

This week's Independent thinker



Misunderstanding is everywhere we care to look, for instance referring to life-giving rain as “bad weather.”

It is especially hard for some to accept another's religion without understanding that religion is simply what you bring to it and get from it.

A young American Muslim woman in Pennsylvania, Lamyaa, was torpedoed by a stranger who called her a word women really don't like. The stranger then wrote “you couldn't take that scarf off or your dad would beat your ass.”

So Lamyaa tweeted her dad, saying she wanted to take her hijab off.

“Sweetheart, that's not my decision to make. That's no man's decision to make. I'll support you no matter what,” her father replied.

Lamyaa wears her hijab to display her connection to her faith and God. Or at least she did until one American made the life of another American unnecessarily scary.

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Marching united is not the same as flying United

– Grand Marshal Virginia Voiers led church groups, librarians, reporters, Save the Buffalo advocates, stress ball providers and enthusiastic protestors down Spring St. last Saturday for the first First Amendment Parade. Thousands protested across the country for Donald Trump to release his tax returns, but in Carroll County it was more of a “leave us and our rights alone” attitude.

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Task Force extols beer, pot and recycling

NICKY BOYETTE

Those who attended the April 12 meeting of the Mayor's Task Force on Economic Development noted the city is waking up after the winter doldrums. Mayor Butch Berry said an upscale interior design company moved to town, and Main Street Eureka Springs (MSES) Director Jacqueline Wolven commented that downtown vacancies are suddenly filling up. She said it seems people from Texas are moving their businesses here, “and that's a good sign.”

Wolven said MSES is compiling a comprehensive survey of properties within her sphere with very specific information including square footage, contact names and lease terms. She said it is a formidable task to create the survey, but once completed it can be updated at least annually, and information will make it easier to know whom to talk to about a property.

Allen Huffman of Arvest Bank said he has been trying to make progress with the Pine Mountain Village

property. “It is too much of an asset to let it go downhill,” he said proposing getting a group together, including the mayor, to see if they can find a way to fill the empty spaces. “It needs paint,” Chamber of Commerce President Tammy Thurow, who leases space there, said, “and that's not the job of the Chamber.”

Sentiment among the group was that it's inevitable a brewery will move to town at some point. Berry said a previous attempt proved to be too much work for the owner, but the site is sitting there ready to go with piping, water and everything else in place. He said there have been prospective brewers testing the waters here.

Wolven also mentioned she will have an intern helping businesses with their online marketing for which “there will be a minimal cost to get a card in the game.”

MSES is trying to get a crosswalk across Main Street which will effectively be a stylized water design extension of the rainbow stairs. However, since Main

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Street is part of a state highway, Wolven has found herself in "a sticky wicket" dealing with the Arkansas Highway Department.

Hot spot for pot

Chair Sandy Martin said Berry is setting up another meeting with David Couch, author of the medicinal marijuana bill approved by voters, to answer questions about how to apply for a dispensary license and explain the final laws and regulations. Berry said he knows of four or five people seriously interested in applying to put a dispensary business in town. He added one of the criteria for choosing a site is the need for economic development, and Eureka Springs fits the bill.

Tech center coming?

Martin said the Winrock Foundation identified a tech center grant possibility for Eureka Springs which, if it came through, would create new year-round jobs in town, and Berry added North Arkansas College is at least talking about establishing an extension site in town. Planning commissioner Woodie Acord mentioned the old Clear Spring High School building off US 62 west of town as a possible site.

Acord then produced a list of commercial properties for sale in the area. He and alderman Terry McClung had identified 70 properties, and Acord said he expected maybe only 25 percent would move in the next 18 months. He commented seven restaurants have been listed in the past year, and none has sold.

Reduce, reuse, relocate

Wolven then brought up recycling. She suggested Eureka Springs, already known for being a Tree City USA and Bee City as well as sort of "hippie-dippy," could lead the way in the mid-South in reducing waste from styrofoam and plastic bags. Such a move would appeal to certain potential visitors, and besides the environmental benefit it would be positive public relations.

She added even leftover motel soap could be recycled and would make a good news story.

"And a new business," Martin added.

Martin suggested for the next meeting, one topic should be making it easy for prospective entrepreneurs to know what financial instruments are available to help them move a business here.

Next meeting will be Wednesday, July 12, at 10 a.m., at the Auditorium.

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Hospital assesses remodeling project

NICKY BOYETTE

At its April 10 meeting, city council endorsed efforts of hospital commissioners to work with Allegiance Health Management to create a cooperative plan for rehabbing Eureka Springs Hospital on its present site. At the April 17 meeting, commissioners discussed what comes next.

"We need a list of what Allegiance needs before we can go forward developing a plan," Chair Michael Merry said.

Commissioner Barbara Dicks asked if the Historic District Commission would even allow the older ESH building to be torn down as Rock Bordelon, CEO of Allegiance, had suggested. If the building can come down, what would HDC allow as a replacement? If the exterior walls must remain, then all modeling would be on the interior. Answering these questions would affect the cost of the project.

Commissioner MJ Sell stated her understanding was the entire facility – the original building at its wings – was listed on the Historic Registry, and commissioner John House surmised that they, therefore, might not be able to do anything to the exterior.

Mike Finefield, architect with Morrison Architects, said his team would meet the intent of the National Registry but still try to meet the medical needs of the community. He said he has worked with the HDC before and found them to be practical. He said Morrison Architects had done preliminary work on ESH already, and advised the commission to have something to show the HDC when the project is presented.

Vicki Andert, Chief of Nursing at ESH, said she would provide the list of needs from Allegiance, but she knows for sure everyone wants to make the facility safer, bring it up-to-date and, if at all possible, add new services.

House then projected the process would be to get an architect to present a plan for what would be ideal, run that plan by Allegiance, then go to the HDC for approval. At that point, they would need to find money.

Merry opined they should get information from Allegiance first,

"then juggle and go from there." Merry suggested the commission should begin having monthly meetings to keep the project going forward until they find out whether it will fly.

Architect Laura Morrison told commissioners her company was preparing details for "block concepts" for ESH two or three years ago, but that process stopped. However, these details are available, and they simply need to update the list.

Comments turned toward long-term lease commitments, which led to getting lawyers involved, but Merry returned to whether or not they will be able to bring down the walls and start over or just extensively remodel the interior. Regardless, he wanted a facility that will remain viable for the next 20 years.

House said the project is on the shoulders of the commission, not Allegiance. Businesses go belly-up all the time. To lock Allegiance into a long-term lease might not matter if they go out of business.

"Regardless, we don't want to interrupt services to the community," Andert stated.

Sell pointed out the project would have to be put out for bid, and Morrison said her company would put in its bid. They have useful data for ESH already, and she explained the process for watching costs along the way, saying her company would monitor the process.

Commissioners will review the information from Allegiance that Andert provides at the next meeting. Let's invest

Commissioner Bob Walling told the commission they have \$785,000 to put into Certificates of Deposit, and he has discussed with a local bank options for investing. He said they would have another \$125,000 coming in this year.

Commissioners wanted to set up a plan for having five five-year CDs mature one at a time each year. They agreed to keep \$85,000 available for expenses, and authorize Merry and Walling to invest \$700,000 in CDs according to their strategy.

Next meeting will be Monday, May 15, at 1 p.m., at ECHO Clinic.

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AHM facing trial on alleged false Medicare billing

BECKY GILLETTE

A case by the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) against Allegiance Health Management (AHM) alleging false Medicare billing for psychotherapy services is expected to get underway later this month in the U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Arkansas.

AHM, a private company based in Shreveport, La., operates Eureka Springs Hospital as well as other hospitals in Arkansas, and Louisiana, Texas, Oklahoma, North Carolina, Mississippi and Georgia. On its website, the company describes itself as "leaders in the specialty medical fields of inpatient geriatric psychiatric units, intensive outpatient psychiatric services, critical access and long-term acute care hospitals."

In May 2015, hospitals agreed to pay \$15.69 million to resolve False Claims Act allegations involving medically unnecessary psychotherapy services provided through AHM. The

related Justice Department case against AHM is ongoing, said Chris Givens, assistant U.S. Attorney and public information officer for the Eastern District of Arkansas.

"The hospitals paid the fines, not Allegiance Health," Givens said. "The case against Allegiance Health Management hasn't been resolved. There was a 90-day stay in the case issued January 9. It is due to be heard in April."

In May 2015 the DOJ said 16 separate hospitals and their respective corporate parents agreed to collectively pay \$15.69 million to resolve False Claims Act allegations that the providers sought and received reimbursement from Medicare for services that were not medically reasonable or necessary.

Although Allegiance operates a similar outpatient psychiatric program called "Inspirations" in Eureka Springs, ESH was not among the 16 hospitals that paid fines to the DOJ. Currently

Allegiance Health Management has said it is interested in managing ESH long term if the city is willing to consider borrowing about \$6 to \$8 million to tear down and rebuild part of the ESH. The proposal has met with favor with some hospital commissioners and city aldermen who had said AHM has done a good job managing the ESH for the past 10 years.

When Allegiance Health Management first got a contract to manage ESH in 2007, it promised a build a new hospital. Preliminary plans were drawn for a 50,000 sq. ft. facility, but further discussions bore no fruit. CEO Rock Bordelon told ESH commissioners he was in a position to buy land for a new facility since Allegiance was focusing more on acute care facilities and letting go of specialty hospitals, such as psychiatric facilities. But after years of uncertainty, Allegiance disclosed recently it was no longer considering

building a new hospital.

Regarding the DOJ case involving Allegiance, Givens said most of the proceedings in the case, all but 12 of about 100 documents in the case, have been sealed and are not a matter of public record. That is common in federal cases involving whistleblowers.

In announcing the settlement with the hospitals, Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General Benjamin C. Mizer of the Justice Department's Civil Division said hospitals that participate in the Medicare program must ensure that the services they provide and bill for are based on the medical needs of patients rather than the desire to maximize profits.

"The Department of Justice is committed to ensuring that those who seek to abuse the Medicare program will be held accountable for their actions," Mizer said.

The Justice Department said the **ALLEGIANCE LAWSUIT** continued on page 14

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Seven apply for vacant CAPC seat; state clarification needed

NICKY BOYETTE

The City Advertising and Promotion Commission convened before its April 12 regular meeting to discuss seven applications to fill an open seat, for which D Rude, Beau Satori, Carol Wright, Michael Mercer, James DeVito, Jay Wilkes and Henry Thornton were interested.

Satori, Wilkes, Wright and Rude attended the meeting to give commissioners reasons for seeking the seat. After they spoke, commissioner Terry McClung said he was not ready to decide since he had just received the applications, and commissioners David Mitchell and Susan Harman also wanted more time.

How the CAPC follows up on delinquents

NICKY BOYETTE

When commissioner Susan Harman asked CAPC Finance Director Rick Bright at the April 12 meeting what he does when a collector is delinquent on submitting taxes, Bright responded that any collector who's behind receives a notice after one month and two months. After three months, Bright can post a big pink sign on the business announcing closure unless the collector pays in full within 10 days. He said out of 300 collectors, only a handful are consistent problems.

Bright also said he can discern when comparing reported figures between collectors if someone is obviously underreporting collections, and he has the right to perform an audit. He said he was mandated by the commission as the finance director to perform this duty, and he does at least five audits every year. He said some are easy, but others are difficult and uncooperative, and some businesses don't even keep financial records.

