



Inside the ESI

Chelsea's robbery	2
HISID	3
CAPC	4
School property	5
Council	6
Fluoride	9
Independent Mail	12
Constables on Patrol	14
Fame Came Late	19
Astrology	20
Crossword	21
Independent Soul	24
Classifieds	30

This Week's INDEPENDENT Thinker



PHOTO COURTESY TWITTER

Rookie golfer Daniela Holmqvist was trying to qualify for the Women's Australian Open. On the fourth hole, she felt a sharp pain in her leg. She and her caddy saw a black widow crawling away. The caddy warned her of the impending danger, so she knew she had to respond quickly.

With her leg throbbing and beginning to swell, she pulled a golf tee out of her pocket and used it to open the wound further and squeeze out the venom. She finished the round and shot 74 in spite of the bite. Holmqvist did not qualify for the tournament, but she made clear she can think quickly and independently.



Hail the king – Spring Street is packed with people as Mardi Gras King Rod McGuire glides toward Basin Park in the colorful Eureka Gras Parade Feb. 9.

PHOTO BY DAVID FRANK DEMPSEY

Council cites need for additional taxis

NICKY BOYETTE

The question of whether Eureka Springs needs another taxi service took several laps around the city council table Monday night and there was little objection to the notion. Aldermen and citizens alike spoke to the need for “a professionally-run taxi operation,” as alderman Joyce Zeller phrased it. The difficulty facing council was determining what city ordinances are still in effect and ensuring the city complies with State Code.

“It’s a can of worms, but we need to open the dialogue,” alderman Dee Purkeypile said. He said he put the topic on the council agenda because the public had reached out to several aldermen requesting another taxi service in town.

During public comments, two representatives of Abundant Transportation, a Rogers-based company that has been trying for a year to gain inroads into the Eureka Springs market, asked for a chance to operate here. Glenn Brown pointed out the city is the wedding capital of the South with 2500 rooms for visitors distributed among its many motels, hotels and tourist lodgings. He said there are 111 restaurants and many locations for nightlife, and the weekend influx of visitors creates the need for another transportation service in town. “All we want is a chance to operate legally,” he said.

COUNCIL – TAXIS continued on page 27

\$2400 cold cash missing from Chelsea's after early morning robbery

C. D. WHITE

When Chelsea's Corner Café and Bar owner, Vicki "Stick" Brown, opened for business at 10 Mountain St. on Monday, Feb. 11, she got a chilling surprise. Close to \$1100 in revenue kept in the bar's money box in a freezer was missing.



HELP! OUR DOG IS MISSING!

He is part Great Dane, brindle markings.
Went missing on Tuesday, Feb. 12 around 3 p.m.
from East Mountain and 62.
He is 6 months old, 40 lbs, long legs.
Please call Pam at 479-363-6969

ES Police Det. Thomas Achord responded to the scene and interviewed Brown along with employees Burton Hamilton and Keith Weitzman. According to Achord's report, Hamilton said he left the bar about 12:50 that morning after cleaning up from a fundraiser for Dylan Sunday held the night before.

Police Chief Earl Hyatt told the *Independent* the funds collected during that benefit were kept in a separate location and were accounted for. A further search and re-assessment of missing cash totaled \$2400, Achord told the *Independent* on Wednesday. No benefit funds are missing.

Achord's report indicates there was no sign of forced entry into the building, but a wooden gate under the upper level gangway, normally kept shut, was found open in the morning. The loop on a hook-and-loop closure

on the door to the bar area had been pulled out of the wood.

Brown said she noticed the upper door leading to the bathrooms outside was not dead bolted and Hamilton reported that he had dead-bolted the door. A single roll of quarters was found on the stairs between the door and the bathrooms; and one of the four bags of money stolen from the freezer contained 10 rolls of quarters.

Achord collected the remaining roll, dusted for prints and also lifted latent prints from the freezer door and moneybox. Achord was also provided with a list of those attending the previous evening's benefit auction.

Anyone with information on the robbery should phone ESPD at (479) 253-8666. Reports may be given in confidence.



"Romancing" the tigers – From left, Kelly Breslau and Leslie Meeker of The Fine Art of Romance and Volez-Vous Lounge present a \$5,000 check to Tanya Smith of Turpentine Creek Wildlife Refuge at their clothing store Feb. 8. The check will go toward a matching fund grant to help complete habitats for 34 big cats TCWR is rescuing from Riverglen Sanctuary. Only nine animals have yet to be moved.

PHOTO BY DAVID FRANK DEMPSEY

Treat your Valentine to the best!

Our 33rd Year!

TWO DUMB DAMES

FUDGE FACTORY

33 South Main • Historic District
479-253-7268
www.twodumbdames.com
info@twodumbdames.com



Owner Beth McCullough, Pharmacist

121 East Van Buren
Phone 479.253.9751
Fax 479.253.7149
Emergency 870.423.6162

MEDICAL PARK PHARMACY

Customized Hormone Replacement Therapy and Veterinary Medications

HISID town meeting SRO

HARRIE FARROW

It was standing room only at a Town Hall Informational Meeting at the Holiday Island Clubhouse ballroom on Monday night as attorneys hired by property owner David Bischoff in an illegal exaction action against the Holiday Island Suburban Improvement District (HISID) explained their case. An hour and fifteen minutes of presentation was followed by an hour long, sometimes passionate, question and comments session.

Tony Germani, defending Bischoff's intent, shared background on Bischoff's actions prior to filing the suit and imparted history of how assessments by HISID progressed over the years.

At issue is the legality of how landowners have been levied for benefits of district operations and improvements. Attorneys for the prosecution, Larry McCredy and Tim Hutchinson of Reece Moore Pendergraft of Fayetteville, said suburban improvement districts get power from Arkansas State Code and that HISID has violated its authority in numerous ways.

Germani told the crowd that Bischoff, who was not present, had made many efforts to get the Board of Commissioners to address these issues and each time he was met only with refusal or no response. Even during public meetings, Germani said, the board met Bischoff's concerns with remarks such as, "You elected us and we can do whatever we want to."

Germani concluded that Bischoff had no recourse other than go to court. Germani said if anyone thought Bischoff should have dealt with this outside court, they were not at the public meetings and should have gotten involved earlier.

In summary, Germani said Bischoff just wants the board to do things according to state code, and legal action taken was in the best interest of Holiday Island property owners.

Hutchinson explained that an illegal exaction action was an Arkansas constitutional right, citing Article 16-13. He explained that the case of Bischoff

vs. HISID was a class action suit that every assessment payer in Holiday Island was a party to, "whether you like it or not." Several in the crowd shouted comments such as, "Not me!" Hutchinson said that while individuals can opt out of other kinds of class actions, they can't on an illegal exaction action. He said that although each party has a right to participate in the litigation, show up at hearings, and object to any settlement agreements, they are bound by the final judgment or settlement, but do not have to accept any benefits.

Attorneys said the assessment of 2011 was done improperly and used an "arbitrary estimate of usage" – for example, assessing differently according to a paved or gravel access. They also claim that notice to the public of assessments was done improperly. The main complaint revolves around the idea that SIDs cannot levy an amount that exceeds the value of the benefits. The Bischoff case maintains that HISID collected the maximum amount they were legally entitled to years ago, and have been illegally levying Holiday Island land owners ever since.

Also in question were the legality of the Special Sewer Debt Assessment and certain, "illegal expenditures," such as marketing Holiday Island, subsidizing *Holiday Island News*, and the security agreement with the Sheriff's department.

The legal team stressed that the lawsuit is the only way to solve these problems. A settlement agreement, they explained, could give HISID a way to – at least until the district comes up with a long-range plan – continue to collect the funds it needs to operate.

Hutchinson stated more than once that the legal team had discussed with HISID the idea of the suit and possible settlements. It was also stressed that if Bischoff did not file this suit HISID would have "dug a deeper hole" until sooner or later someone else would sue, likely someone who lost their land because they could not pay the "illegal" levy. If the case turned out to be an indi-

vidual suing instead of a class action, the lawyers maintain, the result could paralyze Holiday Island because there would be no way to work out a deal to allow the district to run under an agreement including all the owners. When told that they are lucky that Bischoff is doing the class action suit, several in the crowd mockingly said, "Aw, aw."

During the comments one speaker said, "I feel like we are suing ourselves," and asked if the attorneys were working on contingency. The answer was that the court will decide how much they get paid, so in effect, yes.

The attorneys also said the class action suit was filed only after an initial suit filed by Bischoff failed both an informal settlement attempt and a court ordered mediation.

When asked about estimated legal fees, attorneys said it is a complicated and time consuming case so the fees

were likely to add up to be quite a bit of money.

Someone asked if the fact that HISID had been conducting its levying the same way for so long without challenge makes it now legal. The answer was that the concept of adverse possession does not apply to money.

When pressed to reveal how much money was at stake if the suit is not settled, it was explained that the attorneys are waiting for HISID to turn over requested financial details regarding bonds, interest rates and the like.

The attorneys admitted to a questioner that if the suit did not get settled, and a monetary judgment against HISID was made instead, it would be "devastating" to the district.

Realtor Don Eiler said property values have dropped in Holiday Island since the suit and he's already had two

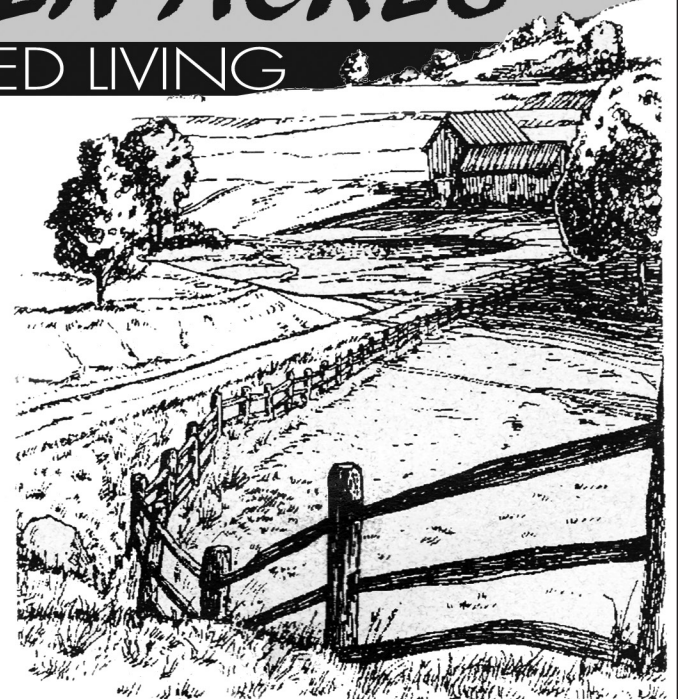
HISID continued on page 27

GREEN ACRES ASSISTED LIVING

Serving the
elderly
with
distinction
since 1996

Owner/Operator
Perla T., R.N.

Medicaid Approved



Our Mission is to celebrate your independence
while assisting you to live your life with
dignity, in comfort, safety and joy.

(479) 253-6553 • 89 Hillside Drive • Holiday Island, AR

Bluegrass Festival could go “Re-eally Big”

NICKY BOYETTE

Bluegrass was the focus of the Feb. 13 meeting of the Eureka Springs Advertising and Promotion Commission. Executive Director Mike Maloney announced Joe McClung, who has produced the event several times before, would be willing to put it on again this year. Maloney said CAPC budgeted \$10,000 and McClung is asking for \$15,000. Maloney said the money would be mostly for accommodations.

He also said McClung wanted to call the event Mr. Big’s Festival.

Commissioner Bobbie Foster asked, “Can’t we at least call it Mr. Big’s Bluegrass Festival?”

Maloney said McClung wants to reach out to the traditional bluegrass fan base. The question is how far \$15,000 would go.

Commissioner Lynn Bridwell was the first to speak up. Right away he qui-

etly announced, “I would favor doing at \$15,000 if we can.”

Chair Charles Ragsdell mentioned that funds previously allocated to a possible FeatFest in October would be available because the group is taking a year off for medical reasons.

Maloney said the CAPC took the event in-house last year, and the shows featured some really good but hardly known performers, and they were a new breed of bluegrass, to the surprise of some. Everyone agreed the Thursday watermelon social was a hit, and visitors can expect it to continue and possibly with the addition of spontaneous music all around the park.

Upon looking at the calendar and the dates in August already penciled in, Ragsdell realized the dates coincided with the Harrison Bluegrass Festival, a well-established event. He said, “We can’t do it then. That would be like

Harrison having a blues weekend at the same time as ours.”

There was an open weekend in September, but Foster suggested they get more information, like a budget from McClung, before making a decision.

Ragsdell suggested inviting McClung to the next workshop, which will be Feb. 27, at 4 p.m. at the CAPC offices. Commissioners will also discuss the Folk Festival.

Director’s report

- Maloney told the group that KATV will be in town Thursday, Feb. 21, and broadcast their evening news from the Auditorium. On Friday, their early morning news will be live from Eureka Springs. They will interview locals and provide “a big chunk of free p.r.”

- Eureka Springs was well-represented among the winners at the recent Arkansas Addy awards ceremony in Ft. Smith. Addy Awards are for excellence in advertising. Maloney said Eureka Springs won more than a dozen awards including Best in Show.

- The Canadian television program “Jason McCoy Eats America” visited Eureka Springs. The show searches for unusual things, and they stayed here for three hours.

- CAPC has funded six wedding shows recently in Tulsa, Kansas City, Little Rock and three in Northwest Arkansas. The shows are a collaboration with the Chamber of Commerce.

- The company Maloney works with to place cable advertising is NCC. Their representatives visited recently and suggested expanding the targeted areas to include St. Louis, Omaha and Memphis, but drop Houston. Maloney said technology continues to improve at specifically identifying where to find the targeted market.

- He said the CAPC is “running purposefully conservative” with spending this season to make sure they can adequately fund festivals and events later in the year. “Assuming collections are good, we should be in good shape,” Maloney commented.

Next regular meeting will be March 13 at 6 p.m.

A little help from our friends:

(Please email your ongoing community service announcements to newsdesk@eurekaspringsindependent.com)

- **Food pantry, furniture bank and used book store** – Wildflower Chapel Food Pantry is open from 10:30 – Noon on Fridays. The Thrift Store and Used Furniture Bank is open Monday – Friday from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Call (479) 363-6408 for more information. For service times and other chapel information, phone 253-5108.

- **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 for a chance 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.

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

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

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

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

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

- **Eureka Springs Coffee Pot AA Group** Monday – Saturday 12:30 p.m., Sunday at 10 a.m.

Sunday – Thursday, and Saturday, at 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday and Friday at 8 p.m. (479) 253-7956

or www.nwarkaa.org (click Eureka Springs AA)

Volunteers needed *pronto* for Eureka Doggie Shop

The Eureka Springs Doggie Shop has three three-hour afternoon volunteer shifts available that must be filled immediately. If you love looking through rummage items, this job is for you!

Duties include sorting through donations, bringing them inside, determining their placement and preparing them for pricing. This is

indoor/outdoor work and involves lifting and moving donations into the store from the outdoor shed or covered porch area behind the store.

Shifts are 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. or 1 – 4 p.m., Monday through Saturday, volunteer’s choice of shift and days. If interested, call Tracellen Kelly (479) 981-2886. A little of your time goes a long way toward helping the animals!



Since 1979

Acord's



HOME CENTER

Restore, Remodel, Redecorate

Financing Available WAC

251 Huntsville Rd., Hwy. 23 South • Eureka Springs, AR 72632
Mon.-Fri. 7-5 • Sat. 8-12
479-253-9642 • 1-800-844-1642 • www.acordshomecenter.com

Comments and questions – Professor Mark Peterson from the University of Arkansas Cooperative Extension Agency talks about changing with the times, or not, during a community meeting at the Inn of the Ozarks to discuss the future of the old Eureka Springs High School building with input from the public.

PHOTO BY DAVID FRANK DEMPSEY



Old school thinking

NICKY BOYETTE

The Eureka Springs School District staged a public hearing on the afternoon of Feb. 12 at the Inn of the Ozarks convention center to see what locals thought should be done with the old high school. At least 50 people showed up to voice an opinion or hear floated ideas.

Superintendent Curtis Turner said the school board could have made a decision on its own, but they saw the city had a great opportunity to do something special with the facility and wanted community input. Board member Sam Kirk said plainly to the audience, “We need your help to do this.”

Mark Peterson and Ed Levy of Breakthrough Solutions moderated the meeting. Peterson said he and Levy have worked with cities all over the state to help align collective ideas into achievable projects. Peterson said his goal is to help Eureka Springs “discover its shared vision so citizens can work together to create it.”

Peterson described how Park City, Utah, had been on the verge of disappearing when mining interests waned, so it re-created itself as a skiing destination and is now thriving. Little Rock also revitalized its neglected river-front area into a vibrant attraction that created jobs and brought in revenue for the city. “Take advantage of your assets,” he said.

Levy encouraged the school board to get a Building Engineering Report (BER) so everyone understands better what liabilities or challenges they face. He said there is asbestos in the building, but it possibly could be easily encapsulated to eliminate the hazard. There is also evidence of leaking, so getting the BER would be a smart first step

in the journey forward.

Suggestions from citizens ran the gamut:

- move city offices there
- use part of it for a fire station
- open a community center/trade school
- make a permanent place for the farmers’ market, create botanical gardens and add a food court with a musical component
- “Whatever happens, it should reflect our diversity”
- tear it down and put in a swimming pool
- senior center
- show movies
- create a business incubator
- sell it to Parks for \$1
- do something for the city, not tourists
- boys and girls club
- college-like facility, such as a satellite campus so kids will stay here
- do not put in another hotel

As the winds of possibilities swirled around the room, it became clear to the group the facility was large enough to accommodate several suggestions. Mayor Morris Pate saw it that way. His first idea was to move city hall there. “We’re sitting on each other now and a creek runs under us and sometimes it smells,” he observed. The offices of the City Advertising and Promotion Commission could also relocate there, thereby saving the city even more rent. Pate said there would plenty of room to rent other spaces, and the gym is in good shape and could become a community center. He pointed out the band room is huge, the EAST

SCHOOL PROPERTY continued on page 29

Buy one adult clothing item, get 2nd of equal or lessor value. Free.

The **Purple House**
HOSPITAL THRIFT SHOP

located on the Eureka Springs Hospital Campus
24 Norris Street

Weekdays 10 A.M. to 4 P.M.

Volunteers & donations always welcome

Kristi Kendrick
Law Offices



152 W. Van Buren
West of Nelson's
Funeral Chapel
in the All Seasons
Real Estate
Building



Kristi Kendrick

Office hours by appointment.
Licensed in Arkansas and Louisiana

479.253.7200
www.kristikendrick.com

Council to study qualifications salary for mayor

NICKY BOYETTE

“Isn’t it about time for Eureka Springs to have a full time mayor?” asked alderman David Mitchell at Monday night’s city council meeting.

Alderman James DeVito replied, “We’ve always had a full time mayor. We just don’t pay him.” He said the discussion should be trying to find qualified people, “not that the current mayor was not qualified. If the city paid for full time, it would greatly expand the pool of candidates.” But the city pays the mayor \$18,000 per year and the only qualification is winning an election, so expectations

are scaled back.

