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This Week's INDEPENDENT Thinker

Arkansas State Senator Joyce Elliott, a smart and stylish legislator, spent Monday

morning this week asking the Senate State Agencies Committee to go ahead and be the 36th state to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment.



Thought that was over, eh?

In 1923 Alice Paul of the National Woman's Party proposed the ERA. It only took 49 years to pass Congress, which sent it to the states for ratification. It needed 38 states, it got 35.

The ERA has been brought to committee every two years since 1972, and each time legislators put it back out to pasture. Wonder why these "law" makers are allergic to women, human rights and equal pay?

EGGS-tatic! – Fifteen-month-old Aubrey Elisabeth Dennhardt with mom, Heather, was delighted to find and collect eggs for the first time in her life on the Crescent Hotel's rear lawn Easter Sunday. Mom and daughter are from Farmington, Ark.

PHOTO BY RICHARD QUICK PHOTOGRAPHY



SWEPCO planning for the future – of private land *Landowners have until May 2 to object*

BECKY GILLETTE

Property owners in Carroll County are receiving notifications from Southwest Electric Power Company (SWEPCO) about their land being used for a new \$116.7 million, 345 kilovolt transmission line that would run from the Shipe Road Station in Centerton 48 miles to a new substation near the Kings River northwest of Berryville.

Property owners are concerned about the large amount of land that would be cleared, impacts to wildlife, possible groundwater pollution if herbicides are used to keep the power lines clear, visual pollution and decreased property values. More than 800 acres of land would be impacted.

"The proposed line goes right through the back of our property on Wolf Ridge, and it will sorely affect our beautiful forested view of the White River and Beaver town to the north," said Dr. Jim Helwig, a retired geologist. "For us and our neighbors on the ridge on CR 206, this lovely

view is a major reason everyone bought here – for us, now 15 years ago.

"I do not even want to think about herbicide spraying."

Pat Costner, a retired Greenpeace senior scientist, said she is horrified at the thought of a 345 kilovolt transmission line running diagonally across the middle of her 135 acres.

"This means a swath of ground 150 to 200 feet wide will be cleared of trees and a series of towers 100 to 180 feet tall will be erected," Costner said. "My land has many lovely karst features –caves, springs, creeks – and it is home to many creatures ranging from bats, bears and coyotes to salamanders, snakes and crawdads. In my more than forty years here, I have gone to considerable effort to ensure that my land has remained undisturbed, except for my house site, and free of herbicides in its entirety. All of this is put at risk by SWEPCO's current plan and, to add insult to injury,

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Before you know it ... BAM!

We'll miss you! –

Dave and Jane Baker pause for a picture at the Spring Antique Show at Inn of the Ozarks March 15. This marked the 41st antique show Jane has organized in the last 25 years. The Bakers are retiring from running the shows and anticipate relocating to Lawrence, Kansas, in May. Antique lovers will be happy to know the shows will continue under the management of Jane's friend, Cathy Handley, but we'll miss Dave and Jane's presence at all the community services in which they have been involved over the years.



PHOTO BY DAVID FRANK DEMPSEY

Acuna-Sanchez to get further psychological testing

NICKY BOYETTE

Circuit Court Judge David Clinger presided over a hearing in the Eureka Springs Courthouse April 2 as the case for capital murder against Victor Acuna-Sanchez of Berryville moves forward. Clinger considered a motion by Defense Attorney Bill James for a continuance for the reason of getting further psychological evaluation of Acuna-Sanchez, who has been accused of the shooting death of his ex-girlfriend, Laura Acevez, of Eureka Springs on December 31, 2012.

Deputy Prosecutor Devon Closser replied the prosecution had no objec-

tion to the continuance, and Clinger ordered an evaluation at the Arkansas State Hospital in Benton. Clinger and the attorneys settled on Tuesday, July 30, as the tentative date for a hearing on the evaluation. An earlier date will be set if the evaluation is completed sooner.

Clinger set the dates of Tuesday and Wednesday, September 3-4 for hearing motions. He decided to postpone setting a date for trial pending results of the evaluation.

Another factor in setting the trial date, Clinger said, is whether or not this will be a death penalty case.

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Help Keith Hutchison

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Full disclosure fluoridation bill washed out

BECKY GILLETTE

Hopes by water operators and citizens for passage of legislation that would require information disclosing toxic contaminants in fluoridation chemicals were dashed this past week when legislation introduced by Sen. Bryan King (R-Green Forest) failed to get out of the Senate Public Health, Welfare and Labor Committee.

"I was very disappointed," King said. "I knew we had a very uphill fight because all the committee members voted for the fluoride mandate two years ago. I was very proud of the job Rene Fonseca (spokesman for the Carroll Boone Water District (CBWD) operators) did presenting the bill. He showed great character and resolve fighting for something he believed in."

Senate Bill 255, the Water Accountability Bill, was opposed by the Arkansas Department of Health (ADH), which stated it was not necessary.

"SB255 was an anti-fluoridation bill that would have demanded actions and statements from chemicals' suppliers that would unlikely have been provided," said Jeff Stone, P.E., director, engineering section, ADH. "The Arkansas Department of Health's Rules and Regulations Pertaining to Public Water Systems require that any chemical utilized in the treatment of drinking water, including fluoridation chemicals, must be certified with respect to the National Sanitation

Foundation Standard 60 (NSF 60) Drinking Water Treatment Chemicals. This is the nationally accepted method by which the safety of drinking water chemicals is ensured."

Proponents of SB 255 included the Arkansas Rural Water Association, the Carroll Boone Water District (CBWD) operators, other districts that oppose fluoridation and citizen groups. Fonseca, a water operator

with CBWD, testified at the hearing stating that none of the suppliers of fluoridation chemicals has agreed to provide information about levels of toxic contaminants such as lead and arsenic in the product.

"We do not agree SB 255 was an anti-fluoridation bill," Fonseca said. "We believe the bill was calling for full disclosure and an assurance of

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Ditched – Emergency personnel work to extricate a man trapped in his Alaska-registered Ford SUV after a one-vehicle rollover about a half-mile south of the Holiday Island entrance on Hwy. 23 N Wednesday, April 3. Due to the steep incline, rescue was accomplished with the aid of pulleys attached to trees above the site. Walter Spooner was alone in the car and conscious and alert when transported by ambulance to hospital.

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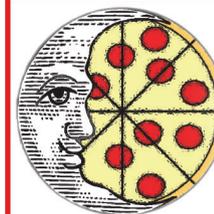
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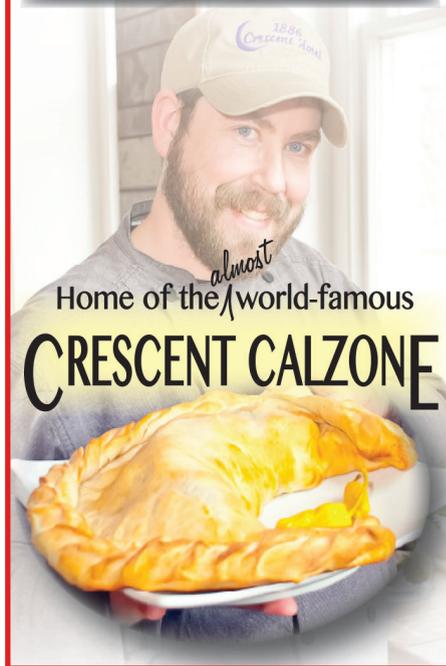
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School nutrition program wins prize; Quiz kids rule

NICKY BOYETTE

Clare Lesieur, principal of Eureka Springs Elementary School, told the school board at its March 28 meeting the elementary school had received the Bronze Level Award of the Healthier United States School Challenge (HUSSC) Program sponsored by the United States Department of Agriculture. She acknowledged Becky Sisco, child nutrition director, and Gayle Hull, Rose Dodrill, Bob Tenan and Rebecca McKinney of the child nutrition staff.

"This is a big deal, folks. I've never known a school to receive an award like this," Superintendent Curtis Turner said.

Only four percent of the 132,656 K-12 schools in the country earned this distinction, and Eureka Springs Elementary will receive a \$500 award, a plaque for the school and other items to enhance their program.

English Language Learners being underserved

"Whoever told you we don't need ELL was wrong," parent Jamie Gregg stated. He made his case to the board that using high school librarian Tracy Ledesma as the sole English Language Learner consultant was not enough and a violation of the law.

Gregg maintained more than \$9000 in state funds was directed toward ELL in the district, but records indicate the district budget listed only \$900 for this purpose. Gregg said the state intended for Eureka Springs to use its own money to fund the position over and above their support.

"There are thirty-five students who could use these services. These kids aren't going anywhere. Let's take care of them," Gregg said.

He pointed out the district states in its handbook regarding ELL, "Goal 1: To provide practical support for

English Language Learners in the development of spoken and written English, while building self-confidence and cultural awareness that is essential for success in American schools and in American society."

Depending on peers to do the task of transferring the language goes only so far. He implored the board to consider ELL when it creates next year's budget.

"Please do your homework," he said.

Gifted and Talented

Jessilyn Langley is the coordinator for the K-12 gifted program for the district. She announced the high school Quiz Bowl team took first place in the regional tournament at Union Christian Academy in Ft. Smith and will compete in April 6 in Morrilton. The winner there will go to state finals in Conway.

Langley said there are 47 students in the gifted/talented program. Usually she gets referrals from teachers, but anyone can recommend a student to be assessed for her program. Grades do not always tell the whole story about a student. They look not only for intelligence and performance on tests but curiosity, creativity, self-motivation, spatial reasoning and commitment to

problem-solving. She said a sense of humor is sometimes an indicator.

She showed the board several examples of the problems students try to solve, and the key for her is to get students beyond "There is no way to solve this problem" to a determined and creative assessment of all the facts. "Sometimes kids have to learn to think like someone else," she explained.

Other items

- All three principals told the board their staffs and students are preparing for the spring round of testing and other end-of-the-year events. Cindy Holt said the middle school had reconfigured their main entrance to bolster security.

- The board held an executive session for the purpose, according to the agenda, of discussing "Principal/Teacher Contracts 2013-2014." When the meeting reconvened after the executive session, it was announced the board would not be taking action at that time but would do so prior to May 1.

- The board approved hiring Christine Parker for the high school kitchen and the following as substitutes: Rudolph Behrens, Ben Rodda, Amanda Young, Roxie Mitchell and Mallory McCormick.

Next meeting will be Thursday, April 18, at 5:30 p.m.

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Supe looks into other job

NICKY BOYETTE

Eureka Springs School District Superintendent Curtis Turner acknowledged he had spoken to the Mineral Springs school district about their superintendent position. "I have no reason to want to leave here," he said. "I am happy here, but my heart goes out to a district in trouble."

Turner said Mineral Springs is having major financial and academic troubles, and that was his premise for talking with them. He said he had helped other schools in the state climb out of financial straits. "If I have a strength, it would be in finances," he commented.

Another reason for checking into

the opportunity is the proximity to Turner's hometown of Murfreesboro. "The district is only twenty miles from my farm," he said.

Turner also mentioned other districts have approached him about vacancies during his time in Eureka Springs and he told them he was not interested.

He said he has not heard back from Mineral Springs, and might not hear back from them. They have spoken with other people, and Turner said, "The whole thing might not go anywhere."

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Council tackles unmet needs

NICKY BOYETTE

Eureka Springs City Council spent almost 90 minutes Tuesday night sifting through lists of priorities submitted by department heads. Alderman David Mitchell said the goal for the workshop was to identify three or four objectives council could focus on. In the end, they found six.

Mitchell said they should choose items council would be willing to put money toward. Alderman Dee Purkeypile said money is the key – how much money is available? Should they choose big ticket items or a series of lesser projects? He said the city’s sewer infrastructure is a priority because its vulnerability recently reared its stinky head again at Sherwood Court. He also pointed out the fire department has huge unmet needs.

Mayor Morris Pate spoke up for the priorities of Fire Chief Rhys

Williams. He said ESFD wants to sell its downtown substation and one on White Street and find property on which they can build another station that better suits their needs. Alderman Terry McClung described backing a fire truck into their downtown station as being like “putting size 12 shoes into a size eight shoebox,” and alderman James DeVito added that description doesn’t address the traffic in front of the station on a busy Saturday.

Mitchell asked McClung how much ESFD could get from the sale of those two properties, and McClung estimated maybe only \$150,000. Pate added the downtown substation also has a seriously leaking roof. Council agreed to put the substation idea on the To Do list.

Pate said Police Chief Earl Hyatt did not submit any items because he had already secured funds to get

a fingerprint recognition terminal, which can scan images so clearly they can be read by State Police in Little Rock or the FBI. “It’s just like on TV,” Pate remarked.

Alderman James DeVito mentioned Pate had put on his priority list bathrooms at the parking lot on North Main. Pate described the two-room basic bathroom facility he had planned which will be ADA-compliant and operate with sensors for lighting and motion sensors for water. The facility is about one mile from the Auditorium, which Pate said would provide visitors who park there much needed relief. Architect Butch Berry is preparing final drawings to be presented to the Historic District Commission on April 3 and the Planning Commission on April 9.

DeVito observed this goal was attainable, so council put it on the list, and then DeVito asked Pate about fixing the bridge on Mill Hollow Road.

Pate said natural contours of the landscape make parts of Mill Hollow Road a swimming hole after a hard rain. Purkeypile pointed out the flow underneath the bridge has been obstructed by 70 percent by a variety of unaddressed factors over the years. There is also a sewer main running under the bridge which might be affected by any compromise to the bridge and could be a big mess.

Pate said it is scary to look underneath the bridge and see the hodgepodge nature of repairs. An added peril is that GPS devices direct visitors down Mill Hollow as an alternative for getting into and out of town, and this means all manner of unsuspecting recreational vehicles are traveling over the bridge.

Council put the Mill Hollow Bridge on the list.

Mitchell noticed Public Works Director Dwayne Allen had provided a goal and a plan of reducing potable water leakage in the delivery system by focusing on one area at a time,

City Council Agenda

Monday – April 8, 6 p.m.

Commission, committee, authority reports and expired terms

Planning – Pos. 1 – vacant – expires 7/1/14. Pos. 3 – vacant – expires 7/1/13. Pos. 4 – Jim Morris – expired 7/1/12. Pos. 5 – Melissa Greene – expired 1/1/13

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

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

Parks

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

Cemetery

Public comments

Unfinished business:

1. Sherwood Court’s sewer problem – Mitchell and DeVito
2. Town Hall meeting – set date – Mitchell and Zeller
3. Ordinance No. 2178 Outdoor Sales – 3rd reading
4. Ordinance raising Mayor’s salary to \$36,000 on Jan. 1, 2014 – DeVito and Purkeypile
5. Limousine workshop review – DeVito and Purkeypile
6. Planning Commission membership ordinance – Mitchell and Schneider

New business:

1. Discussion of raising Council salaries – postponed until November
2. Discussion of demolition by neglect – Mitchell and Schneider
3. Discussion of smoking in establishments that serve food – Mitchell and Schneider
4. Parking lot regulations ordinance – Mayor Pate
5. Discussion of bicycle racks downtown – Mitchell and DeVito
6. Discussion of dedicated account labeled “Skateboard Park” – Mayor Pate
7. Review of Parks’ Green Zone vacation application – Mayor Pate
8. 2008 Records removal – A.C.A. 14-59-114

Agenda setting

City council comments

Mayor’s comments



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Legislature dings school district for \$100k per year

BECKY GILLETTE

The Eureka Springs School District (ESSD) won its David and Goliath battle against the Arkansas Department of Education (ADE) when the Arkansas Supreme Court ruled in November 2012 that Eureka Springs and other school districts in the state that generate more property tax revenues for education than the required state minimum of \$6,023 per student do not have to turn over excess funds to the ADE. But ESSD was no match for the clout of ADE in the legislature, which recently passed Senate Bill 425 that will cost Eureka Springs about \$100,000 per year in state funding.

"It is a done deal," ESSD Superintendent Curtis Turner said. "It has gone through the House and Senate. The governor is expected to sign it. It will be a loss to this district. But the last three years they haven't given us the 98 percent money anyhow. This bill is an admission they do owe it to us, although they haven't coughed up yet."

Local school districts are guaranteed 98 percent of local tax collections every year. If a school district, for example, collects 96 percent of local taxes, the state pays the difference, in this case two percent.

In the future, ESSD and other school districts in the same situation won't receive the money.

Was this action a mean spirited response to Eureka Springs and other districts winning the lawsuit before the Arkansas Supreme Court?

"I have concerns along that line," Turner said. "To be honest with you, I kind of expected something. We won on all phases of the lawsuit, and yet had to file suit to get our guaranteed 98 percent that we haven't gotten for the past three years."

ESSD didn't lobby against the legislation. Turner said the bill had so many sponsors that it was clear there was no way to defeat it.

The silver lining is that the legislature didn't go back to change the law to require all tax funds collected in excess of the state minimum requirement go back to the state.

"My biggest concern was that the legislature would go back and take monies on the back end, the first 25 mills of taxes where we generate the biggest dollars for our school district," Turner said. "No, they aren't trying to get those monies."

"SB 425 was the lesser of two evils. SB 425 is not going to hurt as bad as if they were trying to get

money from the area where we generate most of our revenues to help operate our schools. This bill isn't going to have as much an economic impact on us as other legislation that could have come down the pike. It has its implications, but not nearly as much as it could have been. I'm not jumping up and down about this; I don't want to give up any dollars at all. But it could have been worse. We are still coming out much better than we were prior to the lawsuit, I can assure you."

If the state had prevailed in the lawsuit, it would have cost ESSD about \$800,000 per year. Curtis said it would have been a tough situation for the district to have to give that much money to the state.

