



Slidin' without ice – Ashley, from left, Tahva, Alexia and Anna barrel down a slide in Monday's beautiful sunny weather during recess at Eureka Springs Elementary School Jan. 13. The girls are students in Mrs. Davidson's second grade class.

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Council considers film tax incentive

NICKY BOYETTE

We've all thought it—Eureka Springs and environs is the perfect spot for a movie. Eureka Springs city council learned at Monday night's meeting a strong movement is afoot to make movies happen here. Arkansas Film Commissioner, Christopher Crane, appeared at the council meeting along with Sandy Martin of the Arts Council and Mike Bishop of the Chamber of Commerce in support of creating an ordinance establishing a five percent tax rebate from the city for production costs of movies made in Eureka Springs.

According to the proposal, the city and the City Advertising and Promotion Commission (CAPC) would split the cost of the rebate in some manner to be determined later. Actually, council figured out early in the discussion many of the details would have to be worked out later, but the concept seemed to capture everyone's imagination.

Martin told council there is a strong interest in moviemaking in Northwest Arkansas already, and a movie shoot in town would benefit all sectors of the community – motels, grocery stores, hardware stores, restaurants, etc.

Crane described a movie being made in town as the equivalent of a two-month convention.

He told council in 2008 that Arkansas was one of two states without a tax incentive for filmmakers. Arkansas began a program the following year and has continued to enhance it since, but surrounding states

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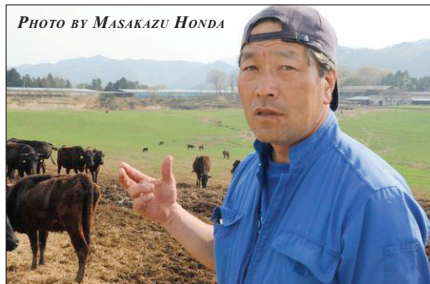
Masami Yoshizawa, a 59 year-old Japanese cowboy, is at an age when what other people tell him to do and what he actually does are quite different.

Following the radioactive leak after the tsunami after the earthquake in Japan two years ago, the government insisted all surviving cows be killed. The government wanted life to return to normal, and the easiest way to do that was to deny there ever was a problem – if there were no sick cows, there would be no memory of radiation blanketing the pastures.

Yoshizawa defied the government and feeds surviving cows, sometimes dodging police roadblocks to get to them.

"Cowboys do not abandon their cows," he said. "I will stay with them until I die."

PHOTO BY MASAKAZU HONDA



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Mitchell's Folly targeted by burglar

CD WHITE

John Mitchell, long time Eureka and owner of Mitchell's Folly Antiques & Fine Art, 130 Spring St., says he has never gotten up in the morning just to take a walk ... ever. But for some reason, he woke up early Friday, Jan. 10, and decided to stroll around town about 6 a.m.

"I was restless and couldn't sleep. Something just pulled me down to my shop and as I approached I could see the door was open," Mitchell told the *Independent*. What he found as he drew closer was broken glass door panels, damage to his front door and damage to the unopened door of a shop next door owned by Lucilla Garrett.

Inside Mitchell's shop the first showcase had been ransacked and stripped of artifacts including arrowheads, Native American Pueblo pottery, five antique masks and a valuable squash blossom necklace, among other items. Displays had also been removed from the walls "as high as they could reach" Mitchell said, including a single painting he estimated to be worth about \$1400.

"It was a horrible sight to walk up to the shop and see that," he said, and estimated his total loss to be at most about \$25,000.

Eureka Springs Police Officer Billy Floyd and Det. Paul Sebby arrived on the scene at 7:42 a.m. According to the police report, the backs of the display cases were unlocked and undamaged. The doors and cases were photo-documented but no prints were found as the backs of the cases appeared to have been wiped down. Mitchell told police he had last been to the gallery the night before around 9:30 p.m. Police were provided a photograph of most of the stolen items and are waiting for a written list to continue their investigation.

Mitchell said he had talked to a pawnbroker about how to track the items and was told, "that stuff is probably in Santa Fe by now."

Mitchell also related an incident that occurred about a week ago when someone came into the shop and commented how easy it would be to rob. "He asked if I had an alarm system," Mitchell said, "and I said we didn't." They then had a short conversation about how vulnerable the shop was.

"This robbery would probably put a small shop out of business," Mitchell commented, "but I have a lot of stuff. I will say, if any shop owners have been thinking about putting in an alarm system, do it."

CAPC eyes budget with optimism

NICKY BOYETTE

Budget scrutiny continued during the first City Advertising and Promotion Commission meeting of the new year. Finance director Rick Bright told commissioners that through the end of November, year-to-date collections were up .6 percent over 2012, which was a banner year for the city.

As for particulars, Bright said the Auditorium brought in more than expected, and he and Executive Director Mike Maloney held media expenses below budget. Website maintenance and video production ran over budget, as did group travel, but special events, funding requests and postage were all under. "Overall, total expenses were \$21,000 less than expected. All in all, we did much better with the budget than the previous year," he said.

Bright said moving the website was far more cumbersome and expensive than anyone expected, although it is now faster and much more functional than before. Maloney has talked with the new company, Epic Online, about getting costs in line with expectations. Maloney added they have talked internally about rebuilding the website in-house at some point. There are many templates available and he said they have the talent on-staff to handle it.

Funding request policy talk

Maloney then presented a funding request for \$2500 for advertising from Carving in the Ozarks. Chair Charles Ragsdell pointed out the event annually brings people to town and puts heads on beds around town, which is why they want to assist with these events.

Commissioner Robert Schmid questioned whether the CAPC should use its funding request money for an event which already makes a profit. "I would rather give the money to a group that needs it," he commented. He wondered if granting this request would be contrary to their previous policy discussions.

Maloney responded that Carving in the Ozarks is a citywide event, an important criterion, and a good chance to advertise the entire city in addition to the event.

Ragsdell suggested the CAPC do

the advertising for them. Maloney said last year he did "a regional buy" as part of the funding request that got word out to Springfield, Joplin, southeastern Kansas, northeast Oklahoma as well as northwest Arkansas. Ragsdell said he thought this event was probably one of the better returns on investment of all funding requests.

Commissioner Terry McClung suggested they fund an amount similar to last year's \$1290, but the commission agreed to wait until the Jan. 22 workshop to fine tune the funding request list. This extra time would give others another chance to contact them. Ragsdell suggested they hold a special meeting after the workshop to pass their budget with the funding requests in place.

Bad debt write-offs

Bright presented a list of what he called bad debts that he suggested they write off. Schmid asked what Bright had done to collect. "Everything in our power," Bright replied.

Bright said once a person closes a business, CAPC has no option except serving them, but often people move away and cannot be found. He said he could put a lien on property, but most businesses do not own their properties.

After more discussion, the commission voted to write the bad debts off.

Director's report

• Maloney characterized December as "a little bit of a slow month for merchants," but there still were 14,833 visits to the website. A curiosity was the spike in activity on Dec. 26, which Maloney figured was because people got iPads or other devices for Christmas and were trying them out to see what they could do.

• He announced this year he is going to join the Arkansas tourism co-op program. The state distributes 2.7 million direct mail tourism pieces in Kansas City, Atlanta, St. Louis, Dallas-Ft. Worth and New Orleans markets – basically the major cities in a day's drive. He said a focus for the state would be promoting wedding and motorcycle tourism.

• CAPC will continue to advertise

in the usual print media such as *CityScapes*, *2NJoy*, *the Gayly*, and others but add to the mix these magazines: *Celebrate*, *417*, *Oklahoma*, *Brides* and *Tulsa People*.

Commissioner James DeVito mentioned the plaudits coming in for a CAPC ad in the *Gayly* called No Labels. Maloney said it has been extremely well-received. He got 15 emails in one day applauding the piece.

• Maloney said he and Ragsdell would be attending the annual conference of the Folk Alliance International, a consortium of people interested in folk music. They are based in Kansas City, and the conference will be a chance not only to find talent for this year's folk festival, but to acquaint others who might not know about the Eureka Springs Folk Festival.

• Sales Director Karen Pryor went to Nashville for the American Bus Association conference where she

already had 35 appointments lined up before she left town. Maloney said 29 of those appointments asked to meet with her.

• Maloney said he projects "a robust year of advertising the city." The budget includes \$547,000 in ad spending in 2014, up considerably from last year. He will not spend much in January but beginning in February he plans to double the amount spent on cable ads, which have proved effective.

He has also begun to partner with 121 Digital Marketing, a marketing consulting company in Fayetteville, which sends press releases from the CAPC to 2500 – 10,000 venues at any one time. "We blanket the United States with Eureka Springs," he commented.

Next workshop will be Wednesday, Jan. 22, at 4 p.m. at the CAPC office, and the next regular meeting will be Wednesday, Feb. 12, at 6 p.m.

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HISID gets lawsuit lowdown at town hall meeting

BECKY GILLETTE

Despite sleet, snow and slippery roads, about 30 people showed up to a town hall meeting Jan. 8 where attorney Timothy Hutchison, Reece Moore Pendergraft LLP, Fayetteville, gave a summary of the impact of the proposed settlement of the class action lawsuit between his client, plaintiff David Bischoff, and the Holiday Island Suburban Improvement District (HISID).

The proposed settlement addresses matters of how HISID operates, including how it determines the amount of money billed property owners yearly for what is known as Assessment of Benefit (AOB) fees and what those fees are spent on. The settlement, which a legal notice said has been preliminarily approved, will be the subject of a hearing Jan. 21 at the Carroll County Circuit Court in Eureka Springs.

AOB fees went up more than 40 percent for most owners of improved property after a reassessment in 2011. AOBs for vacant lots went down \$50.

Bischoff had alleged in his lawsuit that AOB money was being spent in ways that state laws governing SIDs do not allow. He said SIDs are mechanisms designed to initially finance and then to pay off development costs, and aren't intended to become *de facto* municipalities. Arkansas law specifically forbids SIDs taxation powers.

The settlement provides that in the future all property owners will be given an annual accounting of exactly what portion of their AOB is interest and principal, and what the principal balance still owed on their share of the development costs is. Previously homeowners only received a bill. The settlement also caps the amount of interest. HISID may never charge greater than six percent a year unless they are carrying bonds charging greater than six percent. If there are no outstanding bonds, HISID could have charged up to 17 percent – the maximum interest rate currently allowed by Arkansas law.

Hutchison said that, without the

settlement, all accrued interest not collected each year could have been carried forward and added to the principal. That unlimited compounding could have made the remaining balance owed go up quickly each year.

The lawsuit addresses that HISID's 2011 reassessment of benefits puts 100 percent of the cost of HISID's sewage treatment plant back into the AOB, and the users of water and sewer are also being charged another 50 percent of the total amount for the sewage plant on their water bills. The settlement allows the 2011 valuations to stand, but gives current R1 and R2 improved-paved owners a \$2,300 credit to offset future fees paid on water and sewer bills. The remaining assessed benefits balance outstanding will be \$10,700 for R1 and R2 improved-paved lots and \$9,700 for R-1 improved-gravel.

"The \$2,300 credit is in place as recognition that the improved lots are owned by property owners connected to the HISID water/sewer system and thus have paid and will continue to pay the special sewer debt assessment charge, water tower charge and security fee that are all included in their monthly sewer bill," said the notice of the proposed settlement sent to owners. The continued future collection of this fee is necessary because of terms in the original loan/bond contract.

The settlement has HISID agreeing to pay Hutchison's legal fees within 30 days.

Hutchison said at the town hall meeting that SIDs are not a government entity in a typical sense. He said HISID can charge for the value to the property from improvements such as roads and sewer, and each year the amount owed can go down if the amount billed/paid exceeds the interest portion of the levied AOB amount.

The defendants took the position that HISID had the ability to levy what is needed in order to continue to maintain these improvements. But Hutchison said under the laws regulating SIDs, once the assessed dollar amount attributed to

those benefits has been paid, the AOB would reach zero and no longer be available as a funding source.

"We were diametrically opposed," Hutchison said. "We were at opposite ends of the spectrum in how we interpreted the law. It took many long days trying to work this out."

Hutchison said Bischoff had a tough job because he ultimately had to make a decision on behalf of the plaintiff's class – in this case every property owner within the boundaries of HISID. He said it was an unusual class action lawsuit because usually people can opt out of being part of a class action. But in that this was an illegal exaction case, all HISID property owners were mandatorily part of the class; under Arkansas law no one could opt out of the lawsuit.

There were some people who didn't want to pay another dime ever in assessment of benefits, and others who wanted to pay what was needed to maintain the golf course and other amenities people have become accustomed to. Hutchison said it was difficult to take it all into account. Another unusual dynamic is that the lawsuit was against HISID, represented by the five-member board of commissioners, but those commissioners are also members of the plaintiff class who could potentially benefit from the settlement.