Alderman Joyce Zeller asked Mayor Morris Pate how much time it takes to do the job, and Pate replied he always has things to do.

Mitchell wanted to change the situation right away, so he moved to double the mayor’s salary starting in March. City attorney Tim Weaver said council would need to pass an ordinance to do so.

DeVito said he would not be comfortable with such a quick change, and saw any changes happening next year at the earliest. Alderman Dee Purkepile and Zeller agreed.

Alderman Terry McClung disagreed with the whole discussion. He said he had been against increasing the mayor’s salary when he was on council before and he is against it now. He said candidates know what the situation is. “If you’re going to make it a job, then turn it into a job. Otherwise leave it alone,” he commented.

Council discussed qualifications and salary of mayor compared to department heads. Consensus was they needed more time to study the situation. Mitchell withdrew his motion and council agreed to table the discussion.

Locals represent well on goodwill mission to state capitol

Twenty-two Eureka Springs-area residents recently visited Little Rock on a goodwill mission to the state capitol sponsored by the Greater Eureka Springs Chamber of Commerce.

The group included city and county elected officials, school administrators, local businessmen and women and Chamber of Commerce employees and board members. A luncheon was provided by the 1905 Basin Park Hotel Balcony Restaurant and was attended by state senators, members of the House of Representatives, state agency officials and state government employees. The Chamber presented a variety

of Eureka Springs promotional information and displays.

Other highlights of the trip included a photo op with Gov. Mike Beebe, a visit to State Chamber of Commerce offices, the Arkansas Hospitality Association and the Department of Parks and Tourism. Private meetings were held with education officials, and Eureka Springs Chamber leaders were recognized on the Senate floor.

Kent Butler of the Great Passion Play delivered the opening prayer at the afternoon session of the Senate. Sen. Bryan King and Rep. Bob Ballinger attended the luncheon and were instrumental in garnering good attendance for the event.



Envoys – Front row from left, Jack Moyer, Debbie Coleman, Dick Kelsey, Gov. Beebe, Diane Wilkerson, Bill Ott and Terry McClung. Middle row, Curtis Turner, Glenna Booth, Sam Kirk, Karen Gros, Mike Bishop, Dan Mumaugh, Debbie Hartsell, Dave Teigen and Al Larson. Back row, Donna Shepard, Scott Smith, Tanya Smith, Morris Pate and George Purvis. Not pictured are Mike Maloney and Kent Butler.

Paws to consider a pledge today!

The Dog Park Advisory Committee is applying for an Arkansas Rural Development Grant that requires matching funds, which means any and all donations are appreciated.

Note! Pledges must be made by March 1 in order to satisfy grant requirements, but payment can be made up until May 1. If you can’t pledge funds, labor pledges (meaning anyone who wants to help, say, put up

the fence or rake leaves) will be happily received.

Please join your fellow dog lovers at the next Dog Park meeting Wednesday, Feb. 27, 6 p.m. at the Library Annex with your comments and ideas.

Contact Rachel (479) 244-9151 or Bill (479) 253-2658 for pledge forms or to make donations.

Dances for peace

The Dances of Universal Peace will be held on Friday, Feb. 15, 7 – 8:30 p.m. at the white church building at 17

Elk St. All are invited to drop by for a fellowship, spirituality and exercise all in one.

Climate 911

Remember when it used to snow in the Ozarks in the winter? Remember when we had streams and lakes full of water instead of being in extreme drought?

Join Occupy Eureka Springs’ local rally in solidarity with 350.org, Sierra Club and the Hip Hop Caucus rally being held Sunday, Feb. 17 in Washington D.C. We will urge President Obama to reject the Keystone XL tar sands pipeline and act with urgency to solve the climate crisis by reducing emissions from coal fired power plants, addressing the serious environmental concerns about natural gas fracking and transitioning to a clean energy economy.

Meet at 1 p.m. with signs, drums and positive energy at Planer Hill (intersection of Hwy. 23 and US 62). Park in the bank lot and walk across to the public space at Planer Hill. Bring signs or we will have materials available to make a sign. More info – (479) 253-6963.

Scots cruise through first round of tournament

NICKY BOYETTE

Team effort lifted the Eureka Springs Highlanders over the Hartford Hustlers 65-46 in the first round of the 4-2A West District tournament Monday night in Mountainburg. Josh Premeau and Dalton Johnson again led the inside-outside scoring attack but four 3-pointers in the first half from Trevor Lemme made everyone's job easier. Premeau had 14 of his 20 in the first half and Johnson nailed three from beyond the arc. By the end of the first half, Eureka Springs led 39-22.

"The Highlanders put the game away in third quarter behind the great defense and rebounding of Tanner Allee, Andrew Ritter and Jake McClung to hold Hartford to only five third quarter points," coach Nolan Helder said. McClung guarded Hartford's best player and held him to only three points through three quarters.

Hartford tried to get back into the game with fourth quarter pressing defense, but ball handler Jake McClung was cool in the clutch protecting the impressive Highlander victory.

Josh Premeau led scoring with 20, and Dalton Johnson hit for 15 (including four treys); Trevor Lemme also had 15, (five of five from uptown); Mathew McClung added five, Jake McClung, three; Lucas Vazquez, three and Tanner Allee, two with Andrew Ritter and Nathan Andress at one apiece.

Last week a propitious lead-in to tournament

Eureka Springs Highlanders overcame foul trouble and a barrage of three-pointers by the Union Christian Eagles last Thursday night to win a hard-fought battle in overtime, 72-62.

It was a free throw extravaganza for Eureka Springs. The Scots made 31 of 41 attempts from the free throw line, including an impressive 15 of 18 in overtime. Four Highlanders scored in double figures, and the victory brought them to a 14-14 record for the season and 7-7 in conference play.

The Eagles sank 12 shots from beyond the arc, including six by Austin Curtis. Eureka Springs led 34-24 at halftime, but the Eagles took advantage of Josh Premeau's foul trouble to surge to a 45-41 lead after three quarters.

The game ended with the score knotted at 53, but then the free throw showcase put the game out of reach.

Dalton Johnson hit five from way, way out plus all six free throws for 21; Josh Premeau scored 20 (including 12 of 16 free throws); Jake McClung hit for 10 as did Tanner Allee; Trevor Lemme added eight.

Lady Highlanders fall to Union Christian

The quick start for the Lady Highlanders against the Union Christian Academy Lady Eagles was not enough as UCA gained momentum in the second half and defeated Eureka Springs 31-22.

Abbey Moore hit two early shots for the Lady Scots, who held the lead until a buzzer-beater three-pointer by UCA tied the game at the half. The Lady Highlanders never adjusted to the UCA human-to-human defense in the second half and were able to score only ten points the final two quarters.

Coach Brian Rambo commented, "All things said, I thought we played extremely well on the defensive end but we need to work on our decision-making in our half court man offenses."

Abbey Moore led with 11; Taylor Osterhout scored six (including all four free throws); Jazmin Urioste hit for three and Taylor Little added two.

Struggling with those animal instincts lately?

Let *The Fine Art of*



TAME
the Wild Cat
in You!

Make this Valentine's weekend unforgettable with a visit to the beautifully expanded

Fine Art of Romance
Gallery - Boutique

Exceptional Women's Lingerie
Expanded Gentlemen's Intimate Apparel Selection
Extensive Plus Size Section
New Fitness & Yoga Wear Selection
Nude Fine Art & Very Romantic Gifts

Valentine's Sale Thurs., Feb. 14th – Sun., Feb. 17
20% off all merchandise
& 40% off selected items

Open 10-6 Sunday-Thursday, 10-8 Friday and Saturday
60 Spring Street | Eureka Springs, AR
479.363.6264 | www.FineArtofRomance.com



*"When Rain Drops Fall
Remember To Call"*



**RAIN
GUARD**

**SEAMLESS
GUTTER
SYSTEMS**

675 CR 104
Eureka Springs, AR 72632
(479) 253-7363 Office

FREE ESTIMATES
REFERENCES AVAILABLE

 **Gutter
Helmet**
NEVER CLEAN YOUR GUTTERS AGAIN™

INDEPENDENTNews

Planning reviews green zone vacations

NICKY BOYETTE

Bruce Levine, director of the Parks Department, told the Planning Commission at its Feb. 12 meeting Parks is reviewing green zone vacation procedures, and he wanted Planning to be aware of their thinking.

It is currently a requirement to notify all neighbors within 200 ft. of a property to be vacated. Levine pointed out there are situations where neighbors within the 200-ft. radius would not be affected at all by a vacation, whereas landowners along the length of a street but further away might be.

Ideas abounded regarding particulars, such as expanding the notification area to 500 ft., asking neighbors to justify that they are being affected, or methods of proper notification.

Chair Beverly Blankenship traced the vacation process as it would

traverse through Parks, then Planning, then city council. If council agreed to the vacation request, the city would in effect pass an ordinance to take the property from Parks and release it to the applicant.

Blankenship added she would like City Code to be clearer about the process, and Planning would try to find all vacation references in Code to see if they can elucidate the procedure. Morris said he wanted the end result to be not only clearer, but fair to everyone. Planning will continue this discussion.

Table needs filling

Planning had asked city council to consider amending City Code to allow aldermen to sit on commissions in jeopardy of not having a quorum, such as the situation Planning will face at its Feb. 26 meeting, if only on an interim basis. Council preferred to recruit new commissioners rather than pass an ordinance which might be rendered moot in a matter of weeks if new commissioners could be seated.

Commissioner James Morris said he respected the way Code is written now, but Planning faces a dilemma. He said, "If you want to have a meeting with me in two weeks, I'll meet you in Belize City." He advocated for council to come to their rescue.

Melissa Greene added, "I'm sitting here because I do not want to leave the city I love in the lurch." She said she has been on commissions for eight years and is looking for a break but stays so Planning can continue to operate.

Morris even wondered if commissioners from other commissions could sit on Planning as well. He said he wanted the rules to change.

Commissioners voted 4-0 to have Blankenship make another appeal to council.

Definition of a B&B

Doug Breitling, owner of Arsenic and Old Lace B&B, asked Planning to consider a change in the definition of a B&B. He pointed out City Code defines a B&B as having no more than five units. The average across Arkansas

is seven, he said, and the national average is about eight.

He wants the number of rooms to make sense and be less arbitrary. He thinks requiring 500 sq. ft. per unit of floor space in the building makes more sense. If the city wanted to be more restrictive, then require 600 sq. ft. per unit.

Breitling also noted that laws stipulate a B&B owner who increases from five to six units must convert the kitchen to a commercial kitchen and be visited by the Health Inspector. There would also be the parking requirements already stated in City Code.

Blankenship said the original intent of the law was to protect neighborhoods and Planning would want to get public input before making any changes. Morris said he was concerned about the number of occupants as much as number of rooms. To his knowledge, the law did not limit the number of occupants.

Greene commented there might be fewer than ten properties in town that could expand if the law were changed, and she would not want to see a large building going up in her neighborhood.

Blankenship said it would be wise to listen to what the people say. Planning cannot write laws person-specific; they must be for the benefit of the whole town, and in this town parking space would limit most properties from expanding. This will be another topic discussed further in the future.

Other items

- Commissioners agreed to watch for abandoned signs around town to see if there is enough of an issue to revisit the sign ordinance for further updates.

- Blankenship commented in her closing remarks that council continues to move along issues prepared by Planning. "We are making progress. We are making a difference," she said.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, Feb. 26, at 6 p.m.



Ask about our temporary stay

Affordable Assisted Living
... with a touch of class

Studio, 1BR and 2BR Floor Plans • Private Patios & Decks • Large Closets • Beauty Salon
3 Meals Daily (served restaurant-style) • 24-hour Staff for Assistance when you need it
Assistance available for bathing, dressing, grooming, medications

 **Peachtree Village Assisted Living**
5 Park Drive, Holiday Island, AR
(Just off Hwy. 23 North by the Bluffs)
479-253-9933 • www.peachtreevillage.org

CALL OR DROP BY FOR A TOUR

CBWD operators support regulating water additives

BECKY GILLETTE

Operators at the Carroll Boone Water District (CBWD) and other water districts in the state have come out in support of a bill introduced by State Sen. Bryan King of Green Forest to establish the Arkansas Water Additive Accountability Act to regulate substances added to public drinking water. CBWD Water

operator Rene Fonseca said the bill would address concerns by water district personnel that there are no current federal or state regulations that protect the safety of the public and water operators from additives put in public drinking water for the purpose of treating humans, rather than making water potable, such as fluoride (hydrofluorosilicic

acid). The CBWD operators are concerned about manufacturers' full disclosure of toxic contaminants in the products added to drinking water including arsenic, lead and radioactive substances.

After a mandate was passed by the Arkansas legislature requiring all water districts serving more than 5,000 customers add fluoride to the water, the CBWD operators contacted 49 suppliers of fluoride asking for exact copies of documents that manufacturers are required to submit in order to receive American National Standards Institute (ANSI) and NSF Standard 60 certification. These manufacturers' documents are required to declare the full extent of each contaminant and provide a list of toxicological studies on the

product and those contaminants. Not a single supplier responded with the requested data. Operators have also expressed concern about the potential for the highly corrosive

FLUORIDE continued on page 29



Thanks, Wilma! – Wilma Hagquist, left, cuts her retirement cake among a recent gathering of friends and fellow volunteers at the Inn of the Ozarks. Hagquist is retiring after managing the Eureka Springs Hospital Guild's Purple House Thrift Shop for the last 17 years, but will still work a shift handling donations. Helping with the cake is Mary Dolce.

PHOTO BY DAVID FRANK DEMPSEY

**OZARK
LOCK & KEY**

Eureka's
locally
owned and
operated
Locksmith



479-253-7764
Serving NWA, SW Missouri

ACADEMY OF EXCELLENCE

**CHILI
COOK
& AUCTION
OFF**

10th
Annual

Friday, Feb. 15
Doors open
at 5:30 p.m.

Best Western Inn
of the Ozarks
Convention Center

50" FLAT SCREEN
TV TO BE RAFFLED

Buy your tickets now!

100'S OF AUCTION ITEMS

For more information or to donate items,
call the Academy at 479.253.5400



CARROLL COUNTY LITERACY COUNCIL

If you can read this and know someone
who can't, we can help.
Call us at **870-505-1556**
or visit our website
for more information:
www.carrollcountyliteracy.org

FREE LOCAL DELIVERY

Try our
SUSHI

Runner Up
BEST CHINESE
AROUND STATE
2012 Arkansas
Times Readers'
Choice Awards



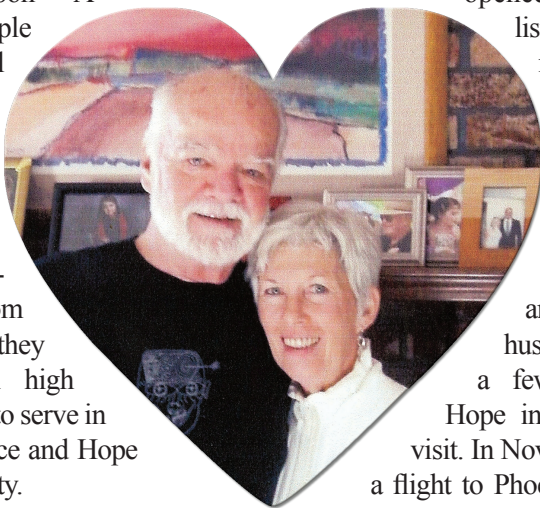
2 YEARS AT SAME LOCATION
3094 E. Van Buren (Hwy. 62E) • 479.363.6678
DINE IN, CARRY OUT
Beer, Wine & Sake
OPEN SUNDAY – THURSDAY 11 A.M. – 8 P.M.
FRIDAY 11 A.M. – 9 P.M. • SATURDAY 4 – 9 P.M.

A Valentine story (as told by Bob Huston)

"Once Upon A Time..." a couple of high school sweethearts promised to marry each other. Bob Parks and Hope and were boy- and girlfriend from age 13. When they graduated from high school, Bob left to serve in the U.S. Air Force and Hope went to University.

They still thought of each other, but situations changed. Bob married another and so did Hope. They still thought of each other, but never made contact. Bob circled the globe several times, and after the Air Force, became a U.S. Air controller serving in several different countries. After retiring, Bob moved to Holiday Island with his wife June. In July of 2011, June died after a long illness.

Bob continued his activities at Holiday Island and became a member of the Elks, Holiday Island Golf Association and Holiday Island Presbyterian Church. One day he went over to his neighbor, Bob Huston, and excitedly told him he made a remarkable discovery. While surfing the Internet he came across a site called Former Classmates. He



opened it and found the listing for Hope, now Hope Poole.

They had not seen or talked together for 51 years, but he called her in Phoenix and discovered her husband had died a few years earlier.

Hope invited Bob for a visit. In November he caught a flight to Phoenix. They drove to Kansas City in Hope's car, and spent Thanksgiving with Bob's family and then on to St. Louis to meet his sister and another daughter.

It turns out time had not erased the attraction they felt all those years ago while in their teens.

Bob returned to Holiday Island for a few days and made plans to remodel his home along with Hope's input. They returned to Arizona, and in January flew to Jamaica where they were married.

The Parks' will have a home in Holiday Island and one in Fountain Hills, Arizona. Bob and Hope will be at home in Holiday Island for a few days in late February, and then to their home in Arizona.

True love prevails. Happy Valentine's Day!

First time competitor surprised by win

C.D. WHITE

Jenny Thomas of Exeter, Mo., never expected to go home from the 9th Annual Chocolate Lovers' Festival with a First Place in the Professional Cake Decoration contest. After all, she'd never entered a competition before and had no idea what to expect.

An excited Thomas, co-owner with Susan Fields of J and S Floral Bakery and Gifts in Exeter, exclaimed, "This was my first time in *any* kind of competition! I was so overwhelmed my mouth just dropped open and I had tears in my eyes because I didn't expect to win. I just did it for fun."

Her remarkable chocolate cake echoed the festival's dipped strawberry logo and drew admiring comments from everyone who saw it. Most people wanted to know how she did it, and Thomas was happy to reveal her secret – the cake was baked in two parts, one in a doll dress cake pan and the other in a bowl.

The cakes were put together with chocolate icing and dowels to make the

strawberry shape, which was then laid on its side for decorating. From there Thomas applied her creative magic with candy clay.

Sherry Tucker, who has won for the last two years, works for Thomas's shop from home and submitted the Second Place winner in the Professional Division. Tucker's son, Caleb, won in the Youth Division for best candy with his fudge and moustache pops.

Happily for festivalgoers, the cakes and other entries in the contests were auctioned off in a silent auction, making several families and office employees around town very happy when the confections appeared at dessert time.

Meanwhile, Thomas is hoping the next festival isn't too close to Valentine's Day, a busy time for her, because, she says, "I already have an idea for next year."



Happy bunnies – The second place winner in the Professional Decorated division was submitted by Jenny Thomas's friend and baker, Sherry Tucker.



