobbs State Park in March 2007, hosted by Park Interpreter Steve Chyrchel. Interviews with tribal elders provided glimpses into the understanding of cultures that were almost destroyed.

The interviews resulted in a deeper respect for the spirituality and wisdom of those who were the first people on the land. It is hoped the documentary will encourage the preservation of these story-telling trees and point the way to future areas of study about aspects of Indian culture that have been negatively impacted.

The *Mystery of the Trees* book and

documentary DVD can be purchased at www.mysterytrees.org. See www.mountainstewards.org for more about the Mountain Stewards.

There is no charge to attend the free screening April 12 at 2 p.m. at Hobbs State Park visitor center, Hwy. 12 just east of the Hwy 12/War Eagle Road intersection. (479) 789-5000.

Permaculture group defrosts

The Permaculture Study Group arises from the grip of winter to meet at the home of Jerry Landrum, 259 CR 301, Eureka Springs, at 10 a.m. Saturday,

April 11. Call Jerry (479) 244-0377 if you need directions. Lunch will be provided and new members are welcome to come discuss this meeting's topic – resilience.

Holiday Island Farmers' Market April 10

The Holiday Island Farmers' Market is open every Friday from 8 – noon with local produce, breads, pastries, jellies, candies, homemade goods, crafts and more across from the Holiday Island Welcome Center.

The Market also invites new

produce, craft or 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 Market, contact Anita Gibson, (417) 846-3616 or anitagibson76@gmail.com.

Douglas Inn Open House/Ribbon Cutting

Join owner Sandi Dittmann and your chamber friends Thursday, April 16, for a Ribbon Cutting and Open House at the new and improved Douglas Inn. View this charming bed and breakfast tucked just off Main at 6 Douglas St.

and see what's new. Open House from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. with Ribbon Cutting at 6. Light refreshments will be served. For more information about the inn visit www.douglasinneurekasprings.com or call (479) 244-9219.

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Keynote Speaker, Richard Dolan, one of the world's leading UFO researchers and writers, is featured in the new television documentary series, *Hangar One* on the History Channel. Dolan will speak on "UFOs, The Real Power Struggle and the End Game." See more at richarddolanpress.com

Barbara Lamb, M.S., MFT, CHT, one of the world's leading crop circle researchers and educators, has lectured widely in the U.S. and other countries. Her topic is "Crop Circles: A Worldwide Mystery."

Linda Moulton Howe, award-winning earth mysteries investigative reporter, produces, reports and edits the award-winning science, environment and earth mysteries news website, Earthfiles.com.

Sherry Wilde, author of *The Forgotten Promise*, was determined to have been a victim of alien abduction after an investigation by the Center for UFO Studies. She'll fill you in on "The Esoteric Life of a Volunteer."

Kewaunee Lapsertitis, BA, MS, MH, holistic health consultant, Master Herbalist and Master Dowser with a background in anthropology, psychology, conservation and holistic health presents "Overwhelming Evidence For A Bigfoot/UFO Connection."

Nikki Pattillo, author of *Star Children: Advice for Parents and Star Children* and *A Spiritual Evolution*, and expert on the subject of psychic children, will

speak on "Star Children and a New Earth."

You'll also hear from **Peter Davenport**, Director of the National UFO Reporting Center, **Thomas Reed** and the historic UFO case of the Reed family which was classified CE4 (close encounter of the 4th kind) and **Melanie Young, R.N.**, a Texas neonatal nurse who hopes a strange 900-year-old "Starchild Skull," she was given holds the secret to treating some conditions that keep many babies from surviving and thriving.

Wood works for these guys!

Come watch the deft cuts made by dozens of creative chainsaw carving artists as they buzz off during the Carving in the Ozarks Festival April 17 and 18 in the field behind Cornerstone Bank and McDonald's on US 62.

Prepare to be amazed at what emerges from a hunk of tree trunk over the hours. You'll never look at a chainsaw the same way again as delicately feathered birds, happy bears and other creatures as well as unique benches and tables emerge from big chunks of wood.

All the fun is free Friday and Saturday from 8

a.m. - 5p.m. There will be contests, a great food concession and more, so plan on spending some time. On Saturday, all pieces will be auctioned off at 4 p.m. with proceeds benefitting the Eureka Springs Fire Department.

Come say hello to our local volunteer firefighters who have taken over this longstanding, favorite festival and don't miss this popular display of heartland craftsmanship for a good cause. Look for the large tents; you can't miss it. For more information, see www.carvingintheozarks.com.

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- May 12 VOTE at St. Elizabeth's Parish on Passion Play Rd. 7:30 A.M. to 7:30 P.M.

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VOTE NO ON 2223!

Step lively for cancer research

It's spring in the Ozarks and time for the Holiday Island Chamber of Commerce to invite you to sign up for the 6th Annual Carole Hilmer Run/Walk for Ovarian Cancer Research on Saturday, April 18.

Set in Holiday Island, just five miles north of Eureka Springs, this is a beautiful run or walk around a 9-hole golf course. The USATF-certified course has gently rolling hills along the banks of the White River at the start of Table Rock Lake; and the dogwoods should be

blooming, making your walk or run even more enjoyable.

The Run/Walk starts at Saturday, 9 a.m. at The BARN, 120 Shields Dr. Register online at www.hichamber.com and click on the link, or at runsignup.com or email joaniekesa@gmail.com.

And remember to carb up at the Holiday Island Elks Lodge Spaghetti Supper and silent auction from 5 – 7 p.m. on Friday at the Lodge, 4 Parkcliff Dr. On race morning, there'll be more delicious sustenance on hand at the Eureka Springs

Rotary Interact Club pancake breakfast starting at 8 a.m. at the Barn.

Sign up for a beautiful morning in

the Ozarks for a good cause. All proceeds benefit Ovarian Cancer Research. For details call Joanie (479) 253-5986.

Yard Sale magic turns clutter into cash

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For advertisement and coupon

opportunities call (479) 253-8737 or email terri@eurekaspringschamber.com.

Metafizzies take video pilgrimage

The April 13 meeting of the Eureka Springs Metaphysical Society will feature a video pilgrimage to the West African homeland of the Yoruba religious tradition. The meeting begins at 7 p.m. at the Heart of Many Ways Center in the Christian Science church building, 68 Mountain Street. All are welcome.

Souls Harbor Outreach Series

First Presbyterian Church is hosting the 2015 Spring Outreach Series presented by Souls Harbor NWA on three Thursdays in April.

April 16: Executive Director Joel Atchison will present "Rx 3: Setting the Vision, Working the Mission" at 7 p.m.

April 23: Rachel Cox, director of community engagement, presents "The

Fatherless Generation: Men are the Root" at 7 p.m.

April 30: "The Nitty Gritty: Mind Sets, Breaking Cycles, and Reconstructing Lives: will be presented by Randy Riley, director of operations, at 7 pm.

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Why You Should Vote FOR Ordinance 2223:

2223 ensures that all people are judged fairly on their own merits when gaining access to public accommodations, employment and housing.

2223 is vital to the continued growth of Eureka Springs as a welcoming, non-discriminatory tourist destination.

2223 is important to maintain our status as the only place in Arkansas where "everyone" is truly and legally welcome.

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Jesus fought religious leaders

Editor,

The Past President of the Western Carroll Co. Ministerial Association fills a column of last week's *Independent Mail* discriminating between the righteous and unrighteous. He cites a singular example of an adulteress brought before Jesus for judgment.

In truth, the overarching theme of the Gospels is that from boyhood to his death, Jesus fought against the religious leaders of the day because they claimed themselves to be holy, because they stood on high to pass judgment, because they could not see the planks in their own eyes.

D. Kline's misquote from the Gospel of John teaches us all we need to know about some religious leaders of today: John 8:1-11 (paraphrased and elaborated): At dawn Jesus went to the public areas to teach to the people who would listen. The local religious leaders, planning to entrap him with his own words, brought him a woman caught cheating on her husband. They made her stand before them and asked Jesus: "The Bible tells us to stone her, what do you say?"

Jesus sat and wrote in the dirt with his finger. After the religious leaders insisted on a response, he stood up and said, "Let any of you who is not a sinner throw the first stone." Then he continued writing in the dirt.

As the "righteous" wandered off one by one, the woman was left standing there with Jesus. He said to

her, "So no one has condemned you? Then neither do I. Go home and do not cheat on your husband."

He who has ears, let him hear. He who condemns will be condemned.

Andrew Schwerin

What has happened to it all?

Editor,

I would like to answer Mr. Bill King's rebuttal to my letter of March 25. Mr. King, I humbly apologize sir, you are absolutely right, when I moved to Eureka Springs in February 1978 there were more than six gay persons living here, what I meant to say was I stopped counting at six.