One remaining issue is whether a property owner can pay off the AOB and no longer owe an annual fee. Bischoff said that settlement does indeed confirm that the AOB does at some point come to an end, that it is a finite amount, and that it works very similar to a mortgage or credit card debt.

"It is a debt/lien that stays with the property until the entire principle and any lawfully accrued interest is paid off," Bischoff said when a fellow property owner asked for clarification. "Once paid off, there can be no more AOBs levied on any given property unless there has been a new reassessment of

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Quorum Court opts for watching nickels over increasing taxes

NICKY BOYETTE

Before the new year had its first full moon, the county budget was already under scrutiny. The Budget Committee of the Carroll County Quorum Court gathered to get a head start on worrying but also planning ahead so they can quit worrying.

Members of the Budget Committee, Justices of the Peace Jack Deaton, John Howerton and Ron Flake, were joined by JPs Lamont Richie and John Reeve, County Judge Sam Barr, county treasurer Cindy Collins, county assessor Jo Ann Harris and county clerk Jamie Correia.

Flake said health insurance costs will only continue to weigh heavy during county financial planning, and the county cannot cut growing personnel costs without layoffs. "So," he said, "we need to find a revenue source to make this county work."

His first suggestion was to expand efforts to collect unpaid fines and fees. He mentioned there might be "a couple million [dollars] out there." The Quorum Court would need only choose whomever it wants to pursue the debts, either the sheriff or a private company.

Howerton noted Sheriff Bob Grudek had intensified his effort to collect on warrants two years ago, but Flake said more could be done.

Another concern around the table was the impact on county budgeting when the sheriff's computer system needs to be updated or replaced. Grudek already warned the court the day might come soon. Flake said a new computer system might cost the county \$800,000, and eyebrows raised around the room.

The sheriff also has a large fleet of vehicles that must be maintained and eventually replaced. Discussion ranged from the effects on the budget of reasonable maintenance costs, wear and tear, and replacement schedules, until Richie commented, "Yes, we control the purse strings, but if the sheriff can't get his job done, we're the bad guys." He said the court must do a better job of watching management practices in county departments.

Flake reiterated all this goes back to his original premise that they need a long-term plan regarding the county and its money. He noted several Arkansas counties have cut costs by combining the positions of treasurer and tax collector or county clerk and circuit clerk.

The conversation bounced around from the road fund to the cost of elections and other budget items until Collins stated, "I'm not worried about the general fund." She also said they

had a \$2.1 million carryover from 2013. "Some counties would love to be in the situation we're in."

Howerton said he was optimistic, but not Flake. "It's going to get nothing but worse," Flake said. "We can't count on the best outcome."

Nor was Richie optimistic. He commented their budget vigilance last year allowed them to absorb some of the increases. "We are stewards of the money," he observed, and advocated keeping a close watch on departmental spending and having regular committee meetings as a forum for discussions with department heads.

Howerton said it seemed their options were either riding herd on spending more closely or a tax increase. The group agreed for now to watch the nickels and meet regularly.

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Prosecutor explains Change of Venue

Carroll County Prosecuting Attorney Tony Rogers responded to a story in the Jan. 8 *Independent* where the Laura Ponce, the mother of Laura Acevez who was murdered Dec. 31, 2012, said she wanted a change of venue. Ponce, who is raising Acevez's three children, said she was afraid of Victor Acuna-Sanchez, the man accused of shooting Acevez and currently locked up in the Carroll

County Detention Center awaiting a second mental evaluation.

"We cannot request a change of venue," Rogers said Tuesday morning. "It is against Amendment Six of the U.S. Constitution and Article 2 Section 10 of the Arkansas Constitution. The accused has the right to have his case tried in the venue where the alleged crime was committed. That's just the way it is."



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Holiday Island property owners claim no proper notification of lawsuit settlement

BECKY GILLETTE

It is shades of the same issue brought up in 2013 regarding many property owners who were not notified in the time required by law that they were in the proposed right-of-way for a 345-kilovolt SWEPCO transmission line. Some property owners in Holiday Island say they have not received notification of a proposed settlement in a class action lawsuit that affects every property owner in the Holiday Island Suburban Improvement District (HISID).

Rex and Terri Hatch, who have owned a home in Holiday Island for more than 16 years, said they did not receive the legal notice dated Nov. 22, 2013, that was supposed to be sent to every property owner in HISID. As of Monday, the Hatches had not received notification, which they believe takes away their rights to have knowledge about the proposed settlement in a class action lawsuit filed by David Bischoff.

"Ms. Sherman was correct when she stated that notification did not happen," Rex Hatch said in an e-mail to the editor the *Eureka Springs Independent*. "Your paper has indicated that notification was provided to home owners of Holiday Island, and I can tell you I never received anything from anyone pertaining to the illegal charges that HISID is charging."

He was referring to an article in the *Independent* Jan. 9 that includes changes in the way Assessment of

Benefits (AOB) fees are handled. The article noted that Rebecca Sherman was the only person to file an objection to the settlement by the deadline set Dec. 30, 2013.

Sherman objected to the settlement stating she wanted a refund of all the AOB fees collected illegally by HISID. She also said she didn't believe the way in which the mediation agreement was announced adhered to procedures set forth by the court because not all property owners were properly notified.

The Hatches, whose primary residence since 2009 has been their home in Holiday Island, said they have received other mailings from HISID such as a notice of a recent election to the HISID Board of Commissioners, and they receive water bills. But they said that they didn't receive notice of the lawsuit settlement, and object to the terms of the settlement.

"My husband and I are both discouraged," Terri Hatch said. "They are saying in the newspaper all property owners are notified, yet we have never gotten anything. Something is not right with the politics out here. When we went down to the HISID administration building they told us, 'you can read about it on our website.' They won't give you any information."

The legal notice states that the settlement in the illegal exaction lawsuit that alleges AOBs have

been improperly levied has been "preliminarily approved by the Court. You may review the complete file located at the Carroll County Courthouse in Eureka Springs."

During the 30-day period the records were available prior to the deadline for filing an objection, Carroll County received some heavy winter storms that made travel difficult. That is another factor that could influence whether property owners were given proper opportunity to access files to determine how they are impacted by the settlement.

Hatch said from what they have been able to learn about the proposed settlement, there is an admission that HISID has used fees for expenses not allowed under the law. She and her husband object to that being "swept under the rug."

Like others who purchased property in Holiday Island, the Hatches didn't realize when they bought the property that it was not classified for the use they intended. They have a single-family home on the property, but are being charged AOB fees for multi-family residential (R3). That means each year they pay higher assessment fees than if their property was classified according to its use, which would be R1.

"It's killing us on fees," Hatch said. "We have to pay hundreds of dollars more each year than is fair, and we have been doing this for many years."

My husband feels like everyone should have something in the settlement, not just a bunch of lawyers. We feel like they are sweeping it all under the rug, paying Bischoff's settlement fees, and we didn't even have a choice to make our opinions known."

In the proposed settlement, HISID agreed to pay \$125,000 to the attorney for the plaintiff Bischoff.

HISID Board of Commissioners Chair Linda Graves earlier said the settlement is not an admission of any wrong doing on behalf of HISID.

"We went into settlement talks and reached a settlement simply not to pay the costs of having the court decide," Graves said. "If we had to take it all the way to the Arkansas Supreme Court, it could have been expensive. Both sides thought the settlement was in our best interest."

While owners of R1 and R2 paved-improved classified properties get a \$2,300 credit against the AOB, properties classified R3 and property owners of unimproved properties receive nothing in the settlement.

Tom Reed, the assessor who did the 2011 reassessment of AOBs for HISID, said that his assessment was based on the use classification of the property – not the way the property may have originally been classified prior to development.

In a letter to the HISID Board of Commissioners Sept. 15, 2011,

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Retired RN recounts lost story of Iranian women's massacre

BECKY GILLETTE

Sheila McFadden took a job as an RN with Northrop Corp. in Iran in 1978, a time of great turmoil in Iran with a popular uprising against the U.S.-backed Shah of Iran. But McFadden can't be faulted for not knowing she was stepping into a landmine by taking the job. In the U.S., there was little news coverage at the time of how bad things were in Iran. The pro Western "Emperor of Oil" Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi, received largely positive news coverage in the West.

McFadden, 27, was working as an RN at the Dallas Children's Medical Center, caring for the most vulnerable of the babies in neonatal intensive care. She loved the job, but found the hours exhausting. She would work a 16-hour shift, be off for eight hours, and then go back to work for another 16 hours.

"You just get burned out," McFadden said. "So I was looking for a new venture. I wanted to save up some money to go to school to become a physician's assistant. After I accepted a job with Northrop in Isfahan, Iran, in 1978, I researched everything I could find about Iran. I got *Fodor's Iran*, and read it cover to cover. The town where I would be staying was famous for its carpets, and was known as a quiet, peaceful, religious community. I was looking forward to it. But not much of what I read was true." Coverage of the groundswell of opposition against the Shah was not to be found in major U.S. publications.

"The U.S. and Iran had a wonderful

relationship," McFadden, who was working for a company to provide F-14 fighter jet sales, infrastructure and training to Iran, said. "The young revolutionary side of Iran wanted democracy, and wanted to get rid of the Shah. But this wasn't being publicized in the U.S."

What McFadden witnessed is almost unimaginable, horrors that still haunt her 35 years later. In fact, one of the frustrations of the experience is that what she saw was so beyond belief to people back in the U.S., even her own family seemed to doubt that it was true, and even people who believed her had a hard time knowing what to say.

What do you say to someone who witnessed the massacre of women? How do you react when it seems impossible that a helicopter with machine guns could turn the street beneath the Tehran Hilton into a bloody killing field?

McFadden went to the Tehran Hilton on Nov. 11, 1978, until she could get to the airport the next day. She had been abandoned by Northrop and left on her own to get out of the war torn country. Martial law was in effect, and enforced by all electricity being turned off after 8 p.m.

"Every light in the city was turned off," she said. "The city was quiet because there were no cars on the street. I could easily see the figures of the women down below all dressed in black

chadors. It was a four-lane street with sidewalks in front of storefronts. I was sitting out on a marble ledge looking over this crowd. The street was filled with thousands of women in black, shoulder-to-shoulder, chanting 'Allah Ahkbar' [God is great]. Then I felt in my throat the thump, thump, thump of helicopter blades. My room was in the corner of the building, and the helicopter came in at my eye level with one guy on each side of the helicopter.

"I saw a downward-looking, heavy-helmeted, military-outfitted male with one hand each on a two-handled, very large, mounted machine gun on a military green, unmarked helicopter. On his left upper arm there were two patches. One was what I guessed to be the oblong flag of Iran with inscription on it. Above it was a smaller patch, (maybe two-inch square) patch with a pale blue Star of David on a white background. Those soldiers lowered their machine guns and mowed down those women.

"I watched it unfold before me. It was so surreal that it is unimaginable, to see something like that and not be able to do anything. I seared that picture of the soldier with the machine gun, the ensuing massacre and the date, November 11, 1978, into my brain so as to never forget and to never trust my government or any other for as long as I remain alive."

McFadden isn't sure how many

women were killed, but said it was numerous. There were women as far as she could see; the ground was alive with the movement.

"Next, they came with bulldozers, and pushed the bodies into piles," she said. "They were loaded into trucks and hauled off. Some families were able to get bodies before the bulldozers would get to them. Then they came in with a fire hose and washed off the street. It seemed like it went on all night. I wasn't freaking out. I was trying to sear the date in my brain so that when I got back to the States I could do something about this, I could bear witness to it.

"I know many other people had to see this happening. I was not alone. It really did happen. But never in my life have I gotten validation that this event occurred. When I got back to the U.S., the only news report for Nov. 11, 1978, was that four people were injured in minor skirmishing in Iran. It was like no one recognized that world that I saw."

Now when McFadden reads news articles of conflicts in other parts of the world, she is skeptical.

"When I hear 100 people killed, I freak out and wonder what is the real body count," she said. "They lie so blatantly."

McFadden's ordeal wasn't over that night. In fact, what happened to her the next day trying to escape to the airport was worse in some ways. She said she was in a taxicab headed to the airport when it became a war zone. Her taxi cab driver fled, leaving her hiding

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INDEPENDENTNews

Neither sleet nor snow, nor burning gas line ...

CD WHITE

... could stay this courier from his “swift, appointed rounds.” Local mail carrier, Kenneth Smith, was on his appointed rounds in rural Holiday Island last fall when he encountered an elderly woman outside her home, which had just been struck by lightning. Flames he described as about “two feet high” were jumping from a propane gas line running to her house. Smith quickly climbed up on the tank and turned it off, fearing the fire may reach the tank and cause an explosion.

He then approached a neighbor and asked him to stay with the woman, and moved to an area where he could get cell phone service and called emergency personnel. She couldn't even call for help, as the lightning had knocked out everything in the house and there was no cell phone service.

