

This week's Independent thinkers

We've all been told that plastic persists for centuries. We just can't get rid of the stuff.

It has recently come to light that the deepest part of the ocean, the



Mariana trench, is worse than any landfill ever thought of being – indestructible plastic simply lays there, choking fish, killing marine life, warming water, depleting oxygen and redirecting currents. Plastic is filling the ocean at the rate of a dump truckful every minute.

One of the more prolific items stifling the ocean's happy wave is plastic cotton buds. Johnson & Johnson has announced it will stop making the ear cleaners out of plastic, which is to be commended, but we users might want to use our own heads — avoid, or at least recycle, plastic. Don't ever, ever, ever, ever flush it.

Because guess where flushed items go?

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First parade of the season:

Short and sweet - Beads flew to both sides of Spring Street as the Mardi Gras Night Parade rolled through Eureka Springs Friday before the Coronation Ball. Even though the parade was short it was still filled with excitement from the crowd as they hooted and hollered for beads to be thrown their way

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ESH renovation on the table

NICKY BOYETTE

At Monday afternoon's Hospital Commission meeting, Eureka Springs Hospital CEO Peter Savoy tossed out a concept saying he had already had a brief discussion with management at Allegiance, the company that leases operation of ESH, about getting a head start on lease negotiations with the commission.

"Allegiance wants to be here long-term," Savoy told commissioners. He said upcoming negotiations would be an opportunity to discover how Allegiance and the commission could perform an extensive renovation of the interior of the existing facility. Savoy said Allegiance would be willing to lock in to a far longer lease if it knew that some portion of its lease payments would be dedicated to renovating the hospital. "We can

at least look at it," he commented. "They asked me to get the ball rolling."

Savoy mentioned he already met with Mayor Butch Berry, and Allegiance CEO Rock Bordelon said he could be in Eureka Springs if the commission were to schedule a meeting on March 27. There is a city council meeting later that evening.

Savoy indicated all points of the arrangement would be preliminary and up for discussion at this point, and posited a major remodel might open up a more efficient use of the space.

Commissioner John House commented, "I want to be clear that lots of people will not like that Allegiance is not going to build a new hospital. I still hear that from **HOSPITAL** continued on page 2

NDEPENDENTNews

Planning slogs through City Code

NICKY BOYETTE

Planning Commissioners spent a Valentine's Day workshop exploring sections of the labyrinth known as City Code as it relates to possible conditions for Conditional Use Permit applications on weddings, tourist lodgings and temporary open air entertainment. In spite of earnest attempts, complications sometimes begat more complications.

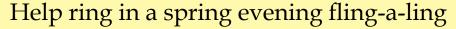
Commissioners found antiquated references, such as a restriction in Quiet Use Commercial zone that deliveries could be made only in vehicles no larger than a pickup truck except when allowed by state law. Other references, such as limiting the number of guests in a Quiet Use zone and marshaling parking, prompted a more vigorous debate.

Chair Melissa Greene began by pointing out the definition in City Code of a wedding establishment does not provide for a reception on the same property. She said there are occasions where receptions follow weddings and the events are not invasive to the neighborhood, although they might be illegal.

Commissioner Ann Sallee said she was not in favor of receptions being held at wedding establishments. Commissioner James Morris said he did not want to be too restrictive because visitors might choose not to come here to get married. Nevertheless, there are Quiet Use restrictions in residential zones, so commissioners were not satisfied that entertainment was allowed for receptions in those zones.

The issue of delivery trucks and what gets delivered also got attention. Sallee mentioned they should consider how the situation affects neighbors. "People don't move here to live in chaos," she said, but commissioner Woodie Acord stated the overall problem would be enforcement regardless of how they reword City Code. Commissioner Tom Buford added enforcement is more difficult if Planning places extra conditions on certain CUPs.

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The annual Clear Spring Fling Auction, an evening of dancing, live and silent auctions, food and fun is Saturday evening, March 11 at Event Eureka, 39 Spring St.

Auctioneer Dave Teigen will keep the evening moving, accompanied by Show and Tellers, our own old time, home swung jazz band.

Hearty hors d'ouevres provided by local chefs, including Jane Tucker of Cateraid. Wine and cocktails available from the cash bar.

Auction provide proceeds scholarship and academic program support for Clear Spring School.

Donations of art, goods and services should be directed to development@ clearspringschool.org or by calling the school, (479) 253-7888.

Tickets at www.clearspringschool. org/auction.

Playground ribbon cutting March 4

Lake Leatherwood City Park will be hosting a ribbon cutting for its new playground on March 4 at 1 p.m. Guests will be able to join Justin Huss to tour improvements around the park during an open house following the ribbon cutting.

Wildflowers up on St. Paddy's Day

Thrift store on US 62E, furniture bank and \$1 shop will be on St. Patrick's Day, Friday, March 17. The yellow thrift store

The re-opening of Wildflowers will be open Tuesday – Saturday, 10:30 - 4; the blue barn furniture bank and \$1 shop will be open Fridays and Saturday,

Eureka Springs Hospital may settle for remodelina in lieu of a \$20 million hospital, depending on an agreement reached with hospital management company Allegiance. Administrative assistant Jodi Smith and ESH CEO Peter Savoy float the idea to commissioners at the Feb. 20 meeting.



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people." He said he was in favor of the renovation, but did not want to undersell public sentiment.

Chair Michael Merry answered it became clear to commissioners at least a year ago that there would not be a new hospital, and maybe the public should be educated that commissioners have moved on. He added there are practical economic and political reasons now why it would be foolish to invest \$20 million in building a new hospital in a rural area.

But Merry also asserted the commission is responsible for getting maximum use out of the existing facility, and a corporation was at least willing to discuss sharing in the expense of a significant upgrade to the interior.

Savoy pointed out ESH already has off-campus services and intends to add more, but there is an array of services a hospital must have strategically placed for the continuum of care for the patients. A renovation would present a chance to maximize placement of resources.

He added the facility meets all compliances.

House said to Savoy, "I'm all in favor of a nice building, but I want to know what Allegiance wants to do. Put some money out there. Bring us estimates and something to look at."

"I think that's what Allegiance wants to hear," Savoy responded.

Merry, with a big nod, stated, "So, yes, we're interested in pursuing the discussion."

The commission voted to schedule a meeting Monday, March 27, at 1 p.m.

Healing at the hospital

Melita Stubblefield, secretary to Chief of Nursing Vicki Andert, said a grassroots movement founded by ESH employees wants to turn a neglected area behind the

hospital into a healing garden. The area already has a non-working fountain they will restore, and there is a place for a raised bed for flowers. "I want patients to touch the flowers," Stubblefield said.

She said there would be a paved path that winds through the area allowing ambulatory patients to stroll past the flower beds and enjoy the fountain with live fish.

They also intend to cover a long, inclined walkway with a deck from the hospital door out to a view overlooking the garden and fountain. Patients who are nonambulatory will have access via the deck to a spot above the flowers. She said families could join patients in the healing area.

The bid for the lumber for the project was about \$1300. Stubblefield said her group has raised almost \$1000 so far even they are not actively soliciting donations. They would, she admitted, accept donations if they came in. In the meantime, they'll have a bake sale.

The commission voted to approve the project.

Other items

- · Commissioners discussed various investment strategies for their accounts. Commissioner Bob Walling said they have \$2,402,000 in their accounts as of Dec. 31, 2016. He said by shopping for better interest last year, the commission will get four times the amount of interest this year.
- The commission voted to retain the same slate of officers: Chair - Michael Merry; Secretary – M.J. Sell; Treasurer – Bob Walling.
- Remaining meetings for the year will be on Mondays at 1 p.m. at ECHO Clinic. The dates will be March 27, April 17, July 17 and Oct. 16. Others might be scheduled if required for the renovation discussions.

INDEPENDENTNews

Beware of ransomware

BECKY GILLETTE

It is the modern version of pulling a gun on someone and saying, "Stick 'em up!" Only today thieves are using computers instead of guns to steal money. Smith Drug Co. in Eureka Springs was hit this past week by ransomware, a type

AG's advice on avoiding ransomware

Individuals and businesses becoming victims of ransomware is happening more and more, said Judd P. Deere, communications director for the Arkansas Attorney General's office.

