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Senator Tom Cotton answered questions from constituents during a tense Town Hall last Wednesday in Springdale, Arkansas. More than 2000 people turned out demanding answers on issues of healthcare, immigration, Trump's connections to Russia and his tax returns, climate change and the economy. The two-hour session was met mostly with jeers. *PHOTO BY JOHN RANKINE*

## County Dems invigorated

**BECKY GILLETTE**

Charles Templeton of Eureka Springs was elected chair of the Carroll County Democratic Party (CCDP) at a meeting Saturday in Berryville. But the election is subject to approval by the state Democratic Party.

Templeton defeated Levi Phillips, who had been chair of the CCDP for several decades.

A staff member from the state Democratic Party reportedly plans to be in Berryville for the next meeting scheduled March 10 at 6 p.m. at the Berryville Community Center.

“In the meantime, it is going to be decided if the election holds or if we have to do it all over again,” Templeton said. “There were ten people there who were standing CCDP members and they all voted to make an exception and allow new members to vote in the scheduled election of officers to be done that day. Everything was done above board according to Roberts Rules of Order. But the state party may question the ability to waive the waiting period.”

Election of the other three officers, vice chair, treasurer and secretary, was postponed.

Templeton said the most important thing about it is there were so many people who were allowed to become part of the CCDP who had not been a part before.

“I do think it is backlash from the presidential

election because people are worried that they are going to lose all their rights,” Templeton said. “It caused a lot of motivation to get involved. First Amendment rights are a number one concern. The president is already attacking the press and it is okay to speak only as long as you speak favorably of him.”

Templeton estimated that there were about 70 people attending the meeting from all parts of the county including Eureka Springs, Berryville, Holiday Island, Green Forest and Alpena.

“This many people coming to that meeting is really special,” he said. “If you had ten people who were registered members of CCDP, and seventy showed up, that’s a good sign. That means people are ready to step up and make a difference. The main thing I heard at the meeting is we want to work with the whole county. This is not an east-versus-west kind of thing. Let’s all come together and do what is best for the Democratic Party.”

Templeton said the party would work hard to support candidates for county offices and the state legislature. In particular, they want to support candidates to run against Rep. Bob Ballinger and Sen. Bryan King, both Republicans who ran unopposed in recent elections.

Contacted for comment Monday, Phillips said it was good to see so much interest in supporting the

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Democratic Party in Carroll County.

“We’re in a changing political atmosphere and progress moves forward,” Phillips said. “Other countries have revolutions. We have elections. Things are changing, and change is good. New energy always makes things work better.”

Phillips said Carroll County is strongly Democratic in a state that’s largely Republican.

“We have all Democratic office holders in Carroll County and I don’t know if there is another county in the state that has that,” Phillips said. “That has to do with great candidates and great people. We have had great office holders and great candidates during the time I’ve been fortunate enough to be chairman. I could name one after another. And that is what makes our local government strong.

“One of the greatest things about the Democratic Party is that it is a big tent community that allows people to co-exist. I’d say that Carroll County is the most diverse county in the state of Arkansas. You can travel eighteen miles and see people from all walks of life in Carroll County.”

Phillips said there are a lot of different sectors in the county that make it strong and unique. “We’re agriculture, we’re tourism, we’re arts.”

Jillian Guthrie, who has been involved in meetings in Eureka Springs to make the CCDP stronger, was pleased with the large turnout. She said that although at times the meeting was uncomfortable, there was also a lot of excitement. “The Democratic Party in Carroll County suddenly has about sixty-five new members and we hope to work well with the people who have been active with the Party here for many years.”



Longstanding chairman of the Carroll County Democrat Party, Levi Phillips (left), was replaced by a membership vote during a meeting last Saturday at the Berryville Community Center. Other nominations for elected positions were put on hold after much contention among membership. Charles Templeton was voted in to replace Phillips. Another meeting is scheduled March 10 to continue the meeting where they left off. *PHOTO BY JOHN RANKINE*

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## Public hearing set on water rate increase

NICKY BOYETTE

Nothing was easy for Eureka Springs city council Monday evening, as 13 items were on the agenda. However, Mayor Butch Berry and council did set the date for a public hearing dealing with the proposed increase in sewer rates.

When setting a date came up, alderman Terry McClung quickly stated, "The sooner the better, Mayor, when you're ready." Berry said he could have city attorney Tim Weaver draft a sample ordinance for review at the next meeting. City Clerk/Treasurer Ann Armstrong pointed out there is a required publication period before a Public Hearing, and alderman Mickey Schneider also wanted to slow down the process to allow city finance director Lonnie Clark "to crunch some numbers" showing residents different options for rate increases.

Schneider referred to the remarks

of D. Rude who during Public Comments presented an alternative for how to increase the income from water and sewer. Council had proposed raising rates by 30 percent to meet bond covenants. Rude proposed instead of the current step system where rates per thousand gallons used decrease after 2000 gallons from \$11.20 to \$4.29, then increase after 8000 gallons back up to \$5.74, that the city just keep the rates to all customers \$11.20 per thousand gallons used all the time. Rude also proposed keeping sewer rates the same \$9.50 for one and all.

There was more refining of numbers and other considerations around the table until McClung pronounced, "All that is irrelevant now... you'll make your presentation at the hearing, and we'll get public input. Let's get this on the road."

Alderman David Mitchell demurred. He said he wanted citizens

to know their options, and therefore, "it would behoove us to allow Lonnie time to work up the options."

McClung agreed with Mitchell's points, but wanted to have a platform at the hearing for discussion purposes. "We'll see what people say," he said.

Schneider reiterated council needed to give Clark time to provide the public with comparisons. "It would be better to wait a week or two."

"What information are we missing?" alderman Kristi Kendrick asked.

"There are other options," Schneider replied.

And Kendrick responded, "And more will come from the hearing."

Berry, returning to the search for a hearing date, suggested late March or early April. McClung pointed out it might be better to stage the Public Hearing separate from the council meeting to make things easier for citizens.

Vote was 6-0 to have the Public Hearing on Wednesday, March 29, at 6 p.m., at a location to be determined.

## Community Center HAPPENINGS

### Dine Arounds are back!

The Eureka Springs Community Center Dine Arounds are back beginning on March 15 at Forest Hill Restaurant from 5 – 9 p.m. Dine Arounds are fundraisers for the ES Community Center and will occur on the third Wednesday of each month through December. Visit on Facebook and at [eurekaspringscommunitycenter.org](http://eurekaspringscommunitycenter.org).

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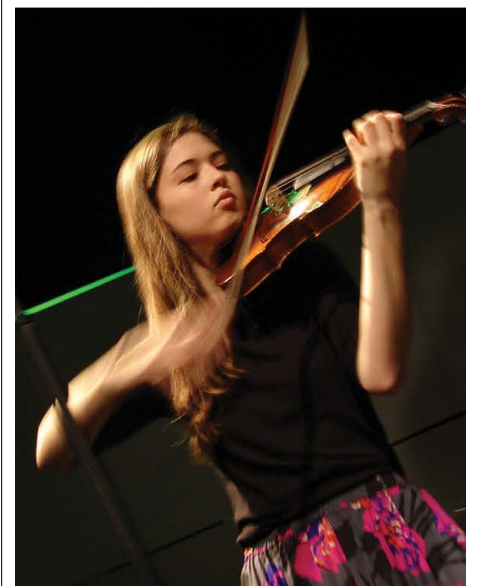
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## City to continue enforcing Ord. 2223

BECKY GILLETTE

Mayor Butch Berry said Eureka Springs would continue to enforce its Nondiscrimination Ordinance 2223 despite a recent State Supreme Court ruling that a similar NDO passed by the City of Fayetteville violated Act 137, a proposal passed the Arkansas Legislature to prevent communities from passing laws to protect lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) people.

The issue pits Eureka Springs, which affirmed Ordinance 2223 outlawing discrimination against based on sexual orientation or gender identity by 71 percent of the voters in 2015, against its own representative in the Arkansas House, Rep. Bob Ballinger, who sponsored Act 137.

"It is still my personal opinion that the Act 137 is unconstitutional because it is a discriminating law and is in conflict with the U.S. Constitution regarding equal rights for everyone," Berry said. "In my opinion, Ballinger wrote this law to discriminate against the LGBT community."

The Arkansas Supreme Court ruled unanimously on Feb. 23 that Fayetteville's NDO violated Act 137, but declined to rule whether or not Act 137 was constitutional. That issue was sent back to the Washington County Circuit Court for a decision.

A statement from Judd P. Deere, spokesman for Attorney General Leslie Rutledge, said Rutledge was grateful that the Arkansas Supreme Court unanimously agreed with her interpretation of Act 137 and reversed the lower court's decision.

"Act 137 requires that discrimination protection be addressed at the state level and be uniform throughout the state," Deere said. He added that logic of the ruling from the State Supreme Court appears to apply to other similar local ordinances.

"But as far as the full impact of the ruling on those ordinances, that is something the attorney general is still reviewing," Deere said. "We will now go to the lower court and address the constitutionality of Act 137. But the attorney general does believe that Act 137 is constitutional."

If the Washington County Circuit Court rules in favor of 137, that would uphold the law that prevents local governments from providing protections

to any class not protected under state law. If Act 137 is declared unconstitutional, local NDOs would remain in effect.

"Until we know what the lower court is going to do, we will keep an open mind and maintain our present status quotation," Berry said. "I am in the process of contacting our city attorney and the municipal league attorneys for their advice. The city will review Ordinance 2223 and determine its course after the lower court makes its ruling."

Lamont Richie, who represents Eureka Springs in Carroll County Quorum Court, agrees the constitutionality of Act 137 will determine whether the NDOs in Eureka Springs and Fayetteville remain in effect.

"The question of whether or not Act 137 is constitutional remains to be answered," Richie said. "The court did not enjoin Fayetteville from enforcing its ordinance. It remanded the case for further proceedings. I will wait to see what the trial court does. But in the meantime, if I had a say in the matter, I would argue that Fayetteville's NDO, along with 2223, remains on the books."

