

This week's Independent thinkers

Rising oceans means receding beaches. Lots of businesses rely on sand – it's used for mortar, plaster, concrete, bricks, microchips – you get the idea. Sand used to be free, or incredibly affordable,



and now that it's disappearing it's suddenly a commodity.

A crafty New Zealand company, DB Export, understands that cold beer in your mouth and sand in your toes is a natural combination, so they did something about sand manufacturing.

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DB has also made biofuel from beer, so growing hops might be in order.

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Honoring sacred sisterhood at the Crescent – More than 30 women joined in meditation in the Fountain Garden at the Crescent Hotel & Spa as part of a worldwide synchronized meditation in celebration of Global Sisterhood on International Women's Day which was March 8. Jodie English Brown hosted the event and Katie Hendrickson led the meditation.

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ES alderman denied time at state legislature

[Editor's Note: Alderman David Mitchell was denied being allowed allotted time at a meeting March 14 in Little Rock despite arriving early and being signed up. "They went ahead and did the vote without allowing me to speak," Mitchell said. "I am so angry. I have eight hours of driving in and didn't get to talk. I was signed up as the third one to speak and somewhere along the line, they changed the order of speakers." The committee broke off hearing more testimony and voted against allowing local control of fluoridation. Below is the testimony that Mitchell prepared and was not allowed to give. Sen. Bryan King said he will amend the bill and resubmit it before the legislature adjourns April 21.]

BECKY GILLETTE

Eureka Springs alderman David Mitchell was to give testimony in Little Rock at a hearing of the Senate City, County and Local Affairs Committee on Tuesday, March 14, to discuss Senate Bill 299 introduced by Sen. Bryan King [R–Green Forest] that would allow decisions about fluoridation of public water supplies to be determined locally.

The bill filed titled: "An Act To Amend the Law Concerning Water Districts; To Allow Voters to Elect 'For' and 'Against' Water Fluoridation" would allow either local water boards or voters to decide to fluoridate. If a water board decided to fluoridate, a petition could be signed by ten percent of voters in the water district to put the issue to a vote. Currently the state mandates that all public water systems serving more than 5,000 people must fluoridate water.

The bill has to pass out of committee to be considered by the entire Senate. If it passes the Senate, it is expected to have a good chance in the House, which approved a similar bill allowing local control of fluoridation two years ago.

Testimony Mitchell gave at the hearing:

"My name is David Mitchell and I am currently serving my third term as a City Alderman for the City of Eureka Springs. I am a retired hospital administrator/registered nurse with 43 years of service in health care. I am here to speak briefly about the topic of fluoride and local option as to why Eureka Springs and its citizens believe that decisions about what additives put in our drinking water should be made at the local level.

"First, local control. President Thomas Jefferson said, "The government closest to the people serves them best." Democracy is best served by allowing local citizens to determine how they will be governed.

"All communities across Arkansas are not the same. Some are rural, some urban, some agricultural and others like Eureka Springs have a tourism-based economy.

"Residents of Eureka Springs do not need a top-down edict from our state government to tell us what is best. Eurekans are a well-educated, informed group and know what is best for us. Eureka Springs has one of the highest number of Masters/PhDs of any city in the state at 12 percent of the population. We are requesting that you allow the citizens of Eureka Springs and the Carroll Boone Water District to have local control of fluoridation of our water supply.

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Council strives to comply with bond agreement

NICKY BOYETTE

Mayor Butch Berry told Eureka Springs City Council Monday he had learned state law requires council to set proposed rates for a sewer increase as a springboard for discussion before it can establish the date for a public hearing. Berry said the city needs to increase revenue from water and sewer sales a minimum of \$387,301 annually to meet obligations required by the bond covenant.

Berry presented two options. He and Finance Director Lonnie Clark explained the city uses a tiered system to determine what a customer pays for water and sewer usage. There are 1885 accounts, and a customer who uses up to 2000 gallons of water pays \$11.20 per thousand gallons. This is considered Tier 1, and applies to 42 percent of customers. Customers who use between 2001-8000 gallons would pay \$4.29 per thousand gallons, Tier 2, which comprises 45 percent of customers. A Tier 3 customer, or the remaining 13 percent who uses 8001 gallons or more, pays \$5.74 per thousand gallons.

The first scenario Berry presented would be to increase water and sewer rates 30 percent across the board. A Tier 1 customer that pays for both water and sewer would experience a monthly increase of \$6.21; for a Tier 2 customer the monthly increase would be

\$15.39; a Tier 3 customer would experience a monthly increase of \$781.95.

Berry explained a second scenario would be applying a Bond Service Fee that would result in a net monthly increase across the tiers of \$5, \$20 and \$55.

Meeting the bond covenant by raising only sewer rates would require a 67.36 percent increase to sewer customers.

Alderman Kristi Kendrick said sewer rates were not increased enough in Scenario 1, and stated the figures derived from applying a bond service fee were not equitable.

Alderman David Mitchell commented Scenario 2 looked closer to being fair and equitable, especially for Tier 1 users, which would include almost all residences. Alderman Mickey Schneider added most small businesses would be in Tier 1 as well. She pointed out there are also seasonal variations to what the city can expect in revenue.

Schneider said Eureka Springs is a tourist town, and she did not want to pay exorbitant rates because visitors come here and take hour-long showers. She contended the increases according to Scenario 2 would be acceptable to users, and there were still other options for shifting numbers around to achieve the goal.

Mitchell returned to discussing setting a rate structure so council could set a date for a public hearing, and moved to accept Scenario 2 for the purpose of holding the public hearing.

Kendrick reminded council it had already voted at the previous meeting to apply a 30 percent increase across the board to water and sewer rates, but Berry stated their vote included allowing council to change the amount if it deemed necessary.

Kendrick stated that according to Arkansas law, council must pass the first reading of an ordinance before holding a public hearing. City Attorney Tim Weaver agreed it appeared council must have a drafted ordinance first so the public can know what council intends to do.

Schneider insisted the process should be to get public input before any ordinance, but it was the process – what to do first and why – that snagged progress as aldermen sorted through particulars. Mitchell eventually withdrew his motion and made one for council to hold a public meeting at the Auditorium March 29 at 6 p.m. to discuss rate increases. Vote to approve that was unanimous.

Property refinancing an option

Berry presented a proposed resolution for **COUNCIL** continued on page 15



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Speed bumps nettlesome; 2253 gets by second vote

NICKY BOYETTE

Ray Bottomley told city council March 13 that he lives on East Mountain where the city has installed speed bumps. He said he has conducted an extensive study, and his conclusion is he wished he did not have one in front of his house. "We want our quiet street back," he said, claiming there is thump-thumping all day and into the evening. Some motorists slow down for the bumps, but they become susceptible to being rear-ended by the speeders. He said he is not trying to win a battle, rather reach an understanding.

Jovce Knowles claimed she is denied access to council meetings because she has a hearing impairment. Attending the meetings does not allow her to know what is being discussed, the televised broadcast has no captions and there is no written transcript. "A community that excludes one citizen is not a community," she told aldermen. Mayor Butch Berry later commented the city had checked, and the cable provider cannot include closed captions with the broadcast.

Eric Knowles asked council to treat water and sewer rates differently. He does not use sewer services, and said a user should pay for what is used. He suggested setting the rates separately for each tier of usage, and consumers who use more, pay more.

Land grab?

Council passed the second reading of Ordinance 2253, which gives jurisdiction of existing and proposed trails to the Parks Commission. Alderman Mickey Schneider, however, expressed her consternation regarding a section she interpreted as allowing the city "to steal land from the people that we have sworn

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to take care of." Alderman David Mitchell contended the proposed ordinance allows for a straightforward process, and alderman Kristi Kendrick said properties under scrutiny are still the property of the city, not Parks.

Kendrick added the ordinance would allow council to dispose of property without input from Parks, but anticipated council would include input from everyone involved.

Schneider Kendrick's stated intentions might be good, but if the door is opened someone eventually will walk through.

Vote to approve the second reading was 4-2, Schneider and Bob Thomas

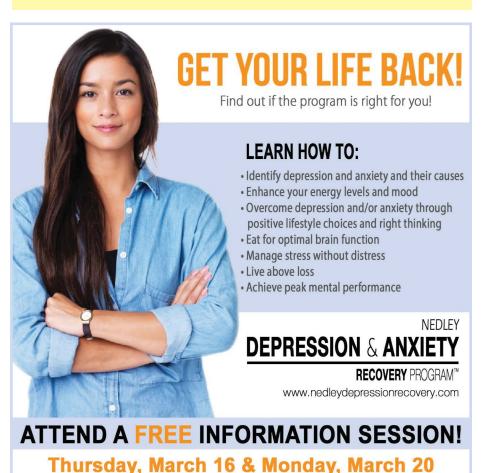
Other items

- Aldermen approved Resolution 707 which permits the Arts Council to continue using the "Art Wall" in the 1st Street parking lot and the "Off the Wall" area at the top of Planer Hill for two more years to display local art.
- Council set Thursday, April 13, at 6 p.m., as the date and time for a workshop on the proposed No Smoking ordinances.
- Council voted to reseat Susie Allen to the Historic District Commission. In addition, aldermen voted to seat Mark Ingram to the HDC.

Next meeting will be Monday, March 27, at 6 p.m.

