

Council’s cab conundrum kiboshed by State

NICKY BOYETTE

The first meeting of the year for Eureka Springs City Council Monday evening sailed along comfortably until aldermen came to the final agenda item. Alderman Joyce Zeller told her peers, “We’re going to have trouble down the road,” referring to what she saw as lack of regulation of taxis in Eureka Springs City Code. She called the ambiguity “a train wreck waiting to happen.”

City Clerk Ann Armstrong said there were two entities licensed by the city to operate a taxi business in town. However, the city no longer has a franchise, defined as a license holder who is required to respond at any time. As it stands now, taxi companies can answer a call or not, at their discretion. A complication is the management of one license holder, Abundant Taxi, created a new company and applied for a license under a new name. Armstrong said it appeared the city did not have a path to discontinue the operation if the city were not satisfied.

Alderman Terry McClung said it is common for businesses to change owners, and asked city attorney Tim Weaver if change of ownership impacted the ability to continue the business. Weaver replied if the new owner purchased the entire business, all that would change would be the name on ownership papers.

Zeller held steadfastly that the problem, however, was

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We will remember – The POW-MIA flag, replaced over the Christmas season by a tree that needed the pole, has been re-raised on the top of Planer Hill by members of American Legion Post 9. Shown are Vietnam veterans Sonny Smith (l), who paid for the flag, and Post Adjutant Roy Tronnes. Vietnam veteran Chuck Irvin bugled “Taps.”

The flag is always to be displayed on its own pole directly below the United States flag, and is the only flag ever displayed in the U.S. Capitol Rotunda. The U.S. government lists about 1,600 Americans Missing in Action in N. and S. Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia between the Gulf of Tonkin incident in 1964 and surrender of the Republic of Vietnam to the People’s Army of Vietnam in 1975.

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This Week’s INDEPENDENT Thinker

Kelly McGuire went to a football game in cold, windy Chicago a couple of weeks ago and dressed for it – Under Armor pants and layered shirts, sweatshirt, extra socks, coat, gloves and her favorite new boots.

As she and her husband were taxiing to the train to go home, Kelly saw a homeless woman crouched down low trying to stay warm.

“I was drawn to her. I had everything she needed,” McGuire said. Kelly stopped the car, and gave the layers she had shed and stuffed into a bag to the woman. Then Kelly took off her new boots and handed those over, too. Which left her in socks to get to the train station. Until the homeless woman took off her own wet boots and gave them to Kelly.

It’s one of those stories that makes us sad, then happy. Then sad again. But mostly happy, you know?



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City Code could not prevent others from getting a permit to operate a taxi service in town. “We need better regulation than that,” she contended.

McClung disagreed. He said council took care of the taxi landscape in town three years ago when Abundant Taxi applied to operate in town. “What we did was sufficient,” he maintained.

Armstrong added a person who wanted to operate a taxi service in town would need to appear before council for approval.

“So we don’t have a problem?” Zeller asked, adding that she wanted clarification.

Discussion bounded, but McClung was firm that council had the situation covered.

Weaver added there was not a numerical limit in the city ordinance on how many taxi companies could operate in town, but council was not obligated to approve any other applications.

Then he broke the news that the state legislature passed a law allowing a person who pays \$15,000 for a license to operate a taxi business anywhere in the state. Drivers for the license holder can receive calls and provide rides regardless of local ordinances. He said the situation is completely state-controlled. “We can’t even get a list of the drivers,” he added.

Alderman David Mitchell asked if the law allowed any type of conveyance to operate. “Can I bring a chuck wagon downtown and give rides?” he asked.

Weaver replied his understanding was the law allowed only cars. Even limousines were disallowed.

Zeller asked how the city would know if a vehicle operating downtown were legal or not.

Weaver responded, “We have no control over it except by getting new legislation.” A person could report a suspect vehicle providing rides and hope the state checks up on it. He said Little Rock has been having a problem, and at this point there are eight operators in the state who have paid the \$15,000 to get the license.

Alderman Mickey Schneider asked rhetorically, “So we have no control over keeping our people safe?”

“We have to rely on the state,” Weaver answered.

Collecting fines

Council passed the first two readings of Ordinance 2235, which designates the Eureka Springs Police Department as “the official primarily responsible for the collection of fines assessed in District Court for the City of Eureka Springs.”

In other business

- McClung and alderman James DeVito were selected by acclamation to be council representatives on the City Advertising and Promotion Commission.

- Mitchell was chosen to be Mayor Pro Tempore for 2016.

- Council voted to use *Robert’s Rules of Order* as a guide for running the meetings.

- Mayor Butch Berry announced there would be a budget workshop Tuesday, January 19, at 4 p.m.

Next meeting will be Monday, Jan. 25, at 6 p.m.

HDC rubberstamps porch

NICKY BOYETTE

The Historic District Commission began the year with only one item of new business on its agenda. Debbie Davis applied to put a porch on the house at 4 Summit. She said the 19th-century structure originally had a porch. She also noted the house at first had a door where now there is a window with rotten sashes, and she wanted to put a door in the space again.

Commissioner Doug Breitling told Davis commissioners would want to look at the window before any work is done. Otherwise, the commission had no problems with her concept and approved the application. Commissioners will also have to approve her choice of door when she gets to that point.

The commission approved these two items on the Consent Agenda:

- 14 Elk – new paint colors

- 3 Center – new trim colors

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

Chair Dee Bright presented these three Administrative Approvals:

- 102 E. Van Buren – re-roof
- 14 Elk – re-roof
- 13 N. Main – re-roof

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

The commission will have a workshop to discuss the reflectivity index of roofing colors at 4 p.m. before the next meeting.

Next meeting will be Wednesday, Jan. 20, at 6 p.m.

Dances of Universal Peace Jan. 15

Dances of Universal Peace will be held at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 17 Elk St. on Friday, Jan. 15 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 at (479) 253-8303 or babbsrebecca@gmail.com for more information.

Volunteer appreciation dinner Jan. 23

Soldier on Service Dogs will host a volunteer appreciation dinner from 5 – 11 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 23 at their headquarters, 2378 W. Moor Ln. in Fayetteville. The event is free and will include food, carnival games and fun prizes as a way of saying thank you to all

the hardworking Soldier on Service Dogs volunteers. There will be a short awards ceremony.

It is suggested that those planning to attend RSVP by going to eventbrite.com and typing into the search bar “Soldier on Service Dogs” and register.

The rise of Christianity at Metafizzies

The January meeting of the Eureka Springs Metaphysical Society will feature videos on ancient Roman religion and the rise of Christianity. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. at Heart of Many Ways, 68 Mountain Street. All are welcome.

Relax and breathe

The Eureka Springs Buddhist Study Group will gather for 30 minutes of meditation followed by reading and discussion on Thursday, Jan. 14 at 4 p.m. at Heart of Many Ways, 68 Mountain Street. All are welcome.

Meet a cop, be a cop

Join in a Northwest Arkansas Recruiting event for the Arkansas State Police on Jan. 16 from 4 – 6 p.m. at the ASP Troop L Headquarters, 900 South 48th St. in Springdale. Meet with ASP Troopers, learn how to apply, and ask questions about a career with ASP.



Getting an “A” on a Bee –

Clear Spring student, Chloe Kirk (c.), won first place in the Carroll County Spelling Bee held in Green Forest on Jan. 6 by correctly spelling “Hypothermia.” Standing next to her are second place, Ali Fargo, and third place, Thomas Hayden, both of the Academy of Excellence.

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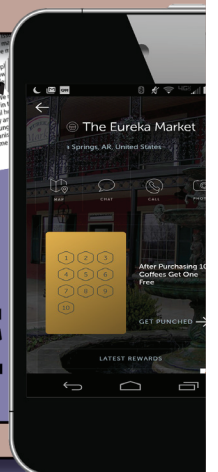
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Later start time rains on Mustang parade

BECKY GILLETTE

Eureka Springs possibly has more parades than any town in America, primarily on weekends, but they don't make everyone happy. Downtown merchants have complained for years that morning and early afternoon parades take a big chunk of their business away while making it hard for customers to find parking.

After hearing merchant concerns and holding meetings to come up with a solution, the city decided to run a test for the first six months of 2016 having parades on Spring St. start at 5 p.m. or after. Exceptions are parades not during high season, such as Mardi Gras, St. Patrick's Day, and Veterans Day.

Recently the Mustang Car Show, that has parading down Spring Street Eureka Springs for 21 years, announced it was cancelling the car show traditionally held on Memorial Day weekend in part because of the later timing.

"Some 72 merchants petitioned city council to ban daytime parades downtown and the city complied," said a letter from Mustang Show organizers Jim and Terri Post. "This is not the only factor that caused us to cancel the show and, in all fairness, the Mayor's staff attempted to find an alternate route, but the reality is that any car parade that does not include Spring Street and Basin Park is like a classic car with no wheels.

"Seeing the spectators, young and old, lining Spring Street and filling Basin Park rewards car owners for their investments of time and money. The spectators have to pay to park downtown and many shop and eat there before and after parades, boosting the economy of some of the very merchants that complained."



Post said there were other reasons for cancelling the show such as losing his sponsor and the hotel they had been using for several years being sold for back taxes.

Mayor Butch Berry said he regretted the decision to cancel the Mustang Car Show.

"Parades are one of the selling points

of Eureka Springs," Berry said. "We love parades. We had twenty in 2015."

Berry said the later start of parades was intended to find middle ground that may work for all interests.

