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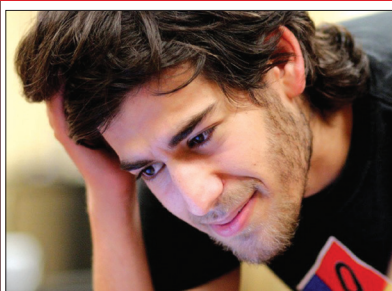


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Aaron Swartz was a young man whose interest was computer programming spiced up with political activism. He believed knowledge should be free and available, which put him at odds with publishers who benefited from downloaded articles rather than the authors who had done all the work. He rattled the cages of universities and corporations.

Swartz was sued and threatened and facing criminal charges, and had to choose between jail and a hefty fine, or trial. Instead he chose to hang himself.

We believe the words of Thomas Jefferson: When injustice becomes law, resistance becomes duty.

And we honor Aaron Swartz on Martin Luther King, Jr., Day.

Man charged in NYE murder

HARRIE FARROW
AND MARY PAT BOIAN

Victor Hugo Acuna-Sanchez, 18, was charged with the New Year's Eve murder of Laura Aceves, 21, and denied bond by Berryville District Court Judge Scott Jackson Wednesday morning, Jan. 16, in Berryville. Jackson also said he is to have no contact, including by phone or through a third party, with the Aceves or Ponce families. Laura Ponce is Laura Aceves's mother.

Acuna-Sanchez is accused of shooting Aceves, his former girlfriend, shortly after noon on Dec. 31, 2012, at Ridge Park, an apartment complex west

of Eureka Springs. Acuna-Sanchez is father of Aceves's four-and-a-half month old son and had violated several Orders of Protection and No Contact Orders, both arrestable offenses. He had fled the scene of the murder before law enforcement arrived at the apartment, but was arrested at 10:05 that evening at his mother's home on Bluebird Mountain east of Eureka Springs. According to Carroll County Sheriff Bob Grudek, deputies had to break the door down to gain entry to the cabin. Acuna was found squatting in the shower with a Ruger MK II .22 caliber semi-automatic pistol and three live .22 bullets on the shower floor.

Coveralls found at his mother's apartment held thirty-nine .22 caliber bullets and a key to the Aceves apartment. Found in a pair of pants in the bathroom were a Tyson's employee identification card and an Arkansas ID card.

Acuna's arraignment in Circuit Court was set for Feb. 11. He was declared indigent by Jackson and is represented by Carroll County Public Defender Beau Allen.

The day following Acuna-Sanchez's capture, Dep. Sheriff Alan Hoos delivered the pistol found in the shower with a magazine with three rounds; three .22 rounds found on the shower floor; and one .22 round found in the apartment where the murder took place, to the Arkansas State Crime Lab in Little Rock. An autopsy determined Aceves's death was a homicide.

The history of physical and emotional abuse trails back two years, according to Laura Ponce, the victim's mother. She told the *Independent* last Saturday Acuna would put sand and bleach in Aceves's gas tank; burned her citizenship papers, Social Security card

and passport; beat her with a baseball bat, hammer or fist; and violated protection orders. He was jailed numerous times and released, either by posting bail, or more recently, simply released. Some records for Acuna-Sanchez are for infractions while he was a juvenile, therefore not accessible.

However, there are records of Acuna-Sanchez being arrested Sept. 1, 2012, on 3rd degree battery with Aceves as the victim. According to Berryville Police Det. Robert Bartos, Acuna-Sanchez left the scene but was arrested when he returned an hour and a half later. He was released Sept. 4, according to CCSO documents. Two days later police were called to a domestic at the same address, but Acuna-Sanchez had fled. A felony warrant was issued and Acuna-Sanchez was arrested Oct. 3 on that warrant for aggravated assault, 3rd degree domestic battery, interference with emergency communications and theft of property. He was released on Nov. 15 with the condition he have no contact with Aceves.

Acuna-Sanchez was arrested again Dec. 9 for violating the No Contact Order, and released the following day on his own recognizance by Judge Jackson, according to Berryville Police Chief David Muniz. "He never would have shown up on the police check without being arrested on a No Contact order." Had there been an Order of Protection, police would have notified the prosecuting attorney, Muniz said.

Sheriff Bob Grudek said the booking sheet from Dec. 9 has Acuna-Sanchez violating a Protection Order. In a call to the *Independent* Jan. 16, Grudek said the sheriff's office sends a packet to the prosecuting attorney every morning that contains information on

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Murder suspect Acuna-Sanchez is led from Carroll County Courthouse after being denied bond on Jan. 16.

"There. I guess King George will be able to read that." – JOHN HANCOCK

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CUP runneth over – denial reversed

NICKY BOYETTE

The seats were barely warm for the new Eureka Springs city council Jan. 14 before they were facing a controversy.

At its January 8 meeting, the Planning Commission denied the application for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for 10 Alamo. Applicants Joe and Melissa Greene appealed the decision directly to council. Melissa said she did not feel she had received a fair hearing at the Planning meeting and there had been "commissioner impropriety" on the part of commissioner Ken Rundel, who cast the lone vote against

Greene's application.

Greene explained to council that Planning has only five commissioners, and there must be four Yes votes to approve a decision. Since she had to recuse herself, that meant only one No vote was necessary to deny her application. She also read a letter of support from commissioner James Morris who took issue with the way the matter had been handled at the Planning meeting.

Six people spoke up during Public Comments, with four supporting the Greens, saying they would be an asset to any neighborhood. Margie and David Anderson respectfully had nothing against the Greens but wanted to protect the neighborhood by discouraging further commercial interests. Margie Anderson passed around a petition with signatures of 24 neighbors who opposed the application.

Greene explained the commercial nature of the immediate vicinity of 10 Alamo, which is considerably different than the nature of the neighborhood further down the street. She said some of those who had spoken out against her application or had signed the petition lived a quarter-

mile away or further, which stretches the term "neighbor."

The Greens rent out the property at 10 Alamo as a weekly rental, which is legal although there has been controversy about short-term rentals creeping into residential zones. She said she applied for the CUP as a courtesy to her neighbors. The property is in the R-2 zone.

Alderman David Mitchell pointed out that City Code allows the use for which the Greens are applying. He also commented that the Greens would have a higher standard of accountability with the CUP than without.

Alderman Terry McClung said he would not want council to micromanage and go against Planning, but he sees part of the problem was that Planning was constrained by so few commissioners that the vote was skewed.

"By denying the CUP, we would interfering with her right to do business," stated alderman Joyce Zeller. Her sentiment was to approve the application. Alderman Mickey Schneider also wondered why everyone was up in arms about this

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Farming school makes an organic statement – what's on earth is what's for dinner

NICKY BOYETTE

Patrice Gros tells aspiring vegetable farmers, “You can buy a tractor or you can watch me do it.” Gros, his trainees and volunteers use a no-till method and no machines and perform all tasks by hand to produce 20,000 pounds of food every year on six-acre Foundation Farm north of Eureka Springs.

Gros said during the peak of the summer season, he has 15-25 crops growing and different varieties of each crop. In the winter, maybe only ten. He extends the season by using “high tunnels,” thereby allowing him to grow year-round.

Vegetable farming has been Gros’ full-time focus for 20 years. He came to

farming from the business world, so he understood the financial and marketing aspects of farming in addition to the hard labor of growing crops. He was drawn to his no-till method because he hardly tilled anyway, but what if he didn’t have to pay for the equipment or its upkeep? Gros’s records demonstrate his profit margin is twice as much as most reasonably successful businesses because he does not spend money on farm equipment.

“I don’t have a second job and I live well,” he said. His is not a hobby farm. “It’s a full time job like being a plumber or running a restaurant.”

Foundation Farm is also a statement against the use of chemicals to grow vegetables. Gros is chagrined that components of the organic farmers’ philosophy – working with the soil, watching the rhythms of each season, creating hearty food year-round, actually cooking in the kitchen – is being lost on the younger generation. That is one reason he is as passionate about teaching as gardening.

Foundation Farm is set up as a farming school where Gros takes on four or five apprentices or trainees for the March to October growing season. Trainees come from as far away as California but usually nearby states. They start work early three days a week. “It is intense work – preparing beds, harvesting, packing, but the trainees learn all aspects of farming and marketing. It is fun.” Gros conducts classes for the trainees on how to start a farm, use of water, marketing, whatever students want to learn.

Anyone interested in learning more about being a trainee for 2013 can look up the website at foundationfarm.com. You can apply there as well. Foundation Farm also makes good use of volunteers.

Foundation Farm produce sells throughout our area, including Ozark

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Foundation Farm Gardening Classes

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Feb. 6 – March 27 at the Unitarian
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- #1 Feb. 6: Selecting Seeds
and Growing Transplants
- #2 Feb. 13: Preparing and
Nourishing Your Soil
- #3 Feb. 20: Four-
Season Gardening Techniques
- #4 Feb. 27: Growing Great
Greens & Lettuce
- #5 Mar. 6: Growing Great
Squashes & Cucumbers
- #6 Mar. 13: Growing Great
Tomatoes & Peppers
- #7 Mar. 20: Preparing a
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• **St. James' Episcopal Church offers free Sunday community suppers** until the end of March from 5 – 6:30 p.m. at the church, 28 Prospect Ave. (479) 253-8610.

Meetings at Coffee Pot Club behind Land O' Nod, U.S. 62 and Hwy. 23S

• **Alateen** group – Sundays from 10:15 – 11:15 a.m. For more information, email alateen1st@gmx.com or phone (479) 981-9977.

• **Overeaters Anonymous** – Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. For more information, call Barbara at (479) 244-0070.

• **Narcotics Anonymous** – Fridays at 5:50 p.m. Phone (417) 271-1084 or (479) 244-6863 for more info.

• **Al-Anon Family Group (AFG)** – Sundays at 11:30 a.m., Mondays and Tuesdays at 7 p.m.

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HDC gives high five to five

NICKY BOYETTE

All five applications before the Historic District Commission on Jan. 16 found unanimous approval. Certificates of Appropriateness were issued to:

- 298 N. Main – extend exterior stairway; replace storm windows
- 137 W. Van Buren – install new above-ground diesel tank; remove underground tank
- 1 Magnetic – fence
- 34 Mountain – new slab/hot tub
- 145 Mill Hollow Rd – new garage

The commission also unanimously approved these items on the Consent Agenda:

- 60 Crescent Dr. – add interval limestone block curbing
- 171 W. Van Buren – repaint new colors
- 19 Spring – replace awning

Consent Agenda items are Level I applications that the City Preservation

Officer Glenna Booth believes to be in accordance with the design guidelines.

Chair Dee Bright presented the following Administrative Approvals:

- 171 W. Van Buren – re-roof
- 216 W. Van Buren/26 Avo – re-roof, new shingle color.

Administrative Approvals are applications for repair or for work in-

volving no changes in materials or color, or for applications for changes to roofing color.

