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This week’s Independent thinker

Sometimes it feels like the world is playing a joke on us simply because we anticipated that life would always continue to improve. But it’s not. Non-men, non-Christians and non-whites are under daily assault by our own “leadership.”

Kersti Kaljulaid was an ordinary, smart sales manager for a phone company. She’s also a biologist and a birdwatcher who became a member of the European Court of Auditors, a group dedicated to improving EU financial management to benefit citizens.

One day she was asked to run for President of Estonia. She did. She won.

Kaljulaid calls herself “a liberal conservative.” She is liberal on social issues (LGBT and women’s rights, immigration), and conservative, but inclusive, in government spending.

We were struck that this woman, successful because of her freedom and her brain, made the Estonian Dream sound remarkably similar to what the American Dream once was.



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Flying high – Even the threat of rain didn’t stop people from heading to Turpentine Creek Wildlife Refuge for *Art with an Altitude* Kite Festival. Folks got to enjoy a few hours of kite flying before heavy rain came down around 12:30 p.m. See more pictures on page 17. **PHOTO BY JEREMIAH ALVARADO**

Council considers new strategy
for water rate increase

NICKY BOYETTE

At Monday evening’s city council meeting, Eureka Springs Mayor Butch Berry presented a third strategy for raising water and sewer rates. He had previously presented the strategy for an increase of a flat fee on both water and sewer rates followed by a method he called a Bond Service Fee. His third strategy, which council eventually voted to endorse as a starting point for Wednesday’s town hall meeting, was a 21 percent increase on sewer rates, no increase on water rates but an additional Infrastructure Improvement (I&I) fee.

Berry distributed a chart explaining the effect of the proposal. Tier 1 users, totaling 792 accounts and 42 percent of the customers, currently pay for each thousand gallons of water used \$11.20 for water and \$9.50 for sewer which adds up to an average monthly bill of \$20.70. With the proposed rate method, the monthly fees for sewer would go to \$11.49 making the monthly total with a \$5 I&I fee equal \$27.69. This represents an increase of \$6.99 per thousand gallons of water used.

There are 848 Tier 2 customers comprising 45 percent

of the customer base. Currently they pay on average \$24.48 for water and \$26.84 for sewer. The sewer bill would increase to \$32.47, which added to the water fee and a \$10 I&I fee, would total \$66.95, an increase of \$15.63.

The remaining 13 percent are the 246 Tier 3 customers, and they currently average \$1176.32 per month for water consumption of 8001 gallons or more, and for sewer they average \$1430.61 for a monthly total of \$2606.93 Under the new rate, Tier 3 sewer bill would increase to \$1731.03 and the I&I fee would equal \$50 making the adjusted monthly average equal to \$2957.35, a net monthly increase of \$350.42.

Berry said the rate increase would bring revenue from sewer rates to a break even point with expenses, and the I&I fee would go toward meeting the bond covenant. He expects the proposed rates would provide an increase of \$459,775 annually allowing the city to pay off one of the bonds in three years and the other one in 10 years. He stated the plan is fairly distributed across all customer levels and would give the city an opportunity to be debt-free for the

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first time.

Alderman Terry McClung commented the plan seemed fairly simple and it seemed to work, and alderman David Mitchell said it addressed concerns aired by citizens. He especially liked paying off bonded indebtedness, allowing the city to spend resources on rebuilding infrastructure instead of paying down debt.

Alderman Kristi Kendrick disagreed the proposal was ideal, although she acknowledged it was the best proposal so far.

Mitchell asked City Attorney Tim Weaver if he saw anything wrong, and he replied it looked okay, and would provide a fund for the future.

Vote to adopt this model as the city's formal presentation for Wednesday's discussion with the public was 5-1 in favor, Kendrick voting No. There was back and forth as to whether the upcoming public conversation would be a town hall meeting, a workshop or an official public hearing. Berry had announced at the March 13 meeting state law requires council to set proposed rates for a sewer increase before it can establish the date for a public hearing regarding the increase. Weaver had even prepared an ordinance based on the proposed rate changes in case council wanted to get started.

After much deliberation about publishing notice of the rate increase in papers according to law, as well as allowing time for public input, aldermen eventually decided to conduct the first meeting with the public and at a later time consider the ordinance and set the date for the official public hearing.

A bump in the road

Some residents on East Mountain had presented

requests for the city to reconsider placing speed bumps on the thoroughfare. Others had asked for another one. When the matter came up, McClung said he thought it was an administrative decision, not an issue for council, and other aldermen agreed. Thomas stated the Police Department should control traffic with or without speed bumps.

Mitchell told Berry he agreed council should "shuffle it over to you," and Berry said he was okay with their decision.

During Public Comments, Leon Burt quoted former alderman James DeVito's statement that "Protecting neighborhoods is imperative to the welfare of the community. We are a living, breathing town with people who live and work here." Burt applied the intent of the quote to the situation regarding speed bumps on East Mountain, and advised "the Planning Commission and the Police Department [to] study the issue objectively and implement a solution that both parties would accept."

Also in Comments, Justice of the Peace Lamont Richie asked how the city would know if its plan to raise water or sewer rates was objective and even-handed. He said he would "object to a fee increase until you figure out whether you have a fair and equitable rate structure."

Eric Knowles suggested the city charge a fixed rate per gallon used for water and sewer instead of the tier structure in place now. "Use a gallon, pay for a gallon," Knowles said.

There will be an open discussion regarding water and sewer rates Wednesday, March 29, at 6 p.m. at the Auditorium.

Next meeting will be Monday, April 10, at 6 p.m.

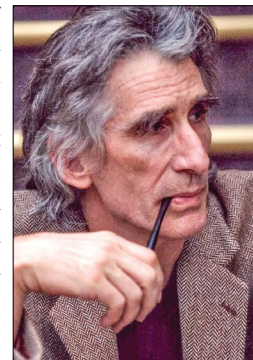
Music befitting Max

A Jazz Memorial for Eureka Springs artist, musician and longtime resident Max Elbo is April 11, 2017. The jazz processional will begin at 6 p.m. at Sweet Spring (across from the Post Office in Eureka Springs); walk with us behind the musicians as we wind down to Basin Park, where there will be music until 8 p.m.

There will be a "Farewell, Max" blessing bowl for photos, cards, art, stories, drop off videos, cds; however you'd like to remember Max. We will close at 8 with a moment of silence and one last shout ... "Farewell, Max!"

We loved Max and he loved this town for more than 40 years. Dress for fun and get your "second line" on!

Rain plan is Basin Park Hotel Ballroom. For more info call Karen at (479) 981-9578 or visit www.benefitmaxelbo.org



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Democrats convene

The Democratic Party of Carroll County will meet on Wednesday, April 5 at 6 p.m. in the Carroll Electric facility, 920 US-62 Spur in Berryville. Doors open at 5:30 p.m.



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First aid for the hospital

NICKY BOYETTE

Rock Bordelon, CEO of Allegiance Health Management, addressed council on Monday about his plan for renovating Eureka Springs Hospital. He said his company had researched the idea of building a new facility, and he has come to realize the best option might be to rebuild the present facility.

The plan he presented would be to move all services from the oldest building and then take it down. It would be rebuilt according to plans yet to be developed, but the end result would be an upgrade that would benefit the city for years to come. He proposed to move some non-critical services off-site temporarily so that patient services would not be interrupted, and upon completion of the project move everything back into place.

Bordelon stated there might be 12 semi-private patient rooms with 24 beds and the opportunity a slightly larger emergency room. All plans were tentative until architects could get to work. He expected the project to cost \$6-8 million.

He said Allegiance could help the Hospital Commission seek funding because his company has experience and connections in that arena. The commission would borrow the money and Allegiance would alter its lease commensurate with the loan. Mayor Butch Berry pointed out it would be the city that obtained the loan.

Alderman David Mitchell stated ESH still exists because Allegiance took it over. Others came and went, but Allegiance has upgraded the facility and added to its ability to serve the city.

McClung asked who would be responsible for what during preliminary studies, and Bordelon said the Hospital Commission would hire the architects who would bring in engineers for the initial study, which might cost \$30,000.

Michael Merry, chair of the Hospital Commission, told council that commissioners had spoken with Bordelon only that afternoon and had not discussed the plan yet. He said his personal feeling was that it was not a bad solution. The commission wants healthcare citizens can count on, and Eureka Springs has that because of Allegiance. He acknowledged the aging facility has its limitations, so it needs an overhaul.

Bordelon added that the hospital could not add to the emergency room, for example, or add patient rooms without the makeover. Mitchell stated in his experience it costs more to renovate than to rebuild, so "new construction is the way to go." Mitchell moved to endorse the plan for the Hospital Commission to engage with Allegiance to start the process. There was a very loud vote of approval.

Merry told council he would get to work and keep them informed.

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.

Save the date

The annual Eureka Goddess Gala fundraiser is scheduled for 6 p.m. on Wednesday, April 12 at the Basin Park Ballroom. Proceeds go to the Merlin Foundation for abused children. This is an all-women's gourmet potluck and dance with blessings of seeds and children.

There will be a raffle, drumming, dancing, silent auction and live music. Tickets are available from Annie's, Gazebo Books, Eureka Market, and Valerie Damon. For more information go to www.goddessgala.com.

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Extending LLC tax passes second reading

NICKY BOYETTE

Parks Director Justin Huss told council on Monday that the one-eighth cent tax supporting projects at Lake Leatherwood will sunset in September. He said he has been discussing the issue with city hall for a while, and came to realize the best option would be for Parks to hold its own special election at its expense no later than June 13. Any later and the tax would not be considered a renewal, therefore requiring Parks to start over.

Huss said to meet the deadline, council would need to pass all readings of the ordinance quickly. Alderman David Mitchell remarked he did not like this ordinance being brought to council at the last minute, and Mayor Butch Berry commented Huss had been talking with city hall about this and learned about the need to rush only recently.

Alderman Kristi Kendrick said the city had more dire needs, like repairing the dam at Black Bass Lake and the Auditorium, although she would vote to put the ordinance on the ballot.

Alderman Mickey Schneider stated there is nothing for kids to do in town, and it should not be a problem passing a one-eighth-cent ordinance that gives kids something to do.

Mitchell said he would vote for it, but agreed with Kendrick. Alderman Bob Thomas also said he would vote to put it on the ballot, but would not vote for an emergency clause. He said Parks has had plenty time to bring this to council.

Alderman Terry McClung moved to give the proposed ordinance a number and put it on its first reading, and the first reading was approved unanimously. He moved to put Ordinance 2254 on its second reading, and the vote was 3-2-1, Kendrick and alderman Peg Adamson voting No, Mitchell abstaining. Berry cast the fourth affirmative vote to have the second reading.

After the ordinance was read, McClung moved to approve it, and there was trepidation around the table about not allowing enough time for public input even though the purpose of the ordinance

was to put the issue to a vote of the people.

Huss reiterated the rush was regrettable, but if it were not passed along with the emergency clause at the next meeting, Parks would have to start over and there would be a considerable gap in revenue for projects at LLC. Kendrick pointed out this was the second time recently Parks had come to council with an emergency, and she did not want it to happen again.

Vote to approve the second reading was, again, 3-2-1, Kendrick and Adamson voting No, Mitchell abstaining, and Berry casting the fourth Yes vote, so the second reading passed, leaving a third reading with an emergency clause for the next meeting.

Third vacation reading rough, but passes

Ordinance 2253 gives jurisdiction of existing and proposed trails to the Parks Commission but returns other green spaces to the city. As the ordinance came up for its third reading, Thomas pointed out there were two landlocked green spaces surrounded by his property. He said if he were to try to vacate them, he might put a shed on one of them, but they would be gone from the city forever, and he liked having green space in town.

McClung stated that no one has said just because the city regains jurisdiction

over green spaces, the city intends to sell anything to anyone.

Schneider jumped in to claim Kendrick, who crafted the ordinance, wanted to raise the fee on the vacation process and rip off citizens. Schneider contended the ordinance “opens the door to city corruption.” She argued the whole point was to let Parks take care of green spaces, but Ord. 2253 allows the city to “screw Parks and everybody else,” plus the city would now have to pay for taking care of trees in the green spaces. “Why should the city take it back?” she asked.