The state's rationale is going after the revenues generated in excess of the state minimum funding levels was to help education in poorer areas of the state. But ADE deputy commissioner Tony Wood said SB 425 was a separate issue from those involved in the Supreme Court ruling. Wood said the bill was a matter of fairness. School districts that can reach the minimum foundation level without assistance from the state don't need the state funding from the

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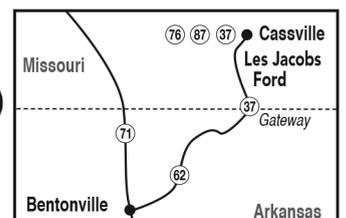
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HDC approves plans for N. Main public bathrooms

NICKY BOYETTE

Among seven applications considered by the Historic District Commission Wednesday evening was an application by the City of Eureka Springs for building new public restrooms in the North Main city parking lot. Architect Butch Berry represented the application, and his drawings showed the 224 sq. ft. building in the southwest corner of the property. It will be built above ground level because the property is in a flood plain, and will be ADA-compliant. The exterior has stonework around the bottom and is designed to fit in with nearby architecture.

Commissioners voted unanimously to approve the application.

These six applications were also approved:

- 24 Armstrong – landscape paving; remove/add retaining walls
- 26 Ridgeway – add window planter box
- 24 Singleton – add shed roof over side doorway
- 179 N. Main – add terraced stairway

- 8 Drennon – replace garage door with siding, window
- 29 Elk St – demolish rear shed

These four applications on the Consent Agenda were approved:

- 26 Ridgeway – remove east side property line chain link fence; repair rear fence
- 11 Spring – new sign
- 194 Spring – new bicycle rack
- 179 N. Main – new signs

Consent Agenda items are Level I applications that City Preservation Officer Glenna Booth believes to be in accordance with the design guidelines.

Chair Dee Bright presented these four Administrative Approvals:

- 12 Summit – repaint
- 13 N. Main – repaint, minor repairs
- 7 Ridgeway – repaint, minor repairs
- 18 Hillside – re-roof

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

Next meeting will be Wednesday, April 17, at 6 p.m.

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• **St. James' Episcopal Church offers free Sunday community suppers** until the end of March from 5 – 6:30 p.m. at the church, 28 Prospect Ave. (479) 253-8610.

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

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Parading a mink coat for Easter – A mink sits near its den as kayakers pass on the White River below Beaver Dam in Carroll County Easter Sunday. The wily predator lives on small fish and crayfish and seems to prefer rocky shorelines that offer cover.

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The only thing we have to Sphere ...

CD WHITE

... is the Sphere itself. And the Creative Energy Project is well into construction of the mysterious orb.

The Chamber of Commerce Community Sphere project is making the rounds of events in Eureka Springs – with more to come. Artist Robert R. Norman has been seen “sticking” around every venue that has a space big enough to accommodate a lot of reclaimed dead wood, enticing the community to write, draw and decorate various sizes of the painted sticks destined to become part of the permanent Sphere.

Norman is working with Jim Wallace of Paradise Pottery who is fabricating the Sphere’s steel frame, which will hold hundreds of sticks personalized by the community. The finished sculpture will premiere in the center of the Basin Park on May 4 at twilight as the park goes ultraviolet and the crowd has the opportunity to glow with the flow during a UV drumming session.

More Sphere-building events are planned before the orb is revealed, and short of knocking on doors with a big stick, Norman is hoping the community will turn out at one or more and do some decorating.

Meanwhile, John Rankine has been photographing Mug Shots of the Eureka Springs art community for weeks and also has two events to add to the mix.

It would be remiss to spoil the fun of exploring the Creative Energy Project’s website (creativeenergyproject.com) by including too many details, so here are the basics:

Saturday, April 6, 6 – 8 p.m., Stick Painting and Drumming In Basin Park

Tuesday, April 30, 5 – 7 p.m., MUGS

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Jim Wallace works on the frame for the community Sphere.



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Artist Robert Norman gives stick painters some direction.

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Family juggles careers... and multiple objects

NICKY BOYETTE

Anyone who has watched a parade in Eureka Springs recently probably saw a father and son unicycle duo weaving their way down Spring Street. The son might also have been juggling as he unicycled. Ethan Robison juggles up to seven balls just because the sun is shining. Or when it rains.

The artwork of Edward and Janalee Robison and their son, Ethan, are well-represented around Eureka Springs. Edward is a nature and landscape photographer. Janalee is an artist. Both have been represented on the Eureka Springs Art Wall. Ethan, besides being Eureka Springs' most famous 11-year old juggler, is also a photographer. The Robisons own and operate Sacred Earth Gallery on US 62 West.

Edward said he was a painter until he took a photography class in high

school. Later, at the University of Kansas, there was no art photography curriculum, so he took classes in art and photography. Janalee said she and Edward met in a museum during an art history class. "He gave me a cookie," she said. "That's all it took."

Edward eventually transferred to the Kansas City Art Institute while Janalee finished at KU. She studied a curriculum of painting/printmaking/sculpture – which she never would have dreamed of growing up. She said as a child she was a doodler with an imagination. She never gave a thought to a career in art. As a child she built a town out of cardboard in her living room, and decorated all the buildings with wallpaper samples.

Then in high school, a teacher mentioned art school to her, and the idea caught her fancy. She started in interior design "because there was chance of a job." Eventually her fancy

led her toward printmaking.

After the cookie in the museum, Edward and Janalee got married and along came Ethan. The choice for them was to move to Eureka Springs or Colorado Springs, and Edward said Colorado seemed like an easier place to make a living. He made darkroom

prints and tried photography. Janalee worked at Starbucks, and "not because I had a great love for coffee." She was just trying to help Edward launch his career. She also began painting while in Colorado.

Edward said he took more photos

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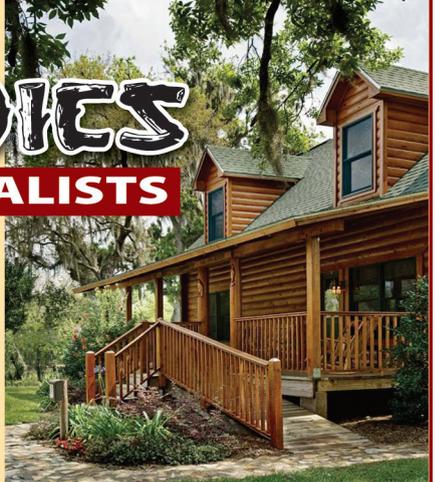
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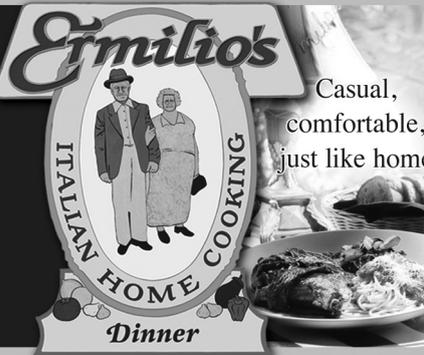
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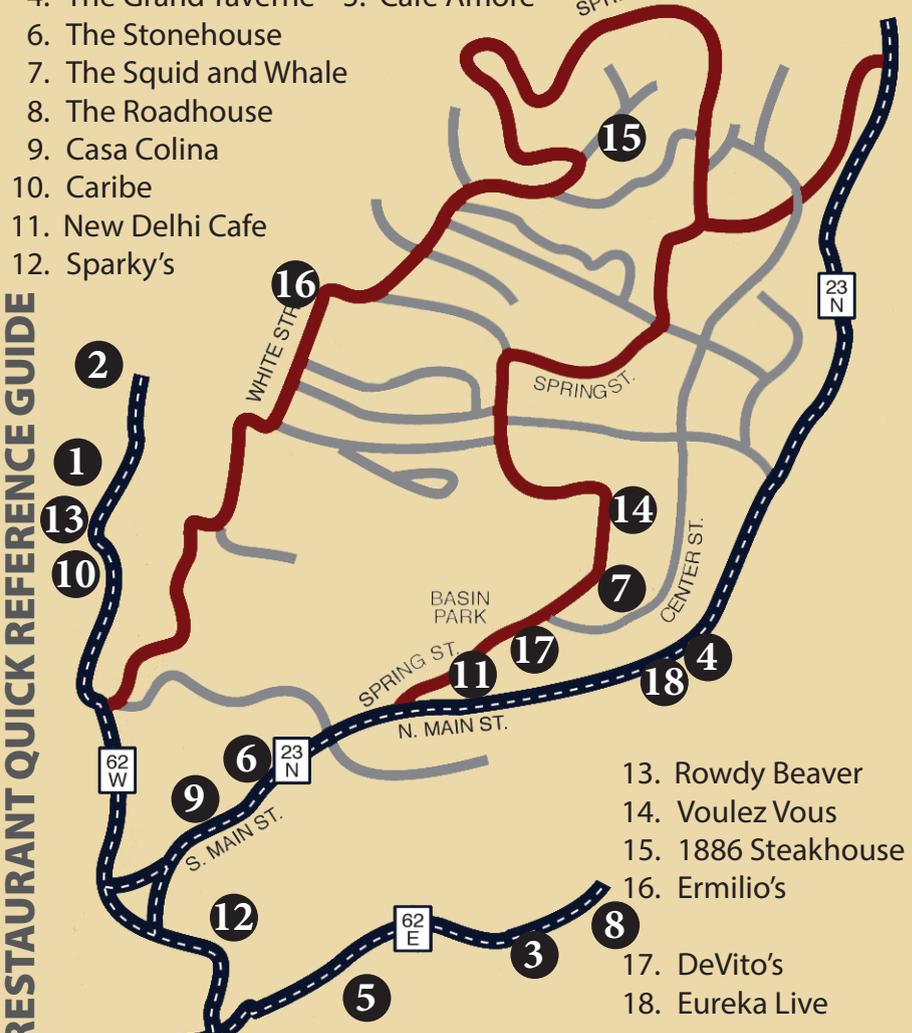
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Kindness of strangers for strangers

Editor,

I would like to share a story with all of you that happened today at my business. I had a group of seven college students come in for lunch. Shortly after they arrived, a very good customer of ours arrived to have lunch with his wife.

In the middle of his lunch, he came up to my desk and started to ask me about the group of students. Where are they from, he inquired. I responded "Wisconsin." I told him they were here visiting Eureka Springs for the day and were in NWA to volunteer on the Buffalo River.

He reached into his pocket and handed me a large sum of money to pay for all of their lunches. He went on to tell me that when he was a young soldier, hungry, he entered a diner with only \$1.25 in his pocket.

He ordered a 75¢ hamburger. When he went to pay his bill, it had already been paid for. He said to me, "I'm just passing it on."

That, Eureka, is why is it with great joy I open my door to the Simply Scrumptious Tea Room.

Charleen McCain

Roads chew up tires, cars

Editor,

This letter is in response to an article written by Harrie Farrow of the *Independent* in last week's paper. The article was entitled "The Scoop on Excavation in South Carroll County." It dealt with logging and dozing causing an environmental impact along Basswood Road near Metalton, Ark. County Judge Sam Barr was quoted several times.

Barr did say the project "helps the majority of the people, so why complain?" He said he wanted people to be able to go on county roads without tearing up their cars.

I take exception to this statement. For over four years I have begged Judge Barr to do something about our county road. It has not been graded or gravel placed on it since the county got some extra money from the state. We are down to bedrock. There are so many potholes; the moon looks smoother than our CR. We have ten families who use our dead end, one-mile track every day.

We have had to purchase ten-ply tires for our Chevy Tahoe, at \$250 each, to travel to town and back home without a flat. We just had to replace our front shocks, which cost us \$200. Now we wonder when one or more of our axles will break.

Judge Barr's concern about our tearing up our truck comes a little late.

Enid B. Swartz

Setting it straight

Editor,

I just want to set the record

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WEEK'S Top Tweets

@yoyoha --- Seeing jelly in the peanut butter jar is gross, that's why it's important to lick the knife before you stick it in there.

@RexHuppke --- This national park is nice but the cell service sucks. I can only enjoy natural beauty if I can tweet ironically about it.

@thrillbo --- a dude sitting next to me in the ER asked how to spell ankle & then correctly identified Rush Hour by a scene without jchan or chris tucker

@Coy0teUgly --- So I am guessing you would call chicken testicles fowl balls.

@yuckybot --- AT&T always treats me like I have no shirt and no shoes.

@shariv67 --- I'm so tired, I just typed a tweet into my GPS. It responded with directions to my day job.

@JeremyKyleNot --- My wife crashed the car while listening to Adele last night. She ended up rolling in the jeep.

@teapartyblows --- Know how to recall an entire state legislature? Arkansas is giving incompetent morons a bad name

@Zen_Moments --- The true measure of a man is how he treats someone who can do him absolutely no good. ~ Samuel Johnson

@reclaimuc --- 185,000 gallon tar sands spill in Arkansas yesterday. Here's a photo that sums up the future of the suburbs.



Government, religion and burritos

We got to thinking that we live on a highly charged planet, yes, and there are kinder things we could do to help the Earth. Then we realized the Earth likely doesn't give a hoot about us – it doesn't care if seed ticks, begonias or humans inhabit it. It has its own life, its own destiny. It doesn't care about God, Yahweh, Allah, Scorpios or the number thirteen. It has its own funny little life to keep care of, just as dandelions, kittens and alcoholics have theirs.

So why not deal with what we do know something about rather than assume something we know nothing about? Humans need air, water, food and sleep. The planet needs spinning, if anything. The rest is all decoration. Except for politics and religion.

As long as we shrug while the Arkansas legislature votes according to religious beliefs rather than constitutional rights, we have proved that legislators who wear blinders are the ones who will stop at nothing to get the rest of us to stand in their long, straight, boring line and make us behave. Which we do.

This legislature has decided that women really have no right to tend their own pregnancies and voters must provide a photo ID unless they sign a waiver saying they are indigent or have a religious objection to being photographed. Who among us would ever sign a waiver saying we are indigent?

We were truly puzzled when the legislature blessed the creation of a steel mill that seems designed specifically to bankrupt its investors, including the Arkansas Teachers' Association retirement fund and state Chamber of Commerce. When vaporous jobs are at stake, common sense is left standing on the side of the road with its thumb out.

We, in our natural state, are allowed to carry loaded guns into church now. Praise the Lord. Something is missing there – it might be the clear instruction of the sixth commandment, Thou shalt not kill. It does not say "Kill or Be Killed," it just says don't do it. Did people who worshipped in the time of Jesus have daggers underneath their cloaks "just in case?"

Government shouldn't determine how we live and neither should religion. Upbringing can have a lot to do with our outlook, but many are resistant to thinking their upbringing was ideal. Even those who insist their childhood was idyllic learn to get over it. Life is a wonderful thing left up to us and our free will. Whether we're wild or cultivated, we grow until we die.

So for a legislative body to sit in Little Rock, Arkansas, and tell us from now on we will have questionable chemicals added to our drinking water, well, isn't that a bit much? Gosh, we don't even want vitamin C added to our water – we can medicate ourselves, can't we?

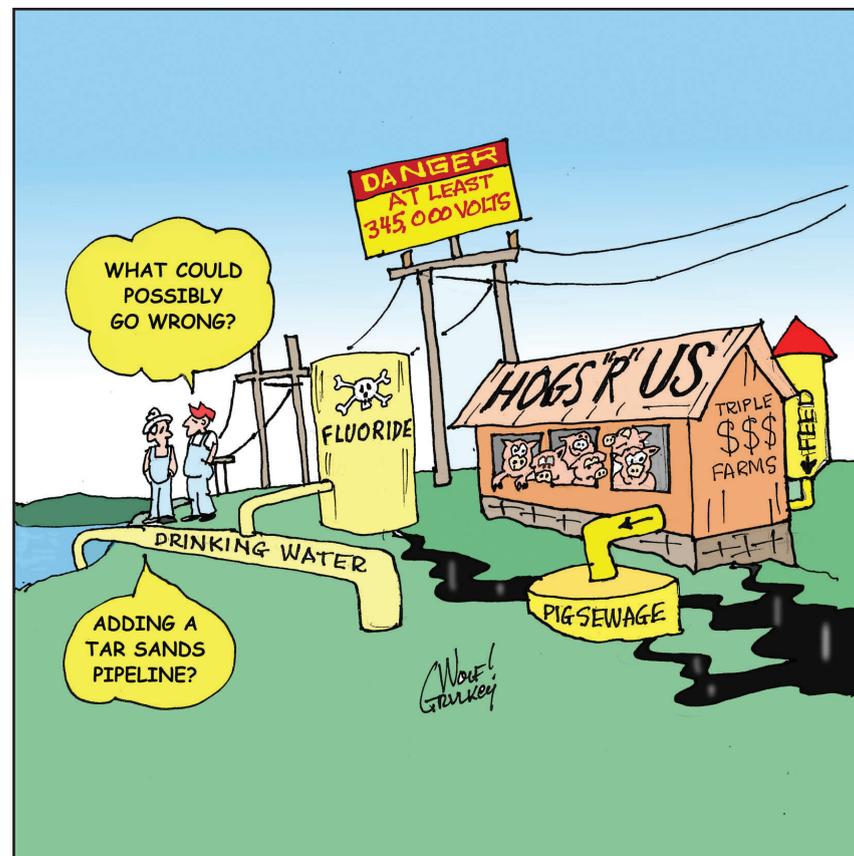
We are hanging onto this planet for dear life because everything we need to survive is here. We are obviously a diverse culture and would be if there were only two of us on the planet. Whether we make our money from oil wells or oil paintings isn't important, it's what we do with it. So why in this wide world do we elect representatives who insist on disallowing adults to marry for love even when it has nothing to do with them? Religious intrusion on civil governance. Bah.

Why coddle religious tenets in a government that professes a separation of church and state?

It reminds us of an old woman we were watching TV with recently. She has dementia, some stroke effects, and is living in the moment. What's important to her is security, food, warmth, familiarity. She doesn't seem to care about politics, religion, family, the Razorbacks, parties or broccoli starts, all things she used to care about. She put a forkful of burrito to her mouth, missed it, and the beans and rice fell onto her napkin.

She acted as if it went unnoticed, and said, "It's sweet knowing that Republicans have all the money and the best they can buy is Rush Limbaugh."

She picked the bite out of her lap but missed again.



The Pursuit Of HAPPINESS

by Dan Krotz

I've been reading William Manchester's remarkable *The Arms of Krupp: The Rise and Fall of the Industrial Dynasty that Armed Germany*. It is about the Krupp family and their manufacture of weapons for the Third Reich.

