



Shock waves hit involving city's non-discrimination ordinance

BECKY GILLETTE

The battle over Eureka Springs' non-discrimination ordinance up for vote May 12 has taken on two new twists just as the issue is attracting national attention from *The New York Times* and the *Washington Post* both of which sent reporters to town in the past several days.

For one, a man who appears in a recent video advocating repeal of 2223, Acra Lee Turner, 60, the new pastor at Penn Memorial Baptist, is a convicted serial rapist jailed after confessing to three rapes at the age of 22, according to The New Civil Rights Movement website, *The Lawton [OK] Constitution* and the *Arkansas Times*.

The second twist is that Little Rock's city attorney says there are provisions in state law already that provide protections against discrimination based on sexual orientation. If true then Ordinance 2223, a non-discrimination ordinance in Eureka Springs might not be overturned by Act 137 approved by the Arkansas Legislature this year. Act 137 would make it illegal for local governments to enforce anti-discrimination on a basis not already covered in

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Stare steps – The painting process for downtown's UP Project stairwell began last week with the help of some 10 volunteers and students. Mural designers Kyla Boardman, left, and Kennedy Nami Cash take a short break for a photo op with art teacher Jessica Cummings, center. The Cash & Boardman Mural will attract plenty of stares and shares when it's finished.

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This Week's INDEPENDENT Thinker

Benevolent people around the world supply shoes to impoverished children at a generous and astonishing rate, but there is a drawback – children's feet outgrow the shoes while the shoes are still in good shape.

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USDA grant could help Eureka Springs diversify its economy

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Eureka Springs Mayor Butch Berry's dream to take the city forward and establish more job diversity has gotten a big boost with the announcement of a major grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) for economic development planning. Berryville, Eureka Springs and Mulberry will share a \$249,000 grant for economic development planning that will be matched by the non-profit organization Winrock International.

"My dream is to develop an alternative year-around industry for our community," Berry said. "A clean, green industry that would help give citizens an opportunity to make more money, which would help out the entire community. We are so fortunate that an organization as large and successful as Winrock is willing to help us. This is a foothold, a first step. This is more than what we have had in our community before. I'm excited about it."

Tourism is a great industry, he said, but it leaves many people having to work two or three jobs during the season to survive the winter.

Berry sees the process as setting up dominos. If economic development provides better jobs, people will have more income to buy homes and purchase local goods. The city will have more tax revenues.

"Everybody is going to succeed," Berry said. "It would be a luxury to have a tax base where we could do more things."

Sandy Martin, chair of the Mayor's Task Force on Economic Development, said they are especially pleased about this being a county-wide effort involving the new group, C-3, the Carroll County Cooperative.

"It is important we start working

at a county level looking at the assets, things we have in common and things that complement each other," Martin said. "Eureka Springs and Berryville are two different environments, but together we have stronger assets."

The USDA grant match is not required to be provided by the participating community, said Linsley Kinkade, program officer for Winrock International. "We have been lucky to implement similar projects across rural Arkansas on and off for the past seven years," she said.

Winrock has worked with about 50 rural communities in Arkansas, helping them access funding from various sources. The purpose of the project is to work with city leadership to identify economic development priorities and help build capacity for the city to take on larger projects.

"We will be working on the priorities of the leadership to see how we can help train and move some projects forward," Kinkade said. "We look forward to learning more from everyone in Eureka Springs and doing what we can to help. We will be building off of what the folks in the towns want. Where do you see yourself going and how can we help you do that? Then we see if there are other programs with the USDA that we can connect you to. One of the highlights of the projects will be looking at priorities and seeing whether grant funding is available for individual businesses, the city or the county."

Grant money can be used to support improving home ownership, education, child care services and education, as well as technical assistance, planning and other efforts that help communities bolster economic development capacity.

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Fluoridation set to begin soon at CBWD

NICKY BOYETTE

The Carroll-Boone Water District Board of Directors convened for its quarterly meeting April 16 at the Freeman-Raney Water Treatment Plant, and engineer and consultant Brad Hammond of McGoodwin, Williams and Yates (MWY) told the board the fluoride feed project is almost ready to go. He said they had experienced equipment problems causing a delay in initial fluoridation of the local water supply.

Pumps were shipped back to the manufacturer for modification, and Hammond said they expect them back during the week of April 20. The pumps then can be reinstalled, tested and declared operational.

Plant manager Barry Connell said they would ease into the fluoridation process until they reach the level required by law.

"Are we doing everything we can to make it safe?" asked Director Gene Bland.

Connell replied they had been trained by the Health Department in the correct procedures for sampling to ensure safety of the water supply and to protect operators.

Bland also asked about recent attempts to amend the law mandating fluoridation, and Dan Bowers, attorney to the board, responded the law has not been changed.

Parallel transmission line project

Hammond reported he had received six bids on Phase 1 of the parallel transmission line project, three above and three below their original estimate of \$14 million. Low bidder was Rosetta Construction of Springfield, Mo., who bid \$10.564 million for the installation of approximately 36,760 linear feet of 36-inch ductile water pipeline from the water treatment plant to Eureka Springs and approximately 1,350 linear feet of 42-inch pipeline to cross the Kings River.

He said there would be an inspector on site at all times, and his estimate for engineering costs was \$600,000 - \$880,000, which would equal as much as 8.3 percent of the bid.

The laying of pipe should begin right away and Phase 1 is projected to take 21 months.

Highway 62 project

Chris Hall, also an engineer and consultant with MWY, told the board the task of moving 3000 ft. of their transmission line to accommodate the widening of US 62

near Green Forest would take a month longer than he had expected. However, they are not in as much of a hurry now because the Arkansas Highway Transportation Department has postponed its construction temporarily because they ran out of money for the project. Nonetheless, he said pipe-laying has been proceeding quickly.

Insured enough or not?

The board heard from insurance agent Gene Bennett regarding reassessment of their assets, and Bennett said he had worked with Connell and Finance Director Kathy Klein to more properly determine the values of what CBWD should insure, and the total valuation increased a few million to \$24.8 million.

"I felt we were underinsured," Klein stated.

Chair Jim Yates said he wanted to be confident the valuations were accurate and that CBWD would get appropriate replacement coverage, so he asked Hammond to sit down with Bennett and Klein "to make sure the premiums we're paying are going to the right places."

The board voted to approve the policy subject to modifications by Yates after further consultations.

Next meeting will be Thursday, July 16, at 10 a.m., at the Freeman-Raney Water Treatment Plant.

Free ABC Certification for bartenders and waiters

There will be free ABC Certification for bartenders and those who serve liquor on Monday, April 27, from 6 - 9:30 p.m. at Eureka Live, 35 N. Main St. Certification is not required by the state, but some insurance companies require it. Everyone 21 years old who serves liquor is welcome to attend.

Metafizzies open discussion on spiritual topics

The April 27 meeting of the Eureka Springs Metaphysical Society will feature a group discussion on spiritual topics at 7 p.m. at the Heart of Many Ways Center in the Christian Science Church at 68 Mountain Street. All are welcome.



Friendly fire – About a dozen county constables were invited to the Carroll County Sheriff's Office firing range last weekend for a meet and greet and to fulfill an annual state mandated qualifying course to carry a weapon as a law enforcement officer. Constables were treated to warm cinnamon rolls made in the inmate kitchen by 309s, state prisoners who get prized assignments based on their inmate record. Those prisoners also raise a vegetable garden at the county detention center.

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Alderman to discuss fluoridation with Arkansas Board of Health

BECKY GILLETTE

The countdown clock to fluoridation of city water is ticking as the Carroll-Boone Water District (CBWD) plans on adding fluoridation chemicals to the water supply in about two weeks. The city that has passed public referendum against fluoridation on two occasions is sending alderman David Mitchell to Little Rock this week to make a presentation to the Arkansas State Board of Health.

Fluoridation of all water systems serving more than 5,000 customers has been mandated by the state legislature, and efforts in the legislature to overturn the mandate failed to get out of the Senate Public Health, Welfare and Labor Committee, where members received tens of thousands of dollars in campaign donations from dental groups that support mandated fluoridation.

There are still two efforts from those opposed to fluoridation on the table. On behalf of Carroll Boone Citizens for Safe Drinking Water, Sen. Bryan King has requested an attorney general's opinion about whether the Arkansas Department

of Health can choose which regulations to enforce. ADH has been enforcing the fluoride mandate, but is not enforcing a state law that prohibits adding lead to drinking water. Fluoridation chemicals, including those sold by the company selected by the CBWD to fluoridate Eureka Springs' water, the Belgian company Prayon, contain lead, cadmium, aluminum and other contaminants.

Mitchell has been invited to meet with the Arkansas Board of Health Thursday morning to discuss the issue. The City of Eureka Springs voted to send a letter to the health department requesting that it enforce regulations that forbid adding lead to drinking water. The city resolution also requests "a guarantee that the compound is safe for use internally and externally, if added to the water supply, and a guarantee that they will be liable if the compound is proven to be damaging to the health of the individual consumer."

According to government research, about 42 percent of adolescents in the U.S. have dental fluorosis, a mottling of the teeth

caused by too much fluoride. Fluoridation has also been linked to a lower IQ in children, and Attention Deficit Hyperactivity (ADHD) Disorder. A recent British study linked fluoridation to higher rates of thyroid disease in adults. Fluoridation is supported by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and dental groups based on claims that it reduces cavities in children.

Mitchell had worked with Jeff Green, director of Citizens for Safe Drinking Water, on the issue prior to Green's unexpected death this past year. Mitchell said Green worked with communities in California that didn't want fluoride added to their water that were able to successfully prevent fluoridation by requiring that manufacturers of the product provide assurances that their product is safe for human consumption and/or external use.

"No companies are willing do that," Mitchell said. "Therefore, the California cities said since they couldn't get suppliers willing to make that assurance, they would keep looking for a clean product. And guess what? They haven't fluoridated yet."

Mitchell is the only one who will be allowed to speak on the topic and he is limited to ten minutes. His presentation is last on a long agenda, and he said he doesn't anticipate spending much time discussing recent research that raises concern about fluoridation.

"The health department has on its website that it 'enthusiastically' endorses fluoridation," Mitchell said. "I am doubtful they have an open mind about fluoridation. This is an uphill battle. But I will give a brief summary of why citizens here voted against fluoridation and I will talk about how forcing fluoridation on communities that have health concerns about the practice

is not consistent with the mission statement of the Arkansas Department of Health. Considering their mission statement, they should not be forcing us to add a product containing lead and other toxic substances to our drinking water."

In addition to lead in the fluoridation chemicals, there is concern that fluoridation chemicals can leach lead out of old water systems such as Eureka Springs where lead solder was used to weld pieces of pipe. Leaching of lead caused by fluoridation chemicals caused high lead levels in children in Washington D.C.

It is a long way for Mitchell to drive to make a ten-minute presentation. But he said this is a very important subject in Eureka Springs, a town that was famed in the late 1800 and early 1900s for its healing spring waters. Residents of the city have campaigned successfully for 30 years to prevent fluoridation.

Lake Leatherwood Day Celebration April 25 Weekend activities announced

Eureka Springs Parks Department welcomes residents and visitors to enjoy the weekend long celebration in honor of Lake Leatherwood Day: A Celebration of the Great Outdoors and the Ozark Mountain Region, Saturday, April 25, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Activities scheduled for the celebration make up a large and varied list of fun family stuff to do, including: free boat rental 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., free guided mountain bike treks 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., and free guided hikes at noon. Just meet at the boating center at the above times and enjoy!

