

# Voters uphold Ord. 2223

#### MARY PAT BOIAN

The most contentious special election in Eureka Springs in recent memory is over, with unofficial results of 810 voters going to the polls Tuesday. Ratification for Ordinance 2223 was 579, more than double the 231 votes to repeal.

"This is historic, this is so exciting, historic not just for Eureka Springs but for all of Arkansas," Mayor Butch Berry said on receiving the tally. "We're part of this! The feelings of joy here at campaign headquarters are contagious. It reminds me of when Bill Clinton was elected the first time."

The ordinance prohibits discrimination against anyone based on sexual orientation or gender identity, and provides antidiscrimination protection in employment, housing and public accommodations. It was considered a groundbreaking ordinance in beating back discrimination in Arkansas and nationwide, and immediately raised the hackles of conservatives, including Arkansas Rep. Bob Ballinger [R] who introduced Act 137, a bill designed to prevent Arkansas cities and counties from enforcing such ordinances. That bill passed the state legislature and becomes law July 20.

Although the local ordinance will be ineffective on that date, Eureka Springs City Council passed it in three readings Feb. 9 so it would become law before the legislature had time to prevent it, and so there would be legal standing for when the issue goes to court, which Berry said was inevitable.

Lamont Richie-Roberson, a Carroll County Justice of the Peace who crafted the ordinance and immediately brought down the ire of some religious leaders,

said, "We won! I'm blown away by the margin. It's almost three-to-one." Richie-Roberson said he thought the reason the margin was so significant was because the For 2223 camp ran a positive campaign and got people to the polls. "This validates the Eureka Springs welcome sign," he said.

Former Chamber of Commerce President Mike Bishop, who was fired for political involvement in encouraging repeal of the ordinance without board approval, said he had no comment, but added, "Citizens have spoken and it's good that they had that opportunity."



For and Against – Chip Ford holds up For 2223 signs Tuesday afternoon in front of New Day Fellowship, more than 100 ft. from the St. Elizabeth's Parish Center polling place. Driver of the truck hauling a Repeal 2223 sign in the background, Rene J. Chouinard, told picture taker Bill King he would run over him. As TV cameras rolled, Chouinard was warned by police to back off and stop threatening to hit people. Phoro BY BILL KING

#### This Week's INDEPENDENT Thinkers

Independent thinkers come up with practical inventions, protect Muslim girls whose crime is learning to read, figure out how to grow food in semi-trailers and do their best to keep a town safe.

Eureka Springs had an issue of fairness and equality come up recently, an issue that should never have had to be voted on, and our city council did exactly what we elected them to do. They made it clear and unanimous they would not tolerate discrimination against residents or visitors under any circumstances. Our council took care to ensure all who live, work and visit here are treated equally, which is as it should be.

Thank you, Eureka Springs City Council. Too bad nobody ever took your picture, you'd all be on the front page.

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# Just another historic day in Eureka Springs.





# Moseying toward a new hospital

#### NICKY BOYETTE

Mayor Butch Berry told the Eureka Springs City Council at its May 11 meeting that progress toward getting a new hospital for Eureka Springs was moving forward. He said a project manager had been retained by Allegiance, the company that leases operation of Eureka Springs Hospital (ESH), to work with Morrison Architects on finalizing costs and fitting the project to the property at the western edge of town.

He acknowledged the process appeared to be moving very slowly.

Alderman Terry McClung asked what the time frame might be for this preliminary phase, and Berry said he had not been able to get anyone to answer that question.

"It takes awhile," he responded, but said he would be talking to the project manager and to Chris Bariola, CEO of ESH.

McClung pointed out council needs to know soon about a timeline because council was told by the bond underwriter, Stephens, Inc., last year that this autumn would be a good time to consolidate bonded indebtedness to get a better rate and procure funds for extending the city sewer line to the site of the new hospital.

Alderman David Mitchell added there is much Allegiance will need to do after getting a cost estimate unless it already has financing lined up. He remarked Stephens had given a target for the city and hoped the city would not miss the window of opportunity because of what he saw as a "drawn-out, convoluted process" unfolding before them.

He added getting a new hospital would make it worth it for the city to extend the sewer line to the site plus, as a bonus, the city would get out of the hospital business.

Berry said the representative for Stephens told him the city would save \$63,000 annually by combining two existing bonds in conjunction with issuing a new one for extending the sewer another mile toward the west.

McClung still insisted the critical missing information was when Allegiance COUNCIL continued on page 23



### Your Neighborhood Natural Foods Store

# Outside group largest contributor to Repeal 2223 campaign

#### **BECKY GILLETTE**

In April, the largest financial contributor to the campaign to repeal Ordinance 2223, which extends civil rights protections to the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) community in Eureka Springs, was the National Black Robe Regiment (NBRR) based in Aledo, Texas, according to financial reports filed May 5 with the Arkansas Ethics Commission.

The documents show that the NBRR contributed in-kind donations worth \$1460.48, which included 15 4x8 signs and 3,000 door hangers. Eureka has a population of about 2,000.

Some supporters of 2223 are alarmed at the involvement of an outside group that believes its religious beliefs should be made law.

"NBRR is an extreme group with a political agenda for religious supremacy," said Sandy Martin, former Chamber of Commerce board member. "They have no respect for separation of church and state. Their goal is to dismantle local control, put it on the state level, and then move it up to the national level to change the U.S.

## GSHS Volunteer Appreciation Party

Good Shepherd's annual Volunteer Appreciation Party will be held in the First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, 195 Huntsville Road (Hwy. 23S) on Sunday, May 17 from 2-4 p.m. Anyone who has volunteered for the Good Shepherd during the past 12 months is encouraged to attend. If this is you, please join us on Sunday, and let us treat you to an afternoon of fun, food and fabulous door prizes. Please RSVP by calling (479) 244-7156 or email at goodshepherdhumanesociety@yahoo. com.

### Annual Membership Meeting

The Good Shepherd Humane Society's Annual Membership Meeting will take place Thursday, May 21, 6 p.m., in the Pine Room at the Inn Of The Ozarks, 207 W. Van Buren. All members are urged to attend. Constitution. They must be called out and stopped."

Martin said this indicates more of the opposition's outsider influence and lack of local support. Chief supporters of Repeal 2223 include Rev. Randall Christy, who operates the Great Passion Play and lives in Oklahoma, Fayetteville attorney Travis Story, and Rev. Phil Wilson, whose First Christian Church on Passion Play Road is outside city limits.

The involvement of the NBRR explains who Repeal 2223 used in their videos and why, Martin said.

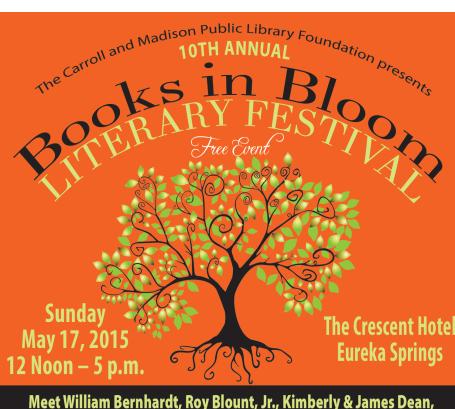
"It says a lot to me about the religious right's desperation," she said. "And it tells me a lot about [Rep.] Bob Ballinger, his agenda, and who's pulling his strings."

Ballinger successfully sponsored two bills in the legislature this year, one which prohibits local governments from passing non-discrimination ordinances for classes not protected under state law, and a "religious freedom" bill some believe legalizes discrimination against LGBTs.

Lamont Richie-Roberson, Carroll County JP who helped draft 2223, said he was dismayed by information on the NBRR website. "I was taken aback by its insistence that the separation of church and state is a false wall; and by its mission that seems to want to create a government that is based on biblical precepts."

According to the website, www. nationalblackroberegiment.com, "The vision for the modern National Black Robe Regiment is, equipping, empowering and engaging pastors for spiritual and cultural transformation. The National Black Robe Regiment is a network of national and local pastors and pastor groups that equips and empowers pastors to engage in their Biblical and historical role to stand boldly for righteousness and transform society through spiritual and cultural engagement."

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# Chamber treasurer resigns

#### BECKY GILLETTE

Accountant Rusty Windle, a CPA with Windle & Associates, has resigned as treasurer and board member of the Greater Eureka Springs Chamber of Commerce, according to board chair Cathy Handley.

Handley said Windle did not give a reason for the resignation. Calls to Windle for comment were not returned prior to deadline.

Handley denied rumors that by-laws have been changed or that the Chamber is having financial difficulties.

"Absolutely, that is not true," she said.

Former Chamber President/CEO Mike Bishop was fired after issuing a Chamber statement opposing the city's passage of a non-discrimination ordinance (NDO). Since then Bishop has been active in the Repeal 2223 effort sending out letters, emails and making calls. After Bishop's firing, former Chamber chair Allen Huffman resigned.

Handley confirmed Damon Henke, interim President/CEO of the Chamber, is in the running for permanent President/CEO, but other applicants are being considered. Some Chamber members have raised questions about a potential conflict of interest with Henke also serving on the tax-funded City Advertising and Promotion Commission (CAPC). Henke said if he is hired as permanent president/ CEO, he would not vote on any CAPC issues involving the Chamber. While the two groups often work together, he said their focus is not the same.

"The difference between the CAPC and the Chamber is the CAPC is a true brand builder for Eureka Springs and the Chamber is much more focused on a business level," Henke said. "Obviously, on any funding issues between the CAPC and the Chamber I would refrain from voting, commenting on or influencing the CAPC. A lot that the CAPC does is not associated with the Chamber; a very limited amount that goes on at the CAPC has to anything to do with the Chamber operations. The CAPC puts the name Eureka Springs out there on 30,000-foot view. The CAPC is designed to promote the town as a whole. The Chamber is much more focused. We are more the doctor with the scalpel to promote businesses individually."

Henke said he was interested in knowing more about the history of the Chamber when it was run out of the transit center. He said as a CAPC commissioner, he has questions about certain revenue areas and would like answers.

Henke said about 15,000 2015 Visitor Guides were delivered last week, and that last year not all the Visitor Guides were used.

"We want to get the Visitor's Guide into the hands of

those who want it," he said.

Asked whether the Chamber officially retracted the anti-2223 statement issued by Bishop, Handley said the Chamber is non-political. The *Independent* could find no press releases said to be sent to the paper regarding retraction of the Chamber position.

Handley said the Chamber would release a statement later this week. She invited all members to attend the annual membership meeting at the Inn of the Ozarks Convention Center June 1, including a Tourism Trade Show from 4-5 p.m. with the annual tourism photo at 5:30 p.m., and the membership meeting at 6 p.m.