"The Attorney General urges anyone who has becoming a victim to contact our office and report it," Deere said. The phone number is (501) 682-2007.

Deere offered the following advice to help avoid becoming a victim:

- 1. Be sure to back up your most important files on a regular basis.
- 2. Personalize your anti-spam settings the right way.
- 3. Refrain from opening attachments that look suspicious.
- 4. Think twice before clicking. Dangerous hyperlinks can be received via social networks or instant messengers, and senders are likely to be people you trust, including your friends or colleagues.
- 5. Patch and keep your operating system, antivirus, browsers, Adobe Flash Player, Java, and other software up-to-date.
- 6. In the event a suspicious process is spotted on your computer, instantly turn off the Internet connection.
- 7. Keep the Windows Firewall turned on and properly configured at all times.
- 8. Enhance your protection more by setting up additional Firewall protection.
- 9. Adjust your security software to scan compressed or archived files, if this feature is available.
- 10. Enhance the security of your Microsoft Office components (Word, Excel. PowerPoint, Access, etc.)
- 11. Install a browser add-on to block popups as they can also pose an entry point for ransom Trojan attacks.
- 12. Use strong passwords that cannot be brute-forced by remote criminals.
- 13. Deactivate AutoPlay.
- 14. Make sure you disable file sharing.
- 15. Switch off unused wireless connections, such as Bluetooth or infrared ports.
- 16. Block known-malicious or IP addresses.

of malicious computer code designed to block access to a computer system until a ransom payment is made. The store was unable to fill prescriptions until the problem was resolved.

The Carroll County Sheriff's office was hit by ransomware in January.

"What they did was encrypt all our information and then sent us a ransom note saying we had to pay them money to get the de-encryption code," said Carroll County Sheriff Randy Mayfield. "They wanted \$2,400 and we paid it. The money went to India. That is why no other agencies could help us, because it was from overseas."

The payment was made through BitCoin, which makes transactions difficult to track. BitCoin operates with no central authority or banks, making it a preferred method of payment for scam artists.

Mayfield said they were successful in getting the encryption code, and have made changes to make sure this type of thing never happens again. "We are changing the way we back up our information. I thought it was backed up, but it was not. We are on a 24-hour backup now."

Mayfield said they are also educating their staff a lot more about what to be suspicious about on the Internet. Don't open up sites you are not familiar with or click on links in emails from unknown people. Mayfield said it is difficult because as soon as the "good guys" find a way to block the malicious software, the "bad guvs" find a way to get around it.

Frank Cox, Cox Computer Service, said ransomware is a major problem and very costly. He said there are two ways to deal with it. You can pay the money and get the code. Or you can give your hard drive to a computer repair service.

"I need it for a whole day and I can usually get all of the information off of it," Cox said. "I have to do a full forensic recovery, and then redo the drive system. It's a mess."

Cox said ransomware is becoming more of a problem than computer viruses. Viruses can damage or destroy someone's computer records, but don't make money for the hacker. Ransomware, by contrast, can be very profitable. In a country like India, where average wages are less than \$300 per month, ransomware is considered very lucrative.

Cox recommends a malware program

called ESET that he said usually prevents

"ESET is reasonable. \$39 per vear for a personal computer," Cox said. "Commercial will be a little more, but not a whole lot more. That is the one I would recommend. But there is no guarantee some hacking might get around it."

A common fraud is an email message from Microsoft that says they need access to your computer. If you call the number and give them access to your computer, they may do a fake program that looks like they are scanning for problems. But, instead, it is stealing your data.

"They get everything on your machine," Cox said. "Sometimes they give you the computer back and sometimes they just disappear and the machine is all screwed up. Never respond to email messages like that that claim to be from Microsoft or other companies. Microsoft will never send you a message like that."

He highly recommends backing up data every day – especially for commercial businesses that are more vulnerable to ransomware attacks. Cox said some of his customers use online backup systems like Carbonite, and others use an external hard

Cox said it is hard to fight ransomware thieves because they are mostly in Third World countries. In some cases, the hackers even use computers they have taken over in other countries to launch the attack

Travis Clark, Caveman Computer Consulting, said the main line of defense is never clicking on popups or downloading anything from questionable sources.

"If you see a popup, you should assume it is not true no matter what that popup says," Clark said. "I can pretty much guarantee it is fake. Anybody can make a webpage and make it say whatever they want it to say. Emails are another big one. Basically, if you don't know 100 percent where it came from, you're taking a risk. Even if you know the person it's risky because their email may have been compromised or it may just appear to be from the person you know. Be skeptical of anything you come across and you will be in a lot better shape for it."

Clark said no anti-virus program is going to be foolproof. But he likes the MalwareBytes Premium version that has a couple features called Web Protection and

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King says to tell legislators to clean up the water

BECKY **G**ILLETTE

Sen. Bryan King of Green Forest said Monday that voters interested in reversing the decision about fluoridation of public water supplies to local residents are advised to contact members of the Arkansas Senate City County Local Committee to express support for local control.

Senate Bill 299 filed by King is titled: An Act To Amend the Law Concerning Water Districts; To Allow Voters to Elect "For" and "Against" Water Fluoridation.

The bill has to pass out of the Senate City, County and Local Affairs Committee in order to be considered by the entire Senate. Previously the Arkansas House passed legislation to provide local control over fluoridation decisions, but that legislation failed to pass out of the Senate Public Health, Welfare and Labor Committee.

Proponents of local control have pointed to thousands of dollars in campaign contributions by dental groups supporting fluoridation to members of the Public Health, Welfare and Labor Committee as a reason for not being able to get it out of committee. Fluoride opponents are hoping for a more fair hearing with the City, County and Local Affairs Committee.

Fluoridation of water at Carroll Boone Water District began in July 2015 as a result of a mandate by the state legislature that all public water systems with more than 5,000 customers fluoridate drinking water supplies. Residents of Eureka had opposed fluoridation for more than 30 years,

with the city twice voting against fluoridation.

King said that he may be one vote short of getting the five votes needed out of the eight members of the City. County and Local Affairs Committee. He said if area voters want to have a voice about fluoridation, they need to contact members of the committee.

"Getting legislation out of a committee is like fishing," King said. "You are not going to catch a fish unless you put a hook in the water. If people don't contact members of this committee, there is no chance of changing someone's mind. Getting five votes will be an uphill battle. Try to get the committee members to be open-minded about it. Ask them to give people some local decision making power."

Sen. Alan Clark, who is chair of the committee, said he doesn't know what the chances are that the bill will make it through his committee.

"Obviously, bills like that before have failed, but I personally can't see what the problem would be with local control," Clark said.

Contact information for the committee:

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Sen. Uvalde Lindsey, Vice Chair, (479) 444-6752, uvalde.lindsey@senate.ar.gov

Sen. Will Bond, (501) 396-5400, Will.Bond@senate.

Sen. Scott Flippo, (870) 421-3420, Scott.Flippo@

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Sen. Linda Collins-Smith, (870) 378-1434, Linda. Collins-Smith@senate.ar.gov

Sen. Lance Eads, (479) 435-5139, lance.eads@senate. ar.gov.

Sen. Stephanie Flowers, (870) 535-1032, Stephanie. Flowers@senate.ar.gov

Sen. Jim Hendren, (479)787-6222, jim.hendren@ senate.ar.gov

Supporters of fluoridation state it is an inexpensive way to help protect children from cavities, which is particularly important for low-income children without access to dental care. Opponents point to studies indicating fluoride

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Sunday at EUUF

Bryan Manire will facilitate discussion on the UU Congregational Study Action Issue for 2016-2020 The Corruption of our Democracy on Feb. 26. The service will be at the Eureka Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 17 Elk Street at 11 a.m. Childcare is provided and there is extra parking at Ermilio's Restaurant, 26 White Street.





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Ozark Flying Club entices membership

NICKY BOYETTE

At the Feb. 16 Carroll County Airport Commission meeting, airport manager Michael Pfeifer announced that Certified Flight Instructor Cris Brayman has partnered with the Ozark Flying Club (OFC) to extend an "extremely affordable" offer. According to Pfeifer, "For a \$200 one time joining fee and only \$125 a month, a person can rent the Club's VFR Cessna 172 for \$50 an hour! Also, until further notice, an anonymous donor is paying half of the joining fee. Then these guys really hit it out of the park - one hour a month in the airplane is free!"