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Quorum Court discusses ambulance district for eastern side of county

NICKY BOYETTE

At Monday evening's Carroll County Quorum Court meeting, Berryville Mayor Tim McKinney urged Justices of the Peace to encourage County Judge Sam Barr to set up a citizens' advisory committee to research what it would take to establish an ambulance district for the eastern side of the county. McKinney said Mercy Emergency Department of Mercy Hospital has been losing money and at some point will not be able to provide ambulance service for the eastern half of Carroll County.

He said ambulance service is a money-losing proposition, and that is why other counties are scrambling to find their own solutions. "Ambulance service is not free anymore," McKinney commented. "But we need to know the ambulance is going to be there when we need it."

He pointed to the Western Carroll County Ambulance District as an example of what might be needed on the eastern side of Kings River. JP Jack Deaton told the court WCCAD is working well because it gets a portion of property tax revenue. JP Larry Swofford maintained it would be easier to pass a tax supporting an ambulance district in the eastern part of the county if there were only one service to support.

JP Chuck Olson, who served on WCCAD, said regardless of the advisory committee, it would take a vote of the

people to approve a tax to support an ambulance district, so mayors of cities in the eastern side of the county would need to be involved to rally voters to the cause.

JP John Howerton asked Barr if he were ready to appoint the committee McKinney suggested, because he was in favor of moving the idea forward. Barr threw the question right back at the JPs. After discussion, the court agreed the plan would be for JPs on the eastern side of Kings River to canvass their districts to determine support and find likely candidates for an advisory committee.

The JPs agreed to return to the next meeting with suggestions.

Other items

- The court voted to approve an ordinance declaring the duty of collecting fines assigned by the District Court would belong to the District Court Clerk. JP Matt Phillips said this ordinance only makes official what they are already doing.

- The court voted to confirm the appointment of David Carlisle to the Western Carroll County Ambulance District. Carlisle will serve the remainder of the three-year term of Mark Minton, who resigned his seat. The term began July 1, 2014. Carlisle is also a first responder for the district.

Next meeting will be Monday, May 18, at 5 p.m.

Paying to fill the 'Big Dig'

NICKY BOYETTE

JP John Reeve was not satisfied with the ordinance transferring \$140,000 to the line item set up to pay for repairing the parking lot next to the courthouse in Eureka Springs. He told the Quorum Court on Monday the ordinance was being one-sided and the Finance Committee should take another look at the ordinance and the parking lot lease.

JP Lamont Richie said the Finance Committee had already hashed out the ordinance. In addition, County Treasurer Cindy Collins had perused it with auditors, and this ordinance was their choice for proceeding.

Collins said the property in question belongs to the county and is an extension of

the courthouse. Also, there are bills coming in, and the ordinance would allow her to stay current with paying them.

Richie said the project must be completed by May 20 to be eligible for \$66,000 in Federal Emergency Management Agency funds, which is part of the \$140,000 total, and the ordinance would enable them to pay the bills to get the job done on time. Also the ordinance stipulates any leftover money goes directly back to the county.

Richie lauded County Judge Sam Barr and county workers for their diligence, and Barr said his employees worked 12 days straight.

Vote to approve the ordinance was 10-1, Reeve voting No.

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Home Occupations Code still being clarified

NICKY BOYETTE

At its April 14 meeting, the Planning Commission made progress defining its target in an attempt to refine what City Code stipulates regarding Home Occupations.

The topic came to Planning when a resident expressed concerns about his property being devalued by a neighbor who routinely kept construction-related equipment outside in plain view. Commissioner Steve Beacham commented besides the devaluing of property, other concerns caused by someone working out of the home were extra traffic and parking issues as well as the posting of business signs in a residential zone.

Beacham said City Code does not restrict the size of a sign for a home business, only that it lay flat against the front of the house. Therefore, the sign legally could be as large as the front wall of the residence. He distributed a document with incorporated comments from Building Inspector Bobby Ray, in particular that all work-related materials must be screened from view in residential zones, plus observations from

City Clerk/Treasurer Ann Armstrong into the original list of ruminations. In addition, he said Mayor Butch Berry had asked Municipal League attorney Jim von Tungeln about this.

In his email to Berry, von Tungeln wrote, "The concept I use for home occupations is 'Nobody knows it is there.'"

Von Tungeln also noticed that the City Code for Eureka Springs "is more precise than most," and items already in Code would preclude the use of a private home for storing construction equipment and materials, such as that residential zoning regulations are intended to "protect the residential character of areas from noise, traffic, congestion and other adverse effects caused by commercial and industrial uses."

He also stated that historically Home Occupations referred to activities such as bookkeeping and private lessons and would now include computer-related businesses.

Beacham noticed Code stipulates regarding Home Occupations that other than a sign against the wall, "no other external evidence of the operation is allowed."

Commissioner Ed Leswig stated that instead of limiting the size of signs for Home Occupations, they should be eliminated in residential zones. Commissioner Pat Lujan agreed that a contractor does not need a business sign at home.

Commissioner Woodie Acord observed they seemed to be treating some people differently because Bed & Breakfasts can have signs. "My contention is anyone else having a business should be treated the same."

Chair Jim Morris commented he had worked from his home for years, and understood what a contractor who operates out of his home must go through loading and unloading equipment. He said Planning must consider the needs of those who work out of their homes yet protect the character of a neighborhood.

"It's a fine line we have to draw," Leswig commented. "I see two different animals." He pointed out some home businesses must get a Conditional Use Permit (CUP), but not others.

Beacham observed B&Bs are allowed if the owners get a CUP, but Home

Occupations are not even listed as allowed for residential zones in City Code.

"I would hate to take away someone's eBay business," commissioner Melissa Greene commented.

Beacham pointed out they are looking at three different kinds of situations, two of which should possibly require a CUP: contractors and tradespeople who store equipment and supplies at home; Home Occupations such as a beauty salon which might create traffic and parking issues; and Home Occupations like a writer or someone with a computer-related job with no impact on the neighborhood. He also noticed that Code prohibits trades and services in residential zones but does not clarify whether storing equipment is allowed.

Beacham said he would organize their suggestions for clarifying City Code, show them to City Attorney Tim Weaver and report back.

Big house, little house

Terry McGwire told commissioners he was a specialist in building codes and

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Some things in print are hard to believe...

Editor,

It's sad to see how the ads from the repeal campaign have continued down further on the low road!

The things they have in their ads are repugnant and bordering on reprehensible, trying to guide the vote through on fear.

That same fear that they try and guide congregants to their sanctuaries are not working. Quite frankly I believe people are looking for joyous religion and the Love of Christ, not just the fear of God.

That they would even use the term for freedom is *ludicrous*, how can discrimination coincide with freedom? It can't.

The decline in attendance at The Great Passion Play has nothing to do with the town's inhabitants. It has everything to do with unwillingness to change. They have a wonderful venue for Godspell, or Jesus Christ Superstar, or even just Christian Rock Bands, or gospel music. But they insist that producing the same show day after day, week after week, month after month, year after year, is the right thing.

If we could only get rid of "Those" people things will be brighter, is ill conceived, gratuitous egomania.

They talk in those ads of someone "deciding" to be something other than the way they were made. It is pitiful, just *pity full*.

I hope they can find the grace they claim, if they are interested, they can find it in a book subtitled Rediscovering Grace in an Ungracious World. The title of that book is *If God is Love*, and it is written by a Quaker Minister, Phillip Gulley, and James Mulholland.

VOTE FOR ORDINANCE 2223 to

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Ken Riley

Learn from history

Editor,

E.W. Pederson and others who continue quoting the Bible written 2500 years ago and assuming the writer wouldn't have changed his attitude since then is like looking at our short history in the U.S. and saying the British are still livid with us for fighting the Revolutionary War even though we were an integral part of saving so many of their lives during WWII. Can you say "closest allies?" Think back only 75 years – based on world history, should 2223 not pass, Enid Swartz couldn't be nearer a possible reality when she describes the LGBT community being required to wear rainbow badges on their sleeves just as the Jews were forced to wear Stars of David in Germany during the Third Reich. To be authentically righteous, one must take a long hard look at the history of our planet and learn from it, not go back thousands of years without considering that attitudes would have and must change.

Vote Yes for 2223!

Juju Freeman

GPS map people do listen...

Editor,

Upon returning to town the other day, I decided to follow my GPS to the Nth degree. It led me down Main Street off Hwy 62... onto Spring... then told me to go up Owen to White Street! Obviously, I did not because there are huge signs that say "One Way – Do Not Enter" (similar to the signs our local city government just erected at the bottom of pine street, thank you, thank you, thank you!) So when I got home I decided to write my GPS company (Google):

Problem with the map

Place: 48-2 Owen Street, Eureka Springs, Arkansas 72632, United States

Owen Street is a ONE WAY street going DOWN... you are incorrectly sending motorists UP Owen Street. Thank you for making this change and for letting me know you have.

To which they replied:

Hi Eureka Springs,

Google Maps has been updated to correct the problem you reported. You can see the update here: In rare cases, updates may take up to 24 hours to appear on Maps. If you still see a problem after 24 hours, please let us know.

So, ya see... you *can* get things corrected on the Internet.

Bill Ott

Thank for keeping Butler Hollow alive

Editor,

A heartfelt gigantic than you to all of you who helped raise money for the Butler Hollow Defense Fund – the organizers, donators, buyers and volunteers.

Special thanks to Kirsten Torgerson, the engine of the machine, K.J. and Sarah at Caribé; Dee and Caleb – the sign guys at UPS; Tim the t-shirt guy at Twice Born; Christy, the copy, copy, copy gal at Office Supply; and Latigo at the Pied Piper for his BBQ fundraiser which donated \$1800 to our fund.

Thanks to Eureka Springs for being the unique community that makes things happen. We are so proud to be connected to this awesome place. Eureka rocks!

Sharron and Dale Becker

P.S. The U.S. Senate just passed a bill to sell the national forests. We think it will be vetoed, but if you love our forests, please work to keep them protected. Write your senators and representatives.



WEEK'S TopTweets

@sammyrhodes: If you don't need to change shirts after eating a hot dog you're not doing it right.

@SamGrittner: The inventor of the calculator is one of the few people in life that actually made something that counts.

@sucittaM: If the US ever decides to change its currency from the dollar to the unmatched Tupperware lid I'll be a very wealthy man.

@ConanOBrien: Just taught my kids about taxes by eating 38% of their ice cream.

@Issued: I hate it when auto-correct changes my "omg" to

"OMG" like, chill out, I'm not that surprised.

@DavidKlein5: Coors Light ships cold straight from the factory. I wish other water companies would do the same.

@FilthyRichmond: "You stop crying or I'll give you something to laugh about!" - clown parents.

@Hell4Heather: I'm not one to brag about my Press exposure but yes, it's true what they're saying in my local paper. I am selling my couch.

@NotDeakins: If I pour superglue into a non-stick frying pan, somebody is going to be wrong, right?

@highwaytohelv: Can't believe it's the Chinese New Year. I'm still writing Rabbit on all of my checks.

2223 Q&A

I thought it would be a slam-dunk. Here in progressive, tolerant Eureka Springs, of course people would overwhelmingly support an inclusive non-discrimination ordinance. It no longer feels so clear cut.

After working the phones and listening around, the ambivalence of some folks long considered friends and allies has been dismaying. Disinformation and irrational, fear-based tactics are having their intended effect.