## Heart of Many Ways Sanctuary Open

People of all faiths, spiritual paths and individual spiritual expressions are welcome at Heart of Many Ways Sanctuary for silent prayer and meditation, according to their own practice. The Sanctuary is available as a quiet, sacred place to contemplate and reflect. All are welcomed. Sanctuary open Wednesday, May 20, 1 - 4 p.m. at the Heart of Many Ways Center in the Christian Science Church, 68 Mountain St. For more information call Amrit (479) 253-3165.



# Council observations on Ordinance 2223

#### NICKY BOYETTE

During Public Comments at Monday night's city council meeting, Randall Christy, CEO of the Great Passion Play, said he wanted to offer his services to help heal the "deep wound" created in Eureka Springs by the passage of Ordinance 2223. He said during the campaign regarding the ordinance he was portrayed as a bigot, and he renounced this characterization, citing gay business acquaintances and employees. However, he disagreed with sections of the ordinance that he said put pastors and churches in a compromising predicament. He was also chagrined that aldermen had said they "oppose the existence of the Great Passion Play. I hope they do not feel that way."

When aldermen got their chance to offer comments, alderman Bob Thomas said Ordinance 2223 might not be perfect but it is worth passing. "Don't lose this opportunity. Pass 2223," he stated.

Alderman Terry McClung encouraged

each citizen to "vote your heart," but said he has been deeply hurt by the division created by a controversy he saw as unnecessary which he said has "been sickening to me... it's been nothing but a stink."

Alderman James DeVito pointed out Ordinance 2223 brings civil rights to all people who call Eureka Springs home, and he resented that outside influences had poured thousands of dollars into the opposition coffers and brought in their own agendas. He reiterated that the ordinance does not force ministers to perform ceremonies they do not want to perform. "This ordinance is about fair and equitable treatment, and I encourage citizens to vote for it," he remarked.

"Eureka Springs knows in its heart of hearts why we passed it," alderman David Mitchell added. "We stood up for fairness and diversity." He said it was "fallacious" to say council does not support the Great Passion Play. "I am the gay council member and on my website for my Bed & Breakfast **COUNCIL COMMENTS** continued on page 20

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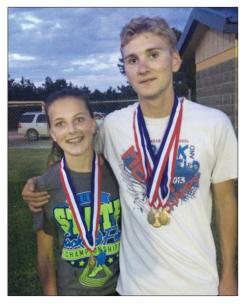
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# **INDEPENDENTSports**



**Runaway kids** – Eureka Springs High School student Nathan Andress (r.) placed first in the 1600 and 3200-meter runs at the State Track Meet in Gurdon last weekend, making him State Champion for the third year in a row. Freshman Gabi Bloch (l.) placed first in the 3200 meter run at 13:34, giving her the 2A Championship. Sophomore Nicole Morrison soared 4 ft. 10 in. in the high jump, placing third. Nathan and Gabi will represent ESHS in the Meet of Champs May 16 in Russellville.



**Bittersweet win** – With a score of 0 - 0 until 23 minutes into the second half, the Eureka Springs Highlanders won 1 – 0 over the Danville Little Johns Friday night in the last girls' soccer game of the season, and the final game for senior team members. Tears and hugs for anyone within arms' reach followed the game. "Everyone could see how much this meant to the girls, not just to win a game, but to be a part of this amazing team," commented team member Syama Barden.

PHOTO BY SYAMA BARDEN



# Dial M for medical murder mystery ... and you'll get Tess Gerritsen

#### C. D. WHITE

Bestselling author Tess Gerritsen's twisty medical murder/mystery plots have kept millions of readers around the world

turning the pages of her books for nearly 15 years. Even her early romance novels dangled a tasty murder just beyond the next page.

Tess's first medical thriller, *Harvest*, (1996) marked her debut on the *New York Times* bestseller list, and eventually her popular series featuring homicide detective Jane Rizzoli and medical examiner Maura Isles became the inspiration for the popular TNT television

series *Rizzoli & Isles* starring Angie Harmon and Sasha Alexander, now in season six.

"The series came about when I was contacted by a TV producer who told me he'd been reading my novels and said he loved Jane and Maura and thought they'd



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make great TV characters. It turned into a full-fledged TV deal," Tess said.

Unlike some authors, she leaves scripts and plots to the series' writers. The latest

novel in the Rizzoli series, *Die Again*, was published last December, but whether the storyline appears in television series is up to the producers.

"Although the TV series is based on characters I created, and the pilot episode was based on my novel *The Apprentice*, the TV series has its own team of writers," Tess explained. "I don't write any of the stories on the TV show, although they did

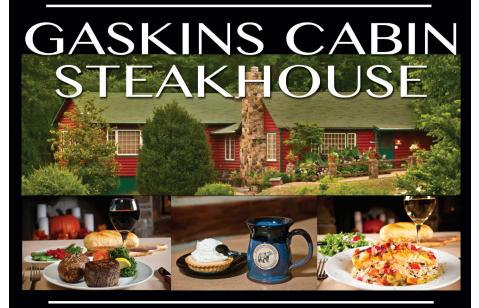
use my short story "John Doe" as inspiration for one of the episodes."

On Hollywood and self-publishing

Tess has wise advice for writers who wonder if their work might make good television: "I've never written with an eye **DIAL M** continued on page 19



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#### **Political process is artificial** Editor,

The voting has begun on our now famous Ordinance 2223. It's been a strange journey – one I've watched with interest, then growing alarm. My opinion is irrelevant because I live about <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> mile outside city limits, so I don't get to vote. I'm sure this applies to a number of people who consider Eureka their town, but don't live within the legal boundaries. Apparently people who consider Eureka "their" town can live as far away as Tulsa? Maybe that's why a smalltown election has become a national news item.

But once the voting is done, regardless of the outcome, the people from Tulsa and Fayetteville and wherever else are going to go back where they belong, and we're going to be left here with a lot of bad karma floating around. Bad karma doesn't go away by passing it on to someone else. That only perpetuates and strengthens it. The only way to destroy it is for each person who feels they've been dumped on to absorb and process that negativity and push it back outward as positive energy.

I don't believe this election is a real test of this town's mission statement. It's just a political process – mostly irrelevant. The real test is whether we who are actually "invested" in this town are going to allow this artificial process to divide and conquer, or if we will absorb it and move forward. We'll probably never all agree on which direction is forward, but that's all right because we *are* Eureka and that's how it works here. *Gloria Churchill* 

#### Fluoride comes with hidden expenses Editor.

I have already written letters about fluoridation. In one, I wrote about my hypothyroid condition, which would be exacerbated by fluoride, and how I would have to get expensive filters in my home to remove fluoride as well as lead, aluminum, cadmium, etc.

I've discovered that not only would it be a huge burden to anyone living on a modest income, but it would be virtually impossible. We don't just absorb toxins through drinking water, but also through lungs and pores, so all toxins must be removed at the source or we will be exposed. None of the filters I researched actually get out all the toxins.

There is *no* shower filter I could find that filters out fluoride.

A typical home reverse osmosis system will only filter enough water for drinking, not for bathing or washing, unless you have a huge tank for runoff and can afford an expensive system, if there even is such a thing. The company man I spoke to didn't know of one.

There is a counter top gravity feed system that can slowly filter most of the fluoride and some other chemicals, but it would take at least a day to filter enough water for a day's worth of drinking, bathing and washing. So you would need a big tank to hold filtered water.

For hot water, you would still have to heat filtered water and then move it to your sink and bathtub. It's not cheap, but it's feasible, though the filters have to be replaced frequently and the toxic water would still be flowing through faucets and creating toxic vapor.

What we really need to do is stop fluoridation altogether.

I don't doubt that the lead content in the fluoridated water running through our city water system is going to be in violation of legal standards. I just hope that is going to be enough to stop it. *Natalie Mannering* 

# **Redbuds not the solution** Editor,

I am a bit frustrated with Carroll Electric's stance on replacing plant material that they sprayed with toxic herbicides even after the owner/manager of the land went through the time and trouble to do every single procedure and go through every single hoop that is required to be on the so-called no spray list. I have both met and spoken with Todd and Neil on many occasions since last summer when this happened.

At the end of the day, they are willing to replace approximately 2,000 sq. ft. of accidentally sprayed land with a few Eastern Red Buds to be put somewhere else and not on that land that was sprayed. They have insulted the plants that were there by labeling them all "brush" as a way to denigrate the many native species that were naturally there or that we planted beginning in 2010.

It is an insult to have this sort of offer. If Carroll Electric wants to really show its support for the community, I propose they donate more than a few red buds to really make good on what they have done, and the time spent on endless circles of reasoning including an argument over plant roots holding soil and easing the effects of soil erosion and runoff.

I have seen milkweed plants sprayed in our neighborhood with Monarch caterpillars on them. If we are truly part of the CECC family, please show us that this is truly the case and allow us to plant approved plants. *Susan Pang* 

#### LR says it's OK to add chemicals to ES water Editor.

There are so many controversies in [our] lovely village that we have forgotten about the imminent addition of fluoride to our water supply. I wonder how many of **MAIL** continued on page 19



**@Twisted\_Mettle:** "Thanks for the **@donni:** Still

clarification." – Melted butter

**@jane\_bot:** I know a few people who are the human version of an email missing the

#### attachment.

**@HillbillyWV1965:** Don't glare at me lady! You're the one who named your kid Marco then yelled his name in the store! **@Robski\_Boy:** A year on twitter... I remember when all this was fields.

**@SwishaT\_:** "Spelt" is a type of wheat. "Spelled" is what you just did incorrectly.

**@donni:** Still not sure if construction paper is used in construction.

**@GuyEndoreKaiser:** Somewhere out there is a guy named Joe whose greatest achievement is that he was a really sloppy eater. **@PraxisUniversal:** I wonder if the first person to ever pop corn thought they were under attack.

**@SEAempire:** Good chance of showers today. – Bathroom Forecast.

**@robdelaney:** I never make "air quotes" with my fingers when I'm talking, but I do lean to the side & whisper so you sense I'm italicizing.



# INDEPENDENT Guestatorial

# What is nice

hat is nice about the courthouse in Eureka Springs is that when I'm waiting on what seems like forever for a trial to commence, I can sit outside on the bench and truly watch *the world* go by;

Sitting outside today (5/7) waiting for hours I watched cars go by and friends wave, Sally, Travis, Latigo, Mike, Virginia and Bill, etc., and I was thankful to notice that Geraldi's was still dishing out pizza pies, although I knew that Albert, and later David, had moved on, or at least I hadn't seen them in forever.

In the old court days when Albert opened the joint, Tony and I would come in and get lunch on the noon hour. Albert never hesitated to ask if we'd want to spring for a plastic bottle of water, or be happy with a glass of Eureka's "medicinal" variety, no ice. We'd always opt for the medicinal.

