

Food trucks – who’s the cart, who’s the horse?

NICKY BOYETTE

At its Jan. 26 meeting, the Eureka Springs Planning Commission launched into the topic of food trucks because City Council at its Nov. 23 meeting had listened to citizen pros and cons, and voted to send the matter to Planning.

Alderman Mickey Schneider explained that council wanted Planning to look into zoning issues for food trucks to see if Code allows them downtown. She said council would take that information and decide on locations and times for operation.

Commissioner Steve Beacham informed Schneider that Planning had received nothing about this, and needed more direction.

Schneider said council wants to find a viable location, and disparaged North Main as a choice. She said the food trucks should be where the people are, and council would set times that would not conflict with brick and mortar restaurants.

Commissioner Pat Lujan, to clarify, asked if council were asking Planning to look through the ordinances. Commissioner Tom Buford followed, “We could spend months figuring this out and council can decide it doesn’t want them.”

Schneider said she had tried to get a vote at the council meeting, but was outvoted.

Commissioner Pat Lujan said commissioners could research about where food trucks might park. Beacham added Fayetteville’s Code allows food trucks to park in metered spaces as long as they feed the meter. His concerns were access to bathrooms and clean up. He said he had learned restaurants are not required to have bathrooms.

Commissioner Melissa Greene, who chaired the meeting, found conditional uses allowed in C-1 zone included “restaurant, no drive through” and “retail, small.” She asserted they could amend Code to

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Kings, past and present, gather – Mardi Gras King, Steve Roberson (from top left) and past Kings Leroy Gorrell, Scott Smith, Lamont Richie and Rod McGuire had a royal gathering atop the King’s Float in the Jan. 30 Mardi Gras Night Parade. The second Mardi Gras parade is this Saturday, Feb. 6 at 2 p.m.

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This Week’s INDEPENDENT Thinker

“You see how the thick branches point away from each other? That’s so they don’t block their buddy’s light.”

Peter Wohlleben of Hümmel, Germany, is a forest ranger who loves and studies trees so much, he wrote a book about them. *The Hidden Life of Trees: What They Feel, How They Communicate – Discoveries from a Secret World* has become a worldwide sensation, translated into 19 languages.

“Trees are social beings,” Wohlleben said. “They can count, learn and remember; nurse sick neighbors; warn of danger; and keep ancient stumps of long-felled companions alive for centuries by feeding them a sugar solution through their roots. They act less like individuals and more as communal beings, which increases their resistance.”

We hope this will make us less likely to view trees as Popsicle® sticks.



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It’s possible to do the impossible. Or at least be impossible.

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include food trucks.

"There might be restrictions, but we can clarify Code. That is our job," she said.

Commissioner Woodie Acord asked again, "So we do this after council decides it wants food trucks?"

"Council won't do it until after your recommendation," Schneider stated.

"So in that case, our recommendation is we want them [food trucks]," Lujan commented. He agreed City Code needed some refining to make food trucks legal, "but we need word from council before we put time into it."

Schneider said she could get the item on the next council agenda, and Beacham said he would attend the next council meeting to answer questions.

Tour homes zoning

Greene told commissioners the subject of tour homes is another zoning concern, and, in her opinion, they should be allowed in R-1, maybe R-2, with a Conditional Use Permit (CUP). The neighbors would get a chance to speak up at the CUP hearing if there are reasons to object. It would also provide owners a chance to save the Bed & Breakfasts facing foreclosure and make them viable again.

The commission will keep the topic on the agenda.

Unclear on Corley Loop

Buford still maintained, as he had before being outvoted at the Jan. 12 Planning meeting,

that Code for a Planned Unit Development (PUD) clearly calls for a site map with "dimensions and locations of structures" before an application can be approved. Sixteen environmentally-sensitive units, Corley Loop, had been proposed by David and Carrie Marry. At this meeting, Buford brought up another issue in City Code pertaining to the proposed PUD on East Mountain. Code states, "When completed, the development will contain a density of land use no higher than allowed in the district." However, Buford said he found nothing in City Code regarding density for that district, and insisted Planning would need to get a definition of allowable density for the PUD.

Commission business

- Commissioners voted in this slate of officers for 2016: Chair: Steve Beacham; Vice-chair: Pat Lujan; Secretary: Melissa Greene.

- Commissioners wrangled over allowing public input at meetings after the time for Public Comments, which is early in the meeting, has ended. Occasionally, such as at the previous meeting, there is a reason to hear from a member of the public during a discussion, but commissioners were wary of opening up a free-for-all in an attempt to hear from the public, and wanted a protocol in place. They eventually decided a commissioner could ask the chair to recall a person who spoke during Public Comments for the purpose of answering a question, but not elaborating further.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, Feb. 9, at 6 p.m.

Let them have music

The Carroll County Music Group is sponsoring the 5th *We've Got Talent* concert on March 13 at 3 p.m. at the Eureka Springs Auditorium. This concert is a major fundraiser for sending young area musicians to summer music camps to enhance their opportunities in music. Playing at the concert will be The Ozarks Chorale, APO String Coalition Chamber Orchestra, Berryville High School Show Choir, John Two-Hawks and others.

The goal for this year's concert is to raise \$20,000 which will help 40 – 50 students attend music camp. Carroll County Music Group is a 501(3) c non-profit organization. For more information call Sharon Parker at (479) 981-0870.

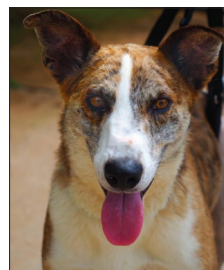
DEPARTURE

Leonides Jan. 7

An amazing and courageous dog departed this life on Jan. 7. Leonides, a greyhound/blue heeler mix, was brought to the shelter in June after being hit by a car. Several orthopedic surgeries left him with multiple plates and screws, leading some to call him "The Bionic Dog."

It took a long time for Leonides to heal, and he had to learn to walk again using a special harness. Even during periods of great pain, Leonides remained a gentle animal. He always had a wag in his tail, and a smile on his face. Although he never found his forever home, he was placed in a loving foster environment where he lived until his death from unknown causes.

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Reflective roofs thrashed about by HDC

NICKY BOYETTE

The Historic District Commission convened a workshop last Wednesday on roofing reflectivity, and five non-commissioners attended, including Dennis Alexander of A&M Roofing, who provided a tutorial on roofing.

Alexander said the type of roof affects the temperature inside a house, but also important to the life of the roof is adequate venting of the attic. "Metal roofs reduce attic temperatures drastically, so you pay less to cool a home," he said. "Properly vented attic spaces do not accumulate moist air which eventually leads to moist surfaces."

There are insulation sheeting products such as rFoil which, according to Alexander, is an insulating layer beneath the roofing material which reflects almost all heat away from the decking. That means it would protect the roof and moderate temperatures inside the home. The technology was first used by NASA.

He said he would discourage a homeowner from picking a white roof because, contrary to urban legend, white roofs do not make much of a difference in the temperature in the attic.

Commissioner Doug Breitling commented that all historic roofing materials were dark. "In today's eco-friendly mood, there is a jump toward white roofs, but white is not historic," he said.

Alexander said he was more on the side of saving homeowners money and against roofing choices that begin to wear out in 10 years. He added that asphalt shingles absorb heat and radiate it into the home and nearby environment, and speculated that 50 years from now, most roofs would be metal.

"Metal roofs are also recyclable," David Marry said.

Alexander said at a construction site old shingles go into a their own dumpster and are eventually melted to make asphalt.

Breitling said HDC wanted to provide information for choosing a roof within the reflectivity index range, and asked Alexander how HDC could write a guideline so there was an identifiable standard citizens would understand. He said color should not be the primary determinant guiding decisions about roofs. They want to preserve the historic look of the community, but not prevent the use of advances in home-building materials.

"We don't want to be the color police," he remarked, "and we don't want homeowners to be swayed by contractors." He said the guidelines they are looking for would give someone direction for choosing a product with high reflectivity that is a historic color.

Commissioner Virgil Fowler said they were looking for a list of greatest-to-least effect on the environment, and Breitling added the situation gets scientific very quickly.

Another citizen, Jeffrey Brown, said it was important for homeowners to have latitude for choosing the roofing product and they should not be forced to be environmentally-unfriendly, although he agreed the city should avoid a freewheeling aspect in architecture choices.

Alexander again stated if the home is properly vented and insulated, the color of the roof is less of a reflectivity factor. He said 60 percent of the electricity the nation generates is for air-conditioning, and that is why a good roof choice that keeps the attic cool is important.

He also mentioned there is a very new roofing product made from recycled plastic water bottles. He said it is supposedly remarkably durable but still very expensive, and a negative factor in its commercial development is the fact it never wears out, so no return customers.

Alexander and Breitling agreed to meet again for further collaboration. Chair Dee Bright suggested the commission could also hear from other roofers.

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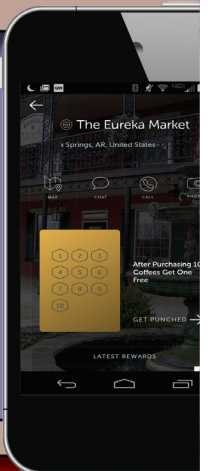
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Spring sprucing up makes for short but active agenda at HDC

NICKY BOYETTE

For its Jan. 27 meeting, the Historic District Commission had a short agenda including electing officers for 2016. Commissioners voted in this slate of officers: Chair, Dee Bright; Vice-chair, Virgil Fowler; Secretary, Ronnie Fanning; Treasurer, Steve Holifield.

There was one item of new business, and it was approved:

- 21 Clay – replace screens with windows in rear addition

Three applications on the Consent Agenda were also approved:

- Highway 62/E. Van Buren – re-face existing billboard
- 8 S. Main – new trim colors
- 34 Spring – move existing sign

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 a list of Administrative Approvals, which are applications for repair or work involving no changes in materials or color, but which include applications for changes in roofing color.

- 28 Emporia – maintenance

- 279 Spring – maintenance
- 2 Kingshighway – maintenance
- 9 White – maintenance
- 24 Kansas – maintenance
- 25 Kansas – maintenance
- 11 Pine – maintenance
- 53 Vaughn – re-roof
- 23 Elk – replace picket fence
- 21 Owen – re-roof
- 5 Owen – re-roof

Next meeting will be Wednesday, Feb. 3, at 6 p.m.

