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This Week's INDEPENDENT Thinker



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Lynne Osterman used to be a Republican Minnesota state representative. It was her dream to work for her state from the time she was young.

Osterman voted under pressure to support the Defense of Marriage Act when she was in office. She said she thought she could shrug and forget it, and so would everyone else.

But she couldn't forget. She said she was wrong to vote for a law that was disrespectful and unfair. She said government has no authority to tell people how they should live their personal lives.

She could have been pope. If she were only male, Catholic and from Argentina.



Junebugs – Longtime friends June Hegedus, left, and June Owen sport fabulous bonnets and charm at an EasterBelles photo shoot in the New Moon Spa March 7. Photographing all the bonneted ladies was Melodye Purdy as part of a poster and photo fundraiser for women undergoing chemotherapy. The EasterBelles Easter Parade is March 31 at noon, beginning at the Gavioli Chapel. Anyone may dress up and join in by making a donation of any amount to Brave Women and so becoming a member of the EasterBelles. To donate, phone (703) 400-6090.

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Council OKs second taxi service

NICKY BOYETTE

Eureka Springs city council called for a public hearing to discuss a second taxi service in town, and 26 citizens took a turn at the microphone. Six spoke up for Abundant Transportation, a taxi and limousine company based in Benton County, which has been trying for more than a year to gain inroads into Eureka Springs. Four of the six were part of AT, including owner, Cody Steussy.

Twenty others lauded David "Fuzzy" White of Eureka Taxi for his "beyond the call of duty" service to the town for 23 years. One person after another cited examples of White's personal touch, including "picking people up off the street, literally," his perseverance during winter weather, and his being an institution in a very unique town. Larry Evans said, "No one else could have done what he has done."

Attorney Matt Bishop spoke on behalf of White, and urged council "to work with your partner" because the

city granted him the business and council can tell him to add vehicles if there is a need. In addition, Bishop said the application from AT did not establish a need for more taxis, and he encouraged council to reject it.

Former alderman Karen Lindblad pointed out a previous council did White a great disservice in 2006 when another company got the chance to offer \$5 rides on weekends. She said Eureka Springs does not need another taxi company, and former mayor, Beau Satori, agreed, adding that hotel shuttles have cut into White's business by acting as taxis because there has been lax enforcement of the law. Satori said council could tell White what he needs to improve, asking, "Why do you need another taxi service?"

Steussy countered that he was not trying to put anyone out of business. "We intend to work with Fuzzy," he said. He commended White for what he has done, and intends to pick up what Eureka Taxi cannot handle.

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Eureka go Bragh!

Judge sets bond in school lockdown incident

MARY PAT BOIAN

Circuit Judge Kent Crow set bond Monday morning at \$5,000 for Sara Charlotte Smith, 30, of Berryville, who was arrested March 7 trying to retrieve her son from the Eureka Springs Elementary School in violation of an Order of Protection. Elementary school counselor, Rachal Hyatt, refused Smith access to the child and prevented her entry to the school corridor.

According to witnesses, Smith retrieved a baseball bat from her car and returned to the school office, shattering a glass door to the office before getting back in her vehicle. The school was locked down and a maintenance man, James Rozell, told police he was nearly run over by Smith as she exited the parking lot. A high speed chase ensued and Smith was eventually stopped and arrested in Berryville.

According to Carroll County Prosecutor, Tony Rogers, the state had asked for a \$100,000 bond. Rogers was surprised that Crow set bond so low. "We really anticipated it would be higher than five thousand," Rogers said. "She's a repeat offender. The

state recommended bond be one hundred big ones."

Eureka Springs Police Chief Earl Hyatt, who led the chase when Smith was captured, said, "Parents and teachers are afraid for the children. She's already violated a protection order and she got a stern talking to? The judge just made it easy to release someone who has no respect for the law."

Judge Crow said he actually raised Smith's bond, not decreased it. "There are three cases pending against this woman," he said Tuesday morning. "On February 8 she was charged with aggravated assault, fleeing, resisting arrest and DWI. [District Judge] Tim Parker set her bond at \$2,500. In a second case on February 28 she was arrested for domestic battery in the third degree, a misdemeanor; resisting arrest and aggravated assault on a cop, a class D felony. She spat on him." That drew Smith a \$3500 bond from Parker.

Crow insisted that a bond is prohibited from being punitive. "I have to look at more than anger," he said. "I looked at her prior criminal history, her

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Allied police effort takes mobile meth lab off the streets

C.D. WHITE

Two alleged drug manufacturers, Jason Randall Edmonson, 41, and Brittany Hope Collett, 28, both of Eureka Springs, are being detained at the Carroll County Detention Facility on charges of Possession of Drug Paraphernalia with intent to manufacture, a Class B Felony; Possession of a Controlled Substance, a Class B Felony and other related charges.

According to an incident report, Det. Thomas Achord received information on Monday, March 11, from an informant that Edmondson and Collett had a working methamphetamine lab in a red Volkswagen GTI, and were attempting to sell pills. It was reported that Edmondson was last seen near the back entrance to Holiday Island, and detectives Achord and Brad Handley communicated this information to Carroll County deputies.

Carroll County deputies monitored Onyx Cave Road, where Edmonson is known to live, and Handley, who is also commissioned as a Carroll County deputy, monitored the intersection of Woodsdale Drive and Leatherwood

Drive on Holiday Island while Det. Achord monitored Hwy. 187 near Woodsdale Drive.

Handley observed Edmonson approaching him in the red Volkswagen and stopped him for driving on a suspended driver's license. Achord immediately responded to the location of the traffic stop. Edmonson was ordered from the vehicle and placed under arrest for driving on a suspended driver's license. During the arrest, Handley searched Edmonson and discovered five pills in his pants pocket, which were identified as Lyrica, a controlled substance.

Deputy Chris Jones of Carroll County Sheriff's Office arrived and Edmonson was placed in Jones' vehicle. Brittney Collett was ordered out of the car while Jones and Handley conducted a search of the passenger compartment of Edmondson's vehicle. They found two satchels within reach of the front seats containing the components of a methamphetamine lab – including a clear plastic bottle with a blue-green colored grainy paste. There

was a can labeled “camp fuel,” drain cleaner, a bottle of Heet and some tubing. These items were left in the bag and placed on the ground behind the vehicle. Jones contacted Lt. Ralph Gordon and Capt. Alan Hoos with the CCSO and they also responded, as they are both certified lab technicians.

Achord had been told by his confidential informant that Collett had been attempting to sell pills and was known to hide contraband in a body cavity. He passed this information to the transporting deputy at the time she was taken into custody.

Collett was taken into custody for being in possession of the meth lab along with Edmondson and both were transported to the Carroll County Detention Center.

Gordon and Hoos arrived at the scene and processed the methamphetamine lab. A further search

of the vehicle revealed personal checks belonging to persons who no longer live in this area but are known to ESPD. The check owners were contacted and stated they had no idea how Edmonson and Collett came to be in possession of their personal checks. The search also revealed a Missouri driver's license belonging to an Eagle Rock resident who was not present.

Carroll County detention personnel later found Brittney Collett had concealed approximately 20 pills and some marijuana on her person. They discovered an oval silver and pink pill case, a bag of marijuana, oxycodone, methadone hydrochloride and alprazolam.

According to the incident report filed on March 12 by Achord, Gordon stated it is a requirement that the Volkswagen be destroyed due to its containing a methamphetamine lab.

Nelson/Wright benefit March 20

A pass-the-hat benefit for Jody Nelson and Kyle Wright, both injured last week in a truck accident, will be held Wednesday, March 20, 6:30 – 9 p.m. at Henri's Just One More, 19 1/2 Spring. Henri's will donate a portion of drink sales to the effort and cash donations will help with immediate expenses. Fusion Squared at 84 Spring

St. will provide a free gift to anyone making a cash donation of \$50 or more.

For the convenience of those who can't attend, a benefit account (Number 346189) has also been established at Community First Bank, 107 W. Van Buren. Please join Jody's and Kyle's friends for a festive mid-week evening with a serious goal.

Crystal Bridges gardener to speak at Gardening the Ozarks March 16

The Carroll County Master Gardeners presents *Gardening in the Ozarks* at the ECHO Clinic cafeteria, 4004 E. Van Buren, Saturday, March 16, at 1 p.m. Featured speaker will be Cody George, the man behind the gardens at the Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art.

Other presenters will address

growing perennials, digital photography and designing the gardens of Eureka's springs. There will also be vendor booths and plant sales.

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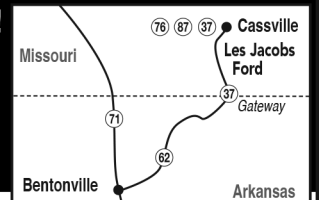
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NICKY BOYETTE

Commissioner Robert Schmid added the payout for bonuses to staff at the end of the year did not help, but it was a confluence of factors that put the

“This is the most important time to be advertising,” commissioner James

In the end, commissioners agreed to have quarterly budget reviews, and the first one will be at the March 27

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Prisoner's \$250,000 settlement confirmed

HARRIE FARROW

Rumors about a settlement on the Charles Stanec suit against Carroll County, several employees of the county jail and Sheriff Bob Grudek have been circulating for several months. This week, via the county's attorney, Michael Rainwater, a settlement of \$250,000 was confirmed. Rainwater said the money was paid by the Association of Arkansas Counties Risk Management Fund, and lead attorney on the case was Jason Owens. Rainwater also said that Stanec's medical bills were at least \$600,000 and possibly closer to \$800,000. Court records show the settlement was filed on November 20, 2012, but give no particulars on the agreement.

When Grudek was first asked about rumors of a settlement he said he was unaware of any. After the *Independent* confirmed the settlement and asked Grudek if he had any comments he said, "I cannot comment on it." Asked why, he said, "That's what we were told," adding that any comments should come from Rainwater.

Stanec's attorney, Tim Hutchinson, confirmed that there was a settlement but would not confirm

the amount as that information is "confidential." He said he also could not comment on the amount of Stanec's medical bills without Stanec's permission.

Stanec was unable to be reached for comment.

Stanec's case is of interest in light of ongoing issues between the Carroll County Sheriff's Office and the Berryville and Green Forest Chiefs of Police. At issue is CCSO not allowing certain arrestees to be booked in the jail due to jailers' perception that individuals require medical clearance first. In Stanec's case, the arrestee was taken to the hospital before being taken to the jail, so there was no conflict between jailers and city police.

According to Stanec's suit, Carroll County, Brenda Shultz (the jail nurse), Mark Lott and Adam Wade (both officers and employees of the jail) and Sheriff Robert Grudek were listed as defendants.

Eureka Springs police arrested Stanec on July 29, 2009, on a warrant for Contempt of Court Failure to Pay Fine for an unclassified misdemeanor. Stanec, who according to reports was visibly shaking and trembling, informed officers he was an alcoholic. Arresting officers took him to Eureka Springs

Hospital for possible alcohol withdrawal. He received a prescription for Ativan (Lorazepam) to treat symptoms and was released to police custody the same day. He was then booked into the Carroll County Detention Facility. The next day, Stanec's sister notified jail officials that he was a "gallon-a-day" alcoholic, and had been for years, and strongly expressed concern for his medical treatment.

Court records show Ativan was administered on July 30 and 31. On August 1, at 6 a.m., when Lott was distributing meals, he found Stanec lying on the floor of his cell, trembling, breathing heavily and unable to "wake up" to take his meds. There was blood on the wall near his head. Lott and Wade picked him up and put him on his cell bed, left his meal there, locked the door and notified the nurse, requesting an exam.

Shultz checked Stanec's pulse, blood pressure and oxygen level and advised that hospitalization was not needed but that he should be "checked on periodically."

That same day, jailers printed out an article

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Ireland paying high health cost due to fluoridation

BECKY GILLETTE

As the Arkansas Legislature considers a bill that would overturn a mandate that fluoride be added to all public water systems serving more than 5,000 people, it is of note that 97 percent of Western Europe has rejected water fluoridation.

"There is no difference in tooth decay between western nations that fluoridate their water and those that do not," said the Fluoride Action Network (FAN) citing information from the World Health Organization.

The German Technical and Scientific Association for Gas and Water recommended stopping fluoridation in Germany based on the following conclusions:

(1) It is not the task of water supply companies to add substances to drinking water intended as prophylactics against illness not caused by drinking water.

"There is no difference in tooth decay between western nations that fluoridate their water and those that do not."

— Fluoride Action Network (FAN)

(2) Caries is not the manifestation of fluoride deficiency, but is the result of a generally false nutrition and inefficient dental hygiene.

(3) The suggested optimal fluoride concentration of 1 mg per liter is very close to the dose with which long-term detrimental effects in people cannot be excluded.

(4) More than 99 per cent [of fluoride contained in drinking water] would be discharged with wastewater directly into the environment. This additional fluoride emission into waters is unacceptable for ecological reasons.

Ireland is now the only country in Western Europe with mandatory

fluoridation. A 100-page study published in Ireland in February by Declan Waugh that reviews 500-peer reviewed scientific articles concludes there are health disadvantages for the population of Ireland from increased dietary exposure to fluorides by comparison to disease incidence/burden in non-fluoridated Northern Ireland and Europe.

"The findings clearly support the published findings of the National Research Council (NRC) scientific committee and conclusively demonstrate that fluoridation of drinking water has significantly increased the dietary fluoride exposure of the entire population in Ireland to unsafe levels that have contributed directly and indirectly to numerous adverse health effects on the population," Waugh said. "Ultimately this has culminated in significantly higher disease burdens and mortality and inferior health compared to their counterparts in Northern Ireland or other non-fluoridated EU countries. Overall the Republic of Ireland fares worse in the prevalence of disease and morbidity for a wide range of disease categories compared with Northern Ireland and the UK or the EU region."

Waugh said his review of scientific literature demonstrates how overexposure of a population to fluorides through artificial fluoridation of public water supplies applied to almost the entire population of the Republic of Ireland is perhaps the largest single overall contributor to the disease burdens present in Ireland today. "Fluoridation of public water has significantly increased the total dietary exposure of the population to fluorides regardless of the individual's nutritional status or health in an uncontrolled manner impacting on every aspect of health," he said.

