



**Orange Gras –** Save the Ozarks co-founder Pat Costner drives an appropriately colored tractor in the “Eureka Circus” Mardi Gras Parade March 1. STO has until March 20 to petition the Arkansas Public Service Commission for a rehearing of its decision to allow Southwestern Electric Power Company to build a 56-mile-long transmission line through Carroll County and parts of southern Missouri.

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## County wants to chase delinquents, but whose job is it?

NICKY BOYETTE

In the search for more money for the county, claims were made and exceptions taken during the Feb. 28 Carroll County Quorum Court meeting. The point of conflict was an ordinance on the agenda that would have declared that Sheriff Bob Grudek would collect fines assessed in county circuit courts. Presently, Circuit Clerk Ramona Wilson is responsible for following up on collecting delinquent fines.

Both Circuit Judge Kent Crow and Grudek spoke on their particular roles in the warrant process. Crow said when he came to the bench in 2009, there was no procedure for collecting fines. The circuit clerk had always been the point person for collecting.

He stepped up his part in 2012 when he began holding hearings one day per quarter for cases regarding unpaid fines. He said a significant issue is that the county does not know how much is owed, and all the information is in Wilson’s office.

“It doesn’t matter how much is owed if we are not aggressively pursuing collections,” he said. He also had doubts this pursuit would provide much relief for the county’s finances.

Crow stated he allows people to make arrangements for time payments if there is a hardship. If they become more than 90 days in arrears, he said Wilson could issue a warrant, although usually those owing fines are also on probation. However, the county sometimes learns a delinquent payer is deceased or in a jail in another state.

Justice of the Peace Don McNeely asked, “So what should we do?”

“We need to computerize the information. Put it on an Excel

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### This Week’s INDEPENDENT Thinker

Patrick Burke always got stove up shoveling snow. He didn’t understand why a snow shovel only came in one design, the one that makes the shoveler scoop, lift, twist and toss.

So Burke, who lives in Land of Great Snow, only two states west, one state north and one mile high, decided to put the blade on a pivot, add a handle, and call it the Shove It Shovel.

His shovel acts like a snowplow – one handle pushes, the other steers. He can turn the blade to any angle, then use the other handle to push snow to the side, keeping the blade on the ground.

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## Spring forward Sunday. Are you listening, Mother Nature?

## Local pharmacies given bitter pill

BECKY GILLETTE

The owners of Smith Drug Company and Medical Park Pharmacy in Eureka Springs are upset they and their customers have been left out in the cold by a decision from Medicare Part D SilverScripts to leave the two drug stores – and many other independent pharmacies across the country – off a list of preferred pharmacies where people who enrolled in the private insurance plan can get medications for free without a co-pay.

SilverScripts is a program by the private health insurance company, CVS Caremart, that provides supplemental insurance products for people on Medicare Part D. For years people who have SilverScripts have been able to pick up their prescriptions at the two local drugs stores. But now if they want to get their prescription from a pharmacy, they have to travel to Walmart or Economy Drug in Berryville order to get prescriptions without a co-pay.

The deal benefits the largest retailer in

the world and other selected pharmacies at the expense of small, locally owned pharmacies and the people – some who can no longer drive or don't have reliable transportation – who rely on them for medications.

"I think, from what I'm able to gather, it was a back door deal struck with McKesson wholesale drug company and Walmart," said Danny Smith, pharmacist, Smith Drug Company. "Walmart is McKesson's biggest customer. In the past, we had always been in the SilverScript preferred network and were able to serve our customers with zero co-pay for generic drugs. This year, we weren't allowed to."

Smith said he would suspect CVS Caremart might say that they are trying to save money for customers by going with Walmart, and kicking out many independent drug stores.

"They will say they couldn't have gotten this lower price if they had allowed other pharmacies in the network," Smith

said. "Walmart and McKesson are offering a huge kickback to SilverScripts, but I would have been willing to do that to keep my customers. I don't have any complaints if we are just allowed to compete."

By this being part of the government Medicare program, Smith said the current situation has the government, in essence, favoring Walmart and Economy Drug over Smith Drug and Medical Park Pharmacy. He doesn't think that is right.

"It is a big issue," Smith said. "The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) are proposing a rule change in 2015 that would fix this. The comment period on that rule ends March 7. I think with the rule change they are going to demand that everybody get a shot."

The issue has been in the news a lot, especially pharmacy news.

"This is a big deal," agreed Beth McCullough, owner of Medical Park Pharmacy. "It looks like the SilverScripts

people just want people to go to a chain. They want them to go to Walmart. For people who come to my drug store, their co-pay is no longer going to be zero. It is wrong. It is not fair. It discriminates against local pharmacies."

McCullough said there is a major effort underway to change the program so it stops discriminating against small pharmacies.

Mark Riley, executive vice president and CEO, Arkansas Pharmacists Association, said this is a major problem all over the country, but especially in rural Arkansas. Arkansas as is one of only a handful of states that have more independent pharmacies than chain stores.

Riley, who is current president of the National Community Pharmacists Association, said the SilverScript preferred network plan is patently unfair.

"In my opinion, it is wrong," Riley said. "It creates an unlevel playing field not only for pharmacies, but for patients

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## 'Evolution, not revolution' at CAPC

NICKY BOYETTE

Every year the City Advertising and Promotion Commission receives requests for funding support from promoters of events in town. Also each year, the selection process is scrutinized and tweaked, but this go-around suggestions ranged from statistical to revolutionary.

Finance Director Rick Bright reported at the November 2013 workshop he had received \$93,000 in funding requests for the current funding cycle so far. The CAPC spent \$10,624 in 2013 on this budget item. Commissioners decided in December to set aside \$30,000 of the 2014 budget for funding support, and approved \$9,850 to fund seven requests. An additional event was included since then, and again much attention and discussion went toward reasons for choosing one request over another and who deserves how much.

Damon Henke, the most recently seated commissioner, presented commissioners with a scoring system for requests based on the goals of promoting citywide events that bring people to town. "We always ask the same questions," he said, and wanted to lessen subjectivity in the process and give Executive Director Mike Maloney a tool with which to assess requests before they get to the commission.

Discussion at the Feb. 26 workshop was about the score sheet and the funding support program.

Henke's score sheet lists criteria such as "Is this a city-wide event?" and "Does it attract visitors from more than an hour away?" and questions about the

history of the event.

Chair Charles Ragsdell pointed out there has indeed been subjectivity in funding choices, but the score sheet also includes subjectivity in its rating system. He mentioned it is difficult to fairly assess all the events because promoters do not always keep accurate records on attendance and where the attendees came from. Did the visitors spend the night or the weekend? Ragsdell said promoters could learn from each event how to better market the next one.

Without good data accompanying a request, Ragsdell said it still comes down to a gut feeling about whether the event is a good investment for the city.

Ragsdell said the score sheet could be a valuable tool but not "the decision." He reiterated their part of these events should be advertising and promoting, not producing.

Discussion continued on encouraging businesses to collect better data that could in turn be used to improve marketing of the city, and guide the CAPC toward the best promotion strategies.

Maloney suggested they revise the application and ask for the data they want.

"I have an even more revolutionary idea," Ragsdell stated. "How about no marketing support at all?" He suggested they use money earmarked for these specific events and "leverage it all together and make appeals for all of them. It might even give these events more bang for the buck." Ragsdell suggested advertising the garden club,

for example, as one of many events in town that might be a better use of money.

"At least consider it," he said. "We could be frying the bigger fish."

Commissioners discussed further use of the website calendar as a marketing tool, such as sending email blasts about events and six-month reminders of events being promoted. Bright pointed out a postcard in hand will be noticed, but an ad in the *Democrat-Gazette* might be missed.

"We can send lots of postcards for what we would pay for an ad in the *Dem-Gazette*," he commented.

Ragsdell told the group it is important to get word about events far ahead of time so prospective visitors can plan.

In the end, commissioners decided not to abandon funding events this year but consider Ragsdell's idea next year.

"So it's evolution, not revolution," Ragsdell observed.

Next meeting will be Wednesday, March 12, at 6 p.m.

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### Ridin' the radio waves

The Little Switzerland Amateur Radio Club will meet at noon, Thursday, March 13, at the Eureka Springs Pizza Hut, 2048 E. Van Buren, for monthly lunch and meeting. Anyone with an interest in amateur radio is welcome. For additional information contact [gjmj@bscsystems.com](mailto:gjmj@bscsystems.com).

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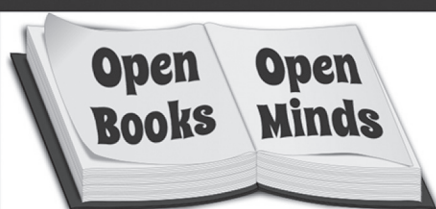
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# INDEPENDENTNews

## Fighting for funding instead of fires biggest challenge for volunteer fire departments

ERIC STUDER

At a height of six foot five, Gene Chapman towers almost over everyone. After he explains the mission and many recent accomplishments of the Inspiration Point Rural Fire Department, the assistant chief becomes a hero who seems to stand 10 feet tall. At age 60, his passion for helping lead the IPFD's volunteer fire department is only exceeded by his appreciation for neighbors who helped save the group.

IPFD is an all-volunteer service with many responsibilities, including fire inspections, fire safety education and emergency response for residents, business owners and over a half-million tourists throughout the Eureka Springs West area around Beaver Lake and the White River. They also provide mutual aid for Holiday Island, Grassy Knob and Eureka Springs Fire Departments.

In fewer than four years, the IPFD has "risen from the ashes after being on our bellies," Chapman said. "We had minimal funding, bad equipment and a dwindling volunteer team. Thanks to the support of Eureka Springs business owners, socially-active residents and new volunteers, we now have a fire department with all the right tools," he added. The fire station's overflowing display board with handwritten thank-you notes confirms the IPFD has the right tools and team.

IPFD operates two facilities located off US 62W with Station 1 on



Ozark Automotive Rd. and Station 2 at Busch Mountain. The fully trained and certified volunteer force now includes 24 active members, including emergency medical responders, firefighters and traffic controllers. A board of commissioners has been created to help manage the growing team.

The department's firefighting arsenal has been upgraded to two tanker trucks with pumping capabilities, two brush trucks, two engines and additional rescue tools like "Jaws of Life®" extraction jacks and safety equipment for personnel.

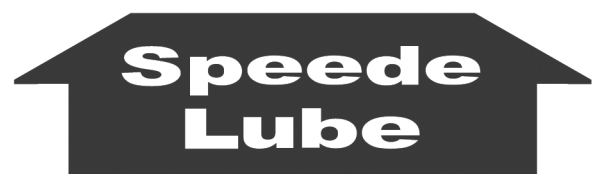
Training requirements for fire fighters is time-consuming and physically demanding. More than

25 hours of training are required before a volunteer steps foot onto a fire scene. Additional education is ongoing with certified team members and outside agencies like Arkansas Fire Training Academy. Many veteran officers dedicate thousands of hours to their life saving vocation. "A continuing training program is critical for efficiency and safety. Just to be certified to teach entry level topics, I had to pass a 64-hour Instructor Level 1 class," said Chapman, who has completed nine advanced courses during his more than 10 years of volunteer service.

Reaching this new level of preparedness required funding, an ongoing battle not unlike a severe fire. Rural volunteer fire departments rely on a variety of revenue sources ranging from regional tax assessments, federal grants to local fundraisers and donations. Chapman and Chief Ed Thompson stretch their limited budgets with the support of government agencies like the Arkansas Forestry Commission, who recently helped the department obtain a tanker truck worth over \$150,000 for \$7.50.