Locals take to Instagram

Eureka Springs Downtown Network has taken a new approach to social media by having locals take over their Instagram accounts for a week at a time. The idea is to show downtown and Eureka Springs as a whole through the eyes of people who live, work and play here. First to sign up were Robert Norman from Woodzy, Jana Robison from Sacred Earth Gallery, John Rankine, Hilka Zimmerman, Stella Ipswitch, Teresa DeVito and Ilene Powell.

In addition to the account, ESDN is using the hashtags #OnlyInEureka and #EurekaAfterDark to showcase photos and allow for easy searching. Anyone can use these hashtags to get their photos in the search stream.

Go to <http://Instagram.com/eurekadowntown> to see the photos.



In the spotlight – The Eureka Springs Fire & EMS staff spotlight shines on volunteer Scott Dignan for the month of January. Scott became a firefighter in 2004, following his father's footsteps. Scott works for Advance Pest Control. When you see him, pat him on the back for his hard work. *PHOTO SUBMITTED*

Enjoy a quiet, sacred place

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Reading Recovery teacher, Carrie Freeman, tells the board how schools are intervening to improve student reading skills.

Pruitt named permanent superintendent

NICKY BOYETTE

The biggest news from the Jan. 26 Eureka Springs School Board meeting came at the end when the board voted to hire Bryan Pruitt to a three-year contract as permanent superintendent beginning July 1. He has served as interim superintendent since July 1, 2015. The announcement was followed by applause and cheering from the sizable audience who had waited through a 45-minute executive session to hear the news.

Principals' reports

Carrie Freeman, reading recovery/intervention teacher for the elementary school, explained to the board what the elementary school does "for students who need further assistance." She said tests will screen out individuals who exhibit poor learning outcomes, and a committee will decide if further intervention is needed.

Programming involves small groups

of three to five students working with a teacher. Groups are tiered according to need, and movement among groups and back to regular class is fluid.

"Teaching is about modifying and adjusting," she commented.

Middle School science teacher Sharon Wesley announced sixth and seventh graders would dissect fetal pigs as part of studying human body systems. "We do pigs because that's how we lay out," she explained.

High School counselor Rachal Hyatt reported that EAST lab students took a drone for a test flight. The drone was provided by grant funds and will be used for aerial photography and videography. Also, art students are making drums out of recycled materials for display downtown. As is typical for midyear, students are engaged in a variety of activities, including getting

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BECKY GILLETTE

In Eureka Springs Billy Williams with Economic Plumbing is best known as the plumber with the black cowboy hat who shows, up no matter the weather, to help people wrangle with water, sewer or gas problems. But under that big cowboy hat there is also a preacher with a big heart. Williams is pastor of the Cowboy Church near Green Forest, which has membership of about 200 people and an arena surrounded by pastures for the church's cows and horses.

Williams said about 75 percent of their members are those who weren't previously attending church.

"We are reaching out to the un-churched people who are less comfortable in a formal setting," Williams said. "We try to break down the barriers that have prevented people from going to church. For example, some people might not go to church because they have no nice clothes. Everyone wears casual clothing at the Cowboy Church. You don't have to look a certain way."

The church started up seven years ago in conjunction with a Texas organization called the American Fellowship of Cowboy Churches. There are about 300 churches in that group, and an estimated 300 – 400 other cowboy churches across the country.

The Cowboy Church, which meets in a big metal building decorated like a barn, starts like many other churches with a prayer and some music — guitars, not pipe organs — and announcements about birthdays, anniversaries, local benefits, and prayers for the sick. Keeping the congregation current, Bible study and potluck Wednesdays are gone over, and one recent Sunday bit of advice was to check www.cowboycorner.org for more information about the Rough Riders youth group raising \$4,000.

One thing you won't find is a contribution plate being passed around.

"We don't take up an offering," Williams said. "We have a bucket at the back of the church and if someone wants

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Yippee-Ki-Yay – Pastor Billy Williams wrangles up churchgoers who are partial to roping and riding. PHOTO BY BECKY GILLETTE

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Doug Stowe, a professional woodworker since the 1970s, lives in Eureka Springs. He has authored eight woodworking instructional books, taught Wisdom of the Hands woodworking classes at Clear Spring School since 2001, and was named an "Arkansas Living Treasure" by the Arkansas Arts Council in 2009. Stowe's impressive wooden boxes were given as gifts during trade missions when then-Governor of Arkansas Bill Clinton visited foreign dignitaries in the early 1990s. Stowe began teaching at the school during his daughter's attendance and demonstrates his appreciation for hands on learning by continued teaching today. When asked why he contributes his expertise and art to Clear Spring he replied, "We teach the way they like to learn. Most artists did not have the best of times in school. Clear Spring teaches the way they (artists) like to learn."

Communication is key to best medical outcomes

BECKY GILLETTE

Natasha Marie Engleman was in her early twenties teaching dance at the Eureka Springs Elementary School in 2011 when she went to the doctor to get relief from allergies. She hadn't had a shot in the buttocks before, but immediately knew something was wrong.

"The shot injured the gluteal sciatic nerve," said Engleman's mother, Tamara Jonason. "This is happening more often than you think especially to children, young adults and older people."

Engleman, who loved to dance, can no longer dance. She can't walk, either. She is disabled and confined to laying prone most of the time. Even sitting 15 minutes in a wheelchair is difficult to endure.

"The sad thing is this was entirely preventable if the right procedures had been used," said Jonason, who has spent large amounts of time researching the issue. "What is happening is that health professionals are not doing intramuscular injections correctly. Some are not using the risk protocol for how you perform the technique and identify landmarks for safe IM injection. Instead of going into the muscle, as what is an intramuscular injection, they are going into the nerve."

"Current research into nerve injection injury clearly states if a nerve is barely grazed you can have minimal damage with possible recovery. But if the needle goes into the interior of a nerve, it wreaks havoc on the body, destroying the nerve from inside out. Needles are not supposed to go into the interior part of the nerve."

Studies indicate the problem is one seen across the world. "Sciatic nerve injury from an IM injection in the upper outer quadrant of the buttock is an

avoidable but persistent global problem, affecting patients in both wealthy and poorer health care systems," according to an article in the *International Journal of Clinical Practice*, October 2010. "The consequences of this injury are potentially devastating. Safer alternative sites for IM injections exists. These should be promoted more widely by medical and nursing organizations."

Jonason said important factors include the gauge of the needle. It needs to be appropriate for the size of the patient. Small and elderly people may not have enough fat on their buttocks and other injection sites should be considered.

"Health professionals should be able to clearly identify the landmarks for safe intramuscular injections," Jonason said. "Make sure your RN is using the correct tools, the right size needle for the person's stature and muscular makeup. The RN needs to be able to administer it correctly. When it comes to gluteal injection, people receiving an IM injection need to lie on their stomachs, not their sides. You do not flex the hip. You don't put the body hunched over the table. You lay down on the table so they can map out where the quadrants are to know where the sciatic nerve is to avoid potential harmful injury."

Another factor is the neurotoxicity of the drug being injected. "Depending on the chemical injected, if it isn't done properly, it can cause devastating problems, even paralysis," Jonason said. "We need to be able to have confidence when we seek a medical professional. Improper IM injections are happening."

Jonason stresses the importance of communication. "Communicate with the

administrator of the shot, who should be a RN, not an LPN," she said. "The RN should go over protocols with you. Ask, 'what kind of shot am I getting?' We need to be more educated and know what kind of questions to ask and things to look for. What is entirely disconcerting is that erroneous IM injections becoming nerve injection injuries could be avoided by standard IM injection protocols."

Recovery if the injury is immediately diagnosed correctly is possible. However, serious lifelong damage is dependent upon the depth of the needle into the nerve, the type of needle and the neurotoxicity of the drug administered. Engleman had two surgeries later, but they weren't successful in restoring function to her left leg.

"If you have any indication that you have a possible nerve injection injury, you don't just sit and hope that it will go

away," Jonason said. "You need specific correct treatment, professionals willing to be honest with you. The sad thing is this all could have been avoided. The World Health Organization says that sciatic nerve injury from injections are a serious, but preventable complication. Nobody should have to go through this."

The Journal of International Medical Research, June 2, 2015, concludes, "Sciatic nerve injury is a preventable complication of intramuscular gluteal injection. Total avoidable of such injections is desirable, but if a gluteal injection is essential, use of an appropriate administration technical is crucial. If any nerve injection injury is suspected, immediate and optimal injury management can reduce neurological sequelae and maximize the likelihood of recovery."

Engleman lost a week-long malpractice trial on Jan. 29.

Show your love to our library

ESDN's Cocktails for a Cause will be celebrating the Eureka Springs Carnegie Public Library on Feb. 4 from 5 – 7 p.m. at Lucky 7 at the top of the Basin Park Hotel. The library is experiencing a budget gap and the goal is to help fill that through the event. Lucky 7 will be mixing up Hemingway inspired mojitos for a literary themed cocktail. The door donations, raffle and 33% of the drinks sold during the event are donated to the Cause and ESDN Main Street program.

The Village Writing School, The Writers' Colony and Madison and Carroll County Library will be on hand to share about their organizations support to readers and writers alike. Guests will also be treated to booths with independent authors selling their books.

The library is also creating comparative beads for guests to wear as they travel from event to event throughout the season. To ramp up for the event, the library encourages you to go into the library to have your "I Love My Library" selfie taken. There will be prizes at Cocktails for those who share their selfie online. This festive evening promises to promote our love of our library and celebrate reading and writing in Eureka Springs.



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Traveler's feedback

Editor,

The town and people of Eureka Springs are great. My wife and I love to visit. My latest experience has not been good at all. I am a 100% veteran who uses a service dog for some of my issues. When I had made reservations at a lodge I informed them of my service dog. Shortly after I received this email.

On 2016-01-30, lodge response, "Hi there, we are not pet friendly, but if you have the paperwork for your service dog, we will allow the dog. We do charge a pet fee of \$25.00 per day plus tax plus \$100 deposit payable in cash at the check in. Please confirm, if that is okay with you. Thank you!"

This is in direct violation of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ada.gov). I am being charged a fee and discriminated against because of my disabilities. I have emailed the lodge and called several times only to get an answering machine. With all the information all over the news about service animals, you would assume a business owner would know the laws by now. I am canceling my reservations.

Patrick Wadleigh
Waynesville, Mo.

Education should benefit the many

Editor,

How well our education system works determines who we are as a people and what form our future society will take. The billionaire class, with their corporate wealth producing tools and legislative control, has put our educational system under extreme stress. By pushing austerity programs, these invaluable institutions are being attacked in two ways, both in the value of the educational "product" itself and also in the cost of this education.