Waugh concludes that increased

exposure to fluorides through fluoridation of public water supplies may be viewed as one of the largest single causes of preventable death and health inequality in Ireland.

The Arkansas Department of Health (ADH) said while the Waugh reports presents a great deal of information, its conclusions do not provide a causal relationship between community water fluoridation in the United States and "consistent and pervasive patterns of higher mortality and inferior health."

"In fact, the contrary is true, according to the best research available to us," said a statement from ADH spokesperson Ed Barham. "With reference to the 2006 report from the National Research Council (NRC) Report on Fluoride in Drinking Water, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has said: The findings of the NRC report are consistent with CDC's assessment that water is safe and healthy at the levels used for water fluoridation (0.7–1.2 mg/L). CDC reviews the latest scientific literature on an ongoing basis and maintains an active national community water fluoridation quality assurance program. CDC promotes research on the topic of fluoride and its effect on the public's health. CDC's recommendation remains the same—that community water fluoridation is safe and effective for preventing tooth decay. Water fluoridation should be continued in communities currently fluoridating and extended to those without fluoridation." Barham said the ADH continues to stand behind the accumulated scientific evidence as compiled and analyzed by the CDC, EPA, American Dental Association and major nonprofits such as The Pew Foundation.

The CDC says that similar to many vitamins and minerals people consume for our health, fluoride should be taken in the proper amount. "Past comprehensive reviews of the safety and effectiveness of fluoride in water have concluded that water fluoridation is safe and effective," CDC said.



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City approves finance software

NICKY BOYETTE

City finance director, Lonnie Clark, presented a spreadsheet at the March 11 city council meeting detailing software options to replace antiquated and cumbersome applications currently in place at city hall. He said other staff have perused the options and consensus is to purchase a comprehensive package from BS&A Software which will integrate all financial functions of the city and allow for flexibility and more detailed reporting.

The package, including training, setup, implementation and custom import, will cost \$107,016 payable over three years with no interest.

Alderman James DeVito moved to assign a number to the ordinance which would waive competitive bidding, and his motion passed 6-0. He also moved to suspend the rules and read the ordinance a second time, and again council approved it unanimously.

Let there be light

Mayor Morris Pate told council he and Police Chief Earl Hyatt have discussed the need to brighten certain spots in town for public safety. However, the lighting ordinance makes no provisions for making changes for this reason. As it stands now, Pate said, a request to add lumens would have to go before the Planning Commission, and he did not see any need for the police to go before Planning if an area needs increased lighting.

Alderman Mickey Schneider asked Planning Chair Beverly Blankenship her opinion, and although Blankenship said Planning would be willing to do the work, it would be up to council to decide.

Schneider suggested a variance to the lighting ordinance, but city attorney Tim Weaver said a variance would not be necessary, just a decision by council to authorize someone to add lumens if

it were deemed necessary. It would be up to council to decide how it would happen, but the easiest way would be to grant Hyatt authority to make the decision.

Alderman Dee Purkeypile asked Pate his opinion based on his experience in law enforcement, and Pate replied that safety issues are responsibility of the police department. He said he would meet with Hyatt again and prepare a list for council of areas needing attention.

"There are places that need to be lit up. We've got some dark streets. I'd go with people first before night sky," Pate commented.

Schneider asked if using different shields would solve the problem, but DeVito moved to postpone further discussion until Pate and Hyatt prepare a list of targeted areas. Mitchell added that Planning should be involved in discussions, and the vote to approve the motion was 6-0.

What was left

Pate announced Ed Leswig had submitted his application to sit on the Planning Commission. Council first voted to approve his nomination. Then Schneider noted the difficulty Planning

has had getting a quorum, so she moved to change the rule that required Leswig to wait until the next council meeting to be formally seated. Vote was unanimous to allow Leswig to be seated at the next Planning meeting.

- Council approved first reading of an updated outdoor sales ordinance recommended by Planning and put into ordinance form by Weaver. The ordinance puts limits on duration of a sale, number of sales per year at a location, and set up and take down times.

- Second reading of the ordinance requiring utility lines at new construction sites either be underground or at the rear of the property also passed.

- Council voted to approve second reading of an ordinance allowing the Cemetery Commission to pay its water and electric bills by electronic fund transfer.

- The ordinance levying the one-eighth cent sales and use tax to fund implementation of the Lake Leatherwood Master Plan got approval on its second reading. Should the third reading be approved March 25, the tax would go into effect April 24.

Next meeting will be Monday, March 25, at 6 p.m.

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Eureka Springs did it right – Nathan Rutledge of Crews and Associates, an investment banking firm in Little Rock, presented city council with three 2012 City of Distinction awards at Monday night's council meeting. Rutledge said, "Someone has done something right" because Eureka Springs earned more awards than any city in the state. Eureka Springs was a winner in Green Initiatives and Tourism Development categories and received Honorable Mention in Main Street Preservation. Mayor Morris Pate acknowledged Economic Development Coordinator Glenna Booth and Chamber of Commerce Director Mike Bishop for their efforts.

Blue John settlement could still be months away

HARRIE FARROW

The latest hearing in the Federal Civil Rights violations case Edward Paul Chevallier – aka Blue John – filed against Carroll County Deputy Sheriff, Joel Hand, was Wednesday, March 13. Hand is accused of false arrest and detainment, and use of excessive force against Chevallier.

According to court documents, the case dates back to August 16, 2010, when sheriff's deputies, Hand and Billy Floyd, responded to a radio call. A tenant at Blue John's trailer park, Dan Rice, had called the police to report that Chevallier was "taunting him and trying to get him into a fight."

Chevallier admitted to deputies he had been on Rice's property despite having been told by police previously to stay away, and despite previous assurances that he would stay off of Rice's property. Chevallier had scissors in his hand as he had been staking tomatoes when Hand and Floyd approached him.

Chevallier claims he told police that he did not threaten Rice; he also claims he did not immediately put his hands behind his back when he was told to do so because he was trying to explain that he needed to pen his dog first.

Hand allegedly sprayed the then 81 year-old Chevallier in the face with pepper spray, and wrestled him to the ground, which Chevallier claimed injured him. Court documents say that Chevallier was charged with disorderly conduct, harassment, criminal trespassing and refusal to submit to arrest.

Sheriff Bob Grudek told the *Independent* that "whenever someone has a weapon in his hand and you ask him

to put it down and they don't comply, then you have to be on the defensive." He further explain that law enforcement personnel are trained that when they are within 25 ft. of someone with a weapon they have to act quickly because a weapon could be used before there is time to draw a gun. According to Grudek, Hand says he told Chevallier to put down the scissors and Chevallier did not. Chevallier says he did.

Chevallier filed a complaint on July 7, 2011, claiming violations of the Federal Civil Rights Act, and the Fourth and Fourteenth Amendments to the U.S. Constitution, naming both Hand and Floyd as defendants.

Because the deputies were accused of violating Chevallier's Federal constitutional rights, the case is being tried in The United States District Court Western District of Arkansas, Harrison Division.

On August 2, 2012, Blue John's attorney asked for and was granted a dismissal of Billy Floyd as a defendant in the case. On July 5, 2012, attorney Michael Rainwater's office filed a partial summary request for qualified immunity for Hand. Qualified immunity protects officials from harassing and distracting lawsuits made against them when they have performed duties reasonably.


On August 6, Judge P.K. Holms III denied qualified immunity, even though he did not accept arguments made in Chevallier's attorney's brief. Holms wrote in his decision that based on information provided by Hand, such as the fact Hand did not witness any crime, Rice did not have any injuries, there was no collaborating evidence of Rice's account of the events

and Chevallier denied committing any crime, it is not clear that the deputy had probable cause for the arrest. Trial was then set for August 27.

Hand's attorney requested an appeal of this decision on August 23, delaying the trial further. The action is considered an Interlocutory Appeal, a ruling made by a trial court before the trial is concluded. This is an unusual event, but an appeal of a ruling of qualified immunity is the type of situation where it can occur. The appeal was heard on Wednesday in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 8th Circuit in St. Louis. Attorneys for each side had 15 minutes to present their arguments. According to a clerk in the court, the judge's decision may take months.

Chevallier's attorney, Doug Norwood said he was unaware of any settlement offers, and Rainwater assured that there have been no offers by the county of a settlement.

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BOZA denies 37 ft. building on 40 ft. lot

NICKY BOYETTE

Paul Minze wanted to build a two-story, two-family dwelling on an empty lot at 37 Mountain. He applied to the Board of Zoning and Adjustment for setback and lot size variance because the footprint of the dwelling he had in mind is 37 ft. wide and the lot is 40 ft. wide. To accomplish this, Minze and builder Carl

Evans asked for a zero lot-line variance.

BOZA held a public hearing at its March 12 meeting to give neighbors a chance to speak. Gina Fiore lives next door to the property. She also runs A Journey's End, a tourist lodging, and was concerned that Minze's foundation would be up against the property line jeopardizing her stonework. She also pointed out his roofline would be invasive. Another neighbor, Heather Ryan, said residents already have difficulty finding parking and the addition of a two-family dwelling would aggravate the situation.

Minze said the footprint would be away from the property line and he did not intend to infringe on Fiore's space. He added his plans included a garage on each story, so parking should not be impacted.

Beverly Blankenship, Chair of the Planning Commission/BOZA, read from City Code that although two-family dwellings are permitted in the R-1 zone, the lot size must be 8000 sq. ft. The lot at 37 Mountain is about 2000 sq. ft., and Blankenship pointed out Minze was asking for a large adjustment.

Ed Leswig, recently reseated as a commissioner but not yet sworn in, stated, "That is not an adjustment. That's a destruction of the Code."

Blankenship also had concerns about the impact on rainwater runoff for downhill neighbors as well as an extra load to the sewer system.

Commissioner Melissa Greene asked Fiore if she had problems pulling out from a parking spot onto Mountain Street and Fiore said it was difficult. Greene saw parking as a big issue.

Commissioner James Morris stated the property was not large enough for a two-family dwelling but he wanted to find a way to make the property usable in a way compatible with the neighborhood. He said BOZA should look out for everyone, although he was not advocating the variance, just looking at all the angles.

Leswig said granting a variance of 6000 ft. did not make sense to him. The zero lot-line variance would cause all

kinds of infrastructure problems with neighbors. He said this was the wrong lot to build this dwelling on.

Fiore said she wanted to clarify one point. She would not mind seeing a small Victorian, for example, built there, but this particular plan made her nervous. She wanted to protect her home and business. She said the lot is 40 ft. wide and the proposed dwelling would be 37 ft. wide. "How is that even possible?" she asked.

Vote to deny the variance was unanimous.

Other items

- Blankenship told commissioners council had voted to change its rules so Leswig could be seated at that meeting. However, he had not expected to be seated so quickly, so he was out of town until meeting time and had not been sworn in. She said this meant he could participate but not vote.

Leswig replied, "I can vote, but it won't count, but I never could count so it doesn't matter."


- Blankenship brought up the topic of adding artist studios to the list of dwellings requiring a Conditional Use Permit. She said she was referring to a working space, not a retail space. Commissioners tossed around preliminary issues and agreed to put the idea on their next agenda and get input from the public in the meantime.

- The city has had a lighting ordinance since 2010 to protect the night sky, Blankenship said, but Mayor Morris Pate had mentioned at the council table he wanted the police chief to be able to add lumens to certain areas where he saw issues of public safety. She said she mentioned it only because the mayor thought the police chief need not consult with Planning to increase lighting, and she wanted commissioners to be aware of changes brewing.

- City Code regarding vacation of property has a step missing, according to Blankenship. She thought Code was not really clear and said she would talk to the Parks Commission and start work to get Code rewritten to reflect what actually happens.

- Observations bounced back and forth about redefining B&Bs in Code to allow more than five units. Blankenship said the many emails she received about the topic centered on protecting neighborhoods. Leswig commented there appeared to be only one or two interested citizens but lots of negative response, so he suggested they remove it from the agenda. Morris said he wanted to allow Doug Breitling, B&B owner who brought up the concept, another chance to state his case. "If a person wants to invest in our city, then let's listen," he said. The item will stay on the agenda for the next meeting.

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



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Two writers featured at literary salon March 21

Writers-in-residence Joyce Milambiling and Tasha Haas will read at Poetluck on Thursday, March 21, at the Writers' Colony at Dairy Hollow, 515 Spring.

Joyce will read *From One Paradise to Another*, an account of her trip to a remote island in the southern Philippines where she taught English teachers and conducted research on Filipino education. Tasha will read from one of her "long short stories." Through rambling monologues and extravagant descriptions, her often-unreliable narrators explore the subjects of relationships, love, jealousy, identity and power.

Poetluck brings together established visiting poets and writers with local poets and writers, aspiring writers and those interested in the creative process. Everyone is welcome, and local writers may read up to four minutes from their work. A potluck dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. Please join us and bring a dish to share.

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Come down or send your guests to Basin Park every day through Sunday, March 24, for the chance to win area attraction tickets. Drop by and sign up in the park at 3 p.m. – winners are announced daily at 3:30. Prizes sponsored by Northwest Arkansas participating attractions and the Eureka Springs Downtown Network. Winners will also be entered to win a return trip to Eureka Springs during the EurekaSprings.com Christmas Festival.

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The 23rd annual Kite Festival celebration takes place from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Saturday, March 23 at Turpentine Creek. *Art with an Altitude*, sponsored by KaleidoKites of Eureka Springs, is a free family event in which the public can bring their own kites or buy or make one at the refuge.

The celebration includes vendors, contests and fun family activities. A performance by The Skillet Lickers band is scheduled 1 – 4 p.m. KaleidoKites' experts will be available to assist children in kite making and flying techniques for a donation to the refuge. KaleidoKites will also donate a Japanese Rokkaku fighting kite and a tiger kite for a raffle benefiting Turpentine Creek.

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Protesting lack of protests

Editor,

This country is in turmoil, it is not the fault of one or two generations, but every generation. Every one of us.