No sir, I don't have gaydar, and I never did, the statement I made was an observation of mine and mine alone, like the observation that in 1978 the tour buses still ran through town, the shopowners made good money, the Great Passion Play was the fourth largest attraction in America, Lake Leatherwood hosted many events, Beaver Lake was the Number One fishing and water sport destination, Thorncrown Chapel was the most visited, St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church was the best "Believe It Or Not," the next year was our centennial, and we got our first trolley, and the few bikers who came here were welcomed.

What I meant was, what's happened to it all now? Some people in town will have you believe that it's everybody else's fault but their own.

Mr. King, your wild little rant about a gay takeover was very amusing, and

I totally enjoyed it, but I must admit, you were right, the takeover started long ago.

Dirty hippies in 1978 you said? No sir, I was not one of those people, when I came to Eureka Springs in 1978 I was a man with no agenda, I was just looking for a quiet little town where maybe I could forget my horrid memories and nightmares of Vietnam. I wanted to disappear, not make a statement. Dirty hippies, huh? Mr. King, it sounds like you may have a radar agenda of your own, sir.

But yet again you are right, Bill, you are here and you are queer. But... be very afraid? I truthfully doubt it my friend, because after Vietnam, how could I ever possibly be afraid of the likes of you, sir?

Just sayin'.

M.S. Smith

Botanical in Nature

Editor,

Dear Steven Foster (columnist – "An Inspired Springtime," 3/25/15). Thank you for introducing us to Mr. Catesby, naturalist and artist of watercolors. And to the fact that a new book, *The Curious Mr. Catesby* has been published and is available. The artwork is extraordinary. Mr. Catesby was an Aries (March 24). Aries people bring forth all things new for the world to see. We are seeing his work anew again, 333 years after his birth. A celebration surely!

Sincerely and with gratitude,

Risa D'Angeles

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WEEK'S TopTweets

@theyearofelan: When someone says "I need this done yesterday" it's like I'm not going to be bossed around by someone who doesn't understand how

time works.

@emirkr: Donated blood today. One lucky person will wake up from an operation with the sudden ability to read 3000 tweets per hour.

@BettyLies: Nothing will get this Billy Joel song out of my head. At this point, I'm praying for a heart attack-ack-ack-ack-ack-ack.

@Hormonella: Aloe Vera!... me talking to the plants. With a Cockney accent.

@sixthformpoet: The last four letters of the word "queue" are just there because they saw a queue forming and hoped it was for

something good.

@glamxoxo: I love vending machines because I can see exactly where my food is coming from.

@phirm: Hey is it just me or is there another two-letter pronoun used to refer to oneself as the object of a verb or preposition?

@ChaseMit: People who smoke cigarettes die sooner, but people who smoke e-cigarettes deserve it more.

@Angrea: Some things you recycle, some you throw away. For example: Paper & plastic you recycle. Opportunities, love and your future you throw away.

@Coastiefish: Great... This guy double parked his Porsche, and now I've got paint all in my keys.

@lafix: I like messing with Texas by calling random numbers in Houston and telling them I have a problem.

Love the driver, hate the way she parks?

Perhaps we could start off our parallel life lessons with parking downtown – stick shift, downhill slant, high season, weekend. If you know how to do it, no problema. If you don't, traffic stops, horns blare, searing-hot looks laser through your windshield and your cheeseburger drips all over your dress.

It's not unlike quoting the Bible – if you know how to do it and have done it before, things go smoothly even when anticipating a possibility of discord. But if you rely on the Bible for your personal literal blueprint of whom to love, or not, because they see things differently, well...

It would be evolutionary if we could put the Bible back on the coffee table and try to figure out this anti-discrimination fuss on our own. For there to ever be discrimination against anyone, especially by quoting passages that have been edited for length and clarity for 2,000 years, seems lazy. Are we a self-hating species?

Playing it safe is frequently the most dangerous way to go, and many are doing just that. They're not interested and won't vote. Others are writing letters to the editor putting words in the mouth of a man many in this country, and around the world, think of as a role model. Others simply don't care. We all drink the same water, breathe the same air, eat the same potatoes, but have individual brains, thoughts, memories, experiences and ways of understanding things. Does that make anyone wrong? Or right?

Let's say that instead of focusing on excluding people from parades, weddings and rental houses, people simply grow up to become landlords or firefighters or gardeners. They get to do what they want because they were born, they learned, they understand they are in charge of one life, only one, their own. Not their parents, kids, neighbors, spouses, elected officials or pastors' lives. If they feel like spending an hour or two in church each week for the music, the sermons, the peace, the camaraderie, have at it. They are still in charge of one life and no more.

A woman called this week and said she remembers her youth in south Texas where the preacher would say it was okay to not let black-skinned people into the fold because they were part of the 12 tribes of Israel, and Scripture denied those people the right to be welcome in a country church.

"Slavery was rooted in the churches?" she asked us. "I couldn't believe it. It wasn't until yesterday that a customer came into my shop and told me her dad had taught her the same thing. And she was from Michigan! We were taught that it's okay to not welcome, or even allow, black people into the congregation! Imagine how great the music would've been if we had!

"Then in the seventies I moved to Eureka Springs and first thing I did was go to the Passion Play. It was beautiful. It was packed every night. The Christ of the Ozarks statue seemed to wrap its arms around Eureka Springs. The next day I was told that the man who played Jesus, who died on the cross in public, was gay and Christian.

"I had a fear of gays, a Biblical fear. And here he was, being crucified night after night even in the pouring rain. So you know what happened next. I met him, then his friends. They were the nicest people, warm, up front, helpful. Where was the problem?"

And it's true. It's easy to hate the unknown, to take offense at every doggone-body getting the same rights as those we were taught don't deserve them. It's been a long haul for white male landowners, not without its anxiety, but it's made us a stronger people who take care of ourselves and are flexible and open. Seems like the greatest compliment we could pay Jesus.

And now another unsuspected thing has happened. Young people. Young people want diversity. They want it in their workplace, their schools, their neighborhoods, churches and families. They want their own children to have friends of all shapes, colors and persuasions. It's so cool when the young are the teachers of the old.

The least we can do is teach them to parallel park.

Mary Pat Boian



The Pursuit of HAPPINESS

by Dan Krotz

Everybody have a good Easter? Mine was pretty good. We enjoyed the Jesus Parade last Saturday and our Sunday service was all right. Mrs. Charlisa French sang *Our Redeemer Lives* and I got a little teary. The flowers were nice, too.

To tell you the truth, I didn't know what to expect. Our religious freedoms are apparently at risk, according, at least, to the rule makers down in Little Rock. I didn't know if a bunch of outside agitators, say the ACLU, was going to bust into church and shut us down, or if a pack of sex-mad atheists would somehow derail the parade.

I don't know why I was worried. If I do the rough calculations, I've attended 3,300 Sunday services, listened to 3,006 sermons (four of them memorable), taken communion about 2,041 times, and nearly graduated from the Holy Name Society. Not once – not a single time – did a jackbooted anti-Christian Zombie-Lezbo-Commie drag the minister off his pulpit, shutter the church doors, or get drunk on the communion wine.

One of the ironies of this whole religious freedom deal is that everybody, liberal and conservative, seems to know what Jesus would do. That's another surprise. After more than 40 years of serious study I still haven't figured it out. What I do know, and what everybody knows – from Westboro Baptists to John Updike's Episcopalian – is that Jesus's most persistent enemies were the rule makers and religious leaders of the day. They spent all their time trying to trick him into saying something they didn't agree with and, in the end, they had him killed.

Governor Hutchinson ably played the role of Pontius Pilate through it all. Like Pilate, he placated the meat-heads, told anybody with money we don't really mean it, and then washed his hands in front of the rule makers. "Get me a better rule," he said.

Well, it's suppertime. I will say grace for, oh I guess, the 22,190th time. Thanks to our legislature, and especially to that economic development powerhouse Bob Ballinger (bless his heart), I feel confident that I won't get busted. Thank you so much for securing my religious freedom.

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 Constables On Patrol

MARCH 30

11:44 a.m. – Observer noticed the driver of a pickup who had pulled into the parking lot of a liquor store appeared to be intoxicated. The driver then took off eastbound on US 62 where a constable encountered the vehicle and initiated a traffic stop. The driver was arrested for DWI-drugs and reckless driving.

MARCH 31

1:44 a.m. – Staff at a tourist lodging told ESPD a male in the parking lot had been lurking near other vehicles before driving off to a nearby parking lot. Constable on patrol confronted the individual and discovered nothing suspicious and found all vehicles in that parking lot were secure.

2:24 a.m. – Individual was arrested for public intoxication, possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.

11:28 a.m. – Person reported items had been taken out of his vehicle.

12:25 p.m. – A dog ran loose in a neighborhood above downtown, but a neighbor helped the constable nab the absconder, and the owner soon retrieved the animal from the kennel.