Kendrick answered that the city owns the spaces now, not Parks, and the city right now could take back jurisdiction of any space in one meeting by passing two ordinances. Her intent had been to simplify the process.

Schneider did not see the need for being in a hurry, but McClung pointed out the whole point was to expedite the process. Tiring of the quibbling, he said, “It’s been hashed out. Let’s vote.”

Mitchell agreed there were too many meetings on the vacation process now, and pointed out some vacations have lasted a year or more.

Vote to approve the third reading of Ord. 2253 was 3-3, Thomas, Adamson and Schneider voting No. Berry cast the deciding fourth Yes vote.

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Stop by Caribe/The Cookery on Wednesday, April 5 from 7 – 9 p.m. Enjoy music by award winning *Bard Insurgent* Tom Neilson and learn about the efforts of Citizens' Climate Lobby. Donations at the door benefit CCL's Arkansas Chapter.

March against bigotry

Because of the increasing vandalism of Jewish cemeteries, forced deportations of Mexican immigrants and citizens, and threats of violence against people of color we people of Eureka Springs, will march against anti-Semitism and all forms of racism on April 23, Holocaust

Remembrance Day. Meet at 2 p.m. across from Brews and walk to Basin Park. Music provided by Helga Dietzel and Gem Frederick. Speakers (3 minutes each, really!) Trella Laughlin, Rae Hahn, Marie Howard, John House, M.D., and Rabbi Robert Lennick.

Soccer Spring Jamboree this Saturday

The Eureka Springs Soccer Club will host its Spring Jamboree on Saturday, April 1 at the City Leatherwood Ballfields from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Fundraising arts and crafts tables are available along with concessions. Some booth spaces are still available for rent at \$30. For information contact Rachel Hyatt at 981-0056 or email rhyatt@es.k12.ar.us.

Three ambulance services bid for contract

NICKY BOYETTE

Western Carroll County Ambulance District commissioners convened at the Berryville courthouse March 23 for opening of bids to provide ambulance service to the western side of the county. The Eureka Springs Fire Department Emergency Medical Services is the current provider for the contract that expires June 30.

Carroll County Judge Sam Barr brought a sealed box into the crowded jury room and handed it to WCCAD chair Sam Ward. The room was quiet as Ward pulled out bids from ESFD EMS, Mercy Ambulance Service and Ozark EMS.

Ward read the technical bids that described the staffing and services to be provided, and they varied in how each agency intended to fulfill requirements of the contract. Mercy's bid stated they intend to dispatch out of the Springfield office, but Mercy representative Bob Patterson said they would defer to the needs of the commission.

Patterson told Ward the cost of ambulance service is tied to call volume and the requirement of staging two staffed ambulances for WCCAD at all times. He added the cost would vary with each provider depending on how each intends to provide the service. Mercy's bid was \$590,000 per year.

The bid from ESFD stated they would provide two ambulances at the main station in Eureka Springs plus a backup positioned at its station south of town and at its other Eureka Springs station. They asked for an amount equal to 85 percent of the annual revenue received by WCCAD. Ward stated WCCAD receives approximately \$300,000 annually which meant the bid would equal \$255,000.

Ward asked Fire Chief Nick Samac if the two ambulances at the main station would continue to respond to emergencies in Eureka Springs, which he said would make them part-time ambulances for WCCAD.

Samac responded ESFD would continue to serve Eureka Springs, but he would ensure there would be full coverage for the western district. His bid described a strategy of having two ambulances with paramedics available at all times plus two



WCCAD's Sam Ward opens ambulance bids last Thursday.

other crews that could be called in. He also said there are mutual backfill agreements in place for larger emergencies.

Ozark EMS asked for 80 percent of the annual WCCAD revenue, which would be \$240,000, with an ambulance to be positioned in Holiday Island and another one west of Eureka Springs, exact locations not yet determined. They also have mutual backfill arrangements to call upon when necessary. Ozark EMS currently serves the eastern district with an ambulance positioned in Berryville and one in Green Forest. The agency also provides ambulance service for Izard County.

After reading the bids, Ward suggested they take the documents home to evaluate and prioritize them and decide whether they comply with what WCCAD requires. He said it would be best to settle the matter sooner rather than later.

Commissioners agreed to have a meeting Monday, April 3, at 1:30 p.m., at Cornerstone Bank in Holiday Island to discuss the bids. Ward said the decision could be made then or at their regular meeting Tuesday, April 18.

Final comment came from Dr. Greg Kresse who said he has been the medical director for ESFD EMS for 20 years. He called the decision on the contract "a public health issue." He said he has seen ESFD tailor itself to cover the western district with staff trained in Haz-Mat and poison spill

emergencies. He claimed ESFD could get to remote locations without GPS, a feat the others cannot duplicate.

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Local man sentenced for Second Degree murder

NICKY BOYETTE

On Thursday, March 23, Eureka Springs resident Christopher Kevin Butler, 44, was sentenced to 21 years in the Arkansas Department of Corrections for murder in the second degree in the shooting death of John Caitlin Keck, 30, on the night of Feb. 19, 2016.

According to court documents, Butler had been hog hunting north of Eureka Springs, as he often did, when he saw a vehicle speeding up “the wallow road” west of Hwy. 23. Butler’s Jeep blocked the road, and Butler claimed he heard two males talking. He said one of them cursed at him and threatened to push his vehicle out of the way. One of them got into Butler’s vehicle. Words were exchanged, and Butler said he heard someone “jack a round,” meaning engage a bullet in a weapon. He later told interrogators, “I felt like if I didn’t pull the trigger I was going to die.”

He fired three times. Court documents indicate one shot hit near the door on the driver’s side of the vehicle and two went

through the glass in the rear passenger compartment. The deceased had wounds in his left side and back.

Butler called Carroll County Sheriff’s Office and the Eureka Springs Police Department to report the incident. He also called his hog-hunting friend Dustin Anderson, and according to Anderson’s statement, asked him to bring a pistol to the scene. Though he denied it several times to interrogators before finally admitting it, Butler grabbed the pistol from Anderson and told him to go direct authorities to their location. Butler then placed the weapon near Keck’s body in the Jeep. In his interrogation, he said planted the gun because he was afraid he would be accused of murder if Keck were unarmed.

Originally, Carroll County Prosecutor Tony Rogers had pursued charges of First Degree murder, a Class Y

felony; tampering with evidence, a Class D felony; and sentencing enhancement pursuant to Butler’s use of a firearm in the commission of a crime. As a result of a plea agreement, Butler pleaded guilty to murder in the second degree, and to committing a terroristic act by shooting a firearm into a vehicle occupied by Keck. The sentence for this act was 40 years of which 19 years were suspended with the remaining 21 years to run concurrent with the first sentence.

Butler was given credit for 397 days served in the Carroll County Correctional Facility.

According to Deputy Prosecutor Craig Parker, ADC will determine where Butler serves his sentence during the intake interview. Butler will be eligible for parole once he serves half of his 21-year sentence minus time for good behavior as determined by ADC.

Seat on CAPC available

The City Advertising and Promotion Commission has an immediate opening due to the resignation of commissioner Charles Ragsdell. This is the only open chair position, so any adult resident of Carroll County with an interest/background in tourism may apply. This term on the commission expires June 30, 2018.

Individual must reside in Carroll County and be a qualified voter. It is in the best interests of the commission that an applicant be involved in the tourism industry. Prospective commissioner must receive approval from Eureka Springs City Council to be sworn in.

Those interested will find applications, requirements, and more information at www.CAPC.biz

Commissioners will review applications at the April 12, 2017 meeting at 6 p.m. at the Carroll County Courthouse/Eureka Springs City Hall. Deadline to submit credentials is April 11, 2017.

Applications can be emailed to: Director@EurekaSprings.org or mailed to CAPC, P. O. Box 522, Eureka Springs, AR 72632. They can also be hand delivered to the CAPC at 121 E. Van Buren, Suite 3B, Eureka Springs, AR 72632.

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 30 at 4 p.m. at Heart of Many Ways, 68 Mountain Street. All are welcome.

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 preparedness.

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Green and commissioners get acquainted; talk events

NICKY BOYETTE

"Thanks for inviting me to do what I love to do," Andy Green, events coordinator for the City Advertising and Promotion Commission, told commissioners at the March 23 workshop. Green, who has an extensive background in promoting events, has been on the job for about a month, and began very practically by breaking down the budget commissioners had crafted for events in 2017.

"I want to make sure I'm doing what you have in mind," he said.

Green pointed out the allotment for Basin Park music series is \$45,000. This amount includes seven Dancing in the Park fourth Saturdays, eight Drumming in the Park Saturdays and seven Second Saturday music acts leaving only \$11,000 for both the bluegrass and jazz weekends. Also there is \$12,000 budgeted for the Folk Festival.

"There is not much to throw around per act," Green said. "I'm trying to do what you want." He advised commissioners if they want to raise the bar, they might want to reconsider the budget for bluegrass and jazz.

He added he was "not trying to present a quandary that is unsolvable" because there are good acts he can get. He said he and Executive Director Mike Maloney went to the recent International Folk Alliance in Kansas City and saw 70 artists, and there was great talent there but they might not be known yet outside their dedicated followers.

Green noted the Walton Arts Center in Fayetteville has sponsors for its shows, but it is difficult to attract sponsors if you do not have a recent history of success. His goal would be to have most of the 2018 schedule set by autumn so the CAPC

can begin long-term promotion, and "find sponsors to share the risk with us."

Regarding the Folk Festival, commissioners pointed out they had rescheduled it for the first weekend in November, and there was sentiment in town for rebuilding momentum for the event beginning with a better parade. Finance Director Rick Bright commented the festival might need more money for attracting better artists, but Green stated, "I'll work with what you give me."

Green also mentioned he has been talking with promoters who could bring acts to the Auditorium. He knows folks who might send acts his way, and said he hopes to could get just one act per year from promoters he knows as a start.

Regarding patrons in Washington and Benton Counties, he said, "They once drove over here, but there are more people over there now." He said the CAPC should remind folks about the Eureka Springs experience, get people talking about the shows over here.

Commissioner Dustin Duling commented, "I appreciate having a competent person with a plan."

Maloney said he did not know yet what to expect regarding the Blues Weekend in June. Promoter Charles Ragsdell staged the event last year at Turpentine Creek Wildlife Reserve because of his commitment to their efforts. Commissioners acknowledged locals expect blues acts in town as well, so they were hoping Green could work cooperatively and constructively with Ragsdell to put on music in town that would not compete with events at Turpentine Creek.

Green recognized the goal of his events is to bring in people from out of town who will buy tickets and stay in

motels, but added, "If being in the concert business was easy, we'd all be doing it." He said the CAPC is already marketing Eureka Springs, and the events are just adding a hook to the marketing.

Maloney agreed with Green's goal of having some of the events for 2018 in place by October because many visitors come to town then, and it would be easy to promote shows to those already here.

Celebrate our freedoms April 15

Celebrate your First Amendment rights at a parade on April 15. At 2 p.m., after the parade, there will be a gathering in Basin Park where various social organizations will have petitions and information. To sign up or for more information contact Nancy Paddock at nlpaddock@gmail.com or call (479) 244-0123. Parade lines up at 1 p.m. and rolls out at 2 p.m.

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Follow the rubles

Editor,

It seems Hillary Clinton was right. Our new president appears to be a puppet of the Russian government. It has been reported that Trump's Attorney General, Chief of Staff, Secretary of Commerce, Secretary of State, NSA Advisor, Campaign Manager, Foreign Policy Advisor, Communications Aide and son-in-law were/are all working with the Russians.

Even Congress member Devin Nunes is involved with Russians. Nunes, who was a member of Trump's transition team, is the Republican in charge of the House Intelligence Committee hearings on Trump's involvement with Russia. Outside of being a congressman, Nunes is half owner of a winery and his Russian partner is a close friend of Vladimir Putin.

Trump himself is indirectly linked to Russian money. His bank, to which he owes \$300 million, is Deutsche Bank. That bank was recently fined \$630 million for laundering Russian mob money.

In 1960, Nikita Krushchev famously banged his shoe on the desk at the UN and screamed, "We do not need to invade the United States, we will destroy you from within."