We seem to spend most of our time concentrating on our differences so much so that we overlook what we have in common. We share the same oil and garbage-riddled shores. We all want peace and we want a government that represents us well.

I am baffled that there are not more peaceful protests in this country. Where has our passion gone? Our patriotism? Our pride?

We need to rediscover these three things before we can make the repairs we all need to make.

Harry Cook

Two sides to every story

Editor,

An article appeared in another local

paper concerning some allegations of ethics violations by the high school principal. I hope people will refrain from passing judgment on this issue until all the facts are known, especially when the school administration is legally prevented from defending itself in the media.

Nick Rorick

Only have one question

Editor,

If you call yourself a Christian whether Born Again or not, please give me the verses where Jesus was given credit to condemn LGBT or abortion.

Both were happening in Jesus's time, yet they didn't seem to cause him any consternation either, so by what authority do you have to limit my God-given free will? I don't care about any verses written before in the legalistic Old Testament that I thought Jesus came to save his people from. If I were concerned with them, then I would have to concern myself with degrees

of abominations. For instance, it's an abomination for a woman to wear a man's clothing and vise-versa. So is that a good abomination and only turns bad when a lesbian is found wearing jeans?

Anyway, if it didn't concern Jesus's attention at all, then why do a lot of self-righteous Christians have to preach their hate?

At least if you scamper to find your verses, then you might discover that your actions are no different than a Pharisee.

John Dulin

Season over, reactions not

Editor,

Can't really call it a harvest since only 12 deer were assassinated. It is interesting that one person killed five and the others got seven. If another hunt is planned (hope not) I suggest make it a short time and let Billy do the hunting.

The all-knowing Schneider using the Queen's English to talk about the moronic? Illegal behavior of the people

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WEEK'S Top Tweets

@Zen_Moments --- The worst loneliness is to not be comfortable with yourself. ~ Mark Twain

@robdelaney --- The hour I lose from daylight savings time will now be multiplied by 6 as I try to change the time on the clock in my car.

@BawseLady --- I used to say that I wanted to make ridiculous amounts of money. I think I should have chosen my words more carefully ☺

@linnytssn --- Good Morning. Has North Korea made their daily threat already?

@HuffPostPol --- Judge tosses New York City's soda ban a day before it was to take effect.

@MyMelange --- I love that such old traditions still exist in Italy. Technology is available but they will rely on smoke signals to announce a new pope.

@ComedyTruth --- I'm not lazy, I'm on energy saving mode.

@Aspersionscast --- Blood is thicker than water but chocolate is thicker than both of them.

@indecision --- Kim Jong Un and Dennis Rodman becoming best friends should fill us with hope that Republicans and Democrats can settle their differences.



@jack_frost2030 --- ICELAND – How 320,000 people changed their nation by peaceful revolution, an example YOU should take.

Pope Francis and the Age of Aquarius

We got a peek at the pope Wednesday. Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio of Argentina chose the name Francis, and walked onto the balcony of St. Peter's Basilica in Vatican City and stood absolutely still for many heartbeats. Then he smiled and greeted the crowd with "Buona sera," breaking pope-ly protocol. It got a cheer. We liked that.

We like that the first thing he did was humbly bow before the crowd of tens of thousands and ask them to pray for him before he stood up and gave his first blessing as the new Bishop of Rome and head of the Roman Catholic Church around the world.

His prayer for the people made us verklempt.

We like that he cooked his own food, lived in a small apartment and took the bus to work when he was Archbishop of Buenos Aires. We like that he shunned the papal limousine after his appearance on the balcony and chose to take a shuttle bus with other cardinals back to the Vatican residence where they are staying. He did it again the next morning and arrived in a plain black car for Mass ... without wearing the full complement of papal vestments.

We like that he seems more aware of what life is all about, and especially that he has a sense of humor – which he demonstrated at dinner after the papal announcement by raising a good-natured toast to the fellow cardinals who had elected him and saying, "May God forgive you."

We like that he's a Jesuit, which means he's well educated. In fact, the noted intellectual prowess of Jesuits got them a place in the old joke about the five things God doesn't know (i.e., what a Jesuit has said after he has said it, how much money the Franciscans really have, and how many orders of nuns there are. The other two things have fled from memory). Catholics poking fun at themselves – we like that, too.

And we like a leader, any leader, with smarts tempered by compassion. We like that Pope Francis speaks for the poor. We like that he stands fast for the morals of the Church yet visited an AIDS hospice and washed the feet of those suffering there. We like that he used to pastor a difficult city, Buenos Aires, and understands the needs of a congregation of sinners. We like that he is outspoken against the economic disparity between the rich and poor and works to bring equality.

We like that he's the first non-European pope in more than a millennium and the first from South America, heralding a new day in church history.

Most of all we like that he brings hope as a new and untarnished world leader. Not just for the Roman Catholic Church, but also for the hopes of all of us living in a world currently run on greed and corruption and fear that here is an example of someone, anyone, in power actually concerned for the future of the rest of us.

The Internet is buzzing with typical pique that Francis is opposed to homosexuality, including gay couples adopting or having children through artificial insemination. We assume his rigid belief comes from adherence to Church doctrine and non-fiction theological page-turners. But we assume this belief carries over into deploring sexual abuse. Although four percent of all men, according to researchers, are child molesters whether they are priests, preachers, coaches, generals or politicians, Francis seems like a man whose mind is open and heart is actively seeking goodness, bliss even. We hope he will recognize the difference between criminal acts and love where sex is concerned.

Mostly it's Francis's Christ consciousness that inspires us. Feed the poor. Comfort the afflicted. Honor the earth. Forgive the skewed. He chose his name well. Francis of Assisi ate with lepers, embraced poverty and believed God told him, "Rebuild my church."

It takes a strong man to teach men to be strong. And we like that, for once, we have a world leader we can emulate without going to jail for doing what they do.



The Pursuit Of HAPPINESS

by Dan Krotz

The passage of Senate Bill 134 says that life begins at conception. Recall, if you will, that 9th grade health class film where we watched little packs of sperm swimming up the River of Delight to Momma's Egg Farm. "Bang!" we'd yell when they arrived, much to Sister Gonzaga's embarrassment. Anyway, that's conception.

Nailing down the very moment life begins is important because it involves not only time, but money and feelings, too. We know that responses to conception range from "Hey, Judge, I was at the back of the line," to "I feel the earth move under my feet I feel the sky tumbling down!" We are grateful to the social engineers, theologians, scientists and physicians at the state legislature for clarifying the matter for us.

Now that life begins at conception, at least here in Duggarville, things *have* become a bit knottier. Does it mean that child support payments should begin the morning after a half remembered but pretty jazzy Saturday night? Well, why not? Pregnancy isn't cheap and there's no reason why Sheila ought to tote the whole weight her own self (as Dan Jenkins used to say). And why should Dads miss morning sickness, or that strained announcement to the new grandparents? At the very least he should make a few *nolo contendere* payments. I wonder if our legislators are thinking about it? About backdating child support payments, I mean, and the whole "don't look at me" fee.

I also wonder if we can claim the little pre-nippers as dependents when we file our taxes? Again, why not, especially since they hang around home these days until they're at least thirty? Wouldn't it be nice to get a nine month early bird discount since so many of our nests never seem to empty? We should talk to our Representatives about this.

These two amendments would get a little of Dad's skin in the game. Maybe we should time and date stamp the ears of sperms – like we tag cows with numbers – to make sure the right Dad gets the credit, and a timely deduction. It's possible: just slip a probe up the old urethra and...

INDEPENDENT Constables On Patrol

MARCH 4

7:49 a.m. – Individual spoke with a constable concerning harassing communications, but she did not want to file a report at that time.

9:29 a.m. – The same individual decided to file a report regarding harassing communications.

9:30 a.m. – Passerby captured a stray Pit Bull on U.S. 62 and brought it to the pound.

12:50 p.m. – Another vagabond dog was held at a place of business until Animal Control could pick it up.

1:46 p.m. – Owner of a business downtown asked the constable on patrol to pick up an important piece of mail delivered to the wrong address.

2:26 p.m. – Storeowner asked for constable assistance because a person was in the store yelling at him and refusing to leave. Constable was able to resolve the difficulty.

6:00 p.m. – Constable picked up an individual from the Pulaski County jail being held for failure to pay fines for obstruction of justice.

MARCH 5

2:15 p.m. – Witness told ESPD of a van on U.S. 62 passing other vehicles recklessly and almost causing accidents. Constables looked for but did not come across the vehicle.

MARCH 6

3:23 a.m. – Doctor at ESH needed assistance in restraining a patient who was reportedly impaired and threatening suicide. Constable responded.

10:36 a.m. – Individual was arrested on felony warrants out of Missouri for failure to appear on drug charges.

2:08 p.m. – A Chihuahua was rampaging along U.S. 62 toward the western edge of town, but Animal Control never encountered the beast.

11:50 p.m. – As a result of a traffic stop, the driver was arrested for DWI, refusal to submit, failure to use turn signal and driving on a suspended license.

MARCH 7

1:42 a.m. – Constable responded to ESH to get a report of a patient with a cat bite. Animal Control will follow up.

7:53 a.m. – Clear Spring School reported several bags of trash had been placed on their property. Constable spoke with a neighbor who had placed them there and who also cleaned up the situation.

10:18 a.m. – Motel personnel reported vandalism to a room overnight.

1:53 p.m. – Individual was hitting windows and doors at the elementary school with a baseball bat. She fled to Berryville where she was arrested.

4:25 p.m. – Two vehicles had an accident near downtown partially blocking an intersection. No injuries.

4:29 p.m. – A father came to the station to report an

altercation between him and his son that had just occurred.

5:34 p.m. – Central dispatch alerted ESPD to a group of six to eight individuals in a van going door-to-door posing as magazine salesmen but apparently trying to steal prescription drugs.

7:51 p.m. – Resident in a neighborhood just east of downtown reported a female came to his house purportedly selling magazines. She asked to use the bathroom, and then she left. She soon returned saying she had left her allergy medicine in the bathroom, and the resident caught her going through the medicine cabinet. She fled in a green van carrying other passengers. Constable initiated a traffic stop on the vehicle and identified all the occupants. Berryville police asked for an interview because of an earlier theft of medication in Berryville. The individuals were escorted to the Berryville police department for an interview.

10:36 p.m. – Traffic stop resulted in the arrest of the driver for failure to appear to answer charges of resisting arrest, domestic assault and failure to pay fines for DWI, driving on suspended license and public intoxication. The individual got a ride to the county jail.

MARCH 8

7:13 a.m. – Someone slashed the tires on a van belonging to a hotel.

8:35 a.m. – A wife told ESPD she was following her husband's girlfriend who was driving with a suspended license. The girlfriend drove to ESPD with the wife following her, and the girlfriend was arrested for driving on a suspended license. The wife was also arrested for driving on a suspended license.

11:58 a.m. – Constable responded to a report of an individual selling cleaning supplies on North Main but did not encounter the vehicle.

5:39 p.m. – Individual came to ESPD to report a physical altercation between herself and another employee at a restaurant. In gathering information, the constable learned the owner did not want the complainant to return to his property.

5:57 p.m. – All units were on the lookout because of a welfare concern for an individual who visits Eureka Springs often.

6:50 p.m. – Central dispatch alerted ESPD to a person who had told them he was having suicidal thoughts. Constable responded and cleared the scene for EMS who transported the individual to ESH for observation.

7:58 p.m. – While at a traffic stop, constables heard a female nearby scream for help. One constable responded, and encountered a verbal altercation. No report necessary.

MARCH 9

12:45 a.m. – Pedestrian said he was walking along U.S. 62 toward a motel when a passing vehicle stopped and one of the occupants asked him if he needed a ride. When he declined the offer, the occupants made rude comments to him and then drove quickly away down a side street. He just wanted ESPD to know about the incident.

5:20 a.m. – There was a dead deer on U.S. 62 just east of the city limits. Constable on patrol made sure it was off the road.

11:18 a.m. – ESH asked to speak with a constable about a 16-year old individual who had come to the emergency room.

MARCH 10

3:12 a.m. – Eyewitness reported seeing a vehicle hit a street sign at an intersection downtown and then drive away. Constable determined the sign was okay but rocks at the base of the sign had been damaged. He did not encounter the vehicle.

5:58 a.m. – A fallen tree obstructed part of U.S. 62 just west of town. Constable moved it off the roadway and Public Works will remove it.

6:25 a.m. – Person in Little Rock told ESPD he was concerned about an individual in Eureka Springs who had talked about suicide recently and now was not answering calls. Constable responded to his address but got no response. Apartment manager opened the door, and they discovered the person had taken some prescription sleep medication but was okay.

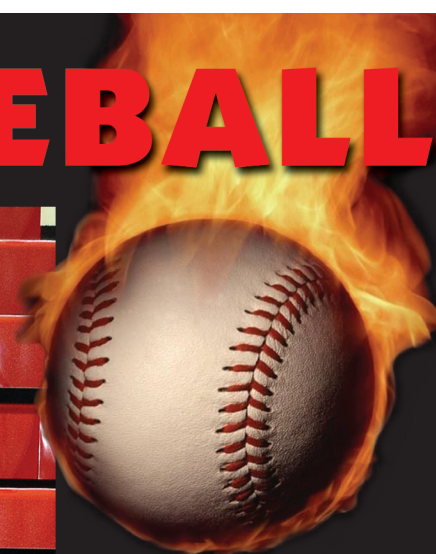
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A pancake breakfast is planned the morning of the race. Gerald's in Holiday Island will host a silent auction and spaghetti dinner Friday evening before the event and is donating one dollar for every meal served. The event raised over \$10,000 for Ovarian Cancer Research at MD Anderson during its first three years.

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I often ask myself why I have this deep need to work on a conceptual art piece – devoting endless hours, cash and energy to a project that I know full well won't make a penny, will have a limited audience with many scratching (or shaking) their heads, all the while stressing out as it gets closer to "Showtime."

My understanding partner of 20 years asks the very same question – only more often.

And so it goes with "Graven Images" (insert shameless, self serving plug here) a large-scale installation and exhibit I've had in the works for more than a year and, if all goes as planned, will be actualized at the end of this month, starting Good Friday.

