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This week’s Independent thinker

Ann Wright had a delicious home-cooked dinner outside Eureka Springs in 2005 and again in 2006, shortly after protests at Camp Casey in Crawford, Texas. The retired U.S. Army Colonel was born in Bentonville in 1947, so she was happy to be back on country roads.

A graduate of the U of A and the Naval War College, Col. Wright submitted her resignation to Sec. of State Colin Powell the day before the invasion of Iraq, saying she couldn’t work for a government invading a country without approval of the U.N. Security Council.

And now? The former diplomat who served in Afghanistan, Nicaragua and Sierra Leone got herself arrested yesterday for disrupting the Jeff Sessions for Attorney General hearings.

She’s a highly educated, highly respected peace activist who has been arrested numerous times for disrupting lawyers and legislators who have lost their human and moral compass.

Vegetarian chili this weekend, Ann.



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Fresh and fun – The first Winterfest Party was held last Thursday at the old ESHS gym to increase the \$10,000 set aside by the Eureka Springs Community Center Foundation for the Farmers’ Market move to the grounds. There was a community potluck, soup contest with Chef Bill Lyle of Eleven Restaurant at Crystal Bridges Museum judging, music from local jammers, silent and live auctions, a kid’s art project to make shopping bags for the Farmers’ Market, and vendors with winter produce. *PHOTOS BY JAY VRECEKAK*

Citizens flout Diamond Pipeline project

BECKY GILLETTE

An event at Caribé Jan. 26 attracted people in Arkansas raising money for direct action and non-violent civil disobedience to stop the \$900-million Diamond Pipeline, which is proposed to carry crude oil 440 miles from Cushing, Okla. through Arkansas to the Valero Refinery in Memphis, Tenn.

“It was a great turnout,” organizer Kearia Perry of Eureka Springs said. “It was awesome to see how far people came from. We raised about \$2,400 to build up our bank account so we have money to do more direct action.”

“Fundraisers are great,” said Frank Klein. “They get us out of jail.”

Klein, 61, and Amber Stolebarger, 24, of Jonesboro spoke about participating in a lockdown in St. Francis County on Dec. 12 when they chained themselves to a trackhoe being used to install supply pipe with a directional drilling machine. They were chained together with a lockdown device, and OSHA rules required a shutdown of the site until they could be removed. Klein and Stolebarger were arrested and charged with criminal trespassing.

Klein said that while work only stopped for two hours, it made an impression and helped to build public awareness of the project.

“We wanted to defend our environment and bring attention to what is going on,” Stolebarger said. “It makes no sense to put in another pipeline in this area when we already have so many pipelines. I don’t know a lot of the

legal terminology about the permitting, but I just know it is not right.”

“My intention in doing this is to make sure there is a future for my children and grandchildren,” Klein said. “Now, with all the science behind global warming and climate change, they are telling us it is coming, we have to do something. Eventually, it will start feeding off itself and we won’t be able to stop it. No one knows when that tipping point is going to be.”

Klein, who operates a canoe rental and campground business near Mt. Ida, said this pipeline is nothing more than a way for a multi-billion-dollar multinational corporation to make another billion dollars without regard to the impact for future generations.

“All they see is dollars,” Klein said. “From the beginning of this, it was all done pretty much in secret. The pipeline was approved in a fifteen-minute meeting with no public input. That is basically where we stand as a state. The pipeline route goes under the White River, Arkansas River, Illinois Bayou, St. Francis River and the Mississippi River. They have no intentions of doing any environmental impact studies on those major water crossings.”

Klein disputes the contention of the pipeline company that the project will benefit Arkansas.

“All it does it put Arkansas’s waterways and drinking water at risk with no benefit to the state or the citizens of Arkansas,” Klein said. “The Diamond Pipeline website says

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1,500 employees will be hired for the project. But when you go on the job site, the majority of license plates are from out of state.”

Klein also contends the Valero Refinery doesn’t even need the oil, and is already served by three pipelines including one alone which can transport 1.2 million barrels of oil per day while the Valero refinery can only refine 195,000 barrels per day.

So what is the purpose of the new pipeline?

“It is so they can divert crude oil to China,” Klein said. “There is no benefit to Arkansas. Basically, we get all the risk of oil spills or any explosion. The oil they are shipping is Balkan crude, the most explosive crude oil produced. The reason it is so explosive is it contains a lot of butane and propane that has not been refined out. This is the same type of crude oil that killed 47 people in a train wreck explosion in Canada in 2013. That is the same oil that is going to be buried four feet under our feet.”

Diamond Pipeline says on its website that the project “will enhance the refinery’s long-term viability for the production of gasoline, diesel and jet fuel for the greater Memphis and eastern Arkansas area and provide economic benefits to the areas along the route. Diamond Pipeline LLC is committed to designing, constructing, operating and maintaining the Diamond Pipeline in a safe and reliable manner, and in many cases, will exceed required safety, design, construction and operating standard.”

Klein disagrees about the safety of the pipeline.

“We take all the risk in order for a billionaire to make another billion,” Klein said. “A lot of property was taken under threat of eminent domain. Eminent domain was meant



Rochelle Bradshaw and Hypnotion

for public projects like streets and hospitals. But it has been twisted now so they can take private property and you have absolutely no say. There is a bill being introduced this year in the Arkansas Legislature to address reforms to eminent domain, and we will be working to get that passed.”

Another speaker at Caribé was Katherine Hanson.

“I’m done with pipelines,” she said. “I’m here to end the oppression of the people. I’m doing it for the future. I’m doing it for Mother Earth.”

Simon Cummings, a local resident who participated in the camp-in protest against the Dakota Access Pipeline in North Dakota, said he thinks it’s important for people to write the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers asking for an Environmental Impact Study on the Diamond Pipeline. The Dakota Access Pipeline has been temporarily stalled while an EIS is conducted. However, one of President Trump’s first actions was issuing an executive order telling federal agencies to quickly approve of the Dakota Access Pipeline, the Keystone Pipeline and similar projects.

Letters asking for an EIS for the Diamond Pipeline can be mailed to Colonel Robert G. Dixon, Commander and District Engineer, Department of the Army, Little Rock District, Corps of Engineers, P.O. Box 867, Little Rock, AR 72203-0867.

Perry said the group plans some kind of action every week.

“The Diamond pipeline is being stretched out all over Arkansas and we have members of Arkansas Rising stretched out all over the state,”

Perry said. “We are going to try to have some direct action going on every week to stall the pipeline as much as possible. There are also legal remedies being considered.”

Arkansas Rising also suggests citizens contact their state representatives and senators to voice opposition to the project. For more information, go to ArkansasRising.net. Another local fundraiser is scheduled for Feb. 16 at Chelsea’s with Mountain Sprout and other groups scheduled to perform.

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Planning defers decisions on knotty CUPs

NICKY BOYETTE

The Planning Commission had another marathon discussion at its Jan. 24 meeting trying to sort out what to do about the situation at 12 Lookout Circle. In front of commissioners were applications for Conditional Use Permits for a one-unit tourist lodging and a wedding establishment. One hang-up for commissioners was the property has been the site of weddings for years without a CUP, and the lodging unit in question has been rented as a tourist lodging since mid-2012, also without a CUP.

The property belongs to John and Julie Van Woy. When they bought it in June 2000, weddings and receptions had been occurring regularly on the property, and the Van Woyes continued the practice. They claimed at the Jan. 10 Planning meeting they had been unaware they needed a CUP to be a wedding establishment until it was brought to their attention in December 2016.

The Van Woyes have a CUP for a five-unit tourist lodging on the property, but the unit in dispute was a sixth rental unit, therefore in violation of their CUP. Julie

Van Woy told commissioners the unit was constructed in 2012 as a home for her mother, but her mother had become too frail to stay there by the completion of construction, so they advertised it as a rental. They did not, however, apply for a CUP to use the new building as a tourist lodging. When they became aware of the violation, they immediately stopped renting it and applied for CUPs for both the one-unit tourist lodging and to be a wedding establishment.

Another complication for Planning was the fact the property, which is in the R-1 zone, is used frequently for receptions and events, some of which are staged by the Crescent Hotel according to an agreement the Crescent has with the Van Woyes. There are four different buildings on the property the Van Woyes rent out.

According to chair Melissa Greene, events at the site sometimes violate the Quiet Use restrictions for R-1 zones and create parking problems for neighbors. She read a letter dated Dec. 12, 2016, from next-door neighbors Jeff and Kathy Collins citing parking anxieties, late night noise and

other annoyances.

Greene claimed Collins had aired his complaints several times to the Police Department and City Hall, and he spoke at the Dec. 7 Historic District Commission and Jan. 10 Planning meetings. Commissioner James Morris pointed out that complaints came from just one neighbor and no one else. Jodie English Brown, representing the Crescent Hotel, and Julie Van Woy both said they had not received complaints.

Commissioner Ann Sallee commented the applicants already have a CUP for a five-unit tourist lodging and she had no problem adding another unit, but Morris said this situation was different because of the relationship with the Crescent Hotel.

"It is not a clean CUP when another entity is involved," Morris contended. "So many strings attached." He said Planning had never faced a situation like this, and because of involvement of the Crescent "there is a conflict of interest in there somewhere."

Commissioner Susan Harman said she had no problem with adding a sixth unit of tourist lodging, but even if there had been no

complaints, there still was the fact that for five years the sixth unit operated without a CUP.

