



Council addresses Black Bass Dam, mopeds

NICKY BOYETTE

At Monday evening's Eureka Springs City Council meeting, Mayor Butch Berry gave aldermen an update on what's next for the rapidly deteriorating dam at Black Bass Lake. He acknowledged recent communications from engineer and former alderman Dee Purkeypile alerting city administrators to the seriousness of the problem.

The immediate solution, Berry stated, would be to lower the level of the lake eight to ten feet down to the level of the original dam. "Then we'll reach a safety zone," Berry said. "The problem is overtopping, and lowering the water would protect the lift station."

Berry said lowering the water level will begin as soon as spring rains will allow, and added that the city needs engineering estimates for repairs which he will use as he pursues a Community Block Grant to pay for them.

Same mopeds, new owners

Holly and Tony Lillig represented their application to take over the moped franchise from Phillip and Latosha Thomas. Phillip Thomas told council Tony Lillig had worked with him at the business, and Lillig understands safety requisites expected of the franchise owner.

Lillig explained he is moving the office to a different

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Coca-uh-oh-la – Things could have gone better with Coke on April 11. This semi loaded with the sticky soda came a little too close to the edge of the ditch in front of the ECHO building on US 62 and tipped over. A total of 11 ESFD personnel in two ambulances, rescue truck and a fire truck responded to the scene and found the driver unhurt. Two heavy equipment vehicles from McKnight's Towing in West Fork were called in to first strap the trailer and then lift the 35 – 45,000 lb. semi back onto the road. As it came off the ground, the weight of the cargo blew the side of the trailer out. Arkansas Highway Dept. cleaned up the product and debris with a dump truck and front-end loader while traffic was rerouted through the ECHO parking lot. The crippled carbonated cola conveyance was carted back to Bentonville. *PHOTO BY JOHN RANKINE, INSET BY MELANIE MYHRE*

This Week's INDEPENDENT Thinker

Edith Macefield, 84, owned her house right where it always had been and right where she wanted it to be. But Seattle developers wanted a shopping mall where her house stood.

Edith was offered a million dollars if she would sell and move away, but she said no. So the corporation built the mall around her house, while Edith played opera through open windows for the enjoyment of backhoe and crane operators.

When Edith died, she left her house to a construction chief who wanted to save it as a memorial, but those pesky back taxes got in the way and an auction failed. Last month the tax lien disappeared and the house will now go to the highest bidder.

Maybe Edith should be on the new \$20 bill.



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CAPC anticipates good year *Collections up 12.5%*

BECKY GILLETTE

“Business is really bad” is an occasional comment heard around town. But that isn’t what the numbers say. Overall, year-to-date collections for the City Advertising and Promotion Commission are up 12.5 percent, CACP Executive Director Mike Maloney said.

Restaurants in particular are thriving, showing an increase of 16.8 percent from the previous period in 2014. Lodging is up 7.7 percent from a year ago.

“Coupled with the city’s sales tax numbers, which are up greatly from 2014, we expect a robust year,” Maloney said. “Gas prices are down, new attractions are opening and a general positive attitude should contribute greatly to a solid year in tourist visits.”

Local restaurateur Britt Evans said he would still like to see more done to provide fair representation for different sectors that pay the CAPC tax.

“For the amount of money CAPC collects from us, we get small representation,” Evans said. “In theory, we are all supposed to get an equal share, but certain businesses pay in far more than others. I don’t feel the advertising necessarily represents my businesses voice, so I have kind of gone my own direction. I feel like I do a better job promoting my

restaurant than the CAPC does.”

Evans also said he would like to see major musical stars playing at the Auditorium again.

“People love to go to shows at the Aud, but we don’t have them anymore because the CAPC says they don’t make money,” Evans said. “We have this amazing structure that could be anchoring for downtown Eureka Springs. It hasn’t found its place in the formula.”

He also favors the CAPC holding workshops to train employees to give exceptional customer services.

“We get repeat customers at Local Flavor because they are happy when they leave,” Evans said. “There is this big formula we need to take into account to move forward tourism in Eureka Springs.”

The CAPC is anticipating a 3-5 percent increase for 2015 based on strategic additions to its marketing plan. Maloney said the co-op advertising program opens doors to an increase in advertising to markets such as Dallas, St. Louis and Memphis. He said digital targeting allows the CAPC to feature Eureka Springs in web advertising targeted to specific demographic groups within the four-hour drive window. Both static and video displays will be utilized, which target and retarget the viewer to EurekaSprings.Org.

“On average, we will attain 300,000 plus impressions per month,” Maloney said. “We expect substantial visitation to our social media platforms which currently achieve over 500,000 visits per month. This includes Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest, Instagram and Google Plus.”

Figures released by the Arkansas Dept. of Parks of Tourism (ADPT) regarding the annual impact of tourism in Carroll County in 2014 raised a lot of eyebrows. Even the most optimistic had to question a report that showed visitation going up from 745,077 visitors in 2013 to 957,429 in 2014. The report showed travel-related expenditures in the county increased from \$174,737,000 to \$227,996,000.

“In looking at the 2014 annual report and doing a very quick comparison of Carroll County from the 2013 numbers, I am blown away,” Maloney said. “All numbers are huge increases. I can only hope it’s true. We also added 396 jobs to the payroll from 2,633 to 3,029.”

The report may be accurate in the description of economic activity, but not necessarily that big a jump from 2014.

Jennifer Neubauer, research project manager, ADPT Tourism Research & Information Services, said every
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The 'Big Dig'

NICKY BOYETTE

Mayor Butch Berry reported the culverts are in place as part of the repair of the formerly underground, temporarily very public, tunnel channeling the creek flowing under City Hall and the Auditorium and beyond. He added the concrete transition pieces on both ends of the culverts have been formed and poured. Berry said the job was more of a challenge than County Judge Sam Barr first expected, but county workers have worked long hours, including weekends, and the job might be completed after another week so repaving the parking lot can begin.

"Then it will be good for another 150 years," Berry remarked.

Berry also told the council television viewers the excavation for the project had not uncovered a crack in the foundation of the Auditorium. "It was 100-year old mud," he explained.



Need a donut with that hole? Work continues next to the Aud where a portion of the parking lot was sinking. Workers are shown building a strong concrete structure to support the storm drain at the surface that will connect at the bottom with an underground stream that goes under the Aud. "We will have one section that is good and solid forever," Public Works Director Dwayne Allen said. He anticipates the big hole in downtown Eureka will be filled in fairly quickly after the concrete work is done. *PHOTO BY BECKY GILLETTE*

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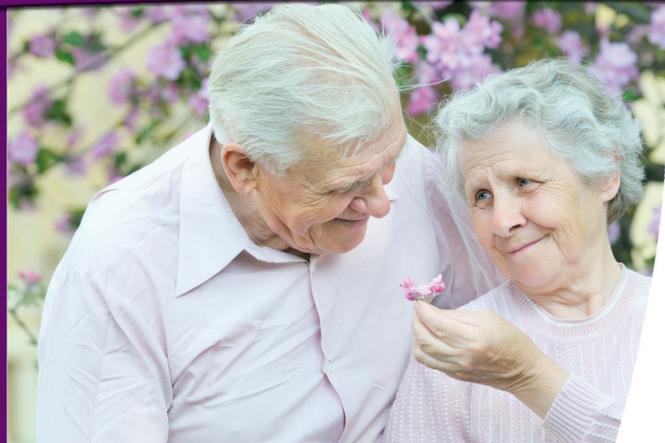
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Some examples are:

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

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

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

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CAPC funds one of three requests

NICKY BOYETTE

The City Advertising and Promotion Commission considered three requests for funding at its April 8 meeting, approving one, denying one, and tabling one.

Sandy Martin represented the request for \$3000 for a renewed Eureka Springs Studio Tour scheduled for mid-September. The funds would be used for signage, postcards and a map app that will show how to get to each studio.

She said the tour was not held last year, but 23 studios have committed to participating this year in an event beginning Thursday afternoon with hands-on demonstrations by artists followed by three days of activities. Commissioners agreed and voted unanimously to approve the request.

Kimberlee Guin represented Outback in the Ozarks, an overnight team relay event scheduled for Oct. 9-10 that she called, "a 36-hour adventure." Guin said she is expecting 30 teams of eight-to-12 participants to arrive in Eureka Springs on Thursday and spend the night. Each team takes off early Friday morning with six team members in each van. The participants in the first van will each run three to six miles, and then the second van takes over at Hobbs State Park. Teams circumambulate through five state parks and the race ends in Fayetteville. Guin said *Trail Runner* magazine plans to publish an article about the event, which would put Eureka Springs on the map for outdoor enthusiasts.

The event is also a fundraiser for Youth Bridge, a mental health program for

kids, and Friends of Hobbs. Guin's request was for \$3000.

Executive Director Mike Maloney scored the request based on how much CAPC tax the event might generate, and the score indicated a return of only \$576 for CAPC. Commissioner Damon Henke said the CAPC could use its social media presence to promote the event, and he was comfortable funding the event for \$800. After discussion, however, commissioners asked Guin to bring back more information and they would discuss the event further at the next workshop.

Final funding consideration was for \$8000 to help promote the multi-sport event, The Eureka. At this point, Finance Director Rick Bright pointed out they had only \$2900 left in the funding request budget for the rest of the year. Commissioners Robert Schmid and James DeVito said funds should support nonprofit events or events just starting up, and this event is already established and turns a profit.

Henke pointed out the event does promote the town, and the scoresheet indicated a return to the CAPC of as much as \$3000, but DeVito said they did not fund it last year and recommended again they provide no funding, but include the event in their promotions. Commissioners agreed.

Director's report

Maloney attended the Governor's Conference on tourism in Texarkana March 8-11, and four items of interest for Eureka Springs were the emphasis

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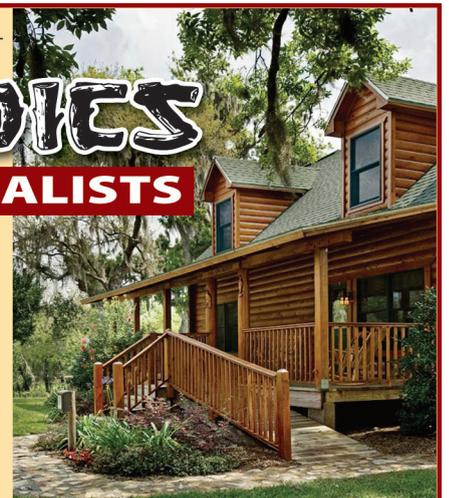
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Inaction on Black Bass Dam 'not an option'

NICKY BOYETTE

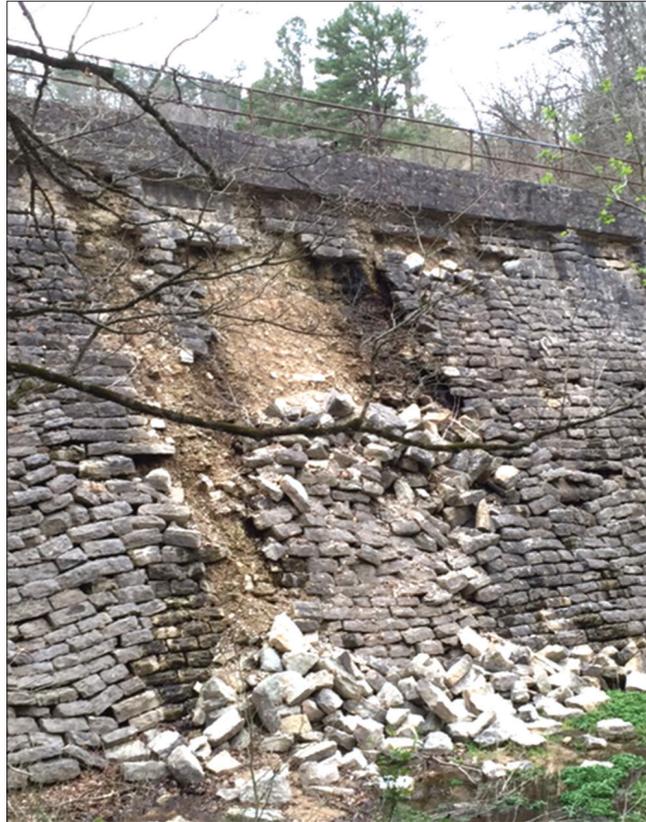
TRC Environmental Corporation submitted an engineering survey of the dam at Black Bass Lake on Nov. 2, 2009, with principal engineer listed as Richard Dee Purkeypile. The report specifically addressed damage to the dam caused by the spring rains of 2008, but also provided some history of the dam. The report stated the dam was built in 1894 and raised in 1916 to supply water for Eureka Springs. Old photos label it as Water Works Dam.

