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This week’s Independent thinkers

The First Amendment of the Bill of Rights is our national identity. Its principles and values define us. It’s how our forefathers ensured there would be public debate on a constitution they were unsure of, since no one had ever written anything quite like it.



In 1791, nine of the original 13 states had to give the Constitution a thumbs up, and they did. It only took seven years for Congress to decide the president could deport miscreants who might disrupt or defame this country.

John Adams, although a patriot, put family members in office, spent with abandon and behaved like a king. He wrote that the French were so revolutionary they might corrupt children and “cut the throats of all inhabitants,” and the Irish were too disruptive.

Sound familiar?
Somehow, morality and decency prevailed, and so did the Bill of Rights.

Join us, really, please do, this Saturday at 2 p.m. for a 1st Amendment parade, Carroll County style, down Spring Street. Everyone who values freedom, with all its advantages and responsibilities, is welcome.

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Peace, love, joy, and happiness – Locals and vendors in Basin Park gathered at 2 p.m. on Saturday for a few quick photos of the Public Display of Affection, held each Diversity Weekend. The park was lively throughout midday with people taking time in between walking Eureka to sit down and enjoy the atmosphere.

PHOTO BY JEREMIAH ALVARADO

Hogs in the hills

NICKY BOYETTE

Feral hogs are smart, excellent at procreating, and often large and scary. In spite of efforts around the area to counter their ever-expanding population, they keep reproducing and roaming our woods and hills causing extensive damage, sometimes on private property.

Doug Stowe and Jean Elderwind live just north of the Eureka Springs city limits, and a year ago, Stowe walked outside one morning to find their patch of perennials had been plowed up and totally destroyed by a sounder of feral hogs looking for something underground to eat. Stowe and Elderwind invested in materials to set up a low-tech trap on their picturesque hillside. It is basically a wire fence circling a feeding spot with a lever connected via a pulley to an elevated gate. The lever hangs over a spot of corn. An animal eating the corn bumps the lever and the gate closes.

Stowe remarked it is the first thing he thinks of in the morning, and every evening at dusk he must remember to bait and set the trap. He said squirrels and raccoons also trip his trap.

“We’ve trapped about thirty six hogs so far and dispatched them, and our neighbor has killed another six,” Stowe said. “By killing a bunch of them, we’ve asserted our claim on the territory.” Nevertheless, he still sees hogs in the woods on his game camera, and there is rooting damage along the roadway. “It’s a triumph over them for the short-term,” he said, “but it’s a matter of time before they return.”

Stowe mentioned Lake Leatherwood City Park is an ideal place for hogs because there are fewer dogs to bother them, and there have been hog encounters there. He said no one would want to run into a 300-lb. hog with long tusks.

Parks Director Justin Huss said he ordered two kinds of traps last autumn to address the hog problem at LLCP, but they arrived only a little over a month ago. Now the hogs are more dispersed because the food sources are more plentiful and scattered.

Huss said he has been working with adjoining landowners to identify where the likely feeding spots are, but establishing the network is still in process.

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He commented setting traps in the park would necessitate putting up signage so that unsuspecting hikers do not walk upon an angry pig in a trap. Setting up traps on private property would be safer because of less pedestrian and bike traffic.

Huss bought a large corral trap that can be activated by a remote cell phone call and a smaller, more flexible trailer-mounted trap that can fit into smaller spaces. So far his traps have captured five hogs. He said because the park is in city limits, a police officer must be called to dispatch the captured quarry.

He said his hope is more landowners like Stowe will set up traps. He noted low-tech traps like Stowe's can be very effective, but the key is for a network of landowners to pinpoint hog activity so everyone's efforts are as effective as possible. For now, Huss said he is the clearinghouse for information about feral hog activity in the area. "We're going to be doing this for years," Huss said.

He commented the State of Oklahoma lends traps to homeowners. He said state agencies in Arkansas are limited in resources, so it is up to locals to do the initial outreach. He said, "Their intentions are solid," and

it might be within the next year he sees assistance from Arkansas Game & Fish Commission.

Stowe even wondered if Arkansas Department of Transportation might not want to be involved because of rooting damage along roadways. He said he made a presentation to the Carroll County Quorum Court about the problem, but was told they do not have any assistance funds at this time. He said he would be willing to help set up a workshop to relate his experiences and knowledge for landowners with a hog problem. "If the county and Fish and Game are not going to do it, it is up to us to do it," he said. He also considered setting up a "Hog Report" website so property owners can share experiences because a key to limiting the problem is knowing where the hogs go.

Stowe said, "My kind of trap might not be ideal, but if I could get half a sounder, I at least chase them off temporarily." However, he noted he does not want to just chase them onto someone else's property. "I'd just as soon protect other people as well."

At this point, anyone with feral hog sightings or questions can communicate with Huss at info@eurekaparks.com.

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Legislature creates feral hog eradication task force

NICKY BOYETTE

In late March, the Arkansas legislature passed HB 2063 which created a feral hog eradication task force to create strategies for addressing feral swine infestations in Arkansas. Rep. Ken Hammer [R] of Benton introduced the bill.

The task force will be comprised of nine representatives from a variety of state agencies, commissions and departments. Its charge is to create a state-approved methodology for reducing feral

hog populations to a manageable level.

Recommendations from the task force are due by the end of the year, and a draft plan should be ready for the general assembly by the summer of 2018. Points in the plan will include funding strategies and identifying who is responsible for carrying out the plan.

Currently, Arkansas Game & Fish employs one feral hog expert for the 75 Arkansas counties with feral hog problems.

More readers needed for Bible reading marathon

The 8th annual Carroll County Bible Reading marathon needs more readers to fill 15-minute time slots from 8 a.m. – 8 p.m. Thursday, May 4 thru Thursday, May 11. Kick off for the marathon is May 4 with a picnic to begin the annual National Day of Prayer. More leaders for the marathon are needed to be "block" coordinators. This involves being on site for three half hour blocks of time during the marathon. If you can wish to be a reader or block coordinator call Bonnie Roediger at (870) 350-0865.



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Council approves Parks special election

NICKY BOYETTE

Aldermen voted Monday to approve the third reading of Ord. 2254, which sets up a special election June 13 for voters to decide whether to renew the one-eighth cent tax to support projects outlined in the Lake Leatherwood City Park Master Plan.

To limit the lag period in collecting the tax and prevent forcing Parks to start all over in pursuing such a tax, the

ordinance includes an Emergency Clause that had to be passed at that meeting. Alderman David Mitchell reiterated his concern that council had been put in the position of having to pass an emergency clause. "It would be nice not to get into emergencies although I'll vote to pass it," he said.

Alderman Terry McClung moved to put the ordinance on its

third reading, while alderman Peg Adamson said she would rather see a tax go toward rebuilding the city's infrastructure. Mayor Butch Berry said he had tried diligently last year to get voters to approve a tax to improve the infrastructure so the city would not have to raise water and sewer rates as

it is doing now, but voters turned it down. He also explained it was not the fault of the Parks Department that this ordinance came to council so late.

Vote to approve was 5-1, Adamson voting No. Vote to approve the Emergency Clause was 4-2, Adamson and Bob Thomas voting No.

Community Center HAPPENINGS

On Thursday, April 20 the Farmers' Market will open at the site of the Eureka Springs Community Center.

25 years rescuing big cats and exotics

Turpentine Creek Wildlife Refuge will celebrate its 25th anniversary on Sunday, April 23. The event will include entry into the refuge for the day,

breakfast, a commemorative t-shirt and more. Tickters are \$50 and can be bought online at www.turpentinecreek.org/save-the-date/ or by calling (479) 253-5841.

Public hearing on rate increase April 24

NICKY BOYETTE

Mayor Butch Berry said he had nothing new to add to the discussion of increasing sewer rates to bring the city into compliance with bond covenants. A public hearing will be at 6 p.m., April 24, at the start of the next council meeting. Alderman Peg Adamson said she wanted to discuss restructuring water and sewer rates at some point in the future. She has heard from residents who like the idea of a per gallon rate as opposed to the tier structure the city uses.

Alderman Terry McClung said it is typical for cities to use a tiered system

because it is the most equitable method, although not perfect. "Perfect doesn't exist," McClung stated, and added there would always be a minimum charge.

Berry said it is the same situation as a customer who turns off the gas supply only to find there will still be a minimum charge.

Alderman Bob Thomas asked Berry to have Finance Director Lonnie Clark attend the next meeting to answer questions about the impact on the city's budget. Berry replied he would have Clark attend, but the city will not know the impact until preparing the 2018 budget.

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Council attempts to smooth street bumps

NICKY BOYETTE

Alderman Kristi Kendrick told Eureka Springs city council at Monday evening's meeting she was surprised to learn at the previous meeting that five people signing a petition could apply to the city to get a speed bump placed on a street. She said she searched through the city's documents to find the source of this information, and it was Kim Stryker, Assistant to the Mayor, who found in the Public Works Policy Manual a document entitled "City of Eureka Springs Policy for Neighborhood Traffic Control."

The document states that, "The City of Eureka Springs may decide that a city street or roadway requires a speed control device from requests from the Eureka Springs Police Department, the Eureka Springs Public Works Department or by citizens who live in the requested area." Later in the same paragraph it states, "Applications for traffic control devices shall include five signatures, one per residence, located on the proposed street or roadway."

A decision regarding a traffic control device is up to the Public Works director after review by the Chief of Police. However, any appeals are brought to city council. Kendrick said the Public Works director works for the mayor, so appeals should go through the mayor's office, not council. Other aldermen agreed this process belonged under administrative rather than legislative review.

Mayor Butch Berry said there is a process in place for these complaints and requests that involves all departments. Residents on East Mountain requested removal of a speed bump after other residents had requested it to slow down speeders on that road. Berry said he had not yet decided, but was presently more focused on increasing police presence and enforcing the speed limit.

Berry mentioned he had said all along the speed bump was in place on a trial basis. "If it works, it works," he said, but regardless of the speed bump he is leaning toward more enforcement.

Kendrick said she wanted to change the policy officially to keep council out

of the process. Berry told council they would have a chance soon to examine all department policy manuals as part of a periodic review process.

Other items

- Council passed Resolution 708 that reallocated a vehicle from the Building Department to the Parks Department.

- In Public Comments, Nellie Clark asked for council to consider charging for water by the gallon for "itty bitty people like me" who never use the amount of water she is billed for.

- Berry mentioned that people interested in serving the city can apply for one of the vacancies on the Hospital Commission, the Historic District Commission or City Advertising and Promotion Commission.

- Adamson commented, "Shame on the Governor for scheduling eight executions right after Easter."

Next meeting will be Monday, April 24. There will be the second Public Hearing regarding the proposed increase in water and sewer fees at 6 p.m. to begin the evening.