"We are trying to figure out what we can do to accommodate everyone," Berry said. "Maybe by moving parades to 5 p.m., merchants won't be so disrupted and we hope people will stick around, shop and eat supper."

Berry said after the city has a few later parades, they would have feedback. The city also plans to do an email survey to merchants after parades asking for comments.

"Is the parade a benefit or a hindrance?" Berry said. "We want to find out what is going on."

Post said one reason the 5 p.m. parade start didn't work for them was that about a third of the Mustang participants, totaling 150 cars, travel back to their homes in Oklahoma City and Kansas City. Starting later wouldn't give them time for the daylight drive.

City officials were taken aback by the cancellation in part because a 2 p.m. route on the upper historic loop, down Grand Ave. to Main St. had been approved since October. But Post said that route wasn't as appealing to their participants. He also said they were willing to move the show to the Saturday before or after Memorial Day if that would satisfy the city. Berry said the city hadn't heard that proposal, but is still willing to work with the group.

Mark Hughes, owner of Regalia on White Street, who often dons colorful costumes to march in Eureka parades, didn't sign the merchant's letter but is in favor of the city trying the later timing.

"I'm not in favor of running anyone off, but it might help if parades were held a little later in the day," Hughes said. "I'm in favor of trying it. I get frustrated when new ideas come out and people label it something negative before it ever gets out of the gate. I don't even have my business downtown anymore, but I would feel better being in parades if I didn't have to close my shop for two hours in the middle of the day. Another issue is lack of participation in parades because so many people have to work. With later parades, we might have more people willing to participate."

Hughes attended a meeting at the auditorium where merchants spoke about their parade concerns. He sympathizes with the issue of downtown shops having only so many Saturdays in tourist season, with many of those disrupted by a parade.

"If your shop is open ten hours, you have two hours shot when people don't want to shop," Hughes said. "Do the math. You are losing precious time."

One downtown merchant who asked not be identified said another problem is that car parades often don't start on time. The parade might be advertised at 1 p.m., but not start until much later. She said that could lead to business disruption for three to five hours.

"It is just difficult when you are losing that much revenue on the shop," she said. "We have only six to seven months that are really good for business and have to pay rent and expenses all year around."

Berry said no other parade groups have expressed concern about the 5 p.m. start time. Some were being held at 3:30 or 4 p.m. so the time difference is not significant.

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Grassy Knob couple provides home away from home

BECKY GILLETTE

Some people talk about wanting a peaceful world. Grassy Knob couple, Ron and June Hegedus, have lived a life forging relationships that promote just that – peace through friendships and cultural understanding.

The couple lived abroad for years, enjoying people and cultures of foreign countries. After coming back to the States, they started hosting foreign exchange students in their home. Over the years that has added up to 132 exchange students including two currently living with the Hegedus family and attending Eureka Springs High School, Trang (Anna) Nguyen from South Vietnam and Siyu “Melanie” Xue from China.

“We decided we had such good times and made such good friends overseas that we would like to have students from overseas live with us and help them in their careers,” June said. “We have had lots of Japanese students. Many would come for just six weeks for English language immersion. We would have as many as ten students, and some would sleep on a mat or a chair. With our yearly exchange students, we usually had two to four. With teenagers, we figured it was better to have another teenager to keep them company.”

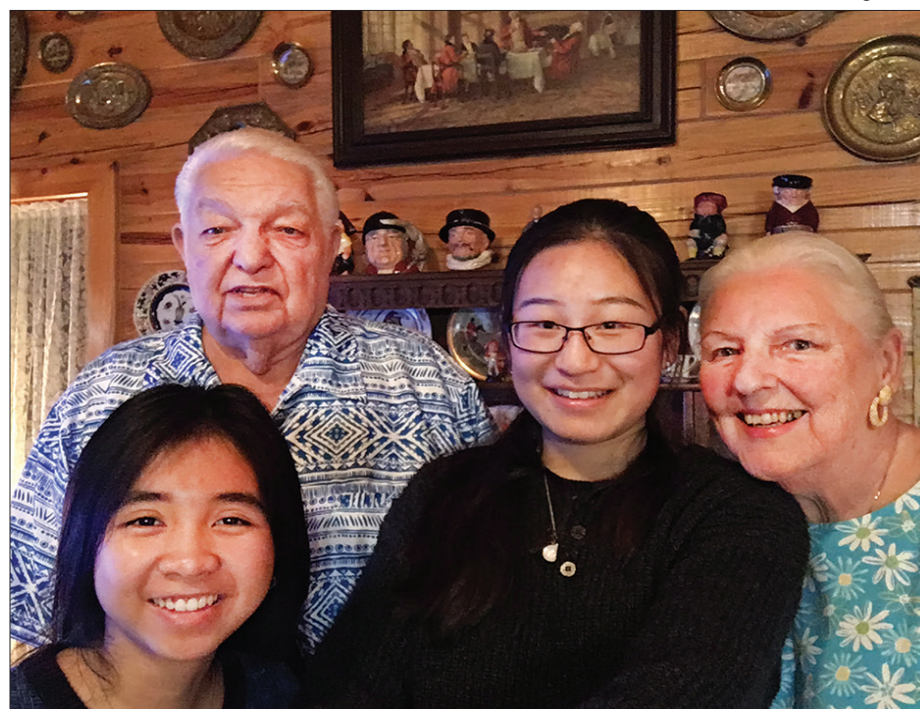
In addition to hosting foreign-born students, the couple have often been invited by parents of the students to spend a month in their home, getting to experience the genuine rich cultures of a different countries unlikely to be seen as tourists.

June got used to having a lot of kids around growing up in England as one of 15 children. During World War II, she listened to Arabian Nights stories read in bomb shelters to help distract children from the war. June said her favorite fantasy was to fly on a magic carpet.

She and Ron met in in London in 1957 and married a year later, and June sees their lives since akin to a magic carpet ride – including being at the pyramids for Y2K.

Ron was in the Air Force stationed near London, and after 21 years in the military went to work for Lockheed Aircraft in Iran for a year during a time of upheaval before the Shah of Iran was deposed. They had heard gunfire for months before Ron witnessed people being killed and decided it was time to get out.

Ron broke into Lockheed’s offices to get his and June’s passports in order to leave the country. He was blackballed from working from Lockheed after that, as he



wasn’t supposed to leave until his contact was up. But since some of his fellow workers at Lockheed were later taken hostage, it is clear that getting out was best.

After that he went to work for Northrup Aircraft in Morocco for 11 months, followed by five years working for Northrup in Saudi Arabia. Ron has also worked in Turkey, France, England and Southeast Asia. Then they came back stateside where Ron took a job with the sheriff’s department in Santa Barbara, Calif.

Ron has been in 50 countries and June about 30. They have the talent of seeing something unique and valuable in other cultures, and have practiced nondiscrimination and kindness wherever they traveled or lived.

“We have known lots of different nationalities,” June said. “Every country we went to, we thoroughly enjoyed the people.”

When they host foreign students, it is more than just providing a bed and food. It is also providing cultural experiences, and teaching lessons from “Hegedus University,” which is simply lessons about how things work in America – like using a checking account or buying a house. Recently they took their two current exchange students with them on a road trip to California.

Sometimes they also provide housing to locals who are down on their luck and need a little help.

“We figure God has been good to us so we could manage to have a house where we have room for people,” June said. “And we feel that is our calling.”

The couple keep in touch with most students they have hosted for longer periods, and have many photos of student visitors in their home. The couple celebrate successes

Ron and June Hegedus with the 131st and 132nd foreign exchange students they have hosted: Trang (Anna) Nguyen (left) from South Vietnam and Siyu “Melanie” Xue from China.

of students they have hosted, and while the June and Ron are in their 80s, they have no intention of retiring as ambassadors for peace and cultural understanding. They regret seeing so much distrust and suspicion of Muslims for example, as they have many good Muslim friends.

“I personally think there is a lot of propaganda that goes on,” June said. “People who have never lived with Muslim people think everyone is a terrorist. As far as I’m concerned, we only ever met beautiful people. We went to homes of Arab people, had meals with them, and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Muslims are just like us in so many ways.”

The couple have been invited by the parents of their current Chinese student to visit China. While tempting, June says their age makes traveling more challenging.

“I’ll wait to visit China until my next life,” June said.

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Ninety-seven percent of studies supporting fluoridation are flawed

On Dec. 23 the *Independent* published a story that detailed allegations by Secure Arkansas that a 2002 study used by Dr. Lynn Mouden, who was director of the Arkansas Department of Health (ADH) Office of Oral Health, to support statewide mandatory water fluoridation was never actually conducted. Secure Arkansas said it delivered six affidavits to the governor's office from elementary school officials from the two counties involved stating they had no recollection of the dental examinations of students that Mouden said were conducted in 2002.

Mouden reported the study showed twice the rate of tooth decay for kindergarten students in non-fluoridated Perry County as it did from kindergarten students from the City of Morrilton, which is fluoridated.

Mouden, who is now chief dental officer for the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), didn't respond to repeated requests from the *Independent* for comment. But Dr. Nate Smith, director

of the ADH, denied the allegations.

"It is ludicrous to contend that this is a study that never happened," Smith said. "There is actually no basis or reason for that. There is no conspiracy here. There is no smoking gun. There is just a lot of pulling stuff out of the air."

Smith said even apart from that, the premise that the study was what caused Arkansas to mandate water fluoridation is false. "No decisions were made based on an unpublished Arkansas study," Smith said.