Sadly, 57 years later, it may be coming true.

Sheri Hanson

Official Book of Arkansas

Editor,

Some friends of mine and I were discussing the fact that our state legislature has now made the Bible the official state book of Arkansas.

Now, we understand that it is very good that the legislature wants to help us citizens know about and have various "state stuff" that will increase our economy and prestige around the world, stuff like:

1. Arkansas state bird – Mockingbird *Mimus polyglottos* (1929)
 2. flower – Apple blossom (1901)
 3. motto – The People Rule (1907)
 4. song – Arkansas: You Run Deep in Me (1986)
 5. insect – Honey bee (1973) dying off, killed by pesticides, etc.
 6. flag – a complicated symbol (red field background with a white diamond centered in the middle bordered by 25 white stars on a blue band with, originally, three blue stars clustered in the middle signifying the three countries Arkansas had belonged to: France, Spain and the United States, until 1923 when a fourth blue star was added to show that Arkansas was a member of the Confederate States of America.)
- Other pertinent facts: The territory was admitted to the Union in 1836 and withdrew into the Confederacy in 1861.
- In May 18, 1911, 140,000 people celebrated the United Confederate Veterans

Reunion in Little Rock with a parade that took two hours to pass the viewing stand.

Arkansas is ranked as 48th in poverty (my birth state Mississippi was 50th, the two states perennially ranking at the bottom).

Approximately 86 percent of Arkansans are Christians with different denominations vying for the truer truth; less than one percent Jewish; 14 percent non-religious; and less than one percent Muslim (there are Pagans and Wiccans but officialdom does not count them.)

So. We feel historically safe and protected in Arkansas even if 2,4,5-T, a derivative of Agent Orange is still sprayed on hardwood trees, herbicides are sprayed along waterways, power lines and roads, an oil pipeline is planned through the state, fracking may be next, et.al.

We do not need separation of church and state. We officially have The Good Book.

T.A. Laughlin

Purse found

Editor,

Thank You to Officer Billy Floyd for his dedicated and thorough police work in locating my wife's purse and all of its contents, which was stolen out of our car on Saturday, March 19. His work was exemplary and his diligence and competence was amazing.

Officer Floyd is an excellent public
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WEEK'S TopTweets

@Mr_Kapowski: If you're ambushed at night, technically you got pmbushed.

@londonlass666: This ATM has just charged me \$2 for a transaction but told me to cover my PIN to prevent from being robbed. Pretty ironic if you ask me.

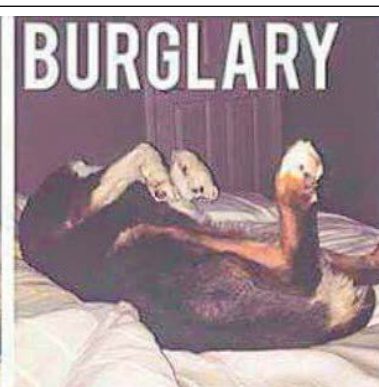
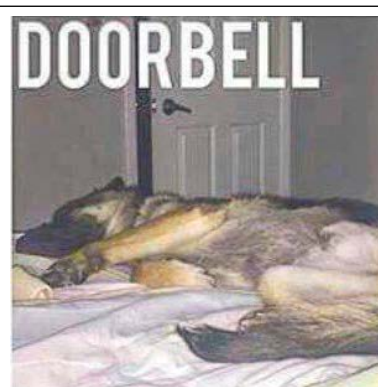
@TheBoydP: Of course I'm more of a yeeeeee-haaaaaw kind of guy than a woohooooo kind of guy because Texas and whatnot.

@cahpel3929: Why call it an engagement ring instead of a Kneel Diamond?

@trogansauce: Daniel Radcliffe's family were just known as the Cliffes until his great grandfather invented the kick flip.

@HatfieldAnn: Mom used to say the only accessory a fashionable girl needs is a virtuous reputation. But it's bracelets.

@sleazysli: I look like I'm trying to get water out of my ears when I dance.



Lies, Big Lies, and PipeLies

Bruce Lee said, “*Knowledge will give you power, but character respect.*” PipeLies is about money. A lie is a statement made knowing it is *false*, with the intention to *deceive*. Trump is involved; his tax reports will show how he made his fortune. Let’s start at the beginning.

To export crude from the Alberta, Canada, TransCanada wanted to build a high-volume transmission pipeline to the Gulf of Mexico. The price of oil in 2007 made shipping to Europe attractive for Canada. Tar sands are the worst source of oil. The U.S. is in the way. President Obama killed the line. Other pipelines to the Gulf filled the gap.

Environmental Crisis

The environmental crisis has a long-term impact degrading the ecology of the planet, and a negative impact on people’s health. Trump is pushing America in the wrong direction; Trump will take our freedom, health, and future. Other countries are alarmed. “Trump Starts His Assault on Planet Earth” was the headline on a Jan. 24 Canadian report on Trump’s pipelines.

Campaign promises are easy to make

Some promises are real, most are just part of the show. The order to build the pipeline is to fulfill a promise made without understanding why. The Arkansas Congressional Delegation enthusiastically applauded the plan and tried to explain the decision.

Sen. Boozman said, “XL is to prioritize job creation, energy infrastructure, and economic opportunity.” Sen. Cotton said, “building the XL will lower energy costs and create jobs across the country and in Arkansas at places like Welspun tubular. Producing more American-made energy also makes us safer by decreasing our reliance on the turbulent Middle East.” *Repeating old lies does not make them true.*

Sadly, our senators don’t understand the first thing about pipes or transmission pipelines. To keep their jobs, they applaud what Trump says. Welspun sells imported steel, 75 percent of the cost of the pipes. Is there a plan for a second Diamond pipeline from Cushing to the Gulf like the *Seaway Twins*?

**If you find yourself in a hole,
stop digging**

By burning fossil fuels without restraint, two generations have

changed the weather from temperate to severe. At first, it was hard to tell the climate was changing, few people had heard about El Niño and La Niña. Today it is impossible to ignore the evidence. People on the West coast have seen smog, wildfires, droughts and floods, first hand. Arkansans have a short memory and have forgotten the cold winters and mild summers we used to have.

The logical responses to climate change are to transition away from burning fossil fuels, improve fuel efficiency, lower emissions, and provide access to healthcare to everyone.

Last Friday, the order was given to build the zombie pipeline, “It’s gonna be an incredible pipeline, the greatest technology known to man or woman. And frankly, we’re very proud of it,” Trump said.

Trump was talking about a failed 10-year old project to export the worst quality crude oil from the Alberta Canada’s tar sands from Port Arthur, La., to Europe. When Trump says *tar sands and pipelines are the greatest technology*, he sounds like a traveling

carnival barker for “Nellie the Dog Child.” Trump has turned the White House into a freak show. Credibility, trust, and honesty are our most valuable assets, the reason dollars are used as the standard unit of currency in international markets for commodities.

Who profits from tar sand pipelines?

The Keystone pipeline is a high-risk high-profit financial scheme. Master Limited Partnership investors get tax-free distributions, a unique IRS advantage given by Congress to oil pipeline “midstream” operators. MLPs provide the benefits of a limited partnership and the liquidity of publicly traded securities.

Steel companies and pipe manufacturing mills get to sell millions of pipes, at around \$150 million per 1,000 miles of low-quality welded Welspun Tubular pipes. Miles of Keystone pipes were manufactured several years ago, currently rusting in Arkansas and North Dakota.

Big or small, lies are lies. Let’s deal with the facts with hope and courage. God willing, we will prevail.

Dr. Luis Contreras



The Pursuit of HAPPINESS

by Dan Krotz

Gerrymandering is a political maneuver that draws voting district lines based on voting habits of residents rather than on any rational geographic basis. Consequently, many voting districts look like blobs of spaghetti sauce splattered onto a kitchen floor; the political party in power has redrawn district lines to include – or exclude – specific neighborhoods or towns based solely on historical voting patterns.

Both Democrats and Republicans do it, but Republicans do it better. In the 2012 Congressional House races, “better” meant that, even though Democrats won 1.7 million more votes than their Republican opponents, they lost 33 House seats they would have ordinarily won but didn’t because of redistricting. The problem of gerrymandering clearly undermines basic majority rule outcomes.

In a 2004 Supreme Court case, 5 of the 9 Justices agreed that gerrymandering violated the Constitution, but because they couldn’t come up with a fix, they tossed the case. They left the door open for future appeals, however, if litigants could present a formula measuring how district lines placed a burden on the people’s right to representation.

Two political scientists, Nicholas O. Stephanopoulos and Eric M. McGhee, have come up with that formula. It’s called “the efficiency gap,” and it measures “lost votes” cast in favor of a defeated candidate and “surplus votes” cast in favor of a winning candidate that aren’t actually necessary for a candidate’s victory. The efficiency gap is the difference between the parties’ respective votes in an election, divided by the total number of votes cast.

The problem of gerrymandering isn’t a Conservative or Liberal problem; it pushes politicians toward ideologically fringe positions that only work for extremists, high dollar donors, or Political Action Committees invested exclusively in self-serving agendas. People like us, who often represent majority-held viewpoints and values, are left out in the cold. It’s the only reason Donald Trump is President of the United States.

The non-partisan Campaign Legal Center will present the efficiency gap formula to the US Supreme Court during the next scheduled session. It is not an overstatement to say that the integrity of the Republic and our democratic way of life hangs in the balance.

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 Country Hardware. One-dollar store in the yellow building open Tuesday – Saturday from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Thrift store, furniture bank in big blue barn behind chapel open Friday and Saturday from 10:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. Donation drop offs by the blue barn only.
- **Recorded Teachings and Meditation Monday** – Recorded Rinpoche teachings at 5:30 p.m. on Mondays followed by meditation at 6 p.m. Call Alece at (479) 244-6841 or Gary at (479) 2444-6840.
- **Celebrate Recovery** – Soul Purpose Ministries, 801 S. Springfield, Green Forest, 6:30 p.m. each Wednesday. Potluck followed by 12-step Christ-centered meetings for those suffering from addiction, habit, hang-up or hurt.
- **Grief Share** – A Bible-based, 13-week program for those who have lost a loved one will begin on Sunday, Feb. 12 from 2 – 4 p.m. at Faith Bible Church, Suite C, 3 Parkcliff Drive, Holiday Island. Share with others experiencing similar circumstances in an informal, confidential setting. Call (479) 253-8925 or email lardellen@gmail.com. You may join at anytime.
- **Overeaters Anonymous** – Thursdays, 10:30 a.m. Barbara (479) 244-0371 • **Narcotics Anonymous** – Fridays, 5:30 p.m. (903) 278-5568. Meetings held at Eureka Springs Coffee Pot Group behind Land O’ Nod Victorian Inn.
- **Coffee Break Al-Anon Family Group Women** – Tuesdays, 9:45 a.m., Faith Christian Family Church, Hwy. 23S, (479) 981-1686. • **Al-Anon Family Group (AFG)** – Sundays, 11:30 a.m., Mondays and Tuesdays 7 p.m. • **Eureka Springs Coffee Pot AA Groups** Monday – Saturday 12:30 p.m.; Sunday 10 a.m.; Sunday – Thursday, Saturday, 5:30 p.m.; Tuesday and Friday, 8 p.m. (479) 253-7956 • **Al-Anon** Wednesday, 5:30 p.m. Meetings held at Eureka Springs Coffee Pot Group behind Land O’ Nod Victorian Inn. All other meetings: See www.nwarkaa.org
- **St. Vincent De Paul Thrift Store** – First Tuesdays – provide assistance with medical help, utilities, clothing, emergency shelter, shoes, etc. Annual charity Christmas Gift & Food Program. Mon-Sat 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. 1844 Hwy. 62W Berryville.
- **St. James’ Community Suppers** – Held Sunday from 5 – 6:30 p.m. Meals provided by local restaurants and are free to all. St. James’ Episcopal Church is located at 86 Prospect Avenue on the historic loop and meals are served in the undercroft.
- **Support Group** – for those with **Parkinson’s** and their caregivers, first Wednesday of each month, ECHO Community Room at 10 a.m. For questions email Sally at sarahg@arkansas.net or call (479) 9810-1587. Next meeting Dec. 7.

