



Public Works aiming for toxin-free pipes

NICKY BOYETTE

Dwayne Allen, director of the Public Works Department, submitted a letter to Mayor Butch Berry regarding water testing done by Public Works, which Berry passed along to city council at the Feb. 22 meeting.

In the letter, Allen stated recent events in the national news “are helping everyone understand the importance of investing in and maintaining one’s distribution system.

The pipes and fittings that contain lead need to be replaced on both the public and private sides. We must work for a goal of zero toxic substances, which include lead and arsenic in our drinking water.”

Allen pointed out rules at the state level regarding drinking water are changing, although some changes are stalled because of funding issues and political maneuvering. He has increased sampling by improving the

local wastewater lab, and said Public Works will be testing at local schools and several daycares, and intends to continue replacing service lines during the year.

Regarding fluoride in the water, Allen stated, “Carroll-Boone is staying on the low side,” and testing shows fluoride levels within the recommended range. He added that tests so far have not detected any lead leaching into the water in the system. In addition, the pH level of 6.9 – 7.0 is right in

the middle of the target range of 6.5 – 7.5.

Allen also mentioned Public Works has increased operational costs by removing phosphate from the water before it enters the system. “There is no need for panic but concern is warranted, and as our testing unfolds we may need to change procedures or request changes from our water source. I will continue to advocate for the removal of sodium fluorosilicate from our water.”

This Week's INDEPENDENT Thinker

Hungry? Let's go to a vending machine!
That slings out healthy food?

Luke Sanders of Chicago, who's a wholesome 27 years old, founded Farmer's Fridge, a company that loads vending machines with organic, tasty food. Sanders put his first machine in a dreary food court where it was an immediate sensation.

The vending machine is made from reclaimed wood, and stocked each morning at 10 with fresh food prepared at a nearby restaurant, then packed in recyclable plastic jars. Kale, quinoa, sprouts on top, nuts in the middle, cheese and fruits on the bottom. Dressing is on the side.

Sanders's idea has been so popular he is now opening a kiosk a day.

And, one can buy lemon pepper chicken, tuna and tofu lunches.

Credit cards? Well, of course.



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New hospital doubtful, commission says

NICKY BOYETTE

Hospital Commission Chair Michael Merry told city council Monday evening that his commission has over the years “had its ups and downs” with Allegiance, the company that leases operation of Eureka Springs Hospital (ESH), and it appears unlikely Allegiance will build a new hospital facility in town.

Merry was quick to state the existing facility, though it might be showing its age, is being run by an excellent staff and turning a profit for Allegiance. He commented there are two years left on the lease with Allegiance, and it carries an automatic renewal clause. Unless Allegiance notifies the commission 120 days in advance of the end of the lease, it would automatically renew for another five years.

Merry said in October of 2015, ESH opened a family clinic in the Eastgate Center, and has established a good reputation already by filling a much-needed niche in the community. ESH also has an off-site facility for laundry, and other new services being envisioned would happen at satellite facilities.

Allegiance pays the commission \$180,000 annually for the opportunity to manage and maintain ESH. The commission also gets paid a similar, though less predictable, amount from Louisiana Home Care, a home health provider. Merry said the \$360,000 annually has accumulated to just over \$2 million in their accounts. The commission was originally created to run the hospital, according to Merry, but the medical world changes quickly, so they leased operation of the facility to Allegiance to more effectively manage it.

“So, now the commission has much less to do,” Merry said. At the Feb. 15 meeting, commissioners voted to begin meeting quarterly after the March meeting. He stated he and commissioner Bob Walling would always be available if needed, and a committee meeting could be called.

Merry also mentioned one commissioner recently resigned and two others stated they would be resigning soon leaving only four commissioners after the March meeting. He encouraged anyone interested to apply at city hall. Residents in the Western District of Carroll County would be eligible.

Local man arrested in shooting death

Christopher Kevin Butler, 43, of Eureka Springs, was arrested Friday night for the murder of John Catlin Keck, 32, just outside Eureka Springs city limits, according to a press release from Carroll County Sheriff's Office (CCSO).

The sheriff's office account states that a caller reported a disturbance involving trespassers at Stonewall Mountain, off Hwy. 23 North, at 8:44 p.m., Feb. 19. As the assigned deputy was responding, the caller notified dispatch there had been a shooting.



Christopher Kevin Butler

On arrival, the deputy identified the caller as Butler, and discovered a gunshot victim in the driver's seat of Butler's vehicle. Official cause of death will be determined by the medical examiner.

Following a CCSO interview in Berryville, Butler was arrested for First Degree Murder, a Class Y felony, and Tampering with Evidence, a Class D felony.

Butler's appearance before Judge Scott Jackson on Feb. 22 was delayed until Butler could retain legal counsel, and no bond was set at that hearing.

Parks Director starts March 23

NICKY BOYETTE

After an extended executive session during its Feb. 16 meeting, the Eureka Springs Parks Commission voted to hire Justin Huss of Jonesboro as new director. Chair Bill Featherstone stated Huss is currently the superintendent of Lake Frierson Park, a state park at the southern edge of Greene County.

Featherstone commented the search for a permanent director began in early December. He said the commission cast a wide net to make sure anyone who would have wanted the position knew about the opening, and the entire commission served as the search committee. Commissioners sifted through 85 applications to arrive at a handful, which Featherstone said were "outstanding candidates, each of whom would have been a great director."

Featherstone said one candidate who seemed like a good fit rose to the top. "You're gonna like him!" Featherstone remarked. Huss will take over as director March 23.

Grant funds refocused

Interim chair Donna Woods announced the Arkansas Department of Parks and Tourism grant originally intended to fund construction of a pavilion at Lake Leatherwood City Park will need to be reallocated because all bids for the project came in higher than expected. The grant is a 50-50 grant, meaning the state would provide \$82,955 and Parks was expected to match that amount, but Woods said that total would not be enough to produce what they expected.

She said the grantor is willing to reconsider allowing the funds to be used instead for a playground, a campground accessible according to Americans with Disabilities Act requirements, and costs associated with burying utility lines. She also got the deadline extended to Dec. 31, 2016.

Commissioners voted to authorize Woods to work with the state on the reallocation.

She said they would have to wait for the pavilion.

Director's report

Woods announced the Eureka Springs Preservation Society would donate the proceeds of the Cocktails for a Cause event April 7 at the Grotto Wood Fired Grill and Wine Cave specifically for spring plantings at Parks sites around town.

She also mentioned Parks maintenance person Vince Peschka

Welcome to town!

Newly-hired Director of Eureka Springs Parks & Recreation, Justin T. Huss, with his wife, Jennifer (right), and their daughters, Kierra Witcher (left) and Kora Belle Huss, were in town over the weekend looking for a place to put down roots. Huss starts with Parks on March 23.

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STEVEN FOSTER



completed a well-insulated wellhouse for the campground at LLC. Woods also reported because of a new heating system at the Harmon Park office, the winter utility bills decreased 49 percent over previous winters.

Trails

Nate Griffey, chair of the local chapter of the Ozark Off Road Cyclists, reported his group has been involved with building and maintaining trails at LLC, and would begin their next project Sunday, March 6. They intend to create a beginner bike trail in a flat area at LLC. He invited those

willing to help to bring gloves and their own refreshments.

He also announced his group will participate in a project alongside the Nature Conservancy to create 100 miles of soft-surface trails on a 5200-acre preserve along the Kings River between Eureka Springs and Berryville. He said this ambitious project when completed would put Carroll County on the map internationally for off-road biking enthusiasts.

Featherstone announced the local Rotary Club donated "a significant amount"

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Airport prepares for expansion despite possible grant denial

NICKY BOYETTE

Engineer and consultant Dan Clinton of Grimes Engineering told airport commissioners last Friday that the Federal Aviation Administration delivered a preliminary determination stating the proposed 2019 project for expansion of the south apron would be denied grant funding because it is used only by the few pilots who have hangar space in that area. The expansion is part of CCA's capital improvement plan.

Clinton said he has seen increased scrutiny from the FAA regarding proposed projects, but would develop a response pointing out the increased number of planes landing at CCA, especially during the monthly fly-ins, and would provide a reply to the FAA before the April meeting.

He also brought up the importance of identifying what nearby properties the airport might purchase for expansion, and reiterated that Arkansas Department of Aeronautics could grant funds for improvement of County Road 3084 if CCA could get the county to pay the ten percent match. CR 3084 provides access to a portion of airport property west of the terminal.

Clinton's plan would propose a 22-ft. roadway with proper drainage, which would allow large trucks to maneuver in and out of the area more easily. The improvement would also lessen the temptation for drivers to use the taxiway as access to that part of the property.

Commissioner Morris Pate suggested the best strategy would be for residents who use the road to petition the Quorum Court for the ten percent match because it would be in their interest.

Airport Manager Michael Pfeifer then mentioned that he had found a deficit of \$6000 in their accounts intended to pay Grimes for Clinton's services. Clinton insisted the grant funds had been paid to the county in September. The question was where the money had been deposited.

Immediately after the meeting, Pfeifer was able to verify with the County Clerk the check from the state had indeed been deposited in an account with other grant funds for CCA, so he was able to pay Grimes.

Manager's Report

- Carroll County Airport Manager Michael Pfeifer said at the Feb. 19 commission meeting he has been systematically paying down debts on the eight-bay hangar building and the 2012 loan from the county.

- The Jan. 16 fly-in/drive-in attracted 11 aircraft and 53 people. A squad of volunteers fueled planes, cooked lunch and cleaned up afterward. Commissioner Morris Pate deserved special mention for repairing a sink overflow during the event.

- All leases have been signed and submitted to the County Clerk.

- Flight instructor Harvey Cleveland identified the

problem with the runway end identifier lights, and electrician Ron Rollins repaired them for \$950. Pfeifer said the REILs are now working for the first time in 25 years.

- Rollins also told Pfeifer he would keep an eye out for a used Automated Weather Observing System.

- Members of the Special Operation Rescue Team felled three trees to assist CCA in complying with FAA requirements.

- Pfeifer and interim chair Chase Tresler repaired and improved the windsock assembly and extended it ten feet.