Bright also mentioned it would be illegal for the commission to tell him who to audit, and he cannot provide details to commissioners. However, he said, "Everything I do is thoroughly reviewed by our auditor."

Harman asked to be informed about whom he audits.

McClung pointed out if they decide at the next meeting and council approves the nomination, the new commissioner could be seated by the end of May.

Three people from the audience spoke up to support Satori.

During the regular meeting, commissioner Dustin Duling moved to amend the agenda to move the decision on whether they would vote on the applications at that meeting to first on the agenda. Vote to approve the agenda change was 3-2, McClung and Harman voting No. Duling then moved to have the vote at that meeting, but there was no second, so the motion died.

The seat is vacant because at the March 8 meeting commissioners voted unanimously to establish a policy whereby missing three regular meetings in a fiscal year would be considered a resignation from the commission, but Executive Director Mike Maloney told

commissioners Wednesday that former commissioner Charles Ragsdell researched and found conflicting Attorney General opinions. Maloney said he presented that information to Mayor Butch Berry who asked the Municipal League for clarity because the outcome might affect other commissions, as well.

Finance Director Rick Bright explained one section of State Code says the power for the decision lies within the commission, however State Code provides no process for removing a commissioner. Therefore, according to Bright, it is possible that unless a commissioner resigns, commits a felony or dies, there is no mechanism for removing someone from the commission.

Maloney said the city should get a response from the Municipal League within the next couple of weeks. Commissioners moved to table further discussion until the matter is clarified.

Three marketing support requests get thumbs up

NICKY BOYETTE

Debbie Davis represented the Historical Museum last week in requesting \$500 for advertising from the CAPC for the second Happy Birthday Stroll on July 1-2. The event, patterned after Voices in the Silent City, is a walking tour from 4-8 p.m. focusing on architecture and history of a section of the Kingshighway neighborhood. Davis said they are expecting as many as 175 people who will divide into several groups to take the tour.

Featured will be six or seven historic houses with an appropriately dressed historic character in front with a story to tell. At the conclusion, there will be ice cream and cake.

E.D. Mike Maloney said the CAPC would include it along with other promotion of the city, and commissioner Terry McClung suggested having rack cards available during the May Festival of the Arts when many visitors are in town. Commissioners approved the request.

John Rankine spoke for the Gallery Association requesting \$260 for printing 3000 maps for a Yard Art competition

during the May Festival of the Arts. He said this event was popular in the past, and 21 artists had already entered to participate this year. Entries will be staged in yards around town, which will be identified on the maps.

Rankine has received sponsorships for prizes, and the first prize artist will receive \$500. Second and third place artists will receive \$300 and \$200. There will be a panel of celebrity judges, and winners will be announced possibly by the second weekend of May and remain in place throughout the month. Commissioners approved the request.

Commissioners also approved providing \$950 for printing and postage to advertise the Veterans' Day Parade. Veterans' Day is Saturday, Nov. 11.

Sunday March to the Park

Protest anti-semitism and all forms of racism on Sunday, April 23, Holocaust Remembrance Day. Meet at 2 p.m. across from Brews to walk to Basin Park.

CAPC outreach growing

NICKY BOYETTE

CAPC Director Mike Maloney commented at last Wednesday's meeting that March and April are always busy months because of trade shows, spring break tourists and the lead-up to the May Festival of the Arts. He said there was an increase in millennials in town during the past month or so, and credited some of the increase to social media ads focused on that demographic without sacrificing the appeal to the older audience. Regardless of age group, more females view social media than males.

He said he has expanded his outreach on social media by placing Facebook ads in Omaha, Houston and Chicago in February, and research indicated that more than three-fourths of those who saw Eureka Springs there were first-time viewers. Maloney said 11,983 viewers in Omaha saw the Eureka Springs video, and in April he is targeting Cincinnati, Atlanta and Nashville.

He noted there was a strong Eureka Springs presence at the recent Governor's Conference on Tourism, an opportunity to let legislators and other stakeholders hear about Eureka Springs. During the event, it was announced that Turpentine Creek Wildlife Refuge received the Bootstrap Award for excellence in volunteerism.

Maloney met with Kimberlee Guin, who presented Outback in the Ozarks

to the commission earlier in the year, to discuss her October event. She will be asking the commission for \$3500 in marketing support funds. Maloney said he was impressed with her video, and she said scenes of Eureka Springs would be embedded all over their completed video which commissioners will get to see soon.

Promoters of the Antique Auto Show scheduled for Sept. 8-9 are progressing for the event that will take place on the grounds of the Great Passion Play.

Maloney also announced that to accommodate local merchants and their gallery stroll on the second Saturday, he moved music to the third Saturday and now advertises it as the Basin Park Music Series. The only returning artist this year will be the Cate Brothers in August.

As for the May Festival of the Arts, Maloney said there's "lots of media exposure," meaning cable television ads in the usual locations in six states, plus geofencing in spots such as XNA to catch arrivals, and two hot spots in Tulsa. Ads are in a plethora of print media as well as on Youtube and two electronic billboards.

Events coordinator Andy Green has been connecting with talent agencies across the country to acquaint them with Eureka Springs and the Auditorium, and will announce results at the April 26 workshop. Maloney

said, "Andy is getting contacts we've never had," and Maloney expects there will be a concert featuring a nationally-recognized emerging country artist at the Auditorium this year.

Maloney announced he, Green and consultant Sandy Martin are working on Vision 2022, a work plan to keep the commission on track for meeting its goals. They will identify strategies for covering primary and niche markets and bringing in sponsors for long-term support of the music festivals in town. He said the plan would involve participation by all commissioners and CAPC staff. He will present a full report in June.

Regarding the Eureka Springs presence on social media, Maloney said the recent United State Army Band concert at the Auditorium brought \$20,000 in public relations value for Eureka Springs, but the total public relations value of stories about Eureka Springs in March alone

was approximately \$156,000. During March, 350,000 people saw Eureka Springs ads, and 89,000,000 people globally read about Eureka Springs online, according to Cision, an Internet tracking company.

Next workshop will be Wednesday, April 26, at 4 p.m., at the CAPC office. Next regular meeting will be Wednesday, May 10, at 6 p.m.

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Group travel on an upswing

NICKY BOYETTE

CAPC Sales Director Karen Pryor said she most recently attended the Travel South Showcase in Branson, which generated 29 leads. A group of 12 journalists visited town and 17 group travel planners took her familiarization tour. She has heard back that some will be bringing groups here in the next year or two.

Pryor said the Eureka Springs contingent that went to the Denver Travel Show considered it a success. They gave people involved in leisure group travel a taste of what Eureka Springs has to offer, and Pryor suggested the show was worthwhile enough that the CAPC should consider representation at similar events in Chicago and Dallas next year.

She also reported that the local group travel committee is preparing for the 50th anniversary of the Great Passion Play in 2018 by promoting more heavily in the faith-based travel market.

The Chicago director of Mayflower Tours made contact with Pryor about sending motor coaches to town in 2018, and she has been speaking with six art-related groups who will be visiting during April, May and June.



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Sparks fly on No Smoking

NICKY BOYETTE

Eureka Springs city council met at the Auditorium April 13 for a workshop on crafting a No Smoking ordinance in city parks, and participating were representatives from city hall, the Parks Department and the City Advertising and Promotion Commission. Brenda Patterson and Barbara Kumpe, no-smoking advocates with experience helping municipalities craft No Smoking ordinances, also had input.

The idea of a No Smoking ordinance first caused a ruckus at city council during the August 22 meeting. Parks Director Justin Huss presented a draft that would ban smoking in all city parks except for areas in Lake Leatherwood City Park, pointing out it would be impossible to enforce the ordinance throughout the 1600-acre park. Responses among aldermen ranged from mentioning the health benefits of less smoking in public places to positive role modeling, to “Smoking is not illegal whether you like it or not.”

Subsequently alderman Kristi Kendrick penned two other ordinances on the topic that would have banned smoking in all areas of all city parks. Alderman Bob Thomas has since organized the respective points and items from all three documents into categories in one document for ease of comparison.

At Thursday’s meeting, Mayor Butch Berry suggested they go through the four sections of Thomas’s document item by item. The “Reasons” section got a minor scrubbing to clarify language, but discord bubbled up during a walk through “Definitions.” Alderman Terry McClung said it appeared someone was trying to make an ordinance banning smoking in the entire town, and Kendrick responded that was not her intention. The group did agree that the city could not prohibit smoking in private places, so the only areas council could ban smoking would be “city-owned” spaces.

Participants were divided over whether the city would be able to regulate where medicinal marijuana could be used. With advice from Kumpe and Patterson, they did settle on this definition for a tobacco product: “For the purposes of this policy ‘tobacco’ is to include any product containing, made or derived from tobacco that is intended for human consumption, whether chewed, smoked, absorbed, dissolved, inhaled, snorted, sniffed or by any means or any component, part, or accessory of tobacco to include but not limited to: any lighted or unlighted cigarette, cigar, pipe, vaping, vaping pen, hookah or hookah pen and any other smoking product and spit tobacco, also known as smokeless, dip, chew, snus, and snuff in any form including ‘e-cigarette’ and electronic nicotine device.”

During discussion of the definition of a “Smoking Permitted Area,” Kendrick insisted they define it in the ordinance rather than leave the decision to designate No Smoking areas up to city employees. Different views ran counter regarding the phrase “an area not to exceed 400 square feet” for the No Smoking area, and Parks commissioner Steven Foster pointed out they could simply designate No Smoking areas in the LLCP and ban the other areas. Kendrick claimed Parks might end up with cigarette garbage everywhere, but Foster countered that was not his experience at the park.

Huss called an ordinance banning smoking in all of LLCP “a paper tiger... How would I enforce it?” he asked. He said prohibiting a person from sitting by a campfire and having a cigarette is “something I can’t enforce.” He stated he does not

have a park ranger and doesn’t want to put seasonal staff in a confrontational situation. “It’s 1600 acres and there are 20 miles of trails.” He agreed an ordinance should include no smoking at the other Parks properties, but LLCP would have to be handled differently.

Kendrick maintained her stance banning smoking in all city-owned areas, and alderman Mickey Schneider forcefully asserted Kendrick was in no position to deny others their right to smoke. Kendrick steadfastly continued to advocate for good health and reducing litter. Bill Featherstone, chair of the Parks Commission, commented, “I don’t like passing laws to fix problems that don’t exist.” He said he traverses the trails at LLCP as frequently as anyone, and does not see butts on the trail. He urged the group, “Address the problem; don’t overdo it.”

The group finally accepted this suggested definition: “‘Smoking Permitted Area’ means an area which does not serve as an area of ingress and egress, which is clearly posted with ‘Smoking Permitted – Children under the Age of 18 Forbidden’ signs, within which smoking is permitted.”

The last two sections involved “Identifying Boundaries and/or Locations for Smoking Prohibition” and “Violations and Civil Penalties.” Regarding setting boundaries in a proposed ordinance, the group agreed “Smoking and use of tobacco products shall be prohibited within 25 feet of Basin Park in its entirety, city-owned buildings, all playgrounds, Harmon Skate Park, Harmon Dog Park and Leatherwood Fields.”

Violators of the ordinance would be charged with a misdemeanor and a fine ranging from not less than \$75 nor more than \$150 for the first offense, \$150-\$300 for the second offense and \$300-\$500 for the third offense “and each subsequent offense within one year of committing two prior offenses.”