For many artists, explaining one's work – the dreaded artist statement – is more difficult than producing the work itself. I have yet to master the art of "art speak" and am in awe of artists who can whip-off an artist statement that's intelligent, enlightening, concise and most important, not too pretentious.

People will see what they want



Tchotchkes inside Rankine's home studio. Graven Images opening reception is Friday, March 29, from 5 – 9 p.m.

to see, but a well worded, to-the-point artist statement can help inform the viewer of where the artist is coming from, at least from his or her perspective. With a contemporary, conceptual art installation, a well-fleshed-out artist statement is imperative, lest the observers leave clueless.

Graven Images is a collection of found objects (tchotchkes) collected over a long period of time at flea markets, yard sales and thrift stores. These plastic and ceramic bunnies, Santas, angels, unicorns and snowmen, etc., grow out of my fascination, maybe obsession, with Jungian archetypes and motifs,

childhood innocence and parental "white lies," the indoctrination of religion, Bible stories like Moses and the Golden Calf, idolatry, shrines, indigenous animal totems, Paganism, commercialism, kitsch and artists like Jeff Koons and Marcel duChamp.

My artist statement needs to convey to the observer why a large collection of objects or tchotchkes arranged in a large space is art, and not just a bunch of tchotchkes arranged in a large space. Or at least why I believe that to be the case.

"Graven Images examines man's innate need to create icons, and the cultural effects modern day idolatry plays in society, by exploring the spiritual, emotional and commercial responses evoked by these archetypal motifs."

Close, but I could definitely use a class in Art Speak.

INDEPENDENTArt

Calling all singers

A Carroll County Interdenominational Choir is being formed to sing at the Passion Play sunrise service on Easter Sunday, March 31, at 7 a.m. There will be one rehearsal on Thursday, March 21, from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. at Valley View Baptist Church on Hwy 62E.

Anyone and everyone is welcome! No experience necessary. Pastor Acra Turner from Rock Springs Baptist Church will be directing. For more info please call (479) 244-6481.

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Opening Night at the Pine Mountain Theatre is Friday, March 15. Come enjoy some musical family fun and see what's new for the current season. Show at 8 p.m., Gospel pre-show begins at 7:30. For tickets, call 253-9156.

Community invited to join The Sphere project

Come down to Basin Park at 3 p.m. on Friday, March 15, and play with the Creative Energy Project and the Eureka Springs Downtown Network. Be one of the first to make your piece of the Eureka Springs Chamber of Commerce Community Sphere! Painted sticks will be distributed for people write on and/or embellish. There will be no public view of what the spheres will look like until the launch party on May 4. Sphere artist Robert R. Norman will be on hand to help shape your artistic contribution. The event is free and open to everyone.

Chair-ity takes a seat, requests "pre-viewed" art

The Eureka Springs School of the Arts is calling for previously purchased art that may now be looking for a new home. ESSA is accepting donations now for the Re-Art Chair-ity silent and live auction fundraiser on April 1 at the Inn of the Ozarks Convention Center beginning at 6:30 p.m.

The live auction will consist of Re-Art Chair-ity

chairs created by several noted local artists. There will be food and great music by Magic Mule along with wonderful silent auction items. Anyone interested in donating a repurposed art item for the silent auction, please call ESSA (479) 253-5384.

ESSA Director Peggy Kjellaard with Robert Norman's Poseidon's Throne from 2012 Chair-ity event

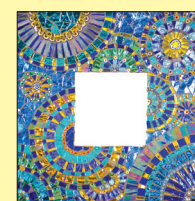


Be on the cutting edge with a Mosaic Mirror Workshop

Learn to use beautiful glass and millefiori designs to create distinctive decorative patterns on glassware at the *Cut Glass Mosaic Mirrors* workshop sponsored by ESSA

at the Fran Carlin Studio, 55 N. Main St.

Millefiori derives from the Italian words, "mille" and "fiori" meaning "thousand flowers." Fran's



focus is design, color, and technique – all of which she will share with her students. She will also teach the basic mosaic techniques of glass cutting, application to the base and grouting.

Space is limited, so register now online at www.ESSA-Art.org, or call (479) 253-5384.

Ballinger facing foreclosure

State Rep. and Berryville attorney Bob Ballinger, who defeated Butch Berry of Eureka Springs in the November 2012 election to represent Carroll County and other parts of northwest Arkansas known as District 97, could lose his home in Hindsville according to a list of Madison County foreclosures. The property with three bedrooms and two baths that sits on two acres (m/l) is in preforeclosure, and unless arrangements are made with lien holder, JP Morgan Chase Bank, the house will be auctioned on the steps of the Madison County Courthouse on April 1.

Ballinger serves on the Judiciary Committee; Agriculture, Forestry and Economic Development Committee; House Juvenile Justice & Child Support Permanent Subcommittee of Education; House Parks & Tourism subcommittee; Joint Committee on Energy; Joint Performance Review Committee; and is an alternate on the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee.

Farmers' Market Corner

Sycamore Bend Farm: Good food the natural way

Andrew and Madeleine Schwerin operate Sycamore Bend Farm on the bottomland of Keels Creek three miles southeast of Eureka Springs. The Schwerins and five month-old baby, Beulah May, live in a yurt and created their homestead to sustain a simple life with sales of vegetables in Eureka Springs and Fayetteville.

One half acre is used for the production of vegetables on the farm, which incorporates other plants and animals to accomplish a cycle of productivity, counting on natural processes to make the farm work. Chickens provide bug control while giving eggs; and a small cow, due to have her first calf this summer, keeps the grass down and will provide milk. The animals fertilize the fields and two dogs keep deer and rabbits from the garden and possums and raccoons away from the chickens. Two cats help keep the mice and voles under control.

Woods and Keels Creek surround the four-acre pasture. Along with plantings of herbs, flowers and

native plants, these areas provide habitat for wildlife and keep everything in balance. Compost and straw are provided for the wide permanent vegetable beds, creating a healthy soil that allows intensive growing. The Schwerins employ much of what they learned while living and working at Foundation Farm with Patrice Gros.

All crops are certified organic, and almost all farming is done with manual labor and simple hand tools. "We show our plants some love and they give us delicious food back," Schwerin said. "We couldn't have built the farm without support of the community and other area farmers. The patrons of the Farmers' Market and a couple restaurants in town have sustained us, and we are especially grateful to our neighbors and landlords for their support and help."

Find the Schwerins' organic produce at the Farmers' Market at Pine Mountain Village Thursdays from 9 – noon.

TheNATUREofEUREKA by Steven Foster

The remarkable mume

A few years ago I bought several medicinal trees from a nursery in Oregon, Forest Farm, including three species of hawthorns (*Crataegus* species) used for the management of heart conditions, and three species of willows (*Salix* spp.) with high levels of salicin, the chemical precursor that led

to the synthesis of aspirin just over 100 years ago. All those trees, which were six feet tall when I planted them, were eaten to the ground by deer in a few weeks.

One tree from the shipment survived – a Japanese apricot also called Chinese plum – *Prunus mume*.

In Japan it is called *ume*. In China the fruits are simply called *mei* and the flowers are called *mei-hua*. I call it mume (pronounced moo'-may).

Originating south of the Yangtze River in central China, it was domesticated more than 3,000 years ago. Along with Buddhism, it arrived in Japan in the 7th century. In 1844, plant explorers introduced it into western horticulture. Today in China there are more than 3,000 varieties, some grown for the beautiful flowers, others for the edible fruit.

Last year I had a few flowers on the tree, but this year it has been in glorious full-bloom since the last week of January. The tree is a famous symbol of spring and lives to a very old age, with Asian specimens well over 1,000 years old, often at Buddhist temples. You've seen it in movies such as *The Last Samurai* (2003).

Mume is remarkable for its very early blooming period, even

withstanding hard freezes in winter. The one-inch diameter white, pink, or red flowers exhale a divine fragrance, inducing one's eyes to roll to heaven as one's knees buckle in delight. The flowers have variations of benzyl acetate derivatives – a sweet fragrant note used in the perfumer's secret alchemy.

More than 30 Chinese researchers contributed to a paper "The genome of *Prunus mume*" published in *Nature Communications*, 27 December 2012, which details the tree's complete genome sequence. They discovered the genes responsible for the regulation of the tree's early blooming, genes that enhance the tree's resistance to microbes and those responsible for the biosynthesis of the flower scent.

The keys of science have now unlocked Mume's secrets long enjoyed by appreciative humans.



Enjoy the sun with hikers March 18

Everyone is welcome to join the Holiday Island Hikers every Monday morning, rain or shine. Usual meeting spots are the Holiday Island Rec Center at the golf course parking lot, 13 Buckskin Lane, or at Hart's parking lot in Eureka Springs.

Hike ratings are Easy: paved, gravel trails, few hills; Moderate: natural paths with tree roots, rocks and some strenuous hill climbing; Difficult: Longer hikes with difficult climbs and bushwhacking.

Next up is an Easy-rated two mile hike March 18 at the railroad tunnel and right of way at Livingston Hollow. Meeting place is Sunfest parking lot on Hwy. 23N at 10 a.m. Lunch will be at The Office Pub. On March 25, the hike will be a four-mile meander at Lost Bridge Trail followed by brown-bag lunch and a bonus hike at Indian Creek.

See a full hiking schedule at www.hisid.info. Hiking boots and poles are recommended for moderate/difficult hikes. Always carry a water bottle and dress in layered clothing. If weather is questionable, a cancellation notice is sent to everyone on the email list one hour before meeting time. Call Hiker Coordinator Connie Stielow at (479) 253-7931 with questions or email hihikers@yahoo.com.



Another airlift – Arkansas State Police and area emergency personnel responded to Hwy. 23 N near Eureka Springs after a single vehicle accident occurred shortly before noon March 13. The driver of this late model Chrysler PT Cruiser was transported by ambulance to a landing zone at Gaskins Cemetery and was airlifted by helicopter for emergency treatment.

PHOTO BY DAVID FRANK DEMPSEY



American legend – Zeek Taylor takes a moment to visit with Daisy Rockwell, granddaughter of Norman Rockwell, in front of one of her grandfather's original oils at a preview show at Crystal Bridges March 7. The painting, one of 50 on display, was once used on the cover of the *Saturday Evening Post*.



Water bearer – Eureka Springs firefighter Josh Beyler pulls hose from a tanker to fight a brushfire approaching a house at 2722 County Road 102 south of Eureka Springs on March 13. The fire covered about an acre before it was contained.

PHOTO BY DAVID FRANK DEMPSEY

COUNCIL – TAXI continued from page 1

Jay McDonald said he has been in the hospitality business for 20 years. “I love Fuzzy to pieces, but it is hard to get a response for guests.” He commented it was a godsend when another taxi service came to town. “Customer service is how we make a living, and if we can't get a cab when we need one, it sucks.” He said he sees White trying, but it is not enough.

When council got its turn, alderman David Mitchell was first to speak, acknowledging White's contribution to the city over the years, but said he had heard enough input from citizens through emails and over the phone to think there is a need for another taxi company in town.

Alderman Joyce Zeller agreed. She said AT is capable of doing the job, the application is complete and she also heard from many businesses

and the Chamber of Commerce about the need for another taxi company. She moved to grant Abundant Transportation the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity.

Alderman Mickey Schneider pointed out business people in town see the situation differently than locals who have known White for many years. “When we have as many business people come forward, it tells me we have a need,” she said.

“The public hearing was not intended to be an indictment of Eureka Taxi,” alderman Dee Purkepile stated. Like other aldermen, he said he had received many emails from business people urging council to allow a second taxi company to operate. He concluded the city should act to fill the void and supported the application.

Vote to approve the application from AT was 6-0.

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.

“Jimmy-e-e-e,” his grandmother screamed as she stopped his weather report. “You know better than to say words like that. What have I told you about cussin’?”

“But, Grandma,” the young rebel argued. “It’s so damned cold it would make anybody cuss.”

“Susan, you take that boy out of here and whup him or I’ll do it myself. You both know that when I say I’ll do anything, I’ll do it. Now do you want to do it or will I have to do it?” Susan led the resisting boy from the room, aware that she was going to have to do some fast thinking.

Her husband was the unadmitted authority in that household. His decisions had never been questioned. She was still undecided concerning punishing the boy for repeating what he heard every day from other male members of the household. She led the boy outside behind the smokehouse in the back yard.

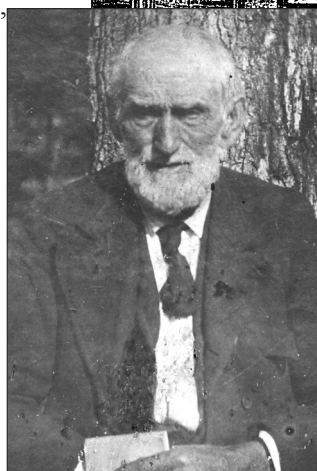
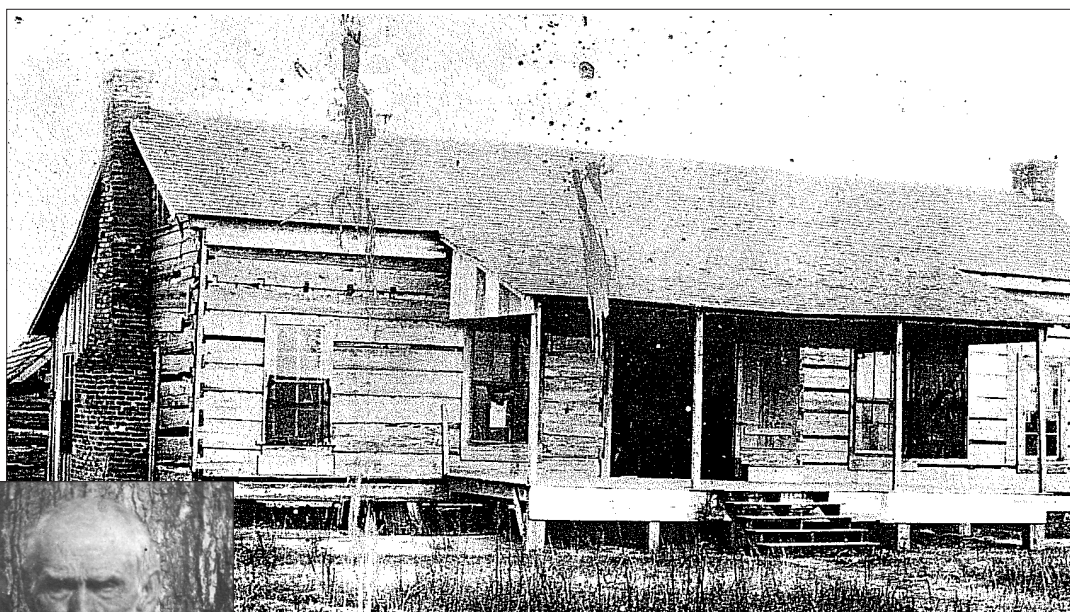
“Jimmy,” she told him. “Your grandpa says I’ve got to whup you and I jest can’t make up my mind if it’s right or not! But I reckon that until I do make up my mind, he’s goin’ to have to think I did.”