Put on your red shoes and dance

Main Stage will continue its monthly Friday Night Dance on Feb. 26 from 8 – 11 p.m. highlighting music from the '80s. DJ Sean Hearn of Music in Motion in Fayetteville will play hits from the '80s along with a mix of Top 40 hits from today and the past. Cash prize will go to the best '80s costume. You don't have to dress '80s or have a dance partner to join the fun. There will be a cash bar with wine, beer, sodas and snacks.

Admission is \$10 per person and proceeds will help fund children's programs at Main Stage. Main Stage is located at 67 North Main.



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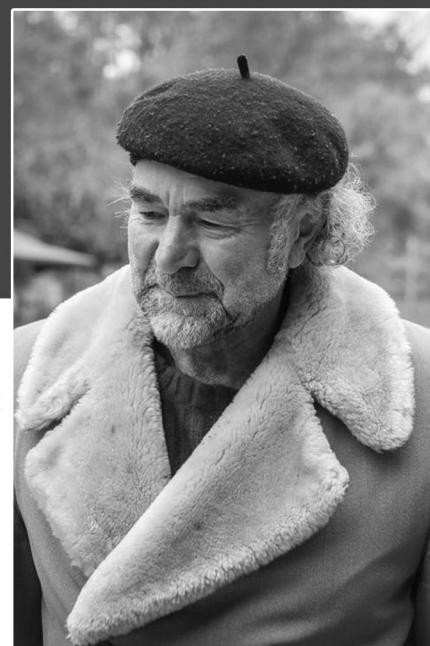


Charles Casey
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Clear Spring Fling Auction, March 12, at Castle Rogue's Manor is the art event of the season, showcasing handmade items from more than a dozen local craftspeople. Featuring services, travel packages, and art in an enviable setting, Clear Spring benefits from artists such as:



Adrian Frost
Poetry Film



Adrian Frost

An artist for over fifty years, Adrian Frost is focusing on poetry film these days because it combines sculpture and performance. He has recently returned from the 4th International Video Poetry Festival in Athens, Greece where he entered three films. Frost excitedly awaits showing his entries in the Lighthouse Festival held in Dorset, England in February of 2016, another film festival. His donated item for the Auction, "Seed" has multiple meanings. "The seed grows into something, makes people think... The expression of words trigger response." A parent of a Clear Spring's High School graduate, Frost has spent time on campus and is an avid supporter of the school's "hands on, hearts engaged" learning approach.

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Pilots fly to Berryville for gumbo

NICKY BOYETTE

Last Saturday a crowd of about 30 pilots and wish-they-were-pilots of all ages attended the monthly fly-in/drive-in at the Carroll County Airport. Seven planes and two antique cars showed up for the event, and attendees enjoyed Hillbilly Gumbo prepared by commissioner Chase Tresler.

Pilot Alex Thurocy commented the fly-ins are popular gathering places for pilots, and noted, “You don’t have to go far to enjoy yourself.” He said pilots always have anecdotes to share, and he attends fly-ins because of the camaraderie.

Harper Goodwin of Ft. Worth remarked while eating his gumbo that he was a commercial pilot for years, and appreciates “the unbelievable freedom we have” in small private planes. Goodwin remembered being in high school contemplating his future and deciding between becoming a doctor, an architect or a pilot. When he compared the amount of schooling required to become a doctor or an architect to sitting in a cockpit



Ceiling Absolute, Visibility Unlimited – Billy Hollifield of Peel, Ark., flew his home-built experimental Vans RV-12 to the Carroll County Airport for the monthly fly-in last Saturday.

surrounded by gauges and levers and gadgets and getting to fly all around the world, learning to fly was an easy choice for him.

He considers a 750-mile trip a reasonable distance to travel for gumbo.

Former airport commissioner Dave Teigen said he and his son, Jonathon,

are rebuilding an experimental two-seat plane that had been sitting idle for years. Jonathon is majoring in aviation at Henderson State, and said a flight from Arkadelphia to Berryville takes about 45 minutes. He soloed on his 16th birthday.

CCA hosts the fly-in/drive-ins on the third Saturday of each month.



Music and potluck with Eureka House Concerts

The Eureka House Concerts will present Brian Ashley Jones on Sunday, Feb. 27 at 17 Elk Street. Based in Nashville, Brian is a singer, guitar player, and songwriter. His guitar-driven bluesy Americana tunes have found their way into film, television, and radio.

Doors open for a meet and greet potluck at 5 p.m. and music starts at 6 p.m. For more information, go to eurekahouseconcerts.com or call (479) 244-0123.



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Thumbs up on the okra – Chase Tresler (l.) compiled a pot of gumbo for those who flew in to Carroll County Airport last Saturday. "Sparkey" Sparks was all about going back for more. *PHOTO BY NICKY BOYETTE*

Merlin Foundation gains new Advisory Board member

Berryville Police Chief Robert Bartos has been appointed to The Merlin Foundation's Advisory Board. The Merlin Foundation was founded in 1993 and develops training programs for service providers and law enforcement to help children who are victims of abuse and neglect. The Advisory Board is the primary communications channel for vital information needed by the Foundation to ensure its mission in meeting the needs of the community is met.



BARTOS

For more information on The Merlin Foundation go to www.merlindfoundation.org.

Airport commissioners to sign up SORT

NICKY BOYETTE

Interim chair Chase Tresler mentioned at the Feb. 19 Carroll County Airport Commission meeting the Carroll County Special Operation Rescue Team uses one of the buildings on airport property for storage and training. He asked the commission if SORT, because it functions as part of county government, needed to sign a lease like the hangar lessees. Commissioners had been given copies of a proposed no-cost lease, which included what CCA would require from SORT.

Tresler said SORT members have helped with cleanup and tree cutting on the property, and suggested the commission simply let SORT use the building as needed in return for helping to maintain the property. Tresler also pointed out there are bills for electricity and two propane tanks, so he wanted to clarify responsibilities.

Commissioner Morris Pate moved to approve the no-cost lease with CCA requirements, and commissioner Mark Mallet said the contract would "light it up" so all parties were clear on what was expected.

Commissioner Sandy Martin added the county had insisted CCA have signed leases for all buildings and hangars, so in her estimation CCA had no choice.

Tresler agreed a signed lease would make it clear what the rules for the airport were. Vote to approve getting a lease signed was unanimous.

Spirituality at Metafizzies

The Feb. 29 meeting of the Eureka Springs Metaphysical Society will feature a group discussion on spiritual topics. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. at the Heart of Many Ways, 68 Mountain Street. All are welcome.

Art at the grocery store

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Shooting for the stars – The Eureka Springs High School Senior Boys basketball team beat Union Christian 52-43 to become the 2A-4 West District champions last Saturday, Feb. 20. They play against Lisa Academy at 5:30 p.m. in Quitman in Game 1 of the 2A Regional Tournament on Feb. 24. Listen to the game on KESA. *PHOTO BY GINA RAMBO*



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Life changing episode

Editor,

We sat together tightly on the pavement, all our 10,000 now quiet, as we began to hear the measured beat of many heavy boots approaching in the distance. The 5,000 (we were later told) police not visible yet, hidden by the corner of the building across the street. All traffic had been diverted from the streets surrounding the Oakland Induction Center, creating an eerie silence punctuated only by the staccato tramp of the approaching troops. I don't remember many protest signs, although there probably were some. I only remember that there were, at the entrance door where we sat, some thousands of mostly young students, teachers, doctors and others who wanted to show their solidarity against the Viet Nam War by a peaceful protest. There were certainly no weapons or objects thrown or violence of any kind as we awaited our fate. We were warned by the organizers that we would probably be arrested and we agreed to be taken peacefully.

Earlier that day my roommate and I decided to board a bus at the university's South Gate, headed for the Oakland protest, to see what it was all about. Not long back from my army enlistment and having worked door-to-door for Barry Goldwater's presidential bid, I waited anxiously as the first row of ten or so of the jack-booted police appeared. A cry rang out from someone at the outer edge of our still seated crowd, ARREST US, soon taken up by hundreds of others. ARREST US! The tension was acute. Our suspense was brief. After rounding that corner, the row upon row of boots did not hesitate but, armed with weighted clubs, waded into the now rising, completely peaceful teens and young adults and began breaking bones and spilling blood. Cattycorner, across the street, on top of a closed parking garage, the 1% were represented by several suits, possibly the new governor Ronald Reagan himself, and women, fur coated in the autumn air, watching the carnage below unfold.

My life was changed that day. The brutality of the ruling elite was revealed. I was in my 20s then, now in my 70s. I didn't vote again until 2008, when I naively bought the Obama rhetoric on "Hope and Change." Now Hillary Clinton, like Obama, a captive of Wall Street and Super Pac money, says she wants to continue his legacy and give us more of what we have now.

I will vote again this time because I believe we now have a significant positive choice with Bernie Sanders. He advocates the Golden Rule.

Rand Cullen

It's about water quality

Editor,

My family owns a local tourism business on the Buffalo National River. As a stakeholder in the tourism business of one of the largest draws of tourists to Arkansas, I became interested in keeping the Buffalo National River clean and protected from impacts threatening its water quality.

My family has been stewards of the river for almost 30 years. We have seen many enterprises rise and fall in rural Arkansas. One thing we have learned is that people venture to our remote country setting because it is naturally beautiful, unpolluted, and shares a national park.

We want to help inspire people to get involved in local efforts to maintain the integrity of their tourist attractions. So many jobs rely on the purity of the Buffalo National River in my county. That is why individuals in my family are involved in the Buffalo River Watershed Alliance, the Buffalo National River Partners organization, the Upper Buffalo River Chamber of Commerce, and are willing to volunteer for school activities and field trips to the river. We were intimately involved in the Newton County Resource Council in its ecotourism project in the 1990s and have incorporated those experiences into our own business model.

If the Buffalo National River is stained and tainted, who will come to the Arkansas Ozarks? We will have allowed our sustenance and strength to dissipate because we have not minded our business.

If one hog operation takes hold and leaks its waste into these pure waters, will others not be close behind? Will our country roads be lined with vac tankers weaving along and layering our pastures with waste that seeps into our wells and swimming holes?

We don't have to allow large agricultural integrators the rights to take our water and our landscape when they try to convince us that confined animal feeding operations are the only way to farm.