Wild strawberry – Jenny Thomas and her winning cake in the Professional Decorated division.

**MAVERICK
SUPPLY, Inc.**



PLUMBING ELECTRICAL

*Home Improvement
Made Simple*

870.423.6271



HWY. 62 WEST • BERRYVILLE

Sunday at UUF

Sunday, Feb 17, 11 a.m.: "Oceanic Awareness, With Love from the Blue Whale" – Melissa Clare will introduce the subject of interspecies communication. There will be a guided visualization/meditation to bring us into the field of dolphins and whales. A notebook is recommended to record any messages you may receive.

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

Morter to speak Feb. 18

Dr. Ted Morter will be guest speaker at the Feb. 18 meeting of the Metaphysical Society. Morter is an advanced holistic chiropractic physician whose practice focuses on balancing physical, emotional and chemical stressors and the development of healthy daily habits in six essential areas leading to the body healing itself as it was designed to do – from the inside out. The meeting will be downstairs in the Christian Science edifice, 68 W. Mountain St. from 7 – 9 p.m. All are welcome. For more info, www.morterwellness.comMorter.



MORTER

We've got talent ... and a show to prove it

The Eureka Springs Schools' music program is hosting a talent show Feb. 22 at 6 p.m. in the high school auditorium. Students will compete for prizes and honors with three influential musicians as judges. Come cheer for your favorite and enjoy an evening of budding talent! Free admission.

EATINGOUT in our cool little town

Comfort food to haute cuisine – we have it all

COTTAGE INN
MEDITERRANEAN CUISINE
www.cottageinnerekaspgs.com

OPENING FEBRUARY 28
Dinner Thursday-Sunday 5 - 9 p.m.

Wine Dinner Sunday, March 3

See website for menu

Hwy 62 West • Eureka Springs • 479-253-5282

Many have eaten here... Few have died.

HAND-CUT STEAKS • SEAFOOD • BURGERS
DAILY SPECIALS *Ribs to die for!*
Family Owned & Operated **ALL FOOD MADE FRESH DAILY**

The Roadhouse

Breakfast served 'til 2 p.m. Daily
\$5.99 LUNCH SPECIALS

Private Party Room • Deck Seating Available
BEER & WINE

Open Sun. & Mon. 8-8; Tues. & Wed. 8-3;
Thurs. 8-8; Fri. & Sat. 8-9

6837 Highway 62E • 479.363.0001
1 mile east of Passion Play Road
GPS Coordinates: N36°39.5496' W93°69.8712'

Open Valentine's
♥ Evening ♥
5:00 to 10:00 Cheers!

WINE, CHEESE & CONVERSATION

89 S. Main • Eureka Springs • 479.363.6411
EUREKASTONEHOUSE.COM

Beer • Wine Cocktails

OPEN ALL YEAR
Tuesday - Saturday
Tues., Wed., Thurs.
11 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Fri. & Sat. 11 a.m. - 9 p.m.

SPARKY'S
ROADHOUSE CAFE
EUREKA SPRINGS
S.U.A.E.

HWY. 62 EAST • 479-253-6001

美利 Cuisine

Runner Up BEST CHINESE AROUND STATE
2012 Arkansas Times Readers' Choice Awards
Dine In, Carry Out & Delivery • Beer, Wine & Sake
Open Daily • Sun.-Thurs. 11 a.m.-8 p.m. • Fri. 11 a.m.-9 p.m. • Sat. 4-9 p.m.
3094 E. Van Buren (Hwy. 62E), Eureka Springs • 479.363.6678

EXTENSIVE WINE LIST • FULL BAR
Fine Dining
Restaurant & Lounge

The Grand Taverne

37 N. Main
479-253-6756
RESERVATIONS SUGGESTED

GREAT AMERICAN FARE
FEATURING Chef David Gilderson

Dinner Nightly 5-9 p.m.

THURSDAY LOCALS NIGHT
\$14.95 Specials

The SQUID and WHALE

Food 'til Late
Steaks • Seafood • Chicken
Mouthwatering Mexican
Bodacious Burgers
Soups • Salads & more

Noon-12 AM
Thurs. - Sat.
Noon - 10 PM
Sun.-Wed.

SMOKE FREE

479-253-7147
37 Spring St. / 10 Center St.
www.squidandwhalepub.com

Afghani, Eclectic Food

KABOB KAFÉ

17 White St., on the Historic Loop • 479.253.6243
Open Wed. - Sun. 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.

RESTAURANT QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE

1. Cottage Inn
2. Angler's Grill
3. Mei Li Cuisine
4. The Grand Taverne
5. Cafe Amoré
6. The Stonehouse
7. The Squid and Whale
8. The Roadhouse
9. Casa Colina
10. Caribe
11. New Delhi Cafe
12. Sparky's
13. Rowdy Beaver
14. Voulez Vous
15. 1886 Steakhouse
16. Kabob Kafe
17. DeVito's
18. Eureka Live

The **Eureka Springs Independent**
is published weekly by Sewell Communications, LLC

Copyright 2013

178A W. Van Buren • Eureka Springs, AR
479.253.6101

Publisher – Sandra Sewell Templeton

Editor – Mary Pat Boian

Editorial staff – C.D. White, Nicky Boyette

Photographer – David Frank Dempsey

Contributors

Ray Dilfield, Harrie Farrow, Steven Foster,
Wolf Grulkey, Cynthia Kresse, Dan Krotz,
Chuck Levering, John Rankine, Risa

Office Manager/Gal Friday – Gwen Etheredge

Art Director – Perlinda Pettigrew-Owens

Overseer of the Janitor's Closet
Jeremiah Alvarado-Owens

Press Releases

newsdesk@eurekaspringsindependent.com

Letters to the Editor:

editor@eurekaspringsindependent.com
or

ES Independent

Mailing address: 103 E. Van Buren #353
Eureka Springs, AR 72632

Subscriptions:

\$50 year – mail to above address

Office: 178A W. Van Buren
Eureka Springs, AR 72632

Display ads:

Contact

Michael Owens at 479.659.1461
mowens72631@gmail.com;
Mary Flood at 479.981.3556
advertise.independent@gmail.com
or Bev Taylor at 479.790.3276
bevtaylor.independent@gmail.com

Classifieds:

Classifieds@esindependent.com
479.253.6101

Advertising deadline:

New Ads – Friday at 12 Noon
Changes to Previous Ads –
Monday at 12 noon

This paper is printed with
soy ink on recycled paper.



Reduce, Reuse, **RECYCLE**

INDEPENDENTMail

The opinions on the **INDEPENDENTEditorial** page are our opinions and the opinions on the
INDEPENDENTMail page are readers' opinions.

All **INDEPENDENTMail** must be signed and include address and phone number for confirmation.

We reserve the right to edit submissions. Send your **INDEPENDENTMail** to:

ES Independent, 103 E. Van Buren, #353, Eureka Springs, AR 72632 or editor@eurekaspringsindependent.com

I am who I am

Editor,

Letter writer Steve Hudson says he knows what Jesus would do. "Fornicators wouldn't have stopped Him from coming. Neither would addicts, homosexuals, thieves, liars and adulterers." What Steve does not know or understand is a person's sexual identity is not included in a list of "sins." Homosexuals have nothing to be forgiven for. It is who they are as much as my heterosexual identity is who I am.

James DeVito

One more thing Jesus never said

Editor,

Continuing the ingrained religious tradition of ignorance blended with supposition, Mr. Hudson's letter typifies the standard religious practice of denial of fact by refusing to acknowledge the logic and truth of science, choosing instead the make-believe realm of superstition. Religion has fostered hate, dissension and war through intolerance and supernatural nonsense since man first

became self-aware. It is improbable that Mr. Hudson hears his god speaking to him – if there was a devil, it would more likely be the devil's voice that Hudson listens to... but luckily for us, the reality is it is neither.

I'd remind all who are caught up in this type of religious fervor that the bible is two books, not one. The first being plagiarized from the Jewish Torah which is basically the first five books of the Tanakh, which is the Jewish version of their god stories, less his demigod prodigy, Jesus. The second written no less than 90 years after your Übermensch, Jesus died, is but an interesting collection of stories, edited and reedited for the convenience of the Pope's and Catholic Church's general misogynist philosophy.

The truth is no one wrote a single word that is included in the bible about your master while he lived. All his conversations, actions and miracles are totally anecdotal, nothing more. The New Testament is, at best, third hand stories that got better with the telling. I'd also like to remind Mr. Hudson and all the other biblical followers out there

is no record of Jesus *ever* making a disparaging remark about gay folks, not one. It is only one old homophobic Jew in Leviticus who damned and maligned gay men, never mentioning gay women at all.

With their steadfast denial of science, religionists have ignored the triumph of science and logic over superstition, ignorance and fear. Homosexuality is simply genetics, nothing more, and even if it were a choice, so what? Where is the proof that anything you religionists fear is really evil... if there is such a thing as evil. Folks like Mr. Hudson, who continue to drag their superstitious nonsense into a discussion and expect themselves and their childish and fearful feelings to be taken seriously and with respect are just... well, sad.

Rick Burry

Stop blaming the tools

Editor,

1. The U.S. was created and sustained with guns.

MAIL continued on page 21



WEEK'S Top Tweets

@sixthformpoet --- The Pope is hardly the first person to lose interest in their real job so soon after joining twitter.

@MsEntropy --- It's official now, kids.....US declares Christopher Dorner the first official drone target on American soil

@El_Grillo1 --- Carnival cruise ship adrift with 4,000 people 150 miles off Mexico. Remind me never to book on this cruise line...

@Zen_Moments --- We may have all come in different ships, but we're in the same boat now. ~ Martin Luther King

@TrevorS --- Mayor Bloomberg urges New Yorkers to stay home and Instagram the blizzard from their windows.

@lianamaeby --- Which came first, the chicken, the egg, or the rooster's insistence that he knows what's best for both of their bodies?

@ladybirdj --- If someone says they're only human, give them a second look. That sure sounds like something a robot would say.

@AmberTozer --- Crying would be much more fun if tears screamed, "Weeeeeee!" as they rolled down our faces.

@patrickmarkryan --- I'm done learning new things until someone can prove to me that we won't have Google forever.

@TheDailyShowFan --- OMG! Literally 2 feet of snow already!



Pro life, or sexaphobic

Back in the day, we had a quip around the newsroom: “If they say it’s not about abortion, it’s about abortion.” Turns out we were wrong.

On closer examination, it’s become clear that the anti-abortion movement is not about abortion, but about aversion to sex, and hypocrisy. If abortion is, as claimed, “the murder of unborn children,” then those most involved in the anti-abortion movement – the Catholic Church and evangelical denominations – have more blood on their hands than anyone.

If the goal is actually to reduce the number of abortions performed, anti-abortion activists and churches would be on the front lines of promoting sex education and contraceptives. The more knowledgeable people are – young people especially – about the consequences and responsibilities of sexual activity, and the more access they have to birth control, the fewer unwanted pregnancies and abortions (or murders, if that’s your preferred term). Not rocket science, but simple junior high biology.

Instead, the patriarchal “one true church” has, since the days of St. Paul the Misogynist, devoted itself to the suppression of women and the control of their bodies. Contraception was never mentioned by Jesus in any of the Gospels that man has to date unearthed, so the Church’s firm prohibition of any type of birth control must be derived from Genesis, where God, according to the MEN who wrote it, told us humans to go forth and multiply.

Did God really mean that we should multiply to the point where the earth couldn’t sustain us and famine, destitution and plague becomes the result of unrestrained multiplication? Odd that so many other Old Testament edicts from God, such as not wearing mixed-fiber clothing or eating shrimp and oysters have been brushed aside by the church, yet multiplication remains sacrosanct.

Could it be the church clings to its perverse and deadly ban on contraception because it needs to keep the pews, and by that we mean collection plates, full? Catholics in educated western cultures have in large numbers rejected the

Church’s efforts to have them produce litters of children they can’t, or don’t wish to, support. But the Church’s influence is growing in Africa and Latin America, and, not so coincidentally, so are family sizes, poverty, disease and famine.

Sex is a natural drive in all animals, but man (including women) has been blessed with not only the drive to reproduce, but the ability to experience ecstatic pleasure and emotional bonding through sexual activity.

It’s fine to teach that sex is best experienced in a special relationship, or even only within marriage, but it’s beyond naïve to think abstinence lessons will be enough to suppress the natural drive in everyone. Thousands of years of history prove that people will have sex despite what their religious or social institutions tell them.

So the question is whether, as a society, we prepare our young people to understand the consequences of sexual activity, or we let them stumble blindly into sex and force them to either raise children they are unequipped to raise, or have an emotionally devastating and potentially dangerous abortion. Making abortions difficult to obtain, as the Arkansas Legislature and many others are working hard to do, will not eliminate them, it will only make them more dangerous and traumatic.

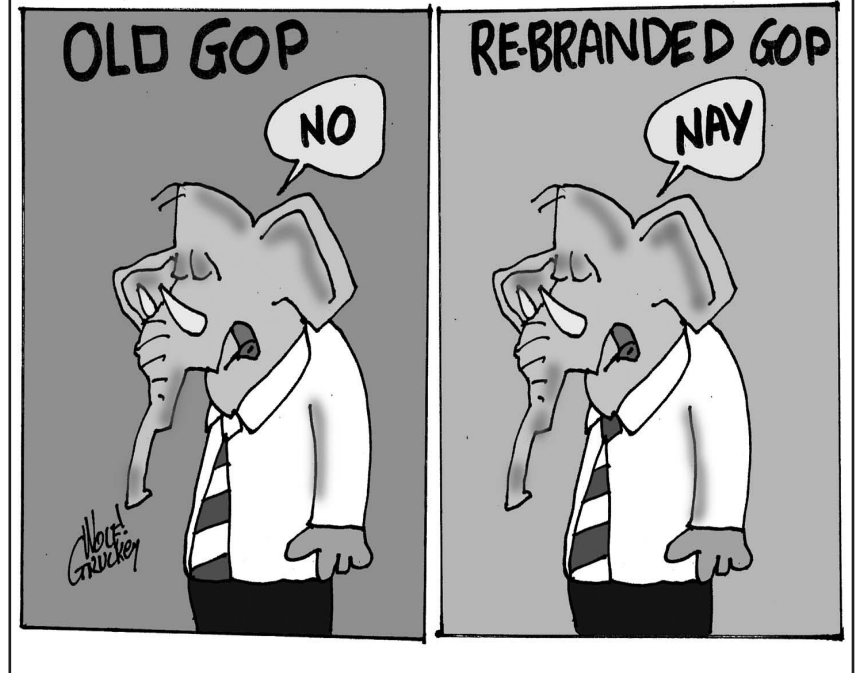
Pro-abortion, a term frequently bantered about in this heated debate, is a ridiculous term. Doubtful there is anyone for whom abortion is a positive experience. With sex education and easy access to contraception, the numbers of abortions would fall dramatically, which should be the goal of the “pro-life” movement.

“Pro life” is also silly, especially when those who so vehemently oppose abortion support contraception bans, the death penalty, wars of choice, and sometimes even the murder of abortion providers.

There could be a lot of common ground between left and right in reducing abortion numbers, but that will only happen when people deal with and get over their sexaphobia, and their devotion to institutions mired in the 13th century.

Bill King

GOP DECIDES THAT LINGUISTICS IS THEIR MESSAGING PROBLEM



The Pursuit of HAPPINESS

by Dan Krotz

I own a Jack Russell Terrier; we got her from Good Shepherd ten or eleven years ago. We particularly wanted a JRT because they are small, yet remarkably fierce; she can’t be mistaken for a mop or a bobble head. In our time together she’s waylaid and murdered five skunks, a couple of possums and a woodchuck. She also keeps the legions of feral cats living in our neighborhood out of the yard and garden. Good dog.

As far as I can tell, my family role has been limited to bringing home money, and to the making of empty threats. It was therefore not surprising that my desire to name our Jack Russell “Jane” or “Nipsey” was over-ruled. My wife believed the dog’s name was Sophie, and Sophie Russell she is.

There are no famous persons named Sophie Russell. I do have a LinkedIn Connection with that name, but she runs a company that “efficiently serves the Industrial, Driving and Warehouse industry across the UK. We understand the different requirements of these sectors and” This Sophie Russell is obviously not a dog and I don’t think she is famous. She doesn’t say anything about killing woodchucks, but she may be under-reporting.

Sophie and I stare deeply into one another’s eyes each morning at 5. We are not signaling love; she and I are about the same age and what we share is closer to surprise. We are both still here.

Her years are dog years, so I think she travels through time faster than I do, but I don’t know if she recognizes that. For example, if I locked my wife in the garage for five hours I would get a different reaction when I let her out than I would get from Sophie if I did the same thing to her. Time is certainly relative.

The concluding unscientific postscript is that Sophie’s days and my days are pretty much the same. We shuffle around the yard and look for things to eat. She chases squirrels; I throw rocks at them. And we take naps. Relatively speaking, we both use time well.

INDEPENDENT Constables On Patrol

FEBRUARY 4

8 a.m. – Girlfriend told ESPD her boyfriend had not come home as expected. He was found deceased at a campsite off Rockhouse Road. CCSO took over the case.

1:19 p.m. – Local establishment reported a female customer was acting very strange and causing a disturbance. Constable on patrol asked her to leave the premises and not come back. She complied.

3:26 p.m. – Two Huskies ran loose on a street above downtown. They killed a cat and continued to be aggressive. Animal Control searched for the dogs.

3:36 p.m. – A motorcycle and vehicle crashed on N. Main. Motorcycle rider was injured, but no transport to ESH.

5:19 p.m. – Person locked herself out of her vehicle. It was parked on private property, and owner said vehicle could remain there while she summoned her boyfriend who had a key.

6:29 p.m. – Wife asked ESPD to remove her belligerent husband from his motel room. However he was in his own room, he was not being violent, and the motel owner had no reason to want him to leave. Wife decided to gather her own things and depart.

11:25 p.m. – CCSO reported a sighting of an erratic driver headed toward town from the east. Constable encountered the vehicle downtown and followed it without incident until it arrived safely at home. Constable checked on the driver who was fine.

FEBRUARY 5

9:17 a.m. – Resident near the schools reported hearing gunfire. Constable responded and followed the sounds of the gunshots to three males shooting a shotgun not far away. Constable arrested one of the shooters on a warrant for failure to appear. He cautioned the other two not to shoot the weapon near the schools during school hours.

12:30 a.m. – There was a suspicious vehicle parked at the elementary school. Constable responded but did not encounter a vehicle fitting the description.

5:23 p.m. – Individual came to the station to report receiving harassing communications.

8:03 p.m. – Concerned resident reported her neighbor's sister never returned to the neighbor's home as expected. The sister usually does not drive at night and might be disoriented and lost. Alerts went out to all neighboring counties. Maumelle police eventually encountered the sister.

FEBRUARY 6

8:25 p.m. – Clerk at a convenience store reported two individuals had shorted her by \$4 by using a rigged roll of coins. One of the individuals disputed the story. Clerk will file a report tomorrow.