INDEPENDENTArt

Zeek Taylor work showcased at Delta Exhibition

A shadow box by Eureka Springs artist Zeek Taylor has been selected to appear in the 59th annual Delta Exhibition at the Arkansas Arts Center. The shadow box titled "Aberdeen Calabash" is mixed media. The show opens at Arkansas Arts Center in Little Rock on June 9 and will be on view through August 27.



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Striving for fair rates

BECKY GILLETTE

Carroll County Justice of the Peace Lamont Richie has concerns about current and proposed rates structures for water and sewer, saying water rates have been subsidizing sewer services, which is unfair to 500 plus water-only customers in the city.

"Because water rates have generated more revenue than sewer rates for years, water customers have contributed a substantially higher amount to paying down the debt on the 2000 and 2002 bonds," Richie said. "Though the bonds were entitled water and sewer bonds, most of that money went to sewer-related projects."

To meet bond obligations, the city has advocated raising sewer rates by 21 percent without adjusting water rates, and adding an infrastructure fee of \$5 to \$50 per month depending on usage. Richie said the current rate structure has been unfair and inequitable for some time, and changes now proposed add a percentage increase and a flat fee that perpetuate unfairness.

In 1999, the city council raised water rates so that someone using 2,000 gallons would pay a minimum charge of \$6.70 per

month (or \$3.35 per thousand gallons); someone using 8,000 gallons would pay \$28.48 per month (or \$3.79 per thousand gallons); and someone using 40,000 gallons would pay \$182.22 per month (or \$4.56 per thousand gallons).

"In 2002, water rates were adjusted again," Richie said. "But the result was that the lowest user saw a 23 percent increase in their monthly rate while someone using 8,000 gallons had a 23 percent decrease in their rate. A 40,000-gallon/month user had a fourteen percent drop."

Since 2002, there have been six water rate increases but no sewer rate increases.

"Currently, we have a rate structure with three tiers," Richie explained. "The lowest, up to 2,000 gallons, has a minimum fee of \$11.20/month. So, whether someone uses 500 gallons or 1,500 gallons, the cost is the same. I've asked, but have not been given an answer, how the minimum fee was set. Is it based on certain costs that every user ought to share or is it just a number that was set, then increased whenever additional revenue was needed? If every water customer has the minimum fee included in their bill, it seems

that the city should be able to define what it represents."

Richie sees unfairness in how rates are distributed, such as a low-use customer paying \$5.60 for every 1000 of gallons of water use, with an \$11.60 per month minimum. As a result, a person using only 1,000 gallons of water each month has to pay \$11.60. But, if that same person uses 2,500 gallons they will pay \$5.34 per thousand gallons.

The rates climb the more you use until passing the 10,000-gallon threshold, after which the cost per thousand gallons stays the same. A customer using 30,000 gallons per month will pay 12.4 percent more per thousand gallons than someone using 10,000 gallons. But a customer using 10,000 gallons will pay 13.5 percent less per thousand gallons than someone using 2,000 gallons.

From 2008 through 2016, the water department (excluding debt service, grants and capital transfers) had average net annual operating revenue of nearly \$140,000.

"For that same period, the sewer department had average net operating

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Summer season has begun

NICKY BOYETTE

Mayor Butch Berry thanked the Police and Fire Departments Monday for due diligence during the recent busy weekend in which there were 136 service calls, 23 citations, 10 warrants issued, nine noise ordinance violations, eight arrests and four DWIs. There were four accidents in town and numerous others outside city limits.

Berry also commended a local bar owner who, in an attempt to control the noise at his establishment, kept his own decibel-reading device on hand and even made sure it read the same as the one used by the police in his parking lot who were responding to noise complaints. Berry said it was noisy in town even without the music, and he appreciated work done by police officers and others in the midst of it all.

Public restrooms in compliance

NICKY BOYETTE

At the March 20 city council meeting, alderman Peg Adamson had reported the downtown Transit building had been locked during a weekend day when plenty of people were out and about. Mayor Butch Berry reported Monday evening he found out the building had been locked because there had been vandalism, and he has asked Transit Director Ken Smith if the bathrooms could be kept open.

The city installed cameras in the building, and Berry said the bathrooms should be available seven days a week from 7 a.m.

– 8 p.m. all year. He also noted there are handicapped-accessible bathrooms available at the Trolley Station and the North Main parking lot open the same hours.

Berry stated there was misinformation spread in paid ads that claimed the city did not have handicapped-accessible bathrooms. To counter such misinformation, he included in the council packet a map the city now has available specifically identifying the locations of handicapped-accessible parking and bathrooms, and said he intends to have signage also indicating where to go.

Celebrate our freedoms April 15

Celebrate your First Amendment rights at a parade on April 15. 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.

Easter Sunrise services at Passion Play

The Western Carroll County Ministerial Association would like to invite everyone to attend Easter Sunrise Service on April 16 at 7 a.m. at the base of the Christ of the Ozarks on the Passion Play grounds. There will be transportation down to the area for the handicapped and disabled. There will be music, prayer, and preaching. In case of inclement weather the event will be held in the Great Hall.



Benevolent and Protective – Elks Lodge 1042 is proud to announce new officers for 2017-18. Pictured (l.-r.) Exalted Ruler Rupert Baumgarten, Leading Knight Dan Kees, Lecturing Knight Peggy Lodewyks. Not shown is Loyal Knight Ed Jacobson.

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Community Center changes OK'd

NICKY BOYETTE

At its April 5 meeting, the Historic District Commission approved another renovation at the Community Center site when commissioners voted to allow the Foundation to remove the old concrete block vocational trades building, which sits behind B-300. It was built in the late 1970s, and has structural deficiencies enough that Building Inspector Bobby Ray considered it a candidate for demolition. The Foundation will retain part of the slab and eventually build a greenhouse there. The planned exercise trail will also wind through the vacated area.

Commissioners also approved these applications:

- 17 Benton – new railings for porch and front steps
- 18 Pine – re-paint new colors; siding; use crushed limestone on driveway; enclose rear porch; rear addition; small side addition; partial privacy fence
- 215 N. Main – privacy screen around rear deck

These items on the Consent Agenda were approved:

- 152 W. Van Buren – new sign; new paint colors
- 44 Prospect – new paint colors
- 188 N. Main – new sign
- 21 Steele – new paint colors for house/shed
- 164 N. Main – new sign
- 215 N. Main – new sign
- 37 S. Main – new sign
- 77 Spring – new sign

- First & Basin Spring – new sign
- 73 Spring – new paint colors
- 164 W. Van Buren – new sign

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

Chair Virgil Fowler presented these Administrative Approvals which are applications for repair or work involving no changes in materials or color but which include changes in roofing color.

- 8 Washington – replace sidewalk
- 30 Avo – temporary lattice railing for safety
- 13 N. Main – replace front door w/4” longer glass
- 273 N. Main – repair roof
- 282 Spring – repair, repaint
- 105 E. Van Buren – repaint, repair, re-roof, replace sign

The commission also voted to approve new procedures presented at the March 15 meeting for handling Code complaints. The procedures state that complaints would be channeled through Glenna Booth, the City Historic Preservation Officer, and Bobby Ray, the Building Inspector. Booth would create a file with all pertinent information about the property in question and present it to the HDC. Commissioners would consider the facts and decide if the complaint deserved further review. At that point, Booth would involve Ray to determine the next steps.

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Rely on experts

Editor,

Water and sewer rates continue to baffle the city council. The most recent proposal is still irrational and inequitable.

How did the council decide these most recent rates? It was *not* based on any detailed analysis of the costs and revenues. The 2016 water rate collections *exceed* the total water costs by \$172,600. The 2016 sewer rate collections fell short of sewer expenses by \$384,927 when one includes the interest and principal on the sewer bonds.

The city's figures indicate that the water rates need to be lowered by 20% and the sewer rates need to be increased by 65% to make revenues equal expenses. This is a large increase for sewer rates, but one that is required by law, the bonding covenants, and common sense. If these increases seem shocking or painful, then (1) blame the city council who failed to solve this problem over the past five years after it became apparent, and (2) be thankful that the city rather than the user has paid the sewer bill.

The city council's most recent proposal adds a "fee" to water users' bills that will be used to pay for sewer bond indebtedness. The current proposal raises rates for sewer users, but raises them differently for each tier, and not nearly enough to cover sewer bond expenses. More important, the council has not given any rationale for the rates or the differences between tiers.

Rate setting should not be a seat-of-the-pants affair, but it has been with this mayor and council. There are experts, models, whole schools of public administration that deal with these issues, but none were consulted.

Many of the current decision makers

(Berry, McClung, Mitchell, Schneider) failed to respond at all over the last five years and now are responding irrationally and inequitably. Eureka Springs deserves better. I say to city council: Table this ordinance, seek help and consultation, carefully predict the costs and potential revenues, then design water and sewer rates that are sufficient, rational, and equitable. Take the time to do this right!

Eric Knowles

Fixing leaks a priority

To the City Council

and Mayor of Eureka Springs,

You have been working for a year now on the water and sewer financial challenges, and the most equitable plan you can come up with is water rates (no change), sewer rates +21% across all three tiers, and a new monthly I&I fee of Tier 1-\$5, Tier 2-\$10, Tier 3-\$50.

Well, looking at the total water and sewer bill change by tier, I see Tier 1 at +34%, Tier 2 at +30%, and Tier 3 at +14%. This is equitable? Again the households and businesses using the least water and sewer get the biggest percent increase and pay the most per gallon of water used!

What a convoluted mess of a rate structure. Know you were trying to not do +30% across all tiers... so +34% Tier 1 and +14% Tier 3 is better?

To be clear, I fully support increased rates to pay for the higher than planned costs of operating the sewage treatment plant, meeting our bond covenants, and rates to pay for needed infrastructure repairs and maintenance. We buy 280 million gallons of water annually from Carroll Boone but only bill out 140 million gallons, so 140 million gallons are wasted due to leaks into the ground,

which is ecologically irresponsible.

Yet our current water rates are sufficient to pay for the 280 million gallons and generate a surplus, meaning the water rates are two times what they would be if there were no leaks. Let's find and fix the leaks, and use the extra funds from 2-times water rates to maintain the system.

Your latest solution to solve our water and sewer financial problems still provides no funds to go find and fix this waste, rather it pays off bonds early and then we can fix the leaks... we can't wait that long.

I'm disappointed that with all the time and effort, besides being not equitable, the proposed plan does not fully address our city's water and sewer issues, and the longer we wait, the more expensive it is going to be... oh, and we get to look forward to some more and more frequent water main breaks and boil orders.

D Rude

Careful of the shell game

Editor,

As a charter member of the United Nations, our government promised that we would take global conflicts to the Security Council to be resolved. Our Constitution's Article I, Section 8 states that only Congress authorizes war. But despite all the rules and laws, last Thursday, our president illegally and casually bombed a sovereign nation. We even have a picture of the president's "war room" at his resort, Mar-a-Lago. In this picture (which is reminiscent of Obama's Bin Laden picture) he is surrounded by his Secretaries of

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WEEK'S TopTweets

@mrjohntofu: I'm not sure why banks tie down pens that don't work.