4:58 p.m. – A constable and ESFD responded to a vehicle on fire in the parking lot on Planer Hill.

5:50 p.m. – Constable spoke with a victim of fraud.

5:51 p.m. – Constable arranged for a female to get her mail from her ex-husband.

APRIL 1

8:06 a.m. – Constable filed a report on an incident that had occurred at a care facility.

9:52 a.m. – A large dog without a collar was running unattended in a neighborhood above downtown. It eluded Animal Control and escaped into the woods.

2:08 p.m. – One vehicle bumped another in a parking lot.

4:03 p.m. – Constable filed a report on a vehicle stolen from a motel parking lot. Vehicle was later found in Missouri.

10:26 p.m. – Constable responded to the track where the lights had been left on by mistake.

10:59 p.m. – Alarm company reported an alarm had been triggered at a business on US 62, but constable found the building secure.

APRIL 2

11:24 a.m. – ESPD received a complaint regarding a landlord-tenant disturbance. Constable went to the scene and advised the landlord on the proper way to evict a tenant.

APRIL 3

11:31 a.m. – Several people complained the music in Basin Park was too loud. Constables measured the sound level and found it below the maximum of 85 decibels.

5:01 p.m. – ESPD was informed that authorities in Skiatook, Okla., had found a vehicle reported stolen in Eureka Springs.

5:11 p.m. – Constable encountered a reportedly erratic driver but the driver behaved while

constable was watching.

7:28 p.m. – Constables checked out the noise level downtown again and again found it to be within legal limits.

10:50 p.m. – Constable arrested an individual on prohibited property for violating a protection order.

APRIL 4

8:19 a.m. – Passerby noticed a dog running unleashed and loving it along North Main. Constables watched for but did not encounter the animal.

3:13 p.m. – Constable escorted a stuck truck back to US 62.

3:13 p.m. – Concerned observer reported two men on North Main were dangerously near a power line. Constable discovered the men had been near a cable line, and they were gone already anyway.

6:04 p.m. – Constable filed a report on a private property auto accident.

11:52 p.m. – A worker closing up for the night overheard a disturbance nearby. He said a man at a motel yelled out, “Go ahead and kill me.” Constables converged on the scene and spoke with a male and female outside the motel who said everything was fine and they had just had a verbal argument.

APRIL 5

1:27 a.m. – Resident near downtown said he and several neighbors had heard loud bursts like either gunfire or fireworks. Two constables on patrol reported hearing the noise also. They said the noise sounded more like fireworks but could not find the origin.

APRIL 6

4 a.m. – Guest at a motel told ESPD she was staying there with a friend and her friend’s boyfriend. The boyfriend reportedly started a fight in the parking lot and injured another individual. The reporting guest asked for a welfare check on her friend. Constables were able to find an uncle of the friend, and the uncle called his niece who said she was okay and did not want to deal with police.

Readers, sponsors sought for Bible Reading Marathon

Readers of all ages and ethnic groups will gather on the Green Forest Town Square May 3 – 7 filling 15-minute time slots to read the entire inspired Word of God aloud. Groups of readers, four readers per hour, are signing up to participate in the 6th annual event commemorating the National Day of Prayer.

If you’re interested in reading as an individual or as part of a group, call Peggy (870) 726-6037 to set up a reading time on a first come basis. Any group or business wishing to help sponsor may contact Bonnie Roediger (870) 350-0865.

The truth will set us all free

In my adolescence I started attending a Southern Baptist church that believed that the Bible was the inerrant word of God. I attended that church for a few years trying to learn about God and what God required from me.

I found many times that the church's teachings interfered with what the Bible, especially the gospels, were instructing us to do like care for the poor, free the oppressed, advocate for the lost, and so on.

I then began to question the church's stance opposing women's ordination. The claim was that the apostle Paul clearly teaches that women are not to be teachers in the church and are meant to submit to their husbands. This was taught as the absolute word of God. God wanted women to be subject to men. That was it. However, then I came across an obscure text in one of Paul's letters that instructed women in the church to remain silent and have head coverings.

This was inconsistent.

The church had taught me that the Bible was absolute about women's ordination and the role of women in the created order, however now there seemed to be an exemption from obeying a rule put down by one of the apostles.

No one in our church wore head coverings and no one was expected to. However, women in our church were expected to "know their role."

This was just the first time it seemed the church was picking and choosing what to obey and what not to. Later it was an issue about what the Bible said about slavery, racism, people with disabilities, and later homosexuality.

It appeared that the church I was attending used the Bible in a way that defended their preconceived ethics, customs and religion, but ignored those that conflicted with them.

Many churches point to clear passages in scripture that talk about homosexuality and wish that we'd all just obey them and not question their methodology for interpretation. However, just because the Bible says something does not mean it is the absolute view for all time to be obeyed by all.

God does not condone slavery, bigotry, injustice for the poor, racism or homophobia. The Bible may be used to support these things, but when you look closely to the undertone story being told throughout the Bible, it is one that tells us that God is love and that God is just and that humans are always using religion as power over those they want to marginalize, control, oppress and suppress.

The scriptures are riddled with the mission of God to free us from those who seek to oppress us. Jesus came to set us free. We ought to let the scripture inform us about God and God's mission and allow the Spirit of God that works through us still to help us discern our

ethics, customs, faith and so forth today.

The Bible is a trampoline that is meant to spring us into the mission of God to transform the world. The Bible is not a wall meant to suppress us and keep us in an archaic system of injustice. The word of God is not separate from the mission of God. God is about making peace, breaking down systems of injustice, releasing the poor, including the impaired and disabled, equality between the genders and ethnicities, breaking down nationalism and militarism and freedom from all oppression including freedom for homosexuals, lesbians and transgender peoples to have the same rights as heterosexuals.

I know that some in our community do not yet understand the mission of God, but they will eventually. I do not have any resentment for them. I understand their desire for control and power and how they use their religion to keep other people oppressed. They are afraid that to give others the ability to live out their faith would somehow limit their own ability to live out theirs.

I hope for a town where we can all learn to live in peace with each other and find ways to live out our faith to bring about the mission of God to transform the world. As a Christian, I encourage all to stop discrimination in the name of God.

Douglas Phillips

Associate Pastor First United Methodist Church

TheNATUREofEUREKA by Steven Foster

Turning back the clock on microbes



Last week's annual meeting of the Society for General Microbiology held in Birmingham, England, announced some really exciting new research or the Society has a really good publicist. Papers presented at the meeting made worldwide news. One paper from researchers at Cardiff Metropolitan University, showed that date syrup, a common sweetener in the Middle East, has antibacterial activity against *Staphylococcus aureus* and *Escherichia coli* (the ubiquitous *E. coli*), that was as good as or better than honey as an antibiotic. Okay, as I said, the Society has a great publicist. Researchers from the University of York reported on the discovery of a unique set of enzymes that help the bacterium *Staphylococcus hominis* create compounds called thioalcohols – revealing the chemical key to turning sweat into body odor! Good work publicist!

The study that got the most air, print and Internet play was from researchers at the University of Nottingham who reported that a complex formula teased from a thousand-year-old Anglo-Saxon manuscript in the collection of the British Museum – the Bald Leechbook – was surprisingly effective against methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus*, better known as MRSA. The 9th century recipe included two types of onion relatives, probably garlic and leek, combined with wine and cow bile. Dr. Christina Lee, an expert in Anglo-Saxon language, translated the recipe for the eye

salve formula. Microbiologists at the University of Nottingham then recreated and tested the concoction against MRSA, and were astounded to find a more than 90 percent effective rate against the bacterium.

What is missing from most news reports is the fact that this type of multidisciplinary research called "text mining" is relatively new. Historians or linguists search historic manuscripts or antiquarian books for targeted words or concepts, then field and laboratory researchers from various disciplines use the data to design experiments. The Internet increases text mining exponentially, since once doesn't have to be in the physical presence of a manuscript to review it, since many records are now digitized and readily accessible on-line. Similar research is being quietly conducted worldwide.

We all know that Christopher Columbus didn't discover America, but he gets credit for it. Why? Because the printing press arrived in Europe in 1440. His 1493 letter to his sponsors was immediately published in several languages and distributed throughout Europe. One can image him bowing before King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella and with a wink and smile while saying, "It's all in the P.R."





Celebrating Easter – The Celebrate Jesus parade brought onlookers out on a sunny Saturday to enjoy the parade and music in Basin Park and the ministrations of members of the First United Methodist Church who handed out goodies and water across the street from the park on the New Delhi's top deck.

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Jesus Loves All – Suzie Bell, Elise Roenigk and Sue Glave-Moore chat at the crowded refreshment stop manned by the First United Methodist Church. The church group was ousted from the parade lineup apparently for their support of the LGBT community.