I soon thought to myself as a few more cars passed by I've not seen Albert for too long, David's folks closed the restaurant in Holiday Island, British accent Peter has been gone for a lifetime, and couldn't help but wonder who is runnin' this place now...

By the bench outside the courthouse as I maneuvered to stay upwind of my clients' cigarette smoke, I thought why not surprise my sweetheart with a true Geraldi's pizza tonight once I get home from trial, hoping it wouldn't be too late. I moseyed across the street and ordered a nice pie, told the gentleman proprietor just to leave it in my front seat hoping I'd be trying the case before the pizza was out of the oven.

Before leaving, as I came out the restroom I saw my clients had come in and were counting out change on the counter for something, I still don't know exactly what, I thought a small salad though.

My clients were a younger man and gal whose dress to some folks would scream transient or wash me, although to me their dress and style rang heavily of fun and freedom and where is the next festival, but of course I was stuck in a suit and tie on this beautiful May evening.

Unfortunately my pizza came out of the oven before my case was called, but when the gentleman proprietor brought it across the street and gave it to me, he asked my clients if they were still hungry and they readily said, "yes;" I went to put the pizza pie in my car and then walked up to the courtroom to try and gauge how much longer it would be. My clients walked back across the street.

In the courtroom, once the defense attorney rested, I scurried downstairs to summon my clients only to find them in the pizzeria across the street each smiling, both enjoying full plates of Geraldi's awesomeness. Thinking to myself, folks we got bigger fish to fry, I said to them... "box it up cupcakes, c'mon, it's time."

It dawned on me at some point through the hearing that my clients had been counting out change earlier, and when the gentleman brought my pizza, he inquired if they were "still hungry." I asked my clients if they paid for those plates of awesomeness, and they said "no, we said nothing, he just knew...."

After court, I went back and sat on that same bench to watch *the world* go by and conduct my obligatory self review of the case. My thoughts quickly turned from what I did, didn't do, or could have done better, to the Geraldi proprietor's act of kindness.

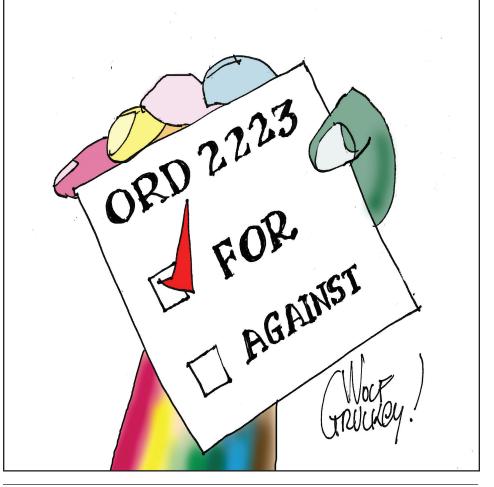
Sitting there I thought about the back and forth lately in this small town I love, each side hurt and ready to fight, and the agendas that seem to be clashing and separating my friends. I thought about the folks who have walked in shoes I could never fit in, right, wrong, presumed righteousness, demanded acceptance, or worse, possible casualties of the war; the latter like Acra, a man I only know of by recently reading the paper, but whom I suspect wears shoes nobody around here has worn or would volunteer to.

The fault now of both sides is that it has become a race for rules, each trying to promulgate rules on the other, whether it be an amendment to the Arkansas Constitution or an ordinance in a small town. I hate rules.

I couldn't help but think of that old verse about Love being the greatest, probably the only "rule" needed in this life, and just perhaps if we all started our walk through each precious day we are given, first, with a thought or step of kindness and love toward others, absent the judgment or hurt, we would ultimately end up walking side by side on the same path, the right path.

Chris Flanagin

# ARKANSAS WINS!



# **ThePursuitOfHAPPINESS**

by Dan Krotz resist an overarching compulsion to talk about the current-day Republican Party because I am not a mental health professional. Let it suffice to say that I really, truly, and honestly miss Bob Dole.

Meanwhile, we have a Democrat President and the leading Democrat Presidential candidate who both support the Trans-Pacific Partnership trade agreement (TPP). They do so with the underlying belief that globalization is inevitable, and that technology will continually erode and eventually erase tool-in-hand production. They call this belief pragmatism and gussy it up with jibber about how we'll all be "systems analysts" in the future. Or, they suggest, why not shoot for the stars and become Ivy League lawyers like they did?

Sadly, pragmatism and inevitability are not substitutes for bread and butter, and if the products of globalization and technological innovation mean the end of "expensive" labor, Democrats are obligated to come up with structural solutions for the new economy. Instead, they rely on lame \$10 an hour minimum wage treats, nostrums about education, and plans for dreamy new "programs" in which they supervise the growing number of economically poor Americans.

If TPP passes, the good news is we'll come in last in the global race to the bottom. The bad news is that we'll get there. And when we arrive we can expect generic and affordable drugs to disappear, we'll start eating Chinese chickens and hogs, and we'll get an up close and personal look at large corporations and Wall Street banks enjoying fewer laws, fewer regulations, and even better ways to dodge taxes.

If Republicans have succeeded in distracting voters from their disappearing assets, Democrats have succeeded at least as well in convincing voters that barriers caused by race, gender, and identity are the primary problems, rather than the collapsing working and middle class. Neoliberals, equally with social conservatives and evangelicals, have become a reliable stalking horse for politicians who would rather raise campaign money than legitimately govern.

Voters – and non-voters – are responsible for electing Tweedledee and Tweedledum, but we ought to expect more from our elections than the fake opportunity to name our poison.

# **INDEPENDENTConstablesOnPatrol**

#### MAY 4

10:35 a.m. – Animal Control picked up a stray dog and took it to the kennel where it was later claimed by its owner.

10:38 a.m. -A mother reported someone had stolen some of her son's belongings. The son told the constable who responded he did not want to file a report.

12:39 p.m. – Vehicle temporarily blocked the road leading to Black Bass Lake, but it was gone before constable arrived.

12:54 p.m. – Landlady asked ESPD to remove a renter from her property. Constable told her she would need to go through the eviction process.

1:26 p.m. – The renter from the previous item told ESPD her landlady was harassing her at her jobsite. The constable arrived at the scene and negotiated an agreement between them. 1:45 p.m. – One vehicle bumped another one in a parking lot. The adverse vehicle was damaged but the driver left scene. The other driver said his vehicle was not damaged but he wanted to file a report. Report filed.

2:52 p.m. – The renter from the previous disagreement reported the landlady had punched her and damaged her television and some of her son's belongings. Constable responded to the home where he expected to

find the son. The son was not there but the doors were wide open. The constable did not notice any damage, and reported things looked just as they had when he was there earlier,

5:05 p.m. – Individual was arrested downtown for public intoxication and dog at large.

5:38 p.m. – Constable on patrol responded to an alarm at a business on US 62 on the eastern side of town but found everything secure.

#### MAY 5

9 a.m. – Owner of a tourist lodging reported someone had damaged the vehicle belonging to a guest.

11:19 a.m. – Resident reported someone had slashed the tires of her vehicle while it was parked at home.

1:55 p.m. – Two vehicles bumped in a private property parking lot.

4:52 p.m. – Constables watched for but did not encounter a reportedly erratic driver heading to town from the east.

5:40 p.m. – There was another accident in a parking lot.

5:40 p.m. – Constable found two dogs barking in a neighborhood above downtown but the owner was not home. He reported to

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# CRIMINAL/DWI DEFENSE AUTOMOBILE INJURY FAMILY LAW • WILLS AND ESTATES

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9:43 a.m. – A delivery truck broke down blocking both lanes of Hwy. 23 South. Constable provided traffic control until the vehicle was moved.

8:04 a.m. – Witness near downtown reported hearing a loud argument between a male and female in which the male threatened to kill the female. Constable encountered the couple and determined there had been no physical contact. They went their way without further incident.

1:22 p.m. – Damage occurred to a rock wall along Main Street.

1:45 p.m. – Staff reported someone tried to open the cash register at a business downtown.

3:19 p.m. – Constable responded to a report of a female lying in the grass near a roadway. She told him she was hot and needed to rest, so he gave her a ride.

3:48 p.m. – ESPD got word of someone trying to sell meat from his truck in a neighborhood east of downtown, but constables never encountered him.

4:29 p.m. – Individual was arrested on a CCSO warrant for failure to pay fines.

6:30 p.m. – Someone reportedly stole a trailer parked at a motel on US 62. Nearby authorities were notified.

9:38 p.m. – Constable on patrol responded to a vehicle suspiciously parked behind a church and arrested one person for possession of a controlled substance and drug paraphernalia.

#### MAY 8

1:31 a.m. – This time a vehicle in a park caused suspicion and the constable arrested an individual for possession of a controlled substance and drug paraphernalia.

1:56 a.m. – Traffic stop resulted in the arrest of the driver for DWI, driving left of center, implied consent and resisting arrest.

7:55 a.m. – Individual reported an accident which had occurred several days previous. She filed a delayed accident report.

8:09 a.m. – Desk clerk of a downtown hotel alerted ESPD to a loud argument in front of one of the rooms. Responding constable spoke with both parties who claimed the verbal-only spat was about keys.

10:13 a.m. – Constable and Highway Department responded to a fallen tree blocking part of a dangerous turn on US 62 at the western edge of town.

11:17 a.m. – Employer asked for constable assistance in getting some of his tools back from an ex-employee. Constable determined this was a civil matter between them, but they worked out an agreement regarding the tools.

11:47 a.m. - There was a rear-end crash

on Hwy. 23 South. Constable and EMS responded though no one was transported.

MAY 9

2:03 a.m. – Concerned guest reported a suspicious vehicle parked for a long time at a lodging establishment. Constable found the vehicle parked safely alongside other vehicles, and its owners were staying in one of the rooms.

7:31 a.m. – Observer was concerned about a vehicle parked in a lot across from the train depot. Driver told the responding constable rain had canceled the campout at the Kings River and this was only a rest stop on the way home.

1:28 p.m. – Passing constable was flagged down for a report on a parking lot traffic accident.

2:14 p.m. – Passerby reported a motorcycle had fallen over and a female was lying on the ground. EMS and a constable went to the scene.

3:09 p.m. – All constables were on the lookout for a girl who had not come home when expected. Authorities all over northwest Arkansas were alerted. She showed up a few hours later in Berryville.

4:09 p.m. – A female, reportedly intoxicated, was being loud and disorderly near a business on US 62. She was gone when before a constable got there.

5:44 p.m. – Constable went to the site of another parking lot accident.

#### MAY 10

12:53 a.m. – ESPD was advised of a possibly intoxicated driver who turned off US 62 onto Hwy. 23 South and left town before constables encountered her.