City Attorney Tim Weaver said a violator would also face court costs plus a fee that pays for upkeep of the county jail, and a person found guilty of littering could face a fine as steep as \$10,000.

Weaver also remarked that enforcing a No Smoking ordinance in certain areas of the city would be very difficult because officers usually do not patrol at LLCP.

Preparing an ordinance from the points of agreement was left to Weaver. No date was announced for when council would first consider the proposed ordinance.

Issues on aging discussion

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.

Make music

There will be a Community Songcircle/Jam Session on Wednesday, April 26 from 6 – 8 p.m. in the Friends Meeting Room in the Carnegie Library Annex.

Night noises cause consternation

NICKY BOYETTE

Commissioner James Morris told Planning last Tuesday that four people had spoken to him about engines revving at 1 a.m. and the general overall noise in the city over the weekend. He said people called the police, but police could not control it.

City Economic Development Officer Glenna Booth quickly stated Morris should not blame the police for the noise. "They do their jobs," she said.

Commissioner Tom Buford said he had heard an off-duty policeman say the owner of an establishment turned off the music at his place and the noise level outside still exceeded acceptable limits. "It's part of being a tourist town," Buford commented. "I don't know how you're going to control it."

Susan Harman asserted that if Planning is going to take something like this on, they need ideas for how they are going to fix it. She clarified that the process now is someone can call the police and lodge

a complaint, although the complainant might not know what happens next.

Morris said one retail shop owner told him she would not open in the future on weekends like the recent one because her business was down 75 percent. He claimed he was not against motorcycles, but the nature of the town has changed with fewer things for families. "We have a problem," he stated.

Harman responded she knows of merchants who said they had "the greatest weekend" because of the motorcycles. She suggested it could have instead been crowds for Diversity Weekend or the Great Passion Play, and there will be other groups. She returned to her point that to change something, there must be a plan. "We can be happy or unhappy, but we need a plan or it won't go anywhere." She added if a business wants to close for a weekend, that is a personal choice and there is nothing Planning can do.

Morris returned to his point that the city does not have certain things for

families, and he is simply pointing out it is a problem. "The city needs to focus on something for those who live here, not just those who run businesses here," he said.

Harman clarified she did not mean to imply there are not any legitimate noise complaints, "but we're not here to fix the world."

"We are gonna fix it," Morris rebutted. "That's why we're here."

Booth reminded commissioners of how much time went into preparing the existing Noise Ordinance, and wondered why they wanted to invent a new wheel. She also said comments about the Noise Ordinance should be directed to council, not Planning.

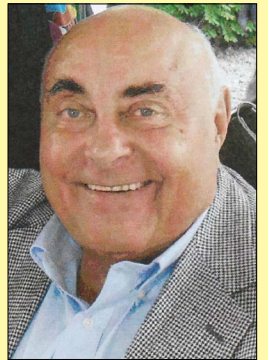
Commissioner Ann Sallee said council would be talking about noise, so Planning should wait and see what happens.

Dr. Dolce honored with fishing pier dedication

The Holiday Island Suburban Improvement District's Board of Commissioners passed a resolution authorizing the dedication and renaming of the Holiday Island handicapped-fishing pier to the Dr. John L. Dolce Handicapped Fishing Pier in memory of Dr. Dolce who passed away on Jan. 2.

The dedication ceremony will take place at the Holiday Island Fishing pier on Table Rock Lake at 10 a.m. on April 21 and a reception will follow at the Recreation Center, 13 Buckskin Lane, Holiday Island.

Questions concerning the dedication may be directed to the Holiday Island Suburban Improvement District Office at (479) 253-9700.



Dr. John L. Dolce

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Working together avoids strife

Editor,

House Republicans voted 62 times to repeal the Affordable Healthcare Act, without offering any “replacement” in its place. With the election of Trump, they worked toward voting again, this time to “repeal and replace,” but with that “replacement” being a joke on the poor, and a bonus for the rich. Can it be any wonder that Americans have reached a new level of distrust for our political leaders? Each of those 62 times voting against the ACA (Obamacare), they could instead have been voting on ways to make it work better.

I attended two town hall meetings with Steve Womack this last week at which attendees were visibly and vocally distraught, and while Womack chastised the audience for uncivil behavior, what could he reasonably expect? He was arrogant on stage. He spoke demeaningly of the audience. He talked down to us as though we could not possibly know what he knows or be as smart as he is.

On the subject of the ACA, he warned of its imminent failure and that he’ll be able to say, “I told you so.” And the truth is, it may fail. That’s exactly what they wanted in the first place and have been working forever since. Did they not vote 62 times to repeal the ACA with no replacement in sight?

For those Republicans who are brave enough during Congressional recess to face town halls of their own constituents, I have some admiration but no sympathy. If they were brave

enough to simply work across the aisle with their Democratic colleagues in the first place, they would know that not everyone agrees with their extreme views. By working with Democrats to solve our nation’s problems, they would then discover that in town hall meetings they would not have to face so many angry constituents.

Doug Stowe

Fighting violence with violence is still violent

Editor,

Hitler refused to use sarin gas against his military adversaries in WWII. Nobody knows why. Of course, he gassed 6 million Jews in his “chambers” with a cyanide-based gas, Zyklon B. He refused to use sarin gas against his military adversaries in WWII. Nobody knows why. Of course, he gassed at least 6 million Jews, and gypsies, socialists, homosexuals, political opposition, Poles and other Slavic peoples, Jehovah’s Witnesses, the disabled, and courageous resisters. He killed them with Zyklon B, a cyanide-based gas.

Churchill advocated using poisonous gas in WWI. He thought there were some gases that would not leave lasting effects. I do not know if his conjecture is true; surely there were some nasty effects.

Syria’s previous president (Assad’s father) did sign the 1925 Geneva Protocol, which bans the use of chemical and biological weapons. This President Assad did *not* sign the current international treaty against the use of

poison gas; however, Assad denies using any kind of poison gas (sarin or so-called binary nerve agents which are a mixture of various gases, chlorine, etc.). Supposedly, he agreed with the Obama Administration to give up his stockpile of chemical weapons.

Russia, Assad’s benefactor, lies about Syria’s use of poisonous gas. Russia herself has signed and ratified the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons. Fiji was the first signer! So has the United States, as well as 192 other countries; Egypt, Israel (signed but not ratified), North Korea, Palestine, and South Sudan *did not*.

I could not stand seeing the little children suffering from being gassed. My heart cried. A Syrian doctor told CNN, “The symptoms develop rapidly within minutes, redness of eyes, foaming at the mouth, contracted pupils, labored breathing, shortness of breath and suffocation.” Death in ten minutes.

How can President Assad, an American-educated optometrist, watch his own people suffer and die like this? Then, get his disinformation machine cranking to lie about who bombed whom.

The Syrian American Medical Society identified the gas used as organophosphorus compounds, a category of poisonous toxic gases that includes sarin.

I hate what Assad is doing in Syria; however, I do not believe more violence stops other violent acts. The Quakers condemn the Trump administration’s airstrikes in Syria and call on Congress to urgently intervene against the Trump

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WEEK’S TopTweets

@graceful_hmm: My 10 yr old googled how many states are in Oregon so I guess geography skills are like genetic or whatever.

@stevenjmolloy: [Man starts having heart attack on United flight] Attendant: “Is there a doctor on board?” “I’m a —” *gets dragged off flight*

@commuterhaiku: Watching a special about climate change. Oh, wait. This is a window.

@TheAlexNevil: *The first rodeo ever.* “Does anyone know what we’re supposed to do?”

@lloydrang: Way ahead of you, cashless society.

@sassafantz: At 17, Joan of Arc led the French to victory and I just looked for my phone while talking on it.

@kwkorpi: Cigarettes that help you quit chewing gum.

@OfficeSteve: Is a divorce a home improvement expense?

@AwesomeTodd: Is it raymen noodles or rawmun noodles? I don’t wanna sound stupid when asking the gas station clerk for a wine to complement my dinner.

@sageboggs: Verb is a noun.

@daplusk: Whoever invented the forklift overestimated the weight of forks.

Pipelines leak, why build more?

Loyalty to the Nation all the time, loyalty to the Government when deserved. — MARK TWAIN

In 2010, the U.S. approved the 3,000-mile TransCanada Keystone pipeline system, Connecting Alberta, Canada, Cushing, Oklahoma, Patoka, Illinois, and the Gulf Coast, with a combined capacity of 1.3 million barrels per day of highly toxic diluted bitumen (dilbit).

To increase the capacity of the system, TransCanada requested approval for an additional line traversing Nebraska. The Mayflower, Arkansas, dilbit spill and the devastating impact of Alberta tar sands strip mining, exposed the ecological destruction. President Barack Obama denied Keystone XL approval in 2015. An impulsive, uninformed 2017 Executive Order awoke the zombie line.

Bulk, high-pressure crude pipelines are high-risk, complex systems. High-pressure pump stations are used to transport dilbit, a high viscosity fluid. Leaks are unavoidable. One defective weld or one corroded pipe in a 3,000-mile pipeline is all it takes to create a leak. Evidence shows all lines leak, and go undetected 80 percent of the time. Crude oil spills are nearly impossible to clean, and most damages are irreversible. *Why build more?*

Learning by experimentation

Sometimes you just have to try things out. Find a gallon of used cooking oil and an open area in your home. Remove the cap and let the oil drop from about 6 ft., and leave it for a week. Use a timer and find how long it takes to clean up the mess. If you don't slip and fall, you should be safe. ExxonMobil used paper towels; baby diapers are a good alternative.

Houston, we have a problem

Four years ago, life stopped in Mayflower, Arkansas. Most people were unaware a 20-in. dilbit pipeline moving 66,000 barrels per day, was buried in residential neighborhoods. The spill was a thick, black, smelly, mix of highly toxic chemicals. Houston ExxonMobil Control Center was unaware and the catastrophic leak was undetected. ExxonMobil tried to hide dilbit in the woods, and some ended up in storage. Mayflower became a no-fly zone. Money was paid to hide the truth.

Keystone XL

Dysfunction, a new book by Dennis McConaghy, a TransCanada senior

executive, describes the dark side of XL: Alberta has the worst fossil fuels, TransCanada is aware of the climate emergency and the impact on First Nations' quality of life. Oil, water, and fish don't mix. TransCanada chooses to ignore First Nation's health and way of life, and threatens life on Earth. TransCanada wants to export fossil fuels at any cost and blames Bold Nebraska for protecting the environment. TransCanada is dysfunctional, *Whining* would be a better title.

Diamond leaks

Diamond says, "The likelihood of a leak is no more than once in 4,010 years; if there were a release the crude oil would float on the water." Diamond adds, "We do not expect abnormal events to occur that would produce a surge event due to established standard operating procedures, 24/7 monitoring of the system, and protective devices at specific locations throughout the system."

Why would anyone believe what Diamond says contrary to the high number of spills, about one per day, according to some reports? One leak in 4,010 years?

All pipelines use leak detection systems using satellites and 24/7 remote control centers. Surges are created by turbulence in the flow when pressure changes or when valves are closed. Weak spots due to welding and corrosion create leaks or pipe ruptures. With one of the worst safety records and low-quality welded Welspun pipes, why would anyone be surprised when Diamond leaks?