Marti Olesen

Buffalo River Watershed Alliance board member

Primary voting is March 1

Editor,

I just went to vote today on the first day of early voting as I am feeling the Bern and don't want to have to go into a church to vote! Another subject, another day. The clerk asked me for

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WEEK'S Top Tweets

@audipenny: The minute I even contemplate wearing a white shirt, 11 jars of salsa fall from the sky and spill on it and then it catches on fire.

@igotsmarts: I read quantum physics magazines for the particles.

@sween: Ever notice how unaware people are of the world around them? No?

@uniquedude2: Bad news, I won the McArthur idiot grant, now I owe them a million dollars.

@toneloaf: I wish my work would pay me to tweet all weekend

like they do all week.

@nickadoo: Don't mean to brag, but I just ate a sandwich without taking a picture of it.

@meganamram: In my experience, fewer than 40% of people wearing Duke sweatshirts are actual dukes.

@jasonmustian: 4/20. Always forget.

@ConanOBrien: Hey sports fans, here's my NCAA pick: bet it all on the Savannah College of Art & Design. Go Fighting Acrylics!

@BMcCarthy32: Do you love hiding electrical outlets? Well an exciting career in hotel room design might be just what you're looking for!

Keep Arkansas natural

An op-ed last Friday in the *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette* “A Future in Peril,” based on the *Eureka Springs Independent* guest editorial “Burning our forests to power the grid,” detailed the social and economic cost of the new mills. The impact is chilling.

To ship 1.25 million tons per year of pellets, over five million tons per year of trees would be cut down, plus additional wood to generate power and steam for the mills. Additionally, 700,000 tons per year of fluff from the first Chinese Sun Paper mill in Arkansas would require three million tons of trees per year. These three mills combined would clear more than 800,000 acres of forests per year, or 40 million acres in 50 years. To understand the magnitude of deforestation, think of 400 40-ton logging trucks on rural roads every day, making deliveries from harvest sites to the mills.

The op-ed got some peculiar responses: “Look, rich old guys are not getting any younger. The time to make money by cutting trees is now! Who do you think owns everything, some young whippersnappers? Ronald Reagan said it best when asked about despoiling the environment through commercial activity: the young people of tomorrow will figure out a way to fix the problem. So probably some young scientist will figure out a chemical that makes trees grow 200 times faster than they do today, so voila, no shortage of trees!”

I don’t know what Ronald Reagan said, but we don’t have time to wait: we must reduce emissions, and increase carbon dioxide capture and storage. A typical 600-megawatt coal-fired power plant releases four million tons of carbon dioxide per year; they need to pay for the damage to the environment. Forest owners need to be compensated for the service they provide to preserve their forests, with fees paid by the polluters.

Stop thinning the forests

Forests are the natural way to remove carbon dioxide from the atmosphere. We have lost most old-growth forests. We need to stop thinning and plant all the trees we can. Gifford Pinchot, the first USFS Chief had a clear vision to care for the forests, “the greatest good, for the greatest number, for the longest time.” Forests are carbon sinks – they provide flood protection and drinking water for everyone downstream. Forests are not fuel.

The Forest Service has a financial incentive to sell the forests. The Butler Hollow project, for example, would start by building roads for commercial timber sales. Revenues would be used fund the USFS District budget, the school district and the U.S. Treasury. Forestry accounting is not about making profits; the cost of building the roads and preparing the area for logging frequently exceeds the revenues paid for the trees. Logging disrupts the forest soil releasing carbon, and thinning increases the wind, fueling forest fires. Thinning the forests is all about money. The Resilient National Forest Act of 2015 tried to give USFS unlimited power to thin the forests.

GOP response to the EPA Clean Power Plan

The arbitrary U.S. Supreme Court decision to stay the Clean Power Plan opened the door for GOP states to put on hold their plans to reduce carbon dioxide emissions.

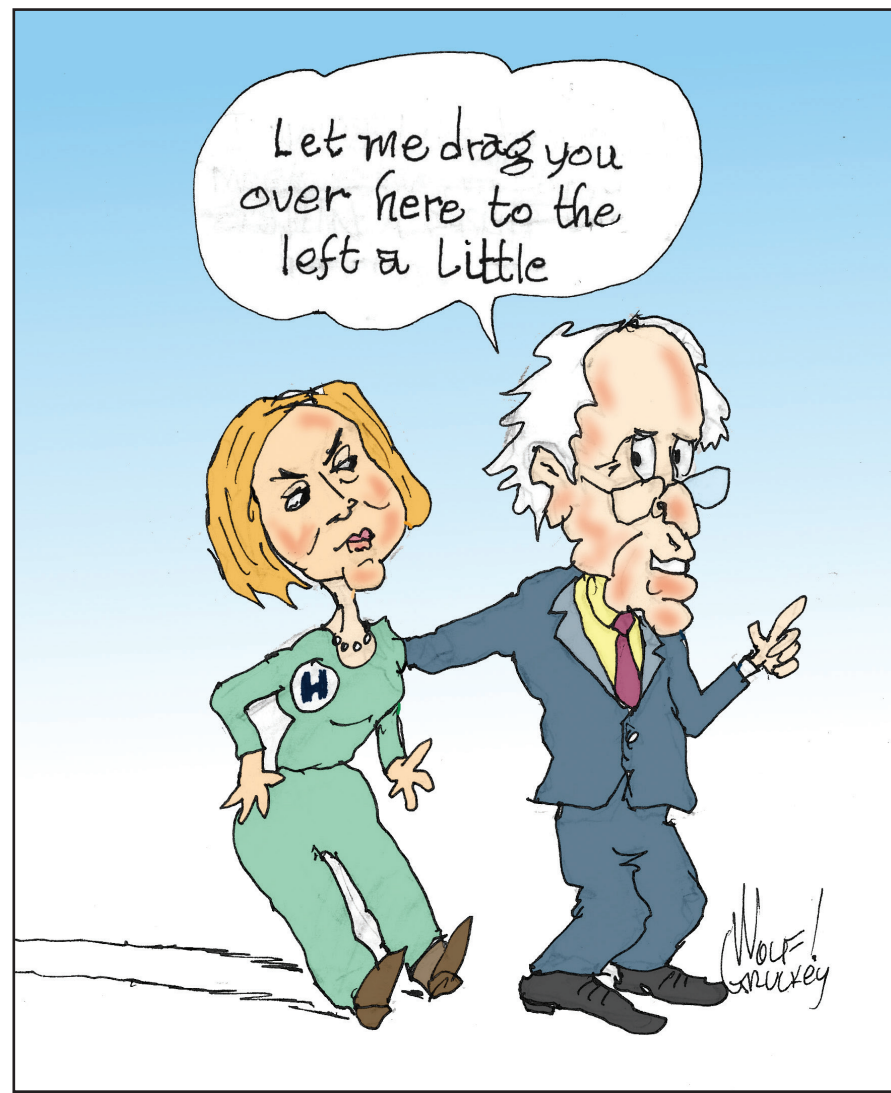
The biomass industry is pushing the EPA to classify wood pellets as carbon neutral. This would be a disaster. Why make the same mistake that opened the door for energy company Drax to burn our forests? Burning wood pellets produces more than 50 percent more carbon dioxide emissions than burning coal.

What can we do?

Physical laws trump whatever the U.S. Supreme Court or anyone else decides. The rapid increase of carbon dioxide reached a new record of 406 ppm this month. We have waited way too long. It is time to act.

Let’s stop the 2016 Pine Bluff and Monticello wood pellet mills, and cancel the plans for the first Arkansas Chinese Sun-Paper fluff mill. Eureka Springs should take the lead. Why? Because it is the right thing to do. No one else has intervened. Please visit the new Facebook page “Keep Arkansas Natural” for updates.

Dr. Luis Contreras



The Pursuit Of HAPPINESS

by Dan Krotz

I had a Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) test this morning over at the Berryville Hospital. This involved laying very still on my back for 35 minutes while a machine noisily took photographs of my inside stuff. I was given an emergency call button to push in case of – well, you know – and a set of headphones with recorded music I could listen to while getting imaged.

I got to pick my choice of music, but the MRI tech, a competent young person (CYP), took a look at me and did a quick assessment: she saw lots and lots of miles on an old gimp. “I bet you want to listen to classic rock and roll,” she said, knowingly. “Am I right?” I nodded. I am an agreeable old gimp.

I know that definitions of “classic” vary from person to person and place to place. And I won’t offend anyone by mentioning band names, but who in God’s name could possibly categorize anything by the Eagles as classic? But there it was...

More particularly, I became worried that the MRI would pick up on brain cells dying in tandem with each note of *Take it Easy*. Would the test results be skewed, and skewed in such a way that I might spend the rest of my days in managed care, or worse, in a home for the feeble? Feeling a bit panicky, I wondered if I should press the emergency button. But I manned up. After all, it wasn’t like they’d played the Bee Gees or, Sweet Mother Mary, the Carpenters. I had survived a strange childhood, a war, 45 years of clock punching, and 11 presidencies. Surely I could handle this.

About 20 minutes into the procedure the CYP came to check up on me. I asked if she could switch the music from “classic” to classical. She smiled. “No problem, papa.” A moment later *Moon River*, conducted by Mantovani, streamed through the headphones. It was at that precise moment I realized that time is truly relative, that 35 minutes can be 35 years, and that the blink of an eye can last forever and ever.

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) 244-6841 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 will begin on Sunday, Feb. 21 from 1 – 3 p.m. at Faith Bible Church, Suite C, 3 Parkcliff Drive, Holiday Island. Share with others experiencing similar circumstances in an informal, confidential setting. Call (479) 253-8925 or email lardellen@gmail.com.
- **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

FEBRUARY 15

9:01 a.m. – Request for a welfare check came from a Department of Human Services worker in Crawford County. Constable checked on a one-year old female and found her to be okay.

9:48 a.m. – Traffic stop resulted in the arrest of the driver for driving on a suspended license and an outstanding warrant.

2:14 p.m. – Female patient walked away from ESH toward Bentonville. Her mother told ESPD the daughter, who has been diagnosed as bi-polar, was pregnant. Constable encountered the daughter on the highway and verified she was okay.