Greene wanted to table the decision for an extended time, maybe six months at least, to allow Planning time to sort out the complications, but City Economic Development Coordinator Glenna Booth advised against an extended postponement out of fairness to the applicants. Greene at

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Holiday Island could become 'citified'

BECKY GILLETTE

A committee established to study the incorporation of Holiday Island is planning a public meeting soon to present arguments for making Holiday Island a city. Holiday Island was built as a Suburban Improvement District (SID), which is a tool allowed under Arkansas law for a developer to finance necessary costs for a development such as streets, water lines, sewer and other infrastructure.

A SID allows costs of the construction passed on as a lien on each lot. The lien, called an assessment of benefits, remains until it is repaid in full. But once those development costs are repaid, HISID would be left without money to pay for things such as street repairs.

Bill Branum, chair of the Citizens for Incorporation Committee, said a primary reason to incorporate would be to give Holiday Island the ability to continue to maintain infrastructure after the assessment of benefits runs out.

"As assessments run out, something needs to replace that," Branum said. "That is several years down the road, but it is

going to happen. It takes money to run the district. You are going to need some revenue income to operate. If we didn't have any revenue, if the assessment of benefits ran out, we would become basically dependent on the county to take care of all the streets, water treatment and sewer treatment that take considerable money to operate and maintain. Carroll County isn't one of the richest counties in the world, so there would be a problem."

In the past, people didn't really realize the importance of becoming incorporated, Branum said.

"The impression I'm getting now is that most people seem to be pretty much in favor of it," said Branum, who has lived in Holiday Island since 1999 when he retired. "Whether they like the idea or not, they realize eventually we are going to have to do that if we don't want to get backed into a corner and absolutely not have money."

Being a city would provide the ability to provide police protection and make the city eligible for grants and programs like state turn back funds for roads, public safety and solid waste. Currently, police protection is provided by the sheriff's department.

Right now HISID has subdivision ordinances that cover fences, building and yard maintenance and building setbacks, but those are difficult to enforce. Branum said the only way they can be enforced is by filing a civil lawsuit, which is expensive.

"For example, if we want to require people to maintain a vacant lot, right now the only way to enforce that is through a lawsuit," Branum said. "It is ridiculous to file a lawsuit. With a city ordinance, people would have 30 days to clean it up, or we can go clean it up and send them a bill. There are a lot of things besides just money that the city can do that the district can't do because the district doesn't have the authority to do it. To me that is one of the bigger reasons to incorporate rather than do it for the money."

Branum said momentum towards incorporation was building backing the late 1990s before the housing bubble broke resulting in the Great Recession. Now interest is picking back up, Branum and others think it is time for Holiday Island to incorporate.

Wesley Stille, CPA, another member of the Citizens for Incorporation Committee, said a city would have more fair assessments than the SID.

"One disadvantage of assessments is they are not set on property value but

property type," Stille said. "All lots on a paved street pay the same whether one is worth \$100,000 and another worth \$300,000. There are classifications for houses on paved streets, and unpaved, R-2, R-3, commercial and vacant lots."

Being incorporated would also allow Holiday Island to receive a portion of sales taxes generated. Stille estimated that might bring in about \$201,000 per year. And the city could then, with approval of voters, levy additional sales taxes. But Stille said they are not advocating an additional sales tax as the adoption of a local Holiday Island sales tax would result in the loss of other sales tax turn back funds.

"The end result could be an actual net loss of revenue because of the relatively small retail sales base in Holiday Island," Stille said. "Therefore, our committee does not see that as a viable option. Also, imposition of a local sales tax could only be done after a positive vote by Holiday Island citizens."

Stille said the city would have police powers and the ability to regulate traffic and property uses. At one time the Holiday Island Planning Commission did regulate property uses, but it was determined the commission had no regulatory authority to do that.

Opposition to the effort is likely to come from people who fear increased taxes and more regulations. But Stille, like Branham, said the overall goal would be to reduce the overall outlay for taxes and HISID assessment fees.

Previous incorporation efforts for Holiday Island have failed.

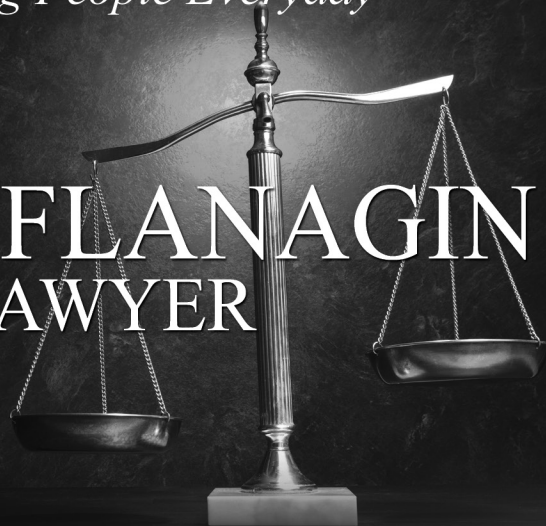
"This time we decided if we are going to accomplish this," Stille said. "We sense there is public support for this and we need to continue on. We have been studying what needs to be done to accomplish it. We have to do public meetings, educate the public as to what would be involved, explain why we feel it is important to do this and get public feedback. We would undergo a petition process. The petition would have to be signed by more than fifty percent of voters. It is going to take some effort. We will have to get canvassers to go and contract people."

With HISID, only property owners have a vote. With the petition for incorporation, all residents who are registered voters, not just property owners, would get a vote.

Stille also said a city government could apply for grants such as those available for roads, walking trails and biking trails.

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CAPC goodwill gesture to city wrapping up

NICKY BOYETTE

At its Jan. 25 workshop, the City Advertising and Promotion Commission again discussed the Auditorium management contract which includes the commission's offer to pay up to \$40,000 toward the utility bill at the Auditorium during 2017, thereby relieving stress on the strapped city budget.

Commissioner Terry McClung suggested the CAPC just divide \$40,000 into 12 payments of \$3333.33 and write a check to the city each month. Commissioner Susan

Harman pointed out their offer was to pay up to \$40,000 and the total at the end of the year might be less, so she was concerned about accurate accounting. Finance Director Rick Bright replied the amount is only for one year, and he wanted to keep the accounting as simple as possible.

Executive Director Mike Maloney added the offer is a goodwill gesture to help out the city as it continues to regain financial footing, and he will present the agreement to Mayor Butch Berry at a meeting later in the

week.

Harman then asked about accessibility issues at the Auditorium, and Bright responded it might cost several hundred thousand dollars to make the historic facility totally accessible to individuals who use wheelchairs or who have difficulty using the steep steps. He added, however, the Auditorium does have a chair device at the rear entrance that gives a ride up the stairs, and there is also a lift that can boost a wheelchair into the building. He said the CAPC makes every effort to get people inside, and there are usually two or three opportunities every performance to use their accommodating devices.

Big egg

Maloney announced he has spoken with his digital marketing consultants about expanding the marketing outreach. In past marketing plans, Maloney has focused on reaching the six-hour driving audience, which he calls the egg, with digital and cable television ads, but this year he will move his focus every other month to include cities within an eleven-hour drive such as

Chicago, Denver, Austin and Houston.

He also mentioned he intends to produce at least two new promotional videos each month for use on either Internet or cable.

Marketing support requests

Commissioners discussed requests for marketing support funds for five events: Nuits Rosé Eureka Springs, the Eureka Springs Multi-Sport Event, Books in Bloom, Springtime in the Ozarks and the May Festival of the Arts. Commissioners will vote on these requests at the Feb. 8 meeting.

Latigo Treuer told the commission he recently acquired the Beaver General Store, and there are three events he is planning though he did not have specific requests yet. He said there would be the Friends with Benefits event in late April, a Cinco de Mayo fundraiser for the soccer club, and a Fourth of July event which would coincide with the Beaver fireworks show. "It would be really cool to team up with CAPC," he commented. He will provide more details at another meeting.

Next regular meeting will be Wednesday, Feb. 8, at 6 p.m.

INDEPENDENTArt

Local artist honored

The Arkansas Committee of the National Museum of Women in the Arts recently announced that works by Eureka Springs artist Barbara Kennedy will be included in the organizations online artist registry. Kennedy's art will be featured on their website acnmwa.org beginning on Feb. 7 and will remain on view for the next two years.


Kennedy is known for acrylic and oil portraits of people and flowers. Her work can be viewed at The Cottage Inn, 450 W. Van Buren or online at www.barbarakennedystudio.com.

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Property vacations get no rest

NICKY BOYETTE

Eureka Springs city council held a workshop with the Parks Commission Monday to discuss revamping the city's land vacating process. All who spoke agreed that the procedure in place is cumbersome, time-consuming and ripe for a facelift.

Alderman Kristi Kendrick presented suggestions for streamlining the vacation process to council at the Sept. 12 meeting. Again on Monday night, she contended the city could not use unopened streets not owned by the city as "Green Zone Parks." They must be used for streets or pedestrian purposes, such as trails. Her suggestion was to pass an ordinance taking back all unopened spaces from Parks and giving Parks jurisdiction over existing and planned trails.

Kendrick also wanted to eliminate the public hearing on a proposed vacation at the Parks Commission and let council handle the whole process. Parks would be welcome to participate in the Public Hearing and could be called upon by council for input.

She explained she expected that ultimate remake of the vacation process would require more workshops. "This [meeting] is part of a process. I'm just addressing this piece by piece," she said.

Kendrick contends there are platted undeveloped streets inside city limits not owned by the city. On those streets, the city has only an easement for street purposes, and the city cannot sell or exchange those properties. She indicated the city might not have stayed within those legal bounds when in a 1994 ordinance it gave Parks jurisdiction over all unopened streets and alleys. She also pointed out the procedures for vacations changed over the years.