Arkansas Nuclear One at risk

The 447-ft. tall ANO power plant cooling tower uses large amounts of clean water from the Illinois Bayou, with filters to keep solids out of the cooling tower. Water quality is a critical safety requirement. Their primary intake is due east from Lake Dardanelle. Diamond crosses the Illinois Bayou a few miles upstream from ANO and feeds Lake Dardanelle. *Has the Nuclear Regulatory Commission made a hazard evaluation of a Diamond crude oil spill?*

Crude oil spills are man-made disasters. Ecological damages are irreversible. *Why build more export pipelines ignoring 21st Century green energy solutions?*

Dr. Luis Contreras



The Pursuit of HAPPINESS

by Dan Krotz

Some good news, at last. Don Matt, musician, Prince of Clean, and 2nd runner-up in this year's *People Magazine's* "Sexiest Man Alive" contest, has been elected Alternative President of the United States (*aka* Universe). According to officials at the official polling place – the Eureka Springs Official Public Library – Matt's victory was contested, but convincing: "Don Matt has been elected Alternative President! His victory comes after a surprisingly tight race against two unexpected challengers who rose to prominence via robust write-in campaigns. Placing second with 7 votes was Judy Griffith, followed by Snake Venom who received 6 votes."

The election results were as follows: Don Matt 26, Judy Griffith 7, Venom Snake 6, Honey Boo Boo 2, Yoda 2, Hillary Clinton 1, Loretta Crenshaw 1, Selena Gomez 1, Biggy Rat & Itchy Brother 1, Vladimir Putin 1. President-elect Matt read the following statement on notification of his victory:

"As the alternative Donald, I just want to thank the team that made this possible. In the Alternate Universe where I am now President I am going to make dang sure that we all make huge amounts of money in the self promotion of our collective egos (not really). I am going to continue to serve all of you in your janitorial needs to assure that at least in this little corner of our great country we are keeping things clean. Judy will now be First Lady and in what is the new tradition she will be living at our home in beautiful Mar-a-Ninestone and I will be commuting there to play on the tractor every weekend. It's going to be great and we will make so much money you will get sick of making money..."

...Of course, I will be donating my presidential salary to the Library."

Public intellectuals and pundits from the national media were stunned – and largely silent – by the relative ease with which Matt won election. He carried every precinct except the ones he lost by huge margins – insanely big margins never seen before, believe me – and coasted to triumph without Chinese manufactured hats, no East European super-models, and with zero diddling by Russian secret agents.

Please join me in congratulating President Matt.

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 10

8:07 a.m. – Merchant downtown reported vandalism in front of the business.

10:10 a.m. – Individual spoke to a constable about ongoing harassment. Constable spoke to both parties and no report was filed.

10:44 a.m. – Constable retrieved a person arrested in Benton County on an ESPD warrant.

1:13 p.m. – Motorist headed toward town from the east claimed a driver headed west crossed the centerline and almost crashed into her car. When she honked her horn in warning, the adverse driver responded with an obscene gesture. The constable who encountered the adverse vehicle did not observe any reason to stop it.

1:49 p.m. – Visitor told ESPD her laptop computer went missing over the weekend.

2:24 p.m. – A son-in-law spoke with a constable about a dispute with the mother-in-law’s landlord. The constable had a word with everybody involved.

3:13 p.m. – A mother said she had not heard from her daughter since the daughter’s boyfriend had been arrested three days prior. Constable informed the mother the daughter had seemed okay when she bailed out the boyfriend.

4:43 p.m. – Constable checked on a residential alarm and found the house secure.

5 p.m. – Constable went to the scene of a domestic disturbance. The male was transported to ESH for an unknown medical issue and the female was arrested on an outstanding warrant from Sharp County.

9:17 p.m. – There was noise complaint about someone using a belt sander. Constable informed the sander about the noise ordinance.

APRIL 11

7:14 p.m. – Another noise complaint came in about the volume of the music at Basin Park. Constable determined the musicians were a bit over the limit at times, so they turned down the volume. They were almost finished anyway.

8:19 p.m. – Constable went to a

building downtown where the alarm had been tripped. No evidence of any disturbance and the building was secure.

8:43 p.m. – Person at the same location asked for a constable escort around the property.

APRIL 12

9:43 a.m. – A truck belonging to utility workers was parked on a residential street blocking traffic. The workers finished shortly after the constable arrived.

12:13 p.m. – Two large dogs cavorted unattended through a neighborhood. The owner claimed one of them had broken through his fence that was not yet mended.

1:23 p.m. – A person called 911 from an area not far from downtown and then hung up. Constable patrolled the area but did not see anything unusual. A witness reported seeing a couple arguing about their vehicle, but they were long gone.

2:08 p.m. – State Police asked for assistance with an individual who had an outstanding ESPD warrant.

7:25 p.m. – A possibly intoxicated individual was stumbling along US 62. The constable gave him a ride to his apartment.

9 p.m. – Hotel clerk asked for help with an unruly guest. The guest was gone when the constable arrived. There was a bit of damage to a room but the hotel staff had the guest’s credit card information that would secure payment for the damage.

9:06 p.m. – There was an open 911 call from a residence in the west part of town. A constable responded but no one was there.

APRIL 13

7:46 a.m. – Traffic stop related to watching for a vehicle being used without authorization resulted in the arrest of the driver for driving on a suspended license.

12:20 p.m. – There was minor two-car accident in a parking lot. No injuries. 2:51 p.m. – And another accident in a downtown parking lot.

5:50 p.m. – An individual was having suicidal thoughts. Constable and EMS responded, and EMS transported him to ESH.

Planning digests definitions of what definitions define

NICKY BOYETTE

In a determined effort to clarify things, Planning commissioners continued their march through what chair Melissa Greene called “murky” definitions in City Code at the April 11 meeting. They agreed work on a couple definitions was complete and a couple of others, such as “receptions,” had been hashed and rehashed but not written up.

Moving further down their list, commissioner Susan Harman mentioned they had thoroughly reviewed “continual operation” as it related to the 180-day rule for Bed & Breakfasts, but commissioner James Morris firmly stated, “It is irresponsible of the city not to have a better definition of what that means.” He decried the practice of a B&B owner paying only a minimum tax every six months just to stay within the law but not actually operating

much, and insisted such an owner prevents another prospective B&B owner nearby from operating full-time.

“It’s not fair or just,” Morris declared. He said he had presented a plan to the commission to address this issue more than once, and would bring it again to the next meeting. “We have denied people the right to operate a B&B... I’m just asking for equity.”

“Is this a common occurrence?” commissioner Woodie Acord asked.

Greene said she could not think of any occurrences, but Harman asked Morris to present his plan at the next meeting. Greene then pointed out that City Code states a person with a Conditional Use Permit technically is not allowed to expand or alter other buildings on the property such as a garage or shed. She said someone in

this situation had brought the issue to her, and she herself was told years ago she could not build a deck on property for which she had a CUP. She wanted to clear up any confusion.

City Economic Development Officer Glenna Booth disagreed with Greene’s reading of Code, and Morris said Greene’s interpretation would eliminate the ability of a B&B owner to remodel the building. He remarked, “You don’t deprive someone of the right to do something on the property just because they have a CUP, but a neighbor could.”

Greene said the language in Code was murky. Commissioner Tom Buford countered that Code was clear, but perhaps the intent was lost in the language.

Harman said she wanted to read it again, and suggested they all review what Code says and talk about it at the next

meeting so they can “make sure it’s right.”

Other items

- For further tunneling into City Code, Greene suggested they look at laws regarding a home becoming a duplex, for example, and make it easy to know the parking requirements.

- Commissioners were satisfied with their revised Complaint Form, and Booth suggested they get input from Building Inspector Bobby Ray.

- As the Board of Zoning Adjustment, commissioners approved a sign variance for 4032 E. Van Buren to allow the Cup of Love Ministry to put a sign in an existing frame that is slightly larger than City Code allows. A sign was previously approved for the space, and commissioners quickly approved the variance.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, April 25, at 6 p.m.

Voting district determines ambulance service

NICKY BOYETTE

Early in its April 17 meeting, the Carroll County Quorum Court was presented with a quandary. Geneice McCall said she lived 1.5 miles east of the Eureka Springs city limits, and asked if she would be served by the Eastern Ambulance District. She said she currently is taxed for both ambulance districts because apparently she has property on both sides of the boundary. She claimed it was not fair for western district people to pay for the eastern district ambulance service.

Justice of the Peace Jack Deaton commented he is part of a group looking into resolving just these kinds of issues related to the two ambulance districts, while JP Larry Swofford asserted it would be residency, not land ownership, that decides which service she pays taxes for. JP Chuck Olson chimed in that his understanding was the state statute said each voting district could decide to be in or out of an ambulance district.

Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Devon Still tried to clear things up. “You did not limit an ambulance district that serves only the eastern district,” she told them. “You created an ambulance district that serves the voting districts that are designated.” She pointed out the Kings River precinct

happens to be in both the eastern and western districts. However, it is a state law that the precincts in a district must be connected and include the entire precinct. So, Still said, it would depend of McCall’s voting district to determine her ambulance service.

Doug Stroeml, administrator for Mercy Hospital in Berryville, then provided an update on the status of the hospital. He noted Mercy is a critical access hospital licensed for 25 beds with a 24-hour emergency room staffed with a physician at all times. Its range of specialties “to keep patients close to home” includes cardiology, nephrology, neurology, rheumatology and ophthalmology. He also mentioned Mercy’s community involvement by donating to local educational and community projects.

County business

JPs approved the following items:

- an appropriation ordinance moving \$16,712 in insurance reimbursement for the total loss of a vehicle to the budget of the Sheriff’s Office;

- a supplemental ordinance added \$7746.96 to the Veterans’ Service fund to cover expanding the hours of the staff member, and \$858.75 to cover the salary of an employee in the collector’s office

who picked up more hours;

- a supplemental ordinance Deaton referred to as a “clean-up ordinance like we do every year;”

- another supplemental ordinance which JP Lamont Richie said was to make sure all line items were properly funded; to accomplish that, JPs moved amounts of \$29.70, \$1320.83 and \$495.25 from one line item to another in three different departments;

- the first reading of an ordinance which would amend the Personnel

Handbook according to recommendations from the Personnel Committee; Richie said it also allows employees to more vacation time available sooner; he said the committee wanted to provide an incentive for employees since this year the county cannot offer a salary increase;

- approved the appointment of Steve Gerber to a five-year term on the Mundell Heights Estates Subordinate Service District.

Next meeting will be Monday, May 15, at 5 p.m.

Carving in the Ozarks back for 13th year

The Eureka Springs Volunteer Fire Department will host Carving in the Ozarks on Friday and Saturday, April 21 and 22 at 4028 E. Van Buren on Hwy. 62. Professional carvers can be observed as they create masterpieces carved using chainsaws and various power tools. Carvers will be creating all day on both days of the event from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

The event is a fundraiser for the Volunteer Fire Department. On Saturday there will be a live auction at 4 p.m. of the carvings created in the competition. The event is free to the public. More information is available on www.eurekaspringsfire.org.



High school principal retiring

NICKY BOYETTE

After an executive session at the April 11 Eureka Springs School Board meeting, the board accepted the resignation of high school principal Kathy Lavender, who Supt. Bryan Pruitt said is retiring so she can travel and visit her kids. He said Lavender has been a valuable asset and has paid her dues.

“It’s that time for her,” Pruitt remarked. “She showed great leadership for us, she’ll be hard to replace, but I’m excited for her.”