Arms is a terrific book, and while centered around the development of the steel industry in the Ruhr Gebiet in Germany, it also covers German steel production from the Roman era right up to the 1960s. One passage is the retelling of Baroness Von Krupp's first meeting with *die Fuehrer*. In it, Hitler tells the Baroness that he is her new business partner! The Baroness, largely silent during the visit, served tea politely, if glacially, and spoke only after he'd left.

"My God," she exclaimed. "The smell! Open the windows!" Hitler had farted non-stop through tea and stunk up Krupp Family Castle pretty bad; the Baroness had to send the carpets and drapes out for cleaning. Isn't history amazing?

And the question on everyone's mind must be, "What did Hitler's farts smell like? Wouldn't you like to know? Where the Baroness smelled only *die Whopper*, I'm sure go-getters and Job Creators smell a targeted market opportunity. For example, I own some land overlooking the Kings River...

... upon which we can build The International Flatulence Museum! Visitors to the IFM™ will be able to sniff the captured or re-created essences of celebrities like Hitler, and Curly, Moe and Larry, Ann Coulter, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Donald Trump and Victoria Mae Budinger, Warren Harding, Vasco De Gama, and Aaron Burr, etc. Ampoules of essence may be purchased in the gift shop for home enjoyment and, best of all, we'll provide customers with a 2nd Amendment option where they blow immense fart-filled balloons out of the air with rocket launchers. The satisfying result is *Eau de Hitler* (or Coulter, etc.) wafting through the hills.

Thank God for property rights. And for a business-minded legislature we can count on to subsidize and de-regulate the tar out of this deal. What do you think they'll chip in? A million? Two million? It smells like money to me.

Panthers socc it to Lady Scots; tie boys

NICKY BOYETTE

The effort was there in the Highlander soccer matches March 29, but results favored the visiting Clarksville Panthers. In a close contest, the Lady Panthers defeated the Lady Highlanders 2-0. Coach Shreya Smith noted the hustle and support play from Naomie Floyd and Jenna Descoteaux, and two Manon Gros shots caromed off the goalposts. Smith said Samantha Mueller made crucial saves in goal, but in the end, Clarksville prevailed.

The boys squad got an early lead with a solo run by Oscar Mendez, and Luis Palacios added a bicycle kick for the second Highlander goal. However, the Panthers clawed their way back to tie the match in the second half. Final score was 2-2.

Next game for the boys will be against Decatur Friday, April 5, at 5:30 p.m. at Lake Leatherwood field. Free admission and concessions available.



Ain't that a kick – Left, Naomie Floyd moves downfield against Clarksville at Lake Leatherwood Park March 29. The Lady Highlanders fell to Clarksville 2-0.

Heads up! – Right, Juan Luis Palacios, center, makes a drive downfield to score against Clarksville late in the first half at Lake Leatherwood Park. Palacios' goal was the second of the game. Oscar Mendez scored the first goal about midway through the first half.

PHOTOS BY DAVID FRANK DEMPSEY

Lady Highlanders cage the Bulldogs for two wins

GWEN ETHEREDGE

Eureka Springs has a new team to cheer for – girls softball. For the second year in a row, high school junior Jazmine Urioste was gunning to get a softball team started. Falling short of the required number of players last year, she generated enough excitement to get the numbers up this year.

Then came the challenge of finding a coach. Stepping up to the plate were Coach Nolan Helder and Lisa Ray. They have worked with this group of new softball players and on Thursday, March 28 traveled to Decatur for their fourth match-up of the season. The first game of this double header ended with the Highlanders winning 17-1. Earning seven runs in two consecutive innings, including a home run by Taylor Little in the fifth inning, the girls stole bases and performed well to bring home the win.

Game two started off with Abbey Moore hitting a home run, giving the girls a 10-4 lead in the first inning. Decatur fought hard, bringing the score to 10-9 in the second inning, but after enjoying their first victory the Eureka girls fought back with a nine run second inning. Two double plays late in the game helped hold Decatur and the Lady Highlanders ended the second game winning 21-10.



PHOTO BY JACK MOYER

Current conditions

Beaver Lake Water temp is 53°. Striped bass are moving up the river feeding heavy and wanting to spawn. We're catching the biggest fish of the year now with no weights, free lining shad and shiners 80-120 ft. behind the boat. These big fish are feeding on top and down to 24 ft.

The 14 year-old boy in the picture got both these big fish for his birthday, with the 38 pounder coming in throwing a big swim bait in 17 ft. of water. Watch the gulls and fish rolling on top close to the flats.

Holiday Island's 54° water temp has walleye being caught from the Island up to Houseman, as walleye are the first to spawn.

White bass are just moving in and should be filling live wells from now into May as there spawn peaks. White jigs, roostertails or anything you have that looks like a minnow will catch these fish. Crappies are at 10 ft. and in the shoreline brush getting ready

for their spawn. Jigs and minnows are best for these good tasting fish. Now is the best fishing of the year so get out and enjoy the sun or give me a call and don't forget to take a kid fishing.

BOB JOHNSON, Johnson Guide Service (479-253-2258) www.fishofexcellence.com



March 30 was Caiden Cash's 14th birthday, so he traveled from Ozark, Mo., to our neck of the woods to fish. Whoa, Rinnie, he caught a 46-lb. Beaver Lake striped bass freelineing a shad, and a 38 lb. striper throwing a four-inch swimbait while fishing with Johnson Guide Service (fishofexcellence). Caiden's parents, Ethan and Cindy Cash, were along to verify, snap pics, cheer, etc.



Safe! – Sophomore Austin Crawford crosses the plate for the first run against Decatur at Leatherwood Park Monday, April 1. Crawford scored on a two run RBI by senior Tanner Allee. Senior Logan Redding also scored on Allee's hit but it wasn't enough to prevent losing to Decatur, 11 – 6.

PHOTO BY DAVID FRANK DEMPSEY

TheNATUREofEUREKA by Steven Foster

All we are saying is give learning a chance

Recently I was asked to do an herbal lecture based on science, because the conference organizer thought of me as “the science guy.” Then someone came into my office last week and said, “I love your scientific mind and the way you explain science.” I walked away, gave my chin a few rubs while thinking to myself, “Me, a science guy?”

I dropped out of high school chemistry after two weeks. I have no scientific training. Then it hit me. To me science is like music. I flunked music in high school because in my rebellious nature I refused to learn to play “Old McDonald had a Farm,” on the guitar. But I spent endless hours talking about jazz and classical music to the music teacher who flunked me.



“All we are saying . . .” graffiti in Prague in 1992 expressing free thought soon after communism fell in Czechoslovakia.

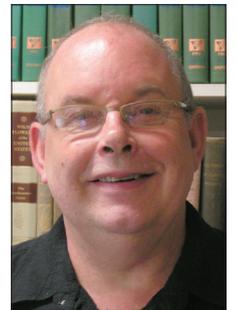
I'm not a musician. I'm not a scientist. No, I'm a consumer of music and a consumer of science, particularly the science related to medicinal uses of plants. That interest encompasses various aspects of anthropology, botany, chemistry, horticulture, pharmacology, pharmacy, medicine and the history of all of those academic disciplines. Give me John Coltrane, Jimi Hendrix and Johann Sebastian Bach, and I am a happy consumer of music. Anything to read relative to the history of scientific thought

makes me happy, too.

Appreciation of science, like music appreciation, is just an aspect of being awed by the world we live in. It's an opportunity for life-long learning – learning something new every day, no matter what level of education we enjoy. Our scientific understanding of the world in which we live, if viewed on a historical scale, is still current affairs.

Consider the fact that Galileo Galilei (1564-1642), considered the “father of science” in 1610, was able with his improved telescope to confirm the theory of Copernicus, some 70 years earlier, that Earth was not the center of the universe. For that Galileo was sentenced by the Roman Inquisition to imprisonment for “vehement suspicion of heresy.”

Before the Hubble space telescope was launched in 1990, scientists believed there were dozens of galaxies. Now, through Hubble, we know there are billions of galaxies. Our collective human information now multiplies greater than our ability to understand it. That is awe-inspiring.



INDEPENDENT Constables On Patrol

MARCH 25

8:45 a.m. – Driver of a truck had transmission problems which left his vehicle in the middle of the eastbound lane of U.S. 62. The situation was okay by the time the constable on patrol responded.

2:03 p.m. – Animal Control picked up a small dog running rampant near an apartment house.

11:05 p.m. – Routine traffic stop resulted in the arrest of the driver for DWI, refusal to submit, and failure to stop.

MARCH 26

6:03 a.m. – Alarm company alerted ESPD to an intrusion alarm at a business. A person was there who knew the code but was not on the list. While the constable was on his way, the alarm company called back to say the keyholder verified the person at the scene was supposed to be there.

10:49 a.m. – Constables arrested an individual for terroristic threatening and harassing communications.

3:18 p.m. – Animal Control picked up a cat which had been hit by a vehicle.

5:47 p.m. – Traffic stop resulted in the arrest of the driver for an outstanding warrant for failure to pay child support.

10:04 p.m. – Constables arrested another individual for violation of a protection order.

MARCH 27

7:44 a.m. – Resident filed a report about harassing communications from her ex-boyfriend's girlfriend, who had been advised to stop calling but continues to call.

6:05 p.m. – Harrison PD asked ESPD to check on the welfare of a child who had not been returned to the custodial parent. Constable checked the address but the child, father and vehicle were not there.

10:14 p.m. – Traffic stop resulted in the arrest of the driver for driving on a suspended license.

MARCH 28

12:21 a.m. – Reportedly noisy guests at a motel were disturbing other guests. The noisy ones had already disbursed when the constable arrived.

1:24 p.m. – A juvenile shoplifter was arrested, cited and released to her mother.

2:19 p.m. – Passerby noticed a truck with a ramp extended at one of the springs as if someone were going to load something. Constable arrived to find the truck already gone and nothing at the scene looked disturbed. Parks employees were advised to check also.

5:25 p.m. – Individual reported receiving harassing communications from her ex-boyfriend regarding seeing their child. Constable attempted to speak with the ex-boyfriend.

MARCH 29

8:34 a.m. – A pickup was parked in the middle of

the roadway. Constable had the vehicle towed.

10:59 a.m. – Driver drove her vehicle onto some rocks beside a road making the vehicle undriveable. No injuries, only tears. Constable remained at the scene until the sheriff's office responded.

12:01 p.m. – Constable escorted a funeral.

6:19 p.m. – Witness saw a driver pass on Planer Hill almost running oncoming traffic off the road. People exited vehicles at the stop sign and a verbal altercation ensued. Everyone reboarded their vehicles and left the scene.

6:25 p.m. – A young guitarist with a powerful amplifier was annoying his neighbors – "He's just wailing on that thing!" He had stopped by the time the constable arrived, but the constable asked him to keep his volume turned to an acceptable level.

7:12 p.m. – Passerby reported a truck parked on a street near downtown apparently had been hit by a hit-and-run driver. There were pieces of the truck on the street. The driver of the adverse vehicle had left a note with his name and number. Constables later made contact with him and cited him for leaving the scene of an accident.

8:19 p.m. – A driver trying to park hit another vehicle.

MARCH 30

1:07 a.m. – Downtown bartender reported an individual passed out on the sidewalk. His friends were gathering him up as the constables arrived, and the friends provided his transport home.

8:40 a.m. – Witness saw a vehicle hit a deer on US 62 just east of downtown.

8:45 a.m. – Resident near downtown reported his parked vehicle had been hit while he had been away.

10:16 a.m. – A merchant complained the music in the park was rattling her windows. Constable found the noise was within acceptable limits.

9:08 p.m. – A barking dog on N. Main was disturbing a neighbor who also said the animal was not being cared for properly.

9:16 p.m. – ESH reported a patient who had previously left the premises had returned apparently very inebriated and he did not need to be there. He subsequently left again, and constables searched for but did not find him nearby.

9:26 p.m. – One resident called to say she had found a wandering dog. Soon after, a resident further down the street reported she had lost her dog. Happy ending.

11:00 p.m. – Dispatch reported a female called to say she was in a vehicle on US 62 toward the eastern end of town and the driver was drunk and she did not want to be in the vehicle. The driver grabbed her phone and hung up. The female soon called to say they had stopped near the previous location, and she was going to walk away. Constables found her, the

driver and his vehicle. They determined he was not inebriated and sent them on their way.

11:03 p.m. – ESH called again about the apparently intoxicated person. He had returned to the area, and a constable found him behind the hospital. The subject was not intoxicated, but he had no way home. Constable gave him a ride.

MARCH 31

12:17 a.m. – Constables responded to a report of an individual passed out in a vehicle near a bar downtown. They arrested the individual for public intoxication, open container, possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.

2:04 a.m. – A driver told ESPD he was attempting to pick up some people at a bar downtown when a male got into the car and tried to steal it. The driver told the person to get out, and the person then hit him in the head. The assailant left the scene in another vehicle, and constables searched for but did not encounter his vehicle.

3 a.m. – Folks downtown were unsure whether a person walking around was intoxicated or had been hit in the head. Constables discovered the individual had a fat lip from a fall, and his friends were taking him home.

11:38 a.m. – A stray dog turned out to be the one reported missing by tourists earlier in the morning. Another happy ending.

1:20 p.m. – Merchant spoke with a constable about a possible shoplifting incident.

5:16 p.m. – There was a one-vehicle accident on Hwy. 23 South.

9:40 p.m. – Dogs were allegedly barking at all hours and bothering neighbors nearby. Constable responded, and Animal Control issued a verbal warning for a first offense.



It's cold out here, take me home – This friendly little Yorkie was captured on Benton Street Friday, March 29. It has almost outstayed its allotted time at the ESPD kennel on Passion Play Road and needs its owner or a new home soon! Call 253-8666 to claim or adopt.

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HIGHLANDER QUIZ BOWL TEAM



Back Row: Tony Balzumati, Tamar Tidwell, Keaton Boardman, Keegan Wilbur
 Front Row: Annie Shue, Manon Gros, Grace Windle, Samantha Miller, Mrs. Langley
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Naughty Bunny and Bad Santa

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Thanks to all who came out Good Friday for the opening reception of Graven Images at The Space. It was quite the party.

Special shoutouts to Ms. Lilah Stiger, whose slightly naughty Playboy bunny performance had tails wagging – to Marvin Jonason for his lighting expertise – to Alan Margolis who poured a lot of wine and pointed peeps towards the Peep Show – to Mark Hughes for loaning out his stash of extension cords and his special 1979, “if anything happens to it, it can never be replaced,” hot glue gun – to Marty Cogan for her bunny cake and cookies that were little works of art – to June Hegedus and Diane Bewinger for their sweets and sweetness – to Local Flave faves Britt and Connie Evans for their classic spinach/artichoke dip – to good friend, Zeek Taylor, for making my hair cotton-candy pink – and to my partner, Billy, whose steady calm kept me grounded even when the floor to ceiling stacked snowmen (the snowtem pole) came crashing down the day before opening night.

The Space, located at Spring and Pine above Sweet Spring Antiques is a perfect venue for art exhibits. The large, former Odd Fellows Hall with its high original tin ceiling, beautiful wooden floors, spacious walls and track lighting is one of the very few venues in town that can showcase one-person exhibits or large scale group shows. So in between wedding receptions (that pay the rent) and yoga classes, I’ve used The Space to showcase my own work as well as lending it out to other artists.

Starting Friday April 5, local artist Drew Gentle takes over The Space with a special one-man exhibit of new work – A Singular Humanity. The former Hanna Barbera animator has locked himself in his studio this past year and fans (I am one) are eagerly anticipating the results.

I got to know Drew during Cné Breaux’s 13-week Artist *In Situ* workshop that culminated with an extremely ambitious group exhibit at three locations, including The Space – nothing like an elaborate group show involving five other artists for a intimate bonding experience.

Drew is a good painter and has his roots firmly planted in the early American Abstract Impressionist movement of the ‘40s and ‘50s. It’s abstraction that expresses his inner nature, and one can see the influence of painters like Kandinsky and especially Willem de Kooning in all of his work.

Opening night reception is this Friday April 5, from 6:30 – 10:30. The exhibit can also be viewed the following Saturday and Sunday between 10:30 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Chaffyn (rhymes with laughin’) Lovejoy also brings his digital craziness to The Space this week for one night only. Tuesday April 9, starting at 7 p.m., Chaffyn will have his digital art prints for sale. This will no doubt be a very fun show.

INDEPENDENTArt

One potato, two potatoes

Small Potatoes will make their first appearance at the last Eureka House Concert this season Sunday April 7, at the church building on 17 Elk St. Self described eclectic-maniacs, their music covers everything from Celtic to cowboy. Their motto is “Make ‘em laugh, make ‘em cry, make ‘em think.” Multi instrumentalists with stunning vocals and a greatout look on life, these two are guaranteed to put on a wonderful show.

Opening will be Brent Pierce from The Eureka Instrument Peddler. Brent is a musician, teacher, composer, instrument maker and was one of the founders of the Walnut Valley Festival in Winfield Kansas.

Doors open at 5 p.m. for a Meet and Greet Potluck and the music starts at 6 p.m. Donation at the door is \$15. See more at eurekahouseconcerts.com or phone (479) 244-0123. More on Small Potatoes at smallpotatoesmusic.com.



Something to “Crow” about

Our very own Crow Johnson Evans will be featured artist at Eureka Thyme Gallery during the Saturday Gallery Stroll April 13. Crow will be on hand from 1 – 4 p.m., and 6 – 9 p.m. to sign her new book *Flights of Fancy*. Be sure to engage Crow in a conversation about her incredible artistic background.

Crow is a founding member and current vice president of The Writers’ Colony at Dairy Hollow and is an award-winning songwriter/performer, writer, poet, textile artist and cancer survivor. Among her many accomplishments, Crow received the Lifetime Achievement Award, Northwest Arkansas Music Awards; World Folk Music Association Kate Wolf Award, Arkansas Arts and several other awards including Best of Show for her fiber arts and spinning/weaving.