The report also stated the U.S. Corps of Engineers conducted a study of the dam in 1981, and "The dam was found to be in a general state of deterioration." In addition, "The structural stability of the dam was found to be a matter of concern."

The 2009 report recommended repair and mitigation measures among which were addressing seepage spots through the dam. "Loss of cementitious nature of the granular fill causes a concern for the long term stability of the dam. Large storm events exacerbate this condition due to the addition of hydraulic pressures on the fill material. It is recommended that the city address the seepage issue by investigating the application of an impermeable barrier along the upstream face of the dam."

Purkeypile appeared at the April 7, 2011, city council meeting and reported the dam was still deteriorating quickly. "We can't let this languish any longer," he said, and warned a failure of the dam would jeopardize the lift station downstream from the dam.

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Council aware of tight budget

NICKY BOYETTE

Alderman David Mitchell had called for a council workshop on the city's finances "because council needs to be fiscally responsible," so aldermen convened an hour before the Monday

meeting to discuss the budget.

Finance Director Lonnie Clark told those assembled numbers so far this year are looking good. He said he intentionally put together a tight budget. "There's no slack in there," and he said he regularly

reminds department heads, "We can't go freewheeling."

Mitchell's concern was the city budget does not seem to be building. "We're not able to maintain a trend of adding to reserves," he said.

"My goal is to start putting money back into reserves, like we had to use for the landslide at Grotto Spring," Mayor Butch Berry commented.

Mitchell said he simply did not want council to find itself in a meeting where they would be considering layoffs to balance the budget.

A change in scenery

Mayor Butch Berry told city council Monday that he investigated four alternative meeting spaces for council meetings as council requested. He said the courtroom above where they meet now would certainly have more room, but moving video equipment would be a complication. He also mentioned the courtroom could occasionally be unavailable because of court proceedings.

Berry said the Transit Department building has plenty of parking, but even with removing a wall to create a meeting room in the basement, the space would be less than double the space they have now, so would not be a great improvement. He was also not sure they could remove the wall without approval since the building was funded by federal dollars.

He mentioned the police station also has a basement but parking would be limited and there could be bathroom issues if a large crowd showed up for a meeting.

The fire station has a downstairs meeting room, but all parking would have to be on the property of neighboring businesses.

Alderman James DeVito remarked that upstairs in the

courtroom was the best option at the moment, as city business is already set up in the building. He admitted the acoustics were lousy, but thought equipment issues could be solved by purchasing additional equipment so the courtroom and jury room would be wired and equipped for videography. He was not convinced, either, that all meetings needed to be broadcast live.

Nevertheless, DeVito stated, "We've gone on for too long in this room." He exhorted council to make every effort to find an alternative, adding that there could come a day when the current hospital facility would be vacant, which would open up possibilities for city government meetings.

Alderman Terry McClung said he thought the fire station would work, but saw no reason to move just yet. "I'm of a mind to stay here until the hospital opens up."

Berry said council could, if it wanted to, pursue moving upstairs in the meantime. DeVito suggested they leave the item on their agenda, and Berry said he would continue to check on the costs of doing any of this and report back.

Cemetery Preservation Group meets

The Washington County Cemetery Preservation Group will meet Saturday, April 18, at 10:30 a.m. at the Shiloh Museum of Ozark History, 118 W. Johnson Avenue in downtown Springdale. For more information, call (479) 750-8165 or visit shilohmuseum.org.

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Justice and fairness

Editor,

As a good Catholic child, I understood that without the sacrament of Matrimony (the exchange of vows in the presence of a priest) a Catholic was not considered to be really wedded at all. Although “legally married,” any Catholic who exchanged vows outside the Church (in front of a judge for example) was considered only to be “cohabitating” and was living in habitual mortal sin.

My mother’s cousin, Sara, was married but she wasn’t united in Holy Matrimony. In the early 1940s, Sara had fallen in love with Bill. Bill was not only not Catholic, he was also not religious. Sara and Bill were legally married for over 50 years in the state of Alabama but they were never, not even for a single day, united in Holy Matrimony in the eyes of the Church.

Although she came to church regularly and was always welcome to serve on committees, tithe, go on church outings, etc., Sara was excluded from Communion because, in the eyes of the Church, she was living in sin with a man. She was excluded from Confession because she was not willing to give up that “sinful lifestyle.” Had Bill not passed first (eliminating her sin of cohabitation), Sara would not have received the Last Rites on her deathbed.

As far as I know, Sara and the other members of the Church willingly accepted those rules and those exclusions.

However, I do not believe that anyone in my Church would have ever suggested that Sara should be denied any service or embarrassed in any way while

out in the community. I cannot even imagine anyone in my Church standing by quietly if such a situation had ever occurred. Seriously, could anyone then (or now) have possibly condoned the woman in the ticket booth at the movie theater screaming “Fornicator” at Sara and refusing to sell her a ticket?

In the 1950s, the people of my little town and in my little Catholic Church grasped the concept of “separation of church and state” with regards to Sara. They understood that “... the rights of Caesar are one thing, and those of God are another; and there is nothing that need clash between them.” No one in the town tried to force the church to give communion to Sara; no one in the Church tried to stop Sara from enjoying equal access to everything the town had to offer.

Ordinance 2223 does not force any church to do anything. Ordinance 2223 is about equal rights, non-discrimination, and fairness in the marketplace. Vote FOR 2223.

Bob Thomas

Looking into the mirror

Editor,

To those who marched in last Saturday’s Jesus Parade:

“I like a man to be a man, and to show on all occasions the bottom of his heart in his discourse. — Molière, *The Misanthrope*”

Oh, how the people who organized and marched in last Saturday’s Jesus Parade have left my heart, all the way to the bottom, a painful void.

For me, your denying of the 1st United

Methodist Church’s participation in the parade without feeling profound shame was incredulous. Upon learning of the Methodists being ostracized is when those of true Christian faith should have opted out of the parade completely. Personally, I would have been wholly embarrassed to show my face as part of that hypocritical gang who not only thinks they own Jesus, but also purports to have all the *answers*, regardless of whether they would accept having those *answers* done unto them. Marchers, how could you look into the eyes of the LGBT crowd on Spring Street and not feel remorse? How can you look into your own mirror and justly believe you are being the best Christian you can be?

I really don’t get it, but Charles Bukowski describes how I feel about you marchers best: you

“people diminish me;
the longer I sit and listen to them
the more empty I feel but I don’t get
the idea that they feel empty, I feel
that they enjoy the sound from their
mouths.”

— *Bone Palace Ballet*

Julie Freeman

Jesus taught repentance

Editor,

What is holy? And what Bible are you all reading out of?

Jesus came to declare God’s kingdom. Granted, he advocated love, but there was much more than love. Justice, forgiveness, personal obedience. He was above all earthly things. God *has* to turn away from sin.

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WEEK’S TopTweets

@capricecrane: Really, Weather Guy? It’s gonna be a “pleasant” weekend? How about you go to Stacy’s baby shower and report back.

@kellyoxford: FACT: The Internet was invented to globalize complaining.

@oddspeak: They should rename “eye drops” to “cheek drops” so I don’t feel bad every time I miss.

@crushingbort: When they read side effects in prescription drug commercials they should show the actors actually suffering from them instead of canoeing.

@crankfetter: I recommend you chickens learn to talk. Nobody ever said let’s go get a bucket of parrot.

@robfee: Sometimes I go days without even thinking about the Alamo.

@bergified: The guy who named the umbrella meant to call it a brella but he hesitated.

@yoyoha: It’s a beautiful day to sit outside and stare into your phone.

@Aspersionscast: She sells sea shells, to multi-national oil drilling companies who use them as their logo, by the sea shore.

@shanethevein: At 4-way stop, the first person to finish their text has the right of way right?

@shawnrries: Probably 98% of human history would have never happened if showing off for girls wasn’t a thing.

Arkansas solar witch hunt

“And now Nineteen persons having been hang’d, and one prest to death, and Eight more condemned, in all Twenty and Eight” — **ROBERT CALEF, 1692 SALEM TRIALS**

Congressional witch hunts never work

The Veterans Administration Little Rock solar system delays, old news from 2013, broke last week with fury. ABC KATV News 7 aired a report with an inflammatory headline, “Little Rock VA built solar panels knowing they would be ‘relocated’ – solar panels torn down.”

Congressional response was swift. “Tonight, I saw Elicia Dover’s story, and like a lot of viewers, I am angry and frustrated. Any project that is a rushed and unplanned waste of hardworking taxpayers’ dollars is unacceptable. The \$8 million solar panel project, which appears to have been changed on a whim, may seem like a drop in the bucket when compared to the staggering \$18 trillion federal debt, but every expense must be fully justified and our financial resources directed to assisting those we are trying to help – in this case Arkansas’s veterans.” Sen. French Hill.

Sen. John Boozman told Channel 7 News, “The failure of the VA’s solar panels shows an obvious disregard for the money hardworking Arkansans send to Washington. As a member of the Senate Veterans’ Affairs Committee I will work to see what we can do to improve VA’s Renewable Energy Program to correct this problem.”

Parking at the VA Hospital is a nightmare. An honest headline would have said: “Great news! VA will have a new Parking Garage. During construction some panels will be used to generate free solar power.”

Is there someone behind the false headline and the congressional investigation by Sen. Hill already in progress?

Solar panels torn down and relocated shows ignorance, deception, bias or worse. When you tear something down it goes in the trash. All the panels remain at the Little Rock VA, none has been shipped to Alaska and none destroyed.

Perfect power quality is essential for healthcare

Grid power is dirty, generated far away, from diverse power plants, with old transformers and transmission lines along the way – the source of power defects.