The board also accepted the resignation of Katy Turnbaugh, high school chemistry, engineering and science teacher. She accepted a position at the new Thaden School, a private 6-12 school in Bentonville sponsored by the Walton Family Foundation. Pruitt said Turnbaugh will also be hard to replace because of her diverse skills, but losing good teachers is part of the process.

These resignations were also accepted:

Daniel Patterson and Lena Fryar, child nutrition staff; John McBryde, custodian; Joann Jacobs, special education assistant.

Lighten up

The board voted to engage the Excel Energy Group to upgrade or replace “approximately 2100 lighting fixtures and associated lamps and ballasts” throughout the campus according to the Excel presentation. In other words, the entire campus – all three schools plus the administrative building and bus barn – will be transitioned to LED lighting.

Cost of the project is estimated to be \$191,221, but Excel Vice President of Design and Development Colton Churchill told the board he expects there will be \$21,314 in energy saving incentives from SWEPCO, which his staff will apply for, bringing net cost to \$170,907. He also said there would be energy and demand savings, plus maintenance savings totaling \$31,005 annually. All the arithmetic means

the district will see a payback on the investment in 5.5 years.

Churchill also pointed out standardizing the lighting products will greatly simplify tasks of the facility’s crew because the district will need to stock just one major lamp type.

Pruitt said the district has funds in the Building Fund and could pay cash for the project to avoid financing expenses. Churchill said that by not financing the project the district would see savings immediately. He said his crews could accomplish the installation within 10-12 days working from 4 p.m. until 4 a.m., and teachers would not know workers had been there. The job could be completed before the end of May if the board acted at that meeting.

Churchill also mentioned the Arkansas School Board Association uses a cooperative purchasing program called TIPS/TAPS, of which Excel is an approved

vendor, and through this arrangement the district does not have to put the project out for bid. Pruitt said districts buy school buses through this program.

Board member Al Larson commented it seemed impetuous to just jump right in. He wondered if the board did not need more information for comparison. Pruitt answered, “If there is further study to be done, I don’t know about it.” He said he and Facilities Director Mike Dwyer had been researching this idea for two years. Dwyer commented the energy-saving incentives from SWEPCO are dwindling and might disappear completely soon, so acting now would mean the optimum payback time. District Treasurer Pam McGarrah added this is a good fiscal year for this investment.

Larson moved to go ahead with the proposal and board member Debbie Davis seconded the motion. Vote was 4-0 to approve the motion.

Schools-Tyson collaboration on the table

NICKY BOYETTE

School Supt. Bryan Pruitt announced April 11 that there are plans for a collaborative project for industrial, maintenance, and pre-apprenticeship courses involving Eureka Springs, Berryville and Green Forest school districts in conjunction with Tyson Foods. Classes will be for juniors and seniors and take place at the armory building in Berryville. It’s a two-year program in which students spend a half-day there and the other half in school.

Pruitt said those in the program will continue to be enrolled in core subjects and participate in extracurricular activities. Courses will be converted to count toward electives for graduation.

There will be a presentation Monday, April 24, at 6 p.m., at the Community Center in Berryville for all three school boards.

Courses include refrigeration, robotics, welding, hydraulics, HVAC, electronics, plumbing and other skills to prepare students to enter the industrial workforce. Pruitt stated Tyson has hired students from similar programs at a starting wage of \$14.75 per hour.

The three schools will pay for the teacher and a secretary. Tyson will pay to renovate the building and provide what the teachers need. Particulars of the shared financing is still being negotiated, as well as how many students from each school will participate.

Pruitt called the program an excellent opportunity for students, and said he hopes it will help to improve graduation rates. It might also be the first county wide program like this in Arkansas. He added that there will be night classes for adults.

High School addresses drop out dilemma *Lower schools engaging students*

NICKY BOYETTE

Richard Mann, high school history, speech and drama teacher, told the board on April 11 that several students from lower socio-economic group for whom English was not their first language had dropped out of high school in 2015 to enter the workforce. He has been part of a group of faculty members who studied what the schools could do to reverse this, and learned the best way to approach this would be to start at the pre-school level helping kids with language and reading skills. He said those who dropped out had not achieved a high enough reading level to stay engaged in studies. Another hurdle for students whose parents work is simply transportation to and from school and activities.

Lynda Miller, fifth grade literacy and social studies teacher, said some fifth graders participated in what she called a living wax museum. The students researched a particular historic individual, compiled a report and gave a speech to the class dressed as the subject of their study. The list of speakers included Hillary Clinton, Abraham Lincoln, Albert Einstein, Benedict Arnold, Donald Trump and more.

Elementary school Principal Clare Lesieur said the Community Center Foundation is hosting an after-school program in the elementary school cafeteria, and parents have mentioned how beneficial the program has been. Lesieur said she appreciated efforts of the Foundation in starting the program that will eventually move the Community Center site.

She said students have been on field trips to the Walton Arts Center, Crystal Bridges and the Amazeum. Cinco de Mayo festivities are in the works, and Möm and Pöp, a musical duo, performed for the kindergarteners. Lesieur said her teachers perform pre-testing early in the year to see where intervention is needed before the requisite standardized testing at year’s end. She said they would compare results of early testing and the standardized tests to gauge effectiveness of the intervention.

Board business

- The board approved both the Licensed Personnel Policies and the Classified Personnel Policies for 2017-2018. Treasurer Pam McGarrah stated the minor changes came from the Arkansas School Board Association, and changes had been approved by the Personnel Policies Committee.

- The board also approved the Licensed Salary Schedule for the next school year. Pruitt said it included no raises, but he hoped to provide a bonus for teachers because they do not get what they deserve. He said he hoped the district would be able every other year to consider a boost in the salary schedule, but during the next school year he intended to ask the board to give teachers a one-time bonus.

- Also approved was extending the contract with PCMI, the service which provides substitute teachers for the district.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, May 9, at 6 p.m.

‘My whole life has been a rehearsal for my life in Eureka Springs’ – Rabbi Rob

BECKY GILLETTE

It might be a first, a rabbi delivering a sermon on Easter Sunday. But not for Rabbi Rob Lennick, who is part-time pastor for the Eureka Springs Unitarian Universalist (UU) Fellowship, who has long been involved in interfaith activities.

“I felt honored and excited to give the sermon on Easter,” Lennick, rabbi for the Community Synagogue of Northwest Arkansas, said. “I love the UU based on the fact that it is very inclusive and open minded. It’s not Christian and it’s not Jewish. There is a tremendous respect for each individual’s search and discovery for the meaning of life. Easter and Passover are events about hope and renewal.”

The title of Lennick’s Easter sermon was, “Love your scars.” He said scars symbolically figure strongly in Christianity, as the crucifixion and Passover story are about the suffering and scars of ancient Israelite slavery in Egypt.

“It is pretty much impossible to get through life unscathed,” Lennick said. “Scars are badges of courage. Each scar has a story that has shaped our character and life. Embedded in every scar is living proof of the hopefulness of life, living proof of healing, and living proof of survival. We should be proud of our scars. They are emblems of the goodness that comes out of even the most difficult circumstances.”

Lennick came to Northwest Arkansas in 2014 for a consulting position with a synagogue in Bentonville that was supposed to last four months. Instead, he stayed several years before moving to Eureka Springs a month ago. He has long been a major advocate of interfaith communications, and spent a number of years as president and CEO of a national interfaith organization, Religion in American Life.

“One of the first things accomplished when I got here was the establishment of the Benton County Interfaith Alliance,” he said. “People said it would be

difficult to create but I found the opposite. We have held community-wide Thanksgiving observances and had other collaborations with different faith groups in Benton County. That is something I’m looking forward to helping facilitate in Eureka Springs.”



Rabbi Rob Lennick

Lennick grew up in Massachusetts, and went on to live in Colorado, Connecticut, Florida and Pennsylvania. Arkansas might not at first seem fertile ground for him, but he said he believes it’s important to be a progressive voice in the midst of what can be perceived to be a very non-progressive environment.

“In fact, there are a lot of progressively minded people here,” Lennick said. “That has been proven to me over and over again.”

Lennick’s mother was very involved in politics, and he recalls going to political events starting at

age five.

“During the Vietnam War and desegregation, I accompanied her to meetings and rallies,” Lennick said. “So I always felt the need to speak up for people who couldn’t speak for themselves. And that was combined with a basic message I heard in my household, which was that the essence of Judaism is about making the world a better place, and that ‘faith’ was a verb. It is one thing to say you believe in something and quite another to act on those beliefs to make the world a better place. I grew up in a culture that encouraged making a difference.”

Lennick spent his 21st birthday in 1977 in jail for being involved with the Clamshell Alliance protest against the Seabrook [NH] nuclear power plant project. Since then, he has often found opportunities to stand up for social justice and speak truth to power. He advocated for the creation of the Human Rights Commission in Greenwich, Ct., and stood up against a gubernatorial candidate in Colorado who held up a Bible and said it was

the “Constitution of the U.S.” He has advocated for pro-choice candidates, gender-neutral language in worship and LGBT rights.

“When anyone stands up and speaks out, one takes the risk of rejection personally or professionally,” Lennick said. “But the fact of the matter is, if no one took those risks, change for the better would never happen.”

Lennick didn’t consider becoming a rabbi until he got kicked out of Hebrew school in fifth grade for misbehaving. He was given an alternative opportunity to study with the rabbi.

“He opened my eyes to the progressive attitudes of Judaism,” Lennick said, who has a Doctor of Ministry and honorary Doctor of Divinity degree, in addition to other degrees. “When I was thinking about a life path, being a rabbi seemed like a great way to make the world a better place.”

In addition to giving one sermon a month at the UU, Lennick also offers adult learning classes the first and third Wednesday nights of the month at the UU fellowship. Community Synagogue also offers a Sabbath Service in Eureka Springs on the first Friday night each month at 7 p.m. at the Heart of Many Ways at 68 Mountain St.

“In our adult learning, we explore the issues of the day through sacred literature and philosophy, and contemporary thinkers,” Lennick said. “The goal is to enhance our thinking. It is not enough simply to teach facts.”

He also offers clinical pastoral counseling and spiritual guidance. “Sometimes people just need to be listened to without judgment,” he said.

Eureka Springs is the smallest town Lennick has ever lived in, but it’s a good fit.

“I’ve always had an affinity for the woods and the mountains,” he said. “I feel like my whole life has been a rehearsal for my life in Eureka Springs. It is just beautiful. I love the fact Eureka Springs is filled with creative, motivated, and visionary people. Everywhere I turn, I meet more people who are really committed to making the world better. I can think of no place I would rather be.”

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

Bake Sale at A Cup of Love Ministry

A Cup of Love Ministry will hold a Bake Sale on Saturday, April 22 from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. 4032 E. van Buren. There will be homemade baked goods, handcrafted treasures, live music and prizes. The event is a fundraiser for new signs for A Cup of Love Ministry. All are welcome.

Spirituality at Metafizzies

The April 24 meeting of the Eureka Springs Metaphysical Society will feature a group discussion on spiritual topics. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. at the Heart of Many Ways, 68 Mountain Street. All are welcome.

Humor, joy and good attitude

Bring your favorite joke, anecdote, feel good story or poem to share at Eureka Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 17 Elk Street, on Sunday, April 23 at 11 a.m. Forrest Jacobi will moderate the conversation. Childcare is provided and extra parking is available at Ermilio's Restaurant, 26 White Street.