1:01 p.m. – Gas station attendant reported a disturbance occurring nearby. Constable went there, and one participant told him the other party had broken a window and was possibly on her way to Oklahoma. Later the same person told ESPD the other party was staying at a local motel. Constable went to speak with her and was able to settle the dispute.

1:32 a.m. – Traffic stop resulted in the arrest of the driver for DWI, implied consent and careless and imprudent driving.

5:17 a.m. – Staff at a care facility reported a person sitting in the driveway crying loudly. Constable brought the person to the station where her father later picked her up.

10:10 a.m. – Person reported his weed trimmer was missing.

#### May 11

12:20 a.m. – Female reported a domestic dispute in which she claimed the male had kicked her in the face breaking her glasses. Constables arrived to check it out and found neither person had bruises nor marks and neither wanted to press charges.

# Sycamore<sup>©</sup> - Chapter 16, cont.

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*.

Why shouldn't I?" Tracy demanded, still in an intense undertone that could not be heard by anyone else in the place. She was visibly enjoying the little tempest of fury that she was churning up inside herself. "You're just like the rest of them: coming down here, not understanding anything, passing judgment, when you don't *know* – you don't know anything about us. You – you think we're just *peasants* –" There was an echo of Mrs. Judd Corley in this: "Making us say 'you-uns – go around without shoes –"

"Everybody knows," Tracy was saying breathlessly, "the kind of things that go on in New York – things that wouldn't be tolerated here for a minute. I'm sure you haven't such a spotless record – acting so shocked about a few things that've happened here, setting yourself up as a – And you *admitted* you sent flowers to some – You're sophisticated, that's what's the matter with you. You know all about things you shouldn't know about. And me –" Tracy skipped swiftly to the personal plane where she was happiest – "me, I'm just a benighted little hillbilly. You've been playing with me, haven't you? Like a cat –"

"With a mouse," Jane supplied, buttoning her coat, getting heavily out of the chair, fighting down a wild impulse to laugh. "This finishes it, Tracy. You're a free mouse. 'Bye." She went out, putting a dime beside the cash register, aware of eyes along the counter stealthily covering her, but not returning any glance and not looking back at Tracy.

When she got outside in the square, she realized that she was trembling, and she stood still to recover herself, before she went into Walter's office. A sharp wind had risen, with the darkening afternoon. Rusty leaves and bits of waste paper skittered in small droves across the deserted park. The stone soldier looked lonely and forlorn. A rectangle of green paper, torn partly across, was driven along the sidewalk and caught against her shoe, and she knew, without reading any of the black print, that it was another of the broadsides constantly being spewed out by the Citizens Progressive Committee.

Walter was pasting up the dummy of Thursday's paper when she opened the *Democrat* door. He turned around, surprised to see her. "Hello. What's up?" Not bothering to stand, she noticed, disapproving, ready to take offense. "You look as if you'd seen a ghost," he said. "Sit down. Don't you feel well?"

"I'm all right." She dropped into the chair beside his desk. "I've been to the Woman's Club. It was – a bit wearing."

He smiled, reassured now: nothing to worry about. He picked a cigarette out of the box on his desk and took out his lighter. "I'd like to have one too, please," Jane said, and wondered why he didn't notice the sharpness in her voice.

He seemed to be in an imperturbable

good humor. He pitched his chair backward so he could reach the desk-top

comfortably

CONSTANCE WAGNER

his feet, and sat looking at her through cigarette smoke, with a grin that annoyed her. "One of Mother's issues, I suppose," he said genially. "I trust you voted on the side of the angels –?"

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"I didn't," she said. "I didn't vote at all." She outlined the scene, sketchily. "That poor Mrs. Jaffray," she said. "She's a semiinvalid, you know. And the doctor's wife seems all right – rather intelligent, I thought."

She had scarcely even ruffled the surface of his serenity. He said only: "I'm afraid that might have upset Mother – if she noticed it. Better leave the Woman's Club for her to handle. She's done it for a good long time. And you don't really *care* a damn about it, you know..."

Jane bit her lip. "It seemed – out of character," she said, and added: "I'm always getting disillusioned about people."

Walter looked at her with raised eyebrows. "Mother?" he asked. "That's foolishness. Whatever Mother does, depend on it she's got a good and valid reason for it. Sooner or later, it'll be seen that she was right. I never knew it to fail. What you don't grasp yet is that Mother takes the long view."

"That scares me," Jane said, still under SYCAMORE continued on page 21



y obituary won't boast that Steve Weems never met a stranger. I am not a master of social dynamics; I've never made friends easily. I'm more comfortable observing than participating and I've been accused of being anti-social a number of times. And yet, inexplicably, I find myself having friends.

What all my friendships have in common is that I did not consciously choose them. In every case, I was brought together with someone by circumstance and a bond was formed. Perhaps I'm a little superstitious about the process. Some of my friends are blood relations, some date back to my time in school. Some are of more recent vintage, met through jobs or because of my writing one way or another. Some of my friends I met while in the military.

I had a buddy in the army from when I first arrived in Schwaebisch Gmuend, West Germany. He trained me in my job and we often worked through the night hours together. I still remember the intense feeling of freedom the day we rented a Volkswagen Golf and started driving without a single destination in mind. After an impromptu tour of the Augsburg Zoo, we became hopelessly lost in Bavaria. My friend was happy as long as he had cigarettes, so we drove until we hit Munich late at night and had to turn around and head back for duty.

Just like me, my friends are flawed. Just like me, my friends do things they shouldn't.



Sometimes friends will do something that will turn your soul to ice. My buddy returned home from a tour of Iraq and murdered his wife and then committed suicide on the front lawn while his children played inside the house. Ever since that event I've wrestled with questions of friendship and what it means, like when is it correct to end a friendship? What is the tipping point? In this case, my buddy is already dead. Too late to disown him, except in my mind. And yet, despite his actions, I continue to feel loyalty to him. Is that wrong? I do not know.



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# 'I didn't kill Ben,' author swears

#### C.D. WHITE

Fans of author William Bernhardt's novels featuring adventurous attorney, Ben Kincaid, have no doubt been missing the courtroom drama these past five years, and will be happy to know Ben hasn't been written off.

"No, I haven't killed Ben," Bernhardt said, "but I have given him a much-deserved rest. After almost 20 years of writing one Ben novel a year, I was ready for a break. Taking five years off gave me a chance to do other things, like the children's books and poetry."

And of course, there's Bernhardt's new book, *The Game Master*, including a murder, kidnapping and a labyrinthine mystery incorporating the world's oldest and best-known games.

"It's probably the largest-scale book I've ever attempted," Bernhardt told the *Independent*. "But I'm actually about halfway through a new Ben adventure and expect it to be out within the year."

Another big project was *Nemesis: The Final Case of Eliot Ness*, which was picked up by NBC for a TV miniseries. "They contacted me out of the blue

wanting the rights to this book I had written several years before," Bernhardt explained. "Sony and NBC so loved the first script they asked it to be rewritten for an additional night, four nights total. Once that script is approved, we expect it to go into production. But of course, this is Holly wood so anything could happen. We've also talked about a possible sequel if it's a success."

#### On new writers being published

"It's less and less about who you know, as the independent publishing revolution is proving," Bernhardt said. "The big publishing house is nice but not as essential as it once was. Readers will find good books, but they may define "good" differently than critics or academics.

"Most readers are looking for a

good engrossing story, something that touches their emotions and ignites their minds."

> And what about that nono ... handing a traveling writer a manuscript?

"I edit manuscripts for other writers all the time and genuinely enjoy it," Bernhardt said. He also hosts a writers' conference in the Oklahoma City area each year (www.rose.edu/ shortcourse) and conducts small-group writing seminars during the summer.

"I know how hard it is to be published, I try to help other writers whenever I can."

#### The (busy) writing life

Bernhardt has been dubbed "Oklahoma's Renaissance Man." In addition to writing novels, children's books and poetry he also conducts legal writing and business writing seminars, teaches online courses for writers through The Red Sneaker Writing Center, hosts a writers' conference, creates a monthly eNewsletter with market and writing tips, writes music, plays piano, engages in outdoor sports and heads up a very creative family.

"We have at least four other upand-coming writers in the family and probably more, so they understand it requires time and focus. I do love to travel, but that's research, right? And music and writing are extremely complimentary. I'm extremely lucky to have the chance to do what I've always wanted to do – write – so I try not to let any opportunities pass me by. I can sleep when no one wants to read my books anymore," Bernhardt said.

He is currently working on a forthcoming novel, *Challengers of the Dust.* 

Readers can catch William Bernhardt fully awake and entertaining at Books in Bloom on Sunday, May 17. The free event is from 12 - 5 p.m. at the Crescent Hotel – indoors if it rains. For speakers' schedule see www. booksinbloom.org.

# Musical May at HI Farmers' Market

Music blooms in May at the Holiday Island Farmers' Market, with groups performing each Friday in May. Be entertained as you shop for fresh grown produce, delicious breads, pastries and other artisan foods, as well as houseplants and garden starts. Jams, jellies, candies and other wonderful treats can also be found each week.

On May 15 The Lark and the Loon play a plethora of instruments and styles. Jeff Rolfzen and Rocky Steen, both of Eureka Springs, perform original material and songs of a nostalgic time we all know and love.

# Date change for Peace Dances

The Dances of Universal Peace have been changed this week from Friday to Saturday, May 16, 7 - 8:30p.m. in the church building at 17 Elk St. This is to accommodate The White Street Walk. Now you can do both! The Dances are simple and joyful moving meditations that involve the singing of sacred phrases with accompanying movements from the world's many spiritual traditions. Participation is free of charge. Contact Rebecca Babbs (479) 253-8303 or email babbsrebecca@gmail. com for more information.

## Volunteer fair at Hobbs State Park

Northwest Arkansas master Naturalists will host a volunteer fair at the Hobbs State Park Conservation Area visitor center from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. on Saturday, May 16. Area conservation organizations will be at the event to talk about volunteer opportunities their group offers. The program is free and open to the public. The Visitor Center is near Rogers on Arkansas 12 just east of the intersection with War Eagle Road.

Contact Tom Waggoner at trwaggon@uark.edu or call (479) 790-2307 for more information.

# Mustangs corraled at Pine Mountain

May 23 is approaching faster than a herd of wild stallions heading for the  $21^{st}$  Annual Eureka Springs Mustang Car Show in the Village at Pine Mountain. The show is free to the public from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. and includes a parade through downtown at 2 p.m. with Grand Marshal Ashton Campbell, Miss Arkansas.

The show will unveil the exciting 2015 Mustang alongside those of the last 50 years. Participants from throughout the Midwest and as far away as Canada will display more than 100 restored and original Mustangs as well as late and modified models.