Commissioners elected the following officers for 2013: Chair – Dee Bright; Vice-chair – Greg Moon; Secretary – Susie Allen; Treasurer – Doug Breitling.

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

Metaphysical Society meets Jan. 21

The Metaphysical Society in Eureka Springs will host Robert Blackthorn on Jan. 21, from 7 – 9 p.m., at 68 West Mountain in the Reading Room of the Christian Science edifice.

Blackthorn will lead a forum on astrology, Atlantis, and spiritual technology. The presentation will be less of a lecture and more of an open forum for those who feel a connection to Atlantis, those who are living here because of the quartz crystal grid and those who would like to explore the possible connection through astrology.

Individuals are invited to print a chart of your own natal astrology to bring to the forum. Charts may be obtained free at www.astro.com.

WCDH restoration garners state excellence award

Elise Roenigk accepted an award for Excellence in Preservation Through Restoration on behalf of The Writers' Colony at Dairy Hollow on Friday, Jan. 11, at the Governor's Mansion in Little Rock.

The award was from the Historic Preservation Alliance of Arkansas for the restoration of the new Writers' Colony facility, "505 at Dairy Hollow" (505 Spring St.) in Eureka Springs, a Frank Lloyd Wright-inspired Usonian house restored to its 1950's heyday.

"The Excellence in Preservation Through Restoration award recognizes projects in which a primary goal was returning a structure to a documented earlier appearance," said Vanessa McKuin, executive director of the Historic Preservation Alliance.

Roenigk and her late husband, Marty, purchased and donated the house to the Writers' Colony in 2004. The home has historic significance to Eureka Springs, but was falling down the hillside and on the verge of being condemned. The Writers' Colony secured grants from the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program and sold the property they owned on Grand Avenue to help renovate and restore the 505 property.

Additional project members honored were Sandy Martin, chairman of the board of the Writers' Colony, who worked side-by-side with master craftsman Sam Utter on the restoration.



Elise Roenigk (center) with Vanessa McKuin, executive director, Historic Preservation Alliance; and John Greer, Jr., AIA, LED AP/President, Historic Preservation Alliance.

What the heck is a Krewe anyway?

As Mardi Gras season ramps up with a calendar full of events rolling toward Fat Tuesday on Feb. 12, The Krewe of Krazo, the Krewe of Barkus and the Krewe of 'Lizbeth are busy getting ready to throw the biggest pre-Lenten party ever.

But, what's a krewe? If you trust Wikipedia, it's "an organization that puts on a parade and or a ball for the Carnival season. The term is best known for its association with New Orleans Mardi Gras, but is also used in other Carnival celebrations around the Gulf of Mexico, and Springtime Tallahassee as well as in La Crosse, Wis., and the Saint Paul Winter Carnival.

"The word is thought to have been coined in the early 19th century by an organization calling themselves Ye Mistick Krewe of Comus, inspired by a Mobile, Ala., mystic society, with annual parades in Mobile called the Cowbellion de Rakin Society that dated from 1830. With time it became the most common term for a New Orleans Carnival organization."

So, stemming from a long tradition, krewes are integral to Mardi Gras and Carnival as the groups who provide funding for parades and balls. They do this by adding members who are assessed fees, which can range from thousands of dollars a year per person for the most elaborate parades to as little as \$20 a year for smaller marching clubs.

Thanks to Hurricane Katrina having blown Krew of Krazo's creator Dan Ellis our way, tiny Eureka Springs is now marching in the esteemed number that includes major Mardi Gras and Carnival celebrations around the country. Ellis has incorporated two organizations in Arkansas; Eureka Gras Mardi Gras Extravaganza, Inc. (responsible for 10 days of events) and Krewe of Krazo, Inc. (the organization putting on two balls, two parades and the 2nd Line Crawl) to ensure the future and growth of the local event.

So, as Ellis says, it's "All aboard for camaraderie and kicks on a Mardi Gras float." But he has some tips for those who'd like to join a krewe. "Knowing how to sell yourself as a prospective member can be as important in joining a krewe as having the requisite financial wherewithal and personal connections," Ellis points out. "Take care to explain why you want to participate and why you think you'd fit in. A few choice riffs on what Mardi Gras means to you, or what exactly it is about particular krewe that strikes your fancy."

He also claims riding the floats and interacting with the crowd can be addictive. "Interacting with Mardi Gras beggars can indeed be exhilarating. Taunting, teasing, negotiating. All the while channeling another side of your personality via the anonymity afforded by donning a mask or a

wacky getup. There is a compelling, almost surreal theatricality intrinsic to the whole experience. What's not to like about bestowing coveted baubles into the outstretched hands of a jazzed crowd?"

The more krewes, the bigger and more extravagant the parades and balls. But locally there may be limitations. "Because of the limited population of Eureka Springs and because of the few venues available during the carnival season, it would be difficult for another krewe to reach the capabilities that the Krewe of Krazo has manifested," Ellis said.

"However, once Mardi Gras fever musters greater interest, it would be conceivable for Holiday Islanders to have their own krewe with a masquerade Ball with Royal Court and King and Queen in their convention facility and a golf cart parade. In fact, I have personally encouraged this. It is also quite possible for high schools to do the same. My intentions are to promote krewe activity, not inhibit."

Criteria for krewe membership around the country ranges from exclusive organizations largely limited to relatives of previous members, those that can be joined by invitation only and those open to anyone able to pay the membership fee. Krewes with low fees may require members to work to help build and decorate the parade floats and make their own costumes; higher priced

krewes hire professionals to do this work. Parading krewe members are usually responsible for buying their own trinkets, usually beads, thrown to parade spectators, according to Mobile and New Orleans tradition.

According to Ellis, some parading krewes let outsiders join in the fun – for a price. "A ride on a parade float is typically offered as part of a package that includes membership dues, liability insurance, a costume and perhaps extras such as admittance to a pre-parade breakfast and/or an after-parade party. Basic packages start at around \$375, while packages that include throws range from around \$600 up to \$1500. While this may seem expensive, keep in mind that Carnival krewes are private, non-profit organizations funded by members, and that producing razzle-

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Community support is the ideal

Editor,

I've lived in New Zealand, Mexico and Thailand. In Thailand I saw the vast majority of the population able to meet their needs while having little excess. Though Mexico has a fattening middle as capitalism moves in, there is still a great lower-middle class that makes ends meet and is able to enjoy their lives. New Zealand had a simple middle class based on agriculture and tourism.

Here's the rest of my Facebook post: "I don't want the government to support me, and I also don't want to have to be dependent on the powerful and successful businessmen of the nation – there is no difference. I don't want the government to support me, but then I can't have my tax dollars going to support those richer than me. I don't need Big Brother's help farming, but when farm subsidies

keep the price of food artificially low, it is harder for folks to buy food at my realistic prices."

Even our farm had some government support, but community support by a much larger margin, and community support is what really works. I've seen amazing excesses of money in the United States, and I've seen many with little. This country is generally a difficult place to live without money. Let's cherish what we can do without money.

Andrew Schwerin

We've got mail?

Editor,

I have a question: Is it a common, ethical and acceptable journalistic practice for an editor of a newspaper to write a letter, under an assumed name, to the editor of a newspaper he is the editor of and then print and reply to that letter in said newspaper? *Lovely County Citizen* editor Don Lee, by his own

admission, is also known as Emmett Sudsbury. This practice seems rather odd to me.

Lany Ballance

Resignation explanation

Editor,

Until recently I was one of your Planning Commissioners. I resigned Tuesday. It was my vote that caused the CUP application for 10 Alamo to fail at the last Planning Commission meeting. The applicant appealed the decision to city council and at Monday night's meeting false statements were made about me that are damaging to my reputation.

I voted against the CUP at our Planning Commission meeting because in the last day or two before the Public Hearing I received numerous emails and phone calls from folks in the neighborhood who were opposed to the CUP. They felt

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WEEK'S Top Tweets

@Zen_Moments --- Maintaining a complicated life is a great way to avoid changing it. ~ Elaine St James

@eonline --- "Wow! What an exciting special guest! That was Hillary Clinton's husband!" –Amy Poehler after Bill Clinton left the stage. [Golden Globe Awards]

@TheThryll --- Today's a good day to leave a note on a random car that says, "I KNOW WHAT YOU DID."

@4everKelz --- Happy Birthday Martin Luther King Jr thank u for having your dream and making it come true may you continue to R.I.P.

@DanielDamascus --- The Flora Roja Sound Art Parade and Recital for Dr. King [Sunday, Jan. 20 @ 1 p.m. – Basin Park/The Aud]

@13 Damage --- Breaking News: US Navy red ship collided with a blue ship. Survivors were marooned

@jimmyfallon --- Lance Armstrong will sit for 90-minute talk with Oprah. Though it'll be kind of suspicious when he finishes in just 60 minutes.

@JohnFMoore --- In tribute to Transparency Activist Aaron Swartz (1986-2013)

@JamesXFreeman --- Why was Aaron Swartz threatened w/50+yrs jail 4 file uploads while Wall St banksters get ZIP 4 killing our economy?

@turpentinecreek --- Andrew is coming Friday if all works out as planned. He is a beautiful boy and I anticipate him loading well.



King of ALEC

This week marked the opening of the Arkansas General Assembly's 89th biennial session, notable because, for the first time since Reconstruction, both the House and Senate are under Republican control. Wonder what wacky bills are looming in the shadows?

Our new Republican State Senator, Bryan King, is off to a stellar start, serving not his constituents, but the far right agenda of his party and his corporate lords at the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC).

Senate Bill #2 is the first offering from our new senator. It's one of those voter suppression bills so popular in Republican circles these days – mandatory voter IDs. Voter fraud has proven extremely rare, but requiring voters to show government-issued photo ID cards at the polls is a top Republican priority – right up there with gutting the social safety net, ensuring that rich people get tax breaks and granting citizenship to zygotes but not Hispanics.

Requiring state-issued ID cards keeps minorities, who trend Democratic, from the polls. The more difficult you make voting, the more hurdles you erect, the more intimidating you make it, the more likely fewer people will vote. And, coincidentally, the more likely Republicans will maintain their majorities. When Republicans are in power, their corporate overseers flourish.

King is a legislative member of ALEC and the language of his voter ID law is pulled verbatim from one of ALEC's many "model" bills. ALEC is a partnership between Big Business and conservative politicians in state capitols. This conglomeration of large multi-national corporations is responsible for writing much of the ultraconservative legislation passed in Republican-controlled state houses over the past 30 years. (Learn much more at www.alecexposed.org)

Republican majorities have passed ALEC's voter ID laws in several states, and the constitutionality of such laws is being scrutinized in the courts. Fortunately, these voter suppression tactics backfired in the recent election. Blacks and other minorities are touchy about efforts to keep them from the polls – has something to do with history. Thankfully, they turned out in droves, but not enough to keep more state governments from turning Republican.