She also published *Zassafras Music News*, a quarterly newsletter about performing songwriters across the globe. Crow’s busy schedule includes several book signings and a concert with Still on the Hill, May 4 at Ozark Folkways in Winslow, Ark.

Drop by and visit Crow at Eureka Thyme Gallery, 19 Spring Street, (479) 363-9600. For more information about Crow’s music, writing, fiber art and appearances: www.crowspun.com.





Peeps show – John Rankine’s Graven Images show at The Space was a massive installation of groups of commercialized icons including a “peep show.” Through a hole below each of many Jesus patches framed in a window, the “peeper” gets a glimpse of the actual Christ Statue across town. A pink-haired John takes a peep for himself as an audience of yellow marshmallow peeps perches on the ledge, unable to see out the window. Hmm... layers of meaning. The show ran March 29 through March 31.

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Quilt art at library – Library Director Loretta Crenshaw reaches high to straighten a quilt on display at the Carnegie Library. Twenty-seven quilts, all made by the Eureka! Quilters Guild, will be on display through May. The exhibit features many smaller works, some of which will be available for purchase. Come, view and enjoy Ozark quilting at its finest during regular library hours. Email Margy Thompson at thousandpinesmargy@gmail.com for more information.

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Graven Images: One View

LUCILLA GARRETT

“Graven” is the past participle of “grave,” which means serious. In the case of John Rankine’s show at The Space, “Graven Images” should have been taken seriously. This is true, despite the fact that it was chock full of cheap novelties that some resisted as schmaltz best tossed.

Yet these “discards” revealed much about the consumer pursuit of happiness, pursuing the age-old question of why does culture embrace and reject objects or icons?

Introduced with Exodus 20:4, “Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image,” underneath the quotation sat gold figures of the Virgin Mary, an Easter egg, Santa, Buddha, an angel – objects symbolizing reverence.

Across the gallery was glistening gold, as far from the Shroud of Turin as one could travel. Endless objects were grouped like shrines in a mall department store, dime store icons forming seasonal displays.

A 1960’s aluminum Christmas tree, complete with rotating floor light, was layered with gold ornaments. This “home” version reminded that

decorating in December is perpetuating a representational legacy.

A towering gold Santa with wrapped packages reflected capitalism. Who has not fallen victim to marketing wizards who sell comfort and joy? Cynical, perhaps, but the joyous mountings made one wonder. That contradiction persisted.

The heavenward angel display was dense with figurines, from Hummel to Precious Moments – running the gamut like wedding cake rosettes. Kitsch, yes, but so was an innate understanding of cushioning for life’s travails.

A sky-high stack of snowmen, a “snow-totem,” stood like ascending Russian dolls. Nearby was a punch bowl of blue water, marking “melting” as the natural sequence – the death to elaborate efforts and man, but also as beautiful.

Another corner held a garden trellis dotted with church ornaments. Kneeling within was the Virgin Mary, acknowledging the desire for sacred places.

A salute to the front yard was epitomized with a collection of plastic Santas forming a winning Christmas

competition. Most were interior-lit, itself a metaphor to the ancient notion of light-bearing. Candy canes faced inward forming hearts topped the scene. Love exists, even in plastic excess.

Easter was filled busily with bunnies and colored eggs, outlined with ubiquitous plastic grass. Renewal was conveyed as energizing.

Deliberately, the enticing bunny at the opening was the gorgeous Lila Stiger, serving chocolate, along with the reminder that people can be challenging icons, too.

In one window was a “peep show,” with chick confections looking toward actual emblem patches of the Eureka statue. Through their card backs, Jesus across town was visible. Clever was this immediacy, bringing reverence to the neighborhood.

The entire show sprouted another contradiction with the work by others arranged to become another’s. Yet, success was garnered by amplifying the known, in treasured and dismaying terms, to evoke emotion.

The need for objects to satisfy and fuel myths and truths was anything but subtle. It could be viewed as

a celebration of sales, as well as a confirmation that icons assuage a quest for meaning. That most were secondhand scruffy didn’t matter.

Are these graven images? Can a plaster angel inspire one to jump instantly to mystical, sustaining splendor? Perhaps it is the viewer’s receptivity. Icons are indelibly cast as proponents of goodness, even if steps removed. Is a plastic Santa the generosity of spirit or getting toys?

Explaining the illusive is an artistic tradition. Rankine adventurously explored this in a whimsical, incisive manner. The artist, wearing pink hair and a Santa fur-trimmed top, opted to be a part. This “graven” poked holes in solemnity, yet respected each “image.”

This presentation pushed one to see beyond. On Easter weekend, when resurrection ignites, a show of recycled objects sought to rise above the tattered and commercial by displaying it. In a compassionate approach, Graven Images was a homily, carrying an enduring message that objects are limited but inspiration is not.

That message was as powerful as many heard last Sunday.

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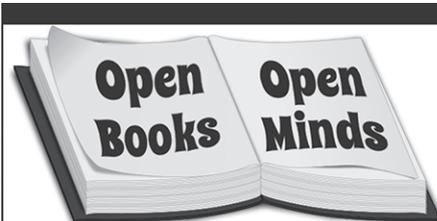
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INDEPENDENTNews

Berryville doggie shop reopening Friday

NICKY BOYETTE

Tracellen Kelly, general manager of the Good Shepherd Humane Society thrift stores, announced the wait for shoppers would finally end as the Berryville thrift store will reopen 10 a.m., Friday, April 5, in a new location. The previous Berryville store went up in flames Dec. 29, but the business will reappear at 207 Eureka Avenue in Berryville.

"It will be what I call a soft opening," Kelly said. She is

determined to be open for business whether completely ready or not. All merchandise will be priced but the display might be more casual than usual.

The Grand Opening will be Monday, April 15, and hot dogs and drinks will be available and there will be music to entertain the shoppers.

Kelly said the store would offer clothes for all ages and sizes including some higher market brands. They will have shoes, purses,

books, housewares, blankets and linens. They will not have furniture until May 1.

The store depends on volunteers to operate, and Kelly said she needs a total of 30. So far, she has lined up only 15 so she commented, "Anyone who wants to bring joy to their hearts and help doggies and kittens, let me know. I'll find a place for you."

The store will be open 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Monday – Friday, and 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. on Saturdays.

Healing hands care for healing hearts

Members of the Eureka Springs Partners in Wellness (ESPW) donated an evening of soothing massage to Turpentine Creek Wildlife Refuge (TCWR) staff members who participated in the 128 day Riverglen rescue initiative that brought almost 30 new big cats to the Eureka Springs animal sanctuary. The TCWR staff enjoyed 20-minute chair massages and received wellness tips on proper care of their aching muscles.

Rebekah Clark, owner of Imago Massage and Alexa Pittenger, owner of Eureka!! Massage Therapy, provided their soothing talents for over three hours last week for eight TCWR staff members. Other members of ESPW, including Beth Martin Smith, Jean Richardson, Tina Perry and Stacey Perry are planning follow-up visits to reward staff members for their rescue efforts.

"We've been following the news about the Riverglen tiger rescue operation and wanted to do something to help," Clark said.

"This was such a thoughtful gesture on behalf of ESPW. This was the first massage experience for most of our team, so I'm still hearing how wonderful it was and how they wished they had done this sooner," said Tanya Smith, president of TCWR.

ESPW meets the third Wednesday of each month at Flora Roja Community Acupuncture, 119 Wall St. Contact Alexa Pittenger at (479) 253-9208 or Rebekah Clark at (479) 244-5631, or email alexa@eurekamassage.com for more information.

For details on Turpentine Creek Wildlife Refuge, visit www.turpentinecreek.org or call (479) 253-5841.



Walk the Labyrinth at Sky Ridge during Earth Week Festival April 22 – 27

PHOTO BY ERIC STUDER

Take a week to celebrate Earth Day

A week-long Eureka Earth Festival will kick-off on Earth Day, Monday, April 22 at 10 a.m. with an opening ceremony by Peace Mother Geeta Sacred Song, a Mayan peace shaman, at the Retreat at Sky Ridge resort in Eureka Springs West. The opening ceremony at the resort's Turtle Moon community labyrinth is free to the public.

Festival activities and workshops focus on building stronger, healthier and more compassionate communities. The festival includes guest speakers, movies, workshops, vendors and live music by 13 Moons on Saturday, April 27 at 6 p.m. in the resort's Sky Ridge Pavilion. Featured speakers include Shelly Wilson, Christine South, Ira Goodman, Jerry Landrum and others. Workshop topics range from hiking and kayaking instruction to mastering past lives. The festival ends with workshops 'til 6 p.m. on Sunday, April 28.

Most events are free, but workshops have different prices. Be sure to check festival details and ticket prices at www.eurekaearthfestival.com. For more information, or to sign up as a vendor, contact Marie Turnock at marie@eurekaearthfestival.com or (479) 981-3911. The Retreat at Sky Ridge and Sky Ridge Pavilion are located at 637 County Road 111. For directions, visit www.retreatatskyridge.com.

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

“Oh Pa, this will be a day we will all remember. We ain’t never done anything like this. You mean you are really goin’ to buy our dinner? I didn’t know anybody ever did that except the men that are workin’ and live too far to go home to dinner. Pa, we’re just goin’ to have everything.”

“That’s what I’m tryin’ to tell you, girl. Nobody can say that Johnny Gaskins’ girls didn’t have everything. It’s a good thing I’ve saved the money from my bearskins all winter. I can see I’m goin’ to have to spend it today.”

“Let’s buy somethin’ pretty and take it home to Ma. I wish we had brung her along,” Mary said.

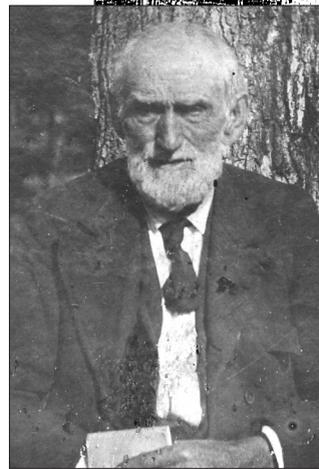
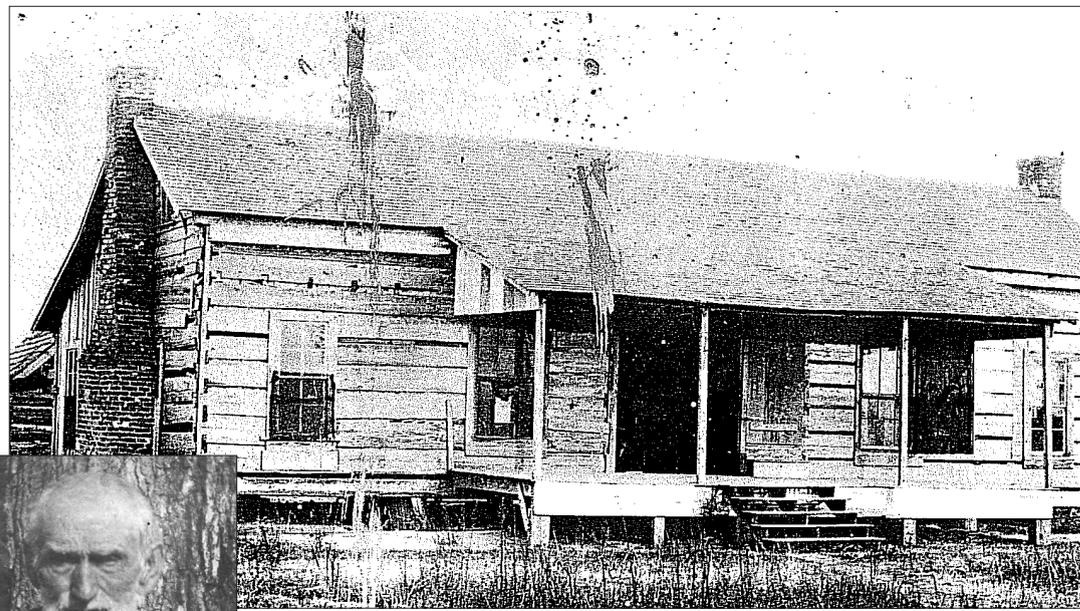
“I reckon I do too, honey, but I reckon I just never thought about askin’ her if she wanted to go too.”

“What are you goin’ to buy for yourself, Pa?” Mary wanted to know.

“I’m goin’ to do the same thing I allus do when I go to Eureka Springs. I’m goin’ to one of them saloons and have a few drinks of whiskey, but I ain’t a-goin’ to take my girls to no such place. That’s one of the reasons I want to go to Mrs. Hickman’s first. I’m goin’ to buy the shoes an’ things first. Then we’re goin’ up to her place an’ eat our dinner. Then, you girls are goin’ to stay there and talk to her and her girls while I go down to the saloon. You will like her girls and I think it would be good for you to make some new friends.”

“Pa, you think of everything,” Nancy told him as they neared the sights and sounds of Eureka Springs.

Tents were scattered all over the hillsides. Laundry hung from every available tree limb and bush. Children played among the trees and along the sides of small streams. Everywhere there could be heard the sounds of saws and hammers. Small buildings were being erected in spaces that had been cleared for them. Horses and



wagons were transporting loads of lumber and building materials.

“I ain’t never seen so many strangers in my whole

life. I don’t see anybody I know,” Mary announced.

“You probably won’t, either,” her father told her. “Remember you are in town now and there is a lot of people here. They have come from everywhere. Sometimes they don’t even know each other,” he added.

The store where they went to look for the shoes was a crude building set on a hillside. The long shelves at one side held groceries. Great sacks of sugar, coffee, and meal were stacked against the wall. Several kegs of nails and horseshoe nails stood on the floor.

Along one end of the room was a rough bench on which shoes were displayed. About twenty pairs! Some for men and some for women. The girls took it all in with wonder while their father explained to the man behind the crude counter that he wanted some shoes for his daughters.

After searching through the stock on hand, the man found that he had three pairs that might be the

right size. The girls had no problem in making a choice. The shiny black shoes were elegant compared to the handmade ones they wore.

Their father produced two silver dollars to pay for their purchase and they were on their way back to the wagon, each carrying her own shoes, without wrappings, in their hands.

As they walked along the rough road, they noticed the wagon standing at the side of the trail with the end-gate let down. On it were stacks of calico. The man nearby was showing it to some women and cutting their desired yardage from colorful bolts of material.

As customers chose the pattern they liked, the man measured the yards from the end of his nose to the tip of his fingers, cutting the material from the bolt with his pocketknife. The girls looked at each other, each with the same idea but unsure of results should they mention their idea to their father.

They didn’t have to mention it, Johnny Gaskins was treating his girls to a day in town and would let nothing stand in the way of making it one to remember.

“If I told you girls that you could buy enough goods to make a dress for yourselves and one for your Ma, would you know what to buy and how much to get?” he asked them.

“Oh Pa, would you really?” Nancy asked. “I know how much to buy. I’ve helped Ma measure it from the loom.”

The material was soon selected. Blue with a tiny white flower for Nancy. “I’m goin’ to make my weddin’ dress out of it, instead of the lindsey Ma was goin’ to use,” Nancy announced.

Mary chose the pink for herself and together they chose the gray for their mother,

remembering that all mothers wore either gray or brown lindsey. The gray calico with the tiny green flower would be something new and becoming for their mother.

“Pa, you have made us all so happy today,” Mary told him and added, “I guess we’ve got about the best Pa in the whole world.” After the purchases were made, they went back to their wagon and headed for the Hickman place for dinner.

She greeted them with. “Why, if it ain’t Mr. Gaskins. I ain’t seen you for a long time. Since there’s so many people around here, I guess they have scared all the bears off and you don’t come around any more. I’m glad to see you.”

“I’ve brung my girls this time,” he told her. “I’ve been a-tellin’ them that we would come to your place fer dinner. Are we too late to eat?”

“No, of course not, and even if you was, I could always find somethin’ for you an’ your girls,” she told him. Mrs. Hickman rattled on as she busied herself setting places for them at the table. “The men have all ready et and we can have the table all by ourselves. Our girls can have time to get acquainted.”

The meal, consisting of chicken and dumplings, fried potatoes, baked sweet potatoes, cabbage, and corn bread was soon on the table.

Divine Mercy, Annunciation & First New Moon of Spring

There are four luminaries (Sun, Mars, Venus, Uranus) in the fire sign of Aries this week. By Wednesday, there will be five as Moon joins the Sun in the first new moon of Spring.

Sunday is Divine Mercy Sunday. Monday is the Annunciation. Wednesday is the Aries new moon (20 degrees). “Go forth into matter” is the personality-building seed-thought of Aries. Over and over, lifetime after lifetime we use the Mars energy & the fiery impulse of Aries to return to Earth, anchor ourselves into a new life, learn more

about form and matter, the personality dominating.

At the new moon we plant our biodynamic gardens with new (organic) seeds. As the moon waxes (builds in light) toward the Full Moon Wesak Festival (March 25), the Buddha Taurus solar festival, the seeds begin to grow fiercely, seeking both starlight and sunlight.

During Divine Mercy Sunday, the Mercy of God pours into the Earth. Mercy, an “interior form of Love,” reaches into every human sorrow, sadness and misery, all lostness & ignorance.

Mercy uplifts each human (& kingdom), re-establishes quality and value of life. We are “found again,” restored to worth, significance, usefulness and meaning. Mercy recognizes the good within us always remains intact.

At the Annunciation, Angel Gabriel appears to a young woman (Pisces Age, two thousand years ago) informing her in nine months she will give birth to a World Savior. Today (Aquarian Age, two thousand years later), we, the human family, are the World Savior waiting to be born.

ARIES: You’ve been in a cycle of quiet where matters from the past have time to be assessed. You hesitate to come forth with ideas as you stand behind veils and curtains, in shadows of contemplation and meditation. Dropping forever things no longer useful, you examine what in your life is needed in the future. Guilt is not allowed. Only that which prospers you and humanity. Solitude will be required for a while.

TAURUS: Such brightness and light radiate from your constant depth of thought and research, explaining unusual ideas that impact and help create the future. It’s most important to share with others. Hopefully you have a group to talk with and who listens. Hopefully they stimulate an explanation of your discoveries. It’s important to create long-term goals. Use the Permaculture template.