The IPFD holds two major fundraisers each year including a Chili Cook-Off in November and Bar-B-Que event in late May.

For additional information and donations, visit [www.ip-fire.org](http://www.ip-fire.org) or [www.facebook.com/pages/Inspiration-Point-Rural-Fire-Protection-District](http://www.facebook.com/pages/Inspiration-Point-Rural-Fire-Protection-District).



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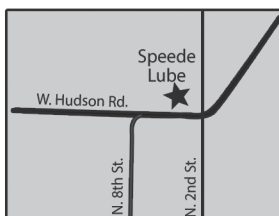
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## Master Plan meetings in Branson consider Route 109

BECKY GILLETTE

Leaders of Save the Ozarks (STO) are encouraging people to attend public meetings Friday and Saturday in Branson, Mo., to give comments on the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) final draft of its Table Rock Lake Master Plan Update.

The Corps has had an influence on selection of a route by the American Electric Power/Southwestern Electric Power Co. proposed high voltage power line from Shipe Road to the Kings River. The Corps said three routes proposed by AEP/SWEPCO were unacceptable because they would have gone over a relatively pristine area of the lake. Those routes were then removed from consideration by AEP/SWEPCO. The current preferred Route 109 also crosses Corps property near the town of Beaver.

The Corps is currently inviting public comment at the public open house set Friday, March 7, from 2 to 4 p.m. and Saturday, March 8, from 1 to 4 p.m., at

the Dewey Short Visitor Center at 4600 State Hwy. 165, in Branson.

An informational video will be shown at 15-minute intervals throughout the open house period, and Corps staff will be on hand to answer questions. This plan affects portions of Table Rock Lake and the White River located in Beaver and Holiday Island. To view the master plan document, visit [www.swl.usace.army.mil/Missions/Planning/TableRockMasterPlanUpdate](http://www.swl.usace.army.mil/Missions/Planning/TableRockMasterPlanUpdate).

Doug Stowe, a member of the STO board of directors, said he plans to ask some significant questions at the public meeting.

"Some are procedural having to do with our next steps," Stowe said. "Some are stimulated by concerns over their regulatory process. The first is to ask how SWEPCO intends to gain Corps approval for the power line, when they've made public statements and written a letter to a member of the U.S. House of Representatives that claims no

Corps approval is required.

"As a point in contrast, when the Viola to Holiday Island substation power line was planned, it took three years of back and forth negotiations between the Corps of Engineers and Carroll Electric to decide upon a route," Stowe said. "In this case, SWEPCO has proposed a route with construction beginning in less than one year. Does all that mean that SWEPCO has been completely ignorant of procedure and precedent, or do they wrongly assume some special relationship to the Corps? I will ask them to clarify my concerns."

Both SWEPCO and the Arkansas Public Service Commission (APSC) insist that compliance with NEPA Standards is not required. But citizens throughout Arkansas and Missouri and state and federal agencies have complained about deficiencies and inaccuracies in the EIS, and its failure to meet even the most marginal standards. Stowe said he was pleased to hear in

the Corps planning document that they will require SWEPCO to conform to National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) standards.

"To read that clearly indicates that they were listening when so many of us made the trek to earlier meetings," Stowe said. "I've already written the Corps with regard to whether or not SWEPCO and the Southern Power Pool must prove the necessity of the power line to the federal agency and provide a range of alternatives including alternatives that would be performed by others as is required by NEPA."

STO expert witnesses in proceedings before the APSC have testified that there are less damaging and expensive alternatives to the high voltage power line that would run through some of the most scenic and environmentally sensitive areas of Northwest Arkansas, devaluing public property and harming the area's tourism economy.

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## Planning approves new construction; requests new commissioner

NICKY BOYETTE

At the Feb. 25 Planning Commission meeting, architect Butch Berry presented plans for removing a potting shed at 66 Center and constructing a tourist lodging on the existing foundation. He will include glass blocks in the front and skylights above to help brighten up the new edifice. Most of the back of the building will remain, as will the roof.

Berry said the project would not disturb any other features on the property. Vote to approve the application was unanimous.

Commissioner Steve Beacham remarked, "I'm thrilled to see something happen to that building."

### Other business

• Commissioners agreed to arrive at the May 13 meeting ready to identify Vision Plan objectives they consider priorities. Chair James Morris asked commissioners to pick out three to

five specific objectives and focus on accomplishing them.

• Commissioner Ed Leswig said he would meet with City Clerk Ann Armstrong to see what zoning changes have been made since the most recent codification. He will report back.

• Although five commissioners were present at the meeting, they were concerned about getting the city's work done if they could not get the minimum of four necessary to hold a meeting. Commissioner Melissa Greene

commented, "It would not be fair to applicants if we don't have a quorum."

They agreed to ask city council to consider appointing an alderman to sit on the commission until they can recruit another commissioner. Leswig suggested the person should be treated as a full commissioner but not be allowed to hold an office. There were also questions to be clarified concerning voting and other issues of protocol.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, March 11, at 6 p.m.

## Gluten-Free Cooking workshop March 8

Plan to join Jana Jones and Linda Caldwell at the CulinArts Center Saturday, March 8, from 1 – 4 p.m. for a hands-on Cooking Gluten-Free class. Learn how to make whole-grain bread, pizza crust and pie crust every bit as good as those containing gluten.

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## Deadline approaching to opt out of Carroll Electric herbicide spraying

BECKY GILLETTE

People who own property that contains power line easements for Carroll Electric Cooperative Corp. (CECC) have until March 15 to request that their property not be sprayed with herbicides to control vegetation. CECC claims the herbicide spraying is not harmful, but many residents of the area have concerns about herbicide drift landing on their gardens and yard, and ending up in their drinking water because the leaky karst topography allows chemicals sprayed on the surface to easily enter into underground drinking supplies.

Only people who have not previously filled out the opt-out request need to comply with the March 15 deadline, said Nancy Plagge, director of corporate communications for CECC.

"Members do not need to submit their requests every year," Plagge said. "All currently submitted applications will expire 1-1-2016. Prior to this expiration date, we will make written notification with all applicants of the necessary steps to take to renew their application. Having them all expire at the same time will make it easier for no one to fall through the cracks."

CECC accepts the opt-out requests at any time during the year. However, to be considered for the current year, the application must reach CECC by March 15. Plagge said this gives time to process the application, map it in GIS and get the maps to their contractor, then make field appointments with members who are

involved in the areas where herbicides will be used during the current year.

"We don't apply herbicides on the entire system each year," she said.

Plagge said a property owner who is not a member of the cooperative would use the same form for requesting herbicides not be used on their land where CECC has easements. They will be processed just the same as a member's request.

Plagge said thanks to the company's integrated approach to vegetation, 2013 was a phenomenal year in terms of reliability. Outages have been reduced 55 percent since 2008.

A copy of the Appendix C Request to Avoid Herbicidal Vegetation Management can be obtained at CECC offices. The request states that the CECC Vegetation Management Program was developed to help provide CECC members with reliable electric service at an affordable cost.

"When vegetation and trees grow to where they are in contact with, or are in proximity to power lines, they can be a safety hazard or create service outages," the request states. "We developed our Vegetation Management Program, which uses tested products registered for use by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and are applied strictly in accordance with prescribed regulations, to maintain the electric system so we can provide you with safe, reliable, and affordable electricity.

"However, being a responsible

company also means we listen to our members and often provide accommodations to meet their varying needs. We recognize some of our members prefer we not use herbicides on their property. For this reason, this application was developed to document this desire. By signing this form, you (the property owner(s), whose signature(s) appear(s) below,) are asking CECC to not apply herbicides in the process of managing vegetation within and along distribution power line easements that traverse the property location as noted on this form for which a certified recorded deed of said property is attached.

"While individual circumstances vary, the total expense of using herbicidal methods produces a cost that is generally three to four times less than the cost of mechanical methods. In good faith, CECC recognizes the unique and diverse interests of property owner(s) and agrees not to seek any direct cost recovery as a result of honoring this request from the property owner(s) unless ordered to do so by regulation or law.

"No rights held by the property owner(s) are altered by this request. Likewise, this request does not forfeit any rights previously granted to CECC.

"It is understood CECC cannot reasonably make efforts to determine when property ownership is changed. This request is valid for the property as it is described and presented on this form and on the certified copy of the

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# INDEPENDENTNews

## Hark! Bark Park not a lark!

RACHEL BRIX

A small group of dog lovers took on the project of building a dog park in Eureka Springs, and a large group of dog lovers donated everything from money to fundraising venues to help make it happen. After 18 months the fencing's on its way and, weather-permitting for installation, we plan to be open in April! Eureka Springs Bark Park will be in Harmon Park.

Dog parks are contained areas where dogs play and exercise off-leash with owner supervision. They're not a new concept: the first was built in Berkeley, Calif., as an experiment in 1979, and Arkansas has dozens of them. According to *USA Today*, households with dogs now outnumber those with children, so it's no wonder the number of dog parks has swelled to an estimated 1,200 nationwide.

Dog parks provide dogs the opportunity for all-important mental and physical stimulation and



maintaining social skills: thus guiding dogs to be well-mannered, happy and confident (think more content four-legged neighbors). People benefit too: we can bond with our dogs, "pet-work" with other dog-lovers and get some exercise. Plus, our town's lack of yard space makes us a prime candidate for a pooch playground.

Eureka Springs Bark Park, like all dog parks, will have a short set of rules in order to protect people and dogs visiting the park, as well as help promote responsible pet ownership in our community. For example, all dogs are required to be spayed or neutered and current on both rabies and distemper/parvo vaccines.

Safety is paramount. Any time your dog is outside of the fenced-in area it must be leashed: that means even between your car and the gates. This helps reinforce Eureka's leash

law. Double-gated entries facilitate safe entry and exit from the park, and dog park users are expected to be vigilant about keeping gates closed.

Dog parks aren't the place for all dogs. Dogs that are fearful, anxious, aggressive or undersocialized shouldn't go to the dog park. Unruly dogs or dogs that bark excessively must be taken home.

And dog parks aren't for everyone: if you don't want to clean up your dog's poop or keep a close eye on your pooch, it's probably not the place for you.

For updates, "like" Eureka Springs Dog Park on Facebook and come out to the Dog Park Awareness Seminar Thursday, March 27, at the library annex at 6:30 p.m. The Dog Park committee is proud to be building a park for our community and its beloved dogs, so visit us soon at the county's first and only dog park!

## Chamber goes to the dogs

Eureka Springs Dog Park organizers will host the first 2014 Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours celebration from 5 – 7 p.m. on March 6 at Eureka Springs' most pet-friendly cabin resort, the Retreat at Sky Ridge. Beverages, snacks and doggie photo booth will be available.

Fundraising bricks for the new

dog park will also be available for order. Bring your leashed pet out for a doggone good time and celebrate the end of cabin fever at the resort's Sky Ridge Pavilion, 637 County Road 111, off Hwy. 187S. For details call (479) 253-8737, visit [www.retreatatskyridge.com](http://www.retreatatskyridge.com) or e-mail [Suzanne@eukaspringschamber.com](mailto:Suzanne@eukaspringschamber.com).