Eureka Springs Postmaster, John DeWitt, brought Smith's actions to the attention of United States Postmaster General, Patrick R. Donahoe. In a surprise presentation at the post office



Proud crew – The Eureka Springs Post Office's intrepid employees can be proud of what they do all year. On Jan. 14, they were especially proud of co-worker Kenneth Smith (holding letter) for his bravery while delivering the mail. From left, Marianne Lester, Postmaster John DeWitt, Kenneth and Connie Smith, Kelly Dennis, Tobin Mock, Carla Beard, Tammy Wolfenbarger and Samantha Stokes.

on Jan. 14, DeWitt presented Smith with a commendation letter from Donahoe thanking him for a selfless display of civic duty. “Your efforts remind us all of the ties that bind our communities

together,” Donahoe's letter stated.

“I feel bad,” Smith said at the presentation, “I didn't really do much. I could at least have offered her a bottle of water.”

Land bank ordinance, one more time

NICKY BOYETTE

At the Nov. 25, 2013 meeting, city council voted 3-3 on the second reading of Ordinance 2195, the proposed Land Bank Ordinance, so it failed and was removed from the agenda. However, enough interest from council remained, in particular from aldermen Dee Purkeypile and David Mitchell who co-sponsored putting the item back on the agenda.

When the item came up for discussion at Monday evening's council meeting, alderman Terry McClung acknowledged the ordinance had failed in November primarily because of his objections. His principal objection was to Paragraph 7, which made a distinction between Eureka Springs residents who lived inside city limits but outside the 320 acres owned by the city.

McClung reiterated all he wanted was

for all Eurekans to be treated the same. The 320-acre demarcation of property deeded to the city should not be a factor when Parks, Planning or Council considers a request for a vacation, yet McClung said Parks is entitled to an application or processing fee when a citizen applies for a vacation. He also wanted the fee to be refundable if the city did not grant the request.

City attorney Tim Weaver disagreed with the refund idea, but everyone found enough to like with the Land Bank idea if Section 7 were removed. Purkeypile eventually moved to read for reconsideration Ordinance 2195 by title only. This was the second reading of the second reading, but this time the ordinance passed unanimously. Council then amended the ordinance by removing Paragraph 7.

Purkeypile then moved to have the third reading of the ordinance by title only, and that was approved unanimously.

In a related item, council voted unanimously to leave it to Weaver's discretion whether to amend the existing ordinance regarding compensation to the city for vacations, or simply write a new one.

Song Circle Jan. 18

A Song Circle in celebration and remembrance of Martin Luther King Jr. will be held Jan. 18 from 7 – 9 p.m. at Flora Roja, 119 Wall St. Local performers will share their work and lead the community in singing old favorites. Everyone is welcome to this free event. Bring songs to share!

Special screenings, awards, add to film fest excitement

CD WHITE

Film fans will have a lot to see during the Eureka Springs Indie Film Fest Jan. 23 – 25. In addition to contest entries from near and far, the fest is presenting a “Made in Arkansas” block – special screenings of selected films by independent filmmakers from AETN’s arts initiative *LOUPE: Magnifying the Arts in Arkansas* highlighting Arkansas’ arts and artists, and three other offerings.

First is director Mike Looney’s acclaimed documentary *The Big Shootout ... The Life and Times of 1969* documenting the 1969 National Championship game between the Texas Longhorns and the Arkansas Razorbacks and the bizarre political and cultural cyclone synonymous with that era. Looney will be on hand for a Q&A session with the audience.

Also in addition to the juried entries, Low Key Arts will present *Arkansas Shorts* – films of 10 minutes or less by natives and current residents of Arkansas – professionals, amateurs, hobbyists and beginners alike; and *Valley of the Vapors* – about the heart and soul behind the Valley of the Vapors Independent Music Festival. Low Key Arts executive director, Bill Solleder, will introduce the film and talk about the importance of independent artists.

In addition to the Made in Arkansas block, film fans will enjoy viewing all 21 finalists for Indie Awards and voting their favorite for a People’s Choice Award. “Our goal for the first year was between 15 and 20 entries – we got 30! Preliminary judging has narrowed that to 21 finalists with films varying in length from five-minute shorts to hour-plus features. The judges may have a difficult time selecting winners because there are some very good and interesting films,” Sandy Martin, co-founder of the festival and Chair of the Eureka Springs Arts Council, commented.

The Indie Film Fest has also partnered with the Loretta Young Legacy Fund to recognize and inspire women filmmakers. In many ways Young paved the way for women in film, and “The Loretta Young Innovative

Women in Film” award recognizes one who demonstrates the same spirit and creativity to break rules, open doors and inspire other women in film. A \$500 cash prize will be announced during the Award Show and presented to the winner by Young’s son and daughter-in-law, Christopher and Linda Lewis.

Panels and workshops include a *Young Filmmaker* panel Saturday from 10 – 11:30 a.m. conducted by Doug Wynn, Rod Slane and Bayou Bennett. The event is free to all under 18. Bob and Don Blair, owners of VCI Entertainment of Tulsa, will discuss “The Reality of Independent Film Distribution in 2014” Saturday from 1 – 2 p.m.

Christopher Crane, executive director of the Arkansas Film Commission and the Arkansas Production Alliance will discuss “The State of the Arkansas Film Industry” at the Indie Award Show at 6 p.m., Jan. 25, including opportunities and resources for local and regional filmmaking.

Kini Kay will host “Solving the Post Production Puzzle” on Jan. 23 from 6:30 – 7:45 p.m. Kay worked in production and post production in films starring Mel Gibson, Marlon Brando, Johnny Depp, Keanu Reeves and many others.

All screenings and panels and will be held in the city auditorium, concluding with the Indie Awards Show on Saturday, Jan. 25. Cash awards up to \$750 and/or trophies will be given for Creative Storytelling (screenplay/originality), Best in Category, Cinematography, Producer and/or Director, Performance, Soundtrack, Best Young Filmmaker, People’s Choice and Best of Show.

Following the awards ceremony, attendees are invited to attend the after-party at Voulez-Vous Lounge and celebrate with filmmakers and fans. There will be fun, excitement and music by Leah and the Mojo Doctors.

A three-day, full access pass is only \$25 and includes screenings, special presentations, panels, the Indie Award Show and after-party. Passes are on sale at www.esindiefilmfest.com or by calling (479) 363-8185. Single

day and single event tickets are also available.

For detailed schedule of screenings, panels and events see www.esindiefilmfest.com. Screening times will be confirmed after Jan. 15.

The Eureka Springs Indie Film Fest is a not-for-profit project of the Arts Council of Eureka Springs and DeVito’s in partnership with the Arkansas Film Commission, the Arkansas Production Alliance, the Arkansas Motion Picture Institute, the City of Eureka Springs and the Greater Eureka Springs Chamber of Commerce.

INDEPENDENTArt

Writers’ Colony goes musical Jan. 16 & 17

A special treat is in store at Poetluck on Thursday, Jan. 16, at the Writers’ Colony at Dairy Hollow, 515 Spring. Quin Withey and Ivan of the Ozarks will entertain with a few songs and a preview of the Song Circles event on Friday, Jan. 17.

Potluck dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. followed by Quin and Ivan’s presentation. Local writers will then have a chance to read some of their work for up to 4 minutes.

At 7 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 17, local performers Nick Rorick, Jim Dudley and Michael Garrett will share their own work and lead the singing of old favorites. This is a free event and everyone is welcome at this special celebration of Martin Luther King Day Weekend.

There’s an open Poetluck every third Thursday of the month. Bring a dish to share and settle in for a great evening. For details, phone (479) 253-7444.



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Using less protects more

Editor,

Wondering what is known about 4-methylcyclohexone methanol or MCHM, that has displaced 300,000 from their fresh water source (the Elk River) in West Virginia, I had a look on the internet and found a link listing the environmental cost of mining, cleaning, transporting, storing, burning and cleaning up after coal. What I read on MCHM is that it is an obscure industrial compound that little is known about as it has not been tested for its impact on humans per se as it presumably supposed to be alienated from humans in the normal course of things.

But even the most minute creatures that will be poisoned by this “soon to be learned about” compound have an

impact on the food chain all the way to the top. The flathead minnow will surely be exterminated by this industrial waste and it is the food source for many animals that will be left to starvation due to yet another disaster caused by a corporation and government agencies that probably were sleeping on the job.

Train crashes and blowups containing fossil fuels, deep sea wells blowing up, pipelines breaking in Arkansas and Yellowstone, and it just goes on and on and on. There has to be a better way as I see it, we are also suffering when we breathe in mercury, lead, sulfur dioxide, nitrogen oxides particulate matter and heavy metals. I can’t believe that there are dozens of people in West Virginia who are not being fired as we speak. Where is the accountability? It is only going to get worse so let’s all use less power – rake with a hand rake, turn off your lights

and drive smartly.

There is an opportunity cost to this whole madness of the coal industry, including the 10 million acres that have been destroyed and forests lost with more on the horizon, unfortunately, and that is why we need to be vigilant of utilities that are using coal.

Susan Pang

HISID notification incomplete

Editor,

I have lived at Holiday Island for over 16 plus years and your paper has indicated that notification was provided to home owners of Holiday Island and I can tell you I never received anything from anyone pertaining to the illegal charges that HISID is charging. So how can you print something that isn’t true other than

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WEEK'S Top Tweets

@holypurgatory --- What if when you die they ask you “How was heaven?”

@DustinSiskey --- One time my 4 yr old got so mad at my wife he yelled, “You’re Rabbit from Winnie The Pooh!” Best. Insult. Ever.

@TheMichaelRock --- Your college degree doesn’t mean you’re smart, it just means you’re in debt.

@kjtaylor --- That if you love them set them free thing, what if they all come back at once?

@nerdyjewishgirl --- RE: global warming and the cold weather “Liberals keep telling me the Titanic is sinking but my side of the ship is 500 feet in the air.”

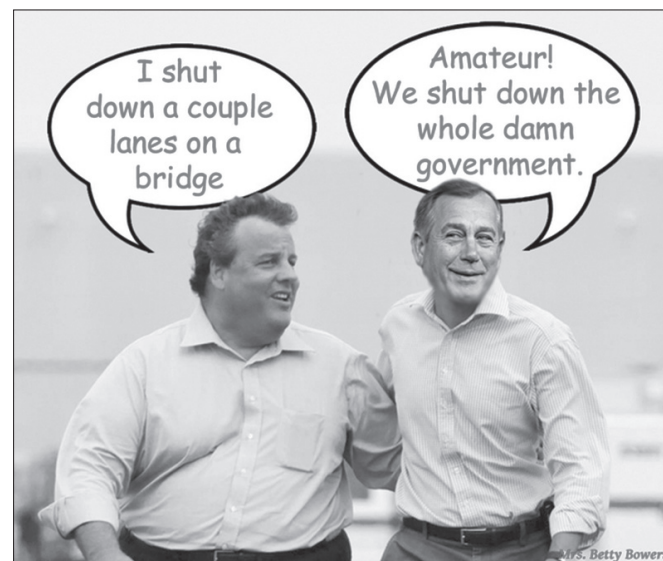
@Zen_Moments --- Love shows itself more in adversity than in prosperity; as light does, which shines most where the place is darkest. ~ Leonardo da Vinci

@timdonakowski --- A new study suggests that a future study will completely contradict this study.

@TheTweetOfGod --- Capitalism is controlled by an “invisible hand” that gives most people the invisible finger.

@MarkLeggett --- Hello sir, I’m from your internet provider. You recently said that “homosexuality is wrong,” so we’ve blocked you from seeing lesbian porn.

@Soirgriffe --- A chemical leak in West Virginia has made the water flammable :/



*When it comes to petty political payback,
some Republicans just think bigger.*

That Victorian thing

When you think Victorian, where does your mind go? Uptight? Stuffy? Rigid? Stylish?

We are touted to be a Victorian town, but what does it mean? We were founded during the Victorian era, this funny camp of a town so remote the paths leading to it had to be widened to make room for wagons, railroad tracks, tally-hos, buses and Pontiacs.

A boomtown, for sure, but not where people came to get rich. People came here to get well. They brought what they had, whether it was experience, children or cancer. They built where they could, as close to the gurgling spring water as the terrain allowed. They were healed and they stayed. They created jobs, erected houses and provided for their descendants.

Settlers took care of each other in the sense that all who landed here were adrift from civilization, so taking care of others usually meant leaving them alone. Those who stayed were already compromised with fading health and urgent medicinal needs. They chose to forego conventional medicine, which had just taken the giant leap from boiled plants to synthesized plant derivatives. Drugs.

These people were not a pretty sight. They were not necessarily clean. They had a bit of an adventurous outlook and didn't want to be told what to do. They didn't want to be sick, they wanted to live the way they did before they got sick.

They were the trailblazers of proving this is one life, not one job. One life that was all about using time well. They created their own success without seeking the universe because this was the universe.