Smith said research across the U.S. and the world for the past 70 years has verified that water fluoridation reduces cavities in children. Groups opposed to fluoridation have long been skeptical of the quality of fluoridation studies as they have usually been conducted by dentists like Mouden who are true believers in fluoridation. When researchers are biased, when their agenda is to support mandated water fluoridation, they find what they are looking for.

There is a dearth of credible, double-blind studies about the effectiveness of water fluoridation, while a number of peer-reviewed scientific articles have linked fluoride to decreased I.Q. in children, Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder in children, thyroid problems

in adults and other health concerns. The amount of fluoride recommended by the government to be added to the water has recently been cut nearly in half in the U.S. because a large number of children are getting too much fluoride, leading to dental fluorosis.

I asked Dr. Smith about the recent Cochrane review of fluoridation. Cochrane is an international organization that does systematic reviews of research into health care issues. Cochrane does what is known as a "meta review" of the literature. In the case of fluoride, Cochrane's review published in June 2015 concluded:

"We assessed each study for the quality of the methods used and how thoroughly the results were reported. We had concerns about the methods used, or the reporting of the results, in the vast majority (97%) of the studies. For example, many did not take full account of all the factors that could affect children's risk of tooth decay or dental fluorosis. There was also substantial variation between the results of the studies, many of which took place before the introduction of fluoride toothpaste. This makes it difficult to be confident of the size of the effects of water fluoridation on tooth decay or the numbers of people

likely to have dental fluorosis at different levels of fluoride in the water."

The Cochrane review doesn't concern Smith. He said Cochrane only reviews studies that are done with the same methodology, so they end up ignoring 90 percent of the published studies. He said a lot of important medical advances we take for granted are based on research that wouldn't pass Cochrane standards.

That is the problem with fluoride. For far too long, it has been taken for granted that every single person from a newborn to a 100-year-old can receive the same dose of fluoride in the water, and there not be any negative health effects. Now there is increasing proof Americans are being over fluoridated not just from public water, but the use of toothpaste, and consumption of fluoride contaminated foods. There is no doubt that fluoride is a neurotoxin in higher doses, and there is considerable evidence that Americans are receiving too much fluoride.

We must stop accepting flawed scientific studies – most done before 1975 – as a basis to continue adding fluoridation chemicals laced with arsenic, lead and large amounts of aluminum to public water supplies.

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A cat determined not to be found – Judy Montgomery

(left), Michele Gann and Sarah Wright try to figure out how to play Exploding Kittens at Boards @ Brews Monday night at Brews on Spring St. Sponsored by the Eureka Springs Library, the event is a chance to stretch the brain in winter. Exploding Kittens is a wildly popular game where players draw cards until they get a kitten, then the player explodes and is out of the game. Unless of course they defuse the card with catnip sandwiches, belly rubs or laser pointers. Apparently one can also skip a turn, attack others, peek at the deck or relocate the kitten card. So, it's complex, shrewd, strategic and litter boxes of fun, just like a cat. Next Boards@Brews is Feb. 8, 6 – 9 p.m.

ESFD takes action all year long

Eureka Springs Fire & EMS is a hybrid department, according to Chief Randy Ates, with seven stations and more than 50 full time, part time, and volunteer personnel. The department provides EMS to the western section of Carroll County, and fire service to the city and a rural fire district.

Notable events during 2015, including the appointment of Ates by Mayor Butch Berry to replace former chief, Rhys Williams, were procurement of a ladder truck worth a million dollars for \$37,500 due to a FEMA grant written by Asst. Fire Chief Nick Samac.

Calls of note during the year include firefighter/paramedic Rod Wasson suffering near fatal respiratory injuries while battling a trailer fire on Dairy Hollow Rd. last summer. Wasson is still recovering, but expected to return to work soon.

Fire dept. staff rescued a woman on top of a 120-ft. water tower; saved two people in a partially submerged pickup on Mill Hollow Rd. during a flash flood; retrieved a sign company employee stranded in a broken bucket truck; used Jaws of Life to extricate people from two vehicles that had a head-on collision; and responded to seven building fires, five car fires and 17 brush fires.

There were 1,292 ambulance calls



during 2015, 77 percent responding to Eureka Springs and Holiday Island.

Ates said ESFD/EMS is one of the few ambulance services in Arkansas carrying TXA, a medication designed to slow or stop internal hemorrhage.

Call Response by Zone

Incident Zone Summary		
Zone	Calls	Pct
23 North	17	1%
23 South	42	3%
62 East	51	4%
62 West	19	1%
Benton County	1	0%
Berryville	6	0%
Buck Mountain	7	1%
Eureka Springs	620	48%
Grassy Knob	59	5%
Holiday Island	378	29%
Inspiration Point	73	6%
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National Day of Prayer plans underway

The Carroll County Bible Reading Marathon committee has begun Phase II to play the 7th annual marathon. All volunteers are invited to attend the planning meeting on Jan. 15 at the Great Passion Play Bible Museum. Volunteers will gather at 6:30 p.m. Phase I will continue for all those who will pray for Carroll County residents businesses and churches. Prayer meetings are every Friday morning at 7 a.m. at the Senior Center in Berryville.

The beginning of the 90-hour marathon

will start on April 28 and end May 5 on the 65th annual National Day of Prayer with the theme for 2016, *Wake Up America*, based on *Isaiah* 58:1. If you have been a reader in the past or volunteered in any other role the committee encourages you to attend this planning meeting.

For more information contact Bible Reading Ministry International founder and Carroll County Coordinator Bonnie Roediger at (870) 350-0865.

Listen and Relax

Rebekah Clark with be at the Eureka Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 17 Elk Street, on Sunday, Jan. 17 at 11 a.m. to give information and a demonstration on sound healing. Childcare is provided and there will be extra parking at Ermilio's Restaurant, 26 White Street.

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Local donations make an international difference

Editor,

With so much sadness and trouble in the news, it was a balm to the spirit to read this week's lead article in *The Free Weekly* (available around Eureka Springs) about a Fayetteville, Ark., group, *Bridge of Peace Syria*, making such a wonderful difference for children in a refugee camp in northern Syria.

Bridge of Peace is a small U.S. non-profit, tax-exempt organization run by Moshe and Hamse Newmark, with a board of directors. One hundred percent (100%!) of all donations goes directly to their work – e.g. providing clean water access to 1,500 refugees, and funding a school for refugee children that provides trauma counseling through art therapy!

Though my family also gives to international aid organizations, it is especially rewarding to give locally and know what a difference even a small donation can make. The use of Skype and text messaging makes oversight of such projects with a Syrian on-site manager a way to work overseas efficiently. The newest project is one-room cinder block homes so refugee families can upgrade from tents.

Do your heart a favor and check out their FB page (Bridge of Peace Syria) and the wonderful photos! Donations can be made through their FB page.

Nan Johnson and Dave Spencer

Spring Street is classic

Editor,

Heartfelt thanks to the 62 Highway businesses for 21 years of supporting the Eureka Springs Mustang Show, as well as businesses in Berryville, Green Forest, Golden, Bentonville, Rogers and Fayetteville. Your donations kept the show alive.

Regretfully, the 2016 show has been cancelled. Some 72 merchants petitioned the City Council to ban daytime parades downtown and the city complied. This is not the only factor that caused us to cancel the show and, in all fairness, the Mayor's staff attempted to find an alternate route, but the reality is that any car parade that does not include Spring Street and Basin Park is like a classic car with no wheels.

Seeing spectators, young and old, lining Spring Street and filling Basin Park rewards car owners for their investments of time and money. The spectators have to pay to park downtown and many shop and eat there before and after parades, boosting the economy of some of the very merchants that complained.

Of course, the vocal minority that stopped daytime parades are some of the same people that ended tour buses on Spring Street, stopped Mayor Pate's effort to hang United States flags on poles downtown and have blocked every study and attempt to build a parking garage which, ironically, would have brought more guests and money downtown.

Jim and Terri Post



WEEK'S Top Tweets

@david8hughes: Doctors just assume I want all my blood at a particular pressure.

@lmteddybless: [me explaining to the kids why they're having soup and one cheese singlet for dinner] There's a place

called online & I'm very important there.

@hotbreakfast: Apparently seasonal depression rates weren't high enough because swimsuits are now in stores.

@lcpst: Dude is texting with a flip phone, just like George Washington did.

@daggerbyte: No one J.D. should have all that power and associates.

@morninggloria: How to taste wine: 1. Slosh. 2. Smell. 3. Slosh. 4. Place ear over glass to hear the flavor. 5. Write short historical fiction starring wine.

@robdelaney: "I saw a really nice chair yesterday." – if your grandma tweeted.

@sweet_toof: I say hi to my dog about 600 times per day.

@Bobthesuit: I still have a landline. Or as I like to call it, Cell Phone Finder.

@joeyfullystated: Dance like you have all six Powerball numbers.

@littlegreenis: I bet the worst part about being a birthday cake is when you're set on fire and then eaten by the hero who saved you.

Help Nature Heal

"Our problems can't be solved by using the same way of thinking we used when we created them."

ALBERT EINSTEIN

Alexander Wolfe, professor of Biological Sciences at the University of Alberta recently said, "It is about humans actually beginning to control wholesale the physics, the chemistry and the biology of the planet." I don't agree. We are not controlling anything. We are out of control destroying the environment for profit.

What do we need to survive?

Give peace a chance. If your home were on fire, would you stop arguing with your spouse and get out of the house? How do we stop killing people we don't understand, at least for a few years, while we deal with the climate emergency?