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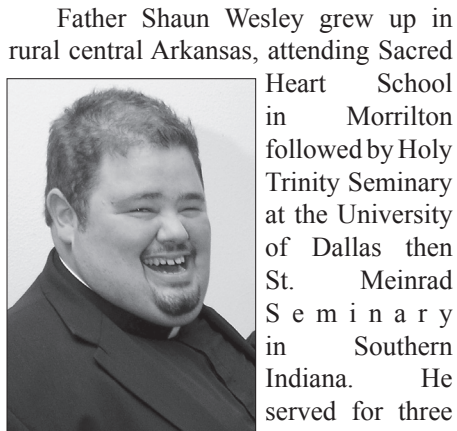
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## Krewe of Blarney's St. Paddy Grand Marshal



FATHER SHAUN

Father Shaun Wesley grew up in rural central Arkansas, attending Sacred Heart School in Morrilton followed by Holy Trinity Seminary at the University of Dallas then St. Meinrad Seminary in Southern Indiana. He served for three and a half years as associate pastor of St. Vincent de Paul Church in

Rogers before becoming pastor of both St. Elizabeth's Church here and Saint Anne's in Berryville in 2009.

Between March 2009 and April 2010 Fr. Shaun led the parish in parish picnics, an ice cream socials, pumpkin carving contest, participation in the Preservation Society's Christmas Tour of Homes, a Christmas Madrigal Dinner, the St. 'Lizabeth King Cake Ball and Dinner, "Bingo, Brats and Beer," an evening of prayer and music with John Michael Talbot and the Feast Day of Saint Elizabeth.

Fr. Shaun was soon recognized for his chops, both in the fry pan and as a

priest. Once the community got a taste of his chefs-pertise, the annual Madrigal and King Cake dinners were always sell-outs. It was no surprise to learn he once considered a career as a chef, but the priesthood won his heart.

Last summer Fr. Shaun was transferred to pastor St. Joseph Catholic Church in Fayetteville, but that hasn't stopped the Krewe of Blarney from naming their favorite chef and community supporter, Fr. Shaun, as Grand Marshal of the 2014 St. Paddy's Parade.

The Krewe's 21<sup>st</sup> Annual St. Paddy Parade will roll at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 15. Parade application forms are posted at [www.Parade.Ureka.Org](http://www.Parade.Ureka.Org) and info at [www.StPaddy.Ureka.Org](http://www.StPaddy.Ureka.Org) or contact Nancy Paddock at [NLPaddock@gmail.com](mailto:NLPaddock@gmail.com), (479) 244-0123.

## Zumbathon March 8

The Berryville Community Center is hosting a first ever Zumbathon® - a two hour event full of fun, dance and sweat. Four local Zumba® Instructors and ZIN Jammer® Chiyomi Sorenson will lead the party on Saturday, March 8, from 12 - 2 p.m.

All proceeds will benefit the Loaves and Fishes Food Bank and the Good

Shepherd Humane Society. The only cost is \$5 or nonperishable items/cat or dog food.

Mark the calendar & gather your friends! Experience diverse styles, addictive music and the chance to make a difference in the community. Dance away the winter blues and welcome spring with a party March 8 at noon.

## Sunday at UUF

Celebrate International Women's Day Sunday, March 9, at the Eureka Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 17 Elk St. Lesbian-Feminist Trella Laughlin will present the "herstories" of women who have contributed to the world's search for beauty, justice and equality.

Laughlin will present little-known facts about Sappho, Gen. Harriet

Tubman, Sojourner Truth, Mother Jones, Anna Mae Aquash and others. Program starts at 11 and childcare is provided.

It's also Soup Sunday and all are welcome. Soups, bread, sweets, juice, wine and tea are served along with great conversation. Bring something to share if you can. Cost \$4/adult; \$2/children; \$10 max per family.

## The Eureka Springs Company Picnic is back!

The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Eureka Springs Company Picnic will be held Thursday, March 13, in the Basin Park Hotel ballroom.

Sponsored by the Eureka Springs Chamber of Commerce and the Downtown Network, this lively night of fun and socializing has become a perennial

favorite in the business community.

Doors open at 5:30 p.m. for registration and access to the silent auction. From 6 - 9 p.m. enjoy a potluck, Bingo, a live auction and get a taste of ESDN's Cocktails for a Cause event. You'll also be among the first to learn what's new for 2014.

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## Rural people and eminent domain

Editor,

I appreciate Bob's letter to the editor last issue, but my analogy between the progress of Detroit and the promises of progress to come to the Ozarks kind of says it all as far addressing the substance of his letter.

Beijing and Shanghai are full of progress but you can't breathe there without a mask. Some folks may not realize this because they haven't been without clean air and water and that to keep these are our most treasured and fundamental rights. Governments teaming up with privately held shareholder corporations at the expense of rural people, is nothing short of shocking in our so-called Democracy or Republic, especially when they are benefitting and being rewarded by the private shareholder-owned corporation.

This happens in places like Sochi,

Russia, and China, but to have it becoming such a widespread practice here is disturbing to say the least. Ghost cities are being built all over China (Ordos, Tianducheng, Kangbashi) and recently in Lanzhou 700 mountains were just leveled to build a city that one million people will move into at some future date yet to be determined. They literally built a city from scratch blowing up 700 mountains.

Peasants are being displaced all over the world through eminent domain practices and we must not take what is happening in the Ozarks lightly. This is how it always happens, and Detroit used to be a beautiful place. California used to have millions of trees and no drought issues. Sochi used to be a charming resort/seaside town and now it sticks out like a sick reminder of yet another trophy project that benefitted a few at the expense of many former residents.

*Susan Pang*

## Generosity of neighbors

Editor,

The Eureka Springs Carnegie Public Library acknowledges the generous contribution made by Lowell Johnson and his crew at Ozark Southern Stone Co. Having discovered that a retaining wall was in need of repair, and knowing that it was on library property, they undertook to both make the repair as well as provide additional stone needed to complete the job. This donation was a great example of good citizenship and kindness. The other members of the Library Board – Martha Fargo, Sally Williams Gorrell, Fred Hopkins, Mark Minton, Mickey Smith and Charles Templeton – join me in expressing our sincere gratitude.

*Lucilla Garrett, President  
Eureka Springs Carnegie Library  
Board*

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## WEEK'S Top Tweets

**@AineAnisa** --- I grew up for this?

**@HeyZeus666** --- Intellectual. A man who can explain electricity but doesn't know how to screw in a light bulb.

**@scharpling** --- Geico could probably save you more than 15 percent if they stopped spending 95 billion dollars on advertising

**@GreyDeLisle** --- If I were a bird, I'd spend my whole day pooping on Hummers.

**@Zen\_Moments** --- Love is forgiving and Love is for giving. Wayne Dyer

**@thexythara** --- If I say "I don't know, let me look" I'm really just spinning around in my chair a few times while you're on hold.

**@IGotSmarts** --- She blinded me with science. Fine, it was mace, but she sprayed it very scientifically.

**@TheThryll** --- Someone should invent a car that runs on the hate from message boards.

**@capricecrane** --- Googling your symptoms when you don't feel well is the most efficient way to convince yourself you're dying.

**@newsobserver** --- Ellen Degeneres' selfie at The Oscars crashes Twitter.



## You are us

According to a recent social media post by a local in the know, some people in Eureka Springs are already tired of tourists and/or customers enough to treat them rudely, and said ill-treated individuals are already complaining. Guess to whom.

Okay, “I can’t deal with it” days happen to all of us on occasion, and not just because of visitors. Everyone snaps once in a while or maybe only once a year. Nonetheless, it seems a little early in the season to have engaged in enough weary encounters to justify being impolite or even downright rude. Especially to people who came here thinking we live in heaven.

The interesting upshot of being ill-treated is that the offended person rarely addresses the perpetrator in order to work the problem out. Oh no, instead they blame the whole store, restaurant, lodging or business – and more often, the entire town. Usually that means the Chamber or CAPC gets the brunt of it.

“We’re never coming back!” is the threat and rallying cry. (To which some of us may secretly be tempted to say, “Thank you.”) However, as rude as a visitor or customer may be – if you’re in a service industry, which includes tourism, you’re supposed to grin and bear it. Or are you?

Is politeness not a two-way street? Maybe, maybe not.

Now that we live in a world in which a customer’s dissatisfaction can reach thousands of people in a few minutes with a post or a damning review, it seems hospitality training would be at the top of the “employee education” list. And one little device in a traveler’s pocket has made that training more important than ever. (No, it’s not a gun – although that may soon be another issue.)

It’s the ubiquitous cell phone. When faced with a choice of like activities, lodgings and restaurants, statistics prove that people really do decide where to go based on reviews they can easily and instantly access online. Having one glaringly bad mention at the top of a review list on Yelp or Urbanspoon can effectively steer feet away from your door.

According to an in-depth study (2010 – 2012) reported online in 2012 on Search Engine Land, 72 percent of consumers trust online reviews as much as personal recommendations; and that year’s Local Consumer Survey said more than 50 percent said positive online reviews make them more likely to use a local business.

In 2012, 65 percent of consumers read between two and 20 reviews looking for a business, and reliance on online reviews has grown quite a bit since then.

One of the interesting takeaways from the study stated, “... more and more consumers will be searching and finding local businesses online. The availability of clear and easy to consume review/star-rating content will become even more important to consumers and extremely valuable to local business owners.”

Extremely valuable. Like a well-trained, courteous employee. It behooves those whose living depends on tourist business to make sure their employees understand the critical role they play in the success of the business and the overall impression Eureka Springs makes on its visitors.

It also behooves employers to stand up for their employees when customers are being unfair or rude to them. A calm and reasonable intervention can do a lot to solve problems and build good will. Employer-employee-consumer trust should form a complete circle anyway, but for Eureka Springs it goes far beyond that.

In a tourist-based economy we can’t afford bad reviews that could potentially sour people against coming here in the first place. Keep in mind that disgruntled people rarely blame an individual. They didn’t come here to visit an individual; they came to visit our town – and that’s “who” they will blame or praise based on how we, as individuals, treat them.

– CDW



## The Pursuit Of HAPPINESS

by Dan Krotz

Someone needs to write about Arkansas’ befuddled Democratic Party, but it is hard to comment on the damaged foundation of an old house when the house across the street is noisy with jowly barkers pitching the advantages of new and improved tin foil hats.

The Tourette’s-like malady so rampant among Republicans is shocking enough that moderate and progressive voters may have missed Sen. Mark Pryor’s skittering skedaddle away from the President’s proposed \$10.10 minimum wage bill. It is easy to overlook, Hear See & Speak No Evil when Evil itself is hammering a nail into your forehead.

Does raising the minimum wage to \$10.10 make macro-economic sense? No one really knows. Under worst case scenarios unemployment among teenagers could rise one to three percent, and Big Macs might cost about \$1.06 more. Rosier scenarios predict that minimum wage earners, of whom 75 percent are over the age of 25, will depend less on emergency food shelves and food stamps to get by to the end of the month.

Summarily, Senator Cellophane’s dilemma is to find a way to assure that workers: (1) make only enough money (2) to have enough food to eat (3) to have the strength (4) to do the work required of them (5) without browning off his paymasters at the National Retail Federation and the National Restaurant Association.

To that end, he has proposed raising Arkansas’ minimum wage of \$6.25 – currently one of the nation’s lowest – to \$8.50... three years from now. Pryor’s Five Step Plan allows him to benefit from polling data showing that 71 percent of Americans back a higher minimum wage – even a 54 to 45 majority of Republicans – while having time to wait for further instructions from Wal-Mart.

Pryor needs to decide if he’s a Democrat or not. Yes, “I’m not Tom Cotton” may be a compelling campaign slogan, but at some point we want our politicians to believe in something. I pass along advice once given to me by a United States Army Drill Sergeant when I was a mere boy-soldier: “Sound off like you’ve got a pair!” Is this good advice? It isn’t bad advice. There are worse things than losing.