INDEPENDENT ConstablesOnPatrol

MARCH 20

2:14 a.m. – A man was arrested for DWI#1, implied consent/refusal, resisting arrest, city noise ord. violation, and careless driving. His passenger was arrested for public intoxication.
10:10 a.m. – Dog on the loose got the attention of Animal Control and a warning for its owner.
12:41 p.m. – Hotel staff reported a lost purse. Constable on patrol collected it and its owner later claimed it.
2:18 p.m. – Motorist called in another driver who crossed the centerline several times. Constables found the driver at a restaurant and determined he was tired but not intoxicated.
9:37 p.m. – Alarm rang out at a restaurant but the constable found everything secure.
9:38 p.m. – Hotel staff were concerned about the welfare of two small children with a male guest. Constable spoke with everyone and determined the situation was okay.
11:42 p.m. – Disturbance at a cottage near downtown prompted several calls. Constables who responded saw no marks on anyone, and everyone went to their rooms for the night.

MARCH 21

7:36 a.m. – Pedestrian on her morning walk in the western part of town claimed she was almost hit by speeders and reckless drivers, so she asked for extra patrols in the area.
10:47 a.m. – Individual was arrested on an outstanding CCSO warrant.
10:56 a.m. – Alarm company alerted ESPD to a front door alarm at a business. Constable and the owner checked the building and found things secure and in place.
11:54 a.m. – Central dispatch reported two 911 hangup calls from a phone they determined came from an apartment in the western part of town. There were only muffled noises audible during the calls. Constable spoke with the apartment manager but did not find the caller.
12:50 p.m. – Individual noticed an irregularity on her bank statement. Constable referred her to CCSO.
2:27 p.m. – Store owner claimed someone had painted the face of his storefront Indian.
8:14 p.m. – Constable watched for but did not encounter a reportedly erratic driver headed toward town from the east.

MARCH 22

3 a.m. – There was a one-vehicle accident on US 62 West.
1:30 p.m. – Fayetteville PD issued an alert for a possibly suicidal male, maybe armed, who often visited the area with his girlfriend. Constables did not see the vehicles of the male or the girlfriend.

2:05 p.m. – EMS and a constable responded to a downtown restaurant for a female who appeared to have been beaten up and was unresponsive. EMS transported her to ESH.
2:57 p.m. – West of downtown, a large dog ran amok in a neighborhood. Constable returned it to its owner with a warning about the leash law.
3:44 p.m. – Observer claimed two vehicles were parked illegally downtown, but they were gone when the constable arrived.
5:45 p.m. – Resident in the western part of town asked for a constable because items had been taken from her home.
9:28 p.m. – Security company advised an alarm was triggered at a location near downtown, and people not the owners were in the residence. Constables responded, but the alarm company called back to report the owner had canceled the call.

MARCH 23

3:52 a.m. – Person at a motel called CCSO. Constable responded and learned a juvenile had had an argument with his friend about a video game.
4:01 a.m. – In a neighborhood above downtown, an intoxicated female was causing a disturbance with her grandmother. The intoxicated one was transported to ESH.
5:49 a.m. – Resident at an apartment claimed someone was knocking on the window. Constable looked around but no one was there.
2:45 p.m. – There was a private property accident.
10:27 p.m. – Guest at a tourist lodging reported hearing an adult male and a female child speaking loudly. Constable discovered they had been playing with their dog.

MARCH 24

10:58 a.m. – Unclaimed, unattended dog cavorted through a campground. Animal Control responded but never saw it.
1:52 p.m. – A wife reported her husband received a text from his sister saying she needed help. Constables went to the address and learned the sister needed help with housework and childcare.
9:35 p.m. – Tree branch fell on a vehicle near downtown. Insurance company took care of the situation, so no report was necessary.
10:17 p.m. – Individual reported receiving harassing communications.
11:03 p.m. – Person downtown called 911 twice, hung up the first time and then said the phone had accidentally made the calls. Constable on patrol did not find the caller.

MARCH 25

1:10 a.m. – A mother requested a welfare check on her daughter. Constable found the

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ESH commission considers remodeling

NICKY BOYETTE

Rock Bordelon, CEO of Allegiance Health, which leases management of Eureka Springs Hospital, met with the Eureka Springs Hospital commission to start discussion about remodeling ESH. He said Allegiance had envisioned a new facility, but it became impractical in part because of regulatory changes, so he had come realize the only feasible way to get a new facility would be to upgrade at the same location.

"I don't own it," he told commissioners, but said he was there to work with commission and the city to create a new patient care area. His plan at this point would be to rearrange services out of the older part of the hospital, tear it down and build a new facility on the same footprint, or expand if space allows.

Bordelon said Allegiance would look at a long-term lease once the commission gets the loan for remodeling. He said his company is familiar with procuring these types of loans, and he would help facilitate the process. Cost of the project would be determined by plans developed by architects, but he estimated the project might cost \$6-8 million.

Chair Michael Merry asked, "Is this a figure Allegiance would help with?"

Bordelon answered that Allegiance would amend the lease to do what it takes for the commission to obtain the loan.

Merry noted ESH is being run well, and, past differences side, he wanted to move forward. He commented, "My attitude is based on performance, and it has been exemplary."

Bordelon stated improvements would bring only slightly more revenue to Allegiance, contrary to statements in a recent article in a local paper.

Commissioner MJ Sell told Bordelon if he was anticipating a local tax to pay for the improvements, the idea was "dead in the water." Bordelon said that was not his plan. He said a reasonable increase in the lease payment could help cover the loan payments. He said the city, as owner, would negotiate the loan. "We would walk you through it," he said. Merry asked if Allegiance would extend the lease through the period of the loan, and Bordelon said he would.



Allegiance CEO Rock Bordelon, Chief of Nursing Vicki Andert, and ESH CEO Peter Savoy consider Allegiance's long term plans.

PHOTO BY NICKY BOYETTE

Commissioner John House asked Bordelon how the improvements would benefit Allegiance. Bordelon answered that technically it would not benefit Allegiance much. Nevertheless, he expected ESH would attract more patients and Allegiance would continue to get Medicare reimbursements.

Bordelon added the rebuilt facility might help recruit new doctors. He speculated a cardiac specialist, for example, might provide services periodically just as other services such as an MRI have been added recently.

He estimated the process from onset to completion might take two years, beginning with commissioners engaging architects to determine scope of the project. This preliminary phase might cost as much \$30,000 of the commission's funds, and there would be no guarantee of a loan.

"Now you've scared me," commissioner Barbara Dicks stated.

Sell said she had invited architects Laura and Charley Morrison to the meeting because they know the

facility well and had worked on hospital projects. Charley said they have useful information already, which would expedite the preliminary phase, and they're familiar with limitations of the site.

Laura commented in their previous studies of the sites, they had found "more cons than pros of moving to another site." She noted the historical aspect of the site will present a huge obstacle, but her team would guide the commission through the process. Charley insisted they could work with the site to maximize its potential, even putting the helicopter pad on the roof of the emergency room if necessary.

Bordelon said his purpose at this meeting was to introduce the plan so the commission could begin discussing it. He would also speak to city council about the idea. The timetable for beginning the project would be up to commissioners.

Merry told him they would meet again April 17 for further discussion, and contended the commission probably should have considered this idea earlier.



Kent Crow and Jeremiah Alvarado on Slacktivism, Activism and the Facebook Fandango

What's the difference between being an activist or a slactivist? Is Slacktivism generational—damn you, Millennials!—or does it occur in all generations? Are Baby Boomers at fault for why that Orange Guy is in the White House? Or, did the lame-o Democrats put him there? Will activism fix what ails our politics? Will slacktivism? Find out the answers to these questions and more on this week's Olío Radio of the Ozarks!

Tune in to Olío Radio of the Ozarks on iTunes or on our website 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.

Cemetery needs a pickup

NICKY BOYETTE

Mayor Butch Berry said at a previous meeting he would see about transferring a Public Works truck to the Parks Department and giving an old Parks truck to the Eureka Springs Cemetery, but the Cemetery Commission said no to the Parks vehicle because of its condition. Alderman Bob Thomas, who also serves on the Cemetery Commission, said at the March 27 council meeting that the way things unfolded pitted Parks and Cemetery commissions against each other, and it should never have come to that. He insisted Berry should be considering the needs of all city departments and commissions when items or equipment become available.

“Point taken,” Berry noted. He added, however, the vehicle went from Public Works to Parks because they need it more. Alderman Terry McClung commented he had been at the cemetery recently and saw the need for a pickup out there to help with cleaning up fallen branches and debris. He asked Berry if the city could not find some money to buy a used vehicle for the cemetery.

Thomas said if the issue of the Public Works truck came to a vote, he would vote for it going to Parks and rely on Berry’s commitment to get one for the cemetery. He said he didn’t want divisiveness between commissions.

Berry stated it was his fault for not considering the cemetery more. He named the members of his family resting at the cemetery, and appreciated the advocacy of Adamson and Thomas. He said he and Finance Director Lonnie Clark agreed they would find money for a truck for the cemetery.

Mitchell stated he would officially redirect his stipend for serving on council toward the cemetery to help the commission buy a pickup.

Foundation Farm gardening classes

When: Thursdays, 3:30 – 5 p.m.

Where: Unitarian Church, 17 Elk Street
#4 – Thursday, March 30: Insect & Disease Management

Eat Local/Organic:
www.foundationfarm.com

Parks promotion extends its reach

NICKY BOYETTE

At the March 21 Parks Commission meeting, chair Bill Featherstone told commissioners Director Justin Huss was still on his way back from the Denver Travel and Adventure Show, but Huss had submitted his monthly report. In it, Huss said his trip to Colorado “was time well-spent.” Local emissaries distributed 350 trails maps to acquaint attendees, affluent people who travel regularly, with the attractions of Eureka Springs. Huss intends to make an annual appearance at the show.

Also in his report, Huss announced Parks is “working within the existing ordinance for artists at Basin Park to improve participation and appropriateness.” Huss will be offering artists and crafters the opportunity to purchase single weekend permits for \$10. Each person would be allowed to purchase the \$10 permit twice during the year. Beyond that, the person would need to buy the \$50 annual permit,

but the temporary permits would count toward the total.

“Our goal is to have an appropriate and consistent presence in the park,” he wrote, but also important would be to “balance creating the desired artistic atmosphere with the needs and rights of nearby businesses.”

Huss said he and staff would moderate the pace of improvements at Lake Leatherwood City Park so they don’t get in the way of visitors. Additional cabin remodeling will have to wait until after the busy season, but in the meantime he is working to provide more orderly parking and maximum Wi-Fi coverage at the park.

LLCP had its first bike camp rentals recently, and revenue is exceeding expectations.

Further trail improvement is being carried out by Carroll County Riders, who are building an additional trail near Black Bass Lake.

Commissioner Steven Foster said LLCP has been so busy lately, he had trouble finding a parking spot. The new playground was really swinging, and trails have been busy with hikers and bikers.

One issue he mentioned was the need for better signage at the entrance and on the trails regarding directions and safety issues. Foster said the LLCP Committee would be developing a plan for additional signage.

Foster also commented a botanist visiting LLCP found Ozark leatherwood plants flowering. The flowers are tiny and blooming now but fading quickly.

Other business

Commissioners voted to authorize destruction of 2011 financials as allowed by state statute.

Next workshop will be Tuesday, April 11, at 6 p.m., at Harmon Park, and the next meeting will be Tuesday, April 25, at 6 p.m.

Smoking workshop April 13

NICKY BOYETTE

Alderman Bob Thomas sought Monday to resolve two issues that surfaced at the previous council meeting surrounding an upcoming workshop on the issue of banning smoking in city parks. One of his points was any alderman can go to the city attorney without going through the mayor, and he emphasized it was their right to do so.

He also acknowledged aldermen are supposed to work together, so he took the two proposed ordinances which had

been presented and took points from both, purposefully at random for fairness, and compiled them into a document he entitled “Beginning Points for Consideration [of] No Smoking Ordinance.” He said his intent was to streamline the process.

Alderman David Mitchell said aldermen generally have not gone to the city attorney as a cost saving measure for the city, and he did not mind having the mayor as a “clearinghouse.”