Richie said backers of Act 137 framed it as an attempt to help intrastate commerce.

"But to me, that was just a polite way of making sure that sexual orientation and gender identity protections didn't make their way into Arkansas," Richie said. "Those who supported Fayetteville's NDO and 2223 are still here... and we are not going away."

Neither Fayetteville nor Eureka Springs has received complaints about discrimination since their NDOs went into effect two years ago.

While the two NDOs are similar, they might end up having different standing in court. Fayetteville's NDO was passed after Act 137 passed the legislature. Eureka Springs's NDO was passed by city council before Act 137 was approved.

"Our argument was that it was important to have 2223 on the books prior to the effective date of Act 137," Richie said. "At that time, the legislature was fast-tracking 137. An emergency clause was part of it originally. So 2223 was passed with an emergency clause. I believe the effectiveness of our ordinance well before Act 137 became law [July 2015] is an argument for why 2223 should not be invalidated

by 137. That said, if 137 is found to be unconstitutional, then that question is moot."

A legal argument might be made in an appeal that the state's action took away rights from citizens.

The court ruling comes at a time when there is increasing concern about LGBT rights across the country.

"The current political environment that is hostile toward the will of the people of Eureka Springs is playing out across the country with the new leadership in Washington, and will more than likely continue," city alderman David Mitchell said. "The actions of the City of Eureka Springs were based on honest, thoughtful and considerate citizens who value individual freedom and expression. No matter what has happened, the spirit of that ordinance lives on. Ballinger might find solace in the overturn at the state level of our ordinance, but he cannot take away the actions and spirit that was present during the passage of Ordinance 2223."

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## Digital precision is marketing bedrock

NICKY BOYETTE

Maloney introduced Sarah Whitfield, immediate account manager, and Kiesha Doss, director of agency publications for Flypaper, internet marketing consultants formerly known as 121 Digital. Doss spoke to commissioners and other citizens at a workshop in the auditorium last summer about what a digital marketing consultant does, and commissioners asked for another opportunity to ask questions. CAPC pays Flypaper \$100,000 per year for its services, and Finance Director Rick Bright said Flypaper does an amazing job getting word out for CAPC.

Doss said there are various ways to reach specific people, and one way is precision targeting. She and her team can focus on a particular niche such as biking in the Ozarks, and anyone who searches for biking in the Ozarks might see a Eureka Springs ad. She also guarantees 25,000 views a month regardless of how many impressions it takes, and to qualify as a view a viewer must have watched at least ten seconds of a 15-second video.

She sends out quarterly e-mail blasts for Eureka Springs, and in April it will be all about the May Festival of the Arts. She said she will send ads to folks who have gone to similar festivals, participated in festivals or even looked up festivals.

Native marketing is the term for ad content presented as an

article. She said they tried it last year and it was successful, so this year they will expand it.

Doss mentioned click-throughs several times during the discussion because the average click-through rate for ads is .8 percent, and Doss said she was pleased with the response to their Eureka Springs ad placement. Response to the Eureka Springs Blues Weekend, for example, was a phenomenal 7 percent.

“Once they look up Eureka Springs, they are hooked, and we’ll target them,” she commented. “If you are being shown an ad, you are seeing it for a reason.”

Maloney explained they worked together on an ad campaign directed at people who had looked up Branson. Doss sent the potential tourists Eureka Springs ads ahead of time, and Maloney said the strategy was effective.

Doss remarked digital marketing works for CAPC because “the internet is where people find stuff.”

### Chamber postage contract

Maloney said he and four representatives of the Chamber of Commerce met to clear up that the maximum CAPC will pay for postage of the Visitor Guide is \$40,000. In addition, negotiations will begin during the summer regarding the next contract.

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

## Blasted vultures undeterred

NICKY BOYETTE

Alderman Mickey Schneider told council on Feb. 27 that the vulture situation in town had become “exponentially worse,” and asked alderman Peg Adamson to present her research. Adamson said she looked into the situation because one citizen told her he was very disturbed by the increasing vulture population. She said the prescribed approach to removing vultures from their chosen habitat was to blast unbearably loud sounds during roosting periods for a week or two. This would also upset all other living creatures, and projections around the

table were the vultures would just move to the next valley over.

Adamson did say vultures have been known to land on and nibble roofing shingles. She acknowledged the situation might make it hard for a person to sell a house in a vulture zone.

The good news, according to Adamson, is that vultures might migrate out of the area for a few months, although they will be back. She admitted she did not know an acceptable solution to the situation, but was only doing due diligence for a citizen’s concern.

Schneider pointed out vultures

are a protected species and on private property. She said she did not know what to do either, but “the population is growing and “affecting property values and making people sick.”

After awhile, alderman David Mitchell observed, “We have no control over the situation, no jurisdiction, plus we can’t do anything about it, yet we sit here and discuss it.”

Vultures have been a seasonal problem in particular neighborhoods of Eureka Springs for years, causing public outcry and experimentation with numerous ineffective methods of solving the problem.

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## CAPC signs events expert

NICKY BOYETTE

Executive Director Mike Maloney announced at the Feb. 22 City Advertising and Promotion Commission workshop that he has hired Andy Green, who comes with an “incredible pedigree,” as events coordinator. Green served as events coordinator for Bentonville, Monroe, La., Redding Calif., and for the Arena in Nashville. He was road manager for REO Speedwagon, and has booked thousands of acts.

Maloney said Green would begin the following day and be responsible for “everything event-related.” Early in his

agenda will be filling the Second Saturday slots for this year followed quickly by the May Festival of the Arts, the town’s biggest event.

Maloney told commissioners he and Green had gone to the International Folk Alliance in Kansas City recently and seen at least 40 acts. He said there was amazing talent from all over the world, with “a little bit of everything.”

But beyond watching out for acts, Maloney said he and Green encountered folks from the Roots Festival, with whom Green is acquainted. The encounter opened a dialogue whereby the Roots

staff will cooperate in finding talent for shows.

They also ran into Jennifer Ross, program director of the Walton Arts Center, whom Green also knows. Maloney said the WAC recently opened a 200-seat venue for particular acts, and they discussed the opportunity for WAC acts to make an extra stop in Eureka Springs.

Maloney also said that Crystal Bridges is now hosting performances, adding that Green will continue to spend some time at the Walton Arts Center and the Arkansas Music Pavilion.

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## After school program from CCF coming soon

The Eureka Springs Community Foundation will be launching a trial after school program for public, private, or home schooled children in grades K-6 starting March 27. The curriculum will be modeled after nationally recognized and state approved program standards and age appropriate educational and physical activities will be provided by trained/certified teachers and staff.

The trial program will be free and available Monday – Friday from 3:30 – 5:30 p.m. Students can be enrolled for as many days or as much time as is necessary during hours of operation. Applications for enrollment are being sent home to all students K-6 in public, private and parochial schools. You may stop by the ES Elementary School to pick up a form.

Applications are due by Monday, March 6. Expansion of activities to meet grades 7-12 will depend on the numbers enrolling in grades K-6. For more information contact Kathy Remenar at (417) 342-8498.

## Art co-op formed

Josh Clark of The Green Gourd, 12 Center, has organized an art supply co-op for artists so they can obtain affordable art supplies for the upcoming season. Joining is free and artists of all form are welcome. Participation is required after joining.

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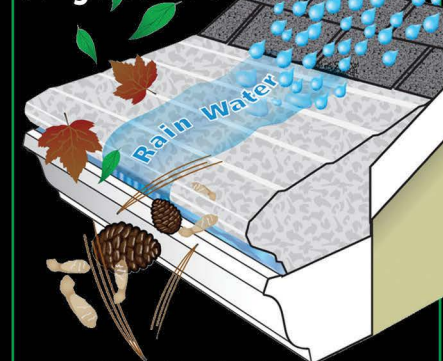
and second hand art supplies are requested so they may be sold at garage sale prices. The co-op is located at the Art Colony, upstairs to the left Studio S. Questions may be asked through Facebook.com/esacsataces. Donations can be made at The Green Gourd

## Local teens head to photography conference

Four local teens will be heading to St. Louis Mo. in April to model at Shutterfest Photography Conference. Savannah Haney, Dakota Rice, Felix Cantu and Naomi Grace have worked with Melanie Myhre Photography and her teen mentoring and empowerment

program, MUSEnation, to participate in local and national opportunities. They will spend three days modeling for photography instructors and photographers. For more information contact Melanie at (479) 981-3765 or go to [www.melaniemyhrephotography.com](http://www.melaniemyhrephotography.com).

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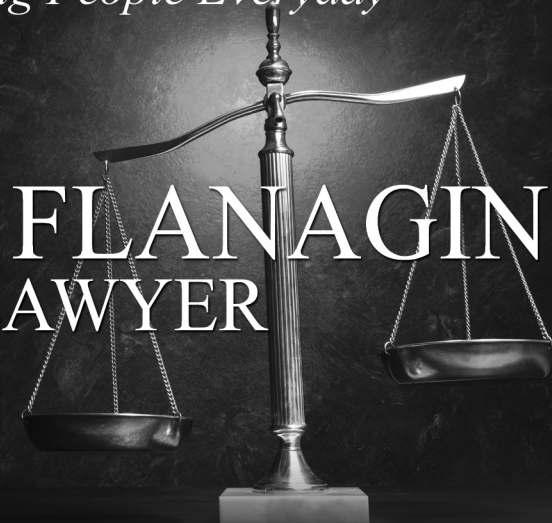
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## Doing our jobs

Editor,

During the Town Hall meeting for the people of Arkansas in Springdale last night, Senator Tom Cotton wasn't clear about many things, but he was clear about the fact that he represents the 61% of voters who elected him and not the rest of us. He assumes that those voters also support the President's agenda of weakening protections for people and the planet, and as our Senator will continue to rubber stamp Trump's nominees. Representative Steve Womack said much the same at his meeting in West Fork on Tuesday.