While I have no illusions of swaying those who believe Jesus tells them discrimination is righteous, or that transgender bogeymen lie in wait of passage in order to assault them while they pee, perhaps, with some clarification about what Ordinance 2223 does and doesn't do, I can appeal to those neighbors with whom I regularly socialize and do business, who don't quite get what all the fuss is about.

Why do we need a non-discrimination law now when there hasn't been a problem with discrimination?

First, it's already illegal to discriminate in employment, housing and public accommodations based on race, religion, ethnicity, gender, age, familial, marital or veteran status, national origin or disability. Ord. 2223 merely extends those same protections to cover sexual orientation, gender identity and socio-economic background. Many believe that federal protections are in place, but they are not.

Discrimination against those perceived to be gay, lesbian, bisexual, or transgender (GLBT) – often subtle and unreported – is not unusual. But it's about to become endemic where protections are not in place. If, as widely expected, the US Supreme Court rules in favor of marriage equality in June, the backlash will be fast and furious, with discrimination cloaked in religious conviction turning up everywhere. And it won't be just the innocuous cake baker, florist or pizza maker. GLBT people, and others who don't pass religious muster, will be refused service by EMTs, hospital staff, pharmacists, etc., claiming religious motives.

Won't 2223 force me to hire or rent to unsavory characters and force churches to perform same-sex weddings?

No. Employers and landlords can still screen individual applicants, they just can't rule out an entire class of people. Churches are free to marry whomever they choose and can refuse same-sex couples.

Doesn't 2223 infringe on religious freedom?

It's a slippery slope allowing service to be denied based on religious beliefs. Stoning is prescribed for many sins in the Old Testament, but who did Jesus say should throw the first one? Can we also start discriminating against those we perceive to be gluttonous, greedy, or who judge others?

Won't this be bad for tourism?

While once our economy may have relied on Christian/family tourism, that has not been the case for many years. Stagnant religious/family attractions have not kept pace with demographic changes, and the more sophisticated and younger tourists we now attract will be put off by us voting for discrimination.

The eyes of the world are on Eureka Springs. Reporters from the world's preeminent newspapers have been here. If we show the world we are a welcoming community it will be very good for business. If branded a homophobic backwater, our future will be bleak.

Homosexuality is a choice, so why should gays get special protection?

Some rationalize their bigotry by claiming sexuality is a choice, but the only ones choosing are those naturally attracted to the same sex but suppressing those feelings. For the rest of us, straight or gay, orientation comes naturally. If you believe it's a choice, you might want to rummage through your closet.

And this is about equal, not special protections.

But what about feeling safe in public restrooms?

This is a phony scare tactic, plain and simple, with little documentation it actually happens. Sexual assault is illegal and will continue to be after passage of Ord. 2223. In reality, transgender people are far more likely to be victims of violent assault.

Won't this ordinance be moot after the state law banning such ordinances takes effect?

The state law is clearly unconstitutional and will likely be struck down. If 2223 stands, the city can challenge the state law. Civil rights groups will likely provide legal representation, and the press we receive will reflect positively on us and bring more business.

This is an important election. Let's show the world Eureka Springs welcomes everyone by passing Ord. 2223 by a huge margin. Early voting begins May 5 and regular voting is May 12. Please vote FOR!

Bill King

IRAN IS HOSTING A HOLOCAUST DENIAL CARTOON CONTEST



THESE SURVIVORS OF NORDHAUSEN WERE NOT INVITED TO MODEL

The Pursuit Of HAPPINESS

by Dan Krotz

I was at Local Flavor eating my monthly Reuben sandwich when I overheard the couple seated next to me discussing the possibilities of Eureka Spring seceding from the state of Arkansas. "It's a win-win situation," the older guy said. "Think how happy it would make everyone if we just went away."

There is little in life that distracts me from a good sandwich, especially a Reuben, but I was intrigued, and shamelessly eavesdropped between bites. Thus it went:

"It's hard being an island of happiness in a sea of misery," the old guy continued. "There exists, not more than a yard outside our city limits, a place that is last in every good thing. Arkansas has the lowest return on taxpayer investment among all 50 states, and the second highest population of people attending churches run by stone throwing enthusiasts who believe the world is going to end next week. Arkansas' taxpayers ignore these realities because they think all their money is going to End Times Denying Deviants on Food Stamps. And they enjoy throwing stones. They'd be glad to kiss us, and our annoying anti-fluoridation diversity weekends, goodbye."

The younger guy agreed. "It may be possible to get the Hero of Hindsville, Bob Ballinger, to sponsor a secession bill on our behalf. If he isn't held accountable by Eureka voters he can be the fierce corporate lickspittle he is and cast first stones without impunity. He could describe it as a legislator re-homing bill."

There are 19 countries in the world occupying a land mass approximating the city limits of Eureka Springs. Monaco is one, San Marino another. Perhaps the best known, and smallest, is the Vatican, a city-state entirely encompassed by Rome. As the conversation and Reuben slipped into memory, it seemed to me that the Vatican could logically serve as a model for the newly liberated People's Republic of Eureka Springs.

Like the Vatican, we're marinated in art, love a good show, and enjoy pomp and circumstance on every occasion. The wine flows freely in our streets, and few of our citizens can honestly object to the concept of infallibility. It could work.

A little help from our friends:

• **Carroll County Domestic Violence Hotline:** 1-844-247-3223 (844-24PEACE) is available 24/7. The Purple Flower Domestic Violence Resource and Support Center of Carroll County is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. on North Springfield St. in Berryville. (479) 981-1676.

• **Grief Share** is a weekly seminar and support group for people who are grieving the death of someone close to them. Group meets in the library of the Holiday Island Community Church from 2 – 4 p.m. each Sunday. Contact Dale or Laura Nichols (479) 253-8925 or email lardellen@gmail.com for more information.

• **24-hour NWA Crisis Line for Women** – NWA Women’s Shelter serving Carroll County – “Empowering families to live free of violence.” (800) 775-9011 www.nwaws.org

• **Cup of Love free soup lunches** – Fridays from 9:30 a.m. 2 p.m. in front of Wildflower thrift shop (yellow building next to chapel) on US 62E. Cup of Love also provides soup lunches at Flint Street Fellowship Mondays and Wednesdays from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. (479) 363-4529

• **Flint Street Fellowship food pantry, lunch, free clothing** – Pantry open 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays. Free lunch Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Free clothes/shoes closet, books and household items. (479) 253-9491 or 253-4945. Leave donations in barrel at entrance if facility is closed.

• **Wildflower food pantry, furniture bank and clothing** – Wildflower Chapel (US 62E) free food pantry 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. on Fridays. Thrift store and used furniture bank (now in big blue barn only) Wednesday – Saturday 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. and Friday 1 – 6 p.m. Drop off donations Thursday – Saturday 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

• **Celebrate Recovery** – Soul Purpose Ministries, 801 S. Springfield, Green Forest, 6:30 p.m. each Wednesday. Potluck followed by 12-step Christ-centered meetings for those suffering from addiction, habit, hang-up or hurt.

• **No high school diploma?** Free GED classes in the Carnegie Library Annex every Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from 9 a.m. - noon with study and tutoring for the GED test. Open to ages 18 and up. GED classes also in Berryville at Carroll County Center. Some open to ages 16 and 17 per educational requirements. For info: Nancy Wood (479) 981-0482, Carnegie Library (479) 253-8754, Carroll County Center (870) 423-4455). Offered by North Arkansas College with Carnegie Library support.

• **Coffee Break Al-Anon Family Group Women** – Tuesdays, 9:45 a.m., Faith Christian Family Church, Hwy. 23S, (479) 363- 9495.

Meetings at Coffee Pot Club:

• **Alateen** – Sundays, 10:15 – 11:15 a.m. Email alateen1st@gmx.com or phone (479) 981-9977 • **Overeaters Anonymous** – Thursdays, 10:30 a.m. Barbara (479) 244-0070 • **Narcotics Anonymous** – Fridays, 5:30 p.m. (903) 278-5568 • **Al-Anon Family Group (AFG)** – Sundays, 11:30 a.m., Mondays and Tuesdays 7 p.m. • **Eureka Springs Coffee Pot AA Groups** Monday – Saturday 12:30 p.m.; Sunday 10 a.m.; Sunday – Thursday, Saturday, 5:30 p.m.; Tuesday and Friday, 8 p.m. (479) 253-7956 • **Al-Anon** Wednesday, 5:30 p.m. All other meetings: See www.nwarkaa.org

INDEPENDENT Constables On Patrol

APRIL 13

11:34 a.m. – Constable on patrol responded to a burglary alarm at a residence on US 62, but it was a false alarm.

7:45 p.m. – Staff at a tourist lodging reported an employee had allegedly taken money. There was also a concern the employee might be angry because his employment had been terminated.

APRIL 14

12:56 a.m. – Alarm company reported an alarm had been triggered in the kitchen of a restaurant, but the constable went there and found all was secure.

11:19 a.m. – There was a two-vehicle bump-up in a parking lot.

12:48 p.m. – Concerned caller told ESPD she had found a suspicious medication at her residence which she assumed belonged to her roommate but which was not prescribed for the roommate. Constable took possession of the medication.

1:38 p.m. – Uneasy witness was concerned two males she saw walking toward the rear of a business might be trying to break in. Constable went to the scene and found a door unlocked upstairs but otherwise everything was okay. The owner came and locked the upstairs door.

2:18 p.m. – A dog cavorted unattended at the track near the elementary school. Animal Control never encountered the varmint.

4:30 p.m. – There was a two-vehicle accident near ESH. No injuries and vehicles were able to be driven away.

APRIL 15

10:21 a.m. – Central dispatch reported a 911 hangup call with yelling in the background. The origin was a motel on US 62. A constable responded and arrested two individuals for third degree domestic battery.

10:33 a.m. – Animal Control corralled two wandering dogs and brought them to the kennel.

11:16 a.m. – Individual came to the station to report he and his ex-girlfriend had had a fight. He just wanted it to be documented.

6:00 p.m. – Constable made contact with a female alongside US 62 who had been trying for several hours to hitch a ride to Rogers.

8:29 p.m. – Constable initiated a traffic stop with a vehicle that had been reportedly been all over the road. Driver said she had spilled her purse. Constable gave her a warning.

APRIL 16

2:23 p.m. – Constable went to check on a parking meter reported to be malfunctioning and found it working fine.

5:19 p.m. – Traffic stop resulted in the arrest of the driver for a bench warrant out of Carroll County.

7:36 p.m. – Constable assisted a truck to get back onto US 62.

7:52 p.m. – This time it was a camper stuck and partially blocking US 62. It took a tow truck to clear the way.

8:50 p.m. – Witness overheard two males talking about stealing something. Constable went to the parking lot where they had been but they were already gone.

8:57 p.m. – Constable went to the scene of a disturbance in a neighborhood above downtown. The incident had been verbal only, but one participant had a warrant out of Madison County for his arrest, so he was booked and held for the Madison County sheriff.

APRIL 17

12:16 a.m. – Resident reported smelling the aroma of

marijuana coming from across the street and she wanted something done. Constable responded but did not smell anything. He forwarded the information to detectives.

2:43 a.m. – Call came to ESPD about a fight over someone taking a phone, and one person allegedly had been hit several times. Constable arrived at the scene and helped resolve the issue. Some participants went this way, others went that way.

10:16 a.m. – Two uncollared dogs reposed in front of the elementary school. Constable took them to the kennel to repose.

5 p.m. – Truck with camper was suspiciously parked behind a bank. Constable spoke with someone from the bank who allowed the vehicle to remain temporarily.