City Attorney Tim Weaver disputed some of Kendrick's contentions. He maintained the city has some title to those properties because of the original land agreement. He added that because the city has an easement on those properties, some city department must monitor the spaces to make sure no one builds on them, and there could be other fiscal encumbrances. Parks Director Justin Huss pointed out tree removal in those undeveloped areas which were not trails cost his department \$1200 last year, and tree removal would become the city's responsibility under Kendrick's plan.

Parks commissioner Fergie Stewart mentioned how much time he spent doing the legwork for a recent vacation application. "It's a tedious process which takes about

four months," he said.

"And that's ridiculous," alderman Terry McClung commented.

Kendrick reminded the group because there were several parts to the puzzle, and it was her intention to make the process simpler.

Many particulars of the process rose to the surface, and Stewart commented a vacation might be a burden on Parks but he did not know another department that could do it.

Huss pointed out he asked for a moratorium on vacations at the August 22, 2016 meeting, and added one particular vacation lasted most of his first year at Parks. He agreed the process was cumbersome and drawn out and they should improve it, but maintained no one knows what might happen to a property in the future.

Huss pointed out a recent upswell in the focus on trails, and more miles continue to be added to the Eureka Springs system. He said Public Works Director Dwayne Allen told him his staff has worked recently in previously unopened areas they never thought would be used. Huss said steep banks are just fine for trails and he wants to grow the system, but cannot point out now where trails will eventually go.

"We're in the forever business," Huss proclaimed. He said the city should not give anything away it might need at some point. He stated, however, speeding up and simplifying the process was important. Kendrick agreed with simplifying the process but disagreed with his contention that all city properties should be retained just because someone might need to do something there in the future.

McClung said he proposed 10 years ago the city should take a survey of its properties and determine which ones should be reserved for streets, trails or utility easements, and which were worthless and should be given to adjacent landowners and taken off the city's books. He also said it would not hurt Parks if the city took back unopened spaces. There could still be a trail on a property if the need arose, or the city could similarly put in a street. He agreed they needed to remove nonessential steps in the process, and insisted no one wanted to take away anything from Parks.

No one disagreed with the goal, but there was the question of whether taking away a public hearing at the commission level meant eliminating opportunities for public comments. Not everyone concurred it would because citizens could speak up

at council meetings. Weaver also argued a government should be set up to eliminate work for city council. He maintained lower councils should go through the hard work of vacations. His idea of streamlining the process would be to give the process back to the lower councils.

The date and time for the next workshop on land vacations was not determined.

At the end of the meeting, commissioner Gene Bland of the Carroll-Boone Water Board presented Berry with a water rebate check for \$26,013.

QC approves ambulance commissioners

MIKE ELLIS

The Eastern Carroll County Ambulance District will meet for the first time at 6 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 6., at the courthouse in Berryville. Voters in the eastern half of the county approved creation of an ambulance district in the November election and establishing a commission to oversee the ambulance service. A two-mill tax expected to generate about \$500,000 annually will subsidize the service.

During the Jan. 24 meeting of the Quorum Court, justices of the peace unanimously approved the slate of five commissioners nominated by County Judge Sam Barr. Commissioners will serve staggered five-year terms, and Rick Wheatley will serve an initial one-year term. Other commissioners are JoAnn Griesenauer (two years), Amy Leivan (three years), Wendell Coatney (four years), and David Stoppel (five years).

With some of the commissioners currently working for EMS services, some JPs wondered if a conflict of interest might arise when the commission begins taking bids for an ambulance provider. Other JPs pointed out that anyone knowledgeable enough to serve on the commission would naturally have some involvement, and conflicts would have to be handled on a case-by-case basis.

In an interview earlier this week, Barr said although he opposed the creation of this ambulance district, he would carry out the wishes of the electorate. "I was happy with the service we had," he said. When he considered potential commissioners, Barr

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Downtown retaining wall being replaced

BECKY GILLETTE

The first sign of trouble was when Center Street downtown started caving in near DeVito's Restaurant. An investigation showed the rock retaining wall holding up the street and sidewalk was deteriorating. Emergency repairs are now underway, after a 10-ft. deep pit was dug beneath the street revealing the stone wall in a state of collapse.

Center Street is a primary artery for beer and food supply trucks in downtown Eureka Springs. Often large trucks would pull over into the loading zone of the east side of the street and park while doing deliveries. James DeVito, owner of DeVito's Restaurant, said the heavy idling trucks, combined with a retaining wall that was more than 100 years old, were a recipe for collapse.

"It is the second time it has happened," DeVito said. "The same thing happened four years ago with the retaining wall about twenty feet toward Basin Park. I was in my kitchen downstairs the first time that wall caved in. Some retaining blocks actually hit my wall. I peered in there and saw the retaining wall had collapsed."

The city bears responsibility for replacing the retaining wall because it holds up the street and sidewalk. Excavation work is being done by the city while Advanced Masonry has been hired to replace the rock wall. Zack Martin, stonemason and owner of Advanced Masonry, estimated that the project would take a couple weeks to complete during which time Center St. will be closed intermittently.



Advanced Masonry goes underground.

"It's a big job," Martin said. "The retaining wall that needs to be replaced is twenty-five feet long and about ten feet tall."

The sidewalk is being held up with timbers while the stonewall work continues.

Although traffic has been closed part of the time on this portion of Center Street, DeVito said it hasn't impacted his business that much.

"This is definitely the time of year to do things like that," he said. "I'm just amazed something laid up more than a hundred years ago lasted as long as it did, which is a testament to the people who built this town. We had a lot of good craftsmen pass through here."

What was found when the hole was dug was part of what some might call "underground Eureka." Tunnels were created when retaining walls were built to construct buildings on steep hills while allowing storm water drainage.

But DeVito said the hyperbole about underground Eureka needs to be taken with a grain of salt, as it is not quite as grandiose as some people would like to portray.

"The sequence is the retaining wall was laid up to have a street, and the sidewalk came next," DeVito said. "The void under the sidewalks served a number of functions. It allowed water to go under the lower floor of the building, which it does in my case, and at a number of other structures in Eureka."

The situation on Center Street is the type of issue that is not rare in a town founded in 1879.

"What the city faces is a crumbling infrastructure," DeVito said. "It is hard for a town of two thousand to keep up with it. At one time Eureka Springs was the second

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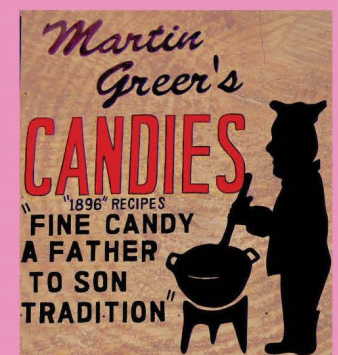
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Chaos and illegality

Editor,

It's been quite the week for Donald Trump's new administration. Their first counter-terrorism effort in Yemen resulted in the death of one serviceman and the wounding of six others and the deaths of 30 Yemeni children, women and men.

The chaos resulting from his latest poorly executed and unconstitutional Executive Order banning Muslims from various countries resulted in mass chaos and demonstrations at major international airports throughout the country. It should be noted none of the countries where his hotels are located were named in the ban.

But, the most troubling of Trump's recent actions was the dismissal of Director of National Intelligence and Joint Chiefs of Staff from the National Security Council and his subsequent appointment of Stephen Bannon who is a self described Leninist. Bannon is quoted as saying, "Lenin wanted to destroy the state, and that's my goal too. I want to bring everything crashing down, and destroy all of today's establishment."

One of the main problems with the Bannon appointment is that it, too, is unconstitutional. Appointments to the NSC are by the advice and consent of Congress. Trump conveniently bypassed Congress by way of Executive Order and the ensuing chaos over the immigration ban has overshadowed this unprecedented action.

Good luck to us all.

Sheri Hanson

Keep pipeline out

Editor,

I wish the definition of stonewalling meant building some graceful stonewalls. But it means: Delay or block (a request,

process, or person) by refusing to answer questions or by giving evasive replies, especially in politics.

This is exactly what's happening with concerns about the Diamond Pipeline cutting through Arkansas. For the past two months, I have sent detailed letters and emails to state and federal representatives, our governor and the Army Corps of Engineers.

No response except a call from Sen. Boozman saying it was "state's rights" matter with no possible federal involvement. This is despite the fact that the EPA and Army Corps are involved federal agencies and the pipeline crosses many states.

So, how about some help from Rep. Bob Ballinger [R-AR] and Sen. Bryan King [R-AR]? The pipeline will not run through our district but it affects our state. We are all connected – it matters to many of us if *any* district in Arkansas is endangered by toxic oil disasters!

I am not the only one getting stonewalled. My colleague, Dr. Contreras, got this answer from Ballinger: "Bob called, said he was busy, had no answers and did not really want to talk to me. Bob has no idea how pipelines are approved. He said, 'They propose several routes and the one that gets less push back gets approved.' Bob was thinking of SWEPCO – electric transmission lines have nothing in common with Diamond."

It appears that *no one* at any level of government will answer us. HELP!

Nan Johnson

Seek professional help

Editor,

I have finally gotten up the courage to write my feelings about Mr. Trump. I am convinced he is mentally deranged. I am not

the only one who thinks this is his problem. Many in the Republican Party have stated the same feelings.

Our government often throws together a panel of investigators. Especially when they don't like a president in the other party. Just remember all the task forces put together to examine all the questions concerning Obama's background. Trump was one of the leaders of those taskmasters!

Isn't it time to for the Republicans to choose a panel of experts in mental health to survey Trump's mind? I remember it was very difficult to get Nixon investigated. Nevertheless, Trump is being marched upon all over the world. That's no exaggeration, either.

