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This Week's INDEPENDENT Thinkers



Favio Chavez, an ecologist/musician, has been teaching the children of Cateura, Paraguay, music because they had little else to do. Cateura is built on a landfill. Residents are poor but they use the hidden treasures beneath their feet to fashion musical instruments.

Picture a 50-gallon drum turned into a cello, two jelly cans transformed into a guitar, or a violin from an old salad bowl, and all of them playing Mozart, Mancini or McCartney.

Fifty students make up the Recycled Orchestra. They have performed in Brazil, Panama and Colombia. Chavez taught them to make beautiful music using discarded waste and they are all incredibly independent tinkerers.



On the scene with professional care – Eureka Springs police and emergency responders tend a man and woman on their way out of Eureka Springs riding a motorcycle when they struck an older-model Buick on US62 Wednesday afternoon. The two were transported to an area hospital. No injuries were reported from passengers in the car. The curve, on the way to Lake Leatherwood, is notorious for motorcycle accidents.

PHOTO BY DAVID FRANK DEMPSEY

Acuna-Sanchez arraigned, pleads Not Guilty

MARY PAT BOIAN

Victor Acuna-Sanchez, who turned 19 on Feb. 6, pleaded not guilty to capital murder in the death of his girlfriend, Laura Aceves, 21, at his arraignment Monday. Acuna-Sanchez is represented by Bill James of the James Law Firm in Little Rock, assisted by public defender Beaux Allen.

Acuna-Sanchez had been released Dec. 10, 2012, from Carroll County Detention Center despite numerous violations of No Contact Orders.

Laura Ponce, mother of Laura Acevez, said the emotional and physical abuse her daughter endured at the hands of Acuna-Sanchez went on for two years. She said her daughter, who was the mother

of Acuna-Sanchez's five month-old son, was unable to get away from Acuna-Sanchez although at the time of her death she had been offered a safe place in Texas but didn't have the money to get there.

Acuna-Sanchez is accused of going to Acevez's Ridge Park apartment on US 62 West around noon on Dec. 31 and shooting her with a .22 caliber pistol. Acevez died shortly after being transported to Mercy Hospital in Rogers.

James said the Carroll County Prosecutor's office has not waived the death penalty. He said he has defended "twenty-five or thirty death penalty cases although not all of them went to trial. I've had eight or ten that did go to trial, but the majority pleads," indicating that the

accused opt for life in prison rather a trial.

Death in Arkansas is by lethal injection, although no one has been put to death in the state since 2005. James said Arkansas lethal injection is unconstitutional, but a bill is currently pending in the state assembly to "fix issues."

Carroll County Prosecuting Attorney Tony Rogers said his team has not decided whether to seek the death penalty for Acuna-Sanchez. Rogers has tried three murder cases in Carroll County, both as public defender and prosecutor.

The case has received national attention, receiving 1,886 comments since a posting on the *Huffington Post*, an internet news outlet, on Wednesday.

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Body found near Rockhouse campground

NICKY BOYETTE

A man's body was found at a campsite near the Kings River Saturday morning. Arkansas Game & Fish officer Leslie Gustavus went to the site at the request of officer Brad Handley of Eureka Springs Police Department who had been following up on a missing person report.

The body is believed to be William Stirmes of Eureka Springs. Stirmes' girlfriend of seven months, Jennifer Simmons, came to the station to report Stirmes had been missing since the previous night, Feb. 1.

Simmons told Handley she had seen Stirmes Friday afternoon at the New Delhi Café, his workplace, at about 4 p.m. She said she told him she was going to the Rowdy Beaver for a drink and Stirmes did not accompany her, but

he agreed to meet her there at 9 p.m. He never arrived.

Simmons went home at that time and saw Stirmes' white Suburban was gone. She said he kept camping gear packed in the vehicle.

When he still had not returned home the following morning, Simmons looked around and discovered Stirmes' wallet and cellphone at home. She began calling friends and family in Oklahoma

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Second arrest made in pharmacy break-in

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A second suspect was arrested on Tuesday, Feb. 5, in connection with a robbery at Bill's Pharmacy June 15, 2012, at its former location in the Hart's Family Center.

Philip Henry Thornton, Jr., of Eureka Springs was arrested without incident at his residence on County Road 207 on a warrant for Commercial Burglary and Theft of Property. He was booked at the Eureka Springs Police Department and transported to the Carroll County Detention Center.

Thornton, according to his recorded conversation with a confidential informant, was acting as the lookout while the robbery was taking place. "This makes him just as guilty as the person who committed the robbery," Police Chief Earl Hyatt said.

After waiting for four months for DNA evidence to be processed from the June 15 robbery, Eureka Springs Police identified and subsequently arrested Daniel Cody Middleton, 25, of Holiday Island as one suspect seen robbing the store in surveillance video. Det. Thomas Achord's narrative in the Affidavit of Warrant for that incident also indicated the appearance of another suspect on the video. An investigation is ongoing to determine the identity of this individual.

Stolen were 45 five-pack boxes of fentanyl, a strong narcotic, and all the pre-bagged prescriptions that had not been picked up by customers that day. Damage was also done to the pharmacy's computer system, alarm system and video system. The pharmacy's insurance company valued the drug loss alone at nearly \$5,000, a fraction of its street value.

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Local man instigates car and foot chase

A 30 year-old male driver led Eureka Springs Police on a chase early Saturday morning, damaging two vehicles and a tree. The man was captured following a foot chase once he left the car.

Nicholas Aubrey Aleshire of Eureka Springs was arrested and charged with DWI, felony fleeing, reckless driving and refusal to submit

to arrest. According to a report by ESPD officer Billy Floyd, he was patrolling downtown at 1:30 a.m. when he saw a swerving vehicle traveling north on Center Street. Floyd said there were pedestrians in the area. He drove north on Spring St. and met the vehicle at German Alley where he yelled at the driver, whose window was down, to stop.

The car and driver continued to Spring St. and turned the wrong way up one-way Pine St. to White St. while being followed by Floyd with his lights and siren on. The pursued car turned down Elk St. to Spring St., up Crescent Drive to Prospect, and down Ellis Grade to Spring St. again.

Officer Paul Sebby had been alerted by Floyd about the chase. According to his report, Sebby parked his patrol car, with emergency lights activated, near Grotto Spring. The fleeing vehicle sideswiped Sebby's car and continued on.

Aleshire lost control around 211 Spring and hit a tree, stopping the car chase. He exited the car and bolted down Spring St. to Hillside and continued running until Floyd caught him from behind, took him to the ground, handcuffed and arrested him.

Help is on the way - if they can find you

Fire? Medical emergency? If your house doesn't have a clearly visible number where your driveway meets the road, it can get difficult for responders and waste precious time. Responding to a 911 call takes an ambulance eight to 15 minutes to get from Eureka Springs to a residence in the Inspiration Point Rural Fire Protection District (IPRFPD) depending on whether the call is from the eastern or western end of the district.

In the time it takes an ambulance to arrive, first responders must locate the address, start a medical assessment and prepare to guide an ambulance to the residence. It takes from two to six minutes for the responder to get to a residence from his/her home. This can happen smoothly if addresses are marked clearly on a signpost on the road, not just on the mail box or directly on the house or business. If the first responder can't find your house number, everything slows down. If the call happens at night, it is doubly hard.

In order to better serve the residents of the IPRFPD, firefighters have embarked on a program to survey all current address signs in the district to ensure all are clearly visible from the road. If a house number is not visible, they will check in with the homeowner to request permission to install a sign where the

driveway meets the county road. It will be installed on the mailbox post if possible, or on another suitable post.

They will ask for a tax deductible donation of \$20, or whatever amount the home or business owner feels is appropriate, to help defray cost of materials. The sign is reflective green with white numbers about 4 inches high, quite visible at night. The sign can be hung horizontally or vertically.

If you'd rather not wait for them to call on you, contact the department at info@ip-fire.org, request a sign and it will be and installed for you.

Herbal classes at Flora Roja

Ozark wilderness herbalist, D'Coda will hold weeknight and weekend classes at Flora Roja Community Acupuncture on Wall St. Cost is \$25 per weeknight class and \$150 for Friday - Sunday intensive. To see class schedule, go to www.Floraroja.com.

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Winter clean-up on HDC agenda

NICKY BOYETTE

The Historic District commission faced only three new applications at its Feb. 6 meeting, but the number of Administrative Approvals indicate construction, or at least attention to winter fixup chores, is picking up already.

These applications were approved:

- 75 Hillside – new deck spindles
- 58 Hillside – previously approved new construction details: roof, windows, doors, decks, walls
- 66 Center Street – non-property line fence

Five items on the Consent Agenda were approved.

- 141 W. Van Buren – new sign
- 6 Douglas – new sign
- 66 Center – new paint colors for rear building
- 58-60 Spring – new trims colors
- 34 N. Main – new sign

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:

- 22G South Main – Repaint trim same colors
- 273 N. Main – repaint same colors
- 28 Emporia – maintenance
- 279 Spring – maintenance
- 9 White St. – maintenance
- 11 Pine – maintenance
- 25 Kansas – maintenance
- 24 Kansas – maintenance
- 2 Kingshighway – maintenance

Administrative Approvals are applications for repair or for work involving no changes in materials or color, or for changes in roofing color.

Next meeting is Feb. 20, at 6 p.m.

Veggie Club is growing – sign up now

Wondering how to incorporate more fresh produce into your diet? Each week during the growing you can receive a box of seasonal vegetables and fruits with recipes and tips for using that produce. Recipes focus on using fresh vegetables to create fast, simple, healthy meals. You'll also be able to participate in farm tours and specially prepared dinners.

Most of the produce is grown on a Certified Organic farm on Keels Creek. They will also provide other local fruits and vegetables, always sourcing the healthiest and best quality locally. Members will make a commitment to participate for the season from May through October. A full share of produce for the year is \$500, and a limited share is \$300. For more information, contact Andrew Schwerin at Sycamore Bend Farm via email andrewschwerin@gmail.com or phone (479) 981-3128.

Pancakes for a cause

A pancake breakfast fundraiser to benefit the Wildflower Safe Haven Abused Shelter will be held at the St. Elizabeth Parish Center, 232 Passion Play Road, Feb. 9, 7 – 10:30 a.m. Cost is by donation at the door.

The Carroll County Republicans are sponsoring the fundraiser to support Wildflowers Ministry as they work to

open the only shelter for abused women and children in Carroll County. All proceeds will go to fund the opening of the safe haven for women and children in danger.

Checks may be made out to the Wildflower Safe Haven Shelter Fund. Join your friends and neighbors in support of this desperately needed service.

Love songs

February is the month of love. Come sing the love of Jesus in worship, praise songs and a traditional hymn on Feb. 10 at the Community Praise and Worship Service, 6 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall at the Holiday Island

Community Church, 188 Stateline Drive.

This service is open to all and will be followed by refreshments and fellowship. For more information, call (479) 981-1881.

A little help from our friends:

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• **Free Clothes Closet** in Penn Memorial First Baptist Church on Spring Street is open from 1 – 4 p.m. on Wednesdays. Call (479) 253-9770 to arrange to bring donations of clean new or used clothing, personal care items, linens, small appliances or dishes in good condition. These will be available to the community free of charge.

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

• **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.

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• **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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Copper thieves causing headaches in rural areas

NICKY BOYETTE

Bert Camp lives near Holiday Island. He went to Clifty one day recently, and while he was gone someone took part of an antique car motor from a vehicle on his property. The theft occurred during the day with neighbors at home.

Metal thefts such as this have become commonplace around the country, and insurance industry statistics indicate claims for thefts of aluminum, copper, bronze and brass. Ninety-six percent involve copper.

Carroll County Sheriff Bob Grudek told the *Independent*, “I just attended a meeting with other sheriffs, and we heard again copper thefts continue to be a problem nationwide because of the rising price of copper.”

The Department of Energy estimates thefts of copper wire cost our nation almost \$1 billion each year, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation claims “Copper thieves are threatening U.S. critical infrastructure and present a risk to both public safety and national security.”

Brian Wall, vice president of Creative Security of San Jose, Calif., observed, “If I was a crook, would I want to burglarize a home, rob a bank or steal copper? If you look at penalties versus the success rates, go for the copper. The punishment is minimal. The success rate is high.”