GEMINI: Wherever you are, you will need to communicate with more depth and awareness. You will be held accountable for what you say and how you say it. Should others share inner feelings or secrets with you, respond with compassion and understanding. Use your natural authority to provide them with ease. Remember what you project, returns ten-fold. Be approachable. Your opinion matters. It can provide goodness or it can destroy (others).

CANCER: You have vision and great

ideals. With these you attempt to have perspective concerning your past and future. What you’d really rather do is travel, climb a mountain, even a little hill, but with good boots on. I want to warn you to have your vehicles check and fixed before taking off to parts unknown to discuss different philosophical ideas. Nothing about your life is usual now. Even your dreams are beautiful.

LEO: You’ve reached into the realm of the intuition. Looking up from the depths of your life you gaze at the stars for signs and direction. You observe others, seeking to understand their values, assessing how they use resources. It’s an excellent time for future financial planning. In terms of your money, it’s important to also be aware of if, how and where your money is being used to support ethical businesses.

VIRGO: You seek to cooperatively communicate with those close to you (friends and partners). You want personal interactions, to share personal history. There’s comfort and clarity when interacting this way. At times you will attempt to negotiate agreements, at other times you’re the counselor, creating a situation of mediation with best friends. You advise others to be peaceful. You learn about mercy and feel true goodness.

LIBRA: Notice how intuitive you’ve become, understanding the unspoken,

that which is hidden behind the outer words, that which tells you the truth of all matter. This information allows you to consider everyone else’s deep needs, beginning with your own. Allow yourself to always hear opposing views. Libra is the sign of choice, but only after all facts are known and comprehended. Someone loves you.

SCORPIO: You’ve begun to sort out, assess and organize all levels of daily life. It’s time also to tend to health issues, scheduling (with no personal planets retrograde) physical and emotional check ups, including the care of your vehicle(s). With work you become more logical and orderly, not allowing a scattering of energy, seeking new skills, greater activity and better communication. Efficiency and competence are your new keywords.

SAGITTARIUS: Your creative self-expression has become a powerful mental force. You observe your abilities and see they are good. You consider your many ideas and see that you are clearly creative. You enjoy your sense of humor and ways of communicating. You seek to compete to show off your intelligence capacities. Your spontaneity gives rise to recognition by others. You swell with pride. That’s good. This all passes soon.

CAPRICORN: You concentrate in a state of solitude to accomplish some sort of work, mental or physical – a

healing needed for you, the entire family, along with a reorganization of your domestic personal life. Be transparent with family members, rational, strict, yet loving. Be strong and constructive, providing needed guidelines. Direct your energy toward the home, family and personal needs. You will remember this time and your decisions as central to your future.

AQUARIUS: You will begin to feel a greater curiosity about other people and the town, village, neighborhood you live in. You’ll be chatting with others longer than usual, doing more errands, wanting to visit friends and relatives. You will feel busy, with varied interests. At times you may feel scattered. Take off your shoes (sometimes your clothes, too), and stand or lie on the Earth. This grounds, calms and centers mind and heart.

PISCES: When working with finances at this time you’re very practical. Assessing what is of value continues and defining much of your future. You become impatient with things frivolous, seeking to communicate rational ideas. When you find mistakes, your mind reviews them over and over. This is how we learn – through mistakes. Sometimes those mistakes are expensive. Create a Visualization & Creative Imagination Journal. Write down all that you envision (need). Visualization evokes the creative imagination.

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Ladies Fellowship Brunch April 15

Monday, April 15, at 10 a.m., Holiday Island Community Church, 188 Stateline Drive, will have a program featuring Phyllis (Lady Jewel) Hendrickson from Van Buren, Ark. Phyllis is a singer/songwriter and author of the book, *Keeper of the Ark*. She won a music competition

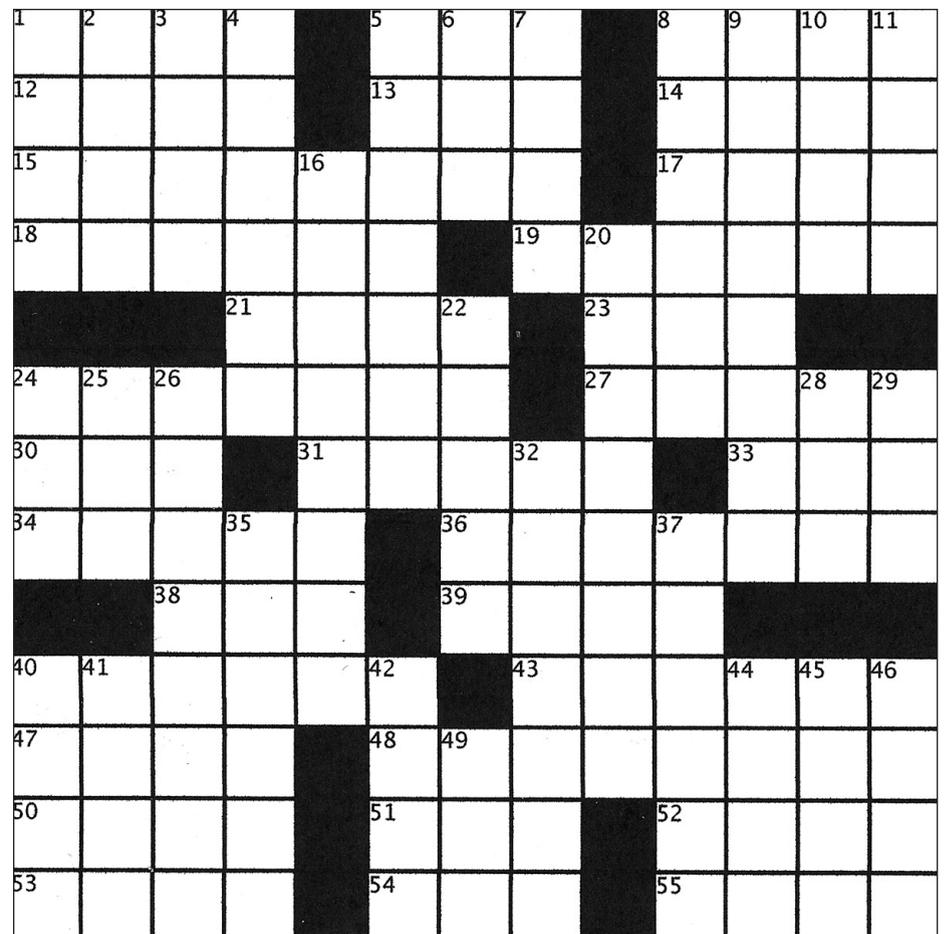
in Branson and an award at a Miami, Fla., book fair. All are invited to attend the program and meet this delightful woman. There is no charge and donations will be accepted. For reservations or further information, call Mary Lou Martin (479) 253-9398.



INDEPENDENT Crossword

by Chuck Levering

Solution on page 39



ACROSS

1. Traditional knowledge
5. Sing with lips closed
8. Goddess of discord
12. Home of Persepolis
13. In the past
14. Scuttled
15. Window over a door
17. Location
18. Trimming a yard
19. Earlier, poetically (two words)
21. Hitch
23. Finish
24. What divorced parents sometimes want
27. To the point
30. Mythical monster
31. Frivolous escapade
33. Sharer's word
34. Long-billed sandpiper
36. Train car
38. Queen in chess,

- ironically
39. Chinese money
40. Ill-tempered, angry (*Brit.*)
43. Giant steps
47. Tiny bit
48. Show pieces?
50. Happy
51. 23rd Hebrew letter
52. Bound
53. Not there
54. Anger
55. Tramp's love

DOWN

1. Supreme Court term
2. Toward the mouth
3. Peeled
4. Sign up
5. Traditional Jewish literature
6. Exclamation of disgust
7. Speck
8. Ancient mystic
9. Deluge unit

10. Excited about
11. Distort
16. Court plea
20. Goes backwards
22. Wanderer
24. Type of lettuce
25. Cremation vessel
26. Curved Oriental sword
28. Take to court
29. Be human
32. Hard to hold on to
35. It's one thing after another
37. Sign up
40. Charlie Brown's utterance
41. Not a good thing for a sole
42. Abominable snowman
44. Original thought
45. Kicked the bucket
46. See from afar
49. Golfer's dream



Easy rider – Auctioneer LeRoy Gorrell rests on his laurels with a mobile assist while calling up bids at ESSA's ReArt Chair-ity fundraiser live auction April 2. The "DMAX1000 Wheelchair" made by David McKee went to Bob Wilson for \$325. Highest bid of the night was \$700 from Sandy Martin, who scored Robert R. Norman's "Summer Sunfish" chair. Jim Nelson had to promise to duplicate his "Bow-Wow House" chair since bids of \$425 from Sandy Martin and Roger Shepherd came in at the same time and neither would concede or raise.

Left, Jim Nelson's Bow-Wow House chair

This week's Community Datebook

Ongoing events:

Wednesdays:

- 8 – 10 a.m., Plein Air Painters, all welcome, check www.studio62.biz for locations
- 10 a.m., Early Literacy program for preschoolers, Carnegie Library, fun activities. 253-8754
- 7 p.m., Drink & Draw w/ Robert Norman, live music, Chelsea's, donation.
- 7 – 9 p.m., Sandra Synar's free astrology class at the Carnegie Library Annex through June 26 (except May 1). (479) 445-4325, sandsynar@yahoo.com.

Thursdays:

- 9 a.m. – Noon, Farmers' Market, Pine Mountain Village.
- 4 p.m., ES Buddhist Study Group, Library Annex

Coming up

Saturday, 6:

- 10 a.m. – noon, Firearm/home defense class, ES Police Dept., Passion Play Road, 253-8666
- 12:15 – 1:45 p.m., Child loss bereavement support group, St. Elizabeth Parish Center, Passion Play Road
- 6 – 8 p.m., Drumming with Angelo, Basin Park, Sphere stick decorating event
- 7 p.m., World champion juggling and

wonderment in city auditorium, \$10 adult, \$5 child.

Sunday, 7:

- 2 – 3 p.m., Passion Play cast & worker registration/sign up, Play grounds, follow signs
- 5 p.m. potluck, 6 p.m. Eureka House Concert with Small Potatoes, 17 Elk St.

Monday, 8:

- 11 a.m. – 5 p.m., Community blood drive, Elk's Lodge #1042, Park Shopping Center, H. I.
- 4 – 8 p.m. GSHS fundraiser, Fresh Harvest Tasting Room, Pine Mtn. Village,

Tuesday, 9:

- 4:30 p.m., Friends of Carnegie Library open meeting, Library Annex, Spring St.
- 6 – 8 p.m., Open House at Starkey Marina, 422 Mundell Road on Beaver Lake
- 7 p.m., *Collages by Chaffyn* exhibit, The Space, 2 Pine St.

Wednesday, 10: 7 – 8:30 p.m., Scottish dancing, Enthois, 215 Greenwood Hollow, 253-8252

Thursday, 11: 4 – 6 p.m., "Hawaiian" Open House, Laughing Hands Massage, the Quarter, 244-5954

Saturday, 13: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m., Free cancer survivor writing workshop, Writers' Colony, 253-7444

Free the Girls!
Eureka go Bragh(less)
Give a former slave a job



Busting Out in April 2013 is a month long bra drive being conducted in Eureka Springs and surrounding area. The bras will be sent to Free The Girls, a non-profit organization fighting human trafficking. By partnering with safe houses and after-care facilities, they provide an opportunity for women rescued from sex trafficking to earn a living selling second-hand clothing while going to school, getting healthy, and caring for their families. Some of the girls in the program are making five times the minimum wage in their community by selling bras.

Free The Girls has shipped 32 thousand bras to Mozambique and is launching new pilot programs in four more countries in 2013 including Kenya, Uganda, Mexico and El Salvador.

Collection boxes will be set up in numerous businesses in and around Eureka Springs during the month of April. Gently used, nearly new or barely worn bras of all types including camisoles, nursing bras and sports bras will be accepted. Notes of encouragement to the women may be attached to the donation. Support may also be shown through monetary donations to help cover shipping costs.

Please visit the "Busting Out in April 2013" Facebook page for a complete list of drop-off locations. Businesses wishing to participate as drop off locations should contact Raven Derge or Mary Wise at (479) 363-9879.

See the whole fascinating story and find more information about Free The Girls at www.freethegirls.org or visit "Free The Girls: Fight Human Trafficking" on Facebook.

Come on Eureka, Free the Girls!

AUDacious by Ray Dilfield

They say that to love, one must be unconditional in that love. Accept all the flaws and revel in that which attracted you in the first place. An acquaintance recently posted what may be a better characterization – paraphrasing here – *Love is finding someone whose demons play well with yours*. Probably two sides of the same coin. Anyway, the point is that we are to accept the objects of our love as they are and not try to change them to suit our own expectations.

Where does that leave us who profess to love the Aud? Does loving it require accepting its faults and limitations along with its beauty and history? Or does loving it carry with it the responsibility to constantly improve our use of, and care for, the facility?

Are there not things we'd love to change? My



personal list runs into the hundreds. From a more patron-friendly entrance and lobby, to handicapped accessibility, to seats that bear some correlation with 21st century derriere dimensions, the comments and suggestions from our guests show no shortage of desired changes.

Are we proposing these changes out of love for the Aud, to make it suit our own expectations, or as a method of leaving behind little ego-memorials? Does it matter what our motives are?

Let me count the ways...

If the end result is a net improvement in the Aud, I'm all for it.

Housekeeping:

1) We had our second conference call with WoodSongs founder Michael Jonathon Tuesday afternoon. Things are moving ahead smartly. The way things are shaping up, this year's Folk Festival is going to be talked about for a long time.

2) I find myself on the cusp of a perfect storm – the good kind – where upcoming show and prep schedules, bookings at my B&B, and a timely tax refund have converged to allow us to get away for a little bit for the first time in nearly two years. Who knows what could change in the next two weeks? I'll let you know when I get back.



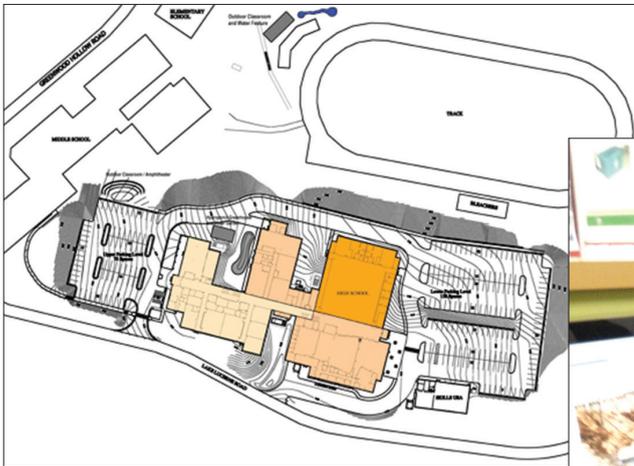
EAST program nets \$5,000 Schoolyard Habitat Grant

Eureka Springs EAST (Environmental and Spatial Technology) program has won a \$5000 Schoolyard Habitat grant from Arkansas Game & Fish Commission to design an outdoor amphitheater/classroom. Pat Knighten, Project Wild coordinator with AG&F, expressed her approval and enthusiasm for the project and will visit the campus later in the spring.

The amphitheater will fit into an exposed hillside ravine in the northeast corner of the school's front parking lot and feature a stage and seating area made of retaining wall stones. In addition to providing seating, the arrangement of stones will also serve as a series of short retaining walls to prevent soil erosion. The stage at the base will be surrounded by a rain garden designed to control rainwater runoff and filter pollutants from water that eventually becomes part of the Kings River Watershed.

Thirty EAST and Building Trade students will be involved in the planning, design and construction of the site serving two hundred students, staff and the Eureka Springs community. Numerous community members and businesses will lend expertise and resources to the project, including arborist Chris Fischer, Gordon Powell of Bear Creek Nursery, and county and University of Arkansas environmental specialists.

The site will become a living educational



experience showing students how environmental landscaping and rain gardens can resolve water pollution and soil erosion problems. The rain garden will be an important asset in restoring wildlife and habitat to the area by providing water, food and shelter for displaced flora, insects, birds, reptiles and animals. The amphitheater will serve as an outdoor classroom and unique venue for music, performing arts and other educational programs and functions.

The EAST program and its district-wide Environmental Educational program will be responsible for the long term care of this

Electronic landscaping – Nathan Wilkerson played an important role in creating the design concept for the ESHS amphitheater in Sketch-up, a 3D design program.



project. The district facilities committee, comprised of school board and community members, will also have oversight. Future grant funding will be targeted to expand this project and similar environmental programs throughout the district.



Way to go, Quiz Team! – The Eureka Springs High School Quiz Bowl team won First Place in the Regional competition March 9 in Ft. Smith. The team continues on to compete for State in Morrilton on Saturday, April 6.

PHOTOS SUBMITTED



EAST Highlanders explore challenging landscaping – Thanks to a gift from the Willard and Pat Walker Charitable Foundation, ESHS EAST members were recently invited to tour Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art. The museum provided souvenir gift bags and loaned students iPods with information about paintings and sculpture on display. Chris Fischer, naturalist and certified arborist, accompanied the group in researching landscape design as Crystal Bridges was designed and built for a challenge site, like the new high school. It is a goal of the EAST program to assist the school district facilities committee in completing landscaping and solving environmental challenges of the new campus.

Spring into diversity

It's spring diversity weekend and it seems everyone is ready for spring to be here. There is so much to do this weekend that you may need to take a seat, have a drink and listen to some good live music. An array of choices awaits you in almost every genre you can imagine.

If you are a fan of folk/Americana, The Craig Kinsey Band, of Sideshow Tramp fame, will be at New Delhi Café on Saturday and Sunday. The folk duo Small Potatoes will perform an intimate show at the UU Church on Elk Street Sunday evening.