The intelligence and thoughtfulness of most all of the questions was outstanding, the response, unmistakable. We were passionate, loud and there were demonstrations. He may dismiss the concerns of the overwhelming majority of us there, but he won't soon forget us and that is crucial. Call, email, post and write your national, state and local leaders, so that they don't forget us. Senator Boozman and so many others chose not to face their constituents during this recess. We must insist that they do. They must do their job.

I wasn't able to ask my question but I will continue to attend their meetings (if they are brave enough to have them) and I will be carrying my last three income tax returns. It's government by the people, people. Let's do our job.

**Mark Eastburn**

## Job responsibility comes up short

Editor,

Welcome to the new era of politics



didn't want it in the first place so kept running and now I'm in Belgium.

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in Carroll County. The recent meeting brought in many new faces and names to Carroll County Democratic Central Committee. Allowed by an exception to Party rules they were allowed to vote, these new members immediately voted in a new chairman.

In his nomination speech, the new chairman admitted that he had no idea what the job entailed or how he would execute the unknown duties, and whose speech didn't mention any Democratic Party work.

In the haste of out with the old and in with the new, these new Party members (many who admitted this was their first experience with politics) cast aside the current chairman who noted in his nomination speech that under his leadership for the past 35 years, Democrats have dominated county politics. Currently, Carroll County is the only county in Arkansas to have *all* Democratic officials.

Heck of a Job, y'all.

I noticed after the meeting ended, after they won the election, the leaders of "It's not a Coup" left without cleaning the room; putting away chairs and tables and making sure all the trash was cleared from the room. I'm sure they will soon learn that with power comes responsibility.

Good luck to us all.

**Sheri Hanson**

## Need access to puppy mill reports

Editor,

Do you have any idea what goes on in puppy mills? Owners make huge sums of money off the caging of female dogs and keeping them pregnant their entire lives. Most lack adequate

food, water, and veterinary care. The dogs are too often left blind or with myriad other serious illnesses. There is corruption not unlike mafia style tactics – puppy mill owners donate money and projects to the community in exchange for their casting a blind eye to puppy mill atrocities. Now, the USDA has joined in in this nasty trade by denying access to the reports generated by the USDA documenting the outcome of their inspections of commercial dog breeders. For years the reports have been accessible to the public on their website.

These are the reports that alert us to all the problems in these facilities. They show us that 45-65% of breeders are cited for violations to the Animal Welfare Act each year. They show us that licensees keep 200, 500, as many as 1,500 adult dogs. Without access to these reports we have no way of knowing any of that information or to what conditions adult breeding dogs and their puppies are subjected in the commercial dog breeding industry.

A few weeks ago the USDA made the astonishing decision to no longer make these inspection reports public, leaving the public in the dark as a result. The USDA says one can still have access by making a Freedom of Information Act request but those typically take more than one year to obtain.

I urge you to help us convince the USDA that they need to reverse this taxpayer-funded inspection information decision and make the reports available online again. Contact your lawmakers and tell them the public deserves and needs access to this USDA taxpayer-funded inspection information. Online inspection

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## WEEK'S Top Tweets

**@leahslounge:** I'm not signing up for the 401k, there's no way I can run that far.

**@ehdannyboy:** I was running for a bus but I just missed it and had to pretend I

didn't want it in the first place so kept running and now I'm in Belgium.

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**@decantandpour:** I lost a very close friend and drinking buddy

last week. She got her finger caught in a wedding ring.

**@punnyman:** Farmer: I love my job. Wife: All you do all day is round up cows. Farmer: What did you say? Wife: You herd.

**@lamdelfreaky:** Haha! My mom said I can't use my phone at the dinner table. I'm a grown...

This is Del's mom, he'll be back after he eats his dinner.

**@Birdhumms:** I got run over by a bus once but yes you're right, there's nothing worse than a paper cut.

**@truegritrumble:** Harmonicas were invented in 1932 when the worst person in the world decided he needed to organize his hot air into compartments.



## Cottonmouth

It was electrifying being in the same hall with 2,200 other mostly pissed off constituents, furious and frustrated with our U.S. Senator Tom Cotton and his undying love for everything Trump.

It was definitely a “No Cotton – you listen and answer to us” two hours.

If you saw or heard footage of someone loudly and repeatedly screaming, “Get them a microphone,” that would be me.

I was outraged that Cotton would book such a large venue and expect people to stand at their seats and have to shout at the top of their lungs to be heard.

It was an obvious and calculated decision by the Cotton Klan to silence and control the crowd. Fortunately it backfired, and 15 minutes later the microphones arrived and nobody was going to pry the mic from anyone’s cold, dead progressive hands.

Speakers were eloquent, tenacious and informed, making statements and armed with questions that were met with embarrassing silence by Cotton and applauded and cheered loudly by the crowd.

A young wheelchair-bound woman was handed the microphone. She had a rare, degenerative disease and was dependent on Obama’s health care plan to stay alive. On Sunday the woman turns 26 and under current ACA law her coverage under her parents health plan would be cancelled. Repeatedly she asked Cotton, who has already pledged to repeal Obama Care, what specifically he was going to replace it with and would the existing pre-existing condition clause be kept in? She never received a direct answer, but her courage and fortitude was clearly acknowledged by everyone, maybe even the Senator who missed a great opportunity.

I will give Cotton credit for showing up, unlike many of his Republican colleagues who are MIA in their states. He was cool, calm and seemingly unrattled, obviously wearing the right antiperspirant – not a trace of sweat.

At age 37, Cotton is being touted as the new fresh face of the Republican Party. His fear-mongering, anti-immigrant, homophobic, transphobic, anti-women, xenophobic, pro-

war rhetoric fits perfectly with the Republican Party’s new extreme right views.

Quotes like the only problem with Guantanamo Bay is there are “too many empty beds,” statements advocating the end of food stamps and Planned Parenthood, votes against equal pay for women and domestic violence protections, and stunts like undermining Obama’s Iran Nuclear agreement by going behind the president’s back have made him a darling of the Alt Right.

Contrary to Republican claims they were paid activists, people who overflowed the Town Hall represented Arkansans from all walks of life. For many, this was the first time they had been to a Town Hall meeting, voiced an opinion, contacted their representatives or held a protest sign.

This is a grassroots movement like no other, and television pundits, newspaper and mainstream bloggers, in an effort to define what’s going on, have mistakenly compared it

to the 2010 Tea Party movement. Yes, they have borrowed some Tea Party tactics, but the speed and the numbers of people taking to the streets (the Women’s March) and town halls all over the country, is beyond comparison.

It boggles the mind that 2,200 people from Springdale, Arkansas – hardly a pocket of progressive thinking – turned out in force demanding to be heard.

When was the last time anyone could even name the heads of Education and the EPA? Every time Betsy DeVos’s or Scott Pruitt’s name was evoked, it was met with loud jeers.

Something else is going on here. People are paying attention, getting informed, and they are angry, and not just at Trump.

The out-of-the-mouth-of-babes viral moment and last question of the evening came from a 7-year-old Hispanic boy named Toby who stated,

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# The Pursuit Of HAPPINESS

by Dan Krotz

Carroll County’s Democratic Party held a meeting last week that included an election for Party Chair. Charles Templeton of Eureka Springs, beat Levi Phillips by a convincing margin. This is news because Phillips has run the county Democrats since about the time Ty Cobb was sticking cleats into second basemen.

Contrary to what you may be hearing in the coffee shops, I found the meeting to be both “big D” Democratic and “little d” democratic: “big D” means attendees behaved like Democrats; they were disorganized, full of sound and fury, and relentlessly indifferent to the passage of time. The good “little d” news is that the process was open, civil, and followed the rules – thanks largely to County JP Lamont Richie-Roberson’s occasional intervention.

Phillips argued for re-election because Carroll County, unlike the rest of Arkansas, has been successful in electing Democrats to local offices. His mistake was thinking that these officials are elected because they’re Democrats. They’re not. They’re elected because of their family histories, the indifference of most voters, and who saw them naked in high school. It’s not wrong to vote for a good ol’ boy or gal but at some point the ties that bind fray.

Templeton provided no argument for electing him. He described various civic and social activities in Eureka Springs over the past 10 years, but has no Party experience, and no apparent connections outside that city’s limits. A common theme at the meeting was the necessity of bridging the cultural and ideological divide between Democrats residing east or west of the Kings River. If Templeton is going to succeed at that, he’ll need to work hard, persistently, and demonstrate that he’s in it for the long haul. As Mr. Dooley said, politics ain’t beanball.

The smartest start Templeton can have is to work hard for Missy Jackson’s re-election as Secretary of the Party at its next meeting on March 10. Jackson has practical Party experience and institutional memory critical to shortening Templeton’s learning curve.

As a concluding unscientific postscript, I hope both Phillips and Templeton noticed that the median age of attendees was about 106, and exclusively white.



## A little help from our friends:

- **Good Shepherd Humane Society** monthly board meetings are held the 4<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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 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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:sarahg@arkansas.net) or call (479) 9810-1587. Next meeting Dec. 7.

## INDEPENDENT ConstablesOnPatrol

### FEBRUARY 17

10:29 a.m. – Constable encountered an unattended dog on a downtown street. Animal Control took it to the kennel where its owner later retrieved it.  
1:40 p.m. – A business on Hwy. 23 South reported a break-in.  
5:17 p.m. – Resident in the western part of town claimed the neighbors allowed their Chihuahuas to rampage willy-nilly through the neighborhood. When constable arrived, the Chihuahuas were behaving nicely under the owner's watchful eye.  
5:57 p.m. – Witness told ESPD about poachers with bows in a pickup. Constable encountered the subjects and notified Arkansas Game & Fish.  
9:51 p.m. – An ex reportedly tried to climb through the other ex's window. The resident ex asked the constable to tell the intruder she did not want him on her property. Constable complied.  
10:19 p.m. – Central dispatch reported EMS was responding to a possible heart attack at a motel. Constables went to the scene and arrested an individual for public intoxication and communicating a false alarm.