PHOTO BY JAY VRECNAR



Joe Watts and Bryan Manire



New wheels for Shawn – The Rotary Interact Club at Eureka Springs High School presented a \$250 check to 38 year-old Brighton Ridge resident, Shawn Flodman, toward purchase of a new wheelchair to replace his 16 year-old model. The nursing home is holding fundraisers to help toward what could be as much as \$15,000 for the custom wheelchair Shawn needs. **PHOTO BY BECKY GILLETTE**



Family business – Art is the family business for painter and art teacher Jessica Cummings, left, her children Anastasia and Draven (not shown), and Sara's parents Sara Mallett Russell and Terry Russell. Enjoy the creativity of this talented family at Brews, 2 Pine St., throughout April. **PHOTO BY JAY VRECEK**



Creative Harvest – Dan Krotz of Ozark Harvest Radio Hour interviews the students and advisors involved in the UP Project to turn one Eureka stairwell into a work of art. From left, Eureka Springs High School students Kyla Boardman and Kennedy Cash, Krotz, art teacher Jessica Cummings, artist Raven Derge, Steve (Yip) Vorbeck and Doug Myerscough. **PHOTO BY BECKY GILLETTE**



Two plus two equals FOR – Jim Nelson's former storefront on Spring Street served as an outlet for FOR t-shirts and other campaign items during the weekend. James DeVito, left, looks like he's about to shell out some financial support to Dick Titus for the FOR cause. **PHOTO BY JAY VRECEK**



April FOR's Day rocked – Teresa and James DeVito happily presented a check for \$2,375 from the April 1 benefit held at DeVito's to Lamont Richie, left, of Keep Eureka Fair. **PHOTO BY JAY VRECEK**

INDEPENDENT Art & Entertainment

Auditions April 12 for *The Christians*

Come be part of a brilliant new play by a rising, young playwright. Wonderful roles and a chance to create a great ensemble of actors!

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

On the anniversary of the megachurch he founded, 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.

Getting enough fiber?

Fiber becomes hands-on art in April

The Eureka Springs School of the Arts opens an exciting season of workshops with *Fiber Arts: Wet Felting*, Monday – Friday, April 20 – 24.

Make two wearable art scarves (lattice style and ruffled) in three days and top off the week with a magical wizard hat! Dye your own wool roving and use it to create a sensational, seamless, felted hat in colors matching your creative spirit. What's wool roving? Join this fun class and find out.

Instructor Kate Koprowski is from Wilmore, Ky., where she teaches felting workshops and has created a variety of digital tutorials. (www.handicraftkate.etsy.com)

Register soon as classes are small and fill quickly! To sign up, and for directions to ESSA at 15731 US 62W, visit essa-art.org or phone (479) 253-5384.



Eureka goes Phunk

Eureka Springs has the funk! Deadhead Productions will bring the Phunkberry Music Festival to the area May 7 - 20. The music, arts, and camping festival will feature top national funk acts including Ivan Neville's Dumpstaphunk, The Bernie Worrell Orchestra (former keyboardist from the Talking Heads), Kung Fu, and Yo Mama's Big Fat Booty Band. Phunkberry will also showcase some of the best regional funk acts in the area such as Freeverse, the 1 Oz. Jig, Groovement, GUTA, Isayah's All-Stars, Friends of the Phamily, Flatland

Funk Donors and TOTOJOJO.

Concert lovers will enjoy arts, crafts vendors and hands on workshops as well as the live artist experience. This is first event to take place at a new venue, The Farm, off Hwy. 187 at 1 Blue Heron Lane, nestled in the Ozark hills on 160 acres that back up to Mark Twain National Forest. Admission: \$75 - 3-day pass, \$60 - 2-day pass and \$40 1-day pass. Get tickets and more info on Phunkberry at www.phunkberry.com, and a list of concerts and upcoming festivals at www.deadheadproductions.com/events.

Crafters, creators wanted

The Village at Pine Mountain on US 62E will be host its annual Spring Village Craft Show Saturday, May 9, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Applications are currently being accepted for 12 x12 booth space

at \$40, electric available on request. Only handmade items are allowed.

For more information, contact Gayle Voiles (479) 244-6907 or (479) 253-7047.

Hot sauce!

Congrats to those who've made the commitment to sexy hip action and lots of spins on the Salsa Team at Melonlight Studio ... and if you're sorry you missed out, there's still more room on the team. The goal is to make salsa dancing accessible right here in Eureka, so come learn to shake your tailfeathers with Latin flavor for the most fun workout ever!

Don't be shy, don't be scared and don't be late. Just be at Melonlight Dance Studio every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. and commit to having a good time. For cost and details phone (720) 278-5672, and see more at www.melonlightdance.com.



Artists, healers and creators – sign up and POP UP at the Farmers' Market!

April 14 is the first POP UP ART event at the Eureka Springs Farmer's Market. The Market committee has agreed to host one Artist/Healer per month as a way to educate visitors and community to what healers, creators and artists do and where to find us.

POP UPs will happen the second Tuesday of each month as a fun way to introduce your particular art to the public and make yourself known. An "Arts & Culture of Eureka Springs" canopied table will be provided by the Market.

There is no fee for the space and no restrictions on what can be offered.

Times are from 9 a.m. – noon. You are required to be engaging and informative about what you are about. Although you can sell, you will also want to demonstrate what you do. If you take part, share info on your Facebook page to let your friends know you will be POP UP of the MONTH!

There will be only one participant per month on a first come, first serve basis. If you book a month, you must show up, find someone to cover for you, or have a back-up replacement. The schedule for the year is now being set, so email fireomearth@gmail.com today and book your month!

Fiber blooms in April

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, pool noodles and other fun stuff. Simple designs can be incorporated using different colors of wool and the mat can be embellished with embroidery or beading 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



Cathy Wycliff, Fiber Artist

some from Cathy). Class fee is \$20 plus cost of materials. Register at (479) 253-7444 or email director@writerscolony.org.

Wycliff felts landscapes, seascapes, animal portraits and sculptural works. Her work can be seen at www.cathywycliff.com.

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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

On the first Tuesday in February, Mrs. Knowles called Jane on the telephone, early in the morning and urged her to get to the Woman's Club meeting at two o'clock. "There is some very important business on the calendar," she said. "I've told Willy May that you'll pick her up on your way. I knew you wouldn't mind..."

Jane stared helplessly down at the bulging curve of herself, and wailed into the mouthpiece: "Oh, *must* I, Mrs. Knowles? I – look so awful, and I get so nervous at those things, and, honestly, it does just bore me to tears – so many *women* all talking –"

"I know, my dear." Mrs. Knowles's voice was kind and uncompromising. "As I recall, though, you haven't attended a meeting since early last fall. I'm asking you to come, today, as a personal favor to me."

Asking? You're *telling* me, Jane thought. I'm being managed. Oh, what did it matter? "I'll be there," she said listlessly. "I'll pick up Aunt Willy."

"Thank you, Jane. I knew you would," said Mrs. Knowles with her invincible calm, and hung up.

After her solitary lunch (Walter left the car home and ate at Corley's, now that it was awkward for her to get around on foot) she bathed and got out her "maternity" dress with its contrived fullness designed to accommodate, but certainly not to conceal, the growing protuberance of her belly, and looked at it with distaste. Do they think *that's* going to fool anybody? She thought, still feeling huffy over the prospect of a wasted afternoon. Where

did I read about those fashions they had in the middle ages? *All* the ladies with their skirts bulging out in front, on wires, or whalebone or something, so they *all* looked pregnant, and it wasn't embarrassing for the ones whose husbands had been off at the Crusades for two or three years. Ought to revive that...

When she drove up to the Skeltons', Willy May came wandering onto the porch, wearing a housedress, and with gray-brown elf-locks straying down around the big child-face, which, even in winter, was smooth coffee-tan. She hasn't even begun to dress, Jane thought in consternation. Even Aunt Willy would scarcely dare face the Woman's Club in such a condition. "Aren't you going, Aunt Willy?" she called from the car.

Willy May, standing on the steps, made a futile gesture with her hands. "Come in," she called. "Come in for just a minute, Jane."

Jane shut off the motor and plodded up the steps, looking out for ice. The small living-room was too hot, the wood-stove in one corner murmuring and trembling with its inner fire, and she opened her coat and threw it off her shoulders as she sat down. Willy May's house was little more than a shelter, as her clothing was merely a concession to the social custom of going clad. Now, Jane watching her, she picked

up the huge and ancient family Bible from a marble-topped table that always reminded Jane unpleasantly of a slab in the morgue, and drew forth a gaudy pink envelope. Jane stared, struck by the ambiguity of so frivolous a letter popping out of the pages of the Knowles family Bible.

Willy May was holding it toward her, saying painfully: "I – guess Floyd forgot this was in his pocket – the suit he left to be cleaned. Read it."