Alderman Kristi Kendrick also said the

attorney general has issued two opinions stating aldermen can present their own ordinances, but added her ordinance was just a suggestion, and she had another on the same subject. Thomas said he would add any new points from her other ordinance to his list for all to see before the April 13 workshop.

Budget banter

NICKY BOYETTE

During the budget workshop before Monday’s council meeting, Mayor Butch Berry noted revenue has been down this year, but it is not unusual for winter sales tax figures to be slow. Alderman Terry McClung noted that last year at this time, the budget was behind expectations but recovered by the end of the year.

Alderman David Mitchell asked about the figures for reimbursement for ambulance services, saying he would hate to be shocked later to see a large amount the city had not collected or actively pursued. He said it was a concern

to him he does not get more responsive answers from the Fire Department about collections.

Budget Director Lonnie Clark said there has been a change in both collection and billing companies, and he would be discussing this with ESFD staff this week.

Mitchell said he appreciated Clark’s involvement because “the outstanding amount is significantly large to walk away from.” McClung agreed council should get better information so they can track these figures.

Berry said he would follow up and report back.

Singing Bowl Concert and Light Event

Join on April 1 at 6 p.m. at Main Stage, 67 N. Main St. for a meditational and chakra balancing event using Crystal Singing Bowls, gongs and lights. Take a sound journey with Cheryl Hemmert. No experience is necessary, all you have to do is relax and receive.

Tickets are \$25 each or \$40 per couple. Tickets are sold at Awakening the Devine at 55 N. Main St. or at SingingBowlConcertLightShow.eventbrite.com. There is limited amount of space.

Small home development thriving

BECKY GILLETTE

There is not a lot of flat, buildable land in Eureka Springs, which has led to sparse new home construction in recent years. One development focusing on small, affordable homes is located on a flat piece of land off Wall Street being developed by Realtor Glenn Crenshaw and Landon Van Zant, the general contractor. Crenshaw and Fatima Van Zant are the Realtors handling the project.

“Most terrain in Eureka Springs is not designed for affordable building,” Crenshaw said. “There has been no new construction of significance in Eureka in a long, long time. We have developed eleven lots on this six-acre piece of property. We’ve built six houses, and three of them have sold. Two more are complete and one is in the process of finishing.”

There aren’t a lot of small houses in town that aren’t older. Crenshaw said they felt like the market would support providing some new alternatives.

“We wanted to build a cluster of homes so it would be like a community in town,” Crenshaw said. “The idea was to have smaller houses for weekend homes or something that local residents could afford. We worked to build them so they were affordable, but quality houses so the owners would have minimal maintenance down the road.”

There are nine-foot ceilings for a spacious feeling, brick veneer on the foundations, and durable cement board siding. Two of the homes have standing seam metal roofs and four used architectural shingles, which are a higher-quality. The houses have granite countertops, wood floors, and come equipped with refrigerators, stoves, and dishwashers. The first two didn’t have a washer and dryer, but the next four do.

Although the houses have been advertised as “tiny homes,” that usually refers to homes of 300 sq. ft. or less. These might better be defined as small, ranging from 760 to 1,000 sq. ft.

“These 300-square-foot houses are nice and sound fun,” Crenshaw said. “But after a few years, I have a feeling that house will be shrinking really fast.”

By using insulation, high efficiency heat pumps and insulated windows, the monthly energy usage is low. The average utility bill is about \$100 a month for everything, water and electric. Another thing buyers have said they like is the central location.

The first three houses have the same floor plan, while the other three are all different.

“We are trying to get a gauge of what people want,” Crenshaw said. “We will build the others as a result of how these sales turn out.”

The property previously contained a home that had deteriorated beyond repair, and an old barn. The old barn was on city right-of-way, and was torn down in order to open up the street and put in infrastructure.

A common barrier to construction of new homes in Eureka Springs on undeveloped lots is the cost of infrastructure. Crenshaw said it cost them about \$100,000 just for underground electrical utilities, a new water main, sewage line, paved streets and concrete parking pads.



“You have to tie up a lot in infrastructure costs that has to be divided by the number of homes,” he said. “It makes it hard.”

The homes have sold from between \$125,000 and \$175,000. Crenshaw said with the current low interest rates, that makes it possible for someone to own a home for less than \$800 a month.

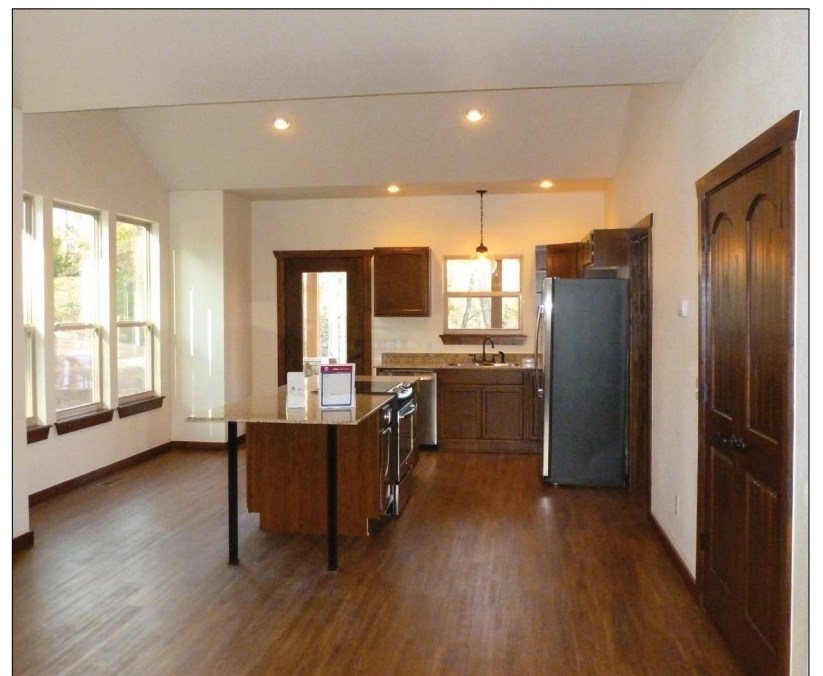
“You can spend that much easily on rent and utilities, and this is a long-term investment,” Crenshaw said. “If you rent for fifteen years, all you have at the end of fifteen years is a bunch of cancelled checks. If you are buying, you are working towards more financial stability.”

About a year ago Diane Murphy, who owns Century 21 Woodland Real Estate in Eureka Springs, sold a 620-sq. ft. house that she and her late husband, Ken McCoy, had developed on Alexander Street. Murphy said there is definitely a demand for new houses in the range of 500 to 1,000 sq. ft.

“Infill development is great for the town,” Murphy said. “But the infrastructure is challenging. Most people just want something that is ready to move into. They want to be walkable to downtown. They are still receptive to our historic cottages, but they want the home to be ready to go.

I wish the people looking for homes of that size were permanent residents. But most people are looking at them as a second home.”

Eureka Springs lost nine percent of its population in the last census, which has been attributed to more housing being owned by people who are not residents. The population declined from 2,278 in 2000 to 2,073 in 2010.



Fluoride local control fails once again 'Outcome was predetermined'

BECKY GILLETTE

Sen. Bryan King said Monday he was very disappointed that the Arkansas Senate City, County & Local Affairs Committee refused on March 21 to allow an amended bill out of committee that would have allowed public water districts that have not begun fluoridation to opt out of it as mandated by the legislature.

"After the initial bill did not pass, I amended the bill just to apply to those water districts that have not fluoridated," King said. "Unfortunately, that could not pass the committee. It's a shame that people can't decide for themselves what is put into their water."

The two districts that have refused to fluoridate, Ozark Mountain Regional Public Water Authority and the Madison County Regional Water District, are now left with continuing lawsuits filed by the state to force them to fluoridate. The two holdouts on fluoridation have opposed it because of concerns that fluoride is harmful, that fluoridation chemicals contain harmful byproducts such as lead and aluminum, and that fluoridation chemicals are so corrosive they can reduce the life of the water delivery system by 40 percent while increasing lead leaching from old pipes.

The Arkansas Department of Health (ADH) has opposed local control stating the fluoridation is safe and helps protect the teeth of young children. A representative of Delta Dental, a dental insurance company, testified against King's bill stating that they had invested \$7 million in helping local districts purchase fluoridation equipment. Districts are required to pay back pro-rated portions of that grant money if they end fluoridation before 10 years.

There will be no more opportunities to remove

the fluoride mandate for another two years as the legislative session is nearing the end, and the legislature has a fiscal-only session every other year.

Jeannie Burlsworth, founder and chairwoman of Secure Arkansas, said the failure of the committee to pass Act 299 out of committee was a hurtful and disappointing slap in the face.

"The local control bill is dead, and the bill will not be brought back this session," Burlsworth said. "Most of the Senate is as corrupt as it can be, and we have never been through such high-handed tactics in a session. The public cannot trust their health and welfare to the current government. Local control is off limits to the public. We have been denied once again. The public will not be allowed to decide what we have in our drinking water. We won't even be allowed to hold an election regarding the matter. The legislators against local control are against the people and need to be retired at the next election."

Alderman David Mitchell traveled to Little Rock earlier in March to testify for local control, but was not allowed to speak. Mitchell said it was apparent from watching the Delta Dental CEO and the ADH medical director hanging out with senators prior to the meeting that the decision against local control had been made prior to the hearing.

"It was very obvious it was not going to pass," he said. "It was apparent that the outcome was predetermined."

Mitchell was signed up to speak third, and was skipped over while others were allowed to speak before the vote was called.

Committee members who voted against the amended Act 299 include Sen. Jim Hendren, Gravette; Sen. Will Bond, Little Rock; Sen. Stephanie Flowers, Pine Bluff; and Sen. Lance Eads, Springdale. Voting in favor of the bill were Sen. Alan Clark, Lonsdale, and Sen. Linda Collins-Smith, Pocahontas.

Sen. Hendren, who is the nephew of Gov. Asa Hutchinson, voted against local control even though it was requested by the mayor of the Gravette, where Hendren lives.

"I strongly urge you to return to us the rights to which we – until recently – enjoyed regarding fluoride, which is to determine among ourselves and for ourselves the level of fluoride we deem safe in our water systems," Gravette Mayor Kurt Maddox wrote in a letter he asked to be communicated to committee members.

Burlsworth said for legislators who give lip service to local control to vote against it isn't hard to

understand when you look at their campaign finance contributions. In 2016, Sen. Flowers received \$1,000 from the Arkansas Dental Political Action Committee and \$2,500 from the Delta Dental PAC. Flowers is also a member of the Senate Public Health Committee that originally approved the fluoride mandate and that also voted against local control two years ago.

King said he introduced the bill in the Senate City, County & Local Affairs Committee because he knew he didn't have the votes in the Senate Public Health, Welfare and Labor Committee. Members of that committee received large campaign donations from dental groups.

For 2016, Sen. Eads received \$750 from the Arkansas Delta PAC.

Burlsworth said that the dental PACs dish out tens of thousands

of dollars in campaign contributions particularly favoring members of Senate Public Health, Welfare and Labor Committee.

Ed Choate, the CEO of Delta Dental, who testified against the local control bill, earns more than \$500,000 per year, according to IRS records. Burlsworth said it is outrageous that the CEO of a non-profit organization would make that much money.

Burlsworth said this has been one of the most hideous legislative sessions that anyone can remember in Little Rock. Other issues of concern including legislation to gut the Arkansas Freedom of Information Act, and legislation proposed to convene a Constitutional Convention. Burlsworth said Rep. Bob Ballinger [R-Hindsville] is one of the chief promoters of those two proposed bills.

"Ballinger is behind all of this bad legislation," Burlsworth said. "A Constitutional Convention could open up Americans to lose all the rights they currently enjoy."

It takes 34 states to call a Constitutional Convention. Burlsworth said billionaire funders such as the Koch brothers are behind promoting the Constitutional Convention to further their private interests. Proponents of the Constitutional Convention are going to pastors asking them to support the Constitutional Convention in order to outlaw gay marriage and abortion. But Burlsworth said the real intention of a Constitutional Convention is to make changes to allow billionaires to rule the country.