Compassion and care for others are better choices. We need to be calm, stay relaxed, and avoid violence. Fear turns to anger, and anger turns to hate. Why not listen to wise, holy men like the Dalai Lama or Pope Francis?

We need to help nature heal, let go of what we think we know, and respect Mother Nature. To deal with climate change, we need to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and increase carbon capture and storage (CCS).

We need to stop burning fossil fuels, we have better solutions. Solar and wind power, with energy storage, will eliminate emissions from power plants. Using plug-in electric vehicles will eliminate pollution on the roads.

There are two ways to increase CCS: Natural and man-made. Sadly, no one knows how to build a CCS. There have been many attempts to capture emissions and store them deep in the ground, but they have all failed.

The natural way to capture and store carbon is low-cost, quick, has proven results, and is community-based: plant trees, improve the soil with organic sustainable agriculture to improve soil carbon and stop deforestation. This is what Tom Vilsack, USDA Secretary, proposed in the 2015 USDA ClimateSmart program for farmers and private forest owners. USDA has funds available.

To stop deforestation from the 2016 Arkansas pellet and pulp mills we need to pay private forest owners to preserve their forests, by the end of February. If we fail, five million tons of wood, per year, will be gone to the United Kingdom and China. This is equivalent to 500,000 acres of forest, per year, plus 950 logging trucks on the road per day. In 40 years, 20 million acres of forests would be gone.

Nature is under attack

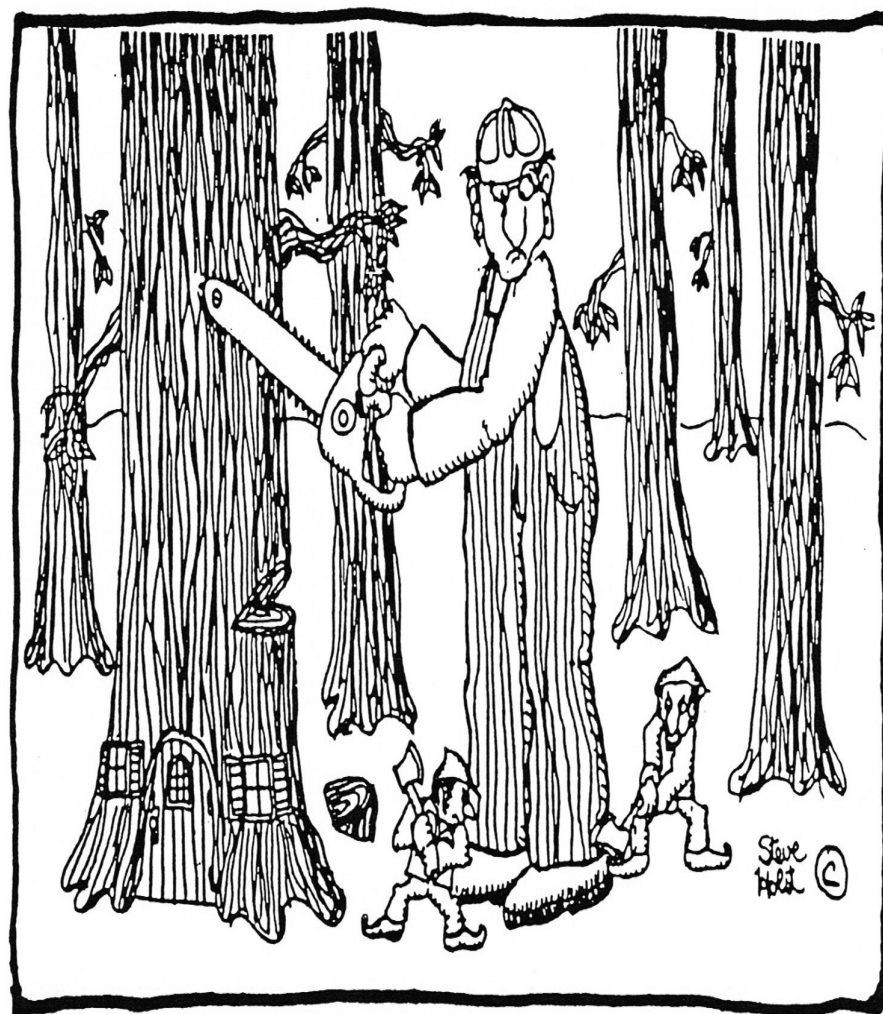
In a major step backward, at the end of 2015 the Nevada Public Utility Commission sided with Warren Buffett's NV Energy against distributed solar generation. Three major solar installers, Vivint Solar, SolarCity and Sunrun stopped operations, eliminating 6,000 jobs. This is a major setback to thousands of people choosing to help the climate. An online petition to override the Nevada PUC, addressed to the Nevada Governor, may be the only remedy.

Warren Buffett makes money destroying the environment with oil trains and fossil fuels. NV Energy is an old electric utility with a customer satisfaction rating of 1.7 out of 5 stars and 1.3 million ratepayers throughout Nevada. Their website makes false claims on renewable, clean, safe, reliable energy. NV Energy has over 7,000 megawatts of coal and "clean-burning natural gas power plants," and a new 15MW solar array.

How do you put out a methane leak from an 8,700-ft. deep cavern in the ground? Methane is a GHG 80 times worse than carbon dioxide over a 20-year period. The Aliso Canyon Storage Facility, where Southern California Gas Company turned 115 defunct oil wells into an underground warehouse for 80 billion cubic feet of natural gas, is leaking. More than 80,000 metric tons of methane have been released above Los Angeles. It may take two months to plug the hole with cement, lots of cement. The question is not how to stop the leak, but why do we extract surplus gas by fracking the ground, only to store it in the ground?

Stop digging holes and help nature heal.

Dr. Luis Contreras



The Pursuit Of HAPPINESS

by Dan Krotz

At 3:00 a.m., on July 5 of last year, 20 year-old Robert Jourdain walked into a Walmart in Allentown, Pennsylvania, and bought a box of .38 caliber ammunition. Jourdain had been drinking for several hours before his purchase, and Walmart security cameras show that he was as drunk as a skunk.

Jourdain left the store and joined a fellow partier named Todd West. Jourdain gave West the ammunition; West loaded a .38 automatic weapon and, by 4:00 a.m., he and Jourdain had driven around Allentown and shot and killed three randomly chosen people.

Let's agree with Second Amendment advocates who say that if the randomly chosen victims had been armed and ready – in other words, as well-regulated as West and Jourdain – they'd be alive and well now instead of being dead and buried under the Pennsylvania snow.

Can we might imagine, however, that Walmart has some liability in the matter since it sold a regulated product to a staggering drunkard at 3 o'clock in the morning? No. For the last decade, firearms and ammo dealers have been shielded from liability for crimes committed with guns under a federal law called the Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act. The result is that gun manufacturers, and retailers of weapons, have special protections granted by Congress against lawsuits that the makers and sellers of everything else, from toys to tractor-trailers, are subject to. Bartenders can be sued for serving a drunkard who later kills someone with a car – but not, apparently, if the drunkard uses a gun.

Let us now await, and with a yawn, for the obligatory thundering by our various constitutional wags that if guns cause death, then spoons cause obesity, and the driving logic therein that we'll be required to sue manufacturers of cutlery if Walmart's on the hook. The argument will go something like, "Because fat people! Because my cold dead hands! Spoons, yeah, think about it!"

Fine. You win. In the meantime, the prosecution and probable incarceration of Jourdain and West will cost taxpayers an estimated \$4,600,000. Why should we pick up the tab for the activities of these self-regulated militiamen – and their profitable suppliers?

A little help from our friends:

- **Community Suppers at St. James:** St. James' Episcopal Church, 28 Prospect, will hold Sunday community suppers, from 5 – 6 p.m., through March 20. Supper will be provided by local restaurants. The suppers are free and all are welcome.
- **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.
- **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** – Cup of Love provides soup lunches at Flint Street Fellowship Mondays and Wednesdays from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. and at First Baptist (Penn) Church on Fridays, 11 a.m. – 1 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.
- **Wildflowers one-dollar, furniture barn/thrift store** US 62E across from Hill County Hardware. One-dollar store in the yellow building every Friday from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Thrift store, furniture bank in big blue barn behind the chapel open Wednesdays – Saturdays from 10:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. Donation drop offs Thursday – Saturday between 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. Healing and delivery outreach in chapel Saturdays at 7:30 p.m.
- **Shamatha and Tonglen meditations Monday** – A meditation group will meet every Monday at 6:30 p.m. to focus on Shamatha, learning how to focus to achieve peace of mind, and Tonglen, a practice of love and compassion on all beings. The meetings will alternate these two practices so that one is the focus on each Monday with coffee and tea afterward. Call Alece at (479) 244-6842 or Gary at (479) 244-6840.
- **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.
- **Coffee Break Al-Anon Family Group Women** – Tuesdays, 9:45 a.m., Faith Christian Family Church, Hwy. 23S, (479) 363- 9495.
- **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.
- **Grief Share**, a Bible-based, 13-week program for those who have lost a loved one, is held Sundays from 2 – 4 p.m. at Faith Bible Church, Suite C, 3 Parkcliff Drive, Holiday Island. Share in an informal, confidential setting with others experiencing similar circumstances. Call (479) 253-8925 or email lardellen@gmail.com. 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) 244-0371 • **Narcotics Anonymous** – Fridays, 5:30 p.m. (903) 278-5568 • **Al-Anon Family Group (AFG)** – Sundays, 11:30 a.m., Mondays and Tuesdays 7 p.m. • **Eureka Springs Coffee Pot AA Groups** Monday – Saturday 12:30 p.m.; Sunday 10 a.m.; Sunday – Thursday, Saturday, 5:30 p.m.; Tuesday and Friday, 8 p.m. (479) 253-7956 • **Al-Anon** Wednesday, 5:30 p.m. All other meetings: See www.nwarkaa.org

INDEPENDENT Constables On Patrol

JANUARY 4

10:48 p.m. – A mother in California asked ESPD to check on her son who is staying in a local motel. She had not heard from him since Christmas. Constable performed a welfare check on the son. He said he would call his mother.