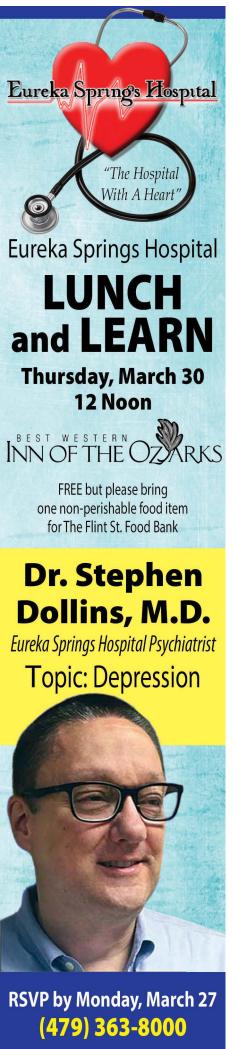
Showing your Irish

Join for the 24th Eureka Springs St. Patrick's Day Parade. There is still time to sign up for the parade and the deadline is on March 18. Wear your green and join in, the parade lines up at 1 p.m. at the library and starts at 2 p.m. For more information go to www.StPadd.Ureeka.org or to join up call (479) 244-0123 or email nlpaddock@gmail.com.



6 p.m. at the Eureka Springs Carnegie Public Library Annex Building, 194 Spring Street

Contact 479.799.1104 for more information.



CAPC denies, approves, and negotiates funding requests

NICKY BOYETTE

Three requests for marketing support funds came before the City Advertising and Promotion Commission at its March 8 meeting, and they will all receive support as part of the city-wide digital promotion campaign, although each received a different answer regarding financial support.

Executive Director Mike Maloney introduced the request for \$10,000 from the Eureka Springs Blues Weekend, June 15-18. Promoter Charles Ragsdell expects 2500 people to attend the nonprofit event over its four days, and proceeds go to Turpentine Creek Wildlife Refuge. Maloney said the event is scheduled for Turpentine Creek although there will be acts performing concurrently in town that are not under the aegis of the Blues Weekend. Maloney said encouraged Ragsdell "to seriously consider including a show at the Auditorium."

Commissioner David Mitchell pointed out the requested funds would be spent on advertising which is what the CAPC would also do, plus there are no events are scheduled in downtown. Commissioner Bobbie Foster

said having the event at Turpentine Creek last year hurt city business, and she did not hear anything favorable about it from customers.

Commissioner Terry McClung commented the CAPC would still advertise the event in promotion of the city even if the funding were to be denied.

Maloney stated the CAPC should consider supporting blues acts during the year because blues is integral to the musical landscape, and plenty of good acts are either based in the area or travel through. He said CAPC spent very little promoting the event since it is promoted privately.

McClung said he would feel better about funding the event if Ragsdell were inclined to stage a show in town. Commissioner Susan Harman agreed.

Mitchell moved to provide the requested amount, but there was no second, so the funding request was denied.

Fancy old cars

Chamber of Commerce President Tammy Thurow represented the request for \$5000 in marketing support funds for a rebranded Antique Auto Festival Sept. 8-9. She said the event had hit a snag recently, so it has been restructured and will occur on the grounds of the Great Passion Play. This move will allow more space for vendors, is flatter than the Pine Mountain Village location, and a portion of the proceeds will go to the ECHO Clinic.

Thurow also brought in antique car enthusiasts Morris Dillow and Eric Studer to help coordinate the event. She said folks are already signing up to attend and they expect at least 400 cars whereas last year 130 participated.

Dillow said the Galaxy 500 Car Club considers this its national event and committed to bringing 200 cars to town. He mentioned a local artist is creating handmade trophies for the seven prizewinners, and these trophies are especially appealing to participants. He added the judging has been revamped to insure impartiality.

McClung said the antique car event was once a much bigger event in town, and many prized automobiles would park downtown for passersby to see. He said he liked the new energy, and was willing to give it a try.

Dillow said a car club from Little Rock intends to bring 120 cars and a club in Missouri will bring 60, and there will be a downtown parade after judging concludes.

Maloney said the CAPC would not take on this event as an advertising campaign, but it would be included in social media and print advertising.

Vote to approve the funding request was unanimous.

Outback in the Ozarks

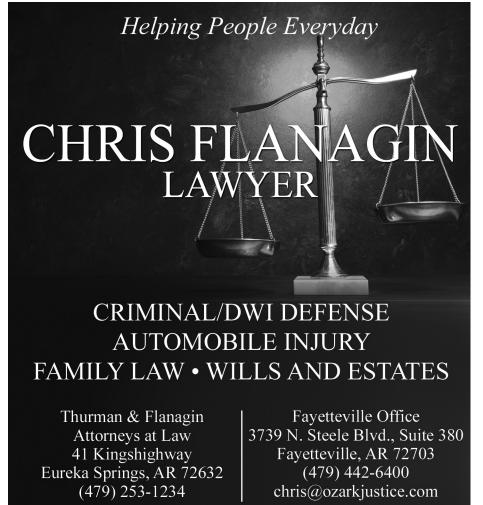
Kimberly Guin told commissioners Outback in the Ozarks is adding an additional event this year which will take place entirely in Lake Leatherwood City Park May 5-6. She said at least 200 and as many as 400 participants will participate with runners from England, New Zealand, and all across the United States already registered. There will be three-, five- and seven-mile relay races with various difficulties involved.

Guin said some of the proceeds would go toward volunteer fire departments and mental health issues.

Guin and her husband, Todd, also stage another team relay race Oct. 27-28 which begins at LLCP, travels through five state parks and after 205 miles culminates in Fayetteville. They requested \$5000 in marketing support for each event. In return, the CAPC will be the main advertiser, and promotions all across the country will flash the CAPC logo.

Mitchell stated he wanted to focus on the first event that occurs entirely in Eureka Springs, and commissioners can see what they get for their investment.

Maloney said the events would bring a desirable demographic to town, but McClung commented it seemed the Guins were just trying to sell the CAPC an ad. Chair Ken Ketelsen observed the request seemed more like an opportunity for a sponsorship than marketing support. Vote was unanimous to authorize Maloney to work out a sponsorship agreement with the Guins



CAPC attendance rules tightened

NICKY BOYETTE

Commissioner David Mitchell brought up the question of when does a series of absences by a CAPC commissioner at regular meetings mean the commission should recruit a new commissioner? He did not include workshops. Commissioner Susan Harman said other commissions consider three absences as the number.

Executive Director Mike Maloney replied a commissioner who misses one meeting per quarter "is basically twenty-five percent ineffective." He contended commissioners have an obligation to attend meetings because an absence might be the difference in having a quorum or affecting a vote.

Mitchell moved to establish an attendance policy whereby missing three meetings in a fiscal year is considered a resignation from the commission, and the policy would begin immediately. Vote to approve his motion was unanimous.

Director's report

- Maloney reported he expected a big red shirt contingency at the upcoming Governor's Conference on Tourism in Little Rock March 12-14.
- Events coordinator Andy Green has been speaking with agents to bring talent to Eureka Springs, "and he is starting to strike gold."
 - A media monitoring service produced the fact 85 percent of Facebook visitations

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Code enforcement clarified

NICKY BOYETTE

Alderman Peg Adamson asked Building Inspector Bobby Ray at Monday's council meeting about enforcing code violations in the city, to which Ray said he responds to a violation if he sees it himself or has been made aware of it. He said he goes to the location and issues a verbal warning if there is a violation and gives the violator ten days to make corrections.

When he returns in ten days and the violator is showing an earnest attempt to comply, Ray will work with the person. If not, he issues a citation, which means a court date. The judge will consider the case and determine the fine in many cases.

In a situation like enforcing the proposed No Smoking ordinance in city parks, Ray said typically there is room for officer discretion. He has suggested, however, to Berry and Judge Dale Ramsey, establishing specific fines for a violation in lieu of a court appearance.

Alderman David Mitchell pressed the issue regarding Ray using officer discretion when a violator is rectifying a situation but in the meantime breaking a state law. City Attorney Tim Weaver pointed out, "The mayor is ultimately the top cop for the city." Berry responded that permits can be revoked, and that a threat usually gets the appropriate response from violators.

Community Center HAPPENINGS

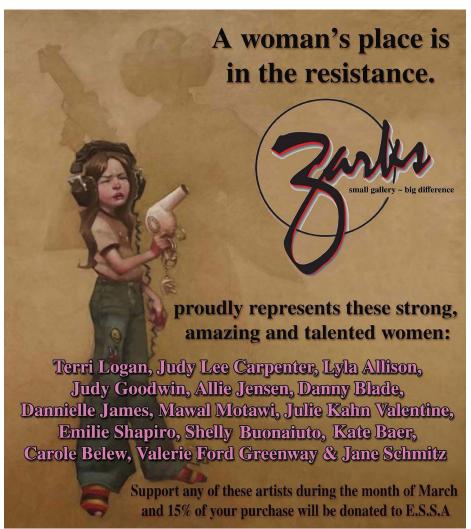
Souper Soup is back and being held in the Sycamore Room at the Inn of the Ozarks Convention Center from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. on March 18. Donation is \$10 and proceeds will fund the fitness equipment in the Eureka Springs Community Center Gym.

Chamber of Commerce holds career fair

The Greater Eureka Springs Chamber of Commerce will host a Career Fair for local students on Thursday, March 16 from noon – 2 p.m. Local businesses will be on display for students to browse through.

Booth space is \$50 and the money

collected will create scholarships and be awarded by the Chamber to deserving students at the end of the year. For more information or to reserve your booth space email Jessica@eurekaspringschamber. com or call Jessica Wheeless at (479) 253-8737.