"When they take away the Constitutional and rewrite it, we will lose the many liberties that have been the foundation of this country," Burlsworth said. "For more than two hundred years, we have never done anything like this in the U.S. It is a very dangerous thing to do."

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Why fluoride stinks

BECKY GILLETTE

Arguments put forth by Citizens for Safe Drinking Water in Carroll/Boone County and the Fluoride Action Network for discontinuing fluoridation of drinking water supplies:

Currently no companies in the U.S. produce the fluoridation chemicals, possibly because of legal liability. The product has to be imported from overseas. The company supplying fluoridation chemicals to Carroll Boone Water District is Prayon, a phosphate company headquartered in Belgium. Fluoridation chemicals are not pharmaceutical grade, and are a hazardous waste byproduct from manufacturing phosphate fertilizer.

The product is called Fluorapay SSF. That company's on-line sodium fluorosilicate product specification data sheet states the product contains an average of 10 parts per million of heavy metals, including lead and aluminum, and up to 50 ppm.

We don't need additional lead and other heavy metals added to our drinking water, especially as scientific studies have shown that contaminants in the fluoridation chemicals can vary widely batch to batch. An article in the *International Journal of Occupational and Environmental Health* said the contaminant levels of lead, arsenic, barium and aluminum in fluoride additives could vary widely from batch to batch. The study concluded, "Such contaminant content creates a regulatory blind spot that jeopardizes any safe use of fluoride additives."

Before we were forced to fluoridate in Eureka Springs, all water operators at Carroll Boone Water District were opposed to fluoridation. One reason is the risk it poses to workers. But the overriding reason was that these water operators said they have an important responsibility to provide clean, safe drinking water and don't feel that is compatible with adding hazardous waste to drinking water.

One of the basic problems with water fluoridation is that it's a mass medication of the public without their consent. When you put fluoride in the water, you have no way of knowing how much each individual receives. One person may drink a lot of water, and another no water at all. Infants and elders need no fluoride at all, and in fact are at risk for health problems from consuming too much fluoride.

Fluoride is building up in the environment. Fluoride is a chemical that persists in the environment and bioaccumulates, meaning levels build going up the food chain. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), "In the United States, water and processed beverages (soft drinks and fruit juices) can provide approximately 75 percent of a person's fluoride intake."

Fluoridated water shouldn't be used to make baby formula, and young children should only use a pea-sized amount of fluoridated toothpaste and not swallow it. But the state fails to warn parents about this. And there is evidence that many children in the

Parents reported higher rates of medically-diagnosed ADHD in their children in states in which a greater proportion of people receive fluoridated water from public water supplies.

Fluoride has been officially identified as a being a neurotoxin, a substance hazardous to the brain, by Lancet, one of the older and more prestigious medical publications in the world.

U.S. are being over exposed to fluoride, which leads to dental fluorosis, which causes tooth enamel to become mottled and discolored.

The CDC has done a study that shows 41 percent of adolescents in the U.S. have dental fluorosis, which mottles teeth and can make them rot. The study showed the incidence of dental fluorosis has doubled since the 1980s. "In 1986-1987, 22.6% of adolescents aged 12-15 had dental fluorosis, whereas in 1999-2004, 40.7% of adolescents aged 12-15 had dental fluorosis," the study said.

Studies have also shown much higher rates of dental fluorosis in African American and Hispanic children.

After this study came out, the recommended rate for adding fluoride to the drinking water was cut in half. But many question whether any amount at all needs to be added to drinking water when fluoridated toothpaste and mouthwashes are readily available and there can be high levels of fluoride in food and drink. Research indicates Americans are being over-fluoridated.

Teeth of children are not the only thing at risk from water fluoridation. According to an article in *Environmental Health* in 2015 titled, "Exposure to fluoridated water and attention deficit hyperactivity disorder prevalence among children and adolescents in the United States," parents reported higher rates of medically-diagnosed ADHD in their children in states in which a greater proportion of people receive fluoridated water from public water supplies.

Fluoride has been officially identified as a being a neurotoxin, a substance hazardous to the brain, by *Lancet*, one of the older and more prestigious medical publications in the world. A British study published in *Epidemiological Community Health* found fluoride levels in drinking water in England were associated with hypothyroidism at twice the levels seen in non-fluoridated communities.

Also, many of the studies that were done regarding the usefulness of fluoridation in preventing cavities in children were done before fluoridated toothpaste was available and have been found to be

flawed. Cochrane, an international group that reviews all types of scientific studies, has concluded, "We assessed each (fluoride) study for the quality of the methods used and how thoroughly the results were reported. We had concerns about the methods used, or the reporting of the results, in the vast majority (97%) of the studies. There is very little contemporary evidence, meeting the review's inclusion criteria, that has evaluated the effectiveness of water fluoridation for the prevention of caries."

Home Show and Jobs Fair

Join us at our 30th Annual Home and Business Show on April 7 (evening) and 8 (all day) at the Shell Knob School Gymnasium. No matter what your "project" is, we have a vendor for you. Home improvement, gardening, financial, real estate, boat docks, pest control, health care, furniture, pets and so much more.

Don't have a project? Ozark Water Watch will be there all weekend to share information on how, when and why we should be R-testing our water wells. They will also have information on septic maintenance and rebate offers.

David Compton, Director for Barry County Emergency Management will be there to share how to be better prepared for natural disasters and emergencies in our homes, neighborhoods and community. The Trout Pond will be there on Saturday from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Mercy Life Line will be landing a medical helicopter on Saturday at 10 am for everyone to tour.

If you are looking for summer employment, come in on Saturday 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. for our job fair. Area businesses offering seasonal employment will be on hand to talk to you.

For more information visit our website at shellknob.com or call (417) 858-3300.

Upcoming CBCO blood drive

The Community Blood Center of the Ozarks has issued a Code Yellow Alert for all blood types and there will be a blood drive at the Holiday Island Elks Lodge, 4 Parkcliff Drive on Monday, April 3 from 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Each donation will be awarded LifePoints as a part of CBCO's donor rewards program. LifePoints may be redeemed online for a variety of gift cards or points may be assigned to other meaningful causes or charities.

To be eligible to give blood you must weigh at least 110 pounds, be in good health, and present a valid photo ID. For more information about sharing your good health with others or for more information on the LifePoints donor rewards program go to www.cbco.org or call toll-free (800) 280-5337.

Kings River Clean-up a month away

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.

Dress for the weather and pack a lunch. Shuttles will be provided but you will need to bring your own canoe or kayak.

For more information contact Ray Warren at (870) 654-4134 or email rayandkarenwarren@gmail.com.

Smart yards of 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 or (479) 244-5981.

DEPARTURES

Marilyn A. Boesche Sept. 5, 1935 – March 22, 2017

Marilyn A. Boesche, 81, of Holiday Island, Ark., left this world to be with her God in heaven on March 22, 2017. She was born on Sept. 5, 1935, to C. Harold and Ethel (Lenenga) Johnson in Muskegon, Mich. She attended Muskegon High School and graduated from Beloit Memorial High School, Beloit, Wis. She later attended Kansas City University.

On Feb. 2, 1957, she married John C. Boesche in Kansas City.

She was a Girl Scouts of America and Cub Scouts leader and was active in her church as a women's leader. She is a member of P.E.O. Sisterhood, Chapters GH Fremont, Neb., CS Lincoln, Neb., and A Eureka Springs, Ark. She was chairman of Nebraska Women's Fellowship Group for 10 years.

Her work life included First National Bank, Fremont, Neb., as Assistant Cashier, and Valley National Bank, Tulsa, Okla. as Operations Officer and Marketing Officer. She also helped at The Great Passion Play in Eureka Springs, Ark., in her retirement.



She was an active member of First United Methodist Church, Eureka Springs, Ark., loved sailing and being on the water, and spending time among many family and friends.

Marilyn is survived by her husband John; three children, Brian Boesche, Lincoln, Neb., Tim Boesche, Fort Worth, Texas, and Beth Crutcher, Houston, Texas; sister Jan Carrothers of Holiday Island, Ark., and brother Cregg Johnson of Sarasota, Fla.; six grandchildren, two step-grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to First United Methodist Church in Eureka Springs, AR or the PEO Sisterhood and entrusted to the White Funeral Home, P.O. Box 890 Cassville, MO 65625.

Memorial services were March 27, 2017, at the First United Methodist Church in Eureka Springs, Ark., with Pastor Blake Lasater officiating.

Cremation arrangements are under the direction of the White Funeral Home and Crematory, Cassville, Mo.

Betty B. (Keck) Kester

Feb. 5, 1928 – Feb. 17, 2017

Betty B. (Keck) Kester of Walnut Shade, Mo., was born Feb. 5, 1928 in Chesapeake, Mo., daughter of Benjamin and Ruth (Arrison) Keck. She departed this life Friday, Feb. 17, 2017 at the Rose House in Walnut Shade, Mo., at age 89.

Betty was a retired civil service stenographer with Redstone Arsenal in Huntsville, Ala. During her childhood, Betty lived in the Busch area west of Eureka Springs and attended the Eureka Springs Public Schools, graduating from Eureka Springs High School in 1948.

She was a beloved aunt, survived by several nieces and nephews. Betty was preceded in death by her parents, husband Fred M. Kester, brothers Vernon, Benjamin, Warren, Don and Kenneth, and sisters Mildred and Jane.

Graveside services were held Feb. 22, 2017 at the Eureka Springs Cemetery under the direction of Greenlawn Funeral Home of Branson, Mo.



Shorty Rogers Feb. 24, 1945 – March 17, 2017

Shorty Rogers, 72, of Kimberling City, Mo., passed away on Friday, March 17, 2017. He was born Feb. 24, 1945 in Dodd City, Ark., to Eldo and Nellie Rogers, and was the second youngest of a large, blended family.

At a young age, Shorty Rogers traded his baseball glove for a guitar, the first step to becoming an accomplished career musician and an integral part of the country music scene in the Ozarks. He started as part of Townhouse Lounge house band in Springfield, Mo., in the 1970s, played and recorded with numerous bands in Kansas City during the early years, and even did a USO Tour with a soul music group.

He joined the Ozark Jubilee televised show in the late 1970s, which was seen in the Ozarks on KY-3 TV, and crossed the country on tour.

After the Ozark Jubilee, Rogers played bass guitar for some of the area's biggest country music shows through the decades: Presley's Country Jubilee, the Mickey Gilley Show and Jim Owen show in Branson, and Warren Stokes' Country Revue and the Pine Mountain Jamboree in Eureka Springs. Rogers also worked with country legend Buck Trent, wrote music and did session work for several Branson artists.

Throughout his life in show business, Rogers was known for his dedication and good-natured

demeanor, making friends in Eureka Springs, Branson and across the country. He retired from the music scene in the 2000s, finding joy in his family and his favorite team, the World Series Champions Kansas City Royals.

Rogers is survived by his devoted wife, Huetta Rogers; loving children Danny Rogers, Lisa Rogers-Davenport, Angie Rogers-Langston and Scott Rogers, along with their spouses; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren; sister Carma Sims, and brother Donald Rogers.

The family asks that friends and fans remember his legacy by donating to the American Cancer Society.

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

My wife and I rarely kiss anymore. She avoids it by saying she has bad breath. She doesn't and swears I don't either. I miss it and think it plays a big part in our disconnection. Does kissing matter?

Absolutely. Kissing increases attachment and fortifies the bond between romantic partners. A decrease in kissing profoundly impacts connection in long-term romantic relationships.

Romantic kissing is far from universal and exists in only 46% of world cultures. Our culture however, whether platonic or romantic, is kissing obsessed: Seal it with a kiss. Kiss it goodbye. KISS, the band. Kiss Me Tender, the perfume. Kiss it and make it better. Kiss my --- because *I Kissed a Girl* "...sittin' in a tree, K-I-S-S-I-N-G."

In addition to communicating affection, kissing provides a multitude of health benefits. Early research focused on the negative consequences of germ transfer, most notably mononucleosis, the "kissing disease."

Approximately 80 million bacteria are exchanged during a ten second "French kiss." Ok, not so romantic.

Yet this exchange actually strengthens each partner's immune system, boosting resistance to disease and decreasing responsiveness to skin and nasal allergies. Kissing reduces LDL cholesterol, blood pressure and the physiological response to stress.