President Ron Dugger wrote in an email that OFC intends to provide its members "with affordable access to pleasure and recreational flying of general aviation aircraft, educational and safety training, support & camaraderie. In addition, OFC will promote goodwill towards the general aviation community." Dugger said the plan is for the membership offer to intrigue interested beginner pilots to sign up.

For those who want to schedule flight training or join OFC, Brayman's number is (573) 465-3855.

Pfeifer also mentioned the Jan. 21 "Eat some chili, get some gas" fly-in was very successful. He said 150 people attended, 30 aircraft landed and 15 fueled. Pfeifer acknowledged his volunteer staff that showed up and assumed tasks to make the day go smoothly. The airport made \$180 for its efforts.

Pfeifer also told commissioners two aircraft encountered a large herd of deer on the runway one evening recently.

Answers to financial questions

Pfeifer provided a thorough explanation of the CCA financial situation, going back to 2015, in response to questions from commissioner Sandy Martin. She had mentioned at the Jan. 20 meeting she wanted further explanations about items in the 2016 budget and what the exact carryover going forward would be.

Pfeifer and volunteer bookkeeper Lanna Fletcher traced the problem to repercussions on their spreadsheets when three payments from the county totaling \$20,700 due in 2015 were not released until 2016, plus some of the carryover was used to pay down debt. Fletcher stated, after all the figuring, "We are positive

Pfeifer also pointed out CCA retired \$53,432 of debt in 2016, and all accounts and bank balances are reconciled to the penny.

Commissioner Morris Pate commented, "The figures indicate, all-in-all, we are taking care of business."

Chair Chase Tresler agreed but offered a different view of their reduced budget situation by stating, "We don't really have a budget. We can spend what they give us. We can't spend what we don't

Engineer's report

Commissioners approved a motion to have consulting engineer Dan Clinton put together a grant application for renovations to the 60x60-ft. hangar, which will include installing a hydraulic door.

The project will include installing electrical and lighting, adding insulation, painting, adding heaters, and installing a restroom.

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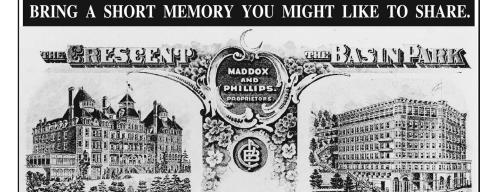
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New house, new deck and more at HDC

The Historic District commission had eight new applications to consider at its Feb. 15 meeting, including one modification of a previously-approved application for construction of a new single family residence on Angle Street. New plans called for increasing the upper and lower level floor space on the west side with 48 sq. ft. bump-outs.

Karen Johnson represented the application to add a second level deck to the front of 53-55 Spring St. and change a window to a door on the third level. Johnson said the changes would add safety features and the structure would look much better. Commissioners noticed in historic photographs there had never been a door where one was being proposed, and commissioner Dee Bright noted the guidelines state windows should be preserved. Commissioners approved adding the second level deck, but the window will remain.

These applications were also approved:

- 36 Elk new deck
- 75 Prospect pergola over hot tub on
- 41 S. Main new roofing material
- 44 Prospect replace porch, new deck, stairs on south side
- 21 Linwood new siding material; upper level landing and stairway; rear stair railing
- 11 Cliff replace three screen doors with different doors

These items on the Consent Agenda were approved:

- 50 Nova new paint colors
- 60B Wall pave off-street parking space
- 63 N. Main replace screen doors, same as originals
- 12 Cliff new paint colors
- 229 Spring new paring colors

Consent Agenda items are Level I applications the City Preservation Officer believes to be in accordance with the Design Guidelines.

Chair Virgil Fowler presented Administrative Approvals, which are applications for repair or work involving no changes in materials or color, but which also includes changes in roofing

• 53-55 Spring – re-build front porch/roof

same as before damage

- 44 Prospect repair roof, siding; repaint
- 21 Linwood repair, repaint rotten window frames, corner boards; add gutters
- 75 Prospect repair, repaint northwest chimney

The next meeting will be Wednesday, March 1, at 6 p.m. There will be a 45-minute workshop on Guidelines and Procedures before the meeting.

Community Center HAPPENINGS

SOUPER SOUP is back! And is sponsored by the ES Community Center Foundation! Soup is On from 11 am to 1 pm, Saturday, March 18, at the ES Community Center Gym. \$10 at door, chance to vote on EUREKA'S BEST SOUP donated by local restaurants. Benefit to Open the Gym and for fitness equipment

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The Lady is Eighty – Trella Laughlin and Marie Howard hosted friends from across Arkansas, Mississippi and a whole bunch of other states Feb. 21 for Trella's lunchtime birthday party. Among honored guests was Cheryl Maples, the attorney who successfully challenged the Arkansas ban on same-sex marriages. Trella has devoted her life to social justice ideals, and still has a Hillary yard sign next to her mailbox. The cake was baked and provided by Ozark Natural Foods.

Toast of the town

Friends and admirers of preservationists Elise and Marty Roenigk are invited to a 20th anniversary luncheon celebrating and remembering the couple who gave Eureka Springs a big boost when they bought the 1905 Basin Park Hotel and 1886 Crescent Hotel in 1997. Elise and Marty presided over the preservation and made the hotels into shining examples of what care, thought and commitment can accomplish.

Please feel welcome to personally thank Elise at the luncheon and remembrance program on Tuesday, Feb. 28 in the Barefoot Ballroom of the Basin Park Hotel downtown, starting at 11 a.m. Complimentary tickets are available online, ReserveEureka.com/attractions/ RoenigkAnniversary. Tickets need to be obtained 24 hours in advance, and bring your own remembrance to share.

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A week in the legislature

In Washington, talks about treason swirl around the White House, and that seems like the most important of events; but meanwhile back at the ranch, our very own lege is busy harming Arkansans.

This week the Republicon-controlled state government voted to shorten the time allowed for unemployed worker benefits from 20 weeks to 16 and reduce benefits' amounts to the advantage of the employer and the state. In addition to less money and time, unemployment benefits will now be taxed as income.

Never mind that Trane's 400 jobs just left the state. Whirlpool too is gone, leaving behind a toxic mess and hundreds of other unemployed workers. I guess there is little surprise in this new law; but it just seems that my fellow citizens need to wake up to the fox in the henhouse!

Under cover of the unsustainable mess in DC, our Republicons are sneaking in a takeover of our state judicial system. Right now they are planning to spring this on the voters in the guise of an initiative that curbs contingency fees an attorney can collect for pro bono work (unless it's a successful lawsuit). They want you to think the Republicon lege is keeping those greedy lawyers in their place and the client will keep more of the settlement. Sounds like a good deal for John Doe, right? Wrong.

What it actually does is strip the courts of judicial power and turn it over to politicians. "The proposed amendment would limit punitive damages in lawsuits to \$250,000 or three times the amount of compensatory damages. Non-economic damages would be limited to \$250,000 or \$500,000 for all beneficiaries of a claimant who died."

That's great for corporations; a worker can get killed and the corporate owners are only financially responsible for a pittance of the corporate wealth. A young breadwinner's lifetime earnings are usually much greater than \$250,000; so again, the victim is victimized.

But the real prize of this legislative session would be capturing the judiciary. Instead of the courts acting as a separate and equal branch of government, the politicians would "require legislative approval for any rules of pleading, practice or procedure for state courts."

This amendment is of course, fueled by the corporate friendly Chamber of Commerce. The Arkansas Supreme Court Justice and State Bar Association are opposed.

Sen. Will Bond called the measure a "wholesale takeover of the judiciary. Don't fill the lungs of liberty with this smoke screen to satisfy folks out there who want to limit a fundamental right, and your right to civil jury trial is a fundamental right."

Sheri Hanson



WEEK'STopTweets

@flashofwhiskey: Whoever said, "Out of sight, out of mind" has never had a spider disappear in their bedroom. @higherthanyou: I don't mind coming

to work but this eight hour wait to go home is ridiculous. **@themiltron:** [The invention of money] "I want your stuff." "It's mine tho." "What if I gave you a hard circle or a long paper?" Hmmm.