8:18 p.m. – Constable went to a restaurant where a customer did not want to pay for the meal. Upon arrival of the constable, the customer paid.

APRIL 18

12:30 a.m. – Traffic stop resulted in the arrest of the driver for driving on a suspended license.

12:41 a.m. – Multiple callers reported two females and a male being too loud outside an inn. They went inside for the night after a constable showed up.

1:10 a.m. – Male caller said he had lost his female friend while they were at a bar. He thought she might have gone home with people she had met. Shortly afterward, the male called back and said his female friend was outside in the parking lot.

10 a.m. – Individual claimed his friend’s purse had been stolen the previous night while they had been at a bar.

12:18 p.m. – Individual was arrested on a Carroll County warrant for failure to appear on a DWI charge.

1:56 p.m. – A dog showed up at a downtown hotel without a reservation. Constable picked up the animal.

2:27 p.m. – Driver told ESPD an intoxicated male would not get out of her vehicle. Constable arrested the individual for public intoxication.

11:15 p.m. – Concerned witness warned of a possibly intoxicated driver headed toward town on US 62, but the constable never encountered the vehicle.

APRIL 19

1:33 a.m. – Resident near downtown asked for constable assistance because someone had knocked on her door. Constable did not see anything suspicious in the vicinity.

1:55 a.m. – Owners of a business were concerned about a vehicle suspiciously parked nearby at the late hour. Constable spoke with the driver, who moved along.

7:56 a.m. – Girlfriend said she could not find her boyfriend. He had last been seen at a downtown bar at 2 a.m. ESPD will let her know if he is found.

11:45 a.m. – Constable responded to a call about a dog locked in a parked vehicle. He found the dog had water and circulation and was not in distress.

12:01 p.m. – Constable initiated a traffic stop and arrested the driver for driving on a suspended license.

12:09 p.m. – There was a two-vehicle accident near downtown.

APRIL 20

5:30 a.m. – Semi got stuck trying to negotiate Spring Street. Constable on patrol guided the vehicle back to Main Street.

May I please land my helicopter here?

NICKY BOYETTE

Eureka Springs Fire Chief Randy Ates told the Hospital Commission Monday afternoon the top item on his wish list would be “a permanent safe place to land a helicopter.” He said ESFD-EMS continues to lose landing spots because either properties are sold or places get too overgrown. He mentioned some pilots are not comfortable landing at Eureka Springs Hospital.

Ates said landing at the track at the school complex is a nuisance to school activities and is more challenging because of new light poles and electrical wires. He identified two possible spots – one off Hwy. 23 South and another off US 62, but “it is hard to find a flat spot around Eureka Springs.” Ates asked if it would be within the purview of the commission to use funds to provide a secure spot with a long-term lease for a helicopter pad.

Chair Michael Merry said this would be a question for their attorney.

Chris Bariola, CEO of ESH, noted that the new hospital property would have a helicopter pad, but that would be sometime in the future.

Speaking of the new hospital

Bariola announced hospital administrators had met with the cost estimator who is trying to determine how much the possible new facility might cost. Discussion now turned to whether surveyors should be brought in to see how deep rock is under the surface of the property. Bariola also said he had pared down his original estimate of a 60,000-sq. ft. facility to a more manageable 34,000 sq. ft.

“At least we have the land,” he commented, and said he hoped to provide more information at the next meeting.

Lunch time

Bariola said ESH is planning four more Lunch and Learn events during the next year, but his attorney stated there must not be any commingling of efforts between ESH and the commission. Commissioner Anna Ahlman hosted the recent Lunch and Learn as well as many others in the past, but Bariola said he has learned that even her participation in an event the hospital puts on is a conflict

because she is on the commission.

Non-emergency transfers

Bariola also announced that ESH had retained the services of Ozark EMS to provide non-emergency transfers. Ozark EMS had stated last year it was losing money trying to serve just ESH and had planned to leave the area, but it now has a presence in Berryville and Bariola hopes they will be stick around to everyone’s benefit.

Next meeting will be Monday, May 18, at 1 p.m., at ECHO Clinic.

Proud principals pontificate

NICKY BOYETTE

Student achievements got the spotlight at the April 16 Eureka Springs School Board meeting, as High school science teacher Katy Turnbaugh said six of her engineering students had participated in the statewide engineering competition for the first time, and Supt. David Kellogg remarked, “Only one school beat us!” He said Little Rock Central, which draws students from Little Rock, North Little Rock and all of Pulaski County, was the only team that scored higher.

Turnbaugh’s participants were seniors Wade Carter, Nathan Address; juniors Jake Hager, Wyatt Pavelsek, Dalton Kesner; and sophomore Thanh Nguyen. Carter said they were given an 80-question multiple-choice test about all sources of energy, as well as an essay.

Turnbaugh noted the competition challenged students

to consider socially responsible processes for producing and using energy.

High school Principal Kathy Lavender announced Kyle Rains finished first in the masonry category in the recent statewide SkillsUSA competition, which means he will be participating in the nationals. Olin Blair finished second in plumbing. SkillsUSA is a national program which helps students focus on careers in technical, skilled and service occupations.

Middle school Principal Cindy Holt said some of her students learned about economics through Wagon Masters, a hands-on program in which students construct Conestoga wagons by bartering and negotiating for the components. The program is put on by the Carroll County Extension Office.

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Volunteers needed April 26 for town walk/bike trail

The Carroll County branch of the Ozark Off Road Cyclists has been asked by the trails committee to build the soft surface half of the Spring Garden Loop. Please come lend a hand Sunday, April 26 and/or May 3 at 9 a.m. at Harmon Park

The city is building an ADA-compliant crushed limestone trail running east from Harmon Park toward Main St. The off-road club will be building the single-track return trail downhill from and parallel to that trail. It will be perfect for dog walking, hiking, trail running, and mountain biking – out in

the woods, but right in the middle of town!

Your help is needed. Meet at the Harmon Park lot by the bathrooms on either Sunday, April 26 or May 3. There are easy jobs and hard jobs such as lopping branches, dragging limbs, digging, raking, snipping roots, taking photos, carrying tools, etc. Please show up and help out as much as you can.

If you can’t show up at 9, it’s better late than never. No experience necessary. Come be a part of something big that will benefit our community for generations.

Readers, sponsors welcome for round-the-clock marathon

The 6th annual Bible Reading Marathon committee has openings for volunteers to sponsor and/or read at the event May 3 – 7 in the Green Forest Square. Consider reading for a 15-minute block of time or be a listener during the 92 hours of continuous reading of the Bible from cover to cover.

All sponsors will be recognized at the opening ceremony May 3 beginning at 3 p.m. They will also receive a banner

or yard sign expressing sponsorship. Each reader during the event will receive a certificate at the closing ceremony on Thursday, May 7, beginning at noon.

Reading begins May 3 at 4 p.m. and ends May 7 at noon. Refreshments will be served. To sign up as a reader call Peggy at (870) 726-6037. If your church, business or organization would like to sponsor the event contact Coordinator Bonnie Roediger at (870) 350-0865.

Feast and fund for fairness at Ermilio’s April 29

Enjoy dinner and a silent auction at Ermilio’s Italian Home Cooking Restaurant April 29, and help fund the Keep Eureka Fair FOR 2223 campaign.

The bar opens at 4 p.m. and seating begins at 4:30 in order to serve as many patrons as possible until 9 p.m. during this community fundraiser. Proprietor Paul Wilson will donate 25 percent of all sales

from the entire Ermilio’s dinner menu that evening.

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

Do you love spaghetti? I know I do.

The Four-State Event Center (former Focker’s building) at 2111 E. Van Buren will be the site of a full tilt Italian food fest to benefit the Good Shepherd Humane Shelter Thursday, April 30, from 4:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Spaghetti will be served intact (with meatballs) or neutered (without). Homemade vegetarian or regular meatballs available. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$3 for kids under five. Dinner includes garlic bread, dinner salad, dessert and coffee or tea.

Adults may rent a glass that comes with refills of red wine and chardonnay. Advance tickets are available at both Doggie Shops and are recommended, as seating is limited.

‘Q’ up for chicken and pork May 2

Get there early for the Annual Inspiration Point Fire House Barbeque Saturday, May 2, from 11:30 a.m. – 6 p.m. The menu boasts smoked chicken quarters or pulled pork sandwiches, homemade potato salad, baked beans, iced tea and dessert for \$8 (adults) or \$6 (kids). Funds raised will be dedicated to

the Building and Equipment Fund for Fire Station 1.

Drive 6 miles west on US 62 to Ozark Automotive Road on your left and follow your nose. Inspiration Point FD’s firefighter cook won barbeque contests in Texas, so get on out to this tasty fundraiser before the food’s all gone!

Airport commission refines manager search

NICKY BOYETTE

Chair Morris Pate of the Carroll County Airport Commission announced he had received four résumés for airport manager, but none of the applicants had experience running an airport or even managing anything. Pate said there is more to do at CCA than people realize.

He asked Justice of the Peace Chuck Olson if the Carroll County Quorum Court would consider establishing in the county budget a position of airport manager since CCA is a county airport.

Olson said it would be worth a try, but the commission would need to set a salary amount before the court would know what to consider. He commended the commission for charting a new direction and offered his support.

Engineer and consultant Dan Clinton suggested trying to find a person from an agency that contracts out to manage airports. Commissioner Sandy Martin said she had been discouraged in her early efforts researching a contract employee because they seemed to be very expensive.

Commissioner Chase Tresler declared, “It would be better to get someone who wants to be here.” He

encouraged the commission to hasten its attempts toward finding someone because Pate needs a break.

Pate added, “I am looking for someone to be an ambassador for the airport and Carroll County because people fly in from far and near. Attitude means a lot.”

So the group agreed they are looking for someone who can handle typical office duties and work through issues with pilots and hangar lessees. Computer skills and public relations savvy are necessary. Pate said the person should work weekends because that is when the airport gets the most traffic, which he expects will only increase, so Wednesday through Sunday would be the ideal schedule. The manager would also need to carry the cell phone to handle calls from pilots making arrangements for their flights to the area.

Pate will continue his search.

Happy mowing

Pate reported the good news was the repair to their mower cost only around \$700 instead of the \$3000 they had expected. The other news was it does not always start.

“It runs great once I got it started. I had rabbits hopping,

frogs jumping, snakes crawling,” he said.

However, he added there is so much to mow, it is more than a manager can manage. He said they need a part-time person dedicated to mowing and other maintenance duties on the property.

Both Clinton and Tresler mentioned the Federal Aviation Agency has limits on how high grass can be near a runway, and CCA must comply with FAA regulations. And it’s grass-growing season.

Fuel system – move or improve?

Pate previously mentioned he wanted to move the fuel tank further from the terminal building, and Clinton reported he could get a grant to relocate it, but did not think there was anywhere they could put it because of FAA limitations on where fuel tanks can be stored. He suggested instead he could apply for a grant to upgrade the hose, reels, card reader and other appurtenances, and commissioners quickly voted to give him the go-ahead. He advised Pate to consult with someone with Shell Oil, the fuel supplier, on exactly what they need before he begins.

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state law.

Little Rock City Attorney Tom Carpenter advised the LR council not to worry about the proposed NDO being voided when Act 137 takes effect in late July. Carpenter said the state’s anti-bullying law prohibits bullying of a public school student or employee. The law defines bullying as harassment, ridicule or threat based on an attribute of another person, with “attribute” being described as “an actual or perceived personal characteristic including without limitation race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, socioeconomic status, academic status, disability, gender, gender identity, physical appearance, health conditions or sexual orientation.”