In one study, couples who increased their kissing frequency reported that they exercised more, had fewer arguments, understood one another better, were more affectionate and more sexually active.

Psychologically, women attribute greater importance to kissing. For them, romantic kissing functions as an initial method of mate assessment, as well as a monitor of relationship wellness over the long haul.

Research (not stereotype) finds that men are most likely to engage in romantic kissing with one goal in mind. They're more likely to initiate kissing before sex while women become more kissy after sex.

Women's biggest complaint about men is they're too

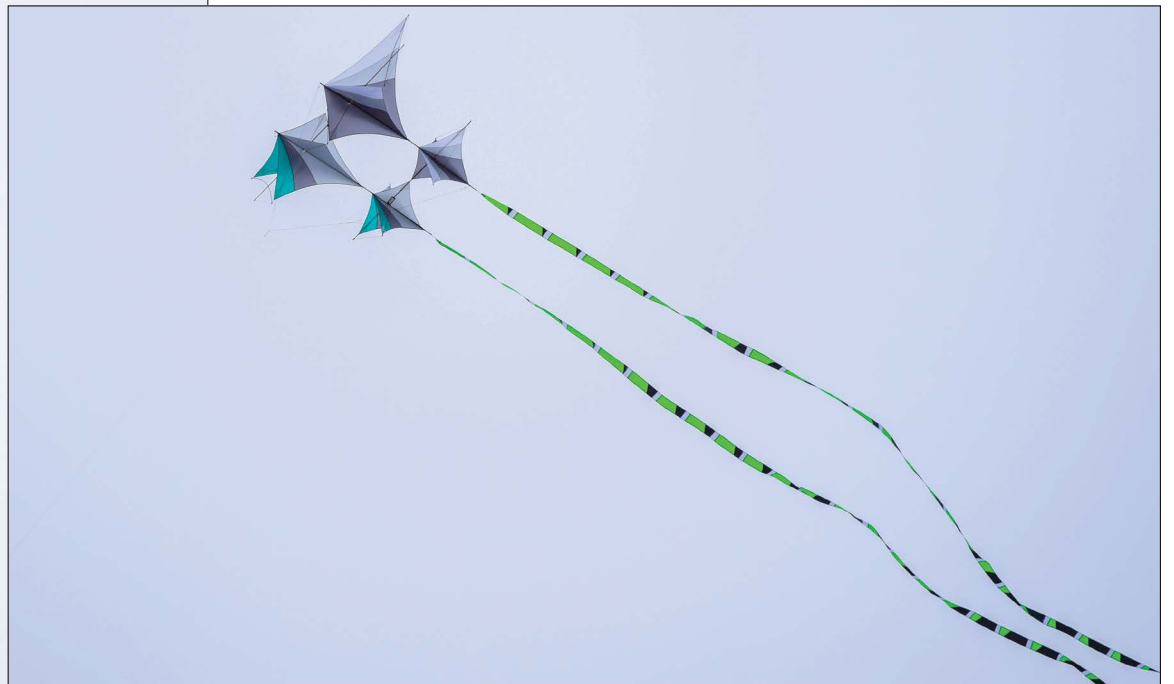
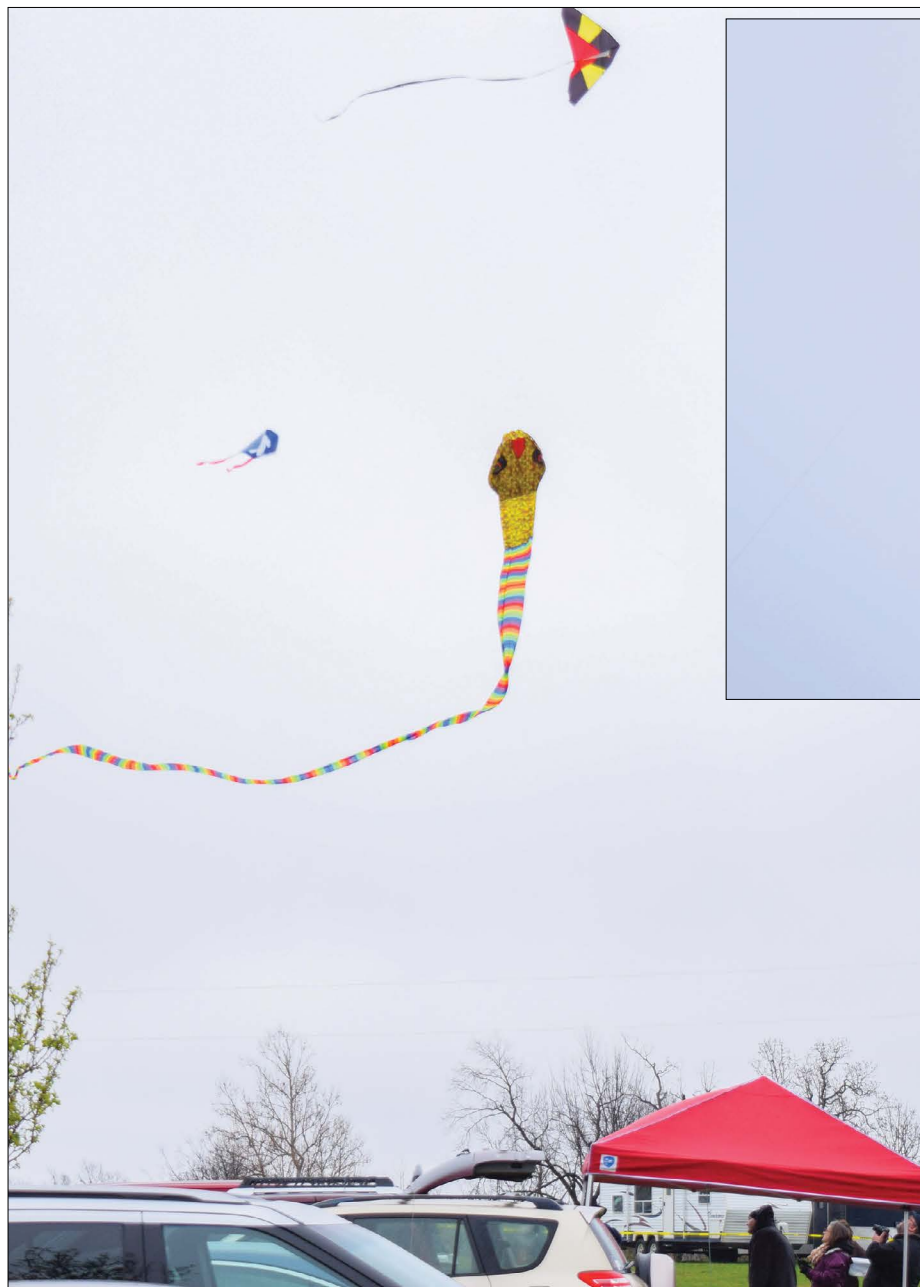
aggressive, while men lament that women don't open their mouths enough. Go figure. Number one downer for both – lack of variety.

Sex and kissing? A formidable pair. One steamy kiss can turn timid sexual tremors into tidal waves of passion, pronto.

Kissing is an adventure, not a goal. Gentle exploratory nips and nibbles around the neck and ears to begin. Brief visits to the lips to provoke anticipation and ignite desire. A hand behind the neck to express hunger.

Taste. Tantalize. Repeat.

Questions? Email leslie@esindependent.com. Leslie Meeker, M.A., L.P.C., is a psychotherapist who has specialized in relational and sex therapy, sexual compulsivity and sexual trauma for the past 17 years, after receiving extensive training in human sexuality at the Masters and Johnson Institute in St. Louis, Mo.



Kites were flying at the 27th annual Art with an Altitude Kite Festival, done in coordination with KaleidoKites of Eureka Springs.

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Three Spring Festivals – Aries, Taurus, Gemini – Restoring the Plan on Earth

Since winter solstice, the New Group of World Servers has been preparing for the Three Spring festivals (Aries, Taurus, Gemini solar festivals at the time of the full moon), and especially for Wesak, the Buddha Full Moon Festival in Taurus.

The purpose for the Three Spring Festivals is to assist humanity in “Restoring the Plan for the Earth.” Helping humanity to cooperate with, anchor and further the Plan of spiritual unity.

The Three Spring Festivals are the first three full moons in the new spiritual year (began at Spring

Equinox, as the Sun entered Aries). The dates of these festivals are Tuesday April 11 (Aries festival), Wednesday May 10 (Taurus, Wesak) & Friday June 9 (Gemini festival). Everyone can join in the festivals. Preparation begins with knowledge of them.

The Three Spring Festivals form a template for the new spiritual year. Along with the following nine new and full moons (festivals) the Three Spring Festivals direct humanity toward the Path of Return via the sacred knowledge of astrology. What is this astrology?

Astrology is a “unified field theory” that directs us in our search for spiritual truth. Astrology allows one to “*Know the self*” (words inscribed over the Mystery Temples) and cultivates within each of us the knowledge that we are each of great value (to self, to others and to the world). Astrology helps us have an accurate understanding and appreciation of the Divine Plan. Astrology helps in the synthesis of universal, human and divine values. Astrology (science and art of) is the foundation of the Ageless Wisdom Teachings.

ARIES: The sign and time of Aries demands that things not come too easily. We need challenges, a contest, a test. We need to be dared and to feel that life is an experiment where only the brave need participate. There needs to be a bit of opposition, something to defy, something to call forth one’s courage. If these aren’t in the air, then there’s no reason to be in the game. The game of life. Aries understands the “chase.”

TAURUS: There may be difficulty expressing yourself at this time, especially with Venus, your ruler, retrograde. It isn’t easy to share your inner thoughts. What we know about you is this – you’re subtle, hidden, compassionate, complex, need comfort, interested in psychology and helping others. Showing your feelings in public never happens. Only with those you trust. They’re the lucky ones.

GEMINI: Are friends around these days, more than usual? Are you assessing the groups you belong to and the friends you have? With Venus retrograde it’s important to evaluate if what you value is true and real. There are many ideas presented in our world. But there is only one truth. Are you following what others believe? Geminis have a responsibility to gather the truth and disperse it. They can’t be followers.

CANCER: You can wonder how you contribute to the world at large and if you have authority or even if anyone listens to you, honors you, and if you are a guide to anyone. These are important question for everyone, but especially Cancers who can hide away but really hope someday they are seen as strong in character, recognized as important and able to communicate successfully. Are these questions you’re asking?

LEO: The essence of all your past experiences and learnings is how you formed your philosophy of life. As you review the past, including what you valued then and what you value now (people, events, lovers, etc.,) you see how life educated you, offered you vision, long journeys and spiritual realities. You have these days the mind of a priest, a judge, a journeyer, a professor and a mystery.

VIRGO: There is a sense of losing one’s direction or boundaries, a sense of self-

sacrifice in order to blend with others forming contact and connection. There’s a sense of something disappearing or dying. Not physical death but perhaps the death of limitations that leads to growth, transformation, regeneration, rebirth of the self or of a relationship. The changes may be creating a crisis. This will pass. You’re the phoenix.

LIBRA: All Libras need people, things social, relationships, intimates to bring them out into the world, to be friends, to partner, to play and to share with them. “Other” is always Libra’s basic need. It is only with the “other” that Libra can reflect upon and understand the self. Libra is intelligent, has a loving nature, attracts love, and creates harmony out of all of life’s conflicts and chaos.

SCORPIO: You have very artistic abilities, deep and refined. However, many are unable to see them. You keep your abilities quite protected. It’s important to have a peaceful, harmonious and beautiful environment. You’re both an old soul yet very young at heart. Be clear, direct and truthful when communicating. Relationships are really about communication. Begin to be the peacemaker. Warriors are able to be peaceful, too.