@panmidwest: [Wedding Day] Fiancée: OMG, it's today! Me: It's always today, Janet.

@alextheproducer: The phrase "don't take this the wrong way" has zero % success rate.

@misfarber: Are there a lot of first-person singular objective pronouns, or is it just me?

@beingtheo: I wonder if Radio Shack ever thinks about changing the name, you know now that it's 2017 and all.

@thealexnevil: "Oh sure. Go down about a mile, left at the store that isn't there anymore and past the big tree. Can't miss it." – Every local direction giver ever.

@andrenadeau: Hats were invented in 1784 when a Canadian was too polite to ask a raccoon to get off his head. @sarcasticRover: My grandma and I both enjoy going for a short car ride, Jeopardy, and yelling from where we're sitting.

INDEPENDENT Guestatorial

Diamond leaks

The greatest enemy of knowledge is not ignorance; it is the illusion of knowledge. - Stephen Hawking

tephen Hawking, a bona fide genius, was born on the 300th anniversary of the death of Galileo, Jan. 8, 1942, into a family of scientists. Growing up, meals were silent, everyone reading a book. Hawking studies the cosmos and the big questions, writing books to help people understand. His first book, A Brief History of Time sold more than 10,000,000 copies in 40 languages.

Pipelines leak

Diamond is designed to be a highpressure, 440-mile long machine controlled by people looking at a screen far, far, away. Someone decides what and how much oil goes in the line. Sixty-five million barrels of crude shale oil, in steel storage tanks, some as large as a football field are waiting for a ride in Cushing, Okla. At the end of the line, up to 200,000 barrels (8.4 million gallons) gushing out, every day. Massive pumps are used to keep the oil flowing with pressure sensitive shut-off valves to contain the oil to one segment when a pipe leaks. Small leaks go undetected, unless someone smells, sees or hears it.

Engineering is based on physics, experimentation. observation, and Engineers are curious people, looking for safe, simple, and easy ways to perform defect-free tasks, and train everyone on standard procedures. Take a handful of drinking straws and make a 10-foot line, using masking tape or any way you find to join the straws. Diamond will use over 60,000 pipes with 60,000 welds. None of these jobs is for Arkansans. Diamond hires Strike and other Texas companies, with crews moving from line to line.

Pipeline integrity

The elusive goal is unattainable: oil goes in one end and comes out the other, with no leaks. A great amount of energy is required to maintain an even flow, traversing rivers and steep hills. If you have gone tubing downstream a river, you know about eddies and turbulent flow. Pipe corrosion and pressure variations create turbulence. Stopping and restarting the flow on a pipeline create stress from the inertia of the oil in front or behind. Karst topography and seismic activity must be considered in pipeline design. Steel pipes break.

Plain lies

Plains All-American, with a little help from their friends, claims Diamond is safe. Tom Parker, executive director of the Arkansas Petroleum Council, said on a recent KATV newscast pipelines are safe: "In 2013, some fifteen billion barrels of oil were transported through pipelines, and 99.9999 percent arrived safely." Where was Parker when the Pegasus ExxonMobil pipeline ruptured? In 2013, there were 38 major spills in the U.S. alone.

The magnitude of pipeline leaks has increased since 2009. Previously, lowpressure pipelines were used from the Gulf Coast and other ports inland, with high-quality imported crude oil from overseas oil fields. With sociopaths in control of energy financing, the U.S. is destroying life.

Welspun leaks

Senator John Boozman recently said, "I welcome the president's decision to allow work on the Keystone XL and Dakota Access pipelines to move forward. The fact that this was one of the first items on President Trump's agenda speaks volumes about how his administration will prioritize job creation, energy infrastructure, and economic opportunity." Thanks a lot!

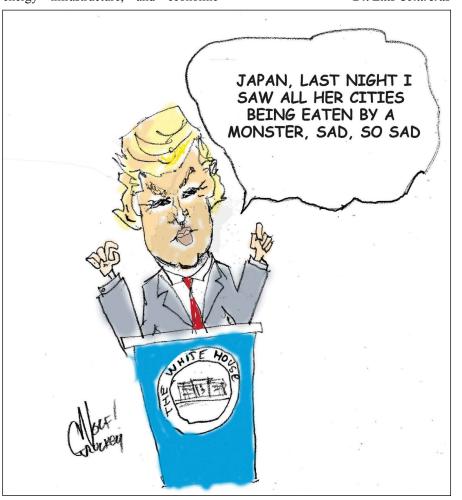
The Congressional Delegation endorses Welspun, ignoring irresponsible managers: one worker killed at work, several maimed and injured, temporary workers without training or supervision, and a yard full of rusting pipes for the Keystone XL pipeline.

Time to think

Astrophysicist, Neil deGrasse Tyson, recently said "Americans overall are bad at science. Scared of math. Poor at physics and engineering. Resistant to evolution. Science illiteracy is a threat to the nation. You breed a generation of people who do not know what science is, nor how and why it works. You have mortgaged the future financial security of your nation. Innovations in science and technology are the basis of tomorrow's economy." This bothered me – why ignore science? Knowledge and logical thinking are tools for survival, our best assets to stop fracking and pipelines.

Diamond will be stopped. The Diamond Legal Challenge is in progress.

Dr. Luis Contreras



Pursuit Of

HAPPINESS

There is an impressive array of anti-Trump protests happening across the United States. Indivisible communities have sprung from the withered loins of the Clinton campaign, town hall meetings with important right-wing ding-alings bristle with feeling, phone lines choke at end-point terminals, and mailbags stuffed with Ides of March advice and counsel overwhelm the resolve and resources of post offices everywhere. Hot damn, The People are mad and they aren't going to take it any-

In practical terms, this means that a 20 year-old intern in Tommy Cotton's office is told to circular file letters or phone calls from ZIP Code 72632 because they're probably from a homo, a Libtard, or a Politically Correct Snowflake. You can take it personally if you want to, but the same thing happens to calls and letters from the People's Republics of Portland, Oregon, Seattle, Washington, Madison, Wisconsin, Minneapolis, Minnesota, and, etc. - the places where the majority of American voters live. The only calls and letters that matter to Republican legislators are from rural areas, and from exurban zip codes ringing major cities. They'll take those, along with love notes and checks from Halliburton and Con Agra, because that's how they stay in office.

Protests are a Constitutional right, an essential civic duty, and one that we're obligated to perform irrespective of outcome. Good for us if we've done our job. Too bad for us that our protests - and our votes - don't matter because of gerrymandered political districts, and the primacy of the Electoral College. We can't kid ourselves into believing that we have a majority rules government or country anymore.

The only road out of the wilderness of political disenfranchisement is to build coalitions and alliances with people and organizations outside the safety of what we know and whom we know. Slim majorities must become convincing majorities. The first place to start is with the established political parties: join, reform, support, and become a leader within them. Take the political and moral energy that drives your present sense of urgency about national issues, and turn it toward local matters.

Sometimes you have to cross a river to make a real difference.

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 is open Tuesdays and Thursday from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. at 109 W. Church Ave. in Berryville. (479) 981-1676.
- 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 Ministry Feeding the hungry. Located at 4032 E. Van Buren, Hwy. 62. Serving soup Monday - Friday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Sunday service -10:30 a.m. - noon potluck following. Wednesday - Bible Study 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Caring for our community, spirit, soul and body. (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 Rinpocne 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 Christcentered meetings for those suffering from addiction, habit, hang-up or hurt.
- Grief Share A Bible-based, 13-week program fro 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 Parkeliff 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
- 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.

17 Elk Street to be filled with music

Eureka House Concerts presents Johnsmith on Feb. 26 at 17 Elk Street. For thirty-plus years, Johnsmith has been sharing his music in America and abroad with seven solo CDs released. Doors open at 5 p.m. for a Meet and Greet Potluck with music beginning at 6 p.m. \$15 donation at the door.



Bible studies at A Cup of Love Ministry

A Cup of Love Ministry will have Charlie Burks presenting the Journey to Wholeness on Mondays at 6 p.m. A Cup of Love Ministry is located at 4032 E. Van Buren. Call (479) 363-4529 for more information.