First, the current universal use of part-time, very poorly paid "adjunct" instructors, who must work split shifts at several colleges to make ends meet, does not bode well for the quality of instruction. These adjuncts live precarious lives, some living in their vehicles, with little time for study or research to improve their knowledge or teaching ability. For this and other reasons, the value of higher education has been diminished. Second, to make things worse, the major costs of higher education has been transferred to the individual by loss of public funding. The student's costs are now thousands of dollars each semester

(\$5 to \$10 thousand is not unusual) even at public colleges and universities.

The loans needed to obtain this diminished educational product are impoverishing a large segment of our young working-class students. Incredibly, the total student debt has now surpassed total credit card debt in the US (more than one trillion dollars). Unless one is a child of the moneyed elite, she will incur loans that may affect her for life, since finding decent paying work in our deteriorating economy is extremely difficult. And not having a college degree may severely limit one's ability to support oneself in a satisfactory way.

Free public education at all levels, and relief from existing school debt, is a fundamental part of Bernie Sanders' social program. How to pay for it? Bernie wants to institute a financial transaction tax. The FTT is a tax on the market speculation that greatly benefits a few at the expense of the many.

Rand Cullen

The H.I. Lie

Editor,

Inhabitants of northern Arkansas, residents of Carroll County, citizens of Holiday Island: Take notice. This is a wakeup call to everyone. A deception of epic proportion has existed right under your very noses for nearly 46 years. You *all* are unwittingly participating in a well-orchestrated campaign of misinformation. As lemmings blindly following over the cliff, so you have been naively propagating a myth that, once debunked, will realize gross and devastating consequences.

Having frequented the Table Rock and Beaver area now for ten years I have grown quite fond of the culture, people, and beauty in the surrounding communities. I could barely contain my abhorrence and disappointment when I discovered The H.I. Lie. How could everyone be oblivious to, or ignore what was so blatantly false?

Conviction these many years prevented me from coming forward and exposing the undisputed truth. One could liken my plight to Charles Darwin's 23 year delayed publication of his *Theory of Evolution* for fear of the implications to conventional beliefs. But, I cannot in good conscience remain silent any longer. I cannot allow the deceit to continue unchecked.

Holiday Island... is a peninsula!

Tom Bergquist



WEEK'S Top Tweets

@idiosity: I may not be rich, I may not be smart, I may not be a good singer, I may not be a good dancer... I forgot where I was going with that.

@hazelmotes: Why does everyone have to point out they adopted their dog? Are they worried that we're suspicious because it doesn't look like them?

@KThonvold: Despite watching several YouTube instructional videos, the appendectomy was unsuccessful.

@jonnysun: After every snowstorm animals must spend a few brief moments wondering if nature has claimed back the world and the humans have finally gone.

@soren_ltd: I carry around a note in my wallet that says, "The

curse must be passed, I'm so sorry" in case it's ever stolen.

@abbyhasissues: I thought by this point in my life I would know what to do with my arms when I sleep, but nope, still confused.

@internethippo: Great, I clicked on "Start Your Free Trial" and now I'm convicted of murder.

@hippieswordfish: The reason quarterbacks can throw the ball so far is because it's filled with spiders and they hate it so much.

@andyrichter: I rarely watch Fox News because every time I do I feel like I'm sitting in on a very unpleasant condo board meeting.

@david8hughes: I'm allergic to bears. One bear bite & it's straight to the ER for me.

When votes are for sale, someone will buy them

Dale Ramsey, who is running for the newly-created District Judge position for Carroll and Madison Counties, dropped by this morning and said he has visited more than 3,000 homes in the two counties.

We asked him how people were leaning in the presidential race and how many of them are armed.

Dale answered with the obvious, “Eureka Springs, Bernie. Rural communities, Trump. And no one wants Hillary.” Why not? “They think she’s a liar.”

We countered that she is the best known and most admired politician in the world, according to about eight years of stories on the Internet. If people from other countries trust and befriend her, why don’t we?

Part of it might be that we live in an area where taxidermy shops are four times larger than post offices and marriage is a word. Part of it might be because we believe everything we hear if we hear it enough times. Maybe we know she’s a lousy campaigner even though she’s a robust negotiator.

It makes no difference that we all know we’re not going to privatize Social Security and Medicare, we’re not going to carpet bomb ISIS out of existence, we’re not going to deport 11 million undocumented people, and we’re not going to stop complaining until everything goes our way, whatever that is. We know the decline of working and middle class people is real, and it’s a colossal performance failure by American leadership. No amount of hollow rhetoric, right or left, will change that. Yet... we want to vote or at least know we can.

After the caucuses in Iowa last night we were left wondering what it is that makes us want rebels in our White House. Shouldn’t the candidate we prefer be the one who thinks the most like us? How many of us, even if we had ten billion dollars, would choose to wear a necktie all day every day and own three helicopters? To go where? Dinner at Ermilio’s?

How many of us can honestly vote for someone who always seems to be talking to the mirror? How can we knowingly vote for a fraud? Why should a candidate who is *muy loco en la cabeza* get our attention? But they’re here, these presidential candidates, involving themselves in our daily lives with a solution to our anxiety. This is election season and oodles of money is being flaunted to get our sympathy and vote. Voters can do no wrong, only candidates can.

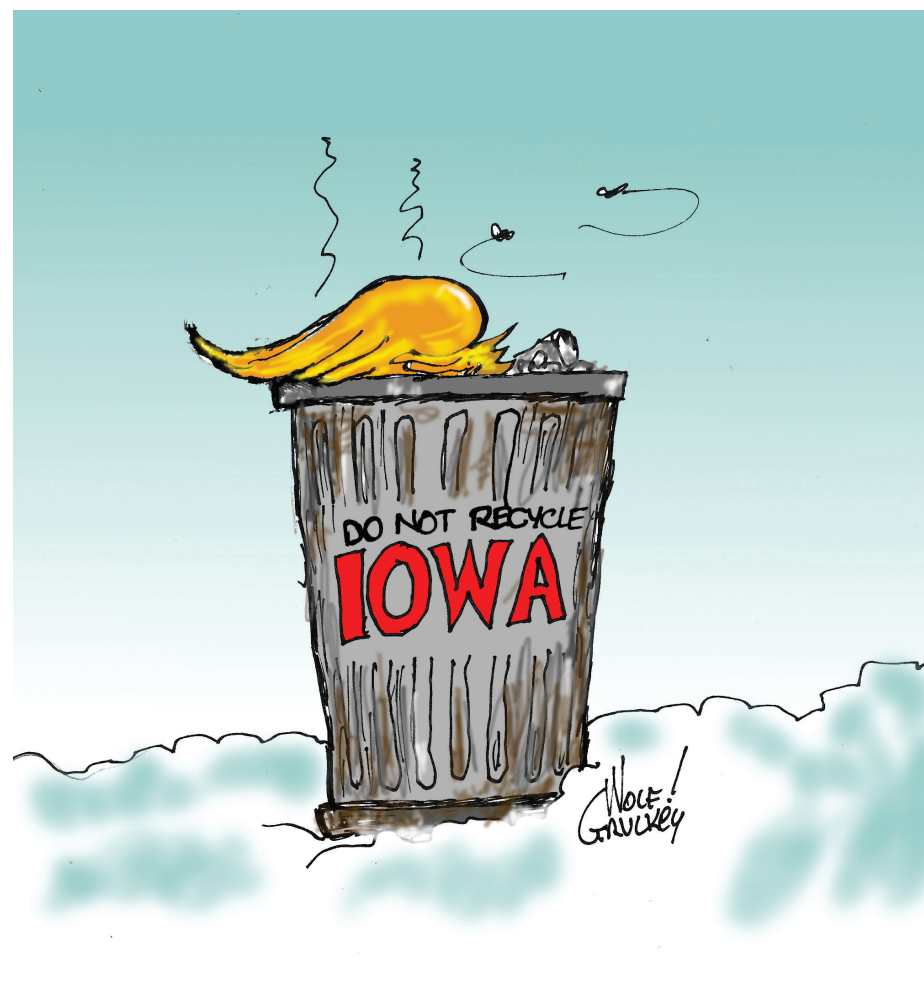
Surely there’s a heart-head combo in this election. People obviously have heart for Bernie or Trump, one because he resonates with our plight and has an improvement plan, the other because he’s part of the establishment who is running as anti-establishment. Goodness, we do love the bad boys. They’re always more fun.

But how many of us have off-shore accounts to avoid paying taxes? Really, it seems to us that if a candidate wants us to believe him or her, he or she wouldn’t be avoiding taxes in the country he or she wants to lead, ya know? Just because it’s “good business” does not mean it’s patriotic.

So far we haven’t found the perfect candidate, whether in the race or not. All the perfect people are dead, that’s why we quote them all the time. Which leaves 319 million of us who want to eat, sleep, work, play and cavort with abandon, but we’re making it impossible on ourselves. For instance, what if it’s true that this planet is ours to do with what we want, but it’s the only one we get? If we don’t treat it well, it won’t be destroyed but we might be. How do recyclers co-exist with polluters? Make an amendment?

Everything is changing faster than we are, and there might be an election before many of us make up our mind, but to keep it in perspective, we also didn’t know so many gracious and trusting people in rural Arkansas would invite a politician in for coffee and have a pistol next to the recliner, in plain view.

MARY PAT BOIAN



The Pursuit Of HAPPINESS

by Dan Krotz

Concepcion Picciotto, age 80, died last week at a shelter for homeless women in Washington, DC. She wasn’t really homeless, but lived in a tent on Pennsylvania Avenue across the street from the White House. She’d been there since the summer of 1981, and if you’ve visited the White House anytime in the last 30 years or so you might have seen her. She’d be holding up anti-war signs and, not so quietly, chanting anti-war slogans like “Read My Lips No New Wars,” and “If You Want Peace Work for Justice.”

It’s against the law to camp out in the District, but Picciotto was aided and abetted by similar minded pacifists and volunteers who spelled her for a few hours every day to assure that Picciotto’s exercise of free speech – not camping – went on around the clock, much to the chagrin of the Park Service. Five Presidents have driven by her tent, often more than once a day, but there is no record of any of them stopping by what had become the longest continuous act of political protest in US history.