JANUARY 5

11:52 a.m. – A dog was running loose near a motel, and Animal Control searched for but did not encounter it.

JANUARY 6

9:24 p.m. – Traffic stop resulted in the arrest of the driver for driving on a suspended license.

JANUARY 7

2:16 p.m. – Constable gathered information about a hit and run accident.

4:49 p.m. – Constable arrested an individual on a felony warrant.

JANUARY 8

11:57 a.m. – Small mutt wandered into a restaurant parking lot. Employee agreed to foster it until the owner came looking for it.

JANUARY 9

1:40 a.m. – Security alarm was breached at a business on US 62. Constables sprang into action but found the building secure.

JANUARY 10

10:55 a.m. – Another alarm rang out, this time downtown. Again constables found everything okay.

JANUARY 11

12:09 a.m. – Constables responded to an alarm at the same location as two days previous. Again they found the building secure.

7:29 a.m. – Constable went to a care facility to take a report on possible abuse allegation.

9th annual Chili Supper Feb. 5

The United Methodist Women of the First United Methodist Church of Eureka Springs will host their 9th annual Chili Supper Friday, Feb. 5 from 4 – 7 p.m. at the church, 195 Huntsville Rd.

Proceeds from tickets go toward the church's local mission work. In the last eight years, over \$9,000 has been given to local organizations including People

Helping People, Flint Street Food Bank, ECHO, OARS, the Boy Scouts, Jeremiah House and Purple Flower.

Tickets costs are \$8 for adults, \$4 for children 5 – 10 and children 4 and under are free. Reserve or purchase tickets in advance from any UM woman or by phone from Janet Rose (479) 253-7051 or Shirley Lykins (479) 253-8812.

Cynthia Sample at Poetluck

Writer-in-residence Cynthia Sample will read "Proof," a short story about to be published in the online journal *Blue Five Notebook*, at Poetluck on Jan. 21 at the Writers' Colony, 515 Spring Street, starting at 6:30 p.m. with a potluck dinner.

Local writers and musicians are invited to read from or perform their work for up to four minutes. Poetluck takes place every third Thursday of the month at The Writers' Colony. All are welcome and bring a dish to share.

Ribbon cutting at Stone Financial

The Greater Eureka Springs Chamber of Commerce will host a ribbon cutting for the Wealth Management department of Stone Financial on Monday, Jan. 25 at 2 p.m. at 105 W. Van Buren #A. The community is invited. For more information about Stone Financial call (479) 253-7892.

Registration open for MOA annual conference

The Missouri Organic Association is gearing up for its 2016 annual conference on Feb. 4 – 6 at the University Plaza and Conference Center in Springfield, Mo. The MOA conference will consist of more than 54 lectures and hands-on workshops focused on organic sustainable production including: grain, livestock, and vegetable production, culinary and medicinal plants and the opportunity to meet and

learn from more than 70 vendors.

To find the 3-day MOA annual conference agendas or to register go to www.moaconference.org. The conference price is \$175 for all three days and a single day pass is \$75. An early bird special discount is available until Jan. 15, which includes a buy 1 registration at full price and get a second registration at half.

Theatre auditions Jan. 24 and 25

The Holiday Island Theatre Guild will be holding open auditions for their coming production of *The Hallehujah Girls*, a two act comedy by Jones, Wooten and Hope on Jan. 24 from 2:30 – 5:30 p.m. and Jan. 25 from 6:30 – 8

p.m. Auditions will be in Room "A" at the Holiday Island clubhouse. Cast will consist of six women and two men and no experience is required. For more information call (479) 981-2638 or (347) 852-5389.

EARLY DAYS at Eureka Springs[©] – by Nellie Alice Mills, 1949

Early Days at Eureka Springs Arkansas 1880-1892, a memoir of Nellie Alice Mills whose family moved here in two covered wagons from Oswego, Kansas, was written in 1949, relying on memory. In her second book, *Other Days at Eureka Springs*, written in 1950, she went through old records she had kept. The family home was built on the west side of Leatherwood, “about a hundred yards beyond the mouth of Magnetic Hollow, opposite Cold Spring, which supplied us, and all our neighbors, with water.”

Part Two – Some Occurrences of those early days, cont.

Hudson’s store was the first building below the St. Charles; the store building spanned the creek and was set above high water. The living quarters above the store were connected by a boardwalk to the bluff. The cliff reaches its highest from there to a point above the St. Charles. The walk from the hillside led to the kitchen door; from the living room a flight of outside steps led down to a porch at the side, which connected with the platform across the front of the store, with steps down to the street. From there Minnie had only to follow above the west bank of the creek until she reached home.

Leatherwood crossed the valley floor twice between Hudson’s store and Putnam’s; between Henson’s blacksmith shop and that store where our first Christmas tree had been put up, the creek was turned from the west side of the valley by a hump at the foot of West Mountain that extended from there to our place. By the time the bus had begun to make its trips there the roadway had been lifted above the branch by cutting down the clay bank that formed that hump. A wooden bridge, or culvert, supported

by stonewalls had been built there by the old store, but it was not above high water. Mr. Putnam’s old store was still standing, but he had built a new one, a long building that reached from the foot of Marbletop to the edge of the creek; on the other side of the water he had put in a stone wall that supported a wide platform that bridged the creek and connected his new store with the street. The new store was set on a high foundation. Store and platform were above high water.

It was here at this little bridge I witnessed an unpleasant scene. It was an example of the inevitable, though the actors were a crate of chickens, which, during one of our many freshets, came floating down the creek. The current was so strong that it threw the crate against the bridge with such force that it was shattered and swept upon the planking. The chickens escaped from the wreckage, stood erect upon their feet, but before they could get their bearings, the crest of the flood surged across the planks, bearing the birds away to certain death. Had they known which way to turn they had time to escape. My distress at the scene shows how seriously children consider unimportant events. But to see

those creatures perish after they thought they were safe!

During our twelve years at Eureka Springs three natural phenomena occurred that I have never seen surpassed. There was the comet. Then there was the hailstorm. I never like to tell anyone who was not there to see them, the size of those hail stones. Those balls of ice that fell at Eureka Springs did not fall over a large area; they were few and scattered; but I am sure anyone struck on the head by one of them would have been killed. Some persons measured the spiny lumps, but I do not like to quote the measurements they reported, though I believe they did not exaggerate – nineteen inches in circumference.

Much later than that was the deep snow. It seems the official report gave the depth of that snowfall as twenty-four inches on the level. For this climate that was superlative. Surely it has never been equaled or exceeded in a wide radius hereabout. The weather was not bitterly cold, but there was so much snow it did not melt very fast.

My sisters and I witnessed a queer accident. Above where Putnam’s store and Henson’s shop used to be is a ledge



of rock perhaps six feet high. Above it is a house to which a man had delivered a load of wood. The load removed, the driver backed his team to turn the wagon around. He held the reins without getting into the wagon, which, when the horses were headed uphill, for some cause started rolling down hill. The rear wheels once over the edge of the cliff, the wagon followed dragging the horses. It may be the tongue of the wagon supported the horses, for, though they reached the ground in a crouched position, the animals stood up, apparently unhurt. The driver came down and drove them south to a gap in the rocks through which he drove back up the hill.

NOTES from the HOLLOW by Steve Weems

While doing some research, I came across this short article that ran in newspapers from St. Louis to Little Rock in the year 1902:

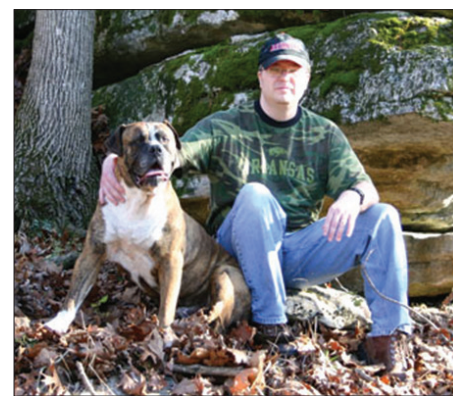
“Eureka Springs, Ark., April 29 – Dave Worley, 85 years old, grandfather and great grandsire to more than a hundred living persons, died at his home

on Keels Creek, five miles south of here, Sunday. He had fifteen children by his first wife and nine by his second. In the funeral train was a wagon in which rode one of his granddaughters with ten of her children ranging from one to twelve years. The remainder of them were compelled to find other accommodations. Fifteen years

before the war, Uncle Dave was a slayer of bears and trapper of wide renown throughout North Arkansas.”

When I was a teenager, Jack McCall gave me some catnip and told me to give it to the young cat that I’d recently adopted at the Good Shepherd Humane Society. Miss Kitty still ranks as my favorite cat. Grandpa Jack meant for the catnip to be a treat for her, and it certainly was. She swooned and purred and didn’t know what to do with herself. I didn’t get quite that excited after finding this article, but almost.

