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This Week's INDEPENDENT Thinkers



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Two hundred voters in Montville, Maine, (pop. 1032) sat around the woodstove in their meeting house recently and, in the spirit of fire and revolution, cast their vote with a show of hands to enact an ordinance banning cultivation of genetically modified organisms (GMOs).

Schoolteachers, fathers, nurses and retired military said emphatically that GMOs provide no benefit to their families and compromise the integrity of their food.

Two percent of the U.S. population produces food, which makes 98 percent dependent on what others grow.

Corporations that place GMO food on our grocery shelves do not have our best interest at heart, but the people of Montville realize that healthy food sustains life. And did something about it.



Failed brakes – Jody S. Nelson of Holiday Island was treated by EMS and airlifted to Washington Regional Hospital in Fayetteville after the brakes on his truck stopped working as he came down the grade on Hillside St. and crashed into the bluff ledge across from the train station. His passenger, Kyle Ray, was taken to Eureka Springs Hospital. Ray said the truck gained speed up to 50 or 60 mph. before crashing. Investigation showed the truck's master cylinder reservoir to be without brake fluid. Nelson is still recovering in the hospital.

PHOTO BY DAVID FRANK DEMPSEY

No dam solution without action

HARRIE FARROW

Concern for the condition of Black Bass Dam, built in 1894, dates back to 1914 and continues today. The dam's reservoir was the city's source of water until the 1960s.

Civil engineer and Eureka Springs alderman, Dee Purkeypile, has been interested in deterioration of the dam since 2004 when he first saw it. On request by the *Independent* for information, Purkeypile wrote a document detailing a history of issues with the dam that he intends to forward to Mayor Morris Pate and others involved in the dam's welfare.

In November of 2008 and November of 2009, Purkeypile was involved in an inspection of the dam with the Texas firm he worked for at the time, TRC Environmental Corp. Also present at the inspection were Parks Director Bruce Levine and Public Works Director Dwayne Allen.

According to the report, work done on the dam in 1916 involved adding about eight feet to the top of the dam to provide more water. A kiosk at the dam explains that in 1914

citizens became concerned with the water quality and volume; it also says that the original step-style facing was changed to its current façade. The 2009 report also says that the U.S Corps of Engineers initiated the Phase One Dam Safety Inspection Program as a result of several dam failures in the 1970s, and inspected Black Bass Dam in March 1981. At that time the dam was found to be in a "state of deterioration."

Complicating the ability to assess condition of the dam is that there are sparse records, other than photos, of the original dam and work done in 1916. Because of this, Corps inspectors consider the structural stability of the dam "a matter of concern." Inspectors also noted that the spillway was capable of passing only seven percent of the Probable Maximum Flood instead of the fifty percent it should be capable of. The spillway was also found to be damaged.

The 2008 and 2009 inspections were made after periods of exceptionally heavy rainfall and flooding. The report stressed

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It's sooner than you think. Set clocks forward.

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CBWD water operator testifies before House committee

BECKY GILLETTE

Who knows best whether and how fluoride to prevent cavities should be added to public water supplies? Dentists or the water operators and engineers trained to manage water treatment plants?

During testimony recently before the Arkansas Public Health, Welfare and Labor Committee on House Bill 1312, which would overturn a state mandate to fluoridate water by giving local water districts power to decide whether to add fluoride, Carroll Boone Water District (CBWD) water operator and spokesman Rene Fonseca said the bill was not intended to decide if fluoridation is good or bad public policy, but rather return decision making to the citizens at local water districts.

"I tried to make my presentation mostly about the four water districts in our area that are opposed to fluoridation based on financial cost – the cost of implementation and maintenance, the

cost of the actual product we would be feeding, and the cost of additional personnel necessary to implement fluoridation," Fonseca said. "It would put a financial burden on small water districts."

CBWD serves Tyson poultry processing plants in Berryville and Green Forest that use large amounts of water. CBWD water is also used for irrigation and watering livestock. Fluoridation is not needed for those major water uses, so the extra expense for fluoridation goes to waste.

"The third point I spoke about was personal choice," Fonseca said. "It is a controversial subject and a lot of people here in our local community felt their voices were silenced and their choice cast away. As far as most of our citizens are concerned, public choice is best decided at the ballot box. I told them about the resolution the Eureka Springs City Council passed as a formal protest saying it would not accept fluoridation in the city distribution system."

All 11 operators at the CBWD oppose fluoridation, and two of the larger cities in the state, Fort Smith and Hot Springs, have also chosen to not fluoridate. In 2011, the state legislature with the backing of the Arkansas Dept. of Health (ADH) decided to mandate fluoridation for all water districts serving more than 5,000 people. Costs to implement fluoridation were not to come from taxes or water user fees, but were to be provided by a grant from a non-profit group, Delta Dental Foundation (DDF). But there has been controversy about that because DDF has not approved full funding for the system designed by the CBWD engineers in order to protect worker safety and continuously monitor the amount of fluoride added to the water.

Dr. Joe Thompson, Arkansas Surgeon General, testified at the recent hearing against overturning the mandate stating that fluoridation is considered one of the top public health achievements of the 20th century. Thompson referred to a study by the ADH, *Water Fluoridation, A Position Paper Prepared by the Office of Oral Health and the Science Advisory Committee*, that states 187,000

Arkansas over age 40 have no teeth and that fluoridation of all community water systems in Arkansas would reduce that number by 65,450.

"Over the past several decades

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Fluoride mandate vote splits house

HB 1312 resulted in a tie vote in committee with nine Democrats voting against overturning the mandate and nine Republicans voting for local control. Opponents of fluoridation say if two Democrats would change their vote, the issue could be brought up again.

The nine Democrats are:

Rep. Reginald Murdock (870) 295-3208; rkm_72360@yahoo.com

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Rep. James L. Word (870) 543-6391 or (870) 536-4657; jword@aaasea.org

Rep. Henry "Hank" Wilkins (870) 536-6366 or (870) 535-4488; hank.wilkins@arkansashouse.org

Rep. Fredrick J. Love; fred@fredricklove2010.com

Rep. Jeff Wardlaw (870) 226-9501 or (870) 463-2224; jeff@jeffwardlaw.com

Rep. Deborah Ferguson; (870) 735-7098; deborah.ferguson@arkansashouse.org

Rep. Betty Overbey (479) 885-6479; betty.overbey@arkansashouse.org

Rep. Chris Richey (870) 995-2499; chris.richey@arkansashouse.org

Two Democrats not present for the vote are Rep. Mark Perry (501) 982-4561 or (501) 985-0124, 501-982-0096; mperry@windstream.net and Rep. Butch Wilkins (870) 972-5503; butch.wilkins@arkansashouse.org

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Parks OKs mysterious project

NICKY BOYETTE

Jeremy Mason McGraw explained his next public art project at the Parks Commission workshop Tuesday evening. The photographer, promoter and visionary reenergized Basin Park with his Creative Energy Project last May. This year he is teaming up with Robert Norman, furniture-making artist, to create another memorable May experience in Basin Park.

McGraw said this year he is promoting Norman's idea for placing seven lighted spheres, two-feet in diameter, along the rock wall in the park where McGraw hung photos last May. The spheres are sculptural art made from salvaged wood, and after dark will be seen as lanterns.

In addition, Norman and McGraw envision asking the Parks Department crew to move the framework atop the spring in the middle of the park so they can place a sphere six feet in diameter over the spring. McGraw said he did not want the project to take away usable space in the park, and the location of the spring is the ideal place. As for what the finished project might look like, McGraw and Norman want the public to keep guessing. "We'll start erecting it Thursday, May 2, and the unveiling will be Saturday, May 4," McGraw said.

One certainty is they foresee an art object created by the community. McGraw called it "a communal sphere." Specifics will

The spheres are sculptural art made from salvaged wood, and after dark will be seen as lanterns.

be forthcoming, but kids in schools, artists in town, visitors walking by and aliens from Betelgeuse will be invited to participate. It is going to glow in the dark, but beyond that, McGraw was mum.

Commissioners liked McGraw's concept enough to give him and Norman the go-ahead. Commissioner Fergie Stewart said his fears about the project had all been assuaged. Commissioner Myrna Thaxton said she liked what she had heard. When commissioner Rachel Brix said she had hoped the sphere would be spitting out water, McGraw answered, "Next year!"

McGraw said Stewart had mentioned the idea of a sculpture trail, either in Lake Leatherwood Park or in town, and he said the sphere could be given to Parks after May to be placed along a trail.

Chair Bill Featherstone said, "We'll find an awesome place for this." He commented the trails committee is working on a long-range plan, and suggested the sphere should go along an urban trail where it would be easily seen.

Brix asked, since the city had to pay, about the energy drawn by the project, and McGraw said the entire project would probably draw less than a street lamp. Parks Director Bruce Levine estimated less than \$50 for the entire month.

McGraw said one aspect of the project is deliberately targeting a public space everyone knows but changing the perception about that space. He wants to excite people every year with the power of public art, and sees this project as the town living up to its reputation as an arts community.

McGraw envisions people enjoying the event enough to capture it on video and post the video on social media, bringing free publicity and providing a vehicle to get people talking about Eureka Springs.

Next meeting will be March 18.

Sign up for soccer!

The Eureka Springs Soccer Club is starting its spring season sign-up and practices. New players and fall-only players from U6 thru U14 who wish to register may do so Saturday, March 9, from 10 a.m. – 12 noon and Wednesday, March 13, from 3:30 – 5 p.m. at Leatherwood ball fields.

Cost is \$30 for spring season. Registration forms available from Frances Bloch at elementary school and secretary's office at middle school.

Tailgate party in Branson March 9

Although an aircraft is probably not the vehicle you want to be tailgating, there will be a special tailgate launch event beginning at 10 a.m. at the Branson Airport as the first Southwest Airlines plane arrives to begin service in and out of the area.

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Beaver Lake water gets a bath, then goes for a ride

NICKY BOYETTE

At least 30,000 residents of Carroll and Boone Counties get their water through the 48-mile pipeline system starting at the Freeman-Raney Water Treatment Facility perched above Beaver Lake on Highway 187. The facility, which is operated by the Carroll-Boone Water District, is at the extreme western edge of the coverage area, and John Summers, plant manager, said they can send 18 million gallons of water every day through the system.

Summers said it all starts with a 1200-ft. intake pipe pulling water out of Beaver Lake up the hill into a flow division box that sends raw water into one of two large circular cisterns called upflow clarifiers. A casual observer would not notice much of the purification going on, such as water

naturally feeding through gravity filters, sediment settling and being ushered out of the tanks, disinfectant being added and the pH moderated.

Eventually filtered water makes it way into the clear well where baffles slow down the flow so the chlorine that is added can mix well, and then into a high service sump where a lesser amount of ammonia is added. Summers said the chlorine and ammonia is mixed three parts to one to create chloramine, a more effective disinfectant than just chlorine. He said in the past, when just chlorine was added, it would almost dissipate by the time the water got to Harrison, but chloramine, though a weaker disinfectant, lasts indefinitely.

After the water gets its last treatment, "away it goes to the east," Summers said. "When it leaves the front

of this building, it is potable."

A 30-inch ductile iron pipe supplies water for the Grassy Knob area first and then on to Eureka Springs, which has four water tanks spread around town. Summers said the highest point for the transmission line is 100 yards north of Brighton Ridge on Highway 23 South. "After that it is downhill to Berryville."

The line crosses the Kings River underground, and then Berryville pulls water through a smaller conduit for its two water tanks. Past Hwy. 21, the line is concrete, which Summers can be a good thing as long as the ground is not rocky. "A concrete line can last 150 years with no problems, but it's a booger to fix." CBWD learned the hard way about fixing concrete pipes when pressure in the pipe caused vibrations which over time led to settling of the rocky ground around the pipe which caused rocks to damage protective sheathing.

The repair required careful excavation around the damaged area, peeling away old concrete and wire grid sheathing, diapering the pipe with a large steel coupling that was bolted around the breach and then filled with concrete through a hole at the top. Summers said the repairs were expensive and they have had eight or nine breaches in the concrete section of the line. "Needless to say we won't install any more concrete lines," he noted.

The line reverts back to ductile iron pipe before Green Forest where CBWD installed a booster station to keep the water steadily flowing through the pipes for when those in Harrison start watering their lawns. On Pine Mountain, between Green Forest and Alpena, the district has two five million-gallon tanks which service a large rural area including Denver, Carrollton and Batavia.

And then it is on to Harrison, the final destination. Harrison has a four million gallon tank, and they send water to surrounding areas. Summers said Harrison is the biggest user of CBWD water, and they have used as

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• **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.

• **"Beginning To Heal Together,"** a bereavement support group for parents/grandparents who have lost a child, is held on the first Saturday of every month at the St. Elizabeth Parish Center, Passion Play Road, 12:15 – 1:45 p.m. Please join us. For info contact Linda Maiella (479) 253-1229.

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

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CAPC has eyes on the nickels

NICKY BOYETTE

Chair Charles Ragsdell of the City Advertising and Promotion Commission called an unscheduled workshop because a fully expected cash flow crunch has arrived on schedule. CAPC collections early in the year are traditionally slow and barely pay the bills. Ragsdell observed it is a balancing act to advertise when you need it most at a time when the CAPC is short on cash.