@ElleOhHell: Are there a lot of abbreviations for Maine or is it just ME?

@EdgarAllanLo: Pharaohs were buried with their arms crossed over their chest because ancient Egyptians believed they took a waterslide into the afterlife.

@moooog35: The sun isn't even up yet but this seems like a

good time to start yelling at the top of my lungs trying to find a girlfriend. – Birds

@Donna_McCoy: If I get a tax refund I'll probably just blow it all on Butterfingers.

@bluntphilip: Rich people in movies apparently can't drink scotch without telling everyone how old it is.

@Lovenlunchmeat: I've been Catholic for years and still have no idea which murders I should confess and which I should keep to myself.

@skinnersteven: I was hooked on auctions after only going once, going twice.

@yenniwhite: A GPS. But for where your story is going.

@sammynickalls: What if we pronounced "envelope" like "Penelope."

Protecting our Land and Freedom

“Real estate cannot be lost or stolen, nor can it be carried away. Purchased with common sense, paid for in full, and managed with reasonable care, it is about the safest investment in the world.” – FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT

President Roosevelt, one day after Japan’s attack on Pearl Harbor, met with the U.S. Congress. One hour after FDR’s Infamy Speech, Congress declared war on the Empire of Japan. FDR is also remembered for protecting private property, “the safest investment in the world.”

McDonald’s Corporation does not make money flipping burgers and selling fries, they profit from leasing land and buildings to franchisees. McDonald’s makes its money on real estate.

Today, greedy investors take private property for profit as perpetual easements, “the best investment for shareholders.” Remote bulk transmission projects are not about green electrons or crude oil. Easement agreements taken by force using expert third party land agents give Diamond unlimited access to the right-of-way, additional land for construction and roads, and legal protection against concerned people.

Tyler Hamilton was arrested last month in Pope County “for criminal trespassing and obstruction of governmental operations.” Delta Directional Drilling, a Diamond contractor, claims Tyler’s short interruption caused more than \$7,000 in damages. Delta filed a charge of second-degree criminal mischief. Tyler, a 22-year old Boy Scout, will be tried on May 1. Legal funds are needed. How is Delta Directional Drilling governmental operations?

Plains All-America, aka Diamond, has exclusive use of a 440-mile strip of land, 100-ft. wide, forever. Landowners will pay property taxes, insurance, and liability, for the right to host the *Black Snake*. PAA can build other pipelines, fiber optic lines, gas lines, or whatever they want in their easement.

Protecting our Land

A WSJ report last week, “Investors Building Green Power Lines: Billionaires want to move renewable power from the plains to big cities,” is based on the premise landowners living in fly-by, low-income states will

sign easements to Make America Great Again. TransWest Express, a \$9 billion wind farm and transmission line backed by billionaire Philip Anschutz, wants to sell 3,000 megawatts of wind power from Wyoming to Las Vegas, 730 miles away. Clean Line Plains and Eastern, that has had the same idea for almost 10 years, is now claiming to be “critical infrastructure.”

Remote, bulk, private transmission lines for profit are *not* critical infrastructure. To deal with extreme weather and abrupt climate change, resilient roads, bridges, sewers, and battery-powered distributed solar generation systems are needed. Instead, Trump is slashing federal public transportation funds to Amtrak, transit, and commuter rail programs, and flights to rural towns, hurting jobs for rural and working class communities and the economy.

Ron tells a different story on YouTube, *Clean Line Pollutes & Destroys Home/Land Value*. He talks about the lakes, views, trees, wildlife, peace, and quiet. Living at its best is an amazing experience that billionaires in glass towers and private jets don’t understand. In the Ozarks, hearing bald eagles and hawks as they fly nearby is

priceless.

Protecting our Freedom

Arkansas representatives tried to suppress our First Amendment rights to freedom of assembly and speech. Fortunately, Gov. Asa Hutchinson vetoed the anti-demonstration bill (SB 550).

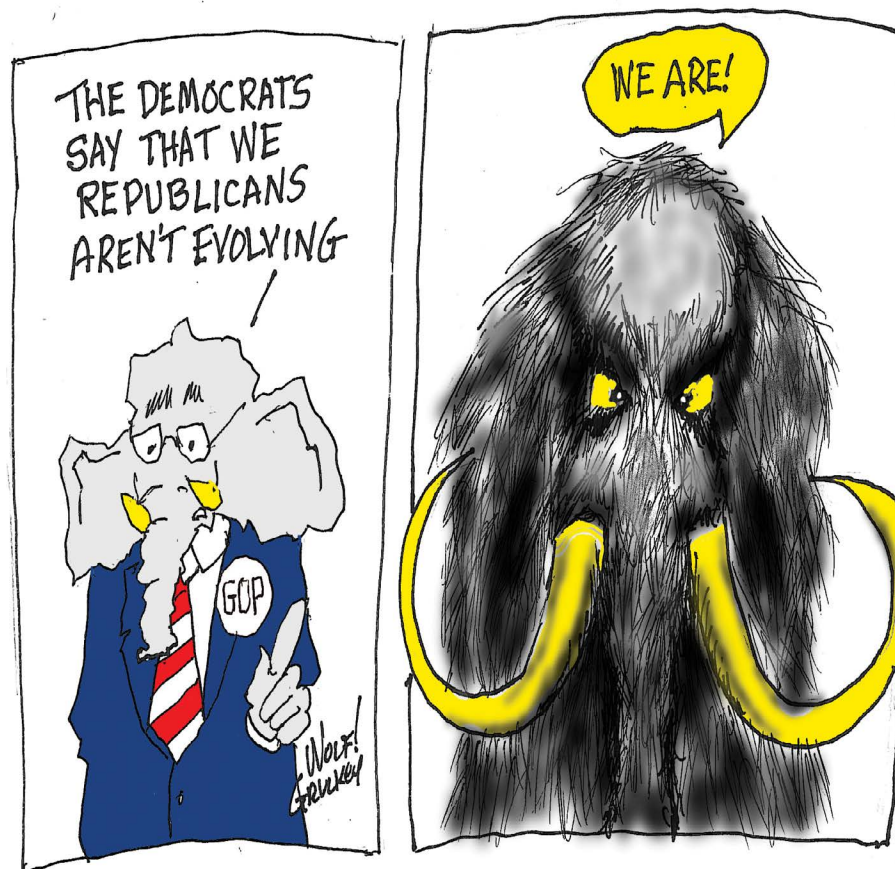
Oklahoma has two bills for the Diamond Pipeline. HB 1123, with penalties of up to \$100,000 and 10 years in prison for individuals and fines of up to \$1 million for organizations “found to be a conspirator,” was approved by the House. A second bill, HB 2128, would make anyone “arrested or convicted of trespass” liable for damages, and extends liability to any “person or entity that compensates a person for trespassing.” Will Gov. Mary Fallin have the courage to veto the Diamond bills?

An urgent request

Abraham Lincoln said, “Government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the Earth.” He said people like you and me, not irresponsible billionaires.

Will Gov. Hutchinson and the Arkansas Congressional Delegation please stand up? It is never too late to protect our land and freedom.

Dr. Luis Contreras



The Pursuit of HAPPINESS

by Dan Krotz

For obvious reasons, I have been re-reading William L. Shirer’s book *The Rise and Fall of the Third Reich*. Summarily, Hitler is a national joke in 1930. Hitler becomes Chancellor of Germany in 1933. Hitler starts WWII in 1939. Hitler begins murdering 6,000,000 men, women, and children in 1940 because of their religious beliefs. Hitler kills himself in a Berlin basement in 1945. A sad story with a happy ending.

As a companion piece, I have been re-reading Martin Heidegger’s *Being and Time*, which argues that doing things is more important than thinking about things. Largely forgotten now, Heidegger was probably the world’s most famous and influential philosopher living in the first half of the 20th century. He was a big fan of *der Fuhrer* and certainly the headiest goose stepper of his time. Although Heidegger never recanted his support of Hitler, he said, shortly before his death in 1976, “it was the biggest stupidity of my life.”

Reading Heidegger necessarily brings you up close and personal with two of his students, Hannah Arendt and Edith Stein. Each deeply loved Heidegger in their early days with him, but ultimately came to loathe him. “Martin said that a hammer isn’t a hammer unless it is in your hand efficiently driving a nail,” Stein remarked. “It didn’t matter to him if the nail is driven into a heart, or a coffin lid, as long as the hammer was used efficiently.”

Heidegger is certainly the man of the hour today. Never before has communication been so efficient, or thoughtless, or banal. We are a tweet away from a holocaust, an algorithm-driven hedge fund or three from bankruptcy. Our consumption is so greedily and efficiently conspicuous that God, who can forgive anything, may not be able to forgive the shamelessness of our apparently unquenchable appetites. Arendt, who subtitled her 1963 book, *Eichmann in Jerusalem: “A Report on the Banality of Evil,”* was thinking no doubt of Heidegger when she wrote, “Eichmann was not a fanatic or a sociopath, but an ordinary person who relied on clichés... who hoped only for promotion...” and who probably never regretted the biggest stupidity of his life.

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. Friday – Food Pantry 10 a.m. – 2 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

APRIL 3

3:50 a.m. – Constable assisted EMS with an unattended death.
12:05 p.m. – Passerby noticed trash in a ravine. Constable on patrol determined it was recyclables from a nearby restaurant. Manager agreed to clean it up.
2:02 p.m. – Concerned motorist heading to town from Berryville reported another driver almost forced her off the road and crossed the center line several times. Constables encountered the driver on North Main and learned she was not intoxicated, just looking for yard sales.
2:22 p.m. – Vehicle parked in a parking lot did not have a license plate. Constable determined it was not stolen.
5:14 p.m. – Unattended dog reportedly frolicked in a motel parking lot, but the responding constable never saw it.

APRIL 4

12:40 a.m. – Inebriated individual fell into a ditch along US 62 in the commercial area. Constable arrested him for public intoxication.
1:37 a.m. – Alarm was tripped at a restaurant on US 62. Constable and keyholder found the building secure.
9:03 a.m. – Witness told ESPD the weather had apparently forced a banner on Spring Street to hang way low. Public Works got a call to respond.
11:01 p.m. – Apartment dweller was being loud which prompted a neighbor to ask the constable for a welfare check. Constable learned the loud one was angry about an earlier encounter.

APRIL 5

12:23 a.m. – A couple pulled on the front door of a closed business and triggered the alarm. They told the responding constable they thought it was still open just past midnight.
7:27 a.m. – At the same business, employees accidentally triggered the same front door alarm.
1:34 p.m. – Observer saw a male drinking a can of beer as he drove through town. Constables encountered the driver and initiated a traffic stop. The driver passed the field sobriety test, but got a citation for an open container.
7:32 p.m. – Resident on US 62 reported her home had been burglarized.