Incidents of copper theft have been reported all over Arkansas. A Habitat for Humanity home in Conway suffered thousands of dollars of damage. A church in Lonoke, an electrical supply business in Benton, and the high school in Oak Grove all got hit. The sheriff of Saline County south of Little Rock warned residents that copper thefts increase during the winter because thieves steal from air conditioners because the damage might not be noticed for awhile.

Locally, the abandoned Victoria Inn was stripped of copper wiring, causing damage to the point that repair costs have made the facility unsalable.

The Arkansas legislature attempted to address the situation in 2011 by enacting a law that requires scrap metal dealers to go the extra mile in verifying the source of scrap metal purchased. It is a crime to “receive, retain, or dispose of scrap owned by another person if you know the scrap metal was stolen.” A dealer in Bauxite was cited for 34 infractions by the Benton police for not keeping full and accurate records of his scrap metal transactions.

Grudek said a scrap yard is supposed to either videotape or photograph a transaction so there is a visual record of the seller, but if the materials are not traceable, there is less of a

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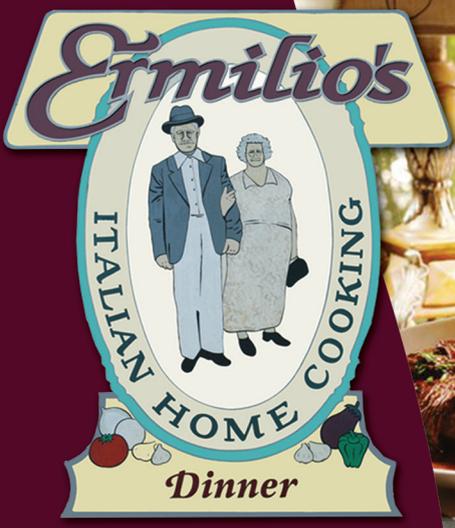
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Kind hearts to the rescue

NICKY BOYETTE

Linda Renoe is a certified Animal Cruelty Investigator. Awhile back she got an anonymous call that someone had dumped puppies on a county road near Green Forest. She responded to the location and found that someone had left six puppies to die in a box in a roadside ditch. One of them did die, but Linda rescued the others and nursed them back to health. She found good homes for three of them and the other two live with her and four other rescued dogs.

Renoe said cases like this one are common. Not everyone spays or neuters their pets, and then one of them will have a litter the owner does not want and cannot afford. She said lots of dogs are discarded along remote country roads.

Animal rescue is her calling. She became certified in 1999 to assess cases of animal cruelty for the court system. She determines the condition of an animal on a zero-to-nine scale and will appear in court as a witness. She said she might get as many as four calls in a week from the Humane Society, Animal Control, the sheriff's department, or from a network of rescue volunteers.

Renoe said she will go to the scene and talk to the folks. If she

determines there has been neglect or abuse, she gives the owner of the animals two choices: either relinquish the animal(s) to her so she can find someone to take care of the animal(s), or go to court.

It was at the rescue of a Pit Bull named Radar in 2005 that Linda met Lila Gullick, another animal advocate. Linda saw Lila was also committed to the cause, and soon enough Lila had a website up and running called radarsrescueranch.com. On the site, they announce, "Our motto: Rescue, Rehab, Rehome! No animal left behind."

Gullick said she moved here from out of state, and she was overwhelmed by the reckless and cruel mentality she saw some owners had toward their pets. "Sometimes it is very bad to be an animal in this area," she said, because some owners beat, kick and otherwise abuse their animals. "They treat them like trash, like they have no feelings."

Gullick accompanies Renoe on rescues when she can. Gullick said, "I have seen Linda do things no other person would do – crawl under buildings, even risk her life for the animals."

Renoe said she takes photos of each situation in case they are needed as evidence. She said when given a

choice of relinquishing the animal or going to court, most people want to avoid court. However, some resist. "Next week we're going to court on a horse case," she said.

Gullick commented the county does not have enough money to

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Turpentine Creek scores \$40,000 matching funds grant

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Matching funds are released to the recipient in the amounts given them from other sources, which means local and other donations to TCWR will be doubled in value. The Fine Art of Romance and Voulez-Vous Lounge were among the first local businesses to take advantage of IFAW's matching fund program with a joint donation of \$5,000. Elise Roenigk, owner of the Crescent Hotel, will also make another donation to move the refuge closer to its goal.

The new funding will be dedicated to building 20 new habitats and transportation costs to complete the rescue. Members of IFAW are

expected to visit TCWR soon to view the new enclosures and participate in future relocation operations.

"This additional funding from IFAW is excellent news," commented TCWR president Tanya Smith. "We still need \$80,000 in donations for new enclosures for the remaining animals and encourage everyone to make a contribution to bring this monumental effort to save these endangered animals to a successful conclusion.

"If people who care about these beautiful animals can only give \$5 or \$10, it will still double in value due to the matching grant; and every little bit helps. We are so thankful to the Eureka Springs community for this heartfelt support," Smith added."

Kelly Donithan, IFAW Wildlife Rescue Program Officer, noted, "This is not the first time we've seen a situation like this, where a

big cat sanctuary becomes a rescue mission due to the financial or medical complications of the owner. Providing properly for big cats is a huge commitment that time and again proves to be too much for caretakers. IFAW is pleased the owner of Riverglen has recognized this need and is voluntarily surrendering the animals to a licensed facility like Turpentine Creek Wildlife Refuge."

In addition to cash donations, TCWR also needs volunteers and in-kind contributions to finalize new habitat construction. For full details and donation information, visit www.turpentinecreek.org.

TCWR and the Crawford County Sheriff's Office started the nation's largest big cat rescue operation Nov. 1. As of Feb. 4, only 11 big cats were awaiting relocation.

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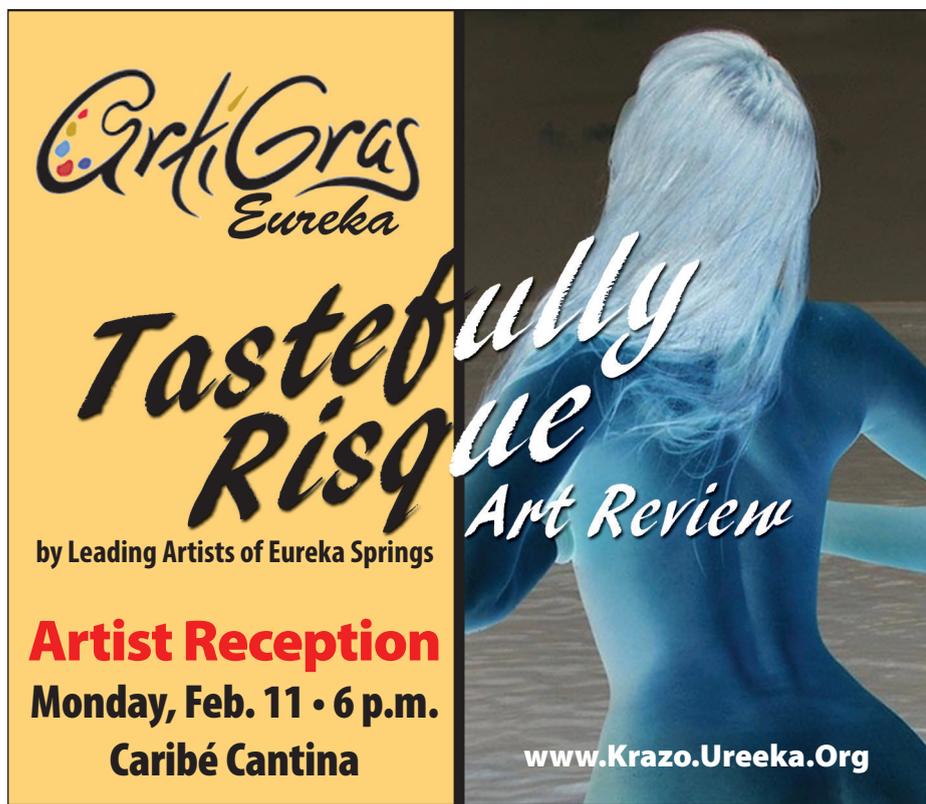
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Minding our business(es) – Entrepreneurs fill the sixth floor ballroom of the Basin Park Hotel for the Annual Company Picnic for the Eureka Springs business community Jan. 31. The event was sponsored by Eureka Springs Downtown Network and featured a potluck, a lively auction, an awesome raffle and lots of prizes as businesses got to know more about each other.

PHOTO BY DAVID FRANK DEMPSEY

Farmers' Market Corner

Art Bread: now loafing about at the market

"Real bread is art from the oven to feed mind, body, and soul," quotes "Ivan of the Ozarks" Thompson, who started making bread early this 21st Century but chooses to use the most ancient methods and traditional organic grain ingredients, making bread with only flour, water, and Ivan's sourdough bread starter (now in its 10th year). Bread lovers will find traditional Italian Semolina Long Breads, Ivan's own Spelt and Rye Baguettes, breakfast breads including 7-grain Bagels and Bialys with traditional onion and poppy seed, organic Sourdough Sandwich Loaf and specialties including Olive Rolls and German Sunshine Rye.

Loaves are made in the traditional long-rise method in a 24 – 36 hour bread cycle. The Art Breads are cast in traditional Brotforms "willow rattan baskets" resulting in what many call "Artisan" or Old World style loaves; or what Ivan calls "Art Bread." War Eagle mill is Ivan's source for organic flour. His breads are online at Bread.LovEureka.com (and are named after musical instruments!). Visit Ivan at the Eureka Springs Winter Farmers' Market 9 – Noon on Thursday; rain, shine, or snow. Reserve your Ivan's Art Bread order for pick up or deliver by emailing ivan@loveureka.com. Most bread is \$5 a package or loaf.

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Since we're neighbors, let's be friends

Editor,

While reading your newspaper of January 17, I came across Mr. Krotz's opinion piece, The Pursuit of Happiness. I was very disturbed by his comment, "I'm going to buy Harrison, Arkansas, when I win the lottery... and then I'm going to burn it down." I live in Harrison and I find this very offensive and can't figure out why such a statement would be made.

Did someone from Harrison kick Mr. Krotz's dog and he has a major axe to grind with an entire town? I am anxious to know just what Harrison has done to Mr. Krotz and what grievous wrong has been committed on him, and if it can be corrected.

Both myself and my wife at different times worked in Eureka and still have friends in your city. We still spend weekends and eat there when

we can, but if an entire town feels people from Harrison are this wicked as to burn them out, I shall stay home so as not to be burned at your sacrificial stake.

I was a firefighter for the City of Harrison for 28 years, which makes Mr. Krotz's comments extremely offensive for me, for I personally know the devastation and destruction caused by fires.

Harry Cikaneck

Imagine all the people living for today

Editor,

Our fear of change probably had a beginning. Perhaps it began as early as our emergence from the womb into this ever-changing world. We're warm and comfortable, then suddenly we're thrust into an atmosphere so different that we're shocked into a scream of disagreement. But there's no going back, is there?

We allow change to flow around us as a natural way of being, but

we're realizing the uselessness of trying to dictate events in our life. The realization I've come to is there is an inner knowing which can be accessed through letting go of our material dictation. It's impossible to know what is best, not only for ourselves but for everything and everyone. We've become so accustomed to trying to manipulate life that we've forgotten how seldom it works!

In my quest to allow this natural flow to occur, I've found many books and ways of thought to be of assistance. One of my favorites is *The Four Agreements*, by Don Miguel Ruiz. The four agreements are: Be impeccable in your word. Don't make assumptions. Don't take anything personally. Do your best.

Just imagine how wonderful it would be! We would only say what we really mean, with a clarity that extends beyond our learned behaviors. When an event happens,

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WEEK'S Top Tweets

@Oreo ---

Power out? No problem. (*News sources are saying that Oreo won the ad wars*)

with this timely tweet sent a few minutes after the power went out at the Superbowl.)

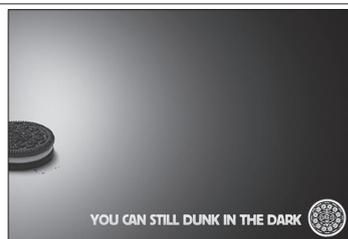
@cnnbrk --- Body found under parking lot is England's King Richard III, scientists say.