Carpenter said another statute requires shelters to adopt a non-discrimination policy to provide services without regard to sexual preference, as well as other attributes.

“The proposed ordinance does not violate Arkansas law, specifically Act 137 of 2015, because every prohibition against discrimination named is already named somewhere in state law,” Carpenter wrote in his opinion. “Further, the proposed ordinance is consistent with interpretation by the Arkansas Supreme Court of the Equal Protection clause of the Arkansas Constitution,” adding that the proposed ordinance is also in conformity with federal law and regulations that bar discrimination.

Lamont Richie-Roberson, a Carroll County Justice of the Peace who helped author Ordinance 2223, said the opinion by Carpenter gives him hope,

particularly the part about the scope of the equal protection clause in the Arkansas Constitution as interpreted by the Arkansas Supreme Court.

“But it’s a cautious hope because the proposed ordinance referenced by the opinion is different from 2223 in that its focus is on contractors doing business with the city being required to agree not to discriminate,” Richie-Roberson said. “Ordinance 2223, on the other hand, goes further and does what the Arkansas Civil Rights Act does not do by making sexual orientation and gender identity classes protected from discrimination in commercial transactions.

“The presence of anti-bias provisions in state code does raise questions about Act 137 and whether it really is the slam-dunk end of local NDOs that I imagine Senator Hester and company believed it would be. I believe 2223 is a legitimate attempt to assure that residents of and visitors to Eureka Springs are treated fairly in commercial transactions that are promoted as ‘open to the public.’”

While Eureka officials absorb the impact of the opinion of Little Rock’s attorney, social networking sites were being used to discuss the Repeal 2223 video that included the interview with the Baptist preacher.

Aside from issues involving a convicted sex offender speaking out against 2223, the video was drawing fire from supporters of the NDO for statements that Ordinance 2223 would make public bathrooms unsafe. Two grandmothers interviewed in the video expressed concerns about bathroom privacy.

Michael Walsh, who has the website Out in Eureka, said experts have repeatedly debunked the myth that NDOs give sexual predators access to women’s restrooms. “But that hasn’t stopped conservative media outlets from promoting fake news stories to fearmonger about trans-inclusive bathrooms,” Walsh said.

Walsh also took exception to people interviewed in the video stating that it was “outsiders” who were coming into the community and pushing repeal of Ordinance 2223, which was passed unanimously by Eureka Springs City Council.

“Outsiders?” Walsh asks. “Really? Neither Randall Christy, Rev. Phil Wilson, State Rep. Bob Ballinger nor Mike Bishop lives in Eureka Springs and none of them has a business in the city limits. What’s more, their campaign to overturn the only municipal non-discrimination ordinance in the state is being run by an attorney from Fayetteville.”

Randall Christy, who lives in Oklahoma, took over The Great Passion Play in 2012 after the previous operators closed the doors because of declining revenues. He was quoted in the recent *New York Times* article as stating that Christian tourists have become more reluctant to visit Eureka Springs because of efforts to promote the town as the “Gay Capital of the Ozarks.”

Rev. Phil Wilson, pastor of Faith Christian Church outside of the city limits, has been prominent speaking out against 2223 and advertising for its repeal.

Ballinger, the Arkansas House representative who authored two significant bills this session designed to prevent protections under state law for the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender community, lives in Huntsville. In the video, Ballinger said there was no need for Ordinance 2223, and the Eureka Springs is one of the best cities in the state and the country for getting along. “It is a shame they decided to divide a community,” Ballinger said. “I hope it is repealed.”

Bishop was fired as President/CEO of the Eureka Springs Chamber of Commerce for putting out statements opposed to 2223, allegedly without a nod from the Chamber board. Bishop spoke of concerns about negative impacts to businesses and the city from potential litigation.

Turner, the Baptist pastor, said Repeal 2223 organizers were aware of his prior criminal record before deciding to use an interview with him on the video. *The Arkansas Times* reported that Turner was sent to prison after pleading guilty to three rapes, one in 1975 and two in 1976.

The Arkansas Times quoted Turner as saying, “All that does is just show the same thing I show now: How God can change a man’s life. That’s forty years ago. That’s behind me. It’s nothing I’ve tried to hide. I preach about it on Sundays.” Efforts to reach Turner were unsuccessful by press time.

Major George Frye of the Carroll County Sheriff’s Office said the matter of Turner not registering in Carroll County as a sex offender, a felony, is being investigated.



Billie Holly Day – Billie Sullivan, from left, Terri Brockelman, and Holly White from the Chamber of Commerce enjoy refreshments at the Lovin' Every Minute show preview at the auditorium last week. The show opens May 15 and runs Tues. – Sat. through January 2.

PHOTO BY JAY VRECEK

Happy Landing – Saturday, April 18 marked the first ever wedding on Silver Wings Field at Aviation Cadet World. The Berryville couple; Rebecca Marie Felten, daughter of Rev. Sam and Linda Felten, and Daniel J. Kinden, son of Dale and Paula Kinden, were married by Rev. Charles Ftzer before some 40 friends and relatives. The groom and his mom worked for airlines, and the wedding and reception were held in the Quonset hut at Silver Wings because the couple "just wanted to be around the airplanes."

PHOTO BY ERROL D. SEVERE



Top notch production –

Producer/director Bob Nichols gave Eureka a taste of Lovin' Every Minute with Steve Kinworthy, the new variety show coming to the Aud May 15 – January 2 with cirque-style acts, dancing, singing and lots of energy every Tuesday through Saturday. Info, tickets and videos at www.lovineureka.com.

PHOTO BY JAY VRECEK

One of these bears is real –

The April 17 – 18 Chainsaw Carving Festival, produced by Eureka Springs Fire Department volunteers, hosted carvers from as far away as Iowa and Georgia. They're grateful to the community for continued support and to David Blankenship, one of the bears above, for generously offering



the event to use as a fundraiser. Lots more Indie pics on our Facebook page.

PHOTO COURTESY OF ESFD



Liked and Followed –

Kelly Davis and her kids Dayna, 9, and Dylan, 7, of Sedalia, Mo., came to town and stayed over to help paint the UP Project mural after seeing it on Facebook Sunday.

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Different strokes – Six of Eureka's colorful lady artists at their *Friends in Art Show and Sale* at Caribé last weekend. Bottom row, from left, Julie Kahn Valentine, Katy Guetzlaff, Peggy Hill and, top row, Sherry Young, Eureka Janet Alexander and Nora Patterson Viola.

PHOTO BY CD WHITE



Who knew? – Jacqueline Wolven received the Three Jewels and the Five Precepts on the 18th day of April on Petit Jean Mountain. Her ordination and dharma transmission was given by Therese Fitzgerald of the 43rd generation of the Lam Te Dhyana School under Zen Buddhist teacher Thich Naht Hanh.

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10 years of blooming books

Since its beginning, the aim of organizing a literary festival in the Ozarks was to highlight the importance of books and reading. From modest beginnings, the Carroll and Madison Public Library Foundation's garden party celebration for readers has grown into a popular and much anticipated event. This year's Books in Bloom festival takes place Sunday, May 17 from noon – 5 p.m. and is free and open to the public.

Those new to Books in Bloom can look forward to hearing accomplished authors in the Conservatory of the 1886 Crescent Hotel and Spa or hearing them read from their work in the more informal Reader's Tent, set among the flowers in the hotel gardens. In either venue, sessions are usually followed by question and answer time.

This year's slate of authors includes Roy Blount, Jr. the humorist often featured on NPR's *Wait, Wait, Don't Tell Me* radio quiz show, and Tess Gerritsen, with dozens of novels to her credit including those featuring Detective Jane Rizzoli and Dr. Maura Isles.

Parents and grandparents will delight in the colorful children's books created by James and Kimberly Dean which feature Pete the Cat, and historians will find Abby Burnett's comprehensive book on burial practices in the Ozarks rich with information.

These and many more authors will be on hand to share their experiences of the writing life and convey their enthusiasm for their individual areas of interest as well as the overall value of books. Mark your calendar and don't miss this splendid bouquet of literary delights. For complete details see BooksInBloom.org.

Free screening of *Oliver*

Eureka Classic Movies presents *Oliver* Sunday, April 26, 7 p.m. at the Eureka Springs auditorium. The 1968 musical film based on Charles Dicken's book, *Oliver Twist*, has won six Academy Awards and two Golden Globe awards. The showing of this great musical drama is free to the public.



Call for crafters, makers, writers and artists

Made By Me Makers Faire on Main is looking for crafters, writers and artists to participate in a special street faire on May 16 from 10 a.m. – 8 p.m. The faire is open to all area crafters, artists and self-published authors. There are full 10 x 10 tent spaces (\$100) and 6 ft. table spaces (\$50) available. You can have up to four people in a tent space and two to a table.

The Made By Me Makers Fair on Main has been created by Main Street Eureka Springs to be an exciting addition to May Festival of the Arts and is sure to be well attended as this is one of the biggest weekends of the Festival. Applications are due on April 30. To sign up, and for more details, see the Made By Me Makers Faire page on Facebook and click on the application.

Enchanted by harp music? The spell continues April 26

Don't miss noted Irish musicians Dearbhail Finnegan and Robin Slater Sunday, April 26, in the second concert of the Festival of Harps series – a benefit for the Christian Science historical building.

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

Daydream all you want

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

Harper's fiction and essays have been featured in multiple venues such as *The Nervous Breakdown*, *Chelsea Station*, *Big Lucks* and others; as well as anthologies including *Homewrecker: An Adultery Reader*, *The Lost Library* and *Best Gay Stories 2013*.

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



Incredible edibles!

Grill it outdoors, bake it indoors or create a masterpiece in your secret lab. No fruit, veggie, meat, grain or edible morsel of any sort is safe from being turned into beautiful, crazy and/or witty art to be displayed and judged – then eaten! – at the Eureka Springs School of the Arts Incredible Edible Art Show (and Competition) Sunday, May 3, 3 – 7 p.m.

The ladies below abandoned their menfolk for a turn at the grill; little do they know the guys are inside making baby chicks out of deviled eggs, because it's "no holds barred" at this fun event. The only rule is that your masterpiece must be edible and fit in a 2' x 3' space.

To enter, come up with something fun and tasty by May 3 using any edible

media: fruits, vegetables, Jell-O, cereal, cake, cookies; even that old standard relied on for structural integrity, Rice Krispies. The platter or serving tray does not have to be edible, but everything on it does. Each entry should have a card with the name of the work and artist, and a list of general ingredients. No refrigeration will be provided, so no mayonnaise please.

Participants will be judged on creativity. Prizes include the Georgia O'Keeffe Award for Beauty, the Jackson Pollock Award for Crazy, and the Charles Schulz Award for Witty. After judging, the entire Incredible Edible show will be eaten!

Admission for the public is \$15

donation at the door. Come vote on the food art for the People's Choice Award and enjoy the Incredible Edible feast! Dance to live music by Magic Mule, experience art in action with local artists, and participate in a silent auction with postcards created by ESSA artists.

Call ESSA (479) 253-5384 by April 27 to register your art for judging, pay the \$20 entry fee (includes admission to the event and Incredible Edible banquet), and bring your food art to the Eureka Springs School of the Arts by 2:30 p.m. Sunday, May 3. For details call ESSA (479) 253-5384 or see www.essa-art.com.



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Sycamore, written by Constance Wagner and published in 1950 by Alfred A. Knopf, is the story of a sophisticated New York girl who marries a boy from Arkansas. The Wagners and their daughter lived in Eureka Springs while the novel was written. In addition to five novels, Constance Wagner wrote numerous articles and stories published in *The New Yorker*, *Atlantic Monthly* and *Collier's*.