### FEBRUARY 18

1:04 a.m. – As a result of a traffic stop, the driver was arrested for DWI, driving on a suspended license, no proof of insurance, fictitious vehicle license, failure to pay registration, leaving the scene of an accident and implied consent.  
1:50 a.m. – Resident near downtown claimed her dog was barking as though someone was in her yard, and when she looked outside, she saw a male trying to get into her vehicle. Constable arrested the man for public intoxication.  
2:55 a.m. – Delivery man saw a vehicle suspiciously parked behind a business. Constable went to the scene, but the vehicle was gone.  
12:59 p.m. – Worker tripped a back door alarm at a downtown business, but everything was okay.  
4:50 p.m. – There was an accident in a neighborhood, and one vehicle left the scene.  
6:14 p.m. – Constable assisted ESH staff with an aggressive and combatant patient.  
7:59 p.m. – Constable responded to ESH again for a patient threatening suicide.

### FEBRUARY 19

12:42 p.m. – Individual told ESPD he had left his vehicle near a place of business in the commercial area of US 62 while he was out

of town for a few days, and returned to find the ignition broken and wires cut.  
1:02 p.m. – Motorist reported a vehicle and sport bike were driving recklessly on Hwy. 23 South as they headed toward town. Constable found both of them downtown and issued written warnings.  
4:20 p.m. – Constables went to Basin Park to check on suspicious activities.  
4:30 – Constables arrested an individual on a felony bench warrant out of CCSO.  
4:31 p.m. – Constable had a vehicle that was blocking traffic towed.  
10:46 p.m. – Individual was arrested for possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.  
11 p.m. – Constables searched for a stolen truck.  
11:46 p.m. – Employee leaving work noticed two vehicles parked suspiciously behind a building. Constable checked the area but did not encounter the suspicious vehicles.

### FEBRUARY 20

10:07 p.m. – Ex-wife claimed she received harassing communications from her ex-husband. She did not file charges.  
12:16 p.m. – Individual told ESPD someone tried to break into his milk truck.  
8:35 p.m. – A dog that had been outside barking when the neighbor called was inside and quiet when constable arrived.

### FEBRUARY 21

6:37 a.m. – Alarm company alerted ESPD to a residential alarm. Constable went to the address, but no one was home.  
9:41 a.m. – Constable performed traffic control duties while a delivery driver in a semi negotiated a delivery downtown.  
11:30 a.m. – Someone stole items from the Community Center over the weekend.

### FEBRUARY 22

1:06 p.m. – After a one-vehicle accident, the constable arrested the driver for DWI.  
5:02 p.m. – Constables went to the scene of a person walking around with a firearm allegedly threatening people.  
5:50 p.m. – There was another accident on private property.  
8:01 p.m. – Constable attempted to perform a welfare check.

### FEBRUARY 23

6:09 p.m. – Constable spoke with a homeowner because his burglar alarm was going off.  
6:19 p.m. – Constable spoke with a person at a motel about a 911 hang-up call.

### FEBRUARY 24

12:34 a.m. – Another burglar alarm at a residence was triggered, prompting a visit

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## Quorum Court agreeable in every way

MIKE ELLIS

Carroll County Quorum Court worked through a straightforward agenda Monday night, and the justices of the peace passed every agenda item unanimously.

County Judge Sam Barr was unable to attend, so JP Lamont Richie presided in his absence. Richie began by relaying a request from Barr asking for authorization to renew a lease for road graders. The lease payment will rise from \$6,000 to \$12,000 per month, but Barr's figures pointed out that the \$155,000 the county will pay on the lease next year will still be less than the \$186,000 per year the county paid in 2008.

Barr's message to the court noted that the low rate the county has been paying was a reduced rate, based on a

promotion by Caterpillar. JPs approved the new lease, which will require a new appropriation ordinance later this year.

### In other business:

- At the suggestion of JP Marty Johnson, the court voted to formally request an operating report from the hospital. Johnson said the court has received "nothing in nine years," and Richie agreed that the lease required such reports.

- Space in the office of the county assessor will be converted for a conference room. The room will be used for meetings of the Equalization Board, as well as other county committee meetings.

- The county has been renting an excavator that can load trucks without damaging the sides. A request by Barr to buy the vehicle for \$30,000 was approved.

- JPs passed a resolution to authorize a grant application by the Carroll County Fair Association. CCFA has raised \$4,000 in cash and in-kind services, and the grant will seek matching funds from the Arkansas Rural Department Commission for restrooms and other improvements. Although the county will administer the grant, no county funds will be involved.

- Another resolution authorized pursuit of a grant for the Carroll County Historical Courthouse in Berryville, applied for by the Historical Society.

- To comply with state regulations, JPs passed a resolution to explicitly spell out the county's choice of voting equipment. The county will not need new equipment; this formality keeps the county in compliance with regulations.

- A budget item for travel expenses in the Public Defender's office had been withheld pending clarification. JPs approved the \$3,550 for travel expenses after finding out that the funds would pay for training out of state.

- Because of increased valuation of some county property, and because some property had been underinsured, JPs approved an additional \$57,000 for property insurance.

- An ordinance clarified the county's policy on unused sick days. Employees can accrue up to 60 days of sick time, but any days accrued after that will be paid at \$50 per day.

- Diana Sturtz was approved to represent the Green Forest Public Library on the county library board.

## Budget update

Mayor Butch Berry mentioned in the budget workshop before the city council meeting Monday that the city had already made the yearly lump sum payments for Municipal League legal expenses, accounting software and worker's compensation, so the balance sheet will appear unfavorably skewed, but figures will normalize during the year. He said the city installed new light bulbs at the police and fire departments that will pay for themselves through energy savings, and he intends to do the same at the Auditorium. Overall, the city is about \$15,000 in the black this year.

## This land is whose land?

NICKY BOYETTE

At the Feb. 27 city council meeting, alderman Kristi Kendrick introduced a proposed ordinance amending Municipal Code regarding lands under the jurisdiction of Parks. She said the proposed ordinance would give Parks jurisdiction of existing and proposed trails identified in the Master Plan for Trails.

City attorney Tim Weaver saw a problem with Section E.2 of the ordinance, which states: The City Council may vacate a trail or portion thereof, or sell or exchange a Trail or portion thereof, or divert a trail or portion thereof to other uses without the necessity of first regaining possession thereof by ordinance."

Weaver said he read the section to say council could appropriate the property at any time, but alderman Terry McClung disagreed. He maintained the city should be OK with the ordinance as it was because the city would not do anything without working with Parks.

Alderman Mickey Schneider, however, posed hypothetical scenarios where a hiker walking a trail suddenly finds a trail closed because the city repossessed trail property without notifying the Parks Department. "You can't do that. You can't

allow the city to come in and snatch, what, twenty feet of their work, all of their work over years, and suddenly their trail is gone," Schneider said, calling it "illegal and stupid."

Alderman David Mitchell said things would not happen as Schneider predicted. He saw coordination. He asserted council has not yet interfered with the Trails Plan, and the proposed ordinance cleans up issues and protects property rights.

"These are city properties, not Parks properties, and always have been," Kendrick claimed, and added the ordinance was a part of streamlining the vacation process.

Schneider stated that Parks handles the properties, and asserted nothing gave the city the right to take something from them.

Vote to even read the proposed ordinance was 4-2, Schneider and alderman Bob Thomas voting No, with Schneider murmuring, "I won't snatch something from somebody without discussing it."

Vote to approve the first reading of the ordinance was also 4-2, with Schneider and Thomas as No voters, and Schneider mumbling, "I don't steal land from people."

Alvarado, Pille, Krotz, and the CC Democrats:

### A Bridge Over Troubled Waters

Jeremiah Alvarado, Richard Pille, and Dan Krotz discuss the Carroll County Democratic Party's Quarterly meeting. Officer elections were attempted, and then postponed. Eureka Springs' Charles Templeton was elected Party Chair over Levi Phillips – maybe. While Jeremiah and Richard do not see a light at the end of the tunnel Dan works to brighten their perspective. Tune in to Olio Radio of the Ozarks on iTunes or on our website [eureka.news](http://eureka.news). Shows come out every Wednesday around noon.



o•li•o (ō-lē-ō), n., 1. a dish of many ingredients. 2. hodgepodge. 3. a medley or potpourri.



## Ambulance contract bids to be opened March 23

NICKY BOYETTE

It was standing room only in the classroom at the Eureka Springs Fire Department for the Feb. 21 meeting of the Western Carroll County Ambulance District, with citizens there because WCCAD commissioners put out for bid for the contract to provide ambulance service for the western part of the county. Eureka Springs Emergency Medical Services is the current provider, and the contract expires at the end of June. Bids for the new contract will be opened March 23, at 4 p.m., in Judge Sam Barr's office.

When chair Sam Ward asked for Public Comments, Jed Bullock was first to speak. Bullock said he was entering his 23<sup>rd</sup> year with ESFD, and named a long list of his relatives who received the services of the Eureka Springs EMS. "I don't want anybody else responding," he said. He claimed almost every time an ambulance rolls out, two paramedics are on board. He said Eureka Springs EMS has "outstanding training, facilities and equipment," and, regarding the contract, Bullock stated, "I ask you to award it to the best, which is the Eureka Springs Fire Department, and keep the continuity going forward. Anything else would be a reduction in services."

Mike FitzPatrick, representing the Eureka Springs rural first responders, noted the size of the turnout at the meeting indicated the public was concerned over the future of ambulance service, and said the western part of the county

has been served well by an exceptional medical service which has never failed to respond. He stated that dissatisfaction of the commissioners is inexplicable. "Is there something we don't know that would cause three of the five commissioners to vote for seeking an alternative?" he asked.

Commissioner Ken Mills took exception to FitzPatrick's question saying the commission considered options but chose to put the contract out for bid because "there were some things that needed to be better delineated." An example for Mills was the situation when ESFD canceled a training that he said was called for in the contract. A voice from the crowd, however, claimed the training in question was conducted at a later date and six people graduated.