2:33 p.m. – Central dispatch alerted ESPD to a burglary alarm triggered at a motel. Motel staff reported the alarm was being worked on.

6:13 p.m. – A truck rolled over on US 62 toward the western part of town. A constable and EMS responded.

7:24 p.m. – Central dispatch passed along that a male and two females were yelling at each other. Constables who responded learned a daughter was having a dispute with her mother. The daughter stayed the night with her aunt.

FEBRUARY 16

6:35 a.m. – A daughter told ESPD her mother had come to her house under the influence of something and had hit her sister and roommate. Constables arrested the mother for domestic battery and warrants out of Eureka Springs and Carroll County.

8:30 a.m. – Delivery person left a package on the front porch of a residence, and the resident said it was taken before she got home to claim it.

8:35 a.m. – Business owner claimed someone stole paper towels from the business.

9:46 a.m. – Constable and detective responded to the report of a break-in at a business downtown.

11:07 a.m. – Two dogs ran loose near US 62 just west of downtown. Animal Control did not encounter the dogs nor was he able to speak with their owner.

1:44 p.m. – Just east of downtown, two dogs were reported for running wild in a parking lot. Animal Control searched for but did not encounter them.

2 p.m. – There was a two-vehicle accident on US 62. No injuries.

FEBRUARY 17

9:48 a.m. – Vehicle owner told ESPD her vehicle was taken from her residence over the previous weekend but had not been returned as requested. ESPD put out an alert to watch for the driver and vehicle.

2:43 p.m. – Animal Control captured a loose and unsupervised dog and issued citations to the owner.

7 p.m. – There was an altercation at a bar. Upon arrival of the constable, the pugilists separated.

9 p.m. – There were two suspicious vehicles near Black Bass Lake which prompted a call from a frightened witness. Constable responded but discovered both vehicles had already left. Constable escorted the caller down the road.

9:55 p.m. – Observer saw a male sleeping in his vehicle just above downtown. The vehicle was

gone before a constable got there.

11:28 p.m. – Resident near downtown said she was being disturbed by neighbor's barking dog. Constable spoke with the owner of the animal who brought it inside.

FEBRUARY 18

12:49 a.m. – Motorist told ESPD that a van headed to town from the south was dragging something causing a trail of sparks. Constable encountered the suspect vehicle in a parking lot, and driver promised to take care of the problem.

3:42 a.m. – Motel staff alerted ESPD to a suspicious vehicle parked behind the building. Constable responded but staff said the vehicle pulled away just before the constable arrived.

9:14 a.m. – There was a two-vehicle accident on US 62. No injuries.

2:45 p.m. – Restaurant staff told ESPD an intoxicated patron had backed into another vehicle before driving away toward the east. Constable found the vehicle in a parking lot and made a report.

11:11 p.m. – Call from an alarm company prompted a response by constables to a business. They found the front door was wobbly and the wind had triggered the alarm.

FEBRUARY 19

8:14 a.m. – Bank employee was concerned about a person camping in the area behind the building. Constable informed the camper that camping was not allowed there and encouraged him to move along.

FEBRUARY 20

4:12 a.m. – Central dispatch told ESPD a man had stabbed himself in the chest on Main Street. Constable went to the scene and took a report.

1:18 p.m. – Ex-girlfriend told ESPD she was worried about her ex-boyfriend. She was concerned he might harm himself because of the breakup. Constable found the ex-boyfriend and he was okay.

4:04 p.m. – Central dispatch reported several 911 hang-up calls from downtown. Constables went to the scene and spoke with the individual.

6:50 p.m. – Constables responded to a call about a suspicious person and were able to arrest the individual for DWI #3, driving on a suspended license, no insurance, no vehicle license and implied consent.

9:27 p.m. – Constable heard of a male jumping in front of vehicles on US 62. He was nowhere to be found when they got there.

9:34 p.m. – There was a disturbance at a motel, and constables arrested an individual for third degree domestic battery and public intoxication.

FEBRUARY 21

3:28 a.m. – Traffic stop resulted in the arrest of the driver for speeding, driving left of center and possession of a controlled substance.

3:57 a.m. – A male was yelling in the parking lots of two tourist lodgings. He was arrested for public intoxication.

8:59 a.m. – There was a report of damage to

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Keeping tabs on the budget

NICKY BOYETTE

Mayor Butch Berry reported at Monday's city council meeting where city financials are with respect to its budget, pointing out that a city budget does not operate like month-to-month budgets in a typical business. For example, hefty early-year payments for workers' compensation insurance and Municipal League professional services pushed expenditure totals above the expected 8.47 percent of budget at this point in the year to 8.75 percent. This disparity will correct itself during the year.

Berry reported Finance, Police, Fire, Building, Streets, Water and Sewer budgets are all within expected expenditures so far.

Revenue across the board is slightly less than expected so far, and Berry said he did not know why except weather was probably a factor. The city has had favorable weather on weekends so far in 2016, so he expected revenue to begin to pick up.

Alderman Bob Thomas asked for clarification regarding the presentation of budget updates to council. In addition to the monthly budget updates, Thomas asked

specifically for a listing of long-term debts of the city and a printout of bank account balances.

After a brief discussion, aldermen agreed the first meeting of the month would have on its agenda a budget update from Berry, and council would convene thirty minutes before the second monthly meeting for a brief budget workshop.

Other items

- Council unanimously approved the third readings of Ordinance 2236 regarding Home Occupation CUPs and Ordinance 2237 regarding Home Storage of Contractor Materials.

- Council 2238 also approved the third reading of Ordinance 2238 which rezones 120 S. Main to C-1.

- The second reading of Ordinance 2239 which increases EMS fees was approved.

- City Clerk Ann Armstrong presented a portion of the 4th quarter financials, a voluminous compilation of pages full of numbers, all of which can be accessed in her office upon request.

Next meeting will be Monday, March 14, at 6 p.m.

Game Night at the Elementary

The Scottie Parent Group will hold a Game Night for all children age 3 – 14 on Thursday, Feb. 25 from 5 – 7 p.m. in the Eureka Springs Elementary Cafeteria. Join for an evening of playing your favorite board games with your classmates, friends and neighbor. Many games will be available to choose from or you can bring your favorite from home. Pizza, popcorn and baked goods will be available for purchase

Birds and Breakfast at Hobbs State Park

Enjoy and cup of coffee or juice and have breakfast with the birds on March 5 and April 16 as the Wildlife Society of the University of Arkansas will be catching, handling and releasing songbirds back into the wild from 9 – 10:30 a.m. at Hobbs State Park Conservation Area Visitor Center on Hwy. 12.

All activities are free and registration is not required. For more information call (479) 789-5000.



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Aviation fuel prices no longer so competitive

NICKY BOYETTE

Airport Manager Michael Pfeifer told commissioners last week that nearby airports are now selling aviation fuel for less than Carroll County Airport, and he could no longer tell pilots CCA has the lowest prices in the area. The price at CCA is typically \$4 per gallon.

Interim chair Chase Tresler suggested they wait until spring to change the price because there are not enough sales to make a huge difference, but commissioner and pilot Dane Mulligan said he would fly an extra ten minutes to get a cheaper price. Pfeifer said pilots have recently told him they landed at CCA to save money on fuel.

The commission agreed to authorize Pfeifer to drop prices no lower than cost on special occasions, such as weekends of the monthly fly-ins, at his discretion.

Run to help Rotary help others

The Eureka Springs Rotary Club will host the 34th annual Victorian Classic charity benefit run on Saturday, March 19. The Victorian Classic race is sponsored by the Eureka Springs Rotary Club and donor sponsors from Carroll County. Proceeds from the race will go to Samaritan's Feet, a nonprofit organization which supplies shoes for the needs of local children. Registration for the 10k and 2 mile-run and 2 mile walk can be found online at www.eurekarotary.org. For information email VictorianClassic@gmail.com or call Patsy at (479) 981-3065.

Free movie March 5

All are invited to a free showing of Michael Moore's movie *Capitalism: A Love Story*, on Saturday, March 5 at 6:30 p.m. at the Carnegie Public Library's Friendship Room on the first floor. The movie is sponsored by Trella Laughlin who will speak Sunday, March 6 at Eureka Springs UU Fellowship on *Capitalism Kills*.

Hogs wilder than ever

NICKY BOYETTE

Chair Bill Featherstone told Parks commissioners last week that he recently hiked through Lake Leatherwood Park with interim chair Donna Woods and commissioner Steven Foster, and they witnessed more evidence of a feral hog disturbance than he had ever seen. They came upon upturned rocks, rooting, and general upheaval along the entire trail on the western side of the lake. He said the park would recover from the invasion, but anticipated the damage could continue throughout the park possibly posing a threat to visitors.

Featherstone said when feral hogs moved in a few years ago, Parks hired professionals to trap and dispose of the animals, and the problem was mitigated temporarily, "but they're back with a vengeance."

He mentioned that the same professionals are not as cheap this time around. For a fee of \$1500, hired trappers would set up

fencing and a gate – which Parks would keep afterwards – and bait the area with corn for six to eight weeks to lure as many feral hogs as possible to the site before trapping them while they are feeding. The animals would be dispatched on site.

Woods pointed out, however, the timing for immediate action is awkward. Wild hogs have more to eat in the woods during spring and they might prefer more private grazing territory. October through March is the ideal trapping season for feral hogs.

Featherstone mentioned Parks could always call in trappers if there were a safety issue, but the dilemma is not easy to solve and there are few attractive options.

Foster contended Parks must mitigate the problem before it gets out of hand. He said he carries a big stick when he hikes there.

The topic will remain on the agenda.

Parks to ask council to expand commission pool

NICKY BOYETTE

Interim Parks Director Donna Woods said last Tuesday the state's enabling legislation, which allowed the city to create the Parks Commission, states that commissioners must be qualified electors but need not reside within city limits. However, Eureka Springs Ordinance 1820 states all

seven commissioners must live within city limits. Woods pointed out the commission has had a vacancy for years, and could expand the pool of possible candidates by asking city council to amend the ordinance.

Commission Chair Bill Featherstone stated there are excellent potential commissioners within the county, some of

whom have already inquired about a seat.