"I'd rather not," Jane said touching it with only the tips of her fingers, as if it might be infected. "I – think I can probably imagine –" Would it be the cushiony playmate they'd seen with him in Kansas City, or some more recent love?

"No. Read it." Jane stared in blank surprise, since never before had she known Willy May to be so imperious.

Her urgency was not to be withstood, so Jane took the letter gingerly, and let her eyes move across the passionate paper, immature handwriting, misspelled words, and misplaced quotation marks – the surface character beneath which beat the sordid little heart of any one of a thousand Baby Dolls, Sugars, Lambie-pies. Coy allusions to "last time we were together," redundant gratitude for Honey-boy's generosity – Jane began to feel sick.

"Really, Aunt Willy," she implored, coming up for fresh air. "I just *can't* –"

"Read the end of it," Willy May commanded, peremptory again.

Jane braced herself for the last page, and saw why. Obviously, the lady in Kansas City was planning with Floyd to take off for California, and very shortly, judging by her tone. *We will start life all over*, she said lyrically, among other things. *Have things really lovely with all that Money – No more cheap fur coats for your Sugar-pie* –

Jane put the letter back into its pink envelope, unable to say a word for a while. Oh, inevitably it would be California! How plainly she saw it: Floyd in fancy sports clothes, prancing on Sunset Boulevard with a Goldilocks on his arm – some figure drenched in perfume, batting beaded lashes, talking about what she must buy next...

Then, common sense returning, she recaptured one phrase from the outrageous paper: *All that Money*. All what money? Was it possible that, as treasurer, he could lay his hands on the Chamber of Commerce funds long enough to get out with them? Or did it mean merely the savings that Willy May, through petty economies and self-denial, had managed to accumulate? Either way, it would have to be stopped.

NOTES from the HOLLOW

by Steve Weems

The way I heard it, it was about 1937 when Burt Hull lost his hand in the sawmill accident. He was cleaning sawdust out from under the machine when he raised his hand and the spinning blade caught it. His son, Curtis, rushed him to the Eureka Springs Hospital in a Model A Ford. That night, Burt was unable to sleep because he could feel worms eating into the severed hand. He had Curtis go back to the sawmill, collect the hand from the sawdust pile, and bury it.

I don't remember ever seeing Burt Hull, but he's one of those people I've heard about all my life. As a kid, stories of a one-handed sawmill operator grabbed my attention. I understand from the stories that he could do as much work

or more with a hook than others could do with a fully functioning hand.

I ran across an article about Burt Hull in a 1975 *Carroll County Historical Society Quarterly* magazine, written by Coy Logan shortly before Mr. Hull's death. As I expected, his first job off the farm was sawmilling for Franzisca Massman down at the bottom of Oil Springs Road. But, it turns out that Burt Hull was much more than just a hook-handed saw miller. He was a butcher, a blacksmith, an entrepreneur and a progressive farmer intrigued by modernization and machinery.

Always for trying new things and for improving what he had, Burt Hull invested \$175 in a Case steam tractor as



a young man. He bought it up in Joplin and had to get it back to Arkansas. He and his brother and a cousin drove the machine home, gathering wood along the way to fire the engine and hauling water in a barrel for the steam. At night, they'd camp by the side of the road. It took seven days to drive the contraption home from Joplin.

Like many in the Hull family, Burt is buried in the Shady Grove Cemetery east of Eureka Springs not far from where he grew up on Kings River.

Ladies Fellowship meeting

The Holiday Island Community Church Ladies Fellowship will hold their April meeting in the Fellowship Hall, 188 Stateline Drive, Monday, April 20 at 10 a.m. Bailie Tuttle, a Wellness Advocate for DoTERRA, will be sharing testimony from her personal faith journey and will present facts on essential oils of the Bible. All are welcome and refreshments will be served. For more information please contact Roxie Breaux at (337) 513-9346.

Jupiter in Leo – Our Gifts, Talents & Abilities Manifest

Jupiter turned direct Wednesday morning as Mercury joined Uranus in Aries – all things new, including the individual self, coming forth into the light of day. Mercury/Uranus informs us we are different, thus have great tasks to accomplish in visualizing, building and creating the new culture and civilization. That our time has come and that time is now.

Jupiter's passage through Leo is a specific time zone where are to realize, recognize, expand and cultivate our talents and gifts which have purpose and design, and they, too, are on a time schedule. Jupiter in

Leo (who am I, what are my gifts, how do I discover them, does anyone see them, are they important?) has been retrograde since April.

We began 2015 with Jupiter retrograde in Leo. Retrograde's tasks are of review, reassessment, renewal, refusal if need be, and rapprochement (returning to what was once left behind). As Jupiter was retrograde in Leo we were to focus on our gifts, discovering, recognizing and gathering them so that when Jupiter was once again moving forward (out into the world) we would be able to show them off

for the world to see. Jupiter is the planet of expansion, a social planet, fusing and blending heart, mind and love. Jupiter is the heart of the Sun, Ray 2, distributing Love/Wisdom, shining brightness and love into the world. Jupiter creates synthesis, which love does for everything. Jupiter is the Lord of Wisdom in Sag, Lord of Love in Pisces. In our new Aquarian Age, Jupiter at its heart provides us with limitless blessings. In astrology charts, along with rising sign and north node, Jupiter reveals our spiritual purpose, showing us where in life our gifts stream forth.

ARIES: You are participating in many realms, experiencing multiple realities. The energies are dynamic, contemplative, fiery and liquid, leading at times to excessive activities and the subtlest of blues. Attempt to focus within the heart of what matters. Then, in quietude, new ideas, not yet to be acted upon, come forth. Ask, "Are these for the goodwill of everyone?" The answer leads to the best course of action. The times are critical.

TAURUS: You're always in serious study and research, sorting out historical, medical, scientific details, feelings,

instincts, and intuitions. The main purpose is the discovery the truth of what matters, the hidden essential depths. You counsel many others that the timing for action is not here yet, the true path isn't discovered, the past isn't reoriented. Moving forward without right direction or timing, you tell us, we lose our way.

GEMINI: Love often hides from others so you can bring it forth for everyone to see. Venus helps you assess wants, needs, and aspirations, yours and others. Certain pleasures are delayed until the right time for play comes forth. Everything's astrological. Be aware of the Spring Festivals. Gemini is Ray 2 (Love/Wisdom). You are to radiate Ray 2 at the Festivals for humanity's upliftment. Allow nothing to interrupt meditations.

CANCER: Anything unresolved with those close to you re-appears. Jupiter attempts to unlock and bring forth great love through you into the world. Therefore, what's unresolved must be healed before being set aside. Connect with everyone with grace and equanimity. Remember, "Love underlies all happenings." Life creates meaningful encounters through testing, so that we are strengthened and made whole again.

LEO: You might need a spaceship to navigate the fires of expansion (Jupiter) and change occurring in your life. See yourself at a seashore building a fire at water's edge. Contemplate both elements – fire and water. When joined together, new realities, directions and abilities emerge. You're challenged to maintain equanimity, a steady course when emotions overwhelm. You can do this. Someone's love steadies you.

VIRGO: You're to be extra practical

and creative with money and finances, especial those held in common with another. And with day-to-day events, plans, connections and agendas. Focus on how to bring balance and harmony, caution and care into all situations, especially those veiled and hidden. The month brings paradoxes and polarities. Stand in the middle where the light is. This is your new journey.

LIBRA: You continue to consider what you provide to others, especially those close to you. You also review your needs in relationships, acknowledging you're happy. Know what you give you receive in return a hundred-fold. It's like tithing. You always seek harmony above conflict, along with ease, depth, more meaning, closeness amidst freedom. Is there someone in your life you have not forgiven? Or don't understand?

SCORPIO: Express yourself these weeks and months through your body – exercise, swimming, walking, running, dancing, tai-chi, yoga, boating, sports, etc. Expressing yourself through the body is most important for its movement that needs to occur. It will vitalize your blood, sustaining and stabilizing your highly emotional sensitivities. Past and present daily life stresses make escape necessary. Escape into exercise for ease, balance and equanimity to emerge.

SAGITTARIUS: Call forth your mind and spiritual will to focus on two life needs – creativity and health. Think prevention first. It's most important to enjoy yourself. This brings forth health and expanded creativity. Cultivate confidence in your intelligence, planning, humor and being mindful. Your communication uplifts and strengthens others. Ponder this during the Spring festival. It's a most subtle yet

potent time for you.

CAPRICORN: As you tend to needed domestic (home, family) responsibilities you can sense the deep transformations occurring within. Pluto is bringing forth the great change. Pluto can be a taskmaster. Be careful to care for yourself during these times of change. Rest is important. Careful with impatience and communication – saying words you regret later. Don't work to the point of exhaustion. You are Persephone emerging into the springtime during the Festivals.