9:15 p.m. – A minivan found its way into a ditch. Driver was not injured. Deputies took over the scene.

FEBRUARY 7

10:52 a.m. – Someone stole the license plate from a vehicle sitting beside U.S. 62 near the eastern edge of the city limits.

11:07 a.m. – Constable responded to the high school in reference to a threat made by a student.

3:15 p.m. – Two persons got into a tiff over some prints. One wants them back and said they should be dropped off at ESPD. The other person, who was out of town until next week, disagreed with that arrangement. ESPD told them it would be a civil matter. Work it out or go to court.

9:10 p.m. – A small television appeared in front of a place of business and no one knew where it came from. Everyone decided to leave it there to

see if someone claimed it.

FEBRUARY 8

1:36 a.m. – Two female guests at a hotel reported they were threatened by a male with a gun. He was reportedly outside the door of their room. Constable who responded found everything was okay and he took a report.

9:10 a.m. – Individual turned himself in on an outstanding warrant for failure to appear for driving with a suspended license and careless driving.

9:40 a.m. – A dog was attempting to join children at recess at the elementary school by digging under the fence. The animal left the area but a constable encountered it nearby but out of city limits. He deemed it no longer a threat to the children.

2:11 p.m. – Building Inspector spoke with a business owner about a sign code violation. Owner corrected the problem.

2:26 p.m. – Another sign code violation was corrected.

3:55 p.m. – Elementary school reported a kindergarten student left with her class to get on the bus but did not arrive at home. After a search, it was learned she got off at the wrong address.

5:20 p.m. – There was a backed up sewer line near Harmon Park. Public Works was notified.

6:42 p.m. – Resident asked for a constable because she believed a neighbor had died. EMS also responded and called for the coroner for an unattended death.

10:11 p.m. – A drummer in a neighborhood stirred up a noise complaint. He told the constable he was just about ready to finish for the night.

FEBRUARY 9

1:58 a.m. – Traffic stop resulted in the arrest of the driver for DWI, implied consent, driving on a suspended license, driving left of center and drinking on a public highway.

12:43 p.m. – Driver backed into a utility pole.

3:44 p.m. – Employee at a business wanted to report a robbery that occurred five years ago. She will be

speaking to a constable on Monday.

3:59 p.m. – Individual told ESPD he had gotten out of jail in the morning but did not get his diamond and gold earring along with his other property. He was told the earring was in his cigarette case as he had requested. He checked and there it was.

4:06 p.m. – Constable provided a jumpstart for a motorist whose vehicle would not start.

8:14 p.m. – Caller told ESPD a relative had called 90 minutes ago from Eureka Springs and was supposed to be on her way to Holiday Island. She had not arrived yet. All units were alerted, but the family found the missing person after awhile.

10:43 p.m. – Constables arrested an individual on a warrant out of Washington County for failure to appear on a drug charge.

February 10

1 a.m. – Two people were being especially loud for the late hour on the sidewalk along N. Main. Constable responded but no one was at the location of the disturbance at the time.

1:45 a.m. – Constables on patrol noticed a vehicle parked behind a motel and, upon checking, found two people sleeping in it. Constables gave the couple a ride to a motel.

11:04 a.m. – A Mastiff had been running loose along N. Main. Responding constable found it in its own yard, and when he approached, it jumped the fence into the backyard. Constable and owner discussed keeping the animal contained better.

1:05 p.m. – Campers were discovered behind the same motel. Constable apprised them of laws against camping in town, and the couple said they were just passing through, and away they went.

FEBRUARY 11

2:04 a.m. – Resident had called CCSO because she said people were in her front yard. She asked for ESPD to respond, also. Responding constable cleared her house and searched the nearby area but found no one. Everything seemed to be okay.

FAIN'S HERBACY

Our Mission
"Helping people live healthier through
smart food and supplement choice"

InStore, Online
or Mail Order
479.253.5687

Expert Guidance
Unique Products • Great Prices

Jim Fain, PhD
61 North Main St. | Eureka Springs
<http://stores.ebay.com/defyaging>

Center front: Bailey Grat.
 Second row from left: Morgan Pope;
 Corinna Green. Third row from left:
 Haley Milawski; Liza Reynolds;
 Rose Schuler. Back Row from left:
 Nicole Morrison; Aurora Fields;
 Coach Tiffany Slone;
 Ariel Pope; Hallie White.



EUREKA SPRINGS CHEERLEADERS



PHOTO BY DAVID FRANK DEMPSEY

We support the Eureka Springs Highlanders

**EUREKA
 STONE CO.**
 479.253.7313
Go Highlanders

HARTS
 FAMILY CENTER
Go Highlanders!
 Hwy. 62 West
 Eureka Springs
 253-9561

*Supporting
 the Highlanders*
ES INDEPENDENT
 479.253.6101
 esINDEPENDENT.com

**Island
 Airco**
 Holiday Island
 Arkansas
Go Highlanders!
 253-6081

The Greater
**EUREKA
 SPRINGS**
 Chamber of Commerce
 1-800-6-EUREKA
 www.eurekaspringschamber.com
*Supporting
 Highlander
 basketball*

JOHNSON AUTOMOTIVE
 Domestic • Foreign • Welding
 Front End Alignment Specialist
 119 Greenwood Hollow Rd. • 479.253.7508
24-Hour Wrecker Service
 Charles Casey – Owner

Eureka Springs BookShophe
... Specializing in Modern First Editions
 charles@eurekaspringsbookshophe.com
 Great Books,
 Great Prices, Great Service

**Liberty Service
 Company**
Heating • Cooling • Refrigeration
 178 B West Van Buren • Eureka Springs
 www.libertyservicecompany.com
KEN TRIMBLE • 479.253.9644



People are shocked when I mention I've never been to New Orleans. They look at me like my Gay Card should be revoked and shredded.

New Orleans, and especially Mardi Gras, has always made me feel uneasy. Maybe it was the Mardi Gras acid-trip-gone-bad at the end of *Easy Rider* that affected this impressionable 14 year-old. As one who explored the dark side plenty in his youth, I intuitively knew, like heroin, to stay away.

There is no logic to my avoidance of the Crescent City. I survived the hedonistic island Key West for 13 years, through the sex/drugs/rock 'n roll 1980s, no less.

Here in our little mountain town we have Eureka Gras – a ten-day Mardi Gras that has been steadily growing the past seven years – complete with pub-crawls, sold-out balls, a day and night-time parade, and a Royal Court very much into the pageantry.

Katrina-exile Dan Ellis deserves much credit. His undying enthusiasm and organizing skills continue to shape Eureka Gras into an event that packs the town in normally dormant February.

Credit should also be given to Global Warming for providing all these

balmy winter days.

While far from being Disneyesque, Eureka Gras is still totally PG, lacking any hint of New Orleans-style debauchery – unless one stumbles into a certain local bar after 3 a.m. The only breasts you're likely to see are on a restaurant plate, and even our local, lovable vixen in thigh-high stiletto boots and black latex dress, straddling a giant jaguar, leading the Eureka Gras parade, exudes homespun sweetness.

Local artist Jack Miller, who with wife, Sabina, also sought higher ground post-Katrina, has been responsible for many wonderful floats throughout the years. Jack puts his indelible stamp on everything, whether it's the beautiful girl riding high in the red high heel, the water nymphs dancing around the water wheel or the aforementioned Jaguar pulling a chariot of vivacious women.

Eureka Gras would not be the same without Zeek Taylor. Zeek ups the ante every year with more lavish costumes and floats that get increasingly taller. This year's giant peace symbol headdress was literally over the top, measuring three and a half feet high.

When you live in a small town you don't have the anonymity to get wild

and crazy because you know you could be one Jägermeister shot away from winding up in the local police report.

So here it is Ash Wednesday and the party's over. Maybe it's age, but I like the sweetness of our Eureka Gras. I participate in a couple of events that usually end well before midnight, enjoy snapping pictures and watching kids

catch beads in the parades, and am grateful it's been a long time since I've landed behind some bar stool at 3 a.m. It's nice to wake up with nothing to repent.



From left – Leigh Valens, Ambur Rockwell and Lilah Stiger adorn Jack Miller's Eureka Gras float.

PHOTO JOHN RANKINE

INDEPENDENTArt

Go Figure (at Main Stage Feb. 15)

What do the Plein Air Painters of Eureka Springs do on cold winter Wednesday mornings when they would normally be outdoors working? You'll usually find them snug and warm at the round table in the corner of Myrtie Mae's Restaurant. At least they're *talking* about painting! After fueling soul and body, they head up to Larry Mansker's for a three-hour session painting a live model.

Main Stage will present a selection of these paintings during a reception for the artists Feb. 15 from 6 – 8 p.m. The gallery will be open weekends for viewing through March 24. Artists represented in the exhibit include Carol Saari, Larry Mansker, Jody Stephenson, Carl Petering, John Robert Willer and Wen Norton. Ron Lutz is the official photographer-documentarian for the group.

Community Writing Program workshops

Feb. 16: Learn the nuts and bolts of creative writing at the Holiday Island Clubhouse with published writer Mike Hancock, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Cost is \$45. (This workshop will be repeated on Feb. 19 at the Garden Bistro on N. Main. Participants may attend either workshop.)

Feb. 18: Grammar Made Glamorous is a new approach to adding zing to your letters, blog or business documents. Mike Hancock promises to make sentence-crafting fun! 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. in the Holiday Island Clubhouse. (Part Two will be held on March 18.) Cost is \$45. To register contact Alison Taylor-Brown at alison.taylorbrown@me.com or (479) 292-3665.

Heat up the night at Hometown Jam

Seven of the area's top bands will be showcased Friday, Feb. 22, 7 p.m., at the city auditorium during the 2nd Annual Midwinter Hometown Jam. Come out and support (and enjoy) rockin' down-home music in Eureka Springs. Tickets are \$12 at the door or \$10 in advance at the Chamber of Commerce in Pine Mountain Village.

Featured are The Ariels, BrickFields, Centerfuzze, Rockhouse, Mike Blackwell Band, SX Rex and Random Shuffle – offering a full evening of rock 'n' roll, country and rhythm and blues. Each band will perform a twenty-minute set before they all join together for a jam session finale (which was a highlight of last year's show – not to be missed).

Area writers invited to read

Potluck on Thursday, Feb. 21, at 6:30 p.m. will be dedicated to area writers. Here's a chance to read some new work, or perhaps a bit of an old favorite, for up to four minutes. The readings follow a potluck dinner, so bring a dish and writing to share with other bookworms and fans of the written word at The Writers' Colony at Dairy Hollow, 515 Spring. Everyone is welcome.

Stars get behind big cat rescue: “Jungle Jack” Hanna shares insights, Ellen DeGeneres and Portia de Rossi donate

ERIC STUDER AND C. D. WHITE

Turpentine Creek Wildlife Refuge (TCWR) is now within less than \$20,000 of reaching its goal of close to \$300,000 to provide habitats for newly-rescued big cats – with a little help from their friends both in and outside the local community.

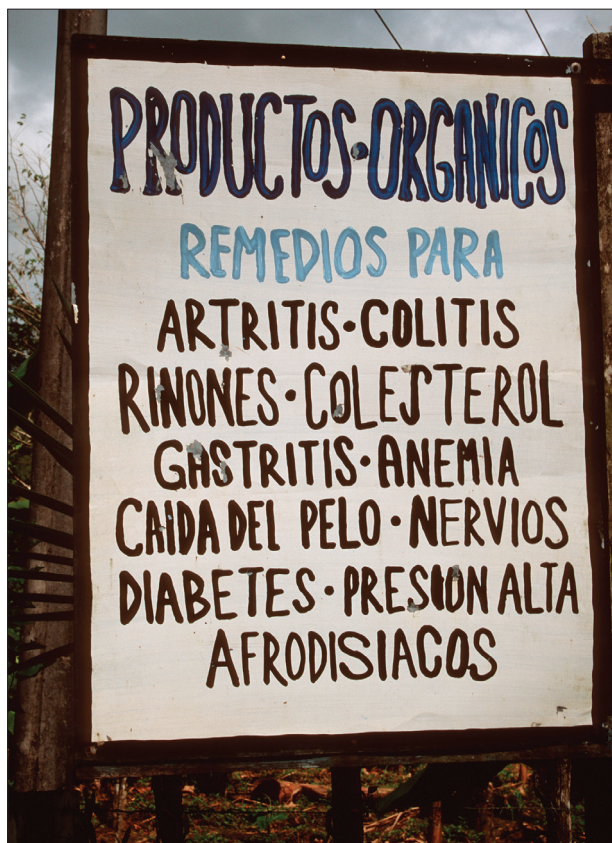
Board of director members Bill Plummer and Eric Studer recently visited “Jungle” Jack Hanna, Director Emeritus of the Columbus Zoo, for input on their initiative to relocate more 34 big cats to the Eureka Springs refuge.

Hanna and Columbus Zoo staff experts shared insights and suggestions on key issues, including community fundraising, habitat construction and soliciting corporate sponsorships. The Columbus Zoo team also provided an overview of new laws for private ownership of dangerous/endangered wildlife and its long-term impact on non-profit refuges and sanctuaries.

TCWR is nearing the end of the relocation effort to bring the cats from the Riverglen Refuge in Mountainburg, Ark. The facility has been recognized for undertaking the largest wildlife rescue operation in the US, with only nine tigers and one cougar left to relocate.

Within the last week, TCWR also received a \$5,000 donation from Ellen DeGeneres and her partner, Portia de Rossi. The donation came at the behest of Clint Eastwood’s daughter, Alison Eastwood, who co-hosted the program *Animal Intervention* on television. More than a year ago, a segment on the program showed one of the Riverglen cats being rescued by another facility

TURPENTINE CREEK continued on page 31



Sign advertising remedies at a Costa Rican women’s herb cooperative: MUSA - Mujeres Unidas de Sarapiquí (United Women of Sarapiquí).

TheNATUREofEUREKA

Human Nature

by Steven Foster

Last Sunday I received an email from a pharmacist who was on his way to Ghana in west tropical Africa on a two-month trip with a medical mission to deliver Western healthcare to remote villagers. Since invariably they will primarily be treating malaria and high blood pressure, the problem is once they leave a village, the people who live there can’t afford to continue on Western drug therapy. He asked what local medicinal plants could be used instead. The question is not that simple.

A pharmacological approach is a pharmacological approach whether one is treating a condition with Western drugs or herbs. In a remote African village, the social, cultural and spiritual context of medical treatment is more important than the drug used to treat a disease. An SUV rolling into a village with an NGO logo on the car door equals expectation of money and help, neither of which may be delivered. Maybe they don’t need drugs to treat malaria. Maybe villagers just need mosquito nets to prevent nighttime mosquito bites. Maybe you give mosquito nets to the women and children, and

when the knights-in-shining NGO Land Cruisers leave the village, the dominant males gather up those mosquito nets to sell in a nearby market.

There is likely a local pecking order (cultural/spiritual context) in a village where a traditional healer will be responsible for delivery of herbs, and it might be that the villagers don’t have the money, chickens or other trade goods to acquire the local healer’s service. So if you do find useful medicinal plants to treat the disease, does delivery of that aid upset the local social balance? The traditional healer is like a Western M.D. – high up on the social ladder, and not giving up trade secrets to short-term Western visitors.

In any culture that relies on traditional folk medicine, people with the real working knowledge of local herbs are the women. For them, that knowledge is nothing special. It is just normal day-to-day knowledge like knowing how to wash dishes. Those are the people to whom one should listen.



Glam up your grammar

Add interest to your business writing, power to your letters to the editor and/or write a blog that stands out from the herd. Learn to use language properly and without those pesky grammatical errors that brand you as a doofus.

The Community Writing Program's Mike Hancock, Adjunct Professor of English at Southern New Hampshire University and published fiction writer, will teach *Grammar Made Glamorous*, a two-part workshop for anyone who writes for business, marketing, politics, blogging or love of the art.

Hancock will demonstrate how novelists, journalists, speech and marketing writers can take a simple sentence and turn it into a vibrant, living piece of language that explodes off the page. Various types of media, art, photography, and video clips will demonstrate how to re-create imagery. Examine famous lines and learn how these authors took a series of words and made them immortal. Those confusing terms used for sentence parts will be made crystal clear as you learn their definition and uses.

The workshop will be held Feb. 19, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m., at the Holiday Island Clubhouse on Monday. Cost is \$45. To register, or for more information, contact Alison Taylor-Brown at alison.taylorbrown@me.com or (479) 292-3665.

You still have a chance for Paris!

It's not too late to sign up for your chance to go to Paris. Enrollment is open until Feb. 28 this year for the June 2014 trip. Please peruse the tour itinerary and/or register on the tour website: www.eftours.com/1298904.

You do *not* have to be an ESHS student to travel – any traveler 13 or over is welcome, including students from other schools, parents, grandparents, teachers or anyone who wants to experience the City of Light first-hand.

Tour cost includes airfare, hotel, breakfast and dinner daily, guided walking tours of the city and entrance fees for all attractions, including two world class art museums: The Louvre and Musee D'Orsay as well as the Palace of Versailles.

Please email Jessica Cummings at jcummings@es.k12.ar.us or phone (479) 981-1799 to discuss any questions and/or concerns you may have. This trip is being sponsored by Jessica Cummings in association with EF Educational Tours and is not associated with Eureka Springs Schools.



Still on their feet, but the night is young – Revelers make their way from Pied Piper down Main Street to the New Delhi Café and onward for a total of at least eight stops at popular watering holes during the Eureka Gras Fat Tuesday Pub Crawl Feb. 12.

PHOTO BY DAVID FRANK DEMPSEY



Peace out, man – Ellis Wyre brings back the 1960s with peace glasses and an Afro at the Hookers and Jokers Ball at the Inn of the Ozarks Feb. 8, where everyone was giving peace a chance.

PHOTO BY DAVID FRANK DEMPSEY



The party's not over – Woody and Jane Acord dance to the music of Naturally Brass at the King Cake Ball and Dinner at St. Elizabeth Parish Center Feb. 12. The ball and fabulous Louisiana dinner marked the end of this year's series of Eureka Gras Mardi Gras celebrations.

PHOTO BY DAVID FRANK DEMPSEY

FAME CAME LATE[©] - Chapter 9, cont. “There’s a railroad a-comin’ through”

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.

The boy left, leaving the door open behind him. Jim walked over and closed it before Johnny could complain about the boy’s carelessness.