## A little help from our friends:

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  - **St. James' Episcopal Church hosts community Sunday Night Suppers from 5 – 6:30 p.m.** at St. James' Church, 28 Prospect, until March. The suppers are for the community, especially those who are out of work, and are provided at no charge by area restaurants and others. (479) 253-8610.
  - **GRIEF SHARE** 13-week grief recovery program begins Oct. 13. Sundays 2 – 4 p.m. HI Community Church Fellowship Hall library (188 Stateline Drive). Join at any time. \$15 workbook fee required. For details phone (479) 253-8925, or e-mail lardellen@gmail.com.
  - **Celebrate Recovery** – All are welcome at Soul Purpose Ministries, 801 S. Springfield, Green Forest, at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays, for a potluck meal followed by 12-step Christ-centered meetings for those suffering from addiction, habit, hang-up or hurt.
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# INDEPENDENT Constables On Patrol

## FEBRUARY 24

9:45 a.m. – Passerby found a checkbook containing personal information in a trashcan and brought it to the station. He had found the checkbook at the site of a report of a missing purse. The owner was called to retrieve the checkbook.

10:17 a.m. – Resident out toward the western perimeter reported her bicycle had been stolen overnight.

1:39 p.m. – Traffic stop resulted in the arrest of the driver for driving on a suspended license, open container, possession of paraphernalia.

5:58 p.m. – Constable on patrol responded to an alarm, but found the building secure.

9:49 p.m. – Traffic stop resulted in the arrest of the driver for driving on a suspended license and possession of a controlled substance.

## FEBRUARY 25

1:59 p.m. – Pedestrian claimed he had been chased by two dogs on a street near downtown. Constable went to the street but did not find any stray dogs. He left a note for Animal Control to follow up.

5:31 p.m. – A mother told ESPD her daughter had called and said she might be having a heart attack. Constables went to her address and found the daughter was okay.

## FEBRUARY 26

2:54 p.m. – Constable took a report from someone alleging harassment.

7:54 p.m. – Wife reported a physical altercation between her and her husband, and there were injuries. She said the

husband was intoxicated. Constables responded.

## FEBRUARY 27

11:41 a.m. – Central dispatch reported a 911 hangup call from a local motel. Constable went there but found no problems.

11:57 a.m. – Store employee reported an elderly man had come in saying he might be having a stroke. The man made a phone call and returned to his vehicle with help, then left. Constables encountered his vehicle at another store, and the man seemed to be just fine.

2:20 p.m. – Vehicle reportedly going 90 mph on US 62 hit a tree on the western edge of town and continued to roll on down the highway. Constables responded, and the driver refused EMS treatment. He was cited for leaving the scene of an accident.

8:27 p.m. – Central dispatch got word a 13-year old girl at a local restaurant had smoked something suspicious and had taken a pill. Constable and EMS went to the scene.

9:07 p.m. – A domestic dispute got the attention of the constables.

10:42 p.m. – Person at an event claimed items on display had been taken.

## FEBRUARY 28

2:51 a.m. – Taxi driver reported seeing an intoxicated male passed out on stairs downtown. Constable found the person on the stairs, and the person found a ride home.

9:19 p.m. – Concerned bystander thought he saw a male forcing a woman to get into a taxi. Constable who followed up

learned from the taxi driver the woman had been too intoxicated to get into the cab without assistance.

## MARCH 1

12:29 a.m. – ESPD got a call about an individual driving very fast through downtown. Constables who responded learned there was a dispute between taxi drivers. Constables warned both parties not to be a nuisance to the other. There are already charges pending in court between them.

1:18 p.m. – A driver backed into a vehicle in a parking lot.

6:00 p.m. – Individual turned himself in on a warrant for third degree domestic battery.

8:48 p.m. – Guest at a motel reported his firearm was missing, but he subsequently found it.

11:28 p.m. – Distressed neighbor reported a vehicle traveling too fast down her neighborhood street. Constable found it parked in a driveway but no one was around to speak to about it.

11:32 p.m. – Traffic stop resulted in the arrest of the driver for DWI#2, no proof of insurance and speeding.

## MARCH 2

2:27 a.m. – Alarm company alerted ESPD to a business on US 62, and the constable found the back door open. He cleared the building and found everything to be okay.

6:16 p.m. – Concerned observer noticed a suspicious vehicle parked in front of her place of business. Constable on patrol learned it was parked there because of the weather. Everything else was okay.

## My Wellness Festival opens March 15

A new festival close to the heart of Eureka Springs – wellness – opens Saturday, March 15, with *Living Well. Living Together.*, an exclusive and intimate day of talks, discussions, demonstrations and fun related to wellness.

My Wellness Festival runs through March 22 at Eureka Springs' historical 1886 Crescent Hotel & Spa where the parking is free and easy. Built in 1886 to accommodate thousands of tourists who flocked to the area to sample the recuperative waters of our local springs, the hotel will once again be a focal point for renewal and well-being.

Registration begins at 8 a.m. March 15 with an opportunity to meet festival sponsors, enjoy a light breakfast and meet new friends. There will be a 9 a.m. discussion in the Conservatory covering beliefs concerning what we eat and drink, our need for activity and rest, how perceptions and beliefs form our picture of reality, our need for social connections and more.

Following this, small groups will form to discuss wellness principles and formulate calls to action. Coffee, teas and a variety of snacks will be provided. At noon a seasonal and mostly locally-sourced luncheon will be served.

The program reconvenes in the Conservatory to begin afternoon activities including lectures and demonstrations throughout the hotel. The day concludes at 6 p.m. Cost is \$50 including lunch.

Classes, lectures and events are scheduled at various venues throughout Eureka Springs from March 16 – 22. A festival highlight is the Spring Equinox Concert at the Aud on Friday, March 21 at 7 p.m. featuring original music, dance and song compositions. Admission is \$5 and \$2 for students.

Early bird discounts for the entire My Wellness Festival are available until March 11. Visit [www.mywellnessfestival.com](http://www.mywellnessfestival.com) for detailed schedule and ticket purchases.

# INDEPENDENT Art & Entertainment

## We've Got Talent returns March 9

Hang on to your socks! The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual one-of-a-kind, knock-your-socks-off concert, We've Got Talent, featuring the incredible talent of Northwest Arkansas, is well on its way to a sell-out performance in the city auditorium on Sunday, March 9.

Pre-show jazz music begins at 2:10 p.m. with the Jeff Gray Trio: Jeff on trumpet, James Greeson (head of the U of AR Music School and recent winner of best film score in the Independent Film Festival) on guitar and Ron Sumner on Bass.

Performers include the Ozarks Chorale, Tatyana Hetzer, Nick Rorick, Catherine Reed, John Two-Hawks,

the Berryville Fourte Barbershop and others. The concert features barbershop, classical, pop – and even more styles of music in a fast moving rotation. Carroll County Music Group presents this annual fundraising concert under the artistic direction of Jim Swiggart. Proceeds will fund music education programs in Carroll County, including scholarships for youth summer camps and Opera in the Ozarks.

Tickets will be available at the door at 1 p.m. for \$10 adults and \$5 students. For details or advance tickets, phone Mary Dolce (479) 253-4939 or email marydol5@aol.com. Main show begins at 2:30 pm.

## “Glitzy” artist reception March 8

Make a stop at Tinmaker & Glitz Gallery on Saturday, March 8, for a day of art, food, and fun! Jay Vrecenak, photographer and abstract painter, will help host the event.

Enjoy the work of Steve Wood, photographer; Cathy Libeer-Ross, photographer; Barb Kampbell, author of *Living Life Inside Out*; Tabby Womack, artist; Sue Moore-Glave, Body Part Lamps and Furniture (plus a great

collection of handmade hats); Daniel Larmay, Tin Art; Melony Watts, unique stadium blankets, birthday boards and jewelry; Regina Smith, abstract and collage art; Marrisca Wolf, painter; and the sculpture of Valana Thurine.

Introduced will be a special new artist, painter Steve Yip Vorbeck. Come join the fun and artsy conversation from 12 – 7 p.m. at Tinmaker & Glitz Gallery and Gift Shop, 69 Main.

## Kennedy gets nod for May Fest art

The Arts Council has chosen Barbara Kennedy to create original artwork for this year's May Festival of the Arts and the 2014 festival poster.

There will be an artist's reception at Barbara's signature Sweet Spring Gallery, 123 Spring Street, on April 26 from 1 – 4 p.m. and 6 – 9 p.m. during which Barbara will sign a limited edition of fine art giclées. Prints of the poster will also be available for purchase throughout the festival.

Barbara prefers to paint with oils for their vibrant color and blending characteristics. She also works with acrylic paints, colored pencils and graphite. “Barbara's work is so vivid and full of life,” Arts Council chair Sandy Martin said. “That's what May Festival of the Arts is all about. It's a perfect match.”

Before claiming the Ozarks as her

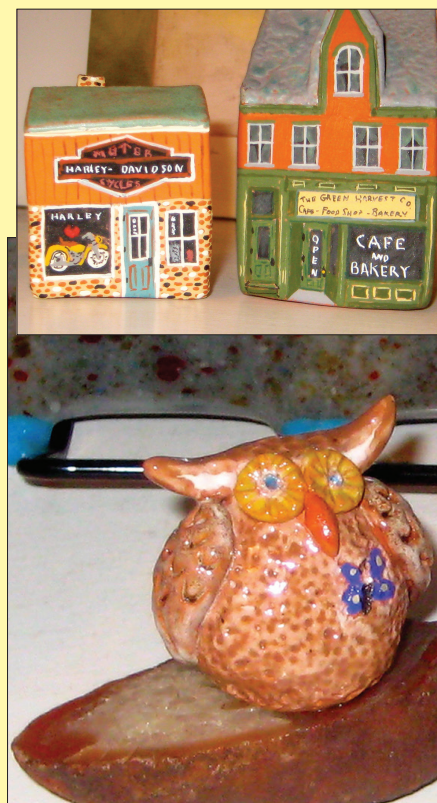


home in 2008, Kennedy lived in the Seattle area where she created art and played keyboards with an internationally known reggae band. She also created and taught a children's art program to help kids gain self-esteem and learn problem solving through their artwork. For more info, visit [barbarakennedystudio.com](http://barbarakennedystudio.com) and [eurekaspringsfestivalofthearts.com](http://eurekaspringsfestivalofthearts.com).

## Thyme to get tiny

Stop in at Eureka Thyme for a fun day with artists John and Nancy

Grosella. John creates sweet little detailed buildings and Nancy crafts delightful animals and people. Their ceramic pieces are sure to bring a smile. The couple has recently moved back to our area from Ohio, so stop by and say hello, view their art and enjoy refreshments from 1 – 5 p.m. Saturday, March 8, at 19 Spring Street.



## Scottish dancing adds live Ceilidh band

A community social Scottish Dance with the Crooked Creek Ceilidh Band is planned for the fourth Saturday of each month (except May when it will be May 31) from 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. at the Elks Lodge in Holiday Island Park.

Meanwhile, practice sessions continue on Tuesday evenings to learn new dances and practice the old. Everyone is welcome from 7 – 8:30 p.m. for a suggested donation of \$5.

For more info, contact Melissa Clare (479) 253-8252.

## Up next at Secret Season Cinema

Secret Season Cinema 2014 Foreign Film Fest's penultimate screening at the Eureka Springs Carnegie Library annex, 192 B Spring St., is perfect for parents who would like to introduce older children or teens to the world of foreign films!