CONSTANCE
WAGNER

“Madam Chairman, I – I feel that it would be a pity to close our doors to new members right at this time. Last week, you will all recall, I brought two guests – two very charming ladies that have just moved to Sycamore. I *do* feel that their names ought to be voted on for membership, before we –” Mrs. Winchfield subsided into her chair, looking frightened, plucking at her bag and handkerchief with bird-claw fingers.

“Any further discussion?” Mrs. Knowles demanded, well above the plane of combat.

Miss Martha Stillwater made a slight rustle as she got to her feet, and her voice was scarcely more than a whisper. “I *feel*,” she murmured, “that it would be a mistake to admit these – ladies – without knowing more *about* them than we do. Our club has always stood for the very *best* among the ladies of Sycamore. We have been *very* careful not to admit any person of even a – a *doubtful* character –” Miss Stillwater flushed, as if she had been forced to mention the unmentionable, but she bravely went on. “Not,” she whispered, “that I would for a moment imply anything *against* either Mrs. Jaffray or Mrs. Glover. It’s quite likely that they are both above reproach, even though they *are* from the North. But shouldn’t they be given time to prove themselves?”

She, too, sat down. There was a small buzz of talk, and presently Tracy Blake spoke up with the breezy self-confidence of hereditary membership. “The point is,” she said, “we don’t want outsiders getting in and taking things over. One foot in the door, and in they’ll come. More people are moving here, from the North, all the time. If we let down the bars, the first we know we’ll be overrun with ‘em. If we close the membership roll right now, it will keep them *all* out.”

Mrs. Winchfield showed signs of balking, feebly, and Tracy leaned close to Jane and whispered: “The colonel put her up to this. He’s playing along with Jaffray, on the side – but don’t you quote me.”

Mrs. Knowles smoothly rode down the little flurry of insurrection, asking if they were ready for the question, putting it, counting right hands dispassionately, announcing that the motion was carried, and no new members would be admitted.

“I didn’t see you vote,” said Tracy, huddled against Jane’s side.

“No, I didn’t,” Jane said. She would have found it hard to explain why, but the

whole scene had nettled her.

Mrs. Dycus, sycophant to her fingertips, was wearing a prissy, pleased smile now that she had successfully carried out her orders from the top. Mrs. Winchfield was looking helpless and distressed, and Jane recalled having heard that the old lady depended on Colonel Blake for her support. Miss Stillwater, who tiptoed through life in a pleasant haze, believing in the good faith of everyone, looked about her with a smile of gentle complacency, now that she had taken a courageous stand for conservatism. She must have lived forever, Jane thought. Lord, she’d taught both Mr. and Mrs. Knowles in high school, and people even before *their* time! To Miss Martha, the town was simply an aggregation of her former pupils, innocent and beloved.

When the day’s business was ended, Joada Dycus and Mrs. Judd Corley began to bustle about with paper napkins and chocolate cake, and Tracy, drooping over Jane’s chair, whispered: “Let’s get out of here and go to my place for coffee in *peace*.” At the same moment, Miss Stillwater’s muted voice was asking if anyone besides herself had seen Mr. Jaffray’s piece in a national magazine, entitled “Prosper in the Ozarks.” It was very nice, Miss Martha was saying. He proved that one could live royally here,

with five acres of land, and do practically no work at all. That might, said Miss Martha mildly, be a *slight* exaggeration, but she found the general tone commendable.

Mrs. Judd Corley, passing plates of cake, said sharply that at least it was a relief to read something about the Ozarks that didn’t misrepresent the region and its people, as that Mrs. Williams did. “Came in the café yesterday and up and told me that we wouldn’t even be in business if it wasn’t for her and that stuff she’s been writing in the papers!” cried Mrs. Corley, still smarting under the insult. “I gave her a piece o’ *my* mind, all right. Makin’ us say ‘you-uns’ – and go round without shoes!” Mrs. Corley was pink with indignation. “Why, everybody *knows* we’ve got the most culchud people in the country, right here. Fine, old families – and pure stock, too. No niggers and no foreigners...” She felt keenly any aspersion against her native region, and she was looked upon as competent to judge any matter of a literary nature, too, since she contributed inspirational verse to the *Times-Democrat* almost every week. She was fond of saying that some of her finest ideas popped into her head when she was frying hamburgers in the café kitchen, or washing up a mess of dishes.

Jane made her escape, with Tracy, into the shut-in quiet of the walled stair, and began

a careful descent. Their footfalls rang hollowly on the stones, and, when they emerged into the steep pitch of Pinoak Street, they found that the bleak winter afternoon was already closing down. The thaw of the past few days had left raw, wet patches of terra-cotta clay between the rocks of the road, but in the shaded bank across the way immense icicles still hung solidly, not even dripping.

Jane said, shivering: “It’s dreary here in winter. The town looks so dismal and ugly, doesn’t it?”

“Oh, I guess I’m used to it,” Tracy said, offhand. “Never had a chance to know anything very different.”

Jane smiled somewhat wistfully. “New York,” she said, “seems so *alive* in winter. Concerts and theaters, the lights along Fifth Avenue – and all the nice little restaurants, little cocktail places, on the side streets –”

“Might as well forget it, darling,” Tracy said callously. “You’re stuck here now. A life sentence to Sycamore!” She grasped Jane’s arm and began steering her toward the Blake car. “I’ll bring you back and pick yours up later.”

NOTES from the HOLLOW

by Steve Weems

With the fragrance of lilacs flirting with my nose, I lay open the April 27, 1967 edition of the *Eureka Springs Times-Echo*. The lead story is the upcoming countywide vote on issuing bonds to fund the construction of a \$720,000 hospital in Berryville. There is a full-page advertisement signed by 84 local residents against it, and a quarter-page advertisement in favor of the bonds. I guess we know how the election turned out.

Of course, Holiday Island wasn’t always called Holiday Island, but did you know it was once called Hollydale Island? I didn’t. A front-page article announces the change of name from Banach Island to Hollydale Island. This makes sense because the 4800-acre property that includes the island was owned by the Holly Corp. of California.

Reby Nelson’s house on East Mountain burned down and both she and her daughter, Rose Brown, were hospitalized with burns. Reby Nelson was my wife’s great-grandmother.

Two spelunkers exploring Onyx Cave at the invitation of owner Ralph Schmidt discovered 425 additional feet of passageways and an underground waterfall. J.D. Fletcher and family purchased the Devil’s Dive Resort on Table Rock Lake. Mr. and Mrs. Cecil R. (Pete) Birchfield are congratulated on the April 20 birth of their daughter, Stephanie Lynn. The Eureka Drug Company is having a close out sale on all record albums, including their one remaining copy of the very popular *The Sound of Music*.

Local family doctor Ross Van Pelt spoke to the high school on the dangers of using narcotics not prescribed by a



physician. He especially warned against falling prey to heroin.

In Berryville, both the Oklahoma Tire & Supply and the Ben Franklin Store are selling all their merchandise and fixtures and calling it quits. Also in Berryville, one can attend showings of *A Fine Madness* starring Sean Connery and Joanne Woodward.

The US Army is in need of volunteers, especially those with previous military experience. The recruiters in Fayetteville say to call collect if interested in joining up.

And so I close the April 1967 newspaper and take a moment to admire the blossoming redbud trees on the hill.

International Earth Day – Mother Earth Day

Every 22nd of April, humanity celebrates **International Mother Earth Day & Earth Day**. As more than a billion people participate in Earth Day activities every year, Earth Day has become the world's largest civic observance. The massive concern to build right relations between humanity and the living being we call Earth is evidence of humanity's love of the Mother. In 2009 the United Nations General Assembly proclaimed April 22 International Mother Earth Day, with a significant resolution affirming "*the interdependence existing among human beings, other living species*

(the kingdoms – mineral, plant, animal & human) and the planet itself, the Earth which we all inhabit." The Earth is our home.

Celebrating Earth Day helps us define new emerging processes (economic, social, political) focused on the well-being of the kingdoms. Through these, humanity seeks to raise the quality of life, foster equality and begin to establish Right Relations with the Earth. We dedicate ourselves to bringing forth balance and a relationship of Harmony with all of nature. Learn about planting a billion trees (the Canopy Project); participate in 1.5 billion acts of Green. Disassociation (towards Earth) is

no longer viable. We lose our connection to life itself. Participation is viable – an anchor, refuge and service for all of life on Earth.

From *Farmers Almanac*, "*On Earth Day, enjoy the tonic of fresh air; contact with the soil, companionship with nature! Go barefooted. Walk through woods find wildflowers and green moss. Remain outside, no matter the weather!*" Nature, Earth's most balanced kingdom, heals us. The New Group of World Servers is preparing for May 3rd, Wesak Buddha Taurus solar Festival. We prepare through asking for and offering forgiveness. Forgiveness purifies and like nature, heals.

ARIES: Money concerns are shared by you and Taurus this month. Pull back on spending for a while assessing exactly what you need and no more. Before any actions with money, tithe to those in need. Do not refrain from this, even if you feel you have no money. We can always give even small amounts. This ensures constant loving resources flowing into our lives from spiritual sources. After giving, financially organize.

TAURUS: Read Aries, following the

suggestions. And now about your money and resources. You have resources all around – hidden away in containers (boxes, bags, drawers, garages, storage units, etc.) – kept as historical remembrances. However, now a new resource is needed. Trade the old for the new so new money can come in. Ask if you need assistance in organizing. Know when things are used their light shines forth.

GEMINI: Allow yourself contemplation and solitude. Your own thoughts need to be listened to now. You may feel dreamy during the day and/or dreams become vivid through the night. Record all dreams your Dream Journal, then talk about them. Dreams are messages clarifying yesterdays, releasing emotions, future prescriptions. Over time, chronicling our dreams, they become understandable.

CANCER: More and more you must come out of your shell. You're a cardinal (initiating things) sign (a leader) that knows the future must be prepared for in ways different than before. You're the nurturing "great mother", realizing food must be grown and necessities must be sustained for family, friends, pets and humanity later on. Tend to all personal health matters first. Then, "carry on."

LEO: As you observe those you work with, looking for constancy, trust, confidentiality and abilities, you're also being observed. You're influencing many at this time. Let your work ethic be a model for others. It's important to acknowledge, praise and recognize everyone. We, you included, evolve through praise, recognition and what we create. We see, recognize and applaud your gifts and endeavors.

VIRGO: Tend to resources and money with care. If you do so, ponder upon and prepare to travel to places that transform your mind and heart, cast a radiance of dappled light onto your body, and allow you to adapt to new ways of life, food, people and cultures. It also could be time to return to school or a certain study. Some great learning calls to you – heart to heart.

LIBRA: Thinking, planning and organizing finances for the future is appropriate now. A good idea is purchasing gold and silver instead of retirement plans and/or other ideas the banks have created. Find someone reputable who ethically deals in gold and silver. Discuss with others (family, intimate, financial advisor, etc.) what and how you are planning for your death. Make a plan. Legalize it.

SCORPIO: With all your present relationships, partnerships and interactions with others, you consider new ways of relating that include more Goodwill and Kindness that create Right Relations. Having the intention to act with greater depth and love is alchemical, creating a magnetic aura around. It attracts others seeking the love you so potently (or potentially) emit. Think on these things. Do you need new sunglasses?