People who showed up in this bent back corner of the Ozarks Plateau, whether it was in 1879 or 2013, kind of piled up together, tugging for the best view, waterfront, commercial spot or chunk of land as far from the neighbors as possible while still being near a county maintained road. It's hard to find people who came here to get rich – they either already were or that wasn't their goal.

Those of us piled up together were put to a test in 2013 with the news that a big company wanted our land and thought it was within the public interest to take it. We got agitated and realized we might lose our land, but we weren't about to tolerate it being violated.

There was a time when people here didn't have to worry about anything except wolves and wives. Now look. Cell towers, power towers, government powers – the Earth is moving and the sky is falling despite what we anticipated to be a good life back in the hills.

Charleston, West Virginia, is having a hard time of it this week due to a hole in a pipe that leaked a horrible, dangerous, skin-eating chemical into a river. The river is the primary water supply for the city and surrounding counties.

The fish are dead and the people gather drinking water off the backs of trucks and spigot it into Tupperware containers. Could that happen to us?

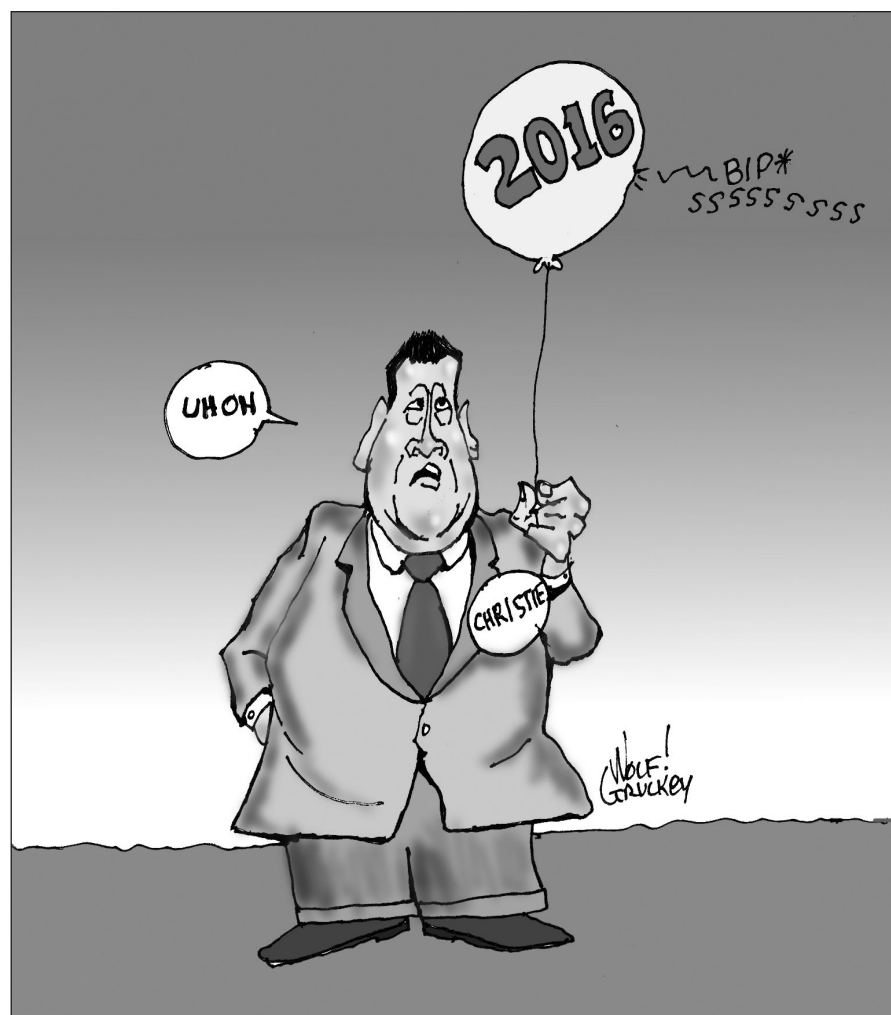
Well, if we didn't understand how bad things are, we would have no motivation to make them better.

Our creativity has delivered us from evil and destruction. Creativity showed us how to be in awe of the world instead of trying to control it. Creativity unfolded our own myth about ourselves – what could be more energizing?

We weren't rejected, we were betrayed by corporate giants we assumed were good for the country. We already knew it's never the guarantee of a good life that attracts us, it's the opportunity for one.

It's as though we think that only when everyone around us is different will we belong. Maybe that's the Victorian thing.

– MPB



The Pursuit Of HAPPINESS

by Dan Krotz

My regular racquetball partner is a highly competitive player and goes to unusual lengths to win. These lengths include insults, legalisms, delays of game, absurd distractions – “Good God! What’s crawling out of your ear?” – and egregious, yet subtle, sexual harassment.

If I fall down, or slow down, imprecations are hurled my way. “Don’t act like such a girly-man” and “Shake your ass!” fill the air. Once, I got smacked in the face with a racquet and teared up a bit. I expected some sympathy, an apology, but no. What I heard was, “There’s no crying in racquetball, Gertrude! On your feet!”

Yes, I know what you’re thinking. I act and sound just like Senator Mark Pryor. I’ve done everything except pull out a Bible and whimper on camera. Yet, what can I do against so formidable an opponent? What can Mark do against that bad, bad Tom Cotton?

It hasn’t done Mark any good to point out that Tom’s political ambitions are almost exclusively funded by a couple of oil and gas billionaires from Wichita, Kansas. Or, that Tom wants to raise the age for Medicare eligibility to 70. Heck, most Arkansans believe that they are, in the words of F. Scott Fitzgerald, just temporarily embarrassed millionaires. They don’t hate the Koch brothers; they expect to be the Koch brothers. No wonder Mark is praying.

Racquetball and politics are both sports, and after being elected to office, politics certainly looks like a life of leisure. The word “sport” comes from the old French word *desport*, which actually means “leisure.” And the oldest definition in English, from around 1300, is “anything humans find amusing or entertaining.” If Mark and I can’t beat our opponents maybe we should at least have some fun. Mark could tell everyone that Tom is a closeted thespian, and has been since birth. “And, oh yeah, Cotton is soft on defenestration,” Mark might say. Both of these deals should scare the blazes out of folks in Mena. And it would be fun. Right?

My opponent, by the way – her name is Susan – is looking for a sturdier partner. Text me.

INDEPENDENT Constables On Patrol

JANUARY 6

11:55 p.m. – Observer reported a broken water main along Spring Street. Call went to Public Works.

11:57 p.m. – A wife told Arkansas State Police her husband was missing. She suspected he might be at their former residence on North Main in Eureka Springs. Constables were advised just to check and see if his vehicle was there, and it was. He was loading things into a trailer. Constables reported this to ASP, and the wife then asked the constables to tell the husband to stay there. When constables returned, he was gone.

JANUARY 7

10:40 a.m. – Person came to the station to report his medication had been stolen from his residence.

11:15 a.m. – Another individual reported her medication had been stolen from her car.

1:50 p.m. – Constable responded when a car slid into a gas line.

JANUARY 8

3:20 a.m. – Drivers of two vehicles were apparently squealing tires and driving recklessly near downtown. Constables

responded but never encountered them. 5:26 a.m. – Individual asked for constable assistance because she and her boyfriend had been arguing. Constable spoke with them, and the boyfriend left for the night.

11:40 a.m. – Witness saw a shoplifter ply his craft, then flee westward on US 62. Constables looked for the vehicle but did not find it.

3:47 p.m. – Concerned witness said a dog was stuck to a mailbox on a residential street. Animal Control went to the address but the dog was gone.

5:53 p.m. – A burglar alarm sounded at a business on US 62, but it was a false alarm.

6:46 p.m. – There was a car parked in the middle of a street near downtown. Constable learned the owner could not get the vehicle into the driveway and would need to wait until the driveway was drivable.

7:56 p.m. – Sheriff's office asked ESPD to stop traffic on US 62 at the western edge of town until two semis could get out of the way.

JANUARY 9

12:03 a.m. – Individual reported her cell phone had been stolen, but she eventually found it.

10:11 a.m. – Someone thought a downtown parking meter was not working, but responding constable got 15 minutes for a quarter.

12:08 p.m. – Caller told ESPD she had been assaulted by her ex-fiancé. A detective spoke with her.

12:31 p.m. – A sister said her brother had left for home two hours ago and should have arrived already. Constables located his vehicle. The brother had stopped at a store and was headed home.

12:34 p.m. – Patient at ESH reported the theft of his wedding ring and watch.

1:05 p.m. – Another individual came to

the station to report her wedding ring had been taken from her motel room.

2:42 p.m. – Someone saw a German Shepherd roaming along US 62, but constables did not encounter it.

3:47 p.m. – Motel employee reported a guest had departed with sheets and pillowcases. He had also bloodied the mattress and pillow in his room. Constable responded, and the individual said he would repay the motel. His report was put on hold in case he does not pay.

5:16 p.m. – Two vehicles were parked so that traffic could not pass through. Constable arrived and cleared the way.

8:26 p.m. – Concerned person asked for a welfare check on a renter who had been in the basement all day and she might have just heard a gunshot. Constable checked the scene and no one was in the room.

10:14 p.m. – Neighbor thought the domestic argument nearby sounded like it was getting worse and possibly physical. The arguing pair insisted everything had been verbal only, and the constable asked them to keep the noise down.

JANUARY 10

2:27 p.m. – EMS called in a constable about an elderly male who had attempted suicide by overdosing on medication.

7:23 p.m. – A reckless driver was headed toward town from the east, but constables never saw the vehicle in town.

8:34 p.m. – Resident in the eastern part of town thought someone was trying to get into her home. Constables went to the scene and cleared the area.

10:15 p.m. – Constables arrested one person for public intoxication and another for public intoxication and obstruction of governmental operations.

JANUARY 11

7:42 a.m. – Employee at a business reported a window had been broken overnight.

6:10 p.m. – Vehicle was blocking a street near downtown. Constable asked the owner to move it.

8:27 p.m. – ESPD heard about a possibly intoxicated driver going slowly on US 62 heading east toward town. Constable made a traffic stop but found the driver to be okay.

JANUARY 12

2:02 a.m. – A wife reported her husband was claiming she had put marks on him, which she denied. The couple argued during the phone call. The husband had already left the scene by the time constables arrived.

3:21 a.m. – Person said his neighbor had been shining a laser hypodermic at him through the window, and he was concerned he had been injected with something. He was scared for his life. He agreed to go to ESH to get checked out, and constable accompanied him just to make sure he was okay.

1:56 p.m. – Constable arrested an individual on a Eureka Springs warrant for failure to appear.

5:09 p.m. – Passerby thought a dog might be locked inside a fence and in distress near downtown. Constable did not see a dog at that location.

5:12 p.m. – And not too far away was another dog in distress, this time with a bad leg. Again the constable did not see a dog.

5:13 p.m. – A vehicle was reportedly weaving and driving slowly as it journeyed through a neighborhood, but the constable did not see a vehicle matching the description.

9:37 p.m. – An alarm sounded, a constable responded, and nothing was amiss.

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You can help the Good Shepherd Humane Shelter without leaving your home or spending a cent! The next time you're online, go to www.shelterchallenge.com/home, search for Good Shepherd Humane Society and click *vote*. It's that simple. Rules allow one vote per person per day, so please vote daily now through March 30.

With every vote, you're giving Good Shepherd an opportunity to win a number of useful prizes including monetary grants to help the animals at the shelter. Please vote now and every day, and ask your friends and family to vote, too.

Trail plan off track?

NICKY BOYETTE

Rachel Brix appeared before city council Jan. 13 on behalf of a letter she had written to council regarding a Facebook posting by members of the Parks Commission Trails Committee of photos taken along an apparently proposed trail, named the Rock Loop Trail, which went through her property. Her question was why was a trail being planned through her family's property with no forewarning.

Alderman Dee Purkeypile, who

acted as barrister in the situation between Brix and Parks, noted there probably would not be the possibility of a trail for at least two or three years. He said the Trails Committee members had "acted out of exuberance" when photos of private properties had been taken and posted.

Parks Director Bruce Levine said he had asked Trails members not to go to any newly proposed trails, and Brix said Levine's intervention would suffice for now.

Signing up for health insurance?

Local help available

Anyone who hasn't signed up for insurance through the Healthcare Marketplace yet has another deadline coming up Jan. 15 for coverage beginning Feb. 1. After the 15th, sign-ups will have coverage beginning March 1. If you or someone you know is stuck and needs assistance after visiting the Healthcare.gov or healthcareconnector.org websites may call Charlisa Cato at (479) 325-0943 for personalized, local help.



The real rowdy – Anita Taylor and daughter, Angie, take in the revelry at the Mardi Gras Kickoff Party at the Rowdy Beaver Jan. 11. Check out that interloper in the background – some people will do anything to get their picture in the paper.