Executive Director Mike Maloney explained there are only a few contracted expenses that are carried month to month through the year, such as ads at the Branson Airport and in *CityScapes* magazine. He said all other ad expenses are incurred in the month you use them.

Finance Director Rick Bright said there are about \$56,000 in expenses every month throughout the year in addition to seasonal marketing expenses. Commissioner Bobbie Foster commented it seemed to her spending is out of balance and needs attention quickly.

Ragsdell studied the numbers and observed collections begin to pick up noticeably in April, and by June all pressing debt issues should be resolved because collections will have increased enough to start saving.

Bright said there was nothing to cut but the advertising budget, and Foster thought that was not the solution they were looking for. Maloney said if they pulled the plug on advertising and just paid bills for a couple of months, the unfortunate results would be noticeable quickly.

Ragsdell suggested Maloney and Bright look into getting a line of credit for use during the lean season, and once harvest season sets in, set aside seed money to establish a reserve.

Maloney agreed, saying the CAPC cannot get behind on its media purchases, and traditionally second quarter collections are fruitful. The six-digit season, which is the time to bank money for reserves, begins in June.

Foster suggested the commission should review credit card use and the bonus structure, and Ragsdell said he would put them on the agenda.

Ragsdell commented that, as they

get better at bringing folks to town year-round, they would not have this problem. In the meantime, the CAPC can establish a line of credit, watch expenses and continue to follow Maloney's marketing strategy. He also said he expects by the end of the year collections to exceed last year's impressive totals.

Commissioner Robert Schmid said he thinks Eureka Springs will indeed do better this year because the new zipline business will bring in additional visitors and the Great Passion Play, with its new ownership and refreshed marketing strategy, ought to outperform the slump of recent years.



Chipper zipper – Zipline designer Robert Nickel enjoys a ride on one of the new cables at Ozark Mountain Ziplines during a guide training session March 4. The course of 11 zip lines is scheduled to open March 11 and takes about two hours, including a short bus ride from the office at 208 W. Van Buren (across from Inn of the Ozarks) where you will be fitted with a harness and helmet. Cost is \$89 plus tax for adults. For more information see ziplineeurekasprings.com

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School district modifying security

NICKY BOYETTE

Eureka Springs School Superintendent Curtis Turner mentioned at the Feb. 21 school board meeting that he and Police Chief Earl Hyatt have discussed in very general terms enhancing security at the schools by selecting certain teachers to be trained to carry weapons at school.

"At this point, we're looking at the possibilities," Turner said. The district has already made security modifications at the middle school that restrict entry. He said a similar subject was discussed in the state legislature recently.

Last week the Arkansas Senate

approved a bill that would allow colleges and universities to choose whether or not to let faculty and staff who have concealed-carry permits to carry handguns on campus. The Senate also passed another bill that allows private universities to maintain their own law enforcement agencies on campus.

Hyatt said discussions with Turner have been very preliminary. The plan, if it were to go forward, would be for the district to select some faculty and staff to be approved and then trained by ESPD. Individuals would also need to pass a psychological examination.

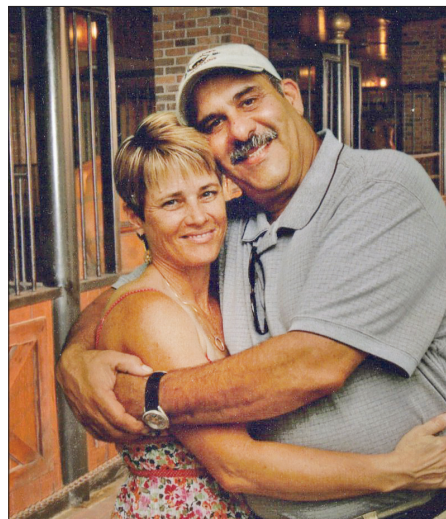
He said the staff would act as auxiliary police officers under supervision of the resource officer.

Hyatt said there is no timeline for implementing the idea, and any strategy they pursue would ensure weapons would not get into the wrong hands. The plan would also need school board approval.

Turner also acknowledged that the Ethics Division of the Arkansas Department of Education has assigned an investigator to check into claims involving personnel and was not able to comment further.

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They offer fruit tarts and a delicious savory bread, Zucchini Cheddar, and the best Pineapple Banana Bread in the vicinity.

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Park bark – No, my name isn't "Couch Potato," it's Bailey. I'm rather glum because, although I have my favorite toy, I don't have anywhere to play outside ... but we can change that with your help. March with us in support of the dog park in the St. Paddy's

Day parade. Meet at the post office at 1:45 p.m. sharp and dress your pooch in lots of green. And please come to our next meeting dog park on March 13 at the Library Annex at 6 p.m. to see how you can help us with upcoming fundraisers! Contact Rachel (479) 244-9151 or Bill 253-2658 for more info or to donate.



Jason Crabb in concert

Grammy Award-winning artist, Jason Crabb, will be in concert Friday, March 22, 7 p.m. in The Great Passion Play amphitheater.

Crabb has performed at Carnegie Hall, become a 'fan favorite' at the Grand Ole Opry, appeared regularly on the Gaither Homecoming Series videos, and was honored to sing for the Rev. Billy Graham's farewell crusade in New York City. His voice has echoed in churches great and small at home in the U.S. and around the world.

Tickets are available by phone (479) 253-9200 or on the Great Passion Play website for \$10 advance.



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Signage, 10 applications approved

NICKY BOYETTE

Mike Maloney, executive director of the City Advertising and Promotion Commission, represented the Regional Wayfinding Project at the March 6 Historic District Commission meeting. Maloney explained the purpose of the project is to install attractive signage in cities so visitors can find public entities, such as libraries, museums and city government buildings. There is a consistency in the signs yet each city gets a unique color as well as a unique design

component appropriate for the city. In the case of Eureka Springs, he said, the component is drawn from the outline of Thorncrown Chapel.

Maloney said the project is already in place and successful in Bentonville and Helena. Other cities committed to implementing the project include Fayetteville, Springdale, Rogers and Siloam Springs.

The plan is for 21 signs to be installed around Eureka Springs over a four-year period. In 2013, the first four

signs would be placed at the east and west city limits as US 62 enters town and at the north and south entrances along Hwy. 23.

Part of the project has been underwritten by the Walton Family Foundation, so Eureka Springs would pay a reduced cost of \$20,000 per year for four years. Maloney said he asked the city to join the CAPC and pay half the cost.

Commissioner Richard Grinnell
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Zombie Tag a stunning success

Despite the gravely cold weather, the first ever game of Zombie Tag in Eureka Springs had an excellent turnout Saturday at Lake Leatherwood as 107 "Human" players braved the cold zombie-infested woods with approximately 60 percent arriving from out-of-town. Armed with marshmallows and soft-foam darts, players attempted to "stun" their zombie assailants while completing several challenging missions throughout the park.

Winner of the Human Team was Josh Feuerstein, who traveled from Dallas just to play the game. Also winning a prize was local Clear Spring School student, Wyatt Pavelsek, who managed to catch/infect 26 humans while playing one of the game's seven Original Zombies.

Zombie Tag was a family-friendly charitable event, collecting canned food donations for the local Flint Street Food Bank. Organizers Jeff and Christina Danos called the event a "stunning" success, and thanked the Eureka Springs Parks Department and local volunteers Dustin Griffith, Kris Burks, Emily Eckman, Mike Cunningham and the Final Dayz Crew Mary Wise, Tracy and Chris Brady, photographer Connie Rieper-Estes, videographer Glen Couvillion, Jim Fliss and the Clear Spring Trail Running Team.

Danos hopes to host the event again next year.



Zombified – Clear Spring High School teacher, Jim Fliss, gets an undead makeover from Mary Wise for the first Eureka Springs Zombie Tag games at Lake Leatherwood March 2. Admission to play was two cans of food or a donation to the Flint Street Food Bank.

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Yard sale and craft tables may still be reserved for the community-wide arts and craft fair, bake sale and yard sale at the Great Passion Play Friday and Saturday, March 15 and 16, 9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

There is no fee to set up yard sale tables, but donation of an item for the Passion Play's own sale or a monetary

donation is requested to participate. Yard sale items can be donated starting March 10 between 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. If you would like to donate something for the auction, mail it or bring it to the grounds of the Great Passion Play.

Set up for the community yard sale or craft sale is Thursday, March

14, or at 8 a.m. on Friday or Saturday. Come first to get the best spots. This is an excellent chance to show and sell your crafts or do some spring cleaning and make a little spending cash.

There will also be a silent auction each day and a live auction at 1 p.m. on Saturday, March 16 in the Great

Hall. On Saturday, you will be able to get your picture taken in Biblical costumes. There will even be a bouncy house for kids.

Donate auction items, volunteer to help and/or reserve table space by calling (479) 253-9200 (ask for Debbie) – and come join the fun!

PT Clinic Open House March 13

The public is invited to an Open House, Chamber of Commerce Ribbon Cutting and tour of the new Eureka Springs Hospital Physical Therapy Clinic at 105 Passion Play Rd. in the lower level of Walden

Plaza from 4 – 6 p.m. on Wednesday, March 13.

The new clinic will be open Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays to treat people with back, neck and shoulder pain due to osteoarthritis

or other causes. They will also help people with balance problems and get people back on their feet after hip and/or knee replacement.

For more information please call (479) 253-5122.

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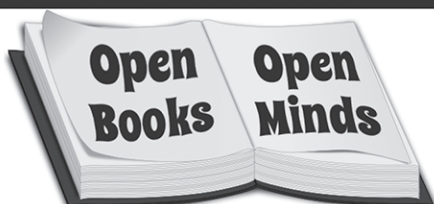
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Clear Spring School Open House



CSS Grades 1 - 12

The Clear Spring School is now accepting enrollment applications for the 2013-14 school year. An Open House will be held on Friday, March 8, from 12:30 – 4:30 p.m. for anyone interested in Elementary, Middle, or High School level programs. Come see what Clear Spring School is all about. Phone (479) 253-7888 for more information or to schedule a campus tour on another day.

Clear Spring Pre-primary

A special Open House for families with children 2 – 5 years old will be held Thursday, March 7, from 11 a.m. – 12 p.m. at the Clear Spring Pre-Primary. Space is limited, so please RSVP for an hour of hands-on fun by calling the CSS Office 479-253-7888.



Public invited – Tibetan Buddhist monks From the Gyuto Monastery will perform a traditional healing ceremony at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 17 Elk St., on Friday, March 8, at 7 p.m. In India it is said the mere sight of a Gyuto Monk is a blessing, but to hear the sound of their chanting is to be transformed. Come and be transformed. In keeping with tradition Buddhist monks are supported by the community, therefore a donation is requested. For additional info, call (479) 239-4546.

Grassy Knob Firehouse Chili Day

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Grassy Knob Volunteer Fire Department invites the public to their annual Chili Day fundraiser Saturday, March 16, noon – 6 p.m. at its Community Center, 12307 Highway 187.

Proceeds will benefit the fire department. Menu includes "all you can eat" chili, homemade desserts, coffee and tea. Chicken noodle soup will be offered as an alternative to chili. Cost is adults, \$6 and children under 12, \$3. For information phone Lynn Palmer (479) 363-9544.

This event is being sponsored by Arvest Bank of Eureka Springs.

Herbalism and energetics

D'Coda from the Herbal Coaching community will present a class on Energetics: The Pattern Language of Herbalism from 6 – 8 p.m., March 12, at Flora Roja Community Acupuncture, 119 Wall St.

Learn the principles of marching herbs to illness, using herbs energetically and more.

Private consultation with D'Coda will be available on March 13 for those who schedule before March 10. Consultation is \$40. Email herbalcoachingcommunity@gmail.com.

Cost for the March 12 class is \$25 if pre-registered and \$30 at the door. Call (479) 253-4968 to pre-register.

Metaphysical meeting hosts intuitive medium

Intuitive medium, Reiki master and spiritual teacher, Shelly Wilson, will be the guest speaker at the Metaphysical Meeting on Monday, March 11 from 7 – 9 p.m. for a time of discussion, sharing, learning and healing.

Wilson will offer readings and insight intended to assist in letting go of the past, living in the present and looking to the future. This is an interactive event, so please bring your questions. The collective energy/synergy of those in attendance will influence the evening.

The meeting is held in the basement of the Christian Science Church, 68 Mountain St. To learn more about Wilson, visit her website at shellyrwilson.com.



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Don't go near the water

Editor,

In the study the Arkansas Dept. of Health is using to justify the fluoride mandate, they write, "Opponents of fluoridation have challenged its safety and effectiveness; but these claims are not scientifically valid."

The implication is that the fluoridation chemicals added to water are natural, but they are not. Although we are assured they have been safety tested, the Carroll Boone Water District asked for that evidence and it has never been delivered.

The AHD uses as evidence of the need for fluoride a free dental clinic held in Little Rock in 2007 that attracted 1,542 low income people. But Little Rock has fluoridated water, so this is not proof that fluoride is promoting dental health in Arkansas!

Not valid? The National Research Council revealed in 2006 that even low amounts of fluoride can damage babies,

the thyroid gland, kidney patients and people who drink lots of water, and can severely damage bones, as fluoride accumulates in the bones.

The public should be notified that mixing fluoridated water into infant formula puts babies at risk of fluorosis, even if it is mild. Instead, the ADH misleads by saying there is no association between infant formula and moderate or severe fluorosis, but how can they possibly know that if they don't know the total daily fluoride intake for each baby?