AQUARIUS: Careful with Right Communication and Right Use of Money. Maintain financial limits, yet give where needed. Right Actions and Right Discipline allows the intuition to emerge. With no discipline, intuition has nothing to focus upon. Give more. Then more will be given, and more asked of you. Both must occur. Think on your life and the goodness it provides. This goodness is to be shared.

PISCES: In the coming months although you may feel somewhat disoriented and dizzy, Neptune's reorientation, you will also come to a great awareness of yourself, the Vesta-self – the fiery hidden parts of our selves. You will also continue be acquainted with your wounds. Knowledge of them will deepen over time, until they become the ways you help heal the world. Tend to resources with mindfulness. Everything is a resource. You included.



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service projects. Ates holds three college degrees and is a paramedic, firefighter, instructor and registered nurse.

Eureka Springs Fire & EMS is a combination department with both paid and volunteer staff providing fire suppression and emergency medical services for the City of Eureka Springs and an associated rural fire district. ESFD also provides ambulance services for Western Carroll County.

Ates is proud of the entire career and volunteer staff. "This group has great ideas to better the department," he said. "They're all gung-ho, so it's just the chief's job to keep it all going in the same direction."

One project at the top of the list is solving the

problem of lack of water outside city limits. "We did an experiment on Buck Mountain to see if the small brush truck could pull enough water from the lake to fill a tanker so the tanker wouldn't have to leave the scene to refill at a hydrant, and it did well," Ates noted.

In another proactive move, the department is thinking ahead about getting Carroll Boone Water District to install hydrants on the water line that will be coming through the Rock House Road area in a few years.

For updates and photos of recent activities, see the Eureka Springs Fire & EMS page on Facebook. Randy and his wife of 16 years, Carrie, and their two rescue dogs (who think they're people) are all proud to call Eureka Springs home.



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The Rowdy Beaver has two locations: 62 West and downtown. Downtown location is called Rowdy Beaver Den because it's a bit smaller and tightly packed. Both locations host live music acts on the weekends - this Friday night, Downday Duo, an acoustic guitar twosome playing sweet pepper rock, paves the way for Blew Reed and the Flatheads' electric blues and harmonica heat on Saturday! These guys pack the joint even tighter, but things really move anyway. RBD will fill up quickly attracting everyone within earshot.

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CHELSEA'S - JD and the Mudhounds, Blues, 9:30 p.m.
EUREKA LIVE! - DJ and Dancing,

9 p.m.
GRAND TAVERNE - Arkansas Red, Amplified Acoustic Guitar Dinner Music, 6:30- 9:30 p.m.
LEGENDS SALOON - DJ and Karaoke with Kara, 8 p.m.
ROWDY BEAVER - Terri and Brett, Singers/Songwriters, 8 p.m.
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The Eureka Springs School of the Arts (ESSA) is hosting the Incredible Edible Art Show in May, and everyone is invited to participate – just register with ESSA by April 24, pay a \$20 entry fee, and bring your edible masterpiece to the School on May 3. By submitting an edible work, you get into the party free and stand a chance of winning prizes along with accolades.

Incredible Edible will feature live music and a very different silent auction. It all happens from 3 – 7 p.m. at the school, US 62W. For non-participants, tickets are \$15 on the day of the event. And yes, after the judging,



the entire Incredible Edible show gets eaten! Call ESSA (479) 253-5384 for guidelines and more information.

April 10 deadline for 10-minute plays

Submissions are being accepted until April 10 for the first 10x10 Play Festival – a series of 10 ten-minute plays by writers from Eureka Springs and those within a 50-mile radius. The plays must be in play script format with page numbers and must not run longer than 10 minutes.

Monologues are not accepted, and cast must have no more than five characters. Plays must have a simple, single unit set. Each writer may submit up to two scripts. Email scripts and questions to Artistic Director Joe Watts at joeleewatts@att.net or phone (479) 981-2880.

Storywriting workshop

The Village Writing School will teach its core program, Everything You Need to Write a Beautiful Story, Monday nights from 6 - 8 p.m. beginning April 20. The program covers all aspects of writing either memoir or fiction for both beginning and established writers. The program will be divided into two eight-week sessions.

Classes will be taught by Mackenzie Doss, who holds an MFA from the University of Edinburgh and teaches the Village Writing School's creative writing program at Clear Spring School. Classes are held at the Village Writing School, 177 Huntsville Road (US 23S).

The first night will be offered as a free introduction to the program. Phone (479) 292-3665 or see VillageWritingSchool.com for costs and to register.

Through a glass brightly Make magic in stained glass

If the science and magic of Stained Glass appeals to you, don't miss Jenny Omundson's *Stained Glass* workshop at ESSA Monday – Friday, April 20 – 24 at Eureka Springs School of the Arts.

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Workshops are 9 a.m. 4 p.m. each day with an hour lunch break. Register by calling ESSA (479) 253-5384, or online at www.ESSA-art.org.

Blogging workshop

Jacqueline Wolven will teach a workshop on blogging at the Village Writing School April 11 from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. The workshop will cover technical aspects of blogging, how to grow your blog, SEO and how to develop your brand through your blog.

Cost is \$45. For more information on the workshop or to register see www.villagewritingschool.com or call (479) 292-3665.

Silvermore Trio kicks off Festival of Harps

The Heart of Many Ways Center presents a series of four concerts in *The Festival of Harps*, a benefit for Eureka's historical Christian Science church building.

Saturday, April 11 at 7 p.m. – The Silvermore Trio entertains with *Music From the Heart* featuring harp, silver flute and violin. There will also be a sale of sacred art objects from around the world.

Sunday, April 26 at 7:30 p.m. – Dearbhail Finnegan and Robin Slater bring their Celtic artistry to bear in a traditional Irish and light classical concert with harp, silver flute and bodhran.

Sunday, May 3 at 4 p.m. – Brenda

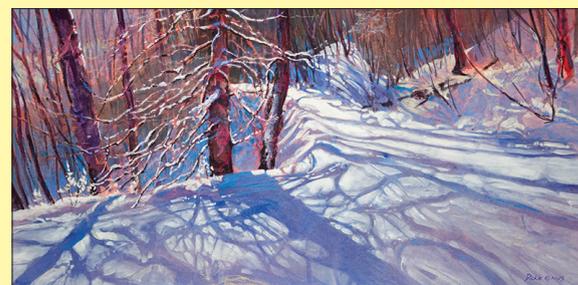
Bowen Cox of the Silvermore Trio presents one of two Sacred Journey concerts and discusses her experience bringing the harp into hospice.

Saturday, June 6 at 4 p.m. – Martha Gay presents the second Sacred Journey concert and shares her a “Santiago de Compostela Pilgrimage with Harp.”

All concerts will be held in the Christian Science Church, 68 Mountain St. Purchase tickets now for the entire series at a discount (\$40), or for the concert of your choice (\$10 and \$15 each) by phoning (479) 253-8252. You can also purchase tickets and see more about the performers at www.heartofmanyways.org.

Moments that really matter

What Matters Most, Carol Dickie's latest show of landscape paintings, will be on exhibit April 17 – 19 at the Beaver Lake Office of Century 21, 324 Mundell Road. More than 50 paintings will be featured, many of them new.



AROUND THE BEND BY CAROL DICKIE

This will be the third show in nine years Dickie has had in the beautiful log cabin overlooking Beaver Lake. Since the first show, her work has garnered numerous awards, one of which culminated in a three-month solo show at Fort Smith's Regional Art Museum. Dickie's work has also been included in national juried art shows in New York City and Los Angeles and featured at Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art's Museum Store.

Through it all, Dickie continues to be true to her original inspiration. “I've

been painting for what seems a lot of years now, and I keep coming back to simple things, those fleeting moments in nature when light and colors connect almost electrically with something in my soul. Those are the moments that really matter, that elevate my existence above the humdrum of daily life.”

What Matters Most can be seen between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. daily. Come meet Carol during the artist's reception Saturday, April 18, from 4 – 7 p.m.

Roses are red, violets are blue This poetry workshop Is free just for you

Carnegie Public Library will host a free poetry workshop to celebrate National Poetry Month 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 present several topics. Following the workshop, panelists and participants will offer a reading for the public.

There will also be light lunch and beverages 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 or email info@eurekalibrary.org for details and to reserve a space.

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DEPARTURES

Patrick Joseph Mesa March 17, 1917 – April 3, 2015

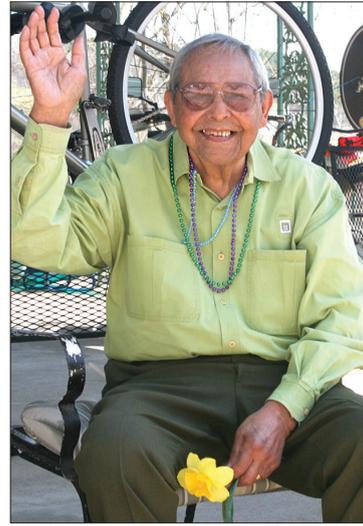
Services will be held Friday at St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church for Patrick Joseph Mesa, 98, who passed away April 3 just months after losing the love of his life, Josephine Louise Mesa.