In the goddess rock genre, welcome Big Bad Gina back to the Voulez-Vous Lounge. These three highly-acclaimed chicks always put on a diverse and entertaining show. At Chelsea's you can hear Iris, a group that comes to play every diversity weekend and rocks the house. The goddess rock list would be incomplete without Chasing Nadean, who will be at Jack's Place on Friday and Saturday night. The trio of Lynn Whitley, Deb Starnes and Twyla Gaines will have you groovin' to their bluesy sound.

If you like drag shows look no further than Eureka Live! where there is an '80s themed show on Friday and a Wedding Event drag show on Saturday night with an actual wedding performed on stage. The Squid and Whale has Black Water on Saturday night if you feel like listening to some '80s-style rock.

The Pied Piper will have Plumb

Green Thumb, a new Eureka band whose members are experienced and talented in the Americana/Bluegrass world. There will be drumming in the park Saturday at 6 p.m., led by Angelo of Ozakwaaba. If you like the sounds of Southern rock and outlaw country, check out Thundercrow at Chasers Bar & Grill or Strange Derangers at the Squid & Whale.

If you want to make your own music there is karaoke with Tiny on Friday at Rowdy Beaver and Saturday at Chasers and the Lumberyard has DJ Karaoke. Get out there and welcome spring in style!

FRIDAY - APRIL 5

- CHASERS BAR & GRILL *Thundercrow*
- CHELSEA'S *Diversity Band*, 9 p.m.
- EUREKA LIVE! *'80s Drag & Dance Event*
- EUREKA STONEHOUSE *Jerry Yester*, 5-8 p.m.
- GRAND TAVERNE *Arkansas Red Guitar*, 6:30-9:30 p.m.
- JACK'S PLACE *Chasing Nadean*, 8 p.m. - midnight
- LUMBERYARD RESTAURANT & SALOON DJ Karaoke, 8 p.m.
- NEW DELHI CAFÉ *Kevin Riddle*, 2-5 p.m., *Mike & Grady*, 6:30-10:30 p.m.
- PIED PIPER CATHOUSE LOUNGE *Plumb Green Thumb*, 8-midnight
- ROWDY BEAVER *Karaoke with Tiny*, 8 p.m.

- ROWDY BEAVER DEN *Bob Adler & Friends*, 9 p.m.
- SQUID & WHALE PUB *Strange Derangers, Outlaw Country, Rock*
- VOULEZ-VOUS *Big Bad Gina*, 9 p.m.

SATURDAY - APRIL 6

- BASIN PARK *Drumming in the Park*, 6 p.m.
- CHASERS BAR & GRILL *Karaoke with Tiny*
- CHELSEA'S *Iris*, 9 p.m.
- EUREKA LIVE! *The Wedding Event - Drag & Dancing with a Real Life Wedding!*
- GRAND TAVERNE *Jerry Yester Grand Piano Dinner Music*, 6:30-9:30 p.m.
- JACK'S PLACE Karaoke with *DJ Goose*, 3-7 p.m., *Chasing Nadean*, 9 p.m. - closing
- LUMBERYARD RESTAURANT & SALOON DJ Karaoke, 8 p.m.
- NEW DELHI CAFÉ *Blackout Boys*, 12-4 p.m., *Craig Kinsey Band*, 6:30-10:30 p.m., After Hours Breakfast Buffet, 11 p.m. - 3 a.m.
- PIED PIPER CATHOUSE LOUNGE *Plumb Green Thumb*, 8-midnight
- ROWDY BEAVER *Ozark Thunder*, 8 p.m.
- ROWDY BEAVER DEN *Jesse Dean*, 1-5 p.m., *Blew Reed & the Flatheads*, 9 p.m.
- SQUID & WHALE PUB *Black Water, Face Melting Rock*

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- **CHELSEA'S** *Iris*, 2–5 p.m., *Banjer Dan*, 6–10 p.m.
- **EUREKA HOUSE CONCERTS** *Small Potatoes*, 6 p.m.
- **EUREKA LIVE!** Customer Appreciation Night, 5 p.m.–close
- **LUMBERYARD RESTAURANT & SALOON** Free Texas Hold 'Em Tournament *with prizes*, 6 p.m.
- **NEW DELHI CAFÉ** *Ratiff Dean*, 1–5 p.m., *Craig Kinsey Band*, 6–9 p.m.
- **ROWDY BEAVER** Free pool
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MONDAY – APRIL 8

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

TUESDAY – APRIL 9

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

WEDNESDAY – APRIL 10

- **CHASERS BAR & GRILL** Beer Pong
- **CHELSEA'S** *Chucky Waggs*, 9 p.m.
- **NEW DELHI CAFÉ** Open Jam
- **PIED PIPER CATHOUSE LOUNGE** Wheat Wednesday *Draft Beer Specials*
- **ROWDY BEAVER** Wine Wednesday
- **SQUID & WHALE PUB** Pickled Porpoise Revue

THURSDAY – APRIL 11

- **CHASERS BAR & GRILL** Taco & Tequila Night
- **CHELSEA'S** Jazz Night, 9 p.m.



Chasing Nadean performing goddess rock at **Jack's Place** Friday and Saturday.

- **GRAND TAVERNE** *Jerry Yester Grand Piano Dinner Music*, 6:30–9:30 p.m.
- **LUMBERYARD RESTAURANT & SALOON** Taco and Margarita Night, Ladies Night–Happy Hour all night
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I can expect the value of my property to drop by as much as fifty percent.”

Ironically for the Helwigs and many others, their power is supplied by Carroll Electric Cooperative – not SWEPCO. Helwig said one thing he will be looking into is the relationship of the two companies and their two grids.

“Like all citizens, I am an electricity user, and I am aware of the need to continually improve the power grid,” Helwig said. “And we do live in the growing economy of Northwest Arkansas. How we balance the attraction of a growing economy and the attractive nature of the Natural State is on the table. It makes me dream of a future where home-made distributed electricity and conservation measures eliminate the need for obtrusive utility mega-corridors with their forest clear cuts.”

Chris Fischer, an arborist in Eureka Springs, is concerned about the portions of the route that would go through land that isn’t already disturbed.

“The ‘new, improved reliability’ route coming in from Gateway just north of the highway 187/23 junction reads as a new line, so it will have a somewhat brutal impact as it will occur on land that has never been cleared as an existing utility corridor being upgraded or widened,” Fischer said.

One of the alternatives, a blue line on the map, apparently runs through the southern tip of Leatherwood Lake City Park, just north of the Eureka Springs city limits, and then north of the Passion Play. Fisher said if the preferred northern route is challenged and this route were to be chosen, that would raise concerns for the deforestation involved, as well.

This project has been in the works since 2007 when the Southwest Power Pool, the regional

“...the commission has the authority to modify the proposed route or to decide to utilize one of the five other routes. Thus, you are being notified in order that you may monitor these proceedings and participate as you deem appropriate.”

transmission organization serving a large part of nine states including Arkansas and Missouri, identified a need for strengthening the transmission system in the north Arkansas and southern Missouri parts of the grid. Peter Main, spokesman for SWEPCO, said the Southwest Power Pool directed SWEPCO to build facilities including a proposed transmission line and the new Kings River Station of Berryville.

“Our study will be presented to the Arkansas Public Service Commission (PSC), and they will look at all the various factors considered in identifying those routes,” Main said. “Then the commission will determine if that is the appropriate route or another route. The transmission studies anticipate overloads on the

transmission system in 2016 and beyond. And so this is putting facilities in place to strengthen the system so that it is able to handle the load that is anticipated in 2016, in particular the Carroll County portion.”

Asked if more power was needed for the Tyson chicken processing plant in Berryville, Main said the new line is not needed for any one particular industry, but for overall growth in north Arkansas and into Missouri.

“Transmission planners look at the big picture,” Main said. “They look at the overall load that has to be served across localized areas, as well as the broader region, and they look at the way these areas are interconnected to insure reliability. The lines are being built now for a completion date mid 2016. It is very much with an eye

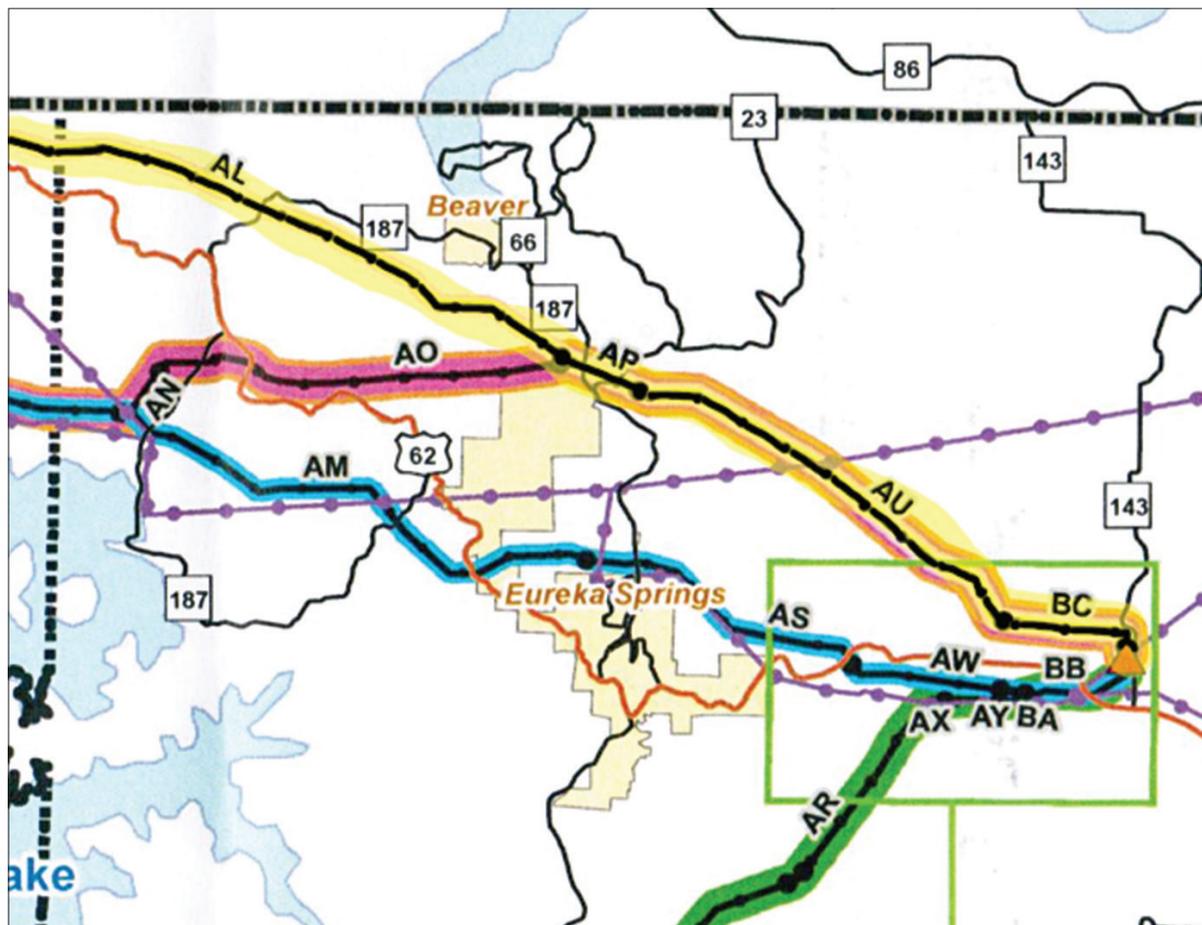
to the big picture of the reliability of the entire region. Large transmission lines are the backbone of entire transmission grid.”

While controversial, some people believe high voltage power lines produce electromagnetic pollution that can be harmful to people and wildlife. One woman said she couldn’t live near high voltage power lines because they interfere with her heart pacemaker.

Main said it is their general practice is to minimize the impact on existing homes, follow the natural terrain where possible, and minimize to the extent practical the number of landowners’ properties that are traversed. “We try to avoid private dwellings and commercial buildings, and to minimize impacts on current and potential future usage land,” Main said. “We look at existing easement corridors, and use those when possible. So there are a lot of factors that go into it.”

In a letter to landowners, SWEPCO said its preferred route is Route 33, which is comprised of segments BZ-C-I-N-S-Y-Z-J-0-AF-AL-AP-AU-BC. “If your land is not located on any of those segments, then the route of the transmission line proposed by SWEPCO does not traverse you,” he said. “However, at the hearing scheduled in this matter the commission has the authority to modify the proposed route or to decide to utilize one of the five other routes. Thus, you are being notified in order that you may monitor these proceedings and participate as you deem appropriate.”

Landowners have 30 days from April 2 to file an objection with the Arkansas PSC to the proposed line. A copy of the environmental impact study is at the Eureka Springs Carnegie Library. Maps can be accessed at www.swepeco.com/shipekings.



April brings “fresh harvest” for GSHS

Yes, we “olive” (all love) cats and dogs and there’s an opportunity to show it at the “all love” fundraiser at the Fresh Harvest Tasting Room on Monday, April 8, 4–8 p.m. in Pine Mountain Village. There will be live music, a kitchen-themed raffle, new recipe samples, a special game, adoptable pets and mini-seminars on olive oils and balsamics.

During that time, Fresh Harvest will donate from \$2 – \$5 to GSHS for every bottle of olive oil or balsamic sold. It’s the perfect opportunity to stock your

kitchen with the freshest (it does make a difference) olive oils being produced around the world by organic growers and captured at their peak of flavor. Because they always “chase the crush,” Fresh Harvest has the freshest on the market, so oils in stock change with the seasons and may come from different countries.

Olive oils fused or infused with butter, garlic, blood oranges and many other herbs and fruits make cooking a delicious adventure. There are no flavorings here, just honesty. The balsamic vinegars range from

fruits like mango to chocolate and even jalapeño – and when paired with the right oil make knock-your-hat-off salad dressings and marinades.

There are also nut and truffle oils and other gourmet products available. Explore the website at freshharvest.co (no “m”) to see what exciting fresh harvest is now in store and then be at the “Olive” Cats and Dogs fundraiser to buy your favorites on April 8.

The doggies and kitties will “olive” you for it. *Bone* appetit!

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safety and effectiveness in a product we are trying to purchase to fulfill the legislative intent of Act 197.”

Earlier in the year saw the failure of proposed legislation to overturn Act 197, a mandate passed by the legislature in 2011 to require all water systems serving more than 5,000 to fluoridate the water, an action the ADH said is needed to prevent cavities.

Fonseca said he is disappointed that the ADH, instead of opposing the accountability bill, isn’t requiring fluoride suppliers to follow the law by providing the documents they are required to disclose for products that receive American National Standards Institute/NSF Standard 60 certification.

No domestic suppliers

“These manufacturers’ documents are required to declare the full extent of each contaminant and provide a list of toxicological studies on the product and those contaminants,” Fonseca said. “Not a single supplier responded with the requested data.”

Fonseca prepared a folder with eight documents for each senator on the committee, and initially was told he would have only two minutes to testify. Another presenter from a water district in Pine Bluff gave up his two minutes to allow Fonseca more time.

Fonseca testified that currently there are no domestic suppliers of fluoridation chemicals, and that operators have no way of knowing what country they come from.

“A lot of the chemical products are now more frequently sourced from China, Japan, Russia, Mexico and other foreign countries where manufacturing standards can be lax,” Fonseca said. “There are no state requirements for batch testing for impurities or revealing the country of origin for the product.”

According to Material Data Safety Sheets for the chemicals, 6.2 grams—about a teaspoon—of the fluoridation chemicals is enough to kill a man.

Another person testifying in favor of SB 255 was Amity dentist Dr. Chester Clark, who is also mayor of Amity. Clark opposes fluoridation. Clark’s website has information about studies linking fluoridation to negative health effects making bones more brittle and prone to fracture, lowering the production of an important hormone, melatonin, damaging the enamel of a high percent of children causing dental fluorosis, and increasing the uptake of aluminum into the brain.

Other studies have linked the fluoride chemicals to decreased IQ’s in children, hypothyroidism and cancer.

After the testimony, Sen. David Burnett asked three questions. One was if this was just a clever disguised attempt to get out of fluoridation. King replied, no, his constituents just want disclosure of what is in the fluoridation products.

Fonseca spoke about analyses of the artificial fluoridation chemicals showing 17 contaminants including lead, arsenic and radionuclides. Burnett asked if some of those same contaminants aren’t found naturally in the water. Fonseca said that the Beaver

Lake water does contain contaminants such lead, arsenic and copper, but the operators do an inorganic analysis on the raw water so they know the level of contaminants. However, they don’t have any similar information about the levels of contaminants in the fluoridation chemicals.

The third question from Burnett was asking if SB 255 would increase the cost of fluoridation chemicals. “I responded that since this information is required for certification, it should be as easy as getting a copy out of the file and presenting it to the water district,” Fonseca said.

No vote taken – next steps

After testimony and questions ended, the bill was not even taken up for a vote.

“I was a little bit shocked,” Fonseca said. “I thought they would at least take a vote. None of the committee members moved to take a vote. Bryan King had a good presentation to open and close the hearing, but it seemed no one wanted to get on the record voting for or against it. I don’t know why no one wanted a vote requiring disclosure. I was real disappointed, but sometimes all you can do is plant the seeds.”

Following the failure of the water additives act, Green said the ADH intends to continue working with water systems to achieve compliance with the fluoride mandate.

“We continue to see progress as we move forward,” Green said. “It is my understanding that the Delta Dental of Arkansas Foundation (DDF) remains active in providing grant funds to water systems that are proceeding with plans to fluoridate.”

Act 197 required that the cost to implement fluoridation would come from grant funds—not user fees or taxes. But the amount that CBWD engineers

estimated is needed is much more than what DDF has agreed to fund. ADH has accused CBWD of inflating the cost for equipment in order to get out of being forced to fluoridate, but Fonseca said two major components disallowed by DDF – a second story mezzanine and continuous monitoring – are important for worker safety and to assure that levels of fluoride don’t exceed limits.