Taste, consistency, aroma, flavor, and bite – Over 25 chili cooks from more than 10 states competed for plaques and money during the 2017 Arkansas State Chili Championship held in Holiday Island last Saturday. The great weather brought out many chili tasters. Below are Cindy and Dave Ashby who won 1st place Chili Verde and 1st place ICS Chili.

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case concerns claims to Medicare for Intensive Outpatient Psychotherapy (IOP) services.

“These settlements resolve allegations that, beginning as early as 2005 and in some cases continuing into 2013, the hospitals knowingly submitted claims for IOP services that did not qualify for Medicare reimbursement because: the patient’s condition did not qualify for IOP; the patient’s treatments were not provided pursuant to an individualized treatment plan designed to help the patient address specific mental health needs and reach achievable goals; the patient’s progress was not being adequately tracked or documented; the patient received an inappropriate level of treatment; and/or the therapy provided was primarily recreational or diversional in nature, and not therapeutic,” states a press release from the DOJ. “The IOP services in question were typically performed on the providers’ behalf by Allegiance Health

Management (Allegiance), a post-acute healthcare management company based in Shreveport, Louisiana, but billed to Medicare by the providers.”

“Our agency is dedicated to investigating health care fraud schemes such as this, which divert scarce taxpayer funds meant to provide for legitimate patient care, including services for the often underserved mentally ill population,” said Special Agent in Charge Mike Fields of U.S. Department of Health and Human Services-Office of Inspector General.

The DOJ said allegations resolved by the settlements arose from a lawsuit filed under the False Claims Act.

“The act allows private individuals known as “relators” to sue on behalf of the United States and to share in the proceeds of any settlement or judgment that may result,” the DOJ said. “The relator in this case will receive \$2,667,300.”

In some similar cases, hospital management companies are required to

be audited after being found guilty of false billing. These are called corporate integrity agreements. Givens said that it hasn’t been determined if Allegiance would be required to enter into a corporate integrity agreement.

Mark Friedman wrote an article for *Arkansas Business*, “Allegiance Health Faces Lawsuits, Tax Liens” in October 2015. In the article Friedman identifies the “relator” in the case as Ryan Ladner, who was represented by attorney Cliff Johnson of Jackson, Miss.

“We certainly believe, based on the information available to us, that [Allegiance] was part of a far-reaching scheme to get money from Medicare that never should have been paid,” Johnson said in the *Arkansas Business* article, “a scheme that involved dozens of hospitals from several states, including Arkansas.”

Johnson said Ladner had no healthcare background prior to being hired as director of intensive outpatient psychotherapy program, but quickly

realized there was a real problem with billing for services that didn’t qualify for Medicare reimbursements.

Friedman’s article also detailed the Internal Revenue Service’s federal tax liens against the North Metro Medical Center for not paying a total of \$1.8 million in payroll taxes in 2014 and the City of Pocahontas firing Allegiance Health Management in 2008 after less than a year of managing the city’s Five Rivers Medical Center and problems with unpaid bills.

“Lawsuits filed in Arkansas suggest the company has a track record of unpaid bills and questions about its management,” Friedman wrote. “Allegiance’s biggest headache, though, stems from the allegations in the whistleblower lawsuit.”

Allegiance Health Management did not respond to numerous requests, including to its legal department, for comment. Allegiance has denied allegations of wrongdoing in other published reports.



In great New Orleans tradition, a funeral procession of souls and music marched down Spring St. last Tuesday night to commemorate the passing of Max Elbo, the beloved Eureka Springs artist who left us on January 15. Musicians of old Eureka, including former Greasy Greens trumpeter Jane Tucker, Nick Rorick, Lyle Pinkley, Pearl Brick, the Ariels, Opal Fly – you name them, they were there. More than 100 were counted at Basin Park as more music for Max kept the stars dancing.

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A gala for goddesses and help for kids – The Ballroom at Basin Park Hotel was packed on April 12 for the annual Goddess Gala and Blessing of the Seeds festival. The festival included a raffle, drumming, a potluck fest and dancing. Proceeds benefited the Merlin Foundation’s work with abused children.

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Planetary Shifts, Movements, Retrogrades & New Moon

Sun enters Taurus, **Wednesday**, sign of illumination. Around midnight, Sun joins Mercury in Taurus, offering an important message. Early **Thursday** Pluto stations retrograde and Mercury retrograde re-enters Aries. We're being influenced by four major retrogrades (Mercury, Jupiter, Saturn & Pluto), turning us deeply inward.

Pluto retrograde means lots of investigation (personality & political), reflection upon power and control (over, with?) and the elimination of things no longer useful. **Pluto, as it stations retrograde, squares Jupiter.** Jupiter brings us advancement, expansion and progress, but only if obstacles (greed, excesses,

incorrect thinking, ideologies & beliefs, etc.) are recognized, overcome & removed (Pluto's task). Pluto then transforms what's hidden into light.

Mercury retrograde re-entering Aries means we begin once again to communicate & think about ourselves, seeking as we talk, to understand who we are. Mercury is retrograde 'til May 3.

Friday, Mars enters Gemini and all of a sudden everyone is passionately debating again, we can be angry, sharp-witted, talking over others, edgy and fired-up! We assume one side or the other of the debate and hang onto it. Gemini gathers and disperses information. We need to make sure our information isn't opinion,

judgment, criticism, but well-founded facts.

Mercury trines Saturn Monday. Our thinking becomes orderly and organized. We have clear and realistic communication. Our conversations are kind. We seek friendships with others. Trines are harmonious, uplifting us to the Kingdoms of Beauty.

Wednesday is the Taurus New Moon festival. **"Let struggle be undismayed,"** says Ray 4 (the ray of Taurus). We are urged to learn the lessons of form and matter. We learn about duality and discrimination. Meanwhile, the NGWS each day prepares for **Wesak**, the Buddha Full Moon festival, May 10. Prepare with us, everyone!

ARIES: You are developing a greater awareness of self as you continue to experience personal, political, inner/outer change. New ideas and revelations appear, coloring your experiences. A sense that a fire burns within, like a heart wanting to give warmth to the world. You feel bright and brilliant. You are. You're responsible for providing this fire and ideas to the world. Are you ready?

TAURUS: Most likely you're not going too many places these days. It's possible your vehicle(s) is/are experiencing breakdowns, battery failure, or flat tires so you can't go too far. A state of contemplativeness has entered your life and all you can accomplish is gardening, slow walks, reflection and hiding from events, phones and people. You're a leader whether this is acknowledged or not. You're in preparation.

GEMINI: Deeper revelations of divinity are occurring, possibly in sleep, but definitely while serving the world. Here are mantrams and intentions we recite each morning in meditation (which you're welcome to join). **"Assume a new and**

fresh attitude of community and hold it during the hours of service which lie ahead each day. Guard with care all thoughts and speech. Call for those you will work with to help build the new culture and civilization." There's more. When you ask for them.

CANCER: Slowly you're building a reputation and gaining achievements as you carefully re-enter the world. So often you're hidden under a protective shell for safety and shelter. Often you're working toward goals we don't see or understand – not until they're offered as nurturance and to serve others. You're ambitious but no one can tell. You're a leader. And you hide this, too.

LEO: Restlessness often overtakes Leos. You need a change of environment, of scenery, perhaps a change in friendships. You also need to communicate what you've learned to those with curiosity and the ability to understand more expansive heart-centered ideas. In our daily morning meditations we thank our Teachers – past, present and those to come. You are a teacher.

VIRGO: You're focused on the horizon with goal-oriented ideas as high as the mountaintop under which the coming May full moon festival takes place. You're proud of what you know. When using your knowledge with humility and Right Attitude, others learn from you. In turn you must want to learn, too. Your lower mind information must be turned into true

knowledge. Your love into wisdom. Are you ready?

LIBRA: There's a sense you must enter deeper in life, including dying and regenerating like a phoenix in your most intimate relationships.

Yours is the Path of the Warrior, going into battle with desires and aspiration, seeking the virtuous way, increasing the demand for change, compelling others to change also. For rebirth to occur, something from the past must be relinquished. It's a hurt you hold. It can be let go now. Can you be ready?

SCORPIO: As we grow older, our true self emerges. I remember my art teacher telling me, a young art student, **"As we age we become more of our rising sign."** I didn't understand her. But I do now. The inner essence of our rising sign shows us our Soul's purpose and as we grow in age and experience, our Soul comes forth to direct our personality. This becomes our foundation. Is it time yet?

SAGITTARIUS: You're proud of your family, heritage, religion, education. These constitute your private life. You are careful with your privacy. Only those you trust may enter. There are others in your life who wonder if you are trustworthy. Trust is something based on truth, ethics, understanding and knowing you will work for the good of both self and others, too. Are you ready to be identified as trustworthy?

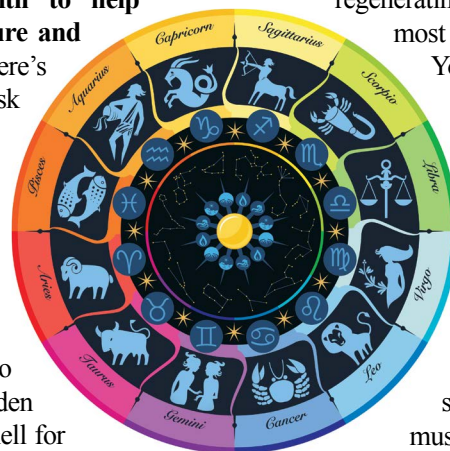
CAPRICORN: Be very careful with communication and thoughts.

Communication can be difficult and misunderstandings occur – Neptune in Pisces in your house of communication. Begin each day with intentions to think and speak with a loving heart. This cultivates a joy that brings strength, courage, revelations and great creative ability. For gardening follow the biodynamic planting guide. Plant borage, bergamot and a fig tree.

AQUARIUS: You feel restless perhaps. More than ready to make change in your home and the way you live and work. You sense a deep need for independence. This is how you must move about in your world. It's important to be flexible, adaptable and to have mental agility allowing you to communicate clearly to everyone who comes your way. New values, a shift in resources and a deep need for nesting appears. Pray to the devas for what you need.

PISCES: As a child, it was difficult to build or even understand solid secure foundations. As an adult, a secure foundation is most necessary. However, it's difficult often for Pisces to build it. Begin by identifying what you value, what you love and need and what is beauty to you in terms of a home. Gradually over time, you have become the solid and secure foundation you always sought. Summon daily what you need. Make ready.

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Moving meditations on April 21

Dances of Universal Peace will be held at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 17 Elk St. at 7 p.m. on Friday, April 21. The Dances are moving meditations that involve the singing of sacred phrases with accompanying movements from the world's many spiritual traditions. Participation is free of charge. Contact Rebecca Babbs at (479) 253-8303 or email babbsrebecca@gmail.com for more information.

Clear Spring Open House coming up

Clear Spring School's annual Open House – Open Enrollment is Saturday, April 29 at 374 Dairy Hollow Rd., from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Parents and prospective students will be acquainted with the campus, introduced to faculty and administration, and informed about financial assistance. Student-led tours will be a viewing of the short film, *Clear Spring School – The Journey*, produced by CSS high school students Chris

Lewis and Rod and Jill Slane.

Open enrollment for pre-primary through 12th grade will begin that day, and registration is on a first come, first serve basis.

Need more info? Contact Dori Thomas, development@clearspringsschool.org or (479) 253-7888. Visit www.clearspringsschool.org or www.facebook.com/ClearSpringSchool.