“When an electrical disturbance such as a voltage sag, voltage transient, or voltage swell reaches the service entrance of the healthcare facility a patient’s life could be threatened when an aortic balloon pump trips off-line during a cardiovascular surgery. The costs associated with downtime can be staggering, but no cost can be placed on the irreversible result of loosing a patient.” [Power Quality for Healthcare Facilities, Electric Power Research Institute 2007.] EPRI is the electric utilities research arm.

Healthcare facilities rely on complex imaging diagnostic equipment. Grid voltage spikes, sags, interruptions, and power outages are included free of charge.

Distributed solar power with advanced inverters provide perfect quality power, the solution to healthcare electrical problems.

Interconnection with Entergy Arkansas

Long Entergy delays are nothing new. The Hot Springs National Park solar system was idle for months waiting to be connected. No one expected VA’s solar system was going to go smoothly. Entergy did not want to give up their profit selling power to VA and has no incentive to simplify the interconnection process. Why would Entergy make an interconnection of 1.8 MW’s easy?

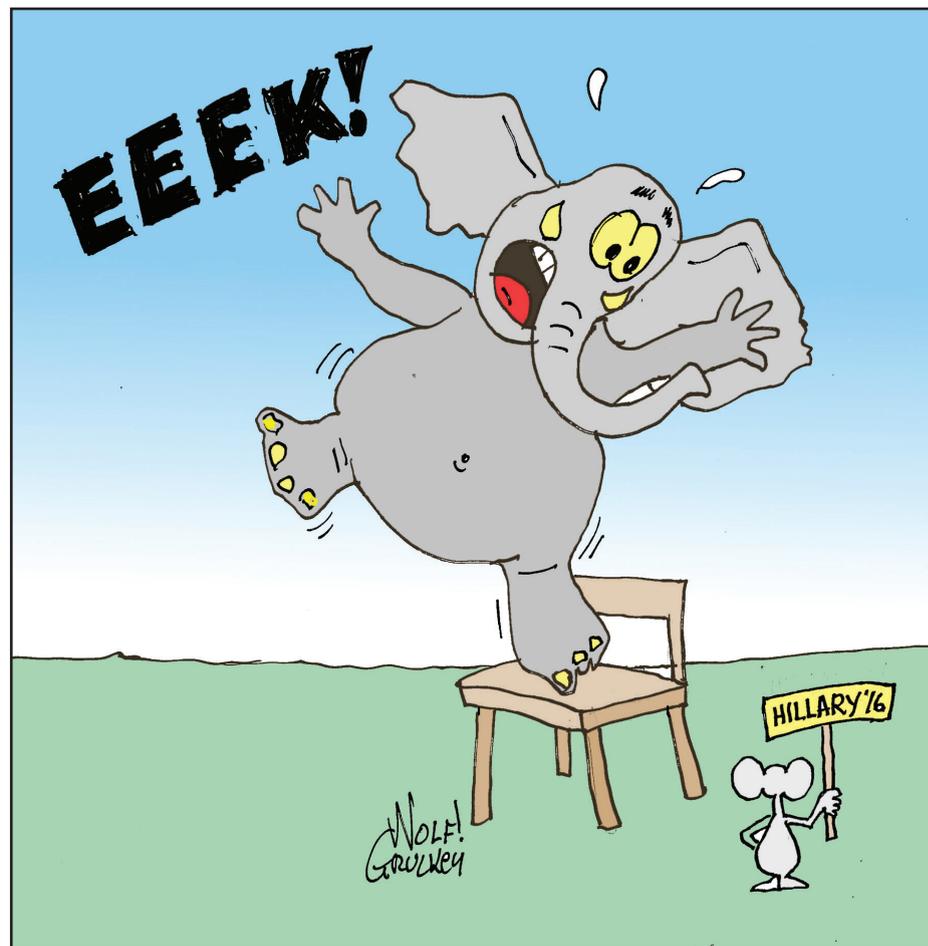
Why would VA wait for the parking garage?

The VA Little Rock solar system is 1.8 MW, six times larger than the maximum commercial net metering allowed 300-kW, due to the huge electric VA demand. Why would the VA wait for a parking garage? The solar panels were ready in 2013; had it not been for the interconnection delays, VA would have saved thousands of dollars per month. Quick action was the right thing to do.

Distributed solar solutions are our future

Distributed Generation is the best architecture with simple, safe, scalable, clean and secure local solutions powered by the sun. Innovative projects are done by visionary executives with courage and determination. Kudos to the VA Little Rock Hospital leadership for using solutions to provide the best care to our veterans.

Dr. Luis Contreras



The Pursuit of HAPPINESS

by Dan Krotz

A dissatisfaction of writing public affairs columns is the seeming impossibility of changing minds or influencing events. All current data show that people care more about securing affiliation within a group – Teabags to Maoists and everything in between – than they do about facts, history, or experience-based predictions. Consequently, nothing a columnist writes trumps the perceived wisdom of a True Believer.

The most grievous examples come from the political right, but the left is not immune from forays into inanity and magical thinking. Specifically, I think about Bill Clinton and the common lefty’s nearly euphoric recall of an administration that blithely planted the headstone on the grave of America’s working class, and for aspirations of upward mobility among the working poor.

That isn’t simply my opinion. While there is little enough distance to look back on the Clinton Presidency with complete dispassion, presidential historians consistently agree that Bill Clinton is a toss-up with Chester Alan Arthur to become the next Unknown President. More the pity that President Obama has had to clean up, not George Bush’s domestic blunders, but those of that most infamous of mama’s boys. The money mess we’re in, especially income disparity, is directly rooted in Clinton economic policy.

Naturally, Democrats are preparing to crown Willie’s wife for 2016. They remember *Don’t Stop Thinking About Tomorrow* and have forgotten NAFTA, Glass-Steagall, and the 19.7 years Clinton era college graduates need to repay student loans. As of today, Hillary Clinton leads all other prospective Democratic candidates by 70 percent, and beats (narrowly) any of the current candidates in the GOP clown-car race. Why should Democrats nominate someone else?

Hillary will win high population blue states – the ones that export their hard-earned tax dollars to subsidize our sorry red state ass – but she lacks any history, or future agenda, that shows an interest in working people, or that she even knows they exist. Unless Democrats nominate a candidate with shirttails workers can hang onto, and become excited about, we’ll be stuck with Bob Ballinger for the next 12 years, and Tom Cotton forever. All politics is local, but only an inspired and inspiring national candidate can resurrect Arkansas’ Democratic Lazarus.

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

Henke gets nod for Chamber interim director

Résumés being accepted

The Board of Directors of the Eureka Springs Chamber of Commerce announced the hiring of Damon Henke, owner of Ozark Mountain Vacation Rentals, as interim executive director. Henke will lead the Chamber as the search for a permanent executive director continues.

Anyone interested in applying for the executive director position should mail a résumé to Eureka

Springs Chamber of Commerce, Attention: Search Committee, PO Box 551, Eureka Springs, 72632 or email it to servicedesk@eurekaspringschamber.com.

The Board of Directors invites the membership to its mid-year meeting on Monday, June 1, 6 p.m. at the Inn of the Ozarks Convention Center for a look at the vision and work plan for the rest of 2015 and beyond.

INDEPENDENT Constables On Patrol

APRIL 6

7:49 p.m. – Curious onlooker told ESPD a vehicle parked behind a place of business seemed suspicious. Constable on patrol went to the scene, but the vehicle was gone.

10:20 p.m. – Passerby noticed a school bus parked at the bus barn had its lights on but no one was around. Constable checked it out and called a school official who turned off the bus lights.

APRIL 7

8:45 p.m. – Constable spoke with two tenants who were arguing.

APRIL 8

7:23 a.m. – A father asked for assistance finding his son who had been dropped off downtown but had not returned to be picked up. Constable found the son elsewhere downtown, and the father retrieved him.

9:54 a.m. – A resident claimed he had received harassing communications from his neighbor. Constable filed a report.

11:08 a.m. – Elementary school staff asked for help locating the mother of a child who was ill and needed to go home. Constable was able to find the mother so she could pick up the child.

11:45 a.m. – Constable captured a loose and unaccompanied dog and brought it to the station. The owner later came by to claim it.

4:10 p.m. – Constable went to the residence where a yard sculpture had been stolen during the previous night.

4:29 p.m. – There was a vehicle accident downtown.

APRIL 9

3:22 a.m. – Alarm was triggered at a business during the night, but the constable and the keyholder found the building secure.

1:21 p.m. – There was a one-vehicle accident at Spring and Main Sts.

4:07 p.m. – Observer reported an apparently intoxicated male using crutches and wandering around in two motel parking lots. He left the premises after a chat with a constable.

9:05 p.m. – ESH asked for assistance with a combative patient. Constable responded and hospital staff administered a shot to the patient, and he went to sleep.

9:06 p.m. – Shop owner reported a van had been parked suspiciously in front of her shop for six hours. Constable spoke with the van owner and advised him to go home.

APRIL 10

6:12 p.m. – Staff at a hotel reported vandalism to a window, vehicle and moped.

9:51 p.m. – Wife advised ESPD her husband, whom she claimed was very intoxicated, had left their motel because they had been arguing. Constable encountered the husband’s vehicle and observed him not to be intoxicated and staying in another motel for the night.

10:52 p.m. – Constable responded to call from a motel and arrested an individual for DWI.

APRIL 11

4:04 a.m. – Wife told ESPD her husband had made suicidal comments earlier, and she provided a description of his possible whereabouts. A constable went to a location but got no response. He decided to confirm the location before proceeding further.

8:05 a.m. – Constable responded to an overturned semi on US 62 toward the eastern edge of town.

11:05 a.m. – Complainant asked if people selling crystals on the roadside had a permit. Constable checked and decided he should check some more.

11:23 a.m. – Constable fixed a recalcitrant change machine.

4 p.m. – Central dispatch warned ESPD that a vehicle of particular interest to Benton County authorities might be headed to Eureka Springs. Constables watched for but never saw it.

6:06 p.m. – Constable responded to a parking lot accident.

9:34 p.m. – Another parking lot accident, but this time, the constable took a report on a vehicle backing into a motorcycle.

APRIL 12

2:02 a.m. – Guitarists on the sidewalk downtown were carrying on louder than the nearby hotel manager considered appropriate. Constable on patrol spoke with the musicians, and they moved along.

9:33 a.m. – A motorist hit a flagpole near a bank. Responding constable determined the pole, now diagonal, would need attention. Reports were filed.

12:17 p.m. – EMS asked for assistance with a combative patient. Constable complied and the patient was sedated and transported.

APRIL 13

1:32 a.m. – Rogers PD asked ESPD for help reaching the mother of an individual. Constable went to the address given and despite multiple attempts was unable to make contact with the mother.

Summer Farmers' Market season begins

Old favorites, new vendors, art, music and lots of socializing

BECKY GILLETTE

It's the season to buy fresh, local food in a festive and fun environment. The official opening of the summer Eureka Springs Farmers' Market in the Village at Pine Mountain on April 14 was bursting with people who care about community and supporting organic growers, fresh local food, sustainability and promoting the local economy.

The summer market, which runs Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7 a.m. until noon, is one of the more successful of the state's 77 farmers' markets on a per capita spending basis.