“They said we were trying to inflate costs by wanting a second story and mezzanine,” Fonseca said. “Our engineers were designing buildings safe for operators so you could use a fork lift to lift the product up to be above the hopper to load the product. DDF wants us to eliminate the second story and build a platform in a much smaller building. This would involve operators having to grab 50 pounds bags of very toxic materials, walk up platform stairs and dump it into hoppers. We didn’t design the second story for a better view, but for operator safety. The design was taken from one at the Beaver Water District. We have been with our engineers from the very beginning and we trust their judgment.”

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Fonseca said the decision on where the fluoridation issue goes now is likely to be brought up at a CBWD board meeting later in the year. Earlier CBWD board members have indicated they feel they have to comply with the mandate, but will not do anything to compromise worker safety. That could leave CBWD customers paying the difference between grant funds and the cost of the plan developed by CBWD engineers.

“Intriguing” benefit

Intrigue Theatre’s March 13 benefit performance for Turpentine Creek Wildlife Refuge (TCWR) generated almost \$1000 in proceeds while providing a well-deserved night of entertainment for a sold-out house. More than 20 refuge interns and staff also enjoyed the evening after completing their recent rescue of more than 30 big cats.

“Julianne and I ... decided to put the ‘unbelievable’ to work for them. We knew their staff needed a break ...,” stated Sean-Paul, founder and star of Intrigue Theater. “After learning it takes about \$10,000 a year to feed and care for a big cat, we also knew we needed to do more than entertain them.”

“The show proceeds will go a long way in making a better lifelong home for our wildlife family,” said Tanya Smith, co-founder and president of TCWR. “Our interns really needed a reward after a 4-month long rescue operation. They loved the show and can’t wait to take visiting friends and family. It’s wonderful so many local businesses realize our interns are great ambassadors for local businesses.”

Proceeds help finance ongoing care for more than 120 tigers, lions, leopards, cougars and other wildlife who make TCWR their life-long home. For more information about the theater and the refuge, visit www.intriguetheater.com, www.turpentinecreek.org or call (479) 253-5841.



From left: Intrigue Theater stars Julianne, Frankie the monkey and Sean-Paul present Tanya Smith, president of Turpentine Creek Wildlife Refuge, with a benefit show check.

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and he wanted council to support that effort. He said, “If we have water leakage and that translates to money, I’d think it would be a high priority.” McClung said he agreed.

Purkeypile said Public Works needs a flow meter at the lift station and maybe another one in the south part of town to accurately check water loss. Diane Wilkerson, assistant to the mayor, reported that Allen said he already identified specific areas where the city is losing water.

Purkeypile said it does not help that previous directors had destroyed Public Works records, inadvertently or not, but it has been difficult for Allen to even know where all the problems in sewer lines and water lines might be. He wants to create a map of sewer and water lines for the city.

One solution, Purkeypile said, would be to purchase geographic information systems software as

some cities have done, and there would be a cost involved. Purkeypile commented, “Do we absolutely need this? Maybe not, but we must stop the water leakage.”

Council put flow meters and repairs to water/sewer systems on the list.

Pate told council they really needed to consider a situation at the Transit Department. Tram traffic has surged and the tourist season has not even begun; yet it is hard for Transit to keep one tram running. Even if Transit cannibalized two nonfunctioning trams to keep one running, as DeVito suggested, they would still need to spend money on parts and labor. Even then, this remedy would be only a Band-Aid™ according to Pate.

McClung suggested they could let private companies take over the tram business. It is not a people mover, like city buses whose purpose is to move people from here to there – it is a tourist attraction. Private companies

can spend their own money on the trams and the city could regulate them. DeVito pointed out the original purpose of the trams was to keep tour buses out of downtown and neighborhoods.

There was a collective “Hmmm . . .” around the table as aldermen looked at each other. They put it on the list.

At the end of the discussion, Purkeypile mentioned the condition of the dam at Black Bass Lake. Pate told council there would be more work soon on securing the interior face of the structure that Purkeypile said would eliminate maybe 80 percent of the leaks. Council concurred this fix was just buying time. The long-term prognosis will still be an encumbrance on council. They admitted that one of the choices is decommissioning the dam, which means returning the area to a more original state. More fact finding and deliberation will be forthcoming soon, but council

concurred something must be done.

The dam at Black Bass Lake made it onto the list.

The final six objectives council will attempt to tackle are:

- bathrooms at the North Main parking lot
- bridge on Mill Hollow Road
- attention to the sewer/water systems, including adding flow meters to check losses of potable water
- new and more convenient ESFD substation
- tram situation at Transit
- dam at Black Bass Lake

Mitchell commented at the end that previous councils have understandably chosen to avoid taking on big ticket items, but these projects have been moved along from council to council unaddressed. He was glad this council is tackling some pressing unmet needs.

Next workshop on Thursday, April 4, at 4 p.m. will be on limousines.

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98 percent program.

“I think the important point from the state’s point for Eureka Springs is it has no impact on retaining any dollar amount collected in the 25 mills, as consistent with the court ruling,” Wood said.

Asked if the ADE would now pay the \$100,000 for each of the past three years, Wood said that issue would continue through the legal process in court.

ESSD generates more taxes than most school districts in the state because of the large number of

hotels and other businesses in Eureka Springs, combined with revenues from the retirement community of Holiday Island where many residents are older without children in school. But school officials have said with 77 percent of children at ESSD qualifying for reduced price lunches, clearly this is

not a “rich” district.

Several school districts besides Eureka Springs will be impacted. In addition to not receiving the 98 percent, if a district anywhere in the state generates more than the 98 percent, that money has to be rebated to the state, Turner said.



Reincarnation of Recycling

There are more microbes in a teaspoon of soil than there are people on the earth – 13,000 different species of bacteria alone. Yogurt might be good if you want some sugar, but if you really want some live and active probiotics, try some fresh dirt. In a teaspoon of dirt you'll also find a thousand feet of fungi, and thousands of protozoa and algae and nematodes. Also numerous in the soil are earthworms, beetles and other insects.

Many of these microbes live right next to plant roots. This is called the

rhizosphere. They like it here because they are first in line for sugars that plants exude from their roots. For one example, a group of scientists – as they continue to search for what is already there – have identified 17 of out of 59,000 species of bacteria that protect beets from soil diseases. None of these 17 species could defend the beets on their own, but these exact 17 bacteria species were able to work together to suppress root fungus in the beets. As long as the beet plants are alive, they are turning sunlight into sugar – and about 20 percent of that

sugar is funneled through the roots into the rhizosphere.

In our bodies, our digestive system carries about 100 trillion microbes. Much of these are roughly 500 species of bacteria. As in the soil, the bacteria are an important part of the food web, turning food into something more digestible.

Soil is originally composed of rock dust. As hardy mosses and lichens try to make a living on these rocks, they die. Microbes colonize to feed on their remains. These microbes will also die and the cycle begins building on itself

as more plants and microbes are able to build a stable soil through each other's decomposition.

Barring erosion, the ecosystem on this patch of rock dust will become a stable soil of rock particles and minerals, and the dead organic matter of past plants continuing the recycling of themselves as food for trillions of microbes, and these microbes in turn will make nutrients available to the plants presently living in this dirt patch.

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traveling back to visit relatives in Lawrence, Kansas, than he did in Colorado. "Edward wasn't totally feeling it in Colorado," Janalee said. They also realized there might be a market for his photos of the Kansas landscape.

They were right. His photos of Kansas were a hit in Lawrence, and he got a job as a contract photographer for the world-renowned Nelson Atkins Museum of Art in Kansas City. He also co-produced a small photo book and sold out the first printing of 3000 copies in a month. Another 3000 copies were printed and sold just as fast. These books also served as a sampler for his prints that also sold well. Other photo books followed as well as art shows. Kansas seemed to like seeing itself through Edward's viewfinder.

While in Kansas, Janalee refined her style of painting with its distinctive charming depiction of women and girls in imaginative settings, and had showings in Lawrence.

After they had been there ten years, the head photographer of the Nelson Atkins retired, and the museum offered Edward the position. At that point the Robisons considered their choices were either accept the prestigious job offer at a world-famous museum in Kansas City or finally give Eureka Springs a shot.

So they moved to Arkansas in 2008 and opened a gallery in downtown Eureka Springs. Edward said the gallery did well, but they were considering a move to a less expensive space when possible. They had rented a house south of town, and during January 2009, the famous ice storm hit. When the power came back on, their house burned down. It was the day before Edward's birthday.

They lost just about everything in the fire including Janalee's paintings. After wondering what would be next, they found their present abode, which happens to have a gallery space right beside it.

Janalee said one of the challenges was to remove a prodigious amount of squirrel leavings and rat carcasses from what they hoped would become their gallery.

As life moved on, the family went to a Ben Folds concert, and while there Ethan saw Galen Harp juggling a diablo, an Asian yoyo, and Ethan, age eight, wanted to learn how to do it. Harp told them about a juggling club in Springdale which meets weekly, and they have been going now for almost three years.

Janalee said Ethan at first would juggle three or more hours a day. Edward said, "I was bored, so I also learned to juggle, and it spiraled out of control." Unicycling followed, and Ethan became obsessed.

About that time, the owners of Bass Pro Shop found Edward by Googling nature photographers in the area. They wanted to produce a book about Big Cedar Lodge, and hired him to do the photography.

"Again, things spiraled out of control," he said. Bass Pro Shop then asked him to fly to Pennsylvania for a week to photograph a group of Amish moving a barn to Missouri. As a coincidence, the Amish farm was next door to Arnold Palmer's property, and Edward had the opportunity to shoot a photo of John Morris, owner of Bass Pro Shop, with Arnold Palmer and the Amish farmer with the barn in the background. The photos were turned into a coffee table book featuring Big Cedar Lodge.

Crystal Bridges also asked Edward to photograph their artwork, so he has had the chance to have up-close-and-personal access to artwork afforded very few.

Ethan grabbed a camera when the family was in Crested Butte, Colo., and starting shooting photos of his own. "I like living things that aren't human," he said, such as bugs and flowers. His photos are also on display at Sacred Earth Gallery.

Besides having their own gallery, their artwork is available at other venues. Edward produced a photography book about Eureka Springs along with his other ventures.

Janalee's artwork is available at Crystal Waters and Iris at the Basin Park in Eureka Springs and at the Norberta Philbrook Gallery in Bentonville.

Last year the Robisons debuted Southwind Stage that Edward and Ethan built in their backyard. "It was a place where we could practice," Edward commented. The first performance before an audience of about 100 was on Mother's Day weekend, and, along with others entertainers, the show featured Ethan performing a version of his Steampunk juggling act. Soon after, he participated at the International Juggling Festival in Winston-Salem, N. Carolina. He had just turned 11 but was allowed to compete in the 12-18 category, and finished in fourth place.

This Saturday, April 6, at the Auditorium in Eureka Springs, the Robisons and the Institute of Juggology will stage Ozark Mountain Mystique, "an evening of juggling and wonderment." The audience will see Ethan and his Steampunk routine along with an impressive list of big names and record-holders in the world of juggling and unicycling. There will also be some magic and even a silk aerialist. The show begins at 7 p.m.

More details are available at ozarkmountainmystique.eventbrite.com or theaud.org or on the calendar of events at eurekasprings.org.

Tell your Eureka story to the world

The Writers' Colony at Dairy Hollow is partnering with *Tales from the South* to do a live broadcast featuring local talent with Eureka Springs stories to be distributed nationally on public radio via KUAR and internationally via satellite.

Tales creator and producer, Paula Morell, will conduct a workshop Sunday, May 5, at the Colony. During the workshop, Morell will teach participants how to write their true tale for the show and how to present it on radio. She will also discuss the story submission process. The workshop costs \$25 and is already filling up, so please register now if interested.

Once stories are selected, Morell will work with local storytellers to prepare for a live broadcast Sunday, June 16. The radio show will be open to the public and broadcast from Caribe.

Morell created *Tales from the South* in 2005 to showcase "southern-style storytelling," and it has grown to be an internationally broadcasted programming mainstay.

"This collaboration meets and advances our mission by being a venue for hosting local works and historical writings from the area, shining a national spotlight on them," said Sandy Martin, Board Chair of The Writers' Colony.

Morell received her BA in English from Florida International University, and her MFA in Creative Writing from the University of New Orleans Creative Writing Workshop. She has been teaching creative writing for more than 20 years and her short stories, poetry and creative nonfiction have won numerous regional, national and international awards. She has been featured as an emerging writer at the International Conference on the Short Story in English.

She started *Tales* and Temenos Publishing Company, a small literary press, in 2005. Morell and her husband, Jason, own the Starving Artist Café in Little Rock, where the

show's broadcast hub is located.

The *Tales from the South: Eureka Stories* public program is about stories, music and ideas connecting people to people through personal experiences, history, traditions and philosophy. The stories may stimulate the audience's ideas and memories leading people to explore their own cultural heritage and shared community experiences and provide insight into the community, our history and our cultural evolution.

For more information and to sign up for the workshop contact Linda Caldwell at The Writers' Colony (479) 253-7444, or email director@writerscolony.org.

PASSAGES

Charlene Mae Maxwell, July 10, 1946 – March 26, 2013

Charlene Mae Maxwell, a resident of Eureka Springs, was born July 10, 1946 in Kansas City, Kan., a daughter of Charles Dewayne and Myrian Delores (Bolton) Williams. She departed this life Tuesday, March 26, in Eureka Springs, at the age of 66.

Charlene was a member of the First Assembly of God in Eureka Springs and a member of the Praise and Worship Team at church and of the Women's



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Ministries. She loved working in her flower garden and being outside. She enjoyed camping, spending time with her family and being a servant to the Lord.

On August 20, 1965 she was united in marriage with Roy Paul Maxwell who survives her of the home. She is also survived by two sons, Steven Paul Maxwell of Berryville, Ark.; Robert Lee Maxwell and Pepsi Marie of Bonner Springs, Kan.; daughter, Brandy Michelle Lee and husband, Mark, of Green Valley, Mo.; mother, Myrian Williams of Lee's Summit, Mo.; brother, Dennis Williams and wife, Marilyn, of Lee's Summit, Mo.; Gaylen Williams and wife, Mary, of Merriam, Kan.; sister,

Sheila Williams of Overland Park, Kan.; five grandchildren, two great grandchildren, several nieces and nephews and a host of friends and loved ones.

She was preceded in death by her father.

There will be no visitation. Memorial services will be 1 p.m. Saturday, April 6, at the First Assembly of God Church in Eureka Springs with Reverend Charles Reed officiating. Memorial donations may be sent to the First Assembly of God Church, 350 Frontage Road, Eureka Springs, AR 72632 or the Passion Play, 935 Passion Play Road, Eureka Springs, AR 72632. Online condolences may be sent to the family at nelsonfuneral.com.

John William Anderson, March 13, 1930 – March 26, 2013

John William Anderson, a resident of Holiday Island, was born March 13, 1930 in Waterville, Kansas, son of William and Lillie (Lundberg) Anderson. He departed this life, March 26, in Holiday Island at the age of 83.

On June 12, 1949, John was united in marriage with Rose Marie Smith, a union that would last 60 years! During this time John and Rose moved throughout the Midwest while John pursued a career in the retail industry.

John started his career in Lincoln,

Neb., with Bethany Supply, the first hardware store he owned. He then spent several years working for Sears, Gateway, Zales and Coast to Coast focusing his talents in building and developing retail subsidiaries.

John returned to his roots and bought a TruValue store in Wichita, Kan., where he spent 12 years focusing on the hardware business. John and Rose retired to Holiday Island in 1998 where John spent his spare time working on his golf game!

Rose preceded John in death.

John is survived by one son, William Paul and wife, Barbara Anderson, of Osage Beach, Mo.; one daughter, Janet Marie Anderson and husband, Don Nippard, Jr., of Severna Park, Md.; one grandson, Aaron and wife, Shannon Copher, of Osage Beach, Mo.; two great grandchildren, Gavin and Kylee Copher of Osage Beach, Mo.; several nieces and nephews and a host of friends and loved ones on Holiday Island and

throughout the Midwest.

He was also preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Paul and Milton Anderson.

Memorial service will be held on Monday, April 1, 2013 at 2 p.m. at the Holiday Island Presbyterian Church, 111 Valley Drive, POB 3095, Holiday Island, AR 72631. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Holiday Island Presbyterian Church. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.nelsonfuneral.com



I hereby proclaim – At recent City Council meetings in Berryville, Green Forest and Eureka Springs Mayor Tim McKinney, Mayor Charlie Reese and Mayor Morris Pate signed proclamations encouraging Carroll County residents to read the Bible on a daily basis through the rest of this decade. Signing the proclamations begins the 4th Annual Carroll County Bible Reading Marathon event. Above is Mayor Morris Pate and Carroll County Bible Reading Marathon Vice President, Don Wall.

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Dharma Talk April 5

Geshe Thupten Dorjee will give a dharma talk at the Carnegie Library Annex on Spring St. Friday, April 5, at 7 p.m. The public is invited. Geshe Dorjee, a Tibetan Buddhist monk, holds the equivalent of a Ph.D in Buddhist Studies and is an instructor at the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville and cofounder of the Tibetan Cultural Institute of Arkansas.

HS facilities committee seeks input at public meetings April 8, 9

The Eureka Springs School Board Facilities Committee and Carroll County Extension Office will host a multi-day collaborative meeting to continue developing possible uses for the vacant high school facility.

The public meeting begins Monday, April 8, 5:30 p.m. at Best Western Inn of the Ozarks Convention Center. A second public meeting is scheduled Tuesday, April 9, at noon at same location.

The meeting will be conducted by Mark Peterson with the University of Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service's Breakthrough Solutions and Ed Levy, of Cromwell Architects

Engineers. Both meetings open to everyone since the committee is seeking ideas and suggestions from the public for best future use of the facility.

In addition to seeking public input, the working group of Breakthrough Solutions, Cromwell Architect Engineers, and the school facilities committee will present an outbrief Thursday, April 11, at noon at the old high school gymnasium across from the Inn of the Ozarks.

For more information, contact Sam Kirk (479) 253-8136, Curtis Turner, Jr., at 253-5999 or Chamber of Commerce President, Mike Bishop, at 253-8737.