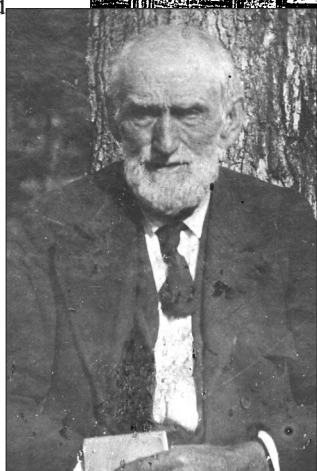
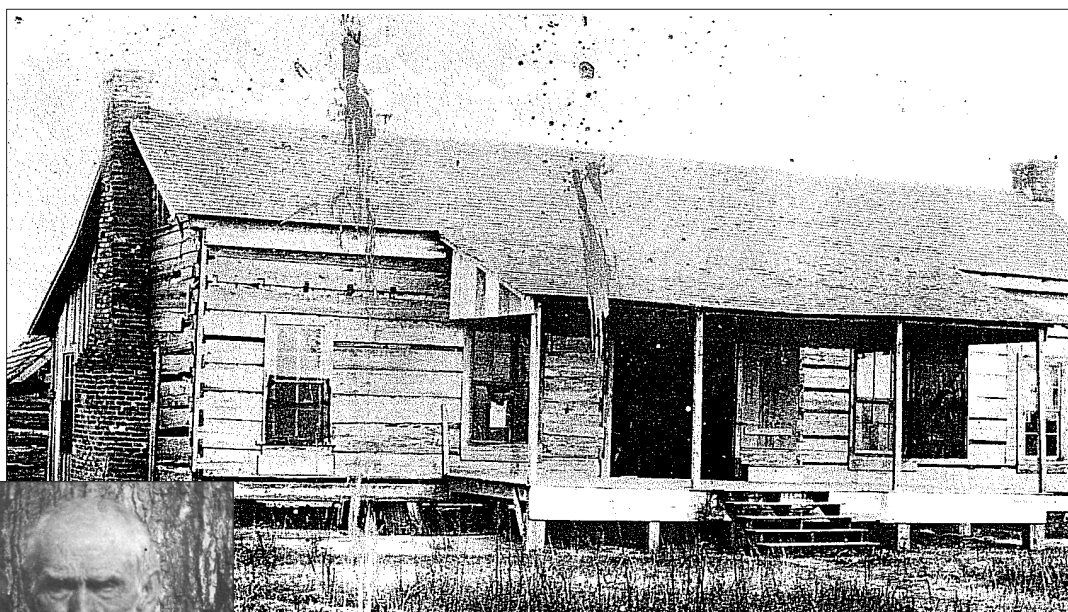
“Some day he’ll be old enough to do all the things he’s supposed to do,” Jim excused the boy’s actions. “It’s about the boy that I want to talk to you both about,” he began.

“What about him, is he sick?” Johnny asked and continued, “he don’t act very sick to me, runs through th’ house an’ slams doors ‘til it sounds like a cane brake a-burnin’ most of th’ time an’ leaves ‘em all open th’ rest of th’ time.”

Jim answered his father’s questions before he could get started again on his shortcomings. “What I wanted to tell you is that I want to get out an’ get a job where I can make enough money that I can move out and take care of the boy by myself. I know that before now, it was enough just to hunt bears with you and help raise a corn crop here on the farm. It was enough that I could help with our needs through the winter. It’s different now. I’ve got Jimmy to think about. He’s almost four years old now. What I’d like to do is save a little money so I could get me a place to live an’ take Jimmy with me. I took on this job of raisin’ the boy and I aimed to do it myself. I don’t mean just to support him, I mean raise him by myself. Lots of widder women raise their kids by themselves. I don’t see why a man can’t to it, too.”

“I had kept a-thinkin’ Jimmy, that you would find a nice girl and marry so you could have some help to raise the boy,” his mother told him.

“No, Ma, that’s out. I ain’t never goin’ to marry. I’ve seen enough of girls to last me the rest of my life. From here on out it’s just goin’ to be



Jimmy an’ me.”

“What is it that you want us to do to help, son?” his mother asked. “You know we’ll do anything we can.”

“I know that, Ma, an’ I know that the boy aggravates Pa a lot with

his noise when I ain’t here to hold ‘im down, but I was thinkin’ about askin’ you to keep him here for a little while so I can go where I can get a job and make some money. Then I could set up some kind of a place for me and him. Somewhere that the two of us could live together.”

“Where was you thinkin’ about goin’ to find a job, son?” his mother asked.

“Well, a couple of the boys over on Keels Creek are goin’ to Joplin to get a job on the railroad. They’re startin’ on the buildin’ of the road there an’ comin’ this way. They say the pay is real good and if I am real careful about spendin’ my money, and follow the job as it comes this way, I ought to be able to save up a pretty good little nest egg by the time we work our way back here. Now that Pa has sold them the land to build the track on, I guess it’s a sure thing that they’re comin’ through here.”

His mother answered him, “Yes,

I don’t reckon there is any doubt that the railroad is comin’. I don’t mind keepin’ the boy, Jim. In fact I’d miss him a right smart if you took him away. Your Pa ain’t as much against the boy as he lets on, he’s jest getting older and crankier than a bear with a sore tail. He likes havin’ the boy here, too. Your Pa’s bark has allus been worse than his bite. You know that.”

Johnny Gaskins added his bit to the conversation with one brief sentence, “If we keep him here, he’s goin’ to have to mind his Grandma. I ain’t a-goin’ to have no part in makin’ him mind. That’ll be Susan’s job.”

Within the week Jim Gaskins had packed his few articles of clothing

and was on his way with his friends to Joplin to find a job and experience a new life, away from his home on Keels Creek. Before he left he took the boy on his knee and tried to explain the reason for his leaving and why the boy must remain with his grandmother until his father could come home again.

“You be a good boy, mind your grandma, and try to not make a lot of fuss around the house, especially when your grandpa is takin’ a nap. Understand?”

Jimmy promised and then added, “You mean when he’s been drinkin’ that rot-gut whiskey, don’t you?” Jim and his mother laughed together at the boy’s remark. Both knew that he had heard the term and both knew that nothing escaped the boy concerning the activities of the household.

“That boy’s got a keen mind, son. He’ll amount to somethin’ someday, you mark my word. I don’t know what it will be but whenever he sets his mind to do somethin’ he allus does it somehow. Whatever he decides to be, he’ll make a good’un.”

Jim laughed and told her, “That’s what has already begun to worry me a little, Ma. Just what is it that he will set his head on bein’.”

Learn about herbs for respiratory wellness

D’Coda from the Herbal Coaching community will present a class on the Art of Making Herbal Medicines from 6 – 8 p.m., Feb. 19, at Flora Roja Community Acupuncture, 119 Wall St.

Learn how to make an infusion, premium decoctions, herbal syrups and oxymels as well as chest and throat wraps. Learn about steams and smokes

and which is best when.

Private consultation with D’Coda will be available on Feb. 20 for those who schedule before Feb. 15. Consultation is \$40. Email herbalcoachingcommunity@gmail.com.

Cost for the Feb. 19 class is \$25 if pre-registered and \$30 at the door. Call (479) 253-4968 to pre-register.

Valentine's Day – “be(ing) of love a little more careful...”

Valentine's Day is Thursday. Aries moon says “Let's do something new and different. Let's get out and about, move around, challenging the ways we've done Valentine's Day before.” Valentine's Day this year is free and easy, nurturing, friendly, happy-go-lucky, cheery, light-hearted, happy and optimistic. Let's make Valentine's day all of these. With sweet treasures in between, “be(ing) of love a little more careful...” (e.e.cummings).

Friday's Taurus moon offers us overindulgent

sweets. Mars/Pluto helps us overcome. **Saturday** Mars in Pisces trines Saturn in Scorpio creating a sensitive push/pull, desire/discipline situation. The Gemini moon on **Sunday** offers dualities (this/that, you/me, here/there) seeking integration. It happens with love.

Monday Sun enters Pisces, last sign of the zodiacal year. It's President's Day (Lincoln & Washington). Saturn in Scorpio turns stationary retrograde (11.32 degrees). Saturn remains retro

till July 7 (4.49 degrees). All structures, especially our social ones, slow down. We can't accurately assess what's expected of us. Rules and boundaries are questioned. They change. “No” means “yes”. Past projects and commitments must be completed. We cannot assume any new ones. We reorganize. Internally first. What we thought was firm and orderly turns upside down. So crystallization can shatter. So we can get on with the work of building the New Era Community.

ARIES: Your energy becomes quiet, going into hiding. You will look very calm and composed. However, internally you're deeply reviewing your mission, what your dreams are and how to make them manifest into real life. You find you like to help others, you become more sensitive, hold babies more, cry often and identify as a humanitarian. The artistic becomes important, music and painting, dance and drama, religion and spirituality. You're up at night.

TAURUS: It becomes clear that you uphold ideas that contain the truth of the reality of what is occurring in our world. You are very concerned about society, the circulation of real news and real ideas. You begin to identify as a scientist, one who observes the actual facts of life. You also begin to have an interest in astrology, the king of sciences, the Science of Relationship. You realize astrology is the language, not only of the gods, but of the new Aquarian age of astrology. You don't want to be left behind.

GEMINI: Work becomes very important. It doesn't matter what the work is. Work is child's play to some. Work for others cultivates and builds civilizations. The work of the Devas builds form. Each year your knowledge base improves and this builds upon your success. You have become reliable, seek things old, rare and architecturally interesting and you come to realize that the next kingdom

to turn to is the Kingdom of Souls, the 5th kingdom. It holds all promises.

CANCER: You become interested in cultures, especially those far away. You have a unique talent for buying the most perfect gift for others. A feeling of optimism has begun to grow from within. You think about traveling, of leaving your home for places unknown. You teach all the time, every time you talk. You must begin, and continue, to write down dreams, impressions, thoughts, ideas and experiences daily. You think of becoming a world traveler.

LEO: Even though you don't believe it, and even though you would like it to be true (it is), you're attractive to everyone you meet. Charisma flows from you, even (especially) when you're silent. You will learn how to work better with money and resources. It's most important to share and tithe and help others in need. Your passions contain both fear and magic, loss and trust, struggle and love. You sort them out.

VIRGO: You seek active cooperation with others close to you. At times you can be forceful in relationships. It's good to be with partners and friends who have calm temperaments. You seek to have happiness in relationships. Great resources are available through marriage and partnerships. Take great care with all interactions. Allow an aura of collaboration to exist between you and others. Teamwork is your key to success.

LIBRA: For the next weeks you will exert your energy through energetic physical work. You do this to improve conditions in all environments you live and work in. You will attempt to instill order and organization, arrange, tidy, regulate and even classify things in order to make life more healthy, improved and more beautiful. Gardening is an excellent activity and outcome of the energies influencing you. You put all things in order.

SCORPIO: It's important to pursue things that please and reward you, allow your competition to be exercised and a bit of flamboyance to come through. All of these can emerge if you focus upon the creative part of yourself. When you are creative, a new self-identity comes forth. Affection from children and little ones provides you with a spontaneous happiness and joy. Real companionship gives you the same. Who will you spend time with?

SAGITTARIUS: Home and family are important. There's a desire to be at home and to have (own) a home. A desire to create a new family and to establish roots becomes strong and focused. There is a need for security, for devotion from one who loves you. There is an inner restlessness until these needs begin to come true. Create harmony in all parts of your life. It will magnetize all that you need, soothing you till everything you need comes along.

CAPRICORN: You are working on building your mind, using the movements and energy of your body to enter into a greater state of awareness – a state of yoga. Yoga means “union.” At times you compete against yourself. At other times, bliss sets in. You enjoy such learning, study and contemplation. In Tibetan monasteries, the monks learn through debate and discussion. You're a good student. You're doing many jobs at once. Poised at the center of each.

AQUARIUS: Business enterprises and financial dealings are of concern. Use all money with care and resourcefulness. Something's changing and it may take a bit more money. You are strong-willed and determined when you know your direction. You thrive on the challenge of looking for more and better ways of living. You enjoy life, even when some needs seem unmet. Seek the color of every sunrise. Listen for the first sound of morning birds singing.

PISCES: Personal leadership will call forth your self-expression and you will leap into opportunities with courage and confidence. Your willpower and willingness is increased when you know you're the first and best in your field. You will achieve much this year. Be careful not to overwork. You can also become ill if your health is not tended to carefully. You will also be tested. Allow events to come and go.

*Risa, Founder & Director Esoteric & Astrological Studies & Research Institute –
a contemporary Wisdom School for the study of the Tibetan's teachings in the Alice A. Bailey books.
Email: risagoodwill@gmail.com; Web journal: www.nightlightnews.com; Facebook: Risa's Esoteric Astrology*

Our founding fathers came to this land and brought firearms. They would not have survived without these tools as there were predators and natives to contend with. Firearms made hunting more efficient and gave settlers the edge in combat with the natives. The founding fathers later used firearms to fight the British to make this country America instead of an English colony.

2. Prohibition and drug wars failed, and so will criminalizing guns.

Prohibition increased alcohol use and drug wars have done the same for illegal drug usage – both made the criminals richer.

3. States with most restrictive gun laws have most violent crime.

New York City, Chicago, and LA have some of the most stringent gun control laws in the US and the highest violent crime rates in the country.

4. Most gun crime is connected to drug use and the war against drug users.

While half of gun deaths are labeled suicide, most other gun deaths are gang related. The remainder of shootings often have drug usage (pharmaceutical and illegal) and alcohol involved.

5. Almost all school shooters used SSRIs (selective serotonin re-uptake inhibitors) and legal guns.

Virtually all school shooting have been committed by people who had taken or were currently taking pharmaceutical drugs (mostly SSRIs) Prozac, Paxil , Zoloft, etc.

6. More killings with hammers, knives, clubs, etc., than with rifles.

FBI statistics.

7. Hundreds of thousands killed with machetes, swords, bows and arrows.

In Uganda and Rwanda hundreds of thousands of people were killed with mostly machetes and clubs in just weeks. Centuries ago thousands died in a day of fighting with swords, bow and arrows, axes, etc., indicating that guns are not needed for mass murder.

8. Cancer, doctors, autos kill hundreds of thousands every year.

Why no call for the removal of tobacco, doctors or cars from our society?

9. Millions of children killed every year with abortions.

Just try to criminalize the mass murder of these children.

10. Registration leads to confiscation

and confiscation leads to genocide.

All dictators want to remove guns from their subjects to prevent being overthrown and once successful they generally genocide those in their population who resist being dominated. They usually begin confiscation with registration.

11. No law will remove all guns from society.

Criminals will *not* comply with gun laws and removing them from law abiding citizens does harm, not good, to our safety.

12. If we want to lessen the amount of violence we need to stop the use of SSRIs without clinical supervision, stop letting our youngsters play violent video games and take *all* guns out of movies and TV.

Hammers don't build houses and pencils don't misspell words. We must take responsibility for our actions and quit blaming our tools.

Mike Sutton

Good times, good memories

Editor,

On behalf of my late husband, Randy, I thank his incredible family and many, many friends and customers for all your love and caring. Randy has left a hole in our hearts that will never heal.

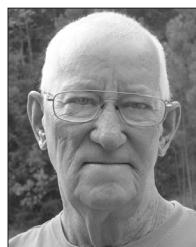
I've been thinking about all of the good times we had together, the love we shared, the fun and all the wonderful adventures. We had so many dreams left to share, so many plans for all the tomorrows.

The days and nights are so lonely. I miss him and want him here with me. When I close my eyes, I see all the memories; the way he looked, the sound of his voice, his laughter and the feel of his arms around me. Randy was the kindest, gentlest, most generous man I know. When we met, it was love at first sight.

There are lyrics to a song that sums up life without him. "Traveling and being doesn't mean anything without you. I will have to live this life just going through the motions."

A celebration of Randy's life will be held this spring.

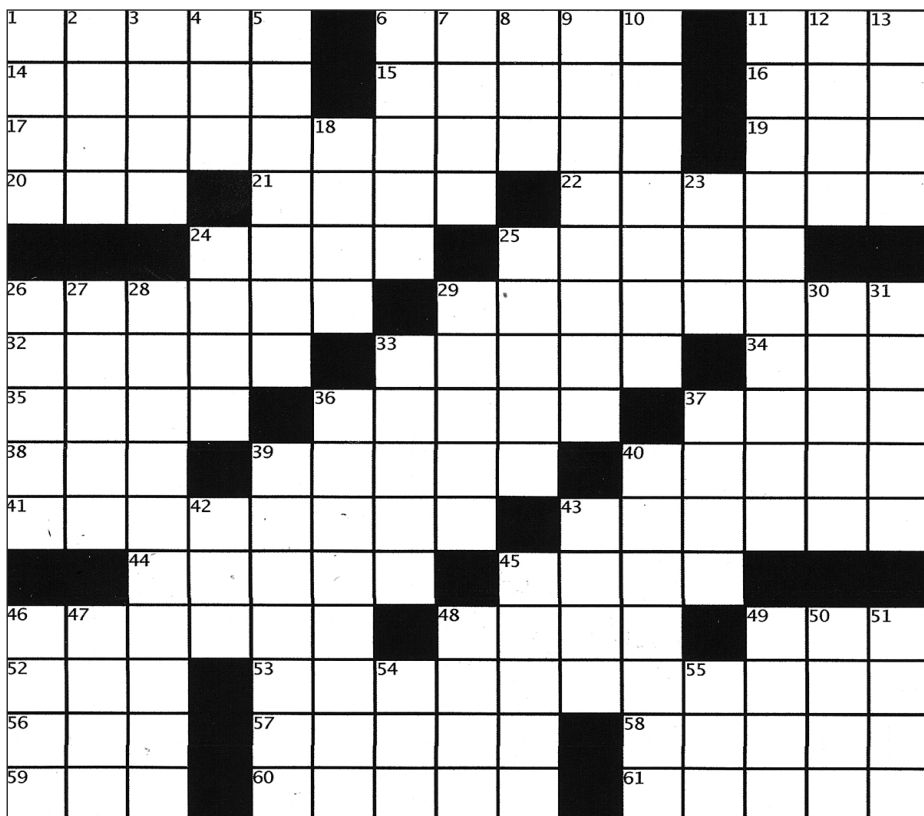
Kay Middleton



INDEPENDENT Crossword

by Chuck Levering

Solution on page 31



ACROSS

- Ponders
- Fertile spot in a desert
- Noah built one
- Toughen; temper
- Foot impression
- Abbess
- Falsely recall
- Finish together
- When you get there, maybe
- More than a few
- Eurasian shrub
- Fish appendages
- Indian stringed instrument
- Goddess of wisdom and warfare
- Awl-shaped
- Made from an old tire, perhaps
- Cover with water
- Tooth on a gear wheel
- Strong air movement
- Group of lions
- Harley or Norton
- Walk the boards
- Pickler's need
- Gives a traffic ticket

- Unnecessary
- Cook with dry heat
- Without
- Remove
- Mediterranean fruits
- Inquire
- Ladies room?
- Measure by using trigonometry
- Male humans
- Call forth
- Wall painting
- Finish
- Resume
- Put to use

DOWN

- Silent actor
- Component
- Capital of Elam
- Mess up
- Ostensible
- Unseals
- Type of ant
- Brother or sister
- Indigestible
- Rock layer
- Type of coal
- Destroy
- Take this in the end

- zone
- "Give that ____ cigar!"
- Aussie mate
- Ward off
- Elvis's blue shoes
- Nile dam
- Once more than once
- Remote region
- Kick targets
- Trifling
- Discharge
- Joint
- Put up
- Offers
- Prate or babble
- Eat
- Lady rabbit
- Footwear brand
- Sinew
- Eve's home
- Sham
- Swiss river
- Night light
- Salmon that has recently spawned
- Electrically charged atom
- One lumen per sq. meter

This week's Community Datebook

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

Saturday, 16:

- 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Ham Radio class for Technician license, Mercy Hospital Day Room, Berryville,
- 9 a.m. – 4 p.m., Writing Workshop w/Mike Hancock, Holiday Island Clubhouse, \$45

• **Sunday, 17:** 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Ham Radio class & exam for Technician License, Mercy Hospital Day Room, Berryville,

Monday, 18: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m., Writing Workshop *Glam up your Grammar*, w/Mike Hancock, HI Clubhouse, \$45

Tuesday, 19:

- 6 – 8 p.m., *Making Herbal Medicines*, Flora Roja Community Acupuncture, 119 Wall St. \$25
- 9 a.m. – 4 p.m., Writing Workshop w/Mike Hancock, Garden Bistro, \$45

Wednesday, 20:

- 3:30 – 5 p.m., Foundation Farm's *Four-Season Gardening*, 17 Elk St. (479) 253-7461 to register.
- 6 p.m., Free Canine Dental Health Care Seminar, Percy's Pet Spa, 188 N. Main.