Some 30 vendors provide local, fresh fruits and veggies plus baked goods and organic lamb, duck, fish, chicken and beef from around the area. Vendors also sell mushrooms, herbs, rubs, pecans, heirloom vegetables, vegetable plant seedlings, honey, maple syrup, jams and jellies, bread, cakes, pies, cut flowers, eggs, berries and cheeses. There are crafts, potted plants for spring gardening, and demonstrations by chefs and nutritionists along with cooking and baking

contests, great live music and entertainment.

New this year are monthly POP UP Art events and expanded vendor offerings. Former market manager, Frank Rebiejo, and his wife, Lisa, will soon open a breakfast/lunch food truck featuring gourmet goodies such as "The Driz" (stuffed French toast made with Stuart Drizner's eggy banana challah bread with cream and berries), Farmers' Market burritos, omelets, salads, and upscale sandwiches including a Thanksgiving sandwich with home-smoked turkey. Dishes on the mouth-watering menu are made using mostly Farmers' market products.

Meanwhile, anyone interested in taking over as market manager for Rebiejo is encouraged to come talk with Patrice Gros or Jon Toombs at the Tuesday or Thursday market. And, speaking of Tuesday, it's the only day to find wonderful fresh artisan cheeses, a truly dense chocolate bark and homemade dog treats.

Local artist Valerie Damon, market boardmember, advocates nurturing local farmers who provide fresher and healthier food. "It's keeping our money local," she pointed out. "In the future, if we desperately need food because other sources are falling through, we will have

established this network and be geared up to address the volume that we need.

"This is a market for foodies," Damon added. "I go to market and find new, exotic vegetables. I love the purple carrots and different colored tomatoes, and learning about the deeper nutritional value of colored produce. I also find wonderful cheese or spices, and suddenly have a whole new inspiration for my cooking regimes."

Some folks say they can't get to the market because they work weekdays, but Damon said it's worth fitting it in, even if it means getting up earlier and keeping a cooler in the car to store the produce.

Patrice Gros, Foundation Farm organic farmer, recalls when the market started 12 years ago with only seven vendors. "Now we have thirty," Gros said. "We also have a bigger variety. This is not just for the foodie crowd, but for mainstream people who want vegetables fresh and full of flavor at not too much expense. The prices are not out of reach."

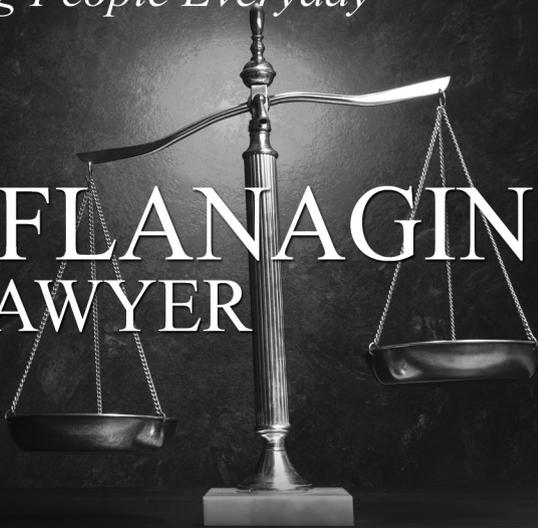
Gros said vendors are looking forward to working with the new ownership of the Village at Pine Mountain. "They are very professional and forward looking," Gros said, "and we are looking forward to a better future for the market."

The first special event is Youth Day, May 7, when Damon will be doing face painting and Ethan Robison will entertain on his unicycle. Check out the Eureka Springs Farmers' Market page on Facebook for more news and updates.

Valerie Damon designed this colorful new logo for the Farmers' Market to tell the story of a useful market.



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Dancing peace into being

Dances of Universal Peace will be held at the Unitarian Universalist Church building, 17 Elk St. Friday, April 17, at 7 p.m. The Dances are simple and joyful moving meditations that involve the singing of sacred phrases with accompanying movements from the world's many spiritual traditions. Participation is free. Contact Rebecca Babbs (479) 253-8303 or email babbsrebecca@gmail.com for more information.

Flip out for flapjacks

A Pancake Breakfast Benefit hosted by Basin Spring Lodge #586 of the Free and Accepted Masons will be held Saturday, April 18, 7:30 a.m. – 1 a.m. in the Eureka Springs Elementary School cafeteria on Greenwood Hollow Road. Admission is \$5, with proceeds to benefit the Smead Walden Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Get ready to BioBlitz

The Ozark Natural Science Center is holding free BioBlitz aimed at trying to identify all the life found at ONSC – from plants to birds. On Saturday, April 18, from 6:45 – 8 p.m. come join guided hikes with local naturalists and university professors to learn more about your Ozark backyard – no experience necessary!

Lunch and snacks will be provided, along with a chance to win a \$20 gift card to Lewis & Clark Outfitters. Wear sturdy shoes and bring the children for activities at the Kids' Corner. Register online at www.onsc.us, where you'll see a complete schedule and directions to the Center at 1905 Madison 1305 in Huntsville, or phone (479) 202-8340.

Paws For A Cause

Saturday, April 18, the Berryville Square will be the site of the Paws for a Cause One Mile Dog Walk with all proceeds benefiting the Good Shepherd Humane Society. Registration starts at 8:45 a.m., but pre-registration at either Doggie Thrift Shop is recommended. Fee is \$10 per dog. Starting gun at 10 a.m.

Enroll your pet in the Best Dressed

Pet Contest, Best Pet Trick Contest or Pet/Owner Look-Alike Contest. There will be educational seminars by local pet experts and hot dogs, snow cones, lemonade and event T-shirts for sale. Dogs from Eureka Springs and Berryville shelters can be adopted onsite for just \$10, microchipping for \$15, and doggie nail clipping from Bed, Bath and Bones free!

Spaghetti, pancakes and a 5K Run/Walk

The 6th annual Carole Hilmer Run/Walk for Ovarian Cancer Research is Saturday, April 18 at 9 a.m. at the Barn. The USATF certified run/walk course has gently rolling hills. Register online at hichamber.com, runsignup.com or email joaniekesa@gmail.com.

Holiday Island Elks Lodge, 4 Parkcliff Dr. at the shopping center at Holiday Island, will host a spaghetti dinner and silent auction on Friday, April 17 from 5 – 7 p.m. and Eureka Springs Rotary Interact Club will host a pancake breakfast starting at 8 a.m. on April 18 at the Barn. If you need more information call Joanie (479) 253-5986. All proceeds benefit Ovarian Cancer Research.

Stars Talk Wisdom Circle

Calling all brothers and sisters of the Star Tribe to commune one night a month in a Stars Talk Wisdom Circle. Sit outside; engage in naked eye stargazing and wisdom sharing about the constellations, stars, asteroids, comets and planets that can be seen.

Wisdom sharing will be along the lines of astronomy, mythology and astrology; and there will also be star journey meditations. Hosted by Heidi Astraia, a Star Based Astologist, and the Open-air Meditation Sanctuary.

The first Wisdom Circle is Saturday, April 18, 8:30 p.m. at OMS, 268 CR 3027, Eureka Springs. For directions or details see www.28rites.com or phone (479) 363-7024.

Eureka Springs school enrollment open to non-district residents

The School Choice Law for 2015 (act 560) is now in effect for any students who would like to enroll in Eureka Springs schools, but do not reside within Eureka Springs School District boundaries.

All requests must be filed in the administration building by May 1 for the 2015-2016 school year. For details online, click the Parent Info. tab at eurekaspringschools.k12.ar.us, or call (479) 253-5999 for more information.

INDEPENDENTLens



Hanging up the helmet – Retiring Eureka Springs Fire & EMS Buck Mountain area volunteers, Bob Jones, left, and Orville Murphy, were presented their fire helmets complete with decorative plaques at ESFD's April fire meeting. Murphy, a firefighter since 2003, has long carried the nickname "the Buck Mountain Fire Chief." Jones retired once from a career as a paid firefighter, but upon moving to southwest Carroll County was talked into putting fire gear on once again and served with Eureka Springs Fire & EMS from 2001 to 2015. *PHOTO SUBMITTED*

Sunday at EUUF

All are welcome at the Eureka Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 17 Elk St., Sundays at 11 a.m. for a program followed by refreshments. On April 19 founders of Bridge of Peace Syria, Moshe and Hamsa Newmark,

will discuss efforts by their Fayetteville humanitarian aid organization to provide food, clothing and educational supplies to Syrian and Turkish war refugees.

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

Volunteer and say NO to domestic violence

The Carroll County Safety Network has recently implemented a Domestic Violence hotline number, (1-844-24PEACE) and a program of assistance for transporting domestic violence survivors to shelters in other counties.

A volunteer training schedule is available by calling (479) 981-1676. The Purple Flower Resource Center in Berryville is located at 7 N. Springfield and is staffed Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Spring has sprung at Farmers' Market

New manager sought for new season

Spring brought an extra day to the Farmers' Market at Pine Mountain Village! Now you can shop from 7 a.m. – noon every Tuesday as well as Thursday for local and area organic beef, artisan breads, jellies, crafts and lots of fresh vegetables.

Spring also brought a change of direction for current market manager, Frank Rebiejo – but he won't be wandering far. Frank and his wife, Lisa, will be operating a food trailer at the market.

In the interim, Jon Toombs and Patrice Gros will co-manage the market until a replacement can be found. They're looking for a personable someone who has a passion for fresh local food, is dependable, has good organizational and communication skills and can haul and set up market canopies.

Anyone interested can apply with Jon or Patrice at the Farmers' Market at Pine Mountain Village between 7 a.m. – noon Tuesdays or Thursdays through April 30.

Red Tent Sisters Love the Earth! Day

Let's make Eureka shine on Earth Day! Meet at Fire On Earth, 872 Mill Hollow Road, Wednesday, April 22 at 9 a.m. and wear work clothes and boots. Bring your own group or team, or come on your own and work with the Red Tent Sisters removing litter from the entrances to Eureka Springs.

Keep America Beautiful will supply gloves, bags and vests for groups to use in road cleanup. Work will end around 2 p.m. with a potluck to follow. Bring a friend! See more info on the Facebook page Red Tent Sisters Love the Earth Day, or call (479) 253-6900.



Out to (lunch) dinner and a prom – This gang of miscreants sauntered into the Eureka Springs Ale House for an alcohol-free bite to eat before attending the Eureka Springs High School junior/senior prom. From left, Audri Dorothy, Raven Legget, Kennedy Cash, Lewis Brown, Justin Gall, Katy Dransfield, Tonoah Gall, Angela Tenan, Jeremiah Alvarado-Owens, Ashton Shaw, Terra Henington, Callista Dendler, D.J. Rassnier, Leah Erskine and Raven Skeels. **PROM ROYALS** – From left, Senior Prom Queen and King, Angela Tenan and Wade Carter, take a break for a photo op with Junior Prom Prince and Princess, Mathew McClung and Samantha Grat during the Senior/Junior prom on April 11. Seniors will say goodbye to the hallowed halls of Eureka Springs High at graduation on May 22.