*Wadjda* is a Saudi Arabian film that tells the story of an enterprising

Saudi girl who signs on for her school's Koran recitation competition as a way to raise the remaining funds she needs in order to buy the green bicycle that has captured her interest despite associated cultural taboos. Rated PG. Free admission and popcorn, film starts at 7 p.m. For more information see [eurekalibrary.org](http://eurekalibrary.org).

## HI Theater Guild welcomes theater lovers

The Holiday Island Theater Guild will hold its regular monthly meeting on Monday March 10, at 6:30 p.m. in the Holiday Island Clubhouse, Room A (lower level). The group is currently in rehearsal for their upcoming production April 24, 25, and 26, *Those Crazy Ladies in the*

*House on the Corner* by Pat Cook.

Anyone interested in any aspect of theater is welcome to join this fun group – no acting experience necessary. You need not live in Holiday Island. In addition to reviewing production details, the agenda may include a “preview” of the upcoming play.

# INDEPENDENTHIGH (Falutin') SOCIETY



**Out on Main** – Our high falutin' society was certainly out on Main in force on March 1 for the annual Mardi Gras "Eureka Circus" Parade.

PHOTO BY MELANIE MYHRE

**One smug pup** – This little guy seems proud to have finagled a ride from his "Eureka Circus" parade partner.

PHOTO BY BECKY GILLETTE

**Ridin' high** – Well, at least his hat was, as Zeek Taylor throws beads from atop his circus wagon float.

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**Ice to see you** – Jon Paul Wilborn scrapes ice off wife Holly's car windows for a trip into Eureka Springs after the winter storm Monday, March 3. Temps had dropped to near zero the night before while close to five inches of wintry mix once again made travel difficult throughout the county.

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**Well, well, well ...**  
**ness** – Carol Brown (from left), Carrie Marry and Alexa Pittenger of Eureka Springs Partners in Wellness, along with the Eureka Springs Farmers' Market, are hosting "Living Well, Together" on March 15 as part of the My Wellness Festival running through March 22. Check it out at [mywellnessfestival.com](http://mywellnessfestival.com).

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**2014 Royal Court** – Reigning until 2015, Eureka Springs Mardi Gras Royalty gather after being installed on Feb. 28 at the Coronation Ball. From left, front row, are Duchesses Kimberly Owens, Vonda Miller, KellyJo Carroll and Anna Marie Lee. Second row: Dukes Steve Roberson, Bud Barter, Landry Weston and Ken Ames. In the top row, King George Purvis and Queen Tanya Smith, center, are flanked by 2013 King Rod McGuire and Queen Melodye Purdy.

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**Hail the Queen** – Mardi Gras Queen 2014, Tanya Smith, leads a long second-line dance on a path through the sixth floor ballroom during the Beaux Arts Ball at the Basin Block Hotel March 1.

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**Tablemates** – Sally Gorrell and Elise Roenigk sit one out during the Coronation Ball at the Basin Park Hotel.

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**Once and future royalty** – Newly-crowned Queen Tanya shares a dance and a magical smile with hubby and past Mardi Gras King, Scott Smith, at the Coronation Ball.

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## Got a healthcare plan? There's still time ...

You can still enroll in Affordable Care healthcare plans through the marketplace and receive subsidy help to pay for premiums. If you enroll by March 15 your coverage will begin on April 1. If you enroll between March 15 and 31, your coverage will begin May 1.

Open enrollment ends March 31, and anyone not insured may have to pay the individual responsibility fee, which

is 1 percent of your income or \$95 per person, whichever is higher.

There's help available to de-mystify all this. Phone IPA Guides Charlisha Cato (479) 325-0943 or Collette Crawford (501) 529-0174. You can also contact the insurance agent of your choice and/or explore the Q & As at [www.arhealthconnector.org](http://www.arhealthconnector.org) and [www.healthcare.gov](http://www.healthcare.gov).

## Health Insurance Marketplace March 15

Help with the new Health Insurance Marketplace will be available Saturday, March 15 from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. at the Carnegie Library annex on Spring St.

A state-licensed guide will be available to help with enrollment and answer questions. For more information or questions, call (479) 325-0943.

## Produce delivery sign-up open

Wildfire Farm, in its 17th gardening season, is now open for new member sign-up for the 2014 CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) delivery of high quality produce in Carroll County. Produce is grown with no chemicals through CSA shares.

Join for the season to receive 25

weeks of freshly harvested produce along with recipes and tips on storage and processing weekly May through October. For more information contact Marcie (870) 545-3120, email [wild\\_firefarm@yahoo.com](mailto:wild_firefarm@yahoo.com) or check out [www.localharvest.org/wildfire-farm-M7](http://www.localharvest.org/wildfire-farm-M7).

**Park Bark** – No clownin' around, the fencing has started! People do silly things, like put fake rainbow afros on dogs, but they also do not-so-silly things like build us dog parks! Tell your people they're invited to bring you to the Chamber's Business After Hours at the Retreat at Sky Ridge Thursday, March 6, from 5 – 7 p.m. for dog and people treats and other fun stuff. Anyone with questions about the Eureka Springs Bark Park should come to the Dog Park Awareness Seminar Thursday, March 27, 6:30 p.m. at the library annex. Woofs and wags, we're almost there!



## Halfast Walkin' Klub announces Colleen

High school junior, Mary Bartell, a 17 year-old home-schooler, is the 2014 St. Paddy Colleen. Mary was born in Colorado and moved to Arkansas with her family in 2004. Mary has studied karate for seven years, viola and violin for 13 years and is currently an intern with the Ozarks Choral.

Mary volunteers with the Youth Advisory Council, Teen Court and the St. Vincent DePaul Thrift Store. She also works as an assistant to June Westphal, local author and historian. Mary enjoys scuba diving, golf, swimming, and decorating cupcakes.

Come cheer Mary in the 2014 St. Paddy Parade March 15 at 2 p.m. Floats, bands, car units, walkers and all folks and critters wearin' green are permitted in the parade.

Following the parade, check out the Krewe of Blarney Halfast Walkin' Klub's annual corn beef and cabbage Irish Bash at the Rowdy Beaver Tavern.

Parade application forms are posted



at [www.Parade.Ureka.Org](http://www.Parade.Ureka.Org). Find more info at [www.StPaddy.Ureka.Org](http://www.StPaddy.Ureka.Org) or contact Nancy Paddock – [NLpaddock@gmail.com](mailto:NLpaddock@gmail.com), (479) 244-0123.



**Hot stuff** – Melanie Pierce plays with fire during the Mardi Gras parade March 1. See more pics on p. 14 – 15 and on the *Independent* Facebook page.

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*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*.



CONSTANCE WAGNER

Previously – On the couple's first night in town, Walter's parents, the Knowles, are throwing a dinner party to introduce Jane to the family.

“Leaving digitalis out of it,” she said firmly, passing shortcake, “I wish someone would start drooling over these strawberries. First of the season.”

Walter turned to his aunt. “Yours, Aunt Willy?”

She bobbed her head and whispered conspiratorially: “The asparagus, too.”

“They’re wonderful,” Jane said, gazing at the rich color of the sliced berries, the juice running voluptuously over golden rounds of biscuit. She thought she had never tasted such fine food, and it occurred to her that the two women at the table, their lives cast in this remote place, possessed the keys to mysteries and skills completely closed to herself. What had she been learning, all her life? Elizabethan poetry. The ablative absolute. Plato. Molière... She felt that she ought to apologize, especially to Walter. But *I will* learn, she promised herself. Aloud, she said: “Did you know that Walter took me to see where our house is to be?”

They talked of the house, and Walter promised to get out the plans after dinner. Jane said, “There’s a white spotted squirrel living there...”

Floyd Skelton studied his polished nails as if there were a message written on them, and said apropos of nothing: “I see Fent Sayre’s around town lately. Given up horse-trading for real estate, they say...”

Mrs. Knowles looked down the table at her husband. Her mouth was firm, but there was the merest trace of a smile at one corner. No one made any comment on Mr. Skelton’s news, but Jane was sharply aware that everyone at the table had been shocked, and that Floyd Skelton had shaped the moment, in advance, out of the sludge at the bottom of his mind, for his amusement. Roger Knowles, his glance falling before the onslaught of his wife’s eyes, laid aside his napkin and said: “Why don’t we take our coffee into the other room, where we can be comfortable?”

The tulips, with sad, bowed heads, were left in possession of the table. A narrow, tight-faced woman emerged from the kitchen and began clearing off, while Mrs. Knowles led the way to the living-room, carrying a silver coffee-urn I one had and her cup in the other. Mr. Knowles passed cigars and cigarettes.

You do all right by yourself, Roger my boy,” Skelton piped, inspecting his cigar as if it bore a price tag.

“I do all right by you, too, Floyd.” Mr. Knowles smiled, but contrived to keep a distance between them. Jane had helped herself to the cigarettes when they were passed, and now she noticed that her mother-in-law, with a slight gesture, indicated that she would have one, too, though it was plain that Mr. Knowles hadn’t intended to offer the box.

Roger Knowles smoked for a few minutes in silence, then got up abruptly and began pacing off one side of the room, taking deep pulls at his cigar. “Do sit down Roger,” his wife said with her indulgent smile. “You’re like a caged lion.”

He did not hear her. His deafness seemed to be an

intermittent thing. Jane had noticed, at table, that Mrs. Knowles never raised her voice, which had the effect of cutting him off from parts of the conversation. Now she turned to Walter, who was beside her on the Victorian sofa, and went on questioning him about his life in New York, his work, in a low voice. They were intelligent, pointed questions, and her face was attentive, absorbed, as if she felt a need to pry out of him every detail and implication of the absent years, so she could piece it all together in her ordered mind. Mr. Knowles, pacing up and down, cocked his head toward them now and again but obviously failed to catch more than an occasional word. She said: “And your writing? Have you been doing anything with it?” And Walter said: No, what with knocking out the stuff the agency paid him for, and keeping an eye on Jane, so she didn’t slip out of his clutches... “Ah, well,” said Mrs. Knowles, lifting her breast with its golden locket, “now that you’re back in civilization—”

Mr. Knowles apparently gave up trying to trace the line of their talk because he stopped abruptly in front of Jane’s chair and said: “You haven’t seen the back of the place yet. It’s quite a sight, with the bulbs up Let’s step out and see it before the sun goes down.” He threw open one of the glass doors at the back of the living-room.

“His right ear is the bad one,” Mrs. Knowles called after Jane, and went on talking to Walter, smoothly ignoring the presence of Floyd Skelton (who was sitting on the edge of a straight chair, snapping his glance alertly from one speaker to the other, as if he were watching a tennis match) and Willy May, her large body inert, her leaf-brown eyes looking inward, removed from them all. Walter appeared so deeply engrossed in the report he was giving his mother – inclining toward her, with his hands clasped over one knee, his face vivid and earnest, as if there were a significance about this which might escape the casual onlooker – that he didn’t even notice Jane going out. As she passed through the door, Mr. Skelton cried gaily: “Look at that! Roger always *did* have a way with the ladies...”

## NOTES from the HOLLOW by Steve Weems

The house that McKinley Weems was born in no longer exists. It was sold, torn down and replaced with the Statue Road Inn. Now that location is called Passion Play Road, but at the time of McKinley’s birth it was Magnetic Hollow Road. It would be another 45 years before Gerald L. K. Smith came to town and started shaking things up.

In the 1920s, most of the traffic on Magnetic Hollow Road was horse drawn log wagons slowly hauling railroad ties from sawmills in the woods to the railroad on Main Street. The drivers of these wagons often dozed as the horses knew the way. About twice a week

there would be the excitement of an automobile coming down the road.