Commissioner Marie Lee stated they were doing their due diligence to provide clarity of expectations in the contract. She pointed out there were problems with slow response times to certain areas in the past, but Fire Chief Nick Samac has provided better reporting, and response times have improved since he took over.

"We want to raise the bar," Lee continued, and added, "If Eureka Springs turns out to be the best, then that's where I'm headed."

Commissioner David Carlisle added that language in the contract did not allow for negotiations, and Mills reiterated the commission is not going to leave the community stranded.

"We're citizens too," Ward stated. He said he wants the best services for himself and his family, but it is the task of the commission to pursue the right decision, and asked the public to respect their position. He explained in the past there have been problems with communications and one class was canceled, but "Nick [Samac] has stepped up to the plate," and the contract now spells out more clearly what is expected.

Ward then announced that bids would be opened Thursday, March 23, at 4 p.m., in Judge Sam Barr's office, adding that the commission is not obligated to accept the lowest bid. He mentioned that Eureka Springs was not the lowest bidder when the existing contract was awarded.

### Filling yards with art

The Eureka Springs Gallery Association is sponsoring a Yard Art Contest during this year's May Festival of the Arts. Art will be displayed in the Historic District. Deadline for entries is April 1 and art is to be installed by May 1.

For more information and entry forms contact Fran Carlin at [carlin.fran@gmail.com](mailto:carlin.fran@gmail.com) or (479) 244-5981.

## OTHER DAYS at Eureka Springs<sup>©</sup> – by Nellie Alice Mills, 1949

Nellie Mills wrote *Early Days at Eureka Springs 1880-1892* as a memoir of growing up in Eureka Springs. She received so much information from those who shared those times that she published her second book based on correspondence and newspaper research. *Other Days* was published in 1950 by Free Will Baptist Gem, Monett, Mo.

### Chapter Seven, cont.

I have a list of Eureka Springs graduates as late as 1945. I find Fay Volner graduated in 1901. I have for years wondered if Powell Roberts, Class of '12 and Ben Roberts, Class of '13 were sons of Billy Roberts. I have learned that they are.

Annie House told me she thought Anne Bellechamber lived at Palo Alto. I wrote to her there. She received my letter for she was spending the holidays with Katie's children, but now makes her home in San Francisco.

Earl Newport tells me that his father bought the Hays and Harris store. Earl himself spent ten years in Chicago and ten years in St. Louis, but for the past forty years has been in business in Eureka Springs, and is now Eureka's oldest businessman, still in business at Hays and Harris old grocery on the mountain.

I had asked him about his father; I thought Mr. Newport had once been Postmaster. Earl replied, "No, father was never Postmaster here, but he worked under

Major True and John Pulliam, who were Postmasters. Father was for many years on the school board, and for many years connected with city affairs, and did as much as any man to promote Eureka Springs improvements."

I find in the old Souvenir that in 1890, Mr. Newport was Commander of the Lyons Post of the G.A.R.

Earl tells other interesting items: "My oldest sister, May, worked in the Post Office Lobby when the P.O. was over Montgomery Brothers' store. My first job was working for John S. Tibbs, the water shipper. My first school was the Cromer. I went to school to Miss Lulu Reese, Ophelia Overstreet, Miss Cornwaite, and Carrie Hawley.

"You know, Miss Melon was from St. Louis. Many of our old pioneers were from up that way. All the people I worked for in my youth were from St. Louis. Many of them looked forward to the St. Louis Exposition and to the Veiled Prophet's Parade, and

went there every year: Bob Gray, Frank Bellechamber, John Tibbs, Wilson Riley, Powell Clayton, R.C. Kerens, David R. Francis and others. I yearned for many years to see St. Louis, and finally arrived there in 1892, and saw the great Mississippi at flood stage. Below St. Louis the river was sixty miles wide. I lived there many years and go to be a street car conductor.

"I roomed and boarded with the Crow family. I knew Zee, Anthony, Addie, Jennie and Teeter Crow."

I knew them all but Zee, and I had heard my oldest brother speak of him. Mildred (Teeter) was nearer my age. She outgrew her nickname.

"I was never here long enough to graduate from High School, but I did graduate from Grammar [sic] School. Claude Fuller, Dr. Fred Bolton, Wade James, Lottie Field and Crystal Davis-Lisle were in

my class. Crystal was valedictorian and I was salutatorian.

"I was a conductor in Chicago during the World's Fair in 1894. I was up there when Ernie Glenney and the Jennings boys were there."

Earl also says that Frank Helm, who at one time lived in my neighborhood, is still in Eureka Springs.

Ernest Glenney, of whom Earl speaks, was a classmate of mine in more than one school term. He and Alta Riley were married. Alta was also in school when I was. Ernest has been dead for several years. Alto lives in Los Angeles with her sister Ida and Ida's husband. Ida remembers, as I do, that she was my pupil on East Mountain.





## Council approves ESFD by-laws

NICKY BOYETTE

On Monday's city council agenda was a discussion of approving the proposed by-laws for the Eureka Springs Fire Department. Alderman Kristi Kendrick pointed out that by-laws pertain to internal operations of a non-profit agency, not to a city department, and therefore council should remove from Code the obligation to approve the by-laws.

City attorney Tim Weaver responded he saw the resolution before council necessary to continue services at the Eureka Springs Fire Department. He said the department operates with paid

staff and volunteers, both in town and in rural areas, and by-laws allow them to work together. In fact, Weaver stated, the agreement is far simpler than it was in the past.

Kendrick suggested that a mutual aid agreement was needed, not the resolution being proposed.

Alderman Terry McClung first pointed out that the fire department was a city department, but rural volunteer firefighters and other volunteer firefighters operate under the same roof. He asked Kendrick, "Are you not trying to complicate something?"

Alderman Peg Adamson asked Kendrick what a mutual aid agreement would provide. Kendrick answered it would delineate the ways all agencies would work together, and she moved to delete the portion of City Code requiring council to approve the by-laws. Vote on her motion was 3-4, McClung, Thomas and Schneider voting No with Berry being the fourth No vote.

An additional amendment to the ordinance by Kendrick was also voted down, and the original resolution was approved by council 4-2, Thomas and Schneider voting No.

## Public comments, resolutions and vehicle allocation

NICKY BOYETTE

During city council public comments, Autumn Spencer opined it was unfair that the three percent tourism tax was levied only on tourist lodgings and restaurants. She said the tax should be the same for everyone and maybe reduced.

Josh Clark encouraged the city and eventually the entire county to pursue an Internet cooperative that would reduce the cost of Internet access for everyone and possibly induce a Silicon Valley company to relocate here. He also insisted the City Advertising and Promotion Commission was defunct and ineffective.

Fergie Stewart told council the proposed increase in water

and sewer rates would unduly impact economically-challenged individuals.

### Final items

- Alderman Bob Thomas had distributed a sample Code of Conduct at the Feb. 13 meeting, and moved that council assign the accompanying resolution a number and read it for passage. Council unanimously approved Resolution 703 and thereby adopted the Code of Conduct.

- Council also approved the third reading of Ordinance 2252 which vacated unopened alleys adjacent to property owned by Barbara Dicks on Dairy Hollow Road.

- Aldermen approved Resolution 704, which authorized disposal of city property through an auction. Mayor Butch Berry said some of the items were boats in disrepair from Lake Leatherwood City Park, and another was a ladder truck that was no longer usable as a fire department vehicle. Berry said the auction would be held Saturday, April 22.

- When discussing a proposed resolution that would reallocate city property among departments, Thomas noticed the Building Department was giving a pickup to Parks. He said Parks already has vehicles but the Cemetery Commission does not. Berry suggested aldermen remove that item from the resolution, and he would see if Parks had a vehicle it could reassign to the Cemetery Commission. Council then passed Resolution 705.

- Alderman Peg Adamson brought up an unsubstantiated claim that a child had been given a ride in an ambulance, so she asked about a policy of private use of city vehicles. Berry quickly pointed out he had already investigated the rumor and had been assured it was untrue. He said two city employees, Police Chief Thomas Accord and Public Works Director Dwayne Allen, drive city vehicles to and from home because they might have to respond to an emergency. Fire Chief Nick Samac has permission to do the same but chooses not to. He said it was not only city policy but a state law prohibiting private use of public vehicles.

- Berry said he is still looking for alternative sites for city meetings that would be more accommodating to citizens.

- James Weaver was approved to sit on the Parks Commission. Next meeting will be Monday, March 13, at 6 p.m.

## Foundation Farm holding classes

Farming classes will be held on Thursdays from 3:30 – 5 p.m. at the Eureka Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 17 Elk Street starting on March 2.

- Thursday, March 2 – Preparing and Nourishing your Soil Organically
- Thursday, March 9 – 4 Season Gardening: Planning and Plant Making
- Thursday, March 16 – Winter Farming: Technology and Method
- Thursday, March 23 – Insect and Disease Management
- Thursday, March 30 – Perfect Year-round Greens
- Thursday, April 6 – Perfect Tomatoes
- Thursday, April 13 – At Farm, hands-on building a no-till bed

Fee is \$20 per call or \$120 for all seven classes. RSVP by calling (479) 981-2977 or email [mamakapa@yahoo.com](mailto:mamakapa@yahoo.com)

## Veterans' support from A Cup of Love Ministry

A Cup of Love Ministry, 4032 E. Van Buren will hosts a Veterans' Support Group on Tuesdays from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

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# DEEP in Mill Hollow

My spouse, Trella Laughlin, finally entered the list of octogenarians tiptoeing toward the next possible landmark, one year at a time. Her February 21st birthday was a grand event with the household askew, the foodstuff lopsided toward finger food, the dogs miffed because they were not the center of attention, and enough people to start a mini-revolution, all lefties, vocal with songs of solidarity and change and love.