After serving two terms in the state House, running unopposed the second go-round, King also failed to draw a Democratic opponent in his senatorial bid. Democrats deserve a good spanking for writing off this senate race in a district that has forever elected Democrats. Now we're stuck for six years with a racist, homophobic, Tea Party, religious zealot and corporate hack. Racist fits, because that's what voter ID laws are.

Wouldn't it be nice if Senator King, instead of pushing a Tea Party/Christian right/ALEC agenda, worked on behalf of those he represents? A good place to start would be sponsoring a bill repealing the mandatory water fluoridation law that was slipped through at the 11th hour of the previous session, to give us back local control of our water supply. Or how about focusing on the economic well being of Arkansans rather than that of the Koch brothers? Or ensuring his poorer constituents have access to medical care through Medicaid expansion?

The next three months should be interesting as we wait to see what laws this legislature passes, and which ones are written by ALEC. It's likely the new majority will follow the lead of other newly Republican states and push bills borne out of greed, self-righteousness, bigotry and intolerance.

Certainly our new Republican majority will do all they can to protect us from ObamaCare and universal healthcare coverage. The pharmaceutical/insurance/medical complex looms large at ALEC.

Expect to see bills making it impossible for a woman to have a legal abortion in the state – maybe they'll go for vaginal-probe ultrasounds, requiring 12 ft.

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The Pursuit Of HAPPINESS

by Dan Krotz

I'm pretty sure you're familiar with the term "bucket list," but if you're not: A list of things to do and places to see before you die. Sometimes the list is theoretical, like "I'm going to buy Harrison, Arkansas, when I win the lottery... and then I'm going to burn it down." And sometimes the list is practical, as in "the boss and I are going to have coitus at the top of Machu Picchu on Thursday. I've got the tickets – (pat pat the breast pocket) – right here."

These real life examples, contributed by friends over the years, are just two of hundreds of theoretical and practical ideas I've heard. I can't say I enjoy these bucket list conversations very much. They make me feel anxious or inadequate because I can't think of anything to put on my list except being thinner, richer and smarter – three ideas which are, in my case certainly, more theoretical than practical. And, at this stage in life, somewhat beside the point.

What are the causes of bucket list deficiency? It could be a lack of imagination. It could be aimlessness or a scarcity of ambition. In the happiest of scenarios it could mean that you've lived life to the fullest and done what you've wanted to do. That's an excellent thing, don't you think?

I would like to get a good night's sleep before I die. When I was a kid I thought that sleep was a boat, and night an ocean; I would sail and sail, all night long. Now, I chug into a secondary port every 20 minutes and load and unload stuff; guys in big shoes jump up and down on my deck. All night long.

Sometimes I put "become a better person" on the list. But that too is simultaneously theoretical and practical, and consequently pretty confusing. I feel an obligation to help the poor, theoretically, but wish they were, practically speaking, more deserving of help. This means that I am not a cheerful giver and, accordingly, will never become a better person. Sometimes donor fatigue is a greater hill to climb than the Continental Divide.

INDEPENDENT Constables On Patrol

JANUARY 7

7:41 a.m. – Erratic driver crossed the centerline almost causing head-on collisions while driving through Eureka Springs. Constable on patrol did not encounter the vehicle before it crossed into the county, but he alerted CCSO and state police.

4:55 p.m. – Individual came to the station to report ID theft. After talking with an officer, she decided she did not need to file a report.

7:53 p.m. – One person claimed another person hit him. Constable spoke with the alleged victim, who decided he did not want to press charges.

JANUARY 8

7:50 a.m. – Complainant told ESPD a person assaulted him with a screwdriver. Constables responded and spoke with both parties, and they agreed to go separate ways.

7:45 p.m. – An individual was attempting to repossess a car at a bank parking lot. He did not have papers related to the repo, just a text message on his phone. He asked for constable assistance because the owner of the car was frantic. She allowed him to take the vehicle and admitted she was behind on her payments.

JANUARY 9

9:35 a.m. – Dog running loose on N. Main almost caused a constable to have an accident. Animal Control responded to the area, and he found a woman driving alongside her dog to give it some exercise. He pointed out some of the laws she was breaking besides being a traffic hazard. She loaded up her dog as Animal Control warned her strongly never to do this again.

7:05 p.m. – Individual was arrested on warrant out of Benton County.

11:56 p.m. – Person lost a wallet. He informed ESPD in case it showed up at the station.

JANUARY 10

12:21 a.m. – Alarm sounded at a building on U.S. 62. Keyholder and two constables responded and found everything okay.

2:04 a.m. – Another alarm sounded further down the highway, and this time the constable found a door

unlocked. He walked through the building and nothing was amiss. Keyholder turned off the alarm.

6:33 a.m. – ESPD learned of a reckless driver on US 62 heading east. Witness said the vehicle actually went off the road a couple of times. The vehicle left city limits before a constable could respond, but county authorities were alerted.

11:56 a.m. – A semi with a flatbed found itself navigating the Historic Loop. It had almost completed the Loop by the time a constable arrived to help, and the driver made it back to US 62.

12:17 p.m. – A bar/restaurant reported someone departed without paying the tab.

2:40 p.m. – A female had reportedly jumped out of a vehicle in front of a pharmacy. She was allegedly running around in a psychotic state. Constable encountered the person, and EMS took her to ESH.

2:55 p.m. – Individual turned herself in on a warrant for failure to pay.

5:32 p.m. – Constable on patrol discovered a vehicle at Lake Leatherwood Park which looked as though someone were living in it. He checked nearby cabins. Day shift will check the surrounding area.

6:14 p.m. – Passerby on her way home from Fayetteville saw a house in flames on Hwy. 12 near the intersection with Hwy. 23. ESPD notified Madison County.

JANUARY 11

2:07 a.m. – Constable checking doors downtown found one unlocked. He secured the building and locked the door on his way out.

3:09 a.m. – Passerby thought he saw a person inside a business closed for the night. Constable found the building secure, but the keyholder unlocked the door so the constable could check inside. He found everything okay.

7:29 a.m. – Alarm was ringing when an employee arrived for work. Constables checked the business and found everything okay. They figured the alarm had been triggered by a power outage.

11:14 a.m. – A dog on a walk with its owner was attacked by an unleashed dog in a neighborhood. A constable and Animal Control responded. Victim had no visible injuries. Owner of the adverse animal received citations for dog at large.

11:56 a.m. – Traffic stop resulted in the arrest of an individual on a warrant out of Madison County.

12:04 p.m. – Witness reported seeing three males walking along US 62 east of town checking mailboxes. Constables did not encounter the individuals, but they interviewed complainant to get more information.

2:37 p.m. – Two males were seen stripping copper out of an outbuilding near a closed business. They fled in an easterly direction on US 62.

6:50 p.m. – Concerned friend reported a 50-year old person who is mentally challenged went for a walk three hours ago and has not returned to his motel room. She called back a half hour later to report the individual had been given a ride back to his room.

7:43 p.m. – Housekeeper at another motel found a very large knife in a room. No one had claimed it, and the motel owner asked ESPD to pick it up.

JANUARY 12

12:09 a.m. – The new heating unit at the Auditorium was loud enough to stir a complaint. Responding constable thought the unit was a bit loud, so he left a note for the Building Inspector.

2:06 a.m. – Resident at the southeast edge of town reported an unknown driver has pulled a vehicle into his driveway three times and turned off its lights. Each time he turned on his porch light and the vehicle started up and left. Constable scoured the area but did not see anything unusual. He parked nearby and watched for awhile, but nothing else happened. He passed the information along to CCSO.

4:29 a.m. – A water main was apparently broken because water was spilling out. Public works was notified.

JANUARY 13

2:51 a.m. – Two individuals were fighting in a gas station/convenience store. Constables arrested one of the combatants for public intoxication.

2:56 p.m. – Traffic stop resulted in the arrest of the driver for driving on a suspended license.

7:37 p.m. – Eyewitness reported a vehicle going very slowly and driving all over Hwy. 23 coming toward town from the south. Constable saw the vehicle leave city limits headed east and he alerted county authorities.

JANUARY 14

12:51 a.m. – Central dispatch informed ESPD of an individual involved in a domestic disturbance in Barry County who might be on his way to Eureka Springs. As constable was checking motels, sheriff's deputy pulled over the individual on a traffic stop. Constable assisted with the traffic stop.

GSHS needs your stuff!

Donations are now being accepted to replace goods and furniture lost when the Berryville Doggie Shop burned down. This is a great opportunity to do a winter clean-out and help support the Good Shepherd Humane Shelter in the process.

Donations can be taken to Holiday Island or Berryville for

storage until a new Doggie Shop location in Berryville has been determined. Storage is by prior arrangement only. Call (479) 981-1482 to schedule a drop-off at Holiday Island Storage. In Berryville, call Berryville Storage (Rice and Hammons Sts.) at (479) 981-2886 to make arrangements.



Family secrets

– Nora Helmer (Mara Adams) keeps her secret of having borrowed money to save the life of her husband Torvald Helmer (Keegan Wilbur) in the Henrik Ibsen drama *A Doll's House* at Eureka Springs High School Jan 13. The play, directed by Jerry F. RunnerSmith, ran Friday through Sunday and was the first production in the new high school's auditorium.

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DAVID FRANK DEMPSEY

Decatur squeaks out win against Scots

Eureka Springs senior boys let one get away against Decatur last Friday, Jan. 11. The game was close for three quarters with the Scots leading at the end of the third quarter 23-21, but Decatur took care of business down the stretch for a 36-32 victory. Senior boys are now 11-12 on the season and 3-4 in district.

Dalton Johnson scored 12, four threes, naturally; Tanner Allee and Trevor Lemme both scored popped in seven; Josh Premeau was good for two, as was Andrew Ritter.

Junior boys team also lost a close game to Decatur by four, 32-28. Their record is now 10-7 on the season and 5-2 in district.

Oscar Mendez scored 13; Dalton Kessner, four; JM Gregg and Mathew McClung added three apiece.

Tuesday night's games against Johnson County West were cancelled because of the weather in Johnson County. It has been rescheduled for Saturday, Feb. 2, at noon in the Eureka Springs High School gym.

TheNATUREofEUREKA

by Steven Foster



Nature in a bottle

Now that Monday Night Football is over and Eureka Springs City Council meetings no longer have any entertainment value for television viewing, I'm back to my over-riding passion – reading about medicinal plants and herbs on Monday nights. Even though I've written 17 books on the subject, both popular and technical, and worked in the herbal field fulltime for, gulp,

39 years, there is no way that I can ever become an expert. There is simply too much to learn, and thankfully, something new to learn everyday.

In the U.S. market, most herb products are sold in food regulatory categories such as food additives for flavorings, or if sold for health benefits (without drug claims) in the oxymoronic regulatory category – “dietary supplements.” Media and detractors have widely used the mantra that these products are “unregulated” which is simply not true, as any one of hundreds of manufacturers who had a visit from FDA inspectors last year can tell you.



Regulation of Chinese Star Anise (*Illicium verum*) such as for flavoring, a dietary supplement product or starting material for a prescription drug, depends on the product form and labeling.