SAGITTARIUS: Lot of little things need your attention. So often you see the big issue, the grand scale, the great philosophical over-view. It's an excellent celestial foundation of knowing. However, little parts and pieces in your world need to be tended too. Survey your daily agenda, tasks and environments for what calls calling for care and attention. Then heavens and earth meet, heart

and mind, body and Soul integrate and balance.

CAPRICORN: Something new is asking to come forth. A new path perhaps, new garden, new foundation of life. Maybe a new child or a new creative endeavor at home, in rooms around the house. Something repaired, repainted, re-floored, re-surfaced, carpeted or perhaps a new art form. Everything must be fun, lively, filled with color, music, dance, fire, friends, nurturing foods and children at play. A new comfort.

AQUARIUS: Careful with communication. You could be too quick for others to follow and/or understand. You could also be potentially frustrated with others, thinking them too slow. Act instead with kindness and understanding. No one in the zodiac is as fast as you, talks quicker, or understands new realities with your comprehension. Look with love and compassion upon your fellow travelers. They all wish they had your mind.

PISCES: The environments around you are in need of change. You need a change of environment, neighborhood, yard, and room. Some Pisceans might actually need a completely new home. If this is you, begin with a list of all you need in a home, town, village, etc. Then draw & write down what your perfect home would be. Working on this daily, hourly creates a magnet field within you that attracts your new home directly to you. And the resources needed. Begin now. There is happiness in change.

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Free Alzheimer's seminar

A free seminar on Alzheimer's sponsored by Mercy Auxiliary – Berryville will be held Friday, April 24, from 2–4 p.m. at Freeman Heights Baptist Church. Betsy Broyles-Arnold and Molly Arnold-Gay will speak on learning how to communicate with someone you love who has dementia/

Alzheimer's disease, and learning how to care for yourself while caring for your loved one. A question and answer session will follow.

Call Anita Spearman at (479) 981-0626 for more information and to make reservations.

Time change for Tuesday meditation group

The weekly Tuesday meditation group at the UU Church, 17 Elk, will now meet from 6–7 p.m. with silent meditation for 20 minutes with a 10-minute break followed by an audio or video spiritual teaching focusing on Pema Chodron's video of her "Fully Alive" retreat on "Living Beautifully with Uncertainty and Change." A \$2 love offering is asked for use of the church building.

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Eric Howell stuns at Brews Saturday, Chelsea's displays Magic 8 Balls Band

The last week of April brings a sunny variance and warm melodies throughout town to satisfy music lovers. The Ale House on 62 West features piano dinner music by Elby that pairs well with draughts. Brews hosts the fearless Eric Howell Saturday, an artist formerly known for Honky Suckle. Saturday get lined up in the pocket at Chelsea's with Magic 8 Balls Band.

THURSDAY, APRIL 23

CHELSEA'S – *Nicholas St. James*, Folk, 9:30 p.m.

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

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

FRIDAY, APRIL 24

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

CATHOUSE LOUNGE – *Nicholas St. James*, Folk, 8 p.m.

CHELSEA'S – *The Big Idea*, Americana, 9:30 p.m.

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

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

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

LE STICK – *Pete "Rock" Maiella*, Guitar Loveliness, 8 p.m.

NEW DELHI – *Doghouse Daddies*, Blues, 6 – 10 p.m.

ROWDY BEAVER – *Karaoke with*



Magic 8 Balls Band play Chelsea's Saturday, April 25

Tiny, 8 p.m.

ROWDY BEAVER DEN – *Terri and Brett*, Rock, 9 p.m.

THE STONE HOUSE – *Jerry Yester*, Artist's Choices

SATURDAY, APRIL 25

BREWS – *Eric Howell*, Gothic Americana, 7 p.m.

CATHOUSE LOUNGE – *Dorian Cross*, Americana, 8 p.m.

CHELSEA'S – *Magic 8 Balls Band*, Americana, 9:30 p.m.

EUREKA LIVE! – *DJ & Dancing*, 9 p.m.

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

LEGENDS SALOON – *Jeff Horton Band*, Rock, 8 p.m.

NEW DELHI – *Doghouse Daddies*, 12 – 4 p.m., *Down Day*, Rock, 6 – 10 p.m.

ROWDY BEAVER – *Terri and the Executives*, Rock, 8 p.m.

ROWDY BEAVER DEN – *Terri and Brett*, Rock, 1 – 5 p.m., *Septembers End*, Americana, 9 p.m.

SUNDAY, APRIL 26

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

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

ROWDY BEAVER DEN – *Terri and Brett*, Rock, 1 – 5 p.m.

MONDAY, APRIL 27

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

TUESDAY, APRIL 28

CHELSEA'S – *Open Mic*

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29

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

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Sat., April 25 • 9:30 p.m. – **MAGIC 8 BALLS BAND**

Mon., April 27 • 9:30 p.m. – **SPRUNGBILLY**

Tues., April 28 • 9:30 p.m. – **OPEN MIC**

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Arbor Day Celebration April 24

The public is invited to attend the Eureka Springs Arbor Day Celebration at 10:30 a.m. Friday, April 24 in Harmon Park at the Eureka Springs Parks & Recreation Commission Office, 532 Spring.

The event will celebrate the restoration of the log building onsite and the re-discovery of nearby Dairy Spring. Local historian June Westphal will talk on the

history of this site as the center of the Summer Interstate Norman and Educational Assembly Grounds, the original trolley barns, and the newly rediscovered Dairy Spring.

The *Arbor Day Proclamation* will be read and 2014 Tree City USA awards will be presented. The activities commemorate Eureka Springs' 33rd year as a *Tree City USA*

and the fact it is the oldest *Tree City USA* in Arkansas. A redbud tree will be planted in honor of Barbara Harmony, longtime advocate of our springs and forests.

Since Earth Day will have occurred a couple days earlier, noted geologist James Helwig will give a tour around nearby Cardinal Spring and talk on soil erosion. The Eureka Springs Tree City Committee

will provide light refreshments.

Arbor Day began in 1872 when J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees. It celebrates that trees are a vital component of the infrastructure of our community and provide many environmental and economic benefits.

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

My husband and I are significantly overweight. I'm very self-conscious. Our sex life really suffers. I'm sure most reading this are already disgusted. It's like people think fat people aren't sexual. We've even fallen for it! We're both working on our health but sex-wise, is it even possible for two fatties to find real passion in the bedroom?

Of course it's possible! Haven't you heard that size doesn't matter?

Humor aside, it's true that fat sex is a particularly threatening taboo in our society. Often the topic is fetishized. Fetishized? Seriously – like fat sex is unusual? The adult obesity rate in Arkansas is 34.6 percent, up from 25 percent in 2004. Sex among overweight people is more prevalent than ever before. You're not alone.

First you must lovingly own your body and your sexuality. While this is difficult regardless of one's size, living in a culture that desexualizes fat people makes this

particularly difficult for you.

Following are a few suggestions for you both: Place your inner critic on Mute. As I hope you'd never criticize your partner's body, do not criticize your own. Make a list of all the things you're putting off until you reach your ideal body size. Circle the ones that are possible to do now just as you are. Circle sex first!

Practice being naked alone. Treat yourself to some sexy lingerie. No, it's not just for skinny chicks! Plus size lingerie abounds.

Practice sleeping naked together, touch and cuddle but withhold from sex initially. Have an open conversation about sex. Share your turn-ons, what you'd like more of or less of, share a fantasy or two. Talking about sex can certainly feel awkward. It can also be quite arousing or completely hysterical. Roll with it. Never be afraid to laugh.

There are a variety of sexual positions recommended

for overweight couples. A bit too steamy for this publication, just get on-line and get enlightened. Create time for passion and take it slow. Stay in your body and focus on your physical sensations. Do not assume the Spectator role. Get out of your head! You're not critiquing a theatrical performance. You're making love to your spouse.

If it *feels* sexy it is sexy. So go ahead, rock your super-sized sexy self *without shame*!

Questions? Email leslie@esindependent.com. Leslie Meeker, M.A., L.P.C., is a psychotherapist who has specialized in relational and sex therapy, sexual compulsivity and sexual trauma for the past 15 years, after receiving extensive training in human sexuality at the Masters and Johnson Institute in St. Louis, Mo.



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ESIFF adds workshop by award-winning composer/producer

Joel C. High, award-winning composer for films and TV series, has joined the Eureka Springs Indie Film Festival to present a workshop on composing at the Eureka Springs auditorium on Friday, April 24, at 2:40 p.m. As music supervisor and producer, High has worked on more than 100 films and television projects and is currently the principal executive at Creative Control, a multi faceted music supervision, consultation, live event and production company.

The 46 films chosen as final selections for screenings and potential awards will be shown in the auditorium as scheduled below. At 6 p.m. Saturday the excitement of the Indie Awards Ceremony begins! The Indie After Party and live music at Caribé Restaurant and Cantina, US 62W, will follow the Awards Show at 9 p.m.

Three-day passes are only \$30, or \$15 for any day. All passes include the Awards Show. Awards in each category include cash prizes and the Indie Award Statue. (479) 244-6636, www.esfilmfest.org.

Spend the weekend at the movies!

Opening reception at FRESH BISTRO on North



Main: April 22, 5 – 6:30 p.m. (open to public) followed by screenings at The Aud at 7 p.m.

Wednesday

- 7 p.m. Opening and judges introduction
- 7:15 Sympathy Pains
- 8:35 10 minute break
- 8:45 Sincerely, Us
- 8:51 Hana
- 9:02 A Day of Lucidity
- 9:31 Focus
- 9:41 Closing

For complete Thurs.–Sat. screenings, see our Facebook page.

Leave your children something special

The Village Writing School will offer *Heirloom Writing*, a workshop to guide you through the process of writing your life story, on May 1 from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. at Whole Hog Café, 1400 SW Walton Blvd. in Bentonville. *Heirloom Writing* will be facilitated by Elizabeth Mack who has taught creative writing at the University of Nebraska and teaches the heirloom writing process in community and spirituality centers. Mack will lead participants in a simple three-step process culminating in an outline of the “Heirloom” collection and a draft of the first essay. For fee and registration, visit www.VillageWritingSchool.com.



Enness Roy McClelland April 20, 2015

Enness Roy McClelland, 64, of Berryville, Ark., passed from this life on Monday, April 20.

He was preceded in death by parents, Roy and Frances (Shiras) McClelland.

Roy is survived by wife, Carolyn (Robsion) of the home; step-daughter, Deanna and husband, Rick Marlow, of Broken Arrow, Okla.; grandchildren, Jacob and Camryn; sister, Marilyn McClelland of Fayetteville, Ark.; niece, Jennifer and husband, Michael Moffitt, their children Jacob, Joshua, and Jonathan; and nephew, John Ewbank. Other family members include cousins, Ginger Shiras and Judi Sharp of Mountain Home, Ark., Anne Ramey of Cotter, Ark., and Kathy Hickey of Clarksville, Ark.; and many other friends and loved ones.

The family is honoring Roy's request for no service. Cremation arrangements are under the direction of Nelson Funeral Service. Online condolences may be sent to the family at nelsonfuneral.com. © Nelson Funeral Service, Inc. 2015

Bette Severe March 18, 1918 – April 16, 2015

Bette Severe of Holiday Island, Ark., was born March 18, 1918 in Scranton, Pa., a daughter of Walter and Evangeline (Roberts) Price. Bette had her graduation day on Thursday, April 16, 2015 in Holiday Island, at age 97.

She worked as a bookkeeper for Martion Manufacturing and was of the Methodist faith.