PHOTO BY SUBMITTED
Ending hate – Catherine Reed opened for an incredibly powerful, sold out encore of *Tales from the South's End Hate* program at Caribe April 11 in support of "For 2223" Keep Eureka Fair. **PHOTO BY JOHN RANKINE**



Lettuce entertain you – Spring produce fills the Piney Creek Garden table as Cecilia Berry, left and Marsha Havens have a chat about produce at the Tuesday Farmers' Market April 14. **PHOTO BY CD WHITE**



Pie faced – Clear Spring's Head of School, Charles Templeton, took a few in the face at the school's packed Raise the Barn Roof event on April 12. Students really lined up for this one. **Put your money where your ... huh?** – Clear Spring student Ian Evans may have a bit of trouble putting his money where his mouth is. Ian was having fun at the school's jammin' Raise the Roof event after being face painted. **PHOTOS BY JAY VRECEK**



It's official – Greg Phillips of Main Street Arkansas hands a plaque to ESDN Director Jacqueline Wolven designating Main Street Eureka Springs ESDN an accredited National Main Street Program as Amanda Haley looks on at the Spring Spark event last week. **PHOTO BY JAY VRECEK**



Look who popped up – Janet Alexander was the first artist to demonstrate at the new monthly POP UP Art event at the Farmers' Market. Woodworker Alex Buderer gets the skinny on powder coating. **PHOTO BY CD WHITE**

Curious about quilting?

The Holiday Island Quilters' Guild invites all to attend the fourth session of *Quilting 101*, a six part outreach program, on April 23 in the Holiday Island Clubhouse, Room A, at 10 a.m.

This session covers the basic, simple construction techniques for paper piecing and foundation piecing. For information and or registration call Lynn (479) 363-9052.

Harp Festival features Irish and local musicians April 26

World-class Irish musicians Dearbhail Finnegan and Robin Slater are featured Sunday, April 26, in the second concert of the Festival of Harps series—a benefit for the Christian Science historical building.

The duo hosts local guest musicians, singer/songwriter duo Scott Thompson and Don Matt. Don't miss a great concert at the Christian Science Church, 68 W. Mountain Street at 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$20 at the door or \$15 in advance by calling (479) 253-8252, or online at www.heartofmanyways.org.



Break out the opera glasses!

Not that you'll need them to see all the exciting action up close and intimate in the air-conditioned, casual theater setting of Opera in the Ozarks at Inspiration Point.

The thrill of live performance opera returns with the Opera's 65th anniversary season and the announcement of a repertoire featuring three fully-staged, costumed operas: Giuseppe Verdi's *La Traviata*, the tale of a Parisian courtesan who gives up the man she loves to save his family's reputation; Gioacchino Rossini's *La Cenerentola (Cinderella)*, a variation of the traditional fairy tale with a gold-digging step family and a lost bracelet instead of a slipper; and Jacques Offenbach's *The Tales of Hoffmann*, one of the grandest and most expressive of 19th century French operas.

From its humble beginning in 1950 as a summer music camp, Opera in the Ozarks has grown into a recognized annual music festival and prominent national training program for singers pursuing professional careers in opera, many of whom have gone on to perform in premier opera houses around the world.

This year, nearly 50 vocalists from more than 20 states and four countries will take the stage with an orchestra featuring 25 talented musicians from across the nation. Some of the best emerging stars

have auditioned to come delight your ears in a repertory of operas sure to dazzle your eyes.

Performances begin Friday, June 19 and run through Friday, July 17 with 22 performances of the three operas. Of those, 19 will take place at Opera in the Ozarks' own mountainside venue at Inspiration Point on US 62W. Three of the performances (one of each opera) will be held at Arend Arts Center in Bentonville, 1901 S.E. J Street.

Three special OiO events are also scheduled at Inspiration Point: Family Day on June 21, when families from across the region visit to discover what goes into an opera production and can tour backstage, meet the artists and learn about costumes and makeup; the Chamber Music Concert on July 13 when orchestra members step into the spotlight; and an Evening of Opera Scenes on July 14 with favorite scenes from a variety of works from the 400-year history of opera, specially selected to spotlight the individual talents of the 47-member 2015 Company.

Tickets for performances are \$20, \$25 and \$27, and may be purchased online at www.opera.org or by calling (479) 253-8595. For a complete list of performance dates and special events, see the opera.org website and watch for more opera news in the *Independent*.

An afternoon for Daydreamers

Jonathan Harper returns to the Writers' Colony at Dairy Hollow to read from his debut collection of nine short stories, *Daydreamers*, on Sunday, April 26, at 3 p.m.

Washington, D.C.-based Harper is a Writers' Colony alumnus who worked on this book while in residence. His fiction and essays have been featured in multiple venues such as *The Nervous Breakdown*, *Chelsea Station*, *Big Lucks* and others; as well as anthologies including *Homewrecker: An Adultery Reader*, *The Lost Library* and *Best Gay Stories 2013*.

Come meet and hear Harper at the Colony, 515 Spring Street. A reception and book-signing will follow. For details phone (479) 253-7444.



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If you've ever made bunny pancakes or put a raisin smiley face on your oatmeal as a kid, you may have the chops to win a great prize by playing with food as an adult!

Just come up with something fun and tasty by May 3 using any edible media: fruits, vegetables, Jell-O, cereal, cake, cookies; and that old standard, most relied on for structural integrity, Rice Krispies treats. No refrigeration will be provided, so no mayonnaise please.

Need some ideas? Imagine peanut butter and jelly sandwiches that look like iPods or a frosting replica of Vincent van Gogh's "Starry Night" on a cake. Maybe a castle built of melon blocks or cheese? The platter or serving tray does not have to be edible, but everything on it does. Each entry should



Scream Cheese Brownies

have an accompanying card with the name of the work and artist, and a list of general ingredients.

Participants will be judged on creativity. Entry fee is \$20, which includes admission to the event – and the entire Incredible Edible show will be eaten! All submissions should be brought to the Eureka

Springs School of the Arts by 2:30 p.m. Sunday, May 3.

Admission at the door for the public is a donation of \$15, including the opportunity to judge entries for a People's Choice prize.

An anonymous judge will award the Edible Art Champion Prize. All entries should fit in a space no larger than two by three feet. For details call Banita or Becky at ESSA (479) 253-5384.

This should be fun!

Join Sandra Ostrander at the Writers' Colony Thursday, April 16, for an evening of poetry, parodies, and potpourri. Sandra, an accomplished playwright, poet and all-around entertaining writer, will delight us with snippets from some of her works.

Local writers and musicians are invited to read from or perform their work up to four minutes after we hear from Sandra. Potluck dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. followed by readings at the Writers' Colony at Dairy Hollow, 515 Spring Street in Eureka Springs. All are welcome, so bring a dish to share and settle in for a great evening.



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

“Aunt Willy,” she said, “you must show this to Mr. Knowles. Right away.”

“Tomorrow,” said Willy May. “You – Don’t say anything, will you, Jane? There’s – something I have to do – first.” She slipped the pink letter back into the pages of the Bible (*How fair and how pleasant art thou, O love, for delights!*) – and she stood like a mountain of sorrow in the middle of the room. She showed no indignation and no anger, only an abandonment of grief. She’s not quite sane, Jane thought, watching her. She sees things just slightly off register, like a badly printed color plate.

“I always knew,” Willy May was saying, gazing at nothing with her brown, blank eyes, “that he’d try to leave me some day. I always knew it.”

“It would be good riddance!” Jane cried impetuously.

A vague smile crossed Willy May’s face, but she was not looking at Jane, seemed almost unaware of her. “No,” she said. “No, I can’t let him go. You wouldn’t understand.” Brushing the border of reality briefly, she said: “Tell Agnes I had a headache. Anything. Not this.”

Jane went down the steps and got into the car, haunted and troubled by the stricken child-face. Ought she to be left alone just now? There was surely a touch of madness about her.

She angled the car, with a now-automatic carefulness, around the hard ruts of the road, nosing it slowly through the narrow pass of Jethro Street where the angle of a ruined foundation-wall crowded it on the left, and the mountain dropped suddenly away on the right. Reaching the horizontal plane of the square, she half-circled the park, seeing the naked sycamores and tattered oaks standing sadly about the courthouse; the drugstore with its lights burning against the dull and overcast day; a light in Doctor Totten’s office; a dim light in the pool-hall, veiled by dust; and, above that,

the white fluorescent cylinders in Clytie’s beauty shop. Here ladies from the North, and waitresses, and the more ambitious of the girls from over on South Mountain, took their hair to be tinted and tortured into fashionable contours, and emerged with their heads looking all surprisingly alike. None of the old guard, she reflected, had so far surrendered to Clytie... She left the square on the other side, and turned the car up Pinoak Street toward the Woman’s Club.

She mounted the steep steps slowly, stopping to rest against the wall of rock that enclosed the stairway so narrowly. Here she always had the fancy of entering a well, a secret hide-out, concealed by a heavy green mask of large-leaved ivy. She always stepped into the room at the top of the steps with a sense of anticlimax. You ought, she vaguely thought, to find an old woman crouched over a spinning-wheel (surely that would be more in the tradition of ivy-clad towers), or Rapunzel combing her marvelous hair. Not, at any rate, this chintzy cheerfulness, these bright and awful bits of Victorian glassware, these original water colors and luminosities on black velvet, which testified to the artistic bent of some member, living or dead –

Today, as she looked around at the tidy, discreet faces against their background of chintz roses and once-gay wallpaper, she felt a differentness about it all. Perhaps it was because Willy May had already thrown her into a hypersensitive state. Her mother-in-law was already in position, very straight and poised behind the table, wearing a hat and gloves as if they were armor, throwing her an impersonal nod as she came in, perhaps the merest flicker of displeasure or surprise, when Willy May failed to appear. Before her, in straight chairs, sat some twenty-five ladies, all got out in their best, whether it was the shabby, well-brushed best of Miss Stillwater or the dowdy and pretentious best of Mrs. Dycus. Jane could not be sure whether the feeling

of tension was communicated by Mrs. Knowles alone, or whether it emanated from the whole roomful of women, but she got the impression of entering a place of the doomed – as if they were soon to become ghosts, all of them, before her eyes.

After Jane had slipped as unobtrusively as possible into the end chair beside Tracy, Mrs. Knowles gaveled the tabletop firmly, and everyone rose for the muttered recitation of the club collect – a high-minded document that was hung on the wall directly behind Mrs. Knowles’s head, its every phrase aglow with the spirit of service and *noblesse oblige*, and the sacred responsibilities incurred by the mere state of womanhood. Once that was established (as it always was on Tuesdays at two), the ladies pledged allegiance to the flag, proclaiming their belief in liberty and justice for all, and, having thus placated the dual powers that governed them, they settled down to more immediate considerations.

Mrs. Knowles steered the meeting through the secretary’s and treasurer’s reports, rapidly and with skill, and brought them up to Business Before the Meeting with an impressive flourish. There was a slight pause, all sitting taut with their mouths open a little, as if they were waiting for a firecracker to explode and weren’t sure in which corner it had been placed. Then Mrs. Dycus took the floor, tugging her corset down in back and smoothing her dress into decent folds, and offered a motion that membership be limited to the club’s present size of twenty-five ladies. Tracy’s mother, Mrs. Herndon, promptly seconded it, and Mrs. Knowles briskly asked for discussion. There was an instant of uneasy silence before old Mrs. Winchfield struggled to her feet and said in a breathless quaver:

Negative blood types needed

The Community Blood Center of the Ozarks (CBCO) has issued a Code Yellow Alert for all negative blood types. The blood drive will be at the Eureka Springs High School on 2 Lake Lucerne Road, Monday, April 20 from 2 – 6 p.m. There is currently less than a two day supply of these blood types available for area patients and donations are needed.