Surprisingly, too, at least 25 percent of prescription drugs include a compound derived from a flowering plant. This statistic has not changed plus or minus one percent since 1959. For example, the prescription antiviral drug Tamiflu® (oseltamivir) is in the news with the current flu epidemic. Starting material for the manufacture of this drug is shikimic acid. This compound has not been economically synthesized in the laboratory, so it is extracted from Chinese star anise

Illicium verum (not to be confused with Japanese star anise *Illicium anisatum* which is deadly toxic). Yep, this is the same Chinese star anise you find in the spice shelf. It is believed that the pharmaceutical manufacturer of Tamiflu® Hoffman LaRoche, (Roche) buys most of the world's production of Chinese star anise.

The patent licensed exclusively to Roche by a company called Gilead Sciences is valid until at least 2016 in the United States. Patent protection is not enjoyed for the drug in Thailand, the Philippines, Indonesia and several other countries. India and Vietnam, among others, produce a generic version. As always, consult your physician as it is a prescription-only drug. Or consult your connections with former Gilead board members such as George Schultz (former Secretary of State – is he still alive?), former Gilead board chairman, Donald Rumsfeld, and other neocon luminaries (emphasis on con). Thank you, George W. Bush, for spending a billion dollars to stockpile the drug in the U.S. in 2005. Is there any left over?

(See Wikipedia article on oseltamivir for more information).

If you can't stand the clutter get out of the studio

It seems my Virgo moon kicked into gear last week, my studio being the benefactor. It had been a very, very long time since my home studio had a thorough cleaning and reorganizing. It was a daunting task, at times overwhelming, but eventually completed.

I collect things – lots of interesting, strange little objects that speak to me; that I just know will end up as “art” someday. It’s what found object assemblage artists do – just ask Mary Springer, the only artist I know who has more “objects” to play with than me.

So having a studio where these sacred findings are categorized, tagged, boxed and stored for easy access is important, even vital, to the creative process. It’s where you’ll find stacked boxes or buckets labeled bones, doll parts or rocks with holes.

As a kid I was always collecting things and arranging them in meticulous order. At school I was dealt an eye-opening blow when my beautifully arranged rock collection garnered an F in Geology because the



Rankine's 2013 photograph titled “The Reachable Star.”

rocks weren’t identified or labeled. Even then I was more interested in the aesthetics (the shapes and colors) than the science.

In my early twenties I discovered the constructed boxes of Joseph Cornell, the photographs of Man Ray and mixed media collages of Robert Rauschenberg. These art vanguards gave me permission

to carry on what I instinctively was already doing – combining objects in an attempt to breathe symbolic life into the inanimate.

The last several years I have been making impermanent assemblages and photographing them. Last week, inspired by my newly organized studio, I embarked on a new series of

potential work.

These new photographs are an

experiment, or at the very least, a disciplined exercise.

Every morning before I take my three dogs for their country walk, I grab an object or objects from my studio, stuff them in my coat pocket and head outside, camera in tow.

The object is to find a natural setting for these objects and snap a quick picture using only natural light, no tri-pod, special lens, or Photoshop. I’m not sure where these simple images will lead – a show, or maybe not. I’ve already posted a few images on Facebook and maybe that’s enough.

What is important is putting my creativity to work every day, despite the result.

I certainly have no shortage of raw materials and have fully embraced the fact that clutter will always be part of my life, but I do hope, if given a second chance, I return to this earth as a Zen Master.



INDEPENDENTArt

Writing workshop Jan. 19

The first all-day writing workshop in the 2013 Community Writing Program is Saturday, Jan. 19, at the Holiday Island Clubhouse beginning at 9 a.m. Topics will cover planning and research for a manuscript and nine basic principles to keep in mind when writing.

The workshop will be repeated in Eureka Springs on Jan. 22 at the Writers’ Colony, 515 Spring St. Cost is \$45. For more information, call Alison Taylor-Brown (479) 292-3665.

Photographers – enhance your work with proper matting and framing

Jim Sexton, proprietor of Parkview Art and Frame in Holiday Island, will address the Holiday Island Photography Guild on Jan. 22 at 3 p.m. in the Holiday Island Clubhouse, lower level, room A. His subject is *Getting the Most From Your Photographs with Proper Matting and Framing*.

Everyone with an interest in photography – regardless of experience – is welcome. During the second half of the meeting, Photography Guild activities for 2013 will be planned.



ESH Guild installs officers – The Eureka Springs Hospital Guild recently installed the following officers for 2013: Norma Rix, Treasurer; Grace Wilson, Secretary; Nancy Werbitzky, President; and Mary Dolce, Vice President. Members discussed goals, the most important being to increase the number of active volunteers for the Purple House Hospital thrift shop, the major fundraising project supporting Eureka Springs Hospital and other healthcare charitable organizations. Anyone interested in volunteering may email Marydol5@aol.com.

Fame Came Late © is an unpublished historical manuscript written by Lida Wilson Pyles (1906-2000). It is the story as she was told about Eureka Springs bear hunter, John Gaskins. Pyles married into the Gaskins family in 1924.

“You might as well tell me, now, Susan. When you get a bee in your bonnet, you’re goin’ to get it out sooner or later. What’s on your mind?”

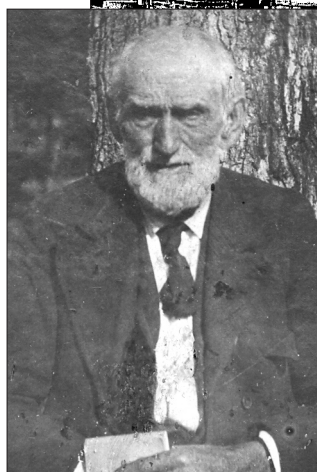
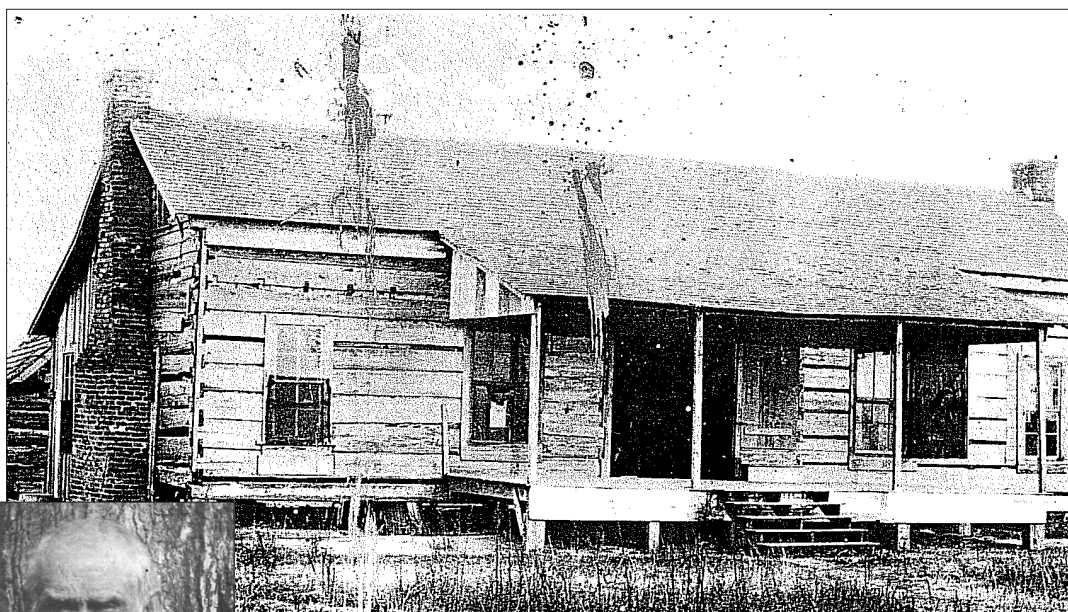
“It’s about schools. I know you’ve allus provided well fer us an’ that you never let us need fer nothin’, but you’ve said yourself that th’ time would come when everybody would be educated. That everybody would be able to read and write. Had you ever stopped to think that the Good Book lays in there on a shelf an’ there ain’t one of th’ family that can read it?” Susan was going to speak her piece. “We have to depend on a few of the neighbors to read it or wait until a preacher comes through the country to read it to us. It ain’t right, Johnny. We need schools.”

“Susan, you’re the dog-gonedest woman a man ever had. You know jest exactly how to plant a seed in my mind and jest when it needs tendin’. What in the Eternal Hell do you think I could do about a school? I ain’t no danged school teacher, but I’ll bet you have all ready done some thinkin’ on it.”

“Yes, I have,” she told him. “What you could do would be give some land to build a school house. Every man in th’ country would go out an’ cut logs to build a school house,” she predicted.

“Oh sure,” he said, “that part of it is easy, but after we got it built, jest where are we goin’ to find a school teacher? They don’t grow on persimmon trees, you know,” he laughed.

“That’s how we are goin’ to be helped by all these new people comin’ into Eureka Springs,” Susan answered. “There’s people of all kinds comin’ in there to drink the water. Surely, some of them has book learnin’. They would



be willin’ to teach the kids to read and write. Ours as well as all the others in the country.”

“You’re probably right. You allus are, but you’ll have to remember that we are on Clifty Creek, a

good ten miles from Eureka Springs. Kids couldn’t go that fur to school.”

“I’ve thought about that, too, Johnny. You told me you had land over on Leatherwood Creek, too. That made me think more about it. Why don’t you give some land fer a school at the same time you make th’ deed fer th’ graveyard?”

The matter was not discussed again, but Susan knew that Johnny would do as she had asked.

It was late in October. The leaves had covered the hillsides when the family and their neighbors had to admit that Sam Gaskins’ life was almost over. Jack and Addie had come from their house across the hills. Jim had come home, bringing little Jimmy, who had been warned that he must be very quiet because “Uncle Sam was very sick.” Mary and Nancy took turns at the laundry, cooking and other household chores, allowing Susan to stay at the bedside of her son.

For once, Johnny forgot the bears

and his regular trips into the hills. No longer was he interested in what was going on in Eureka Springs. Realizing his helplessness, he stayed by the bedside of his dying son.

Dark had fallen. The children had been put to bed. Minnie Hyde had come to be of what help and comfort she could be to her friends and neighbors. She and the parents sat in the room with the sick man and talked in whispers. From outside, they heard the beat of horses’ hooves.

“Wonder who that is a-comin’ on horseback?” Susan asked. They waited, heard the horses stop and

listened for a knock at the door. None came. Other horses could be heard coming over the hill. Susan went to the door but could see nobody in the darkness. She returned to her chair.

“That’s funny. There ain’t nobody out there.”

“Maybe they went by,” Minnie answered.

“But where would they go? The road ends here at our gate,” Susan explained what Minnie already knew. She was mystified at the sounds of invisible horses’ hooves. The sounds came again. This time they seemed to be at the door. There were no sounds of human voices. Just the sound of horses as they breathed and snorted, just outside the door.