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Ozark Indivisible getting results

BECKY GILLETTE

Members of Indivisible Eureka Springs, who are also members of the Ozark Indivisible movement that covers Northwest Arkansas, are taking actions on a daily basis to safeguard civil rights, economic justice and access to healthcare in the U.S. There is evidence they have had an impact.

At a town hall meeting with Sen. Tom Cotton Feb. 24, many people spoke of concerns about Republican plans to eliminate the Affordable Care Act. Eureka Springs had about 35 people attend the town hall meeting that received national news coverage. Suzie Bell was interviewed by MSNBC and talked about how important the ACA is to the ECHO Clinic that provides free healthcare in Eureka Springs.

Now Cotton has emerged as a primary critic of the U.S. House of Representatives rushing through the proposed ACA replacement, the American Health Care Act. Cotton has warned that if Congress forces millions of Americans to lose health care, there could be a severe backlash costing Republican control of the House of Representatives in two years.

"Cotton has warned that if you kick thirty million people off healthcare, those people are going to pay you back by voting against you in the next election," Bell, a cofounder of ECHO, said. "There aren't even any estimates yet from the Congressional Budget Office about what this is going to cost. This is going to impact so many people in Arkansas that it's ridiculous to think they can pull this off without having backlash."

Bell said she and other members of Ozark Indivisible contact Cotton and other legislators on a daily basis.

"Cotton got an earful with the 2,000 people who attended," Bell said. "He did have a few supporters in that crowd, but minimal He'd better listen to constituents if

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he's going to head to a higher office."

Bell is an immigrant who was born in South America.

"This has always been a welcoming, beautiful country," Bell said. "It breaks my heart to see us turning to be so self-oriented and unwelcoming. As long as we have such an erratic president, I'm in it for the long haul and so is everyone in Indivisible. Of course, my motivation is because I want a better country for my grandchildren."

Nancy Paddock, one of the organizers of Indivisible in Eureka Springs, said the group is continuing to work on protecting access to health care for Americans.

"This week we are planning to target our congressional office on the ACA again," Paddock said. "On Thursday and Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. we plan to have a continuous presence at the offices of Sen. Cotton, Sen. John Boozman and Rep. Steve Womack. We want these congressmen to see our presence. Other organizations involved include Move On, Resist, Working Families for America, and the ACLU."

About 17 members of Ozark Indivisible met this past week with staffer Bootsie Ackerman at Rep. Steve Womack's office in Bentonville.

"We talked about the fact that Jeff Sessions needs to resign as attorney general for lying under oath during his confirmation hearing," Paddock said. "We had an hour and a half discussion with his main staff representative. One of our main gripes was they changed the rules at the office and would not allow us to record any conversation. We want to change that. We need to have a record of what we say to our representatives in our representative's office."

The Indivisible group is also working in immigrant rights issues, meeting with the Northwest Arkansas Hispanic and Latino organization LUCHA to help disseminate

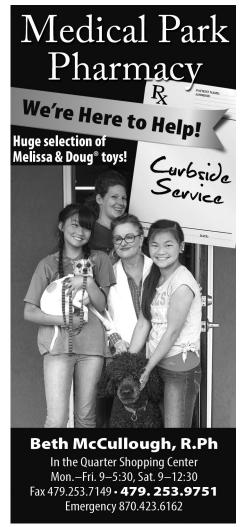
Eureka Counseling Sally Williams Gorrell, LCSW 479.981.1587 • sarahg@arkansas.net information about how to be prepared to handle encounters with law enforcement.

"We want to provide support to those who are being targeted by the stepped up immigration policies of the Republican administration," Paddock said. "They have more agents out and are stopping people just to see if they are citizens, more often. People need to have paperwork on them to show they are a green card holder or an America citizen. We also want to let them know they do have rights. Law enforcement must have a warrant to come into your home."

Another Indivisible activity last Saturday attracted eight people despite being in the middle of the only snowstorm this winter. Participants watched a live feed of an ACLU grassroots resistance training event.

"It was seen by 20,000 groups across the country," Paddock said. "It was organized by the ACLU and training people on what we need to do to protect our civil liberties. It was a broadcast from a group in Miami where there were about 5,000 people present. It helped inspire us for our fouryear battle with the current administration.

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Eliminate one, get two in return

Editor.

In Greek mythology, the Hydra was a vile multi-headed swamp beast that destroyed everything in its path. Each time one head was cut off, two would grow in its place. What we have in Washington DC is a mutated Hydra. Each morning two more ugly heads just appear. The heads are growing so fast, it is almost impossible to keep up!

Each head is gutting a department of the Federal Government. To pay for The Wall, Republicons are cutting national security programs including the TSA and Coast Guard; their plan for your child's education is a coupon to offset some of the cost, and to gut public schools. They're eliminating the NOAA weather service while denying the undeniable change in climate. They're destroying the ACA to give millionaires a \$600 billion tax break. Let that sink in for a moment. \$600,000,000,000 for them and you get a chance to save up for your healthcare.

Oh, and the original head of this Hydra promised that he would not take a salary because he is so rich and so civic minded. Not only does he take the salary, we taxpayers spend \$3 million dollars every weekend (\$156 million a year) for him to fly to his for profit hotel. Also we pay \$10 million a month for his unofficial separation from his wife.

Getting rid of the monster will be a Herculean task. I hope we are up for it.

Sheri Hanson

Freedom of expression is central

Editor,

Since our election was stolen by the Russians, since my Arkansas vote did not count for anything, since Cheetollini has already been proven to be a compulsive liar with money ties to Russia, since he never offers any proof of what he alleges happens, since all of Cheetollini's cabinet appointees are billionaires not interested in anything but dismantling legislation that protects the environment and our lives, and since the president seems to be a mentally challenged individual, I cannot for the life of me see how Wolf's cartoon [March 1] was unpatriotic.

I am attending a class at the Eureka UU on the Constitution taught by Rabbi Rob. I learned how democratic, thoughtful

and knowledgeable our Founding Fathers were (albeit, unfortunately, many still slaveholders). I wonder if the president has ever read the Constitution. He seems to be obsessed with conspiracy theories, making even more money with his Russian connections, and flying down to his lavish home in Florida every weekend.

Many of us in Eureka are capable of thinking for ourselves. You need not apologize to us. We appreciate you and your courage. We know that freedom of speech and freedom of the press are essential to a democracy.

Russia does not allow any viewpoint other than Putin's. Politicians who oppose him and journalists who tell the truth are

I am glad we are not governed by Russia's fascism.

T.A. Laughlin

Name calling

Editor,

Well, you've outdone your normal idiocy – you know we'll call it Rumpcare because it was written by an ass.

David Marry



WEEK'STopTweets

@FO_ASchate: I just pressed the Popcorn setting on my microwave and it showed me a secret spy video of Kellyanne Conway eating lunch.

@merewillis: My husband showed me beautiful flowers on his phone & said, "Look, I got you flowers." So I put them in a

@johnlyontweets: Me: Should I be concerned that this tomato was genetically modified? Tomato: No.

@thedarrylanddon: Alarm system? Yeah right. I'll defend my home the way my ancestors would have. A series of large painted portraits with peepholes for eyes.

@contwixt: Why it's called a cellular membrane and not a

gene jacket I've no idea.

@Kimpulses: I've been reading your Oscar tweets and America should not vote on things as a general rule going forward.

@Elizasoul80: A friend texted me after the election to ask how I was doing. Now she says I'm mad at her because I haven't answered, but I'm still typing.

@FranktheDoorman: 97% of scientists believe climate change is manmade and causes rising sea levels of ocean. The other 3% believe Danny Ocean is an ocean.

@bingowings: Burgers, she wrote. – Angela Lansbury before she goes shopping.

@davidlucas: What's a moderation, and how do I drink in

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It told us what our rights are to protest, and the best and most effective way to talk to our representatives."

Paddock said the training, peoplepower. org, is available on the Internet.

"The number of people actively resisting the new Republican oppressive changes to our country is unprecedented," Paddock said. "The main goal of the Indivisible is to be in constant contact with our representatives and express opinions. We encourage everyone to call and write

your representatives daily and let them know your opinion on what is going on in government."

The Eureka Springs Indivisible group has been meeting weekly since Jan. 29. For more information, go to Ozark Indivisible Facebook page, which is an open group, or ask to join the Eureka Springs Indivisible Facebook page, which is a closed group. You can also email Paddock at NLPaddock@ gmail.com.

The Indivisible Guide is located at www.indivisibleguide.com.

If you want to make a difference but not join a group, Paddock recommends going to the website dailyaction.org to sign up to get a daily text message suggesting one phone call can you make to help.

Numbers for congressmen representing Northwest Arkansas:

- Sen. John Boozman (202) 224-4843, Washington; (501) 372-7153, Little Rock
- Sen. Tom Cotton (202) 224-2353. Washington; (479) 751-0879, Springdale
- Rep. Steve Womack (202) 225-4301, Washington; (479) 464-0446, Rogers

INDEPENDENT Guestatorial

Other hospital options need consideration

Health Management wants to renew its lease for Eureka Springs Hospital and is asking for the ESH Board to invest in renovations to the interior of the hospital. At a recent hospital board meeting, Eureka Springs Hospital CEO Peter Savoy said Allegiance wants to be here long-term, and that Allegiance would be willing to lock into a "far longer" lease if it knew some portion of the lease payments would be dedicated to renovating the hospital.