Fluoride levels are very high in fluoride-containing pesticide residues, and it is next to impossible not to be exposed from foods which have been sprayed.

This is not factored in when determining how much fluoride is "safe" for water supplies. The ADH says 11 states and Puerto Rico and DC are examples of successful fluoridation campaigns. Puerto Rico stopped fluoridation because it wasn't working, tooth decay in DC children

is extremely high and after Kentucky mandated fluoridation, tooth decay rates doubled. Wichita voted against fluoridation and more communities are taking a second look at the issues surrounding fluoridation.

Arkansas communities should be allowed to take a second look and determine for themselves whether they think fluoride is an unnecessary, toxic risk.

Natalie Mannering

Carry on

Editor,

"And we find it absurd that people who are screaming that they need weapons of annihilation for protection from potential and unknown marauders want all of us to allow them the right to be aggressive and secretive. After all, someone might take them, or their guns, the wrong way. Shouldn't a person's rights end when they infringe on someone else's rights?"

I think the above quote is the most ridiculous piece of writing I have ever
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WEEK'S Top Tweets

@AndyRichter --- Say what you will about human beings, but we did invent ice cream.

@small_white --- Can we install an eyeroll button on twitter?

can't pay firefighters, but we can do this???

@ABC7News --- Up to 15 miners were fired from their Australian gold mine jobs after they taped themselves doing the "Harlem Shake."

@JamieRaeGroth --- "You give a few pot heads a ton of weed & nothing to smoke out of and they suddenly become engineers. Its amazing"

@darrenmaule --- Scientists say the universe is made up of protons, neutrons and electrons. They forgot to mention morons.

@OccupyChicago ---

Incredible photo of thousands marching against government cuts in Portugal.



@SnarkToast --- Words: For when an emoticon just isn't enough.

@JustLindaSTL --- Menopausal hot flashes are a major renewable energy source but everyone is too scared to try to harness them.

@Zen_Moments --- Dreams are answers to questions we haven't yet figured out how to ask...~ Fox Mulder.

@GovGaryJohnson --- "Kerry announces \$250 million in U.S. aid for Egypt" With sequester, we

GUESTatorial

AR Department of Health misleads on water additives debate

A close look at the progress of two pieces of legislation being reviewed by the Arkansas Legislature has prompted serious questions that go far beyond pros and cons of the public policy of fluoridation.

The first bill to be heard in the Arkansas Public Health, Welfare and Labor Committee on House Bill (HB) 1312, addresses whether the decision about the public policy of fluoridation should be a local affair. It appeared to be inevitable that this would come up in this legislative session, as the legislation mandating fluoridation was made without consideration for local input. And although the mandate was sold with the idea that it was going to be cheap and Delta Dental Foundation (DDF) was going to handle capital costs for infrastructure, the water districts' ratepayers are expected to handle all operation and maintenance costs, and even replacement of equipment, without input and credible assurances of what that really costs.

Accentuating the credibility of cost estimates is that DDF's original commitment to funding the entire state infrastructure for those communities with more than 5,000 in population was a combined \$500,000. One can probably understand the skepticism of public water suppliers who may have seen this as a ruse to enact public policy in the Legislature, when in fact DDF has already had to up that commitment to \$6 million.

The water systems that pencil out what it really costs to create the proper infrastructure to control water quality, prevent damage to their existing treatment facility, and protect employees who have to handle the chemicals, believe that DDF is intent on pushing the fluoridation agenda and not looking out for the best interest of the consumer, the water district or the ratepayer. DDF's funding contract requires the recipient water district to fluoridate for ten years even if the state law changes, and they have refused requests for funding a different and less costly manner of delivering fluoride to those who want it.

One might expect there will be opposing views about water districts being forced to act in a manner they believe the original legislation never fully considered, but the hearing in the house committee on February 26 resulted in a vote consisting of nine committee members voting against HB 1312, all Democrats, and nine committee members voting for it, all Republicans, meaning the bill did not make it past committee.

So does this mean that Democrats are voting in lockstep for political reasons to support the public policy of fluoridation no matter who wants what, or are they opposed to local control as a matter of principle?

How the second bill is approached may tell us more. The Water Additive Accountability Act, Senate Bill (SB) 255, which a group of public water systems requested, requires water districts to have detailed copies of documents manufacturers are required to submit to merit a water district buying their products. So far, chemical manufacturers have not been willing to share, and some water districts resent that the health department would force them to proceed without allowing or requiring them to perform due diligence.

A *Eureka Springs Independent* news article recently reported ADH's detailed opposition to SB 255. It turns out the statement was authored by the non-governmental certifying body, NSF International, who we are supposed to trust for the quality of water additives. But when ADH and the product certifying body oppose a water district's quest for accountability and full disclosure, we did a little of our own due diligence.

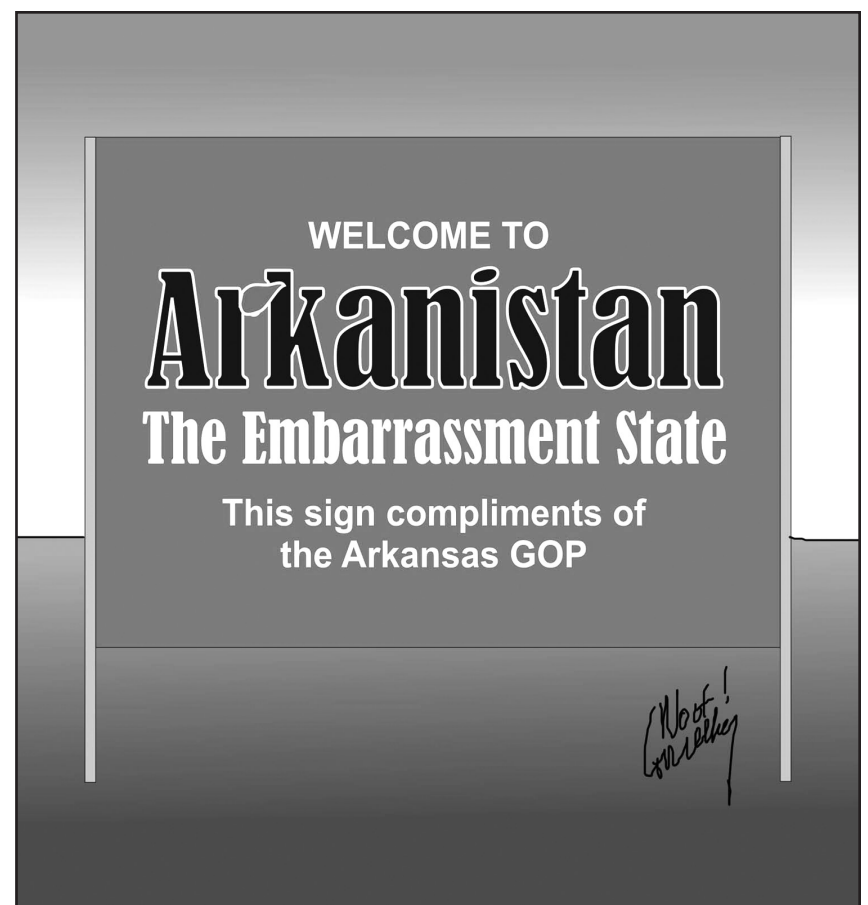
The health department's opposition statement was not truthful or accurate. For example, the ADH/NSF opposition began by saying SB 255 contains several inaccurate statements including the claim "US EPA gave up all enforceable oversight responsibilities for drinking water additives in 1988...."

We found numerous statements by the USEPA and NSF International that contradict their claim of inaccuracy. So which is it? NSF has no enforcement power over the manufacturer or the water district; yet the ADH/NSF opposition statement claims it will be costly and will increase water rates for water districts to collect information and assure compliance.

Wait a minute. Arkansas law already requires that the manufacturer submit documents to comply with product standards and this bill requires that the water district demand copies of those documents as a part of their request for bids. How hard can that be?

We see access to clean, pure, safe drinking water as a basic human right, and support water districts having information they are asking for and need. And we resent ADH telling anyone not to look too closely.

Becky Gillette



The Pursuit of HAPPINESS

by Dan Krotz

“Are hypocrites self-aware?” a friend asked. “Do they know they are hypocrites?” I didn’t know the answer, but I instantly wished I did; it would help us understand if hypocrites are inherently bad people, delusional, or simply box of rocks stupid.

Uriah Heep, a character in Dickens’ *David Copperfield*, is often an archetype for hypocrisy. He declares humbleness with every breath while blackmailing and backstabbing between breaths. We know that he is smarmy, snaky, and obsequious, but we don’t know if he knows that about himself. Does Heep know he says the opposite of how he behaves? If he knows, does he care?

Guilt is a sign of self-awareness and is much underrated in our society. When psychologically mature people do something wrong they feel guilt. Their guilt is a sign of good mental health, and a sign of caring. We often say one thing, and do another, but self-aware people will try not to do it again, or change what they say, because the lack of congruence between behavior and speech feels so uncomfortable.

Heep feels no guilt, so we have to conclude that he is either delusional about possessing humility, or he knows he is lying and doesn’t care as long as he gets away with it: he is a sociopath. We can rule out the third reason, box of rocks stupid, because Heep seems pretty smart throughout the novel.

Leaders running our institutions—government, churches, schools and universities, political parties, and even non-profit organizations like the boy and girl scouts—face a high risk for looking Heep-like, and they haven’t failed to live down to our expectations. Congress comes to mind, along with certain Catholic Cardinals, and the not few Supreme Court Justices who rail against judicial activism but operate like paladins in *The Song of Roland*.

But Congress, Cardinals, and Supreme Court Justices are just fish in the hypocrisy barrel; they’re easy to shoot and, frankly, we don’t seem to care enough to stop them. What that says about us as a country and a culture and a society feels pretty grim. We’ve met Uriah Heep and he is us.

INDEPENDENT Constables On Patrol

FEBRUARY 25

8:34 a.m. – Annoyed neighbor claimed someone nearby was shooting a shotgun. Constable on patrol arrived to find the person was shooting a pellet gun.

11:23 a.m. – Departing guest left a driver's license behind at a motel.

12:06 p.m. – Constable responded to report that a driver had left the gas cap on top of the vehicle. Constable found the cap screwed on but the flap was still open. Owner was not nearby.

3:01 p.m. – Guest at a motel threatened the desk clerk because he did not get his deposit back. Guest said he would return.

4 p.m. – Merchant on Main Street complained about a male selling cleaning supplies, possibly without a permit. He was last seen headed north.

4:12 p.m. – Large dog ran amok in a neighborhood east of downtown. Constable did not encounter it. Animal control will follow up.

FEBRUARY 26

9:31 a.m. – Animal Control searched for but did not find two stray dogs near downtown.

12:25 p.m. – Individual turned himself in on a warrant for failure to pay fines.

FEBRUARY 27

8:54 a.m. – Two vehicles had a minor accident, no injuries. They blocked a lane of traffic temporarily.

11:57 a.m. – Constable red-tagged a parked vehicle partially blocking a city street.

9:27 p.m. – A doctor at ESH asked for constable assistance with possible OD person who was supposed to get a blood test but did not want to. He was not being combative and ESPD could not force him.

11 p.m. – Traffic stop resulted in the arrest of the driver for DWI, driving left of center, no insurance and an open container.

FEBRUARY 28

2:35 a.m. – Resident on a street near downtown complained a motorcycle was idling loudly near her house. As a constable neared the scene, she called back to say the driver had left going very fast up the street. Constable searched for but did not encounter the motorcycle.

1:22 p.m. – Off-duty constable recognized a wanted person at a gas station. He and another officer arrested the individual, who was transported to ESPD.

4:16 p.m. – One resident reported his neighbor had a huge pile of plastic debris and house parts in a ditch along the border of the property. The complainant just wanted to report it in case it becomes a nuisance.

7:33 p.m. – A business toward the edge of town requested extra patrols to watch for persons trying to steal from and damage their air conditioners.

7:59 p.m. – Individual was given paperwork to fill out regarding alleged harassing communications and terroristic threats by other residents in his apartment house.

11:23 p.m. – Caller told ESPD a dog had been barking

for more than two hours in the neighborhood. Constable found the animal in a back yard, but no one answered the door when he tried to speak with the owners. Calls to the owner were also to no avail. Animal Control will follow up.

MARCH 1

8:09 p.m. – Dog is still barking constantly according to a neighbor. The owner, who was out of town, said he would ask the pet sitter to check in and settle the dog down.

MARCH 2

12:15 a.m. – Individual was arrested for public intoxication as he sat beside a vehicle in a driveway.

12:35 a.m. – Alarm sounded at a bar. Constable who responded found no entryway had been breached.

9:21 a.m. – A group of dogs had attacked a female wild pig at Lake Leatherwood. Witnesses asked ESPD to respond and put down the badly injured pig. The pig had already died by the time a constable got there.

11:09 a.m. – Passerby reported two persons walking west-bound along U.S. 62 yelling and cursing at drivers going past. Constable went to the scene but did not find any pedestrians.

2:22 p.m. – Diners enjoyed a meal at a restaurant but dashed without paying.

11:42 p.m. – CCSO asked for assistance in looking for an individual.

MARCH 3

12:21 a.m. – Manager of a gas station/convenience store bumped the ATM machine, triggering the alarm.