New events from A Cup of Love Ministry

A Cup of Love ministry, 4032 E. Van Buren is opening a food pantry on Friday, March 3 at 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. A Cup of Love Ministry will also be hosting a Veterans Support Group on Tuesdays from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. starting on Feb. 21.

INDEPENDENT

ConstablesOnPatrol

FEBRUARY 13

8:42 a.m. – Constable checking the woods for suspicious persons encountered a male and female. He arrested the male on a warrant out of Berryville.

9:40 a.m. - There was an accident on private property.

3:48 p.m. - Constable took a report on property damage on private property.

6:39 p.m. - Constable responded to the location of a suicidal female. She was transported to ESH.

7:14 p.m. - Bank employee accidentally set off an alarm.

FEBRUARY 14

12:22 p.m. - Report came in regarding an erratic driver.

1:10 p.m. – Individual was arrested on an ESPD warrant.

3:10 p.m. - Constable followed up on a 911-hangup call.

4:43 p.m. - Constables and ESFD responded to a head-on collision on US 62 at the eastern edge of town.

6:53 p.m. – There was another 911-hangup call, this time from a motel. Constable responded.

8:03 p.m. - Constables watched for a reportedly intoxicated driver.

9:21 p.m. - Constables found the

911-hangup caller.

February 15

9:43 a.m. - An out-of-town vehicle had been parked in a handicapped spot in front of a store since the night before. Constable checked the vehicle and issued a citation for parking in the spot without a placard.

February 16

8:33 a.m. - Constables investigated a breaking-and-entering incident regarding a shed at a business. Items from the shed were missing.

2:59 p.m. - Constable investigated another incident of breaking and entering in the western part of town.

February 17

2:18 a.m. - EMS requested assistance with an intoxicated couple at a bar. Constable intervened.

5:19 a.m. - ESH asked for constable assistance because an individual would not leave the premises. After a chat with the constable, the individual said he would indeed leave the premises and walk back to Holiday Island.

5:56 a.m. - Caller claimed there was a person running down the middle of a neighborhood street yelling for help. The constable scoured the area, but did not encounter the person.

Backpack program takes stress off families

NICKY BOYETTE

On Friday afternoons, volunteers assisting the Flint Street Fellowship deliver 65 bags of food to Eureka Springs schools for students whose families worry about having enough food for the weekend. The number of recipients might vacillate during a school year, but the total has more than doubled since the "backpack program" began in 2013.

"When a kiddo is hungry, they can't learn," Patty Brill, counselor for the elementary and middle schools, said. She produced samples of what students get on Fridays: bags with approximately \$5 worth of food each – peanut butter, string cheese, tuna, soup, fresh fruit, oatmeal and other easy-to-prepare foods.

Pat Kasner, Flint Street director, said the program began in 2013 with 30 students getting a bag of food for the weekend. Flint Street supports the program through donations, fundraisers and grants. Hart's, for example, sells fresh fruit to the program at cost. "I'm really amazed at how generous people in the area are," Kasner said. She commented that even though the number of students getting a bag has increased, she is "grateful the need is not more than it is."

Kasner said every Friday morning members of the Holiday Island and Eureka Springs Rotaries pick up some items from Hart's and then, at the Flint Street site, prepare bags and deliver them to the elementary school. Brill said members of the elementary student council deliver the appropriate number of bags to different classrooms. She mentioned sometimes parents pick up the bags for their students.

To be part of the program, a parent just demonstrates a need to either the

teacher or Brill, and Brill determines who is eligible. She said, however, it's the teachers who know when a student is a candidate, and will make referrals to her. The number fluctuates during the year because paychecks fluctuate for some parents. Sometimes a student needs a bag for only a couple of weekends. At one point last year, Flint Street was bringing more than 75 bags to the schools.

"There's always a student in need," Brill said, adding that Flint Street always comes through if the list grows.

Jessica Quintana runs the computer lab for the elementary school. She commented single mothers have told her they don't know how they would feed their kids without the program. One father described it as, "Paying it forward. This is how communities and schools should be." And for teachers, Quintana said there is the reassurance the community is coming together to watch out for students.

Brill said an important element of the backpack program during the school year is stability. Students learn the bags are going to be there and they can count on it. She said it's unfortunate the schools cannot continue the program during the

Superintendent Bryan Pruitt called it an excellent program and a community service that benefits families, and he's glad the district can participate. He also mentioned there is a free and reduced lunch program which requires the parents to submit a more formal application, but is another way schools can help out parents and students.

Complete information about applying for free or reduced lunches is on the schools website or a parent can ask



Rachal Hyatt, counselor and homeless liaison, or Sydney Sutterfield, child nutrition director.

According to district records, 58 percent of elementary students qualify for free or reduced lunches, 55 percent in middle schools and 43 percent in high school

Brill said people can donate to her Counselor's Fund, and she will purchase particular items of need, such as toiletries or other personal items.







Is Freedom of the Press going down the Drain? Do we even care?

Richard Pille, Kent Crow, and Jeremiah Alvarado return on Ozark Radio Hour and Olio Radio of the Ozarks to ask those questions. Pictured is Richard with his microphone and headset while Kent mocks him. Tune into the show on the podcast page on eureka.news.



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INDEPENDENTNews

Quiet meditation Feb. 23

The Eureka Springs Buddhist Study Group will gather for 30 minutes of meditation followed by reading and discussion on Thursday, Feb. 23 at 4 p.m. at Heart of Many ways, 68 Mountain Street. All are welcome.

Metafizzies delves into spirituality

The Feb. 27 meeting of the Eureka Springs Metaphysical Society will feature a group discussion on spiritual topics. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. at the Heart of Many Ways, 68 Mountain Street. All are welcome.

Don't get crumbs on the canvas – Marlene Gremillion led ESSA sponsored Arti-Gras Palette to Palate on Feb. 16. Attendees went to the top floor lobby of the Basin Park Hotel for an evening of painting Mardi Gras magic on canvas. And the appetizers were superb.

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DEPARTURES

Jessilyn Elaine Langley April 26, 1955 – Feb. 13, 2017

Jessilyn Elaine Langley of Berryville, Ark., passed away on Monday, Feb. 13, 2017 in Fayetteville, Ark.

She was born in Dallas, Texas, to Jesse and Nell Womack on April 26, 1955. She married Faris Langley on Feb. 11, 1996 at the Little Red School House on Pension Mountain. She graduated from the University of Arkansas and worked as a teacher at Huntsville, Eureka Springs and Green Forest Schools.

She is survived by husband Faris Langley; son Gaberial Rounds and his partner, Ricky Guerrero; daughter Elaine Milligan and husband, Chad; daughter Erica Langley; sister Jessica Chandler; brother Jonathan Womack; and granddaughter Jessica Milligan. She is preceded in death by her sister Kathy Womack.

Jessilyn was a unique, caring, loving and kindred spirit. She was passionate about her family, being a grandmother, teaching and advocating for children, telling stories and even backseat driving. She was an everlasting light of hope and strength that made everyone feel special and empowered others to reach their dreams. She will remain in the hearts of all those she touched. She was the George Bailey of our lives.

Gathering of Remembrance Service was Feb. 17, 2017 at the Charles M. Nelson Memorial Chapel in Berryville, Ark. Arrangements under the direction of Nelson Funeral Service, Inc. Online condolences may be sent to the family at nelsonfuneral.com. © Nelson Funeral Service, Inc. 2017



John William Ernst June 19, 1931 – Feb. 16, 2017



John William Ernst of Holiday Island, Ark., was born June 19, 1931, in Platte County, Neb., son of Arnold and Bessie (Kershaw) Ernst. He departed this life Thursday, Feb. 16, 2017 in Springdale, Ark., at age 85.

John graduated from Silver Creek High School in 1949. He joined the Navy and served on the USS Essex during the Korean Conflict. He graduated from Kearney State Teacher's College with a Masters Degree in Education, and also earned a six years Specialist Degree in Administration from the University of Nebraska Lincoln. After retirement he supervised student teachers from the University of Nebraska Lincoln. He taught four years in the Monroe Public Schools and 32 years in the Columbus Public Schools.

John was of the Methodist faith. He was a member of the VFW, American Legion, Big Brother organization and was part of the Nebraska school system for 36 years and served on the board of the Nebraska Education Association.