But as tantalizing as this information is, I don’t know what to do with it because it doesn’t seem to fit anywhere. There is a David Worley buried in the Shady Grove Cemetery, but he was only 63 at death. He married a relation of mine, Jemimah Harp at Cassville, Mo., in 1865. He’d recently returned to the Ozarks after being released



as a prisoner of war in Georgia. This David Worley only had eight children of his own that I’ve been able to trace, though he did gain an additional seven step-children when he remarried after Jemimah’s death. I’ve never been able to come up with the name of his parents, so the Uncle Dave Worley of the article could be his father. Or uncle.

Either way, the “slayer of bears” sounds like quite an interesting character.

Pet of the Week sponsors needed

The Good Shepherd Humane Society needs three individuals or businesses to contribute \$5/week each to sponsor the “Pet of the Week” announcement on local radio station KESA. The announcement is given Monday through Saturday and draws attention to a dog or cat in need of adoption. This opportunity provides a low-cost way to support the animals at the shelter and can be a means of advertisement for businesses. Contact Lynn Worley at (479) 253-9001 or lynworl@cox.net to help.

"I Have Been to the Mountaintop..."

This is our last week of Capricorn. The Sun enters Aquarius next Wednesday, Jan. 20. Then we will enter the Gate of Aquarius, sign of World Servers. Capricorn prepares us for the final two zodiacal signs. Aquarius, where we "serve," and Pisces, where we "save." Each of the signs impacts our evolutionary journey offering new revelations and new tasks. The twelve zodiacal signs, twelve Labors of Hercules, the Seven Rays and the twelve planets are dedicated to humanity's enlightenment, upliftment and evolution

(Path of Return). Together they form the "Lighted Way."

Capricorn, sign of the mountaintop, offers us the truth about our origins and identity. We are the Daughters & Sons of God, imbued with love, intelligence, courage and strength. We are together Servers & Saviors of humanity. We are the Diamond Light. After a long journey (Aries to Capricorn) we reached the mountaintop, resting in the light of the Rising Sun. Gradually, from the valleys below, we began to hear increasingly the cries of suffering

humanity. Eventually and together, we realized when Capricorn ended, we would return to Earth to help humanity. Our words as Disciples this week absorbing the Light of the Sun is, "Next week we re-enter the Cancer Gates – returning to form and matter. Then the Gate of Aquarius appears, Aquarius, where we serve humanity. On the mountaintop, and on this last week of Capricorn, our words as Disciples, speaking together, absorbing the Light of the Rising Sun are, "Lost are we in Light Supernal yet we know that on this Light we will turn our

backs." Entering Aquarius, to serve. And later, Pisces, to save.

We remember the words of the great leader, Martin Luther King, Jr., (Capricorn), "I have been to the mountaintop & I've seen the future (the Promised Land)." King possessed the qualities of the Disciple – joy, courage, vision, insight and steadfast devotion to the people. King, with the one-pointed focus of the unicorn, was also the "scapegoat, the sacrificial lamb and the awakened one." (MLK birthday is observed Monday, Jan. 18.)

ARIES: Your communications and work in the world will be redefined. In the past you have been recognized for your initiating leadership. Now, newer and bolder steps will be called for in creating the new world. You are to assess how, what, when, where and with whom. You will define the context. Tend to everyone with compassion and understanding care. What real leaders do.

TAURUS: You become a bit more philosophical, ponder upon higher education, read more and observe life from an ever-widening lens. Some will become or interact with lawyers, priests, adventurers, philosophers, writers and intellectuals. All previous beliefs will be challenged. Meaningful events and people enter your life. You embrace them. You study entrepreneurship. Serving the world in new ways, with new values.

GEMINI: Saturn is restructuring and redefining your relationships perhaps through some sort of possible change, loss, separation or marriage. Or perhaps you are simply going to redefine what relationships mean and redefine your relationship behaviors. In partnerships you come closer or remain apart. If choosing, align with the Will-to-Good. This provides strength and Right Choice.

CANCER: You will find yourself re-assessing all relationships. You made decisions this past year concerning how you will (or will not) interact with others. A great silence has descended upon you concerning some people. This may not be the best decision. There needs to be more fairness. It's time to create new ways to interact. The old way is too much of a struggle. Don't perpetuate it. Practice *ahimsa*.

LEO: Your everyday tasks, agendas and work will be reassessed to understand fully what needs to be accomplished, completed, creating priorities and ascertaining who can help. During the next four months the art of Right Relations in daily life becomes important, along with health matters. You find you're efficient in both. Most important is kindness and care for your health.

VIRGO: It's good to clearly recognize what inspires you. In the coming months you

will notice your creativity comes from various sources: early childhood, intimacy, relationships, love affairs, long ago conversations, and while walking here and there in local neighborhoods. Be aware, careful and practical with all resources. Prepare for the upcoming tax season. Organize your many papers into files.

LIBRA: You may find yourself turning from the outer world to face your inner world – which becomes your sanctuary and refuge.

It's at home where you feel deep safety and where you build a firm foundation. You remember many things – your childhood home, both good and difficult. Forgiveness is important here. Some Libras redecorate. Some attend culinary school. A new beginning and a self-redefining follow.

SCORPIO: In the next four months or so, notice your values. They are being redesigned. As the retrogrades continue you question and ascertain exactly what money and resources mean to you. You'll seek ways of solidifying and building on what you already have. When we have constant gratitude, what we have becomes enough. A love of something new emerges. It makes you happy.

SAGITTARIUS: A great inward shift is occurring. You will encounter all that's been hiding, all of your past, anything emotional that has upset you in the past 28 years. You'll discover habits that no longer work, fears you thought were left behind, and a litany of actions needing assessments. All these you'll tend to as a warrior. The purpose is complete restructuring of self so your future has a solid (brilliant) foundation.

CAPRICORN: Happy Birthday, Capricorn (sign of the unicorn). Your birthday should last all month. We realize how dedicated you've been in helping others succeed. Outline what you need to feel rewarded and recognized professionally, socially and monetarily. Your life direction begins to emerge and soon a foundation is built toward new goals. Life changes. Stay with that change and summon the Angel of Beauty.

AQUARIUS: A new 12-year cycle begins for you as the past 12 years disappear. Your appearance and how others perceive you will change. All your virtues are to shine forth. You may feel quite solitary at times. The next four months are times of retreat; caring for, reinventing and improving the self. Tend to self with care.

PISCES: I wish much for you; that your hopes, wishes and dreams be fulfilled. In the coming months certain groups of people with specific ideas are of interest to you. Be discriminating. You aspire to serve humanity by creating a new Center of Light, Education and Healing in the world. This liberates humanity. You seek to manifest these aspirations. You will be tested as to your seriousness. New structures will be formed. Success follows.



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NWA Master Naturalist accepting enrollees

The NWA Master Naturalists are accepting enrollees for the 2016 annual training program that takes place on twelve Saturdays from Feb. 6 – March 21. Forty hours of training are required to graduate on May 21. The first class will be held at Northwest Arkansas Community College, 1 College Drive in Bentonville, with remaining classes being held at various locations. More than 90 hours of expert instruction and field studies will be offered.

Training includes techniques for observation and identification of trees, plants, insects, rock formations, weather patterns and the night sky.

Arkansas Master Naturalists may choose to perform at least 40 hours of volunteer service and complete 8 hours of advanced training annually to become and remain certified.

There is also a new option for those who cannot give

up their Saturdays for training. NWACC and Northwest Arkansas Master Naturalists now offer a class that provides the opportunity to become an Arkansas Master Naturalist in a 16-week Tuesday evening (6 – 8:50 p.m.) class at NWACC starting on Jan. 19. NWACC tuition is free for those over 60 under the Golden Age Waiver, and you can opt to audit the class if you do not want the college credit. For more information email lilamaui@aol.com.

Go to wordpress.ArkansasMasterNaturalists.org for more information and to obtain an application for enrollment. A fee of \$135, which covers materials and instruction, must accompany the completed application. Class size is limited, spaces reserved on first come, first served basis. For questions email nwamnContact@mn4arkansas.org.

Music Festival returns for third year

The Ozark Mountain Music Festival returns to the Basin Park Hotel Jan. 21 – 24. OzMoMu3 will focus around an Ozark Mountain fusion of bluegrass, folk and American roots music with bands such as The Haunted Windchimes, Opal Agafia & The Sweet Nothings, Chucky Waggs and many others.

Room bundles for two attendees include two-nights lodging and two “All-Access” passes. Festival “All-Access” passes and simple daily passes are also available. For further information or online room sales visit ReserveEureka.com. General festival information may be found at OzarkMountainMusicFestival.com and on Facebook.