1:46 a.m. – Guest at a motel complained about the loud next-door neighbors. Constable asked the loud neighbors to shut it down for the night.

2:31 a.m. – At another motel, an upstairs guest was being belligerent. Two constables arrived to find he had an outstanding warrant out of Berryville for failure to appear, so they arrested him. He also had no vehicle license or insurance.

6:57 a.m. – Observer thought a truck and a Jeep were illegally parked downtown. Constable checked them out, and judged them to be properly parked.

12:26 p.m. – Witness told ESPD a couple staying at a motel were loading up their vehicle. They had been overheard talking about meth and the observer thought they seemed suspicious. Constable drove through the parking lot, but the vehicle was not there nor did he encounter it on the highway.

4:05 p.m. – Driver of a pickup dumped trash in the receptacle belonging to a tourist lodging. Constable encountered the driver of the pickup, who retrieved the garbage.

4:48 p.m. – Constables did not see a driver who had reportedly been driving recklessly before entering city limits.

MARCH 4

4:35 a.m. – Paper delivery person noticed a deep hole one foot wide on Spring Street. She thought it should have a cover over it. Constable on patrol put a temporary cover over it and notified Public Works.

City Council Meeting Agenda

Monday, March 11, 6 p.m.

Public hearing: Second taxi application
Agenda approval

Approval of minutes: February 25, 2013

City of Distinction Award: Crews & Associates

Commission, Committee, Authority Reports and Expired Terms:

Planning – Pos. 1 – vacant – expired 7/1/11. Pos. 3 – vacant – expires 7/1/13. Pos. 4 – Jim Morris – expired 7/1/12. Pos. 5 – Melissa Greene – expired 1/1/13. Pos. 6 – vacant – expires 1/1/15

CAPC – Pos. 4 – Bobbie Foster – expired 6/30/12

Hospital – Pos. 2 – vacant – expires 6/1/14

Parks

HDC – Pos. 1 – vacant – expired 11/30/12

Cemetery

Public comments:

Unfinished business:

1. Dept. and Commission 2013 priorities – Mitchell and Purkeypile
2. Town Hall meeting – to follow priorities review – Mitchell and Zeller
3. Outdoor Sales ordinance – Mitchell and Purkeypile
4. Ordinance No. 2174 Utility lines – 2nd reading
5. Ordinance raising Mayor's salary to \$36,000 on Jan. 1, 2014 – DeVito and Purkeypile
6. Proposed Accounting Program for the City – Lonnie Clark
7. Ordinance No. 2175 Cemetery electronic funds transfer – 2nd reading
8. Ordinance No. 2176 Parks tax – 2nd reading

New business:

1. Discussion of limousines – DeVito and Mitchell
2. Discussion of raising Council salaries – Zeller and Schneider
3. Current lighting ordinance – Mayor Pate

Agenda setting

Council comments

Mayor's comments

HIGHLANDER SOFTBALL



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Front Row (left-to-right):
Raven Harbour,
Makayla Henington,
Morgan Pope,
Thalia Colvin-Ortega,
Jordan Moyer

Second Row:
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Hanna Etheredge,
Devon Skoglund,
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“Pig out” at OLC auction March 14

Zeek Taylor was the only Eureka artist selected as a pig painter.



The Ozark Literacy Council’s Piggies Go To Market fundraising event will be held March 14 from 6 – 10 p.m. at the Fayetteville Town Center. This will be the Grand Finale event of the Pigshibition fundraiser.

For the past year the organization, with the help of corporate sponsors, has funded the painting of 25 large fiberglass pigs by local artists. The pigs are displayed in various locations in Fayetteville and all but eleven have been purchased by corporate sponsors. The remaining pigs will be auctioned during the Piggies Go To Market event.

The evening’s activities will also include food, drink, music and a silent auction of artwork. The event’s hosts will be Kyle Kellams and Dick Trammel. Tickets are \$50 in advance and \$60 at the door. Advance tickets may be purchased by calling (479) 521-8250.

Eggy art

Carole Sturgis will teach a Ukrainian Egg Decorating class March 14 – 16 at the Eureka Springs School of the Arts, 15751 US 62W. Sturgis will demonstrate how to hollow eggs and decorate them in geometric designs in the Pysanky way.

Historically, this method uses traditional Ukrainian folk designs written on the egg with beeswax using a wax resist. For more information call (479) 253-5384.



Get “mugged” by John Rankine

Artist and photographer John Rankine invites members of the Eureka Springs artists’ community to participate in his new portrait series to be exhibited during May. Make an appointment to come by Sweet Spring Antiques for a quick portrait

while making a silly or funny face. The portraits will be blown up to 3 x 4 ft. and wallpapered to various brick walls around town during the May Festival of the Arts.

The photographs are part of Jeremy Mason McGraw’s Creative Energy Project for the May Arts festival. Interested artists please email johnrankine69@gmail.com to set up a photo- shoot time.

ARTAttack

Graven Images – A New Installation by John Rankine at The Space, Friday, March 29.

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A New Installation by
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Viewing - March 30 - 31, 11 am - 7pm



photo by Jeremy Mason McGraw

Art Walk application deadline March 31

Applications are now available for artists to participate in the Bentonville Art Walk June 7 and 8 on the Square in Bentonville. Works for sale will range from traditional to contemporary and may include paintings in watercolor, oil, acrylic, pastel and mixed media; drawings; photographs; woodcuts, intaglio and other print techniques; collage; weaving and other fabric works; ceramics; basketry; woodworking; jewelry; lamp-worked glass beads and sculptures; and works in beveled or fused glass.

Security from the Bentonville Police Department will be provided overnight. An artist hospitality room will be open throughout the show. Runners will be available to give artists breaks. Electric provided free. Application deadline is March 31. This is a juried show. To apply, visit www.zapplication.org.

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Krewe of Blarney Halfast Walkin' Klub announces Colleen

Shelby Clark, a senior at Eureka Springs High School and lifelong resident of Eureka Springs, has been named Colleen 2013 by the Krewe of Blarney St. Paddy Kaptains Klub.



CLARK

Shelby has been active in FBLA, Art Club and Rotary Interact. She was awarded a spot on the All American Team, which gave her the opportunity to cheer in the Houston Thanksgiving Day Parade with UCA Cheerleaders.

Shelby held the position of class president in her junior and senior years and was crowned Homecoming Queen. She has worked as a teller at Cornerstone Bank and cashier at Sparky's restaurant.

Shelby has been accepted by The University of Arkansas and plans to attend the Fayetteville campus this fall. She will be celebrated in private ceremonies at the annual pre-parade VIP Kaptains Toast held at the Rowdy Beaver Restaurant on Saturday, March 16.

The Krewe of Blarney Halfast Walkin' Klub invites all to join the St. Paddy Parade by wearin' green and stepping out in style on Saturday, March 16, at 2 p.m. Please sign up with your parade unit. Email Dan@Ureeka.Org or go to www.StPaddy.Ureeka.Org for details.

Eureka go Bragh!

Ticket to ride

— Eureka Springs Chamber of Commerce President/CEO Mike Bishop, left, and Branson Shuttle & Tour driver, Bobby Barry, talk before departing on a trip to the Branson Airport Feb. 28. The bus was packed to capacity with 50+ local business owners and Chamber members who wanted to tour the airport. There was so much interest several cars also made the trip. Branson Airport became a chamber member last year, and has scheduled Southwest Airlines to begin daily nonstop flights to Chicago, Dallas and Houston along with Saturday flights to Orlando on March 9. Part of the tour group's trip included dinner at Famous Dave's BBQ at the airport.



PHOTO BY DAVID FRANK DEMPSEY

TheNATUREofEUREKA by Steven Foster

Nature as science, nature as religion

A few years ago I went to a funeral of a distinguished scientist friend in Indiana.

I had known this conservative scientist for two decades. During the memorials and message of the presiding Presbyterian pastor, I was struck by the accolades of my friend's active spiritual life and decades-long involvement with his church. In the many years that I had known this quintessential reductionist chemist there was nary a word uttered about spiritual matters. The words delivered at the service, sincere and deep – not your canned generic funeral – came to me as a revelation on my friend's other life. Was this hypocrisy or inspiration?

At the time, I could not wrap my head around the fact that science and religion could coexist. History is rife with scientific and religious conflict. The heretical Galileo fell victim to the Catholic inquisitor who banned his writings in 1633, and forced him to live out his life under house

arrest. How dare Galileo defend Copernicus's proof that the earth revolved around the sun?

Similarly, Sir Isaac Newton, best known for an apple dropping on his head inspiring his theory of gravity, kept quiet when it came to matters of the spirit. He secretly ordered that his religious study, which he is said to have considered his greatest work, only be published posthumously. He valued his neck. Six years after his death, Newton's controversial *The Prophecies of Daniel and the Apocalypse* was published.

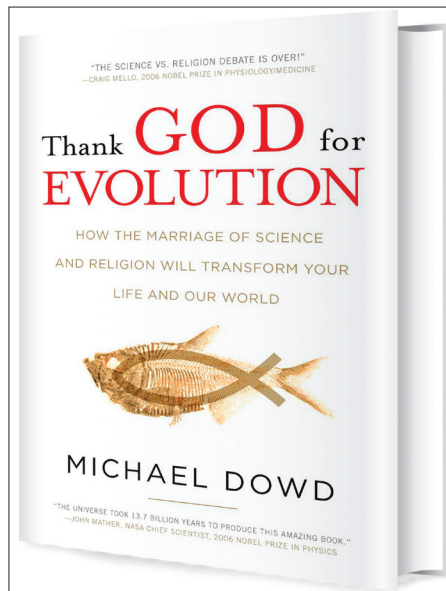
Darwin's views on evolution, too, became a controversy between reality and arrogant religious absurdity that is still with us to today! This begs the question: Are hard heads God-given or a product of evolution?

Imagine my surprise to see a

van in Eureka Springs with juxtaposed symbolic

religious fish facing one another – one fish emblazoned "Jesus," the other declaring "Darwin." This van houses the road show of Michael Dowd and his wife, Connie Barlow, prolific authors and proselytizers on concepts broadly encompassing religious and spiritual awe inspired by science (or vice versa). Dowd's book *Thank God for Evolution* reveals the integrated coexistence of science and religion. See their websites thegreatstory.org and thankgodforevolution.com. Quoting the late astrophysicist, TV-star, Carl Sagan, we are reminded, "Science is at last in part informed worship."

Thank God, for whatever we might think or believe, we all share the same creation story.



Thank you to Eureka Springs Unitarians for bringing Michael Dowd and Connie Barlow to town.

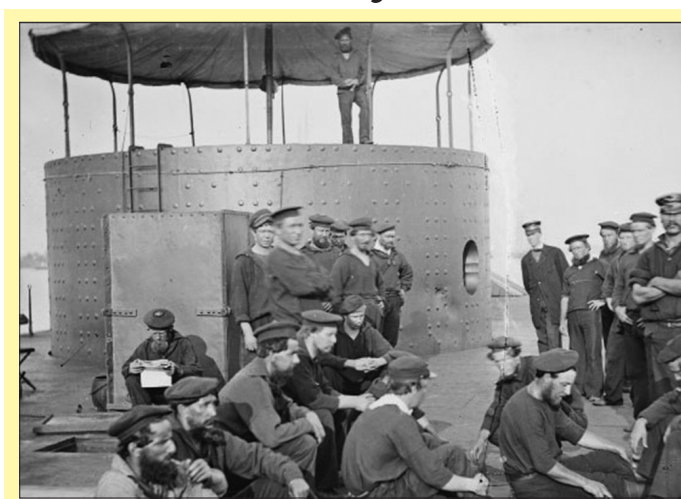
Lost Monitor Boy had local connection

USS Monitor, designed by the Swedish-born engineer and inventor John Ericsson, was the first ironclad warship commissioned by the United States Navy during the American Civil War. She is most famous for her participation in the Battle of Hampton Roads on March 9, 1862, where the Monitor fought with the Confederate casemate ironclad *CSS Virginia* (the former steam frigate *USS Merrimack*).

This was the first-ever battle fought between two ironclads. After the Confederates were forced to destroy the *Virginia* in early May, *Monitor* and her crew of 63 sailed up the James River to support the Army during the Peninsula Campaign. The ship participated in the Battle of Drewry's Bluff later that month and remained in the area until she was ordered to join the blockaders off North Carolina in December. She foundered while under tow during a storm off the coast of Cape Hatteras on the last day of the year.

Sixteen men perished when the *USS Monitor* sank. Two sets of remains have been recently identified via DNA testing and are to be interred at Arlington National Cemetery on March 8. One of the two was Boatswain's Mate, Wells Wentz, 32, from Binghamton, NY, distant cousin of Eureka Springs resident CD White, who writes for the *Independent*.

White's sister, Debi Walker, came across Wentz's name when a genealogy search she was doing took her to the NOAA website and she responded to a call posted there for families of the deceased sailors to contact the Navy.



Aboard the ironclad – The crew of the *USS Monitor* takes a break on deck. Those who perished are being honored at a memorial ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery March 8.

Documentation and DNA confirmed Wentz was the relative of the girls' paternal great grandmother, Anna Wentz, of Binghamton, NY.

"My sister is really into this," White commented. "She did the whole nine yards and submitted DNA to trace Wentz, our paternal side of the family, back to King Wenceslaus and our maternal side back to Isaac Newton.