Pat was born in Mexico on March 17, 1917, and was World War II Army veteran. He worked as electrician for Rockwell, an airplane manufacturer in Oklahoma City, Okla. After moving to Eureka Springs in the 1970s, Pat and Louise bought, renovated and operated several different B&Bs including the Elmwood House. They were honored with a historic preservation award for their work restoring those buildings, including the one on 151 Spring St. that housed Frog Fantasies

Shop and Museum.

Pat was born on St. Patrick's Day and the "green" coincided with his and his wife's activities running the Frog Fantasies Shop and Museum. The Mesas often wore frog costumes in local parades, and starting in the mid-1980s sponsored 11 International Frog Collectors Conventions. Articles about the Frog Museum were published in many national magazines and on network television.

Mesa was an original member of the St. Vincent de Paul Society and was very active in helping area folks in need. He was a member of St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church, where services will be held Friday, April 10 at 10 a.m.



Jack Hudson Green July 3, 1941 – April 3, 2015

Jack Hudson Green of Holiday Island, Ark., was born July 3, 1941 in Gadsden, Ala., a son of Charles Hudson and Mary Frances (Mynatt) Green. He departed this life on Friday, April 3, 2015 at the Circle of Life Hospice Home of Legacy Village in Bentonville, Ark., at age 73.

Jack worked as an electrical engineer. He was a member of the Holiday Island Presbyterian Church and Little Switzerland Amateur Radio Club. He enjoyed ham radio and tennis.

On August 17, 1963, Jack was united in marriage with Carolyn Jane (Hornbuckle) Green who survives him of the home. He is also survived by daughter, Amanda and husband, Craig Mitchell, of Fairhope, Ala.; son, Charles Hudson Green and wife, Tricia, of Arnold, Mo.; five grandchildren, Matthew and Andrew Mitchell, and Nicholas, Noah, and Nathan Green; sister, Susan and husband, Wayne Atherton, of Indianapolis, Ind.; several nieces and nephews; and a host of other family, friends, and loved ones.

Jack was preceded in death by his parents.

Memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 11, at the Holiday Island Presbyterian Church with Reverend Clare Kelley officiating. Cremation arrangements are under the direction of Nelson Funeral Service. Memorial donations may be made to the Holiday Island Presbyterian Church, P.O. Box 3095, Holiday Island, AR 72631. Online condolences may be sent to the family at nelsonfuneral.com. © Nelson Funeral Service, Inc. 2015

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Inclusiveness deserves respect

Editor,

Last week's *Independent Mail* had two very differing ideas about Christianity and Ordinance 2223.

Past President of the Western Carroll County Ministerial Association, David Kline, arrogantly self-defined "sin." Oh, yes, he quoted some Bible verses (none of which said one word about gay people and their "sin") with slick proficiency. Actually, I agree that Jesus does not condone sin: hypocrisy, false words, hatred, war, killing, judging another person, rejecting another's rights and much more, illustrated perfectly by Kline. Once again, he cherry-picks certain irrelevant Biblical verses to cover up his fear, distaste and hatred for gay people.

I feel sorry for the legacy of Jesus. I think he was a radical, independent, loving teacher who is exploited by bigots to protect their mean interpretations of his teachings. Son of God? O.K., you all go ahead and debate that. I simply respect his life and do not respect the lives of those Christians who refuse participation by the Methodists in the

weekend's march. Their fruits are rotten, their lies transparent. They enjoy hurting us, no matter how much they blather on.

Mrs. Suzie Bell wrote the truth. Her life and the service of the Methodists represent their commitment to doing the right thing. It is wonderful that they reach out to gay people: about time. Her fellow Christians who welcome discrimination against us perhaps are messengers of the devil, in disguise.

When one of my Christian friends tries to win me over so I can go to Heaven with her, I quote Mark Twain: "Go to Heaven for the weather; Hell for the company." And, this wonderful woman denies that we even need an ordinance. She is against it! Her mind is affected by the ideology of a narrow interpretation of Jesus and his teachings.

Kline: check out the Old Testament which you freely quote. Do you adhere to all the outdated prohibitions mentioned by that culture? Do you enjoy shrimp?

I personally thank Dr. and Mrs. Bell and their sisters and brothers at the Methodist Church. You all are examples of love. I love you, too.

Trella Laughlin

Love The Earth Day! needs volunteers

The Red Tent Sisters of Eureka Springs invite you to join them for Love the Earth Day! and help remove refuse and recyclables from area roadsides. Everyone who loves the earth is welcome to volunteer and enjoy a potluck afterwards.

Bring a friend and gather at Fire Om Earth, 872 Mill Hollow Road, at 9 a.m. Wednesday, April 22 (Earth Day). Volunteers will break into groups and work in locations in need of litter removal. Dress for the weather in work clothes and sturdy shoes or boots. Bring trash spikes or grabbers if you have them. The main focus will be highways leading into Eureka Springs.

This event is registered with Keep America Beautiful, which will supply trash bags, gloves, vests and KAB tee shirts. Arrangements have been made for free disposal of refuse and recyclables, but volunteers with pickup trucks are needed to gather bagged items from cleaned areas throughout the day and run to disposal spots at the end of the event.

The cleanup should finish around 2 p.m., when volunteers will return to Fire Om Earth for socializing and a potluck. Donations of healthy foods for the potluck are also appreciated. For more info, see Red Tent Sisters Love the Earth Day on Facebook, or contact Phyllis (479) 253-6900.

Rotary grateful for running shoes

Editor,

We thank the following businesses for sponsorship of the 33rd Annual Victorian Classic 10K/2 Mile Races: Best Western Inn of the Ozarks, Wilson & Wilson Folkart Co., Treehouse Cottages, Mercy Hospital, Brighton Ridge, the 1886 Crescent & Basin Park Hotels, Eureka Market, Eureka Springs Transit, Rush Running Athletic Stores, Community First Bank, Cornerstone Bank, First National Bank of North Arkansas, Simply Scrumptious Tearoom and our media sponsors *Northwest Arkansas Democrat-Gazette* and KESA 100.9. Thank you to local businesses that provided gift certificates for the awards.

We appreciate the City of Eureka Springs, our wonderful local police, the Eureka Springs Fire Dept. and Holiday Island First Responders for keeping racers safe. Thank you to the many volunteers who helped for a fun Eureka event in March! Proceeds will benefit Samaritan's Feet, a nonprofit international organization that will help provide shoes for children in our local community.

Rotary Club of Eureka Springs

DROPPING A Line

by Robert Johnson

Well, we got into some hybrids this week. Here's a pic of Brett Williams with a nice 10-pounder. We also got into small stripers on Beaver Lake but it was not our week for the big ones.

We got some upriver above the mudline around Point 12 and also north of the mudline from Horseshoe Bend to the Hwy. 12 bridge near Rogers. Water temps were running between 57° and 60° with the warmest water up river.

The spawn is close, but not yet. Same with the white bass here at Holiday Island. They are starting to move into Leatherwood Creek here, Butler Creek and up the tailwaters from Beaver to as far upriver as they can get, right behind the walleye. Best time to go is right after a good rain.

They do say the spawn is on when the dogwood blooms, which is pretty close. Have also found some crappie in the shoreline brush as shallow as four ft. Minnows, jigs and small lures that resemble a shad can put fish in the frying pan for you.

Most fish are being caught from the surface to 12 ft. deep so the winter deep presentation is over till the heat of summer gets here. Stripers on Beaver are also hitting small bait, too, but small bait to them is a four- to five- in. shinner or shad. You have to net the shad yourself, but the



shiners you can get at Barnett's bait and pawn in Gateway, Hook Line and Sinkers in Rogers or call Riverview here by the dam and they might order you some. Top water baits, rattletaps or any small shad-looking bait you can throw far and swim fast can also catch you some stripers. For this end of Beaver for shoreline fishing it's time to start checking out the cove on the day use side of the dam for smallest stripers, hybrids and whites.

Well, gotta go, so get out and enjoy the spring.

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

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BREWS – Sam Dudley and Jacksonen Jennings, Guitar Shredders, 7 – 10 p.m.

CATHOUSE LOUNGE – Septembers End, Singer/Songwriter, 8 p.m.

CHELSEA'S – Matt Smith and Ocie Fisher, Blues, 9:30 p.m.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCH – Festival of Harps, 7 – 8:30 p.m.

EUREKA LIVE! – DJ & Dancing, 9 p.m.

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

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

NEW DELHI – Josh Giant, Singer/Songwriter, 6 – 10 p.m.

ROWDY BEAVER – Steve Moeller Band, Classic Rock, 8 p.m.