We have some psychologists who advertise in our neck of the woods in both our newspapers. I would be interested in their opinions. You betcha!

Enid B. Swartz

He shall remain nameless

Editor,

I get no real pleasure in saying "I told you so" about what was going to happen with a Fascist president like he who shall remain nameless.

Four days after he was installed: billionaire cabinet members are being almost unanimously voted for (except for only four against and I do not know who these courageous senators might be) and they will dismantle every good thing we Democrats, Liberals and Independents have built!

He has dictated to all federal agencies that they no longer release public information to the public or the press, etc.

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WEEK'S Top Tweets

@rebelcave: Being in a relationship is the exhausting practice of ceaselessly trying to be more entertaining than a smart phone.

@judahworldcamp: It's official. Donald

Trump is the 45th greatest President of the United States.

@lemonmartinis: My 9yr old poured milk on the cat. When I asked why he said, "He's thirsty and likes to lick himself." Couldn't argue with that.

@thealexnevil: "In just 4 years, you can get a 4 year degree!" Yes, "university" commercial, the math checks out.

@aburgeraday: Before my surgery the anesthetist offered to use knockout gas or whack me over the head with a canoe paddle. It was an ether/oar situation.

@jordan_stratton: If you think January has been a big month for marches, you're gonna lose your mind when you hear what the 3rd month of the year is called.

@Stevevsninjas: Balderdash! Coswallop! Tommyrot! Poppycock! – Victorian Era Twitter comments.

@stevevmore: Machine uprising? Ha! What are they going to do? Toaster gonna burn my bagel? Vending machine gonna steal my money?

@igotsmarts: Networks need to change the phrase, "Breaking News" to "Now What?"

@lafix: Fool me once, shame on you. Fool me twice, shame on me. Fool me three times, you're good. Fool me four times, WOW, did you major in Fooling?

Snake oil

You, sir, are the scion of an ancestral procession of idiots stretching back to the Missing Link.

MARK TWAIN's letter to a snake oil peddler.

The 1973 OPEC oil embargo, the result of delivering U.S. weapons to Israel that ended in a total mess for the Egyptian Army, lasted only six months. The fear of running out of oil has been used repeatedly to justify wars and aggression. It is now used as a diversion from the threat of extinction. Building walls and keeping people away pretending to make better deals are false solutions, denying reality. No one is buying it.

We have all the energy we need and a bright future

Our sources of energy come from the Sun, wind, rain, fossil fuels, uranium, and hydrogen. The core sources are Sun, uranium and hydrogen. God gave us all we need. *Every hour the Sun beams onto Earth more than enough energy to satisfy our global energy needs for an entire year.* Albert Einstein found a way to capture sunlight, the birth of solar power, something trees and vegetation have always done. Nuclear power from uranium is unsafe. Hydrogen fuel cells are highly efficient with no emissions. The Toyota Mirai is the first hydrogen fuel-cell vehicle. Mirai is the name for “future” in Japanese.

America's First Energy Plan, “We must take advantage of the estimated \$50 trillion in untapped shale, oil, and natural gas reserves” is not the solution to our energy needs.

The oil industry uses words with a peculiar meaning. Natural gas, for example, suggests something pure, not cow farts. By 2030, California dairy farmers must cut cow emissions to 40 percent below 2013 levels. To scientists, natural gas is a deadly greenhouse gas known as methane.

What exactly are untapped oil reserves?

This is a great question, which makes me wonder who gets the \$50 trillion and when? Bigly shale-oil “reserves” are alternative facts. They are not like the gasoline in your car to make sure you have time to fill-up when the red light comes on. The gas reserve in your car is real.

If your grandparents are alive and made a fortune on oil and gas, all you have is whatever you make per month. You can't get a \$1 million loan with a picture of your folks. No one knows

where and how much they have, who is going to get it, or when. If they have a pet, you may be out of luck. Don't count your chickens before they hatch, don't invest on shale oil.

Solar reserves are real and the sun shines every day. War, famine, epidemics, droughts, floods, and rising tides from man-made climate change, are deadly.

Where does the White House get facts?

Some come from the U.S. Geological Survey a federal agency with a \$1.2 billion budget for 2017. Everyone knows how the money flows and big numbers are best. Estimating shale oil reserves is like snake oil. No one knows what is 20,000 feet below or how to get it out. Shale plays, like the Bakken in North Dakota, are not oil fields. Each shale formation and fracking method is unique; reserves are alternative facts!

Why is shale oil a waste of money?

If you tried the drinking straw

experiment mentioned last week, you know it takes more energy to drink a glass of water with 10 straws end to end (a ten-foot straw) than the water in the glass. Finding oil in 1921 was very difficult, most holes were dry, but some found wooden chests full of \$100 bills. The treasure chests are gone. Today, you can go to a 100-acre dairy farm, where USGS says the Tooth Fairy spread \$1 million in pennies. Would you pick up the treasure?

Choosing our future

“A brighter future depends on energy policies that stimulate our economy, ensure our security, and protect our health. Under the Trump Administration's energy policies, that future can become a reality.” Snake Oil!

Solar and wind are available today, with no pipelines, storage facilities, earthquakes, cancers or carbon emissions.

Dr. Luis Contreras



The Pursuit Of HAPPINESS

by Dan Krotz

There isn't anything you can say about – or to – folks who are doing the happy dance around the dimming embers of American civility, science, and the rule of law. They live in an irony, facts and traditions free Universe where the only things that matter are money, resentment, and immediate gratification. You might as well French kiss a wolverine or try and listen all the way through a Bee Gees' album.

How this came about is evident in our institutions. We live in a country where evangelical Christians have been driving moneylenders back into the temple faster than we can count while banning immigrants, not only from the inn but from the manger as well. Meanwhile, our public school students rank a middling 27th and 34th out of 64 in science and math proficiency among students in developed nations. Our fierce drive toward mean and mediocre is the new American Manifest Destiny.

I'm sure these complaints will meet slabs of alternative thundering, but Democrats and the Democratic Party ought to resist accepting and nourishing their own fairy tales about what went wrong. While it's true that Hillary Clinton beat Donald Trump by three million votes, the fact that her victory against an obvious pathological liar wasn't tenfold three million is shocking. And Democrats lost more than 1,000 local races last November, clearly demonstrating why Trump (and George Bush, in 2000) won the Electoral College.

To win nationally, activists need to act locally. Here are four things to start doing today: first, take your county party back from the Clintonistas who've been running it for the last 30 years; pack party meetings and elect new leadership. Second, start a candidate's fund to help candidates pay filing fees. Third, identify and nurture qualified up-and-comers and train them to be effective, knowledgeable candidates. Start grooming these candidates at least a year before a campaign begins. Fourth, host coffee parties within your personal networks for candidates, get them invited to speak at your fraternal clubs and organizations, and help them build a political base that is both deep and wide.

This is how town constables – and presidents – get elected.

A little help from our friends:

- **Good Shepherd Humane Society** monthly board meetings are held the 4th Wednesday of each month at 1 p.m. at LeStick Nouveau Restaurant, 63 Spring St. All are welcome.
- **Carroll County Domestic Violence Hotline:** 1-844-247-3223 (844-24PEACE) is available 24/7. The Purple Flower Domestic Violence Resource and Support Center of Carroll County is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. at 103 West Church St. in Berryville. (479) 981-1676. The Purple Flower will also have free and confidential Domestic Violence Empowerment Support Group on every 1st and 3rd Thursday of the Month at the Berryville Community Center from 6 – 7:30 p.m.
- **24-hour NWA Crisis Line for Women** – NWA Women’s Shelter serving Carroll County – “Empowering families to live free of violence.” (800) 775-9011 www.nwaws.org
- **A Cup of Love Ministries offering free soup** – A Cup of Love Ministries provides soup lunches at Flint Street Fellowship on Mondays and Wednesdays from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. (479) 363-4529.
- **Flint Street Fellowship food pantry, lunch, free clothing** – Pantry open 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays. Free lunch Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Free clothes/shoes closet, books and household items. (479) 253-9491 or 253-4945. Leave donations in barrel at entrance if facility is closed.
- **Wildflowers one-dollar, furniture barn/thrift store** US 62E across from Hill County Hardware. One-dollar store in the yellow building every Friday from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Thrift store, furniture bank in big blue barn behind the chapel open Wednesdays – Saturdays from 10:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. Donation drop offs Thursday – Saturday between 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. Healing and delivery outreach in chapel Saturdays at 7:30 p.m.
- **Recorded Teachings and Meditation Monday** – Recorded Rinpoche teachings at 5:30 p.m. on Mondays followed by meditation at 6 p.m. Call Alece at (479) 244-6841 or Gary at (479) 2444-6840.
- **Celebrate Recovery** – Soul Purpose Ministries, 801 S. Springfield, Green Forest, 6:30 p.m. each Wednesday. Potluck followed by 12-step Christ-centered meetings for those suffering from addiction, habit, hang-up or hurt.
- **Grief Share** – A Bible-based, 13-week program for those who have lost a loved one will begin on Sunday, Feb. 12 from 2 – 4 p.m. at Faith Bible Church, Suite C, 3 Parkcliff Drive, Holiday Island. Share with others experiencing similar circumstances in an informal, confidential setting. Call (479) 253-8925 or email lardellen@gmail.com. You may join at anytime.
- **Overeaters Anonymous** – Thursdays, 10:30 a.m. Barbara (479) 244-0371 • **Narcotics Anonymous** – Fridays, 5:30 p.m. (903) 278-5568. Meetings held at Eureka Springs Coffee Pot Group behind Land O’ Nod Victorian Inn.
- **Coffee Break Al-Anon Family Group Women** – Tuesdays, 9:45 a.m., Faith Christian Family Church, Hwy. 23S, (479) 981-1686. • **Al-Anon Family Group (AFG)** – Sundays, 11:30 a.m., Mondays and Tuesdays 7 p.m. • **Eureka Springs Coffee Pot AA Groups** Monday – Saturday 12:30 p.m.; Sunday 10 a.m.; Sunday – Thursday, Saturday, 5:30 p.m.; Tuesday and Friday, 8 p.m. (479) 253-7956 • **Al-Anon** Wednesday, 5:30 p.m. Meetings held at Eureka Springs Coffee Pot Group behind Land O’ Nod Victorian Inn. All other meetings: See www.nwarkaa.org
- **St. Vincent De Paul Thrift Store** – First Tuesdays – provide assistance with medical help, utilities, clothing, emergency shelter, shoes, etc. Annual charity Christmas Gift & Food Program. Mon-Sat 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. 1844 Hwy. 62W Berryville.
- **St. James’ Community Suppers** – Held Sunday from 5 – 6:30 p.m. Meals provided by local restaurants and are free to all. St. James’ Episcopal Church is located at 86 Prospect Avenue on the historic loop and meals are served in the undercroft.
- **Support Group** – for those with **Parkinson’s** and their caregivers, first Wednesday of each month, ECHO Community Room at 10 a.m. For questions email Sally at sarahg@arkansas.net or call (479) 9810-1587. Next meeting Dec. 7.