There'll be a lot to see – even a separate class for all other Ford products, street rods, pickups and more. Come greet this year's guest car club, the SW Missouri 'Stang Gang and enjoy DJ music, trivia contests and more.

The Eureka Springs Pig Trail Harley Davidson sponsors Miss Arkansas's appearance, and she'll be signing autographs following the parade until 4 p.m. at their new store in Pine Mountain Village.

For details, see www. eurekaspringsmustangshow.com or call Jim Post (479) 253-6333.

# Transforming the Self

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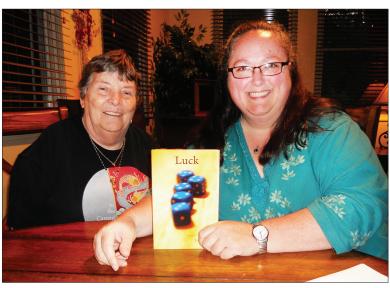
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# INDEPENDENTLens







**New kid on the block** – Paul Daniel Gallery and Design Studio opened May 7 on Spring St. featuring Eureka Springs Pottery Association's Form and Function show with soundtrack by Fred Mayer, left, and Elby Bergman. Check out all the gallery's excellent exhibits on your next gallery stroll! *Photo By Becky Gullette* 

Art appreciation – Drew Gentle's work and Virginia Voiers both made an artistic appearance at the Paul Daniel Gallery Grand Opening. Phoro by BECKY GULETTE

Poet luck – Poet Liz Ahl writes so beautifully of the wild places that she received the Moondancer Fellowship for writing about nature and the environment. Elise Roenigk, left, has sponsored the Fellowship for many years, giving a number of writers the opportunity to spend time at the Writers' Colony at Dairy Hollow doing what they love the most: writing. WCDH hosted Liz for a special evening reading on May 6.

Staff appreciated – Eureka Springs Schools thanks the community for support during Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week May 4 – 8. Staff was treated to lunch daily by a local restaurant and commented that they continue to be spoiled by those in the community and are thankful to parents and the Pied Piper, Rockin' Pig, Mud Street Café, Sparky's, Bunch's, FRESH, Pepsi, Forest Hill, Rowdy Beaver, Ermilio's, Cornerstone, Community First, Hart's, Walmart and Chef Earl Hyatt. From left are Hyatt, George Purvis and Donna Parton. *Phoro Submitted* 



#### The joy of singing –

Sometimes we have to stop and realize how rare it is to have so many amazing singers in a community choir. Director Beth Withey is shown directing the Ozarks Chorale in concert last weekend – folks who love singing together and entertaining an audience.



May 10, 2014 was a historic day in Eureka Springs – the site of the first same sex marriages in Arkansas. The struggle continues for equal rights. Happy anniversary Zeek Taylor and Dick Titus. Love will win in the end.

# It's a Grand Opening – plus! Four new stores find a home in the Village at Pine Mountain

#### C.D. WHITE

Pig Trail Harley-Davidson of Rogers officially opens its new, larger Eureka Springs store at 302 Village Circle in the Village at Pine Mountain on Saturday, May 16, with a Grand Opening celebration from 11 a.m. -4 p.m. including a ribbon cutting at noon.

The ribbon cutting will be followed by the presentation of a check for \$672 to Turpentine Creek Wildlife Refuge, raised from a May 3 poker run from Rogers to Eureka Springs for staff and customers to preview the new location.

All Village shops should be open including new businesses Jujuz Tattooz, Eureka Smokes and Dean's Dog House. The community and traveling public are invited for refreshments, cake and savings at the Pig Trail store all day; but wait – there's more!

The George Brothers will provide a sneak preview of their new Pine Mountain Jamboree show with a performance in the mini-amphitheater from 12:30 - 1:30 p.m., and kids of all ages can get decked out with free face painting by Wendy La Fey from 11

## 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

a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

There will also be a special appearance and book signing from 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. with Jean Davidson, granddaughter of Walter Davidson, one of the founders and first president of the Harley-Davidson Motor Company. Her book, *Harley–Davidson Family Memories* provides a rare look into one of the most famous families in motorcycle history. She will also be presenting a talk on Sunday at Books in Bloom at the Crescent Hotel.

Pig Trail Harley-Davidson General

Manager, Frank Hardman and Dealer Principal Paul Johnson will also be on hand to answer any questions about the new venture, along with store representatives who can provide info on parts, accessories and rentals.

For those who've longed to ride a Hog, a Jumpstart machine will be available to anyone who wants to experience the ride of a real Harley. And unless you're wearing Crocs or sandals, you can get a free shoeshine from Classic Shine, which will be located at the new store all summer.

## Attend Driver Safety Program, earn car insurance discount

The AARP Driver Safety Program will be held May 18 in Berryville and May 23 in Holiday Island. The four-hour classroom course is the nation's first curriculum designed specifically for drivers age 50 and over.

**Monday, May 18**: Mercy Hospital of Berryville is sponsoring a class at the hospital, 214 Carter St. Sign-in at 8 a.m., class at 8:30. To register, phone the hospital (870) 423-5230.

**Saturday, May 23:** Holiday Island Fire Department is sponsoring a class in the fire department classroom at 105 Holiday Island Dr. Sign-in 8 a.m., class at 8:30. To register, phone R.E. Collins (479) 253-0909.

All materials are included in the class fee of \$15 for AARP members and \$20 for nonmembers at either location. In addition to learning important safety tips, those attending will be eligible for a multi-year automobile insurance discount upon course completion.

Volunteers are needed to teach these classes. If interested, phone (479) 253-0909.

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Facilitated by Amrit Knaus, O.D., M.S., Masters in Organizational/Group Behavior, Certified Communication Effectiveness Trainer, and Ordained Interfaith Minister. For more information call Amrit (479) 253-3165.

## HIFD luncheon

The Holiday Island Fire Department Auxiliary will hold a luncheon on Tuesday, May 26, at noon in the Clubhouse ballroom at 1 Country Club Drive. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. for social time. Cost is \$8 and reservations must be made by Friday, May 22 by calling Peggy Arnhart

at (479) 363-6235.

The auxiliary holds several fundraisers to pay for equipment, training and supplies for the Holiday Island district and rural fire departments and membership is open to men and women. Dues are \$12 per year and may be paid at the meeting.

## White Elephant Sale

The Holiday Island Fire Department Auxiliary will hold its Spring White Elephant Sale Saturday, May 23, from 8 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at the Holiday Island Fire Station #2 in the Park Shopping Center north of Veterans' Memorial Park. Look for furniture, home décor, household goods, books, patio furniture, outdoor equipment, some antiques and much more. Proceeds benefit the Fire Department.

# **INDEPENDENT Art & Entertainment**

## Berryville school choirs present free concert, *Lion King* production

Berryville High School Choir "Stage and Screen" End of Year concert will be at 7 p.m. on Monday, May 18, at the Eureka Springs Auditorium. Choir and ensembles will perform music from movies and musicals. Admission and parking free. Donations accepted.

Berryville Jr. High Choir will present Lion King, Jr. Thursday, May 21, at the Berryville Community Center at 6 and 9 p.m. Cost is \$10 adults, \$5 students, and free for pre-school. Tickets at Cornerstone Bank locations, from choir students or at the door. For more information, call Mrs. Mann (870) 480-6464.

# Louis Freund Exhibit and mural celebration

The Eureka Springs Historical Museum celebrates May Festival of the Arts with an exhibit honoring local artist Louis Freund and the Centennial Mural. The exhibit includes photographs, original artwork and information on Louis Freund and the Centennial Mural, which is being restored thanks to a grant awarded to the Eureka Springs Preservation Society from the Arkansas Department of Heritage.

The Preservation Society will host an event at ESHM on May 28 to celebrate both the Centennial Mural and Calf Springs. Both projects are one of the ways money generated by the Preservation Society's Christmas Tour of Homes is used to benefit preservation in Eureka Springs.

The museum located at 95 S. Main Street is open from 9:30 a.m. – 4 p.m., Monday through Saturday and 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. on Sunday. Museum members are admitted free.

### Mackenzie Doss featured at Poetluck

Join Mackenzie Doss at Poetluck May 21 at the Writers' Colony at Dairy Hollow for a reading from her anthology manuscript inspired by a lifetime of reading mythologies and

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# The Week's May Arts events

May blooms with too many events to print here! Pick up the **May Arts Fun Guide** for expanded information and photos or see **www independentfunguide.com** online or **Eureka Springs Fun Guide** on Facebook!

#### <u>Thursday, May 14</u>

Bank on Art Artist's Reception 5 – 7 p.m., Cornerstone Bank, 152 E. Van Buren (US 62). Come meet the artist(s) whose work is "on deposit" at the bank all during May: Carol Saari, Terry Russell, Sarah Russell, Jessica Cummings, Barbara Robinson, Nancy Jean Baptiste, Mariellen Griffith, Ralph Wilson, Linda Bulman, Ken Addington, Doug Stowe, Melissa Payne, Betty Johnson, Lorna Trigg, Jim Wallace, Edward Robison and Jana Robison!

#### <u>Friday, May 15</u>

25<sup>th</sup> Annual White Street Walk 4 – 10 p.m. One of the month's most festive and well-attended free events. White Street's resident artists are joined by more than 40 guest artists. Visit with artists while enjoying a street fair atmosphere complete with food and live music.

*Lovin' Every Minute* Opening Night, 7:30 p.m. The city auditorium welcomes, Steve Kinworthy's *Lovin' Every Minute* and a cast of talented singers and dancers, a live band, stunning technical effects and cirque-style variety acts. *Shows are free to locals and Eureka employees May* 15 – 21. Tuesday through Saturday at 7:30 p.m. Call (866) 927-4282 to reserve a complimentary ticket.

#### <u>Saturday, May 16</u>

"Made By Me" Makers Fair 10 a.m. – 8 p.m. A celebration of arts along North Main Street including booths of artists, crafters and writers showcasing regional talent. Spoken word performances at Main Stage Theater throughout the day, food vending along North Main and music at the North Main Music Park by Sad Daddy from 11:30

a.m. – 1:30 p.m. followed by Brick Fields. Mandalas and Open House, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. Fresh Harvest, Pine Mountain Village. Sculptor and mandala artist, Bob Sherman,

will present a Bob Sherman

discussion on mandalas at 11 a.m., 1 and 3 p.m. Fresh Harvest also hosts an Open House from 1-3 p.m. with amazing snacks and refreshments using Fresh Harvest Olive Oils and Balsamic Vinegar.

*Love Letters* **3** p.m., Main Stage Community Theater, 67 N. Main Street. Tickets \$20 at the door. After-theater dinner at DeVito's, 5 Center. features 10% discount with your *Love Letters* ticket.