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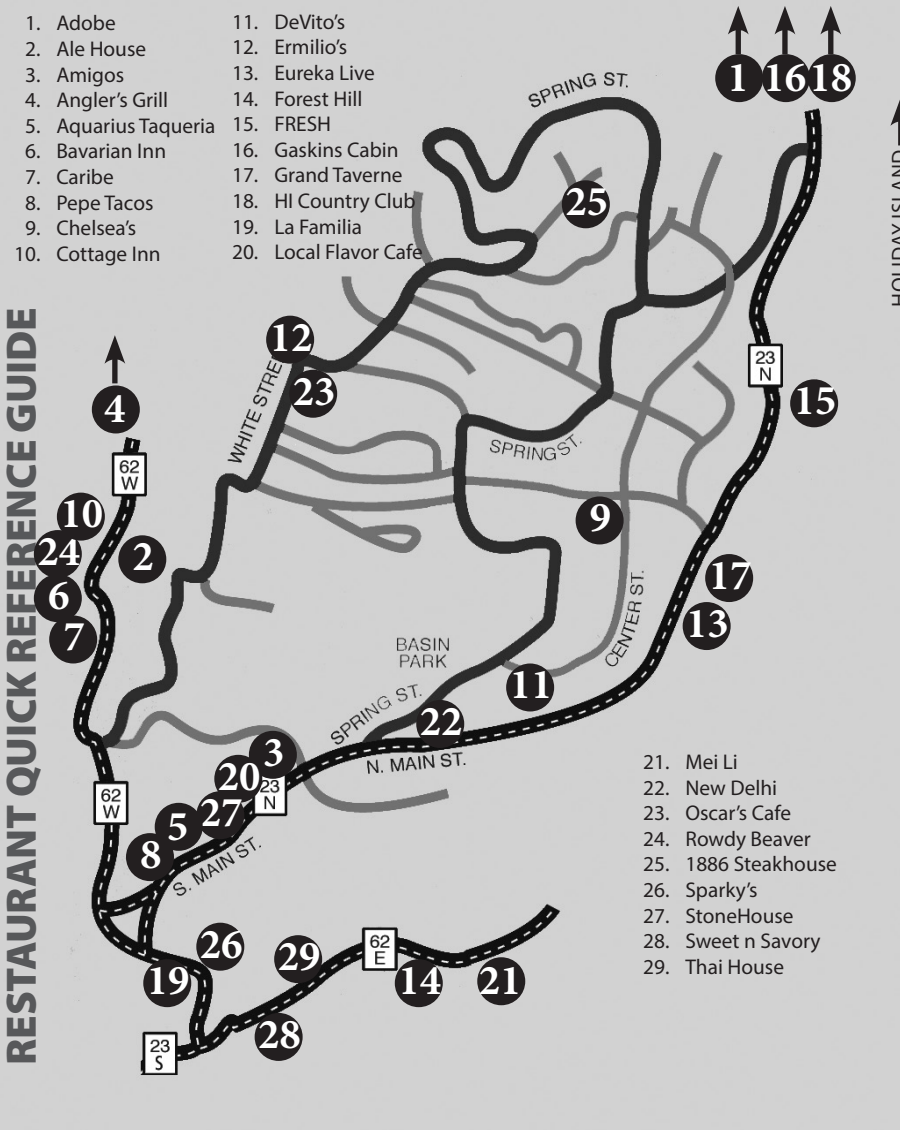
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Eureka's eclecticism breeds excellent live music all year long. Cary Morin, Colorado Fingerstyle Blues Champion, stops at Brews Thursday night after winning at the Copenhagen Blues Festival and touring with Charlie Musselwhite (who played Eureka's 2010 Blues Festival) last year. Down the hill at Chelsea's, also Thursday night, The Schwag brings their Grateful Dead Experience with special guest Dave A – Bear from the Jerry Garcia Band on guitar. An exceptional start to the weekend, the power burns through the weekend with Mountain Sprout Friday night at Chelsea's and Wink Burcham from Tulsa on Saturday night. Many shows all weekend long; maybe someone will cover "Let's Dance" to celebrate the Thin White Duke Mr. David Bowie.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 14

BREWS – Cary Morin, Acoustic
Fingerstyle Blues Champion, 6 – 9 p.m.
CHELSEA'S – *The Schwag* featuring
Dave A – Bear, Grateful Dead Experience,
9 p.m.
EUREKA LIVE! – Green Screen
Karaoke, 9 p.m.
GRAND TAVERNE – Jerry Yester,
Grand Piano Dinner Music, 6:30 – 9:30
p.m.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 15

CATHOUSE LOUNGE – *Septembers
End*, Party Band, 8 p.m.
CHELSEA'S – *Mountain Sprout*, Adult
Themes Bluegrass, 9 p.m.
EUREKA LIVE! – DJ and Dancing, 9
p.m.



The Schwag play Chelsea's Thursday, Jan. 14.

GRAND TAVERNE – *Arkansas Red*,
Amplified Acoustic Guitar Dinner Music,
6:30 – 9:30 p.m.
LEGENDS SALOON – Karaoke with
Stan, 9 p.m.
ROWDY BEAVER – Dave and James
Acoustic Duo, Guitarists, 7 p.m.
ROWDY BEAVER DEN – Karaoke
with DJ Goose, 8 p.m.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 16

CATHOUSE LOUNGE – Michael
Schembre and Dan Redmond, 2 Wild and
Crazy Guys, 8 p.m.
CHELSEA'S – Wink Burcham, Tulsa
Singer/Songwriter, 9 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 – Headley Lamar,
Rock (Ridge), 9 p.m.
ROWDY BEAVER – 2 Dog 2 Karaoke,
7 p.m.
ROWDY BEAVER DEN – Steve
Zimmerman, Singer/Songwriter, 8 p.m.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 17

BREWS – *Cards Against Humanity/
Board Games*

MONDAY, JANUARY 18

CHELSEA'S – *Sprungbilly*, Bluegrass
House Band, 9:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 19

CATHOUSE LOUNGE – *Los Roscoes*,
Americana, 7 p.m.

CHELSEA'S – *Open Mic*, 9:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20

CHELSEA'S – *Buffalo Daddy*, Country/
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EXPLORING the fine art of ROMANCE... by Leslie Meeker

I've been a bachelor my whole life and at 41 I just became engaged. My fiancé and I have known each other most of our lives and there's no other woman I can imagine marrying. Suddenly I'm obsessing about never having sex with another woman for the rest of my life. Is monogamy really possible?

You're a bit of an anomaly. Typically, men who've not married by age 40 never marry. There's always the exception, and you my friend, are the exception.

Your concern about your capacity to be monogamous is no big surprise. You've maintained your freedom to interact sexually with whomever you choose for a very long time. Independence is important to you. Acknowledge and respect that.

Monogamy is a choice. If you choose monogamy, it's important to understand how you've come to that decision. Do you value loyalty as a personal strength? Are you craving a more intimate and exclusive life

partnership? Does monogamy provide you a path for further personal growth? Knowing why you've chosen monogamy will help you avoid future resentment about feeling somehow "made" to conform.

As romantic as "I only have eyes for you" sounds, it is equally unattainable. Our culture not only encourages us to see and be seen as desirable, it holds sexual desirability on a pedestal right next to sainthood. How's that for a mind-fickle?

Finding others sexually inspiring throughout your daily toil is not a curse, it's a treasure. Garnering the energy within that inspiration and directing it toward your partner is the key. Monogamy doesn't require blindness or super powers over your trousers. It does require inspiration, adventure, a healthy dose of humor and plenty of play.

It's not that patience, empathy and the like are unimportant. But let's be real, if we're talking monogamy, we're talking sex. If we're talking sex, we're

talking pleasure and passion. It's well known that boredom kills the bedroom but that does not mean monogamy must equal monotony. While you've chosen one exclusive playmate, the playtime possibilities are infinite. Inhibition is your only limitation. Craving novelty and even illicitness in sexual ventures is natural. Fortunately, Gettin'-Your-Groove-On games are a plenty.

Make it freaky people!

Questions? Email leslie@esindependent.com. Leslie Meeker, M.A., L.P.C., is a psychotherapist who has specialized in relational and sex therapy, sexual compulsivity and sexual trauma for the past 17 years, after receiving extensive training in human sexuality at the Masters and Johnson Institute in St. Louis, Mo.



Put your best mask on!

The Mardi Gras Umbrella Decorating schedule is Jan. 13 at 5 p.m. at New Delhi, Jan. 17 at 5 p.m. at the Community Center at Grassy Knob, and Jan. 27 at 5:30 p.m. at Eureka Live! Get a Taste of N'Awlins at The Grand Central Hotel and Taverne on Jan. 23 from 1 – 3 p.m. Meet the Mardi Gras Royal court, enjoy hot beignets and café au lait and line dance with the umbrella you have been preparing.

The Light and Sound Night Parade will be 6 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 30 following the usual parade route from the Carnegie Public Library, down Spring Street to the Courthouse on Main Street. After the parade there will be Second Line Dancing at 7 p.m. and a Black Lite Ball at the Grotto Wood Fired Grill and Wine Cave at 10 Center Street at 8 p.m.

The Jokers Masquerade Ball will be Thursday, Feb. 4 at 6 p.m. at the Best Western Inn of the Ozarks Convention Center at 205 W. Van Buren with music, a buffet and a cash bar. The year's theme is *Hooray for Hollywood* with prizes awarded for best costume.

The Crescent Hotel will host the Coronation Masquerade Ball on Friday, Feb. 5 featuring a Champagne buffet dinner and live music. The Crystal Dining room will be full of tables decorated in Mardi Gras style and the king, queen and their royal court will promenade around the ballroom. Reservations are required and may be made by calling (225) 405-9672.

Rolling downtown on Saturday, Feb. 6 is the second Mardi Gras led by the Krewe of Krazo. That night the Mayor's Ball will be



hosted by the Basin Park Hotel with cash bar at 7 p.m. and DJ Testube, at 8 p.m., featuring live vocalist Opal Agafia, plus performances by Melonlight Dance Ensemble.

Those who are up to it after all the parties can hit the New Orleans-style Jazz Brunch at the Crescent Hotel at 11 a.m. on Feb. 7. Reservations are required and may be made by calling (479) 253-9652.