This was the same timeframe as “Lucky Lindy” flying a single engine airplane from Long Island, New York, to Paris, France, and young McKinley’s imagination was aflame with the possibilities of flying machines. He wanted to fly.

McKinley would walk up the long hollow that drained water from the direction of the Odd Fellows Cemetery and go up under the bluff and capture brooding buzzards. He’d carry the vultures (which will cause them to vomit) into the open and release them, just to see them take off and fly like an airplane.

In 1930, a big airplane fly-in was organized to celebrate Independence Day in Eureka Springs. About a hundred biplanes landed at the airport on Onyx Cave Road and rides were offered at \$1 per flight. Young Mac wanted to walk over and see the planes, but his father refused to let him go. I asked, “Why?” and McKinley shrugged and said, “It was the horse and buggy days.”

He had to content himself with watching from a distance, sitting in the top of a tall tree on Magnetic Hollow Road watching biplanes clear the forest after takeoff or coming in low to land.

Beginning in 1952, McKinley’s dream of flying was realized when he



piloted a Piper Cub over Eureka Springs, dipping down to glance in the top windows of the Basin Park Hotel before going to take a look at Beaver. He flew for many years thereafter.

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## Spring Forward, Fall Back

**J**upiter is in the astrological news this week. Thursday, Jupiter in Cancer ends a five-month retrograde (since Nov. 2013). Jupiter is the personality-building helper (ruler) of Sagittarius. Jupiter is also the heart of the Aquarian Age. Receiving and distributing Ray 2 (Love/Wisdom) from a star in the Big Dipper, Jupiter at first expands us. Everything grows bigger. Then Jupiter blends dualities – head and heart, thinking and loving, above and below. The result is Wisdom.

In astrology charts, Jupiter manifests abundance and harmony. Jupiter is the Lord of Wisdom in

Sagittarius, the Lord of Love in Pisces. At this time in world history, as the Aquarian Age unfolds daily, Jupiter, streaming forth from the heart of the Sun, is offering humanity unlimited gifts, opportunities and blessings that build the new world. Jupiter is blending the vast dualities within humanity. This fusion and blending at first creates great chaos and conflict. We are being led away from materialism and directed toward a “spiritual materiality,” an eventual state of oneness, stability and integration. Jupiter awakens us to the fact that “love underlies all happenings of all times.” A concept at first puzzling.

In personal and national horoscopes, Jupiter reveals spiritual purpose and develops Ray 2 (Love/Wisdom). When Jupiter is retrograde, the love/wisdom becomes known. We discover many things about ourselves. When Jupiter is direct, we put our love, wisdom and discoveries into action – altruistic, humanitarian, restoring life, changing the world around us – humanity’s task in the Age of Aquarius.

Sunday morning, 2 a.m., Daylight Saving Time begins. We turn our clocks forward. “Spring forward and Fall back.” That’s how to remember.

**ARIES:** You want to expand your life at home, your foundation, your domestic sphere. Feng Shui your environment. Either you learn, do it with family, or ask a professional. Everything at home is critical now. The energy, held for five months, seeks to be liberated, expanded. You will feel the release of inhibitions. Uranus will be assisting. At times you may feel wild and strange impulses. You’re like a tuning fork. Nothing old remains.

**TAURUS:** Over the years you’ve anchored yourself to a particular place. Once you find a place to be your roots go deep. However, there’s an evolution occurring in our world. Everything’s awakening. A new community of people, in a different area may be calling. A community of learning, apprenticeships, families, friends, a broad spectrum of students. Everyone learning together. You’re learning things spontaneously. Uranus is helping. Placing you in a state of deep introspection.

**GEMINI:** Review your resources. They’ve become more valuable. Something promising is on the horizon. A situation that generates more resources and value. Careful with money. Tend, cherish and maintain it. Be generous with gratitude and services helping others in need. These open the door to greater resources and finances. It’s good to make new friends, join various groups, be more curious, discover new things. Magic’s afoot. Magic is Ray 7, teaching us how to manifest. Venus is helping, too. Your protector.

**CANCER:** You’re discovering how strong you are. Recently you’ve faced certain challenges. You lived through them. What you encountered was the necessity to be strong, the ability to be challenged and you never let up on your power of imagination and invention. There is a physical healing occurring now, opportunities that bring forth your gifts and talents. It’s important to maintain a daily gentle and quiet rhythm.

**LEO:** It’s important to take time over the next months for rest and relaxation, for reflection and retreat. You need a time of concluding things from the past. The results will be clarity, confidence, self-awareness and magnetism. There are messages to discover, revelations to listen to. You have great talents and gifts. They improve and uplift everyone you contact. One of the kingdoms responds especially to your ministrations.

**VIRGO:** Go out and about. Stay out a bit. Investigate new groups. Walk everywhere. Visit cafes, bakeries, community restaurants, places where people gather. Find others who are like-minded. There’s a benevolence that occurs when minds work together. Hearts begin to beat in tandem. Don’t concentrate on duties or details. It’s not the time. Look into the heavens. Locate the stars by name. The stars awaken us.

**LIBRA:** A new and greater perspective is being offered. It’s like you’ve reached the mountaintop. Standing in the light of the Sun on this mountaintop you see the whole world before you. Realizing new goals your values and objectives begin to change. Viewing your life you offer gladness, gratefulness, understanding, forgiveness and love for all you experienced. New people enter your life. They offer surprises, discoveries. You offer them balance, chaos, culture and beauty.

**SCORPIO:** Many things are occurring for you in the coming year. Legal (selling, buying, owning land?), academic (studying, teaching), adventure (new research into areas yet unknown), religious and cultural. There will be a call to travel, to change the sights and sounds of your usual daily living. Your days feel disheveled, out of control. They are. You realize adaptation is the key making things less complex.

**SAGITTARIUS:** You’re aware of family ties, connections and interconnections. You want to be close by and far away. There are stories to tell from long ago. Let us talk of finances now. In times of transition we create different ways of working with money. The spiritual approach always works. What one gives away is returned

ten-fold. Be generous; create a loving outflow for others. Understanding the story of the loaves and the fishes in terms of praise and recognition.

**CAPRICORN:** All Caps have Pluto hovering about. Pluto - the big transformer of everything. It’s important to express love, tenderness and care to family. While also recognizing all the unexpected changes, dramas, innovations occurring. It feels like instability. You try to anchor everything, maintaining traditions. However, you find you must actually invent what’s needed in the moment. Every moment is new. Flexibility leads to inspiration.

**AQUARIUS:** You feel joy in your work, recognizing the goodness of all your endeavors. Care for your health and tend to the details of daily living. A small creature, bird or animal takes up your time, offering wonder to you and tenderness. Things you need. Much will go well for you, especially improvements in your working situation, with inner and external rewards. Limit sweets. Only the very best in small amounts.

**PISCES:** You need a little bit of fun and romance. Not necessarily with a person. Romance with an idea, plan, place, garden, art, dance, endeavor, vision. You imagine creative ways of living, creative projects summoning everyone’s gifts. Unexpectedly, you feel joy. The Soul making contact. Personality feels happiness. The Soul expresses joy. Think about vacations. Nothing somber. You’ve had enough of that. Someplace beautiful, uninhibited and free.



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## Eureka House Concerts presents John Flynn

As a senior in suburban Philadelphia, John Flynn was the president of the National Honor Society, Scholar Athlete of the Year, and had received two congressional nominations to the United States Naval Academy. Upon learning that he could not take his guitar to Annapolis, Flynn changed his plans and began writing songs in earnest, abandoning the study of law when his

song "Butterflies and Rainbows," recorded by Billy Swan, broke into country music's Top 40.

Since that time, Flynn has released nine albums and is recognized as an insightful wordsmith and poet. He speaks for the wounded, weary, afflicted and forgotten souls who walk among us. Kris Kristofferson, who sings with Flynn on his latest release, has even quoted from Flynn's work at a funeral. Sally Millbury Steen

of **PACEM IN TERRIS** calls John Flynn, "A troubadour of justice, mercy and hope."

John Flynn will perform from his body of work on Sunday, March 9. Eureka House Concerts is presented at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 17 Elk Street, with doors opening at 5 p.m. for a meet and greet potluck. Music starts at 6 p.m. Local songstress Maureen Alexander will open the show.

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- **BLARNEY STONE** TBD
- **CATHOUSE LOUNGE** *Taylor*

- Thompson*, 8 p.m. – midnight
- **CHASERS BAR & GRILL**  
Dance Party
- **CHELSEA'S** *SX Rex*, 9 p.m.
- **EUREKA LIVE!** DJ & Dancing,  
9 p.m.
- **GRAND TAVERNE** *Arkansas Red*  
Guitar, 6:30–9:30 p.m.
- **JACK'S PLACE** *Karaoke*  
*with DJ Goose*, 9 p.m.
- **LEGENDS SALOON** DJ  
Karaoke, 9 p.m.
- **NEW DELHI** *SPiNRaD*,  
6–10 p.m.
- **ROWDY BEAVER** *Karaoke*

- with Jerry*, 7 p.m.
- **ROWDY BEAVER DEN** *Jesse Dean*, 9 p.m.
- **SQUID & WHALE** *Randall Shreve & the Sideshow*, 9 p.m.
- **THE STONE HOUSE** *Jerry Yester*, 6:30–9:30 p.m.
- **VOUEZ-VOUS** *Stephen Compton & the GDC*, 9 p.m.

### SATURDAY – MARCH 8

- **BLARNEY STONE** TBD
- **CATHOUSE LOUNGE** *Taylor Thompson*, 8 p.m. – midnight
- **CHASERS BAR & GRILL**  
*Ozark Thunder*
- **CHELSEA'S** *Rachel Brooke*,  
9 p.m.
- **EUREKA LIVE!** DJ &  
Dancing, 9 p.m.
- **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** DJ  
Karaoke, 9 p.m.
- **NEW DELHI** *Dusty Pearls*,  
6–10 p.m.
- **ROWDY BEAVER** *Against*

- the Grain*, 7 p.m.
- **ROWDY BEAVER DEN** *Jesse Dean*, 12–4 p.m., *Third Degree*, 9 p.m.
- **SQUID & WHALE** *Randall Shreve & the Sideshow*, 9 p.m.
- **VOUEZ-VOUS** *Stephen Compton & the GDC*, 8 p.m.

### SUNDAY – MARCH 9

- **CHASERS** Shuffleboard  
Tournament, 4 p.m.
- **CHELSEA'S** *Ratliff Dean & Friends*, 7:30 p.m.
- **EUREKA HOUSE CONCERTS**  
*Maureen Alexander* opening for *John Flynn*, 6 p.m.
- **LEGENDS SALOON** Free Texas  
Hold 'Em Tournament with prizes, 6 p.m.
- **ROWDY BEAVER** Free Pool  
Sundays
- **ROWDY BEAVER DEN** Open  
mic with *Jesse Dean*, 12–4 p.m.

### MONDAY – MARCH 10

- **CHASERS BAR & GRILL**  
Poker & Pool night – Pool Tournament,  
7 p.m.,
- **CHELSEA'S** *SpringBilly*, 9 p.m.