PHOTO BY GWEN ETHEREDGE



Dribbling with control – Junior Scots' guard Hayden Mayfield drives in for a layup during Friday night's game against Union Christian Academy. ES girls were stellar, but UCA prevailed, 46-27.

PHOTO BY DAVID FRANK DEMPSEY

Senior boys rolling along

Eureka Springs senior boys improved to 14-4 on the season by defeating Union Christian Academy 69-51 Friday night, and Johnson County Westside 86-80 on Saturday.

Ryan Sanchez was leading scorer in both games, with 21 Friday, and 24 in the following game, hitting a total of six threes.

Dalton Johnson hit eight threes in the two games, and had 17 against UCA, and 15 against JCW; Reggie Sanchez was good for 13 in each game; Jake McClung sunk five for 10 Friday; and Trevor Lemme added 15 in the Johnson County game.

The Highlanders are 4-0 in conference play.

INDEPENDENTHIGH (Falutin') SOCIETY January get-together



New Royalty – The Royal Court and Monarchs of the Krewe of Krazo were introduced at the Kings Day Kick-Off Gala at the Rowdy Beaver Saturday, Jan. 11. To great applause the Dukes and Duchesses of 2014 were anointed by King Krazo IX George Purvis and Queen Eureka IX Tanya Smith (above).



All that glitters – is usually Zeek Taylor.



Expecting a good reign – Dukes Steve Roberson and L... 2nd line.

Leading the saints – The saints went marching in b... Landrum and Jim White.



Duke it out – Duke Bud Barter is introduced by emcee Mary Popovac.

Duchesses – Newly introduced Duchess Kimberly Owens is cheered by fellow Duchess Anna Marie Lee.

See more Mardi Gras Kickoff photos online!



Colorful Krewe – Revelers David Nanna, June Owen, Mark "Sparky" Wetzels and June Hegedus.



Sousa would be proud – Part of the Krewe leading revelers in the 2nd line... White, shown here with his sousaphone. (That's Jim on the right.)



andry Weston line up for
behind Jerry Jones, Jerry



Silver (2nd) lining – Bill Sarad and Mary Springer



Wild thang – Amanda Haley sports her feathers.



ne was Jim



Homing pigeons – Kimberly and Richard Clark enjoy a fruit salad at St. James Episcopal's Sunday community supper. The Clarks moved back to Eureka Springs following Richard's retirement last week from head of pastoral care at St. Andrew's in Ft. Worth. He was St. James vicar for several years, and the family is happy to be home again. In the background are daughter, Ariel Clark and Andy Yang. Kim is excited about her upcoming audience with Pope Francis in February.



Suds and Sack patrol – From left, Sally Cawthra, Jane Stevens and Whit Brittain take care of cleanup detail after the Sunday night community supper at St. James Episcopal Church. The free dinners are held from 5 – 6:30 p.m. in the church basement.



Sunday supper

– From left, Rachel and Peter Strackbien and baby Samuel join Madeleine Schwerin and baby Beulah as they wait for dad Andrew to join them at the dinner table at St. James. "The Sunday night suppers are a great place for families to come," commented Rachel. The church plans to host free community suppers every Sunday night through the winter, "even if the snow is knee high."



Good times – Owen and Kristi Kendrick snag some King cake from the buffet. The Rowdy Beaver was bursting at the seams with pre-Mardi Gras revelry Jan. 11.



The party's here now! – Cheryl McCoy, left, and Annie An arrive just in time to get the party started at the Mardi Gras kickoff Jan. 11 at the Rowdy Beaver.

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TheNATUREofEUREKA by Steven Foster

Wood heat – 21st-century coal

A few days ago, I ran into some old friends I haven't seen for a decade. We spoke about houses, the weather, heat and heating. I quipped that I didn't have to worry about keeping the wood stove stoked, since the heating system in my tiny, efficient home is entirely SWEPCO-

dependent. A conversation eavesdropper huffed, rolled his eyes and walked away. For over 20 years, my abodes were exclusively heated with wood. Now cured of the addiction of getting up in the night to feed a fire and not traveling in winter because I had to stoke a stove, I delight in walking to the wall to turn a dial.



PHOTO BY HERBERT S. FOSTER, JR.

In the early '70s, concurrent with the back-to-the-land movement, environmental consciousness arose alongside a new industry bent on developing wood heat, initially focusing on importing highly-efficient European wood-burning systems. Being from Maine, there were two choices: cheap number 2 heating oil or wood heat. The 1973 Arab oil embargo made wood heat the best choice (even though the price of a cord of wood doubled overnight, too).

Decades before that, coal was the primary choice for home heating. The basement of the old Maine house in which I grew up still had remnants of a

pile of coal next to the remains of a coal furnace. This Christmas, I realized that my grandchildren had no clue what I was talking about when alluding to putting a lump of coal in their Christmas stockings. A late winter visit to the Czech Republic in 1992 reminded me why we as a culture abandoned coal for home heating decades earlier – air quality. Every outdoor surface had a dull, soot pallor. Each country village had a visible fog of coal fumes suspended above the homes, with its permeating smell and taste. Tasting the air is not a good sign of environmental purity.

Has wood heat become the new coal? Since 2000 the fastest-growing home heating fuel –wood and wood pellets – has created a new concern, air pollution. In October, the Clean Air Council and the American Lung Association sued the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to force it to update 1988 woodstove and fireplace emission standards. On Friday January 3, 2013, (talk about a slow news day) EPA proposed new rules that would require manufacturers to produce wood-burning devices 80 percent more efficient than current models by 2015.

What goes around comes around. See photo my father, Herbert S. Foster, Jr., took in 1953 from atop the Empire State Building. Note the coal soot on the Chrysler Building.



Sycamore, by Constance Wagner and published in 1950 by Alfred A. Knopf, is the story of a sophisticated New York girl who marries a boy from Arkansas. The Wagners and their daughter lived in Eureka Springs while the novel was written.

In addition to five novels, Constance Wagner wrote numerous articles and stories published in *The New Yorker*, *Atlantic Monthly* and *Collier's*.

In this episode, newly-married Jane arrives in Sycamore.

“What’s wrong with me?” she asked plaintively. “Don’t I look nice?”

He said in a stiffened voice that she had seldom heard: “You will have to stop staring at men. There are plenty of guys around here too big for me to lick.”

She squeezed his arm, humble with remorse. “I’m sorry, darling. I didn’t realize I was staring, till – Who *is* that character?”

“Name’s Fenton Sayre.” He kept his eyes straight ahead.

She looked at his profile. The chin was sticking out a little more than was necessary, she thought. “You don’t like him, do you?”

A small pause. Then: “There’s no reason why I should,” he said. “He’s had a chip on his shoulder ever since I can remember. Spoiling for a fight. It’s just smart to avoid the whole breed.”

“He doesn’t like you, either,” she persisted, watching his face for clues.

“No. He doesn’t like anyone.” Walter looks mulish when he’s in this mood, she was thinking. I wish he wouldn’t. He said sharply: “Let’s skip it. Just don’t gawk at him again, that’s all.”

“I won’t. I won’t gawk at anyone but you.”

“Good girl.” They were out of the square now, mounting the hill, and he let the car pick up speed. A bad break, running into *him* first thing. It thrust him back to a time when Fenton Sayre, four years older and a great deal bigger than he, had laid for him after school behind the rock wall at the top of Mulberry Street, and plastered his new plaid lumberjack coat

with wet cement stolen from Old Man Herndon’s, where someone was repairing the steps. “You – you *bastard!*” cried Walter, aged twelve, because it was the most explosive word he knew and because he took a fierce pride in the red plaid jacket. He was striking wildly with his free fist and ready to weep with frustrated rage, the cement being smeared all the while on his coat and even in his hair, since Fenton was twisting his right arm with one hand, and applying cement with the other.



CONSTANCE WAGNER

Fenton was enough taller so that he could keep his face out of reach, and he leaned away and laughed, saying over and over: “You won’t look so all-fard pretty now, will you, Wally-boy?” But when Walter spat that desperate word at him, he grabbed the other hand and began twisting both wrists, and he stopped laughing. “What’d you say?” he cried, pushing his face close to Walter’s, and something in Fenton’s face and in his voice filled Walter with a new and sudden terror. He shut his mouth tight and shook his head.

“Listen,” Fenton said, talking through his teeth, “if you ever call me that again, I’ll kill you. I’ll kill you with a knife. If you tell your old man, I’ll kill you too. Now *this* is for you and your old man and all your ornery kinfolks—” *This*, it turned out, was a bloody nose, a cut and swollen mouth, and a purple-circled eye. And Walter, reaching home in this condition, had found Fenton’s promises so convincing that, then or later, he never broke the confidence by telling who had done it. Fenton himself could never have bragged about his victory, because Walter found, to

his surprise, that even Fenton’s ragtag gang had no knowledge of it.

For how long, he wondered, had he fed his pride on the foretaste of a time when he should pay Fenton off in his own coin? Lying awake at night, with the sour remembrance of defeat coming up, again and again, like nausea, he had dreamed the battle, blow by blow, and there was always blood – Fenton’s blood – on his hands and his clothes, and himself upright at the finish, Fenton prostrate and bleeding on the ground at his feet. There had been a drop of irony in the fact that, by the time he had the size and strength to have grasped the dream and made it real, the exhilaration of it was burned away.

He knew, by then, that Fenton Sayre had been defeated even before he first opened his eyes to the walls of Cricket Sayre’s cabin, before he let out his first howl of protest against a birth the outrage of which was not to be mitigated, even by the hovering granny-woman or by the ritual axe under his mother’s bed. A red plaid jacket, sixteen years later, had little to do with the encounter. The hammering of Fenton’s knuckles against his face had been a futile gesture of revolt against having been born. Once this was clear, there was no reason for Walter to balance the score. It was already and unalterably weighted in his favor. The knowledge of their fight had become, in time, a kind of bond between them, a secret and intimate thing that they had shared, like love, in the failing light of a winter afternoon, under cover of a ruined wall. Henceforth, they avoided each other, their eyes fleeing furtively from the peril of meeting, as if between the two of them lay the shame of an equally divided guilt.

NOTES from the HOLLOW

by Steve Weems

Zelpha Long told this story about sledding in Eureka Springs and said I could repeat it.

“Crescent Grade was sooo much fun! We would sled down, then Donnie Weems had a huge piece of linoleum tied to the back of a Jeep. He would put several kids on the linoleum and drive back up the grade thus slicking and packing the snow again. At the bottom was always a big bonfire built by Donnie or Arlie since they always had access to diesel fuel. You could warm up at the bottom. At that time the city police would block off the top and the bottom for the kids so we could sled. That stopped when the city decided

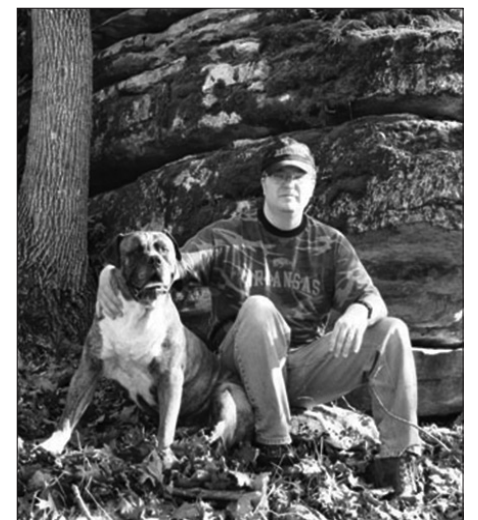
they might get sued. Kids who had no sleds would go down on metal signs, car hoods turned upside down, anything they could get to slide.”

Speaking of Eureka Springs sledding weather, George Nichoalds, who operated the local weather station for more than four decades, recorded an especially interesting stretch of winter weather in January of 1918. During three weeks, 20 inches of snow and ice fell and on the twelfth the temperature dropped to minus 17 Fahrenheit. As far as I can find, that is still the record low temperature for Eureka Springs in modern times.

The other morning here in the

hollow, my thermometer recorded a low of minus five° F and that felt plenty cold. My brother-in-law has a friend from Iceland, a man known locally as “The Viking.” The Viking says that once the temperature drops below zero, it all feels the same. Since my experience with sub-zero temperatures is irregular and limited, I’ll defer to him.

By the way, the original Eureka Springs weather station was established April 21, 1902 by the U.S. Department of Agriculture Weather Bureau and in 1910 George Nichoalds volunteered to run it. He recorded a lot of weather here, not retiring from the position until 1953. Apparently a person prone to stick with



something, George also worked several decades for the Eureka Springs Post Office. Mr. Nichoalds died in 1968 and is buried in the Eureka Springs Cemetery.

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



A client at my salon crosses the line sexually every time I see him. He just won't back off. What should I do?

Déjà vu!

Several years back my hairdresser was tending to me when her co-worker stopped by for a quick chat. She commiserated that her "pervert client" was up next, leading to a conversation about careers that require touch. It seems there are always those customers who interpret any physical contact as an invitation to some imagined, no-strings-attached sexual romp. Overtly or covertly they repeatedly communicate that the door is open should you ever be willing, oblivious to your discomfort and disinterest.