She pulled a switch from a nearby peach tree and stripped the remaining leaves from it, saying to the cringing child, “Jimmy, I’m goin’ to hit my skirt with this limb loud enough for your grandpa to hear it in the house. Every time I hit my skirt I want you to scream. Do you see what I mean?”

Beginning to smell a plot and conspiracy, the boy nodded with an impish grin on his face. “Thwack.” The switch came down on the heavy woolen fabric of the skirt that reached her ankles.

“Scream, Jimmy,” she directed in a lowered voice.

“Owee-e,” the boy’s scream rent



the air. Three times in quick succession, the switch came down on the heavy, flowing skirt. Each time, the scream grew louder. Then throwing the switch down by the tree, Susan said, “Now

let’s go inside and Grandpa will think I whupped you. That’s what he thinks you needed and maybe it was, I jest don’t know yet. I’ve got some thinkin’ to do on this matter, but you better watch your step, young man. The next time may be for real.”

Aware that Grandma was on his side in the silent battle which seemed to be eternally going on between him and his grandfather, Jimmy rubbed his eyes until they were red and had all the appearance of recent crying. He walked back into the house where his grandfather had resumed his dozing, confident that justice had been served.

Little Jimmy went back outside in search of more mischief, secure in the new-found knowledge that Grandma was his ally in case he should need her in the future.

Susan leaned back in her chair, closed her eyes and wrestled with her conscience. This day, for the first time in thirty years, she had lied to her husband, if not in words, certainly in deed, which

according to her evaluation was just as bad.

She was not happy about what she had done in siding with the boy. Her mind went back to the cold morning five years ago when she had carried the small blanket-wrapped form home and made a solemn promise to him and herself that she would never let harm come to him. Now she was faced with the question: Would more harm come to him if she allowed him to grow up without discipline? She had no answers.

“Poor little tyke,” she defended her actions to herself, from unknown accusers. “He ain’t got no real mammy of his own. Somebody has to hold up for him once in awhile or he will think nobody loves him.” She tried to peer into the future and see if she would be called upon again and again, as time went on, to defend him from maybe more serious behavior than what he had been guilty of today.

There were no immediate answers to her perplexing problem. She would have to wait and let time and the boy himself provide answers.

It was nearing the Christmas season. The Gaskins family was getting ready for the holidays as was customary. Because they had more room in their house than any of their neighbors, they always invited their neighbors for the Christmas dance.

“I don’t feel just right about it, Johnny. With our Sammy in his grave for less than a year. Somehow I don’t feel like celebratin’.”

“I know, Susan, but life is fer the livin’. You say yourself that we can’t live in the past. We are livin’ in the present. Sam wouldn’t want us to grieve fer him and not allow the rest of the family to enjoy Christmas. We’ve got to think about the others, too.”

“I reckon you’re right. You almost always are, but even while the others are dancin’ and havin’ a good time, I’m goin’ to be thinkin’ about him. I ain’t never goin’ to forget our Sammy.”

“Nobody expects that, Susan, but we can’t let it spoil the Christmas plans fer the others.”

The plans for the holidays were brought to a halt one Sunday morning when Nancy and Tom Clark returned from Sunday school, hand in hand. They had walked home ahead of Susan, Mary and Little Jimmy. According to prior plans, they had come to talk to the girl’s father alone.

As they entered the room, Gaskins dropped his feet from the chair in front of him and tried not to let his previous nap show on his face.

Before his courage left him, Tom Clark said, “Mr. Gaskins, I want to marry Nancy. I guess it may be a surprise to you but it is not a sudden notion for us. We’ve been-a thinkin’ about it for some time now. I guess I’ve wanted to marry her since the first time I saw her.”

“Oh you have, have you?” Gaskins asked the scared young man. “Well hit don’t come as no surprise to me, young man. I ain’t blind an’ I know when young men are makin’ sheep’s eyes at my girls. I ain’t too old to remember that. Now tell me, supposin’ I would give my consent, what kind of arrangements have you made to make her a livin’? You can’t live on love, you know, and besides that, what’s her Ma going to say? I ain’t the only one to have something to say in the matter.”

“Astrology is...”

Mercury retro in Pisces turns stationary direct **Sunday** (St. Patrick’s Day). Mercury stands still for three days before slowly moving forward. All that we held off (big purchases, decisions) can move forward now. Slowly and carefully.

Early morning **Wednesday**, Sun enter the fires of Aries and spring, (northern latitudes) begins. Spring Equinox is always International Astrology Day. Honoring this I quote the Tibetan teacher Djwhal Khul [Dwa-Kool] on astrology (written by Alice Bailey, his amanuensis). **Esoteric Astrology**

“Astrology is essentially the purest presentation of occult truth in the world at this time. It is the science of conditioning and governing energies and forces playing through and upon the entire field of space and all that is found within that field (Earth, planets, etc). When this fact (of astrology’s significance) is grasped and the sources of those energies are comprehended, when the nature of the field of space (it is an “entity”) is correctly understood, we shall see a far wider and more closely related horizon; the relationships between individual, planetary, systemic and cosmic entities will be grasped, We

shall then begin to live scientifically. Scientific living is the immediate purpose of astrology.

“Astrology, the greatest & oldest science, must be restored to its original beauty and truth before the world can gain a truer perspective and a just and accurate appreciation of the Divine Plan, expressed through the Ageless Wisdom Teachings. I endeavor to demonstrate that all-pervading unity and underlying synthesis which is the basis of all religions and the many transmitted forces (heavens)...showing how you are part of a greater whole of which you can become consciously aware...”

ARIES: Your ruler is Mars, the planet of desire and aspiration. Aries are the initiators of the zodiac. That’s why Aries is bold, brave and courageous. Your presence makes an impact. You are charismatic, at times a bit provocative. You respond with immediacy to new situation, with passion to new endeavors, and with fearlessness when danger appears. One day you become a scholar.

TAURUS: You are quietly assertive. Often, slow to anger. You see no need for undue and unnecessary conflict. This is what Venus would say. Venus is your protector. During these days you tend to work alone, quietly researching, attaining goals that will affect the future of humanity. You see migrations everywhere and so are preparing to help humanity in need. You will achieve your mission. You are steadfast. Sometimes alone.

GEMINI: You are highly intellectual by nature. Mercury, Hermes and Thoth all see to it. These are your mentors on inner levels. You are able to recognize the newest of things in the world. Quietly you assess them. Then you distribute this information, especially (and sometimes only) to the groups and friends who belong to you. You think about the collective life, a place to express your deep warmth. You long for it.

CANCER: You think about your

destiny. Sometimes you’re moody. The moon, which you resemble and who watches over you, makes that so. You apply great effort these days to all endeavors. You have goals and plans, charts and lists of things to accomplish. You seek to have more beauty around you and gradually this can be seen in your life. Bravo for all the work you’ve accomplished. Bravo. The color green/blue is important.

LEO: It feels as if a personal reconstruction will be occurring the next months. As your emotions deepen it could feel like a crisis about to happen. Things hidden surface. Something about inheritance or investments, complex fields of endeavor, begin to be of interest. Death and sexuality, possessions and money are remembered and assessed. Whatever occurs, you become the phoenix, rising from the ashes of the past. You are purified and strengthened.

VIRGO: Sometimes, in relationships with others you begin to think competitively and perhaps create a situation where an energetic dual begins. You seek sometimes to assume authority and thus control situations. These are symptoms of someone learning how to lead and be in charge. Let us say now that you are excellent in all that you attempt to do. You become accomplished and successful. You are a leader. Recognize this.

LIBRA: You’re dedicated as a worker, serving others, helpful and caring. When holidays arrive, you’re the first to assist those in need. You’re practical, efficient and progressive. You love to laugh. Many are happy to work with you at their side. You teach others who look up to you. In your daily work your greatest abilities come forth. Use this same focus on your health and with your family. And someone you’ve left behind.

SCORPIO: No matter what others are doing at this time, you need more leisure and creativity as an outlet for your energy to express itself. You need festivals, games, projects that are long term. You need children, at times the desert, hot and dry. You need tenderness and care. You need love. Always you are responsible. Who loves you in return?

SAGITTARIUS: It seems you have several different identities. When out and about you show your outside face; happy-go-lucky, professional, fun-loving, playful. Then you go home and another identity comes forth. All of a sudden you have energy for projects and activities. You become instinctual and protective, working hard, taking charge, investing in your home (and yourself). At times you’re restless, moody and the past re-surfaces. It’s all temporary. Have fun with it.

CAPRICORN: So many ideas come forth with so much information to

communicate and impart. Careful driving and performing regular tasks. You have a passion for intellectual tasks. Take time with them. They build your mind. Communication and study are forms of taking action. Be alert for restlessness. In the middle of a spacious room begin to shake all over (several times a day), draining lymphs and liberating frustration. Take your vitamins, too.

AQUARIUS: As you act (work) in the world so will your earnings increase. You’re concerned with material security, always seeking the right place, home, community, group of people to live with. Let it serve a higher purpose... for example, “my home will be a foundation from which my creative artistry comes forth.” No more storage units or possible warehouses. You need a home to call your own. For protection, for affection, for emotional investment. You’re capable and worthy of this.

PISCES: You will, for a while, feel a bit combative and powerfully so. You are seeking to conquer and retain a state of self-identity, action-oriented and practical. Such an impetus calls to you and all experiences in life help you find this new self-identity. Especially when you hurt and feel sorrow. You become the warrior (like a Scorpio). As you mature you see that you have been triumphant. Maintain compassion even when wielding a sword.

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4th Friday Fun After 5 and Street Market

March 22 from 5 – 7 p.m. the Eureka Circus takes over with hoopers, jugglers, face painters and more. Come dance to the DJ and help create a circus in Basin Park. Shops will feature sips and snacks, restaurants will have dining specials and pubs will have drink specials during the two-hour pep rally of fun! Come eat, drink, and play starting in Basin Spring Park and wind your way throughout the downtown.

There will also be a Circus Arts art show for students of all ages. Bring your art to Basin Park at 5 p.m. Participate in a reception for the art and perhaps receive an award (based on ages) or a People's Choice award. Art size should be no larger than 11 by 17 in. - all mediums on paper are welcome.

And don't forget the 4th Friday and Saturday Eureka Street Market! This new event takes place the 4th Friday and Saturday March through November on Main Street featuring artists, crafters and buskers.

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connection in the community, which has been thirty years, her whole life, right here. She has been employed here and her parents live here. Given her links to the community, I don't think she'll run. And of course, there is a presumption of innocence that protects the defendant in all proceedings."

Crow said he set conditions for Smith's release should she post bond. "She is to have no contact with any public school officials or be on any public school grounds, and she is to be at the Carroll County Detention

Facility every Monday morning at 8:30 to report in. If she messes up any of the conditions, she will be put in jail and there will be no bond. She understands those conditions."

Crow also said Smith's attorney has requested she have a mental evaluation at Ozark Guidance in Springdale. If granted, all legal proceedings will be suspended until the evaluation is completed and the court rules on the defendant's competence.

Smith was still in the detention facility as of Wednesday morning, March 13.

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about Delirium Tremens (severe alcohol withdrawal), reviewed it and included it in Stanec's jail records. The article explains that this is a serious medical condition which is life threatening and requires immediate medical attention and hospitalization.

Stanec was left in the cell all night with no more checkups. The next day at 8 a.m. he was found unconscious on the floor with a body temperature of 87°. He was transported to the hospital and airlifted to St. John's in Springfield. The hospital found that Stanec had had a seizure, renal (kidney) failure, hypotension (abnormally low blood pressure), acute pancreatitis and severe dehydration. He spent 37 days in the hospital including 11 days of intensive care.

All defendants were accused of

violating Stanec's 14th Amendment right to due process – which basically states that when you deprive someone of their freedom you must do so fairly and justly. The suit says Stanec was denied the right to be "reasonably safe" while in detention, and denied access for medical treatment for a serious condition which would be easily recognizable by a reasonable person.

The defendants were also accused of violating the 8th Amendment's prohibition of cruel and unusual punishment, and of being in violation of the Arkansas Constitution's Article 2, Sections 2 and 9, which basically correspond to the US 14th and 8th amendments.