Each donor will be awarded LifePoints as a part of CBCO’s donor rewards

program. LifePoints may be redeemed online for a variety of gift cards, or points may be assigned to other meaningful causes or charities.

To be eligible to give blood you must weigh at least 110 pounds, be in good health and present a valid photo ID. For more information about sharing your good health or information on LifePoints donor rewards program go to www.cbco.org or call toll free (1-800) 280-5337.

Lake Leatherwood Day celebration April 25

As part of Outdoor Adventure Week, April 24 – 28, the Eureka Springs Parks Department welcomes everyone to Lake Leatherwood Day: A Celebration of the Great Outdoors and the Ozark Mountain Region Saturday, April 25, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. at Lake Leatherwood Park.

Activities scheduled include a large and varied list of family fun, *plus* free boat rental from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., free guided mountain bike excursions from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. and a free guided hike beginning at noon. Meet at the boating center for the bike and hike tours.

Come be part of the fun!

Jeepers creepers, get a load of those Jeepsters!

Local Jeep lovers have a lot to celebrate this year. It’s the 75th anniversary of America’s favorite off-road vehicle and the 2nd Annual Jeep Fest at Holiday Island. If you’ve got one and it still rolls, consider registering your Jeep in the big show on Saturday, April 25. If not, at least come out and hobnob with kindred spirits.

The celebration kicks off at a Meet & Greet Friday, April 24, at Island Pizza and Pub beginning at 5 p.m. and lasting until the last Jeep adventure is told. On Saturday, it’s buy, sell, trade and just enjoy the show from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. in Veterans Memorial Park in the Holiday Island Park Shopping Center just off Hwy. 23N.

There will be great food, vendors, trophies, cash prizes and even a bouncy house and playground to keep the kiddies busy. New, old and tricked out Jeeps will be on display and registered owners

are automatically entered for a \$250 cash prize drawing. Other prizes will be given away every half hour – drawings and prizes all day!

Kevin Riddle will provide music and there’ll even be a Jeep parade out to a trail ride.

Best in Class trophies will be awarded for Custom (from new to any changes to the Jeep), Classic (C-series, CJ-series, YJ-series), Extreme Off-Road (radically altered for trails, mudding, rock crawling, People’s Choice (voted on by the public) and Jeep Girl (a female owner or co-owner, all categories included).

There’s an easy registration form at www.hichamber.com or you can register at the event – it’s free! If you’d like to be a vendor, 10 x 10 ft. booths are available on a first come basis. For vendor or sponsor info email teamthomas@marketingscents.com or phone (479) 363-6136.

Pluto Retrograde, Aries New Moon, Lyrid Meteor Showers

As the Lyrid meteors, radiating from the star Vega in the Harp constellation, begin showering heaven and earth with light, Pluto, planet of transformation (or die) turns stationary retrograde (Thursday, April 16), 15 degrees Capricorn. Retrogrades have purpose, allowing humanity time to review, reassess, research and reinvent while returning to previous situations.

Retrogrades are times of inner activity, seeds sown in bio-dynamically prepared soil. Pluto retrograde is the most serious and resolute of retrogrades – a pure tincture or, as in homeopathy, a “constitutional” touching the essences

of all that matters. Pluto offers deep insight into confusion or puzzlement and areas where transformation is still incomplete.

It's valuable to have one's astrology chart to follow what area of life the major planets, especially Saturn, Uranus, Neptune, Pluto, are influencing. These outer planets have long-term and lasting affects on our psyche, inner/outer life events, how people see us and how we see and process our world.

Pluto, retrograde for five months (until September 24) offers deep earthquakes of change, awakens humanity

to the task of building (Capricorn) the new culture and civilization, flailing our inner world about, deepening us until we transform and do things differently. Pluto is an unrelenting teacher.

New Moon (29 Aries) is Saturday, April 18. With the personality-building keynote, “Let form again be sought.” Mars anchors the new creative fires of Aries into our world. The New Group of World Servers participates together in the new moon festival, while also preparing for the Taurus Wesak, Buddha Full Moon Festival (May 3). Join us everyone.

ARIES: A new and surprising state of identity affecting everyone, especially you, Ari, occurs this week with Pluto retrograde and the Aries new moon. Your days and nights are overshadowed by this regenerating energy. Use it with knowledge and care. Act only on harmless feelings. Tend to feelings by exercising, reading and resting more. Don't become difficult and authoritative. Protect others through kindness.

TAURUS: While returning to a time, friend, event, city, state, idea, etc., from

the past, you ponder on spiritual realities and attempt to conquer tasks not quite completed. These bring forth revelations, next steps, forgiveness and closure. You're called to tend others, perhaps many, in healing crisis. Appreciate everything you're asked to do. These are direction for further learning. Consider different paths forward.

GEMINI: Some things have outlived their usefulness. Thank them, releasing them to their next reality. Mars (action) and Mercury (thoughts) in your 12th, ask you to consider a place of contemplation, poise and quiet for a month. Energies are affecting you from all directions. When challenges appear you want to step aside like a tai-chi master letting energies flow into elements. Tai-chi, calligraphy and archery are good disciplines for you, the brothers, ruled by Venus.

CANCER: You attempt to remain hidden even while in the world serving others. It's a paradox of Cancer that you must always be both. In all actions there's always the desire to include the opposite. You have the intention to balance inner and outer, public and private, seen and unseen (of which you both are and are not). Don't be confused by this. Something new occurs in your groups.

LEO: If emotions aren't being expressed then something will occur (or someone may appear) bringing them out into the open challenging you to share how you feel. Is a sense of abandonment being felt? Is your present home a bit lonely and/or do you feel a past sadness and loss? Throughout what's occurring there's a pendulum swinging here, there, past and present. Someone misses you.

VIRGO: Be extra cautious and aware.

You're sensitive, restless and hungry. Try as you might, it can't be soothed by chocolate, or ice cream. Ask yourself if what you want is a past memory, a present need or a future reality you must create? Nurture all plans with kindly patience. Daily life can feel difficult, transforming, yet regenerative. Always seek forgiveness. Step away for a while. A long trip elsewhere would be good.

LIBRA: As Pluto retrogrades this week, you turn toward home seeking what needs renovating, redecorating and reimagining. The garden first. New vines, perhaps, especially night blooming ones – jasmine and moon flowers. Beauty encourages and helps you cooperate more. You want to harmonize the intensity. Know that the key to successful outcomes is intention. Always ask what your intentions are. Ask others their intentions, too.

SCORPIO: You want to be sensible and practical, forgetting all the deep stuff for a while, applying yourself full to daily needs in order to feel stability. You begin to weigh day-to-day-responsibilities with thoughts on how to include contemplation and retreat. The Forces of Restoration are out and about this month. They will help you. Ask them. Only to you do I reveal this.

SAGITTARIUS: You have moments of peace and freedom. And then a new reality emerges and feelings of freedom and fun disappear and you assume high maintenance exhaustive work and you ask (your mantram) “Why me, God?” and then you set about tending to what's at hand. And realize your life suddenly became easier through acceptance and you feel pleasure recognizing your skills and

don't think you're immovable for you're just assessing things – in your own time.

CAPRICORN: You step away from the world for moment, focus on family needs and suddenly you have more energy facing those you love. Tenderness sweeps through your heart. You want to care for them in ways great and small. However, you must tend to self first. Have a protein-filled breakfast. The quality of our early morning foods equals the amount and quality of energy we have each day. We can train ourselves to eat differently. It's simply a useful Capricorn way toward success. “Usefulness” is a Cap word.

AQUARIUS: Be very observant of your communication. Be aware also of those you're not communicating with. And why. Offer everyone kindness and equality. Toward those opposing you, anger may erupt. Assess what is Right Relations. Don't allow your anger or actions to be out of control. It could be dangerous. Feelings may explode unexpectedly. Stand back and observe. The energies are quite complex. Be in charge quietly.

PISCES: Notice the energetic shift from fire (Aries) to earth (Taurus). Call upon the fire of spirit and the sustenance of earth to help heal you in the coming weeks. Be truthful in all matters. If you don't understand, ask for clarification. Allow no one's reality to become greater than your reality, including your needs. Love comes slowly and from far away. And then, all of a sudden, it appears again! Help is as close by as a whisper.

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on promoting mountain biking and trails, the expanding motorcycle market, group travel and effective use of social media in advertising.

He also mentioned Mayor Butch Berry had appeared on a KOLR 10 live broadcast from the Auditorium, and had taped a segment which will appear later this month

promoting the May Festival of the Arts. KOLR 10 will return in May and June for more broadcasts. Maloney said they would be doing similar broadcasts promoting the town every month on stations in Joplin, Mo., and Pittsburg, Kan.

The State will put its spring and summer tourism insert into 14 high-circulation newspapers in surrounding

states in addition to newspapers in Arkansas, for a circulation of 2,503,456 backed up by online circulation of 2,711,599.

May Festival of the Arts is being promoted in 10 publications including *St. Louis Magazine*, *Memphis Magazine*, and *417 Magazine*. Television ads begin during the weekend of April 12, as will a digital

targeting campaign in Little Rock, Tulsa, Springfield-Branson and the I-49 corridor.

Maloney also announced the George Brothers will be performing May through October at Pine Mountain Theater.

Next workshop will be Wednesday, April 22, at 4 p.m., at the CAPC office. Next regular meeting will be Wednesday, May 13, at 6 p.m.

Sly Set by Jeff Fox Saturday at Cathouse,
Sweet Water Gypsies satiate Chelsea's Sunday

We have live music all weekend long to satisfy everyone's eclecticities. Friday Earl and Them bring their sax-fueled R&B to Chelsea's, playing originals and The Band covers, and Tightrope play taut and edgy rock at Rowdy Beaver Den. Saturday Jeff Fox plays guitars and sings with enormous heart and sly wit at the Cathouse. Local favorites Sweet Water Gypsies play a mellow, friendly set Sunday evening at Chelsea's rounding out the weekend.

THURSDAY, APRIL 16

CHELSEA'S – *Brian Martin*, Singer/Songwriter, 9:30 p.m.

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

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

FRIDAY, APRIL 17

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

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

CHELSEA'S – *Earl and Them*, R&B, 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.

LE STICK – *Pete "Rock" M.*, Singer/Songwriter, 7 p.m.

NEW DELHI – *Dusty Pearls* 6 – 10 p.m.



Sweetwater Gypsies play Chelsea's Sunday, April 19 at 7:30 p.m.

ROWDY BEAVER – *Shannon Holt Band*, Rock, 8 p.m.

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

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 18

BREWS – *Steve Jones and Chuck Onofrio*, Americana, 6 – 9 p.m.

CATHOUSE LOUNGE – *Jeff Fox*, Singer/Songwriter, 8 p.m.

CHELSEA'S – *Chucky Waggs and Company of Raggs*, Americana, 9:30 p.m.

EUREKA LIVE! – *DJ & Dancing*, 9 p.m.

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

LEGENDS SALOON – *JAB the Band*, Rock, 8:30 p.m.

NEW DELHI – *Pete and Dave* 6 – 10 p.m.

ROWDY BEAVER – *Brenda Meyers Band*, Rock, 8 p.m.

ROWDY BEAVER DEN – *Tightrope*, Rock, 1 – 5 p.m., 9 p.m.