Picciotto was something of an enigma. She was probably an immigrant from Spain, probably married another immigrant – a guy from Italy – and may have adopted a daughter in the early ‘70s. She was committed to a mental hospital shortly thereafter, and then moved to the District in the late ‘70s after her release. There, she met anti-nuclear activists William and Ellen Thomas and began her Pennsylvania Avenue residence.

I first heard about Picciotto from Daniel and Philip Berrigan, who sometimes stayed at the Catholic Worker House in Minneapolis. I cooked dinner there on Sunday nights.

“Concepcion is crazy,” Philip had said, smiling, “but in the sanest possible way.”

Many years later, I had a job that took me to Washington about once a month, and I usually stayed in a hotel just behind the White House. I’d walk around the White House and over to see her, and I’d give her \$20. After a few years she started to remember me when I’d come by. “Mr. Twenty Dollars!” she’d say. “How ya doing!”

I’d tell her I was doing pretty good.

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 25

11:26 a.m. – Constable responded to a residential burglary alarm and found the house secure. Dogs inside the house might have triggered the alarm.
6:32 p.m. – Individual told ESPD her cell phone had been taken while she was at a bar the previous Friday night.

JANUARY 26

10:54 a.m. – Resident near downtown reported an untethered and unsupervised chicken pecking around her yard. Authorities swooped in and were able to capture it and encage it at the kennel. ESPD posted its image on Facebook, and the owner called to claim her hen.

JANUARY 27

8:40 a.m. – ESPD learned two dogs were fighting at the elementary school. When constable arrived, the dogs were just playing and had wandered out of city limits.
11:13 a.m. – Traffic stop resulted in the arrest of the driver for driving on a suspended license.
10:57 p.m. – Central dispatch reported one vehicle was repeatedly crashing into another one at a gas station. Constables responded as well as deputies, since the event occurred outside city limits.

JANUARY 28

6:16 a.m. – Manager of a tourist lodging got a call from the alarm company and asked for a constable to check the vicinity. He found the building secure.
9:43 a.m. – Green Forest PD asked ESPD to serve a warrant at a local business. Subject was located and arrested.
3:38 p.m. – There was a two-vehicle accident on US 62 in the commercial area. Both vehicles were towed.
5:14 p.m. – An allegedly reckless driver was headed north through Eureka Springs. Constables did not see the vehicle. Other authorities were alerted.

JANUARY 29

3:34 a.m. – Concerned observer reported a suspicious vehicle on the east side of town. Constables watched for but did not encounter it.
3:53 a.m. – Two teens availed themselves of the pool at a tourist lodging until the manager chased them away. Constables patrolled the vicinity but never saw the

erstwhile swimmers.

8:29 a.m. – Constables went to the scene of a reported break-in for a report.
8:41 a.m. – Alarmed witness reported a domestic disturbance in progress at a tourist lodging. The male was allegedly slamming the female against a wall. The male fled the scene but constables soon encountered him nearby and arrested him for domestic battery.
1:48 p.m. – Store manager alerted ESPD to a possible shoplifting incident. The constable spoke with the manager and the suspect whom he arrested for shoplifting.
4:05 p.m. – Constable red-tagged a vehicle parked in the same spot in a neighborhood for more than 72 hours.
5:42 p.m. – A business on US 62 reported a suspicious female on the premises. Constable went there but did not find her.
6:56 p.m. – Residential burglar alarm rang out and a constable responded. He found the house secure and no signs of attempted entry.
11:56 p.m. – Traffic stop resulted in the arrest of the driver for DWI, driving left of center and implied consent.

JANUARY 30

12:44 a.m. – Constables checked on an alarm at a business and found the building secure.
7:22 a.m. – Resident in a neighborhood complained his neighbor's dogs bark continually all times of day. Constable was not able to speak to the owner.
7:07 p.m. – A family reported a family member was missing. Constable found him soon thereafter, and everyone was reunited.
11:49 p.m. – Traffic stop resulted in the arrest of the driver for driving on a suspended license, violating the noise ordinance, and two warrants out of CCSO.

JANUARY 31

1:36 p.m. – Constables watched for but did not encounter a reportedly erratic driver on US 62.
7:02 p.m. – Alarmed observer told ESPD she saw a female dragging a small child down a neighborhood street. Constables went to the street and searched but did not encounter anyone matching the description.

Foundation scholarships available for Carroll County students

Arkansas students can apply online for more than 100 private scholarships through Arkansas Community Foundation. April 1 is the deadline to apply and students can begin their online application by visiting www.arcf.org/scholarships.

Each scholarship has its own eligibility criteria and the Community Foundation's scholarships are for Arkansas students pursuing higher education at two or four year colleges or universities, vocational schools or technical training programs.

Eligible scholarships for Carroll County students include:

- Supercow Endowment for Academic Excellence in Agriculture – Agriculture based majors
- Ashley Lodge #66 Scholarship Endowment –

Berryville students only

- William & Rosanna Sumner Education Opportunity Endowment – Alpena and Green Forest students only
- Dr. Austin C. Smith Memorial Scholarship – Medical field studies
- Poultry Federation Scholarship – students whose families are affiliated with poultry production.

Local public, private and homeschool students are encouraged to go online and browse all available scholarships. For more information about scholarships available for Carroll County students or to find out how to create a scholarship endowment that benefit local students, contact the Carroll County Community Foundation at (479) 253-8203 or carrollcounty@arcf.org.

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 Three – Transportation Difficulties of the Early Days

When the railroad was built from Seligman to Eureka Springs some engineering feats were required to overcome barriers. One of these was a high stone bluff which came down to the edge of the White River from near the mouth of Butler Creek almost to Beaver. That wall of solid rock was blasted down to make room for the railroad track to be laid. With a roadbed of solid rock, the track has on the north a perpendicular wall of rock, on the south the river bordered with many sized rocks and boulders scattered from the roadbed down into the water: rocks that were blasted out to make room for the track.

The river makes a wide loop and east of Beaver flows along the foot of a precipitous ridge that presented the second barrier that must be removed before the White River was crossed. The surveyors must have found the narrowest place in that mountain ridge. To the north, the ridge widens very much, but presents to the river a rocky face that ascends gradually until the river curves off again in the third side of a U-shaped loop. Right at the apex of the curve the roadway for the railroad was carved through solid rock. I do not think the distance through the ledge here is a hundred feet, the vertical distance greater. Thus a passage through the ridge was blasted out wide enough to lay the railroad on this stone foundation. They call the place the Narrows: the bridge was built to connect with it. The piers of the bridge are of stone; there was no lack of material. After the railroad crosses the bridge and comes through the Narrows after a very short distance it crosses Leatherwood Creek over the first, so I have heard, of forty trestles that span Leatherwood between the Narrows and Eureka Springs, a distance of six miles.

The Clayton family lived for some time in the old St. Charles. There were four children. The oldest daughter married while they lived there, and went to live somewhere else. Powell, Junior, the only son, attended public school for some time: he fades from

my mental picture, but from *Goodspeed's History of Arkansas* I find he had been sent to the Pennsylvania Military Academy. The younger daughters, Charlotte and Kathleen, played with the children of North Main Street, and sometimes attended the public school. We attended a children's party that Mrs. Clayton gave for her daughters. We played in a large flat space south of the St. Charles that was called the Park. Two springs issued from the cliffs that bordered the east side of the Park. One of these springs furnished a sizable brook that emptied into Lake Leatherwood a few rods distant.

When the Crescent Hotel was completed the Claytons moved up there. They were living there when we left Eureka Springs in the spring of 1892.

From *Goodspeed's History*, and from the *Souvenir of Eureka Springs*, I have gleaned some facts. General Clayton, ex-governor of Arkansas, was born in Pennsylvania in 1833, attended a military academy, and also studied civil engineering. He was sent to Leavenworth, Kansas, as a surveyor. In 1861 he enlisted in a Kansas regiment. He was in the Battle of Wilson's Creek, south of Springfield, Missouri. In this Union defeat General Nathaneal Lyons was killed. When the G.A.R. [Grand Army of the Republic] was organized at Eureka Springs in 1881 with about a hundred members (our father was one) the name Lyons Post was chosen.

Powell Clayton became a prominent figure in Arkansas. He married a girl from Helena, Arkansas. He was influential in the building of the Eureka Springs Railroad. He was president and manager, and president of The Eureka Springs Improvement Company. Is the monogram in the central stone in the wall supporting the pavilion at the foot of the steps leading up to the Crescent Hotel, if it is there now, decipherable? As a child I studied and puzzled over that monogram until I at last saw the letters were E.S.I.C. and stood for Eureka Springs Improvement Company.

Powell Clayton was appointed Minister to Mexico by President McKinley. He was later made the first Ambassador to Mexico. It

was there that his daughter Charlotte met and married a member of the Belgian Diplomatic Corps. I read during the First World War that her experience during that period was very unpleasant.

The son Powell, while still a young man, was killed in an accident.

When attending the Old Schoolmates Reunion in Eureka Springs in 1915, I saw in a bookstore a copy of Powell Clayton's book, *The Aftermath of the Civil War in Arkansas*. I bought a copy for my father.

After the Crescent Hotel was built, the park at the St. Charles was full of tanks, pipes and pumps. I believe that water from those springs was being pumped up to the Crescent. There was a big tank below Spring Street across from that Pavilion south of the Crescent Spring.

The last time I was in Eureka Springs I saw what must be a spring house over the larger of those two springs in the Park, one near the St. Charles building.



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Party like you're in N'Awlins

Say *Hooray for Hollywood* on Thursday, Feb. starting at 4 p.m. at the Eureka Mardi Gras Jokers Masquerade Ball at the Inn of the Ozarks Convention Center. Enjoy a costume contest, live entertainment, N'awlins-Style hors d'oeuvres and a mini parade inside, N'awlins style.

Tickets are \$25 or \$250/table. For tickets contact Steve Roberson at (479) 253-7018 or Mary Popovac at (225) 405-9672.

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 parade 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.

For more information on the second Mardi Gras parade email nlpaddock@gmail.com or call (479) 244-0123. Applications can be downloaded at www.eurekaspringsmardigras.org.

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



And the Queens float on – Former Mardi Gras Queens Tanya Smith, Cné Breaux, Dani Joy and reigning Queen Pam Davenport give a smile to their subjects from atop the Queen's Float in the Mardi Gras Night Parade last Saturday. The Mardi Gras Day Parade is this Saturday at 2 p.m.