Artist's Reception 5:30 – 8:30 p.m. Zarks Fine Design Gallery, 67 Spring. Artist: Les Brandt, sculptor and wood turner. Les will also be in the gallery from 2-4 p.m. before the reception.

#### Artists' Receptions 6-9 p.m.

*Iris at Basin Park Gallery*, 8 Spring. Artist: Dixie Westerman. Dixie will also be in the gallery from 1 - 4 p.m. to answer questions and talk with you about her work. *Eureka Fine Art Gallery*, (Spring and Pine). Artists: Barbara Robinson and Charles Pearce. Enjoy an exhibition of paintings by the artists and meet these two talented artists.

*The Jewel Box*, 40 Spring. Artist: Janet Alexander. This multi-talented artist will be showing her latest jewelry designs, and will also be available from 3 - 5 p.m. prior to the reception. (479) 253-7828.

#### Sunday, May 17

10<sup>th</sup> Annual Books in Bloom Literary Festival, Noon – 5 p.m.,

Crescent Hotel lawn and conservatory. This free event features William Bernhardt, Roy Blount Jr., Kimberly & James Dean, Tess Gerritsen, Amanda Eyre Ward and many other celebrated authors. (870) 423-5300,

#### <u>Wednesday, May 20</u>

Plein Air Painters of Eureka Springs 8 a.m., N. Main parking lot across from New Delhi Café. (479) 363-9209, www. studio62eurekasprings.com.

#### Thursday, May 21

**Poetluck Literary Salon, 6:30 p.m.**, Writers' Colony at Dairy Hollow, 515 Spring Street. Bring a dish (or a bag of chips if you're traveling) to share for the potluck at 6:30. (479) 253-7444,

**Bank on Art Artists' Reception 4** – **6 p.m.** Arvest Bank, 151 E. Van Buren (US 62). Come meet the artists and enjoy refreshments during an afternoon of art with dividends!

Time to publish!

The Village Writing School retreat, *Publish!!* 2015, takes place Friday May 15 – Sunday, May 17, and includes presentations by noted professionals in traditional, self publishing and small press.

Attendees will have an opportunity to have their books for sale Saturday at the *Made by Me Makers' Faire*, and may read for ten minutes at Main Stage. Register and find details at www. villagewritingschool.com or call (479) 292-3665.

### White Street's quarter-century walk Grab some comfy shoes and head for the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual

White Street Studio Walk Friday, May 15. From 4 - 10 p.m. the working artist residents of White Street will be joined by musicians and more than 40 guest artists displaying watercolors, jewelry, oils, pottery, stained glass and work in many other media.

There'll be much to see, so plan to spend some time browsing during this artful and enjoyable May evening in a sociable street fair atmosphere complete with refreshments and music.

The free event was organized 25 years ago by weaver Eleanor Lux, watercolorist Zeek Taylor and painter/ sculptor Mary Springer – all of whom ended up living on White Street by coincidence after attending the Memphis College of Art. The trio continues to host three of the "don't miss" stops on the White Street Walk.

For more info email zeek.taylor@cox.net.



# ESOTERICAstrology as news for week May 13–20 by Risa

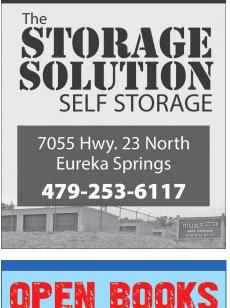
# Taurus New Moon, Mercury Retrograde - Time Out!

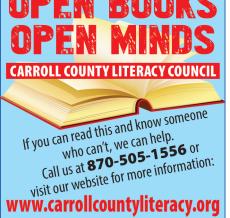
In this last week of Taurus, we have a Taurus new moon festival (Sunday, 17th) and Mercury turning stationary retrograde (Monday, 18<sup>th</sup>). New moon times signify new realities, thoughts, ideas and planning. Mercury's three-week retrograde creating internal assessments and review, allows us to emerge after the retrograde with new ideas the new moon energy introduced.

Mercury retrogrades through June 11<sup>th</sup> (from 13 to 4 degrees Gemini). Mercury is communication, Messenger of the Sun (gods). When a planet retrogrades the outer characteristics become hidden. Everything feels upside

**ARIES:** Mercury is your Soul ruler, guiding and guarding you into newer and greater reaches of thinking and doing. During the retrograde, when it feels like delays are occurring continuously, take the time to look around, both internally and externally. There are things to look at, new realities to understand and previous issues to review. Careful with all communications. Mistakes can be made easily. You can be misunderstood. Ask people what they heard you say. You will be surprised.

**TAURUS:** Take no chances on any level during the retrograde. No signing of





down, curving into unexpected directions. Mercury rules the lower mind; how we communicate, add numbers, understand directions, interpret our environments. When Mercury's retrograde, minds turn inward leading to confusion, misrepresentation, miscommunication, details left out, not remembered.

Mercury Retro Rules – no large purchases (car, house, computer, etc.), no signing (or sending) important papers, no new negotiations of business plans, etc. These "no" statements are protections. Why? Because when Mercury turns direct again, the world turns right-side up, it looks and sounds different, what we signed we

important documents, no creation of new financial plans or agendas. Simply consider all options, waiting until the retrograde is over to make final decisions. Review all financial budgeting, sources of income and all monetary outlays. Extra care with

finances, loved ones, children and all communications will be needed. **GEMINI:** Communication, as you well know, when Mercury is retrograde can be upside down and inside out. This retrograde can affect things domestic, all matters in the home, including

communications concerning home. You will see your home in a different perspective. Try not to be too distant with everyone which happens with Gemini when their guide and guardian (Mercury), retrograde, creates an inner focus. Explain Mercury retrograde as it applies to you.

**CANCER:** You will go even deeper into your shell during the retrograde. You will be working out the past, seeking to understand in detail what occurred a long time ago, and how to see the entire picture, not just a few memories. Every level of interaction, past, present and future, as it pertains to you must be observed with no judgment, no criticism. Let your inner world inform you that all that you are is good. It always has been.

**LEO:** Your group life, all communications with groups – observe yourself and groups during this retro of Mercury. What people say may not come to fruition; meetings and agendas may be delayed. What you thought you heard in the group may end of being confusing. Plan may be cancelled. And those you thought were friends may give off uncommunicative signals. Perhaps you're thinking of someone from the past. They are thinking of you, too.

**VIRGO:** All worldly career decisions need to be reassessed and reviewed with care. This is the purpose of Mercury retro times. Mercury is your personal guide and guardian. It's also Gemini's. Careful communicating with co-workers, those in charge and in public. Professional matters may become complicated and tricky. Maintain a quiet, low, hidden profile. Think more, act less at this time. You may feel you're climbing a tall mountain. Get some boots.

LIBRA: Things legal, travel, education, goals, philosophy of life. These pass through your mind for review and possible revelations. Observe carefully what your mind of thoughts and ideas presents. Careful at work. Something from the

past may need attention. Maintain the highest of ethics. Everything can become delayed and complicated. Know this. Give yourself extra (lots of) time when traveling, communicating, working. Rest a while.

**SCORPIO:** Intimate communications, shared resources, sometimes thinking these are too difficult, thinking of higher education instead. This always happens with Scorpio, sign of the Nine Tests & Trials, the deep waters of experiencing, sometimes feeling one is drowning. Mercury is the spiritual guardian of Scorpio. Mercury says to Scorpio, "Practice kindness & do no harm in thoughts and especially in speech which can create or destroy." You understand this. You take a vow of "ahimsa."

**SAGITTARIUS:** You are sensitive during all Mercury retrogrades. Be aware of and observe this. Laugh about it; yet explain it to everyone who can listen. Careful with negotiations, with one-on-one interactions. Be extra loving and kind to partners and intimates. You will think on past relationships, assessing what was loving about them, what was not, and the parts you played. Use words only for praise and appreciation. All others can destroy.

**CAPRICORN:** In the retro your daily life may feel messy, delayed and frustrating. You may feel you're making lots of errors, it's hard to maintain daily routines or feel life has any order and organization. Mercury

discover had hidden clauses, what we agreed to actually never occurred. Everyone's mind has changed! Mercury retro cultivates inner awareness, listening, research, review, reassessment of all information received since last Mercury retro (Jan. 21 – Feb. 10).

Mercury retrograde provides us with a rhythm to review three to four times a year. By the time Mercury retrogrades we're overwhelmed with too much information. Mercury retro's gift is the offering of new perspectives, a new look at old problems or situations to achieve greater understanding. Mercury is our personal "star," our "messenger."

> retro is upending everything and this has purpose. It teaches us to be more adaptable, to flow with the changes (temporary), to know not much will be completed easily. Call in the Templates of Harmony & Ease. They will help you. Then go out and play.

> AQUARIUS: Gambling is not a good idea for those who gamble. It's really risky during retros. Focus more on children, romance, creativity, art, music, dance, painting, museums, and becoming non-judgmental. Re-think romantic alliances, avoid entering spontaneously into new relationships and don't introduce anything new to anyone. No one can hear. Everything from the past must be revisited. To see what's viable for the future.

> **PISCES:** Family relationships are most important. Bring forgiveness and understanding to all past interactions with family. Forgive even if there is no understanding, even if there is no communication. Forgive anyway. Everyone may seem on edge, especially you, Pisces. Do not begin major home improvements (no selling or buying) until the retro is over. Ponder instead. What can you do? Rework and reorganize everything at home.

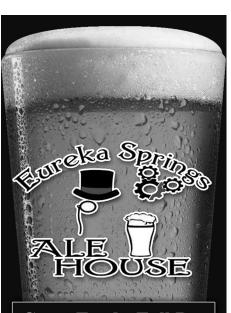
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#### Metafizzies hear yoga talk

The May 18 meeting of the Eureka Springs Metaphysical Society will feature a talk on Kriya Yoga by Abdul K Bashir, founding director of the Center of Light and Life Purpose, Costa Rica, at 7 p.m. at the Heart of Many Ways in the Christian Science Church at 68 Mountain Street. All are welcome.







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# INDYSoul by Reillot Weston

## Jimmy Gyles blends guitars for Pepe Tacos at Casa Colina Fridays and Sundays; Headley Lamar Steals Rock (Ridge) at Legends Saturday

Everyone looking for a good time this weekend need not look too far! Eureka Springs is bursting with fine jams all over the place. Jimmy Gyles plays guitar at Pepe Tacos at Casa Colina every Friday and Sunday while Headley Lamar steals the Rock Ridge show at Legends this Saturday. Opal Fly returns to Eureka for some saxy jams at Brews on Sunday. She really does know how to blow down!