SUNDAY, APRIL 19

CHELSEA'S – *Sweet Water Gypsies*, Folk, 7:30 p.m.

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

NEW DELHI – *James White Band* Noon – 4 p.m.

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

ROWDY BEAVER DEN – *Tightrope*, Rock, 1 – 5 p.m.

MONDAY, APRIL 20

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

TUESDAY, APRIL 21

CHELSEA'S – *Open Mic*

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22

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

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Spoken 4 at HICC

Holiday Island Community Church presents the well-known gospel quartet, Spoken 4 on Sunday, April 26, at 4:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall, 188 Stateline Dr., Holiday Island. Spoken 4 has traveled from Florida to Wisconsin and many places in between for the past 10 years, singing and presenting their testimonies. A love offering is appreciated. For more information call Bill Branum (479) 981-0153.

Roadside/shoreline cleanup volunteers needed

The Holiday Island Hospitality Association is sponsoring the semi-annual roadside and shoreline cleanup Saturday, April 25. Roadside cleanup volunteers should meet at the Holiday Island Clubhouse north parking lot at 9 a.m. to receive road assignments.

Shoreline cleanup will meet at the Island beach parking lot (first right after crossing the bridge) at 9 a.m. A picnic lunch will be provided for all volunteers at approximately 11:30 a.m. at the Recreation Center Pavilion. Rain date is May 2 with all other details the same.



Super Dave – Clear Spring School students pose with their new van, Super Dave. “Dave” arrived just in time to transport them to meet the Governor in Little Rock as part of their travel program. Generous donors inspired by the CSS travel and outdoor education programs provided the van. *PHOTO SUBMITTED*

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2nd Annual Indie Film Festival April 22 – 25

The reel fun begins Wednesday, April 22 with a reception from 5 – 6:30 p.m. at Farm-to-Table FRESH on North Main St. with a welcome and introduction of this year’s judges. Screenings will begin at 7 p.m. in the city auditorium after the reception.

More than 80 films were submitted, with 46 chosen as final selections for screenings and potential awards. The Indie Film Fest has a special emphasis on Women in Film, Young Filmmakers, Films Made in Arkansas, and – new this year – Films Made only On Mobile devices! Special screenings include Bill Solleder’s popular “Arkansas Shorts” and Student Films, AETN’s “Loupe” series, and workshops by filmmakers Crystal Us and Bayou Bennett.

Screenings continue Thursday at 10 a.m. with the last beginning at 1:15. On Friday, settle in for screenings from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. until 4:30.

On Saturday at 6 p.m. the excitement of the Indie Awards Ceremony begins! The Awards Show will be followed by the Indie After Party and live music at Caribé Restaurant and Cantina, US 62W, at 9 p.m.

Three-day passes are only \$30 or \$15 for any day. All passes include the Awards Show! Awards in each category include cash prizes and the Indie Award Statue.

Check in at www.esindiefilmfest.com or on the Eureka Springs Indie Film Festival page on Facebook for screening schedule and the latest info, and pick up the April *Fun Guide* for details!

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building on the property and learning what the city requires of a business owner.

Alderman Joyce Zeller said the franchise has not presented a problem and she moved to approve the application of the new owners. Council voted unanimously to approve Zeller’s motion.

ESDN reinvigorating downtown

Jackie Wolven, Executive Director of the Eureka Springs Downtown Network, announced that ESDN had received its 2015 National Main Street Accreditation. The acknowledgement lauded Eureka Springs for “building comprehensive and sustainable revitalization efforts” to

maintain a vibrant downtown district. She also disseminated an events calendar that she said gives visitors a chance at knowing how much is going on around town.

Jack Moyer, General Manager of the Crescent and Basin Park Hotels, told council ESDN is trying reinvigorate the downtown area with a program called Reimagine Main Street – a strategy to create more foot traffic, beautify the area and fill in the vacant storefronts. An example would be a crafters’ fair scheduled for May 16 downtown.

Other items

• Mitchell announced he will be testifying before the Arkansas Health

Metafizzies take video pilgrimage April 20

The April 20 meeting of the Eureka Springs Metaphysical Society will feature a video pilgrimage to Jerusalem, a sacred city for Jews, Christians and Muslims. The meeting begins at 7 p.m. at the Heart of Many Ways Center in the Christian Science Church, 68 Mountain Street. All are welcome.

Berryville Lawn & Garden Show

Don’t miss the Berryville Lawn and Garden Show in the west parking lot of the Berryville Community Center Saturday, April 25, from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. There will be vendors with all types of products and information for the family garden or lawn, plus bake sale items and food vendors.

This is also the first day of the Berryville Farmers’ Market with farmers and crafters representing the other markets in Carroll County.

Enjoy a full day of entertainment by local musicians including *Ozark Flavor* from 10 a.m. – noon, *Written Down* from noon – 1 p.m., *Narrow Gate 2* – 4 p.m. and *Hootenanny with Kirk & Cara Ashworth* from 2 – 4 p.m.; plus anyone else who cares

to join in. There will also be door prizes and free, indoor workshops and throughout the day featuring *Natural Health – Chiggers, Ticks – Ailments of Any Kind* with Dr. Jim Fain of Fain’s Herbacy. *Economics of Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency on the Farm* with Jerry Landrum of Sunshine Power, Eureka! *Power and Light* with Kelly Bolinger and Kristin Whitmore of the local USDA office, *Organic Pest Control* with Jon Toombs of Homestead Farms and *Houseplant Propagation* with Linda Wilson – plus more to be scheduled.

For more information call (870) 654-7169, email berryvillemarket@gmail.com or see the Berryville Farmers Market page on Facebook.

Board on April 22 regarding the impending addition of fluoride to the local supply because of a mandate delivered by the state legislature. The mandate trumps results of two local elections in which Eureka Springs voters said they did not want fluoride in their water. Mitchell said the members of the Health Board are primarily health professionals who have already gone on record supporting fluoridation, but he said it was worth the effort of going down and using his ten minutes to make his case against fluoridation.

• Berry applauded the teams from Public Works and ESDN for their response to the recent floods. “This is

where our overtime funds go,” he said regarding the water rescues and other disaster-related duties performed by city workers but generally not acknowledged.

• Berry also mentioned the Transit Department has posted QR codes at bus stops so a customer with a mobile device can scan the image and find out where buses are and how long before a bus will arrive at a location.

• The mayor announced there are vacancies on the Historic District, Parks and Planning Commissions, and anyone with an interest should apply at City Hall.

Next meeting will be Monday, April 27, at 6 p.m.

Proud Rotarians – Long time Eureka Springs Rotary members, Mary Ellen Sheard, left, and Archie Ryan, visited with Historical Museum Operator, Stephanie Stodden, and viewed the Rotary Club exhibit on display until the end of April. Come see this and all the changes at the museum and become a museum member! Benefits include free admission, 10 percent off in the museum gift shop, and newsletters. Call (479) 253-9417 for details and to sign up. *PHOTO SUBMITTED*



Ermilio's hosts next FOR 2223 fundraiser

Auction items requested

Pile on the pasta and other mouth-pleasing favorites! Enjoy a great dinner and silent auction fundraiser in support of FOR 2223 at Ermilio's Italian Home Cooking Restaurant, 26 White Street, Wednesday, April 29, from 4 – 9 p.m. Proprietor Paul Wilson will donate 25 percent of all sales from that evening to Keep Eureka Fair FOR 2223.

Come early and enjoy something from the bar at 4 p.m. Seating begins at 4:30 in order to serve as many patrons as possible, and the entire dinner menu will be available.

Anyone wishing to donate items or gift certificates for the silent auction can bring them to the Vote FOR 2223 center, 34 Spring. If you need to have something picked up, call (479) 981-9272 to make arrangements.

FOR 2223 is a locally funded and managed campaign being coordinated by volunteers. Your neighbors and friends are working to get your Vote FOR 2223 to assure *everyone* has equal access to public accommodations, employment and housing. No special rights here - only equal rights.

Learn QuickBooks quickly

There will be two QuickBooks seminars at the Cornerstone Bank in Berryville on Thursday, May 7, from 8:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. and 1 – 4:30 p.m., and early registration is being requested.

The morning seminar will cover introductory topics such as setting up accounts, working with lists, writing checks vs. paying bills, invoicing and depositing money. The afternoon class will cover intermediate topics such as entering purchase orders, entering a bill, creating job

estimates and invoicing.

Classes are \$65 per class for the public and \$45 for Cornerstone Bank customers and Berryville Chamber of Commerce Members. Preregistration is required for both classes at sbtcd.uark.edu, and is limited to 14 participants. Please register in advance as soon as possible.

Laptops and software are provided for QB 2015. Free lunch provided if registered for both events. For answers to any questions, call (479) 575-5148.

Ladies of Faith host gospel singer/songwriter

Ladies of Faith will meet Tuesday, April 28, 10 a.m. at the Gazebo restaurant in the Best Western Eureka Inn. This month's speaker is Sandra Barnette, multiple award winning gospel singer/songwriter and worship leader of 15-plus years. She is an accomplished pianist and musical evangelist with a gift of exhortation and encouragement.

Come hear her songs and testimony and you will not be disappointed. Beth Severe will also be ministering in song. Cost for brunch is \$10.50. For more info contact Margo Pryor (870) 480-3161.

Thrifty laundry soap formula

Susan Rivera will hold a free demonstration at The Cradle on 213 Hailey Road in Berryville on Thursday, April 30 at 1 p.m. She will be sharing a thrifty laundry soap formula that works well with only a small scoop per load. The public is welcome.

DEPARTURES

Carol Jean (Mohny) White Nov. 15, 1947 – April 9, 2015

Carol Jean (Mohny) White of Eureka Springs departed this phase of her journey April 9, 2015 to the sound of birds singing, whispering pines, and distant thunder.

Carol was born on November 15, 1947, in Wichita, Kansas, to Eugene and Joyce Nichols Mohny. She was devoted to her family, friends, felines and flowers with a never-ending passion for all of these.

She was an avid reader, a superb cook, skilled seamstress, accomplished gardener, a dabbler in the arts, an adventurous soul with a kind and helpful heart. She possessed a wicked sense of humor, a joy for living, and a knowing twinkle in her eye. She was preceded in death by her father, Eugene, and son, James.

Survived by James, her husband of nearly 49 years; son Kevin and his wife, Dena Sunday-White, and grandson, Dylan Sunday, all of Eureka Springs; grandson Ambrose and his wife, Denise Sunday, and great-grandson, Elijah Sunday, of Tulsa, Okla.

A fast friend, a loving companion, a lovely and gracious person, she will be dearly missed by all who knew her. Memorials in Carol's name should be given to the Circle of Life Hospice, Springdale, Ark., The American Cancer Society, or your local Humane Society or animal rescue organization. A celebration of her life will be held in the near term with final interment at the Fayetteville National Cemetery in Fayetteville, Ark.



Ronald Thomas Taylor Feb. 20, 1951 – April 12, 2015

Ronald Thomas Taylor of Eureka Springs, Ark., was born February 20, 1951 in Littlefield, Texas, a son of Walter Thomas and Evelyn (Carson) Taylor. He departed this life on Sunday, April 12, in Fayetteville, Ark., at age 64.