Hospital board member and Chief of Staff at ESH, John House, MD, said he continues to hear that local residents are upset Allegiance is not going to build a new hospital.

Hospital commission chair Michael Merry seemed to give Allegiance a get-out-of-jail free card by saying the hospital commission realized a year ago that a new hospital wasn't in the works, and that there were practical economic and political reasons now why it would be "foolish" to invest \$20 million in building a new hospital in a rural area.

Since Allegiance has refused to provide information on how much money the hospital is making, it is hard to determine if building a new hospital might be financially feasible. But clearly the company is making money or it wouldn't be eager to begin negotiations for a new lease.

Allegiance strung the community along for years on the new hospital issue. "We have been waiting eight years for Allegiance to do something, and there is nothing that the public can see," hospital board member Anna Ahlman was quoted as saying in 2015. "The public needs to see that something is happening. Nothing ever happens. It is frustrating for the public and frustrating for us."

If Allegiance gets away with breaking its promise, and then is the only management company considered to run the Eureka Springs Hospital, just what kind of deal do you think the city will get? At the very least, the hospital board needs to solicit proposals from other hospital management companies. Some other hospital management companies that could be contacted include American Hospital Management Company, Community Hospital Corporation, Preferred Management Corp., FoundationHealth the hospital sale could help with and SSM Health.

Or how about thinking out of the box? The best thing for local residents might be if the hospital was put up for sale to a non-profit hospital system in the state. The idea of having a publicly owned hospital is to provide the most affordable care possible to local residents. So why not offer ownership of the hospital to one of the larger nonprofit hospital systems in the state like Mercy, which operates a hospital in Berryville? Another good non-profit fit might Washington Regional Hospital, which already has a clinic here in Eureka.

In addition to taking the profit motive out of hospital healthcare, being linked to a large hospital system could reduce costs through economies of scale.

Selling the hospital would also remove a potential future liability for the city. And perhaps funds from

badly needed water, sewer and street improvements.

Then there is the \$2.4 million the Hospital Commission currently has in the bank from lease revenues. Those funds must be dedicated to healthcare. And what better way to improve healthcare in the community than building a wellness center that includes an indoor swimming pool and other exercise facilities at the new community center at the site of the old high school? There is a precedent for this as other hospital systems in the country are investing in wellness facilities designed to prevent illnesses rather than wait until someone gets sick and needs extensive and expensive healthcare.

Let's invest in healthy Eurkeans instead of just making more profits for a company that broke its promise to Eureka Springs.

Becky Gillette



Pursuit Of

HAPPINESS

orothy Day, a founder of the Catholic Worker movement and its monthly newspaper, The Catholic Worker, is the subject of a new biography written by her granddaughter, Kate Hennessy. The title is Dorothy Day: The World Will be Saved by Beauty. It is an intimate and ironic look at the woman responsible for thousands of Catholics continuing to hang on, if by the thinnest thread, to Christianity, their Catholicism, and the Catholic Church.

The Jesuit and activist Dan Berrigan and I had a lot of conversations about Day whenever he stayed at the Minneapolis Catholic Worker house in the mid-'70s. I cooked Sunday dinners there for several years and Berrigan, when he was around, was pretty good with a can opener and dishrag.

He was also a fatally handsome, beautifully made man. Women would sometimes walk into the kitchen when we were cooking, and they'd get a little breathless, and blush and flutter, and nervously shimmy like girls on American Bandstand. Berrigan, chaste his whole life, was oblivious to their reactions, but I would laugh and laugh (more than a little enviously) over the kitchen sink.

"Dorothy wrote often when I was in prison," he said, storytelling one time. "She told me my three-year sentence was the time of Jesus's ministry, and to use it equally well."

Berrigan had gone to prison, along with nine other priests, for pouring napalm over 378 draft cards at a draft board in Catonsville, Maryland. "Our apologies, good friends," he said, "for the fracture of good order, the burning of paper instead of children."

Day, like Berrigan, was a pacifist, but she loved being an American. She wrote, "We are pacifists. Our manifesto is the Sermon on the Mount... but neither will we be carping in our criticism. We love our country and we love our President. We have been the only country in the world where men of all nations have taken refuge from oppression."

I miss Berrigan (he died last April), and the Catholic rigor of Dorothy Day. The thread to organized Christianity continually frays, yet their example compels us, allows us, to keep hanging on.

A little help from our friends:

- Good Shepherd Humane Society monthly board meetings are held the 4th Wednesday of each month at 1 p.m. at LeStick Nouveau Restaurant, 63 Spring St. All are welcome.
- Carroll County Domestic Violence Hotline: 1-844-247-3223 (844-24PEACE) is available 24/7. The Purple Flower Domestic Violence Resource and Support Center is open Tuesdays and Thursday from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. at 109 W. Church Ave. in Berryville. (479) 981-1676.
- 24-hour NWA Crisis Line for Women NWA Women's Shelter serving Carroll County - "Empowering families to live free of violence." (800) 775-9011 www.nwaws.org
- A Cup of Love Ministry Feeding the hungry. Located at 4032 E. Van Buren, Hwy. 62. Serving soup Monday – Friday 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Sunday service – 10:30 a.m. – noon potluck following. Wednesday – Bible Study 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. Caring for our community, spirit, soul and body. (479) 363-4529.
- Flint Street Fellowship food pantry, lunch, free clothing Pantry open 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays. Free lunch Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. -12:30 p.m. Free clothes/shoes closet, books and household items. (479) 253-9491 or 253-4945. Leave donations in barrel at entrance if facility is closed.
- Wildflowers one-dollar, furniture barn/thrift store US 62E across from Hill County Hardware. One-dollar store in the yellow building every Friday from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Thrift store, furniture bank in big blue barn behind the chapel open Wednesdays - Saturdays from 10:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. Donation drop offs Thursday – Saturday between 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. Healing and delivery outreach in chapel Saturdays at 7:30 p.m.
- Recorded Teachings and Meditation Monday Recorded Rinpocne teachings at 5:30 p.m. on Mondays followed by meditation at 6 p.m. Call Alece at (479) 244-6841 or Gary at (479) 2444-6840.
- Celebrate Recovery Soul Purpose Ministries, 801 S. Springfield, Green Forest, 6:30 p.m. each Wednesday. Potluck followed by 12-step Christcentered meetings for those suffering from addiction, habit, hang-up or hurt.
- Grief Share A Bible-based, 13-week program fro those who have lost a loved one will begin on Sunday, Feb. 12 from 2 – 4 p.m. at Faith Bible Church, Suite C, 3 Parkcliff Drive, Holiday Island. Share with others experiencing similar circumstances in an informal, confidential setting. Call (479) 253-8925 or email lardellen@gmail.com. You may join at anytime.
- Overeaters Anonymous Thursdays, 10:30 a.m. Barbara (479) 244-0371 Narcotics Anonymous - Fridays, 5:30 p.m. (903) 278-5568. Meetings held at Eureka Springs Coffee Pot Group behind Land O' Nod Victorian Inn.
- Coffee Break Al-Anon Family Group Women Tuesdays, 9:45 a.m., Faith Christian Family Church, Hwy. 23S, (479) 981-1686. • Al-Anon Family Group (AFG) - Sundays, 11:30 a.m., Mondays and Tuesdays 7 p.m. • Eureka Springs Coffee Pot AA Groups Monday - Saturday 12:30 p.m.; Sunday 10 a.m.; Sunday – Thursday, Saturday, 5:30 p.m.; Tuesday and Friday, 8 p.m. (479) 253-7956 • Al-Anon Wednesday, 5:30 p.m. Meetings held at Eureka Springs Coffee Pot Group behind Land O' Nod Victorian Inn. All other meetings: See www.nwarkaa.org
- St. Vincent De Paul Thrift Store First Tuesdays provide assistance with medical help, utilities, clothing, emergency shelter, shoes, etc. Annual charity Christmas Gift & Food Program. Mon-Sat 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. 1844 Hwy. 62W Berryville.
- St. James' Community Suppers Held Sunday from 5 6:30 p.m. Meals provided by local restaurants and are free to all. St. James' Episcopal Church is located at 86 Prospect Avenue on the historic loop and meals are served in the undercroft.
- Support Group for those with Parkinson's and their caregivers, first Wednesday of each month, ECHO Community Room at 10 a.m. For questions email Sally at sarahg@arkansas.net or call (479) 9810-1587. Next meeting Dec. 7.

INDEPENDENT

ConstablesOnPatrol

March 6

6:09 a.m. - Central dispatch alerted ESPD to a possibly reckless driver headed toward town from the north. Constables watched for but did not encounter the vehicle.

10:35 p.m. - Constables watched for a vehicle stolen from Holiday Island within the past seven hours. The vehicle was later discovered by Springdale PD.

10:45 p.m. - Central dispatch reported a possibly inebriated driver had stopped at a restaurant. Constables responded, but the vehicle was not there.

10:59 p.m. – Burglar alarm was tripped at a business on US 62. Constables found the building secure.

March 7

1:26 p.m. - A daughter had not been able to make contact with her mother for several days, so she asked for a welfare check. The constable found the mother doing well.

1:33 p.m. – ESH staff asked about a vehicle parked in their lot for a couple days. Constable determined it was not stolen nor did it belong to anyone at the hospital.

4:33 p.m. – Staff at an inn saw two males in the parking lot sharing a joint and then urinating on the ground. They were nowhere to be found when constables arrived.