Spring Diversity weekend April 5 – 7

The first of three annual Diversity Weekends in the first city in Arkansas to officially endorse same-sex marriage is April 5 – 7. Live music at some of the city's hottest nightspots, a hotel pool party, karaoke, a G-rated public display of affection in Basin Spring Park downtown, assorted DJ dance parties and a live heterosexual wedding presided over by a drag queen minister are just some of the festive events that will keep visitors amused and entertained all weekend.

The city's Domestic Partnership Registry, open to non-residents in committed relationships, is open at the Eureka Springs City Hall from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Friday, April 5. The fee for a DPR Certificate signed by city officials is \$35. The Registry has already attracted more than 600 LGBT and straight couples from more than 55 Arkansas communities and 15 other states.

Schedule Of Events

(See *Independent Soul* in this issue for *all* live music events beginning Friday at 2 p.m. through Sunday at 6 p.m.)

Friday, April 5

9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Domestic Partnership Registry. Say "I Do!" at City Hall. (479) 253-9703

Saturday, April 6

11:30 a.m. – Noon, Public Display of Affection at Basin Spring Park, a Diversity Weekend tradition. Basin Spring Park, Spring Street downtown
12 – 4 p.m. Polar Swim Party at Land O' Nod Inn's heated pool, 109 Huntsville Rd (US 62 and Hwy. 23.) (479) 253-6262

2 p.m. Local premier of award-winning LGBT film documentary, *Love Free or Die*, Eureka Springs Carnegie Library Annex, 194A Spring St.

9 p.m. A real-life wedding! Going to the Underground Chapel at Eureka Live Underground.

11 p.m. – 3 a.m. Late-nite Breakfast Buffet at New Delhi Cafe

For those planning 2013 vacations, Summer Diversity Weekend is scheduled for August 2 – 4 and Fall Diversity Weekend for November 1 – 3. Get the latest on these and the Spring Diversity Weekend schedule of events at www.outineureka.com.

Go wild for flowers at Withrow Springs Wildflower Weekend

Experience the beauty and wonder of Spring in the Ozarks during Wildflower Weekend at Withrow Springs State Park April 12 – 14. Join park interpreters and guest presenters for two days of wildflower-themed programs including guided hikes, photography instruction, wild edibles and art. Withrow Springs State Park protects habitat for native wildlife and many beautiful spring wildflowers, including the rare Ozark white trillium.

For details, see withrowsprings@arkansas.com or phone the park at (479) 559-2593.

HAMsters meet April 11

The Little Switzerland Amateur Radio club meets Thursday, April 11, and every second Thursday of the month at noon at the Pizza Hut on US. 62 in Eureka Springs. For more information contact patriciadean@cox.net.



Bingo! – Peachtree residents enjoy a variety of activities, including lively games of bingo. Pausing their game for a photo are (around the table from top right) April Blisard, Lena Corkoran, Belva Pozak, Liz Fuller, Jerry Milligan, Marge Stefanovic, Ethel Meyer, Ramona Osburn, Bev Kaastad and Wade Kaastad.

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Savory chapeau? – Peggy Kjelgaard didn't expect to be such a hit with the horses pulling carriages filled with EasterBelles during Sunday's parade. Is it hat envy or the tasty looking flowers?

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Free astrology class Wednesdays

Sandra Synar will teach a free class, *Astrology, Oldest Language/Living Word*, every Wednesday through June 26, except May 1, from 7 – 9 p.m. at the Carnegie Library Annex on Spring Street. Private readings will be available for donation. For more information, email sandsynar@yahoo.com or phone (479) 445-4325.



Survivors Getting Stronger: Free workshop April 13

Cancer survivors explore the writing process in a free one-day workshop at The Writers' Colony at Dairy Hollow on April 13. This Community Writing Program workshop is open to all survivors and/or family members with a desire to strengthen the will to live and explore healing through writing about their experiences.

The workshop will be led by Laura Castoro, author of 39 published books in a variety of genres. Sally Gorrell will lead a morning session with a discussion about worry including exercises to

relieve obsessive worry, followed by a guided imagery exercise and journaling. Christy Scarrow, cancer survivor and Oncology Social Worker at Hope Cancer Resources in Springdale, will lead a session about her journey and allow others to share if they like.

Writing instruction and exercises in memoir will comprise a large part of the day. The workshop was made possible by a grant from Arkansas Cancer Coalition, and is free to attend; but pre-registration is required. Phone (479) 253-7444 or email director@writerscolony.org.

It's not your grandmother's tea party ...

It's *Sunday in the Park* with the Eureka Springs Preservation Society, Sunday, April 21, at 2 p.m. in the Crescent Hotel Conservatory.

Guests will be surrounded with stunning views of the Crescent Park gardens and 12 artistic table settings visually inspired by Georges Seurat's colorful pointillist masterpiece. The tables will be set with beautiful china and crystal and a variety of delectable desserts, setting the stage for an afternoon of chatter and community. More important, the event will provide funding to support ESPS preservation efforts for 2013.

Beginning at 1:30 p.m., punch will be served in the hotel lobby as guests arrive and register for the tea.

Raffle tickets for door prizes will be sold at \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Hats Off celebrity auction items can be previewed at this time and Grand Bonnet competition hats will be modeled.

At 2 p.m. the Conservatory is open to guests with a welcome by Wayne Franks at 2:30.

Dee Bright will present ESPS honor awards at 3 p.m., followed by the live "Hats Off" celebrity auction and the Grand Bonnet presentation.

The event concludes with raffle ticket drawings for picnic basket door prizes. Tickets are \$20 and selling rapidly, so contact Linda Bridwell (417) 861-9887, Linda McFarlin, 363-6163 or Dee Bright 253-9582 soon to reserve a place.

Keels Creek entries rank high on International wine palates

Raise a glass to Arkansas wine! Keels Creek Winery garnered three bronze medals at the recent Finger Lakes International Wine Competition in Rochester, NY, for their Vignoles, Chambourcin Reserve and Chardone. The wines were chosen for honors from among more than 3500 entered from all 50 states, 20 countries and four Canadian provinces.

Doug Hausler and Edwige Denyszyn, Keels Creek owners, commented, "We were pleased to find our wines do well at this respected wine competition. We continue to strive to make our wines better; and one of these days, we'll bring home a gold!"

The Vignoles (2012) is the first full estate single varietal wine from their vineyard. (In previous years, all whites from Keels Creek Vineyards were blended to make Melange.) The

Chambourcin Reserve (2010) and the Chardone (2009) were produced from grapes harvested from Bishop Farms in Lowell, Ark.

Keels Creek Winery currently has some 14 wines in their tasting room. All are produced on site from local Arkansas grapes. A vineyard located on Keels Creek, just off of Rock House Rd., produces about one-third of production needs. The remainder of grapes used at the winery comes from Joe Bishop's vineyard in Lowell and Lynn Gay's vineyard in Hindsville.

"The Finger Lakes International Wine Competition has the most diverse international group of judges ever assembled in the United States to give the entrants the best possible global palate and global opinion," Peter Parts, event founder said.

More than 70 judges from around the world participated in the event.



Teaching to trellis – Patrice Gros, left, teaches a class on caging and building trellises for tomatoes at Foundation Farm north of Holiday Island on March 27. The trellises were built of rebar tensioned with heavy twine over rows of spinach that will be harvested before tomatoes are introduced. For information on classes at Foundation Farm call (479) 253-7461.

PHOTO BY DAVID FRANK DEMPSEY

Earth Fest puts Earth first April 19

Laughing Mountain's first Earth Fest kicks off a four-day celebration Friday, April 19, at 10 a.m. with a full schedule of activities ranging from live music, workshops, dancing, community art display, vegan food and yoga classes to puppet shows, drumming, face painting and a Bounce House for kids.

General admission is \$15 adults, children 15 and under, \$5. Multi-day passes and free camping available.

Enjoy live music and dance performances with featured performers Brick Fields, Justin Welch, TOTOJOJO, Ozakwaab, 13 Moons and others. Workshop topics include veganism, spiritual Ozark plant medicine, earth homes and other eco-friendly subjects. Donations are encouraged with a portion of proceeds benefitting Good Shepherd Humane Society, Green World and other festival charities.

Laughing Mountain's goal is to unite organic thinkers with green energy systems and create the future; and to share knowledge with like-minded individuals, creating life long partnerships.

The festival concludes Monday, April 22, at 5 p.m. Visit www.laughingmountainearthfest.com for details, vendor information and ticket prices, or call (479) 325-8849 or (479) 325-0834.

Cornerstone Bank helps fund ebooks for regional libraries

As more people move into reading books on electronic devices and listening to them in the car or on the go, area libraries will now have an expanded download program to serve readers thanks to Cornerstone Bank's Centennial contributions. Cornerstone recently presented \$6000 to the Carroll and Madison Public Library Foundation for funding OverDrive ebook and audio download programs in all six regional libraries.

Carroll and Madison Administrator,

Jean Elderwind; Cindy George, Foundation treasurer; and Kathy McCormick, Foundation president, accepted the donation enabling the expanded service.

To celebrate their 100th year of operation, Cornerstone Bank is giving back \$100,000 to the communities they serve throughout the year. Book downloads are available on eureka.library.org, berryville.library.org and greenforest.library.org by clicking on the "Library2Go" icon.



Focker goes south

W. T. Focker's Discount Outlet now has a warehouse facility in the old Wheeler Printing building behind Brighton Ridge on Hwy. 23S. Called Focker South, it has a new, expanded line of larger products which can be found on www.wtfocker.com. Primarily, the new building will be used for Focker's expanding online operation, although they do allow the public to "come in and poke around."

Women artists' retreat – waiting list only

The Ozark Regional Arts Council in Mountain Home will host the 2nd Annual Women Artists Retreat, September 19 – 22 at Stone Creek Ranch and Resort (near Mountain Home). The retreat is fully booked, but a waiting list is available since there may be cancellations.

This is a four-day event for women artists to enjoy a relaxing time to paint. Guest artists/instructors will be Bill and Gloria Garrison of Russellville, Ark.

Artists may choose a Plein Air Oil workshop with Bill or Gloria's watercolor in studio.

Bill Barksdale, professional photographer, will present a slide show and be available to offer advice, tips and techniques. Retreat cost of \$200 includes workshop of choice, room and meals. To reserve space or for more information, contact Deborah Lively (870) 425-8291 or email ozarkregionalartscouncil@gmail.com.

Register now for Annual Rotary Golf Classic

The Eureka Springs Rotary Club holds its annual Golf Classic at the Holiday Island Clubhouse course Friday, May 3, at 9 a.m. utilizing a four-person scramble format with men, women and mixed team. Tickets are \$45 for Holiday Island members, \$60 for non-members – and single golfers are encouraged to attend. Lunch will follow final round with awards and door prizes.

Plan to attend the pre-event

silent auction, putting contest, and wine and cheese Karaoke mixer Thursday, May 2, from 5:30 – 7 p.m. at the Clubhouse lounge. Proceeds fund Rotary Club scholarships for graduating seniors.

Tournament applications are available now at the HI Clubhouse. For details and registration information, visit www.EurekaRotaryClub.com or call Dave Baker at (479) 244-7295.

Dr. Horne at First Baptist April 14

Dr. Rex Horne, Jr., President of Ouachita University, Arkadelphia, will be the guest speaker at First Baptist-Penn Memorial Church, 100 Spring Street, Sunday, April 14 at 11 a.m. He was the former pastor of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Little Rock, and served as president of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention. A potluck luncheon will be served at noon.

ESHM serves up taste of the South at *Steel Magnolias* performance April 26

Get a "Taste of the South" on many levels as the Eureka Springs Historical Museum hosts a fundraiser supper at the high school cafeteria on April 26 prior to the High School Drama Club's first performance of *Steel Magnolias*.

Steel Magnolias will be presented by Eureka High's League of Extraordinary Actors Friday and Saturday, April 26 and 27 at 7 p.m. A matinee performance will be held Sunday, April 28 at 2 p.m.

Steel Magnolias are the women who frequent Truvy's Beauty Spot. The two-act play presents the funny, yet poignant tale of six women - their hair - and the bond of love and friendship they share.

In keeping with the play theme, a southern style chicken dinner with mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, mixed green salad, hot rolls, iced tea, (sweet – "the house wine of the south" – or unsweetened) and dessert will be served from 5 – 6:30 p.m. one night only, April 26.

Desserts donated by area bakeries and B&Bs assure there will be a variety

of delicious sweet endings – with a surprise "groom's cake" to boot.

Profits will be used to help meet operating expenses of the museum with a portion of the proceeds donated to the Drama Club.

Tickets for the dinner may be purchased at the museum, 95 S. Main, or by calling (479) 253-9417. Advance purchase is strongly recommended as a limited number of dinners can be served.

Dinner tickets are \$10 per person, \$5 for children under 12 and do not include admittance to the play. Play tickets are \$7 adults, \$4 students and seniors over 60. Reservations may be made by calling ESHS (479) 253-8875.

The Historical Museum is undergoing a huge renovation of the first floor and donations toward this effort are still being sought, with sponsorships for some exhibits still available. For tickets and museum information phone Steven Sinclair, Director, (479) 253-9417 or email info@eukaspringshistoricalmuseum.org.

EasterBelles ring in donations for cancer patients

Dark, rainy skies on Easter morning gave way to sunshine, and the Eureka Springs EasterBelles paraded in beautiful weather to celebrate with a traditional Easter parade complete with posh frocks, bonnets, convertibles and horse-drawn carriages. The EasterBelles raised more than \$1600 to supply chemotherapy patients with soft head-warming "bonnets" of their own. "A tag on each bonnet will explain the old-fashioned parade of compassionate, loving women in Eureka Springs. The card will invite them to join us next year and every year," Cné Breaux, founder of the 3-year old EasterBelles, said.

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Let the little children come – Familiar actors and characters from The Great Passion Play march in the Celebrate Jesus Parade Saturday, March 30.

PHOTO BY DAVID FRANK DEMPSEY

Scrambling for eggs

Excited kids take off across the Crescent Hotel lawn in a mad dash for eggs, hoping to find the "golden egg" with a special prize on Easter Sunday.

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It took a village

Peachtree Village celebrated Easter by participating in the Celebrate Jesus Parade on March 30. April Blisard came up with the float theme and worked on it for several days. "We want not only to represent our business and community but also to represent the reason we celebrate Easter," April said. Others who worked on the float are Rickey Gibson, Peachtree employee, and Wayne Kaastad, whose mom is a Peachtree resident.



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straight. My name is Misty Baker and I read the report on what happened at the Berryville City Council meeting. The reporter got almost everything I said correct.

The statement where she stated that I wasn't with Hatfield when he went to Chuck Stubbs' house was incorrect. I went with Hatfield to Chuck Stubbs' house and witnessed the conversation between Hatfield and Stubbs. The place that I didn't go with Hatfield was the pit where the dog catcher Chuck Stubbs had buried the dogs.

Misty Baker

Getting it straight

Editor,

I read [Harrie Farrow's] story regarding the recent city council meeting and I want to thank you for what I believe was a very fair and accurate account of what happened at the meeting and also of the conversation we had the next day.

The efforts you made to report all sides of a very emotional issue in an unbiased manner reflects very well your professionalism as a reporter. Thanks.

Tim McKinney, Mayor of Berryville

No hogs where the Buffalo roams

Editor,

I love the Buffalo River better'n just about anybody and am outraged and disappointed that people charged with protecting our environment have so obviously dropped the ball unknowingly, or worse, promoted factory farming over the well-being of what is surely Arkansas' greatest

natural asset.

My attitude, held by many, must be called what it is: NIMBY, or "not-in-my-backyard." Many unspeakable things are required to provide a certain quality of life, but nobody wants such things to happen near where they live. In this case, it's simply NIMB, "not-in-my-*Buffalo*."

I don't want a 6,500-hog confinement operation, with its toxic waste and other horrifically inhumane problems, dripping into my Buffalo River. And where exactly will these hapless hogs be slaughtered and the leftovers go? Well, folks, ham and bacon don't drop from the sky or grow on trees.

Where should such a huge CAFO (confined animal feeding operation) be placed in our beautiful, natural state? How about no place? How about NIAB: "not-in-anybody's-backyard?" There is no place for an animal confinement operation of this size, or even half this size, anywhere in Arkansas. I am already sickened by the look and smell of huge chicken CAFOS.

Our precious Arkansas home and its stinking air – now comes C&H to compound problems. Where is the courageous legislator who will introduce a bill to outlaw such atrocities? Please, put down your ham sandwich and stand up. For the Buffalo and all of Arkansas.

Susan Cockrell

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downtown Wallpapering Event, New Delhi Café

Wednesday, May 1, 4:30 – 7:30 p.m., MUGS En Masses at The Queen Anne Mansion

Saturday, May 4, 7 – 10 p.m., Sphere goes Ultraviolet at unveiling in Basin Park

Friday, May 24, 3 – 5 p.m., Painted MUGS (you get to make them more silly) Basin Park

Meanwhile, look for Robert Norman speaking softly and carrying a big shtick (and several dozen real sticks) at other happenings in town.

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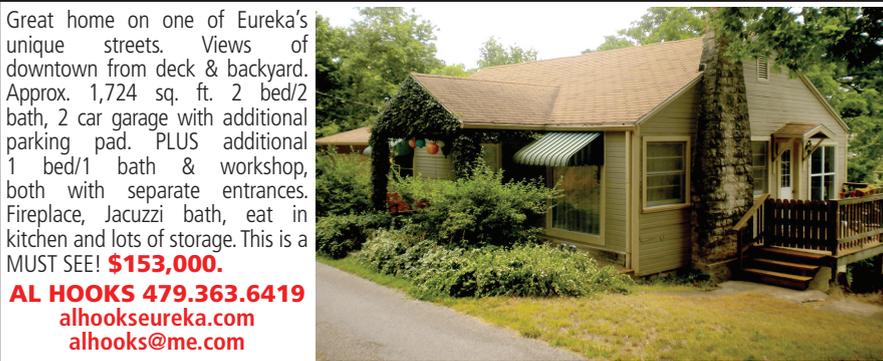
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