INDEPENDENT ConstablesOnPatrol

JANUARY 23

9:38 a.m. – Burglary alarm was triggered at a shop downtown. Constable found the owner was already on the scene and everything was fine.

10:06 a.m. – Animal Control spoke with residents about their dog cavorting unattended in violation of the leash law.

5:50 p.m. – Resident in a neighborhood off US 62 in the eastern part of town claimed unleashed dogs were aggressively harassing people. Their owner told Animal Control the dogs had subsequently been locked up and would not get out again.

JANUARY 24

8:42 a.m. – Vehicle with a flat tire and an expired license had been abandoned in the parking lot of the wastewater plant. Constables red-tagged it for towing.

10:37 a.m. – Animal Control went looking for three wandering dogs at Lake Leatherwood City Park. The animals were picked up by someone else who called their owner who went to retrieve them.

11:24 a.m. – Concerned resident asked for a welfare check because he had not seen activity at a neighbor’s house. Constable learned the neighbors were out of town.

12:36 p.m. – Guests at a tourist lodging were acting suspiciously. Constables responded, and one individual was transported to ESH for evaluation.

6:36 p.m. – At the same address as the previous incident involving aggressive dogs, a neighbor dispute prompted a visit from constables.

11:39 p.m. – Individual was arrested on an ESPD warrant.

JANUARY 25

10:22 p.m. – Constables watched for an allegedly intoxicated driver, but the vehicle made it out of town before the constable could stop it.

JANUARY 26

12:21 p.m. – A semi downtown got hung up on a phone line and broke it.

12:35 p.m. – Vagabond canine was captured in a neighborhood above downtown and delivered to the kennel.

1:02 p.m. – Resident found two cell phones and a vaping device in her yard. Constable logged them into lost and found.

2:30 p.m. – Someone stole a converted box trailer.

JANUARY 27

5:19 p.m. – An allegedly inebriated person was stumbling along US 62 spitting at passing cars. Constable responded.

6:33 p.m. – Vehicle went over an embankment on Main Street. Constables,

EMS and ESFD all went to the scene.

JANUARY 28

12:29 a.m. – Traffic stop resulted in the arrest of the driver for an open container and driving on a suspended license.

2:03 a.m. – An individual was trying to open the front door of a residence. He was arrested for public intoxication.

3:23 a.m. – Desk clerk at a tourist lodging reported a guest was disturbing other guests. Constables informed the disturber if she did not stay in her room for the rest of the night, she would be arrested for public intoxication. She said she would comply.

12:45 p.m. – Employee at a business claimed a person took some money.

9:46 p.m. – Owners of a motel reported they asked a person to leave the premises and she refused.

11:04 p.m. – A person dressed in dark clothes and carrying a flashlight aroused suspicion. He told the responding constable he was looking through the clothes a church gives away because he needed new clothes.

11:50 p.m. – Resident in the western part of town told ESPD he thought someone might be walking on his roof and in his yard. Responding constables checked the area and did not find anyone.

JANUARY 29

7:32 a.m. – Commercial burglary alarm got the attention of a constable, but the building was secure.

6:57 p.m. – Concerned observer saw a man chase a woman into a store. Constable learned they had had a verbal dispute, and they returned to their apartment.

7:34 p.m. – Apartment dweller was yelling. He told the constables he was yelling at a neighbor who played loud music.

11:20 p.m. – Constable checked on a suspicious vehicle and arrested an individual for public intoxication.

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said, “I picked people I thought had the most knowledge about ambulance service and the roads.”

Wheatley serves as chief of the South Carroll County Fire Department, and Stoppel was involved with the creation of the Western Carroll County Ambulance District. Griesenauer and Leivan work with EMS services, and Barr said he values Coatney’s experience with the county’s Road Department.

The commission meeting will take place either in the courtroom or the jury room, depending on the number of people in attendance.

Caveat leads to cat chat

BECKY GILLETTE

People might have gotten the wrong impression about cat adoptions at the Good Shepherd Humane Society, possibly because of questions when someone is considering adopting a cat. Adopters are asked if they intend to keep the cat indoors or outdoors. Jay Fusaro, president of the Good Shepherd Humane Society board of directors, said that is just to make sure there is a good adoption match.

"We do not have an inside-only cat policy," Fusaro said. "We have certain cats that need to be inside, and the staff knows which cats those are. We don't declaw cats here, but if cats come in declawed or have a temperament that makes them a better indoor cat, that's what we recommend. It's based on how the cats behave when they are with us. If our staff is spending hours a day with these cats, they know what cat that is going to be sitting on a pillow six hours a day as compared to a cat that is going to be more rambunctious. They know temperament and which ones will be suitable for indoors or outdoors."

Fusaro said when someone who wants an outdoor cat comes in and picks a cat that is more sedentary, the staff will suggest another cat that better suits their needs.

"Part of the process is doing our best to match the animal to the adopter," Fusaro said. "What is your lifestyle? Do you work? We do our best to match as best we can. We have many cats eligible for indoor/outdoor life. The staff knows which ones have never been outside or may have medical conditions that prevent them from being an outside cat."

"The model we are trying to get away from is an adopter walks in, hands us money and gets to pick their animal. We are not going to do that. We are going to interview and match as best we can. But it's not a white light in a dark room type of interview."

Questions can include whether the adopter has other animals at home. Perhaps they already have other cats and dogs. The staff knows which cats up for adoption get along with other animals.

They will also ask if the adopter owns a home and, if they rent, a staffer will call the landlord to make sure they have permission to have an animal.

"We have had a lot of returns because the landlord didn't give permission," Fusaro said. "We don't want an animal to go to a home and then be returned."

Some people choose to keep cats inside because of the risk of bobcat fever, which is spread by ticks. Fusaro said if you have an owner who isn't diligent about flea and tick protection, and the cat is allowed to go outdoors, you can have problem. He said outdoor cats should be treated with a flea and tick repellent.

The shelter does adopt out cats for those who want a barn cat to catch mice.

"We believe we have cats that suit that need," he said. "We know which cats are tomboys and suitable to that lifestyle. We want to put thought behind the adoptions. It is not about pushing as many as we can out the door."

Some people let cats outdoors so they get more exercise, but for indoor cats, there are toys that keep the cat active. "If people are looking to exercise their cat, I would point them to Blackie's Backyard downtown which has a lot of really good animal toys," he said.

Currently there are 38 cats and 35 dogs up for adoption at Good Shepherd.

"That is about the right number for us," Fusaro said. "What we will not do is overpopulate with either cats or dogs because we have sanitary standards and staff limitations."

Good Shepherd took in 102 cats in 2016 while the total number of adoptions for was 114.

"This means Good Shepherd saved more than 100 cats in 2016 that most likely would have either been euthanized or left out on the street," he said. "In 2016, we averaged adopting out a cat every three days. The average time a cat stays at Good Shepherd is only about seven weeks."



Who's in charge, Senator? Last Tuesday, Jan. 24, a group 16 from Eureka Springs, Fayetteville, Rogers and surrounding areas met at U.S. Sen. Boozman's office in Lowell to present him with stories of Arkansans whose lives have been saved by the Affordable Care Act. Questions were answered by constituent services representative Stacey Mattingly, who said the folder of 20 accounts of the life saving benefits of ACA would be sent to the senator's office in D.C. More political encounters are scheduled for Boozman's and Sen. Tom Cotton's Arkansas offices this week. *PHOTO SUBMITTED*

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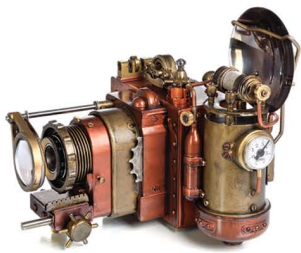
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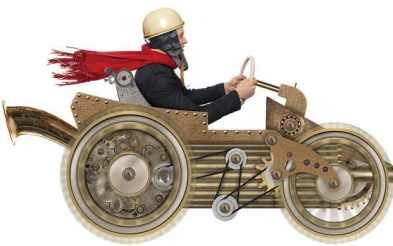


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can get that done.