5:51 p.m. - Constable went to Black Bass Lake to retrieve a hypodermic needle found

MARCH 8

7:14 p.m. - Passerby noticed a vehicle in front of a tourist lodging along US 62 was in a ditch and apparently high-centered and unable to move. Constable filed a report.

8:20 p.m. - Caller claimed her sister was violating a protection order from Barry County by being in the company of her ex-husband and minor children. Constable went to a possible location, but the vehicle was not there.

8:40 p.m. – Constables towed a vehicle out of a ditch near the western edge of town.

March 9

12:44 a.m. - Alarm was triggered at a business on North Main, but the constable found the building secure.

2:06 a.m. - Resident near downtown reported a car alarm was blaring and people near the vehicle were yelling. Responding constable learned there had been an angry verbal episode.

4:18 a.m. - Vehicle on US 62 hit a deer toward the eastern side of town.

5:52 a.m. – Another deer was hit on a street above downtown.

7:45 a.m. - Staff at a business asked for a constable to pick up an ID left on the

premises by a customer. Staff also wanted the constable to make it clear to the customer he was no longer welcome.

1:07 p.m. – Resident claimed someone stole his prescription medication.

1:40 p.m. – Witness reported a motorist had backed into gas pumps and left the scene on US 62. Constable initiated a traffic stop and arrested the driver for DWI and driving on a revoked license.

2:26 p.m. - Constable on patrol checked on a dog locked in a pickup. He found the windows were lowered a bit, there was food and water in the vehicle and the animal did not display any distress.

5:09 p.m. - Individual requested a welfare check on a suicidal male, but the constable was not able to locate him.

9:26 p.m. - Gas station attendant asked for help removing an intoxicated person from the premises. Constable arrested the person for public intoxication.

March 10

8 a.m. - Caller at a business on the eastern end of US 62 said a large gopher, possibly injured or ill, was lingering near the front door. Constable determined it was a beaver and took it to a veterinarian.

12:50 p.m. – Resident told ESPD her car had been taken from her residence. All nearby authorities were notified. The vehicle was later discovered just east of downtown.

1:13 p.m. - During the search for the stolen vehicle, a constable encountered an individual with an outstanding CCSO warrant. A deputy processed the vehicle and took custody of the individual.

March 11

8:28 a.m. - Central dispatch alerted ESPD to a 911 hangup call from a disconnected cell phone. Constable could not locate the caller. 9:39 a.m. - Domestic upheaval prompted a response by constables who arrested one person for domestic battery and domestic assault. The other participant was arrested on a warrant out of CCSO.

10:57 a.m. – Several calls came in about a possibly inebriated person walking along US 62 east of downtown. Constable arrested her for public intoxication and resisting arrest.

11:04 a.m. - Traffic stop resulted in the arrest of the driver for DWI, driving left of center, obstructing governmental operations and implied consent.

2:21 p.m. - Resident was concerned about a suspicious van parked outside his residence. Constable searched for but did not find its owner.

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Bank robber pleads guilty

Hunter Cody Chafin of Berryville pleaded guilty in federal court last Wednesday to one count of Bank Robbery, according to a plea agreement released by the U.S. District Court in Ft. Smith. Chafin was accused of stealing \$3,350 from the Eureka Springs branch of First National Bank of North Arkansas on Oct. 14, 2016. He was 19 at the time.

Chafin had called a taxi, then walked into the bank and gave the teller a note reading "50s & 100s only! NO Trouble I have a gun." The teller gave him \$3,350 and the note back at his request, and the taxi took him to Bentonville where he bought a motorcycle for \$2900. He was arrested shortly after that at a traffic stop. A band with "\$1,000" was found in his coat pocket, along with the note.

He faces a maximum term of 20 years and a maximum fine of \$250,000, or both, but as of press time he had not been sentenced.

Have a seat for a Veteran

The America Legion Walker - Wilson Post 9 of Eureka Springs is hosting a Chili Cook-Off and Auction on March 25 at 5 p.m. Vintage wood folding chairs painted by local artist honoring POW/MIA's and other items will be auctioned after the Chili Cook-Off.

Admission donation is \$10 in advance or \$12 at the door. Proceeds will go to support the Veterans Health Care System of the Ozarks Voluntary Service. For more information call (501) 554-5638.

A Cup of Love crockpot competition

A Cup of Love Ministry, 4032 E. Van Buren will hold a Crockpot Creation Competition on Saturday, April 1. Enter to win 1 of 3 prizes with the creation of the dish of your choice made in a crockpot valued from \$25 - \$60.

Set up starts at 10 a.m. and judging will 11 a.m. -2 p.m. and winners will be revealed at 3 p.m. Entry is free. There is a \$5 admission fee for tasting and judging of entrées. Sign up at A Cup of Love Ministry by March 25.

Ambulance contract debate sparks fiery responses

NICKY BOYETTE

Western Carroll Ambulance District will open bids March 23 in its process to see who gets the contract to provide ambulance service to the western part of the county. Eureka Springs Fire Department Emergency Medical Services is the current contract holder and has provided the service since WCCAD was formed.

WCCAD Chair Sam Ward said there have been problems in the past with compliance with the contract, and a majority of commissioners wanted to start over with a new one. Ward said the current contract calls for two ambulances with a crew to be available at all times to service the western end. However, Ward said ES ambulances have also been responding to fires, rescues and medical calls in Eureka Springs in violation of the contract.

Former Fire Chief Randy Ates mentioned it is a different situation nowadays because so many paramedics no longer live in town, so it is not possible for EMS to call in a third crew as easily, and the city does not have the funds to keep a third crew at the station. Therefore, ESFD cannot hold up its end of the bargain.

Ward said the public has the wrong idea about their intentions. He asked why commissioners would want to hire an incompetent service when they might need an ambulance just like everyone else.

Ward stated the paramedics at ESFD are also firefighters and Hazmat responders besides being EMTs. Ward said the rank and file staff at ESFD are "great guys," but are caught in a bad situation. If they have to respond to a local fire, no one would be available to respond to an emergency in Grassy Knob, and certainly not within the required 15 minutes.

Ward pointed out the contract calls for EMS to respond to 90 percent of its calls within 15 minutes. He claimed the 15 minutes is a standard in the industry. He spoke very personally about response times and the effects of a slow response on family members tending to someone having a life and death emergency. He said first responders could do only so much, "so response time is pretty damn important."

Ates added that only about five percent of ambulance calls are actual emergencies, and one-third are non-transport calls. Medicare. Medicaid and insurance companies usually do not reimburse unless the ambulance transports a person, so billing and collecting for ambulance service is an issue. He said the strapped financial situation

of the city limits options for ESFD, and losing the contract would mean losing twothirds of its revenue.

He said ESFD is "an absolutely stellar ambulance service," and he does not want them to lose the contract, but understands Ward's point of view.

Ward insisted the commission would not sell out ESFD for a low bid, but WCCAD wants to get what it pays for. "People don't understand we [commissioners] are in this like everyone else." He said they want to make a rational, informed decision, and once the bids are opened, they will have all the information

Fire Chief Nick Samac said ESFD will submit a bid for the contract, and he hopes to continue providing excellent service to the western part of the county. He claimed they have made changes in their reporting and will continue to improve.

"Taking care of the public is Number One in our book," Samac commented. He said people feel comfortable knowing there is a competent, professional service available.

Mayor Butch Berry recounted having a difficult time getting from the courthouse to the Grassy Knob fire station in 15 minutes, and noted there are points in the county even farther away. He was unsure if it was realistic to expect an ambulance to get to all parts of the county in 15 minutes or less, although he said, "We have the best ambulance system in the Ozarks."

He also remarked experience is vital. "Our men know how and what it takes to get to Buck Mountain and other places where GPS is not dependable."

At the Feb. 21 WCCAD meeting, Judy Thorpe, who lives in a remote spot in the southern part of the county, said she twice needed an ambulance, and the crew responding knew where they were going. She told the commission, "Don't go with the lowest bid. Go with someone who has been here awhile, who knows what they're doing, who worked their asses off to make it better for you."

Mike FitzPatrick of the Eureka Springs rural first responders commented the restriction of having two ambulances remain at the station awaiting a call from the western side of the county limits capability of ESFD to respond to local emergencies. He hypothesized the scenario of a person next door at McDonald's having a heart attack while the third ambulance is serving someone in the city. According to the proposed WCCAD contract, the other two ambulances at the station would have to sit in place instead of responding next door.

He maintained ESFD knows how to cover its responsibilities, and "WCCAD commissioners must not be allowed to interfere in the running of the EMS business by specifying how many vehicles and crews shall be kept on call and in reserve for the western district."

David Barnes, a first responder for both Holiday Island and Eureka Springs, also spoke up at the Feb. 21 meeting to point out that in order to get to all parts of the county in 15 minutes or less, there would need to be ambulances strategically stationed and staffed in a triangle around Eureka Springs. The question is who would pay for that solution.

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.



Protecting the Kings River Watershed

The Kings River Watershed Partnership invites members and the public to attend their annual general meeting at 6 p.m. n Tuesday, March 21 at the Berryville Community Center. A speaker from the Arkansas Heritage Commission will talk about recent work improving access to Kings River Falls and work on Sweden Creek.

KRWP is a non-profit, volunteer group of citizens from Carroll and Madison counties focused on preserving the water quality of the Kings River. New memberships and renewals are encouraged. Refreshments will be served. Visit www.kingsriverwatershed.org for more information.