APRIL 6

8:39 a.m. – One neighbor said the nearby neighbors let their dang dogs run around loose through the neighborhood.
10:51 a.m. – Passerby was concerned about a toddler playing in the grass near US 62. Constable found the child and the

parents and advised them of the concern.
11:53 a.m. – Caller asked for constable assistance in delivering an emergency message.
12:20 p.m. – Observers reported there were panhandlers near a business on US 62. The constable spoke with them and learned they were not asking for money but just passing through.
1:15 p.m. – Five untethered, under-oversen dogs rushed a pedestrian and his leashed dog, and one of the gang members nipped the pedestrian’s pants. Animal Control went to the scene to gather the facts.
9:04 p.m. – Constable assisted EMS at the residence of a combative person with a bi-polar condition.

APRIL 7

8:46 a.m. – Daughter asked for a welfare check on her mother who had undergone a medical procedure and had not called since. Constable spoke with the mother and advised her to call the daughter.
10:59 a.m. – Patron at a restaurant told ESPD her wallet went missing after lunch.
11:40 a.m. – Tourist lodging was closed but a passerby noticed an open door. Constable found nothing awry in the building.
1:06 p.m. – Driver following GPS directions got stuck at a tricky intersection. Constable provided traffic assistance to clear the roadway.
3:16 p.m. – Constable went to check on a dog reportedly locked inside a parked vehicle. He arrived to find the vehicle owner already there.
5:10 p.m. – Merchant claimed items were missing from her store but refused to make a report.
5:50 p.m. – Parked vehicle blocked a narrow street. Constable found the owner who moved the vehicle.
11:59 p.m. – Traffic stop resulted in the arrest of the driver for DWI and careless driving.

APRIL 8

12:49 a.m. – Burglary alarm rang out prompting a visit from the constable. He found the building secure.
1:37 a.m. – Motel manager asked a constable to remove guests from the property. Constable relocated them.
12:25 p.m. – Resident just north of downtown claimed two males in a vehicle passed by his house several times and yelled obscenities at him. Constables put on extra patrols in the area.
2:49 p.m. – Person complained about the

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Outpatient billing in rural hospitals questionable

BECKY GILLETTE

A local woman wants to alert those on Medicare, and their physicians, to be aware the amount they will be expected to pay could be double what it should be if they have outpatient procedures performed at any Critical Access Hospital. Eureka Springs Hospital (ESH) and Mercy Hospital-Berryville are both CAHs.

CAHs are rural hospitals designated by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to receive supplemental financial assistance. The idea is for CAH status to help preserve healthcare access in rural areas. Medicare pays an additional "adjustment" to CAHs, which may be equal to or greater than the Medicare payment for the procedure itself. That means patients on Medicare who are required to provide a co-pay of up to 20 percent can end up with a co-pay twice as high as expected.

"Last year, I was referred to the Eureka hospital by a local physician for a CT scan," said the Medicare patient who chose to remain anonymous for health privacy reasons. "Neither the Eureka hospital nor the physician told me that the hospital is a Critical Access Hospital. I learned about the impact the hospital's Critical Access Hospital status had on me and others on Medicare after the hospital sent me a bill that was twice the amount the hospital staff had given as the cost of the CT scan before it was carried out."

The woman, who provided copies of records to back up her statements, researched costs for CT scans in the region prior to having her procedure. The regional average was \$1,000. She said the staff at ESH told her it would be \$2,000, but she decided it would be easier to pay a \$400 co-pay than to screen, arrange for, and travel to an out-of-county medical facility.

"When I got the bill, my co-pay was not \$400, as I had expected," she said. "It was almost \$800. In other words, my co-pay was close to the average regional cost of the procedure itself. Eureka hospital had already received about \$4,000 from Medicare for the CT scan – four times more than the scan would have cost at a non-CAH facility – and the hospital's total intake would rise to nearly \$5,000 when my \$800 was included."

In doing research to file a complaint with Medicare, she found a 2014 study by the Office of the Inspector-General: "Medicare beneficiaries paid nearly half the cost for outpatient services at Critical Access Hospitals." The study found that Medicare

outpatients are paying up to six times more at CAHs and recommended charging a co-pay based on Medicare's payment to CAHs for the procedure itself, rather than basing the co-pay on the sum of the payment for the procedure, plus the additional adjustment Medicare pays to CAHs.

She said that retirees, many of whom can't afford high medical bills, are being gouged by CAH hospitals under the method currently used to calculate co-pays. She noted that this economic burden is compounded by the practice of most hospitals, including ESH, of demanding the maximum co-pay allowed by law.

"I was not adequately informed," she said. "If I had known then what I know now, I would have gone somewhere other than the Eureka Springs Hospital for that CT scan. In the future, I will not go to any CAH for an outpatient procedure. The Department of Health and Human Services needs to make the changes that were recommended by their own Office of Inspector General several years ago."

In an effort to resolve the issue of her co-pay, she asked to meet with the hospital's billing manager, but met with no success.

"Rather than agreeing to my request for a meeting with management to discuss my bill, Eureka hospital decided to turn the bill over to a collection agency," she said. "I wrote the collection agency a letter saying, 'Please provide documentation that you are licensed to operate in Arkansas and also notify anyone you have communication with in this case that it is in dispute.'"

She has heard nothing more from the debt collection agency or the hospital, and doesn't know if the hospital sold her debt to the collection agency or requested reimbursement by Medicare. The charge remains on the Medicare statement she receives quarterly.

Peter Savoy, CEO of EHS, said all ESH patients are charged the same price for the same type of service rendered. Savoy said this is true regardless of their status as an inpatient or outpatient, and regardless of their payer classification, be it Medicare, Medicaid, private pay, commercial insurance or any other payer type.

"Also, Medicare requires that delinquent accounts go through a collection process, which at some point may include the use of an outside collection service, in order for a claim to be written off," Savoy said. "This mandated process is followed for all payer classifications. In addition,

the hospital works diligently with patients/guarantors in an effort to set up payment arrangements when a balance cannot be paid in full."

"The key thing here is that every Medicare patient in this region needs to know that their costs will be two to six times greater if they are referred to a CAH or go to a CAH for emergency care," the woman said. "People need to know. I am not sure physicians are aware of this, either."

She said while doing research, she found something of even greater concern.

"Hospital staff not only didn't tell me the hospital was a CAH, they didn't tell me that the CT scanner they had at that time did not comply with the XR-29 standard established by the National Electrical Manufacturers Association with the aim of protecting patients from radiation overdoses," she said.

The woman provided billing and codes showing that the ESH scanner was non-compliant, as well as notices warning that Medicare payments to hospitals with non-compliant scanners would be reduced if the scanners were not upgraded or replaced

by 2016. She found that in some areas of the country, non-compliant scanners had delivered high doses of radiation.

"Cases of patients receiving high radiation overdoses during CT scans started making the news almost ten years ago," she said. "My CT scan was in March of 2016, and in December of 2016, the Eureka hospital bought a new scanner. The point is they had to get that new scanner and they should have gotten it years earlier."

Regarding safety concerns for the hospital's CT scanning procedures, Savoy said it is the mission of Eureka Springs Hospital to provide safe and first class services for the Eureka Springs community.

"Costing approximately \$500,000, Eureka Springs Hospital has the most up to date radiologic equipment, with a Siemens SOMATOM Scope 32-Slice CT Scanner and Quantum Digital Radiographic System," Savoy said. "Preceding and concurrent with the recent NEMA XR-29 standard, Eureka Springs Hospital, as required by law, continues to follow in-

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Continuing New Testament interpretation at Metafizzies

The April 17 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.

Aging readily

A group is forming to learn about and discuss issues of aging and how people can live their lives happily as they enter the last third of life. Anyone interesting in participating can join Ron and Ruth Morrison in the Fellowship Hall of the First United Methodist Church on April 20 at 11 a.m. You may call the church at (479) 253-8978 if you have questions.

Bark Parkers cleaning up

There will be a volunteer clean up of the dog park on Wednesday, April 19 from 5:30 – 7 p.m. The park will be closed to dogs during this time. Bring a rake and a contractor-sized garbage bag if you can. Rain date is set for Wednesday, April 26. For any questions call Dog Park Committee Chair Rachel Brix at (479) 244-9151.

Meditation, reading, and discussion

The Eureka Springs Buddhist Study Group will gather for 30 minutes of meditation followed by reading and discussion on Thursday, April 13, at 4 p.m. at Heart of Many Ways, 68 Mountain Street. All are welcome.

ESSA announces new Executive Director –

The Eureka Springs School of the Arts is pleased to announce Kelly McDonough has been named Executive Director. She has 15 years of experience in grant administration and non-profit management.

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Arbor Day, Earth Day, Saturday. April 22

A celebration of both Arbor Day and Earth Day is Saturday, April 22 from 10 a.m. – noon in downtown Eureka Springs, on First Street next to the Downtown Native Plant Garden (with the pagoda) and the Art Wall. The celebration begins with the reading of the Arbor Day Proclamation by Mayor Butch Berry. Christopher Fischer will follow with the story of the Downtown Native Plant Garden, a Main Street Eureka Springs project, then a native species tree will be planted in the garden.

The Downtown Native Plant Garden project and their sponsor, Spa 1905, will be giving away 100 native shrubs.

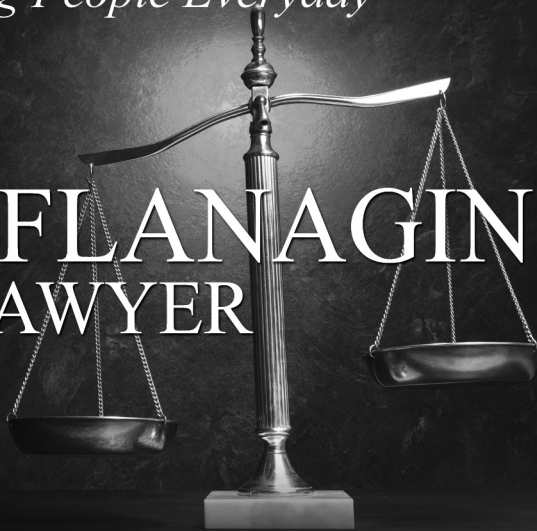
The morning will also feature an Eco-Info-Fair with members of local environmental groups setting up tables of information and one-on-one consulting. Joining in are Eureka Springs Pollinator’s Alliance with information on bees; Northwest Arkansas Master Naturalists – understanding and managing natural resources and ecology; Carroll County



Solid Waste – recycling; Community Development Partnership – energy efficiency and weatherization; Eureka Springs Tree City Committee – best urban forestry practices; Eureka Springs Parks & Recreation Commission Springs Committee – low impact development; Trails Committee – trails; Eureka Power & Light – solar car and home solar possibilities; Community Solar Partners – solar education, and The Nature Conservancy – land and water conservation.

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Were hippies right?

There's more to today's political mayhem than whether you voted for Trump or Clinton.