He is survived by four children; Aaron Taylor of Eureka Springs, Jeremiah Taylor

of Claremore, Okla., Shelby and husband, Santiago Martinez, of Henderson, Texas, and Bethany Taylor of Henderson, Texas; brother, Gary Taylor of Dallas, Texas; sister, Shirley Taylor of Dallas, Texas; mother, Evelyn Taylor of Dallas, Texas; and a host of other family, friends, and loved ones.

Ronald was preceded in death by his

father, Walter Taylor.

Memorial service will be held at a later date. Interment will be in the Eureka Springs Cemetery under the direction of Nelson Funeral Service. Online condolences may be sent to the family at nelsonfuneral.com. © Nelson Funeral Service, Inc. 2015

Annual Blessing of the Springs

St. James' Episcopal Church will be leading the Annual Blessing of the Springs on Saturday, April 25, beginning at 10 a.m. The public is invited to gather at Crescent Spring near the library and walk to three other springs along Spring Street concluding with a blessing at Basin Spring in Basin Park.

T-Ball and Parent Pitch baseball registration

The Berryville Parks & Recreation Department is taking registration for T Ball and Parent Pitch baseball for girls and boys ages 3 – 6. To register bring the complete registration form, a copy of your child's birth certificate and payment to the Berryville Community Center by 5 p.m., Thursday, April 30.

Cost for the program is \$25 per player. Registration forms are available at the BCC. Teams will practice during May and play their games during June at A.L. Carter Ball Park on Trinnen Lane in Berryville.

DROPPINGA Line

by Robert Johnson



This week Brynn and Ryan Kayhill from Lee Summit, Mo., got good fish with little sis getting a nice 17-pounder from Beaver Lake. We fished up near Point 12 where the White and War Eagle feed into the river. Water temps were running 62° and these fish are going shallow wanting to spawn up the main creeks and rivers.

We were freelining and just using 1/4 oz. weights dragging shiners and small shad. This is also the time to throw top water baits.

Here at Holiday Island the whites are running off the flats and creeks, ready to spawn. I like throwing a white Roostertail for them. Jigs and minnows or anything that looks like a small shad or minnow can catch these fish. You can even catch them

from the shoreline in the creeks now. Best time to try is early morning and before sunset, and you can really turn on after a good rain. The day-use side of Beaver Dam is also a good spot now to try for the whites and hybrids.

Take a trout rod and when the whites slow down go over to the riverside for some trout and a good day of fishing.

Well, that's it for this week. Most our trips are on Beaver for the rest of April. We still have a lot of weekdays open for the white bass run here at Holiday Island. We might even get into some crappie or walleye. All fish are moving shallow and enjoying the water temps.

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

BLACK BASS DAM

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Purkeypyle returned to a council meeting a month later with three alternatives for stabilizing the dam. The least expensive was spending maybe \$200,000 to add a heap of riprap, or large rocks, to the face of the dam. The other options involved adding large limestone rocks and pinning them together with steel dowels or creating a stepped appearance similar to the original appearance of the dam. He said those two choices would cost as much as \$400,000.

Another choice, he added, would be to decommission the dam.

When asked about a timeframe for the repairs, Purkeypyle commented he had been worried about the dam for five years.

In a March 28, 2015, email to city administrators and aldermen, Purkeypyle sent along recent photographs showing

further deterioration of the rock face of the dam and stated, "I am putting you on notice, as part of my due diligence as a professional engineer, that the City of Eureka Springs cannot continue to ignore this dam much longer before a failure occurs. That failure will have dramatic consequences in the form of damaging the drinking water lift station located immediately downstream of the dam."

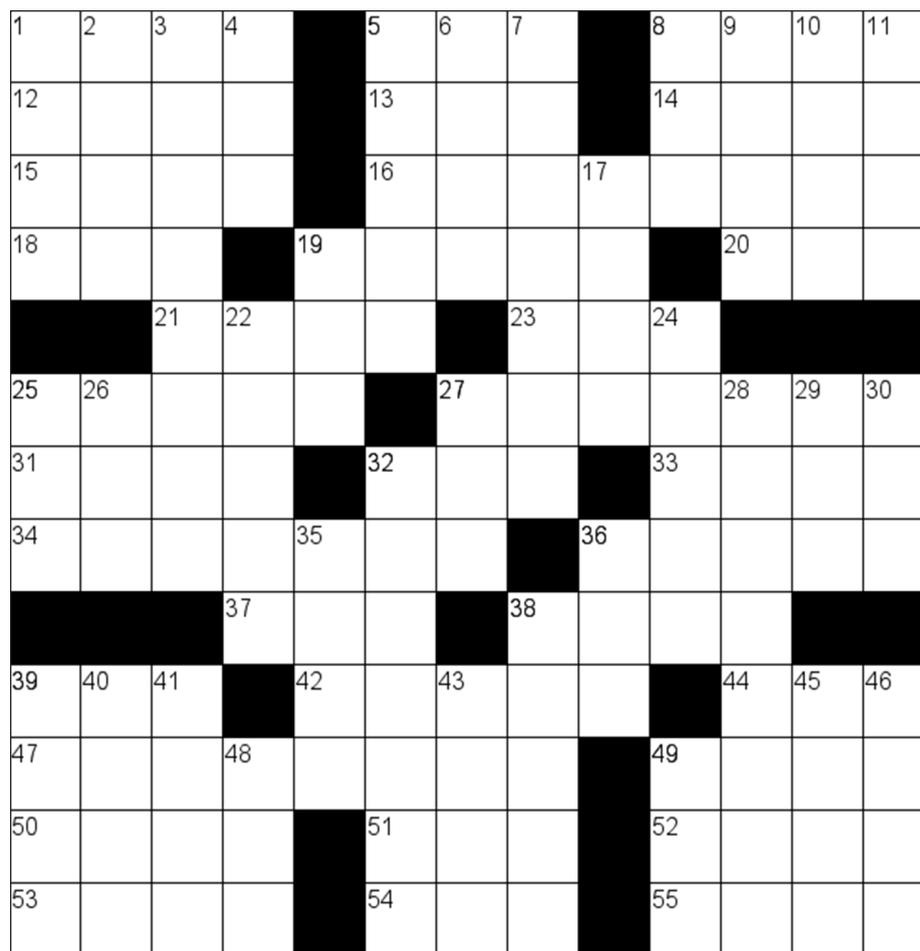
Purkeypyle recommended repair as opposed to decommissioning because "the lake provides a much desired aquatic biome for the well-established hike and bike trails around the lake area."

The repairs he had recommended in 2011 cost a bit more now, but again, he remained adamant, saying "...doing nothing and allowing this issue to languish is not an option."

INDEPENDENT Crossword

by ESI staff

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ACROSS

1. British nobleman
5. Insect that circles the inside of a bonnet
8. Ornamental greenery
12. Sheltered side of the ship
13. Liquor distilled from sugar cane
14. Can of sardines, e.g.
15. Deal effectively with difficulty
16. Hard to interpret
18. Referring to a ship or country
19. Make amends
20. Before
21. Something to scratch
23. White vestment
25. Lacking vigor
27. City burned by Gen. Sherman in Civil War
31. Supreme goddess
32. Exploit
33. Wild animal's hidey-hole
34. Like Peter Pan

36. Waterproof sealant
37. Effective cleanser
38. Smooch
39. Tedious poem, for some
42. Cold
44. Three-toed bird
47. Place to do 38A
49. Three of a kind beats it
50. Play back
51. Reason to use a chair
52. Italian hot spot
53. Hairy Himalayan
54. Pig pen
55. Skin a shrimp

17. Type of phone
19. Play part
22. Piercing sound
24. Delicate ruby-red rose
25. Mountain in Arkansas and Crete
26. Pos opp.
27. You do nothing when you sit on it
28. Sicken
29. "I'll love you ___ the starts fall from the sky."
30. Noah's liner
32. Of no account
35. Young hawk
36. Spanish soldier, El

DOWN

1. Per
2. Succulent vera
3. Cancellation of a hanging
4. Kind of jeans
5. Chicken soup base
6. French cash
7. Originate from
8. French cash
9. Devious persuasion
10. Wing-shaped
11. Whirl
38. Puppy's nemesis?
39. Follow the rules
40. Really small minnow
41. Authentic and typical
43. Horse pace
45. Three year-old's favorite word
46. Russian range
48. Ornamental carp
49. Vim

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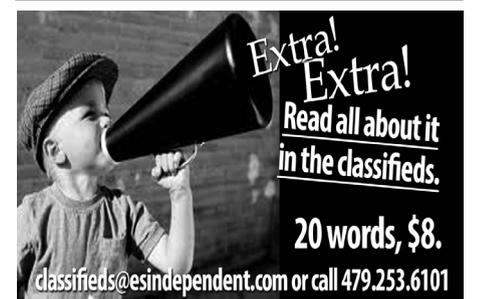
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few years, the ADPT purchases a new benchmark from U. S. Travel Association for economic impact down to the county level. "This allows us to make economic impact estimates based on their complex methodology," she said. "We purchased a 2013 benchmark analysis for use on the estimates for 2014 forward. Previously, we were using a 2006 benchmark model."

Neubauer explained that the 2013-2014 economic impact was based on 2006 data, and ADPT was off slightly in

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its estimates. "That is typical when using old data and the way the tourism industry has changed in the past seven years. The growth that appears to have swept up Carroll County is more of a mathematical correction. The numbers in the 2014-2015 Annual Report are much more accurate than the previous year because of the new benchmark. The growth has been happening naturally throughout the years in Carroll County, but the old benchmark was not equipped to account for it."

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Jesus said, "offend a little one better to have a millstone hung around his neck and drowned in the sea." (Matt. 18:6) and "For I am come to set man against his father, and daughter against her mother." (Matt. 10:35)

It was all about focusing on the Father, not a wink and a nod that we can do any earthly whim's desire. Jesus didn't teach tolerance, but Repentance.

E.W. Pederson

Rainbow badges and bells on their toes

Editor,

Could this happen in Eureka Springs if ordinance #2223 fails? All members of our LGBT community will be required to wear rainbow badges on their sleeves just as the Jews were forced to wear Stars of David on their outer clothing in Germany during the Third Reich. It sounds like a distinct possibility.

Enid B. Swartz

Help needed for GSHS Adoption Room

Editor,

Along with tree buds and daffodils, something new is springing up at Good Shepherd Humane Society shelter. Some Friends of the Shelter are raising funds and donating their time/skills to build an "Adoption Room." This 8'x8' building will provide a *much needed* quiet, safe place where potential adopters can "meet and greet" a dog or cat, or bring their own dog to meet a potential buddy.

It will also give staff a place to do temperament testing of incoming dogs, or give a stressed shelter animal a bit of respite while being socialized by volunteers. Kittens too young to be adopted but growing fast will be able to get some much needed socializing and exercising outside their cage.

Enough money has been raised to start building, but any materials from the following list will keep costs down.

We could use: lumber (2 x 4s and 2 x 6s); plywood; tar paper; linoleum, insulation; siding; shingles, door (approx. 30 inches); windows (approx. 2 ft. x 3 ft.); wiring; small A/C unit; and a small space heater. Please call Dave at (479) 244-7756 or email him at nan.n.johnson@gmail.com if you think you might have what we need! If so, we can arrange a pick up. Many barks and meows of gratitude!

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