Crocus pushed their purple faces through the grass, daffodils bulged yellow but not quite out, a few yellow sprinkles of forsythia, edges of pink-orange on the quince tree – it was time for a party, time to show appreciation, time to find out how alike we are and how our values have not changed despite the chaos that describes the larger political world. My Trella, a lifetime radical who gives no quarter to lesser political frames yet is appreciated and loved by all (or almost all, as she would insist I say), glowed into the day amid people she has known for decades as well as those she has met this year. It was definitely her party. And *me*? I loved it.

I appreciate this woman who now joins me in the eighth decade of our lives and I love the life we have somehow been able to create here on Mill Hollow in this small northwest Arkansan town. We have a fine house, a couple of very old vehicles, our much loved animals, some small retirement income, each other, and a diverse community of friends: artists, musicians, gay men, lesbians, UUers, conservative Christians and liberals, all surrounded by dark clouds and political winds that may well disrupt or destroy the last decade my spouse and I can claim with relatively healthy minds and bodies.

I would not trade places with anybody in the “T. Towers” who might very well have the power to disrupt my life while never recognizing that I exist. May I have the stubborn courage of my maternal grandmother, whose story may not even be true.

My grandparents survived the Depression on their North Dakota farm but they could not survive seeing farmers destroying their crops, killing their animals, and pouring their milk products down drains while hungry children watched.



Trella Laughlin

PHOTO BY SUSAN STORCH

They sold out, sold everything at a loss and returned to a farm in Norway, just about the time the Nazis took over Norway. Their land, in the Finnskogen area, was right on the border of Sweden. It was an excellent location for the Nazis who took the big house and let my grandparents live in the small house.

My grandmother was a midwife-nurse. She helped birth many baby Norwegians in North Dakota and Norway. The Nazi occupation banned her travel and it is from that time that the story of her courage comes.

She grew her garden in Norway to produce as much food as possible, and in her garden she planted an American flag.

The Nazi occupiers threatened her and told her to take it down. “I am an American citizen,” she supposedly said. She kept the flag in place.

She was stubborn and always did what she thought best to do and she had spent a decade in the United States, so maybe she was an American citizen.

Between the two of them – my stubborn grandmother and my firmly radical spouse – I have the imagery and pattern to maintain what I know is true, to act as I know I must act, to say “No” to our current Fascists, just as my grandmother Freida Knudson did in the ‘40s and my beautiful spouse does whenever necessary in this second decade of the 21st century.

Marie Howard



**Gaze upon my majesty** – Morning Star Wildlife Rehabilitation Center’s Lynn Sciumbato brought a sparrow hawk, barred owl, a great horned owl and a turkey vulture to the Wildlife Rehab Event at Peachtree Village. The four birds cannot be released to the wild due to injuries or imprinting. Lynn has run the center for 20 years and relies solely on donations and more than 60 residents, staff, and visitors attended the event. Pictured is Lynn with Igor, the turkey vulture who has been with Lynn for 20 years.

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**A Souper day** – The Holiday Island Fire Department sponsored Souper Sunday on Feb. 26 as a fundraiser for HIFD. Soups, drinks and desserts were served to hungry diners at the Holiday Island Country Club Ballroom.

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**Beads, beads and more beads** – The Mardi Gras Day Parade was met with an excited crowd that lined Spring Street clamoring for trillions of beads and grins to be tossed their way.

PHOTOS BY JAY VRECEK



**Partying the night away** – The 12<sup>th</sup> annual Jokers Masquerade Ball was quickly sold out this year and the Inn of the Ozarks Convention Center was packed with partygoers last Friday night. After the royal court processed, and in between multiple Second Lines, people got to dance to the music from Terry & the Executives. Pictured (top left) is the ever-elegant Virginia Voiers at the start of the ball.

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## Permaculture Study Group meeting March 4

The Northwest Arkansas Permaculture Study Group will meet on March 4 at 10 a.m. – noon at Glenda Moore's home, 7368 Hwy. 23 North, to discuss rain gardens, water retention, and observe a lawn transformed into a woodland garden.

## Meditation, reading and discussion

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

## How stories shape our world

Join at the Carnegie Public for a 6-part discussion series *The Story of your Mind* facilitated by Gary J. Milczarek, Ph.D. Discussion will center on stories and how they make sense of the world and where they come from.

Join on Wednesday afternoons from 1:30 – 3 p.m. beginning March 8. The series is free and will be held in the Library Meeting Room at 192B Spring Street. For more information contact the library at (479) 253-8754 or [info@eurekalibrary.org](mailto:info@eurekalibrary.org).

## Sunday at EUUF

Dr. John House will talk about medical marijuana on Sunday, March 5 at the Eureka Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 17 Elk St. Service starts at 11 a.m. and childcare will be provided. Soup Sunday follows the service so bring soup, bread and dessert to sharing. There is extra parking at Ermilio's Restaurant, 26 White Street.



## Max Elbo Jan. 26, 1949 – Jan. 15, 2017

Artist, musician and longtime Eureka Springs resident Max Elbo passed Jan. 15, 2017 from Circle of Life Hospice, Bentonville, Ark. We are grateful to all for their extraordinary care of this extraordinary man.

Born in Miami Beach, Fla., Max trained for the Junior Olympics swimming and diving teams before moving to Michigan. He began his art career as a psychedelic poster artist for the legendary Grande Ballroom in Detroit in the late '60s. He relocated to Eureka Springs, Ark., in 1975 and is well-known for his intricate pen and ink fine art, award-winning logos, and series of posters for many Eureka events such as the Jazz, Blues, Bluegrass, Classical Music and Folk Festivals. He was inducted into the Eureka Springs Art Hall of Fame in May 2016, and is recipient of the 2017 Governor's Arts Judges Recognition Award sponsored by the Arkansas Arts Council.

Max called himself a "reef fish" and considered Eureka to be his "reef," i.e., "an individual living among or in close relation to complex ecosystems with tremendous biodiversity," a uniquely Max-like perspective of Eureka Springs.

Forever cherishing Max's memory are his beloved wife, Selena Parrish, of Eureka Springs, his devoted aunt Elizabeth Sudz of Roseville, Mich., and a lifetime of loving friends and family near and far.

A jazz funeral will be held in his honor April 11, 2017, 6 – 8 p.m. All are welcome. For info and updates, visit [benefitmaxelbo.org](http://benefitmaxelbo.org).

He asked that donations be made in his name to People Helping People, P.O. Box 243, Eureka Springs, AR 72632. People Helping People is a prescription assistance program for individuals living in Carroll County, Ark., who need prescriptions but do not have the resources to obtain them.



### SPINNING COTTON continued from page 9

"Donald Trump makes Mexicans not important to people who are in Arkansas... Mexicans like me, my grandma and my people." He wants Trump to fund PBS Kids instead of a wall.

Did he get the message? For all Cotton is, he is not stupid. At one point he acknowledged the anti-Trump sentiment in the crowd, as if to convince himself all

this rage could not be directed at him. Looking out from the stage into the fiery eyes of his constituents, he reminded them he was elected with 61 percent of the vote.

Denial plus hubris. It's clear Cotton and the rest of the Republicans cannot see the writing on the US/Mexican wall.

*John Rankine*



**What kind of insurance do you have? Where were you born?** U.S. Senator Tom Cotton agreed to hold a town hall meeting in Springdale last Wednesday at the insistence of Ozark Indivisible. Cotton had cancelled a previously scheduled meeting earlier in February.

*PHOTO BY JOHN RANKINE*

## Art Guild meeting March 7

The Holiday Island Art Guild will hold their monthly meeting on March 7 at 10 a.m. at the café at Sunfest Market. Artists exhibiting at the café will talk about their art and all are welcome.

## Help build trails for outdoor activities

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.

## Delving into the history of the area

The Holiday Island Rotary will view photos and hear a program presented by Tom Koob about the history about the Holiday Island and Beaver area on Friday, March 10. Koob has written articles for the *Kansas City Star*, *Bassmaster* magazine and *Ozark Hills and Hollows* and has also authored three non-fiction books on the history of the Table Rock Lake area. The meeting will be held at the Holiday Island Elks Club at 8:30 a.m.

## Metafizzies on the New Testament

The March 6 meeting of the Eureka Springs Metaphysical Society will feature Dr. Stephen Foster continuing his discussion 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.



# EXPLORING the fine art of ROMANCE... by Leslie Meeker

*My husband and I use personal lubricant during intimacy but they either end up sticky or irritate my skin. I'm so confused by all the options in the pharmacy's personal care aisle. What do you suggest?*

Warning: Your pharmacy's offerings barely scratch the surface. Visit your nearest sexual health store for endless options and information.

**M**any believe that with adequate sexual arousal a lubricant isn't necessary. Right and Wrong. Numerous conditions interfere with the body's capacity to moisturize. Common causes include hormonal changes, medication, menopause and stress. Sure, lack of arousal makes the list but what if you're just really craving a quickie?

I'd suggest a personal lubricant for *every* sexual foray. It significantly increases arousal, play possibilities and duration. Just a few drops of liquid love can turn passionate play into erotic ecstasy.

Personal moisturizers fall into four basic categories: water-based, silicone-based, plant-based or hybrid, a water-based formula with a silicone additive. Water-

based is the most commonly used but not necessarily the best choice, as many believe. It's the most likely to become sticky and being water-based makes it completely useless for sensual water play.

Glycerin is a common ingredient in water-based products, which can mimic sugar, well known for disrupting a woman's chemistry and leading to infection. The positives: Water-based products won't stain linens, are compatible with condoms and all pleasure product materials. Most flavored or stimulating formulas are water-based, another plus.

Silicone-based moisturizers don't get sticky, provide long lasting glide for your glory, are perfect for sensual massage, wanton water play and are compatible with most materials – except silicone.

A silicone moisturizer will degrade the surface of a silicone pleasure product, providing a playground for bacterial growth that can never be fully sanitized.

Hybrids have water and silicone-based benefits. They stay slick for ample slide time and are a good choice for menopausal women as they trap moisture, hydrate and protect tissue. Hybrids contain silicone so

are not compatible with silicone play products.

Ingredients in plant-based and organic moisturizers vary. Carrageenan, for example is a seaweed that stays slippery, soothes and even repairs tissue.