John is survived by his wife, Bethel Ernst; two daughters, Connie Lynn Dooley and husband, Patrick, of Stuttgart, Ark., and Kimberly Eckardt and husband, Gregg, of Shawnee, Kan.; seven grandchildren, Tara Young, Sean Dooley, Erin Joines, Cameron Eckardt, Callahan Eckardt, Gracie Eckardt and Cahill Eckardt; two great-grandchildren, Jessica Young and Alissa Young; several nieces and nephews and a host of friends, family and loved ones.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sisters, Norma Voll and Yvonne Ratcliff; and brothers, Max Ernst, Gordon Ernst and Alvin Ernst.

A Memorial Service will be at 2 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 25, 2017 at the Holiday Island Community Church in Holiday Island, Ark., with Pastor Jeff Timm officiating.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Parkinson Disease Association at 135 Parkinson Ave, Staten Island, NY 10305, Circle of Life Hospice at 901 Jones Road, Springdale, AR 72762, or the charity of your choice.

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American Elm in full bloom

The treetops are full of flowers right now. They are mostly inconspicuous tiny flowers in treetops, especially given the warm, virtually non-existent winter (don't say that too loud). The predominant blooms

are those of elm trees.

There are seven species of elm that grow naturally in Arkansas. Here in Carroll County we have four native elm species including American elm (*Ulmus americana*), rock elm (*Ulmus thomasii*).

slippery elm (*Ulmus rubra*), and winged elm (*Ulmus alata*).

You are unlikely to encounter rock elm, as it is relatively uncommon only occurring in Carroll and Benton counties in Northwest Arkansas. Generally, we are out of the range of this elm, which historically was the most valued for elm wood because of its hardness, density and because it takes on a high polish. To the best of my knowledge, I have not seen a rock elm that I've recognized as such, so keep your eyes open for one.

American elm is common, but of course, has been decimated by Dutch elm disease, which is a sac fungus spread by the elm bark beetle. It was first identified in Europe in 1910, then exported to North America in 1928 on a shipment of lumber from the Netherlands. Despite the name, "Dutch elm disease," the fungus is believed to be of Asian origin. Evidence suggests something was wrong with elm trees much earlier; their decline observed near Oxford, England, by the 1780s. Even the name of the



elm bark beetle *Scolytus destructor*, a scientific name bestowed on the bug in 1795, hints at the havoc it would deliver in later centuries.

Winged elm gets its name from the corky flattened ridges extending from the stems. It is generally a small tree to 10 feet or so, usually found in dry rocky areas in the Ozarks. It's leaves are much smaller than other elms in our area.

Slippery elm is economically important not for its lumber, but because the inner bark is still approved as an over-the-counter drug for the treatment of mild sore throats (think slippery elm lozenges). Upwards of 200 tones of the dried inner bark are sold in the botanical trade today. Planning for the future, anyone looking for a long-term crop (10 years or more) might consider a plantation of slippery elm trees.





Basier ma anneau – The Crescent Hotel Dining Room was packed for the Eureka Gras Coronation Ball on Friday night. The Grand Royal Procession showcased past Kings and Queens and introduced the 2017 Royal Court. A Second Line followed and dancing and dining began afterwards. Picture: (l.-r.) 2017 Queen Tracey Lovett and King Bill Sarad.



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ESOTERICAstrology as news for week Feb. 22-28 by Risa

Solar Eclipse, New Moon in Pisces, Mardi Gras

ercury (Sun's messenger) enters Pisces on forever the darkness (ignorance, unkindness, criticism, Saturday, joining the Sun in Pisces. This is our last week before the Lenten season (46 days) begins, starting with Mardi Gras next Tuesday. This is a week of festivals, a secret birthday celebration, preparations, a solar eclipse and a new moon. Each sign has a specific purpose & task. The Pisces task is to "save the world."

Pisces is called the "Light of the World." The Light of Pisces reveals the Light of Life itself, ending judgment, etc.) of matter. All of Earth's kingdoms absorb this "saving" Pisces light.

During Pisces, and with Mercury in Pisces, humanity (World Servers and Saviors in potential) is informed of its sacred tasks - "to save ourselves by loving each other in order to survive, sustain, create and thrive in the new world."

Sunday is Pisces new moon solar eclipse. All eclipses inform us that something has been completed and is disappearing so something more vibrant and useful can come forth. Solar eclipses tell us something deeply essential to our lives is over. The eclipse new moon occurs at 8 degrees Pisces. Where is that degree of Pisces in everyone's astrology chart? That tells us what area of life is being affected by this new moon eclipse. The keynote for Pisces new moon is, "Go forth in matter, in order to experience (and later save) the world." Tuesday is Mardi Gras. We bake our Three Kings Cake.

ARIES: A quiet peaceful yet startling change comes into your life. You become sensitive, compassionate and sympathetic towards everyone, especially those in need. You're drawn to things mystical, religious, spiritual, meditative, functioning behind the scenes and the why isn't apparent. You seek forgiveness while offering it. You allow no persecutions of any kingdom. Here your Aries comes forth.

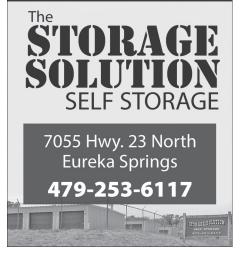
TAURUS: All that you do, consider, and ponder upon has to do with groups, friendships, organizations and the forming of community that restores and reforms society. You know what's coming. You are concerned with hosting new ideas, creating collective objectives, helping others realize hopes, wishes and dreams that sustain life

on earth. There is a mantram that is useful to say. "Let reality govern my every thought and truth be the master of my life.' GEMINI: The mantram for Taurus is important for you, too.

It's very useful for the dissolution of glamours – not only the glamours of self, but when encountering the glamours (distortions, miasmas, illusions) of others. Eliminating glamours helps us focus on accomplishing goals, achieve a successful public life, allowing for an honorable reputation. You have authoritative tasks to perform and an influential position to fulfill for the saving of humanity. You might begin preparing now. With the mantram. **CANCER:** The light of Pisces is providing you with aspirations and high ideals to learn something new that develops deeper levels of awareness, leading to wisdom. Remember to never assume a position of knowing until it is experienced or its validity proven. You will expand your mind through travel, study, a philosophy or a serious encounter with soil and the earth (gardening). Then teach others what you learn. Be adventurous and experiential.

LEO: You search for your values. They have changed over the years. You explore the values of others, listening to their talk of sex, intimacy, money, death, regeneration. You discover your ability to diagnose illness in friends, extending this ability to pets. You like to be the detective, and for a while read mysteries that provide courage through conflict. Be not jealous or combative. You will lose. Life in the shadows for a while is best. Emily Dickinson understands this.





VIRGO: You find yourself through relationship interactions, whether intimate, close friends, partnerships, or who and what you identify with in the moment. You want to cooperate, seeking harmony within all situations so a sense of life-in-balance emerges. From person to the political, from social justice to world peace, you travel the range of relationships within the world of humanity's endeavors. Do you remember the esoteric formula for peace?

LIBRA: You become practical in all ways, tending to daily necessities for self and others. You become the social worker for the world, using your gifts and capacities to create roles for others so they, too, can be of assistance and service. You make

> improvements wherever you go, tending to details, being scientific and concrete in your healing information. You drop all levels of criticism.

> > You understand forgiveness.

SCORPIO: When observing you for a time we sense a new level of dignity emanating from you. We also sense a new level of creative self-expression, which in time becomes a new art form restoring the art of living to yourself and the world. Sometimes, you focus on happiness, things that entertain, are playful with games, children and/or sports. You speculate on ways resources can manifest, the used to create a new world. You meditate upon this daily.

SAGITTARIUS: Family continues to be your concern – creating, tending to, or writing about one. Your history is like a tree growing within you, its roots go deep; the trunk is your life force, and the leaves how you interact with the world. Realize how important parents were. Whether they were good enough or not, all parents

are "good enough" in terms of what we must learn (realizing we choose them). A radical thought. Moodiness and brooding may visit. Take shelter.