Thursday, 21:

- 9 a.m. – 12 noon, Farmers' Market, Pine Mountain Village.
- 6:30 p.m., Little Switzerland Amateur Radio Club, Mercy Physicians Bldg., 211 Carter Street, Berryville
- 6:30 p.m., Poetluck, Writers' Colony at Dairy Hollow, 515 Spring. Bring a dish.

Friday, 22: 7 p.m., 2nd Annual Midwinter Jam, seven music groups in auditorium, \$10/12

Cocktails for cats Feb. 21

Come on out and sip Cocktails for a Cause at the New Delhi Café from 5 – 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 21, and help Turpentine Creek Wildlife Refuge complete their habitat project for 34 new cats. Proceeds will also benefit the work of the Eureka Springs Downtown Network.

Tip back a signature Tiger Blood Cocktail and enjoy the company of friends and the music of the Skinny Gypsies – all for a good cause!

Scholarships available for Carroll County students

Students in Carroll County can go to www.arcf.org/scholarships to apply online for several private scholarships through Arkansas Community Foundation (ARCF). Each scholarship has its own eligibility criteria. In general, the community foundation's scholarships are for Arkansas students pursuing higher education at two- or four-year colleges or universities, vocational schools or technical training programs.

Some scholarships are designated for graduates of a particular high school or those who plan to attend a particular college. Others are based on extracurricular activities or intended college majors.

Locally, students from Carroll County are eligible to apply for these

scholarships:

- Supercow Endowment for Academic Excellence in Agriculture: specifically for Carroll County seniors who plan on pursuing a degree in an agriculture-related field. Vocational as well as collegiate students are encouraged to apply.

- Dr. Austin C. Smith Memorial Scholarship: available to students of Alpena or Green Forest High Schools

- Poultry Federation Scholarship: for students with immediate family involved in the poultry industry

More information is available online at www.arcf.org/scholarships or contact the Carroll County Community Foundation, the local ARCF affiliate, at (479) 253-8203. Most applications are due April 1.

AUDacious by Ray Dilfield

Twenty three feet. Doesn't sound like too great a distance, does it? Horizontally, it's not far at all. In many cases it's just across the room. A decent run or short pass from scrimmage. Slightly more than 1/4 second at 60 mph. Nothing daunting about that.

Vertically, it's another matter altogether. Especially if you're on a ladder or scaffold looking down. Even more so if you're on a ladder or scaffold trying to get to something just barely in reach while not looking down.

Add to that the sensory confusion

of having the bits you're trying to work on swaying around you. Intellectually, you know you're standing on something relatively solid but when all your visual reference cues are wiggling about, vestibular confusion and the resulting vertigo are very real threats. The lizard brain takes over and you start holding on hard enough to leave fingerprints in the steel. Just



like that, a task that would take a few minutes on the ground stretches out into an agonizing ten or fifteen in the air when your palms get really sweaty and all your tools feel like they've been sprayed with WD-40.

The funny part is that before I got old(er) and brittle, I used to jump out of perfectly good airplanes. Voluntarily. For some reason it's far less stressful for me to sit in the open door of a Beech 18 at 12,500 AGL than to be on top of a 20 ft. stepladder.

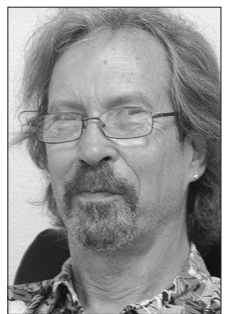
Yeah, backstage life is just like in the music videos – all glamour, fun and swimsuit models. Not to mention

rolling in the Benjamins.

To close, an open letter to a recent patron:

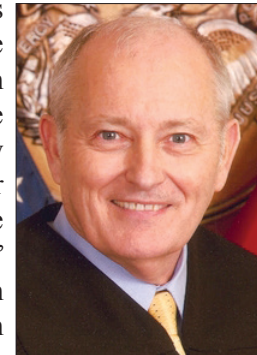
Perhaps you've heard about the flu that's been running around lately. It was in all the papers. Even shut down the local schools for a couple of days. Pretty virulent stuff. It wasn't enough that you felt the need to come hacking and wheezing to mingle with a large group of people but you also thought it would be perfectly acceptable to leave a pile of used tissues under your seat for us to clean up?

Thanks a lot, Pig.



St. Paddy's Grand Marshal named

Judge Kent Crow is Grand Marshal for the Krewe of Blarney's 20th Annual St. Paddy Parade coming up March 16. Crow will lead floats, bands, car units and walkers. Anyone sporting the "wearing o' the green" is permitted in the parade. Participation forms for floats and groups are posted at www.Parade.Ureka.Org.



JUDGE KENT CROW

Humanity, The Carroll County Multi-Disciplinary Team, the Carroll County Historic Society and the Good Shepherd Humane Society.

As an attorney Crow worked as an associate for Mary Ann Gunn in Washington County and for Vowell & Atchley in Berryville. He opened his law practice in Berryville

and worked extensively in the areas of criminal law, juvenile law, real estate, domestic relations, probate and trusts. Crow was appointed by Governor Huckabee as the District Court Judge for Carroll County's Eastern District in 2006 and was elected Circuit Judge for Carroll County in May 2008.

After military service he returned to Arkansas in 1983 and served on the Berryville City Council, Board of Directors of the Merlin Foundation, St. John's Hospital Ethics Committee, People Helping People, Habitat For

For more info on the parade see above website or phone Dan Ellis (479) 981-9551.



Chocolate covered – Chocolate lovers dip strawberries, cookies and fudge into a glossy fountain of chocolate at the 9th Annual Chocolate Lover's Festival at the Inn of the Ozarks Feb. 9. Samples of homemade and commercial chocolate delights, a silent auction and best cake and candy contests kept everyone in a sugary mood.

PHOTO BY DAVID FRANK DEMPSEY



Royal couple – Melodye Purdy and Rod McGuire make a royal entrance at their coronation as the 2013 King and Queen of Eureka Gras at the Coronation Ball at the Crescent Hotel Feb. 8.

PHOTO BY DAVID FRANK DEMPSEY

If you can say it, he can spell it –

Clear Spring School 7th grade student Noah FitzPatrick brought home a third place trophy for his school from the Carroll County Spelling Bee. The annual competition is open to all students 4th through 8th grade. The CSS team did a fantastic job in the annual bee and showed tremendous spirit.



FAMILY RESTAURANT & STEAKHOUSE

417 W. Van Buren (Hwy. 62W) • 479.253.8544
OPEN DAILY AT 11 A.M.

Join us for **Seafood Feast Weekend**
Pick your favorite: Crab Legs,
Scallops, Salmon, Shrimp,
Seafood Bisque and pair it with
Filet Mignon or Top Sirloin Steak

Friday Feb. 15 **THIRD DEGREE** **BANDS START AT 8 P.M.**
Saturday Feb. 16 – **ANOTHER FINE MESS**

ROWDY BEAVER DEN & STORE
47 Spring St. • Downtown • 479.363.6444
OPEN DAILY AT 11 A.M.
Sandwiches, Apps, Salads, Full Bar
COME VISIT THE NEW ROWDY GRAS!
ROWDY ENTERTAINMENT FRIDAY & SATURDAYS

ARKANSAS LOTTERY here!
play 4

Alpine Liquor
Eureka's Largest Selection of
BEER, WINE & LIQUOR

WEDNESDAY WINE DAY
10% OFF



2036 E. Van Buren • Eureka Springs, AR
479.253.8633
Locally owned and operated

Breakfast Lunch Dinner Espresso Bar Full Bar
New Delhi Cafe

Hours: Mon. & Tues. Open at 8:30 a.m.
Wed. thru Sun. 8:30 a.m.-9 p.m.
2 N. Main • 479.253.2525
HEATING & AC ON ALL DECK LEVELS
Where happy people meet!
Where the locals play!

INDYSoul by Gwen Etheredge

Blew Reed and the Flatheads at Jack's Place

Jack's Place has long been a spot to hear great blues, and Saturday night's show is no exception. Blew Reed and the Flatheads will be there with a harmonica-driven blues sound that will have you moving and grooving and convoluting. Blew Reed, aka Clint Reaser, provides the vocals and harmonica. The harmonica, also called a mouth organ, is also a Mississippi saxophone and hobo harp, but tin sandwich is the current fave. Reed was the frontman/vocalist for heavy metal bands in the '70s and '80s before learning to blow the metal reeds. He was inspired by Neil Young but soon realized the blues were his bag and he's been at it for the past 30 years. He earned his stage name by blowing reeds out of his harmonica, which he still does. The Flatheads are Matt Rawlins, lead guitar; Jay Clark, rhythm guitar and keys; Steve Baskin, bass guitar and vocals and Randy Reese on drums. A favorite at the annual Eureka Springs Blues Weekend, this show is a chance to hear the band in an intimate setting.

FRIDAY – FEBRUARY 15

- CHASERS BAR & GRILL Karaoke and dance party with *Tiny*
- CHELSEA'S *HonkySuckle*, 9 p.m.
- EUREKA LIVE! DJ & Dancing
- EUREKA PARADISE Ladies Night, Free Pool
- EUREKA STONEHOUSE *Jerry Yester*, 5–8 p.m.
- GRAND TAVERNE *Arkansas Red*



Ever listen to a tin sandwich? – Come hear Blew Reed and the Flatheads at Jack's Place Saturday night to hear one.

- Guitar, 6:30–9:30 p.m.
- JACK'S CENTER STAGE Karaoke with *DJ Goose*, 8–Midnight
- LUMBERYARD RESTAURANT & SALOON DJ Karaoke
- NEW DELHI CAFÉ *Magic Mule*, 6:30 p.m.
- PIED PIPER CATHOUSE LOUNGE Matt Reeves
- ROWDY BEAVER *Third Degree* Party
- ROWDY BEAVER DEN Jukebox
- SQUID & WHALE PUB *SpringBilly*
- VOULEZ-VOUS *Lola Van Ella Burlesque Show*, 8:30 p.m.
- SATURDAY – FEBRUARY 16**
- CHASERS BAR & GRILL *Slam Boxx*
- CHELSEA'S *Cadillac Jackson*, 9 p.m.

- EUREKA LIVE! DJ & Dancing
- EUREKA PARADISE Ozark Thunder
- GRAND TAVERNE *Jerry Yester Grand Piano Dinner Music*, 6:30–9:30 p.m.
- JACK'S CENTER STAGE *Blew Reed & the Flatheads*, 9 p.m. – closing
- LUMBERYARD RESTAURANT & SALOON DJ Karaoke
- NEW DELHI CAFÉ *M & G Band*, 6:30 p.m.
- PIED PIPER CATHOUSE LOUNGE Matt Reeves
- ROWDY BEAVER *Another Fine Mess*
- ROWDY BEAVER DEN *Skillet Lickers*
- SQUID & WHALE PUB *Masters of Romance*
- VOULEZ-VOUS *Lola Van Ella*

Friday, Feb. 15 • 6:30–10:30 P.M.
MAGIC MULE
Saturday, Feb. 16 • 6:30–10:30 P.M.
M & G BAND
Sunday, Feb. 17 • 6:30–10:30 P.M.
SKINNY GYPSIES
Wednesday, Feb. 20
OPEN JAM

11 am to 2 am • 253-6723
Chelsea's
Slightly OFF Center at Mountain
Ice Cold Beer • Red Hot Music
Guinness & Harp On Tap
LADIES NIGHT MON. • OPEN MIC TUES.
Fri., Feb. 15 • 9 P.M. **HONKYSUCKLE**
Sat., Feb. 16 • 9 P.M. **CADILLAC JACKSON**
Sun., Feb. 17 • 6-10 P.M. **FILTHY STILL with CHUCKY WAGGS**
Mon., Feb. 18 • 9 P.M. **SPRINGBILLY**
Tues., Feb. 19 • 9 P.M. **OPEN MIC**
Wed., Feb. 20 • 9 P.M. **RACHEL BROOKE**
Thurs., Feb. 21 • 9 P.M. **JAZZ NIGHT**
PIZZAS WE DELIVER 479-253-8231

Thur. Feb. 14 VALENTINE'S DAY
celebrate with **BLOODY BUDDY & FRIENDS**
Surf & Turf Dinner Special **OPEN MIC**
Fri. Feb. 15 SPRINGBILLY BLUEGRASS
Fish Fry Friday Kitchen Open Late
Sat. Feb. 16 MASTERS OF ROMANCE
Valentine's Special *Special Valentine's Day Celebration*
• ROOTS
• AMERICANA
479-253-7147 **FOOD 'TIL LATE**
the SQUID and WHALE
PUB & GRILL
SMOKE FREE
www.squidandwhalepub.com
www.facebook.com/squidandwhalepub
10 Center St.
37 Spring St.

Burlesque Show, 8:30 p.m.

SUNDAY – FEBRUARY 17

- **CHELSEA'S** *Filthy Still with Chucky Waggs*, 6–10 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** *Skinny Gypsies*, 3–6 p.m.
- **ROWDY BEAVER** Free pool
- **SQUID & WHALE PUB** "Local Kine" *Showcasing local talent*

MONDAY – FEBRUARY 18

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

TUESDAY – FEBRUARY 19

- **CHASERS BAR & GRILL** Dart Tournament
- **CHELSEA'S** Open Mic
- **LUMBERYARD RESTAURANT & SALOON** Pool Tournament, 6:30 p.m.
- **ROWDY BEAVER** Hospitality Night
- **SQUID & WHALE PUB** Taco Tuesday

WEDNESDAY – FEBRUARY 20

- **CHASERS BAR & GRILL** Beer Pong
- **CHELSEA'S** *Rachel Brooke*, 9 p.m.
- **LUMBERYARD RESTAURANT & SALOON** Ladies Night–Happy Hour all night
- **NEW DELHI CAFÉ** Open Jam
- **PIED PIPER CATHOUSE LOUNGE** Wheat Wednesday *Draft Beer Specials*
- **ROWDY BEAVER** Wine Wednesday
- **SQUID & WHALE PUB** The

Pickled Porpoise Review – Open Jam, No Cover

THURSDAY – FEBRUARY 21

- **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*

GRATEFUL DEAD TRIBUTE BAND



THE SCHWAG
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22
at CHASERS

169 East Van Buren
Eureka Springs, AR 479-253-5522
Ages 21+ • Showtime: 9 p.m.
www.theschwag.com

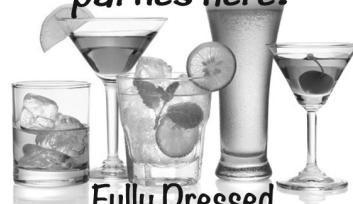
Come Party & Dance Underground
Open Wed. & Thurs. 5 Till Close
Fri., Sat. & Sun. 11 Till Close

EUREKA LIVE



UNDERGROUND

Book your holiday parties here!



Fully Dressed

BLOODY MARY BAR

LARGEST DANCE FLOOR DOWNTOWN!

FRIDAY & SATURDAY
DJ & DANCING

What happenz underground stayz buried

35 N. Main • Eureka Springs • 479-253-7020
www.eurekaliveunderground.com

Get ready to run!

It's time to sign up for the 31st Annual running of the Victorian Classic 10K Run, 2-Mile Run or 2-Mile Walk on Saturday, March 9. The Victorian Classic is a Rotary Club of Eureka Springs event to benefit the Eureka Springs Carnegie Library as well as Turpentine Creek Wildlife Refuge's efforts to help relocate rescued exotic cats from Riverglen Tiger Sanctuary.

The 10K course runs along Kingshighway and US 62 on the Historic Loop and includes challenging hills plus flat and fast ridge running stretches. Both start and finish is located at the Best Western Inn of the Ozarks.

A wine and cheese social will be held in conjunction with the pre-registration packet pick-up on Friday, March 8, 4 – 6 p.m. at the Inn of the Ozarks Convention Center. Pre-registration pick-up will continue from 7–9 a.m. prior to Saturday's race along with registration.

Groups are welcomed and encouraged for the 2-Mile Fun Walk. Gather your social group, church group, work group, downtown group or uptown group and choose a theme and dress up in team costumes and have fun during the walk.

The gun goes off for all events at 9 a.m. sharp. The Awards Ceremony will begin at 10:30 a.m. following the completion of the race, with awards being offered three-deep in Overall male/female, Masters male/female, and five-year age brackets up to age 75 male/female. In addition, awards are given to the top 10 male/female and finisher medals for finishers 12 and under in the 2 Mile Run and 2 Mile Walk.

Collectible art T-shirts are guaranteed to the first 300 entrants. Once again, renowned folk artist, Blakely Wilson has designed the original Victorian classic artwork that will be featured on the official T-Shirt and collectible winner mugs.

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.

Jacks PLACE 37 springstreet
presents
Feb. 15th
Karaoke w/DJ Goose
Feb 16th
BLEW REED & THE FLATHEADS
Home of the \$1 Taco
and the Flaming Hot Bloody Mary

Valentine's WEEKEND
Feb. 15 & 16 • 8:30 P.M.