After a brief discussion, commissioners voted unanimously to empower Featherstone to ask city council to amend membership requirements to allow the commission to seat up to two commissioners who are qualified electors residing outside city limits but within the western district.

HDC approves two more metal roofs

NICKY BOYETTE

The Historic District Commission considered two more applications for replacing traditional roofs with metal roofs at its Feb. 17 meeting. Roofing contractor Dennis Alexander represented both applications. The work at 6 Hazel involved removing cedar shake shingles, repairing trusses and preparing the structure for a standing seam steel roof of a burnished slate color. Guidelines by which commissioners base decisions allow standing seam roofs, and the vote was unanimous to approve the application.

Alexander also told commissioners he was working on three rear buildings of the Joy Motel complex. The plan called for removing the asphalt shingles, repairing what was underneath and laying insulation, but this time the request was for a lap panel steel roof.

Guidelines allow lap panel roofs only in specific situations at the discretion of the commission. Commissioner Doug Breitling mentioned the application is for a commercial property, and Alexander observed the buildings are set back from view from the road. Commissioner Melissa Greene added that because of the amount of work needed on the buildings, lap panel would be an acceptable choice. Commissioners unanimously approved the application.

These two applications were also approved:

- 8 Linwood – enclose part of carport
- 1 Cline – new construction: workshop

The application to place a storage shed behind the house at 169 Spring was tabled because, even though the owner had submitted a sketch of what was planned, the actual landing spot for the shed was

not flagged and no one was present at the meeting to explain exactly where the building would be placed.

These two items on the consent Agenda were approved:

- 6 Center – new sign
- 58 ½ S. Main – new sign

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

Chair Dee Bright presented these Administrative Approvals, applications for repair or work involving no changes in materials or color but which also include applications for changes in roofing color:

- Magnetic Spring – repaint; repair pavilion roofs
- Sweet Spring – repair, repaint fence
- 23 Fairmount – re-roof, new color
- 1 Singleton – re-roof
- 50 N. Main – re-paint

Next meeting will be Wednesday, March 2, at 6 p.m.

Sunday at EUUF

Join on Feb. 28 at the Eureka Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 17 Elk Street to hear Roxie Howard and Caden Pruitt share personal insights about their transgender journey. Childcare is provided and there is extra parking at Ermilio's Restaurant, 26 White Street.

School board mulls over lease property lease

NICKY BOYETTE

The Eureka Springs School Board discussed two items related to the disposition of the old high school property at its Feb. 18 meeting, but deferred action on both. Supt. Bryan Pruitt told the board he and district treasurer Pam McGarrah noticed two items in the 30-plus page lease they thought needed to be amended slightly, extending the amount of time the district, landlord of the property, would need to approve alterations and language about insurance.

Board president Chris McClung said he would speak with attorney Kristi Kendrick, who crafted the lease, to clear up language about insurance, and board member Debbie Davis suggested they defer decisions until the March

meeting so they would have time to peruse the document.

Diane Murphy, chair of the Community Center Foundation (CCF) board, said her board also needed more time to study the lease, so the topic will appear on next month's school board agenda.

Almost time for demolition

Pruitt said he received two bids for demolishing B-100, the building on the old high school property nearest US 62. The bid from Holloway Construction was for \$99,668 and the other bid was for more than \$350,000. Holloway Construction also submitted a bid of \$19,000 for repairing the roof over the corridor between the gymnasium and the band room in B-300.

Pruitt told the board the district has \$123,467 remaining from an insurance payment it received after

a hailstorm in spring 2015 damaged the roof of B-300. He said he was told by staff in the facilities section of the Arkansas Department of Education the district can spend leftover funds however it wants, such as to pay for the demolition of B-100.

McGarrah commented the demolition is not a capital improvement, so it does not need to go out for bid. McClung noted CCF had expected it would have to pay for the demolition, but he had no issues with the district using the insurance for this purpose. However, he wanted full assurance the district was legally able to proceed.

Davis suggested the board should convene a work session to discuss how to proceed once it hears more about their legal options, and other board members agreed.

Soccer season starting soon

The Eureka Springs Soccer Club begins its spring season youth soccer sign-up Saturday, Feb. 27 at the ES Middle School cafeteria from 9 – 11:30 a.m. Other sign-up days will be Wednesday, March 2 from 3:15 – 5 p.m. and Saturday, March 5 from 9 – 11:30 a.m.

For more information check the club website at www.eteamz.com/eurekasoccer.

School to skip suit

NICKY BOYETTE

Bob McCleskey of the Fountain Lake School District Board of Education in Hot Springs asked if Eureka Springs wanted to put up \$2000 to enter into another suit to pursue recouping attorneys' fees encumbered during a lawsuit with the Arkansas Department of Education regarding Universal Rate Taxation (URT) withheld from the two districts, Supt. Bryan Pruitt told the board Feb. 18.

Pruitt said he had spoken with Curtis Turner, who was superintendent for the district during the lawsuit, and Turner recommended the district not pursue any action. Pruitt also warned the board there might be an attempt in the legislature to chase after the URT again once it convenes in autumn.

Board member Al Larson moved to respectfully decline the offer to join the lawsuit. Vote to approve the motion was unanimous.

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Vernal Witch Hazel
Hamamelis vernalis
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Witch Hazel in Spring?

The best part of winter is the first signs of spring. You can feel it in the air. Spring is around the corner. Oh sure, we'll have more cold spells and some frozen precipitation. Those of you who find themselves inexplicably experiencing sneezing fits may not realize that elm trees are in full bloom, and very soon, red cedars will earn the "red" part of their name, as their tiny flowers open giving these evergreen trees a rusty-red-tinge.

It is the vernal season. Things begin anew. One of my favorite Ozark plant discovery moments was hiking down a creek along gravel bars, bundled-up for the brisk cold of a 5° day. Suddenly an unexpected, strong, sweet fragrance filled the air. I was startled by that delightful moment, looked around, and there, not far away was an Ozark or vernal witch hazel (*Hamamelis vernalis*).

Depending on where you live exactly, vernal witch hazel might be considered the latest or earliest blooming plant. It can begin blooming as early as the last week of December in the southern Ozarks, and may hold-off until February or March, then continue blooming into April, further north. Blooming time may differ from valley to valley. It's in bloom now if you happen to be in the right place at the right time.

Vernal witch hazel is one of two species of witch hazel here in the Ozarks. The other is the common eastern witch hazel (*Hamamelis virginiana*), which sports yellow blossoms in the autumn just after most fall leaves have withered. Depending upon its age, younger specimens will hold onto the dried shriveled leaves, persisting through the winter. Common witch hazel's flowers are nearly always yellow, with slightly longer petals than vernal witch hazel. Vernal witch hazel blooms have a slight orange tint or may be reddish toward the center of the flower. One rare form in the Ozarks called form "carnea," with brilliant dark red flowers.

Common witch hazel is mostly found in dry woods on north facing-slopes. Vernal witch hazel, which originates in the Ozarks, is primarily found along creek bottoms, especially in gravel bars. Last weekend we enjoyed three days in the 70s. Plants are beginning to flower all around us (even if we don't see them). Let the sneezing begin!



School resource officer put on back burner

NICKY BOYETTE

Supt. Bryan Pruitt told the school board last Thursday that Police Chief Thomas Achord had brought up, again, the district adding a School Resource Officer. Cost to the district would be around \$50,000 for an officer on campus all the time. The officer would also teach classes, including but not limited to, safe driving techniques. An officer would also be present at ball games. ESPD would train and equip the person.

Pruitt said he feels students on campus are safe and procedures are in place to protect them. He suggested he and the board study the concept further, but his recommendation was to take no action at this meeting.

Board member Candace Spaulding said they had discussed the topic before when David Kellogg was superintendent and had decided to upgrade security measures at the school but not add a resource officer. Pruitt named districts that have a resource officer but said not all situations are the same. Bergman School District, for example, received a grant to fund the position for the first five years after which the district paid the tab.

The board tabled the item until next month.

School principals and teachers report on progress and innovation

NICKY BOYETTE

Intervention specialist Kim Knapp told the school board last Thursday she has eight students in her K-4 alternative education classroom, and if student behaviors have a detrimental effect on performance, she and principal Clare Lesieur begin an assessment to determine if interventions are appropriate. A committee that includes parents and other teachers will set up an action plan to keep the student on grade level.

Often there are gaps in learning or social skills deficits for the student, Knapp said, and her team implements strategies and activities designed not only to address the educational component, but also teach how to make good choices in social situations.

Lynda Miller, literacy teacher for grades 5-6, announced there was outstanding attendance at her Literacy Night, which in the past had not attracted so many parents. She said she uses analysis to expand the outcome of the reading and writing exercises. She also mentioned fifth graders are now being asked to tackle what seventh graders previously faced in standardized tests.

High school science teacher Katy Turnbaugh showed the board a piece of soap her chemistry students made as part of learning about acids and bases. Physics students are studying

optics, and engineering students are, of their own volition, focusing on projects that involve careful use of energy and items which benefit others, such as a prosthetic wheelchair for a dog, a fishing pole for a person with a handicap, and an earthquake-resistant house. Turnbaugh also has students testing water quality in Eureka Springs. Funds for the water testing equipment came through a grant.

Students in Wayman Bell's science classes have been learning about genetics. Other classes have conducted hands-on experiments with electricity and making a 3-D printer with recycled parts. Physics students have been learning how to use simple tools like a stopwatch and ruler to calculate how much energy is used when an item such as a bicycle wheel rotates.

"We teach them to teach themselves," Bell commented.

Executive session

- Set the amount of Bryan Pruitt's contract for July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2019 at \$95,000 per year;
- Approve a transfer of Rosie Dodrill from 7-hour cook to 6-hour cook;
- Approve the transfer of John McBryde from school-year custodian to year-round custodian.

Next meeting will be Thursday, March 17, at 5:30 p.m.

Learn the foundations of gardening

Foundation Farm Gardening Classes will run on Thursdays from March. 3 – April 14 from 3:30 p.m. – 5 p.m. at the Unitarian Church, 17 Elk Street.

March 3: Preparing and Nourishing your Soil

March 10: 4 Season Gardening

March 17: Weeds, Diseases and all else!