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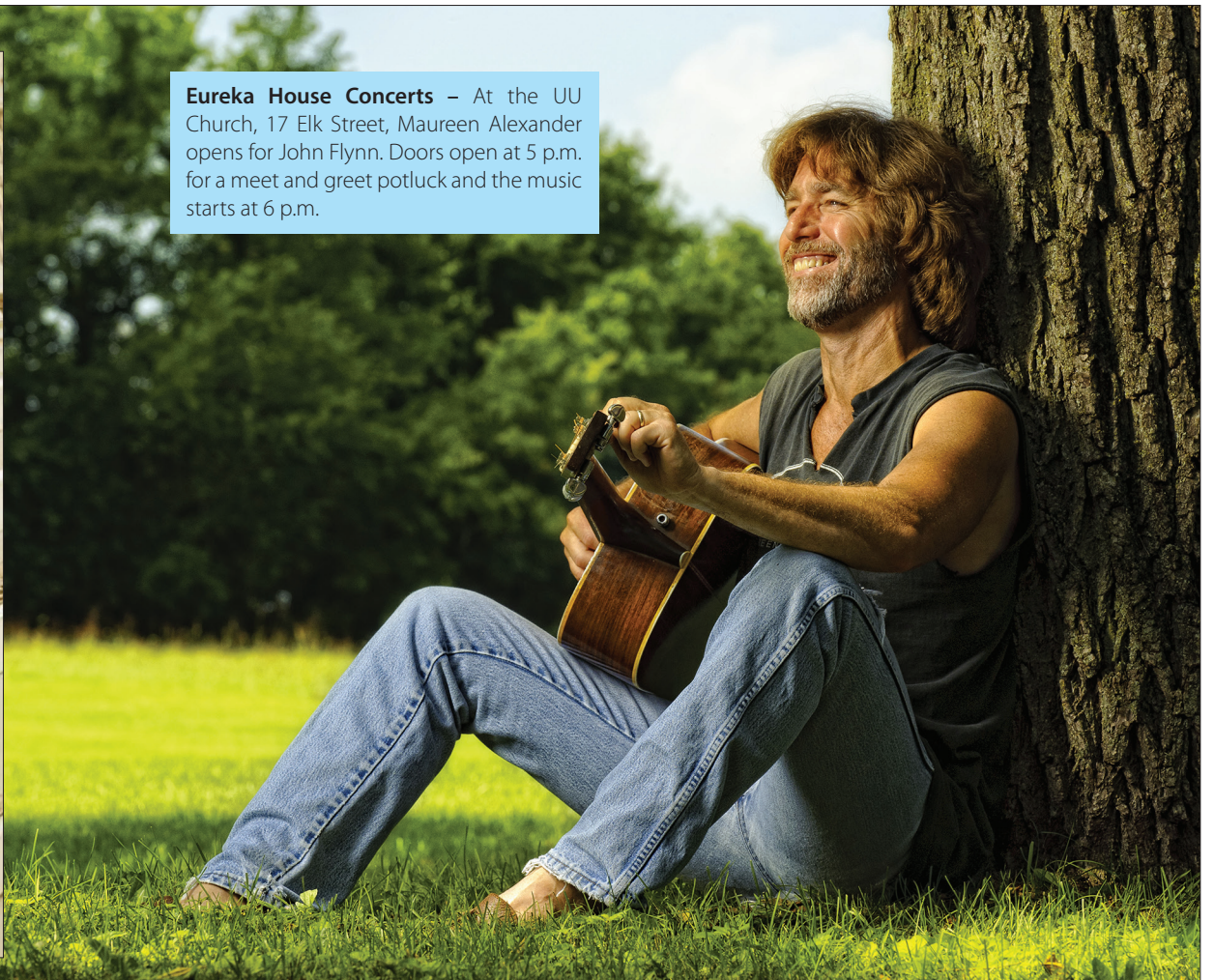
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## **TUESDAY – MARCH 11**

- **CHASERS BAR & GRILL** Challenge Night
- **CHELSEA'S** Open Mic
- **LEGENDS SALOON** Pool Tournament, 6:30 p.m.
- **ROWDY BEAVER** Hospitality Night
- **SQUID & WHALE** *Marbin*, 8 p.m.

## **WEDNESDAY – MARCH 12**

- **CHASERS BAR & GRILL** Ladies Night – Drink specials, free jukebox
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## New scholarships available

Carroll County students and parents seeking college funding have until April 1 to apply for a choice of almost 200 private scholarships offered by the Arkansas Community Foundation. Students must be pursuing higher education at two or four year colleges

or universities, vocational schools or technical training programs.

Available scholarships for Carroll County students cover a broad spectrum of study topics including agriculture-related fields, medical fields and the poultry industry. Some scholarships are more

localized, such as the William & Rosanna Sumner Educational Opportunity Scholarship for students in Alpena and/or Green Forest High Schools.

Carroll County Community Foundation is an affiliate of the Arkansas Community Foundation, a non-profit

organization fostering intelligent giving to improve communities through student education. Contributions to the Community Foundation are fully tax-deductible. See scholarships and apply online before April 1 at [www.arcf.org/scholarships](http://www.arcf.org/scholarships).

## TheNATUREofEUREKA by Steven Foster

## Spring? Flowers?

When the editor of this paper announced before Christmas that the *Old Farmer's Almanac* said we were going to have a long, cold winter, I scoffed. As I sit at home, unable to get to the office because I'm snowed-in, sleeted-in, or iced-in – who can tell?

It's sunny and not even 20°F at midday on the 3rd of March. Since something about a persimmon seed also predicted a harsh winter, let's hope the Ozark folk wisdom that a cold, long winter kills ticks and chiggers is true, as well. Alas, after 35 summers in the Ozarks, no matter how long

and cold the winter, somehow ticks and chiggers are always lively and abundant. I've already seen ticks this year! Not cold enough?

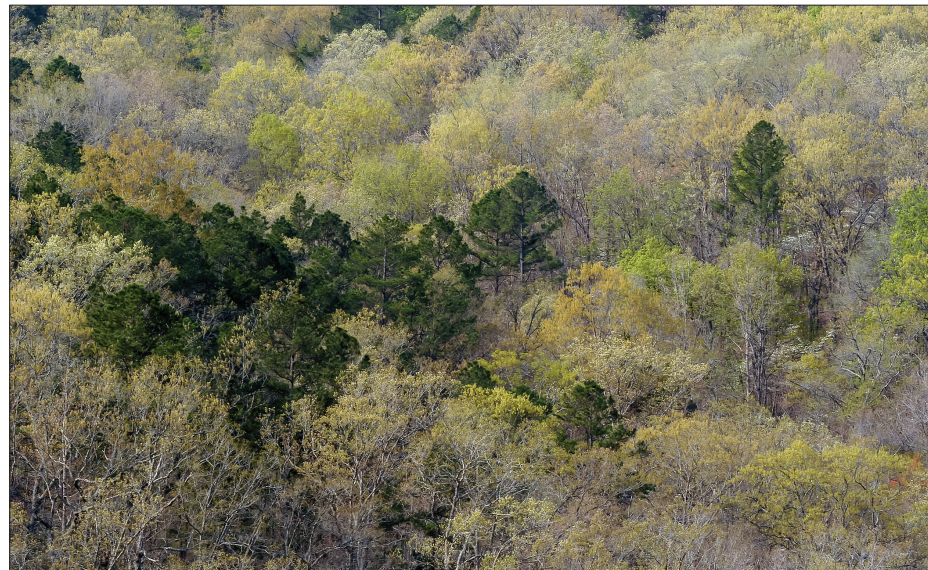
The *Old Farmer's Almanac* also informs us that the first day of spring is just two weeks away, on March 20. The vernal equinox is when spring officially begins. The word “vernal” is from the Latin *vernus* meaning spring. Vernalization relates to a plant's ability to flower in spring after a period of dormancy induced by cold and relatively long periods of dormancy during the winter months. Many plants in temperate regions such as ours need to have the low winter temperatures to induce flowering at the appropriate time of year. This natural cycle prevents plants from flowering at the wrong time, too late to produce viable seeds.

More research is showing that a plant's brain, eyes and ears – its most important organ for sensing and responding to its environment – is the leaf or stem shoot tip

– the apical bud. It has long been known that plants' leaves have the ability to perceive seasonal changes in day length. That information travels through the plant's vascular system to trigger a signal at the apex of a shoot to let the plant that it's time to flower.

In 2007 scientists identified a protein called the “flowering locus T protein” that leaves produce to signal to the flowering locus gene to trigger apex shoots to differentiate cell structures into flowers. This proves plants are smarter than people who deny global warming as they wag their fingers at us during this cold day, and laugh “global warming, huh?”

Plants will know when to flower, regardless of the temperature. They will bloom on time despite the *Old Farmer's Almanac's* prediction of a hotter than usual summer.



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who are locked out of going to their local drug store. I personally feel it is a violation of Medicare's own policies regarding not allowing any inducements to move a person from one provider to another. I feel like it is inconsistent with their policy.”

Riley said he believes CMS is beginning to understand problems with the system because of the proposed rule for 2015 that would allow any pharmacy that meets the parameters of the program to participate in it.

“It will change if CMS will hold to their guns,” Riley said. “But there will be opposition to it, particularly from the middle men of prescription drugs. The other side will want to change it

back the way it is. I'm encouraged CMS has started to recognize it is a problem. But it doesn't help us this year. There is nothing we know of that can be done this year. We are hoping it will change next year.”

Ironically, CMS has determined that the government is not saving any money with the preferred network programs.

“CMS said in many cases they are not even saving any money doing this,” Riley said. “Looking at statistics, sometimes the preferred networks are costing more than non-preferred networks. That doesn't make any sense if you are picking and choosing, and the people you are choosing cost you more money. The preferred networks aren't cost effective and aren't saving money.”

CVS Caremark spokeswoman Cristine Kramer said SilverScript meets all of the CMS access standards for Medicare Part D.

“Our pharmacy networks are reviewed and approved by CMS,” Kramer said. “The SilverScript preferred pharmacy network offers a wide selection of pharmacies across the country including many independent, community-based pharmacies, Walmart pharmacies and CVS/pharmacy stores. In addition to being able to access medications at pharmacies in the preferred network, beneficiaries also have the option to receive their medications delivered to their home through the mail through the CVS Caremark mail service pharmacy.

CVS Caremart states preferred pharmacies are pharmacies in their network where they have negotiated lower cost-sharing on covered prescription drugs for members of the plan.

“That means certain costs that you pay out-of-pocket may be lower for covered drugs at a Medicare Part D preferred pharmacy than at a non-preferred pharmacy,” the company's website says. “While non-preferred network pharmacies are still in the pharmacy network, they do not offer covered drugs at the same lower cost-sharing level as a Medicare preferred pharmacy. They still, however, allow members to get their prescription medications filled at a reduced cost, just as a network pharmacy does.”

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



*After reading your column about kids and marriage I realized that my marital relationship is really strong, except for the romance. Before kids, sex was great. Not true now. I thought it was a post pregnancy hormone thing. Seven years later, I doubt that theory. Please advise.*

A decrease in libido after childbirth is natural due to the initial physical pain, the effects of decreased estrogen on sexual function, fatigue and the stress of adjusting to motherhood. Excluding postpartum depression, it's reasonable to be back in the swing of things within three to four months.

That being said, *nothing* kills a great sex life as effectively as kids! If you let them.

*What, let them? Every cousin's Chucky Cheese birthday party, swim team, soccer, cheer, all while maintaining a home and that other pesky thing called a job. There's no time for Sex!*

If sharing your favorite cocktail over nightly intimate dinners has morphed into sippy cups and milk for everyone... change is in order! The key is to balance your commitment to both parenting and partnership. Following are a few tips.

Touch each other often. Take time to greet one another every time you part and reunite. Never stop dating. Schedule a date night on the calendar each week. Adhere to your scheduled dates as fervently as you do to appointments with your hair-stylist who books eight weeks out.