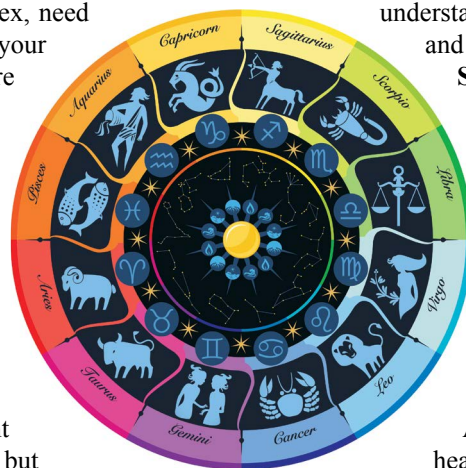
SAGITTARIUS: There will be lots of dramatic goings on in your life or in lives around you. Drama, not a judgment, is simply lots of intense expression. There are also things attractive, sensual and romantic, the arts and music around you. All of these you need to match your creative self-expression. Your heart’s desires are often apparent along with your feelings. What you’re really displaying is kindness, compassion and warm-heartedness.

A colorful blend.

CAPRICORN: Perhaps you’re thinking of your heritage, ancestry and lineages. And childhood times. The planets in the sky seem to have precipitated down into wherever you are presently. Perhaps in your home and garden. Trying to secure themselves, and offering their seeds of wisdom directly into your heart. Creating within you a stable sense of spirituality. They are calling you to rest more, to relax, to know all’s well. In all areas of life, past, present and future. Their sound is Ohm.

AQUARIUS: You have many ideas, many talents, are curious with a very intelligent mind. You seek community – through family, siblings, friends, short journeys, writing and communication. There is a need to assess what your values are (people, events, resources, things, etc.) And to communicate your gratitude with those who love and care for you. There will be a lot of moving about in your life. Stabilize each day with prayer.

PISCES: Your environments must begin to reflect calmness, beauty, order and organization. There may be memories of early childhood experiences. We realize that families and relationships are given to us so that we may learn more together. Learning how to help and care for each other, develop compassion and recognize forgiveness. All our relationships have this as a purpose. We remember our family, our early lives. We are grateful. Always and forever.



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2. hodgepodge. 3. a medley or potpourri.

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The sound of music – The Carroll County Orchestra is preparing for their Spring Concert on April 30 at the Eureka Springs Auditorium. The Orchestra practices on Mondays at 6:30 in the Berryville bandroom. This is the orchestra's 12th year and all musicians are welcome to take part. Pictured is Dustin Scarrow of Berryville High School trumpeting as the orchestra is warming up. *PHOTOS BY JEREMIAH ALVARADO*

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Pinetop Renegades high groove at Cathouse Friday, Wood Chickens strut at Chelsea's

We've got a fun filled, busy weekend with nature themed bands about town. Pinetop Renegades play their first Eureka show at Cathouse Friday. They sound like a mix of Marshall Tucker Band with a bit of the Doobie Brothers. Wood Chickens play Chelsea's, also on Friday. They're self-proclaimed barnburners, so bring your match.

THURSDAY, MARCH 30

BREWS – *Feeding Leroy*, Folk, 6 – 9 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 SALOON – *Another Turn*, Rock, 9 p.m.

FRIDAY, MARCH 31

BALCONY RESTAURANT – *Catherine Reed*, Singer/Songwriter,

12 p.m., *Michael Dimitri*, Singer/Songwriter, 5 p.m.

CATHOUSE LOUNGE – *Pinetop Renegades*, Rock, 8 – 11 p.m.

BREWS – *Jessamyn Orchard*, Singer/Songwriter, 7 – 10 p.m.

CHELSEA'S – *The Wood Chickens*, Poultry Folk, 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 Kara*, 8 p.m.

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

ROWDY BEAVER DEN – *Jesse Dean*, Singer/Songwriter, 8 p.m.

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 1

BASIN PARK – *Drumming in the Park* 6 p.m.

BALCONY RESTAURANT – *Pearl Brick*, Singer/Songwriter, 12 p.m., *Jeff Lee*, Folk, 6 p.m.

BREWS – *Route 358*, Americana, 7 – 10 p.m.

CATHOUSE LOUNGE – *Jimmy Wayne Garrett and Liberty Bell Rhythm Band*, 8 p.m.



Pinetop Renegades play Cathouse Friday, March 31.

CHELSEA'S – *Opal Agafia and the Sweet Nothings*, Folk/Soul, 9 p.m.

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

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

LEGENDS SALOON – *Ruckus*, Rock, 9 p.m.

LE STICK – *Pete Maiella*, Singer/Songwriter, 7 – 9 p.m.

NEW DELHI – *Dr. Nola and the Soul Shakers*, Folk, 6 p.m.

ROWDY BEAVER – *Mary Heather and the Sinners*, Rock, 7 p.m.

ROWDY BEAVER DEN – *Steve Zimmerman*, Singer/Songwriter, 1 – 5 p.m., *Dave Smith Trio*, Rock, 9 p.m.

SUNDAY, APRIL 2

BALCONY RESTAURANT – *Pearl Brick*, Singer/Songwriter, 12 p.m., *Michael Dimitri*, Singer/Songwriter, 5 p.m.

BREWS – *Society of Broken Souls*, Folk Noir, 2 – 5 p.m., *Trivia*, 7 p.m.

NEW DELHI – *Melissa Carper Trio*, Americana, 12 – 4 p.m.

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

ROWDY BEAVER DEN – *Steve Zimmerman*, Singer/Songwriter, 9 p.m.

MONDAY, APRIL 3

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

TUESDAY, APRIL 4

BREWS – *Stephen Chopek*, Singer/Songwriter, 6 – 9 p.m.

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

CHELSEA'S – *Open Mic*, 9 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5

BREWS – *Open Mic*, 7 p.m.

CATHOUSE LOUNGE – *Jimmy Wayne Garrett*, Singer/Songwriter, 6 – 8 p.m.

ROWDY BEAVER DEN – *Karaoke with Stan*, 8 p.m.

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Pinetop Renegades

SATURDAY, APRIL 1 • 8-11 P.M.
Jimmy Wayne Garrett and Liberty Bell

TUESDAYS • 5-7 P.M.
Los Roscoes

When I come to the end of the horizon and enter the other shore remember me with fondness and cry for me no more. I have found my final resting place, that special spot to fish. Remember the times we shared and you, too, I will miss. This is a journey I must take and I must go alone. Know that my heart is with you as I take this journey home. So remember me with kindness for this is not goodbye but is just till we meet again at that fishing hole in the sky.

Robert A. Johnson, Sr., pictured with two Alaska salmon on one of his last fishing trips on this earth. This is the man who taught me the love of fishing. This fisherman left this world Sunday, March 26, 2017. This fisherman is my Father who I will miss very much. When he finds that fishing hole I know he will let the big fish go to share with me as all Fathers do for their children. So grab an extra pole and take a kid fishing. It is important and leave the Game Boy at home for it's time for them to learn and enjoy what God gave us so when you're gone they will have the memories as I do.

Here close to home we got some heavy rains so we have some muddy water on Beaver Lake which has moved the stripers back north of the dirty water with most being caught from Horseshoe Bend to Point 8 area west of Rocky Branch.

Water temps are still in the mid 50s so you should do best with no weight on



bait rods with big shad or shiners for bait and top water lures can also catch fish now. Here at the Island a lot of bass can be caught near the surface along with some white bass that are just moving in.

Look for crappie closer to shoreline brush with jigs and minnows in 4 to 8 foot water. Look for walleye closer to the bottom with the same or trolling crankbaits close to the bottom from the island to Houseman Access.

'Til next week stay warm, be safe, and be courteous to others.

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servant and we express our deepest appreciation to him.

David & Patti Hutchinson

Parking lot fundraiser

Editor,

Thank you Cornerstone Parking Lot Project for allowing the Eureka Springs Cemetery Commission to monitor the

parking fees this past Sunday.

The commission of Bob Thomas, Susan Tharp, David Sallee, Yip Vorbeck and council member Mickey Schneider and Fran, worked together to make the day quite successful!

It was a beautiful day to be outside and contributing to The Cemetery. Thank you to all who parked in "our" lot!

Peg Adamson

by Mike Boian with extensive help from his wife, Ann Solution on page 23

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- ACROSS**

 - 1. Contrived jokes; horseplay
 - 5. Cigarette, *slang*
 - 8. Unpleasant scent
 - 12. Tide type
 - 13. Ocular organ
 - 14. Nude
 - 15. Operatic highlight
 - 16. Slippery swimmer
 - 17. Persia, once
 - 18. Became accustomed
 - 20. Japanese meditation room
 - 21. Mentally deranged
 - 24. Tire pattern
 - 27. Spelling contest
 - 28. Compete
 - 31. Itchy, red bump
 - 32. Cry of a crow
 - 33. Boxing venue
 - 34. Inclined; disposed
 - 35. Secretion used for varnish
 - 36. Keyboard with metal strings
 - 37. Type style
 - 39. Flavor enhancer
 - 43. Certain Petty Officer
- in U.S. Navy

 - 47. Upper part of hipbone
 - 48. "Politics by other means," *e.g.*
 - 50. Adhesive or Scotch
 - 51. Public information
 - 52. Whitney or Manning
 - 53. Level
 - 54. Manner of pacing
 - 55. And so forth
 - 56. In addition
- DOWN**

 - 1. Chew or bite persistently
 - 2. Flight related
 - 3. Improvement
 - 4. Dimensional
 - 5. Nourishes
 - 6. Irishman's assent
 - 7. Cosmetic or medicinal preparation
 - 8. Off-Broadway award
 - 9. Mend a heel
 - 10. Toward the mouth
 - 11. Clinton's AG
 - 19. Finale
- 20. Zed
 - 22. Source of Manila hemp
 - 23. Unused
 - 24. Commercial transporter 1924-2001
 - 25. Sales agent
 - 26. Wear away
 - 28. By way of
 - 29. Hostel
 - 30. Source of many misjudgments
 - 32. Angora or Cheshire
 - 33. Lasagna cheese
 - 35. Oral misrepresentation
 - 36. Chart type
 - 38. Light, fresh poetry
 - 39. What birds do in the morning
 - 40. The accused must enter this
 - 41. Hawaiian honeycreeper
 - 42. Group of actors
 - 44. Postal service
 - 45. Imitates or mimics
 - 46. Roman fiddler
 - 48. Tiny
 - 49. ___-right

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Marjorie Gustin, Applicant
Bombadil's Café, LLC, Name of Business

Sworn before me this 14 day of March, 2017

Mary Popovac, Notary Public
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Aug. 1, 2013
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...income obvious that purchase of the...
...more than just the roofing of the...
...through Benton and Carroll...
...from Kings River to the...
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Landowners in Carroll County...
...that they were kept in the dark about a...
...STWPCO high voltage transmission line that has...
...been in the planning stages since 2006. The line has...
...been dead angle for safety by eminent domain...
...for the 500 kV line STWPCO plans to build Kings River...
...power line was in early April when they received a...
...certified mail letter giving them a month to respond...
...if they wanted to negotiate its relocation.
The issue has had members of the County...
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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. 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

Metafizzies on interpreting the New Testament

The April 3 meeting of the Eureka Springs Metaphysical Society will feature Dr. Stephen Foster continuing his discussion on metaphysical interpretation of the New Testament. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. at Heart of Many Ways, 68 Mountain Street. All are welcome.

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daughter doing just fine. 4:47 a.m. - Motorist headed toward town was reportedly passing on double yellow lines, but the constable did not observe any erratic driving while the vehicle was in town. 3:06 p.m. - Witness called in another vehicle driving recklessly as it came to town from the west, but the constable found it only after it was safely parked. 10:51 p.m. - Traffic stop resulted in the arrest of the driver for an outstanding warrant.

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3:23 p.m. - Individual was arrested for violating a protection order. 8:14 a.m. - Constable watched for but did not encounter an erratic driver coming from Berryville. 10:24 a.m. - Three vehicles were involved in a private property accident. 12:08 p.m. - A big dog attacked two Dachshunds while they were on a walk with their owner. No one was injured. Animal Control responded for a report. 12:12 p.m. - There was a two-vehicle crash at the junction of US 62 and Hwy. 23 South. No injuries. 8:33 p.m. - During an argument, a boyfriend threw an empty prescription bottle at the girlfriend. She was transported to ESH for evaluation because of suicidal comments.

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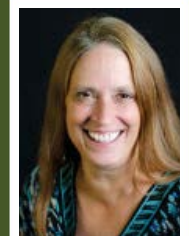
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