During my hairdresser's conversation with her distressed colleague, I playfully interjected that she might refer her client to me, stating that I'm a sex therapist. Response: "No way, this guy needs just the opposite!" My guess is they were thinking more along the lines

of amputation. I explained the diversity of issues a sex therapist treats, including sexual addiction. They questioned my experience with "perverts." I shared that it was not uncommon but when excruciatingly clear boundaries are set, the reality quickly emerges that a professional sex therapist, contrary to popular fantasy, is not a private sex tutor, a sex surrogate or a highly-degreed prostitute.

Into the salon walks the "pervert" client. I almost fell out of my chair.

"I cannot help but notice the way your voluptuous breasts sway as you put pen to paper recording the details of our session." Yep, he had been my client too. He attended two sessions, no game, he moved on – apparently right down the road to my salon.

When a customer is sexually inappropriate, clearly verbalize your boundaries. If the behavior continues, tell them you will no longer be their service provider. This is your right.

So what's up with these "perverts?"

When sexual behavior jeopardizes daily life to the extent that there are businesses one can no longer patronize, sexual addiction is likely the culprit.

Sexual addiction, really?

How can too much of a good thing be a bad thing? Addictions mask pain, anesthetizing thoughts and feelings. Sexual arousal and orgasm can certainly mediate pain as powerfully as alcohol, drugs and food. Unlike your client however, most struggle with this taboo addiction in silent shame.

Good or bad, sex is powerful.

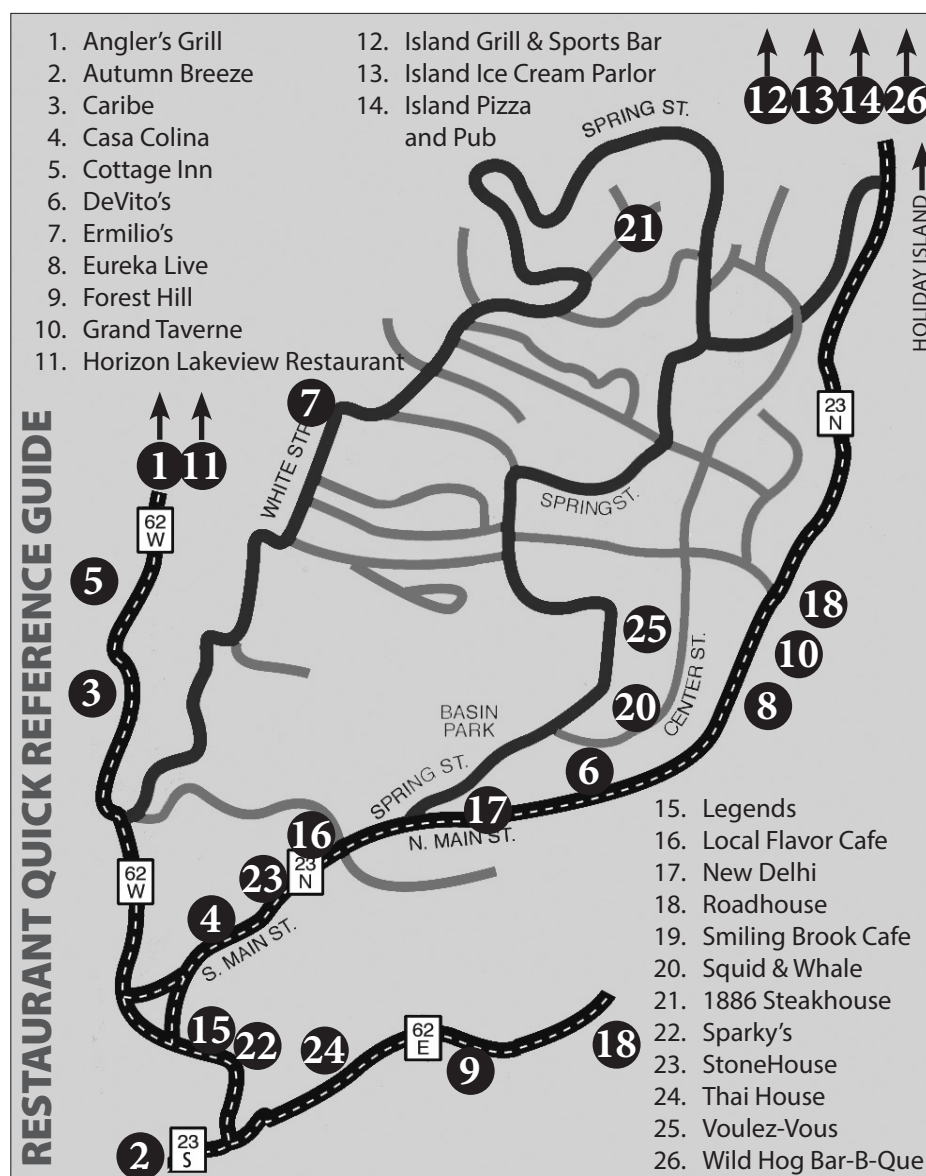
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Water Spirits & White Magic – the Magical Work of the Soul

There's been a controversy concerning the safety of the Fukushima radiation pouring into the Pacific waters, affecting the west coast, the fish and the jet stream. Radiation of any kind, type, is unacceptable and dangerous. The Fukushima situation has created a crisis for the world. Discussions pro & con at this point are pointless. As the Fukushima (pro/con) discussions continued, a quiet and very unusual message appeared last week on FB from author, spiritual teacher and Findhorn Fellow David Spangler.

David writes of being contacted by a water spirit (Spirit of the Waters) asking humanity for

help. The water spirit said the waters of the world are so poisoned (due to human contamination) that the water spirits' (they protect the waters) life-force is weakening, they are less able to fully contact the waters they serve (devas serve the world), and "drinkable water will soon become a rarity with all of life suffering." The water spirit requested love, healing, upliftment and gratitude when we use water (drinking, bathing, etc.). This strengthens them. A similar "contact" occurred in the early 1960s. Appearing to Findhorn's founders, the plant kingdom spirits (devas) warned that humanity must begin to cooperate with the

Plant Kingdom Spirits or they would have to leave the Earth. We are now at another juncture where the spirits (builders of elements that create form and matter) are again, in crisis, seeking our cooperation.

The Soul within us makes contact with the other kingdoms. Let us ask our Soul to do its "magical work (White Magic) of assisting the Water Spirits. When we respond to a call to serve love is released in the world. Let us work together with the Spirit of the Waters. And thus we "do our part." (Read David's letter and a column on Capricorn on my website – www.nightlightnews.com)

ARIES: The whole world's your stage. You're the star in a play about life's wishes, hopes and dreams. You are on stage with family and friends supporting you. Within groups where you feel at home (not many) you define personal goals, search for new identity, leadership and friends. There's a TV car commercial of a young boy being bullied. He gathers his "team." Gather yours.

TAURUS: You often "electrify" listeners with revolutionizing ideas. In fact, the electrical universe is a good study for you. I've mentioned this before. Understanding these concepts gives you a sense of identity different than most, the independence of an "independent thinker." No old ideas obstruct your ability to see the lighted Path ahead. All that you know benefits humanity.

GEMINI: You seek new and exciting knowledge to expand your mind, which then expands the horizons of others. You want to explore everything because knowledge is key to the past, present and future, to the new world we must create, a world with the tools of astrology, symbols and the Ageless Wisdom teachings. To teach others these Aquarian principles you must enter unexplored regions first. They are patient.

CANCER: Until people prove they can be trusted with your care and loyalty, you can't share deeply with them. You intuitively sense if someone is trustworthy. Often you sense future occurrences in symbols and dreams,

which initially seem a mystery and later come true. You're a leader (cardinal sign). Often you don't believe this. You share with vital information quietly with those you love. They learn from you.

LEO: All the time, whomever you're with, friend, lover, family, you want them to understand your future needs - a large expectation. Sometimes you think you've surrendered yourself. However, this rarely occurs with Leo. They must be leaders, independent, making rules, running the show. At times you hide creative talents behind others. Then you burst forth unexpectedly. You need a good dance partner who always lets you lead.

VIRGO: You're usually on time, a humanitarian and mediator, if you set aside the details. In the medical field you're more the social worker or the holistic healer using alternative methods of care. You're working differently these days, more independently changing old rules to new rules. You seek freedom, dislike agendas created by others, must decide your own timing. If too much work you walk away.

LIBRA: Some Librans are considering having children already preparing for what schools they'll attend. Some are

thinking of opening art galleries. An expanded originality and creativity is occurring, setting you apart from the group. In fact you're ahead of the group.

Sometimes you create disturbances. Children and/or those in need are always a concern. A hobby, a previous untouched talent, becomes a success. It's concerned with beauty.

SCORPIO: You look back. You assess your childhood. You're unsettled for a while. Then you look forward. The future unfolds as the past flows quietly away. You want change in your home - a move, a clearing, a reconstruction, an expansion. You sense the need to prepare it for the future possibly to include many more people. You consider community. You have the needed resources and organizational skills assisting others to think in new ways. You sow the seeds for the coming children.

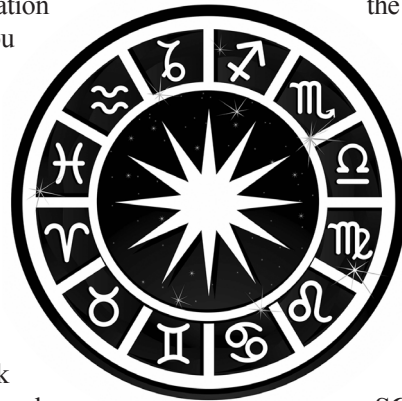
SAGITTARIUS: You've become very communicative, making contacts, making yourself heard, known, understood, gathering people, ideas, emotions, intelligences. You've formed an unusual group. To some you're a creative force, a network of one with brilliant writing, ideas, thoughts and

interests. You actually want to see your name in lights everywhere. This is good. You speak up for others. You're well intentioned.

CAPRICORN: You want the best of everything. You do your best. You're proud of what you do. You don't realize how well and how much you actually do. You have a deep reserve of knowledge, sensing the pulse of everyone important to you. You're careful. You know the rules. You follow them. Someday you will create big rules. You need a light-filled celestial umbrella. The Light Drops Umbrella with LEDs.

AQUARIUS: It's your birthday month. You need Capricorn's umbrella, too, invented probably by an Aquarian. You're independent, non-ordinary. You belong to the group called humanity - your friends, all acquaintances. Aquarians are generous, think into the future, are kind and warm-hearted, often providing strict rules of conduct. You're accepted by everyone. Then you break away. You're a leader. Soon you realize this.

PISCES: There's something you want to do but something greater, a responsibility, need, tending to others, is in the way. You must hold your light behind a veil. Your communications and presence have lead others to the spotlight which you cannot share at this time. You're the healer behind the healers, teacher behind the teachings, light behind the students. It's important you remain in the shadows for now. Another situation needs you.



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RK Ellis brings genre-bending concept to Chelsea's

RK Ellis is a band led by two brothers, Riley and Kelly Ellis, who want to challenge the way we listen to a band or album based on genre. They grew up listening to many musical styles, enjoying them all, and noticed that

most people listened to more than one type of music. The All-Genre Concept coined by RK Ellis includes a goal to play music the way people listen to it...on shuffle.

Listen to tracks by RK Ellis and you will hear techno, pop, rap and beautiful

instrumentation combined with vocals that grab your attention. Strings in the background of the ballads add a quality that mesmerizes. "One of These Days" is such a combo of folk, techno and rock that you give up trying to figure it out and just

enjoy. I think that is the point of the All-Genre Concept.

RK Ellis will be at Chelsea's on Friday, Jan. 17 at 9 p.m. Chelsea's is now non-smoking inside with two large decks for smokers.

THURSDAY – JANUARY 16

- **EUREKA PARADISE** Free pool
- **GRAND TAVERNE** *Jerry Yester* Grand Piano Dinner Music, 6:30–9:30 p.m.
- **JACK'S PLACE** *Karaoke w/ DJ Goose*, 8 p.m. – midnight
- **LEGENDS SALOON** DJ Karaoke

FRIDAY – JANUARY 17

- **BLARNEY STONE** TBD
- **CATHOUSE LOUNGE** *Mark Shields*, 8 p.m. – midnight
- **CHASERS BAR & GRILL** *Terri & Brett*, 9 p.m.
- **CHELSEA'S** *RK Ellis*, 9 p.m. Funk

- **EUREKA LIVE!** DJ & Dancing, 9 p.m.
- **EUREKA PARADISE** *Ladies Night, Latin Fridays*, DJ & Dancing to Latin hits
- **GRAND TAVERNE** *Arkansas Red* Guitar, 6:30–9:30 p.m.
- **JACK'S PLACE** *Karaoke with DJ Goose*, 9 p.m.
- **LEGENDS SALOON** *George Brothers*, 9 p.m.
- **NEW DELHI** *SPiNRad*, 6–10 p.m.
- **ROWDY BEAVER** Karaoke with *Jerry*
- **ROWDY BEAVER DEN** *Jesse Dean*, 8 p.m.
- **THE STONE HOUSE** *Jerry*

- Yester*, 6:30–9:30 p.m.
- **VOUEZ-VOUS** *Sean Calvin & the Dirty Truth*, 8:30 p.m.