Auxiliary Luncheon at end of March

The Holiday Island Fire Department Auxiliary will hold their luncheon and business meeting at noon on Tuesday, March 28 at the Clubhouse Ballroom in Holiday Island. Doors open for 11:30 a.m. for social visiting and noon for lunch. The cost is \$8 and \$12 for dues. Reservations must be made by Friday, March 24. Call Drenda Higdon at (479) 363-8125.

Meditation through movement March 17

Dances of Universal Peace will be held at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 17 Elk St. at 7 p.m. on Friday, March 17. The Dances are simple, moving meditations that involve the singing of sacred phrases with accompanying movements

from the world's many spiritual traditions.

Participation is free of charge. Contact Rebecca Babbs (479) 253-8303 or email babbsrebecca@gmail.com for more information.

DEPARTURE

Christopher Paul Epley March 15, 1984 – March 9, 2017



Christopher Paul Epley of Eureka Springs Ark., was born March 15, 1984 in Fayetteville, Ark., son of Charles Paul and Janet (Hysell) Epley. He departed this life Thursday, March 9, 2017 in Fayetteville, Ark., at age 32.

Christopher was the owner of AC/DC Welding Services in Eureka Springs, Ark. He was a charter member of the Kings River Pirates, and enjoyed the Razorbacks, Dallas Cowboys, huntin', fishin', boatin', floatin', jokin', teasin', smilin', hikin', talkin', laughin', dreamin', antagonizin' Ashlee, lovin' his boys and LIFE. His signature, ever constant million-dollar smile could light up any room and brighten any day, and left an indelible and profound mark on those he encountered. Christopher deeply loved his wife,

Ashlee, and their two young sons, as well as his family and many friends throughout Northwest Arkansas and beyond.

On June 7, 2014 he was united in marriage with Ashlee Khirsten (Ackerman) Epley who survives him. He is also survived by their sons, Crosby Paul and Clark Paul of the home; his parents Charles and Janet Epley of Eureka Springs, Ark.; sister, Jennifer Epley of Fayetteville, Ark.; brother Curtis Epley and his son, Aro, of Bentonville, Ark.: in-laws Mark and Kellie Grissom of Bentonville, Ark.; several aunts, uncles, cousins, family, and many friends.

He is preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, Lewis and Evelyn Epley of Springdale, Ark., and maternal grandmother, Elvetta

Hysell of Eureka Springs, Ark.

Visitation will be 5 - 8 p.m., Friday, March 17, 2017 at the Nelson's Chapel of the Springs, Eureka Springs, Ark. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m., Saturday, March 18, 2017 at the Faith Christian Family Church, Eureka Springs, Ark., with Rev. Jerry Meeks officiating. Interment will follow the service at the Eureka Springs Cemetery, Eureka Springs, Ark., under direction of Nelson Funeral Service, Inc.

Memorial donations may be made to the Chris Epley Memorial Fund accounts at any Cornerstone Bank or Equity Bank locations. Online condolences may be sent to the family at nelsonfuneral.com @ Nelson Funeral Service, Inc. 2017

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"In Eureka Springs, residents have opposed fluoride for approximately 30 years before a state mandate was passed requiring all water districts with more than 5,000 customers to fluoridate their water. Eureka Springs has voted against fluoridation several times in years past and that includes a referendum put to the voters as well as a resolution passed by the Eureka Springs City Council in 2015.

"Some of our state's largest cities have voted against fluoridation. Fort Smith, Hot Springs and Mountain View have voted against it twice. Other cities that have voted against it include Ashdown, Sulfur Rock and Texarkana.

"One way that Eureka Springs is different from some other cities in the state is that we are a Victorian Village in the Ozark Mountains founded well over a hundred years ago. Our homes and businesses are at risk for high levels of lead in our drinking water because of existing old lead water pipes. I personally discovered that I had lead pipes at my circa 1883 home while doing a renovation in 2010.

"Fluoridation chemicals can increase lead leaching from old pipes. Some cities in Missouri have discontinued water fluoridation because it corroded their pipes.

"Councilman Michael France of Waynesville, Mo., said fluoridation wasn't even on their city's agenda until an employee of the city's water department invited France down to one of the town's well houses, where the fluorosilicate acid is injected into

"France said, 'When it's eating your pipes and scouring out the concrete on your well house floors, that tells you that it's pretty tough stuff."

"Waynesville is the 11th Missouri town to stop water fluoridation in the past 16 years. Missouri cities Waynesville, Buffalo, Forsyth and Pevely, all mentioned damages to city equipment and infrastructure when they decided to cease fluoridation.

"If a substance corrodes water pipes, do you really want to be drinking it?

"Why are Missouri towns given the autonomy to decide whether to fluoridate while Arkansas residents are denied the same rights?

"After the Carroll Boone Water District was forced to fluoridate, the city of Harrison experienced higher levels of lead leaching that put it out of compliance with lead in drinking water. Because of that, Harrison has had to spend additional money to combat corrosion."

[Holding up empty container of fluoridation chemicals]. "This is an empty bag of the fluoride chemicals used by the Carroll Boone Water District. I want to point out the skull and crossbones clearly evident on this bag.

"Note that on the bag it says: Toxic if swallowed. Toxic if in contact with skin. Toxic if inhaled.

"Why are we putting such a dangerous product in our drinking water? In fact, a very small amount of this dry chemical can kill a worker.

"When disposing of this sack it is recommended to: Dispose of this material and its container at a special hazardous waste collection point. Yet when contacted by the state, Carroll Boone Water was told to rinse out the bags and put them in a regular garbage dumpster.

"This bag has the plastic liner taken out and was sanitized before I brought it here as a visual prop.

"Current research indicates Americans are being overfluoridated. There is very little contemporary evidence that has evaluated the effectiveness of water fluoridation for the prevention of caries. While many countries have discontinued fluoridation, here in the U.S., we continue to fluoridate more people than the rest of the world combined.

"I'm not asking you as committee members to be the final authority on deciding this complex and controversial subject.

"I'm just asking that you pass the bill before you out of committee so as to allow a vote of the full Senate on this issue.

"Local governments should have the option to opt out of water fluoridation if their citizens oppose it.

"Let me remind you, 'The government closest to the people serves them best.'

"Please allow democracy to function at the local level to serve the will of the people. Let us decided if we want to put this product in our water supply or not. Please move this bill out of committee."

Arkansas weather at its weirdest – Mother Nature decided to be sporadic last week with warm weather at the beginning of the week and the temperature dropping swiftly Thursday, leading to snow on Saturday and Tuesday. This photo was taken out towards the Leatherwood curves on US 62.

Рното ву Jeremiah Alvarado



Spring cleaning – The Eureka Springs Preservation Society snagged a grant to refurbish the Doughboy in Basin Park in time for the May Festival of the Arts. ESPS members (lower I-r) Linda Bridwell, Virgil Fowler and Dee Bright encourage Norton Arts crew Carol Saari, Wen Norton, Vance Henson, the ones on top getting down and dirty. PHOTO SUBMITTED

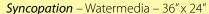
Metaphysically interpreting the New Testament at Metafizzies

The March 20 meeting of the Eureka Springs Metaphysical Society will feature Dr. Stephen Foster continuing his discussion on the metaphysical interpretation of the New Testament. The meeting begins at 7 p.m. at Heart of Many Ways, 68 Mountain Street. All are welcome.

INDEPENDENTART

Stop and smell the flowers

Thirty local artists were invited to participate in the new group exhibit at Brews titled Flower Power. The show will run from March 16 - April 30 with an opening reception on Thursday, March 16 from 5 - 9 p.m. All are welcome.







Victorian Classic this weekend

The Rotary Club of Eureka Springs will host the 35th annual Victorian Classic charity benefit run on Saturday, March 18. There will be a sanctioned 10K race through downtown Eureka Springs as well as a two-mile run and two-mile walk through the upper historic

Awards given for the 10K race will be for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners in 10-year age-based categories. Each will receive a handcrafted mug from a local potter/artist.

Proceeds from the race will benefit Samaritan's Feet to help purchase shoes for local children. For more information email victorianclassic@gmail.com. A link to online registration is available on the Events page at www.eurekarotary.org. In person registration is available at the Inn of the Ozarks Convention Center form 6 – 8 p.m. on Friday and beginning at 7 a.m. on race day.



Aries - Behold, I Make All Things News; Winter to Spring, Water to Fire

e are in our last week of Pisces. Friday is St. Patrick's Day. Early morning Monday, the Sun enters Aries and Spring (northern latitudes) begins. The Sun joins Mercury, Venus and Uranus in Aries, sign of "all things new." Spring equinox (Aries) begins a new astrological year. Aries is the sign that begins the tropical zodiac. Thus, the first day of Aries is also considered International Astrology Day.

The Pisces waters & the fires of Aries create a new season and new seeds of thought. With Uranus in Aries we sense new archetypes calling us to help build the new culture and civilization. Mars in Taurus will sustain and protect those seeds. And Gemini will disperse those seeds into the hearts and minds of humanity.

Moon and Saturn join together on the Equinox at 27 degrees Sagittarius, which is the Galactic Center, a most important heavenly point for information. Sagittarius is the journey and the goal and the wisdom needed for justice to prevail in our world. Humanity's needs must be understood with new wisdom. No longer the old wisdom.