March 24: No class

March 31: Perfect Squash, Cucumber, etc.

April 7: Perfect Tomatoes, Peppers, etc.

April 14: At Farm, hands-on, building a no-till bed.

Fees are \$20 per class or \$100 for all and RSVP is required.

Cinema suspense at the library

The selection for the Friday, Feb. 26 Secret Season Cinema is the Austrian horror film, *Goodnight Mommy*. The film tells the story of twin boys whose mother returns home as someone they don't recognize after a surgery that leaves her face covered in bandages and her personality different. This film is rated R.

Screen will be in the Library Annex Friends Room at 7 p.m. Admission and popcorn are free. For more information go to events calendar at eurekaibrary.org or call (479) 253-8754.

The show is coming to a close

The Secret Season Cinema foreign film festival at the Carnegie Library is coming to a close with the highest-grossing Swedish comedy *The 100 Year Old Man Who Climbed Out the Window and Disappeared*, based on the best-selling novel of the same name by Jonas Jonasson.

This is the story of Alan Karlsson, a man who has lived a long and interesting life until he finds himself in a nursing home as a centenarian and decides that his adventures are not over.

The film is rated R. Screening will be in the Library Annex Friends Room on Friday, March 4 at 7 p.m. Admission and popcorn are free. For more information, go to events calendar at eurekaibrary.org or call (479) 253-8754.

CCSO busts driver for meth possession

At 10:45 a.m. on Thursday, Feb. 18, Carroll County Sheriff's Office Cpl. Jonathan White activated radar on a white Nissan Pathfinder going 56 mph in a 35 mph zone from Hwy. 221 to County Road 422 north of Berryville and pulled it over, according to a CCSO Affidavit of Probable Cause. When White ran the vehicle license plate it returned to a silver Jeep, and the driver, Greg Paul Sohn, 32, of Holiday Island did not have a valid driver's license.

White asked Sohn if he could take a look in the vehicle, to which Sohn replied it was his girlfriend's car and he should ask her. When told it was his call to permit a search, Sohn said he did not mind, and he understood he could stop the search at any time. White searched the driver's side while Deputy Lance Clark scoured the passenger's side. Deputy Casey Trost stood in back of the car with Sohn.

A plastic baggie was found between the driver's seat and door with a clear crystal substance. White performed a meth field test that turned out positive, and arrested Sohn for possession of a controlled substance. A search at the Carroll County Detention Center revealed a second bag of the substance in Sohn's shorts pocket. Total weight of the confiscated substance was 31 grams.

Sohn is being on a \$250,000 bond for Possession of Schedule I/II Controlled Substance with Purpose to Deliver (felony), and Speeding, No Driver's License and Fictitious Vehicle License/Registration, all misdemeanors. Sohn is scheduled to appear in Carroll County Circuit Court Feb. 29.



Greg Paul Sohn



Bern'in down the house – The Hudson Outfit, Handmade Moments, Still on the Hill and Melissa Carper had people up and dancing as supporters gathered in support of Bernie Sanders at Caribé on Feb. 20. *PHOTOS BY JAY VRECENAK*



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 Four – Persons and Places of Those Early Days

Beyond and above, along that hillside road that connected with our alley, was the Big Sand Rock as we children always called it; it was white sandstone just a large, irregularly shaped boulder. It was on the right hand side of the road which, at that point, curved sharply to the left or west, for the rock marked the beginning of a steep descent to the valley below. On the northeast side of the rock, but probably sheltered by it, we found the first anemones in the spring of the year. Scattered down the slope, abundant, beautiful, delicately colored flowers that defied the north wind. The Big Sand Rock was so soft, so exposed to the weather it has, no doubt, weathered away, or been broken down. In those days it showed traces of breakage; the ground around it was powdered with fine, white sand.

In that house just south of ours, where so many different families moved in and out, Mr. Don Perry, one of the publishers of *The Weekly Times*, lived for a while. The Perrys had two children when they came there, Newtie and Bessie. A little boy was born there that they name Choate Christian. Newtie used to say his name was Don Jay Newton Perry. Mrs. Page, who was a friend of the Perrys,

had a collection of good sheet music, including quite a number of songs which Minnie learned to sing with the aid of Helen Putnam’s organ. Somebody sent Mrs. Page a civet cat, which was an object of interest (but not admiration) to us children.

When Mr. Putnam built his new store, the family moved into the rooms above. It was quite convenient and comfortable quarters reached by a stairway up the north side of the building to a porch across the front, thus to the front door. In the rear a narrow platform from the bluff connected with the back porch and the kitchen door. Miss Josie went back north before they lived long in the new home. The family had come from Wisconsin. Miss Helen, or Miss Nellie, as we called her, kept house for her father and helped him in the store, until he sold out; then they both went north.

The old Putnam store was still there when we moved away. But the McDowell house and stable had been replaced by a larger house where the Dixons lived, and a house where lived a one-armed veteran of the Civil War, a Union soldier known as Col. John Scott.

When we first knew the Cuthbertsons they lived in a little house north of the

McCandless place. Later they built a very good house, between Henson’s shop and the McDowell place.

Then there were the Logsdons, whose acquaintance we made when they lived in the house next to Mr. Turley. Later they moved down to the McAfee house. There is enough level ground between that house and the mill for the Logsdons to put in a croquet set. What delight it afforded the children of the neighborhood! It seems they did not care how much we played there. There was no other level plot in the vicinity for a croquet court. Our alley was level, but wide enough only for games of Two Old Cats, a ballgame we played with zest.

One of the most interesting talkers I ever knew was Mr. William Newton, who lived for some time in our house; board and room. He was the machinist or blacksmith at the railroad roundhouse, a very expert workman whose hearing had been injured by his occupation. But he had traveled much in the West; had been in Colorado and California prospecting for gold; had traveled through Nevada. The adventures he had had on snow-clad mountainsides, walks above the tree line, encounters with wild beast, including one grizzly bear – whatever an intelligent man can



see and remember in the high mountains, furnished him with experiences that we children never wearied of hearing him talk of as we clustered around his chair in the living room, in the evening after supper. Mr. Newton had bought a farm up near Seligman, and later married a girl from that community. He brought his bride home to that house south of us; then they moved to the house at the head of that long flight of steps that ascended between the old and new Putnam stores. From there they went to the McAfee house, and next to the Collins house. After a year or so they went to live on Mr. Newton’s farm.

Pisces, Lent, Purification, Preparation & Saving Humanity

We continue in the oceanic waters of Pisces. We are in the time of preparation called “lent.” Each sign prepares us for the next sign. Aquarius (air) prepared us for Pisces (water) prepares us for Aries (fire). Together Pisces & Aries create a steamy misty mix that promises new realities (spring). The Neptune waters of Pisces are presently dissolving what is no longer useful so the Age of Aquarius

can bring forth a new kingdom (the Soul) filled with love, wisdom, unity, light, compassion, Right Relations and Right Action (Soul qualities & virtues). Pisces is symbolized spiritually as religion, devotion and prayers, purification and sacrifice. These are the tools we use during Lent. This year Lent (time of purification) occurs in Pisces, ending at Palm Sunday (Passion Week begins), March 19-20, as

Sun enters Aries.

Lent calls us to cultivate Soul qualities. It is a time of instilling new rhythms on the personality and a time of focused preparation... for Easter and the Aries full moon festival (Resurrection Festivals), the first of the three Spring Festivals. In the Bible it is written that Christ (Archangel from the star Sirius, where love originates) entered the desert

(wilderness) for 40 days and 40 nights in order to learn how to use his Archangelic (Sirius) body on Earth. He was perfecting & preparing Himself for his Earth “mission.” Christ’s mission? The almost unbearably difficult work of “saving humanity,” the task of all Pisces. Let us help them (Pisces). Let us see ourselves in the desert with the Christ during Lent. Let us prepare together.

ARIES: Have you noticed feeling more intuitive, sensitive, inspired or insightful? Are there nightly dreams, daily visions? Prayer, meditation, study, retreats are good for you at this time, allowing more gentleness to emerge providing you with reflective and compassionate caring. These help when you’re placed within Aquarian groups, when asked to be the leader and invited to visit the future. When the world calls you.

TAURUS: You have one task – to focus on health, tend to bones and joints, take more calcium and magnesium and B complex, and be careful not to become cold. You must use your enlightened practicality to care for yourself with more focus. As more and more seek your help you will have to weigh what’s best – leading everyone into the future, or nursing your physical body back to perfect health. Study Functional medicine.

GEMINI: Something beneficent, benevolent and bountiful happens between you and the world, between you and your work and profession. You’re inspired, encouraged and guided internally. With careful study, years of preparation, and viewing the past in terms of your talents and gifts, pathways open, choices are seen, commitments are made, and abundance settles within the 12-petaled lotus of our heart. Draw this lotus.

CANCER: A new and different focus of thoughtfulness has come into your life. It makes you feel kind and generous and for the first time in a long time, you feel the ability to tend to all things “home.” There’s a new exploration into a study, a culture, a time, a person or a reality unknown to you before. Something changes your inner life. You enter into happiness. You make peace with the past.

LEO: Observe yourself becoming more perceptive and wise, more intuitive and enlightened in terms of others’ needs, especially those you work with. Someone, something or some communications helps you shift into a deeper awareness of spiritual realities. This comes through intimacy, money, resources and/or dreams. And nature. Spring calls to you. Love heals you. Bring that love into the light. And then tend to taxes.

VIRGO: You will relate better and better with others, especially those close to you.

They will bloom and flourish, increase, thrive and prosper. You find yourself being a greater support to others, offering guidance and compassionate understanding where needed. These will nourish your heart always filled with new realities. Create a new journal of what inspires you.

LIBRA: Think about what you want to be doing daily... career, occupation, work, artistry, gardens, vocation you truly and deeply need (want) to pursue. If you don’t know, ask yourself. The answers will subtly appear. Talk to everyone about your hopes, dreams and wishes. In the coming year your health greatly improves, you become stronger and more resilient. Canaries, cats and fish are good pets for Libra. What flowers will you plant this year?

SCORPIO: Careful taking risks with your money and resources.