#### <u>THURSDAY, MAY 14</u>

CHELSEA'S – *Chris Harp*, Singer/ Songwriter, 9:30 p.m. GRAND TAVERNE – *Jerry Yester*, Grand Piano Dinner Music, 6:30 – 9:30 p.m. LEGENDS SALOON – *StarSeed*, Blues, 8 p.m.

#### FRIDAY, MAY 15

**BREWS** – *Pearl Brick*, Singer/Songwriter, 7–10 p.m.

CATHOUSE LOUNGE – *Tyler Gregory*, Singer/Songwriter, 8 p.m.

CHELSEA'S – *Septembers End*, Singer/ Songwriter, 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*, Singer/ Songwriter, 8 p.m.

PEPE TACOS AT CASA COLINA – Jimmy Gyles on Strings, 5–8 p.m. ROWDY BEAVER – Terri and Brett,

Classic Rock, 8 p.m.

**ROWDY BEAVER DEN** – *Downday Duo*, Classic Rock, 9 p.m.

THE STONE HOUSE – Jerry Yester,





Artist's Choices

SATURDAY, MAY 16 CARIBE CANTINA – Opal Agafia, Jazz/ Folk/Bluegrass, 6 – 9 p.m. CATHOUSE LOUNGE – Joe Mack, Americana, 8 p.m. CHELSEA'S – The Barflies, Saxophone Blues, 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.

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Karaoke, 7-11 p.m. PEPE TACOS AT CASA COLINA – Jimmy Gyles on Strings, 12 – 3 p.m. ROWDY BEAVER DEN – John Harwood, Singer/Songwriter, 1 – 5 p.m. <u>MONDAY, MAY 18</u> CHELSEA'S – Sprungbilly, Bluegrass, 8

p.m. <u>TUESDAY, MAY 19</u> CHELSEA'S – *Open Mic* <u>WEDNESDAY, MAY 20</u> BREWS – *Amy Kucharik*, Ukulele Vintage Blues, 6 – 9 p.m. LEGENDS SALOON – *GiGi Unleashed*, Open Mic, 8 p.m.

# Krewe has new Kaptain

After guiding the Krewe of Krazo As a member of the governing group,

Eureka Gras for ten years, Krewe Kaptain Dan Ellis has handed the reigns to a close cohort who has been very active in her support for the past six years. Mary Popovac, Loan Assistant at Cornerstone Bank, has progressed each year with a string of titles that befit her dedication and enthusiasm for the growth and strength organization of the with its several tiers of performance.



POPOVAC

Mary was a Duchess in 2009, ascended to Grand Duchess the following year and became the Krewe's Queen Eureka VII in 2012. the Corps du Cavaliers, she was designated the "Compagnon Royale," charged with supervising future Royal Courts and the traditional pageantry that takes place during Coronation Balls.

In 2014, Mary, along with LeRoy Gorrell, Scott Smith, Steve Roberson, Rod McGuire, Cne Breaux and Tony Popovac were established as the Leadership Group, each being in charge of a

designated event or tier performance. During Ellis's year of absence in

2014-2015, Mary took on more duties, learning management of publicity and

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you realize the threat to fluoride ingestion is to our health.

There are so many studies about the dangers of ingesting fluoride, yet we are allowing someone to make a decision about what we will ingest. The more information I receive, the more upset I get that nothing is being done to change what Little Rock has mandated.

There is a list of people to contact, and we can still let our feelings be known. City council has asked Little Rock many times to *not* add fluoride to our water, [alderman] David Mitchell personally went to Little Rock to talk with officials there. Yet nothing changes. Does anyone care? What can we do to change this? Any thoughts out there? *Jasmine Stanley* 

#### **Those blooming gardens** Editor,

A big thank you to New Moon Spa for their amazing fundraiser. Next, two days of the famous Yards & Yards of Yard Sales at Eastgate Center. Get this: They raised \$2,400! As a fairly new full-timer to Eureka, I am filled with gratitude and respect for the group led by Kimberly Roberts.

Who benefits? The newly-launched "Downtown Natives" group sponsored by Eureka Springs Downtown Network and Re-Imagine Main Street. Over the next several years, Downtown Natives will clean up and create Native Ozark plantings in several public spaces along Main Street. Another lofty goal is to achieve Audubon certification to attract birders and other valuable eco-tourists.

Step 1: weed/prep soil in the massively overgrown Pagoda Park near the art murals. Step 2: plant wild flowers, shrubs and trees later in the fall with signs to educate. Native plants nourish caterpillars, birds, bees and butterflies. Birds need insects to feed their young. A nest of baby birds cannot eat seeds....

Curious? The first weeding is May 19, 7-11 a.m. Details on ESDN's new FB page, "Get Down and Dirty on Main Street."

WARNING The gardens won't happen overnight, and most of us are not experts. We are learning as we dig. Events promise to be fun and enhance our sense of community, teaching us how to add native plants to our own gardens in the process! Combine this with the efforts on our walking trails, and this town is blooming!

#### Faith Pettit-Shah

#### Art so good you could eat it Editor,

Thanks to everyone who participated in ESSA's Incredible Edible Art Show and Competition May 3. Our inaugural kickoff fundraiser was a huge success! We had beautiful, witty and crazy food art entries thanks to Jane Tucker, Dan Morris, Alice McKee, Ken Ketelsen, Jae Avenoso, Roger Shepperd, Mary Springer and Lucilla Garrett. Special thanks to our judges – Ilene Powell, Teresa DeVito and Cné Breaux.

Kudos to artists who provided a unique silent auction of original postcard-size artwork and to Magic Mule for music.

We couldn't have done it without our sponsors... Best Western Inn of the Ozarks, Bubba's, Fresh Harvest, Grand Taverne and LeStick; and our contest prize providers... Crescent Hotel, Cottage Inn, Ermilio's, Café Amore and Caribé. *Peggy Kjelgaard*  promotions and handling much of Ellis's remaining duties.

"The Krewe of Krazo has grown so much and has a dedicated membership of volunteers who embrace the multi-tiered organization of Cavaliers, Grandees, and Roi Regency, where each person is challenged and can grow in the continuance of this new winter tradition for Eureka Springs," Ellis said.

Ellis passes on a successful decade with the proclaimed goal of making "Eureka Gras" the anchor for a super Mardi Gras celebration in the Ozarks, growing to encompass Northwest Arkansas and adjoining states.

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for TV or movies. I just write the best story I can, with an eye toward dramatic twists and intriguing characters. You can't predict whether Hollywood will come calling, and I think the best approach is to ignore the fact Hollywood exists and just write a darn good book."

Another topic new writers wrestle with is whether to self publish.

"It's really the best time ever to be an author," Tess said, "because now everyone can have a published book and have it distributed in e-form. I know a number of traditionally published authors who have switched to self-publishing and are successful at it; so it's certainly a viable option. Some will choose right off the bat to be self published."

#### If you can't stick with it, come back to it

Like many parents, Tess's folks didn't encourage a career in the often-insecure writing world.

"Since I come from a traditional Chinese-American family, they weren't too encouraging when, at age seven, I told them I wanted to be a writer. My father said it wasn't a stable job, and I should go into science; which is one of the reasons I went to medical school instead and practiced as a doctor for a few years. But while on maternity leave, I went back to writing and immediately knew that was what I was always meant to do.

"I think many writers know from a young age they are born storytellers. Certainly I did, and that drive to tell stories was always there. Luckily, writing is one of those things you can do on the side while you support yourself with other jobs," Tess said.

"One note about my father: he died with Alzheimer's Disease, which is why I'm so committed to raising funds for Alzheimer's research. I will be holding a "name a character" contest this summer

# Ladies of Faith host brunch, speaker

The ladies of Faith will meet May 26, 10 a.m. at the Gazebo Restaurant in the Eureka Inn. This month's speaker is 25-year pastor, Jeanie Wilson, who has traveled to many nations and held open air crusades, started Bible schools, held ladies conferences and has seen miracles and healings. Beth Severe will minister in song. All are welcome for brunch for \$10 and door prizes. Contact Margo Pryor (870) 480-3161 for your reservation.

to raise money for research." See www. TessGerritsen.com for details.

#### Questions - yes, manuscripts - no

New writers are always hungry for professional opinion, but asking a traveling author to read your work is not the best idea. "Being asked to read manuscripts is something every touring author dreads," Tess admitted. "There are many reasons: it's a *huge* time commitment, it opens us up to lawsuits (one author was accused of theft because her novel had similarities to another author's manuscript), books are heavy – and most of us are traveling with carry-ons we have to lug on and off planes.

"But almost all authors welcome questions about the publishing process. I'm happy to answer specific questions from aspiring authors about publishing, the writing process and the business, Hollywood–anything at all. I just can't read manuscripts."

#### Aside from mysteries ...

What would Tess Gerritsen be doing if she weren't writing novels?

"My real dream is to be a food writer! I'd be writing books about obscure culinary subjects. For instance, I've long talked about writing a book about the history of pigs and pork and why they're taboo to some cultures and relished in others. It's a fascinating combination of food, culture and anthropology."

Meanwhile, in a masterly new thriller *Playing with Fire*, due out in October, Tess introduces us to a beautiful violinist haunted by a very old piece of music she finds in a strange antique shop in Rome; and who eventually uncovers a dark secret that involves dangerously powerful people.

The pigs will have to wait. But you can find out more during Tess's talk at Books in Bloom on Sunday, May 17, at the Crescent Hotel. See www.booksinbloom.org for full speaker schedule and author bios.

# DEPARTURES

### Ashley Jewel Wright June 30, 1989 – May 2, 2015



Ashley Jewel Wright, a resident of Eureka Springs, Ark., was born June 30, 1989 in Fort Smith, Ark., a daughter of Brandi J. Wright-Phillips. She departed this life Saturday, May 2, 2015 in Eureka Springs, at age 25. Ashley lived life to the fullest. She was an artist with great passion for music and art. She loved the lake, being outdoors, and spending time exploring all of it with her baby girl. She had the brightest, sweetest, smile on earth, it truly shined on everyone. Just being in Ashley's presence with her loving sweetness made you feel like all was right and good. She was funny, silly, witty and always full of laughter and love. Ashley would say, "Never fully dressed without a smile." Her little angel Lyla says, "My Mommy has the prettiest eyes and I always have fun with my Mommy."

Ashley is survived by daughter, Lyla Pearl Wright of Eureka Springs; parents, Brandi J. and Mike Phillips of Van Buren, Ark.; grandparents, Billie Sullivan of Eureka Springs and William Wright of Hatfield, Ark.; father, Joe Mahaffey of Okla.; two brothers, Clinton and Mark Mahaffey both of Oklahoma; sister, Amber Roach of Oklahoma; grandmother Mary Mahaffey also of Oklahoma; two aunts, Bobbi Vaught of Eureka Springs and

Jennifer Wright of Hatfield, Ark.; and a big ole family along with many, many friends who loved her very much.