Quiet meditation at Heart of Many Ways

The Eureka Springs Buddhist Study Group will gather for 30 minutes of meditation followed by reading and discussion on Thursday, April 20 at 4 p.m. at Heart of Many Ways, 68 Mountain Street. All are welcome.

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Judith A. Leswig Dec. 12, 1937 – March 18, 2017

Judith A. Leswig passed away on March 18, 2017 in Manor Court of Princeton, Ill.

Judith was born on Dec. 12, 1937 to Francis A. and Marie E. (Parat) Jakubek in LaSalle, Ill. She attended St. Valentine Catholic Grade School, LaSalle-Peru Township High School, and LPO Jr. College. After graduating, Judith moved to Chicago and worked for the Title and Trust Co.

Judith married Edmund J. Leswig on Jan. 16, 1960 and lived in Princeton, Ill. They then moved to the Glen Ellyn and Wheaton areas in Illinois. Edmund was transferred to California moving to Upland and Playa Del Ray. Judith was



a Real Estate Agent and later secretary for the Elk's Club. While in California, Judith learned the art of designing fabric dolls.

Upon retirement they moved to Eureka Springs, Ark.

Judith became very active in the community and started the Shady Ladies and One Shady Gentleman Doll Club of Eureka Springs.

Judith is known for her artistry in fabric doll making. She also was active in the Book Club, Knitting Club, Gardening Club and Bridge Club. Judith volunteered at St.

Elizabeth's gift shop and supported the Flint Street Mission, especially the backpack kids. She and

her husband, Edmund, volunteered for Meals on Wheels.

Judith is survived by two sons Christopher J. Leswig of St. Charles, Ill., and Douglas J. (Kim) Leswig of Paddock Lake, Wis.; four grandchildren, and one great-granddaughter; two sisters, Dorothy Tassoni of Olympia, Wash., and Marie (Norman) Merkley of Princeton, Ill.

Judith was preceded in death by her husband of 56 years, Edmund; her parents, and one brother-in-law, Peter Tassoni.

Celebration of Life will be held on Friday, April 28, 2017 at 11 a.m. in St. Elizabeth's Community Center in Eureka Springs, Ark. In lieu of flowers memorials may be given to St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church, American Cancer Association, or the American Diabetes Association.

James Albert Pryor Dec. 23, 1944 – April 14, 2017

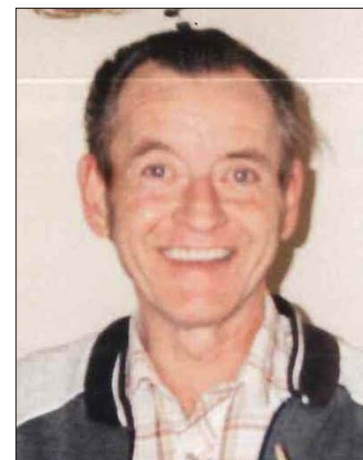
James Albert Pryor of Eureka Springs, Ark., was born Dec. 23, 1944, in Carroll County, Ark., son of William W. and Helen Luetta (Evans) Pryor. He departed this life Friday, April 14, 2017 in Springfield, Mo., at age 72.

James loved to be outdoors, hunting and fishing were his passion. He took great pride in taking care of the Beulah Union Cemetery for 22 years.

He is survived by his brother, Wilber Pryor; close friend, Linda Weems of Berryville, and many other friends. He was

preceded in death by his parents and one brother, William Pryor.

Funeral service was Tuesday, April 18, 2017 at the Nelson's Chapel of the Springs, Eureka Springs, Ark., with Pastor Jody Ray officiating. Interment will follow at the Beulah Union Cemetery in Eureka Springs under the direction of Nelson Funeral Service, Inc. Memorial donations may be made to the Beulah Union Cemetery, 355 CR 108, Eureka Springs, Arkansas 72632. Online condolences may be sent to the family at nelsonfuneral.com. © Nelson Funeral Service, Inc. 2017



Carl August Schleg, Jr. June 21, 1927 – April 14, 2017

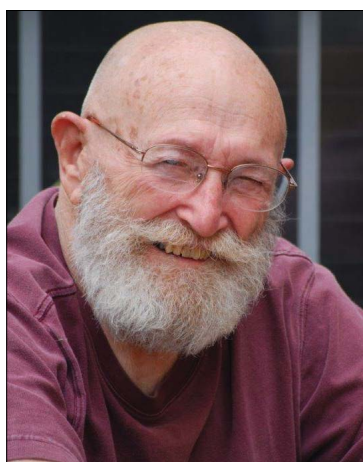
Carl August Schleg, Jr., 89, of Garland, Texas, passed away April 14, 2017 in Garland. A memorial service will be held at 2:30 p.m. on Friday, April 21, 2017 in the Chapel of First United Methodist Church Richardson, 503 N. Central Expw., Richardson, Texas.

Carl was born in Sheboygan, Wis., to Carl, Sr., and Florence Schleg on June 21, 1927. He was the younger of two children.

He graduated from Cleveland High School in St. Louis in 1945 and was drafted into the Army Air Corps where he was stationed in San Diego until the end of World War II. At the end of the war he was stationed in Japan where he worked on B-25 Mitchell aircraft.

After his time in the service he returned to St. Louis where he met the love of his life, Yvonne (Bonnie) Justus while at a church young adult fellowship meeting. They married November 28, 1953.

They moved to New Orleans where he worked



for Shell Oil Co. for 24 years as a cartographer. He was president for two years of the New Orleans Fencing Club, part of the New Orleans Recreation Dept., and earned numerous awards.

He was also a member of the Paul M. Schneidau Lodge #391, F.&A.M. serving as Master of the Lodge in 1967. He was a member of Metairie Evangelical and Reformed Church. But what he most enjoyed was spending his vacations every year camping and canoeing with his family, including building a canoe in

his spare time.

In 1973 he and his wife decided to leave the city behind and move to Eureka Springs, Ark. It was his love for the outdoors and camping that brought them to Eureka Springs where he and the family built and ran Kettle Kampgrounds until the mid-1980s when he retired. He was also a cast member of the Great Passion Play for 10 years and an active member of

First Christian Church in Eureka Springs. He served in the Emmaus Community and various other church and mission activities.

Finally in 2004 he moved to the Dallas, Texas, area to be close to his daughter. He was a volunteer at Baylor Hospital, Plano, for 10 years and attended St. Andrew Methodist Church in Plano where he made many friends.

Carl is preceded in death by his parents; sister Mary Schleg Dennis; and wife, Yvonne "Bonnie" Schleg.

He is survived by sons Carl "Skate" III (Marina) of Florence, S. Car., W. Thomas (Kelley) of Shepherdsville, Ky.; grandchildren, John and Karly Schleg, and daughter Martha Montgomery (Jim) of Garland, Texas, as well as his sisters-in-law Gladys Justus of Dallas, Texas, and Ruth Justus of Middletown, Va.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to either "Scott Engle Teaching Fund" in care of St. Andrew Methodist Church, 5801 W. Plano Pkwy., Plano, TX 75093 or Cancer Research Institute, www.cancerresearch.org



Noxious invasive aliens

I know, I know, as a card-carrying charter (and now life) member of the Arkansas Native Plant Society, a Master Naturalists in training, and a general advocate of native plants, I'm supposed to have a prejudice toward and abhorrence to aliens, immigrants from other parts of the world which have adapted to our homeland – ironically our homeland by virtue of being invading aliens. Why is it then, when I go to a nursery, or go to buy plant at a garden center, the clear majority of plants are introduced from other parts of the world? Why is it that most of the plants that we grow in gardens are aliens?

This also begs the question, at one point in geological history do we use as the starting point for determination of native or non-native? Take those trees now blooming with the big purple flowers, candelabra tree, princess tree or Paulownia (*Paulownia tomentosa*). Is it a non-native invasive alien from China, or is it a plant that was just reintroduced because as some point and by some event, it became extinct in the state (then reintroduced) just like bears, elk, wolves and other beings perceived as a threat? Any Quapaw or Osage residents in your neighborhood? Actually, Paulownia, did occur in North America (perhaps in Arkansas) during



the Tertiary period, about 65 million years ago, about the same time that dinosaurs disappeared.

Paulownia, itself, as we now know it, was introduced into North American horticulture around 1844. Then considered an ornamental and shade tree, the fast-growing tree with big leaves and purple flowers was planted in much of North America, Europe, Japan and Korea. It produces an abundance of seeds and reproduces from just a cutting of the root, then if you cut it down re-sprouts from suckers. It's adaptable. In some states it is deemed a "noxious" species and banned from the nursery trade. How arbitrary. We have such short memories! Its ancestors were native plants only 65 million years ago, a blip as measured in geological time!

Here in the Ozarks, Paulownia seems to be just a scattered pretty tree here and there, doing no particular obvious harm. The problem that has created invasive alien plants in North America is invasive alien humans (mostly from Europe). What defines an "alien" be it botanical or human, is fraught with ambiguous concepts of time and space.

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administration's unlawful and reckless widening of the war in Syria.

We surely need a more positive and successful program against Assad's war against his own people *and* our President should withdraw the over 1,000 American troops in danger in Syria.

Trella Laughlin

Spring cleaning

Editor,

While Arkansas may be branded "the natural state," the highways around Eureka Springs and toward the metroplex – both toward Rogers and Fayetteville – reflect that it is the litter state.

This year seems especially bad. I did send a suggestion to the governor that prisoners could be used for work details to clean up the highways that would then reflect the natural, pure beauty of the state and give them something positive to do. That doesn't seem to be happening.

Besides cleaning up one's own neighborhood, it seems that we need a local effort to clean [Hwys.] 62, 23, and 187. Earth Day is right around the corner and while it may be too late to organize something for that day, perhaps those who share the concern can organize an effort for later.

All the litter is hardly a welcoming sight for tourists who already have to drive by the stinky and unsightly sewer plant if they enter from the north. I personally cannot take on organizing a litter pickup campaign right now but perhaps others can. Hopefully.

Paula Koch

Handicapped bathrooms hard to access

Editor,

I've been called out by Eureka Springs mayor Robert D. Berry for delivering misinformation in the ads I put in the newspapers including your paper. The money I spent on these

ads finally got the city's attention prompting them to attempt to discredit the messenger rather than address the message.

The actual quote in the papers in Eureka Springs read, "There are no wheelchair accessible public restrooms in downtown Eureka Springs." At the time of printing, the bathrooms at The Aud and Pendergrass Corner were inaccessible. They still are. At the time of printing, the Trolley Station was locked during winter hours with no signs letting anyone know there are accessible bathrooms there. Locked with no signs is not access by any definition of the word.

The actual quote in the *Democrat-Gazette* read, "Wheelchair accessible public restrooms are available at one location downtown Eureka Springs. There are no signs. You have to guess where they are." As of today there are still no signs though available hours improved with the summer schedule.

During this week's City Council meeting after acknowledging a fellow council member also found locked

bathrooms at the Trolley Station, Berry stated there was misinformation spread in paid ads and to counter such misinformation he gave the council a packet with a new map identifying the locations of handicapped accessible parking and bathrooms. He said he intends to have signage also.

I searched the public bathrooms at the Aud, Pendergrass Corner and the Trolley Stop today. Still no access at the first two and no signs at any of them directing the disabled to an accessible bathroom. I searched for one of those new maps showing the locations of handicapped accessible bathrooms. No maps at the Trolley Station, the library or the Chamber of Commerce. There are other accessible public bathrooms in Eureka Springs but the nearest one to downtown is at the North Main parking lot; a very long, harrowing ride from downtown in a wheelchair.