The final event is the Saint 'Lizbeth King Ball and dinner on Fat Tuesday, Feb. 9 at 6 p.m. at the St. Elizabeth Parish Center, 232 Passion Play Road. For more information call (479) 253-4503 or (479) 253-2222.

Tickets for the Black Lite Ball and Mayor's Ball may be bought at www.reserveeureka.com. For more information on all events visit www.EurekaSpringsMardiGras.org.

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Fifteen peas and a pod

Making a podcast has been on the *Independent's* mind for almost a year. The idea of having an audio outlet is exciting to all of us here but it has been a question of whether we should do it. A podcast would suggest a personalization

of all 15 of us at the *Independent*. We in the flesh (voice) would present new challenges of how to present information and it would no longer be how we write or show information on paper, but how we say it into a microphone and

all the nuances that come with it. The *Independent* wants to know what you think about this. Would presenting the world with a podcast that would include interviews of local artists and business people and others be intriguing enough

to listen to at your convenience? Do you as readers, advertisers, columnists, Eurekaans see this as a fresh avenue to take?

Email me, Jeremiah Alvarado, at esipressrelease@gmail.com.

TheNATUREofEUREKA by Steven Foster

A microcosm of medical modalities

Last year I wrote a module on the history of the American botanical medical movement for an on-line course. The history of medicinal plant use is really the back stories of the people and circumstances that create the historical intrigue, much of it forgotten today, including health systems that came to shape Eureka Springs.

Within the first hundred years of American independence, medicine in America was a free-for-all cut-throat competitive marketplace vying for the attention of the medical consumer. Adulterated drugs, quacks and shoddy

medical education paved the way for creation of the American Medical Association in 1847 in an effort to address these problems.

The AMA members were regular physicians or allopaths, the trained MDs. Up until the 1850s they were products of a year of formal classical training, with a few anatomy lectures thrown in for good measure, followed by a year's apprenticeship. The "scientific" trained MDs relied on blood-letting, mercury preparations, drastic purges and opiates for treating disease. Some patients were not happy with the era of puking, purging, and bleeding. They sought alternatives.



Among them were followers of Samuel Thomson (1769-1843), a self-proclaimed botanical physician who sold "rights" to his system of medicine (the Thomsonian System) to families for \$20 per family. By 1830, it is estimated he had more than two million adherents – about 10 percent of the population. In 1811 he obtained a patent for his system, which became the first "patent" medicine.

In the 1840s, homeopathy, espousing the specialized medical theories of Samuel Hahnemann reached America from Germany. Homeopathy includes the use of minute doses of drugs, potentized to cure symptoms in a diseased individual that would *create* the same symptoms in a healthy person — Hahnemann's law of similars or "like cures like."

In the 1840s, another group of medical practitioners emerged called Eclectic physicians, which borrowed a little from everyone. Like the Thomsonians they used only botanicals to treat disease, but unlike the Thomsonians the Eclectics were trained medical doctors.

Throw into that mix "Indian doctors" — white settlers who claimed to have learned cures from the Indians. There were itinerant backwoods or frontier herbalists who travelled from town-to-town offering their services and wares.

Eureka had them all. Dr. Alvah



Jackson credited with discovering the healing qualities of Basin Spring was an "Indian doctor" a frontier herbalist. Like the Thomsonians he made and sold products — bear's grease and Jackson's Eye Water. Arkansas's first female physician, Dr. Pearl Hale Tatman, an 1890's medical school graduate, was a regular or allopathic MD. Her husband, a pharmacist, Albert Tatman, later became a physician — an eclectic physician — graduating from the Georgia Eclectic Medical Institute. The illustrious Dr. John Fremont Ellis, a recruit of Gen. Powell Clayton's Eureka Improvement Company was a homeopathic physician, an 1879 graduate of the New York Homeopathic Medical College.

As I wrote about the history of botanical medicine last year I realized that within a mile of my home on Spring Street, patients had sought the services of Indian doctors, eclectics, homeopaths and allopaths. The early history of Eureka Springs is in fact a microcosm of all of the competing 19th-century modalities converging in a single small town in Arkansas!

DEPARTURE

Louis Comer Smith, Jr. August 29, 1928 – Jan. 4, 2016

Louis Comer Smith, Jr., of Eureka Springs, Ark., was born August 29, 1928 in Comanche, Texas, a son of Louis Comar and Vassie Lorene (Preston) Smith Sr. He departed this life Monday, Jan. 4, 2016 in Fayetteville, Ark., at age 87.

Louis is survived by three daughters; Debbie Bazan of Anson, Texas; Phyllis (Smith) and husband, Matt Harrell; Donna (Smith) and husband, Harvey Henserling; one son, Louis Smith Jr., and a host of friends and loved ones. Louis Comer was a Texas born western artist and sculptor whose studies carried him across the United States, Mexico,

Canada and Europe, including France and Belgium for two years – 1958 through 1959. He loved to paint and sculpt.

His first studio was in Jacksboro, Texas. He later had studios in Taos, New Mexico; Dallas, Texas; and at the widely known Art Colony of Carmel, Calif. He was nominated to be in the 1965 Arts and Artists "Who's Who" of Monterey Peninsula Artists. The Petersen Galleries of Beverly Hills, Calif., displayed his works. He placed in the Cooperstown, New York art show in 1965 along with Henry Gosser and Norman Rockwell.

In Texas he was represented by the "Country Store

Gallery" – Director Mr. Raymond Brown, The Western Art Gallery – Director Mr. Bill Benford in Dallas, Texas. Louis has sold to collectors such as Mr. Jim Skipworth and Senator Don Kennard of Texas. He was director of the Art Gallery sponsored by the Ft. Worth Chamber of Commerce.

Louis had art showings with noted artists such as Fred Harmon, a noted western artist and the creator of Red Ryder and Little Beaver of worldwide fame.

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Well, it's been too cold to get out but we got a striper trip for Wednesday and should do well with the weather warming up. Stripers on Beaver Lake are still active and holding in the mid-lake area from Horseshoe Bend to the Rocky Branch area from the surface down to 20 ft. deep and being caught on shad, shiners and top water baits.

Here at Holiday Island, look for most fish deep off the rocky points and bluffs. Slower presentations can make

live minnows out fish-artificial lures in cold water, and jigging spoons or jigs off the bottom can work well in the winter.

For shoreline fishing try for some trout from the dam to the town of Beaver and you might even get one of those stripers that came over the dam.

That's it for this week. If it's too cold to get out, start working on your tackle. Spring will be here soon.

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INDEPENDENTCrossword

by Mike Boian with extensive help from his wife, Ann Solution on page 19

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ACROSS

1. Twist or squirm

7. Anklebone

12. Shoot from the root

13. Early Bond girlfriend

14. Recedes

15. Go against

16. Sesame seed source

17. Thick slices

19. Spot on a die

20. Receiver of inheritance

22. American cuckoo

23. Wilder or Autry

25. Sailor's curse

26. In the know

27. Initiate legal action

28. Ballet step or steps

29. Tectonic _____

32. Allow

35. Hardens

36. Collect a debt

37. Low denomination bills

39. Erode
40. Italian bike maker

42. Understand

43. Bring together

45. Attribute or assign

47. Denounce or accuse

48. Swerved

49. Speak grandly

50. Goes in
13. Mongolian desert

18. "Take your choice"

21. Oxidizes

23. Gadget or device (var.)

25. Regret

26. Card game

28. Like Rodin's signature work

29. Imitative, not genuine

30. One point in horseshoes

31. Hun king

32. Sign of infection in a wound

33. Issue a protective policy

34. Half a playground toy

36. Small freshwater fish

38. Beginnings

40. Sharp taste

41. Warning

44. Corpulent

46. Favorite
- DOWN

1. Strong anger

2. Common raccoon ailment

3. Print style

4. Small child

5. Gets the weeds out

6. Place in bondage

7. Final melody

8. Mont Blanc is one

9. Lucky fly ball

10. Bear related

11. Oozed

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from an Ad Man, Daniele Quercia's, *Happy Maps*, and Barry Schwartz's, *The Paradox of Choice*, TEDtalks. For more information contact the library at (479) 253-8754 or info@eurekcalibrary.org.

HIFDA luncheon at the Clubhouse

The Holiday Island Fire Department Auxiliary will hold a luncheon on Tuesday, Jan. 26 at noon in the Clubhouse ballroom at 1 Country Club Drive. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. for social time. Cost is \$8 and reservations must be made by Friday, Jan. 22 by calling Peggy Arnhart at (479) 363-6235. The auxiliary holds several fund-raisers to pay for equipment, training and supplies for the Holiday Island district and rural fire departments and membership is open to men and women. Dues are \$12 per year and may be paid at the meeting.

Sip and support the library

Turpentine Creek Wildlife Refuge and the Eureka Springs Community Center tied to be the January winner of Cocktails for a Cause benefits. The next Cocktails for a Cause will be on Feb. 4 from 5 – 7 p.m. at the Lucky 7 at Basin Park Hotel to help support the local library.

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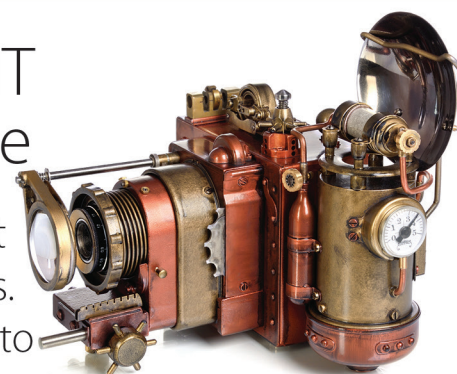


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