SATURDAY – JANUARY 18

- **BLARNEY STONE** AFC Football Championship Game
- **CATHOUSE LOUNGE** *Mark Shields*, 8 p.m. – midnight
- **CHASERS BAR & GRILL** Free Pool, 12–4 p.m., *The Executives*, 9 p.m.
- **CHELSEA'S** *Walker & the Texas Dangers*, 9 p.m.
- **EUREKA LIVE!** *Care with a Difference* – Benefit Drag Event for Mike & Chris, 9 p.m.
- **EUREKA PARADISE** DJ & Dancing
- **GRAND TAVERNE** *Jerry Yester* Grand Piano Dinner Music, 6:30–9:30 p.m.
- **JACK'S PLACE** *Karaoke with DJ Goose*, 9 p.m.
- **LEGENDS SALOON** *Ozark Thunder*, 9 p.m.
- **NEW DELHI** *Belladonna*, 6–10 p.m.
- **ROWDY BEAVER** *Diana & the Heartbeats*, 6 p.m.
- **ROWDY BEAVER DEN** *Third Degree*, 8 p.m.
- **VOUEZ-VOUS** *Sean Calvin &*

the Dirty Truth, 8:30 p.m.

SUNDAY – JANUARY 19

- **BLARNEY STONE** NFC Football Championship Game
- **CHASERS** Shuffleboard Tournament, 4 p.m., NFL Specials
- **JACK'S PLACE** NFL Football with *Dylan*, 1 p.m.
- **LEGENDS SALOON** Free Texas Hold 'Em Tournament with prizes, 6 p.m.
- **NEW DELHI CAFÉ** Sunday Night Football – gametime food/drink specials
- **ROWDY BEAVER** Free Pool Sundays
- **ROWDY BEAVER DEN** Open mic with *Jesse Dean*, 5–9 p.m.

MONDAY – JANUARY 20

- **BLARNEY STONE** Monday Night Football
- **CHASERS BAR & GRILL** Pool Tournament, 7 p.m.,
- **CHELSEA'S** *SpringBilly*, 9 p.m.
- **NEW DELHI CAFÉ** Monday Night Football – gametime food/drink specials

TUESDAY – JANUARY 21

- **CHASERS BAR & GRILL** Game challenge night, NFL Specials –

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WEDNESDAY – JANUARY 22

• **CHASERS BAR & GRILL**
 Ladies Night – Drink specials, free
 jukebox
 • **CHELSEA'S** *Cindy Woolf &
 Mark Bilyeu*, 9 p.m.
 • **NEW DELHI CAFÉ** Open Jam
 • **PIED PIPER CATHOUSE**
LOUNGE Wheat Wednesday *Draft
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 • **ROWDY BEAVER** Wine
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Sign up by Feb. 15 for Military Ball

Holiday Island's Pendergrass Rose American Legion Post 36 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 77 are sponsoring the 5th Annual Military Ball, "Honoring Our Military Heritage," at the Historic 1886 Crescent Hotel on March 7.

Cocktail hour will be from 5 – 6 p.m. in the Conservatory with dinner seating in the Crystal Dining Room beginning at 6. Dinner will be a double entrée of beef and salmon. A cash bar will be available during the cocktail hour, dinner and dance.

The University of Arkansas Air Force ROTC will post the Colors and provide a POW/MIA ceremony honoring our Prisoners of War and Missing in Action. Dancing will follow with music provided by Don Naas.

Everyone is invited regardless of Veteran status. Attire is mess dress, formal or business. Special room rates are available at the Crescent for attendees. Tickets, \$37.50 each, may be obtained by calling Dean Lahm (479) 253-5912 or Don Naas (479) 253-7473. Reservations are required by Feb. 15.

Scholarships available for medical field study

Mercy Auxiliary–Berryville announces applications for \$1000 scholarships are now open to any graduating Carroll County High School senior in public, private or home school who plans to enter any area of the medical field. Two scholarships will be awarded.

The scholarship committee will consider each candidate by considering school, community and extracurricular activities as well as financial need, grade point average and the entire completed application. Finalists will be asked to appear for a personnel interview.

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Templars meet Jan. 19

The Hereditary Knights Templars of Britannia will meet Jan. 19 at the Carnegie Library Annex from 2 – 4 p.m. There will be a presentation and discussion of the Merkaba or Divine Gateway to ascendency by Abbot David Michael, Lord Bishop among the Templars. For more information call (719) 421-9109 or email info@glentivar.org.

HI Fire Aux. luncheon Jan. 28

The Holiday Island Fire Auxiliary luncheon will be Tuesday, Jan. 28 at noon in the Holiday Island Country Club Ballroom, at the corner of Country Club and Holiday Island Drives. Annual dues of \$12 are due. Reservations are required and can be made by calling Nita Holley, (479) 363-9541.

Deaton to speak on emergency prep Jan. 20

Holiday Island Community Church Ladies Fellowship will meet Jan. 20, at 10 a.m. at the church. HI Fire Chief, Jack Deaton, will speak on emergency preparedness and what you can do to have a plan in place. Refreshments will be served. Contact Linda Bartlett (479) 244-5961 or Eula Jean McKee (479) 253-8021 for directions or more information.

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DEPARTURES

David Lee Bishop, July 3, 1952 – Jan. 12, 2014

David Lee Bishop of Eureka Springs was born July 3, 1952 in Des Moines, Iowa, the son of Edwin James and Colleen Marie (Hoffman) Bishop. He departed this life Sunday, January 12, 2014 in Springdale, Ark., at age 61.



BISHOP

David was of the Catholic Faith.

On Oct. 15, 2005, he was united in marriage with Debbie Sulfridge who survives him of the home. He is also survived by two sons, Chad and wife, Marie Bishop, of Harlingen, Texas; Christopher and wife, Amanda Bishop, of Berryville, Ark.; one daughter, Tina Bishop of Eureka Springs; two brothers, James Bishop and Loren Bishop of Iowa; one sister, Darlene Stark of Iowa, eight grandchildren; several nieces and nephews, and a host of family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one sister, Margaret; and his father-in-law, Bill Sulfridge.

Visitation will be Wednesday, Jan. 15, at 5 – 8 p.m. at the Nelson's Chapel of the Springs. Funeral service will be 2 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 16, at the Nelson's Chapel of the Springs with Pastor Philip Wilson officiating. Interment will follow at the Sulfridge Cemetery in Eureka Springs under the direction of Nelson Funeral Service. Online condolences may be sent to the family at nelsonfuneral.com.

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still offer more in incentives.

Alderman James DeVito, who chaired the meeting in the absence of Mayor Morris Pate, pointed out without incentives film companies will just go elsewhere. Louisiana, for example, has a robust film economy and a rebate program to match.

Arkansas already offers a 20 percent tax rebate once the filmmaker provides a proof of performance, which must be approved by state auditors. Crane, Martin and crew asked council to consider an additional four or five percent tax rebate from Eureka Springs.

Crane observed, "You hope along the way you get a *Field of Dreams* or an *On Golden Pond*." He said the locations of those movies still get thousands of visitors annually all these years later.

Commissioner Terry McClung said, "If we're going to start, let's start!" After some hiccups with procedure, council voted unanimously to place this on the next agenda with the intention of preparing an ordinance.

Wrap up

- McClung and DeVito were reelected to represent council on CAPC.

- Glenn Brown of Abundant Transportation told council he had noticed a glaring loophole in the limo ordinance, and Purkeypile asked to put the item on the next agenda.

- Purkeypile said Building Inspector

Bobby Ray had noticed some problems with proposed Ordinance 2198 which would require a business license, and therefore a Certificate of Occupancy, for multi-family dwellings in the R-1 zone. He moved to postpone the discussion until Weaver could research the distinction between Certificates of Occupancy for residential and commercial properties.

- Council voted to convene a workshop to discuss the ordinance setting up an Auditorium Commission.

- Council unanimously decided the fee for the vacation of a portion of Palo Pinto Street, not part of the 320 acres deeded to the city, would be zero.

- Aldermen voted to have Weaver draft a resolution allowing Parks to reclaim dominion over 531 Spring Street, which is next door to the Parks office. Parks staff recently has been using the building for storage and a workshop.

- Purkeypile announced the first donation for the Black Bass Lake Dam account was secure in the bank. The goal is to raise money to fund a study that will lead to a plan for reconstruction of the dam at Black Bass Lake.

- Council also voted to keep the same meeting dates, second and fourth Mondays at 6 p.m., and follow the same meeting protocol as last year.

- DeVito was elected Mayor Pro Tem for 2014.

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

Sheriff addresses county's financial future

Sheriff Bob Grudek shares what he intends to present to the Quorum Court Jan. 17.

"During the past seven years, the Carroll County Sheriff's Office implemented numerous programs to generate revenue for the county. The programs in the Detention Center have had the most success. Housing of prisoners for other counties, the commissary program and the Jail Fine Fees have generated around \$1.5 million in revenue for the county for the five-year period from 2007 to 2011. This was needed revenue for the county because there was still a mortgage on the Detention Center. The mortgage was paid off in 2009 and the mortgage payments for the period 2007 to 2009 totaled around \$1.5 million.

"Year 2010 was an excellent year for Carroll County. The mortgage was paid off and the Detention Center generated around \$300,000 in revenue for the housing of prisoners from other counties. The two combined totaled around \$800,000.

"Carroll County had a financial setback in 2011. Due to the Jail Reform Act, overcrowding in the state prisons was eliminated which meant there was no longer a need for Carroll County to house prisoners for other counties. Also, this year the state of Arkansas gave a company doing business in Carroll County a tax refund of about \$110,000 that was deducted from our sales tax revenue. In addition to the above, Berryville and Green Forest were no longer paying for a dispatcher. Loss in revenue totaled about \$400,000 for the year."

Grudek also outlined events that have occurred since 2000, which have gotten the county into its current financial condition, including:

- Issues involving 911 dispatching and housing of prisoners
- The special election held to get approval from the voters to levy a one-half of one percent sales and use tax to be used to construct and equip a jail facility and sheriff's department and to operate the jail facility and Central Dispatch

- Title of the ballot being silent about free services to the police departments for the housing of prisoners, ACIC, or dispatch

- The dispatch operation remaining at the courthouse

- Agreements between Carroll County and Green Forest, Berryville and Eureka Springs on a basis of Basis an unwritten understanding exists; establishing that police departments did not have to pay for the housing of prisoners; Berryville and Green Forest were required to pay the fees for radio dispatch that were presently due and unpaid; any medical costs incurred by any city prisoner shall remain the responsibility of the city. The agreements are forever and can only be terminated if both parties agree.

- Based on agreements with Carroll County signed in December 2004, the cities immediately stopped paying for the housing of prisoners but continued to pay for dispatch. On Nov. 21, 2008, the ordinance requiring Berryville and Green Forest to pay for dispatch services was repealed. Green Forest argued the verbal agreement with [County Judge] Phil Jackson regarding the housing of prisoners also applied to dispatch. By law, the verbal agreement, if it existed, ended with Judge Jackson's term. Also, the agreements do not make mention of free dispatch.

"When I challenged the Quorum Court's decision regarding Dispatch, they passed an ordinance requiring the Sheriff to provide equal dispatch services to Berryville and Green Forest based on the July 11, 2000 ballot saying it was the intent of the voters. How can the Quorum Court in 2013 determine the intent of the voters in 2000? ACA 14-14-806 states the Quorum Court may not participate in day-to-day administration of the county executive branch.

CCSO provides free services to the Berryville and Green Forest police departments: ACIC; police dispatch; housing of prisoners; preparation of probable cause docket; jailer stand-in for arresting police officers so they do not have to be present at the probable

cause hearing and after-hour answering service.

These free services are a significant savings to the police departments. Dispatch alone is about \$200,000 a year.

The CCSO uses the Berryville District Court once a month. The county pays the city of Berryville about \$90,000 a year for the use of the court. Even though we pay for the use of the court, the CCSO collects, at no charge, traffic fine money and time payments for the court. CCSO made a budget cut of about 5 percent in 2013.

The Quorum Court had to tighten the budget for 2014 due to the increase in healthcare. Comments were made regarding declining revenues and the possibility of layoffs in 2014 and/or reduction in services to the county residents. It is obvious that the Sheriff's Office would be targeted for layoffs.