Bette is survived by one son and daughter-in-law, Errol and Beth Severe of Eureka Springs, Ark.; one grandson and granddaughter-in-law, Kevin and Lisa Severe of Fairland, Okla.; one granddaughter and grandson-in-law, Kelly and Bill Atkins of Nixa, Mo.; four great-grandchildren, Travis Severe, Emily Severe, Michaela Cooper and Summer Cooper; one great-great-grandchild, Zorah Cooper; and a host of other family, friends, and loved ones.

On January 15, 1939, Bette was united in marriage with Charles Severe who preceded her in death. She was also preceded by her parents; two brothers, JR Price and James Price; and two sisters, Helen Dewitt and Ann Bolenger.

A private family gathering will be held at a later date. Cremation arrangements are under the direction of Nelson Funeral Service. Memorial donations may be made to the Aviation Cadet Museum (Onyx Cave Road), 542 CR 2073, Eureka Springs, Arkansas 72632. Online condolences may be sent to the family at nelsonfuneral.com. © Nelson Funeral Service, Inc. 2015

Jason Thomas Tanton, Sr., April 18, 2015

Jason Thomas Tanton, Sr., went home to be with the Lord on Saturday, April 18, at age 96. He was born in Deckerville, a small farming community in the "Thumb Area" of Michigan, on April 8, 1919 to Arthur and Florence Tanton.

Jason was married 66 years to his devoted and godly wife, Dorothy Virginia Rice, on Feb. 1, 1947, who preceded him in death by two years and two days. Together, they had two children, Lanny Thomas, who survives him and Rhonda Lee, who died a year ago last February. He leaves behind a much loved daughter-in-law, Ruth Ann, and two grandchildren, Jason II and Justin.

He was a successful businessman who owned a popular six chair barber shop in Ferndale, Mich., a suburb of Detroit, which served many of the political and financial elite of the area. He was a man of immense charm and loved people. He served as an elder in two Churches of Christ until he understood the significance of Christ's work on the cross and the doctrine of sovereign grace. Upon moving to Eureka Springs, he joined Lone Star Bible Church and loved it for its emphasis on Biblical exposition, the doctrines of grace and its loving, supportive fellowship.

A brief memorial service will be held for him on Sunday, May 3 at 2 p.m. at Lone Star Bible Church with a fellowship immediately afterward. All gifts of memory may be given to either Lone Star Bible Church or the Carroll County Gideon Camp. Online condolences may be sent to the family at nelsonfuneral.com. © Nelson Funeral Service, Inc. 2015

All who knew **George Pyschny**
Are invited to a Memorial Celebration
In his honor
Saturday, May 9, 2 p.m.
Auman Cemetery in Alpena
Phone (479) 667-5630 for directions.

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Planning issues, and addressed the topic of minimum size requirements for residences in commercial zones.

"The complexities of this are monumental," he said, and pointed out many lawsuits by municipalities regarding minimum size for residences have failed. "Courts are not favorable unless it is tied to the health, safety and welfare of the residents." He admitted the city would not want property values to be diminished, but considered that Historic District Guidelines and existing City Code should provide the defining framework commissioners are looking for.

Commissioners voted unanimously to

drop the item from their agenda.

New commercial construction review

Cecilia and Scott Cleghorn represented their application to construct a 12x24 addition to the building at 171 W. Van Buren. The property is zoned commercial but used for the moment as a residence. Cecilia said they also intend to add a porch onto the addition and pave the parking area. The Historic District Commission had already approved their concept, and Planning too voted to approve the project.

Public hearing for a CUP

At the beginning of the meeting, the commission held a Public Hearing regarding the application to continue the CUP for two units of tourist lodging at 2 Hillside. Morris

said the transfer of the deed to the property is in progress, and the new owners want to continue operating the business as it has been operating. No one spoke against the application and commissioners approved the request.

Planning needs a commissioner

Alderman Mickey Schneider, who began sitting at the Planning table when the commission had difficulty seating a quorum, announced she would no longer attend their meetings since the commission now has six members. Morris appealed to the community for someone with a desire for public service to apply to fill the vacancy.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, April 28, at 6 p.m.

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Trees in the way

Clinton mentioned the tree project was stalled. He was referring to the FAA disallowing night approaches to the airport because five trees at the west end of the runway and one at the east end were taller than permissible.

"One tree is only a half-inch too tall," Clinton observed. He told commissioners the solution is theoretically simple. The FAA reinstated night approaches at the De Queen airport after he took photos of the offending trees and they were removed the next day. He took photos after the tree cut and submitted them, and the FAA fairly quickly lifted the ban on night approaches.

Tresler said one property owner he talked to was not against the plan but was hesitant to comply because some of the targeted trees are the tallest ones on 400 acres, so he thus far has balked at proceeding.

Pate said CCA has received permission to remove the tree on the east end. He will report on progress at the next meeting.

Long list of chores

Pate notified the commission of several items he wanted to take care of with their approval:

- get an estimate for finishing the restroom in the eight-bay hangar
- repair a "loose and flapping" roof panel on another hangar
- find a solution for repairing the door of another hangar which commissioners agreed should not be leased again until the door is fixed
- screen out untidy birds from an area near the terminal building because they insist on leaving unsightly and unsanitary messes
- secure a gate on the south edge of the property which will also require refilling the washed-away dirtwork around the gate.

Let's work together

Pate said he "almost fell on the floor" when he encountered the "nasty" and long-untended condition of a large storage room. He said he needs a team to pull out everything in the room so they can see what is in there. He suggested a clean-up day, and commissioners agreed to take on the task on Wednesday, May 13, beginning at 9 a.m.

Pate said he would welcome volunteers to assist them with this task as well as other tasks at the airport.

Other news

Pate announced Lonnie Clark had resigned his seat on the commission effective April 15. There are now two vacant seats on the commission.

Next meeting will be Friday, May 15 at 12 p.m.



Mr. and Mrs. Jeremy Long from Kansas City came to Eureka for a wedding and went home with enough fish for a big fish fry. We got these three stripers and a nice hybrid up river on Beaver on the flats at Point 12. The water temp up there now is up to 67° and reports are coming in of big stripers being caught from Horseshoe Bend area to as far as the Rocky Branch area as they move out of the river arms, already looking for the cooler, cleaner water.

Most being caught are close to the shoreline off the flats with buck brush and pea gravel. Shad and brood shiners with no weights are the best way to go, with the best lures being top water.

Here at Holiday Island the white bass

spawn is on up the river and in our major creek arms. White roostertails, jigs, small crankbaits and minnows can get them. Crappie are moving into the shoreline brush and being caught from two to eight ft. deep.

Black bass are making their beds in the pea gravel up the creek arms and in the main lake in water from three to eight ft. deep. You can see them if the water is clear enough. They will hit about any thing that looks like it might eat their eggs.

Well, it's spring now and most all fish can be caught in water under 12 ft. deep from a boat or the shoreline, so get out and enjoy and carry a rain suit.

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

New GriefShare 13-week program

GriefShare will start a new 13-week session May 3 in the lower level of the Holiday Island Community Church Fellowship Hall, 188 Stateline Drive in Holiday Island for those who have lost a loved one or close friend. Classes run from 2 – 4 p.m. each Sunday and are a Bible based study. Workbook cost is \$15. For more information call (479) 253-8200, (479) 253-8935 or email lardellen@gmail.com.

Eureka Springs Hospital Guild looks at Senior Solutions

The Eureka Springs Hospital Guild will meet Tuesday, May 5, 1:30 p.m. in the Eureka Springs Hospital cafeteria. The program will be Senior Solutions, presented by Sue Hopkins, LCSW, and Piper Allen, LSMW, private consultants providing guidance to families making decisions to ensure quality care and optimal life for loved ones.

Guests are welcome. For more information call Shirley (479) 253-5727.

Little Swiss hams congregate at Rowdy Beaver

The Little Switzerland Amateur Radio Club will meet Thursday, May 14, at noon at the Rowdy Beaver Restaurant for their monthly lunch and meeting. The Club meets at noon on the second Thursday of the month in Eureka Springs and at 6:30 p.m. on the third Thursday of the month in Berryville. Anyone with an interest in amateur radio is welcome. For additional information see www.lsarc.us or contact gmjar@outlook.com.

by ESI staff

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ACROSS

1. “There was an old woman who lived in a...”
5. Stitch
8. Barely makes, with out
12. Between a viscount and a marquess
13. Garden tool
14. Note sounded on a horn when the quarry is killed
15. Sake ingredient
16. Where the old woman in 1A would likely rather live
17. Pelvic bones
18. Container that holds two pints of ale
20. Somewhere between sarcasm and mockery
21. Greek temple sanctuary
24. Kite string
27. Nile biter
28. Type of salt
31. Desire
32. Flagon fill
33. Pleasant rhythm
34. Request
35. Quality vineyard

36. Eagle’s nest
37. Separate from other things
39. Moved a hand
43. Achieve
47. Winglike
48. Artificial hair
50. An old Peruvian
51. Charged atoms
52. Six hand breadths
53. Long part of a rose
54. Informal Internet code where letters are replaced by other characters
55. Barely make, with out
56. Laundry detergent

DOWN

1. Feudal worker
2. Ice from the sky
3. Killer whale
4. Pleasingly stylish
5. Highly polished
6. Very long time
7. Boil on the skin
8. Muslim ruler
9. Slavic circle dance
10. Poetic name for Ireland
11. Command to a dog

19. Long written tribute
20. Mischievous child
22. Large ankle bone
23. “___ it or lose it.”
24. BOAC rival
25. Existed
26. Writer’s fluid
28. Ma’am’s counterpart
29. Quarterback Manning
30. Consumed
32. Expression of imagination
33. Political radical
35. Spanish soldier, El
36. Airplane height (abbr.)
38. Bird that flies fastest, highest and alone
39. Cry of pain or grief
40. Healing plant
41. Wind indicator
42. Long ago
44. Pro’s nemesis
45. Tea preference
46. Moniker
48. Itty bitty
49. Similar to something already mentioned

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LAUGHING HANDS MASSAGE has opened a bank account with Community First Bank under my name Mary Sue Meyerhoven for **MICHFEST 40**. A group of us are working to raise money for low income womyn to attend this iconic event. If you need more information, contact me at (479) 244-5954. Mahalo.



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Holt said the Extension Office also brought over an educational exhibit that teaches students about opportunities in agriculture. "Some even milked a cow," she said.

Elementary school Principal Clare Lesieur told the board her students had just completed Readers Are Winners week in which Kathy McCurry, librarian and media specialist, organized a book swap. In addition, students and a few teachers staged a parade dressed as their favorite book characters. Lesieur also mentioned 50 families attended their first Science Night, and students learned about the human heart by having a dance party.

Other items

- The board voted to approve a resolution authorizing the filing for E-Rate funding, a federal program providing discounts on equipment related to data communications for K-12 schools. Pat Todd, IT director for the district, said the funds would be used for upgrades to the bandwidth and phone system and for rewiring the elementary school for additional computer access. He said the district would pay about \$31,000 but receive an additional \$90,648 for the targeted upgrade. Todd said the continued upgrades are important because each year students are doing more of their work online.

- The board also approved a resolution adopting the Public School Choice Act of 2015. Kellogg told the board the Act moves forward the date by which parents must request transfer of a student to the district to May 1 of the year in which the student seeks to begin the fall semester. In addition, the district must respond to the application no later than July 1.

- Kellogg announced Gary Andrews, after-school program director, and Jerrit Burk, elementary school music teacher, will retire at the end of the school year.

Next meeting will be Thursday, May 21, at 5:30 p.m.

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