CAPRICORN: You're interested in new ways of communicating, expressing yourself and talking with family, friends, neighbors and siblings. Most important will be things literary and artistic, either in books, attending museums, music fests or perhaps reconsidering how to once again bring forth your art. You love change now and are very adaptable. Realize that others around may not be. Restlessness can upset an organized and artistic apple cart. Just keep going. Draw your greenhouse.

AQUARIUS: During this month you will review and contemplate your values, gifts, abilities, talents, resources and possessions. You will realize you have vast resources, some hidden some far away, and some to give away. You will seek ways of making money and will find a state of strength that understands & sustains conservative yet liberal values. You will seek comfort and new ways to keep safe and warm.

PISCES: There's a sense of well being, exaltation and a radiant willingness in all that you do. You initiate new ideas others will accept, reject and react to. Controversy is good, calling forth harmony at the core of chaos and conflict. The light of Pisces is creating within you a state of magnetism, poise, and confidence. Pisces is one of the signs of health (Virgo is the other). Tend carefully to diet and health. Think green (plants, drinks, food, clothes, shoes, etc.) and warm (Golden Milk).

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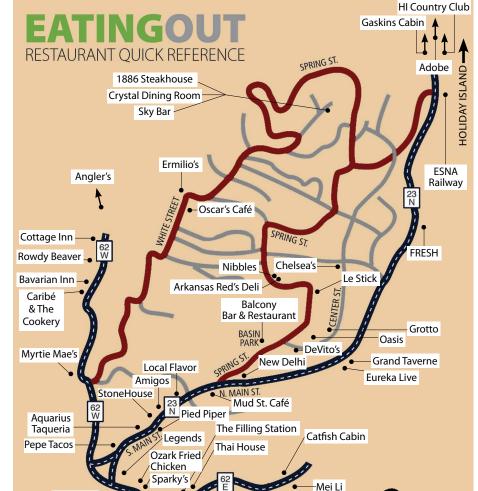












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causes brain damage leading to lower IQs in children, causes dental fluorosis, and is linked to thyroid and other health problems

Fluoridation opponents say fluoride chemicals are industrial waste byproducts contaminated by lead, mercury, cadmium, chromium, arsenic, barrier, copper, nickel and selenium. An article in the International Journal of Occupational and Environmental Health said the contaminant levels of lead, arsenic, barium and aluminum in fluoride additives could vary widely from batch to batch. The study concluded that "such contaminant content creates a regulatory blind spot that jeopardizes any safe use of fluoride additives."

King said the fluoridation issue is important not only his constituents in Carroll

County, but also in other areas of North Arkansas where two water districts has refused to fluoridate and are being sued by the Arkansas Department of Health.

Andy Anderson, chair of the Ozark Mountain Regional Public Water Authority, said their board voted unanimously against fluoridation and has contended that it is a wholesale supplier of water that has just 18 customers. The state fluoride mandate applies to public water systems with more than 5,000 customers.

"We only have 18 customers and none of those 18 customers serves 5,000 people," Anderson said. "All of the 18 have said they do not want it. Several have said if fluoride is added to the water, they won't pay the bill. Everyone here is opposed to it."

Ozark Mountain Public Regional Water

Authority serves parts of Boone, Newton, Searcy and Marion counties. Currently it is in a lawsuit filed by the state to force the water authority to fluoridate. Anderson said a court date hasn't been set yet for that lawsuit. He said he supports local control on fluoridation decisions, but feels legislators in Little Rock have little concern about the issue

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Anderson said the legal fight is being funded by "a concerned citizen to help with our legal expenses. This individual does not receive OMPRWA water but wanted to help battle the injustice. Every donation to our legal fund is welcome. We are currently short in our legal fund, so help get the word out in Boone, Marion, Newton, and Searcy Counties. Our legal expenses are not being paid by our revenue funds. Let them know

that we are in this fight for the benefit of our customers and their customers."

DINNER Thursday-Sunday 5 - 9 p.m. ee website for menu

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A court date has been set for April 17 for the Madison County Regional Water District, which also has been sued by the state for refusing to fluoridate water supplies.

The present bill would require either a majority of the water board to vote against fluoridation or the issue be put to voters if a petition is signed by 35 percent of qualified electors in the water district. King said he has heard concerns that 35 percent is too high a threshold and is considering lowering that in an amendment. Voter-initiated constitutional amendments in Arkansas require the signatures of 10 percent of registered voters.

King said he was also looking at other possible amendments to improve the legislation.

Forest Hill

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Café Amoré

Chelsea's celebrates Mardi Gras with hot sauce and jazz following Saturday parade

rescent City Combo is a tight little jazz outfit playing the Mundi Sauce Rouga Roo Party at Chelsea's on Saturday. After the Mardi Gras Day Parade you can find gumbo, fun, and revelry plus jazz! Mundi Sauce will have a new flavor available in limited quantities, you'll want to give bottles of sauce to your hot friends and keep some in your own kitchen.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23

BREWS - Art Deco, Jazz Blues Combo, 6 - 8 p.m.

CATHOUSE LOUNGE – George Brothers, Rock, 6 - 8 p.m.

CHELSEA'S – Skinny Gypsies, Americana, 5 - 8 p.m.

EUREKA LIVE! - Green Screen Karaoke, 9 p.m.

GRAND TAVERNE - Jerry Yester, Grand Piano Dinner Music, 6:30 p.m. LEGENDS SALOON - Another Turn, Rock, 9 p.m.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24

BEST WESTERN INN OF THE **OZARKS** – *Jokers Ball*, 6 – 10 p.m. **BREWS** – *Sage Ahava*, Folk, 6 – 9 p.m. **CATHOUSE LOUNGE – Septembers** *End*, Rock, 8 – 11 p.m.

CHELSEA'S - Katy Guillen and the Girls, Americana, 9 p.m.

EUREKA LIVE! - DJ and Dancing, GRAND TAVERNE - Arkansas Red, Guitar Dinner Music, 6:30 p.m. LEGENDS SALOON - DJ and Karaoke with Stan, 8 p.m. ROWDY BEAVER - 2 Dog 2 Karaoke,

ROWDY BEAVER DEN - Terri and

Brett, Rock, 8 p.m.

STONE HOUSE – *Jerry Yester*, Artist's Choices, 6 p.m.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25

DOWNTOWN - Mardi Gras Day Parade, 2 p.m.

BASIN PARK HOTEL BAREFOOT BALLROOM - Mayor's Ball with **Downtown Livewires**, 7 – 10 p.m.

BREWS - Melody Pond, Americana, 6 - 9 p.m.

CATHOUSE LOUNGE - Dave Smith *Four*, Rock, 8 – 11 p.m.

CHELSEA'S - Mundi Sauce Rouga Roo with Crescent City Combo, Hot Sauce Jazz Party, 3 p.m. - close

GRAND TAVERNE - Jerry Yester, Grand Piano Dinner Music, 6:30 p.m.

ROWDY BEAVER – Terri and the Executives, Rock, 7 p.m.

ROWDY BEAVER DEN - Terri and Brett, Rock, 12 – 4 p.m., Bottle Rocket, Rock, 8 p.m.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26

BREWS - Trivia Night, 6 p.m. CRESCENT HOTEL CRYSTAL DINING ROOM - Jazz Brunch, 11

EUREKA LIVE! -Green Screen Karaoke, 7 p.m.

ROWDY BEAVER DEN – Terri and *Brett*, Rock, 12 – 4 p.m.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27

CHELSEA'S - Sprungbilly, Bluegrass, 8:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

CATHOUSE LOUNGE - Los Roscoes, Blues, 5 p.m.

CHELSEA'S - Open Mic, 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1

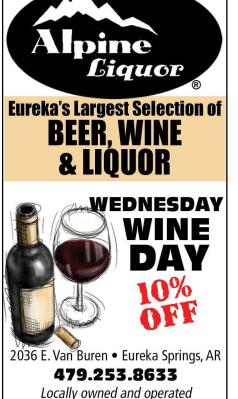
BREWS – Open Mic, 7 p.m.

CATHOUSE LOUNGE - Jimmy Wayne Garrett, Singer/Songwriter, 6 – 8

LEGENDS SALOON - Some Other Band, Rock, 9 p.m.



Rouga Roo event at Chelsea's Saturday. Featuring Crescent City Combo.