CCSO makes about 60-70 percent of the arrests in the county and serves about 60-70 percent of the arrest warrants each year. CCSO has less than 40 percent of the police officers. A reduction in deputies will result in a reduction in revenue. Additional revenue losses will result in additional layoffs.

There is a high probability that the Detention Center and/or Dispatch will experience a system crash in the near future. Repairs will be in the hundreds of thousands of dollars, and the county will probably have to borrow money for these repairs. Costs of the repairs will

be at the expense of the county residents either in the form of tax increases or reduction in services. We are currently looking at an expense of \$100,000 to replace surveillance cameras in the Detention Center.

A reduction in law enforcement services to the county will have a negative impact on the county as well as the cities. A lack of law enforcement services will cause a loss of business and a decline in property values throughout the county and cities.

City police officers are making \$5 – \$10,000 dollars more a year than the sheriff's deputies. They are receiving pay raises and some are receiving bonuses while the county employees have not received raises in three years.

The county has to start charging the police departments for services or the county is facing serious financial problems in the near future. The county also has to be concerned about retention of its employees.

If the Quorum Court doesn't come to some agreement with the police departments regarding the charging for services by July 1, I will not dispatch or process after-hour ACIC terminal hits for the Berryville and Green Forest police departments as of that date. 911 services will not be affected. I may also recommend that the county charge the police departments a small fee for the housing of prisoners. These changes may not be a complete solution but they will be a step in the right direction."

Dorjee addresses ethics Jan. 17

The ES Buddhist Study Group hosts the Venerable Geshe Thupten Dorjee on Friday, Jan. 17, 7 p.m., at the Crescent Hotel Conservatory. Tea and cookies will be served before the Dharma Talk.

Geshe Dorjee will discuss The Perfection of Ethics (the Sila Paramita). What is "ethical conduct" and how can we use this practice, according to Tibetan Buddhists, is the very foundation for progressing in any practice of meditation and for attaining all higher realizations. Geshe's talks are timeless and engaging; questions are welcomed and encouraged.

The talk is free and open to the public although donations are gratefully accepted. Various items can be purchased at the Dharma Shop before and after the talk.



Cheers for the Silver Tea – Hosted by the women of St. James' Episcopal Church, the annual fundraiser for area non-profits brought in more than \$2000 to help Clear Spring School secure playground equipment. Members of the 47th Silver Tea and of the Episcopal Church Women (ECW) presented a check to the school on Jan. 13. Pictured back row, from left: B'Elanna Powell; Suzanne Tourtelot, ECW Treasurer; Jane Helmer, ECW President; Noah FitzPatrick; Hannah Youngblood and Bram Heilmann. Middle row from left: Karen FitzPatrick, CSS Director of Communications; Peggy Pot, Assistant Chair, Silver Tea 2013; Doug Wynn, CSS Head of School; Lucilla Garrett, Chair, Silver Tea 2013 and Crystal McGuire, CSS Assistant Head of School. Front row from left: students Ozric Maese, Bree Johnson and Syama Barden. The students pictured assisted at the event.

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Radio Club meetings rescheduled

The Little Switzerland Amateur Radio Club meeting scheduled for Jan. 9 has been rescheduled for Thursday, Jan. 16, at noon in the Eureka Springs Pizza Hut.

The meeting scheduled for Jan. 16 in Berryville has been rescheduled for Jan. 23, 6:30 p.m., in the physicians building at Mercy Hospital-Berryville. Anyone with an interest in amateur radio is welcome. Refreshments will be available. For more information email gmj@bscsystems.com.

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benefits done which substantiates that something had occurred to increase the actual benefit to that property. A new, higher, assessed valuation would be very, very unlikely unless there was some substantial improvement to Holiday Island such as an airport, another golf course, enlarging the marina, or some

other major improvement.”

While the issue of whether or not someone can pay off the AOB was not specifically addressed in the lawsuit settlement, Bischoff said the right to pay off a debt is pretty much accepted as a standard right under the law unless there is specific wording in a contract such as a mortgage with a prepayment penalty

clause. Even then, there is no law that says a person cannot pay off a debt he owes.

Other parts of the agreement include HISID agreeing to limit its annual spending on advertising to two percent of the collected AOBs from the previous year.

The lawsuit settlement also proposes

that, “In order to increase the ability to sell returned/foreclosed properties, the parties agree that HISID shall have the authority to waive the accruing of assessments of benefits on properties that have been returned and/or foreclosed on while they are thus titled in the name of HISID and/or are in the hands of the Arkansas Commissioner of Lands.”

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under newspapers in the back of the cab. She felt a wave of panic, heard the sound of a tank turret turning followed by an explosion. After hearing a woman screaming, she peeked out from underneath the newspapers. A woman dressed in a chador was holding the pieces of her child.

“She was in the bottom of a crater that was created by a missile that my country sold to Iran,” McFadden said. “That one woman screaming haunts me more than the massacre the night before. The night before was too big to be able to capture. But one woman screaming at the bottom of a bombed crater, that was an image I will never forget.”

Back in the U.S. she found it difficult to deal with the lack of support from family and friends, and even from mental health counselors.

“It was too real for them,” McFadden said. “Throughout the years when I have told this story, it is actually too real for most people. People don’t know what they think. There is no verbal response.”

McFadden tried for several years

to find a lawyer to file a lawsuit on her behalf against Northrop, a company that was irresponsible first by putting a civilian into a dangerous, harmful situation, and then not making any effort to get her safely evacuated from the country.

“I went to the newspapers, but what proof did I have other than these stamps on my passport?” she said. “I had no credible evidence.”

She was having serious problems with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), a condition she has under control today, but is still with her. She found the most healing from a retreat in the woods.

“I sold a Persian carpet to one of my ex nursing instructors, bought a car, drove it out to a place in the country, and walked with two gallons of water into a forest place I had discovered,” McFadden said. “I did about a 30-day water fast. It was just me and woods. That was very healing. I realized you don’t need the support of others to validate what you know. It empowers you. It might make you a little quiet. I also know I don’t need anyone’s help to

pull my ass out of any fire.”

McFadden continued in her nursing career in the U.S. until 2005 when she was able to realize her dream of retiring and moving to Eureka Springs. In 2011 and 2012, she was one of the more dedicated members of Occupy Eureka Springs. More than most, she knows the evils of war. She said she knows how the government lies, and believes a groundswell is needed to take the government from the hands of the wealthy multi-national corporations that profit from war, exploiting workers, and bank failures.

McFadden has kept up with the recent controversies about widespread National Security Agency domestic spying that is supposed to “protect us” from terrorism. She said she doesn’t understand, with the revelations by Edward Snowden that NSA spying is being done for corporate espionage and to spy on protest groups like Occupy, why there aren’t more Americans rallying for reforms.

“Occupy helped us find a core group of activists,” McFadden said. “We are activist reservists. We can be called at

a moment’s notice with 17 keystrokes on a computer. Occupy pulled together a lot of people who care about what is going on. A lot of us were involved in the SWEPCO protests.”

McFadden wonders what will it take to get people in the streets.

“It is like the whole country is on Ambien,” she said. “The whole country is asleep. It is the media. If they get us talking 40 percent of time about the polar vortex, it saves them from talking about NSA spying, corporate-owned limited media information on banking corruption, union busting, women’s health issues, the implications of Citizens United, and the slowly creeping dissolution of the middle class. Americans are culpable in these crimes by their ignorant silence instead of outrage towards our current state of politics. I temper judgment of the politically ignorant as they have not seen and heard what I have. But I Occupy to wake people up to their responsibility to stop taking the Ambien and watch Amy Goodman on Free Speech TV. When we change the way we look at things, the things we look at change.”



Happy, happy, happy – the weather is changing. Boy, this winter has been something. One good point is that the cold water gave us a shad kill, which we needed. We have not had one in a few years. We have two different kinds of shad in our waters, one is the threadfin which only get up to about five inches, breed like crazy and can put so much bait in the water that it can slow down the fishing. The other is the gizzard shad that can get up over 12 inches and are a little tougher. They can survive the cold water and are the number one bait I net for stripers.

Picture is a 12 lb. walleye we got here at Holiday Island early last spring. They are the first fish to go up the tailwaters to spawn, and are now starting to stage around Holiday Island. Look in the deeper water around the flats, islands and river bends. A jig tipped with a minnow or night crawler works well. Deep diving crank baits with bright colors work well, too, trolled slowly from Holiday Island to Houseman.

Crappies are slow but still catchable

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then District Manager Kevin Crosson said: “District staff has completed a comprehensive review of the 2011 Assessment of Benefits report, and have made all corrections and adjustments necessary to ensure the accuracy of the official report. We have provided you with the revised document for your

in deep brush and trees, along with bass on jigs and minnows, worked slow 12 to 18 ft. deep. Walleye and trout are the best bet from now through February.

Most striped bass on Beaver Lake are back down to about 40 ft. deep and holding in the deepest water close to their spawning grounds. Best place to look now is around Prairie Creek and Hwy. 12 bridge out of Rogers. They will make their run up river in March with some good spawn fishing into April. Don’t forget that we do have some residential stripers that hang out from the dam to Point 5 year ‘round. They will go up the Clifty creeks, Indian Creek and also hang around the day use side of the dam from now and into April.

Well, that’s it for this week. If you want to get out on the water on the spawning runs for stripers, walleye, white bass, crappie, and bass or just go up river for some trout, we are still giving discounts on 2014 guided fishing trips in the books before March 1.

Have a great week and thank you all for a good 2013.

information, which has been posted on the District’s website.”

Reed said he was not aware of any changes to his assessments of property made by HISID and assumed that if changes were made, they were of the nature of correcting a clerical mistake. Reed said he was not aware of any details of the lawsuit settlement.



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- ACROSS
1. Support

5. Formal rule

8. Grouch

12. Smidgeon

13. Wrath

14. Regulation

15. 10 penny is one

16. Knowledge; perception

17. Consumer

18. Cipher

20. Pale

21. Lots and lots

24. Similar

27. Furniture wood

28. Vietnamese festival

31. Musical conclusion

32. Drunkard

33. Shout of acclaim

34. Sense of self

35. Unruly group

36. Lubricated

37. Cupid’s love

39. Quicksilver

43. Ballpark staple
47. It may be practical

48. Whitney or Manning

50. Tom, Dick or Harry

51. Opera solo

52. Pinnacle

53. End of a prayer

54. Cambodian currency

55. Police officer

56. Bill of fare
- DOWN
1. Furniture wood

2. Spotted horse

3. Relating to the ear

4. Inferior boxer

5. Enjoyed

6. Exist

7. Small cyst

8. High quality vineyards

9. Hurry

10. Sheltered from wind

11. Swiss capital
19. Female deer

20. Request

22. Foolish or stupid person

23. Take in food

24. High card

25. Ship record

26. Wedding words

28. Up to

29. First lady

30. Small bit

32. Distress call

33. Platoon setting

35. Dash letters

36. Expression of surprise

38. Bird talk

39. Slightly open

40. Japanese sandal

41. Tom Joad was one

42. River duck

44. Noble woman

45. Sign

46. Knee joint

48. List ending

49. Elton’s john

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the fact that Ms. Sherman was correct when she stated that notification did not happen? Believe me I work in the corporate world and when we want something to go away we pay the party a settlement to just disappear, it appears to me that is exactly what HISID is doing. Thank God this is not SWEPCO or the whole world would be on the bandwagon.
R. Hatch

The trickle has dried up
Editor,
The three decade long Reagan idea

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of a “trickle down economy” has not worked, and yet, it is treated as if it is the landmark movement for governmental spending.
We cannot expect a law to work that encourages the wealthiest percentage of our nation’s citizens to increase their fortunes by tax breaks. We can’t have economic improvement without a strong middle class. We can’t survive, as a nation, without a strong working class.
All our lawmakers must pass a bill to improve the minimum wage of at least ten dollars an hour across the boards. They must continue the unemployment insurance law indefinitely, and install a new food stamp program.
The “trickle down movement” should be renamed the Scrooge economy. “What... are there no prisons and union work houses or the Treadmill and the Poor Law?” etc. Why a new name for an outdated law, because Reagan’s notion expected someone else (other than the rich) to care for the poor, such as time proven government agencies, the middle class or the poor themselves. Bah! Humbug!
Enid B. Swartz

Dances of Universal Peace Jan. 17

Dances of Universal Peace will be held at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 17 Elk St., at 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 17. The Dances have brought Earth’s people together for times of seasonal ceremony in a timeless tradition of sacred movement, song, story and community. The multi-cultural circle dances use sacred phrases, chants, music and movements from the world’s many spiritual traditions in simple and joyful moving meditations.
Participation is free of charge. For more information contact Rebecca Babbs (479) 253-8303 or email babbsrebecca@gmail.com.



Tourist of the week – Leslie Williamson was here from St. Louis with her husband for a quiet weekend but they jettisoned that idea once they got to the Mardi Gras Kickoff party at the Rowdy.

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