PHOTO BY BECKY GILLETTE

Permaculture study group Feb. 6

Permaculture Principles and Designs in an Ecovillage Network is the title of the meeting of the Northwest Arkansas Permaculture on Feb. 6 at 10 a.m. at Mariellen Griffith's home, 129 Appaloosa Drive, Holiday Island. Permaculture is a system of agricultural and social design principles centered around simulating or directly utilizing the patterns and features in natural ecosystems.

For more information or directions contact Jerry Landrum at (479) 244-0377.



Drawing quite a crowd – People gathered in Basin Park in anticipation for the Mardi Gras night parade that came rolling down Spring Street last Saturday. PHOTO BY JAY VRECEK

Foreign film fest at the Carnegie Library

The Eureka Springs Carnegie Public Library kicks off its annual Secret Season Cinema foreign film festival on Friday, Feb. 5 at 7 p.m. with the critically-acclaimed Iranian film *About Elly* from Oscar winning director Asghar Farhadi. This thriller unfolds the mystery of a young teacher who disappears on a weekend trip to the beach and gives a

unique look into the lives of middle-class Iranians and the balance between Islamic tradition and modern expectations.

This film is not rated. The screening will take place in the Library Annex Friends Room. Admission and popcorn are free. For more information go to events calendar at eurekalibrary.org or call (479) 253-8754.

Exploring Sufism

All are welcome to join in an inquiry into Sufism on Feb. 10 and 24 at 7 p.m. at 68 West Mountain St. and explore the teachings, practices, stories, music and poetry of the Sufis. The group gathers twice a month on the 2nd, 4th or 5th Wednesdays.

Soup Sunday at EUUF

Learn from the wisdom of the elder members of the congregation at the Eureka Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 17 Elk Street on Feb. 7 at 11 a.m. It will also be Soup Sunday with soups, bread, sweets, juice, wine

and tea with great conversation. Bring something to share if you can. Cost for Soup Sunday is \$4 for adults, \$2/children and maximum of \$10 per family.

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

Stop! Don't flush that!

BECKY GILLETTE

Don't believe it. Many products such as baby wipes and other similar products claim on the label that they are flushable. But they aren't and can cause major plumbing problems.

A downtown property owner recently had a toilet back up. The plumber found a large amount of baby wipes and paper towels clogging the sewer line. It took several hours for them to clean up inside, in addition to the plumber's bill of about \$200.

The plumber warned her that unless she could get the people up-sewer from her from putting non-biodegradable paper products in the toilet, the same thing is likely to happen again. Several more downtown property owners have also reportedly had sewer backups lately.

Dwayne Allen, director of Public Works for Eureka Springs, said putting products that are labeled "flushable" but which are non-biodegradable is a problem not unique to Eureka Springs, but a

concern all over the country. The Water Environment Federation (WEF) is trying to get laws changed to forbid companies from advertising products as flushable that are not.

"Perpetrators mucking up the system are known as 'nondispersibles,' which currently means anything other than human waste and toilet paper that's flushed down the toilet," said Robert Villée, WEF Collection Systems Committee Flushables Task Group member. "The industry reference for dispersability is two-ply toilet paper... [which] starts to break apart when the toilet is flushed and is indistinguishable in the wastewater system in a matter of seconds," Villée said.

He said anything labeled as flushable should start to break apart during the flush and completely disperse within five minutes.

Allen said at times there have been so many inappropriate products flushed down the sewer that it has backed up four-

inch service lines.

"It will burn pumps up and everything else," Allen said. "A lot of those things should not be labeled flushable because they are not. It will flush, but it won't disintegrate. We get them all the way to the sewage treatment plant where we screen them out."

Allen said when the sewer is clogged or a city wastewater pump burns up, it is the citizens who end up paying for that in the end. The biggest culprits are any kind of cloth like baby wipes, adult wipes or medical wipes. Toilet paper is okay. But even then, don't overdo it.

"Unless you have a paper that you know is going to disintegrate, don't flush it down the toilet," Allen said.

The other biggest issue that can result in clogged drains and sewer backups is grease. Allen said grease is frequently an issue in Eureka Springs. All grease should be removed, landfilled or recycled.

"Grease should never go in the

drain," he said. "It has been a problem. We have seen an eight-inch line plugged up with grease from top to the bottom. It is amazing the amount of grease we end up getting in some of these lines."

Grease recycling is offered at the Carroll County Solid Waste Recycling Center on US 62.

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Celebrate Jesus night before Easter

The *Celebrate Jesus Parade & Concert* will take place March 25 and 26. Christian musicians for the concert and floats, walking groups, banners, horses and dancers for the parade are being sought. For more information call (479) 253-8925 or email lardellen@gmail.com.

Be an Earth prayer activist

Help uplift humanity and Earth on Thursday, Feb. 4 by sending light and prayers to severe and difficult Earth circumstances from 11 a.m. – noon. People of all faiths and paths are welcomed to help transform suffering into wholeness across the globe.

Go downstairs on the left side of Heart of Many Ways, 68 Mountain St. Call Amrit, Interfaith Minister, at (479) 253-3165 for more information.

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Code Yellow Alert for all blood types

The Community Blood Center of the Ozarks will hold a blood drive on Monday, Feb. 8 from 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. at the Holiday Island Elks Lodge, 4 Parkcliff Drive. Each donation will be awarded LifePoints as 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 with others or on the LifePoints donor rewards program go to www.cbco.org or call toll-free (800) 280-5337.



Learning from the best – Longtime Eureka Springs artist Denise Ryan answered questions from a crowd of almost two dozen people at the Holiday Island Art Guild on Tuesday. She spoke about her paintings and about the two galleries she co-owns: Eureka Fine Art Gallery and Spring Street Gallery. *PHOTO BY JAY VRECEK*



Moving the Mother shrine – The Mother shrine was moved Monday to the Joy Motel. (l. – r.) Whitney Capps, Eric Sheunemann, Quinn Whitney, Ralph Shrine, Thomas from the Joy Motel, John Stalling and Robbie Thomas all helped to move the shrine to its new residence.

PHOTO BY NANCY PADDOCK

DAR meeting Feb. 11

The Abendschone Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution will meet at noon on Thursday, Feb. 11 at ECHO Community Room. There will be a business meeting followed by an awards

ceremony honoring local high school senior students for their participation in DAR's Good Citizens Award program. For more information email pjvjones@outlook.com or phone (479) 363-6005.

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to give, they can. It is a freewill offering. Some people might not have money to put in the offering and it makes them feel bad. We take that barrier away."

There are indeed lots of cowboy hats and farmer caps in the audience, and something else rarely seen at church – more men than women.

Williams dresses the part and speaks the lingo. One recent Sunday he wore an old black powder pistol to illustrate a point where he linked an old Western movie with the good guys running out of ammo to people hitting difficult times without having the spirituality needed to make it through.

"It is what goes into the soul of a man that will bring you through the worst part of life," Williams said. "When stress comes out, whatever is laid up inside is what comes out. If you are sarcastic and mean, that is what comes out. We all face tragedies better when we have prepared by having a good relationship with God."

This isn't a church where people fidget and can't wait to get out the door after the service. People hang around, sometimes for hours. There might be an activity in the arena.

"Everything we do in that arena has a purpose to get people to church," Williams said. "Sorting is where you put the cattle in one pen and then get a certain numbered

cow and bring it to the other pen. You do it in a real calm manner just like if you were on a ranch. It is called ranch sorting. We had one of those this past Sunday. We had twenty people out in the arena on horseback taking advantage of the good weather."

They teach roping, have barrel racing clinics, and extreme cowboy and cowboy golf out in the cow pasture. The Cowboy Church raises money for charitable outreach, such as donations to the Merlin Foundation to help cancer victims. Anyone in Carroll County can apply for assistance of up to \$100 per request for things like buying gas to get to cancer treatments.

On Feb. 14 at 11 a.m., they will host an annual event memorializing loved ones lost to cancer, and hear testimonies from cancer survivors.

"During this process, hopefully people with cancer will realize they are not alone, that there are other people who have gone through it and are willing to help them," Williams said. "We finish it off with a dinner. It is all free."

Williams didn't always lead the life of a pastor. In his younger days, he was a rodeo cowboy.

"I had some good friends I rodeoed with," he said. "We lived with each other, shared food, and went all over the country rodeoing. We got into wild and crazy things including drugs and alcohol. My life began to change when I got married and I realized I couldn't live

the lifestyle I was living and had to give up my friends. I was trying to straighten up my life and I couldn't do it by being around my old friends. Years later I got saved. I took Christ as my savior."

Williams first learned about the Cowboy Church from a television program. "I feel like God worked through me to start the Cowboy Church," he said. "Every once in a while you get one of those do overs in your life. I feel like God gave me a do over, an opportunity to do the right thing. And rather than forsaking friends, I could go back and draw them in. The Cowboy Church was an opening for that. I was preaching to people here in Arkansas like my rodeo friends in Texas. Then two years ago God began to work on me to do a reunion amongst my rodeo friends. I found almost everyone on the Internet, and now we have reunions every few months. In the process, two of my friends have gotten saved. That means everything to me. God give me an opportunity to complete my job by being part of the Cowboy Church."

His target for members ranges wider than cowboys or farmers. It may be just someone who likes Western music. Or people who find traditional church too constricting.

"My responsibility is to keep it all headed in the right direction," he said. "If we get to being too much like regular church, I say, 'No, folks, we can't do that.'"

Query the write way at the Writers' Colony

Laura McHugh will teach you how to find a reputable literary agents and write an effective query letter to publishers at the Writers' Colony, 515 Spring Street, on Saturday, Feb. 6. The four hour class, from 1 – 5 p.m. will cover:

- How to find and research agents
- How to choose the right agents to query
- How to write a effective query letter
- How to navigate the query process

Laura McHugh is the recipient of the My Time Fellowship at the Writers' Colony at Dairy Hollow for 2015. She is a guest of the Colony for two weeks where she is working on her third novel.

The class is \$25 and limited to 20 participants. Email director@writerscolony.org or call (479) 253-7444 to register.



LAURA McHUGH

Reading and meditation Feb. 4

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

Metafizzies Feb. 8

Rebekah Clark will lead the Eureka Springs Metaphysical Society meeting in a session of Divine singing and sound meditation on Monday, Feb. 8. No vocal experience is necessary. Chants and mantras from multiple traditions will be used. The gathering will begin at 7 p.m. at the Heart of Many Ways, 68 Mountain Street. All are welcome.