ROWDY BEAVER DEN – Rocky, Singer/Songwriter, 1 – 5 p.m., *Blew Reed and the Flatheads*, Blues, 9 p.m.

SUNDAY, APRIL 12

BARN AT HOLIDAY ISLAND – Raise the Barn for Clear Spring School featuring Mountain Sprout, Bluegrass, 2 – 6 p.m.

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

NEW DELHI – Sarah Hughes, Singer/Songwriter, 12 – 4 p.m.

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

ROWDY BEAVER DEN – Woody and Sunshine, Singers/Songwriters, 9 p.m.

MONDAY, APRIL 13

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

TUESDAY, APRIL 14

CHELSEA'S – Open Mic

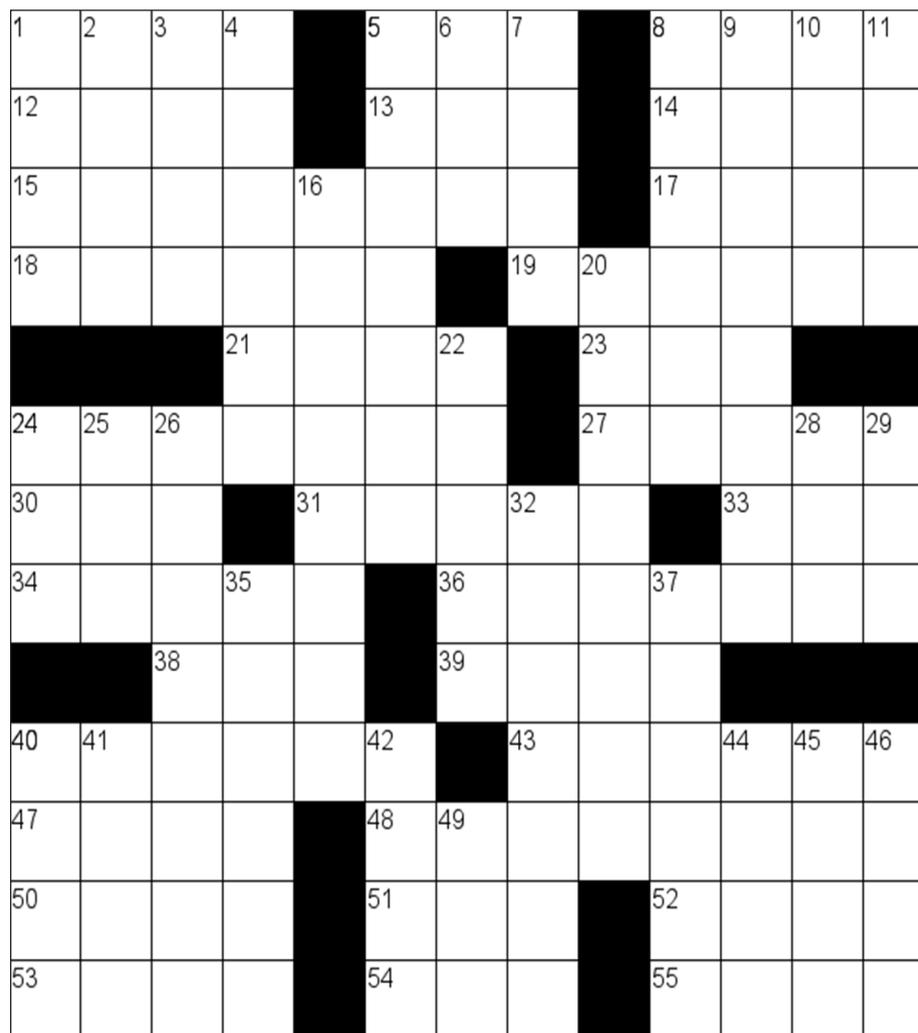
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15

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

INDEPENDENT Crossword

by ESI staff

Solution on page 23



ACROSS

1. Long, indefinite period of time (*Brit.*)
5. Exchange item, like a tooth
8. Swedish rock group
12. Nekkid
13. Disfigure
14. Walked in a specific way
15. Four hours of this could land a man in the ER
17. It's not easy
18. Type of bee
19. Special occasions
21. Significant time periods
23. Fibber McGee ____ Molly
24. Official order
27. Lions' dens
30. Lamb's mom
31. European minnow
33. Someone who falls for April Fools' pranks
34. Treeless, grassy plain
36. Old Greek money

38. Cuba Libra liquor

39. Way to lose your house
40. Boxer weight or small chicken
43. Immigration to Israel
47. Length times width
48. Irrationally
50. Scottish storage chest
51. Pool stick
52. Inhale in pain or astonishment
53. Absence of difficulty
54. Naval off.
55. If it fits, wear it

9. Another name for Russelligion

10. Small diamond
11. Sums up
16. Type of tumor
20. Famous PGA course in Kentucky
22. Mails a letter
24. NY Giants' right fielder Ott
25. Leather piercing tool
26. Close proximity
28. Dodge truck
29. Place of restoration
32. Folds to get a line
35. Nod one's head
37. Gets emotionally too dependent
40. How to make biscuits
41. Long song for one
42. Three of them were blind
44. "____, right."
45. Too
46. Extravagant promotion
49. Mother Teresa was one

DOWN

1. In a different way
2. New Greek money
3. Czech Republic river
4. Made out
5. Some Arabian land
6. Chinese Rocket Ming
7. Sea eagle
8. Greek goddess of wisdom and war

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Rotary Scholarship application deadline April 17

The Holiday Island Rotary Club is now accepting applications from Eureka Springs High School seniors for scholarships to attend institutions offering post-secondary education. Applications may be obtained at the Eureka Springs High School Guidance Counselors office. Deadline for application is April 17.

Start Spring with a Spark!

Find out what's open, new and awesome this season. Get fired up – it only takes a spark – and join business friends and neighbors Thursday, April 9, 5:30 p.m. at the Basin Park Hotel. Hear from ESDN about new projects and from the CAPC about events; and don't miss the Silent Auction of goodies like ads, massages, vacations – everything it takes to make you and your business great this season.

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 the sweet things we all adore. Open to all business owners, managers and key employees! See the Spring Spark page on Facebook for updates and details.

Comments welcome on forest road systems

Mark Twain National Forest is hosting two open houses: April 13 for the Ava-Cassville-Willow Springs Rangers Districts from 5 – 8 p.m. at The Life Center, 200 5th St., Cassville, Mo., and April 14, 5 – 8 p.m. at the Mansfield Community Center, Turner Room, 205 North Missouri Ave in

Mansfield, Mo.

The study will analyze all forest system roads for existing use, need for management activities, benefits, environmental risks and maintenance costs. For more information on the Mark Twain National Forest visit www.fs.usda.gov/mtnf.



Just say No – Holiday Island Elks Lodge #1042 recently installed this highway sign to highlight the Lodge's anti-drug program. In October Lodge members visit 5th graders in area schools during Red Ribbon Week. Nearly 700 children are given a packet outlining the dangers of using drugs and are shown a short film. They are also asked to get friends and families to sign a pledge to never use drugs. At left is Exalted Ruler of the Lodge, John Childers and at right is the Lodge's Drug Awareness Chairman Wally Kratzer. *PHOTO SUBMITTED*

Discover Rotary history 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 interesting 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.

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Call for art in Basin Park

The Eureka Springs Arts Council is seeking artists and art demonstrations for the 2015 May Festival of the Arts Art in the Park at Basin Park on Saturday, May 23 from 11 a.m. – 6 p.m. All emerging and established artists are encouraged to apply soon as space is limited.

1. All work must be original, handcrafted work. One of a kind work is preferred and encouraged.
3. Reproductions and limited editions of original work are allowed.
4. Artist demonstrations (if applicable) are encouraged to engage audience.

5. Artists may display an Artist Statement, with artist picture, how work was made and materials used.

6. Artists must be present with their work for the entire day of the Fair.

7. All work must be for sale. Artists are responsible for collecting and paying appropriate taxes.

8. Booth/display areas: 10' x 10' booth, \$75 per location. Make check payable to CAPC.

For entry form and more information, call (479) 244-6636 or email Sandy Martin at artscouncileureka@gmail.com.

Free radio time!

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

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

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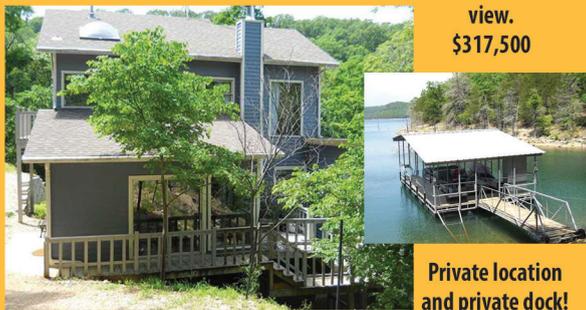
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