Aries is electric fire. It creates the heat seeds need to

sprout, grow and bloom. Aires fire is the fire in Spring's lightning storms. Aries fire must step itself down before reaching Earth lest the Earth and her kingdom actually catch on fire. Aries steps itself down through Mars, creating the Martian personality, fiery challenges, war, strive and conflict. Mars is desire and later aspiration. We are often "washed in the fires of desire" during Spring. As the creative and fiery Gates of Aries swing open, the Archangel Raphael (also known as the Mercury or Hermes) guards and guides the Earth. The Archangel of Healing.

ARIES: You will feel "in alignment" this month as many new ideas (that become ideals) and unusual revelations are impressed upon your mind. Pay deep attention. They are important and will stabilize your actions and self-identity in the coming challenging times. View and interact in groups with discrimination. Stand tall and courageous and remember that fear just means you need more information. Research. **TAURUS:** You're ceaselessly serving others throughout much of each day. Working

behind the scenes allows you to read, study, research, think and ponder on things undisturbed. Sometimes you're far away from home tending to life and death situations or medical emergencies. You must turn toward yourself now and begin to heal, using different healing modalities,

vitamins, minerals and a special healing diet. Just for you.

GEMINI: After the Venus (your Soul ruler) retrograde we will have Mercury (your personality ruler) retrograde (April 9 – May 3). You're being prepared for future work. With your rulers retrograde, one after the other, I wonder what you're thinking and feeling. Geminis are to disperse the dualities of light and dark on our planet. And then assure humanity of the "love that underlies all events in their world." Can you do this? During the retrogrades you reflect upon friends, past, present and future. CANCER: You may be remembering the many friends and groups you affiliated with, perhaps at work. There was a recognition, a call to leadership, an ability to teach and to help others in need. Do you have a future wish and hope to be fulfilled? Are you considering travel,

people far away? Is there a community interaction you will participate in? Over the years you've developed discrimination, ethics and ideals. How is your garden? Share what you grow.

LEO: Things religious, spiritual, adventuresome, along with places far from here, play upon your mind. You create intentions to be better organized; you prefer plans and agendas to include culture, travel and a sustained, just philosophy. It's important to know how to handle other people's resources (inner and outer). Seek to learn what is of

value about and within each person. Then you recognize how to honor them.

VIRGO: Work continues to be a stabilizing and expansive influence. You develop new ways of relating to everyone professionally and this creates an effective level of leadership. Your power is greater than you recognize and more than most comprehend. Careful with the authority you have become. Intentionally balance discipline, structure, will and kindness. Let love rule.

LIBRA: Your heart is filled with love for another (new, present or past relationship).

Love changes you. You think about money in terms of legacies, inheritances, stocks, investments, taxes or savings. Tend to debts and become very

thrifty. Bring all ideas, concerns and information into the light for discussion. And consider what would sustain you (food, people, items, etc.) if the world changes.

SCORPIO: With your present work situation, consider creating a caring work environment along with new methods of wellbeing, communications and trainings. Tend daily to your physical health, eliminating all sugars, most grains and gluten. Make sure to care for your financial health as well. In the meantime, remember to have fun, play and seek the artistic and the beautiful. Then creativity expands exponentially.

SAGITTARIUS: In your daily life, be willing to listen carefully to others, agree with and participate in their ideas. This creates a loving emotional balance in your life. Should you do this you will be seen as one who is wise, intelligent and thoughtful – a new persona.

Begin to intentionally cooperate, share and offer praise. These create Right Relations within and without. Right Relations is one of the Laws of the Aquarian Age.

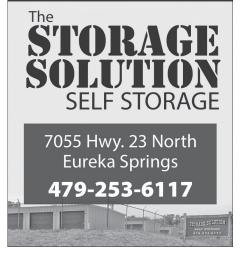
CAPRICORN: Your consistent care and nourishment given to family and tradition leads to a depth of unexpected feelings and recognition by others. You are, to family, the "love that underlies all things" for them. Sometimes our families are far away. If this is the situation radiate Goodwill from your heart to those around you. Then people, walking into your radiant light, feel you are their family.

AQUARIUS: Watch with care all resources, finances, money. Be very aware of what your values are. Maintain communication with family and siblings. Are you moving about a lot, does your present environment need change and improvement for you to feel safe and secure? Communicate to everyone what your needs are. A new opportunity reveals itself recognizing your talents and your work needed in the world. Change transforms us.

PISCES: Neptune, Chiron and Pallas Athena are in Pisces. At times, you feel captive and betrayed. Choices must be made. A home, a new foundation or purpose. Neptune is dropping the veils between kingdoms. Chiron makes you exceptionally sensitive, aware of hurts with, to, and from others. Pallas Athena opens the door to intuition. You miss so many things that are dissolving away. Find your place in the garden. Remain there. Especially at dawn and dusk.

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Making cash of your clutter

The springs Yards & Yards of Yard Sales will be on Friday, April 28 and Saturday, April 29 from 7 a.m. - 3 p.m.Now is the time to clean up your clutter and you can make the most of your efforts by signing up and getting your name on the official YYYS map that is distributed throughout the town on the weekend.

Stop at the Eureka Springs Chamber of Commerce at Pine Mountain Village and pay \$15 to mark your spot on the map and get your YYYS permit sign. The signup deadline to ensure your space on the map is noon on Wednesday, April 19. For more information call (479) 253-8737 or email Jessica@ eurekaspringschamber.com

30 minutes of quiet

The Eureka Springs Buddhist Study Group will gather for 30 minutes of meditation followed by reading and discussion on Thursday, March 16 at 4 p.m. at Heart of Many Ways, 68 Mountain Street. All are welcome.

Indivisible meeting March 13

Eureka Springs Indivisible will meet at Sparky's on Monday, March 13 at 6 p.m. For more information about the group go to Indivisible Eureka Springs Share Community on Facebook.

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existing refinancing the Police Department property loan for the purpose of financing three moneysaving projects at the sewer facility: creating a chemical testing lab, constructing a bulk chemical storage facility and purchasing a generator to power the plant during peak usage times. Public Works Director Dwayne

Allen had stated these projects would pay for themselves fairly quickly and begin to bolster the finances of the city.

In addition, the refinancing would be at a lower interest rate, so there would also be a cash flow savings.

After council agreed to a slight amendment, Resolution 706 was approved unanimously, and Berry will bring council information on bids.

DININGOUT in our cool little town

Area restaurants are ready for you. EAT OUT OFTEN. Take a break and enjoy a good meal.

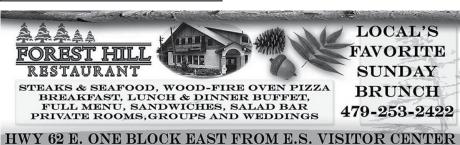






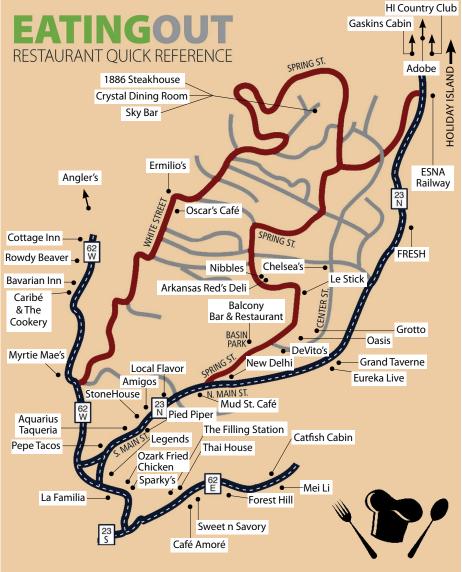




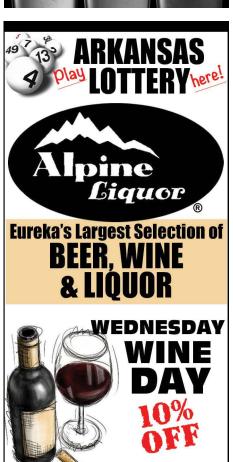














Red Ambition play Cathouse Saturday, March 18, 8 p.m.

Live music five nights at Cathouse Lounge, Wearin' of the Green parade downtown Saturday

he Cathouse Lounge is a biker friendly place with rockin' music and a great porch to watch South Main Street. Featuring live music Tuesday through Saturday nights, this weekend rocks out harder after the annual beer barrel surf (Latigo? You in?) in the St. Patrick's parade. On Friday Septembers End starts things off and Saturday Red Ambition keeps the parade party vibe going well into the night.

THURSDAY, MARCH 16

BREWS - Handmade Moments, Americana, 8 p.m.

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 - Another Turn, Rock, 9

FRIDAY, MARCH 17

BALCONY RESTAURANT - Jeff

Lee, Folk, 12 p.m., Steve Jones, Singer/ Songwriter, 5 p.m.

BREWS - Jesse Dean, Singer/ Songwriter, 7 p.m.

CATHOUSE LOUNGE – Septembers End, Rock, 8 p.m.

CHELSEA'S - Skinny Gypsies, Americana, 6 - 9 p.m.

EUREKA LIVE! - DJ and Dancing, 9 p.m.

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

LEGENDS - DJ Karaoke with Stan, 8 p.m.

NEW DELHI - Pete and Dave, Americana, 6 p.m.

ROWDY BEAVER - 2 Dog 2 Karaoke, 7 p.m.

ROWDY BEAVER DEN - Terri and Brett, Rock, 8 p.m.

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 18

DOWNTOWN – St. Patrick's Parade,

2 p.m.