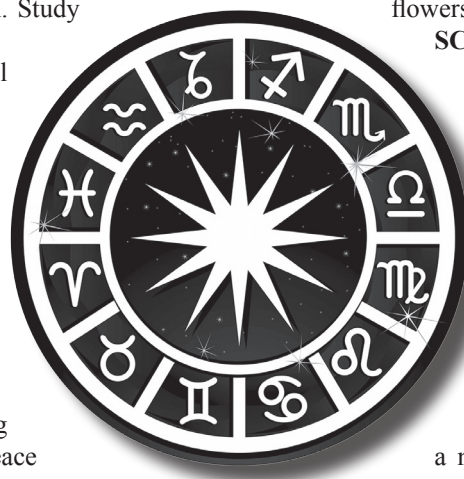
Instead consider the new economy (of Sharing) and begin to live “as if” that economy has arrived. Each person in this new economy brings forth his or her gifts. Gifts that everyone can use. Gifts that prosper everyone. What would your gifts be? Know the future will be much different than what we’re used to. Study greenhouses, biologic architecture and communities around the world.

SAGITTARIUS: Very serious ideas flow through your mind. Sometimes there is a sense of fear. You want to return home. At other times you experience a sense of euphoria. It’s important to live near a body of water. Or even in a desert previously covered with water. Wherever you are, the land is kind to you. To create a new sense of nourishment for yourself, do only what you love, surround yourself with beauty till the next phase of your life appears.

CAPRICORN: Notice your thinking becomes happy, optimistic even, in the midst of life questions and concern about the emotions and behaviors of others. You will shift from happiness to concern to knowing you must begin at all times with intentions for Goodwill. You may not feel goodwill, but have goodwill intentions anyway. Goodwill helps you help others who have lost their way. Begin writing (journaling, blogging). You have important thoughts and ideas to share.

AQUARIUS: This coming year continues to be different for you. Needs will be met through different and varied sources. That means more attention is needed for the well-being of your physical body, emotions and mind. Notice that you are already living in the Sharing Society. You are its forerunner. All Aquarians are forerunners. What feels like limitations are actually vital, life giving, yet hidden blessings. Give thanks daily.

PISCES: They say that good fortune, sunshine, blessings, grace and beauty follow you this year. Self-confidence and a new sense of self-identity will flourish. It’s important to follow your visions and dreams. It’s important to maintain all responsibilities and obligations, to tithe generously and consistently, and be careful with the intake of foods. Create a daily rhythm of living. It sustains the life of all fishes. Create a Journal of Inspiration. Placing in the journal all that inspires you.



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ID – which I provided – then the clerk interrogated me as to the information on my driver's license "tell me your name, address, and date of birth." I did laugh at first but the response was "is that too hard?" No, I said, by the way – "That is what they tell us to do, check your ID."

So I voted – *paper ballot!* Always get paper! All voting should produce a voter approved paper trail.

Because it is not voter fraud that is the problem, it is election fraud that steals elections!

I called the State Dept. of Arkansas Election Division I asked, "what is the status of voter ID in Arkansas?" They tried to pretend they didn't understand the question after a few repeats the answer came clear as a bell, "You are not required to show ID to vote, but they may ask you for ID." I then related the next part about being interrogated over

the information on my driver's license, there was not much of a response.

The Supreme Court of Arkansas stuck down the voter ID law Oct 15 2014! At the very least a large sign needs to be posted at the polling place to proclaim to all voters that NO ID IS REQUIRED TO VOTE.

Ivan Thompson

[Eds. Note: Some form of identification with the voter's address is required. A photo ID is not required.]

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Dusty Pearls swing at New Delhi Friday, local friends delight Brews on Saturday

Our Tulsa friends, Dusty Pearls, display sweet harmonies and soulful vocal styles at New Delhi on Friday. The patio music area is a great way to enjoy the evening, right between the street and the hillside.

Saturday at Brews, Eureka's own Sam Dudley and some Fayetteville kindred spirits play smooth guitar jams and exhibit their excellent songwriting. There's live music to be had from one end of downtown to the other so get out there and soak up the good vibes.

THURSDAY, FEB. 25

BREWS – *Let's Talk About Death, Baby*, Poetry and Storytelling, 6 p.m.

EUREKA LIVE! – *Green Screen*

Karaoke, 9 p.m.

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

FRIDAY, FEB. 26

CATHOUSE LOUNGE – *Jerry Jones Band*, Blues, 8 p.m.

CHELSEA'S – *Calamity Cubes*, Americana, 9 p.m.

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

GRAND TAVERNE – *Arkansas Red*, Guitar Dinner Music, 6:30 – 9:30 p.m.

LEGENDS SALOON – *DJ Karaoke with Kara*, 8 p.m.

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

ROWDY BEAVER – *Anna Williams*, Singer/Songwriter, 7 p.m.

ROWDY BEAVER DEN – *Karaoke with DJ Goose*, 8 p.m.

SATURDAY, FEB. 27

BREWS – *Sam Dudley, Jackson Jennings, and Theo Moffett*, Jazz Trio, 7 p.m.

CATHOUSE LOUNGE – *Septembers End*, Rock, 8 p.m.

CHELSEA'S – *Sad Daddy*, Folk/Swing, 9 p.m.

EUREKA LIVE! – *DJ & Dancing*, 9 p.m.

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

LEGENDS SALOON – *Blind Driver*, Rock, 9 p.m.

NEW DELHI – *The Bourbon Highway*, Americana, 6 – 10 p.m.

ROWDY BEAVER – *2 Dog 2 Karaoke*, 7 p.m.

ROWDY BEAVER DEN – *Anna Williams*, Singer/Songwriter, 8 p.m.

MONDAY, FEB. 29

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 1

CATHOUSE LOUNGE – *Los Roscoes*, Folk, 5 p.m.

CHELSEA'S – *Open Mic*


WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2

BREWS – *Open Mic Night*, 6:30 p.m.



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End of an era
– Charles Epley, after selling his abstract and title business last year, retired the sign to his man cave Saturday, ending his many years as a downtown fixture.

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March 1 Primary Voting

Republican Ballot for Berryville –
Wards 1 & 2; NE/NW Prairies and SE/SW Prairies; Eureka Springs Wards 1, 2 & 3; Johnson Springs; Beaver; Cabanal; Carrollton; Dry Fork; Holiday Island; Omega; Osage; Packard Springs; Piney and Winona.

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Rand Paul
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Ben Carson
Bobby Jindal
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U.S. Senate
Senator John Boozman
Curtis Coleman

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State Supreme Court Justice Courtney Goodson

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Clark W. Mason

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Judge Dale Ramsey
Chris Flanagan

Sheriff
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Unopposed Candidates

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Democratic Ballot is the same for all precincts

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Bernie Sanders
Hillary Clinton
Roque "Rocky" De La Fuente
James Valentine

Non-Partisan Ballot is the same for all precincts

Early voting is Monday-Friday at the Berryville or Eureka Springs Courthouse from 8 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 27 from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Monday, Feb. 29 from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
On **Voting Day** voting is at your precinct only, 7:30 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Voters must have some form of ID (driver's license, electric bill, voter registration card, etc., to prove you live at the address on file. This does not have to be a picture ID).

Quiet time to commune

The Eureka Springs Buddhist Group will gather for 30 minutes of meditation followed by reading and discussion on Thursday, Feb. 25 at 4 p.m. at Heart of Many Ways, 68 Mountain Street. All are welcome.

Having a Souper Sunday

The Holiday Island Fire Department will hold its annual Souper Sunday fundraiser on Sunday, Feb. 28 from 10 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. in the Clubhouse ballroom at 1 Country Club Drive in Holiday Island. Homemade soups and desserts will be served by department firefighters. Cost is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children under 12.

All proceeds benefit the fire department, which serves the Holiday Island SID and rural residents. Those who wish to donate a soup or dessert should call Mary Inglehart (479) 981-1725.

Get your easels set and paintbrushes ready

Registration is now open to the Eureka Springs Plein Air Festival, sponsored by Eureka Springs School of Art and Plein Air Painters of Eureka Springs. Enjoy paint-outs at the city's most iconic sites, both in and out of town, and workshops taught by Lloyd Kelly along with Carl Petering, David Tripp and Wen Norton from May 22 – 26.

There will be cash prizes for "Pick of the Day" paintings during the festival and a feature in *Plein Air Magazine*

for the "Best of Show" artist. There will also be two art show/receptions and the public will have a chance to purchase work at the final art show. Any participating artist may sign up for a display table.

Register for the entire festival, sign up for one day or choose any of 12 separately priced events. For a complete schedule and prices, or to register, see www.essa-art.org, phone (479) 253-5384 or email Maureen.essa@gmail.com

Celebrate Jesus Parade and Concert planning

The Western Carroll County ministerial Association invites all to join in the annual celebration of Jesus on March 25 with music in Basin Park from 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. Saturday, March 26. Music will play from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. followed by the parade with music resuming after the parade until 5 p.m.

Christian musicians and choirs are being sought for the concert and floats, banners and walking groups that edify the Lord for the parade are welcome.

Every Wednesday all are welcome, from noon – 1 p.m. in the lower level of the First Baptist Church, 100 Spring St., to join in prayer for the city, county and nation. From 1:15 – 2 p.m. there will be prayer and planning for the parade and concert. A representative from each church and Christian organization that is taking part in the event is requested so all will be informed of the activities.

For more information call Dale or Laura at (479) 253-8925.

Hosts needed for May's Plein Air Festival

Plein air painters from around the country are signing up at Eureka Springs School of Art (ESSA) for a new event celebrating the art of painting outdoors during May Festival of the Arts.

Town is likely to be crowded and ESSA is looking for hosts who can offer a room to an out-of-town painter during the Eureka Springs Plein Air Festival from May 22 – 26, either as a donation or for a nominal overnight fee. Hosts will not have to provide meals or transportation.

This is a great chance to meet an artist and join in May's colorful atmosphere in a meaningful way. You will also be invited as a special guest to two ticketed receptions, the awards show and presentation at no cost.

If you can help, contact Maureen. essa@gmail.com or phone (479) 253-5384. For complete information about the Plein Air Festival see www.essa-art.org.

Let music ring on

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.