Sprucing up the aria – Opera in the Ozarks at Inspiration Point added a rehearsal building to its complex just west of Eureka Springs, overlooking the White River Valley. The 40x80 ft. building is the size of the stage, and when finished will give opera students who come every summer season the proper echo and reverberation while warming their pipes. Contractor for the building is Jim Fliss.

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Sunday at EUUF

Roxie Howard will discuss her attendance at the White House Convening in December 2016 on advancing LGBT progress for rural America on Sunday, Feb. 5 at the Eureka Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 17 Elk Street. Program starts at 11 a.m. and childcare is provided. It will be Soup Sunday so bring soup, bread, or dessert to share. Join in the meal with a donation of \$5/person (\$10 max per family).

Last Sunday in February is looking Souper

The Holiday Island Fire Department's Souper Sunday is Feb. 26 at the Holiday Island Country Club Ballroom. Stop by for the best homemade soup you have ever tasted from 10 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Adults are \$6 and children under 12 are \$3. If you would like to donate soup, call Mary Amundsen at (479) 363-8125.

DEPARTURE

Morley "Curley" Hamilton Feb. 2, 1930 – Jan. 31, 2017



Morley "Curley" Hamilton, of Eureka Springs, Ark., was born February 2, 1930, in Kansas City, Mo., son of William and Evelyn (Wilkes) Hamilton. He departed this life Jan. 31, 2017 in Bentonville, Ark., at age 86.

Curley was a member of Masonic Lodge #269 in St. Joseph, Mo. He was in the trucking business with Crouch Bros. & Graves Truck Lines. After moving to Eureka Springs from St. Joseph, Mo., in March 1987, he was water operator for Mundell Heights Estates from 1994 until 2004, where he devoted a lot of his time. He was always willing to help anyone.

On April 17, 1971 he was united in marriage to Elaine Agatha (Derks) Hamilton, who survives him of their home. He is also survived by his in-laws, Jim and Dorothy Jermain of Wathena, Kan.; Paul and Lucille Frampton of Hollister, Mo.; Marvin and Helen Derks of Maryville, Mo.; Carl Rogers of Maryville, Mo.; numerous nieces, nephews and many friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents, William and Evelyn (Wilkes) Hamilton; sister, Ruth Garrity; in-laws, Raymond and Gertrude Derks; Louise Rogers; and Raymond Derks, Jr.

God saw that Curley was very tired so He put His arms around him and whispered, "Come on home to me!"

Per Curley's request there will be no services. Arrangements are under the direction of Nelson Funeral Service, Inc. Memorial donations may be made to the Circle of Life Hospice, 901 Jones Road, Springdale, Arkansas 72762. Online condolences may be sent to the family at nelsonfuneral.com. © Nelson Funeral Service, Inc. 2016

One Billion Rising sponsoring Solidarity event

On Feb. 12, from 1:30 – 4, local organizers of the One Billion Rising movement will host the 3rd annual event at Main Stage Creative Community Center, 67 N. Main St, in Eureka Springs.

According to United Nations statistics, one in three women will be beaten or raped during her lifetime. Every February since 2013, people rise to show local communities and the world how to shine a light on the impunity and injustice that survivors face.

Speakers on Sunday, Feb. 12 will be

John McGee, director of the Northwest Arkansas Shelter; Rev. Blake Lasater from the Eureka Springs Methodist Church, and volunteers from the Purple Flower Domestic Violence Resource Center in Berryville.

Entertainment will feature Morty and Melanie Mortensen from Fayetteville, Catherine Reed with Rain Equine, and Pearl Brick. Bring a drum, sing the song, share your story. To learn more, Onebillionrising.org. For the song and dance, youTube.com.

Studying Isaiah at Holiday Island Community Church

Join on Friday morning at the Holiday Island Community Church, 188 Stateline Drive as Frank Wicks leads Bible Study on the book of Isaiah beginning Feb. 3 at 10 a.m. The Bible Study is held in the Library of Fellowship Hall. Call (479) 253-8200 if you have questions.

Buddhist Study Group gathers Feb. 2

The Eureka Springs Buddhist Study Group will gather for 30 minutes of meditation followed by reading and discussion on Thursday, Feb. 2 at 4 p.m. at Heart of Many Ways, 68 Mountain Street. All are welcome.

Celebrate our inalienable rights

On April 15 there will be a parade celebrating the First Amendment of our Constitution, and we invite everyone who wants to celebrate freedoms as stated:

“Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.”

The amendment was adopted on Dec. 15, 1791 as one of 10 amendments that are the Bill of Rights.

Floats, walking groups, bands and puppets are encouraged to join in this acknowledgment of freedom. Groups supporting the First Amendment will be welcome. There will be tables set up in Basin Spring Park after the parade for petitions and social causes.

For applications or more information email nlpaddock@gmail.com

Eureka showing off its talent

We’ve Got Talent, a musical variety extravaganza staged by Carroll County Music Group to provide funds for area youth to attend music camps and other music enrichment opportunities, will be at the Auditorium on March 5. The show

will feature local and area talent ranging from solo singers, ensembles, choirs, dance groups, bands and instrumentalists. Call Pamela Jones at (479) 253-7296 for more information.

Continued interpretation of New Testament at Metafizzies

The Feb. 6 meeting of the Eureka Springs Metaphysical Society will feature Dr. Stephen Foster continuing his discussion on metaphysical interpretation of the New Testament. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. at Heart of Many Ways, 68 Mountain Street. All are welcome.

TheNATUREofEUREKA by Steven Foster

Naked Jasmine

It’s been such a schizophrenic winter as far as the weather goes, or as I call it, the new normal, leading Mother Nature to play tricks on humans. As you drive, bike or walk around town, you may see shrubs with yellow flowers and casually assume that forsythias just don’t know when to put away their winter genes and get

out their spring wardrobe. But it is likely not a forsythia that you are seeing at all, rather, of all things, it is probably a species of jasmine, a plant group best known for its subtropical representatives with an intoxicating scent; a staple in perfumery.

Known in horticultural parlance as winter jasmine or naked jasmine, it is an Asian shrub *Jasminum nudiflorum*. The species name *nudiflorum* means naked flower. The small, shiny oval leaves of this shrub clustered in groups of three drop off early in the fall, exposing evergreen angular stems. Even a month ago, the flower buds were swollen. They are now blooming, as they do every year regardless of what the thermometer says. It is a winter-blooming shrub.

In 1844, the British botanical explorer, Robert Fortune sent specimens from Nanjing, China, to the Royal Botanical Garden at Kew. Fortune wrote, “a very ornamental dwarf shrub... perfectly hard in this

country [China]. It is deciduous; the leaves falling off in its native country early in autumn, and

leaving a number of prominent flower buds, which expand in early spring, often when snow is on the ground.” Fortune had been hired by the British East India Company to clandestinely collect live cuttings and seeds of all the tea varieties in China and send them to the British territories in India, leading to the beginnings of India’s tea plantations. He introduced many Chinese plants to Western horticulture.

In English gardens it became a favorite shrub planted atop walls, with its cascading vine-like trailing stems, highlighting their brilliant winter display of tubular yellow flowers. Winter jasmine soon made its way to America. By 1855 it was listed in an American nursery catalog and became as favorite of Southern gardens. No doubt, in the late 19th century, with its abundant stone retaining walls established, unnamed souls intent on beautifying Eureka Springs thought this was an ornamental shrub of choice. Hence, we still enjoy this heirloom winter-blooming beauty today.



Jupiter Retrogrades in Libra - Are We Balanced, Are We Gracious?

Here we are already in February, the month of Aquarius & Pisces, of Groundhog Day (Candlemas Day, Imbolc, cross quarter day between winter & spring), Valentines, Chinese New Year, the Lantern Festival at the full moon, birthdays of presidents Lincoln & Washington, and for this year, the month of two eclipses (lunar Feb. 10, solar Feb. 26). February also informs us that spring (March 20) is one month away.

Thursday is Groundhog Day and Candlemas (between winter solstice and spring equinox). In the Catholic churches candles are brought to Mass and blessed. **Friday** is the 2nd

quarter moon, waxing, setting around midnight.

Sunday night, Jupiter, planet of love/wisdom, expansion, beneficence, becomes stationary retrograde. Jupiter is retrograde for four months and direct nine months each year. Jupiter retrogrades at 23 Libra, back to 13 Libra. Where are these degrees (23-13 Libra) in everyone's charts? Everyone needs their own astrology chart. Without it, we "see life only through a glass darkly."

When planets are retrograde we enter a state of needed assessment and review. The sign and house the retrograde move through determines what area of life is affected.

Jupiter in Libra – we assess relationships, partnerships and all interactions with other. We review issues of equality, compromise, values and diplomacy. Are we fair and balanced? Do we bring forth harmony and have Right Relations? Whom do we value? How do we connect? Libra asks "Are we balanced, are we gracious?"

Jupiter's last transit of Libra was Sept. 2004 – Oct. 2005, October 1992 to November 1993, October 1980 to November 1981. Whatever occurred in our lives 2004-5 comes to fruition now. Whatever occurred in the previous years, reappears for reassessment and review.

ARIES: Relationships, partnerships, marriage, commitments, negotiations and contracts may all shift and change. You will assess if there is anything needed to expand the good in each of these so everything becomes more successful and productive. Are new studies needed? Perhaps you will become a teacher or counselor. Work through all conflicts in order to attain more harmony and freedom.