The overwhelming majority of Americans (75%) consists of people who either voted for Trump or didn't bother to vote for anyone. A majority of them share a common motivation. It's not that they support Trump or hate Clinton. It's that they're fed up with the status quo. "It ain't workin'!" I wish our political representatives would catch up with the people they're supposed to be leading or just get the hell out of our way and that's about as likely as getting "None of the above" on the ballot.

Let's lump together potential voters who believe and participate in the current political system and those who don't. Call that box "politics," put a lid on it and set it aside. Now, zoom out and look at some other facets of society besides politics from this perspective: "Were hippies right?"

Cheap thrills; low rent

Most hippies believed in legalized recreational marijuana; free love; same-sex marriage; the military-industrial complex; loud, live music; personal freedom;

alternative spiritual beliefs; human rights for all; weird clothing and unconventional hair styles; protecting the environment; cheap thrills; affordable housing; organic food; community; compassion; the pursuit of personal excellence; and the lameness of the Republican and Democratic parties.

These are now more-or-less the views of the majority. The only areas where the mind-set of the 19th century still rules are politics, religion and business. In Eureka Springs, the only people who still believe in the economic and governmental model that came to fruition with Gerald L.K. Smith are those who think city council is doing just fine by championing tourism and ignoring the needs and rights of people who simply live here. Local government, throwback churches and the Chamber of Commerce are their last bastions of power and influence, withering away.

Love it or leave it?

In every other dimension, politicians and bible-thumpers are regarded as a minority of dinosaurs and ignored as an irrelevant nuisance. If that's the way they want to live, then... OK. But they

shouldn't insist on telling us that their way of life is the only way we're allowed to live our lives. Eureka's one-party, pro-tourism establishment contemplates the future within an echo chamber of like-minded profiteers. The "people" have moved on beyond them. Expecting Eurekans to work within that intellectually bankrupt system is as insane as predicting Eurekans won't smoke pot until it's legal. That's delusional! Like Trump.

From Washington to Eureka's city hall, we live in an age of madness. Failure to adapt to changing conditions can be an evolutionary death sentence. Adapting is not the same as surrendering. Successful adaptation entails vision and innovation, not conformity and orthodoxy. That's what the small community of Eureka Springs does best. And when it works, you don't have to spend millions of our tax dollars on advertising to attract people to town. That's millions of tax dollars that should be spent on making the town a better place to live instead of squandering it trying to promote our "image."

Vernon Tucker

Meditation and teaching with Anam Thubten

Anam Thubten, a Tibetan Buddhist teacher and author, will be returning to Fayetteville on Thursday, April 20 at 7 p.m. to guide participants in developing mindful attention, open awareness, and working with our

thoughts and emotions at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 244 N. East Ave. He will be signing copies of his most recent book *Embracing Each Moment*. For more information call Sandy Pope at (501) 940-9244.

Personal safety preparedness meetings set for Holiday Island

Learn about personal safety and preparedness on 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.

The meeting will focus on earthquake awareness, preparedness and response. The meeting is open to all. For more information contact Drenda Higdon at (479) 363-8125.

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Dr. William (Bill) Dawson Voiers April 9, 1923 – April 3, 2017

Dr. William (Bill) Dawson Voiers, Ph.D., a resident of Eureka Springs, Arkansas, was born April 9, 1923 in Jeffersonville, Indiana, son of Allen and Lorena (Robinson) Voiers. He died as he wished, at home, asleep, and dressed in his Hawaiian shirt and shorts, Monday, April 3, 2017 at age 93.

Bill proudly served his country in the United States Army Air Corps in the South Pacific Theater during World War II. As a pioneer in speaker recognition in 1974 he founded Dynastat, Inc., in Austin, Texas, which is still in operation today. He was a member of the American Legion, Acoustical Society of America, American Society of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists and past board member of the Good Shepherd Humane Society. As a member of the American Society of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists, he presented the findings of his research worldwide on the mating rituals of darters. He received an award for the oldest living Ph.D graduate from the University of Texas.

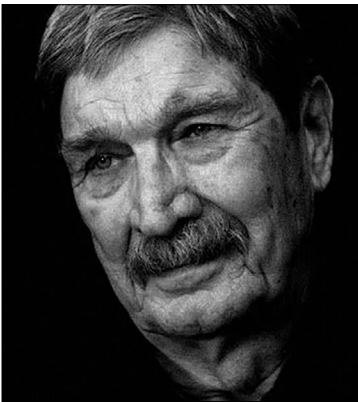
On March 3, 1984, he was united in marriage with Virginia (Carrico) Voiers who survives him. He is also survived by his seven children; daughter, Leslie Voiers of New Hampshire; son, William D. Voiers II of Massachusetts; daughters, Laura Patterson and Lorena Voiers of Texas; son, Micah Voiers of Texas; step-daughter, Renice Wernette

of New Mexico; step-daughter, Chris Wernette of Holiday Island; grandchildren, Brian Danz of Texas; Jolie Wernette-Horn of India; Jake Patterson of Pennsylvania, and Julia St. Clair-Voiers of Massachusetts.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents, Allen and Lorena Voiers; two sisters, Leila Allen Bein and Nancy Robinson Whear.

Funeral service was Saturday, April 8, at the United Methodist Church in Eureka Springs with Rev. Blake Lasater officiating. Interment followed at the Eureka Springs Cemetery under the direction of Nelson Funeral Service, Inc.

Memorial donations may be made to the Good Shepherd Humane Society, 6486 Hwy. 62 E, Eureka Springs, AR 72632. Online condolences may be sent to the family at nelsonfuneral.com. © Nelson Funeral Service, Inc. 2017



Robert Gerlick Feb. 4, 1928 – April 6, 2017

Robert Gerlick, 89, of Springdale passed away April 6, 2017. He was born Feb. 4, 1928 in Rockford, Ill., to Gerald and Dessa Gerlick Leatherby. He was formerly of Eureka Springs and Berryville. He is survived by many nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews. Arrangements by Benton County Funeral Home, 306 N. 4th, Rogers, AR.



Keeping it down to a mild roar – The Cighthouse parking lot was packed with motorcycles during the Spring Fling Bike Rally, April 6 - 9. The sound of revved engines and cranked up stereos carried through the valley as bikers took in the winding streets of our little town.

PHOTO BY JEREMIAH ALVARADO

Cast announced for Five & Dime Drama Collective spring show

The Five & Dime Drama Collective will present an original new play, *Dance of Deceit*, by local playwright Tom Gorsuch on Sunday, May 7 at 2 p.m. at the Auditorium. The show will be directed by Larry Horn with Jeff Sargent as assistant director. The play is set in three rooms of a roadside motel and is recommended for mature audiences.

Cast members include Sandra CH Smith and C.L. Landis playing Carmen and Phil, retired academics on a road trip with a lust for life and each other. Heather Huber and Wyatt Pavelsek playing Penny and Michael, an aspiring actress enjoying a tryst with a married man, whose wife is just two rooms away. Jules Maben and Bryan Manire playing Barb and Trevor, ambitious executives plotting a corporate power grab while cheating on their spouses.

More information is available at FiveAndDimeDramaCollective.org.



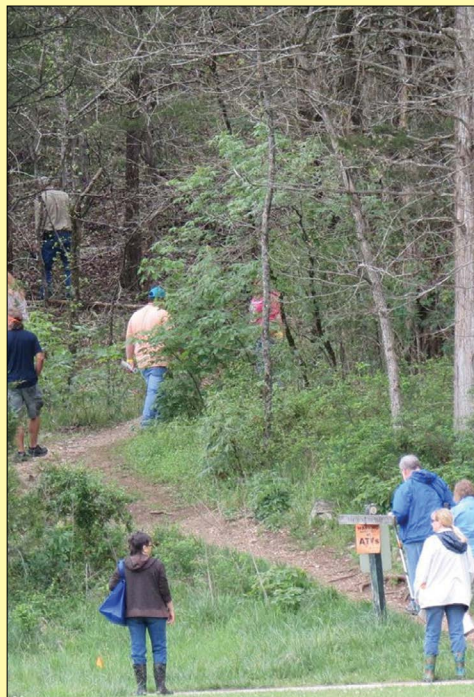
Photo: Back (l.-r.) Chuck Landis, Sandra CH Smith, Bryan Manire, Tom Gorsuch, Jeff Sargent, Larry Horn. Front (l.-r.) Jules Maben, Wyatt Pavelsek, Heather Huber

Mushroom hunting back for second year!

The Greater Eureka Springs Chamber of Commerce will host the 2nd annual Morels in the Ozarks on Saturday, April 22 from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. at Pine Mountain Village. There will be live music from Route 538, vendors, and food trucks.

A Morel Mushroom Hunt will leave Pine Mountain Village at 1 p.m. There is limited booth space still available for \$50 if you want to showcase yourself or sell your products. Deadline to secure your booth space is April 20.

For more information contact Jessica Wheelless at Jessica@eurekaspringschamber.com or call (479) 253-8737. To purchase tickets for the Morel Mushroom Hunt go to www.eurekaspringschamber.com.



Technician classes offered May 6

The Little Switzerland Amateur Repeater Club will be giving technician classes on May 6 and May 13 at the First Christian Church, 736 Passion Play Road.

Classes are free to all and there is a \$15 test fee for all license levels. A bag lunch will be provided. Contact Terry Dean at (870) 250-0385 or terryjdean@cox.net.



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What happened this Passion Week a long time ago? And what is occurring now? From **Monday through Wednesday**, Christ taught His Disciples hidden esoteric teachings, preparing them for His death. On **Holy**

Thursday, at the Last Supper (Passover) Christ anchored the new Piscean religion & the priesthood. On **Good Friday**, the Christ at his crucifixion, “rent (tore/broke) the veils” that separated humanity from returning to the Father.

On **Holy Saturday**, the Christ entered deep into the Earth & welcomed the Souls waiting for release and lifted them into heaven. On **Sunday**, Resurrection Day, the Christ, rolling the rock back, demonstrated to humanity the fact that there is no death. There is only liberation from captivity in matter. And a Great Adventure in death, ahead.

Christ’s three-year mission on Earth, culminating

in the Easter/Resurrection festival, was a labor done for all of humanity. He closed one great cycle (Aries) and initiated the new cycle of Pisces (sign of the Savior). In the Aquarian Age, the esoteric (hidden) teachings focus upon the fact of the resurrected and liberated humanity, released from the Cosmic Crucifix. Now we are preparing for Christ’s Reappearance as the Aquarian teacher. Everyone will recognize Him this time. Christ will return as the Water Carrier, meeting the needs of the thirsty nations of the world – thirsty for truth, right human relations and loving understanding. We prepare for this. We pray for our world – thirsty and in crisis.

ARIES: You’re here, there and everywhere. In and out, up and down. The energies are dynamic yet contemplative, fiery yet watery, leading to excessive activities and times of melancholy. Attempt to focus within the heart. This allows all new ideas, not yet to be acted upon, to filter through the question “**Is this for the Goodwill of everyone?**” The answer allows you to know the best course of action through tumultuous times.