@Zen_Moments --- The capacity to be alone is the capacity to love. ~ Osho

@Ali_Again --- Dear Arkansas State & Arkansas House: STOP wasting time & my tax \$\$\$ with ridiculous attempts to police women's bodies.

@Reagan_Girl --- Arkansas Senate passes ban on abortions if fetal heartbeat detected

@TIME --- Duck! A close shave with an asteroid is coming Feb. 15



@HannaEtheredge --- "I can't tell you the key to success, but the key to failure is trying to please everyone." –Ed Sheeran

@BreakingNews --- US Postal Service says it plans to stop Saturday mail delivery; will continue delivering packages 6 days a week

@PigTrail_HD --- Students from Eureka Springs HS were at Pig Trail H-D in Rogers researching how protective winter clothing for..... [bikers protects core body and skin surface temperature]



Opposition to concealed carry on college campuses: A teacher's perspective

I am opposed to the current bill – House Bill 1243 – that would allow licensed faculty and staff to carry a concealed weapon on college and university campuses in Arkansas. Here's why.

I speak from the perspective of a university professor. I am neither a criminologist nor a police officer; nor do I have special expertise in the statistical analysis of violence.

I will simply tell you my story, the story of an American professor who has spent over 25 years of his life reading, writing and teaching at the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville. My experience here has been wonderful, and I would like to tell you why.

College campuses are unique environments in many ways, and that is part of their special appeal and essential value. Students arrive here in pursuit of their lives, in effect, at an age when many of them have only the haziest notions of where those lives will lead them. Our faculty thrives on introducing these students to their own talents and potential, an odd job that requires, by turns, skepticism, patience, tolerance, exploration, backward steps, and new beginnings – over and over again.

American campuses have traditionally provided the last safe haven where our students can undertake this kind of self-exploration and discovery without penalty or embarrassment – and it's an educational process that thrives, like an orchid, in a very specific climate.

For our students and faculty this climate has always been one of trust and tranquility. If we introduce guns to this environment, then our educational system, like the orchid, withers and dies.

The fact is that guns and their constant companion, violence, have an impact on the free expression of ideas, and wherever guns are accepted as the normal accompaniment to books, laptops, backpacks, and iPhones, the strength of our ideas will wane, and higher education will respond in the only way that it can – by condoning those ideas that are the least likely to excite controversy or spawn disagreement and free inquiry.

In this environment, we will begin to mistake frightened agreement for vigorous examination, acceptance for investigation. This will happen by degrees, unnoticeably at first, but it will happen. And slowly our ideas – and the values that accompany them – will conform to the environment that has

nourished them: an environment of hostility, aggression, threat and retaliation.

This is not the kind of education that has distinguished this country for the last 250 years. This is not the American educational system that encouraged me to devote my life to it. Good teaching, of course, like any profession, is an activity that requires an array of techniques and strategies. Therefore, much of our teaching occurs by example, by the policies that we enact and support, and by the lives we lead – policies and lives that our students watch unfolding day by day.

We also teach our students, then, by putting our lives on display, by showing our students that the most powerful ideas of our culture, the ones that we meet in our books and discuss in our classrooms, can also structure our lives and society.

To allow faculty, staff, and eventually students to carry concealed handguns only strengthens the feelings of degradation, fear and paranoia that give rise to the very culture of violence that we all work to dismantle in our classrooms every day. And it quietly sanctions the notion that we are now authorized by the laws of the land, no less, to respond to violence with violence – a notion that, on a college campus, can only lead us to an unspeakable tragedy.

We do not create a peaceful campus, one that encourages the very specific pursuits that distinguish higher education, by allowing those who live, work, and learn together to carry into the classroom the weapons that can destroy that peace in a few seconds.

The most powerful weapons in our bookbags, the real tools we use to dismantle hatred and violence, have always been our books and the education they bring. If this were to change, our mission would be irretrievably compromised.

The Presidents and Chancellors of the colleges and universities of Arkansas have voted unanimously against this bill.

If you would like to sign a petition against HB 1243, it is a very simple and quick process, and requires only a moment to do so. Go to Signon.org/sign/against-concealed-carry.

Professor Sidney Burris
Department of English

University of Arkansas - Fayetteville

[Eds. Note: Or contact State Sen. Bryan King, (870) 438-4565, bryan.king@senate.org; and State Rep. Bob Ballinger, (870) 423-1035, bob@bobballinger.com.]



The Pursuit of HAPPINESS

by Dan Krotz

I am not a cheerful person and none of my people, mostly farmers living on the Minnesota-South Dakota border, are cheerful people. Ole Rolvaag's masterpiece, *Giants of the Earth*, describes our emotional desolation perfectly (it's a great book and I hope you read it), and only Ingmar Bergman, a Swedish film maker, has been able to capture our lighter moments. His best film, *The Seventh Seal*, is fun-loving, inside baseball for Scandinavian people, but other groups – Romanians, for example – have enjoyed it, too. Give it a try.

Once every 10 years, lemmings – small rodents living in cold places – gather in mass and commit suicide, usually by jumping off a cliff. This self-destructive behavior usually coincides with my family's reunions, and I am certain that so much sadness and silence gathered in one place at one time drives the lemmings insane and accounts for their rendezvous with lemming destiny.

Anyway, I have to work at being cheerful. I made an effort this week and wrote a nice story about my dog (you will get it next week). But then I read about Pastor Nathan Petty's support of Senate Bill 71, allowing for the carrying of concealed weapons in church. The bill is sponsored by Bryan King.

What Pastor Petty said was that a man confronted his congregation's 75 year-old secretary and demanded money. If only she had had a gun!

The "confrontation" was not described in detail – we don't know if the man talked loudly, or defenestrated the church lady – but some grifter, or some genuinely poor person, is on the doorstep of the church I go to every time we turn around. They are often a nuisance, but I didn't know we could shoot them.

Sinners and the impoverished should clearly avoid Pastor Petty's church, but I suspect that not many pastors welcome SB 71. Now, they'll need to help members argue through the thorny problem of becoming – or not – an NRA Approved Congregation, factor in increased insurance costs in already tight 2013 budgets, and hang New Rules! in the place where the Beatitudes used to go. Cheerfulness may, at least short term, be illusive for them, too.

INDEPENDENT Constables On Patrol

JANUARY 28

10:10 a.m. – Landlord reported trespassing by a former tenant.

4:53 p.m. – Vehicle parked in a red zone downtown for awhile, but it left before a constable arrived.

4:55 p.m. – Earwitness reported two rounds of what sounded like automatic weapon gunfire near Passion Play Road. Responding constable did not hear any gunfire in the area.

6:24 p.m. – Employees at a bank were working with the alarm. It went off, and a constable responded.

9:50 p.m. – Resident requested a welfare check on person working downtown. Constable complied and found everyone doing okay.

JANUARY 29

1:36 p.m. – Animal control captured a dog running loose in a motel parking lot.

6:44 p.m. – Passerby saw an injured deer on a roadway in the northwest part of town.

8:34 p.m. – Mother of a 14-year old girl told ESPD the daughter was supposed to be at a friend's house but actually went to meet a 21-year old man at a mobile home park. They were supposed to stay away from each other. An older daughter and her boyfriend met a constable at the mobile home park to look for the girl, but she was not there. ESPD told the mother to file a pickup order on the daughter.

JANUARY 30

8:20 a.m. – Customer told ESPD someone stole her wallet and meds out of her purse while she was in

the store. She found her wallet, but money, checks and gift cards were missing. Constable checked video evidence at the business.

3:05 p.m. – A semi had some difficulty on Spring Street but made it out of there before the constable arrived.

4:35 p.m. – Resident north of downtown asked ESPD if an 18-wheeler could park at the train depot overnight.

4:37 p.m. – Central dispatch reported a vehicle all over the road on its way to Eureka Springs. Constable cited the driver for texting while driving.

6:23 p.m. – Driver reported the driver following him was tailgating as they drove toward town. Constable followed the suspect vehicle while it was in city limits but saw no reason to stop it.

7:28 p.m. – Another person reported medications stolen from a lock box in her vehicle while in a parking lot.

JANUARY 31

1:04 p.m. – Arkansas State Police asked for assistance from ESPD and CCSO in chasing down a suspect who had fled into the woods. Suspect had stolen a vehicle, and authorities did not encounter him after he fled.

2:04 p.m. – Central dispatch got a 911 hangup call from a bank, but constable who responded found everything was okay at the bank.

3:53 p.m. – A mother reported her 15-year old son did not ride the bus home from school and was refusing to cooperate. He jumped out of the car west of town. Constable found him near the old high school, and his

mother retrieved him.

5:47 p.m. – Water line broke on Pivot Rock Road. Public Works responded and fixed the leak.

5:49 p.m. – Public Works asked for assistance with a piece of equipment.

6:33 p.m. – Gentleman reported he had left his camera at a place of business, but those there claimed he had not. He later found the camera in his pocket.

10:05 p.m. – Person said his vehicle ran out of gas just east of town. ESPD alerted CCSO.

FEBRUARY 1

7:38 a.m. – Alarm company reported a burglar alarm at a residence, but the call was canceled just as constables arrived.

3:44 p.m. – Someone stole some merchandise from a place of business and the event was captured on video. Constable got witness statements and has the video evidence.

9:53 p.m. – A school bus at the middle school had its strobes on.

FEBRUARY 2

1:32 a.m. – Constable saw a vehicle going the wrong way up a street near downtown and attempted to stop it, but the driver kept going. He sideswiped the police car, drove into a tree and fled on foot. Constables caught up with the scofflaw and arrested him for DWI, fleeing (a Class D Felony), refusal to submit to arrest, careless driving, speeding, broken taillight, failure to stop and driving left of center.

12:52 p.m. – Resident reported to ESPD someone with a foreign accent told her on the phone she had won the Publishers' Clearing House prize of \$900,000 and a Mercedes. She said the caller was going to bring \$60,000 and the car to her house, but she was to go to Walmart and purchase specific scratcher tickets in return for the car and money. She did not live in the city limits, so ESPD told her to call CCSO in case the person showed up at her house and the Attorney General's office regarding the scam.

2:08 p.m. – A vehicle found itself in a ditch. Constable provided traffic control until the tow truck arrived.

9:46 p.m. – Witness reported a breaking-and-entering in progress just outside city limits. Homeowner inside house reportedly had a weapon as break-in was occurring. Neighbor heard a loud scream and then silence. Constables remained at the scene until deputies arrived but nothing else happened.

7:27 p.m. – Visitor lost her car keys downtown.

FEBRUARY 3

12:25 a.m. – Live band at a downtown establishment was a bit too loud for a neighbor. Constable responded and the business kept the doors shut and the music quieter.

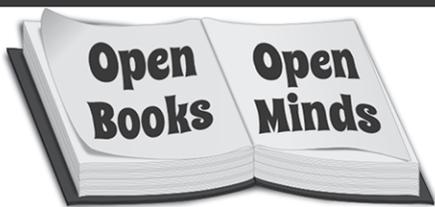
2:32 a.m. – Traffic stop resulted in the arrest of the driver for DWI and driving left of center.

2:32 a.m. – Guest at a hotel told ESPD his wife was being crazy and throwing clothes all over the room. He was concerned for his own safety. Constables arrived at the scene and found everything was okay. They had had an argument.

FEBRUARY 4

3:15 a.m. – Guest staying downtown went out to a bar for awhile but wound up at the wrong hotel afterwards. Hotel staff alerted ESPD because the guest had not made it back yet. Constable on patrol did not see the gentleman.

3:42 a.m. – Person called 911 several times but would not say where she was. Constables went to her address, but she was driving around in her van. Constables searched for but did not encounter her van.