"I was fortunate to have known three of my great and two of my great, great grandmothers during my childhood. It's a thrill to know Grandma Wentz's relative, my dad's first cousin three generations removed, has been found and will be honored by the Navy. Our family has been invited to participate in events to be covered by the national media at Arlington this weekend, and the NOAA and Navy representatives who have emailed me seemed very enthusiastic."

Remains of the two individuals, including the skulls, were sent to the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command

in Hawaii to see what secrets might be revealed. Genealogists working in concert with the command narrowed the search to ten families of the total 16 missing sailors. The Superintendent of the *Monitor* sanctuary, David Alberg, said it best, "It's their final voyage. They sailed out in 1862 and never made it home; and now they're finally being laid back to rest 150 years later."

In scenes reminiscent of "Bones" or "CSI," scientists have been able to reconstruct basic facial characteristics of the two skulls that were retrieved, providing as good a representation of what the men looked like when they sailed as can be made.

Official reports of the incident listed four officers and twelve enlisted men as lost. The *Rhode Island* brought onboard the remaining 47 *Monitor* sailors, who were affectionately known as the Monitor Boys. As the *Rhode Island* crew shared their warm clothing with the survivors, the ship began the journey back to

Hampton Roads.

Upon arriving at Fortress Monroe, survivors rushed to send letters home to assure their families and friends that they were safe. George Geer sent two letters, one to his wife Martha, which was brief and bereft of detail:

Fireman George Geer. (*Monitor* Collection, NOAA) *U.S. Steamer Rhode Island*

Jany 2 1862 [sic]

Dear Wife

I am sorry to have to write you that we have lost the Monitor, and what is worse we had 16 poor fellows drowned [sic]. I can tell you I thank God my life is spaired [sic]. Besides the 16 we lost one boat that was sent from this Steamer with 11 semen [sic] in is missing. We have crused [sic] two days for them, and have given them up for lost. I have not time to write you any more, but do not worry. I am safe and well. Write to Troy and let them know I am safe.

Your Loving Husband

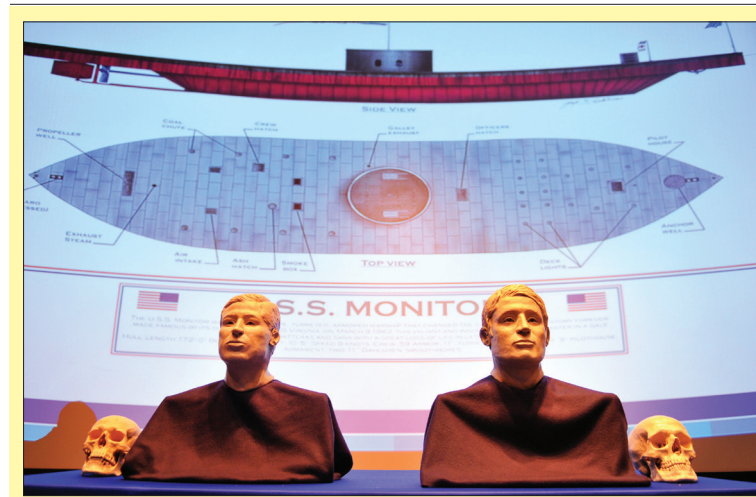
Geo S. Geer

A second, longer letter sent to Geer's brother, had more harrowing details of the sinking; details Geer wished to keep from his wife in order not to worry her. In contrast, William Keeler spared no detail in his letter home, telling his wife "The Monitor is no more... what the fire of the enemy failed to do, the elements have accomplished."

After a complete accounting of the survivors, it was determined that four officers and 12 enlisted were among the missing.

For photographs and more information on this interesting piece of American history and the upcoming memorial events at Arlington honoring the Lost Monitor Boys, see monitor.noaa.gov/150th.

Facts in this story were compiled with information from the Washington Times, NOAA, and Monitor 150th Anniversary websites.



Lost ancestor identified – One of the two men whose remains were found on the sunken *USS Monitor* and recently identified by DNA evidence is Wells Wentz, the ancestor of local resident Cheri White. A book on the Wentz family notes Wells "took a very active part in crushing the late rebellion. In the engagement between the ironclads Merrimac [sic] and Monitor he stood at his post as gunner on the latter until the Merrimac's batteries were silenced. He continued with the Monitor until her memorable fatal passage and wreck off Cape Hatteras, where, faithful to his post, he shared with her the same watery grave."



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.

Susan hesitantly asked Tom if he would like to thank the Lord for the food.

Tom bowed his head and repeated the prayer that was used in his own home.

As the meal progressed, Susan mentioned and explained the absence of prayer in their home. “I guess you are used to people saying ‘thanks’ at the table, Tom. It’s a nice way to start a meal but we’re just plain, everyday people and neglect to thank the Lord for our food.”

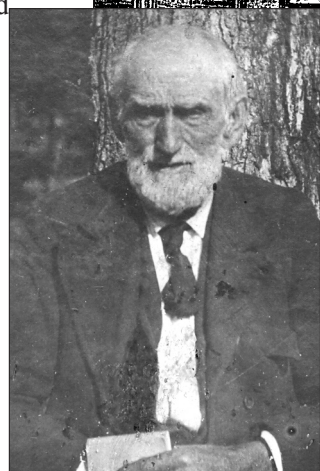
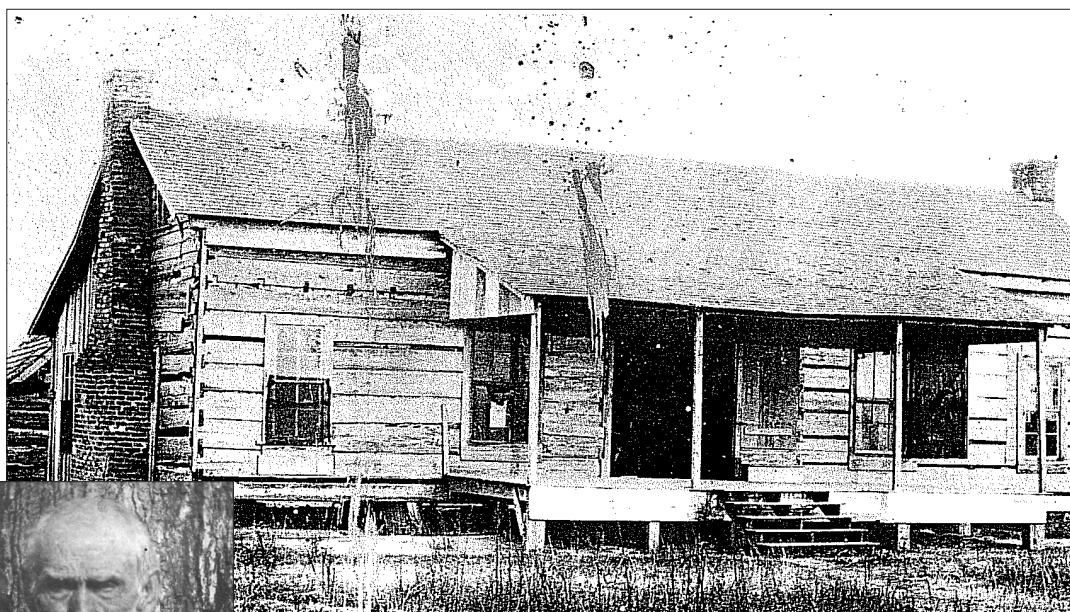
“Why not just thank me?” Johnny Gaskins asked. “I’m the one that provides food for this table. I ain’t never shirked my duty. I’ve allus saw to it that there was plenty of grub fer my table and nobody ever remembers to thank me.”

“Johnny, you’re jest jokin’ but Tom here is our guest and he don’t know your jokin’ ways. Behave yourself when we’ve got company,” Susan scolded.

Johnny began to help himself to the bowl of chicken and dumplings before he answered her. “Yes, I was jest tryin’ to liven up th’ dinner. Everybody is lookin’ as solemn as a tree full of owls. Of course it’s a good and right thing to do, to thank the Lord fer our food and everything else that is good. I don’t rightly know jest who to thank fer all the bad things.”

“I see that you and I are goin’ to have to get together and study the Good Book, Mr. Gaskins. Maybe we can find some answers to your questions. I don’t know all the answers myself,” young Tom explained, “but I’ve decided that I’m goin’ to spend the rest of my life studying and preaching His Word.”

“I wish you all kinds of good luck at it, my boy. I think that whatever a young man decides to do, and works hard to do a good job of it, deserves the good wishes of his friends. As for



religion, I jest ain’t never been able to read the Book myself, but I know the Golden Rule and I’ve lived by it every day of my life. It’s been good enough fer me.”

After the meal was over, Susan volunteered to do the dishes and give the young people some time to study the Bible. Johnny and Susan sat before the fireplace in the kitchen, leaving the combination parlor and bedroom to the young people. They could hear the chatter and laughter of youthful voices.

“Sounds like our children ain’t jest readin’ th’ Bible in there. I never knowed the Bible could be so funny,” Gaskins remarked.

“I guess they ain’t readin’ th’ Bible all the time. I’m glad Nancy’s young man is a good steady boy from a good family. These days, there’s a lot of young men that I wouldn’t want to come a-callin’ on our girls. There’s drinkin’ an’ gamblin’ an’ fightin’. There’s even young men that ain’t honest. There’s some that goes out into the woods and steals other people’s livestock. I’ll tell you, Johnny, I ain’t a-lookin’ forward to the day when one of our girls would take up with that kind of a boy.”

“Don’t start on drinkin’ again, Susan. You’ll jest spile a nice day. You know that I like my whiskey but you know that I can hold it, too. I ain’t never done anything when I was drunk that I was ashamed of after I sobered up. I ain’t never been too drunk to be honest or to help my fellow man. That’s more that lots of men can say that never even took a drink of whiskey in their life. Let’s hear no more about it.”

Before the afternoon had passed, plans were under way that required the approval of their elders. Mary, Nancy and Tom entered the room and stood before the parents as they said, “We’ve got an idea that we need some help with,” Nancy announced. “We got to thinkin’ that Tom here knows a lot about the Bible. He can read real well and we thought that maybe a bunch of the neighbors could get together and hold some kind of meetin’ or Sunday School in the new school house on Sundays. Do you think it would be all right, and who would we have to ask about usin’ the school house?”

Nancy’s questions came two at a time. Gaskins spit a stream of tobacco juice into the fire before he answered, “I don’t reckon you have to ask anybody. That schoolhouse is there for the benefit of everybody. Nobody knows that any better than I do. You remember that it was me that give the

land for it. That don’t mean it’s mine more than it’s anybody else’s. The new school teacher is usin’ it about three days a week to hold school. I don’t see no reason why the young people can’t use it on Sunday if they want to.”

“Hooray,” Tom Clark shouted, grabbing the two girls by the hands. “We have won our first battle without even firing a shot. Mrs. Gaskins, now that your husband has told us we can use the schoolhouse, there is somethin’ you could do that would help,” Tom announced.

“Name it,” Susan said. “Well, we hadn’t just planned the Sunday meetin’ only for young- folks. We thought everybody would like to go, the parents and even the little kids. It would be good for everybody to learn from the Bible. We’ve even talked about getting together and practicing some songs to sing. My mother has got three songbooks that have got religious songs in them. Would you help us by telling your friends and neighbors? I know you have lots of friends around here. As for my folks, they have not lived here very long and don’t know very many people.”

“Sure, I’ll help you. I think it is one of the finest ideas I’ve heard of. I like the idea of singin’ religious songs, too. My girls have both got fine voices and all they know to sing is, ‘Barbara Allen,’ ‘Go tell Aunt Rhody,’ or ‘Tentin’ on the Old Camp Ground,’ or maybe ‘Old Dan Tucker’.”

“Now Ma, you know that sometimes we sing ‘Dixie’. Sam learned us that one.”

“Yes, but that’s a war song. I think it’s about time to forget about the war and sing about somethin’ else for a change.”

The quiet of the afternoon was shattered by the appearance of little Jimmy. The door flew open and he entered, stomping the new-fallen snow from his feet. “It’s colder than Hell out there...”

Tragedy, Sacrifice & Sorrow in Santa Cruz, California

A tragedy occurred in a small seaside town of California this week. We offer prayers to the families of all those who died by the events (shootings). No one can replace a mommy or daddy, a husband or wife, a daughter or son. When shocks like this occur we seek answers. There are some. The situation foreshadows the chaos yet to come in our world. The past months' violent events in Santa Cruz are "signs of the times." One age ending, another emerging. What is occurring in Santa Cruz (the microcosm) is a microcosm of the world today. Chaos is befalling humanity. From chaos, a new harmony emerges.

Libra and Scorpio are prominent signs in the

astrology chart of Santa Cruz. Scorpio is the sign of the warrior who, experiencing death, becomes the World Disciple. Disciples "lead the way" in understanding and using the tools of "warriorship" – a keen mind that grasps wisdom teachings. We are, all of us, the disciple Arjuna, called to make a severe choice. Arjuna was not a pacifist.

We are in a time of transition when the Forces of Materialism (outer-planetary origins) are manifesting. The reality is this ancient darkness is being "flushed out." And this creates sacrifices. With multiple planets in Pisces (sacrificial death to save the world) those protecting us become the casualties. Such sorrow! The perpetrators are

casualties, too. It's an ancient dance of light vs. dark. As a town and city, as humanity facing this challenge, there are things we can do.