TAURUS: You’re often in serious contemplation or study, attempting to sort out details, feelings, instincts, and intuitions. The main key is truth. You may not know immediately what you feel. However, you must still express to others when the timing isn’t right, when the path isn’t clear, when the past hasn’t caught up to the present/future. You know moving forward without right timing is foolish. So many retrogrades these days!

GEMINI: Do not be discouraged. Love’s hiding so you can assess your wants, needs, and aspirations first. Pleasure might also be hidden, delayed until just the right time to come out and play. Be very aware of the Easter festival. Since love pours down on all of humanity during the festival, and since you’re Ray 2 (Love/Wisdom), you’re in the direct pathway to receive. Allow nothing to interrupt your meditations.

CANCER: Anything unresolved with intimates and relationships (even those who have died) will reappear through feelings, thoughts, emotions and memories. Attempt to reconnect with grace and equanimity remembering “**Love underlies all events and happenings.**” Life creates tests, losses, sadnesses and meaningful encounters, so that we are strengthened. Contemplate on all ideas and dreams being impressed upon your mind. They are messages.

LEO: It’s as if you need a ship to navigate the tides going in and out of your life. See yourself at the seashore, building a fire close to the water’s edge. Then contemplate both elements – fire and water. When they join, a new reality, new direction and a new awareness of life occur. You need these. The challenge will be maintaining an inner steady course when emotions become overwhelming. You can do this. Talk with those who love you. The animal

and plant kingdoms listen well.

VIRGO: You’ll be practical as well as creative with money and finances, day-to-day events, plans, connections and agendas. Even if you feel like an inner explosion might occur, focus on how to bring balance and harmony, caution and care into all situations. The week is paradoxical with polarized realities everywhere. Stand in the middle where the light is. That will be your adventure.

LIBRA: You continue to assess what you’re able to provide to others, especially those close to you. You also review exactly what you need.

Sometimes realizations can be difficult especially for Librans who want to have harmony above conflict, ease above constant change. You want more depth, meaning, closeness and yet also freedom. Sometimes a dilemma. Maintain silence this week, listening only to the heart of nature. You will forgive and then love more.

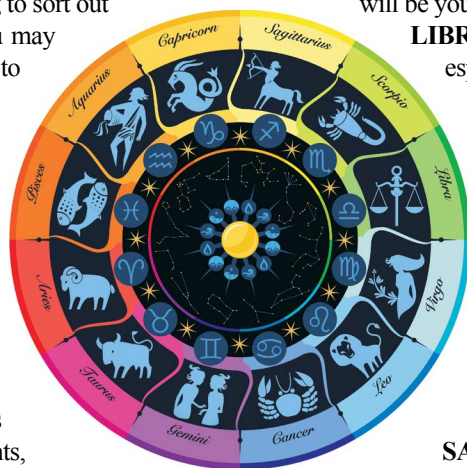
SCORPIO: Find ways to express yourself, not necessarily through words but through exercise, yoga, tai chi, walking, running, cooking, music, boating, etc. However you express yourself, movement is what is important for it will sustain and stabilize highly emotional trigger points. Daily life stresses make you feel like escape is necessary. Yes, do escape. You know how to do this. Ohm.

SAGITTARIUS: Use your mind and spiritual will to focus on health and well-being. Think prevention. Then attempt to enjoy yourself. Both are important. You have a real sense of confidence in your intelligent and good planning. When you’re truly mindful, your communication infects others with laughter, inspiration and enthusiasm. You bring a “resurrection” to people. An upliftment. Ponder these things during the Easter festival. Attend church and pray.

CAPRICORN: As you tend to needed domestic duties and disciplines a small voice, becoming louder and stronger, calls for a change and a bit more freedom. Be caring when communicating with family. You could feel impatient, saying things you later regret. You may work harder and longer to the point that exhaustion follows. Don’t allow that to occur. In all ways, you are recognized, needed, creative and very valuable.

AQUARIUS: Maintain strict limits and agendas so time and money are not wasted. Discipline allows the intuition to emerge. When we have no discipline, intuition has nothing to focus upon. Should you need anything realize your communication abilities are excellent. Ask and it will be given. Give and more will be asked of you. Both must occur. Think on all the love and goodness your life has provided. This goodness rules your life.

PISCES: What you communicate will affect many people. Tell the truth about your experiences. Let people know both your inner and outer realities. No matter what is occurring in your life, move toward it with grace and love and willingness. Great good will come of it. Remember this when the road becomes rocky. (Only for a small amount of time). Read Psalm 91. Write daily in your Gratitude Journal.



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revenue of about \$37,400," Richie said. "While sewer revenue was mostly adequate to cover operating expenses, it was a fraction of what water rates produced, making water revenue the main contributor to debt service."

He said that's unfair. "And it becomes even more so when I take into account the number of water customers who are not hooked up to the city's sewer system," Richie said. "I am one of them. So are most of the handful or so citizens who have attended council meetings or the public hearing to express dissatisfaction with any rate increase at this time. The five hundred or so water customers not on sewer include some outside the city limits and some irrigation meters, but a majority are business

and residential customers who do not have sewer service and who, in all likelihood, will not have sewer service in the foreseeable future."

Richie said the fact that water rates were maintained at a level higher than necessary to cover sewer expenses is troubling, although he said he understands the need to address the city's infrastructure. Last year while the city was contemplating the proposed one percent sales tax, three-fourths of which was to be applied to infrastructure, he acknowledged that such a step would likely be necessary. "But I also argued that the city was derelict in its obligations to state law and to the bond covenants to adjust water and sewer rates to meet all operating expenses, debt service and bond obligations.

"That had to be done first," he said.

"After proposals began coming from the city about potential rate increases, I turned my attention to those. I have studied water and sewer rates for the past ten years. Looking at our history, revenue and expenses, and at how rates were distributed through the tier structure, it became clear to me that while rates needed to be adjusted, it was important to first establish a rate structure that could be defended as fair and equitable. Is the one we have now fair and equitable? I don't think so."

There are firms that will perform a rate analysis for municipalities, including the firm that handles audits for the water and sewer departments.

"I think now is the time to do that... not after another rate increase when I suspect the city will not be inclined to face

this issue again anytime soon," Richie said. "The cleanest rate structure would be one in which every customer was charged the same amount per thousand gallons. If you use it, you pay for it. If you don't, you don't get charged. It would not be an onerous project to establish a rate that covers all expenses, including debt service. That rate could be reviewed annually at the conclusion of each year and adjusted accordingly. No more arbitrary rates for 2,000 gallons, 10,000 gallons, 30,000 gallons or whatever. And, I wish the city could figure out a way that the 500 plus water-only customers are assured that their water payments are not underwriting the sewer department, in any way, shape or fashion."

A public hearing is scheduled at 6 p.m., Monday, April 24 at city hall.

Education, Treasury, Commerce, State, NSA advisor along with his son-in-law and his chief strategist, Steve Bannon; however, not a single military general was in the room.

While the 59 Tomahawk missiles did little damage to the Syrian airbase after the Russians were informed of the impending attack; it was mission accomplished because those “beautiful bombs” deflected from the incessant questions of his collusion with Russia to steal the presidency. Those headlines have dropped off every news outlet in the country. Congratulations Donald Trump! That ploy only cost us taxpayers tens of millions of dollars while Trump made money off his Raytheon stock!

If the Syrian bombing isn’t enough to erase the concerns of treason from your mind, Trump is now moving ships to the Korean Peninsula to set up another war; again, without consent from the UN or Congress. This one could be a real disaster as China has stated aggression against North Korea is aggression against China.

This kabuki theater of a presidency is literally costing us taxpaying citizens billions of dollars. \$60 million for bombs here, \$8 million for security for Secretary of Education there, and of course the Trump Family needs are

great: \$60 million for Melania to live in New York, \$156 million for Donald to golf (15 times in the past 11 weeks.) And of course, the boys have travel expenses, too.

But don’t worry, the Republicans have a plan to pay for this debacle. That plan is to starve children and old people, and shut down libraries all while allowing corporations to destroy the planet for the highest profit.

And all this in 80 days on the job. Good luck to us all.

Sheri Hanson

Open letter to Republican leaders of the U.S. House, U.S. Senate, and the White House:

Even though I did not vote for any of you, I know and trust that those who did, did so with the expectation that you would uphold the highest of values, not only for our country, but also for the world – and most especially for our children.

Our children are our future and they look up to world leaders as their role models. It is with much sadness, fear and outrage that I watch all of you (along with the people inside the White

House) promote, confirm, and vote for individuals who are liars, thieves, hypocrites, hate mongers, bullies, and power grabbers.

To be specific, those people would be 45 himself, Mike Pence, Jeff Sessions, Scott Pruitt, Kellyanne Conway, Sean Spicer, Jared Kushner and Ivanka Trump, Steve Bannon, Mitch McConnell, Paul Ryan, Steve Mnuchin, Tom Price, Reince Priebus, Carl Icahn, and Ben Carson.

The latest in this long list of abominations is Mr. Gorsuch himself who turns out to be a plagiarist, among other things. In other words he is not only a thief but a liar as well. Thanks to your actions, our children will grow up thinking it is perfectly fine to lie, cheat, bully and denigrate others, and steal. Congratulations – your parents must be extremely ashamed of you. I know I am.
Kathy Martone and Gary Taub, Ph.D.

Thank you, ESH

Editor,

My granddaughter had an emergency medical episode over the weekend, necessitating a trip to the Eureka Springs Hospital emergency room. I cannot express strongly enough how fortunate I feel to have such thoughtful, caring individuals taking care of our community. Because I did

not get everyone’s names, I will not name anyone we encountered during the process. But from the moment they brought her into the back to get her vital information, to get her vital signs, and to the doctor who spent a lot of time with her, asking questions to elicit important information about her problem, I felt surrounded by caring, friendly professionals. The doctor spent enough time with her to realize the severity of her symptoms and went the extra mile to find a local eye doctor willing to see her on a Saturday. This specialist and his wife met us at his office, where he spent a long time examining her while his wife called around to find us a 24-hour pharmacy where she could get the vital medicine she needed to begin the aggressive treatment immediately. He even wanted her to call him again on Sunday morning to let him know how she was doing and to determine whether she should come in then or could wait till Monday for a follow-up.

Far too often these people who serve our community so valiantly are taken for granted. While I hope my granddaughter will never experience this again, I am comforted to know that there are people like those we encountered who will be there for us in this wonderful little town.

Wanda Nyberg

loud music coming from a bar. Constable found the decibel level was .79.

3:29 p.m. – A vehicle sideswiped a parked vehicle in a neighborhood above downtown.

5:32 p.m. – Another call came in about the music level at the same bar. Again the constable found the decibel count to be .79.