Dinner and a Double

Treat yourself and your Valentine with an evening of good food and two shows presented by ES Tableaux on Friday, Feb. 12. The Eureka HS Drama Department will serve a pasta meal from 6 – 6:45 p.m. followed by a double feature of two humorous dramas about dating. The cost for the meal and double feature is \$10 for adults and \$5 for students. For more information call Mr. Rick Mann at (479) 253-8875.

Ham Radio Testing

The Little Switzerland Amateur Radio Club will be conducting tests for technician, general and extra class amateur radio licenses on Feb. 13 at 6 p.m. The tests will be given at the Physicians building at Mercy Hospital in Berryville, 211 Carter St.

There is a charge of \$15 for each individual taking the tests. If you wish to test contact Terry Dean at terryjdean@cox.net or call (870) 350-0385 or Gary Jones at gmjar@outlook.com or call (479) 363-6005.

What's up, doc? Scholarships!

Application is open to all 2016 Carroll County graduating seniors who plan to enter any field of medicine for two \$1,000 scholarships. Applications, which have been provided to school counselors, are due by Friday, March 11 at noon and the scholarships will be announced by April 15. Applications may be obtained by emailing MercyBerryvilleAuxiliary@mail.com.

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Chinese New Year of the Red Fire Monkey

Monday, Feb. 8, is Aquarius new moon (19 degrees) and Chinese New Year of the Red Fire Monkey (an imaginative, intelligent and vigilant creature). Monkey is bright, quick, lively, quite naughty, clever and inquiring, sensible and reliable. Monkey loves to help others. Often they are teachers, writers and linguists. They are very talented, like renaissance people. Leonardo Da Vinci was born in the year of Monkey.

Monkey contains Metal (relation to gold) and Water (wisdom, danger). 2016 will be a year of finances. For a return on one's money, invest in monkey's ideas. Metal is related to Wind (change). Therefore, events in 2016 will change very quickly. We must ponder with care before making financial, business and relationship changes. Fortune's path may not be smooth in 2016. Finances and business as usual will be challenged. Although we develop practical goals, the

outcomes are different than hoped for. We must be cautious with investments and business partnership. It is most important to cultivate a balanced and harmonious daily life, seeking ways to release tension, pressure and stress to improve health and calmness.

Monkey is lively, flexible, quick-witted and versatile. Their gentle, honest, enchanting yet resourceful nature results often in everlasting love. Monkeys are freedom loving. Without

freedom, Monkey becomes dull, sad and very unhappy. During the Spring and Autumn Period (770-476 BC), the Chinese official title of Marquis (noble person) was pronounced "Hou," the same as the pronunciation of "monkey" in Chinese. Monkey was thereby bestowed with auspicious (favorable, fortunate) meaning.

Monkey years - 1920, 1932, 1944, 1956, 1968, 1980, 1992, 2004, 2016.

ARIES: It's important to be with like-minded others, to consider what groups need your initiating leadership. It's possible you're being attracted, magnetized or simply swept into a group that recognizes your talents and gifts. Extend your endeavors into more community efforts. Investigate what other communities are doing to unify their economics.

You become cause oriented, impersonal and humanitarian.

TAURUS: Your purpose is to research the new economic structures that define the new Aquarian businesses that bring forth the new sustainability for humanity. You are attempting to anchor the new ideas (entrepreneurships) that bring about unlimited resources needed for the coming new times. All assets are to be used differently now. No longer tossed away but tended to, saved, and cherished. To re-order, reorganize and reconstruct the world.

GEMINI: Here is the difference between the aspirant (seeker) and the Disciple. The aspirant experiences (is tossed about by) events in form and matter. They are unreflective and unaware of others needing to be focused only upon the self. The Disciple is the Observer, still experiencing life but aware and reflective. Which of these defines you? Are you the jungle, the clearing or the Path? Do you exhibit understanding?

CANCER: A great time of testing, transformation and regeneration has begun.

This also means crisis is felt. Within the crisis is the seed of regeneration. Hidden within regeneration is Resurrection. Much of the time you hide in darkness, with intermittent soaring in the air. Do you dream of birds? What hurts eventually heals. Then we become healers. Stand in the Light of the Sun, morning and evening and at noon.

LEO: Observing the changes. Preparing for Aquarius, your shadow. From disharmony, harmony emerges. From imbalance equilibrium and a new balance emerges. From not knowing about love comes "love that underlies the happenings of the times." From needing to dominate comes the desire to serve. From seeing only the light of self emerges a light that shines over the earth across the seas. You become this Light.

VIRGO: Your inner and outer worlds are merging. As you searched for order within the

disorder, order appeared like magic out from the chaos. At first you were fearful and now you're resourceful. You see yourself no longer imprisoned by form but that you (humanity and all the Kingdoms and the Earth itself) are actually Divine Form. Your perfect purity is showing.

LIBRA: You'll be like a Leo for a while. Leo is about the heart. Stand in the Sun's light at dawn and dusk. A special light bathes and brings healing to the body. I see there's a wound occurring in your daily life. Visualize the heart of the Sun (Love/Wisdom) streaming into your heart. Then love flows more easily and you see life changes. Connect your heart with the hearts of those around you. Instead of reflecting the light of others you become their source of Light.

SCORPIO: You've become the mother (nurturer). The chaos and conflict you feel are actually states of creativity needed for the New Harmony in your life to emerge. You're shedding old desires, moving into states of sharing, qualities of the disciple. From the waters of the womb to swimming in the waters of the earth you're now seeking the Waters of Life. You're thirsty. You help others.

You're the Mother now.

SAGITTARIUS: You're changing, shifting and mutating, entering into a new state of relations with everyone. Eventually you'll step into Right Relations.

At first you related only to yourself, then awareness of others appeared. This is the horizontal arm of the Cross. Seeking God, you step upon the vertical arm of the Cross. Tossed about by the wind soon you'll co-direct the wind. The open doors you seek aren't quite ready yet. Soon. Patience. Go west.

CAPRICORN: In the coming days you'll attempt to bring harmony to all conflicts. When conflict appears, people usually exhibit agitation. They turn away. But you don't - realizing when conflict appears it means a new harmony is seeking to come forth. Conflict is a life force, the old dying away, the new emerging. You realize conflict & chaos must exist. They are the other side of harmony. The horns of conflict become the "horns of plenty" (harmony). Knowing this calms your world.

AQUARIUS: An Aries quality (all things new) colors all events in your life for a while. The stars ask a question of you. "What inspires you?" It's important to ponder and go deep within the self to answer this question. Then to go about each day, with discipline, doing all that brings you motivation, stimulation and encouragement. What is your muse? Is it a person, an art form, a place, a season? Tend very carefully to financial resources.

PISCES: Here are some questions for Pisces. Where is your focus? Upon the self, humanity or is it a world focus? Do you respond personally, impersonally or trans-personally to events? Are you reactive, reflective or inventive? Is your movement chaotic, purposeful or like a spiral? Pisces is the sign that "saves the world." Here is a prayer to say each day. It "saves" the day. "Lead us O Lord from darkness to light, from the unreal to the real, from death to immortality, from chaos to beauty."

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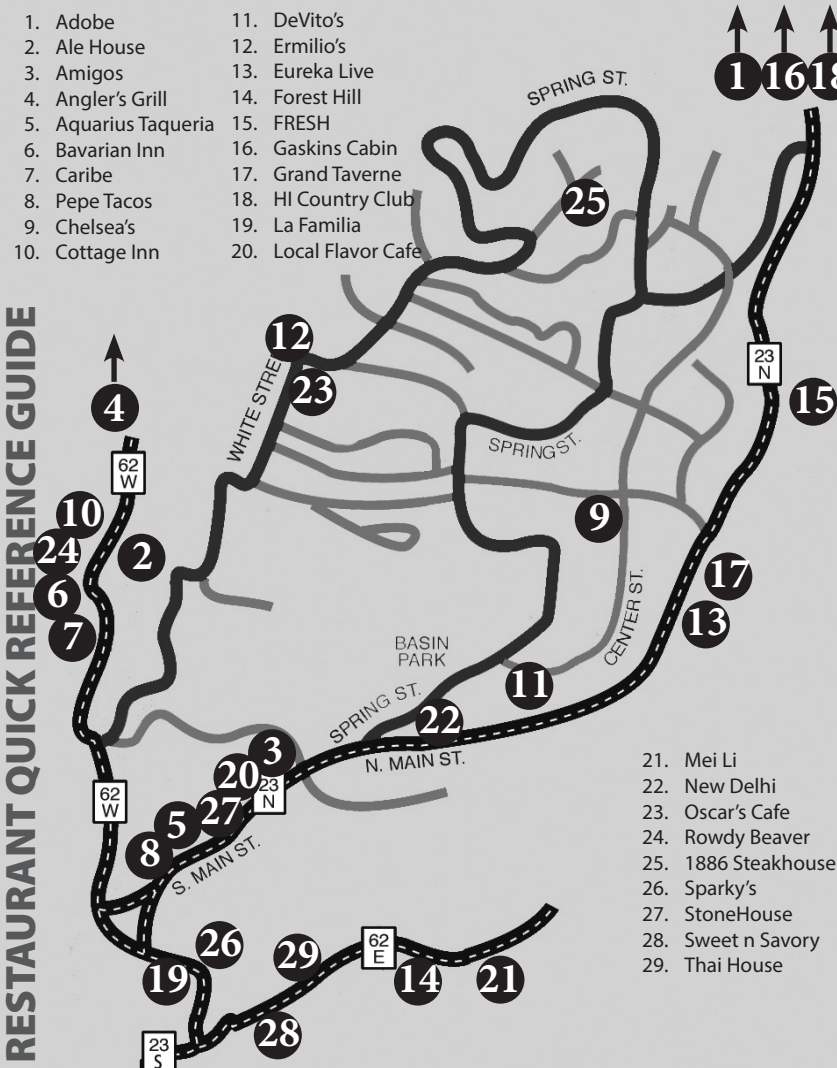
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ready for the statewide engineering competition. She said of the 38 seniors this year, 31 are going to college, three to the military and four are undecided.

Hyatt explained that test scores from last year's PARCC assessment were lower than anyone expected, but only one-third of the state ranked as proficient, plus it was a very long test. The state dropped that test in favor of ACT-Aspire, which Hyatt said was shorter and gave students experience with computer-based testing.

Middle School principal Cindy Holt expressed her frustration with the "moving target" she and teachers face when "exploring all avenues to get kids accustomed to it [a test], and then things change."