Getting the buzz going

The Writers' Colony will be launching "The Buzz," a monthly after-school coffee house and performance opportunity for young people aged 11 – 18, on March 1. There will be a playful writing exercise with an instructor, followed by an Open Mic invitation for those who wish to read their work, perform dance, music, poetry or share their video productions. The Buzz will

be open from 3 – 5 p.m.

Coffee, provided by Fresh Beans, tea and hot chocolate will be available at no cost. There will also be baked goods and soft drinks for sale.

Young people from public, private and home-school environments are welcome. For more information call the Writers' Colony at (479) 253-7444 or go to www.writerscolony.org.

Homecoming Queen Selection for Arkansas

The 36th annual Arkansas Homecoming Queen Selection will be held March 6 at the Jacksonville Community Center in Jacksonville, Ark. America's Homecoming Queen, Inc. is a non-profit organization promoting education and community service for high school homecoming queens. If you are a 2015-16 high school homecoming queen and have not received your application from your high school contact ahq1181@aol.com or phone (901) 755-9144 for an application.



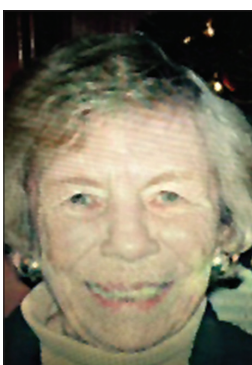
Creator Crow by Valerie Damon

Valerie Hubbard Damon at HI Art Guild

The Holiday Island Art Guild will host their monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 1st 10 a.m. in Room A of the Holiday Island Clubhouse. Noted author, illustrator, sculptor, costumer and multimedia artist Valerie Hubbard Damon of Eureka Springs will be guest speaker.

DEPARTURE

Gladys ("Gus" "Gussie") Thompson July 3, 1927 – Feb. 21, 2016



Gladys ("Gus" "Gussie") Thompson, widow of Ted W., died Feb. 21, 2016 at her residence. She was born July 3, 1927 in Cozad, Neb. She graduated from Cozad High School, Colorado Woman's College and the University of Nebraska (Class of '49) with degrees in journalism and advertising. She married Ted W. Thompson in August of 1949.

"Gus" was a member of Gamma Phi Beta Society, longtime docent of Sheldon Museum of Art, volunteer Bryan LGH West, PTA life member, formerly employed with the Nebraska State

Education Association and Prescott Elementary School. She and Ted also resided and were employed in Breckenridge, Colo., in the winter months of 1978-1985 following Ted's retirement from the Lincoln Schools.

She was a former member of the Knolls Country Club, Thursday Morning Lecture Club and "No Bridge" Luncheon Club.

Survivors include son, Scott and his wife, Donna, of Eureka Springs, Ark.; son, Brad of Olympia, Wash.; granddaughter, Kyra of Park City, Utah; two great grandsons, Merrick Thompson

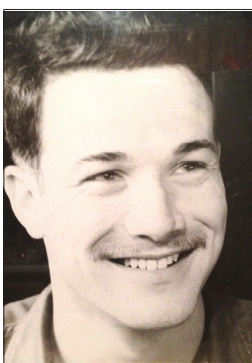
Wong and McCoy Xavier Wong; brother-in-law, Paul Thompson and his wife, Patricia, of Gothenburg, Neb., cousins, nieces and a nephew.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ted W., son, Bruce, parents Carl and Tillie McCoy Gustafson, and sister Marilyn.

Memorials can be made to Lincoln Public Schools Foundation, 5901 "O" St. 68510 or Capital Humane Society, 2320 Park Blvd, Lincoln, NE 68502.

At her request she was cremated and there is no service.

Kenneth R. Fugate March 26, 1949 – Feb. 19, 2016



Kenneth R. Fugate of Eureka Springs, Ark., was born March 26, 1949 in Kermit, Texas, a son of Lloyd Guinn and Wanda Rae (Wagner) Fugate. He departed this life Friday, Feb. 19, 2016 in Eureka Springs, at age 66.

Kenneth proudly served his country in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War. He worked as cemetery sexton of the Eureka Springs Cemetery and was of the Buddhist religion. Ken loved all animals. He was caring and compassionate.

On June 29, 2015, Kenneth was united in

marriage with Carroll Leo Heath who survives him of the home. He is also survived by three children, Shelaine and husband, Henry Gonsalves; Erin and husband, Robert Eddy, and Bryan Fugate all of the San Francisco Bay Area, Calif.; mother Wanda MacDonald of San Angelo, Texas; one sister, Sheryl Wetherby of San Angelo, Texas; one half-brother, Guinn Fugate of Texas; eight grandchildren, Blake Gonsalves, Bryce Gonsalves, Branden Eddy, Brooke Eddy, Jordan Eddy, Austin Fugate, Adriana Fugate and Brayden Fugate; one niece

and one nephew, Deena and Daryl; and a host of other family, friends, and loved ones.

Kenneth was preceded in death by his father. Memorial service was held Wednesday, Feb. 24, at the St. James Church in Eureka Springs.

Cremation arrangements are under the direction of Nelson Funeral Service. Memorial donations may be made in his memory to the Good Shepherd Humane Society, 6486 Highway 62 East, Eureka Springs, Arkansas 72632. Online condolences may be sent to the family at nelsonfuneral.com. © Nelson Funeral Service, Inc. 2016



Well, this weather has been nice, and what most call the fishing season starts next week with the opening of trout season March 1, and Parks like Roaring River will be filled with thousands of people getting lines wet.

I've been working on getting my winter jobs done, which is taxidermy on some fish brought in last year. This trout caught last year is ready to go out the door now.

I've talked to a few fishing buddies, and stripers are still being caught on our end of Beaver, deep, but the water is warming upriver and they are moving and being caught shallower from Prairie

Creek to Point 12.
Here at Holiday Island fish are moving, and walleye are being caught along with a few whites as they move upstream finding their spawning spots. Good places to look for both now are off the flats from the Island to up past the Beaver Bridge. Water temps are moving into the low 50s now, so I will end this giving you some spawning temps and hope all enjoy this warmer weather. Walleye 45° – 50°, February into March; white bass, 53° – 63°, March into April; striped bass, 58° – 64°, March into April; crappie 57° – 66°, April into May; largemouth bass, 65° April into May; smallmouth bass, 65° April into May.

CONSTABLES continued from page 10
equipment at a construction site.
11:18 a.m. – Passerby found a wallet on the sidewalk downtown and turned it in. Constable was able to find the owner and return it.
12:08 p.m. – Innkeeper reported a substantial amount of money was missing.

12:40 p.m. – Concerned observer called in an unleashed, unsupervised dog running around in a parking lot. Animal Control tried to catch it, but it got away.
FEBRUARY 22
3:15 a.m. – A suspicious person was at the car wash, but constables never encountered him.

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by Mike Boian with extensive help from his wife, Ann Solution on page 23

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- ACROSS**

1. Little Orphan Annie

5. King's decree

10. Sign of sadness

14. Passageway

15. Passenger

16. St. Louis landmark

17. Maria Callas forte

18. Highest bridge suit

19. 2 ___ 4 equals 2

20. Abhor

22. Word with love or axe

24. Provide with a quality

25. Command

26. Portico

29. Rachel's dad, Jacob's father-in-law

33. Energetic spirit

36. Interpret as a product of past development

40. Large wading bird

42. Soldier's vacation

43. Future king's prep school

44. As an inevitable result

47. Woman missing a navel

48. Strain to perform

49. Malaysian child (var.)

51. Shouting

55. Pre-Christian cult
59. Gesture of appreciation

61. 17th-century Irish scholar

62. Misbehaving child

63. Avenues, streets

65. Thailand, once

66. Modern Italian currency

67. Follow

68. "Confess or ___!"

69. Stags and does

70. Beginnings

71. Essential part of an oboe
- DOWN**

1. Moby Dick

2. Broke Ruth's record

3. Poem about the siege of Troy

4. Intestinal gas

5. Gaelic language

6. Classic dance move

7. Potato source

8. Aromatic wood

9. Style or fashion

10. Channel below a dam

11. Sea eagle

12. Book after John

13. 17th Greek letter
21. 8th Hebrew letter

23. Pastrami on rye source

27. Lubricates

28. Directionless

30. Proper size for chewing

31. Sea off the Black Sea

32. Hawaiian state bird

33. Climbing grape plant

34. Wild goat

35. Mickey's family

37. British sailor

38. Roman poet

39. Count on

41. Person who attends a superior

45. Broken stump

46. Minor deviations on a ship

50. Face

52. Restores health

53. Make up for

54. Rental document

56. Santiago's country

57. Stop

58. Unlike Venus de Milo

59. Authentic

60. Seldom witnessed

61. Puts into service

62. Place for pansies

64. Bad joke

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Disaster Recovery Center open in Carroll County

A joint federal/state disaster recover center has opened at the Best Western Eureka Inn to help those whose homes or businesses were affected by the severe storms, tornadoes, straight-line winds and flooding from Dec. 26, 2015 – Jan. 22. Representatives from the Arkansas Department of Emergency Management Agency, the U.S. Small Business Administration and other agencies will be at the center to explain disaster assistance programs and help those who apply.

Hours at the center are 8 a.m. – 7 p.m., Monday through Friday; 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. on Saturdays and 10 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. on Sundays. Those seeking disaster assistance should register with FEMA before going to the recovery center by calling (800) 621-3362 or TTY (800) 462-7585 for the speech and hearing impaired. You may also go to www.disasterassistance.gov.

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to be used to install signage on the trails this year. He also announced Adam Biossat was elected chair of the Trails Committee.

Other items

• Featherstone encouraged the public to visit IGave50.com, a website he created as part of a capital campaign for the Community Center Foundation effort to fund the repurposing of the old high school property into a community center and public gathering space.

• Commissioners voted in the following slate of officers for 2016: Chair, Bill Featherstone; Vic-chair, Ruth Hager; Secretary, Fergie Stewart; Treasurer, Jay Fitzsimmons.

• Featherstone announced LLC would open Wednesday, March 9.

Next workshop will be Tuesday, March 8, at 6 p.m., at Harmon Park, and the next meeting will be Tuesday, March 22, at 6 p.m.



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