6:38 p.m. – Motorcycle struck a vehicle on US 62 in the eastern part of town. EMS transported the cyclist to Mercy Hospital. 7:32 p.m. – A six-year called ESPD to say she was scared because her father had been gone a long time and her mother was asleep. Constable went to the residence and found the mother taking a nap but an adult male was present.

8:33 p.m. – Central Dispatch reported a 911 hangup call from a location in the west part of town. Constable followed up. 8:37 p.m. – Caller was concerned for traffic near downtown because of the amount of motorcycle traffic and reckless driving. Constable monitored traffic in the vicinity.

9:29 p.m. – CCSO asked for assistance in watching for a particular motorcycle

belonging to someone involved in an earlier domestic incident.

10:49 p.m. – A couple got involved in domestic upheaval in a restaurant parking lot. They were gone before a constable could get there.

11:38 p.m. – ESPD got a call about a disturbance at a motel, and responding constables arrested an individual for public intoxication, disorderly conduct, resisting arrest and possession of drug paraphernalia.

11:42 p.m. – Guest at a motel complained about the loud music outside her room. Constable asked those outside to moderate their music.

APRIL 9

12:59 a.m. – Patron near a bar flagged down a constable on patrol to report a fracas in the bar. The constable found the mayhem was just winding down, so he took down some facts for a report.

1:22 a.m. – Traffic stop resulted in the arrest of the driver for DWI, driving on a suspended license, expired vehicle license, no taillight and implied consent.

1:26 a.m. – Barkeep was closing up but a person kept banging on the door. She told him to leave and eventually he went on

his way, but she asked for a constable to respond anyway. Constable complied.

2 a.m. – Caller insisted the music upstairs was too loud for the hour. Constable agreed and asked the upstairs folks to be quiet.

7:35 a.m. – Witness told ESPD a male wearing a ski mask jumped out of a vehicle, ran across Basin Park to the bandshell, grabbed a bag and scampered back to the vehicle which sped away. A wallet dropped out of the bag, and the witness retrieved it. Constable gathered the evidence for a report.

8:02 a.m. – Pedestrian downtown was reportedly yelling obscenities and kicked a shop door. Constables arrested him for drunken, insane and disorderly conduct.

10:19 a.m. – Individual claimed his bag was stolen while he was at a bar.

11:43 a.m. – EMS was toned out for a motorcycle accident on US 62 in the west edge of town. Neither EMS nor constable found anyone there, and a witness said the cyclist drove away before they arrived.

1:59 p.m. – A frantic aunt told ESPD her nephew, who has special needs, had run away and she could not find him. Constables searched for him and soon got

word he was with other family.

2:40 p.m. – Central dispatch warned ESPD of a vehicle headed toward town from the north being driven erratically. Constables never encountered it.

3:53 p.m. – Traffic stop resulted in the arrest of the driver for driving on a suspended license.

8:53 p.m. – ESFD responded to location downtown because of a suspected gas smell.

11:41 p.m. – Constable checked out a vehicle suspiciously parked beside a gas station that was closing. He found a female sleeping inside and advised her to move along.

APRIL 10

12:59 a.m. – A male was in the middle of a downtown street. Constable arrested him for public intoxication.

1:08 a.m. – Boyfriend said he and his girlfriend had argued earlier in the evening. She was very angry and had run into the woods in the far northwest part of town about three hours previously. Constable and the boyfriend searched the woods for her to no avail. A sheriff’s deputy eventually found her a considerable distance away and brought her home.

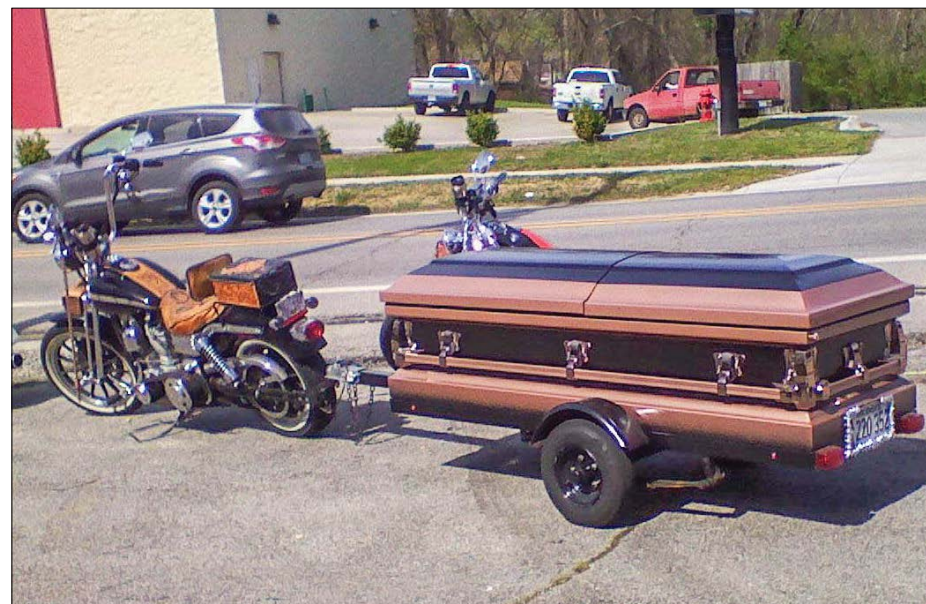
Yard Sales galore last week of April

The spring's 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

Jesus Parade and concert May 26

The Western Carroll County Ministerial Association's Celebrate Jesus Parade and Concert will take place on May 26 and 27. The concert begins in Basin Park on May 26 from 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. and at the same time on May 27. The parade will roll down Spring Street at 2 p.m. on May 27. For information about entering the parade call Laura and Dale Nichols at (479) 253-8925.



It could double as a picnic table – A married couple from far away, each on their own motorcycle, figured out how to travel to Eureka Springs with their clothing, supplies, Champagne flutes and other essentials so they'd always be comfortable. Strange, but practical. And what fun!

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OTHER DAYS at Eureka Springs® – by Nellie Alice Mills, 1949

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

Chapter Eight, cont.

Carrie Hawley also had an essay in *Point* magazine. Mr. Barnett says of her, “Her essay is a fine example of English. Her examination in English (of which the essay is a part) has never been excelled in the fourteen years of my work as examiner. Miss Hawley is first assistant in our High School. Her friends and admirers are all who know her.” I was one of them. Carrie also had an essay printed in the school column in 1891. A dear old minister who was my pastor for a number of years once said that the hardest task he was called upon to perform was to offer consolation of where a young mother was taken away from a little child. Carrie Hawley Lassagne was very happy in her motherhood but enjoyed it but a brief season. Her brother, Theodore, and his wife now live in Eureka Springs.

Here is a story with a brighter ending. Gertrude Durey Stockard is well known now in Eureka Springs. She was a little girl when I was in school at the Lamar. She also had a prize essay printed in *Point*. Again I quote Mr. Barnett: “The story of Eureka Springs was written several years ago by Miss Gertrude Durey, then a pupil in our High School. The *Pathfinder*, published at Washington, D.C., offered prizes for the best town history and Miss Durey won for us. Miss Gertrude Durey is

at present and has been for several years our teacher of the lowest primary grade. She was the medal pupil in literature her last year in High School. Miss Durey is a product of our Annual Alumni Meetings.” My sister Ida, my brother Will's daughter, Mrs. W.H. (Pauline) Edwards and I drove miles in the rain in June, 1949, to visit her at her pleasant home in Grand View to enjoy with her a fine gabfest and delicious dinner.

Chapter Nine

Mrs. Brown, who was my first teacher, down in a rude wooden building where later Seidels built the big store house, lived on the hill just below my East Mountain school. I wrote in my diary, “Mrs. Brown visits my school often, and makes many valuable suggestions.”

In reading over my clippings I find that Lee Roberts was often on the honor roll when he was a little fellow. In 1900 he advertised that he had the exclusive right to sell and ship Magnetic Spring Water. He would deliver Magnetic Water to any place in the city or ship it to any point. Any mention of the Magnetic Spring always draws my attention. Once, I think, I knew every cliff or boulder between Leatherwood Creek and the Magnetic Spring. We children roamed

over all the lower slopes of North Mountain.

I have a letter that I think shows proper appreciation of that little Spring. It is from Mrs. W.J. Boody, Belle Plaine, Iowa: “I will tell you as briefly as possible about my husband's experience with Magnetic Spring water, hoping the news will help people afflicted with kidney trouble as I know the Magnetic Spring has cured many people.

“My husband, W.J. Boody, was diagnosed as having chronic Bright's Disease by leading doctors, one saying his life was like a thread, could snap any minute, case incurable. We heard of the curative powers of Magnetic Spring water, and at once moved to Eureka Springs in 1913. We bought the Empire Theatre and lived there eight years, but Mr. Boody was diagnosed as cured after one year.

“My father, A.J. Bever, and my sisters, Lily R. Hanley and Rosetta Stephenson, lived on Main Street. Father bought and sold property. Lily bought and managed the Main Street Grocery. W.J. Boody has been away from Magnetic Spring water most of the time for thirty years and enjoys fairly good health.

“We have always wished to return there to live but have been prevented by



affairs that claim our time. We think the water, air, climate and scenery are of the best and that it is an ideal place to retire.”

Many others have expressed their wish to live in Eureka Springs after they retire.

Since I attended school in Eureka Springs after Mr. Barnett came there, I have seen many good school entertainments, but I have never seen anything better than those given at Eureka Springs from December, 1889, to the spring of 1892. Here is a list of some of the exercises that someone down there may remember: Santa Claus Outwitted; The Story of Our Flag; The Quarrel Among the Flowers; The Pleiades; Street Beggars; Liberty Seeking a Home; Columbia's Reception.

Walter Gottlich and Ethel Newport had part in Santa Claus Outwitted; Ida Mills represented Germany in Liberty Seeking a Home. I remember part of her speech: “While Germany has a drop of life's blood, shall she plead in vain for Liberty?” But Liberty found a home in our own America.

First Amendment Parade, Cowgirl's Train Set, Victor and Penny in the Park for Easter Weekend

We have a weekend packed with expression – Cowgirl's Train Set plays renegade folk, flying off the rails. Watch for full steam plucking Friday at Chelsea's. Saturday we celebrate our **First Amendment** rights with a parade through downtown winding up at Basin Park. Later in the night at the park we have our first installment of Third Saturday Music Series with Victor and Penny, a virtuosic swing infused folk duo.

THURSDAY, APRIL 13

BALCONY RESTAURANT – Catherine Reed, Singer/Songwriter, 5 p.m.
BREWS – Art Deco Band, Americana, 6 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.