Boardmember awards

Pruitt announced five board members has been acknowledged for reaching levels of in-service. Debbie Davis reached 25; Candace Spaulding, 55.5; Gayla Wolfenbarger, 63; Jason Morris, 67.25; and 68 hours for Al Larson which makes him a Master board member.

Other items

• Pruitt announced the district received two bids for re-landscaping the playground at the elementary school. The job will entail removing all topsoil and grading the space; laying drainage pipe; and laying a 4x50-ft. sidewalk to the playground. He said district staff and SKILLS students will build a retaining wall, and after the groundwork has been done, the district will put in topsoil and sod. The board voted

to accept the bid from Rocking W Excavating of Berryville for \$48,000.

• The board approved hiring Williams Auction Service to auction items still at the old high school property. Pruitt said there are items from desks to doors that can generate money for the district.

• Facilities director Mike Dwyer presented the annual update of the Master Facilities Plan. He said the plan explains what the schools will look like in five years. New items include LED lighting for the middle school gym, solar panels, a storage facility/fieldhouse at the track and updated bathrooms for the elementary school.

Next meeting will be Thursday, Feb. 19, at 5:30 p.m.

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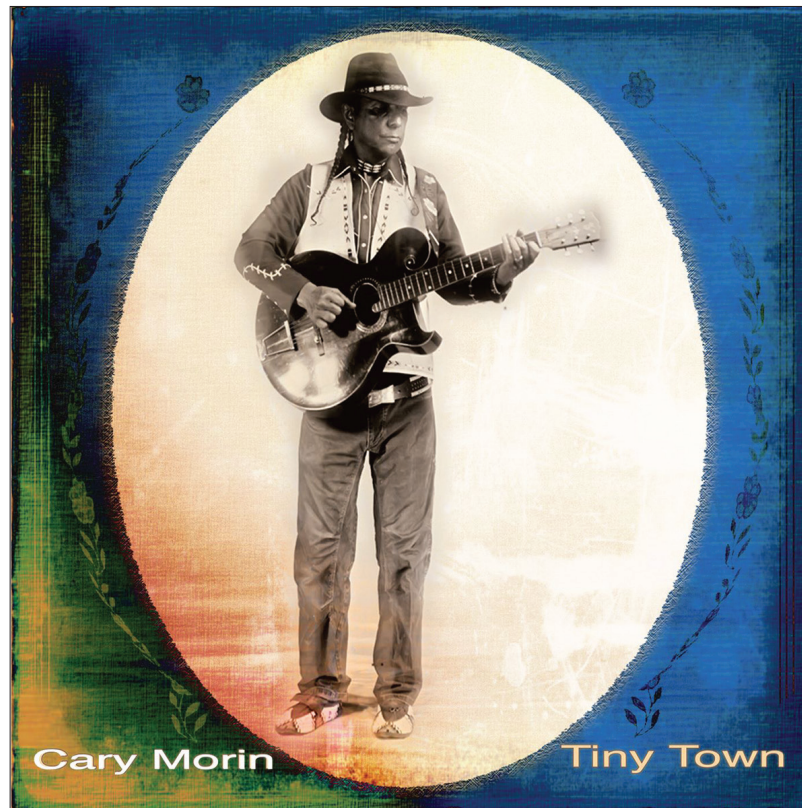
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Cary Morin plays Brews, Friday, Feb. 5.

We are deeply beaded in Mardi Gras events and happenings. Punxsatawney Phil did not see his shadow so it ought to be sunny this Saturday for the Eureka Gras Parade swinging through downtown at 2 p.m. On Friday, Colorado Blues Fingerpicking Champion Cary Morin exhibits his skills at Brews, rescheduled from late January. Saturday at 8 local favorites, Camptown Ladies, bring their cowpoke swing harmonies to the Cathouse.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4

CATHOUSE LOUNGE – *Ladies Night*
GRAND TAVERNE – *Jerry Yester*, Grand Piano Dinner Music, 6:30 p.m.
LEGENDS SALOON – *Live Music*, 8 p.m.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5

BREWS – *Cary Morin*, Blues Fingerpicker, 7 p.m.

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CHELSEA'S – *Flatland Funk Donors*, Funk, 9 p.m.
EUREKA LIVE! – *Drop Your Beads Drag Event*
GRAND TAVERNE – *Arkansas Red*, Amplified Acoustic Guitar Dinner Music, 6:30- 9:30 p.m.
LEGENDS SALOON – *DJ Karaoke with Kara*, 8 p.m.
ROWDY BEAVER – *Jason Kinney Duo*, Rock, 7 p.m.
ROWDY BEAVER DEN – *Terri and Brett*, Rock, 8 p.m.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6

****Eureka Gras Parade*, Downtown, 2 p.m.***

BREWS – *Buffalo Gals*, Americana, 3 p.m.
CATHOUSE LOUNGE – *Camptown Ladies*, Americana, 8 p.m.
CHELSEA'S – *Crescent City Combo*, Jazz, 9 p.m.
EUREKA LIVE! – *Mardi Gras Drag Event*
GRAND TAVERNE – *Jerry Yester*, Grand Piano Dinner Music, 6:30- 9:30 p.m.
LEGENDS SALOON – *Welcome Back! Some Other Band*, Rock, 8 p.m.
NEW DELHI – *Pete and Dave*, Singers/Songwriters, 6 – 10 p.m.
ROWDY BEAVER – *Terri and Executives*, Rock, 7 p.m.
ROWDY BEAVER DEN – *Terri and Brett*, Rock, 12 – 4 p.m., *Karaoke with DJ Goose*, 8 p.m.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7

BALCONY RESTAURANT – Singer/Songwriter, 12 p.m. and 5 p.m.
EUREKA LIVE! – *DJ and Dancing*, 7- 11 p.m.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8

CHELSEA'S – *Sprungbilly*, Bluegrass, 9 p.m.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9

CATHOUSE LOUNGE – *Eureka Springs Night with Los Roscoes*, Folk, 5 p.m.
CHELSEA'S – *Open Mic*, 9 p.m.

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

My husband and I have discussed how important foreplay is for my arousal. Yet during foreplay he's barely interested and just rushes through it to get to intercourse. I've never felt he's had the patience for me to reach climax during or after intercourse. So I am repeatedly disappointed. How can we ever change this pattern?

While women are sexually comparable to a slow cook oven, men are basically microwaves. Women can fake orgasms in the same way that men can fake foreplay, as you've described, mindlessly rushing through it to get to the main event.

Foreplay, intercourse and wrap-up can be efficiently executed within 15 minutes. Problem is, it takes women approximately 15 minutes of appropriate stimulation to even reach climax. For most men five minutes is more than enough.

It might help your husband to look at sex as a sports game. One that's divided into four quarters of equal time with players putting forth their best effort every quarter. The four quarters of sex: Connect, Explore, Indulge and Conclude.

We often fail to recognize the importance of connecting. We autopilot through 16 hour days, mired by endless responsibilities, barely a thought of partner or pleasure, and return home exhausted with nothing left to give. It's a common yet ineffective pattern. The majority of foreplay actually occurs outside of the bedroom. A gentle kiss good-bye, an arousing sext mid-day, a welcoming

smile at home while sharing the highlights of your ventures. Our biggest sex organ is our brain. Intellectual and emotional stimulation are required.

In the bedroom, spend the first quarter connecting. For the purpose of this foray, let's assume the standard 15-minute quarter. Connect emotionally. Be present, share verbally, appreciate one another visually, touch gently, undress slowly.

Second quarter, refrain from going for the goodies. Explore one another from head to toe. Touch, caress, kiss. Share fantasies and show one another exactly what turns you on and what takes you over the edge. Seduce. Mind blowing sex you want? Build the tension – slowly.

Third quarter, indulge! Take it to the limit. Enough said.

Fourth quarter, attend to any unfinished business with care. Communicate openly to ensure that you are each fully satiated. Snuggle. Snooze.

Repeat.

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.



Chocolate lovers rejoice for the 12th annual Chocolate Lovers Festival

A complete world of chocolate decadence awaits at the Chocolate Lovers' Festival and Emporium on Saturday, Feb. 13 from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. at the Best Western Inn at the Ozarks Convention Center. Candy, cakes, cookies, ice cream, chocolate novelty items and body products will be on hand. Vendors will showcase and promote their products while offering chocolate take-home samples for attendees.

General admission is \$5. For \$20 get a VICL (Very Important Chocolate Lover) pass with a VIP section that will include true chocolatiers, multiple dipping fountains, wine pairing and tasting with wine provided by Arkansas wineries. A commemorative wine glass is included in this package.

Sponsorship opportunity and booth space is available and volunteers are also sought for. Contact Tammy at president@eurekaspringschamber.com or Terri at terri@eurekaspringschamber.com for more information.

Ham Radio meeting Feb. 13

The Little Switzerland Amateur Radio Club will meet on Saturday, Feb. 13 at 4 p.m. at the Physicians building at Mercy Hospital in Berryville, 211 Carter Street. Anyone with an interest in amateur radio is welcome.

For additional information go to <http://lsarc.us> or contact gmjar@outlook.com.

Secret Season Cinema at the Carnegie library

French film *Girlhood* will be the selection for the Feb. 12 day of the Secret Season Cinema at the Carnegie Library. The film centers on Marieme, a young woman from the Parisian projects who joins an all-girl gang to gain friendship and identity. This film is not rated. Screening will be in the Library Annex Friends Room; admission and popcorn are free. For more information, go to events calendar at eurekalibrary.org or call (479) 253-8754.

Rise to end violence against women

The 2nd annual One Billion Rising will be held on Feb. 13 from 1 – 3:30 p.m. in Basin Park. One Billion Rising is a mass action to end violence against women based on the statistic that 1 in 3 women on the planet will be beaten or raped during her lifetime. Join in for music, dancing, performing, singing and drumming.

Speakers from The Purple Flower Resource Center for Domestic Violence will be there with information. All donations will be given to them. Emma at Melonlight Dance Studio will be teaching the "Flash Mob" dance on Saturday at noon for \$5 per class. For more information call (479) 981-4517 or go to onebillionrising.org.

DEPARTURES

Robert Edwin Tharp Nov. 27, 1926 – Jan. 29, 2016

Robert Edwin Tharp was born Nov. 27, 1926, son of Helton (Doc) L. Tharp and Agnes (Kidd) Tharp of Milan, Mo. He passed away at home Jan. 29, 2016 in Eureka Springs, Ark.