TAURUS: Work will expand, details will be important, and a deeper sense of service will enter your life. For those seeking new employment, use this time to write down what work environment is most beneficial. Rest and relaxation is needed each day at the same time. Integrity and honesty are values you're teaching others. Tend to the animals that come your way.

GEMINI: Questions posed in your mind during this deep internal time will be about creativity and romance, having fun and children, pleasure, humor, love and warmth. You will find yourself retreating from many things in your life. Careful with investments & speculations. These are too risky at this time. Don't follow what the many around you believe. There is another reality for you to comprehend. Write a book, journal, paint, draw. With wide open eyes.

CANCER: Great joy and benefits come forth through family, domestic comfort, the garden and property. There will be a need for security and safety, and thoughts on additions to the home – adding a room, adding to the family, enlarging the garden. Real estate may be on your mind. Some will buy or sell a home. Redesign, redecorate and improve living spaces. Family traditions will be important and reinstated.

LEO: You will begin to understand deep complicated situations and problems. You will teach others what you know. You may write and author a book, take a class that helps you understand how to communicate with more ease. Travel, local and close by, will be considered. Great intellectual benefits arise at this time. You expand and magnify all that you touch and think about.

VIRGO: It's time to consider money and resources, taxes, inheritances, burial

rites, insurance and all things of value to you. This is a productive yet practical time. Certain talents will develop and increase your sense of self as useful and valuable. Any past monetary problems seem to disappear. Begin a new budget and manage all resources in new ways. Invest in gold and silver.

LIBRA: An entirely new cycle begins for you, a new destiny, actually. Greet each day with happiness. Be sure to arise at dawn and step outside. Allow the rays of the morning Sun to penetrate into your eyes. This sets up within your body the new vibrant life cycle for the day. It heightens your perspective, your optimism and your ability to bring joy to the world. Which heals the world.

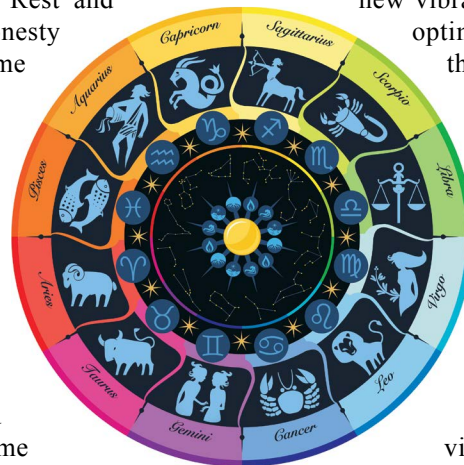
SCORPIO: Things seem to be occurring internally, behind veils & curtains for the purpose of spiritual protection, as events can feel out of control, unusual & rather strange. You will be in touch with what you're not often in touch with – fears perhaps, sadness, guilt. All of these need clearing. For they aren't real. They're learned behaviors. Helping others helps the deep dark secrets disappear. Helping others brings forth joy. You need joy. Dream more.

SAGITTARIUS: You will be filled with ideas for the future, new seeds of thought that eventually manifest. Allow these to slowly mature so you're not overwhelmed with too many visions. Walk slowly down the road, ponder upon innovative projects that inspire. This year some brave and cherished hopes will come true. Along with new direction, new byways & highways. Be a friend to someone.

CAPRICORN: There's an interesting inward (Saturn) and outward (Jupiter) movement occurring in your life. Saturn pulls one back with deep discipline. Jupiter expands one outward, brings new social standing, prestige. You respond with great intelligence, authority and responsibility. Saturn prepares you internally to be successful in the world and Jupiter expands on this. You have a new goal in life. What is it?

AQUARIUS: You have an intellectual curiosity contemplating new ideas concerning politics and the justice system. You're interested in finally recognizing your intelligence. Consider writing a book, entering publishing or broadcasting fields, where you have an audience who appreciate your words, listen to your music, understand your thinking. Remember to remain open and tolerant, kind and fluid, adaptable with a wide perspective.

PISCES: Notice spiritual and physical contentment spreading throughout your life. Less struggles to contend with, less vulnerable. A deeper understanding occurs as the past reappears. At times a bardo-like feeling is experienced. A stream of memories, from times and events past. Allow this to occur. It's a washing away of what is no longer needed. Create new financial plans. Invest in life insurance and in gold and silver.



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largest city in Arkansas, with a population ten to fifteen times what it is now. The infrastructure was built to accommodate a much larger population than we have today. How many miles of retaining walls do we have, some that you don't see? I believe it is something like twenty miles. We are a unique town in many ways. Nobody in their right mind would build a town with this kind of steep topography, but it was the healing springs that attracted people and they built wherever they could to be near the springs. Otherwise, we were just a cute little valley in Arkansas."

DeVito said he doesn't have concerns about his building, which was built around 1905, being in danger from the collapsing retaining wall. He has done architectural archeology of his building while doing various remodeling projects. Initially the building was a big concrete slab – supposedly the

first concrete structure in Eureka Springs – with piers and a roof making a structure that was used as a taxi stop.

"It has undergone some transformations," DeVito said. "It used to have a four-foot concrete wall on the side of the building towards Main Street that I believe was used so taxis wouldn't fall off down the mountain onto Main Street."

He added that it is an engineering feat in Eureka Springs for buildings to be plumb, true and standing upright on steep slopes. He marvels at the work done by early craftsmen building massive structures such as the Crescent Hotel and the Basin Park Hotel.

"We have some pretty incredible architecture in this little burg, everything from the hotels to Thorncrown Chapel," DeVito said. "It is the structures built here that distinguish it from any other place I've been in. We just have to keep it all going."

Foreign film festival back at the Carnegie library

The Eureka Springs Carnegie Public Library kicks off its annual Secret Season Cinema foreign film festival Friday, Feb. 3 at 6 p.m. with the Icelandic comedy film *Rams* from director Grímur Hákonarson.

In this film, two estranged brothers living in a remote farming valley are forced to come together to save their cherished rams. The film is rated R. The screening will take place in the Library Annex Friends Room and admission and popcorn are free. For more information go to the events calendar at eurekalibrary.org or call (479) 253-8754.

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Sad Daddy laments heartbreak at Chelsea's Friday, Event Eureka hosts Aquarius Party Saturday

February may be the shortest month of the year but that doesn't mean there's less to do. Sad Daddy mixes bluegrass textures and tongue-in-cheek lyrics for a unique Arkansas pluck party at Chelsea's Friday. Event Eureka, situated between Spring and Center Sts., hosts Dawning of the Age of Aquarius dance party Saturday to celebrate airheads born in this part of the wheel. This is a new event space and is worth checking out – wear some purple!



Sad Daddy play Chelsea's Friday, Feb. 3.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2

CATHOUSE LOUNGE – *George Brothers*, Rock, 6 p.m.

EUREKA LIVE! – *Green Screen Karaoke*, 9 p.m.

GRAND TAVERNE – *Jerry Yester*, Singer/Songwriter, 6:30 p.m.

LEGENDS SALOON – *Another Turn*, Rock, 9 p.m.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3

BREWS – *Chris Harp*, Singer/Songwriter, 6 – 9 p.m.

CATHOUSE LOUNGE – *Mark Shields and Good Company*, Rock, 8 – 11 p.m.

CHELSEA'S – *Sad Daddy*, Americana, 9 p.m.

EUREKA LIVE! – *DJ and Dancing*, 9 p.m.

GRAND TAVERNE – *Arkansas Red*, Guitar Dinner Music, 6:30 p.m.

LEGENDS SALOON – *DJ Karaoke with Stan*, 8 p.m.

ROWDY BEAVER – *2 Dog 2 Karaoke*, 7 p.m.

ROWDY BEAVER DEN – *Dave Smith*

Trio, Rock, 8 p.m.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4

BREWS – *Route 358*, Americana, 6 – 9 p.m.

CATHOUSE LOUNGE – *Kevin Upshaw*, Singer/Songwriter, 8 – 11 p.m.

CHELSEA'S – *Cadillac Jackson*, Funk, 9 p.m.

EUREKA LIVE! – *DJ & Dancing*, 9 p.m.

EVENT EUREKA – *Dawning of the Age of Aquarius*, Dance Party, 8 p.m.

GRAND TAVERNE – *Jerry Yester*, Singer/Songwriter, 6:30 p.m.

LEGENDS SALOON – *Opium Western*, Rock, 9 p.m.

LE STICK – *Pete Maiella*, Singer/Songwriter, 7 p.m.

ROWDY BEAVER – *Southern Confession*, Rock, 7 p.m.

ROWDY BEAVER DEN – *Dorrian Cross*, Rock, 12 – 4 p.m.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5

BREWS – *Trivia Night*, 6 p.m.

EUREKA LIVE! – *Green Screen Karaoke*, 7 p.m.

ROWDY BEAVER – *Super Bowl Party*, 5 p.m.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6

CHELSEA'S – *Sprungbilly*, Bluegrass, 9 p.m.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

CATHOUSE LOUNGE – *Los Roscoes*, Blues, 5 p.m.

CHELSEA'S – *Open Mic*, 9 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8

CATHOUSE – *Jimmy Wayne Garrett*, Singer/Songwriter, 6 p.m.

EUREKA LIVE! – *DJ and Dancing*, 9 p.m.

LEGENDS SALOON – *Some Other Band*, Rock, 9 p.m.

ROWDY BEAVER DEN – *Shawbee Karaoke*, 6 – 10 p.m.