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Highlander Basketball



Eureka Springs Junior High Basketball

Deidre Asmus, #33; Molly Montez, #31; Aurora Fields, #25;
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 Corinna Campbell-Green; Coach Brian Rambo;
 Shayna Perkins, #24; Ariel Pierce, #52; Ariel Pope, #55;
 Makayla Morrell, #15; Lindsey Bonds, #34

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2/2-2/9	TBA	Junior High District Tour.	Home	1,2
2/9-2/16	TBA	Senior High District Tour.	Mountainburg	3,4

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THE MUSE

Birtherd creek side in sand and stone.
Stoic in the winter sun.
A rock atop the gravel bed,
unable,
to weigh or keep her down.
John Rankine



I've discovered that staring at a blank page or computer screen is really no different than staring at the blank canvas – waiting, hoping, praying for inspiration to strike; that creative “Cialis moment” when the Muse appears, passion returns, and the imagination flows – and flows before deadline.

For some unknown-to-me reason I've been driven to create since an early age, my Gemini self exploring different mediums along the way – acting, painting, print-making, assemblage work, screen-printing, photography, and writing.

While the mediums may differ, I've noticed the creative process is essentially the same. And, trying to

describe that creative process is near impossible.

The Muse, or what I call divine inspiration, can occur at any time and often comes in the form of a friend or total stranger, a trip to a museum, a dream, an editor's encouraging words or the exquisite patina on the lovely face of an antique plaster bust.

It was love at first sight. Placed along the row of tables, she stood out among the mundane objects set out for bid. It was an ESSA silent auction and there was another in the room smitten with her beauty. Alas, outbid, she was not meant to be mine that evening.

That ESSA benefit was three years ago, and the stranger who won

my object of desire has since become a good friend and strong supporter of my art.

My new friend kept the antique bust for two years before generously gifting it to me more than a year ago – a gesture, profoundly moving, inspiring and bonding.

My Muse was always intended to be photographed, and last week, near the end of a perfect winter's day, we found a spot along my creek bed, a large brick-shaped rock close by.

Although sometimes elusive, I have over the years learned to trust that inspiration will come when needed, not without battle and sometimes right before deadline.

It was an interesting chain of events for me last week – this Muse. The object and friend inspiring the photograph that spawned the poem, which in turn, created these words for this week's blank page. Thank you, Marty.

INDEPENDENTArt

Calling all artists: May Festival Of The Arts poster & art guidelines

The Eureka Springs Arts Council is seeking submissions for an artist-for-hire for the 26th Annual May Festival of the Arts campaign. All emerging and established artists are encouraged to apply. Chosen artist will receive \$500.

To be considered, complete an entry form in its entirety, email 4 – 5 pictures that best represent your work, and submit a brief biography or artist statement. You may also share any suggestions you have for a May Arts theme.

Download an application at eurekaspringsindependent.com. The application notice will appear on the opening page. An application can also be found on the *Independent's* Facebook page. Fill out and submit via e-mail (zeek.taylor@cox.net), or mail to: Eureka Springs City Hall (Att: May Festival of the Arts) Mayor's Office, 44 S. Main, Eureka Springs, 72632. **Deadline for submissions: Feb. 20.**

The art and design will be used in all media promoting the 2013 May Festival. The selected artist will work directly with our advertising and marketing firm to ensure the highest artistic standards and most effective reproducible art for graphic production across a wide variety of media including print, posters, video and online applications.

ESSA spruces up for spring with new website

Visit Eureka Springs School 2013 classes. Options to register of the Arts' new website at www.essa-art.org to see information on available online, via mail or via telephone are available.

Don't miss Eureka Gras' Mardi Gras ArtiGras on Lundi Gras

The Fourth Annual ArtiGras Art Show will take place Feb. 11 (Lundi Gras Day) at Caribe Restaurant y Cantina, US 62 W. Come see Mardi Gras and/or risqué-themed work by Eureka Springs artists and greet them during a reception from 6 p.m. – 9 p.m. Along with original pieces, several artists will display hand-painted and decorated masks. Masks and art will be available for purchase.

Exhibiting artists include Barbara Kennedy, Jana Robison, Betty Johnson, Karin Boudet Ford, Carol



Saari, Jay Vrecenak, Mary Springer, Zeek Taylor, John Rankine, Drew Gentle, Larry Mansker, Jack Miller, Melodye Purdy, Jerri Stevens, and Robert Beauford.

The event is free and open to the public. Snacks and a cash bar will be available.

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Ready to run ...

Sign up for the 31st Annual running of the Victorian Classic 10K Run, 2-Mile Run or 2-Mile Walk on Saturday, March 9. Benefits from the Rotary Club event will benefit the Eureka Springs Carnegie Library as well as Turpentine Creek Wildlife Refuge.

Entry fees are: \$20 (\$15 for 18 and under) if received by March 8 and \$25 (\$20 for 18 and under) for race day entries. For more information contact Mickey (479) 244-6465, email victorianclassic@gmail.com or go to www.eurekarotary.org for registration forms.

February birthdays bash

Join the gang of folks celebrating February birthdays and brighten up the winter doldrums Sunday, Feb. 10 at 3 p.m. at the New Delhi Café. Music by Don Poohbah Nealer, also starring Jori Costello's original birthday song. If you have a February birthday, you're welcome (and so is everyone else) to join Bryan Manire, Marie Howard, Superman, Rae Hahn, Trella Laughlin, Marianne LeGrande, Connie Schrader, Ron Dugger and many more at the New Delhi!



Whееee! We Won! – Eureka Springs Junior Girls won their first game of the season against the Union Christian Eagles, 29-17. Shana Perkins and Molly Montez were good for six apiece and Ariel Pierce sank one for two – but get this – Deidra Asmus scored 15. Such a sweet victory...

PHOTO BY TARA ASMUS

TheNATUREofEUREKA

Soft, fuzzy deer

Now that the Super Bowl is over, we can look back at one minor controversy – Baltimore Ravens linebacker, Ray Lewis's alleged use of velvet deer antler spray as a "performance enhancing dietary supplement." Deer antler spray

supposedly delivers insulin growth factor 1 (IGF-1) a hormone used in pure form to treat young people with stunted growth. Since it is delivered intravenously and is not absorbed in the oral mucosa it is likely that a nose spray delivers little more than the cool

sensation of placebo fairy dust.

As a medicinal "herb" in Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) deer velvet antler, (*lu-rong*) has been used for more than 2000 years. The earliest known reference is a Han Dynasty silk scroll dated to 168 BCE. It is sourced from the young pilose (hairy) antlers of *Cervus nippon*, the Japanese or Asian Deer and *Cervus elaphus* the European Red Deer. In TCM deer velvet antler is used to promote virility, replenish *qi* and blood, plus strengthen the bones and tendons. It is prescribed for impotence, infertility, lassitude, dizziness, tinnitus, among other uses, in a dose of 1-2 g.

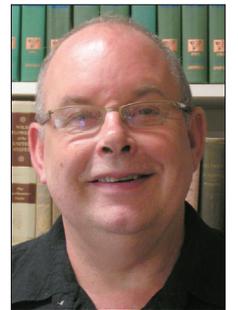
Deer antler is the only mammalian organ that is self-regenerating on an annual basis. Velvet is the rapid growth phase of deer antler, before it becomes horn-like, hard and calcified. At this stage it is covered with velvet-like hairs, at which time the whole antler is harvested (not just the "velvet"). Even if the immature antler is removed at the velvet stage it heals over, and finishes its chemical evolution to the bone stage,

producing a button, which is shed at the end of the season, just like a full-grown antler. At the velvet stage, the antler grows rapidly, up to an inch a day. The velvet antler is a virtual chemical factory, containing calcium phosphate, calcium carbonate, proteins, collagen, trace amounts of androgens and estrogens, gangliosides and hundreds of other compounds.

A 2012 study published in the *New Zealand Journal of Medicine* reviewed seven randomized controlled clinical studies on the use of deer velvet antler supplements and concludes that it may show promise for osteoarthritis, but one clinical trial on sexual function and three clinical trials on sports performance enhancement found no benefits.

Ray Lewis called the rumor he used deer velvet, a banned substance in the NFL, a "trick of the devil." Under the guise of God, Ray Lewis types can get away with murder.

by Steven Foster



Velvet deer antler from European Red Deer curing in a cold storage facility in New Zealand.

Fine Art of Romance Grand Re-opening Feb. 14

Although the renovated and expanded shop will re-open Feb. 8, the Fine Art of Romance has so much to celebrate they're throwing a *Grand Reopening Champagne Play Date for Passion* on, appropriately, Valentine's Day; with live models, champagne and "irresistible treats" from 4 – 7 p.m.

Leslie Meeker, co owner with Kelly Breslau of Fine Art of Romance and the Voulez-Vous Lounge, is ecstatic about the changes. "When the space at 58 Spring next door to the shop became available after 30 years, we couldn't pass up the opportunity. Building owner Jay Gustin has been delightful to work with, even though our plans involved tearing out the wall between the shops to make one big space. We assured him with our design plans and the support of his contractor, Travis Holloway Construction.

"And so the work began. We cannot say enough about Travis Holloway and his crew. Every component of the project has been completed on time or ahead

of schedule. This crew has included companies that were either subcontracted by Holloway or hired by us: Alberson Electric, Friendly Glass Company, Little Apple Glass Company, Brad Hill Construction, NexxCom - Ken Anderson audio/surveillance/security systems and Master Sign Company."

As the major renovation came to an end, each member of the "crew" received a Certificate of Appreciation granting them lifetime membership in the crew "now and forever known as the *Lingerie Lovin' Renovation Rock Stars*."

One of the most significant additions resulting from rock star quality work is an expanded Plus Size section, which Leslie says has been in high demand since their original opening day. "I would venture to say it will now be the most extensive Plus Size lingerie selection in the entire Midwest, including sizes up to four X. It is our belief that every woman is sensual and beautiful, and it is our intention that they internalize this belief as part of their experience at The Fine Art of Romance,"

Meeker told *the Independent*.

A visit to the *Dangerous Curves Ahead* section is recommended to prove the point. The comfort/lounge wear selection for both men and women has also been expanded and a collection of exclusive fragrances from France has been added. More adventuresome men will find a significantly varied and expanded selection of gentlemen's underwear in the new *Packaged Goods* section.

As a long time fitness enthusiast, Meeker is delighted the shop is now able to offer a completely new selection of yoga and fitness wear, including Lucy, Prana and Nux in the *Let's Get Physical* section featuring high quality, high performance fitness attire not easily found nearby.

Meeker, who has been a psychotherapist specializing in relational and sex therapy for many years, is mostly retired from her private therapy practice. The Fine Art of Romance is an

extension and reflection of her work as a psychotherapist, teaching that it takes two playful and passionate individuals to create a passionate relationship.

"My intention for the boutique is to provoke playfulness in our costumers, as well as to promote an increased sense of comfort with sensuality. The play component extends to every part of our business. This is certainly evident in our customer service. Our employees are encouraged to be playful. It helps put customers at ease and sets the intended tone," Meeker said.

"None of this business expansion could have been possible without the support and enthusiasm of our boutique Manager, Lilah Stiger, and the rest of the amazing team at The Fine Art of Romance. And the same is true for Voulez-Vous staff, Isaac and the crew. Kelly and I truly feel our experience in Eureka Springs has been wonderfully welcoming every step of the way," she added.

AARP meets Feb. 11

The Carroll County AARP will meet Monday Feb. 11, 10 a.m., at the Holiday Island Clubhouse. The program will be presented by Gerald Hartley, Holiday Island Suburban Improvement District Manager since August 2012. He is a former attorney with the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality

and has extensive experience in city and county government, serving in various capacities in Arkansas and Texas.

Please come meet Gerald and welcome him to Holiday Island. For more information on AARP please call Sherry Kerr (479) 363-6428.

PASSAGES

James L. Vernon, June 27, 1943 – Jan. 10, 2013

James L. Vernon of Coweta, Okla., former resident of Eureka Springs, died Thursday, Jan. 10.



Services were held in Broken Arrow, Okla. Interment was in Vernon Cemetery in Coweta, Okla., with Fr. Bob Wickizer officiating.

James was born June 27, 1943 in Del Rio, Texas, to Joe and Gladys Vernon. He retired from the United States Army and served in Vietnam. He was a director on the board of First National Bank of Coweta, and a member of Grace Episcopal Church in Muskogee, Okla.

Those left to honor his memory are his wife, Deborah Vernon of the home, and two children, Mike Vernon of Tulsa and Jennifer Vernon of Broken Arrow, Okla.