DROPPINGA Line by Robert Johnson



ecord breaking striper, 74 pounds, caught off the Connecticut coast in 2012, proves March is good for striped bass fishing, and here's a shot of me with my fish leading into March. Here on Beaver the weights are being run lighter with a lot of fish moving up off the flats, points and in the creek arms. Some fish are even being caught freelining with no weight.

Freelining is putting out different rods starting out with the longest, 150 ft., second 100 ft., then 50 ft. You can also add a little weight to the ones closest to the boat with heaviest being the closest. Throw a couple more off the side with heaviest weight, so stay close to the boat. Bait up with big shad or brood shiners and you've got a pretty good spread.

I like blowing up a ball and tie like normal, but around the line with weights and freelining with freelines being the furthest from the boat and about 20 ft. under the balloon. The balloon will slide down when it gets to the first eye of the rod. Or you can slide by hand to reset, estimating at two-foot pulls.

When first put out, put bait in the water and count out line estimating between the reel and the first eve on the rod. Do this with the trolling motor slowly moving boat and always get the balloon wet before sliding.

To take balloon off, hold line tight and run up and down fast with slight pressure pulling in balloon. Fast, like giving someone a knuckle rub burn.

Here at the Island the walleye are the talk and being caught from here to Houseman Access. Most females still have eggs that haven't fully developed, so the spawn should be around March 12, which is the next full moon and also the day we move our clocks forward.

If you go up river the water is low and you can't get too far past Houseman, so be safe.

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

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Greene stated they should develop a definition for a reception establishment and require a CUP. Then came ancillary issues of how to control the number of guests, and does Code already provide enough regulation for parking, to which Sallee remarked, "It would be a nightmare to enforce."

The discussion then took a side road to whether they should spend so much time on a situation for which there has been only one complainant, which redirected them to a conversation on a revamped complaint process. Morris strongly restated his opinion that there should be a more informal checkand-see investigation of a situation that he claimed would not be considered a complaint but could be followed by a formal complaint.

Commissioner Susan Harman answered she was just trying to make their jobs easier going forward by clarifying a few things. "Everything we clear up now makes things easier down the road," she said.

Every part of the Code revision process revealed either additional layers to define or forks worthy of consideration, but not actually helping, to solve the original problem.

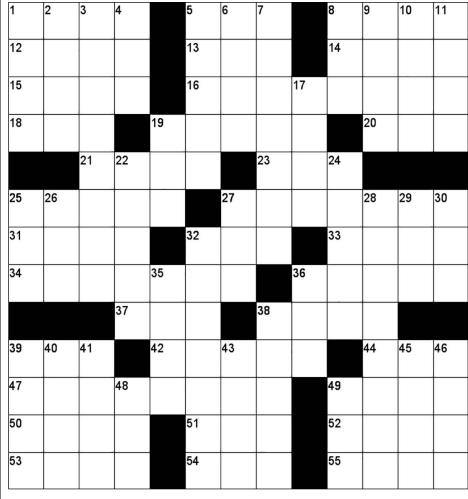
In the end, Morris complained, "We have been bogged down in Code for years, and we don't plan anything."

In the regular meeting, commissioners took particular topics needing new definitions as homework in preparation for the next Code discussion.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, Feb. 28,

INDEPENDENT Crossword

by Mike Boian with extensive help from his wife, Ann



ACROSS

- For fear that
- E.B. White's Charlotte's
- Small piece of land in the sea
- 12. Relaxing
- 13. Sharp cutter
- 14. Dorm type
- 15. Air, bearing
- Earned school patch for athletics
- 18. Eroded
- 19. Woolen underwear, e.g.
- 20. Give it a go
- 21. Fool
- 23. Annoy
- 25. Outside normal expectations
- 27. Billiard table game
- 31. Progenitor of the human race, Hindu
- 32. Black and white diving bird
- 33. Challenge
- 34. Traveler's wish
- 36. Common way to prepare potatoes
- 37. Standard

- 38. Japanese beverage
- 39. Cuckoo bird
- 42. Bring within one's grasp
- 44. Fairy queen said to control men's dreams
- 47. Fan of AM/FM
- 49. Sharpen
- Teen's worry 50.
- 51. Exist
- 52. Load bearing pillar
- 53. Network, as of fibers or nerves
- 54. Alkalizer used for cleaning
- 55. Creator of verse

DOWN

- 1. City name in Peru and Ohio
- Revise text
- Catching zzzs
- Base for decimal system
- Triple time dance
- CEO, for one
- Remind oneself 7.
- Diamond
- Type, kind
- 10. Lascivious glance

- 11. Small whirlpool
- 19. That thing's

17. Novice

- 22. Use without authority
- 24. Early Brownie maker
- 25. Middle of the gamut
- 26. Geographic chart
- 27. Take legal action
- 28. Japanese wall
- hanging 29. Lest
- 30. Primary color
- 32. Glands near the kidnevs
- 35. Swiss tributary to the Rhine
- 36. "___, humbug!"
- 38. Detritus on mountainside
- 39. Pertaining to wings
- 40. Mediterranean port city
- 41. "Money everything."
- 43. Ethereal
- 45. Price to play
- 46. Cops' route
- 48. Golfer's aid
- 49. Luck; fortune (archaic)

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PERSONALS

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The Carroll County branch of the Ozark Off Road Cyclists will meet in Berryville on March 8 at 6:30 p.m. at Taqueria Navidad, 607 N. Springfield St. All types of outdoor enthusiasts are welcome who are interesting in building, maintaining and advocating sustainable trails.

Chili Supper to raise money for mission work

First United Methodist Church of Eureka Springs will host their 10th annual Chili Supper on Friday, Feb. 24 from 4 - 7p.m. at the church, 195 Huntsville Rd. Proceeds from the tickets go toward the church's local mission work. In the last nine years over \$10,700 has been given to local organizations including People Helping People, Flint Street Food Bank,

The United Methodist Women of the ECHO, HOME, OARS, the Boy Scouts, Jeremiah House, Purple Flower, and Circle of Life Hospice.

Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$4 for children 4-10 and children under 3 are free. Reserve or purchase tickets in advance from any United Methodist Woman or call Janet Rose at (479) 253-7051 or Shirley Lykins at (479) 253-

Secret Season Cinema closes out

The week's selection for the Carnegie Library Secret Season Cinema foreign film series is the Turkish film, Mustang. The film tells the story of five free-spirited teenaged sisters whose lives are forever changed after their family overreacts to an innocent encounter with local boys. As the eldest sisters' marriages are arranged, the younger ones rebel.

The film is rated PG-13. Screening will be in the Library Annex Friends Room on Friday, Feb. 24 at 6 p.m. 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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Clinton expected the project to run \$40,000 or more. The grant would be submitted in June to the Arkansas Department of Aeronautics, and CCA would have to pay ten percent, or around \$4000 of the total project cost. Funds might be available in September. Clinton suggested the commission begin pricing components of the project and get bids.

He also suggested CCA try to find a tenant who would pay a reduced rental fee in the meantime until the hangar upgrade is complete. "Having a tenant would improve the grant's priority," Clinton said.

Fly in to Eureka Springs meeting Commissioners discussed what they

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Ransomware Protection that protect from connections to malicious or compromised websites and ransomware.

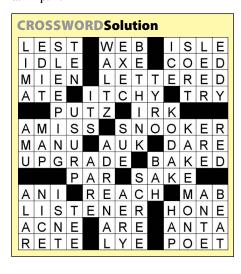
"MalwareBytes works well and is easy to use," he said. Clark also stressed the importance of back-ups, but said external hard drives connected to the computer can be infected by malware. "Ransomware can encrypt data on external drives plugged into your machine as well. It is best to have a backup that is completely unplugged from your machine, just to be on the safe side."

could do to encourage the Arkansas Airport Operator's Association to bring its annual meeting to Eureka Springs, which is being considered. Pfeifer suggested they get letters from dignitaries from the three Carroll County cities inviting the Association to come visit.

Clinton commented, "They like it here, saying it beats the heck out of going to Texarkana." He also mentioned several of them will fly in, and the proposed 90-10 grant from CCA will be mentioned, perhaps favorably, during their meeting.

Commissioners will follow up.

Next meeting will be Friday, March 17, at 12 p.m.



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