Ashley was preceded in death by her great-grandparents, Jonell and William "Sullie" Sullivan.

Memorial service was May 11 at Lake Leatherwood Park in Eureka Springs. A memorial fund has been set up for Ashley's daughter at Arvest Bank. Donation payable to Lyla Pearl Wright. Cremation arrangements are under the direction of Nelson Funeral Service, Inc. Online condolences may be sent to the family at nelsonfuneral.com. © Nelson Funeral Service, Inc.

### Leah "Annie" Nelson April 30, 1955 – May 3, 2015

Leah "Annie" Nelson was born April 30, 1955 in Evanston, Wyo., and departed this beautiful Earth on May 3.

She died peacefully at home and the Gates of Heaven were swung wide open for this faithful woman.

Annie endured the ravages of Chronic Lyme Disease for 14 years. She spent the last three years in Eureka Springs, where she loved the people, art, music, parades and majestic beauty she was surrounded by.

Those who knew her saw and felt her courage, strength, stamina, endurance and great sense of humor.

She is survived by two beautiful children - a

daughter, son-in-law and grandson; a son, daughterin-law and grandson; the father of her children; two brothers and their wives; and many nieces and nephews. Her father, mother and sister departed this life before her.

Tons of gratitude, especially the staff at Medical Park Pharmacy, Fain's Herbacy, Flora Roja, Lillian Bern, Dr. Dinger and staff, ES Hospital and EMTs/ paramedics. You treated her with dignity and filled her life with kindness.

Please join us at the Eureka Springs Cemetery on Saturday, May 16, at 1 p.m. to honor and celebrate her life.



### Mark Tuttle October 25, 1955 – May 8, 2015



Mark Tuttle of Eureka Springs is survived by his mother, Beth Tuttle, and sister, Toni Rose, of Eureka Springs; his brother, Ken Tuttle, of Huntsville, Ark.; son, Chris and wife, Rachel Tuttle, of Skiatook, Okla.; daughter Jenny Tuttle-Weins and husband, Billy Weins, of Tecumseh, Okla.; and grandchildren Jake, Kate, Tyler, Mea and Kennedy; niece Shelli Rose and nephews Brandon and Lucas Tuttle.

He was preceded in death by his father, Jack Tuttle of Eureka Springs.

Mark was 59, born in St. Louis, Mo., and became an accomplished Project Manager in the telecommunications industry but he loved to tell people he was "The Cable Guy." Mark loved the cowboy life, motorcycles, his family and his country. He was a Vietnam-era Army veteran.

He moved to Eureka Springs to help care for his mother after his father passed.

Ever since he was a child he loved Christmas, no one loved the holiday more, and it was believed he was actually one of Santa's taller elves.

Mark was cremated and his family will hold a private remembrance of his remarkable life. If you wish to honor his life please send donations to Arkansas Sheriff's Youth Ranch 100 St. Vincent Pl., Batesville, AR 72501 (870) 793-6841. Condolences may be sent to toni@newlegacybp.com and they will be shared with the family.

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I have ample space for the Passion Play." He said he directs his guests to the play if they are interested, and intimating otherwise would be "the most bunk I've ever heard."

Alderman Mickey Schneider said it was outsiders who have tried to tear the town apart. "Humans are humans," she said. "That makes you as equal as anyone else." She claimed it was those who want to discriminate who created class divisions. "Why should anyone fight against treating human beings as human beings?" she asked.

Alderman Joyce Zeller said simply, "We get along just fine... maybe if we pass this the outsiders will leave us alone, and nothing would please me more."

Mayor Butch Berry acknowledged McClung's comment about the painful division that rose to the surface because of the ordinance. "It has been like a civil war," he said. "The ordinance is not perfect, but we can fix it. And after the vote, regardless of the outcome, we'll be in for a long healing process, but we all should be holding out our hands to each other. Neighbors will still be neighbors."

#### Other business

• Council voted to cancel the second meeting of the month because it falls on Memorial Day.

• Aldermen also voted to seat Ronnie Fanning on the Historic District Commission.

Next meeting will be Monday, June 8, at 6 p.m.

# Benefit account for Ashley Wright's daughter

A benefit account has also been established at Cornerstone Bank in memory of Ashley Jewel Wright for the benefit of her six-year-old daughter Lyla Pearl Wright. Phone the bank (479) 253-2265, stop by or mail to Cornerstone Bank, P.O. Box 309, Eureka Springs, 72632.

## Party in the Park with HI Rotary

The Holiday Island Rotary Fourth Annual Party in the Park will be held 4 – 7 p.m. Saturday, May 23, at Veterans' Memorial Park in Holiday Island.

Pulled pork sandwiches, baked beans, cold slaw and drinks will be served, and Swing & A Miss will entertain beginning at 5 p,m. There will be a Veterans Flag Ceremony at 4:45 p.m. Net proceeds support the Rotary Club's community activities such as college scholarships to Eureka Springs High School seniors, dictionaries for third grade students in area schools, Holiday Island Veterans Park, and grants to other local organizations.

Tickets are \$8 per person from Holiday Island Rotary members and at the Holiday Island branch of Cornerstone Bank.

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fairy tales.

Doss teaches writing at Clear Spring School and has an MS in Creative Writing from the University of Edinburgh, Scotland. Having hosted numerous open mic nights across Edinburgh, she recently created the Eurekan Human Experience open mic at Brews.

Doss is currently collaborating with Clear Spring School to complete the inaugural student creative writing magazine, *The Gallimaufry Experience*. She wholeheartedly believes in the connective power of storytelling and writing as an act of pure creation.

Local writers and musicians are invited to read from or perform their work for up to four minutes after we hear from Mackenzie. Poetluck begins with a potluck dinner at 6:30 p.m. at the Writers' Colony, 515 Spring. Everyone is welcome, so bring a dish to share and settle in for a great evening.

# DROPPINGA Line by Robert Johnson

Bob and Christy Murphy watched the radar and caught stripers and a hybrid on Beaver as tornadoes were coming down near their home in Oklahoma City. All came out well here and there.

We caught our fish on bigger shad this week, still with no weights, about 24 ft. under balloons about 100 ft. behind the boat. The way you use a balloon as a float is to just let out enough line

to get bait away from the balloon then just tie it around the line with a single overhand knot. Then feed out to get away from boat. When you reel in, the balloon will slide down the line when it hits the end of the rod. Just keep reeling till you see your fish. We run one rod high out the middle about 150 ft. back, one on one side about 100 ft. back and one on the other side about 70 ft. back.

Remember the more you blow up the balloon the more weight you can add, but also the more air the more resistance the fish can feel when he hits. Balloons give us room to get out more rods. This

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NBRR played a key role in the defeat of a non-discrimination ordinance in Springfield, Mo., by a 51.4 to 48.6 percent margin on April 7. NBRR's website reports it has been tracking these ordinances across the country. The campaign in Springfield used some of the same photos used in Eureka Springs on billboards of a girl looking into a bathroom mirror with the caption, "Keep Men Out of My Bathroom."

The NBRR website credits getting support from the Catholic Church to defeat the Springfield ordinance "that would have created sexual identity as a special class."

NBRR reported about \$35,000 in inkind donations of materials such as signs to defeat the ordinance in Springfield. NBRR was also heavily involved in the vote to repeal an NDO in Fayetteville and may have been responsible for its narrow defeat. That

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a compulsion to jolt him out of his complacency and force him to do battle with her on equal terms. "I wouldn't *want* to be always right," she persisted, watching his face for some response to her combative mood. "And how could you be sure you *were* right? Just because things turn out the way you wanted them to, wouldn't prove that you were right, leaves room for planer boards out the side and up to four more rods under the boat.

Well, that's the balloon lesson for the week. Water temps are getting close to 70° on Beaver and Holiday Island. All fish are still enjoying the shoreline, flats and up the creeks. White bass are still being caught in the creeks and up the Beaver tailwaters as far as Parker Bottoms and Houseman, and so are walleye.



ordinance passed by the city council was overturned Dec. 9, 2014, 52 to 48 percent.

A national group supportive of the NDOs was prominently involved in both the Fayetteville and Springfield campaigns. The Human Rights Campaign, the largest LGBT rights organization in the country, states, "In an unprecedented effort to bring equality to Arkansas, HRC launched Project One America, a comprehensive campaign to dramatically expand LGBT equality in the South through permanent campaigns in Alabama, Mississippi and Arkansas. Project One America is the first of its kind campaign to work exclusively in Arkansas - where there are no non-discrimination protections for LGBT people at the state or local level in employment, housing or public accommodations, and where the state's constitution expressly prohibits marriage equality."

#### would it?"

Walter frowned, but the next instant his untroubled smile appeared, and he leaned sidewise to pat her arm. (The way he strokes Grampus, she thought sourly.) "For an example close to home," he said, "you and Junior wouldn't be here in this office, this minute, if she hadn't been right." He sat back, letting that sink in.

"I don't understand," she said stiffly.

Crappie and bass are closer to Holiday Island as shallow as four ft., wanting to spawn. All fish like current, and thanks to all the rain we got some water moving. Find good water without mud and you

should find fish.

Good luck and enjoy the spring bite. Robert Johnson, Johnson Guide Service. www.fishofexcellence.com (479) 253-2258.



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The INDEPENDENT Classifieds cost \$8 for 20 words, each additional word is 25¢. **DEADLINE – Monday at noon** To place a classified, email classifieds@eurekaspringsindependent.com or call 479.253.6101

### LEGAL

## NOTICE OF FILING APPLICATION FOR

**RETAIL BEER PERMIT ON PREMISES** Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has filed an application with the Alcoholic Beverage Control Division of the State of Arkansas for a permit to sell and dispense beer at retail on the premises described as: 308 Village Circle, Eureka Springs, Carroll County

Said application was filed on April 21, 2015. The undersigned states that he/ she is a resident of Arkansas, of good moral character that he/she has never been convicted of a felony or other crime involving moral turpitude; that no license to sell alcoholic beverages by the undersigned has been revoked within five (5) years last past; and, that the undersigned has never been convicted of violating the laws of this State, or any other State, relative to the sale of controlled beverages.

Rodney Glynn Dean

Dorlem LLC dba Dean's Dog House Sworn to me this 29th day of April 2015 Lori Hardman, Notary Public My commission expires: 2/26/2023

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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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would come forward with its cost estimate and decision about the hospital so council would know what to do about the sewer project.

"Chances are we can get the money, but we can't move," he said.

Council agreed they wanted more information from Allegiance soon and a conversation with the representative from Stephens at the June 8 council meeting.

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