BALCONY RESTAURANT – Pearl Brick, Singer/Songwriter, 12 p.m., Michael Dimitri, Singer/Songwriter, 6

BREWS - Blues Quartet, Blues, 7 p.m. **CATHOUSE LOUNGE - Red**

Ambition, Rock, 8 p.m.

CHELSEA'S – Skinny Gypsies, Americana, 3 p.m., Earl and Them, R and B, 9 p.m.

CLUB E - Emerald Night Dance Party, 8 p.m.

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

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

LEGENDS - Another Turn, Rock, 9

NEW DELHI - Corey Jay, Singer/ Songwriter, 12 - 4 p.m., *Pete and Dave*, Americana, 6 p.m.

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

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 19

BALCONY RESTAURANT – James White, Singer/Songwriter, 12 and 5

BREWS – *Blues Quartet*, Blues, 2-5p.m., Trivia Night, 6 p.m.

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

NEW DELHI – Stu, Americana, 12:30

ROWDY BEAVER DEN - Terri and Brett, Rock, 2 p.m.

MONDAY, MARCH 20

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 21

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

CHELSEA'S - Open Mic, 9 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22

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

EUREKA LIVE! - DJ and Dancing, 9

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

Acoustic guitar lessons being offered

Main Stage will be offering beginner acoustic guitar lessons for six weeks starting on March 22 – April 26 from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. Students will learn five basic chords and basic guitar skills to allow them to play a song. On the sixth week students will play their song during a group recital for students and their invited guests.

The class fee is &90 and space is limited. There are no age requirements. For more information call acoustic guitarist and class instructor Mike Gruning at (479) 981-4048.

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DROPPINGA Line by Robert Johnson

s e e m s this cold weather caused my Sunday striper trip to cancel out and it blew in on my Friday trip here at the Island that we couldn't get much to go here except some smaller spotted bass. So with no pic I decided to show the map of Beaver and explain how the striper migration goes, starting with where most lay their eggs which is up river.

On the bottom left is Hickory Creek Park with a launch in the park and another at the dock. Which will cost \$5 at the dock but you don't need a park pass unless you put in on park side.

If you go up river vou see where lake forks, this is Point 12 with the longest stretch of flats on

the lake all the way back to Hickory. The White River goes south here and that's the War Eagle coming in from the east. This is where were catching the stripers now.

On the flats and up both arms is where they will lay their eggs. After the spawn the river warms faster. Then the lake warms, so they head back north, Horseshoe Bend to the Prairie Creek and the islands by 12 bridge being where they usually settle in until about June.

As the water warms more they move towards Rocky Branch. Then when it's warm enough to swim and back up in the 80s they spend the summer at our back door between Rocky Branch and Beaver Dam until we start to cool back down, which is close to October.

Then they migrate back towards the 12 bridge area for the winter, along with most the shad. When the water is cool they will be as shallow as 2 feet, which is now. When cold, below 50°, they might be as deep as 30

PEA 81008, ARK Bearer Lake Project Office **Beaver Lake** FOR YOUR SAFETY, READ THESE WARNINGS

> - 40 feet deep, and the same in the summer when the water gets above 74°.

> The colder months they like small bait best so buying shiners can put fish in the boat. As the water warms, big shad from 5 to 10 inches work best.

> The report for now is water temp here at the Island and up river on Beaver is about 54°. I don't think this cold front will drop it much, so by the middle of next week we should be back to where we are now.

> With crappie in 8 to 12 feet of water, catch them on jigs and minnows 6 to 8 feet deep. Bass are on the flats with the sun then holding deeper off the bluffs. And walleye here at the Island, up river or back hanging off the flats here after their eggs are laid.

> Well, that's it for this week. Got a warm weekend coming to let us know summer is closer than winter. So get that tackle ready boys and girls. Johnson Guide Service www.fishofexcellence.com (479) 253-2258

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are female.

- The May Festival of the Arts calendar is being updated regularly with a variety of first time events, and there will be a Gallery Stroll every Saturday.
- Maloney said in February Eureka Springs received \$81,000 in free public relations through online, television and

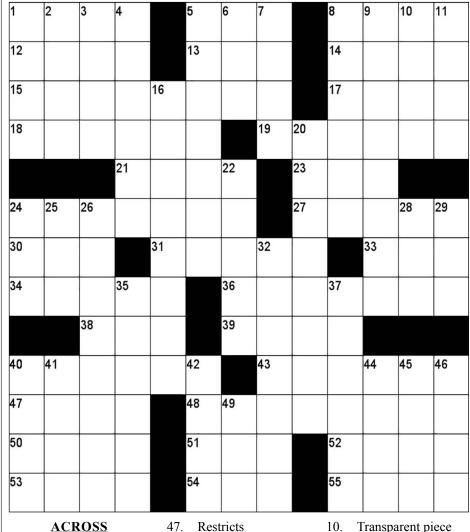
print resources.

• In February, the CAPC included Chicago, Omaha and Des Moines in its Facebook advertising and the results were positive. Every month, Maloney will include three additional new cities.

Next workshop will be Wednesday. March 22, at 4 p.m. at the CAPC office. Next regular meeting will be Wednesday, April 12, at 6 p.m.

INDEPENDENT Crossword

by Mike Boian with extensive help from his wife, Ann



- 1. More than
- 5. Fire
- 8. Spurn
- 12. Lawn care tool
- Singular
- 14. Baltic tributary
- 15. Type of household power
- 17. Basic trig function
- 18. Six piece musical group
- 19. A simple sugar
- Odd members in a 21. binary system
- 23. Feeling sick
- Purpose of PODS® 24.
- 27. "Must have" items
- 30. Member of Attila's army
- 31. Approaches
- 33. Dove sound
- 34. Throw up
- 36. Turned on axis
- 38. That woman
- 39 Mincemeat fat
- 40. False name
- 43. Bright auburn hair shade

- Cardinals' title of distinction
- 50. Relating to Scots Gaelic
- Measure of weight
- Mix in a pan
- 53. Permanent colors
- Ram's dam 54.
- Daily list for many

DOWN

- 1. Unrefined mineral extracts
- 2. Spoken farewell (archaic)
- Squeezes (out)
- Head of certain universities or colleges
- Solemn procession
- Black, tropical
- American cuckoo Giraffe's defining feature
- 8. Bump or push
- roughly Individual's speech pattern

- of glass used to correct vision
- 11. Sycamore or magnolia
- Residents, collectively
- 20. Great scientist of the 20th century
- 22. Competitor of Penney's
- 24. That woman
- 25. Ocean liner assistant
- Small town description
- 28. Female kangaroo
- 29. Roll of grass
- Regular regimen
- Humans have five
- Verify
- 40. Reclining, often
- Not any
- Distribute or apportion
- In the direction of
- Reddens blue litmus paper
- 46. Italian fiddler
- Cut down

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The INDEPENDENT Classifieds cost \$8 for 20 words, each additional word is 25¢. **DEADLINE - Monday at noon** To place a classified, email Classifieds.Indie@gmail.com or call 479.253.6101

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located at 2075 E. Van Buren in Pine Mountain Village

has Tuesday spots available for LOCAL RESTAURANTS to

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PERSONALS

Dear daughter,

Big build number two over budget and behind schedule due to weather and employee issues.

PERSONALS

PJP – T is coming to town! Traffic is sure to be a mess. Should be an interesting sight to see. Think I'll stay away, don't want to be caught between the supporters and protesters.

ANTIQUES

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Yards of art look smart

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 or (479) 244-5981.

Sunday at EUUF

Helga Dietzal will talk about a community of nuns who for over 100 years dedicated their entire lives providing shelter and care for the elderly, homeless and poor at Eureka Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 17 Elk Street at 11 a.m. Childcare is provided and extra parking at Ermilio's Restaurant, 26 White Street.

Personal safety preparedness meetings set for Holiday Island

Learn about personal safety and preparedness on March 24 and April 21 at 2 p.m. at the Holiday Island Firehouse No. 1, 251 Holiday Island Drive, to help inform individuals and local communities about disaster and emergency

The first meeting will be situational awareness to maintain safety and preparedness and on April 21, the meeting will focus on earthquake awareness, preparedness and response. The meetings are open to all. For more information contact Higdon at (479) 363-8125.

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.

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2:44 p.m. - Constable filed a report on a damaged utility box.

2:50 p.m. – There was a two-vehicle accident downtown.

MARCH 12

7:35 a.m. – Staff at a tourist lodging reported an individual passed out in his van. Constable found him in a restaurant and arrested him for public intoxication.

10:32 a.m. - Constable checked on a burglar alarm at a business south of town and found the business secure.

12:10 p.m. - There was a two-vehicle accident south of town. No injuries.

1:09 p.m. - A grandparent requested a welfare check on a two-year old granddaughter and provided information regarding a possible location and vehicle. Constables found the suspect vehicle at a business on US 62 and arrested one individual on warrants out of Berryville and CCSO. Another person was arrested for violating a protection order. The child was released to the grandparents.

2:23 p.m. - Caller said he arrived at his residence to find someone had broken in and items were missing. Constable gathered information for detectives.

11:44 p.m. – As a result of a traffic stop, the driver was arrested for DWI#3, implied consent, driving left of center and driving on a suspended license. A passenger was arrested for second offense of third degree assault, disorderly conduct and public intoxication.

March 13

12:47 a.m. - Tow truck driver asked for a constable to check on a call he had received about a vehicle in a ditch. Constable found there was no damage and the owner of the vehicle did not a report.