Up in smoke –

Fernando Canales talks to friends on a cell phone as firefighters work to contain a fire that destroyed his 302 South Arch Ave. residence in Green Forest Feb. 5. The cause of the blaze is unknown. Firefighters from Green Forest and Berryville responded.



PHOTO BY DAVID FRANK DEMPSEY

Up in more smoke – Berryville's Chamber of Commerce building was on fire Thursday morning.

PHOTO BY BILL KING



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.

“I guess you’re right, Susan. I am purty dirty. We lost our temper a minute ago. I’m sorry that I’ve been meaner than an ol’ grizzly bear since I got home.”

He gave her a gentle pat on the shoulder as he passed her in the doorway, the closest thing he ever came to expressing affection for her.

“You’re not only as mean as any grizzly alive, you smell worse than a dead one,” she reminded him as he disappeared through the door.

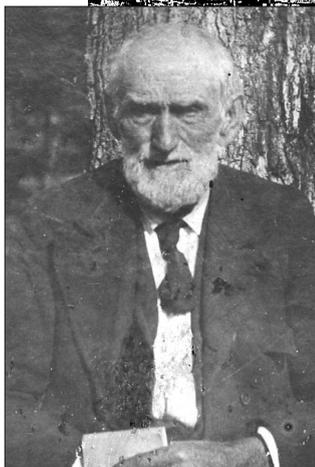
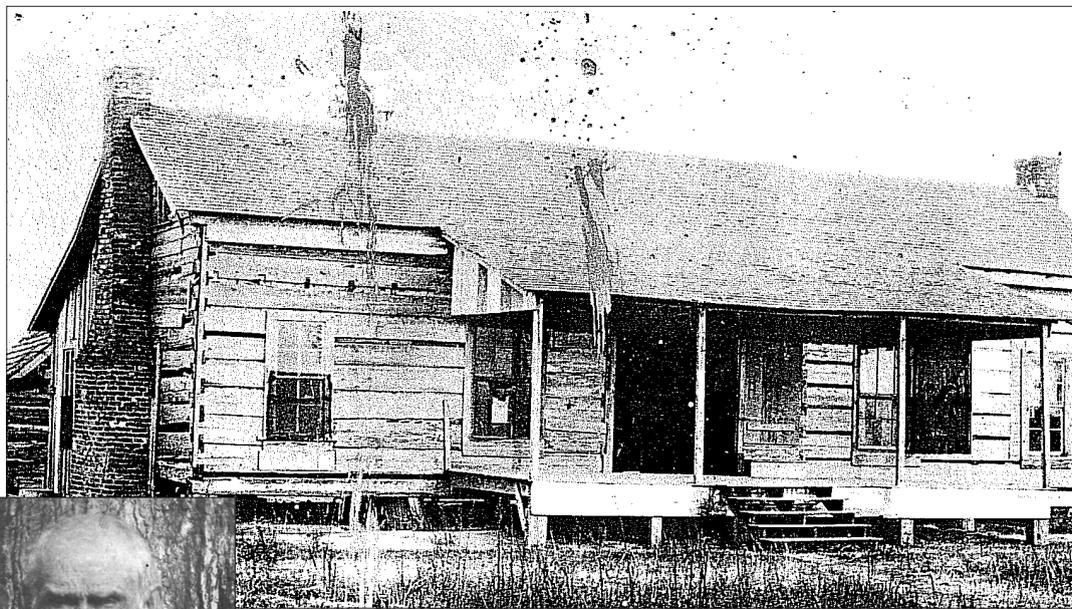
Later when he had removed at least a part of the evidence of his bout with the bottle, they sat around the table and enjoyed the meal she had prepared. “Johnny, I can see that you’re dying to tell us somethin’. I know you didn’t kill any bears while you was gone. What did happen?”

“It ain’t nothin’ I did, but it’s somethin’ that’s goin’ to happen purty soon. There’s a railroad a-comin’ to Eureka Springs! I’ve just been a-talkin’ to one of the men that’s buyin’ up land fer the right-of-way,” he began.

“An’ I suppose they want you to give ‘em some land,” his wife interrupted.

“No, it’s my land they want but they didn’t ask me to give it to ‘em. They want a strip right through the eighty acres that I own down on Leatherwood Creek. It’s down there close to what I dedeed off fer the graveyard. They offered me a good price fer it an’ I sold it to ‘em. Why should I give it to them? They are able to pay fer what they want. I give land to folks that ain’t able to buy it an’ fer things that will benefit everybody. I sold that to the railroad company fer a good price.”

“And what is a good price, Johnny? You know I don’t know nothin’ about th’ worth of land.”



“Well, he give me three hundred dollars fer it an’ that ain’t jst a promise. He give me th’ cash an’ that ain’t all I got fer that little strip of land, Susan. He is goin’ to give me and any of my family, a free pass over th’ road, as long as I live. There’s somethin’

else, too. He put it in the contract that if the railroad ever stops operatin’ the land goes back to my heirs.”

“You think of everything, Johnny. Who besides you would ever think of a railroad stoppin’ runnin’ when it ain’t even started yet?”

“An’ that ain’t all, Susan. They’re goin’ to build a railroad switch there, with a water tank where the train can stop an’ take on water. They’re goin’ to name it Gaskins Switch. That’s in the contract too, Susan. Imagine that. Somethin’ named after us.”

“We’ve all ready got th’ graveyard named after us. Maybe some time there’ll be a whole little town named Gaskins.”

“Not Gaskins, Susan. *Gaskins Switch*,” he corrected her. Later, after the meal was finished, they sat in front of the fire and talked of the coming of the railroad and how it could change the lives of the people all over the country.

“While I was over in Eureka

Springs, I saw that maybe there is a hundred families a-livin’ there all ready. There’s men a-sellin’ groceries out of the backs of their wagons that they have hauled all the way from Pierce City, Missouri. One man was sellin’ dry goods from his wagon. He was measurin’ yard goods from the end of his nose to th’ end of his finger an’ cuttin’ it off with his pocket knife.”

“Where’s all th’ people a-comin’ from, Johnny?” his wife wanted to know.

“They come from everywhere. They have heard that th’ water is healin’. They jst come an’ stay. Of course, since th’ word is out, they started comin’ an’ buyin’ plots of ground an’ buildin’ houses an’ other buildin’s. That makes lots of work. They have got men workin’ that I hear gets as much as a dollar. I don’t know how much of that is true. You can hear anything, I guess. Anything besides the truth an’ money a-rattlin’ these days, and lately there ain’t no scarcity of money.”

“Johnny, do you suppose there could come a time when you would regret givin’ away so much land? It could get to where it could be sold fer a good price.”

“Hell no. I ain’t never goin’ to be sorry I give land away. I only give it to somebody that needed it or to some-thin’ that would help the neighbor-

hood. I’ll allus be glad I done that but I ain’t goin’ to give away any more. I’ve still got enough to give all the young’uns a start on a home of their own. Jack and Mattie have all ready built that little house over in the Pinery. Sam is gone. I don’t know if Jim will every marry or not, but he’s goin’ to need a home fer him an’ th’ boy. Bill is goin’ to marry that Skelton girl from over on Roarin’ River as sure as the world. Dode an’ the girls are too young to think about marr-yin’ yet, but th’ time will come. I’m goin’ to give all of ‘em land fer a home.”

The conversation was interrupted by the arrival of Jim, followed closely by little Jimmy. The boy was shaking a bucket up and down, creating a lot of noise by the rattling of its contents.

“Hey Jimmy, you don’t have to make that much fuss fer us to know you are here,” his grandmother scolded him. What have you got in that bucket?”

“It’s walnuts. Pa says if we put ‘em in the sun, the hulls will get dry and come off real easy. We are goin’ after hickory nuts tomorrow, ain’t we, Pa?”

“Yes, we are, if I get through cuttin’ wood in time. Winter is comin’ and we are goin’ to need a lot of wood to keep th’ house warm. You can run outside and play now. There’s somethin’ I want to talk to your Grandma and Grandpa about.”

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Chinese New Year of Snake Sleeping in Winter

Chinese New Year begins Sunday, February 10, at the new moon of Aquarius (22 degrees). It's the Year of the Black Water Snake (known in the Midwest to be gentle). The element of the year is water, element of changeability. "Snake sleeping in winter" is a year of transformation, warning of a period of preparing for hard times. It's a year of transforming and awaking humanity from its slumbering belief in all that's untrue. A year of learning the difference between illusion and

reality. It's a year of transformation, the snake shedding its skin at times blinded. Colors of the year are black, dark green and indigo blue – darkness of the seed underground. The darkness needed to gestate a new reality. Water is needed so the seeds, planted for future use, can come forth. All that occurs in 2013 will bear fruit in 2014. In the Year of the Snake we are to set our ship on course toward our long held dreams, hopes and visions. The Year of the Snake brings forth the Feminine archetypes – strength of

the receptive, relational and reflective powers shadowed for eons and emerging this year to stand equally with the masculine radiatory powers. We are to be poised and receptive as sudden shocks and realizations occur. As the New Year begins, we place a pine or cedar branch at our front door to welcome the Snake. We make a wish for the upcoming New Year – that a cherished dream comes true. Tuesday, February 12 is Mardi Gras. Wednesday, the 13, is Ash Wednesday. Lent comes early this year.

ARIES: Compromise and teamwork are your keywords this new year. Your fiery character will relish the leadership they bring. You realize how important others help you learn. They are your blessings. You will change the way you view yourself and family. Something comes along that allows you to soar above all expectations. You learn to love differently.

TAURUS: You will create safety and security as changes occur in the world. You seek to leave one place for another. However, that new place may not be revealed yet. All things unexpressed, and many items in your life, untouched for years, must come into the light. Eliminate as much as possible. You discover you're really brave and bold. Speech suddenly finds you.

GEMINI: It's important to bring forth your dreams, hopes and wishes. Often they rest untouched within. Sometimes you don't believe in them anymore thinking they'll never come true. Sometimes you give up on them. However, they are still within your evolutionary path and you must search for and express them as your deepest truths. They identify what you're intended to be.

CANCER: You're learning to balance challenges with comfort and ease. You find life once again exciting and reality as one set of changes after another. You come to

value your mind like never before. A certain level of tension creates a motivation within to change how you relate to others. You begin to reveal your true feelings. You realize the only things left to lose are untruths.

LEO: You will become greater than you thought you could be. All suffering turns into joy. Joy is a quality of the Soul. Happiness is part of the personality. All parts of yourself, your past and present beliefs, will go through a clearing process. All that doesn't support your future will begin to be eliminated. This will create a sense of protection. And you turn toward your home and tend to it with loving care.

VIRGO: So much will change for you this year. Things will be shaken up and values that you thought important will be different within the next 12 months. You will want to burst forth and stand directly within the changes. You will want to be liberated from everything in the past. You have many natural talents. It's a year for integrating and synthesizing them. Offer them to a greater cause.

LIBRA: Relationships are a natural field of reality for you. Libras are in relationship to learn how to be in relationship, how to give and take, create boundaries, and how to always have Goodwill, which

creates Right Relations. Last year Saturn taught you the value of relationships (one in particular). This year you will experience a deeper intimacy. You will share more. And you will contact someone you've almost forgotten.

SCORPIO: Your mind is like a beam of light, focusing upon things that need research. You continue with this discipline and undertake great tasks. You must begin to write more, detail your research, learn new healing techniques and tend to an emotional issue. You're capable of healing self and others. And of creating a harmony that balances and brings forth long held dreams. This will be a powerful experience in your life.

SAGITTARIUS: You're called to adventure in the new year of the Snake. You'll learn about commitment and find that your "grass" (think lawn, field of reality, endeavors) is actually greener. You begin to exchange information and ideas, creating real communication. This makes you feel your life as more truthful and liberating. You encounter polarities and meet them with compromise. Don't resist the dark days. They offer information.

CAPRICORN: Get your big boots on because this new year of the black water snake will be one of ambition, climbing the ladder and

achieving a position of recognition. You have been working with ethics responsibly through the years creating a groundwork of preparation. In months to come you step into your authentic self. Your power is "power with others." Never "power over others." This is your strength. Your "yoga."