Voulez Vous Lounge

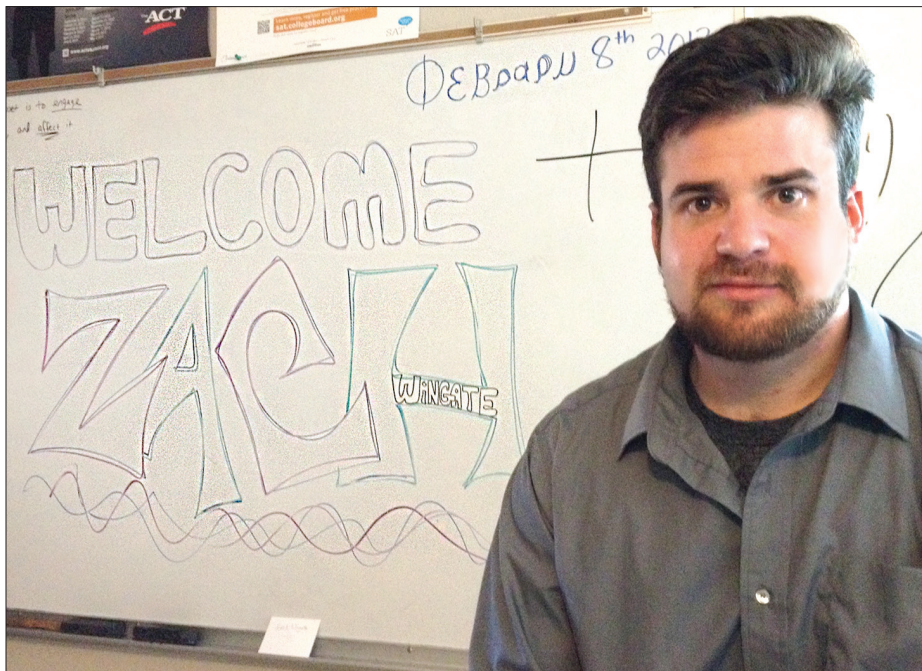
The Van Ella Sola BURLESQUE Show

Tickets \$20 – www.VoulezVousLounge.com

Feb. 14 – 16
Lover's Dinner for Two
includes appetizer, dinner salad,
main course, dessert &
champagne toast for \$50

Open Sun., Mon., Thurs. & Fri.
at 4 p.m., Sat. at 2 p.m.
Dinner served until 11 p.m. on Fri. & Sat.

63-A Spring St. • Eureka Springs • 479.363.6595
Inside the historic New Orleans Hotel
www.VoulezVousLounge.com



Zach Wingate rocks China: from Clear Spring to the Peace Corps

“There is no fast track in life. You have to take each step grinding it out, no complaining, because each thing you do leads to the next great thing.” This was the message Zach Wingate delivered to students at his beloved alma mater, Clear Spring High School, last Friday.

The son of Gene and Carol Wingate of Berryville, Wingate is home for a holiday from Lanzhou, China, where he teaches English with the Peace Corps at a university.

He came to Clear Spring School in the fourth grade with a challenging learning difference. An innovative CSS teacher, Nancy Wood, discovered a way to work around his dyslexia, giving Wingate the tools to move forward. He and his friend, Jordan McKinney, were the first graduates of the new Clear Spring High School in 2004 where they enjoyed playing in their band, Rorschach.

Wingate went on to graduate from the College of the Ozarks, and interned on Capitol Hill with Sen. Blanche Lincoln. He also played a pivotal role in the production of music

festivals like Wakarusa.

Wingate offered to talk to CSHS because he wanted to give back to the school that helped him discover his tools for success. He told students it was this well-rounded background that gained him a spot with the Peace Corps. Despite his dyslexia, he is teaching English at university level, running an English library and coaching softball.

Wingate was placed in China as part of a grassroots US foreign relations campaign utilizing the Peace Corps. Zach’s music is taking that campaign a step further. “Music is the fastest way to integrate into a foreign culture,” Wingate told his audience. “You don’t have to speak the same language; you can communicate with music.”

The overpopulated, severely-polluted riverside city of Lanzhou has a thriving music scene. In an attempt to get to know people, Wingate started drumming in a local bar band where he discovered new friends. Now he’s writing songs and rapping in a touring band called She Sleeps Next Door.

Road trip to Branson Airport Feb. 28

Been to the Branson Airport yet? If you’re curious about the facility, Greyline Tours will pick you up at the Chamber Visitor Center at 5 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 28, and whisk you along with a group from Eureka Springs to the Branson Airport for an Open

House. There’ll be free BBQ from Famous Dave’s, a tour of the airport and a drawing for free airline tickets.

Cost is \$10 per person and seating is limited, so get your tickets now at the Chamber Visitor Center. See you on the bus!



Highland(er) fling – Scottish dance instructor Melissa Clare, right, guides a group of high school students through the steps of a dance in teacher Karen FitzPatrick’s class at Clear Spring School Feb. 13. From left are Alyssa Bartlett, Rachel Guillory, Elliot Morgan, Taylor Belt, Shannon Newcomb and Clare. Clare also teaches Scottish dance for adults on Wednesdays at Enthios Dance Studio. For information on classes call (479) 253-8252.

PHOTO BY DAVID FRANK DEMPSEY



Park Bark

When you gotta go, you gotta go – If my owners could have found a dog park before they went shopping in Eureka Springs, I wouldn’t have to be doing this! Come on you guys, some dogs are tourists, too. The local pups tell me you can call (479) 253-9393 and help get a dog park going. If I had fingers I’d do it myself, because it sounds like a barking good idea to me.

PASSAGES

Martha Ann Maloney, Jan. 10, 1935 – Feb. 5, 2013

Martha Ann Maloney (nee Campbell) was born Jan. 10, 1935 in St. Louis, Mo., and died peacefully Feb. 5, at the age of 78, in her home surrounded by family.

On August 11, 1953 she was united in marriage to John T. Maloney, who survives her. They are the parents of five children: John (Ina Cox) Maloney of Eureka Springs; Jim (Karen) Maloney of Tulsa, Okla.; Jane (David) Todd of Clifty; Ellen (Doug) Grogan of Eureka Springs, and Eileen (Dennis) Conner of Coweta, Okla. She is also survived by her loving sister, Ellen Kinberg of Westlake Village, Calif., whom she raised; her dear brother,

Lesley Campbell of Reno, Nev.; and her Campbell siblings, Bill, Bob, Susie and Donnie.

Martha was grandmother of 10 and great-grandmother of nine, all who survive her. There are numerous in-laws, nieces, nephews and cousins who will miss her. She was preceded in death by her mother, Martha Woodford Coddington, brother-in-law Joe Kinberg, sister-in-law Etsu Campbell, and son-in-law Mark Stouten.

Martha was a member of the New Apostolic Church for most of her life. When she and John moved to Eureka Springs in 1975 there wasn't a congregation in the state of Arkansas.

John was ordained a minister so they could move to Eureka Springs, and they established the congregation on Quigley Castle Road. Not only was she a minister's wife, but a Sunday School teacher, part-time organist and choir member. They are the heart and soul of the congregation, and Martha will be missed by all.

Martha and John owned and operated the Bun Di Inn and the Rock Cabin Court for more than 20 years. Since 1993 and through the 2011-12 school year, Martha was a substitute teacher for Eureka Springs Schools where she touched the lives of many local children who dearly loved her. Her

house was often a gathering place for many young people who appreciated her quick wit, savvy advice and forthright way of talking to them. She was also an artist and her paintings grace the homes of many of her loved ones across the country.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, Feb. 16 at 1 p.m. at the First Christian Church on Passion Play Road in Eureka Springs. Memorial donations can be sent to the New Apostolic Church or Circle of Life Hospice. Service arrangements were made with Nelson Funeral Service. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.nelsonfuneral.com.

COUNCIL – TAXIS continued from page 1

Cody Steussy, also from Abundant Transportation, said competition is good. He tried to work with the previous council to find a way to fit in legally in Eureka Springs, and he is again looking for a chance to operate here. He distributed detailed pamphlets with his business plan.

Catherine Zeller, chef and owner of Cafe Amoré, said she supported the efforts of Steussy and Brown because she has seen the need for their limos. She said groups of as many as a dozen visitors arrive at her restaurant already partying before dinner, and they need rides afterwards. "It is a matter of public safety. Competition is a good thing. We have more than one Italian restaurant, more than one bar, more than one church," she said.

Lynn Sterling described the situation at 1:45 a.m. on a weekend with people still scattered among the city's bars, and the barkeepers

telling them, "You don't have to go home, but you can't stay here." She agreed Eureka Springs needs more transportation options on weekends.

Alderman Zeller said she faced this issue when she was on council before. She assigned the confusion over correct interpretation of the law to miscodification in which parts of ordinances disappeared and a section requiring a Certificate of Public Convenience/Necessity suddenly appeared.

City attorney Tim Weaver made it clear that "The ordinances are the law, not the codification. Council must know what is in ordinances already passed. The code service did a poor job, but ordinances are recorded in the City Clerk's office."

Weaver said if council wants to consider allowing another franchise or company to operate, getting an application for the certificate from the applicant is the first step.

Alderman David Mitchell asked where such an application would be, and Weaver said there might not be one, but requirements are in the Code. An application would be similar to a business proposal.

Purkeypile pointed out the pamphlet Steussy had supplied seemed to satisfy all the requirements for an application, and Weaver agreed but insisted it would be Steussy who should determine what is in his application. Purkeypile then asked how council could determine for sure there was a need for another company in town, and alderman Terry McClung replied citizens speaking at a public hearing could establish a need.

Zeller insisted council had already heard enough to know there was the need for another service. She said Steussy was "ready, willing and able, and this pamphlet is an excellent business plan." She said she would like him to get a chance to do

business in town. She said the city has never forced the existing taxi service to comply with all pertinent laws because no one else wanted to do the job.

She said, "The emails I get are horror stories – people stranded, they have to walk back to their motels. There's a need." She asked what council could do to expedite the process.

Weaver reminded council the City Clerk needs to find ordinances still in effect. Then they will know what it takes to comply with the law.

After much discussion, council was satisfied there seemed to be a need for another service in town. McClung said, "This has been hashed and thrashed before. We need to go forward." Council voted to accept Steussy's pamphlet as an application for the certificate and set aside the first hour of their March 11 regular meeting for a public hearing.

HISID continued from page 3

sales canceled specifically because of the lawsuit. Bischoff's attorneys stated they were not the ones to make the case public, that HISID did. Further, they said they did not invite the press to the meeting.

The *Independent* received notice

of the meeting from Bischoff.

Asked what the developer's role was in the suit, it was explained that they were members of the class action.

When asked if they were trying to force HISID to incorporate, attorneys said they were trying to buy HISID time to decide what it wanted to do.

Gerald Hartley, HISID's manager, told the *Independent* that the decision earlier this month to replace legal counsel, Matt Bishop, with the Springdale based Harrington Miller Firm, with Thomas N. Kieklak as lead attorney, was to enable HISID to, "prosecute our defense to the fullest extent of the law."

Bishop had told the board his office was too small to handle all the complexities of case. Hartley said that the board has not filed an answer to the suit yet as the lawyers are still looking over the approximately 28-page document, and for this reason he declined to comment further about HISID's intended defense.

Mary Lynn (Walker) Clark, Oct. 10, 1943 – Feb. 1, 2013

Mary Lynn (Walker) Clark, a resident of Fayetteville, Ark., was born October 10, 1943 in Berryville, a daughter of Bill R. and Madalyn (Knowles) Walker. She passed away Feb. 1, 2013 in Fayetteville at the age of 69.

Mary Lynn was of the Christian Faith. She had a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education. She was an avid reader and loved to travel. Mary Lynn loved fast cars, trucks and was a

true auto enthusiast. She was a helping hand to anyone in need and volunteered at Walker's School in Fayetteville. She was owner of Walker Sales Co.

On June 6, 1965, Mary Lynn was united in marriage with Lonnie Paul Clark who survives her of the home. She is also survived by one daughter, Becca Clark and Jared Opela of Fayetteville; one son, Walker Clark of Fayetteville; one brother-in-law, Gary Clark of Green Forest; several other relatives

and countless friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one daughter, Mary Jess Clark.

A Gathering of Remembrance was Feb. 12 at the Charles M. Nelson Memorial Chapel, and a Celebration of Life service was Feb. 13 at the Towering Oaks Church with Brother Larry Montgomery officiating. Service arrangements under the direction of Nelson Funeral Service.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to The Merlin Foundation, POB 812, Berryville, AR 72616; The Animal League of Washington County, POB 4366, Fayetteville, AR 72702; or The Walker Clark Education Fund, c/o Becca Clark that has been set up at First Federal Bank, 210 S. Main, Berryville, AR 72616. Online condolences may be sent to the family at nelsonfuneral.com.

Walter A. Butler, Jr., Jan. 7, 1931 – Feb. 7, 2013

Walter A. Butler, Jr., a resident of Eureka Springs, was born January 7, 1931 in Pocahontas, Ark., a son of Walter Arthur, Sr., and Matilda Elizabeth (Daniel) Butler. He departed this life Feb. 7 in Fayetteville at the age of 82.

Walter (Dub) worked as an electrical engineer for the Corps of Engineers and served his country in the United States Air Force during the Korean War. He was a member of St. Elizabeth Catholic Church. He loved fishing, yard work, making wind chimes, playing basketball,

helping grandchildren with science projects and helping others.

He is survived by daughter, Beth and husband, Bill Terrill, of Tulsa, Okla.; son, Mike Butler and wife, Sheila, of Eureka Springs; daughter, Daphne and husband, Darrell Anderson, of Eureka Springs; son, Chris Butler and wife, Becky, of Eureka Springs; two sisters, Lucille Chandler of Little Rock, and Tootsie Schwetz of Washington State; eight grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews; and a host of

other relatives and friends.

On August 9, 1951, Walter was united in marriage with Louise Elizabeth (Miller) Butler who preceded him in death. He was also preceded by his parents; three sisters; and one brother.

Visitation will be held from 5 – 6:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 15, at Nelson's Chapel of the Springs in Eureka Springs. Celebration of Life service will be at 6:30 p.m. the same day at Nelson's Chapel of the Springs in Eureka Springs. Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb.

16, at St. Elizabeth Catholic Church in Eureka Springs with Fr. Shaun Wesley officiating. Interment will follow the service in the Eureka Springs Cemetery under the direction of Nelson Funeral Service. Memorial donations may be made to the Willard Walker Hospice Home, 325 East Longview Street, Fayetteville, Arkansas 72703, www.wregional.com/donors or to the charity of your choice. Online condolences may be sent to the family at nelsonfuneral.com.

Shannon Pharis, Oct. 31, 1960 – Feb. 8, 2013

Shannon Pharis, a resident of Berryville, was born October 31, 1960 in Berryville, a son of Vernon H. and Betty J. (Butler) Pharis. He departed this life Feb. 8, 2013 near Berryville, at the age of 52.

Shannon served his country in the United States Air Force during Desert Storm. After retiring from 20 years in the service, he worked as a mail carrier and local Realtor for many years. Shannon was a member of the United Methodist Church in Green Forest and of the V.F.W.

On May 10, 1986, Shannon was united in marriage with Mary Ann (Hill) Pharis who survives him of the home. He is also survived by son, Jarod Pharis and wife, Natalie, of St. Joseph, Mo.; daughter, Ashleigh Pharis of Berryville; two brothers, Keith Pharis and wife, Laura, of Fayetteville, and Jamie Pharis of Texas; several nieces and nephews; and a host of friends and loved ones.

Shannon was preceded in death by his parents, Vernon H. and Betty J. Pharis and one brother, Eddie

Bradley.

Funeral service was Feb. 12 at the Charles M. Nelson Memorial Chapel with Brother Billy McCall officiating. Cremation followed under the direction of Nelson Funeral Service. Memorial donations may be made to the United Methodist Church of Green Forest, P.O. Box 770, Green Forest, Arkansas 72638 or to the charity of your choice. Online condolences may be sent to the family at nelsonfuneral.com.

John Lawrence Thurman, May 20, 1940 – Feb. 11, 2013

John Lawrence Thurman, a resident of Eureka Springs, was born May 20, 1940 in Van Buren, Arkansas, a son of Lawrence and Dorothy (Echols) Thurman. He departed this life Feb. 11 in Eureka Springs at the age of 72.

John proudly served in the United States Navy during peacetime. He was a motel owner/operator of the Apple Blossom Inn and Razorback Lodge. He was a member of the Faith Christian Family Church and Gideon's



THURMAN

International. He was an avid NASCAR fan always looked forward to spring and the new racing season. Go Dale Jr.!

On March 12, 1983 he was united in marriage with Brenda Lee Trammel who survives him of the home. He is also survived by one brother, Charles Ray Thurman and wife, Linda, of Eureka Springs; two step sisters, Jan and husband, Jim Berry, of Las Cruces, N.M.; Debbie and husband, Mike Hudson, of Underhill, Vt.; two nephews, Scot Thurman and wife, Robyn, of Eureka Springs; Jeff Thurman

of San Francisco, Calif.; father-in-law, Paul Trammel of Eureka Springs; sister-in-law, Sheri and husband, Charlie Smith, of Berryville; brother-in-law, Darrell Trammel and wife, Brenda, of Eureka Springs; one niece, Alison Eevanna Smith of Berryville; one great nephew, Matthew Thurman; one great niece, Lila Thurman, both of Eureka Springs; former sister-in-law, Christy Parker of Berryville; several cousins and a host of friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two stepmothers, Faye Wakefield Thurman and Jane Thurman; and sister-in-law, Patricia Thurman.

Visitation will be from 5 – 7 p.m.,

Feb. 14, at Nelson's Chapel of the Springs. Funeral service will be 11 a.m. Saturday, February 16, at Faith Christian Family Church with Rev. William Hughart and Rev. Marvin Peterson officiating. Interment will follow at the Eureka Springs Cemetery under the direction of Nelson Funeral Service. Memorial donations may be sent to the Academy of Excellence, 157 Huntsville Rd., Eureka Springs, AR 72632 or Good Shepherd Humane Society, 6486 Hwy 62 E., Eureka Springs, AR 72632 or Gideon's International, POB 362, Berryville, AR 72616. Online condolences may be sent to the family at nelsonfuneral.com.

SCHOOL PROPERTY continued from page 5

lab could be a learning center, the cafeteria holds creative possibilities and the parking lot is large enough to put up a fire station without interfering with the other activities. He advocated a commingling of government, educa-

tion and recreation.

Levy then reminded everyone an accurate assessment of the facility should come first. "You need to know what's in it," he said. He also said there would be more community meetings as they explore the possibilities.

FLUORIDE continued from page 9

hydrofluorosilicic acid to leach lead out of pipes in the cities that have older water distribution systems.

"In 1988 the EPA gave up their jurisdiction over additives to drinking water, so there are no federal safety standards for any water additives, including fluoridation chemicals, and a lot of the chemical products are now more frequently sourced from China, Japan, Russia, Mexico, and other foreign countries where manufacturing standards can be lax," Fonseca said. "There are no state requirements for batch testing for impurities or revealing the country of origin for the product."

SB255 introduced by King states the industry-established standard that has been adopted by the State of Arkansas is established and administered by a nongovernmental body with no direct responsibility to health agencies or consumers. The act would require that additives would only be allowed if the manufacturer provides a declaration of accountability for their product's safety for the full range of expected human consumption, without known or anticipated adverse health effects over a lifetime, including for infants, children, the elderly, and other populations, as is the intent of the U.S. Safe Drinking Water Act.

The operators have opposed a fluoride mandate at their consumers' expense for maintenance and operation, without their consent, and without consideration for accountability for the effects of the specific chemical. Eureka Springs has twice voted against fluoridation with opponents pointing to studies that have linked it to hypothyroidism,

heart disease, learning problems in children, and dental fluorosis in children.

The American Dental Association and the Arkansas Department of Health (ADOH) strongly support fluoridation saying there is no evidence of its harm, and that it can help prevent cavities.