We are to focus ourselves with the work of the future. It is not gun control. Do not be deceived. We are to understand who is truly attempting to control us. If we daily within ourselves unite head and heart and stand under the Will-to-Good we are led to discernment, discrimination and intelligent loving service. These bind us in the closest spiritual unity. Then, as a town (towns everywhere) we can together begin the Task of Reconstruction, building the new culture and civilization. This is the New Harmony.

ARIES: Over the next several years you will sense a crisis has occurred, subtly and over time. Perhaps a religious or spiritual crisis, meaning a very deep connection with Universal Consciousness (God) may occur. There could be "contacts" with angels, past life remembrances, healing abilities. There could also be a sense of sadness and unusual sensitivity. Aiding others helps.

TAURUS: You will use technology to understand events in the world not allowed on regular news. You will understand the health effects of magnetic waves and attempt to teach people how to remain safe. Social interactions may feel difficult due to sensitivity. This also makes you uncomfortable in large groups. You remain somewhat secluded and hermetic. For protection.

GEMINI: Motivated to help heal the world, with a deep love hardly anyone except esotericists recognize, you strive for a recognizable place in the world to be of use for those in need. It's important to recite a mantram that helps prove your security, worth and worthiness. "*Because of my sensitivity, worth and value I see others' wounds. I help to soothe and heal them.*" Say this daily, hourly, upon arising and before sleep.

CANCER: You feel the need to take another path from that taught to you as a child, to break with traditions, to find your own way. A spiritual crisis occurs taking you to the "razor's edge." You study the perennial philosophies, seeking explanations for all life's realities. Astrology accomplishes this. Not to be believed, but to be observed. Someday...

LEO: Have you read *Dante's Inferno*? The story of life through the mysteries of birth, death, change, transgression, transformation, meeting the Dweller, seeking the Angel. Finding the Solar Angel after depths of crisis. These metaphors dominate our lives. They create a "tension" that creates "attention" within. When we suffer loss, an energy emerging from that loss leads to insights, to Life itself. What is your deep loss?

VIRGO: Is there some wounding in regards to relationships or close intimate associations? You're sensitized to the feelings of others. However, it most important to be anchored and grounded each day in practical life – where your true work is. Art helps you to discover more of yourself. Never be disappointed in or by others.

LIBRA: It's important to ask at

times what is our deepest wound? Chiron, the wound, that when healed we are able to help others, is related to our well-being, health and sense of harmony and balance – resources Libra must always have. What in your life is a stress? What imbalances you? Who are you separated from? To hide from these we often work overtime. Do you?

SCORPIO: It seems each day is a crisis, large or small. Each day there are little "deaths" leading to constant questioning of self and then reorientation. Always you are rebuilding yourself with a dedicated sense of purpose. Many times Scorpios don't think they have creative gifts. But actually, you are very creative. We see it in what you focus on each day.

SAGITTARIUS: Are you feeling a sense of "otherness" these days? It's important to act like the Solar Angel. To collect yourself and be still. Allow the light within you to grow. Then stand before your polar opposite. Let the waters ebb and flow. Stand where land and waters meet, the midway point. This is your anchoring place where your feet are set. Here magic is wrought.

CAPRICORN: Take your time these days with thoughts and words,

movement and activity. You want to express yourself clearly and correctly. You also must tend to health. Each day must begin with caring for yourself. Then you can extend yourself to the many in need at this time. Realize you have a special need now. Allow others to offer their gifts.

AQUARIUS: You need a certain amount of financial comfort to accomplish your work in the world. At times you feel sad or deprived of affection and of specific resources that make you feel at home. Realizing these wounds you recognize others like yourself experiencing the same sadness. You turn to them in compassion, sharing all that you have. Your wounds begin to heal. You become the teacher.

PISCES: A new sense of self-awareness and discovery is occurring concerning your ability to work with your will to bring forth into the world what you need. Sometimes you feel the need to withdraw, sometimes to initiate new realities. Always you stand within a state of spiritual expectancy and sometimes you feel abandoned. Yet you carry on. Others seek your guidance. Careful at this time with headaches. Plant feverfew, borage and dandelion.

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Local inn recognized by CitiScapes

Mount Victoria Bed & Breakfast Inn has been honored with recognition by *CitiScapes Metro Monthly* in its 2013 "Best of Northwest Arkansas" Bed &

Breakfast category. So far, Mount Victoria is the only Eureka Springs inn recognized in this category.

Lisa & Chris McCants are proud proprietors and innkeepers.

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said the only hitch he saw was that commission approval is good for one year, then Economic Development Coordinator Glenna Booth can extend approval for another year. That would mean Maloney or someone else would need to represent the application again in two years. Maloney said he expected that.

Commissioners voted to approve the signage.

HDC approved:

- 30 Crescent Dr. – installation of columbarium memorial garden
- 179 N. Main – remove section of deck; remove HVAC units and replace with siding
- 49 Spring – new paint colors
- 212 Spring – new paint colors; remove door in addition; replace with siding to match existing; replace spindles

Part of the application for 49 Spring was denied because guidelines

do not allow for windows and doors of contributing structures to be concealed. The applicant had wanted to remove old damaged windows and a door and fill in with stucco but retain the recessed look.

These two applications were tabled for more information:

- 19 Elk St – replace window
- 79-81 Spring – new roofing material; lap-panel steel

Two Consent Agenda applications were approved:

- 9 N. Main – new sign
- 11 Cliff – replace rear non-original French doors

Commissioner Susie Allen recused from voting on 11 Cliff because it is her property.

Chair Dee Bright presented two Administrative Approvals:

- 53-55 Spring – repair brick wall with same brick; mortar to match
- 24 Singleton – repair deck

Next meeting will be March 20.

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Apply now for PMV May arts/crafts show

Applications are available for artists to participate in the Third Annual Spring Arts & Crafts Show May 11 at the Village at Pine Mountain, US 62E. All items must be handmade. The show will feature jewelry, painting, wood carving, crochet and more.

Show hours will be from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Shops in the Village will be open during the show. Booth space is available by calling Gayle Voiles at (479) 244-6907.

WCDH Writing Program workshops

March 16: Character, Setting and Dialogue at the Holiday Island Clubhouse. Alison Taylor-Brown and Elizabeth Diane Newell-Mack lead this workshop from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Cost is \$45. (This workshop will be repeated March 19 at the Garden Bistro. Participants may attend either workshop.)

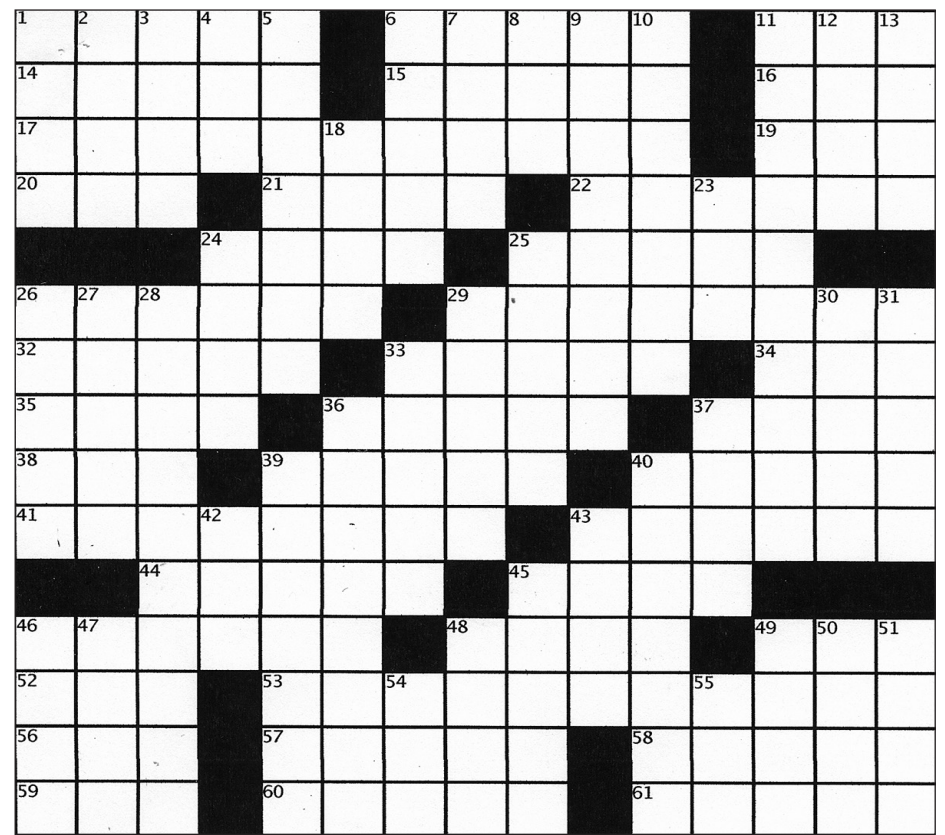
March 17: Monthly poetry workshop at the Garden Bistro from 2 – 5 p.m. Cost is \$25. To register for workshops email alison.taylorbrown@me.com or phone (479) 292-3665.



INDEPENDENT Crossword

by Chuck Levering

Solution on page 27



ACROSS

- Spiked the punch
- Severe
- Tub or cistern
- Vivid description
- Wrinkle; wither
- Manning or Yale
- Distortion of shape
- Sheltered side
- Less than two
- Well-ventilated
- Office staple
- Pay to play
- Lacy clothing accessory
- Time of immaturity
- Reduce severity
- Sky blue
- Fine, smooth cotton
- Children's or voicemail game
- Large volume
- Capital of Vietnam
- Like the old owl
- Singer DiFranco
- 2008 Liam Neeson film
- Mob actions
- Abated
- Small Spanish horse

- Fixes
- River stoppers
- African antelopes
- Abominable snowman
- Disfigure
- It called the kettle black
- Boastfulness
- Kimono sash
- Insect's adult stage
- Challenged
- Razorbacks' conference
- Sweetheart
- Part of an office pool (abbr.)

DOWN

- Ship deck with the pool
- Pew cry
- Bistro or coffeehouse
- Could be inflated
- To make insane
- Watchful
- New York is one
- Israeli armament
- Terraced Mexican pyramid
- Make respectable
- Skirmish
- Out of the wind
- Part of a wedding cake
- Tick relative
- Luau treat
- Swiss river
- No. 1 Argonaut
- Pertaining to birth
- Atmospheric layer
- Pertaining to coins
- Yearned
- Sample
- Discharge
- HOMES are some
- Good looking
- Not losses
- Support for climbing plants
- Prompts
- Rep.'s compatriot
- Departure enhancer (abbr.)
- Evil spirit
- Number of poems
- Part of the ear
- Hindu exercise
- Colt's dam
- Middle eastern gulf
- Makeover
- Aswan, e.g.
- Make lace

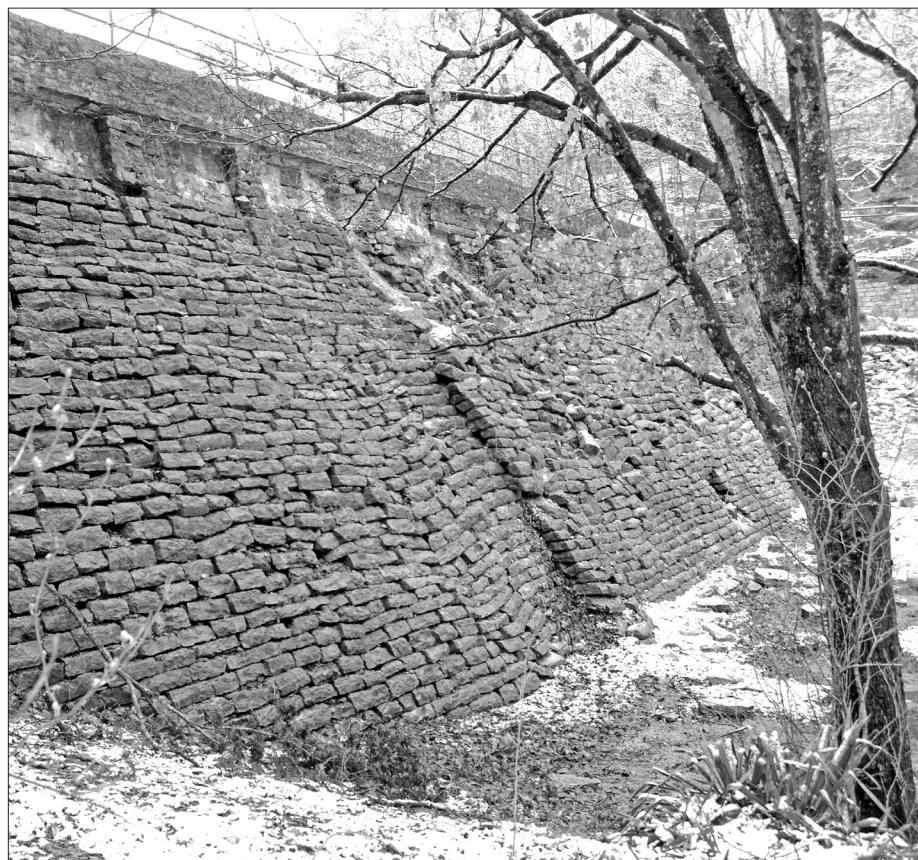
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that the inspection was only to assess damage from recent weather, and the city should have a more detailed inspection done. Significant damage was observed and the Federal Emergency Management Agency was later called in. FEMA inspectors agreed to pay for repair of the spillway also to seal some of the face of the dam.