Again, Susan went to the door and opened it. There was not a horse or a man in sight. She returned to her chair, then got up again and went to where her husband was dozing in the other room.

“Johnny, there’s somethin’ funny goin’ on here. We keep a-hearin’ horses’ feet comin’ right up to the door. We can even hear ‘em snort. They seem to be just standin’ there outside. There ain’t nobody out there. What do you make of it?”

Tai Chi for Health class open at BCC

The Berryville Community Center has added “Tai Chi For Health” to its list of offered classes. Lori Terry, Holistic Health Practitioner, leads the eight-week, progressive class every Tuesday and Thursday morning from 8:30 – 9:30, ending on



membership.

Tai Chi is a moderate intensity exercise with benefits to cardio and respiratory function, immune capacity, mental control, flexibility and balance control, improving muscle strength and reducing the risk of falls in the elderly.

March 7. The cost is \$8 per class, or \$120 for the eight-week session. All participants must have a BCC

For more information, call (870) 423-3139, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. – 8 p.m.



Spring cleaning, that is. As everyone who works even peripherally in hospitality knows: Spring cleaning can't wait for Spring. That's when the folks start coming back who would just end up underfoot if we waited until Spring to get cleaned up for the season. Our guests also seem to have this annoying expectation that all will be ready for them when they arrive. So, despite the best marketing efforts of painting Winter as the "Secret Season" or "Quiet Time," those of us who have been at it a while know that it's really "Mop, Bucket and Fix-it" time.

That's why we're looking forward to a bit of dark time over the next few weeks for a chance to finish up our cleaning and maintenance projects around the Auditorium. Besides projects involving our hardware used in the actual performances, there's also a whole 'nuther level of building maintenance we have to cover. From fixing a broken stair tread to repairing a leaky toilet to doing some blacksmithing on the handicapped



lift, we have no dearth of To-Do's.

It's not just the physical plant, either. There are also several informational To-Do's to get out of the way –

First, we've got to update some of our neighbors as to a couple of the idiosyncrasies of our new HVAC system. Unlike the old system which had separate heat and AC functions, the new systems are heat pumps. As such, and under just the right ambient temperature and humidity conditions, these units can accumulate a lot of ice on the outdoor compressor units. A lot of ice. Ice to the point where it looks like the units are being consumed by ice. Thick ice. Ice like a remake of *Titanic*. Lots of it. Ice, ice, baby.

According to our contractor, this is normal. So normal, in fact, that the units actually have a defrost cycle they go into

when the ice accumulation begins to impair efficient operation. Which brings us to the second point: the defrost cycle makes noises one might not expect from a normal home unit. Again, as per

the contractor, these functions are normal. While we appreciate the Argus-like diligence of our local community watch functionaries, neither the ice accumulation nor odd rumbling noises constitute cause for alarm or late-night calls to the authorities.

Second, there are likely to be changes in how music in Basin Park will be presented next season. Rather than spreading out ambient music over the course of the whole month, we're considering concentrating our resources into developing a series of special presentations on the second weekend of each month. We've even cleverly considered calling the events "Second Weekends." This would give us a monthly promotional anchor for special events themed to that month's activities. We're working closely with

the Arts Council as well as groups sponsoring events like Fleur Delicious Weekend,

Blues Weekend, BB&BBQ, Bluegrass Festival, Jazz and so on in order to make our marketing schemes and planning more cohesive. Additionally, this plan would – with the approval and cooperation of the Parks Department – serve to open up Basin Park to buskers and crafts people in order to further enhance the downtown's vibrancy.

Lastly, I've hinted over the last few weeks about some other special events coming up this year. Still can't reveal any specifics, but here's a tease for you: think World Record Attempts. Specifically, think about world record attempts based on the peculiarity of a particular kind of musical event. Think about what would constitute *surreal* in the context of being conceived and executed in Eureka Springs, where the *surreal* bar is set considerably higher than most anywhere else in the world. Whatever you've come up with? Triple it.

Intimidated by Critique? Try a Writers' Circle

The Community Writing Program of the Writer's Colony at Dairy Hollow has changed its former Critiquing Groups to Writers' Circles – groups of two to four writers who meet twice monthly for 1 ½ hours to receive individual coaching and support.

Alison Taylor-Brown, who heads the Community Writing Program, explained the new approach: "I wanted a name and approach that would reflect a nurturing environment. Beginning writers can sometimes be terrified to have anyone see their work for the first time – or they just don't know how to begin."

The new Writers' Circles will help area writers and aspiring writers in three areas: Getting Started, Skill Application, and Consistency. The Circles are designed to follow the Writing Program workshops and help students apply the learned skills to their individual

work-in-progress. They also encourage consistent progress in the new writer by providing a target date for new material, a support group of fellow writers and a shared pool of enthusiasm.

The first workshop of 2013, offered on Jan. 19 and again on Jan. 22, will cover topics of concern in beginning a manuscript – such as planning and research. It will also focus on nine basic principles to be considered by the writer. Each student will receive individual coaching on how to begin his project.

Ongoing Writers Circles are available to anyone who has taken at least one workshop through the Community Writing Program. The complete schedule of Community Writing Program workshops is available at CommunityWritingProgram.com. For more information or to register, contact Alison at alisonbrown@writercolony.com or (479) 292-3665.



Starting from scratch – Volunteer Ken Bates smiles his thanks as Ronna Wickersham, left, and an unidentified woman make donations to the Good Shepherd Humane Society in front of the Hart's Family Center Jan. 12. GSHS volunteers were seeking donations and selling their artsy 2013 calendars in an effort to replace the loss of one-third of the shelter's annual revenue due to the Dec. 28 fire that destroyed the Berryville Thrift Store.

PHOTO BY DAVID FRANK DEMPSEY

Coming up at Eureka Gras

- **Jan. 19** Taste of N'Awlins, 2 – 4 p.m., Café au Lait and Beignets, \$2 per person, Keel's Creek Winery, 3185 E. Van Buren (US 62E)
- **Jan 23** Umbrellaration Party – decorate umbrellas and 2nd Line down Main St., 5 p.m., New Delhi Deck Café, N. Main
- **Jan 26** Float Christening & Sponsor Appreciation, 5 p.m., Rowdy Beaver Tavern, US 62W

And don't miss two parades, four balls, costume contest, jazz brunch, ArtiGras artist celebration, pub crawl and Cajun dinner with the largest King Cake in the state – all coming up in February. See the current *Independent Fun Guide* for dates and details. www.krazo.eureka.org.

Sunday at UUF

Jan. 20 – Trella Laughlin, longtime activist and award-winning producer of “Let the People Speak!” in Austin, Texas, will talk about “How Did a Nice Girl Like You End Up in a Place Like This?” or, what it takes to change from a white, middle-class Southern bigot into a raging radical lesbian. Discussion will be about how we all can and need to become activists.

All are welcome at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Sundays at 11 a.m. at 17 Elk Street. Extra parking is at Ermilio's Restaurant, 26 White Street. Child care provided. (479) 253-0929 for more information.

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Freedom: So Humanity's Light Isn't Dimmed

Friday night/Saturday morning both Mercury and the Sun enter Aquarius, in time for the Presidential Inauguration (in Aquarius). President Obama's rising sign is Aquarius. The United States' moon is Aquarius. Aquarius is the sign of service, of serving humanity and of freedom. Aquarius is the sign of humanity helping one another, our future.

Saturday is National Service Day. President Obama asks Americans to organize and participate in local community service projects honoring shared values and to celebrate Dr. Martin Luther

King Jr.'s vision (mountaintop, future, freedom). President Obama, his staff and families will participate in service projects in Washington DC.

Sunday, the President will be sworn in privately. Monday (MLK Jr., Day), Inauguration Day ceremonies begin with a public swearing-in (on the steps of the U.S. Capitol), followed by the inaugural address (Obama's vision for America & goals for our nation), anthems, brass & bugles, flurries & ruffles (music), parades, a walk to the White House, luncheons, parties, balls and galas.

Tuesday is the Inaugural National Prayer Day Service; officials of diverse faiths attend (by invitation) Washington National Cathedral for prayer, readings and music (webcast live www.nationalcathedral.org).

It's four days of ritual and ceremony. Ceremony and ritual anchor new energies into the world, call forth new rhythms, new ways of being. Rhythm is Aquarian. Both represent freedom. Now and in the times to come, we must each insure and stabilize humanity's freedoms so humanity's light isn't dimmed.

ARIES: It's important to work closely and deeply with others. They form parts and pieces of your puzzle of endeavors needing to fall into place. They are your helpmates. It's important to enlarge your circle of relationships (friends, co-workers, equals). You need their support to bring the new culture and civilization into clearer view for those unable to recognize world needs. Use the keywords coordination and cooperation in all sentences.

TAURUS: Success in whatever you are endeavoring to accomplish comes easily at this time. You know the steps, the order, the agenda, the plans, the hard work and you set the goals. This outlines clearly how to move ahead. You are serious and strong. You discriminate and are not concerned with anyone's opinions. You're on the mountaintop. You see the future. It contains freedom and independence. You will see to it.

GEMINI: You spend your days questioning and attempting to discover truth. About yourself and your intentions, your background, family, the motives of those around you and the truth about our present world. These latter truths are hidden from us. But your keen eyes, when you search long enough, parts all veils. Do not concentrate anymore on the mundane. Everyone speaks in this way. You have more important things to impart. People, seeking direction and truth, listen to you.

CANCER: Parts of you have entered the land of Scorpio. What do I mean by this? That your desire nature has expanded. It's become more passionate, ardent, zealous and fervent, more magical, loving and devotional, charmed and charming. In turn things occur that seem to be the opposite of love and goodness. You may feel a lack of resources which forces you into self-reliance. You sense betrayal. You withstand all struggles.

LEO: In everything you do these days, for a month or so, you will seek out people and events that are challenging, even creating some of those challenges yourself. Why? To strengthen your courage, to break psychological beliefs, to work with the duality of aggression and peacefulness. The purpose is to develop within your a deeper sense of cooperation and compromise. Everything good begins with intentions for Goodwill.

VIRGO: Careful with your energy levels. Pace yourself. Be sure that you are independent in all that you do. Also be aware of impatience. Others may not be able to think and/or work as fast as you. Mercury, quicksilver, is your companion. Others are not so lucky. They have others planets working with them. In your life (or perhaps in the life of others who need this more than you), order, organize, classify and sort till all environments become "clean well-lighted places."

LIBRA: Sometimes you choose something because of its risk factor. It appeals to you. You confront yourself. And it's fun. Entertainment, the arts, games, food, theatre are, to you, important cultural pursuits. They bring out your playful nature. Sometimes, hiding behind charm, your competitiveness comes out, too. Sometimes you need discipline to create a new rhythm in your life. What needs ordering in your life? What needs movement? Who needs communication?