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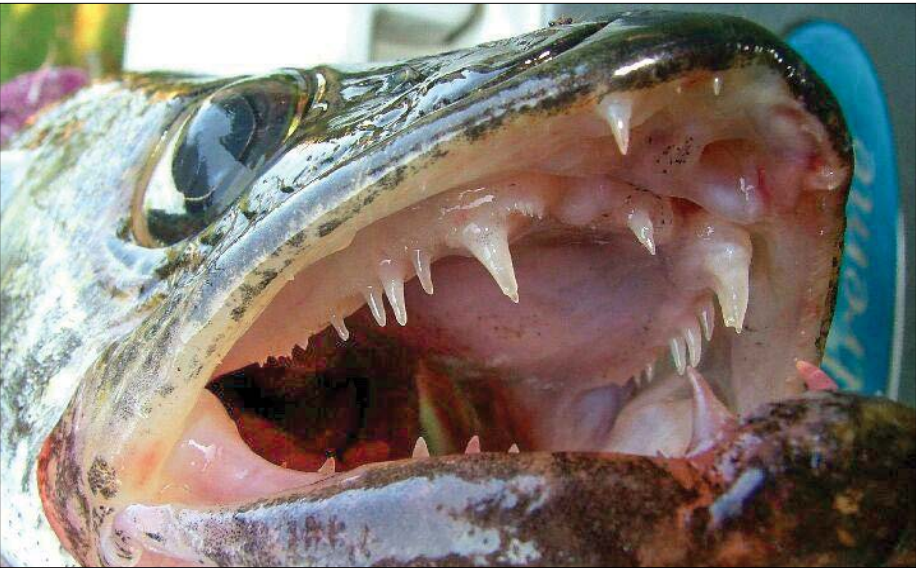
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Well, it's walleye time here at Holiday Island and some big ones are being caught hitting the scales at well over 30 inches and weighing more than 12 pounds. We had an afternoon trip out Monday, but just caught spotted bass. Another angler we talked to said that's all he got since 7 a.m. that day.

We had strong southwest winds with a water temperature of 46°. This was also the first day of the winds bringing in a warm front, so I guess that's our excuse. But I have always believed that when a warm front comes in and you have two to three days of nice weather, the fishing will be better after the front settles in. The winds usually lay down, too. This can hold true with warm and cold fronts. The fish don't care about the air temp. We do. It's the water temp and how long the days are, which relates to the sun, noon and barometer.

We are now into February, which is the start of spring for us and the fish. We will get more warm fronts than cold fronts from here on, and the water temps are now rising.

Most stripers on Beaver Lake are still holding in the mid-lake area within two miles both sides of the Hwy. 12 bridge. The also have the itch to go upriver to spawn.

The walleye spawn is at a colder water temp of all our lake fish, and for now until spring there's only one way they are going and that's up river against the current to lay eggs. They are being caught now from here at the Island to Beaver.

Before February is over people will be catching them closer to Houseman Access and Spider Creek. They will go as far as the river will let them to lay on gravel bars on into March then head back this way so the white bass have their room to do the same. If we don't get out this week I will put in the spawning temp chart again for next week.

We are also keeping out \$50 off special on striper trips and \$30 off our Holiday Island trips since my Internet kept me from posting in Kansas City, where they seem to love our little town.

Johnson Guide Service (479) 253-2258. Fishofexcellence.com

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The EPA has been commanded to give out *no* information about climate change, et.al. And these are our public agencies funded by our money.

He lies constantly and has said without proof that millions of votes were cast illegally. No proof ever presented by the Chief Prevaricator because he does not want to give any proof. He does not want to, therefore, he does not have to.

Paul Krugman, Nobel Prize winning economist, said He is obviously mentally ill. I believe so; however, there are lots of people suffering from mental illness who are not mean, violent and ego maniacal.

Dr. Lawrence Britt, political scientist, gave several characteristics of Fascism:

(among others), rampant sexism and homophobia; control of the media; ending separation of church and state; creating a power elite of the business class; and, fraudulent elections.

My good friends who counsel to just wait out his presidency are naive and fearful to take direct action. They need to remember Sinclair Lewis's statement that when Fascism comes to America, it will be wrapped in the flag and carrying a cross.

The Little Rock Women's March of 7000 was loving, strong, beautiful, diverse and, hopefully will produce a real resistance to this growth of white supremacy and Fascism. I hope so with all my heart and strength. I hope, but then, I will act.

T.A. Laughlin

by Mike Boian with extensive help from his wife, Ann

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- ACROSS
1. Just out of the box

4. Greek god of war

8. Aquatic chargers

12. Unrefined sample

13. Location

14. Rabbit's tail

15. Foul weather gear

17. Bangkok denizen

18. Passion

19. Non-Muslim

21. Represents the majority of the human race

23. Canvas shelter

24. Jewish month

25. Opposite of belligerent

29. Parolee

30. Site of public events

31. Lest

32. Bauble, decoration

34. Boast

35. Smaller amount

36. Office betting funds

37. Rural habitations

40. With copper, it makes brass

41. Capable of

42. Eternal

46. Black

47. Type of recitation

48. Greek math symbol valued at 300

49. Fisherman's tools

50. Drat!

51. Urge

20. Peruvian native

21. Scene of 1993 siege

22. Unpleasant aroma

23. Soon to be adults

25. Exert very strong influence

26. Savage fierceness

27. Mountains in Eurasia

28. Indication of good wine

30. Common word of agreement

33. Visitors from outer space

34. "My word is my _____"

36. Yearned deeply

37. City near Normandy

38. Title of respect for clergyman

39. Used in some psychological testing

40. Greek name meaning "born last"

43. Beverage made with beaten eggs

44. Scottish refusal

45. Rev the engine
- DOWN
1. Partner of neither

2. Significant time period

3. First president of Israel

4. Nile dam

5. Cambodian cash

6. Basque separatist organization, abbr.

7. E-5 rank

8. Property of a deceased person

9. Reverberation

10. Hawaiian dinner party

11. Slang name for prison

16. Approach

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PERSONALS

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Multiple alerts on blood types
The Community Blood Center of the Ozarks (CBCO) has issued a Code Red Alert for O Positive and Negative blood types and a Code Yellow Alert for B Negative and A Positive blood types. Their next blood drive will be at the Holiday Island Elks Lodge, 4 Parkcliff Drive on Monday, Feb. 6 from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Each donation will be awarded LifePoints as part of CBCO's donor rewards program. LifePoints may be redeemed online for a variety of gift cards or may be assigned to other meaningful causes or charities. To be eligible to give blood you must weigh at least 110 pounds, be in good health, and present a valid photo ID. For more information about sharing your good health with others or on the LifePoints donor rewards program go to www.cbco.org or call toll-free (800) 280-5337.

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levast wanted to wait until the complainants were back in town so they could speak again, and Morris wanted all commissioners present.

Harman wanted resolution of whether leasing part of the property to the Crescent for events represents a transfer of the CUP, which would be a violation of City Code.

Commissioners agreed to table their decision on the CUP for the one-unit tourist lodging until the Feb. 28 meeting.

As for the Wedding CUP...

The Van Woys also applied for a CUP to be a wedding establishment. Greene pointed out weddings and receptions had been going on there without a CUP for the 17 years the Van Woys owned the property. She admitted the property is a "stunning place to hold a wedding," but over and over, Quiet Use restrictions for a residential neighborhood had been violated.

Greene suggested Planning table discussion for six months until the Van Woys and the Crescent returned with a comprehensive plan for compliance.

Brown responded that almost all weddings the Crescent Hotel is involved with are performed on hotel property, not at Lookout Cottages. There are receptions there, but with small gatherings and acoustic music if music at all, and the Crescent sends a security person to the site if needed.

The question arose regarding a maximum number of attendees at the site, and Booth replied that number would be set by the fire marshal, but since the site did not have a CUP the fire marshal would have no reason to establish a maximum.

Greene said she did not want to stop weddings or receptions, but insisted there must be guidelines in place. She said commissioners should either table discussion or deny the application until there is a plan.

The vagaries of defining compliance on parking commanded its time until Greene reiterated she wanted to table a decision for six months so Planning could sort out the details. Booth again said the long wait would not be fair to the applicants.

Brown stated the Crescent tries to be a good neighbor and she was disappointed

she had not been made aware of issues before now. She said the Crescent would comply if Planning put guidelines on weddings and receptions, but pointed out there are guests who are not at the site through the Crescent.

Greene still wanted more time and wanted the Collinses to be part of the discussion. Morris replied they cannot cater their decisions for one individual, and recommended they convene a workshop to sort out the issues. Sallee suggested they get an opinion from the city attorney.

Harman recognized the situation Planning was putting the Crescent and the Van Woys in by delaying a decision. There are bookings that Brown would have to rearrange. Brown said she could provide both a list of planned events in February and a sample contract she uses to help resolve issues, but Morris contended Planning did not have the right to allow events to continue if there were violations of City Code.

Sallee moved to table the discussion of the wedding CUP until Feb. 28 and get an opinion from the city attorney. She also suggested they get a copy of the arrangement between the Van Woys and the Crescent plus a list of planned events at the site.

Though an agreement to defer seemed to be near, the Gordian knot of complications circled the table until Harman said they should make a decision ASAP. The vote on Sallee's motion was unanimous, and commissioners agreed to convene at 5 p.m. before the Feb. 14 meeting for a workshop to unravel the tangle.

Final business

Commissioners discussed need for a complaint form citizens could file with City Hall so commissioners would have more of a history related to issues like the one commanding so much of their last two meetings. Harman presented the one Building Inspector Bobby Ray uses, and wanted to use his form as a starting point to develop placed on the city website.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, Feb. 14, at 6 p.m. The meeting will be preceded at 5 p.m. by a workshop on the issues stirred up by the two CUP applications for 12 Lookout Circle.