AQUARIUS: Unusual perspectives come to mind as the New Year unfolds. Many will consider your ideas too radical. But you know what is true and important for your life to be fulfilled. You will meet all ideas with a sense of adventure and excitement. You know you must change the world. That is your Aquarian task. So you must be innovative, challenging and speak the truth when needed. Tension will push you forward to construct the new universe.

PISCES: You must choose rest and nourishment in the coming new year, honoring the needs of your body, heart, mind and Soul. You must be near water, swim daily in warm pools and avoid anything processed and synthetic. Your energy is becoming subtle and powerful. Tend to you health. Neptune is transiting Pisces and you must take care of all levels of your physical world. So the many layers and dimensions of the spiritual work can take hold. Place crystals all around where you live.

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2nd Annual

Midwinter Hometown Jam Feb. 22

Enjoy an evening of great local entertainment Friday, Feb. 22 as the 2nd Annual Chamber of Commerce Midwinter Jam rocks the city auditorium beginning at 7 p.m. Performing groups include The Ariels, Mike Blackwell Band, SX Rex, Brick Fields, RockHouse, Centerfuzze and

Random Shuffle.

This is one of the last opportunities to enjoy a local blast before the season begins, so bring your friends and family out for a great community time. Tickets (\$10 in advance, \$12 at the door) are available at the Chamber office (479) 253-8737.

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whether in our individual lives or the collective, we won't automatically assume we know why or what it is all about. When something happens, when someone says something, we won't take it personally. There will be no hurt feelings or need to forgive. And we are all doing the best that we can. Just because someone's actions seem sub-optimum to me doesn't mean that person isn't doing their best.

When I give up strong opinions of the way things should be, new thought opens to the beautiful possibilities that were unknown before. Imagine the harmony and peace this would allow. And so the last agreement of "do your best" is fulfilled. By not taking things personally, by having an open mind without making assumptions, by speaking truth from our hearts, we are paving the way to do our best with every thought and action. Imagine!

Marsha Havens

What Would JR Do?

Editor,

I feel compelled to write this in response to your editorial, "WWJRD?" [What Would Jesus Really Do?] Would Jesus come to Eureka Springs even though gay people are living here? I believe that was your question. First, I am not a pastor nor am I an authority on the Bible. However, I have been knowing Him for over 30 years and have tried to know Him in an increasingly deeper way as I grow older. To know Him is to know what the Bible says of Him. After all, the Book is all about Jesus. I certainly can't speak for Jesus. But, knowing Him from His Book, I would have to agree with you:

if it had been His mission, of course He would have come here. He would have met with and accepted sinners – that is, people who know they are short-comers when it comes to God and His perfection. Fornicators wouldn't have stopped Him from coming. Neither would addicts, homosexuals, thieves, liars and adulterers.

But, please do understand He came to heal mankind of the worst kind of infection – sin. When He came He forgave sins (something only God can do,) but, He also confronted the sinner with the offer of a new life, eternal life, a life pleasing to God. Jesus accepted the sinner, *not the sin!* He didn't turn a blind eye toward sin, but went right to the heart of the person. To the Samaritan woman at the well who told Him she had no husband, Jesus exposed her hidden sin by telling her that He knew that she had had five "husbands," and the guy she was living with was not her husband. He exposed her sins and offered her new life, life eternal. To the woman caught in adultery that was brought before Him to be stoned, He knew her sin then exposed the sins of every rock thrower so that they departed. Then He told the woman, "Go and sin no more."

Jesus, the Master I serve, is the Almighty Judge and the Almighty Savior. He would tell each of us in Eureka Springs who would go to Him (even if you are the fornicator, the adulterer, the addict, the homosexual, the thief, the liar, the dishonest businessman, the cheater): "Come to Me all that are heavily burdened and I will give you rest."

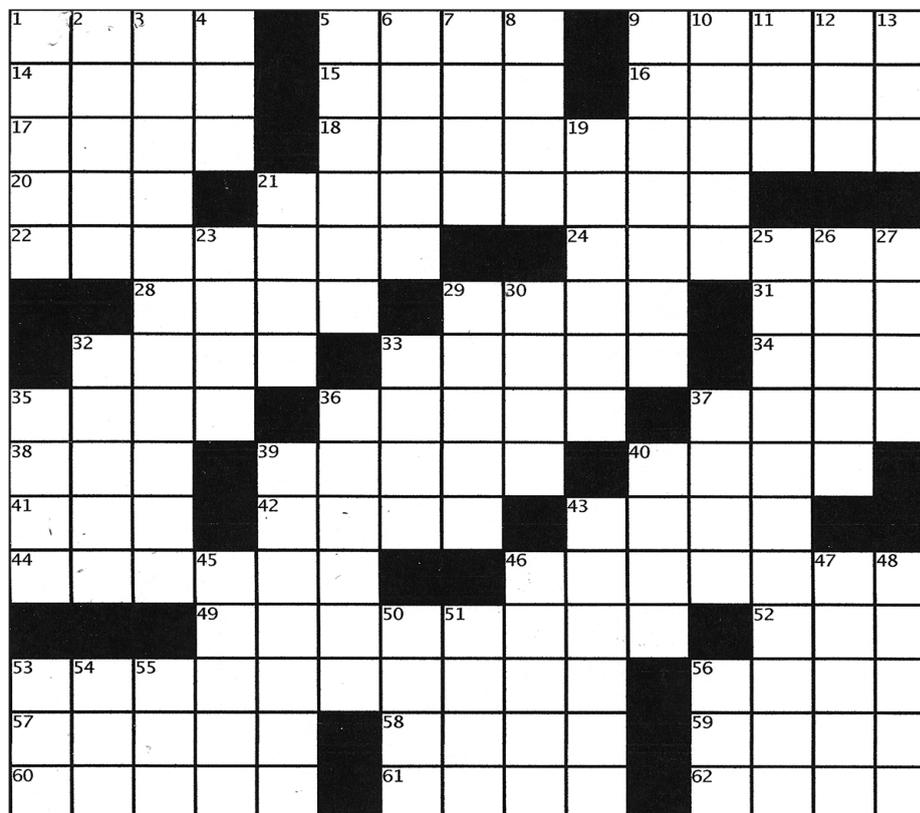
Steve Hudson



INDEPENDENT Crossword

by Chuck Levering

Solution on page 27



ACROSS

1. Action word
5. Walks the boards
9. More protected
14. Atop
15. Applaud
16. No no
17. Papa's mate
18. Entrepreneur
20. Bachelor's last words
21. Heinous; crushing
22. Atomic number 65
24. National song
28. Place for valuables
29. It could be floppy
31. Geisha's sash
32. Thaw out
33. June or July
34. Two thousand pounds
35. An ass
36. 38 DD
37. Care for
38. Consumed
39. Slow, easy stroll
40. Depend on
41. Corps.
42. Units
43. Lay in the sun
44. Imitation; substitute

46. Two wrestlers

49. Stretching
52. Scrape by
53. Youthfulness
56. Cousin to a foil
57. Abraham's son
58. Clay pot
59. Mark left by a whip
60. Full of beans, maybe
61. A valley often U-shaped
62. Important historical periods

DOWN

1. Puke
2. Get away from
3. Without compassion
4. Some cars wear one
5. Build up, as money
6. A placer miner's place
7. Record
8. 2004 British film
9. Steadfast
10. Belgian city
11. National police agency (*abbr.*)
12. Dawn goddess
13. Decay
21. Present
23. Native of Estonia or Latvia
26. Black piano keys are made of it
27. A terrible thing to waste
29. Medicine amounts
30. Deeply interested
32. Engine
33. Inspiration
35. Small fish
36. Japanese battle cry
37. It could be oral
39. Strength
40. Material made of stout yarn
43. Fig tree
45. Spaces
46. Motorcycles and kings have one
47. Cub Scout leader
48. Runs into
50. Wooden shoe
51. Moles can make one
53. Something to fish with
54. CSA's foe
55. Vessel or duct (*Bot.*)
56. Woolly mama

This week's Community Datebook

Friday, 8: 6 p.m., Eureka Gras Coronation Grand Ball, Crescent Hotel

Saturday, 9:

• 7–10:30 a.m., Pancake Breakfast, benefit Safe Haven Abuse Shelter, St. Elizabeth Church, Passion Play Rd., donation.

• 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., 9th Annual Chocolate Lovers' Festival, Inn of the Ozarks. \$12

• 2 p.m., Eureka Gras Mardi Gras Parade, downtown

• 3:30 p.m., Eureka Gras Costume Contest, New Delhi Café

• 8 p.m., Eureka Gras Beaux Arts Ball, Basin Park Hotel, benefit ES Historical Museum, tix (479) 253-7837

Sunday, 10:

• 11 a.m. – 2 p.m., Mardi Gras Jazz Brunch, Crescent Hotel Crystal Dining Room

• 2 – 5 p.m., Poetry Workshop, w/Wendy Taylor Carlisle, Garden Bistro, \$25

Monday, 11:

• 10 a.m. AARP meeting with Gerald Hartley, HISID Director, Holiday Island Clubhouse

• 11 a.m. – 5 p.m., H. I. Community Blood Drive, Elk's Lodge, Park Shopping Center, 23N.

• 6 p.m., Eureka Gras ArtiGras exhibit and artists' reception, Caribe Cantina

• 6 p.m. Town Hall meeting re: Bischoff vs. HISID, Holiday Island Clubhouse ballroom

Tuesday, 12:

• 1:30 p.m., Community meeting re: old high school property, Inn of Ozarks Conference Center

• 4:30 p.m., Eureka Gras 2nd Line Pub Krawl, gather at the Pied Piper

• 6 p.m., Eureka Gras St. 'Lizabeth Cajun Ball and Dinner, St. Elizabeth Parish Hall, Passion Play Road

Wednesday, 13: 3:30 – 5 p.m., Foundation Farm, Preparing & Nourishing Soil, 17 Elk St. (479) 253-7461 to register.

Thursday, 14:

• 9 a.m. – Noon, Farmers' Market, Pine Mountain Village.

• 12 noon, Little Switzerland Amateur Radio Club, Eureka Springs Pizza Hut

• 6 p.m., Valentine's dinner and play, ES High School, 253-8365 to reserve.

Friday, 15: 5:30 p.m. (doors open) Chili Cookoff/Benefit Auction for Academy of Excellence, Inn of the Ozarks.

FREE canine dental health seminar

February is National Pet Dental Health Month. Did you know by age three 80 percent of dogs show signs of oral disease? Learn how to brush your dog's teeth and why you should! There will be door prizes and giveaways Wednesday, Feb. 20, 6 p.m. at Percy's Pet Spa, 181 N. Main. (479) 253-9393.

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Your leashed dog is encouraged to attend!

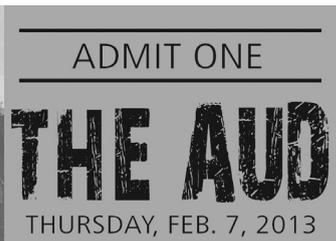
AUDacious by Ray Dilfield

It's all a matter of taste (post-Super Bowl thoughts)

It never fails. After any public performance of our national anthem, somebody's going to go off on how much they disapprove of the artist's interpretation.

I suppose this has been going on for as long as humans have tried to express themselves through music or, for that matter, any other art form. From "What O'g think he do stretching hide on hollow log? Him too good knock rocks together like us always do?" to "I guess this Mozart kid's ok, but he's certainly no Vaughn Williams" to "How dare Alicia Keyes sing a note that wasn't included in the original score?" – there's always going to be somebody who isn't pleased.

That's the beauty of art. (No pun intended.) It allows us – no, it demands us – to explore, push and even demolish the boundaries of



convention. And, once the boundary line has been moved, it then becomes the new convention waiting only for the next explorer to come along to redefine it once again.

How much would we be missing without these ground-breakers? Do we really want to be stuck with Phrygian Mode motets as the only available genre? Should we revert to single note melodies (*polyphony is the work of the Devil!*)? Did Antoine-Joseph Sax or Robert Moog destroy civilization with their innovations? How 'bout Scott Joplin, Les Paul or Jimi Hendrix?