"Fluoridation is effective," the ADOH states. "Studies show that water fluoridation results in up to 60 percent less decay in baby teeth and up to 35 percent less decay in adult teeth. Fluoridation saves money. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), every \$1 spent on fluoridation prevents \$38 in dental treatment."

Phil Miesner, manager, Watson Chapel Water District, Pine Bluff, said they support the bill 100 percent. He said, right now, although the district is mandated to add fluoride, the ADOH won't provide information on safe sources to purchase the additive.

"No one takes responsibility on what chemical company you get your chemical from, and whether it comes from in or out of the country," Miesner said. "It is basically just left up to us to see to that. The health department is telling us to just go on the Internet and pick out a chemical supplier. Fluoride is a toxic chemical and we want to make sure it meets or exceeds current laws on toxicity. We want to know exactly what toxins are in the product. If this bills passes, it gives us that authority."

Miesner said he has asked the health department to tell them the source of fluoride additives that are safe for children and adults.

"They tell us, 'We're not

School board members were last to speak. Jason Morris observed, "I haven't heard one bad idea. This is something that can be worked out easily." Peggy Kjelgaard commented they need more information before deciding anything, but she liked the variety of ideas. "The synergy is

allowed to do that'," Miesner said. "We need a law in there to give someone authority to go in there and demand to know what exactly is in the chemicals we are going to pump into our drinking water. And that is what this bill will do."

The water additive accountability act also addresses the issue of worker safety.

"It is essential that the contents and impurities of any chemical transported to and stored in a community in its raw undiluted state be fully identified for first responders, emergency remediation and response teams, risk management, homeland security, environmental impact, and for accurate assessments for both contaminant quality controls and appropriate permitting," the proposed act states.

Fonseca said when water operators are exposed to chemicals if there is an equipment breakdown or other type of accident, it is critical to know what is in the chemicals. A water operator who was working for Kimzey [Malvern, Ark.] Water District, Joe Walls, had adverse effects that left him disabled after exposure to hydrofluorosilicic acid.

"It is essential that the chemicals transported or stored in the community need to be identified for first responders," Fonseca said. "Joe Walls suffered long term life disabilities because they didn't know what substances were in the hydrofluorosilicic acid. This bill would insure transparency and full disclosure to citizens of Arkansas. It is calling for manufacturers to provide documentations on contaminants contained in products, and toxicological data about public health effects that are updated on an

beautiful," she said. Karen Gros encouraged the city to do something for families and residents, not tourists.

Turner wrapped up the afternoon by noticing the group seemed like it was on the same page, and it is his intent to find a solution that will benefit everyone.

annual basis and made accessible to public. We operators endorse and encourage citizens to contact senators and representatives to support this bill."

Fonseca said the late Jim Allison, the CBWD office manager, was a strong supporter of the bill. In fact, one of the last acts of Allison on the job was to send information on the proposed bill to Sen. King.

Currently, work being done at CBWD to comply with the state mandate on fluoridation has been tabled pending the outcome of state legislation that may impact the requirement. In addition to King's bill, a bill is also expected to be introduced in the House overturning the fluoride mandate.

"We are sort of on hold to see what happens in legislative session," Fonseca said. "We may not have word back by the next board meeting in April, but we should know by the summer board meeting."

To be considered by the full Arkansas Senate, the bill must first pass out of the Public Health Welfare and Labor Committee. Members of that committee include: Sen. Cecile Bledsoe, 479-636-2115, Cecile.Bledsoe@senate.ar.gov; Sen. Paul Bookout, 870-336-5013; Vice Chair Sen. Linda Chesterfield, 501-888-1859, lchesterfield@comcast.net; Sen. Stephanie Flowers, 870-535-1032, Stephanie.Flowers@senate.ar.gov; Sen. David Burnett, 870-563-5667, David.Burnett@senate.ar.gov; Senator Missy Irvin, 870-269-2703, Missy.Irvin@senate.ar.gov; Sen. Jonathan Dismang, 501-766-8220, disman28@gmail.com; and Sen. Ronald Caldwell, 501-682-6107, Ronald.Caldwell@senate.ar.gov.

INDEPENDENTClassifieds

The INDEPENDENT Classifieds cost \$8 for 20 words, each additional word is 25¢.

DEADLINE – Tuesday at noon

To place a classified, email classifieds@esindependent.com or call 479.253.6101

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FLORA ROJA COMMUNITY ACUPUNCTURE-providing affordable healthcare for the whole community. Sliding scale fee. \$15-\$35 per treatment, with an additional \$15 paperwork fee the first visit only. You decide what you can afford to pay! Francesca Garcia Giri, L.Ac. (479) 253-4968, 199 Wall Street

THE EUREKA SPRINGS WINTER FARMERS' MARKET IS IN FULL SWING. Thursday, 9 a.m. till noon. Pine Mountain Village Parking lot. Free coffee and tea in the heated, sheltered "Gathering Place." This week you can expect to find: GREENS, Collard, Kale, Turnip, Bok Choi, Arugula, Parsley and Lettuce. Scallions, Mushrooms, Apples, Carrots and Turnips. Home-made baked goods, Breads, Pies, Pie slices, Sweet Loaves, Muffins, Fruit Bars, Gluten Free Items, Candies and Jams. Fresh Beef items, Pecans, Honey and home made soaps. See ya there.

SPECIAL HEALING EVENT: Ravi Singh and Ana Brett Kundalini Yoga workshop. Friday and Saturday, March 1 & 2 in Tulsa. Sunday, March 3 at 10 a.m., Fire Om Earth, Eureka Springs. Register: Call Rebecca (479) 244-5114

ANTIQUES

WONDERLAND ANTIQUES buys/sells antiques, primitives, unique vintage items. Open 10-5. Closed Wednesday. Hwy 62 east of Eureka 3 miles. (479) 253-6900

HELP WANTED

PART-TIME HOUSEKEEPING/CLEANING FOR B&B Mature, reliable person/couple with good references and dependable transportation needed on Sunday afternoons (or Monday mornings) Approx 5 hrs, \$12/hr. Close to downtown. Additional hours available for gardens and misc. tasks. Begin March. Most weekends through November. Send your info to eurekaspringsbandb@gmail.com

HELP WANTED

SALES ASSOCIATES AND MANAGER

FOR BEST
APPAREL - FOOTWEAR
STORE IN
EUREKA SPRINGS.

FAX RESUME TO:
(805) 486-2859

PART-TIME COOK FOR 2013 SEASON work alongside a certified culinary chef. Call Joe at Casa Colina (479) 304-8998

NOW HIRING FOR 2013 SEASON Waiters, bartender, dishwasher, groundskeeper. Call Joe at Casa Colina (479) 304-8998

DRIVERS NEEDED 1-Class A CDL, 1-Non CDL. Local delivery, benefits. Pine Creek Lumber, 7126 Clifty Highway, (479) 789-5111

PART-TIME BEAVER LAKE COTTAGES Looking for housekeeper to make ready luxury rentals for guests. Great working environment. Some flexibility in hours, however most Sundays a must. Preference given to applicants near Mundell Road. Call (479) 253-8439

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY

HISTORIC BEAVER TOWN GENERAL STORE – INN – DEPOT/WORKSHOP is for rent. 5BR/5BA inn, furnished. 1BR/1BA apartment. Waterfront lifestyle. \$2000/mo, first and last. Call (479) 981-6816



Extra!
Extra!
Read all about it.
20 words, \$8... See it here.
classifieds@esindependent.com or call 479.253.6101

VENDORS NEEDED

THE EUREKA SPRINGS FARMERS' MARKET is looking for vendors for the current and upcoming season. Poultry, cheese and produce especially are needed. Call Stu at (479) 244-5667, leave message if no answer.

PETS

PET SITTING, HOUSE SITTING. Holiday Island, Eureka Springs and surrounding areas. 25+ years experience. Reliable, references, insured. Call Lynn (479) 363-6676 or Emily (918) 409-6393

REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

HOUSE FOR SALE IN BERRYVILLE 3BR/1BA, central heat/air, new roof and new tile floors. Great location. \$78,000 Call (479) 981-9701 or (479) 981-9724

RENTAL PROPERTIES

COMMERCIAL FOR RENT

B&B PROPERTY – FULLY FURNISHED 5BD/5BA Centrally located licensed (operating) B&B with beautiful grounds and parking, available for 3 yr lease minimum to qualified lessee. Send qualifications, references and serious inquiry to eurekaspringsbnb@gmail.com

HOMES FOR RENT

APARTMENT FOR RENT: One 2-Bedroom; One 1-Bedroom. Downtown Eureka Springs. Call (479) 244-5100

1BR/1BA WITHIN 1 MILE OF DOWNTOWN, central H/A, fireplace. \$500/mo, First and Security deposit required. Available March 1. Call (479) 244-5162

1 BEDROOM AND STUDIO APARTMENT in Eureka Springs. Deposit and references. (479) 981-3449

RENTAL PROPERTIES

HOMES FOR RENT

HOLIDAY ISLAND VILLAS & TOWNHOUSES near lake and marina. From \$375/mo. (479) 253-4385

SERVICE DIRECTORY

HEALTH SERVICES

PAIN, STIFFNESS, FATIGUE: Symptoms of Lymphatic Congestion which leads to DIS-EASE. For affordable lymphatic decongestion therapy call Alexa Pittenger, MMT (479) 253-9208. Eureka!! Massage Therapy, 147 W Van Buren

ALOHA! LAUGHING HANDS MASSAGE IS BACK from Kauai, Hawaii ready to offer Lomi Lomi massages. Laughing Hands offers great rates for couples massage, the perfect gift for a Valentine's treat. For more information on Hawaiian Lomi Lomi call to make an appointment (479) 244-5954

MAINTENANCE/ LANDSCAPE/ HOME SERVICES

FANNING'S TREE SERVICE Bucket truck with 65 ft. reach. Professional trimming, stump grinding, topping, removal, chipper. Free estimates. Licensed. Insured. (870) 423-6780, (870) 423-8305

CLEAN-UPS All types of clean-ups. We will haul off and dispose of anything. Including tear-downs, furniture restoration and painting. (870) 423-5674

CHIMNEY WORKS Complete chimney services: sweeps, repairs, relining and installation. Call Bob Messer (479) 253-2284

TREE WORKS Skilled tree care: trimming, deadwooding and removals. Conscientious, professional arborist and sawmill. Bob Messer (479) 253-2284

Heartstone Inn among “Top 10 Most Romantic”

Heartstone Inn & Cottages Bed & Breakfast has been selected as a Top 10 Romantic Inn by BedandBreakfast.com® as a top inn around the world providing the best travel experience in this category.

Heartstone Inn & Cottages is a member of BedandBreakfast.com’s Diamond Collection™, an exclusive group of professionally inspected and guest-reviewed luxury inns. Each November, BedandBreakfast.com names 30 overall top inns based on the quality and quantity of traveler reviews from the past year.

BedandBreakfast.com is the most comprehensive global site for finding bed and breakfast properties around the world, with more than 13,000 properties representing nearly 80,000 rooms. For a list of all Best of BedandBreakfast.com Award winners, see www.bedandbreakfast.com.



Good job! – Clear Spring High School students, Clare Roy and Elliot Morgan each received the Student of the Quarter Award from the Holiday Island Elks Club. They are pictured here with Elks representative, John Childers and CSHS teacher Jim Fliss.

PHOTO SUBMITTED



Breakfast with a mission – From left, Al and Mary Anne Hagedorn are served pancakes and sausages by Kathy Girkin and Bernice Smarsty at St. Elizabeth Parish Center Feb. 9. Sponsored by Carroll County Republicans, and with donations from area businesses, the breakfast was a fundraiser for Wildflowers Ministries’ Safe Haven abused shelter fund.

PHOTO BY DAVID FRANK DEMPSEY

TURPENTINE CREEK continued from page 17

and mistakenly reported that all were being rescued by that facility.

When Scott Smith, TCWR vice president and marketer, tried to correct the information, it was too late. In a phone call, Eastwood said the producers couldn’t rectify the situation but she wanted to help. Scott supplied her with pictures and information, and soon a donation from Alison’s mother arrived. She also forwarded the information to her friends, DeGeneres and de Rossi, which resulted in the recent donation.

At this point the \$40,000 matching grant with the International Fund for Animal Welfare (IFAW) has been exceeded, thanks to these and local donations. “We’re so blessed and thankful for our community’s support in meeting the match for this rescue,” Tanya Smith, board president and co-founder of TCWR said. “At the end, we’ll be up to 137 big cats plus the other animals.”

Once the goal of providing adequate habitat is reached, there

will still be the maintenance cost of \$10,000 per cat per year to consider. IFAW is scheduled to visit the facility soon, and Smith hopes they will continue with some sort of matching fund program once they see the quality of care and habitat the refuge provides.

Hanna stated, “The staff and interns at TCWR have done an excellent job so far – now they need community and corporate financial support to bring this to a successful conclusion. I applaud their staff and supporters for all they’ve accomplished in such a short period of time. I hope to visit the refuge soon to see their results.”

Hanna will be in Northwest Arkansas during his appearance at the Walton Arts Center on May 3. According to Studer, Hanna will make every effort to visit while in the area.

For rescue updates, a great intern blog, rescue videos, donation information and corporate sponsorship details, visit www.turpentinecreek.org or call (479) 253-5841.

INDEPENDENTDirectory

YOU SELL MORE GUMBALLS IF YOU ADVERTISE.
To place your ad in the
ES Independent
Contact
Michael Owens – 479.659.1461
Mary Flood – 479.981.3556
or Bev Taylor – 479.790.3276

Steve's Handyman Service
All types of home repair
Decks • Concrete
Fences • Roof Repair
Remodels
Soffits, Siding & More
Licensed and Bonded
479.363.6236 • Eureka Springs, AR

Dominic Fabis
The Healing Art of Massage Therapy
479-253-5498
Located at
Eureka Massage Center
117 Wall St. • Eureka Springs • 479.253.5663
www.eurekamassagecenter.net

CROSSWORDSolution

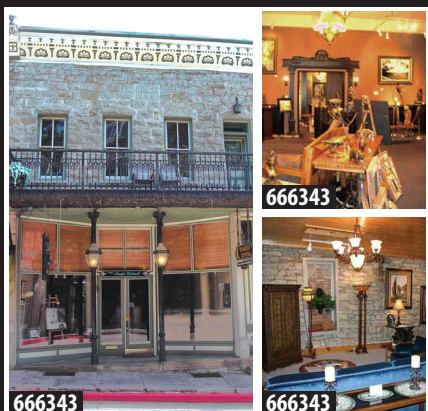
M	U	S	E	S		O	A	S	I	S		A	R	K
I	N	U	R	E		P	R	I	N	T		N	U	N
M	I	S	R	E	M	E	M	B	E	R		T	I	E
E	T	A		M	A	N	Y		D	A	P	H	N	E
				F	I	N	S		S	I	T	A	R	
A	T	H	E	N	A		S	U	B	U	L	A	T	E
S	W	I	N	G		W	H	E	L	M		C	O	G
W	I	N	D		P	R	I	D	E		B	I	K	E
A	C	T		B	R	I	N	E		C	I	T	E	S
N	E	E	D	L	E	S		R	O	D	E	N	T	
				R	O	A	S	T		S	A	N	S	
D	E	L	E	T	E		F	I	G	S		A	S	K
O	D	A		T	R	I	A	N	G	U	L	A	T	E
M	E	N		E	V	O	K	E		M	U	R	A	L
E	N	D		R	E	N	E	W		E	X	E	R	T



AL HOOKS - SELLS EUREKA...

FOR INFORMATION ON ANY HOME IN EUREKA, CALL 877.279.0001

HOOKED ON EUREKA - Al, Cheryl and Paul



85 Spring St.

Prime historic building located downtown boasts a retail space ground level & a 2 bed/ 1 bath residential (or rental unit) on 2nd level w/ private entrance. Off street parking. Balconies front & back. 2nd floor furnishings convey. A great opportunity for home & business at one location. **\$490,500.**

AL HOOKS 479.363.6419
alhookseureka.com - alhooks@me.com



11 Howell St.

Prime location, meticulously maintained compound of main home, guest house, studio, garage on 4 lots, great privacy, updated, electronic gates, wrought iron fencing, award winning gardens, concrete stamped patio, wrap around porches, much more. Priced below appraisal, owner broker. A MUST SEE. **\$399,900**

AL HOOKS 479.363.6419
alhookseureka.com - alhooks@me.com



152 CR 140

Cedar home w/guest house on 8.29 (+/-) acres, pond, beautiful mtn. views & land. The home features large open rooms, geothermal heat, generator, large windows, 2-car garage, 1-car carport, detached 3-car carport w/storage, guest house w/kitchenette, bath. **POSSIBLE OWNER FINANCING. \$399,900.**

AL HOOKS 479.363.6419
alhookseureka.com - alhooks@me.com



63 N. Main St.

Historic Main St. building boasts dual street access. Front & balconies. Living quarters upstairs. Prime commercial in the heart of ES retail, dining and entertainment area. Great store front w/wonderful windowed frontage on Main St. **\$289,900.**

AL HOOKS 479.363.6419
alhookseureka.com - alhooks@me.com



27 Dove Lane

This home boasts an open living/dining area that has a wood burning fireplace. With the split floor plan, provides privacy. A great deck for entertaining and a fenced back yard. 2 car garage. Utility laundry room. Close to all Holiday Island amenities. **\$135,000.**

PAUL FAULK 479.981.0668
eurekasprings-realty.com - pbfault@cox.net



8 College St.
PENDING SOLD!!
Less than 72 hours

List with
Al Hooks
FOR SOLD!!
Results



32 Elk St.

Charming Victorian stone's throw from town center. Hardwood floors, crown molding, ornate lighting fixtures, claw foot tubs, cedar lined closet, wine cellar, tons of storage. Lower level w/private entrance could be separate apartment. **\$169,900.**

CHERYL COLBERT 479.981.6249
eurekaspringsrealtor.com - cjceureka@yahoo.com

Looking for LAND to build on? CALL US!

Let us help you find that **PERFECT** spot!

Open Fields, Water Views, Wooded, Rocky Outcrops,
Lake Front, Valley Views. Individual Lots to Acres or Acreage.



247 N. Main St.

Our Agents are busy working for YOU!
Call us Today!

CHERYL COLBERT 479.981.6249
eurekaspringsrealtor.com - cjceureka@yahoo.com
PAUL FAULK 479.981.0668
eurekasprings-realty.com - pbfault@cox.net

HOOKS REALTY

43 PROSPECT AVENUE • EUREKA SPRINGS

877.279.0001 • 479.363-6290

All information deemed reliable but not guaranteed



24 Bandy

Lovely custom built 3bed/2bath home. Gleaming hardwood floors, sun room w/ lakeview, HUGE kitchen, formal dining, oversize garage, fenced yard & MORE! MOVE IN READY! **\$234,000.**

CHERYL COLBERT 479.981.6249
eurekaspringsrealtor.com - cjceureka@yahoo.com