While oils are a definite no-no for personal lubrication, coconut oil stands in a class of its own. Like any oil it cannot be used with latex condoms. Otherwise the benefits are bountiful. Coconut oil contains natural antiviral, antifungal and antibacterial properties. It's non-greasy, ultra-moisturizing, great for massage and always edible. Yummy.

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## Honoring 20 years of rock solid love –

A crowd gathered in the Basin Park's Barefoot Ballroom Tuesday to celebrate Elise Roenigk's arrival 20 years ago when she and her late husband, Marty, settled in Eureka Springs, but refused to be idle. Mayor Butch Berry, Jack Moyer, and Peggy Kjelgaard spoke and even got verklempt, honoring the Roenigks' preservation efforts.

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## Ashes to Ashes, Dust to Dust

Throughout history humanity has created rituals and celebrations that reflect the different seasons. The rituals mirror, indicate and signify the different aspects of light and dark, allowing humanity to maintain a rhythm with nature, the heavens, past, present and future, and with each other. Lent (from “lenctene” – when days lengthen), just before Spring, is one of those ritual times. Lent begins this **Wednesday**. Lent is 40 days and 40 nights of purification preparing us for Spring, Easter, Resurrection, and the Aries Spring Festival.

Lent begins with **Ash Wednesday**, a ritual of

reminding us that we are spiritual beings clothed (temporarily) in form and matter. The Ash Wednesday ritual – the priest places a cross of ashes (made from burned palms) on the forehead (Anja center, 3<sup>rd</sup> eye, place of spiritual direction) of parishioners while saying the words, “**From dust thou art (you were made) and unto dust thou shalt return.**” These words remind us that the body, made of matter, will return to the Earth. However, within our body (within each cell) the Spirit of God dwells – the spark of Life, the Light of Life, the Pisces Light, that saves the world. During Lent,

preparing for the new life of Spring, we cleanse, purify, change habits, preparing to make ourselves new.

**Astrology this week – Thursday** Jupiter opposes Uranus (Libra/Aries). Oppositions tell us things new and expansive are appearing and we must not resist, but accept and integrate them. They are the new Aquarian energies coming forth, the template of the new world. We are told those who resist will be left behind. Venus turns stationary retrograde early **Saturday** morning, retrograding through April 15<sup>th</sup>. More on Lent and Venus retrograde next week.

**ARIES:** You begin to look at your professional and social self, abilities and successes in different and more powerful ways. This will have a long time affect in your life. People around you also see a difference. A capacity of healing comes forth and you achieve what you have hoped and wished and worked hard for. You will be responsible for the collective transformation of the world at some time. For now, you’re in training.

**TAURUS:** New ideas, philosophies, journeys, cultures all become important. Some Taureans consider moving to a simpler way of life. Some consider a monastery. And others to a place of higher learning. Some become teachers and professors of philosophies that support the new culture and civilization and future communities. Step into your visions. They are your future.

**GEMINI:** It is good to make a study of life’s transitions, of death the bardos, rebirth, reincarnation and all that occurs when we have completed a life on Earth. Understanding life after death has a lasting and hopeful effect on daily lives. Realizing there actually is no death, but only a continuation of life in a different realm. A good book to review is *The Tibetan Book of Living & Dying* by Sogyal Rinpoche.

**CANCER:** A transformation on how you perceive other people and the world around you is occurring. There’s a new sensitivity and the need to have deeper interactions and cultivate new associations. As you do this more and more those you allow into your life will begin to recognize you as valuable and as a mentor. You are to assist in the collective evolution of all of humanity. Cancer is the womb that nurtures all new life. You become a “relater.”

**LEO:** You recognize new levels of awareness concerning your health and wellbeing, ways to better live daily life and how to serve yourself first in order to then turn and adequately serve others. It’s important to rise with the dawn’s light, to stand in the morning and evening light. It’s also important when one eats, what one eats and the pure water one drinks in order to keep the body functioning

electrically. Then healing occurs.

**VIRGO:** What creativity means for you and your ability to bring your creative self forth is important for you now. It’s essential to visualize and know its value. Visualization is in reality the etheric externalization of our creative imagination. Ponder upon this statement. You are to identify yourself as creative and to share all creations and inspirations with the various kingdoms around you. You are their inspiration.

**LIBRA:** There is a transforming quality that occurs when we nurture ourselves. The ability to nurture others unfolds. But first we must feel cared for and nurtured within the self. You’re very able to provide the nurturing you need and tend to your wounds (feelings of not being nurtured). Then you’re able to offer nurturing towards others (family, friends, home). You can “build a lighted house for all to dwell in and to be nourished.”

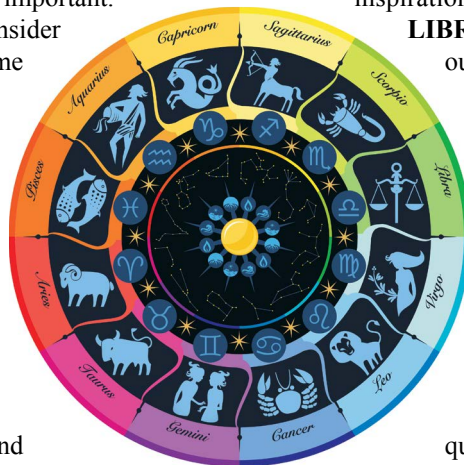
**SCORPIO:** Your communication has been transforming self and others and it will continue. New and innovative thinking and ideas flow through your mind, into your communication and they change all those around you. There will be a capacity to disseminate information that supports a personal then a collective transformation. You, having been silent, hidden and quiet, actually become the communicator.

**SAGITTARIUS:** Security and material wealth are important powerful themes in your life. Your world is often seen through the lens of these two needs. It’s important now and in times to come to secure, maintain and expand your resources so that you have a safe future. It’s important to use your resources to expand the collective, to provide for not only yourself but also those in need. You become the gift giver. Think precious metals.

**CAPRICORN:** A new identity, a new perception of self, perhaps even your appearance and how you present yourself to the world is slowly changing and will have long and lasting effects. Capricorn are constantly in leadership training. Presently there’s a deep and profound self-development, a sense of personal power and a taking control of one’s life. Eventually all things hidden within emerges into the light of day.

**AQUARIUS:** It’s important to take care of your health each day. To follow all laws and obey all rules. It’s good to pursue yoga, prayer and meditation, offer acts of Goodwill at all times, forgive and ask for forgiveness, be kind and develop compassion. Prepare for a cycle of change to occur and remember to value the spiritual essence of each individual.

**PISCES:** There is a need to focus on one’s hopes, wishes and dreams. You feel the need for community, for friendships wide and deep and spacious. An unexpected change has occurred in relationship to friends, groups and colleagues. You seek to transform the world in ways not thought of before. Create a journal of ideas. Move forward on these impressions. Ask for help implementing them. All that we ask for appears. Eventually.





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## CONSTABLES continued from page 10

by constables.

7:26 p.m. – Constables responded to a domestic confrontation and arrested an individual for public intoxication and ESPD warrant.

7:39 a.m. – Yet another burglar alarm was tripped, so constables entered and secured a residence in a neighborhood above downtown.

11 p.m. – Constable checked in on a verbal domestic squabble.

### FEBRUARY 25

3:57 a.m. – Staff at a business on US 62 reported three suspicious vehicles nearby, so constables performed extra patrols.

2:05 p.m. – Motorist on Hwy. 23 South reported a possibly intoxicated driver headed to town. Constable initiated a traffic

stop only to find a new driver who was not intoxicated.

2:56 p.m. – Traffic stop resulted in the arrest of the driver for DWI, implied consent, public intoxication, violation of the noise ordinance and no proof of insurance.

3:40 p.m. – Constable searched for teenagers reportedly causing a disturbance.

4:33 p.m. – There was an accident on private property.

7:26 p.m. – Concerned observer called in a possibly drunk driver, and a constable went looking.

9:34 p.m. – Constables searched for, but did not find, a walking domestic tiff near downtown.

10:08 p.m. – This time the domestic event, still in progress when constables arrived, was at a tourist lodging near downtown.

### FEBRUARY 26

1:36 a.m. – Concerned friend asked for a welfare check on a person who said she was getting a ride from a stranger to her tourist lodging. Constable went there and found her

outside because she did not have a key to get in. Constable called the keyholder who let her in.

9:10 p.m. – Constable on patrol took a report of a theft at a restaurant.

## Kings River Clean-up soon

The Kings River Watershed Partnership will host a river clean-up on the Madison County portion of the river on Saturday, April 21. Participants will need to be at Marble Access just off Hwy. 412 west of marble at 8 a.m.

The plan is to clean approximately 6 river miles from Marble Access to a private take-out. Dress for the weather and pack a lunch. Shuttles will be provided but you will need to bring your own canoe or kayak.

The Kings River Watershed Partnership is a non-profit, voluntary group of citizen stakeholders dedicated to preserving the water quality and beauty of the Kings River. For more information contact Ray Warren at (870) 654-4134 or email rayandkarenwarren@gmail.com.



## Mark Shields and Good Company settle in The Cathouse, Jeff Fox brings Jed Clampitt to Chelsea's



Jeff Fox and Jed Clampitt play Chelsea's Saturday, March 4

**M**ark Shields and Good Company play a mean blues at the Cathouse on Friday to celebrate the good times. Jeff Fox and Jed Clampitt from Fayetteville bring their Arkansas stomping jams to Chelsea's Saturday. These guys are lots of fun!

### THURSDAY, MARCH 2

**CATHOUSE LOUNGE** – *George Brothers*, Rock, 6 – 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, MARCH 3

**BREWS** – *The Lark and the Loon*, Americana, 7 – 10 p.m.  
**CATHOUSE LOUNGE** – *Mark Shields and Good Company*, Rock, 8 – 11 p.m.  
**CHELSEA'S** – *Opal Agafia and Mike Schembre*, Americana, 8 p.m., *JD Wilkes*, Singer/Songwriter, 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 and Karaoke with Stan*, 8 p.m.  
**ROWDY BEAVER** – *2 Dog 2 Karaoke*, 7 p.m.  
**ROWDY BEAVER DEN** – *Rugged Grace*, Rock, 8 p.m.  
**THE STONE HOUSE** – *Jerry Yester*, Artist's Choices, 6 p.m.