Self-described Classical Music (or any other musical subset) Snobs are only limiting their own experience of all the arts have to offer. You don't have to enjoy all of it but you should appreciate the effort made to express an artist's own personal vision. Personally, I'd rather listen to cats fighting than an Irish tenor or anything by The Doors, but I can recognize what they're trying to express and the talent required to do so. Neither am I a fan of most hip-hop but I also recognize that I am not a part of the target audience.

Actually, I, too, am a classically trained musician. I studied piano for the better part of 20 years and have performed in competitions. I used to be proficient on French horn, baritone horn, and tuba. What all of that classical

training (*imagine Colonel Klink's voice: "You will play it exactly as written!"*) did was to drill out of me any ability to improvise and, hence, the ability to freely express my own interpretations. On the other hand, it opened the door to a career in music production that has involved me in album projects with everything from an Appalachian hammer dulcimer player to Isaac Hayes and live performances ranging from Yo-Yo Ma to Marvin Hamlisch to The Plasmatics. Most I've enjoyed, some set my teeth on edge. But every one taught me something; either about the music or about myself.

As my Dad used to say – some people like chocolate and some people like vanilla but they still make a helluva lot of strawberry.



Highlanders win some, lose some

NICKY BOYETTE

Friday night the Eureka Springs Highlanders came up short against the Hartford Hustlers 61-49. Trevor Lemme hit two three-pointers early and scored ten in the first quarter to give the Scots an early lead. Hartford battled back and just before half took the lead when Garrett Ford hit three in a row from beyond the arc. The Scots never regained the lead.

The Highlanders had four players score in double digits and they battled all night, but nine three pointers and nine of ten at the free throw line by the Hustlers was too much to overcome.

Dalton Johnson led the way with 13, including three from Mars; Trevor Lemme threw in 12 (two threes); Josh Premeau also had 12; Tanner Allee 10; and Jake McClung, two.

JVs

Junior varsity boys lost to Hartford 37-31. Eureka Springs got a lead early thanks to three threes from Dalton Kesner, and held onto the lead into the second half until it began raining threes for Hartford and they took the lead for good.

Eureka Springs ran its record to 14-9 on the season and 9-4 in conference play.

Dalton Kesner drained five threes for 15; Jacob Holloway and Mathew McClung each poured in six; Oscar Mendez had three and JM Gregg hit a free throw.

Makeup games are Ws

It wasn't easy. But the Highlanders outlasted visiting Johnson County Westside Rebels 67-60 in a makeup game Saturday, Feb. 2.

Trevor Lemme again got Eureka Springs off to an early lead with two long-range jumpers and Josh Premeau established an inside presence scoring seven in the first quarter.



Pep talk – The Highlanders get input from head coach Nolan Helder during the fourth period of their 32-21 loss against Decatur in Eureka Springs Feb. 5. The Lady Highlanders won their game against Decatur 41-33.

PHOTO BY DAVID FRANK DEMPSEY

Highlanders led at the half 28-21, but they exploded for 24 in the third quarter behind Premeau inside and sharpshooter Dalton Johnson outside to provide a 20-point cushion going into the final quarter.

Andrew Estep of the Rebels responded with 15 in the final quarter to cut the lead to only five, but clutch free throw shooting from Premeau and Jake McClung down the stretch sealed the victory for the Scots.

Highlanders improved their record to 14-14 on the season and 6-6 in conference play.

Josh Premeau racked up 24 (including 10/11 free throws); Dalton Johnson, 13; Jake McClung, 10; Trevor Lemme put in nine (three from downtown); Tanner Allee, 8; and Andrew Ritter added three.

In the final regular season JV game of the season Saturday, the Highlanders beat Johnson County Westside 45-36 raising their record to 15-9 overall and 9-4 in the

conference which is good enough for a third place finish.

Dalton Kesner led Highlander scorers with 12 (including two 3-pointers); Mathew McClung rang up eight; JM Gregg seven; Jacob Holloway six; Oscar Mendez and Dylan Lawrence scored four each; and Austin Kimbrall and Brandon Ray contributed two apiece.

Senior night here at home

Tough Highlander zone defense against a tough Decatur man-to-man defense led to a 5-3 Decatur lead after one quarter. The Highlanders kept pace until midway through the third quarter when Decatur pulled off a 10-0 run and went on to win 33-21, putting the boys' record at 14-15, six and seven in conference.

All night for the Highlanders, it was "almost." Josh Premeau was able to get shots near the basket but they were not dropping. Dalton Johnson's three-pointers were not falling. Free throws rimmed out for Eureka Springs.

Give some credit to the Decatur defense for blocking several inside shots from Premeau and Tanner Allee. But also credit the pesky Scots' defense led by Jake McClung at the point for making Decatur work hard to get shots. At the end, though, the difference was a few Decatur shots were swallowed whereas a few Eureka Springs shots rimmed out.

Toward the end of the first half, McClung made a steal for Eureka Springs and was fouled on the breakaway. He buried both free throws to narrow the gap at the time to 11-10. Allee then made

another steal but missed his free throws, but another McClung fast break layup after a steal gave the Highlanders a 12-11 lead. However, Decatur threw up a shot at the buzzer and got a rebound putback for a 13-12 lead at the half.

The last tie was at 13-13 early in the third quarter when Premeau made a free throw after another inside move. Then a Decatur three-pointer, a block of Premeau, a patient Decatur score underneath, another block on Allee inside, a Decatur three-pointer, a missed opportunity underneath for the Scots and then another Decatur offensive rebound and score – suddenly a 10-point deficit for Eureka Springs which was 25-14 by the end of the third quarter.

Eureka Springs made it difficult for Decatur with intense trapping defensive pressure, but shots were not falling for the Scots. After Trevor Lemme scored on an inside move early in the final quarter, the only scores for the Highlanders were two free throws late and a three-pointer by Johnson at the end of the game.

Josh Premeau had seven; Dalton Johnson and Jake McClung were held to four each; and Tanner Allee and Trevor Lemme, three apiece.

Lady Highlanders whup Decatur

Eureka Springs Lady Highlanders coach Brian Rambo said, "We played as well as could play for the second game in a row," after the Lady Scots held on for a 41-33 victory over the Decatur Lady Bulldogs Tuesday night.

Taylor Osterhout hit two three-pointers and Samantha Mueller swished another to give the Lady Highlanders a slim early lead. Free throw shooting and more offense from Osterhout pushed the lead to 23-15 at the half.

Steady offense limited the girls' turnovers through the second half, and 13 for 17 at the free throw line also helped Eureka Springs maintain its lead.

Rambo said he is glad to see his team gaining some momentum going into district play next week.

Eureka Springs moves to 11-18 on the season and 4-9 in conference play.

Taylor Osterhout led the scoring with 19, (three 3-point shots and 4/5 from the free throw line); Abbey Moore poured in 10; Jazmin Urioste six; and Haley Comstock and Samantha Mueller each hit for three.

The bucks start here

Foundation Farm has renewed its "foundation bucks program" for the 2013 season. Buy bucks now and use them until Dec. 31 at the Tuesday and Thursday farmers' markets in Eureka Springs or the Saturday farmers' market in Fayetteville.

When you use foundation bucks, you benefit from an instant 10 percent discount. Buy bucks in booklets of 10 vouchers (each worth 5 bucks/dollars) for \$45 per booklet – that's \$50 worth of bucks and food.

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The Josh Jennings Band will be at Chelsea's on Saturday, Feb. 9 performing what they call "twisted bluegrass/Americana," a collection of all original songs written by Josh Jennings, guitar and vocals, and Bob Alexander, flatpick guitar. Kris Hurt provides the bassline on an upright bass. Jennings was the 2012 Ozark Folk Festival song-writing contest winner, and according to Alexander, they had a great time in Eureka and especially loved playing the bandshell at Basin Park. Last year this band from Joplin released their debut album *Ol' Car* and have a second CD ready for release this spring. It is yet untitled so if you are inspired while listening to this upbeat, original music pass the idea along.

Chelsea's will host a benefit for Dylan Sunday on Feb. 10 starting at 2 p.m. with music by **Centerfuzze**, **Blue Moon** and **The Skinny Gypsies**. There will be a silent auction from 4-7 p.m. and a live auction starting at 8 p.m. Auction items are needed by Sunday at 1 p.m. or call (479) 244-6175 for pick-up. There will be a potluck and all covered dishes are welcome. Dylan was injured in December and has since had several surgeries and a 4 week hospital stay, the proceeds from this benefit will help cover staggering medical expenses.

Fat Tuesday is Feb. 12 and for this last hoorah before Lent begins, why not join the **Pub Tour**? Starting at the Pied Piper/Cathouse Lounge at 4:30 p.m., the party will wind its way downtown with stops at New



Josh Jennings Band – Don't miss the unique sound of this Joplin-based band at Chelsea's on Saturday, Feb. 9

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FRIDAY – FEBRUARY 8

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- **EUREKA LIVE!** *Big Bad Gina*, 8-10 p.m.
- **EUREKA PARADISE** DJ &

- Dancing
- **EUREKA STONEHOUSE** *Jerry Yester*, 5-8 p.m.
- **GRAND TAVERNE** *Arkansas Red Guitar*, 6:30-9:30 p.m.
- **JACK'S CENTER STAGE** Karaoke with *DJ Goose*, 8-Midnight
- **LUMBERYARD RESTAURANT & SALOON** DJ & Dancing, 8 p.m.
- **NEW DELHI CAFÉ** *SpringBilly*, 6:30 p.m.
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- **BASIN PARK HOTEL BALLROOM** *Beaux Arts Ball* featuring Ultra Suede
- **CHASERS BAR & GRILL**
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- **CHELSEA'S** *Josh Jennings Band*, 9 p.m.
- **EUREKA LIVE!** *Big Bad Gina*, 8–10 p.m. *Mardi Gras Costume Contest*
- **EUREKA PARADISE** DJ & Dancing
- **GRAND TAVERNE** *Jerry Yester Grand Piano Dinner Music*, 6:30–9:30 p.m.
- **JACK'S CENTER STAGE**
Blue Moon
- **LUMBERYARD RESTAURANT & SALOON** *SpringBilly*
- **NEW DELHI CAFÉ** *Blacked Out Boys*, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m., *Mike*

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- **VOULEZ-VOUS** *Leah & the Mojo Doctors*, 9 p.m.

SUNDAY – FEBRUARY 10

- **CHELSEA'S** *Benefit for Dylan Sunday – Centerfuzze, Blue Moon and the Skinny Gypsies* music starts at 2 p.m.
- **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** *Dan Poohbah*, afternoon, *Aquarian Birthday Party*, evening
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Church celebrates anniversary

Berryville Baptist Church has been sharing the Good News for the past 27 years. On Feb. 10 the church will celebrate this anniversary with special services, beginning with a combined service at 10:30 a.m. followed by dinner on the grounds. The day will conclude with early afternoon services.

Pastor Derryl DeShields came to Berryville as the fifth pastor of the

church, and will be speaking on the love of Christ, His love for the local church and His love for the people of Berryville and Carroll County.

The church extends a hearty welcome to people in the area, especially former members. Join in celebrating this special day. For directions to the church at 112 E. Fancher St., or for additional information, call (870) 423-2340.

HI Town Hall meeting Feb. 11

A Town Hall Informational Meeting will be held focusing on Bischoff vs. HISID. The meeting is open to all Holiday Island property owners Monday, Feb. 11, 6 p.m. in the Holiday Island Clubhouse ballroom.

Presenters are Attorneys Tim Hutchinson and Larry McCredy of Reece Moore Pendergraft, LLP. Topics for discussion are reasons for the suit, how it impacts individual

property owners within the district, what purpose it will achieve, how it affects the continued existence of Holiday Island and basic options on how the entire situation can be dealt with.

There will be an open question and answer session for owners to address their concerns and get clear, concise, understandable, factual answers.

Committee forming, public meeting on old HS property set

The Eureka Springs School Board has joined forces with the Greater Eureka Springs Chamber of Commerce and area business leaders to begin researching options, studying possibilities and mapping out a path for re-development and use of the old high school property.

Facilities Committee Chairman Sam Kirk and Superintendent Curtis Turner, Jr., met with Mike Bishop, Chamber president/CEO and Diane Murphy, past Chamber chair, to begin forming a steering committee. Included in initial meetings were local businessmen and parents Jack Moyer and Randy Wolfenbarger. Conversations with Mayor Morris Pate and Economic Development Coordinator, Glenna Booth, have also been initiated.