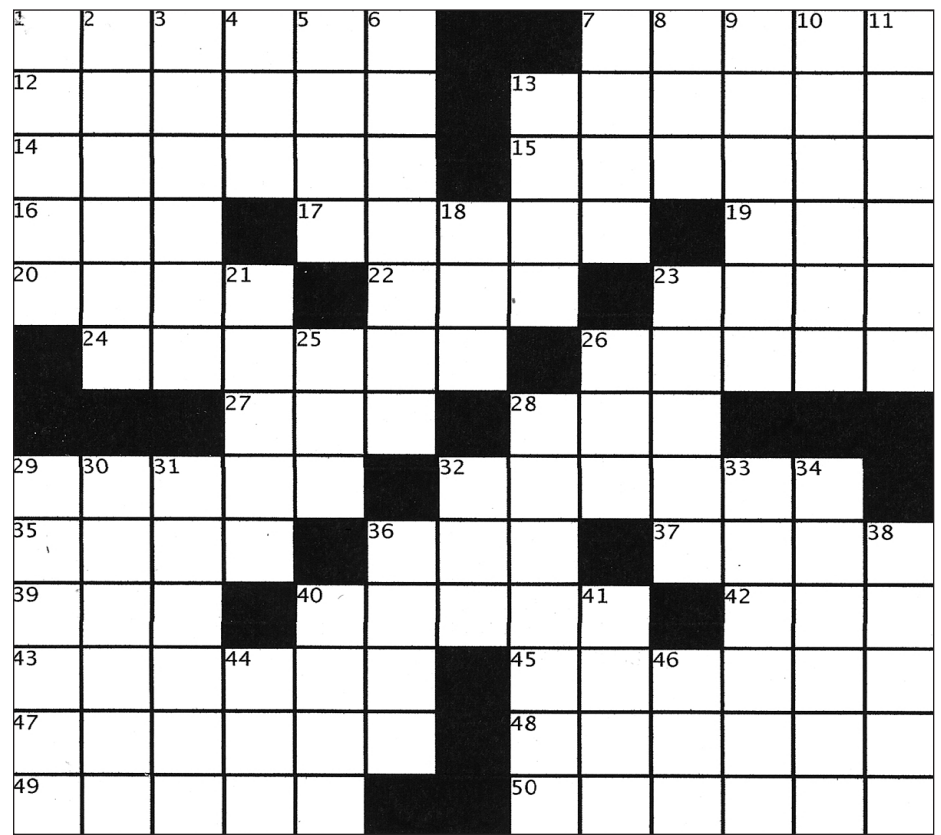
The suit sought compensatory and punitive damages, costs, attorneys' fees and expert witness fees. A jury trial was requested.



INDEPENDENT Crossword

by Chuck Levering

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ACROSS

1. Despot
7. Spirited, brisk
12. Combine operator
13. Defensive encampment
14. Electrical measurement
15. Printing mistakes
16. Teachers sometimes have one
17. Statue signifying acting excellence
19. British raincoat
20. Frozen water vapor
22. Arab market
23. Two-wheeled transportation
24. Pressed
26. Women put these on every morning
27. A primary color
28. Lettuce type
29. Part of a table setting
32. Conduit
35. Conservative talk

- show host Limbaugh
36. Peter Pan's friend, for short
37. Everybody knew his name in *Cheers*
39. Make a choice
40. Some are counted at night
42. A lower digit
43. Stab
45. South American mammal
47. Implant
48. Make tighter
49. Extend a subscription
50. Goes into

DOWN

1. Snares
2. One who lives south of Saudi Arabia
3. Bird of prey
4. Copy
5. Roman fiddler

6. Hairy
7. Young salmon
8. Pierce spot
9. Asexual
10. Directors may order this
11. CSIs look for these
13. Plumber's bane
18. Cows chew it
21. Value
23. Washing bowl
25. Originally called
26. Watch chain
28. Wedge-shaped
29. Correct
30. Wolf-like
31. Behind the boat
32. It holds a ball
33. Put in writing
34. Food seller
36. Hone
38. Methods
40. Large flatbottomed boat
41. Prescribed course of action
44. Fish eggs
46. Place

This week's Community Datebook

Daily: 3 p.m. Attractions ticket giveaway in Basin Park

Friday, 15:

- 9 a.m. – 4:30, Community-wide art, crafts, yard sale, silent auction and bake sale, Passion Play grounds

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

- 8 p.m., Pine Mountain Theater season opening, Gospel pre-show at 7:30, Pine Mountain Village

Saturday, 16:

- 9 a.m. – 4:30, Art, crafts, yard sale, silent auction, bake sale. Live auction 1 p.m. Passion Play grounds.

- noon - 6:00 p.m., Ladies Auxiliary, Grassy Knob Volunteer Fire Department "Chili Day," Community Center, 12307 Highway 187. (479) 363-9544.

- 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.

Sunday, 17: 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., Antique Show, Inn of Ozarks, \$5 (free with Fri. or Sat. ticket)

Monday, 19: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Character, Setting and Dialogue in Creative Writing workshop, Garden Bistro, \$45. (479) 292-3665.

Wednesday, 20: 3:30 – 5 p.m., Foundation Farm's *Preparing a Garden Bed* (hands-on, at farm), (479) 253-7461 to register.

Thursday, 21:

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

- 6 p.m., Poetluck Literary Salon, Writers' Colony at Dairy Hollow, 515 Spring. Bring potluck Free.

Friday, 22:

- Daytime, Eureka Street Market with artists, crafters, buskers along Main Street.

- 5 – 7 p.m., Eureka Circus, DJ, fun in Basin Park, free event.

- 7 p.m., Jason Crabb Concert, Passion Play amphitheater, \$10 in advance, greatpassionplay.org

CCSO alerts young drivers – zero tolerance for underage drinking

Carroll County Sheriff's Office Lt. Michael Zimmerman announced the Carroll County Sheriff's Office will conduct sobriety checkpoint, saturation patrols and stepped-up enforcement until March 17 and from April 12 – 21 looking for impaired drivers – especially young adults and teens who choose to drink and drive.

The mobilization coordinates with television and radio ads reminding the public there is zero tolerance for those under 21 who decide to drink and drive. CCSO will be out in force, placing an emphasis on violators of Arkansas' Underage DUI Law, which makes it illegal for anyone under 21 to drive with a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) of .02 or above.

"For a young driver, this means one drink is all it takes to be impaired," Lt. Zimmerman said. "Impaired driving is not just another traffic offense, it is a serious crime that often causes needless deaths and injuries. Our message is simple, 'Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over.' If you are over the limit, we will arrest and prosecute you. No exceptions. No excuses."

Laws in all 50 states make it illegal for those under 21 to consume any amount of alcohol. For more information on the campaign, contact the Arkansas Highway Safety Office at (501) 618-8136 or visit www.TrafficSafetyMarketing.gov.

Red Cross looking for "Real Heroes"

The American Red Cross Northwest Arkansas Chapter requests your help identifying and recognizing local heroes for true acts of selflessness and courage with the Red Cross "Real Heroes" award. Nominees may be friends, family members or neighbors who will be honored during the "Celebration of Heroes" benefit ceremony Saturday, May 4, at the John Q. Hammons Center in Rogers.

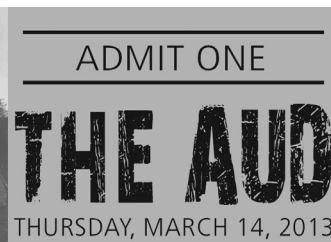
Support American Red Cross by nominating a hero, becoming an event sponsor, or making reservations to attend the benefit ceremony. Proceeds benefit local Red Cross disaster relief and emergency services. For ticket information and nomination forms, visit redcrossnwa.wufoo.com.

AUDacious by Ray Dilfield

Not all that long ago, theater technology consisted mostly of rope, pulleys, sandbags and – if you were really advanced – 200 watt incandescent lights on rheostat dimmers. Times have changed, even here in our little historic hall. We've recently made a few technical advancements that are slowly but surely bringing us up to competitive levels with "the big boys."

I mentioned earlier the new WiFi-linked thermostats installed as part of our new HVAC systems. The ability to remotely bump up the heat several hours before people start arriving for a show is a real convenience. It's also really nice to be able to check the building's temperature on cold winter nights without having to make a special trip to make sure things aren't in danger of freezing.

Then there's the batch of special spotlights we recently acquired from Rogers Little Theater. These were used to good effect to provide additional dramatic



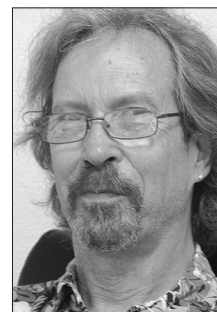
lighting for last weekend's *We've Got Talent* show.

We've also recently taken delivery of new accessories for our lighting system that will greatly enhance the looks of our shows and the speed and efficiency with which we can change from one set-up to another. We found a great deal on a batch of used color scrollers. To explain, a little background:

Previously, in order to light the stage in a number of colors (what we call a *color wash*), individual lighting instruments had to be dedicated to each color by the placement of a fixed color gel in front of each lamp. Since it can take six to eight instruments to adequately

wash the stage in each color, trying to provide multiple colors quickly used up our total inventory of available instruments.

A color scroller is a computer controlled device which fits onto the front of a lighting instrument and contains a string of fifteen different colored gels strung together on spools much like a window shade. With the addition of a second control cable from the tech area in the rear of the auditorium to the stage, our existing lighting control board is capable of providing the control signals to make each of our 10 scrollers change colors at will. This will enable us to free up instruments and dimmer channels to provide some striking lighting effects we were previously unable to accomplish. It will also dramatically reduce the time and labor required to change over the stage from one production to another.



Perkins Mill dry barn lumbers into new life

C.D. WHITE

There's new life on the top of Center Street at German Alley. The big red barn so familiar to locals has been buzzing with activity in its recent incarnation as Eureka Auctions & Market.

In the 1890s W. O. Perkins walked into Eureka Springs carrying a few woodworking tools. By 1897, Perkins' factory contained 8,520 square feet of floor space with the most up-to-date machinery. The home, mill, sale barn and offices still standing on Center Street have gone through many changes and owners over the years.

Thanks to Carly James, who recently leased the Perkins barn from owner Bill Rubley, the property is returning to its more recent history of being a fun and interesting place to buy and sell. As a combination consignment sale, booth sales and auction house, Eureka Auctions & Market will once again be a place to hunt for treasure.

James, who has lived in Eureka Springs for eight years, opened Funk'n Eureka, a small eclectic resale store, on US 62 near Onyx Cave Road in 2011. When the opportunity to move into town came up, she simply handed the business over to her friend Courtney Duncan as a way of "passing it on."

"It's just good karma," James said.

Keeping Funk'n Eureka stocked took a lot of effort, so James came up with a better idea. "In order to keep our stock consistent we had to go to auctions, go through people's personal stuff and go to a lot of yard sales. After many long nights of driving back from auctions I thought, 'Why not bring the auctions to me instead of going to them?' That's where the adventure begins. First, I studied long hours and traveled to Little Rock to take the final oral and written exams for my Certified Auctioneer's License. I have always loved the Perkins Lumber dry barn and thought it would be perfect with parking across the street, plus it would be bringing a beloved building back to life."

The adventure continues. Eureka Auctions & Market is now in the midst of a soft opening with a grand opening to follow when the weather warms up. "We are currently taking consignments until the fifteenth of every month in preparation for live auctions. We're getting ready for the first auction on Thursday, March 28, at 6 p.m. and will be taking items for the auction in advance so we have time to advertise and log them. In the meantime we're looking for weekend vendors, too," James said.

In addition to taking consignment items for sale, there will also be a weekend flea market where anyone can bring goods and sell to the public from 8 a.m. – 6 p.m. Friday through Sunday on a "bring your stuff and



Labor of love – Carly James and Burt Hamilton opened Eureka Auction & Market in the old Perkins Lumber dry barn at 78 Center Street last week. They plan to hold the first auction in the historic building March 28 at 6 p.m. Meanwhile, the public is invited to contribute consignment items and/or stop by to see what's going on.

PHOTOS BY DAVID FRANK DEMPSEY

pack up what's left and take it with you at the end" basis. The cost is \$30 per day or \$45 for the entire weekend.

Consignment items as well as weekend booth sales first have to be approved by calling Burt Hamilton, James's event coordinator. Auctions will continue on the last Thursday of every month through December. James plans to close the business for January and

February and reopen in March.

"I think people will love this once they stop by and see what we're doing," she said. They will also enjoy the music of various street musicians popping in and out to play throughout the day during the sales. Anyone wishing to sell during the weekend or bring in items for auction or consignment should call Burt (479) 363-4326 to make arrangements.



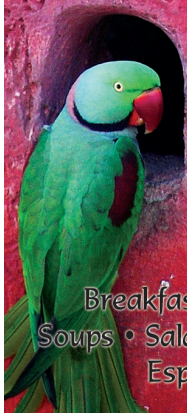
Park bark – I'm Emerson, and I can get kinda naughty when I don't get enough exercise. The dog park in Rogers is too far to go – we need one here in town! Please come to our next meeting, March 27, 6 p.m. at the Library Annex. And march with us in the St. Pat's parade! Bring your master and meet at the PO at 1:45 p.m. Saturday dressed in green. Also, we still need help with the parking lot Sunday, March 17. Watch for updates and "Like" us on Facebook (Eureka Springs Dog Park). Contact Rachel 244-9151 or Bill 253-2658 for info or to volunteer.

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INDYSoul

by Gwen Etheredge

"If you're lucky enough to be Irish, then you're lucky enough."

St. Patrick's Day is celebrated around the world from Dublin to Singapore to Eureka Springs, with the oldest parade originating in Savannah, Georgia, in 1813. Originally a religious holiday falling during Lent, restrictions on meat were waived and families could drink, dance and feast. That is how we celebrate here in our corner of the world, and leading the pack, being a biker friendly Irish pub and grill, is **THE PIED PIPER CATHOUSE LOUNGE**. The party starts with Keith Nicholson performing in the Cathouse Lounge on Friday and Saturday night. Listed as a blues/rock/jam artist, this Fayetteville musician is an ace at entertaining the small, intimate settings.

Saturday the Pied Piper Beer Garden will be open and rocking with the sounds of Jason Gordon, Canadian-born singer/songwriter whose latest album *Born to be* is a collection of rock you won't

forget. Next on the outdoor stage is Ice Cold Fatty, a newer local band billed as Ozark Mountain psychedelic rock. The third act on Saturday is Honky Suckle, a Southwest Missouri band that blends punk and rock influences with roots music to create a sound that the crowd loves.

The St. Paddy's Day Bar Hop this year is a self-guided tour starting after the parade. Gather a group and visit these green-friendly establishments at your leisure: Pied Piper Cathouse Lounge, Henri's, New Delhi Café, Eureka Live!, Squid & Whale, Jack's Place, Voulez-Vous and Chelsea's.