After graduation from Green City High School of Green City, Mo., Robert entered the United States Army serving in the Corps of Engineers. After World War II was over, Robert's outfit was the first to occupy Germany via LeHavre, France, and then on to Germany to help rebuild. When leaving Europe Robert saw the White Cliffs of Dover via the English Channel. He had an Honorable Discharge on Dec. 2, 1946 at which time he received a Victory Medal, Army of Occupation Medal and a Good Conduct Medal.

Robert married Marilea (Miller) Tharp May 1, 1948 at Milan, Mo. Robert was self-employed selling feed and gas and buying chickens south of Green City, Mo. Later, Robert and Marilea moved to Kansas City, Mo., at which time Robert worked for Butler Manufacturing Company. After that, he was a dispatcher for Jack Cooper Transport Company where there were a thousand truckers and Robert knew every one of their voices. The trucking company's responsibility was delivering new Chevrolet cars.



An important date for both Robert and Marilea is when they were baptized at the Prairie Chapel of Green City, Mo., in 1952.

Robert and Marilea would visit Eureka Springs as often as they could, and loved it, so in 1973 the Tharps moved to Eureka Springs and started Tharp's Open Air Market selling fruits and vegetables, and eventually flowers. They sold to all the restaurants in Eureka Springs at wholesale. In 1993 they sold their business.

Robert loved car races, so whenever there was one he had to go no matter what.

Children of Robert and Marilea are Micheal Lee Tharp

(Myrtle) of Berryville, Ark.; Robert Bruce Tharp (Kathy) of Eureka Springs, Ark.; and Deborah Ann Tharp Wheeler of Eureka Springs.

Brothers of Robert are Edward Louis Tharp (Ruby) of Green City, Mo., and Dewey Steve Tharp (Beverly) of Kansas City, Kan.

Sister-in-laws are K Miller Campagna of Chicago, Ill.; Frances Miller Francis of Kansas City, Mo.; and Jean Miller Sawyer of Kirksville, Mo.

Grandchildren are Jason Charles Jarrard of Fayetteville, Ark.; Andrew Jackson Tharp of Gillett, Pa.; Robert Justin Tharp of Green Forest, Ark.; Mary-Esther Elisabeth McNeill of Berryville, Ark.; Rebekah Jean Stoppel of Berryville; and Danelle Rae Muller of Ott Mountain near Eureka Springs, Ark.

Great grandchildren are Alyssa Reed-Stoppel; Roy Chapein-Stoppel; Zoey Chapein-Stoppel; Zeppelin Cash Tharp, Troy Tharp; Katrina Tharp and Austin Tharp.

Robert was preceded in death by his parents, brother-in-law Charles (Buck) Arthur Miller of Hayes, Kan.; and a son-in-law, Danny Wheeler of Eureka Springs, Ark.

A Celebration of Life will take place at a later date.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions could be made to the Flint Street Food Bank at 33 Main Street, Eureka Springs, AR 72632.

Juanita "Nita" Shephard (Strock) Towry Feb. 3, 1922 – Jan. 29, 2016



Juanita "Nita" Shephard (Strock) Towry, 93, passed away in San Antonio, Texas, on Friday, January 29, 2016. She was born on February 3, 1922 in Cleveland, Ohio.

Nita attended Allegheny College in Pennsylvania. After many years living in Dallas, Texas, she relocated to Eureka Springs, Arkansas. There, Nita was elected as the City Clerk/Treasurer for the City of Eureka Springs, where she later retired.

She was a 75-year member of Kappa Kappa Gamma Sorority and a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Frank Meredith Strock and Eda Shephard (Lowrie) Strock and her first husband, William

J. Barner. Nita will be remembered as a loving wife, mother and grandmother.

She is survived by her devoted husband of 22 years, Col. Paul E. Towry (US Army Ret.); her son, Bradley Barner; granddaughter, Jennifer Barner Fisher and husband, Thomas; grandsons, Robin Barner and wife, Sarah; and Chris Barner and wife, Jenny; four great-grandchildren, Matthew Fisher, Lauren Fisher, Beatrix Barner and Ruby Barner; and stepson, John Towry and wife, Gretchen.

In lieu of flowers, request memorial gifts to the San Antonio Chapter of the Salvation Army. Service arrangements are pending with Porter Loring Mortuary, San Antonio.

Judy Kay Marohn Dec. 19, 1943 – Jan. 26, 2016



Judy Kay Marohn of Eureka Springs, Ark., was born Dec. 19, 1943, a daughter of Carroll and Vera Morkert. She departed this life Tuesday, Jan. 26, 2016 in Fayetteville, Ark., at age 72.

Judy owned Packrat's Paradise Gift Shop for 38 years in downtown Eureka Springs. She loved the outdoors all her life. She was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother.

Judy is survived by three children, daughter, Alex "Deb" Marohn of Eureka Springs, Ark.; son, Chris Marohn of San Diego, Calif.; daughter, Tamra Marohn Pacitti and husband, Nick Pacitti, of Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla.; one grandson Domenic Pacitti; one granddaughter, DeLaney Pacitti and companion, Jimbo Stadler; three brothers, Doug Morkert of Omaha, Neb.; Truman Morkert and wife, Lois, of Octavia, Neb.; Dan Morkert and wife, Gilda, of Underwood, Iowa; nephew, Eugene Morkert and

wife, Kristin; nieces, Madison and MaKenzie Morkert, Kay Nelson and Melinda Oshel, and families.

She is also survived by her Aunt Dorothy and Uncle Stan Weyhrich; Aunt Winona Bendon and Aunt Jean Tiedke and Uncle Harold "Buck" Morkert; cousins, Rick and Deronda Bailey and family, Scot and Tia Bailey and Cindy Bailey; and a host of friends and loved ones. Judy was united in marriage with Mike Marohn who was preceded her in death in 1999.

Graveside service was Feb. 2 at the Eureka Springs Cemetery, Eureka Springs, Ark., with Pastor Tim Garrison officiating. Interment followed 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. 2016



Don't you just feel spring is just around the corner? I sure do. I picked up my third walleye in six weeks, over 33 inches long, for a taxidermy job this week. Walleye are the first to spawn with more moving into the Holiday Island area every day now wanting to run up the river.

We did have a striper trip on Beaver this week, and Kenny Awendt got a pretty good one his first time fishing.

The warmest water on the lake is now up on our end from the dam to Rocky Branch with a mudline still holding in the Rocky Branch area so

its like a summertime pattern. Most the bait and fish were down close to 40 feet deep starting out in the morning but as the day got warmer and it got closer to sunset they moved up to 20 feet deep.

We got all our fish, including some white bass on brood shiners that seem to do better than shad this time of year since the stripers are feeding on the big schools of threadfin shad that are smaller than the gizzards.

Well, that's it for this week, get a line wet if you can and let's hope the rest of this winter is good to us.

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- ACROSS**

1. Is indebted to

5. "Knowing Me Knowing You" singers

9. From the top

14. Former Iranian leader

15. Hunk of mud

16. Southernmost town in Illinois

17. A type of bear

18. Person being taught elementary facts of Christianity

20. "Control, _____, delete" sequence

21. Resembling people

22. Provide with a new home

24. Mescal

28. Defense weapon in Olympic competition

29. Prison yard weapon

31. Go bad

32. Individual units

33. Receiver of funds

34. Pair

35. Croquet venue

36. Assists

37. How soon?

38. Familiar Olympic cheer

39. Column base

40. Prison (*Brit.*)

41. "In the _____, on land, and sea"

42. Sot (var.)

43. Baby goats

44. Comes in handy

46. Common Sherpa nationality

49. Type of small town

52. Fuss, commotion

53. Underlying layer

56. Springing gait of gazelles or antelope

57. Written text

58. Lightning catcher for Franklin

59. Ulcerated chilblain

60. Serious unhappiness

61. Real, authentic (*Ger.*)

62. Very cold tea
- DOWN**

1. One of "The Odd Couple" names

2. Largest mammal on Earth

3. Slightly porous type of ceramic pottery

4. Casual reference to a ship

5. Charge with wrongdoing

6. Responsibility for a failed effort

7. Wine bag

8. Yemeni seaport

9. Reach a goal

10. Showy

11. Intention

12. Anger

13. Sense opener

19. Duplicates

21. Shades

23. Type of marriage

25. Caused by erect posture

26. Quit, toss in the _____

27. British prep school near Windsor

29. Famous fan-dancer Rand

30. Exaggerate

32. Desert resting place

33. One-fourth of a bushel

35. Hawaiian celebration

36. Yell or scream

37. Walk knee deep in water

39. Walk casually

40. Taunting remark

43. Fate, destiny

45. Eight time Tony winner for choreography

46. Accurate remark

47. Sun dried brick

48. Famous

50. Marine fish, related to cod

51. Ear related

53. Place of relaxation

54. Ash container

55. Wet, spongy ground

56. Race downhill, as in a slalom

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Soldier on Service Dogs grand opening
The Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce and Soldier On Service Dogs 2378 W. Moore Lane, Fayetteville. will hold a grand opening ceremony Volunteers, veterans and the public and ribbon cutting on Tuesday, Feb. are invited to tour the new Soldier On 16 from 3:30 – 7:30 p.m. at the new Service Dogs new facility.

Mercy Hospital Berryville Charity Ball returns
Mercy Hospital Berryville is looking for donors for a fun-filled gala with the goal to support patient health in the community. The annual Black and White Charity Ball will return on Saturday, Feb. 20 at Inn of the Ozarks. Attendees will be treated to dinner as well as live entertainment by returning band, Red Ambition, and there will be live and silent auctions. The 2015 gala garnered a record \$64,000, which purchased six new patient stretchers used in the emergency room at Mercy Hospital Berryville.

Statewide poster contest to keep Arkansas beautiful
The Keep Arkansas Beautiful Commission encourages all students in grades K-5 to enter the annual Great American Cleanup in Arkansas Youth Poster Contest. KAB coordinates this poster contest in conjunction with the Great American Cleanup in Arkansas to involve elementary age students to increase awareness o the cleanup initiative and to educate the public about the importance of a clean and green community. Prizes will be awarded in two divisions: Grades k-2 and grades 3-5. KAB is providing gift certificates for the top 3 posters in each division. One poster per class may be submitted for statewide judging. 4-H clubs, scout groups and home-school students are encouraged to enter. Contest entries are du no later than Feb. 26. The Great American Cleanup in Arkansas runs March – May. Additional information about contest rules and entry or for a calendar of local events go to KeepArkansasBeautiful.com, email info@KeepArkansasBeautiful.com or call (888) 742-8701.

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