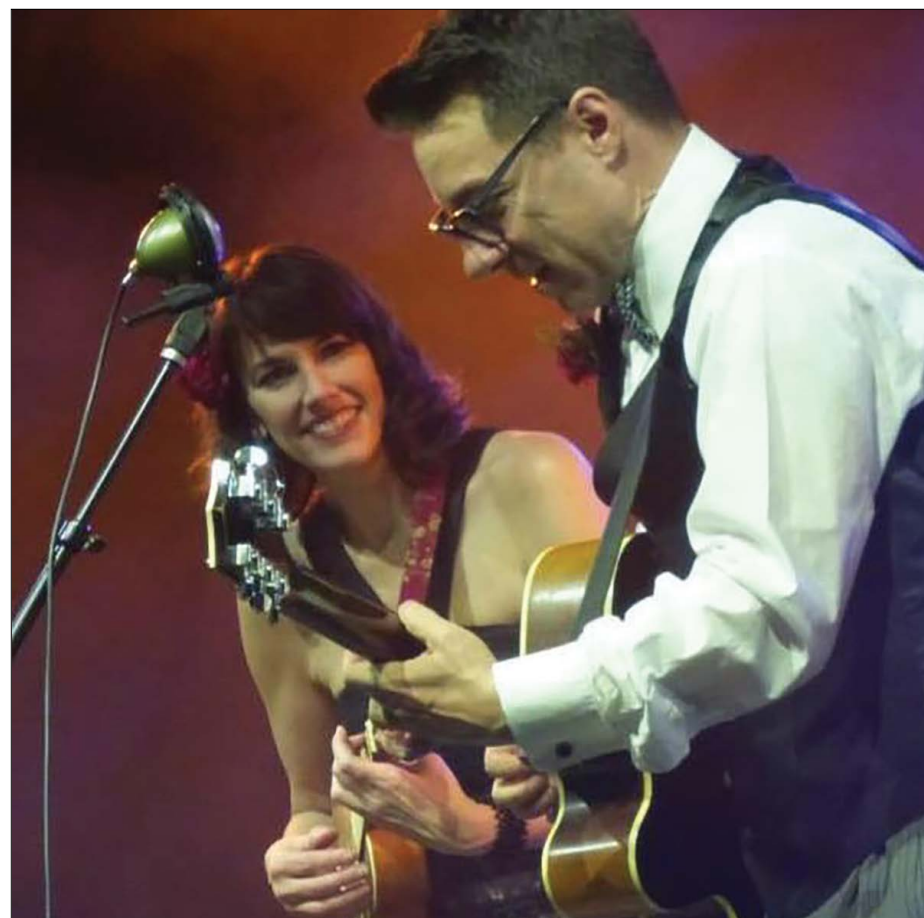
FRIDAY, APRIL 14

BALCONY RESTAURANT – Steve Jones, Singer/Songwriter, 12 and 5

p.m.
BREWS – Eureka Music Revival with Jessamyn Orchard, Americana, 7 p.m.
CATHOUSE LOUNGE – Dorrian Cross, Rock, 8 p.m.
CHELSEA'S – Cowgirl's Train Set, Americana, 9 p.m.
EUREKA LIVE! – DJ and Dancing, 9 p.m.
GRAND TAVERNE – Arkansas Red, Guitar Dinner Music, 6:30 p.m.
LEGENDS SALOON – DJ and Karaoke with Stan, 8 p.m.
NEW DELHI – Sad Daddy, Americana, 6 p.m.
ROWDY BEAVER – 2 Dog 2 Karaoke, 7 p.m.
THE STONE HOUSE – Jerry Yester, Artist's Choices, 6 p.m.

SATURDAY, APRIL 15

DOWNTOWN – 1ST AMENDMENT PARADE AND CELEBRATION, 1 p.m.*
BALCONY RESTAURANT – Pearl Brick, Singer/Songwriter, 12 p.m., Steve Jones, Singer/Songwriter, 6 p.m.
BASIN PARK – Victor and Penny, Folk/Jazz, 5 – 7 p.m.
BREWS – Pearl Brick, Singer/Songwriter, 7 p.m.
CATHOUSE LOUNGE – Pinetop Renegades, Rock, 8 p.m.



Victor and Penny play Third Saturday Music Series in Basin Park, 5 p.m.

CHELSEA'S – The Squashers, Americana, 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 – Another Fine Mess, Rock, 9 p.m.
LE STICK – Pete Maiella, Singer/Songwriter, 7 – 9 p.m.
NEW DELHI – Lindsey with Issues, Folk, 12 – 5 p.m., Cowgirl's Train Set, Americana, 6 p.m.
ROWDY BEAVER – Mark Shields

Band, Rock, 7 p.m.
ROWDY BEAVER DEN – Steve Zimmerman, Singer/Songwriter, 1 – 5 p.m., Blew Reed and the Flatheads, Blues, 9 p.m.

SUNDAY, APRIL 16

BALCONY RESTAURANT – James White, Singer/Songwriter, 12 and 5 p.m.
BREWS – Trivia, 7 p.m.
EUREKA LIVE! – Green Screen Karaoke, 7 p.m.
NEW DELHI – Melissa Carper Trio, Americana, 12 p.m.
ROWDY BEAVER DEN – Dorrian Cross, Rock, 1 – 5 p.m.

MONDAY, APRIL 17

CHELSEA'S – Sprungbilly, Bluegrass, 8 p.m.

TUESDAY, APRIL 18

CATHOUSE LOUNGE – Los Roscoes, Blues, 5 p.m.
CHELSEA'S – Open Mic, 9 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19

CATHOUSE LOUNGE – Jimmy Wayne Garrett, Singer/Songwriter, 6 – 8 p.m.
EUREKA LIVE! – Retro Rocking with DJ Dave and Rocky
ROWDY BEAVER DEN – Karaoke with Stan, 8 p.m.

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 Pinetop Renegades

TUESDAYS • 5-7 P.M.
 Los Roscoes



Dogwoods have bloomed, morels are out and the white bass spawn is on. Got Kevin and Marvin Mathewson from Kansas City coming back down Friday just for the spawn. Think this picture was them in 2014, this father and son have fished with me about every year since I started guiding.

Before me they went out with JD Fletcher back when he guided out of Eagle Rock. They just come for the whites, bring their own tackle and also know all the spots, so I just taxi and fish right along with them. They usually go home with a freezer full of fish and you could, too.

You can find the white bass now in the creek arms or by just trolling from here at the Island all the way to Houseman Access, or just hitting the places they like to hang out. If leaving out of Holiday Island, check the flats between here and Beaver first, then Butler Creek south of Beaver Bridge, the little island on the left to the next bend, turn right.

Further up river you have the grey house on the bluff to your right with dead sycamores in the water. This is good from here all the way down to Cow’s Creek, which has two openings on your right. After Cow’s Creek is Houseman. I have caught a

lot of them here over the years from the bend to the Houseman sign saying you can’t go no further without a trout stamp.

Best baits are about anything you got that resembles a minnow, from a jig to the real thing. I like my white rooster tail with a silver blade best.

Water temps have moved into the low 60s on both lakes, with crappie being caught in water less than 5 ft. deep near shoreline brush, wanting to lay their eggs, too. Most bass are just a little deeper holding off the bluffs, then the flats as the sun gets higher later in the day.

Stripers on Beaver Lake are still wanting to go up river to lay eggs, but not liking the mud from our last rains. Most being caught now are between Monte Ne and the Prairie Creek Area near Rogers. I believe the bigger, smarter fish will be further up on the other side of the mud as War Eagle and the White River clear out. Go south of the Hwy. 412 bridge on the White out of Springdale as far as you can go up, or put in at Hickory Creek Park and head up the War Eagle arm.

Well, I better get this in, ‘til next week enjoy the spring and take a kid fishing
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house safety procedures, complete routine training and in-services, and attains its state inspections in order to comply with regulatory issues. In addition, it is hospital policy to practice ALARA [As Low As Reasonably Achievable] for all services provided. The hospital is also in line with the NEMA XR-29 standard.”

Mercy Hospital-Berryville is also a

CAH. Eric Pianalto, CEO of Mercy Hospital Northwest, said as a not-for-profit ministry, they are going to take care of people regardless of their ability to pay.

“We will work with them on payment arrangements,” he said. “If it was non emergent, I would recommend patients proactively discuss the bill and ask about a payment arrangement. I would highly encourage that.”

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

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- ACROSS**

1. In the same region as the brain

7. “Me too!”

12. American pulp magazine for 96 years

13. More weird

14. Numb

15. Swerved quickly

16. Hostel

17. Owns much land

19. Nuclear facility measurement

20. Did not walk

22. Extremely long time

23. Central European river

24. Largest ghetto in WWII

26. Nappy leather

27. Flee

28. In good shape

29. Spaces in a Muslim household reserved for women

32. Warning devices
35. Stupefied

36. Charged particle

37. Julius Caesar’s home

39. Open space

40. Milk source

42. Cancel

43. Travolta/Newton John film

45. Calm, dignified

47. Time worn sayings

48. North American pikeperch

49. British ____

50. Firstborn
- DOWN**

1. Lowest point

2. Before long (archaic)

3. Kampala’s country

4. Twins HOFer __ Carew

5. Directionless

6. Like a short-tailed wild cat

7. Certificate of ownership
8. Angry outburst

9. Swarmed with

10. Swollen, overflowed

11. Manure

13. Balanced

18. Loud disturbance

21. Messed up

23. External

25. Total

26. Knight’s address

28. Adroit, artful management

29. Minor prophet of 6th century BCE

30. Gifts for achievements

31. Overturn a law

32. Ready-made lawn

33. Period of immaturity

34. Strikes or hits hard

36. Mid-month times

38. Use strength

40. Takes advantage of

41. Authentic

44. Voting eligibility detail

46. Thing that misfires

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These activities commemorate Eureka Springs' 35th year as a Tree City USA and the fact that Eureka Springs is the oldest Tree City USA in Arkansas. Arbor Day began in 1872 when J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees. This holiday was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska. It is now observed throughout the world as a day to remember that trees provide many environmental and economic benefits.

The Native Plant Garden Project is an on-going volunteer-based partnership effort with the City of Eureka Springs and several community groups to develop and present a natural habitat promoting the function native plants provide towards improving the diversity and ecology of urban environments.

April 22 is Earth Day on which events are held to demonstrate support for environmental protection in more than 193 countries. It was first celebrated in 1970 and marks the anniversary of the birth of the modern environmental movement. It is now coordinated globally by the Earth Day Network.

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BECKY GILLETTE
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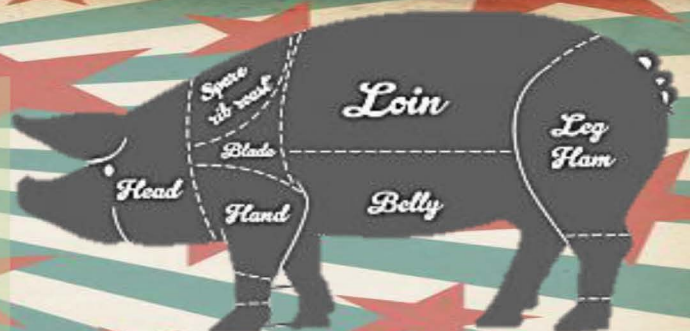
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