Dirtfoot will perform Sunday at 3 p.m. in the Pied Piper beer garden, ending our Irish celebrations on a high note. Calling themselves a gypsy punk country grumble boogie, they have been a favorite at Wakarusa for the past five years. An eclectic sound from a group that wants audiences to be involved and forget about their troubles for a while, Dirtfoot is so versatile that fans of country, rock, bluegrass and roots music will be ecstatic.

FRIDAY – MARCH 15

- CHASERS BAR & GRILL *Slam Boxx*
- CHELSEA'S *Mountain Sprout*, 9 p.m.
- EUREKA LIVE! *Drag Event featuring Felicia Blackheart, Jazmyn Turell & River Wilde*, 10 p.m.
- 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** *DJ Goose* Karaoke, 8 p.m. – midnight
- **LUMBERYARD RESTAURANT & SALOON** *DJ Karaoke*, 8 p.m.
- **NEW DELHI CAFÉ** *Craig Kinsey w/ The Sideshow Tramps and Hank Schyma w/Southern Backtones*
- **PIED PIPER CATHOUSE LOUNGE** *Keith Nicholson*, 8–midnight
- **ROWDY BEAVER** *Left of Center*, 7:30 p.m.
- **ROWDY BEAVER DEN** *Pieces of Dreams*, 9 p.m.
- **SQUID & WHALE PUB** *Brother Bagman, Blues*
- **VOULEZ-VOUS** *Sean Calvin & The Dirty Truth*, 9 p.m.

SATURDAY – MARCH 16

- **BLUEBIRD LODGE** *Brick-Fields Band*, 2–5 p.m. *Benefit for Brodie Edgar*
- **CHASERS BAR & GRILL** *Ozark Thunder*
- **CHELSEA'S** *Skinny Gypsies*, 3 and 9 p.m.
- **EUREKA LIVE!** *Drag Event featuring Felicia Blackheart, Jazmyn Turell & River Wilde*, 10 p.m.
- **EUREKA PARADISE** *Live Music*
- **GRAND TAVERNE** *Jerry Yester Grand Piano Dinner Music*, 6:30–9:30 p.m.
- **JACK'S PLACE** *Blew Reed & the Flatheads*, 9 p.m. – closing

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 - **PIED PIPER BEER GARDEN** *Jason Gordon*, 12–3 p.m., *Ice Cold Fatty*, 4–8 p.m., *Honky Suckle*, 8 p.m. – midnight
 - **PIED PIPER CATHOUSE LOUNGE** *Keith Nicholson*, 8–midnight
 - **ROWDY BEAVER** *RockHouse*, 8 p.m.
 - **ROWDY BEAVER DEN** *Pieces of Dreams*, 9 p.m.
 - **SQUID & WHALE PUB** *SX Rex*, 6 p.m., *R.J. Mischo & his Red Hot Blues Band*, 9 p.m.
 - **VOULEZ-VOUS** *Sean Calvin & The Dirty Truth*, 9 p.m.
- SUNDAY – MARCH 17**
- **CARIBE** *A celebration of life for Manny Ortiz featuring Maureen*

- Alexander at 5 p.m. and Angelo at 7 p.m.*
- **CHELSEA'S** *Skinny Gypsies*, 4 p.m. *St. Patty's Party!*
 - **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** *Jason Gordon*, 1–4 p.m.
 - **PIED PIPER BEER GARDEN** *Dirtfoot*, 3–5 p.m.
 - **ROWDY BEAVER** Free pool
 - **SQUID & WHALE PUB** "Local Kine" *Showcasing local talent*
- MONDAY – MARCH 18**
- **CHASERS BAR & GRILL** Pool Tournament, 7 p.m.
 - **CHELSEA'S** *SpringBilly*, 9 p.m.
 - **SQUID & WHALE PUB** Disaster Piece Theater
- TUESDAY – MARCH 19**
- **CHASERS BAR & GRILL** Dart Tournament

- **CHELSEA'S** Open Mic
 - **LUMBERYARD RESTAURANT & SALOON** Pool Tournament, 6:30 p.m.
 - **ROWDY BEAVER** Hospitality Night
 - **SQUID & WHALE PUB** Taco Tuesday \$3 Margaritas til 6 p.m.
- WEDNESDAY – MARCH 20**
- **CHASERS BAR & GRILL** Beer Pong
 - **CHELSEA'S** Drink and Draw w/ Bob Norman, *Betse Ellis & Arkansas Red*, 9 p.m.
 - **LUMBERYARD RESTAURANT & SALOON** Ladies Night–Happy Hour all night
 - **NEW DELHI CAFÉ** Open Jam
 - **PIED PIPER CATHOUSE LOUNGE** Wheat Wednesday *Draft Beer Specials*
 - **ROWDY BEAVER** Wine Wednesday
 - **SQUID & WHALE PUB** *Gypsy*

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THURSDAY – MARCH 21

- **CHASERS BAR & GRILL** Taco & Tequila Night
- **CHELSEA'S** Jazz Night, 9 p.m.
- **GRAND TAVERNE** *Jerry Yester Grand Piano Dinner Music*, 6:30–9:30 p.m.
- **LUMBERYARD RESTAURANT & SALOON** Dart Tournament, Taco and Margarita Night
- **SQUID & WHALE PUB** Open Mic

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May Street Festival Participation Rules and Policies

Spring Street will be closed to motor traffic for the festival. Saturday, May 25, 11 a.m. – 8 p.m. Set up: May 25, 8 – 10:45 a.m.

Application deadlines: To be included in *all* publicity: April 8. If space is available, applications will be accepted until May 1, but late entries will not receive advance publicity or be included in the May Festival of the Arts Guide.

1. All work must be original, handcrafted work. One of a kind work is preferred and encouraged.
2. Submit application including an artist bio, samples of your work and/or link to website showing work.
3. Reproductions and limited editions of original work are allowed.
4. Artists may display an Artist Statement, with the artist's picture, describing how and by whom the work is made and the materials used to make the work.
5. Artists must be present with their work for the entire day of the Festival.
6. All work must be for sale.
7. Booth/display areas:
 - A) 38 on-street 10x10 ft. spaces are available. First right of refusal is given to the gallery/retailer nearest to parking spot. Cost: \$50 per space.
 - B) 8 10 x10 ft. spaces are available in Basin Park. Cost: \$75 per space.
8. Four chalk street art areas will be masked off; two on Main and Spring; one halfway up Spring; and one at Spring and Mountain. Cost: None.
9. Two kids' areas will be masked off in Basin Park. Cost: None.

Buskers and other performers not requiring staging, tents or tables will be located at various points on Spring Street in the marked yellow loading zones.

Email artscouncileureka@gmail.com to participate.

Cocktails for a Cause

Raise a glass and plunk down a can or two to help restock the Flint Street Food Pantry's shelves at Cocktails for a Cause at Chelsea's on March 21 from 5 – 7 p.m. Drink and Draw artists will be displaying their work – so it's also a great chance to support local artists. Proceeds from the \$10 cover charge will benefit Flint Street and ESDN.

And don't forget the ESDN Open Meeting, a great place to network, share and get involved in doing good at 9 a.m., March 21, in the Carnegie Library Annex on Spring Street. The meeting is open to all area business owners. This month's sponsor is Moxxy Ox Printing. Door prizes and info provided.

Farewell, Manny – Our much loved traffic officer, Manny Ortiz, passed away this past Friday. There will be a special Drumming in the Park with Angelo Yao Friday evening, March 16, 6 – 8 p.m. as a benefit and celebration of Manny's life. Donations will be appreciated. Another life celebration will take place Sunday, March 17, starting at 5 p.m. at Caribe. Music will be by Maureen Alexander and Angelo Yao. Cash donations will be accepted at the door and can also be made via the Eureka Springs Police Department.

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Yeah, but, who's that guy with Mike Bishop? – Obviously we know which is the most famous around here, but the other guy is Elvis aka the King (Dean Z). Elvis helped entertain a crowd of several hundred who turned out to watch the first Southwest Airlines flight land at Branson Airport at the huge tailgate party March 9.

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Hold that tiger! – A female tiger named Walter takes her first steps in a new home at Turpentine Creek Wildlife Refuge March 8. She looks just a bit miffed at being moved without her permission but is expected to settle in nicely. Walter was one of the last two tigers rescued from Riverglen Sanctuary in Crawford County. The transfer of 28 animals, dubbed the nation's largest big cat rescue, took a lot of preparation for each cat and 128 days to complete.

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Yards for Dogs – a field of dreams

Lifestyles of the poor and forgotten dogs of Carroll County will soon improve, thanks to a kick-start by Brashears Furniture, Cornerstone Bank and an anonymous donor to Go East Young Dog's "Yards for Dogs" fundraising initiative.

Go East Young Dog shelters 30-45 dogs at a time while they are awaiting

adoption and transport to new homes in the northeast. Due to facility limitations, the dogs are currently housed in indoor pens. GEYD is adoption focused and tries to limit each dog's stay at its kennel, but some dogs wind up spending several months. Housing dogs for extended periods in buildings filled with caged, barking dogs is far from an ideal

environment, and can make dogs less socialized and less adoptable. Dogs need fresh air, exercise and socialization, and this fundraising campaign aims to give it to them.

Go East Young Dog's kennel is located on a large piece of land southwest of Berryville, which is well suited for dog play yards and runs. The goal of this fundraising campaign is to build five or more permanent outdoor play yards and runs. Project funding is "by the yard," with each \$50 donation buying one yard (3 linear feet) of 6 ft. tall, commercial grade chain-link fencing.

An anonymous donor has generously offered \$3,500 to the cause as matching funds, so each yard of fencing donated doubles to two. The

\$1,000 donations from Brashears and Cornerstone Bank, when matched, will build the first two 20 ft. X 40 ft. play yards. Donations can be made to Go East, Young Dog, 1233 Bunch Springs Rd. Berryville, AR 72616, or through Paypal at www.goeastyoungdog.org. Donations of less than \$50 are also welcome and appreciated.

In its first year of operation, Go East Young Dog has adopted out more than 250 dogs to good, well-screened homes. Most of these dogs would likely have been euthanized or lived out miserable lives without this new dog rescue.

Go East, Young Dog, Inc. is an IRS-recognized 501(c-3) public charity and donations are tax deductible.



"We'll take 40 yards, please" – Doug and Susan Brashears, left, of Brashears Furniture, and Autumn Hudgins and Mary Gott of Cornerstone Bank each present Go East Young Dog with \$1,000 donations to kick-start the Yards for Dogs fundraising program. The donations, along with matching funds, will build two 20 ft. by 40 ft. play yards for homeless dogs, the first of a planned five outdoor yards and runs in the dog rescue's Field of Dreams. Accepting the donations are GEYD director Bill King, center, with kennel caregiver Malcolm Mayes far right, and a group of grateful pups.

GSH Shelter's green Spring Fling brings deep discounts

Fling into spring at the Good Shepherd Animal Shelter and get 75 percent off adoption fees for all adult animals. To receive the discount on an adoption, just bring any *green* item a cat or dog would enjoy (toys, treats, etc.) to the shelter. Fees

include spay/neuter and all shots. This discount only applies to adult animals, as, in most cases, they have been at the shelter longer.

Spring Fling runs from March 16 – 20. You don't even have to be Irish to get in on this lucky deal!

From the **GROUNDUP** by Andrew Schwerin

The world that isn't us

Aphids are tiny soft-bodied bugs with tiny needle-like mouthparts that pierce into a plant and suck the sap. Sap is sugar and other nutrients the plant has produced from air and sunshine, and is transported down the leaves to the rest of the plant. There are many kinds of aphids spanning many insect families with most species having just one host plant to live on.

Aphids generally reproduce without sex. Females will give birth to a hundred live mature aphids. Not just that, but these aphids are born with

another generation of aphids already developing within them. It takes them about a week from their birth to start giving birth to the next set of aphid clones.

Aphids don't get enough protein from sap. A species of bacteria has evolved to live within the aphid. It receives life support inside the aphid's body, and is able to convert the sap's amino acid glutamate into protein for the aphid. The aphids excrete the excess sugars from the sap as *honeydew*. Ants love the sweet honeydew so much they will patrol up and down a plant that has

aphids to protect aphids from predators like ladybugs.

Some ants go beyond simple protection and further domesticate their aphids. Ants will move aphids around the plant to sweeter areas. Ants can "brand" newborn aphids with their colony's scent. Some aphid species have developed a holding chamber in their bodies, and when an ant comes and tickles them, they release their honeydew.

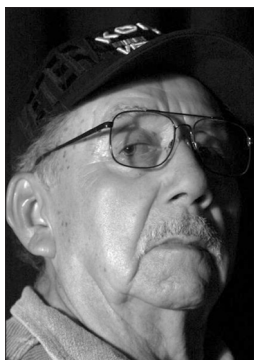
Ants create underground chambers near the plant's root system and shepherd the aphids underground for

winter. Aphids continue to feed on plant roots and produce

honeydew which the ants "milk." To keep their aphid herd healthy, and to meet protein needs, ants will eat a portion of newborn aphid "veal."

These examples of symbiotic relationships are a few of the billions that form the web of life and death we call nature. The book and documentary *The Private Life of Plants* by David Attenborough are filled with these stories.





ORTIZ

Manuel "Manny" Ortiz, Jan. 2, 1933 – March 8, 2013

Manuel "Manny" Ortiz, a beloved downtown traffic control officer, died suddenly last Friday of a heart attack. Manny had worked for the Eureka Springs Police Department for 20 years.

"Manny was a peace officer, traffic coordinator, downtown fixture, comandante with a heart as big as California," one close friend said. "Who

knows how many hundreds of parades he harmonized? Even when he was giving you a ticket he made you feel good."

He is survived by his fiancée, Robin Collins, and numerous nieces and nephews.

There will be a memorial service Friday, March 15 at St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church on Crescent Drive at 6

p.m., and a Celebration of Life Sunday evening, March 17 at Caribé Cantina with plenty of music, singing, dancing, toasting and love.