According to Purkeypile, spillway work was successful but work on the face of the dam to halt seepage did not go well and leaking appeared to be worse afterwards. However, when the water level was lowered during the spillway work, it appeared that seepage was due to a seam in the dam face created when the dam was heightened in 1916. Lowering the water level reduced the seepage by about ninety percent.

Allen said some of the FEMA money was to stop severe seepage near the spillway, and that this was successful. He said there were enough funds to also do work to try to stop seepage from other areas, and these efforts seemed to have caused the seepage to find new outlets. Allen also said an attempt to fix the dam in 2005 was incomplete. Newspaper articles from 2004 report that police officers noticed alarming seepage after heavy rains and notified Public Works. On August 10, 2004 city council passed Ordinance 1967, to waive bidding on emergency repairs to the dam, authorizing the mayor to contract for emergency repairs for up to \$40,000.

According to the 2009 report, the stone fascia was intended to protect the dam like armor if water were to ever spill over the top. The report explains, "The effectiveness of the armor depended on the stone blocks being mortared in place. Over the years, due to seepage through the structure, freeze-thaw conditions and general weathering, nearly all the mortar is missing." The report goes on to describe conditions that are the same as today – rocks have shifted and fallen and buttresses that supported the top of the dam have collapsed. All this has left the material behind the stone exposed to the elements,



further accelerating deterioration.

There is no concern that a dam collapse would endanger the five residences in the immediate area, except that their egress would be temporarily cut off. When asked about possible effects there might be on residences further downstream, for example in the Elk Ranch area, Purkeypile says he hasn't done an actual assessment of the danger, but it's his educated opinion that creeks along the path, and Lake Leatherwood dam, which is secure, would be able to absorb the extra water flow.

What is of great concern besides aesthetic and historic costs, is the very real danger to the city in the form of water loss should the dam give way. Pump stations for water coming into Eureka Springs from the Carroll-Boone Water District are located just a couple hundred feet from the front of the dam. If the dam broke, the pumps would be destroyed. Public Works has estimated there would be an approximate seventy percent loss of water to the city. Not only would drinking water and sanitation be heavily compromised, firefighting efforts would be seriously hampered.

Options on how to safeguard the dam are in preliminary stages. Purkeypile's document gives rough estimates of the costs, and he says funding can come in the form of grants or low or no interest loans.

There are three suggestions on the table for stabilization, ranging from approximately \$200,000 to \$400,000, all involving rockwork, and one of which would mimic the original, 1894 stepped-face. Another idea has been to relocate the water pumps, which would still leave the dam unstable, and has not been given an estimated cost. The third possibility would be draining the lake and decommissioning the dam. That option would run about \$150,000.

Allen said he would prefer not to think of that option, and pointed out that without the dam, flooding conditions could still endanger access to the pumps. He also said that moving the pumps would result in major interruptions to the water works and it would make more sense to save the dam. It's Allen's opinion that the best action right now is stabilization to buy more time to come up with a long-range

plan. He said sealing the seam caused by the 1916 addition using rubber material battened to the upstream face would be a good way to go. Funding, he hopes would come from Arkansas Natural Resources, which is in charge of dams.

There is a new head at ANR, and Allen said he is hopeful that once she's had a chance to become familiar with the situation she'll approve funding. He said when FEMA money was still involved; the state did not want to pursue the matter. Allen said work on the dam has already been approved for Federal low and no interest loans. As far as a plan of action, Allen notes that severe weather, and topping over, "would change the discussion." He also said it might take "another event to get the conversation started."

Any repair to the dam, Purkeypile said, will not change the problem of occasional flooding of the road leading to the dam. Severe storm conditions can cause levels of water coming off the spillway to temporarily cut off access to homes in the area.

Eureka Springs Fire Department Chief, Rhys Williams, said there is a rescue plan in place if needed. Purkeypile and resident, Megan Kirk, said water recedes to safe levels within hours during flooding. Williams confirmed there was a rescue done by the fire department in 2008 of those who were frightened at the prospect of being tapped. Kirk said the tourists had been Hurricane Katrina victims.

Kirk also said, and Williams confirmed, that whenever heavy flood conditions are expected, the fire department drives to the dam frequently to inspect the potential for danger.

Purkeypile said he doesn't think the dam stabilization currently qualifies as an immediate emergency, but as deterioration continues he feels that it's time to get serious while there is still time to make a well thought out plan and seek funding. To this end he organized a meeting at the dam last month for the city council and other interested parties. He said some of the aldermen had not been to the dam before and were surprised by the state it was in.



Time to read the paper – Two separate accidents on Bluebird Hill caused a one-hour, mile long traffic stall Wednesday afternoon. What started as a sideswipe ended as a rear-end collision involving four cars and a tractor-trailer. There were no injuries.

PHOTO BY DAVID FRANK DEMPSEY



Inducted with honor – This group of Eureka Springs Middle School students are the first to be inducted into the new Junior National Honor Society. In the fall of 2012, Eureka Springs Middle School applied to the National Honor Society to create the new chapter. Junior National Honor Societies recognize and honor students who have demonstrated both high academic achievement and commendable conduct.

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This week's Community Datebook

Friday, 8:

- 4 – 6 p.m., Victorian Classic packet pick up, wine/cheese social, Inn of Ozarks

- 7 p.m., Buddhist monks healing ceremony, 17 Elk St., donation

Saturday, 9:

- 7 – 9 a.m., Registration and packet pick up. Victorian Classic 10K, Fun Run/Walk at 9 a.m. from Inn of the Ozarks along Kingshighway & Historic Loop

- 10 a.m. – noon, under 6 through 14 register for soccer season, Leatherwood ball fields, \$30

- 5:30 p.m. Yappy Hour for dogs at Percy's Pet Spa, 188 N. Main

Sunday, 10:

- 2 p.m., "We've Got Talent" Showcase, city auditorium, \$10/\$5

- 2 – 5 p.m., Poetry workshop, Garden Bistro, \$25. (479) 292-3665

Monday, 11:

- 6 p.m., Public Hearing on taxi franchise, courthouse, Eureka Springs

- 7 – 9 p.m., Metaphysical Meeting, Christian Science Church, 68 Mountain

Tuesday, 12: 6 – 8 p.m., class on herbalism at Flora Roja, 119 Wall St. \$25/\$30

Wednesday, 13:

- 9 a.m. 3rd Annual Fleur Delicious Weekend planning meeting, DeVito's restaurant

- 3:30 – 5 p.m., Foundation Farm's Growing Tomatoes & Peppers, 17

Elk St. (479) 253-7461

- 3:30 – 5 p.m., under 6 through 14 register for soccer season, Leatherwood ball fields, \$30

- 4 – 6 p.m., Open House, ESH Physical Therapy Clinic, Passion Play Rd., lower level Walden Plaza

- 6 p.m., Dog Park committee meeting, Carnegie library annex, open to public

- 8 p.m. Intrigue Theater benefit show for Turpentine Creek, Gavioli Chapel, ticketed event

Thursday, 14:

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

- Noon, Little Switzerland Amateur Radio Club, Pizza Hut, US 62, patriciadean@cox.net.

Friday, 15:

- 9 a.m. – 4:30, Art, craft fair, yard sales and auctions, Passion Play grounds

- 5:30 – 7 p.m., Antique Show preview/wine & cheese, Inn of Ozarks, \$10

Saturday, 16:

- 9 a.m. – 4:30, Art, craft fair, yard sales and auctions, Passion Play grounds

- 9 a.m. – 4 p.m., Character, Setting and Dialogue writing workshop, HI Clubhouse, \$45

- 10 a.m. – 6 p.m., Antique Show, Inn of Ozarks, \$5 (free with ticket from Fri.)

- 2 p.m., Krewe of Blarney St. Paddy's Parade, downtown.

AUDacious by Ray Dilfield

An embarrassment of riches...

Remember last week when I mentioned the depth of talent on display at the Chamber's Mid-Winter Jam? The well's not anywhere near empty.

This Sunday the Aud will once again be the setting for an awesome display of our local talents. Appropriately enough, the show is even called *We've Got Talent*. The Carroll County Music Group will be presenting 22 ensembles and soloists in a fundraiser



to help support their musical scholarship programs.

Artists ranging from the Ozarks Chorale to John Two-Hawks, the Phillippe Family string quartet to

Indigo Fischer, and Chad Martin to Brent Pierce, among many others, will all be performing a musical revue with something for every palate. Well, maybe not *every* palate;

fans of thrash/death metal will probably come away unsatisfied. Other than that, though, the program will cover everything from Scott Joplin ragtime to Pachelbel's *Canon*.

Tickets will be available at the Auditorium box office starting at noon Sunday and are just \$10 for adults and \$5

for students. Pre-show music starts at 1:40 with a jazz ensemble and the main program begins at 2. Come on down and help the Carroll County Music Group support our next generation of musicians.



Ulrich Ellison, from Graz, Austria, arrived in Austin, Texas in 2007 on a prestigious jazz scholarship. While completing his Master of Music degree at UT, he immersed himself in Austin's music scene, forging his place with unique vision and sound. His talent and ambition recognized as he was awarded three Downbeat student awards in the Blues/Rock soloist category, there was no doubt that Ulrich was on the rise. His music is based on the bluesy rock Austin is known for, with added psychedelic and Celtic elements. Members of the Tribe are Sabine Ellison on bass; John Nelson on drums; Michelle Alany on violin and Winton Reynolds on keyboard. Listening to live cuts, which sound as good as a recording, it is clear that Ulrich & Tribe have it all—vocals and instrumentals that speak what cannot be expressed, soothing the mind and giving it rest.

Currently on the "Anti-Gravity" tour, come experience Viking Blues and Symphonic Rock at the Squid & Whale Saturday, March 9.

Dan 'PooBah' Mealer at New Delhi Café

"The Grand Poobah is one of the greatest songwriters and entertainers that I've ever known... and he's yet to be discovered by the rest of the world. Although you may not recognize the name Poobah, his name is well known amongst the Legends"... — Willie Nelson

Dan Mealer a.k.a. PooBah has been writing and performing for years although this genuine, down to earth man is not your average Nashville musician. Real life, brutal honesty and music that is not over-produced are what the PooBah is all about. His songwriting is inspired, like

"Everybody Sang," which he wrote on the side of the road following good friend Johnny Cash's funeral. Another, titled "Where did America go?" came from his interactions with a Vietnam veteran he met at a bus stop. A rich baritone voice, acoustic guitar and real life sprinkled with humor are all the PooBah needs to entertain you. Hear him at The New Delhi Café on Sunday, March 10 at 4 p.m. hosting the Pisces Party.

FRIDAY – MARCH 8

- CHASERS BAR & GRILL *Pieces of Dreams*
- CHELSEA'S *JP Harris*, 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* Guitar, 6:30–9:30 p.m.
- JACK'S PLACE *Terry & Justin*, 9 p.m.
- LUMBERYARD RESTAURANT & SALOON DJ Karaoke, 8 p.m.
- NEW DELHI CAFÉ *Blackout Boys*, 6:30 p.m.
- ROWDY BEAVER *Downtown Strangers*, 7:30 p.m.
- ROWDY BEAVER DEN *Brett & Terry*, 9 p.m.
- SQUID & WHALE PUB *Comfortable Brother, Rock*
- VOULEZ-VOUS *Handmade Moments*, 9 p.m.

SATURDAY – MARCH 9

- CHASERS BAR & GRILL *Left of Center*
- CHELSEA'S *Earl & Them*, 9 p.m.
- EUREKA LIVE! DJ & Dancing
- EUREKA PARADISE DJ & Dancing
- GRAND TAVERNE *Jerry Yester Grand Piano Dinner Music*, 6:30–9:30 p.m.
- JACK'S PLACE Karaoke with *DJ Goose*, 8–Midnight
- LUMBERYARD RESTAURANT & SALOON DJ Karaoke, 8 p.m.
- NEW DELHI CAFÉ *Dave*

- Singleton*, 12–4 p.m., *Skinny Gypsies*, 6:30–10:30 p.m.
- PIED PIPER CATHOUSE LOUNGE *Tyler Gregory*, 8 p.m.
- ROWDY BEAVER *Diana & The Heartbeats*, 8 p.m.
- ROWDY BEAVER DEN *Shakey Ground*, 9 p.m.
- SQUID & WHALE PUB *Ulrich & Tribe, Viking Blues & Symphonic Rock*
- VOULEZ-VOUS *Handmade Moments*, 9 p.m.

SUNDAY – MARCH 10

- CHELSEA'S *Chucky Waggs*, 6–9 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 *Vine Brothers*, 12–4 p.m., *Don "PooBah" Mealer*, 4 p.m. *It's a Pisces party!*
- ROWDY BEAVER Free pool
- SQUID & WHALE PUB "Local Kine" Showcasing local talent

MONDAY – MARCH 11

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

TUESDAY – MARCH 12

- CHASERS BAR & GRILL Dart Tournament
- CHELSEA'S Open Mic
- LUMBERYARD RESTAURANT & SALOON Pool Tournament, 6:30 p.m.
- NEW DELHI CAFÉ *Iron Swine & Tang*, 6–10 p.m.
- ROWDY BEAVER Hospitality Night
- SQUID & WHALE PUB Taco Tuesday \$3 Margaritas til 6 p.m.