### SATURDAY, MARCH 4

**AUDITORIUM** – *Boss Tweeds*, Americana, 7 – 10 p.m.  
**BREWS** – *Carter Beggs*, Singer/Songwriter, 7 – 10 p.m.  
**CATHOUSE LOUNGE** – *Kevin Upshaw and One Night Stand*, Rock, 8 – 11 p.m.  
**CHELSEA'S** – *Jeff Fox with Jed Clampitt*, Americana, 9 p.m.  
**EUREKA LIVE!** – *DJ and Dancing*, 9 p.m.  
**GRAND TAVERNE** – *Jerry Yester*, Grand Piano Dinner Music, 6:30 p.m.  
**LE STICK** – *Pete Maiella*, Singer/Songwriter, 7 – 9 p.m.  
**ROWDY BEAVER** – *Southern Confession*, Rock, 7 p.m.  
**ROWDY BEAVER DEN** – *Steve Zimmerman*, Singer/Songwriter, 12 – 4 p.m., *Blew Reed and the Flatheads*, Blues Rock, 8 p.m.

### SUNDAY, MARCH 5

**AUDITORIUM** – *You've got Talent (Show)*, 1 – 5 p.m.  
**BREWS** – *Trivia Night*, 7 p.m.  
**EUREKA LIVE** – *Green Screen Karaoke*, 7 p.m.

### MONDAY, MARCH 6

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

### TUESDAY, MARCH 7

**BREWS** – *Drink and Draw*, 7 p.m.  
**CATHOUSE LOUNGE** – *Los Roscoes*, Blues, 5 p.m.  
**CHELSEA'S** – *Open Mic*, 9 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8

**CATHOUSE LOUNGE** – *Jimmy Wayne Garrett*, Singer/Songwriter, 6 – 8 p.m.  
**LEGENDS SALOON** – *Some Other Band*, Rock, 9 p.m.

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## Passion Play registration March 12

Cast and crew registration for the 2017 season of The Great Passion Play on Sunday, March 12 at the grounds of The Great Passion Play. The 2017 season runs May 5 – Oct. 28 for 85 performances. Men, women, and children five years of age and older are needed for this year's cast. Those interested in being a member of the cast may apply between 2 – 3:30 p.m.

## DROPPING A Line by Robert Johnson



Here's a good pic from a good day on Beaver last Thursday.

We started out at daylight and fished the islands by Hwy. 12 bridge, then dragged brood shiners with the south wind taking us back in to Prairie Creek. We saw hardly any bait or fish, saw a few gulls but even they were looking and not eating.

By about noon we were back near launch and about to call it a day when we say some gulls below us hitting the water hard. No clock in my head on days like this so we put on some fresh bait and headed that way. Did not take long for the graph to show us big balls of bait everywhere, with fish going through them.

Then the first rod goes down and Kevin Johnson grabbed it. Set the hook to have his wife, Kaylee, bring it in. A nice 27-pound striper that ran everywhere, so the most the boat did was pull out of the way. Got him in the live well and started putting lines back out, then while rod 5 was just going out another went down. Kaylee brought in that one, then she sees another go down

and grabs it. Two more in the boat!

I'm not worried about live well now so just left fish on the floor to get bait back out. Only got the third rod out, then here we go again with him grabbing one rod and within 20 seconds she has one, too. We used the help of the trolling motor to land all these fish trying to pull us back, and fighting the strong wind all day she had no more and it was past 1 p.m. now, so we headed in with five nice stripers, a smallmouth and a spot.

All fish were caught in 20-foot water with a water temp of 54°. Warming fast, spring is here guys. Had another buddy catch some crappie off the shoreline in six feet of water, and about all the walleye that are moving towards the dam to spawn are here now, along with a few white bass being caught, too.

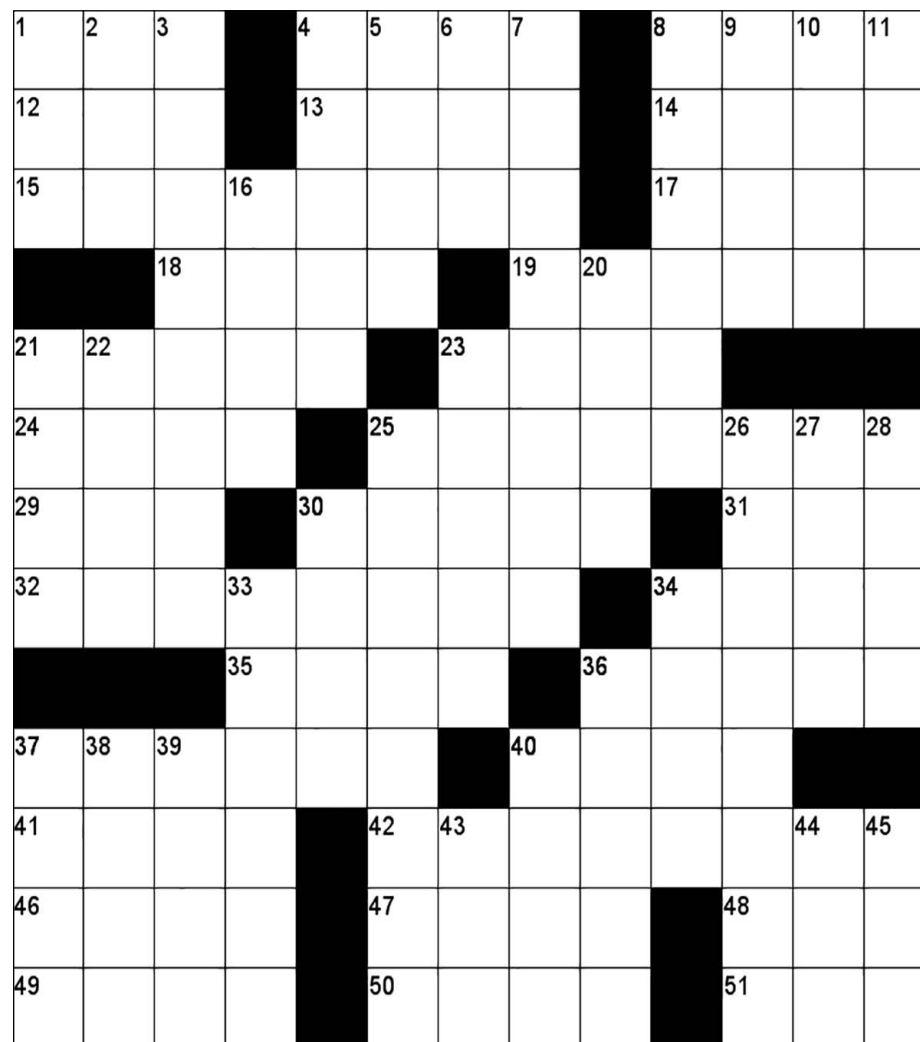
The largemouth mouth and spots are also moving into the shallows, which warm the fastest with the sun. Spring is here guys and gals. It's time to fish and also time for me to go to visit with my Dad now. Get them poles ready.

Johnson Guide Service [www.fishofexcellence.com](http://www.fishofexcellence.com) (479) 253-2258

## INDEPENDENTCrossword

by Mike Boian with extensive help from his wife, Ann

Solution on page 23



### ACROSS

1. Soft food
4. Flower support
8. Type of test
12. Hole maker
13. Vicinity
14. Emerald Isle
15. Lamb or kid
17. Head light
18. Period before a storm
19. Already up
21. Sauce for meat and potatoes
23. Islamic call to prayer
24. Red gem
25. Cheater
29. Everything
30. Rare African antelope
31. Before, *poet*.
32. Male pinup
34. Roman poet
35. Sea eagle
36. To snack, esp. often

37. Gulp down
40. Winglike
41. Wife of Shiva
42. Boldly disrespectful
46. School near Windsor
47. Valley of the wines
48. In addition
49. Not all
50. Adventurous tale
51. Pigs' digs

### DOWN

1. Compensate
2. Wonder
3. Easily calmed
4. Ride in space
5. Adjust flaps
6. Poetic contraction of evening
7. *Time or People*
8. Atrail
9. Memorable periods of time
10. Scrabble piece
11. Soon, once
16. Sea force
20. 100 cents in Republic of South Africa
21. Seize
22. Dominate
23. Conscious
25. Leaning
26. Young hares
27. Greek goddess of discord
28. Rose and Bench
30. Light beige
33. Cat
34. Evangelist Roberts
36. Root beer \_\_\_\_\_
37. Squeezes
38. Powerful security alliance
39. Catch or grab
40. Egyptian cobras
43. Scottish negative
44. "To Have and Have \_\_\_\_\_"
45. Plaything



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## LEGAL

### PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Initiation of the Section 106 Process – Public Participation in accordance with the FCC’s Nationwide Programmatic Agreement. Mobilite proposes to construct an approximately 123 ft. monopole at Lat: 36.448844 N, Long: -93.742219 W; approximately .2 mi NE of US-23 & US-187, Eureka Springs, Carroll County, Arkansas 72631. Parties interested in details regarding the telecommunication towers or in providing comment on the proposed undertaking relative to potential effects on historic properties should contact GSS, Inc., 1904 Industrial Blvd. #107, Colleyville, TX 76034 (682) 651-0034 (GSS D16184-AR-5).

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**[www.fireomearth.com](http://www.fireomearth.com)**

**MEETING TO DISCUSS – American with Disabilities Act compliance meeting**, 11 a.m. on Thursday, March 2 at EUUF, 17 Elk St, for anyone interested in reducing barriers in Eureka Springs. [laurajo.smole@gmail.com](mailto:laurajo.smole@gmail.com), (479) 253-1605

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