Manny was photographed for the Community at Peace installation in 2009. He was proud to be a Navy veteran and wanted to wear a Korean War cap for the photo.

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workshop. They voted to have Bright look into getting a line of credit for as much as \$100,000, but borrowing any amount over \$50,000 would need to be approved by the commission.

Bonus plan

Ragsdell explained the bonus plan implemented in 2011 had been the idea of commissioner Lynn Bridwell. The plan was attractive enough to lure Maloney into his position, but Schmid noticed the plan had no cap and no safeguards to protect commissioners from finding themselves in a situation like they are in.

Foster also took exception to the fact that income Bright had generated by correcting a collection error was included in the total increase in collections and therefore a factor in figuring bonuses. She thought the intent of the bonus plan should not include a one-time windfall like this one.

Ragsdell said he had spent time in the corporate world and his primary pay came through earning bonuses. However, one stipulation was that if he went over budget, he was disqualified from earning a bonus. He encouraged the commission to update their bonus plan to tie bonuses to staying within budget. He pointed out the onus of watching the budget was not just on Maloney but the responsibility of all staff.

Schmid insisted any bonus plan should be reachable, and the extra oversight of quarterly reviews would help staff achieve their goal.

Foster said she liked Ragsdell's suggestion. She also wanted to go on record that she thought Maloney had earned his bonus, and she wanted to

add the topic of bonuses to the next workshop agenda.

Maloney said staff at CAPC, unlike other city employees, had not received cost of living adjustments, and the only way for them to get an increase was through bonuses. However, he agreed it was time to have "that discussion." He said the commission needed to abide by budget constraints and a discussion at the next workshop was a good idea. He also wanted to speak with staff in the next two weeks to hear their thoughts about the bonus plan.

Folk festival and bluegrass festival

Ragsdell said the folks at WoodSongs Old-Time Radio Hour have a weekend available in October, and he wants to bring them to Eureka Springs to record one of their shows at the Auditorium as part of the Folk Festival. The cost would be \$40,000, which would include lodging, food and getting them here.

He said WoodSongs has a strong international audience and having the show in Eureka Springs would bring invaluable public relations. Also the broadcasts are archived online, so the Eureka Springs show could be seen over and over by fans anywhere in the world. Ragsdell said it would be possible Michael Johnathon, producer of the show, might put Eureka Springs into the rotation as a venue for future broadcasts as well.

Maloney said the Arts Council has applied for grants to help allay the costs, and the grants could bring as much as \$25,000, but it is too early to know the outcome of the grant search. The Arts Council also is looking to add crafts people to the array of attractions at the festival.

Ragsdell said the advertising Eureka Springs would receive from WoodSongs being here would far outweigh the expense, and he said he expects they could offset at least half the cost through ticket sales. He estimated they could sell 900 tickets at \$35 and even have sponsorship or VIP level prices.

"I like it," McClung said. "As far as bang for the buck, it's a tremendous value."

Maloney said they would need to start selling tickets soon, and he noted WoodSongs would do some of the promoting as well.

Schmid said it would be a mistake not to do it.

Bridwell made the motion to move some of the funds previously budgeted for FeatFest to help pay for bringing WoodSongs to town, and the vote to approve the motion was unanimous.

For the Bluegrass Festival, Maloney said they already had \$10,000 set aside in the budget, but Joe McClung said he would need \$15,000 to produce it. At the Feb. 27 workshop, the commission had agreed to make up the difference with \$5000 from the FeatFest line item, so they voted unanimously to transfer the funds.

Director's report

Maloney said analytics show that potential visitors are starting to look at the website again and plan their vacations. He pointed out 35 percent of the viewers use either an iPad or an iPhone.

He also learned to his surprise that word is not out yet around the state about the rebirth of the Great Passion Play. He said he was asked repeatedly at a convention in Little Rock what Eureka Springs would do without the Passion

Play, and the point for him was that bad news travels really, really fast and good news is still not there yet.

Maloney announced the first musical performance at the GPP grounds in a long time would be Friday, March 22. Grammy-winning Christian singer Jason Crabb will perform at the GPP amphitheater, weather permitting.

Maloney also opined that Eureka Springs businesses took a hit during the month of December when the status of the GPP was in limbo.

He said the Arkansas Department of Parks and Tourism has identified four age groups they can target with specific advertising. Generationlists are the geriatric set. Before them are Baby Boomers preceded by Gen Xers, those around 25 years of age. Younger yet are the Millennials, whom Maloney described as "those born with an iPhone in their hands."

The 80 million Boomers are the biggest candidates for advertising because "that's where the money is," he said. This year he is looking to expand his reach to Boomers in the six-hour drive market that includes Omaha and Memphis, or what he termed "the low-hanging fruit."

Geo-tracking is a technology that allows an advertiser to target specific neighborhoods in a city, and Maloney said when he begins in mid-April to promote the May Festival of the Arts, he will be able to target neighborhoods most likely to respond in the usual targets of Wichita, Kansas City and Dallas/Ft. Worth.

Next workshop will be Wednesday, March 27, at 4 p.m., at the CAPC office.

Next meeting will be Wednesday, April 10, at 6 p.m.

James Roger “Jim” Duffy, Oct. 7, 1948 – March 5, 2013

James Roger “Jim” Duffy of Eureka Springs passed away peacefully surrounded by his family on the March 5, 2013, after a six month battle with cancer.

He was born October 7, 1948, in Gregory, South Dakota to Dan and Mildred Duffy.

In 1970, he graduated with a Bachelor’s Degree in Business Administration from Mankato State



DUFFY

University in Minnesota.

Jim moved to Eureka Springs via Key West in 1975. He married Patricia Brown in September of 1975, and they had three children together, Laura, Crystanna, and Graham. Jim spent the next 35 years working as a general contractor building mostly custom homes in and around Eureka Springs.

He was an avid gardener,

amateur ornithologist and all around lover of nature. He also had a passion for Japanese maples, bonsai, traveling the world, art, design and opening a nice bottle of wine. He was also a devoted sports fan, including a lifelong fan of the Yankees.

Jim was a devoted husband and loving father and grandfather who will be greatly missed. He is survived by his wife Patty; daughter, Laura, and her husband, Tony Collins; daughter, Crystanna,

and her husband, Ben Cox; son Graham, and his fiancée, Caroline LaRosa.

Jim was “Happy Papa” to grandchildren Addison, Brayden and Choyce. He is survived by his father, Dan Duffy, and siblings, Dan Duffy, Greg Duffy and Charlene Hartwell.

A family memorial was held March 10, and a Celebration of Life will be held later this spring. In lieu of flowers please send donations to pancan.org or audubon.org.

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against the hunt – moronic? I did not know of the people out banging on pots and pans, had I known I might have gone out and added to the bedlam. ‘Course I would probably been sent to jail. Were they harassing the hunters or the deer?

Since most of the victims were does, I imagine the bucks will now have virtually a field full of sweeties to help double the population next year at this time. I like deer, I think probably God likes deer as he put them here, didn’t He? I live in the city limits, have multiple flowers and shrubs and don’t have a problem with deer. I put up repellants (green zest and Irish spring) hung from shrubs liberally. ‘Course I have to take the Irish Spring down on St. Paddy’s Day. And stop feeding them in the city, let the country people do the feeding, many do.

As for the car vs. deer accidents, are they more frequent than people who cause wrecks? DWI the most? Next year maybe we should have a hunting season for drunks? Maybe use dum dums rather than bows and errers and leave the deer alone.

Bill Pugh

Brusha, brusha brusha, get the new Ipana

Editor,

Ms. Mannering writes she believes fluoride to be unnecessary and toxic

when added to drinking water. She has clearly explained the folly of adding another dangerous chemical to drinking water and why it is not a solution to tooth decay. Again, it is drinking water, the stuff you make tea with, coffee and a host of other drinks, plus the water itself which you cook with... if you are really thirsty you might drink a lot of it, say while you’re working outside on a hot summer day. Could that be too much fluoride? Do the proponents of fluoride really know? Apparently they do not.

If you believe that fluoride is such a swell idea, what will you think when they decide to put some kind of sedative, like a liquid Valium, in the water to relax people? Using the fluoridation proponents’ logic, wouldn’t this be a good idea in a city like Detroit with a high murder rate? Perhaps if dental industry folks really believe that fluoride is such a good idea, they ought to hand out pills or mouth washes in schools and teach the children how to brush their teeth – in other words, proper oral hygiene. That would insure the right dosages are safely given without the necessity of slop-shooting dosages into the water with random and sometimes unwanted results on the public, in a one size fits all approximation.

Rick Burry

Tourists driving away tourists

Editor,

During the past two years biker traffic has been down over 50

percent in Eureka Springs, the reason being unseasonably hot summers. Notwithstanding, overall revenues are up. How so? When bikers lined Main Street and filled the parking lots they drove away tourists more interested in trendy shops, good food and art as opposed to motorcycle art, tattoos and the latest aftermarket noise enhancing mufflers. For the most part, bikers are daytrippers who drop by for beer and burgers. Their biggest contribution to Eureka being a sharp increase in noise pollution.

An increase in noise pollution from motorcycles can drive away tourists. For example, last year two couples that lodged at the Angel at Rose Hall left Hot Springs in order to get away from the motorcycle noise. Both couples were bikers. Granted, towns like Sturgis can tolerate bikers for a week. No tourist town can survive an entire summer of bikers.

So why would a tourist town be willing to distort its values to accommodate motorcycle tourism? The easy answer would be money. But that’s not the whole story. The answer is numbers. Tourism runs on traffic, and motorcycles bring visitors. When tourist destinations sense their numbers are dropping, they tend to look to “the low-hanging fruit,” which in this case is motorcycle tourism. But whether that type of tourism best fits their existing businesses or their community culture is another issue. These value choices are extremely

important: these choices shape the culture in which we live. The people here seem to care about what fits and what doesn’t.

The numbers are in and demonstrate that increasing bikers traffic does not guarantee higher revenues. To the contrary, the numbers demonstrate that bikers can be detrimental to business in a small town.

Bob Jasinski

Putting food on tables

Editor,

We at Flint Street Fellowship are grateful to Jeff and Christina Danos for the wonderful help they have provided our food pantry with canned goods collected through their Zombie Crawl last Fall and now Zombie Tag at Lake Leatherwood on March 2. A great deal of food was collected which has helped our ministry immensely.

While helping to feed those in need in this area, they are also providing great fun for adults and kids. Jeff and Christina have truly generous and sincere hearts about helping the community. I’m sure we are expressing not only Flint Street’s gratitude, but also that of everyone for the many ways the Danoses are helping Eureka Springs. God bless them and everyone who contributed to these events.

Pat Kasner

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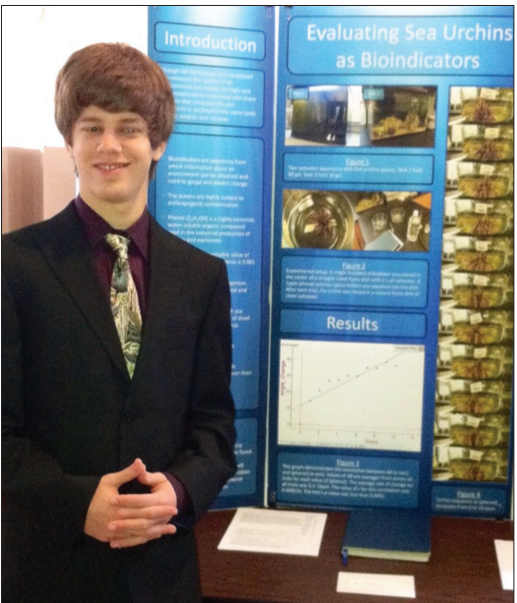


She's out! – Lady Highlanders catcher Jordan Moyer tags out Hackett's Maria Carter in the first game of a doubleheader at Van Pelt Park Tuesday, March 12.

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Wilson Guillory Wins Awards

Wilson Guillory, son of Daren and Jessica Guillory of Eureka Springs, has advanced to Finalist standing in the National Merit Scholarship Program for 2013. Guillory attended Clear Spring School through 10th grade and now attends the Arkansas School for Math, Sciences and the Arts. He advanced to the finalist stage based on SAT scores, teacher recommendation and overall achievement. Guillory recently won four awards for his science experiment, "Evaluating Sea Urchins as Bioindicators," won two first place regional awards in the field of Animal Sciences, and was regional winner of the US Stockholm Junior Water Prize and the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration's "Taking the Pulse of the Planet" Award. His project now competes on the state science fair level and the national Stockholm Junior Water Prize. Merit Scholar designees



are selected on the basis of skills, accomplishments, and potential for success in rigorous college studies.

Line forms here – Terry Miller organizes the Victorian Classic in the parking lot of the Inn of the Ozarks March 9 in preparation for the big footrace. At left is Tom Scantlin.

What friends do – Austin Bunn, left, looks back to see how friend Brian Grigger is doing during the Victorian Classic 10 K race March 9. Bunn led the race by about two minutes until he was within approximately 100 feet of the finish line when he stopped running and waited for Grigger to catch up. He then fell in behind Grigger and followed him to the finish. Grigger officially won the race with a time of 38:54 while Bunn took second place with 38:55. Bunn later admitted he was pacing Grigger and let him win. During the awards ceremony Grigger said Bunn really won the race, but few people in the audience appeared to have heard him. Both men are from Carthage, Mo.

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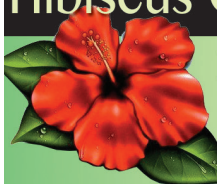


Eureka Springs High School seniors, Travis Ramsey and St. Patrick's Day parade colleen, Shelby Clark, show off their certificates after being named Elks Students of the Quarter.



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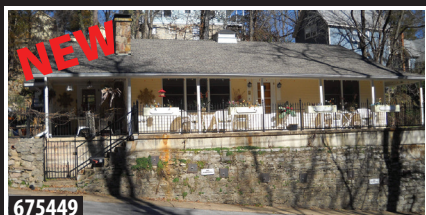




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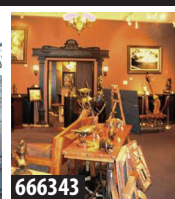
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