SCORPIO: You have an instinctual ability to protect those you love and care for. You also have a keen sense of knowing when manipulation is occurring. Wherever you are, leadership calls to you, whether at home or in the world. You have tremendous energy to accomplish important domestic tasks. Careful with anger and/or arguments with family members and loved ones. Be instead the harmonizer. That's true leadership.

SAGITTARIUS: You know a lot of information. And so you express yourself easily. Your ideas and opinions provide others with needed new knowledge. More and more you become direct in communication, leaving the trivial behind. Being capable in so many areas of life, you can also be impatient. Everyone doesn't have your fire (Sag is fire) or enthusiasm (more fire). Fire inspires and encourages. What do you inspire in others? What inspires you?

CAPRICORN: You work hard in all that you do. You focus often on method, tending carefully and with deliberation. Practical things are important to you. However, you always put a bit of a flourish at the end. You like challenges and attempt each day to build up your physical strength. This aids in self-worth. Working independently is best for you value freedom, climbing the ladder of what success means to you. You are strong and steady. You are the unicorn.

AQUARIUS: It's ok to know that you begin new endeavors and initiate new realities with enthusiasm and energy and then you must hand the follow-up to others for completion. You are fiercely and ardently independent, needing to be spontaneous with no obstructions or misgivings. It's most important to not judge others in terms of your own feelings of failure. No one fails. You do not fail. Life is your school. Tend to money wisely and carefully.

PISCES: When asked to come forward you may feel at times unable. You may experience your energy hiding somewhere behind multiple veils. Sometimes you feel defeated and despairing. Then this passes. Sometimes you're very tired and you forget to rest. It's important to be around people who recognize and encourage you. This helps the building of inner courage. Pisces people are very strong. Behind Neptune's scepter is Pluto's sword.

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MLK Day celebration Jan. 20

Sunday, Jan. 20, the Flora Roja Acupuncture and Community Center is sponsoring the inaugural sound art parade and recital in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Day.

Events begin at 1 pm in Basin Park where elements of Ranaga Fabiarz' sound sculpture "Give Peace a Chance" will be accompanied by local musicians in a parade to the auditorium where a recital will follow. Performers

include 13 Moons, Rebecca Jean Brock, Ivan Thompson, Issac Sivyer, Martin Johnson, Bossa Screwanova and more, with the artwork and photography of contributing artists John Rankine and Adrian Frost.

The parade and recital are free, open to the public and all are welcome. An afterparty following the event featuring local deejays, including D.J. Hammerheart, will be held at The Paradise Club across the street from the Auditorium.

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it would negatively impact their neighborhood. At the commission meeting I attempted to read those emails but was not allowed to do so because of hearsay rules.

Code calls for planning commissioners to discuss and consider several items after the Public Hearing. We don't just take a tally of the "votes" cast by those who speak at the hearing. Code states in 14.08.08, paragraph 3, that "lack of response by surrounding property owners shall not be interpreted as approval or disapproval."

From section 14.08.08: Paragraph 2-b: (the commission must consider) "the existing land use pattern in the neighborhood;" 2-d: "whether the proposed change will adversely influence property values or living conditions in the neighborhood;" 2-j: "whether the proposed use is in harmony with the character of the neighborhood." Paragraph 2 also states that the commission must grant or deny the CUP "within a reasonable time" after the public hearing.

I based my vote not on any private agenda, as was alleged at the council meeting, but on my perception of the sentiment in the neighborhood. I twice tried to table this matter for a scant two weeks until our next meeting so commissioners could all get a better perspective on what people think who will be most affected by this CUP – the neighbors. Other commissioners kept insisting we only need concern

ourselves with folks within 200 ft. of 10 Alamo. But code specifically uses the word "neighborhood" here, not "200 feet" and not "adjacent property."

When I emailed concerns to council members before Monday's meeting I received but one response, from alderman Mitchell, who quipped, "Check the code." Perhaps he should have tried that before Monday night's meeting. Two members on the Planning Commission apparently thought that we had no choice but to rule quickly. I wish they had checked code as well. We would have avoided making our newly elected council handle an issue on which they have no experience and were given misinformation. This is not supposed to be a rubber-stamp deal.

At the council meeting the statement was made several times that the CUP applicant had "met all the requirements." This was apparently taken by council members to mean that there was nothing left to consider. Code gives them no guidance as to how to make CUP appeals decisions. Next time perhaps they will consider using the same considerations mentioned in 14.08.08 that the Planning Commission is *supposed* to use.

Don't signatures of 28 people who will be most affected by this decision and who were all opposed to the CUP mean anything?

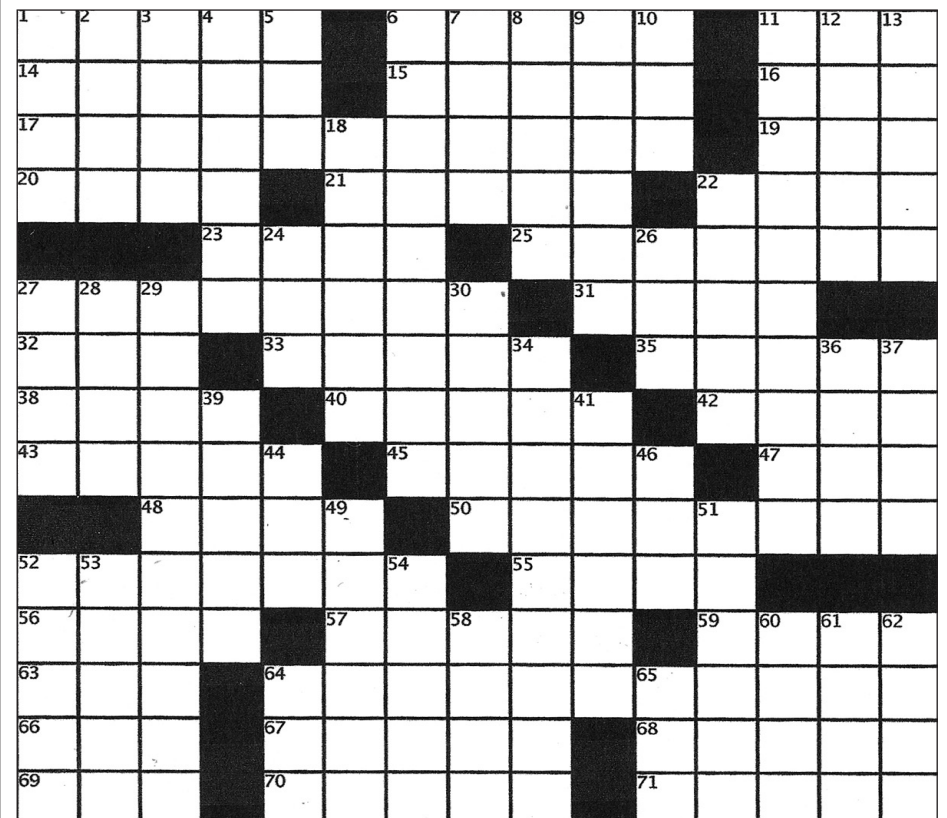
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INDEPENDENT Crossword

by Chuck Levering

Solution on page 23



ACROSS

1. Bowl; washtub
6. Tintype color
11. Tattered cloth
14. Put in your two cents
15. Amigo
16. Solid H₂O
17. Pegasus
19. 2000 lbs.
20. Somewhere to fish
21. Return to O
22. Young salmon
23. Con job
25. City in Sicily
27. Country on Iberian Peninsula
31. Galena ore
32. Common contraction
33. Machine hub
35. Russian decree or edict
38. Unagi in sushi
40. Country of West Africa
42. Crackle and pop's third wheel
43. Cessation of hostilities
45. Gives a ticket
47. Kick the bucket
48. 'Gator's cousin

50. Guide for tourists
52. Relating to the eye
55. South Pacific goose
56. Arabic holy man
57. Start
59. Mistake in printed matter
63. Heir
64. One born Nov. 22 – Dec. 21
66. And so forth, commonly
67. Form of defense
68. Pass gradually
69. Observe
70. Middle eastern delicacy
71. Make holy

DOWN

1. Olla
2. Capital of Samoa
3. Submerge
4. Take sustenance
5. Born as
6. Plan; blueprint
7. Goddess of love
8. Tiny skin openings
9. Set in position (var.)
10. Nautical agreement
11. Gradually slowing
12. An oak to be
13. Japanese advisers
18. Komodo is one
22. Alps
24. Mongrel
26. Money in Moldova
27. European magpie
28. Atop
29. Hesitation
30. Sound reasoning
34. Eye inflammation
36. Bless or protect from evil
37. Fencing need
39. Loosely woven linen fabric
41. Lately
44. A very long time
46. Part of a yen
49. System of mysticism
51. Backward; reverse
52. Soars
53. Ham it up
54. Above board
58. Taunt
60. Expression of surprise
61. Overtake
62. Units
64. In the dumps
65. Priest's vestment

Be a hero – send a cheesy Valentine

The Good Shepherd Humane Society is now taking orders for homemade cheesecakes for Valentine's Day. It's a delicious opportunity to give a thoughtful gift while helping GSHS raise money to open a new Berryville Doggie Thrift Shop to replace the one destroyed by fire.

Orders will be taken through Feb. 7 at (479) 253-9115 or online

at goodshepherd-hs.org. A large 9-inch cheesecake is \$24, or order six mini-cakes for \$10. Flavors include lemon, turtle, 2-die-4-chocolate and traditional New York with strawberry topping.

Pick up all cheesecakes at the Eureka Springs Doggie Shop, 124 W. Van Buren, on Feb. 13 and 14. Orders are prepaid only.

Get dancin,' get healthy

The one-hour new ZUMBA Gold class taught by Mike Warkentin starts Monday, Jan. 21 at 11 a.m. at the Berryville Community Center. Class will be held every Monday and Thursday. The ZUMBA Basic class, led by Dawn Anderson, gets down Wednesday and Friday evenings from 5:30 – 6:30. This class offers the next step up on the ZUMBA fitness chain.

All participants must have a BCC membership. The cost for all ZUMBA classes is \$6 per class or 10 classes for \$50.

Ladies Bible Study starts Jan. 22

The ladies of Holiday Island Community Church, 188 Stateline Drive, invite the area women to join them in a winter Bible study in the lower level of fellowship hall. The study, *Nehemiah, a Heart That Can Break* by Kelly Minter will be given twice a week starting Tuesday Jan. 22, repeated on Thursday Jan. 24.

The class given on Tuesday will always be repeated on the following Thursday, giving everyone an opportunity to take part in the entire study. Class time is 9 – 11 a.m. Workbook cost is \$13.50 and can be purchased at the church. Phone 253-6177 or 253-8925 with any questions.



First responders and EMS personnel survey the wreckage after a driver was struck and forced off the road by an alleged drunk driver on Hwy. 23 North near Holiday Island late Wednesday afternoon, Jan. 16. The driver was arrested and taken to Carroll County Detention Center.