Eureka Springs wants and advertises for your tourist dollars but if you are handicapped don't be misinformed regarding ADA compliance.

Joyce Knowles

Dancing in the Park with Melonlight and DJ Testube Saturday, Big Cat celebration and fundraiser at Chelsea's all day Sunday


Melonlight Dance is hosting a dance event in Basin Park Saturday afternoon with music provided by DJ Testube while Melonlight leads dances and gives brief lessons. All are welcome, so let's fill up the dance concrete. Sunday Chelsea's is hosting the annual Friends with Benefits fundraiser, auction, raffle, and rib cook off. Recently one of Eureka's own, Chris "Big Cat" Epley, joined the Spirit in the Sky. Proceeds benefit his family. He loved people, barbeque, and fun: Everyone join in!

THURSDAY, APRIL 20


BALCONY RESTAURANT – Catherine Reed, Singer/Songwriter, 5 p.m.
BREWS – D Minor 3rd, Folk, 7 p.m.
CATHOUSE LOUNGE – George Brothers, Rock, 6 p.m.
EUREKA LIVE! – Green Screen Karaoke, 9 p.m.
GRAND TAVERNE – Jerry Yester, Grand Piano Dinner Music, 6:30 p.m.
LEGENDS SALOON – Another Turn, Rock, 9 p.m.

FRIDAY, APRIL 21

BALCONY RESTAURANT – Catherine Reed, Singer/Songwriter, 12 p.m., Michael Dimitri, Singer/Songwriter, 5 p.m.
BREWS – Brian Martin and Nick Brumley, Americana, 7 p.m.
CATHOUSE LOUNGE – Jesse Dean, Rock, 8 p.m.
CHELSEA'S – Sound Ordinance, Eureka Soul, 6 – 8 p.m., Sam and the Stylees, Reggae, 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 – Cory Jay, Folk, 6 – 10 p.m.
ROWDY BEAVER – 2 Dog 2 Karaoke, 7 p.m.
ROWDY BEAVER DEN – Terri and Brett, Rock, 9 p.m.
THE STONE HOUSE – Jerry Yester, Artist's Choices, 6 p.m.
SATURDAY, APRIL 22
BALCONY RESTAURANT – Michael Dimitri, Singer/Songwriter, 12 p.m., Jeff Lee, Folk, 6 p.m.




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Friends with Benefits, Sunday, April 23 at Chelsea's 11 a.m.-10 p.m.

BASIN PARK – Dancing in the Park with Melonlight and DJ Testube, 3 p.m.
BREWS – Zephaniah Stringfield, Folk, 7 p.m.
CATHOUSE LOUNGE – Kevin Upshaw and One Night Stand, Rock, 8 p.m.
CHELSEA'S – Tim Budhig Band, Americana, 9 p.m.
EUREKA LIVE! – DJ and Dancing, 9 p.m.
GRAND TAVERNE – Jerry Yester, Grand Piano Dinner Music, 6:30 p.m.
LE STICK – Pete Maiella, Singer/Songwriter, 7 p.m.
LEGENDS SALOON – Headley Lamar, Rock Ridge, 9 p.m.
NEW DELHI – Dorrian Cross,

Singer/Songwriter, 12 – 4 p.m., Cory Jay, Singer/Songwriter, 6 – 10 p.m.
ROWDY BEAVER – Terri and the Executives, Rock, 7 p.m.
ROWDY BEAVER DEN – Terri and Brett, Rock, 1 – 5 p.m., Mary Heather and the Sinners, Rock, 9 p.m.
SUNDAY, APRIL 23
BALCONY RESTAURANT – James White, Singer/Songwriter, 12 and 5 p.m.
CHELSEA'S – Friends with Benefits: Big Cat Fundraiser, Raffle, Rib Cook Off, 11 a.m. – 10 p.m.
EUREKA LIVE! – Green Screen Karaoke, 7 p.m.
NEW DELHI – Whiskey Menders, Americana, 12 – 4 p.m.
ROWDY BEAVER DEN – Terri and Brett, Rock, 1 p.m.

MONDAY, APRIL 24

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

TUESDAY, APRIL 25

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26

CATHOUSE LOUNGE – Jimmy Wayne Garrett, Singer/Songwriter, 6 p.m.
EUREKA LIVE! – Retro Rocking with DJ Dave and Rocky, 9 p.m.
LEGENDS SALOON – Some Other Band, Rock, 9 p.m.

WEDNESDAYS • 6-8 P.M.
 Jimmy Wayne Garrett

THURSDAYS • 6-8 P.M.
 George Brothers

FRIDAY, APRIL 21 • 6-8 P.M.
 Sound Ordinance

8-11 P.M. Jesse Dean

SATURDAY, APRIL 22 • 8-11 P.M.
 Kevin Upshaw and One Night Stand

TUESDAYS • 5-7 P.M. Los Roscoes



Elks donate to deployed airmen – The Veteran’s Committee of the Elks Lodge 1042 donated \$417.15 to the LRS Booster Club to pay postage to send boxes from Cherry Point, N. Car. to Afghanistan. The boxes contain basic amenities for 54 deployed airmen.

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.

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 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

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.

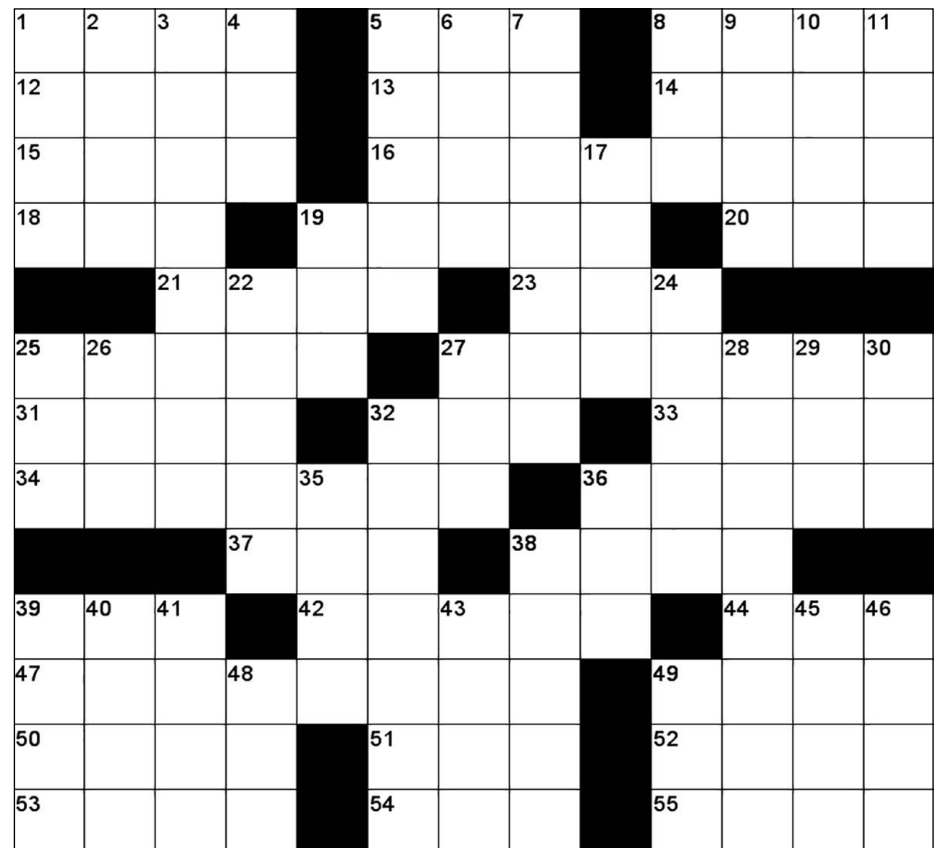
Jesus Parade and concert May 26

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.

INDEPENDENTCrossword

by Mike Boian with extensive help from his wife, Ann

Solution on page 23



ACROSS

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| 1. Make keen or eager | 39. Howard Hughes’s airline in 1940s and ‘50s | likely school |
| 5. Muscle contraction | 42. Convocation of witches | 19. Exist |
| 8. Rhythmic Indian musical pattern | 44. Ancient | 22. Corpulent |
| 12. Abhor | 47. Skin infection with itchy, circular patches | 24. Waits |
| 13. Singles’ last words | 49. Correct | 25. Airplane needle (abbr.) |
| 14. Country that stands between Iraq and Afghanistan | 50. Not in favor of | 26. Beetle that makes drone sound in flight |
| 15. Hipbone part | 51. Geography chart | 27. Sauce made from lentil and spices |
| 16. Austen or Twain | 52. Work to merit | 28. Wife of Moses |
| 18. Ditto | 53. One type of average | 29. The night before |
| 19. Shoelace end | 54. Self-esteem | 30. Born |
| 20. Eroded | 55. Quaker’s “you” | 32. Lithe, supple |
| 21. Folk history | | 35. Fresh start |
| 23. Meathead Reiner in “All in the Family” | | 36. Youngest Egyptian King |

DOWN

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| 25. Sun dried brick | 1. Particle or bit | 38. Grassland plain in South America |
| 27. Resident | 2. Old shampoo brand | 39. Trolley |
| 31. Theater seating area | 3. Study of causation | 40. It was once made out of water |
| 32. Young man | 4. ___ and Sympathy | 41. Architectural support post |
| 33. Jackknife or swan | 5. Hint of color | 43. Boast |
| 34. Spencer used in high winds | 6. Adored one | 45. Enticement |
| 36. Traditional Indian abode | 7. Has a tarp over it | 46. Low sandhill near the sea |
| 37. U.S. Navy equivalent of 2nd Lt. | 8. Tidbits of info on Reddit | 48. Two-handed card game |
| 38. Point marking beginning of a change | 9. Kiri Te Kanawa orte | 49. Vietnamese New Year |
| | 10. It comes after all others | |
| | 11. Pay to play | |
| | 17. Prince George’s | |

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PERSONALS

Dear daughter,
Grits bushes coming along nicely.
Watermelons growing under ground. All
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HKP – Did you get your money on time to Uncle Sam? Better work harder in the fields to make more money to give away this time next year. Maybe you'll stay in shape. Remember, you're just a worker bee not worthy of the big breaks.



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Sunday April 23rd, 2017

11 AM – 10 PM

Proceeds benefit departed Chris Epley, who left behind 2 awesome sons. We're needing your donations to set up a College Fund for them!

We



BIG CAT

BBQ Rib Smoke-Off!

(Judging @ 5PM)

Live Auction! Live Music!

Live Auction @ 5 PM

Live Music All Day Long

\$20.00 = 11 AM Until They're Gone

Ribs & Auction Number

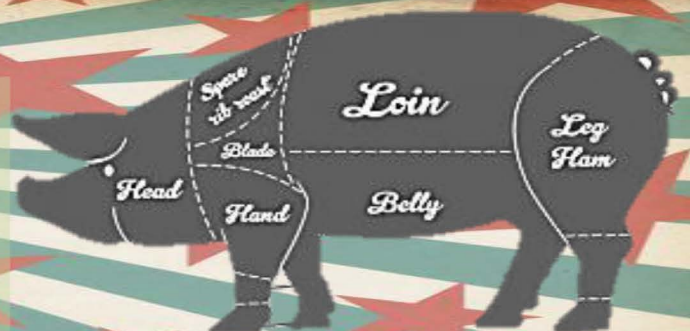
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