“Because of the location, this is a prime piece of real estate. We don’t want to see it vacant too long and become another abandoned structure within the city limits,” stated Bishop. “There are many potential uses for this property that could enhance the city.”

Experts to take a look

Representatives from the University of Arkansas Cooperative Extension

Service’s Breakthrough Solutions Program (designed to equip community leaders and citizens to create vibrant, sustainable communities) have been invited to Eureka Springs to explore possible uses. On Tuesday, Feb. 12, Dr. Mark Peterson, Professor of Community and Economic Development, and Ed Levy, a partner with Cromwell Architects Engineers, will tour the building and explore possible uses of the building with the community during a town meeting.

Randy Forst, local Carroll County Extension Agent staff chair, reported, “Breakthrough Solutions has a solid track record of helping communities leverage their assets to realize their desired future, and we are looking forward to interacting with them.”

The town meeting is open to all interested citizens on Tuesday, Feb. 12, 1:30 p.m. at the Best Western Inn of the Ozarks Convention Center to discuss ideas. For more information, or to share thoughts about the vacated school facility, contact Sam Kirk (479) 253-8136, Curtis Turner, Jr. (479) 253-5999 or Mike Bishop (479) 253-8737.



Open house – Parents and staff members visit the cafeteria for snacks during an open house for the new Eureka Springs High School Jan. 31. The auditorium is open in the background where a slideshow of the school’s construction was shown. The 88,000 square-foot school opened for classes on Jan. 3.

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Hail to the Queen(s) – The Eureka Gras Queen float rolls past the Basin Park Hotel in the Krewe of Krazo’s Light and Sound Night Parade Feb. 2 with past queens Mary Popovac, Elise Roenigk and Peggy Kjellaard. Popovac, (left) the 2012 Queen, will turn over her crown to Melodye Purdy (top right) during the Coronation Grand Ball on Feb. 8 at the Crescent Hotel. King Rod McGuire and Purdy will then ride in the Royalty Day Parade on Feb. 9 at 2 p.m.

PHOTO BY JOHN RANKINE

Ham (radio) it up on Feb. 14, 16, 17 and 21

Thursday, Feb. 14, the Little Switzerland Amateur Radio Club will meet at noon at the Pizza Hut in Eureka Springs on US 62E. John Nordlund, tactical communications officer from the Arkansas State Health Dept. will be the speaker.

On Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 16 and 17, 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Mercy Hospital is sponsoring a Ham Radio class for the Technician license in the Day Room in the hospital. At the end of the class at 3:30 p.m. on Sunday, testing will be given for that license and any other

license for hams wishing to upgrade.

Please bring a photo ID. For those upgrading, bring your original ham radio license or CSCE and a copy of it to send in after the test. To sign up for the class please email soler@ochonline.com. The class is free but there is a fee for the test – about \$15.

Thursday Feb. 21, at 6:30 p.m., the Little Switzerland Amateur Radio Club will meet at the Mercy Physicians building, 211 Carter Street, behind the Berryville Mercy Hospital. For more information contact patriciadean@cox.net.

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chance of prosecution. He encourages workers at construction sites to mark wire every two feet or so, for example, so law enforcement might have a chance to catch a thief.

The value of copper varies depending who buys it, the items and their condition. However, the profit for a thief is minimal compared to repair costs for the victims. Detective Thomas Achord of Eureka Springs Police Department said his mother is the keyboardist for Grace Lutheran Church in Holiday Island, and discovered as she arrived for church Sunday morning the air conditioning unit had been brutalized over the weekend. The thieves will net less than ten percent of what the church

will have to pay to repair the damage. The same was true for the Missionary Baptist Church in Beaver that will have to replace a \$4000 heating and air unit because thieves relieved it of its copper sometime in January. Margaret Shelman of Adkins Refrigeration near Holiday Island said someone took \$3000 worth of copper tubing on January 17. The business is along a remote section of Hwy 23 N.

The *Independent* recently reported on a case where a suspected copper thief had sold 71 pounds of copper wire to a recycler for \$171. The amount of copper in that transaction matches what had been stolen from Old Town Electric, an electrical supply business nearby, but authorities must be able to trace

the recycled items back to a source to confirm it was stolen.

Typical targets for metal rustlers are often in remote areas with communication tower sites, construction sites, junk yards, abandoned buildings or foreclosed properties; although TESSCO, a company which makes wireless communication equipment and products, reports thieves are becoming even more sophisticated and brazen, driving up to a construction site during the day appearing to be part of the construction team and leaving with cables, generators or other items containing metal which can be sold as scrap. TESSCO has begun manufacturing grounding bars with a particular hole pattern and the words

“Stolen Do Not Recycle” stamped on them.

Grudek said his deputies advised one businessperson near Holiday Island what kinds of security measures to add. Besides secure fencing, a remote location might benefit from extra lighting and security cameras. He added it is difficult to monitor all the remote areas in the county. Recently, one of his deputies spent a long cold night patrolling the vicinity of recent thefts, but conceded, “It’s a hit or miss opportunity.”

Grudek said he has been working with authorities in Missouri because it appears some of the criminals cross the border into Carroll County to do the dirty work and then escape across the state line.

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prosecute all the cases. She said, “Sheriff Bob Grudek has been awesome. He cares a lot and he tries to help, but the people in power really don’t care.” She feels because the county does not prosecute all the cases, animal cruelty is not that big a deal to some people. Renoe said the maximum sentence is one year in jail and a \$1000 fine, but almost always there is a plea bargain deal that amounts to a slap on the wrist, “an inconvenience” to the abuser. She thinks the cruelty laws in Arkansas are not strict enough.

It does not help, Gullick pointed out, that Arkansas and Missouri are two of the hot spots for puppy mills, as if there were not enough dogs here already.

There are situations where folks will move away, no one knows where, and leave their animals behind. Sometimes animals abandoned in the county will wander up to a house looking for food and water, and the residents just cannot afford another mouth to feed.

When Renoe gets the animals in her possession, however it happens, she depends on a network of caring foster homes to nurse animals back to health until they find caring owners. She said a lady in Alpena keeps as many as 14–20 dogs at a time plus some horses. She also has had the professional assistance of Dr. Wes Rice of the Family Pet Veterinary Clinic in Berryville who she said showed up at 10:30 p.m. a few years

ago to perform a vital surgery on Radar when he was rescued.

Dr. Rice keeps a jar at his office for donations because all rescue work is unpaid. Renoe said it is hard for rescue volunteers to afford the expense of pet food, not to mention medications. Some of the rescued animals need surgery, and unless there are donations to cover the costs, “We make monthly payments as best we can,” Renoe said.

A recent case involved Charley Brown, a Boxer who was hit by a car on a highway and left untended. Renoe said Charley Brown was as thin as a rail when she first saw him and he had nerve damage in one leg and amputation was required. Renoe found help from the St. Francis

Animal Hospital in Springdale. Dr. Kate Williams performed the surgery and there is a donation jar at the front desk for donations specifically to pay for Charley Brown’s surgery.

Renoe said Charley Brown is going to be okay. “It will be a long road for him,” she acknowledged, “but we’ll find someone to care for him. He has a better life than when we found him.”

Donations are welcome at the Family Pet Veterinary Clinic, 1262 U.S. 62 West, Berryville; at St. Francis Animal Hospital, 121 Virginia St. Springdale, for Charley Brown’s surgery; or donations can be mailed to Radar’s Rescue Ranch, c/o Gullicks, 71 Beaverview Drive, Eureka Springs AR 72631.

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MONDAY – FEBRUARY 11

- **CHASERS BAR & GRILL** Pool Tournament, 7 p.m.
- **CHELSEA’S** *SpringBilly*, 9 p.m.
- **SQUID & WHALE PUB** Disaster Piece Theater

TUESDAY – FEBRUARY 12

- **CHASERS BAR & GRILL** Dart Tournament
- **CHELSEA’S** *Buttered Rhythm Group after the Pub Krawl!*
- **JACK’S CENTER STAGE** Pub

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- **LUMBERYARD RESTAURANT & SALOON** Pool Tournament, 6:30 p.m.
 - **ROWDY BEAVER** Hospitality Night
 - **SQUID & WHALE PUB** 1 oz. Jig Jazz, Funk Pub Tour Stop
- ## WEDNESDAY – FEBRUARY 13
- **CHASERS BAR & GRILL** Beer Pong
 - **CHELSEA’S** *Chucky Waggs*, 9 p.m.

• **EUREKA LIVE!** *Lonely Hearts Club*

- **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, No Cover

THURSDAY – FEBRUARY 14

- **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
- **SQUID & WHALE PUB** *Open Mic Musical Smackdown featuring Bloody Buddy & Friends*

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Park bark – That's me, Zena, wistfully looking out the window at all the places I can't go play. Please give my friends and me a place of our own to romp. We need exercise to keep our bones from getting arthritic 'cause walking on a leash doesn't always do the trick. Here's how you can help: pledge toward our Arkansas Rural Development Grant application (monetary or volunteering time and labor), watch for and give during upcoming fundraisers (Mutt Strut, Bark in the Park and Cocktails for a Cause, among others), join the Dog Park Committee on Wednesday, Feb. 13, 6 p.m. at the Library Annex – and "like" Eureka Springs Dog Park on Facebook! Contact Rachel Brix (479) 244-9151 or Bill Rubley (479) 253-2658 and let's play!



Deadline closes in for grant apps

Nonprofits benefitting youth and children in Carroll County are invited to submit proposals for the Carroll County Community Foundation's annual competitive Youth Advisory

Committee (YAC) Grants. Visit www.arcf.org to view the submission guidelines and download an application. Grant application deadline is Feb. 15.

Women's Self-Defense Seminar Feb. 16, 17

The Black Belt Mastery Center, a martial arts and life skills studio, will hold a one-day Women's Self Defense course from noon – 2 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 16, and again on Sunday, Feb. 17. Topics include situational awareness at home and away, defending against and escaping a larger attacker and turning common, everyday items into weapons if needed. Awareness and knowledge will be stressed along with usable skills to make you safer every day.

Admission for the seminar is \$10 per person. The same curriculum will be available on both days, but you're welcome to attend both days for extra practice. For more info or to register, call (479) 363-1122 or (479) 981-0378. The Black Belt Mastery Center is located at 3022 East Van Buren, Suite E, on the lower level of the Amish Collection building. Entrance and parking for the BBMC is behind the building.

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to see if anyone knew of Stimes' whereabouts. No one had heard from him.

Simmons and a friend went to the police station and explained the story to Handley. He asked Simmons where

Stimes liked to camp, and she described a campsite on a hill near the Rockhouse campground on the Kings River. She had gone there already, but since the site was across the water and they could not get to it, they honked the car horn from their side but got no response.

Handley reported he asked Gustavus to go to the site, and at 10:43 a.m., Gustavus reported he found a body lying face down at the campsite whom he believed was Stimes. The white Suburban was there also. Gustavus called the Carroll County Sheriff's Office since it would be their case.

No cause of death has been determined, and a CCSO spokesman said there was no indication of trauma. A toxicology report will take at least several weeks.

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It breaks our heart, but ...

Karen Foster regrets there will be no annual Breaks Your Heart Valentines' Sale this year due to the flu. Get well soon, Karen.

Poetry workshop

The next monthly poetry workshop will be Sunday, Feb. 10, at the Garden Bistro, 2–5 p.m. Cost for this workshop sponsored by the Community Writing Program is \$25. To register or for more information, contact Alison Taylor-Brown at alisonbrown@me.com or (479) 292-3665.

Valentine Gras at Thyme

In a dual celebration of Valentine's Day and Eureka Gras, Eureka Thyme will host two Bella Vista artists Saturday, Feb. 9.

Lida Arthaud makes unique scarves in a style reminiscent of the feather boa. Ali Stinespring creates fused glass hearts and other interesting items such as clocks. Her



dichroic glass jewelry will be exhibited exclusively for this one-day show. Meet these beautiful women between 1 and 5 p.m. at 19 Spring Street (479) 363-9600.

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