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DAVID FRANK
DEMPSEY

A peculiar Pictionary provides after-school fun Jan. 19

Kids in grades 5 – 12 are invited to join in a Most Peculiar Game of Pictionary at the Carnegie Public Library on Friday, Jan. 19 from 3:30 – 5 p.m. Compete by drawing cards from our own, special deck of Peculiar Pictures. This promises to be weirder and wilder than any Pictionary game you've played before! After school snacks will be provided. Just show up and have fun.

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anyone arrested the day before. It is also his office that enters information into the Arkansas Crime Information Center criminal database, which is what police access then they run a check on someone. Grudek also said a Protection Order and a No Contact Order are both criminal offenses.

Ponce said her daughter had gone to Berryville Police and the Carroll County Sheriff's Office, and was told not to worry, that law enforcement would put him in jail. "But Victor thought the police here were just like

the ones in Mexico," Ponce said. "He thought all he had to do was provide money and the charges would go away." There is no evidence that Acuna-Sanchez ever gave money to law enforcement in Carroll County.

Aceves told her mother recently to stop calling the police because each time she did and they showed up, he would beat her more severely.

"I came to the United States because we were so poor in Mexico," Ponce said. "We ate beans every meal and when my father's friends stopped by my mother would share beans

meant for us. Then she would add salt to our tortillas so we wouldn't be so hungry. But we were happy. There was no violence in our home. But I wanted a better life. I came to the U.S. in 1997. I learned English and took the citizenship test to become a permanent citizen. I always work. I don't drink, smoke or do any drugs. I have three jobs. I wonder how this can happen? How can things go so horribly wrong?

"If there is a chance that one woman is saved or helped by my daughter's experience, then I must speak out. My daughter was afraid to get away from

Victor, afraid what he would do to her children when he found her. She went to Mexico for five months but came back because he was attacking me, breaking into my home, threatening me. This is something men do not understand when they say, 'Why don't you just get away from him?'"

Acuna-Sanchez, if convicted, faces the death penalty or life in prison.

"He killed all of us," Ponce said. "But I don't want him to die, too. There has been too much death. But I don't want him to ever be where he can hurt someone again."

Highlander Basketball



Eureka Springs Senior High Boys Basketball

Avery Drennon, #23; Payton Myers, #22; Ryan Garcia, #10; Lucas Vazquez, #41; Josh Premeau, #5; Tanner Allee, #3; Trevor Lemme, #12; Andrew Ritter, #4; Jake McClung, #2; Dalton Johnson, #13; Michael Deleon, #00
Not pictured: Nathan Address, #30

Pictured center: Coach Nolan Helder

DATE	TIME	OPPONENT	PLACE	TEAMS
1/18	4:00	<i>Magazine</i>	Away	1,2,3,4
1/21	6:00	<i>Hackett</i>	Away	1,2
1/22	4:00	<i>Hackett</i>	Home	1,2,3,4
1/25	4:00	<i>Mountainburg</i>	Away	1,2,3,4
1/29	4:00	<i>Union</i>	Home	1,2,3,4
		<i>Christian Academy</i>		
2/1	4:00	<i>Hartford</i>	Away	1,2,3,4
2/2-2/9	TBA	<i>Junior High District Tourn.</i>	Home	1,2
2/5	5:00	<i>Decatur</i>	Home	3,4
2/9-2/16	TBA	<i>Senior High District Tourn.</i>	Mountainburg	3,4

1=Junior High Girls; 2=Junior High Boys; 3=Senior High Girls; 4=Senior High Boys; *Italicized*=Conference Game

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by Gwen Etheredge

Swing and A Miss at Voulez-Vous

After a short hiatus the Voulez-Vous Lounge is opening up this weekend and they have booked local band **Swing and A Miss** for Saturday night. If you love the relaxed rhythms and old-time feel of swing jazz then this band will satisfy your Voulez-Vous. The Miss that their name refers to is none other than Maureen Alexander, a torch singer who admits to believing she was born a couple of eras too late. Next up on guitar is Arkansas Red the self-proclaimed “Old Man” of the band, a vast talent who could probably play any instrument put in front of him. John Harwood on bass has been passionate about music since he was a child – his band Kill Gilligan opened for acts such as CCR, Jefferson Starship and Three Dog Night. Tony Harlan on the drums completes this swing jazz quartet, he’s been drumming since the age of four when his folks gifted him with a snare drum from the Sears and Roebuck catalog. Swing and A Miss are four musicians coming together, each with their own experience and careers, to have fun playing a genre of music they enjoy and in turn create a unique experience for the listener.

FRIDAY – JANUARY 18

- **CHASERS BAR & GRILL** Sing and Dance with *Tiny*
- **CHELSEA’S** *The Biscuit Grabbers*, 9 p.m.



Jazz it up – Swing and A Miss will play Saturday, Jan. 19, 8:30 p.m. at Voulez-Vous.

- **EUREKA LIVE!** DJ & Dancing
- **EUREKA PARADISE** DJ & Dancing
- **EUREKA STONEHOUSE** *Jerry Yester*, 5–8 p.m.
- **GRAND TAVERNE** *Arkansas Red* Guitar, 6:30–9:30 p.m.
- **LUMBERYARD RESTAURANT & SALOON** *The Dirty Roots*
- **NEW DELHI CAFÉ** *Magic Mule*, evening
- **PIED PIPER CATHOUSE LOUNGE** *Teddy*, 8 p.m.
- **ROWDY BEAVER** *Skillet Lickers* Ladies Night
- **ROWDY BEAVER DEN** Jukebox Dance Party

- **SQUID & WHALE PUB** *Carter Sampson and Friends, Acoustic Folk Rock*
- **VOULEZ-VOUS** *April Fools*, 8:30 p.m.

SATURDAY – JANUARY 19

- **CHASERS BAR & GRILL** *Ozark Thunder*
- **CHELSEA’S** *Ice Cold Fatty*
- **EUREKA LIVE!** DJ & Dancing
- **EUREKA PARADISE** DJ & Dancing
- **GRAND TAVERNE** *Jerry Yester Grand Piano Dinner Music*, 6:30–9:30 p.m.
- **JACK’S CENTER STAGE** Karaoke with *DJ Goose*
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• **SQUID & WHALE PUB** *Method 2 Madness* *Rock, Alternative*

• **VOULEZ-VOUS** *Swing and A Miss*, 8:30 p.m.

SUNDAY – JANUARY 20

• **EUREKA LIVE!** Customer Appreciation Night, 5 p.m.–close

• **LUMBERYARD RESTAURANT & SALOON** Free Texas Hold ‘Em Tournament *with prizes*, 6 p.m.

• **NEW DELHI CAFÉ** Live Music, afternoon

• **ROWDY BEAVER** Football and free pool

• **SQUID & WHALE PUB** “Local Kine” Local Talent Showcase

MONDAY – JANUARY 21

• **CHASERS BAR & GRILL** Pool Tournament, 7 p.m.

• **CHELSEA’S** *SpringBilly*, 9 p.m.

• **NEW DELHI CAFÉ** Live Music, evening

• **SQUID & WHALE PUB** Disaster Piece Theater

TUESDAY – JANUARY 22

• **CHASERS BAR & GRILL** Game Night

• **CHELSEA’S** Open Mic

• **LUMBERYARD RESTAURANT & SALOON** Pool Tournament, 6:30 p.m.

• **ROWDY BEAVER** Hospitality Night

• **SQUID & WHALE PUB** Taco

Tuesday \$3 Margaritas til 6 p.m.

WEDNESDAY – JANUARY 23

• **CHELSEA’S** *Skinny Gypsies*, 9 p.m.

• **LUMBERYARD RESTAURANT & SALOON** Ladies Night–Happy Hour all night

• **NEW DELHI CAFÉ** Open Jam

• **PIED PIPER CATHOUSE LOUNGE** Wheat Wednesday *Draft Beer Specials*

• **ROWDY BEAVER** Wine Wednesday

• **SQUID & WHALE PUB** The Pickled Porpoise Review – Open Jam

THURSDAY – JANUARY 24

• **CHASERS BAR & GRILL** Taco & Tequila Night

• **CHELSEA’S** *Jazz Night*, 9 p.m.

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

• **LUMBERYARD RESTAURANT & SALOON** Taco and Margarita Night, Beer Pong

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Class size limited to 16 active participants. Check out modthink.com for more information. Cost is \$40 for the public, \$20 for Eureka Springs Chamber of Commerce members.

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wide corridors anywhere abortions are performed, and/or granting “personhood” to all fertilized eggs. Republicans want government so small it can fit inside a woman’s uterus.

Can they find more ways to ensure gay people can’t marry, foster children, or be protected on the job? Are a law and a Constitutional amendment really enough?

And, how can they get God (and by that they mean Jesus) back into the classroom? One bill has already been filed to allow “academic study” of the Bible in public schools.

And, what can be done about all those pesky Mexicans, the ones who, if granted citizenship, will likely vote Democratic? Perhaps they’ll follow the lead of Arizona with a “Papers, please” law.

And, how can they get more, bigger, deadlier weapons in the hands of everyone? Happiness is a warm gun and we’ll all be much safer if we own an arsenal.

At least they can’t go after union and workers’ rights, since Arkansas was among the first right-to-be-fired-for-no-reason states. Though there are always pensions to gut, and ALEC hates minimum wage laws.

Better pray Gov. Beebe has plenty of ink for his veto pen. Maybe he should invest in a rubber stamp.

Bill King

ALEC EXPOSED

“ALEC” has long been a secretive collaboration between Big Business and “conservative” politicians. Behind closed doors they ghostwrite “model” bills to be introduced in state capitols. This agenda – underwritten by global corporations – includes major tax loopholes for big industries and the super rich, proposals to offshore U.S. jobs and gut minimum wage, and efforts to weaken public health, safety and environmental protections. Although many of these bills have actually become law, until now their origin has been largely unknown. With ALEC EXPOSED, the Center for Media and Democracy hopes more Americans will study the bills to understand the depth and breadth of how big corporations are changing the legal rules and undermining democracy across the nation.

Courtesy of alecexposed.org



Matthew Lester shoots in the 8-9 year-old division of the Hoop Shoot at Eureka Springs Middle School, Saturday, Jan. 12. The competition was sponsored by the Holiday Island Elks Lodge 1042. Winners of the Hoop Shoot will compete Feb. 2 at the statewide level in Hot Springs. Hoop shoot scoop – At right, Paul Kiessling, Chairman, and Wally Kratzer, Exalted Ruler, congratulate all the winners in the Holiday Island Elks Annual Hoop Shoot.

PHOTO BY DAVID FRANK DEMPSEY

Winners in the 8 – 9

boys' class are, from left, Brady Mueller, Cassville, Mo., in 1st place and Nate Allen, Berryville, runner-up; in girls' class are Samantha Delavin, Green Forest, in 1st place and Leslie Turner, Cassville, runner-up.



Winners in the 10

–11 class are, from left, runner-up Nathan Garnett, Cassville, Mo.; Levi Crider, Eureka Springs, 1st place; Maryn Jones, Berryville, 1st place; and Ashley Glover, Green Forest, runner up.