WEDNESDAY – MARCH 13

- CHASERS BAR & GRILL Beer Pong
- CHELSEA'S Drink and Draw w/Bob Norman, *Loves It!*, 9 p.m.

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Viking Blues at the Wharf – Ulrich & Tribe play the Squid & Whale, Saturday, March 9.



PooBah! – Don Mealer brings some down-home tunes to the New Delhi Café on Sunday, March 10.



Eureka go Bragh!

Erin go Braugh is the Anglicization of an Irish phrase, *Éirinn go Brách*, used to express allegiance to Ireland. It is most often translated as Ireland Forever. On Saturday, March 16, Eurekaans will have a chance to join the Irish in that allegiance when the Annual St. Paddy's Day Parade paints the town green at 2 p.m.

Joining Grand Marshal Kent Crow, Colleen Shelby Clark and local participants are several parade entries from out of town, including Missouri piper, Joel Wren, leading the parade with his skirling bagpipes. (The crowd may want to stay awhile as Joel and family members play at Basin Park following the parade.)

Also in the lineup are The Stepford Wives Gone AWOL of NWA – led by Serina Angeloni of Bella Vista. This women's social club of 20 members supports and encourages family, friendship and fun as they gather each year to catch up, cut up and cut loose during the St. Paddy weekend. The Euston Family of Kansas have entered a float every year with a promise that 19 members, most ever, will be in the 2013 parade. The Woods Family from Kansas, had so much fun as spectators last year, they decided to join in atop a truck. The Woods are bringing along relatives from Missouri and Kansas. A burlesque group from Springdale with Gelina Bryant and her troupe will also be trucking along for their indoctrination to St. Paddy's in Eureka Springs. Charisma, the Wonder Horse of Copan, Okla., will be ridden by Patty Grimm, the retro cowgirl.

The parade will be led by the tuxedoed Kaptains Klub members carrying traditional flower canes, handing them out along the route with a hug for the damsels. Following the parade will be an Irish Bash with corn beef hash, cabbage, potatoes and lots of merriment.

There is still time to enter your group, van or float in the St. Paddy parade which rolls out March 16 at 2 p.m. Application at www.Parade.Ureeka.Org or Dan Ellis at (479) 981-9551.

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- **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 – MARCH 14

- **CHASERS BAR & GRILL** Taco

& Tequila Night

- **CHELSEA'S** Jazz Night, 9 p.m.
- **GRAND TAVERNE** *Jerry Yester Grand Piano Dinner Music, 6:30–9:30 p.m.*
- **LUMBERYARD RESTAURANT & SALOON** Taco and Margarita Night
- **NEW DELHI CAFÉ** *Craig Kinsey w/ The Sideshow Tramps and Hank Schyma w/Southern Backtones*
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Seeds are nature's little thumb drive – containing all the information that sun, dirt and water need to create a plant. A farmer modifies a plant's environment by fertilizing the soil, providing water and sometimes controlling temperature. The farmer ultimately *cultivates* a crop by controlling other plants that want to use the same resources (weeds), and insects and other animals that want to use the crop for food.

Chemistry has created a new agricultural revolution in the last century. From the production of diesel for tractors and transportation, to the manufacture of synthetic plant nutrients, to the control of weeds and pests with herbicides and pesticides – sweaty back-breaking human labor has moved off the farm to the more controlled environments of factories, banks, corporations and labs.

In general, farmers have adapted the factory-model into farming. A farmer will plant and tend thousands of acres of corn, soybeans or other commodity crops. At this scale virtually everything is mechanized. That's some really high capital expenses for those big, specialized machines. When everybody grows the same thing, prices drop and farmers have to grow more to meet their overhead. Without chemical weed-killers and insect-killers, farms could never reach these massive sizes. So how does GMO come into this?

GMO is a Genetically Modified Organism. Instead of letting plants combine and reproduce their genetic code, that code can be directly manipulated in the laboratory. And this can be done with species that would never ever cross. Theoretically, genes

from a jellyfish could be inserted into corn for a glow-in-the-dark corn cob.

Monsanto is a leader in this chemical world – developing saccharin, PCBs, DDT, Agent Orange, rBGH, and Roundup during the last century. Roundup is a chemical that kills most every plant it touches and it is one of their most profitable products.

Did they make glow-in-the-dark corn? No, Monsanto used genetic engineering to create and sell the seeds of commodity crops that are resistant to Roundup. This means the farmer can spray his entire field with a plant-killing chemical at any time,

and everything but the Monsanto plants will die.

Another technique works with insects. Bt is a bacterium that kills many caterpillars when eaten. Potatoes and seeds can be modified to have the plant itself produce this insecticide, killing insects that feed on the crop.

Chemicals and GMO allow farmers to efficiently exert the most control and reduce risk when growing massive amounts of a few select plants. Is there an alternative way to grow our food?



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much as 100 million gallons in a month.

According to CBWD financials, the district sold 2,787,627,600 gallons of water in 2012. Summers said Beaver Lake has actually risen lately even though the recent drought is still a concern. He remembered a time in 1980 when water levels in the area were so low a preacher near Harrison postponed a baptism.

The system uses radio signals to send and receive messages so Summers can sit at his computer at the Freeman-Raney facility and check the flow at the different pump stations or activate a pump remotely. He can see moment-to-moment chlorine levels or spot anomalies in the transmission anywhere along the line.

He said the engineers continually plan for upgrades to get the most out of the system to keep water available and affordable.



John Summers, plant manager of the Freeman-Raney Water Treatment plant on Beaver Lake, checks his computer screens to see how the water is flowing.



All that jazz – Dr. Tom Polett directs the Culver-Stockton College Jazz Band in an up tempo performance of Crescent City Stomp for an audience of middle school students on March 4. The college's jazz, woodwind and choral groups were on the return leg of a seven-day tour playing at venues in St. Louis, New Orleans, Northwest Arkansas and Springfield, Mo.



Famous in a small town – Eureka Springs High School junior, Audrey Gilbreath, sings Miranda Lambert's "Famous in a Small Town" in the all-student talent show at the school auditorium March 1. Gilbreath took first place – an hour of recording at Winterwood Studios – from among 12 acts in the contest. Second place went to Max Hart's African drum duet with Angelo Yao. Hart won a \$50 gift certificate to G Strings and F Holes. In third place was Cheyanne Pierce's rendition of "Music of the Night" from Phantom of the Opera, winning a \$50 gift card to Grand Taverne.

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community water fluoridation has contributed to the reduced prevalence and severity of dental caries in the United States,” the paper states. “However, about one million Arkansans receiving public water supplies do not benefit from the protection of such a public health program. ...Dental caries is the most common chronic childhood disease, disproportionately afflicting low-income ethnic-minority children, the very same children who have the least access to dental care and the highest disease levels.”

The paper said a third of the children in the U.S. ingest too much fluoride leading to a mottling of teeth called dental fluorosis, but said in most cases this is mild. Use of fluoridated water to make infant formula is not recommended.

“In 2002, studies were done in Morrilton and the Perry County schools,”

the ADH paper said. “Public water is fluoridated in Morrilton, but was not in Perry County. The kindergarten students in Perryville, Casa and Ann Watson elementary schools, all in Perry County, received dental screenings, as did all kindergarten students in Morrilton. The Perry County children were found to have twice the number of cavities as the Morrilton children.”

The paper concludes that while opponents of fluoridation have challenged its safety and effectiveness, these claims are not scientifically valid. Fluoride opponent Crystal Harvey with Secure Arkansas, in a statement sent to the *Eureka Springs Independent*, questions if the study compared children based on socio-economic-status, diets, access to dental care and when teeth erupted.

“According to the ADH website, Perry County does not have any access to any dentists, yet Morrilton has six,”

Harvey said. “Children in Arkansas are not fluoride deficient. They are dentist deficient and lacking dental care. In Arkansas, there are very few dentists who will treat Medicaid patients.

“This whole document is an opinion piece. It’s a position paper that has plucked out what it wants, and distorted information to massage the message favorable to fluoridation. It is the job of the people who wrote this to promote fluoridation, not study it. They don’t cite some of the most recent fluoride science such as the National Research Council’s 2006 fluoride report and the 36 studies showing a link between fluoridated water and children’s lower IQ.”

One dentist on the House Committee, Rep. Deborah Ferguson, said during the hearing that studies showing toxic effects from fluoridation are “junk science.” Ferguson, who voted against overturning the mandate, said local water boards do

not contain health professionals who are capable of making a decision on fluoridation. CBWD does have a dentist on the board.

Fonseca countered that dentists are not experts in water additives and don’t have expertise in what equipment and type of fluoridation chemicals are needed to safely fluoridate. Three of six members of the DDF board selected to approve grant funds for fluoridation were dentists, and the board denied safety measures recommended by CBWD engineers to protect workers and assure a correct amount of fluoride is added to the water.

“No one from that board has ever been down to see how we run our operations,” Fonseca said. “I think those decisions on how to fluoridate should be made locally by the people who actually run the plant and their engineers.”

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read – I assume that is was printed to generate a response? But if a “person’s rights end when they infringe on someone else’s rights” then I say no one should smoke/be loud/sing a tune in public/ laugh/drink soda pop/ be on a sidewalk, etc. All of those things may infringe upon my rights or my fellow human beings!

What right do you (or the government) have to say that I can or cannot own a gun or even take it to church? Maybe I should be able to take my gun to the bar where I drink beers with my fellow friends. Be happy that even politicians agree that drinking and guns are bad together.

The second amendment was put into the constitution for a reason – and I for one feel that your opinion on whether I should be able to own a gun or carry a gun infringes upon my rights. Since that is still a right I have – I will continue to own and carry my weapon of choice.

Larry Mueller

Turn about is fair play

Editor,

Are you tired of all the lies and corruption in government and finance that have plagued us on this magnificent planet? Are you tired of being made to

feel that aggression, war, scarcity and fear are natural parts of BE’ing human? Do you think it is hopeless to find a solution? What if a group of honest, educated people took the initiative to eliminate the current system and made room for one that is more equitable, with prosperity for all?

It has happened. A lawyer, Heather Ann Tucci-Jarraf, was employed within international financial institutions. As part of a team, she investigated the issuance of over 23,000 mortgages. The team’s final report, *The Paradigm Report* documents fraud and corruption associated with every single one of those mortgages as a result of collusion by banking, courts and governmental entities.

They were so disgusted that they put their professional training to work researching the laws of our country and the world. They implemented legal steps that foreclosed on these illegally operating governments, banks and corporations, using the very same processes used by banks to foreclose our homes. The global foreclosure of banks, corporations and governments, therefore, has occurred and remains un rebuttable and stands with full lawful recognition in

international law.

Once again, we are free to operate under the principle that every man, woman and child has inalienable value and rights granted and deposited in them by the Creator and not any one of the people is subordinate to any artificial principality.

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Or contact me at goodman.ira@gmail.com.

Ira Goodman

Alderman stirs pots

Editor,

Let me see if I understand correctly: According to councilman Schneider, banging pots and pans together on one’s stupid property is illegal? What if the property is intelligent? Is it okay then? What if one bangs sticks and

stones or hubcaps and monkey wrenches or lacy panties and bagels together on their stupid property? Is that illegal?

What is the statute, ordinance or code that applies to the “crime,” and what action will be taken if there is a violation? Does the “offense” carry the possible punishment of a fine or imprisonment, and if so, how much money for the fine and/or how much time for the “crime” and would the time served be in a municipal, county, state or federal facility?

Is there a permit a person can apply for to bang pots and pans together on one’s stupid property? Does a person have the right to walk on a public street or stand on public property banging pots and pans together, or would this require a special permit? What if a person bangs pots and pans together on their stupid property very quietly during daylight hours? Is it still illegal?

What if a person is washing dishes in their house with the windows open and accidentally bangs pots and pans together and a neighbor hears it and calls the police? Can the police issue a citation for that?

Enquiring minds want to know.

Lany Ballance

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Bunch o' blarney – Kaptain's Klub of the Krewe of Blarney members (from left) Rick Bost, Tony Popovac, Judge Kent Crow and Dan Ellis show up dressed to the nines for an evening of flower cane decorating at the Rowdy Beaver on March 6. The coveted canes will be handed out during the St. Paddy's Day Parade coming up on Saturday, March 16.

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Swish! – Congrats to 2013 ESYS 2nd and 3rd grade basketball champions: Back row, Coach Travis Lester, Jonathan Grant, Ava Grace Thurman, Kaiden Kimbrell, Matthew Lester, Nathan Morrison, Katie Meyer and Coach Debbie Lester. Front row, Bianca Griggs, Jayden Urioste, Michael Lester and Tristan Sexton. Our champs are sponsored by Roadhouse Cafe and Local Flavor.

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New lobby – Museum member and volunteer, Lynda Thompson, talks with Eureka Springs Historical Museum Director, Steven Sinclair, during a soft opening of the museum's visitor's center and gift shop March 4. Other areas are still undergoing renovation. Sinclair said the museum still needs volunteers, exhibit sponsors and donations. For more information call (479) 253-9417 or visit eurekaspringshistoricalmuseum.org online.

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