Winners in the 12 – 13

class are, from left, Aspen Smith, Berryville, runner-up; Makayla Watkins, Huntsville, 1st place; Ty Allen, Berryville, runner-up; and Ryan Logan, Green Forest, 1st place.



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dazzle parades and parties doesn't come cheap.

"That said, krewe like financial stability and may be receptive to wholesale inquiries that could lead to a group of friends or business/professional associates coming aboard as members and filling up an entire float. Typically the person who reaches out to the krewe on behalf of the group would become the float lieutenant — the liaison between the krewe and the members who ride on a given float. Float lieutenants are responsible for rounding up riders and keeping them informed; helping with

the logistics of costumes and throws; and for making sure everyone knows the rules.

"Locally, the Krewe of Krazo has held forth since its initial organization in 2005. Its growth has been phenomenal and only restrained by the lack of a large venue to provide ample seating as well as accommodating the traditional court space for the promenade and grand procession of the Royal Court and King and Queen royalty.

"For the past several years, the Coronation Ball has been a sell-out even before the new year begins. Fortunately, other masquerade balls have been made available

to entertain the crowds of merry makers," Ellis said.

"As it pertains to Eureka Springs, the Krewe of Krazo is the main krewe having membership dues in exchange for a table available to its membership at each of the two masquerade balls. Co-existent is the Krewe of 'Lizbeth that produces its own masquerade ball through St. Elizabeth parishioners. Additionally, there is the Krewe of Barkus, a parading krewe with no structured membership. All operate under the umbrella of Eureka Gras Mardi Gras Extravaganza which is the organization in charge of all events."

Persons wishing to have their

float compete for a trophy; 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place, need only fill out the form at www.Parade.Ureeka.Org and mail in by prescribed date and they will receive a unit number. Any other vehicles or persons can join in at the end of the parade.

If you're interested in helping the Eureka Gras Mardi Gras Extravaganza grow or are interested in starting another krewe, email Dan Ellis at dan@ureeka.org and get more information at www.krazo.ureeka.org.

For a complete list of 2013 Eureka Gras Extravaganza events, pick up the current copy of the *Independent Fun Guide*.

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The Carnegie Public Library is offering the free class, "Introduction to Computers," Tuesday, Jan. 29, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

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It's never too cold for *this* picnic

The annual Company Picnic hosted by the Eureka Springs Downtown Network in partnership with the Eureka Springs Chamber of Commerce is set to share ESDN's 2013 News and kick off the 2013 Eureka Springs Season on Thursday, Jan. 31, in the Basin Park Hotel Ballroom.

There will be a Silent Auction featuring business services, advertising and other great items. In addition, a Live Auction will feature vacation packages to Napa Valley, Calif., and Jekyll Island – including airfare – from Southwest Airlines.

A new feature this year is a one-minute

spotlight per each of 2013's events. So come, meet your neighbors, get involved and start 2013 off on the right foot.

Like all good picnics this one is a potluck, so please bring a dish to share according to the name of your business. Business names starting with: A - F: salad or bread, G - K: side dish, L - S: Main Dish and T - Z: Dessert. The 1905 Basin Park Hotel will provide beverages.

Every business owner, manager and key employee in Eureka Springs is invited to attend, so bring your company dish and sense of fun to the Basin Park Hotel at 5:30 p.m. on Jan 31.

PASSAGES

Eugene Kresse, Jan. 15, 1922 – Jan. 10, 2013

The long rich life of Eugene Kresse came to an end Jan. 10. His wife, Dorris, was at his side as she has been for more than 66 years. He left surrounded in the love of 11 children, 23 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Eugene Martin Kresse was born on Jan. 15, 1922 in North Little Rock, one of identical twins. He and his twin brother, Joseph, walked across the railroad bridge to Little Rock to attend Catholic High School. It was there at Homecoming he was football captain to Dorris Gerke's Homecoming Queen. After serving in the Navy and Coast Guard during World War II, Gene came home to



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marry his homecoming queen.

The first job was at Wrape Stave Company. During that time, Gene attended night school to become an accountant. Several years and several children later, he went to work in accounting at Visking Corp., which Chicopee Manufacturing later acquired. During every vacation, he taught his sons the art of the handyman, repairing plumbing and electrical in the home, and removing and adding walls to accommodate his growing family.

Gene made sure every one of his children went to Catholic High School and St. Mary's Academy. Gene especially loved literature and

the humanities, and books spilled out of every corner of the house. His children grew up hearing his beloved opera and classical music.

Gene's emphasis on education always went with a love of the Catholic religion. His faith was in every aspect of his life, maintained with a sense of personal connection and quiet intensity. Gene and Dorris were active members of St. Patrick's Church in North Little Rock.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Karen (Bob) Stroud; parents, Herman and Emma Kresse; three brothers, Herman, Lawrence and Joseph; and four sisters, Theresa Brucker, Monica Climer, Emma Mayes and Leona Ritchie.

Gene is survived by his wife, Dorris, and ten children: Tom

(Sandy) Kresse, Kathy Kresse, Christy (Jim) Leach, Tim Kresse, Greg (Julie) Kresse, Cynthia Kresse, Sharon (Bevan Alvey) Kresse, Lisa (Paul) Patterson, Kevin (Bridget) Kresse, John Kresse; and his brother, Andrew. He is also survived by grandchildren and great-grandchildren, who say of their Poppa "the single greatest gift to enjoy over the years, has been watching you interact with Grandma and your children. It is the epitome of love and a blueprint on how to do things right."

Funeral services were held at St. Patrick's Church on Jan. 14.

Memorials may be made to St. Patrick's Church in lieu of flowers. The family appreciates all who assisted in his care in heart, prayers and presence.

Marcella McCarthy, Sept. 14, 1915 – Jan. 11, 2013

Marcella McCarthy, a resident of Holiday Island, Arkansas, was born Sept. 14, 1915 in Milwaukee, Wis., a daughter of Henry and Anastasia (Siudinski) Kryzinski. She departed this life Friday, Jan. 11, 2013 in Eureka Springs at 97.

Marcella was a homemaker. She was of the Catholic faith and a member of the St. Elizabeth of Hungary Catholic Church; she was also a member of the Holiday Island Association of Arts, Eureka

Springs Opera Guild and the AARP.

She is survived by daughter, Mary and husband John, five grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren; daughter, Jane and husband Gregory, three children and four great-grandchildren; several other relatives and a host of friends.

Marcella was preceded in death by her husband, Paul Patrick McCarthy; parents; one son,

John McCarthy; and one sister, Alice Thiry.

A memorial service will be held at a later date at the St. Elizabeth of Hungary Parish Center. Cremation arrangements are under the direction of Nelson Funeral Service. Memorial donations may be made to the St. Elizabeth Parish, 232 Passion Play Road, Eureka Springs, Arkansas 72632. Online condolences may be sent to the family at nelsonfuneral.com.

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Welcome to our world – Sonora Elyse Blackwell was born Sunday Jan. 6 at home. She was welcomed by big sister, Sierra, parents, Sarah and Mike and grandparents, Howard and Sarai Aleshire and Karen Willyard. She brought a message for us all. Peace, brothers and sisters.

Eureka Springs Public Schools Lunch Menu

Monday, Jan. 21 – Toasted ham and cheese sandwich; sweet potato fries; fruit; veggie snacks with Ranch; milk
Tuesday, Jan. 22 – Chicken strips; mac and cheese; tossed salad with Ranch; fruit; wheat roll; milk
Wednesday, Jan. 23 – Italian meatball sub on wheat bun; steamed Italian veggies; cherry tomatoes with Ranch; fruit; milk
Thursday, Jan. 24 – Crispy fish strips; oven tots; veggies and Ranch; fruit; milk
Friday, Jan. 25 – Chicken pot pie with biscuit; tossed salad with Ranch; fruit; dessert; milk

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matter. “There hasn’t been a problem and there won’t be a problem,” she commented.

Mitchell reiterated Code allows what the Greenes are asking for, and moved to grant the CUP. Vote on his motion was 5-0.

Other business

- Council voted unanimously to have city attorney Tim Weaver draft the ordinance to change language in Code from “city-sponsored” to “city-permitted.” Mayor Morris Pate will ask Beverly Blankenship, Chair of Planning, to explain the background of the ordinance at the next meeting.

- When the ordinance setting the number of subordinate police officers came up on the agenda, Zeller said, “This is another thing that seemed to

take up too much council time. What I want to do is get rid of this.”

Mitchell observed when council approves the budget it controls the number of officers. He said the ordinance “was a waste of time.”

Schneider commented no one at the table except the mayor has the expertise to know how many police officers are needed.

Alderman Dee Purkeypile noted Police Chief Earl Hyatt had provided documentation for what he needs, and Purkeypile wondered what was the driving force behind the ordinance. He moved to dismiss it and vote on his motion was unanimous.

- Council voted to keep the second and fourth Mondays as meeting days and 6 p.m. as the starting time. They also agreed to use *Robert’s Rules of Order*

(revised) to guide them in meetings.

- Mayor Morris Pate and council agreed alderman James DeVito, absent from this meeting, would be a good choice for mayor *pro tem* because of his experience in city government.

- Vote was unanimous to appoint DeVito and alderman Terry McClung as council representatives on the City Advertising and Promotion Commission.

- Finance director Lonnie Clark presented the 2012 budget adjustment resolution and pointed out the General Fund had an excess of revenue over expenditures of \$362,583. “I’m very proud of that,” he said. The resolution was approved unanimously.

- Clark also presented the 2013 budget and explained where he saw some tight fits that might need

alterations later. Mitchell said any budget is a working document, a forecast, and he asked Clark to come back to them with explanatory documentation when he needs an adjustment.

Clark invited council either to come by his office so he can explain how city finances work or to set up a workshop and he will answer questions all at once. Mitchell said Clark had already been helpful getting him oriented.

McClung moved to approve the budget as presented. Weaver pointed out the protocol is for council pass a resolution approving the budget. Clark said he would prepare the resolution for the next meeting.

Next meeting will be Monday, Jan. 28, at 6 p.m.

FARMING SCHOOL continued from page 3

Natural Foods in Fayetteville, but the focus is on keeping produce close to where it is grown. Gros is a committed regular at the Eureka Springs farmers’ market. He wondered if locals know they have one of the best farmers’

markets anywhere in the country. Even during the winter, locals can get fresh produce.

Anyone interested can also subscribe to get a bag of fresh seasonal produce from the farm. Gros said he fills a bag with \$15 worth of food,


which is a week’s worth of vegetables for two people. He asks those interested to commit to May through November, which is 25 weeks. Pickup each Tuesday is at Fain’s Herbacy on North Main.

Soon Gros will be teaching a

series of eight classes for gardeners [see sidebar], from “Selecting Seeds and Growing Transplants” to “Caging and Trellising.” He said usually 12-20 participants show for each class, which are in the afternoon so there will be daylight left afterward for gardening.

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