Date night is a kid-free zone. It's not dinner with friends and it's not sitting silently together in a movie theatre and driving home. The intention of a scheduled date is to create time and space for emotional connection through conversation and pleasurable interaction. Typically this requires leaving the home, but not necessarily breaking the bank. A picnic at the park on a sunny day works just as well. Childcare?

Trade date-night duties with other responsible parents.

Go to bed *together* every night. This allows for connection and physical intimacy. Sex may or may not be included, but at least you're both in the right place at the same time. Sleep naked. Experience the warmth of your partner's bare skin. Breathe one another in.

*But what about the kids?* Seriously? Lock the door. If that lock has become so rusty from disuse, change it! Reclaim your romance!

Questions? Email [leslie@esindependent.com](mailto:leslie@esindependent.com). *Leslie Meeker, M.A., L.P.C., is a psychotherapist who has specialized in relational and sex therapy, sexual compulsivity and sexual trauma for the past 15 years, after receiving extensive training in human sexuality at the Masters and Johnson Institute in St. Louis, Mo.*

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spreadsheet. Make it easier to know who to pursue," Crow said.

Grudek said the county needs an automated system. In Boone County, the sheriff uses modern software to track unpaid fines and brings in more than \$700,000 per year. The software automatically issues a warrant, or it can produce a list of delinquents. Grudek said the biggest challenge is getting data into a system, and he thought Wilson's office is not set up to handle the task.

"Night dispatchers often have time on their hands and they could help with data input," adding that his department could handle the task without an increase in personnel.

JP Ron Flake insisted the court needed to do something to collect the outstanding fines. His view was Wilson was too busy and not automated enough to collect the fines. He had even heard Wilson was not interested in collecting these fines. Flake said the sheriff had researched the issue, so let him have it for a year and see if there is a difference.

JP Gaylon Riggs was not convinced the switch from one office to the other would resolve anything. "It would still take follow through even after the system gets automated," he noticed. He asked again how much the county is willing to pay to collect a \$10 fine.

JP Lamont Richie maintained the problem is determining how much is owed to the county. He suggested the court give Wilson three months to figure it out and report back.

Grudek said, "We owe it to the people to pursue this so we don't have to raise tax-

es or lay off people." He also said he did not like politics entering into the attempt to solve the problem.

Wilson got a chance to respond. "I feel like I've been slammed here today," she said. She defiantly refuted Flake's claim she did not care to collect delinquent fines. She pointed out there are communication issues within the system. "We can't pursue warrants until the judge signs them, and neither can Sheriff Grudek."

She went on to point out chasing warrants is not her only responsibility, and some of the information is computerized. "It has been said I'm too nice, that I want to be a grandmother to all those people," she said. "They are human beings and deserve to be treated with respect," adding she is more likely to get a fine repaid if she establishes a rapport with the payer. She also said she wants to keep collecting fines if possible.

Richie wanted more information. "I can't dispute what anyone said, but I would like to know about the outstanding fees. I'm not convinced it will make a hill of beans difference to move it from one department to another. I move to table it to the next meeting."

Flake responded that he understood Richie's point, but Wilson had said there might be a million dollars in outstanding fines. He doubted they would get whatever information Richie was looking for by the next meeting since it had not been made available so far.

JP Larry Swofford sauntered into the conversation with, "We don't work in those offices. Sheriff, do you think you could collect more?"

"Yes," Grudek replied.

Swofford then looked at Wilson and asked, "Ramona, if you get automated, could you collect more than now?"

"We can only do what we do," she said.

Swofford said he would rather keep this issue away from the election coming later this year. "One more year won't make a difference," he said.

JP Jack Deaton reiterated the problem is people are not working together. He preferred the nonpolitical path if possible, but the job needs to get done. Deaton said the sheriff had bargaining power the circuit clerk would not have, but Wilson had people to enter the data. Deaton said, all things considered, he agreed with Swofford to give Wilson more time.

Richie said the court must be missing a piece of the puzzle. "People are not working together for whatever reason. Nevertheless, automation must get started immediately."

More affirmations followed for the need for making the data easier to work with. Grudek even made his clerical staff available to work with Wilson's staff to input the data if the county really wants to pursue more warrants.

The court voted to table the discussion until the March 21 meeting.

### More groceries for Green Forest

Charlie Reece, mayor of Green Forest, announced he has been negotiating with representatives of Harter House, a grocery store chain based in Springfield interested in moving into the former Tanner Hardware building in Green Forest.

"I'm determined to get this thing

done," he said, and thinks a couple of other businesses would follow if he can complete the Harter House deal. However, the deal includes the enticement of a Tax Increment Financing (TIF) plan which would mean a rebate in taxes from the county, the state and Green Forest on certain improvements made to the property for the first five years.

"Fifty percent of something is better than fifty percent of nothing," Reece commented.

"It would be a plus for the county," McNeely stated.

Reece said he expects Harter House to employ 40-50 people.

There will be further research into the details of the TIF agreement.

### Other business

- The court voted unanimously to approve a resolution "advising Governor Beebe, Senators King and Lamoureux and Representative Ballinger of the importance of turnback funds to Carroll County." Deaton said the resolution was just a reminder to the politicians. Turnback funds come from the sale of tax-delinquent properties, and the funds received go back to the county from which they originated one year after collection.

- JPs also approved a housekeeping ordinance that redistributes funds to cover, among other things, worker's compensation insurance and health insurance within departments. They also approved an ordinance that reallocated \$14,666 from reserves to cover shortfalls mostly from health insurance increases.

Next meeting will be Friday, March 21, at 10 a.m.

# DEPARTURE

## John Dale Sebold Feb. 28, 1933 – Feb. 27, 2014

John Dale Sebold, of Holiday Island, Arkansas, was born in Boleus, Neb., on Feb. 28, 1933, the only son of Pauline (Wieczorek) and John Franklin Sebold. He departed this life Thursday, Feb. 27, 2014 in Eureka Springs, at age 80.

A man of strong Catholic faith, he was a member of St. Elizabeth's Church in Eureka Springs, and St. Bartholomew Church of Wayzata, Minn. He was especially proud in recent years of his duties as the Chaplain for the Holiday Island Elks Club and fundraising efforts on their behalf.

He was captain of the Grand Island football team and played for the University of Nebraska, as well.

After many years of service as vice-president of real estate and development for Carlson Companies of Minnesota, he became president and owner of Discover Plastics in Golden Valley, Minn.

After selling that business he and Gloria retired to Holiday Island. He has enjoyed 20 years of golf, bunko, pontoon rides with occasional dips into St. John's Bay, poker, Nebraska club parties and much laughter with friends and neighbors. We will always think of him when we play hole number 3 where he once shot a hole-in-one!

The family is forever appreciative for the support of the Holiday Island community; it is truly a place like no other. He taught us to swim, ride a bike, and cherish family and friends. We miss him already.

John is survived by his high school sweetheart and wife of 61 years, Gloria (Norton) Sebold. His children, Marci (Rolf) Kemen of Eden Prairie, Minn.; John (Karen Jaggard) of Meadow Valley, Calif.; Daniel, a world traveler; David (Cynthia) of Chaska, Minn.; Lorraine

Reigel of Athol, Idaho; Ann (Thomas) Curren of Andover, Minn.; and Thomas (Melissa) of Parker, Colo. Grandchildren are Ashley (Owais) Khan; Jessica (Joseph) Kagol; Grant and Ann Kemen; and Joshua J. Sebold. He was blessed to meet and hold his great-granddaughter, Salina Khan at Thanksgiving time. He is also survived by his sister, Delores Roach of California.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and sisters, Lucile Potts and Genevieve (who died in childhood).

Celebration of Life Memorial Service will be held from 4 until 7 p.m. Thursday, March 6, at the Elks Club at Holiday Island. Cremation arrangements are under the direction of Nelson Funeral Service. Cremains will be buried in the Grand Island Cemetery at a later date. Memorial donations may be made to the St. Elizabeth Catholic Church, 30 Crescent Drive, Eureka Springs, Arkansas 72632. Online condolences may be sent to the family at [nelsonfuneral.com](http://nelsonfuneral.com).



## HI Ladies Fellowship

Holiday Island Community Church Ladies' Fellowship meets March 17 at 10 a.m. Alice French, guest speaker, is retired from a career in television as producer and host of a daily women's talk show, and as creator/director of a high school

television station. She has written a book giving us insight into aging that affect us all, *Happy Birthday*, about adjusting to life's changes. Refreshment will be served. Contact Linda Bartlett (479) 244-5961 or Eula Jean McKee (479) 253-8021.

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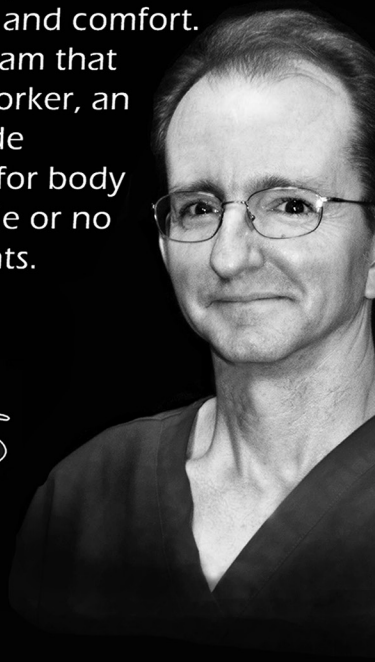
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Well, looks like this winter has been hitting us hard this year. Fishing is still a little slow, only had one trip in the last 10 days and was a bad day here at Holiday Island, one of those days when everybody said, “should of been here yesterday.”

The walleye are coming and some here being caught between Holiday Island and the town of Beaver. Water temp was 44° before this last storm and should warm back up pretty fast between now and the end of the month. White bass should be moving into Roaring River now and be up the White by the time April comes around.

Stripers on Beaver are getting active even with the cold. They want to go lay some eggs, too. Had one striper buddie got three Saturday up river between 12 bridge

and Hickory Creek and another report of big fish being caught up the War Eagle arm.

You can buy shiners now and catch them because they are feeding on very small shad. You can lighten up the weights now, too, because they are moving into skinnier water and being caught from 12 – 30 ft. deep. Most shad in the lake are up river now in big schools, for it’s time for them to spawn and that water will also warm faster.

Well, that’s it for now. Spring will be on us fast now, be ready for it. Since I had a bad day fishing, here’s an old pic of my favorite crappie hole. I can show you now for it’s gone after our last flood. Lasted since the train days. Butler Creek south of Beaver.

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Stowe said while it is obvious that the Corps was paying enough attention in earlier meetings to include the SWEPCO power line proposal in their planning document, he thinks it is still important that citizens show up at the open house to ask what’s next, and ask how citizens can play a part in their review process.

“I also plan to learn as much as I can about the NEPA process as followed by the Corps and find out how STO can play

a significant role in it,” Stowe said. The following comes from the NEPA guide to citizen involvement: “First, don’t wait too long to raise your concerns; raise them as soon as practicable. If you just sit back and hope that things will get ‘better’ or that your comments will have greater effect later, you may hear that ‘you should have raised this sooner.’ At times, waiting can be detrimental to you as well as to the rest of the public and the agency involved.”

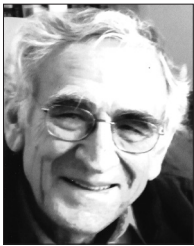
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recorded property deed that is attached. Additionally, it is understood this request is invalid after the expiration date as shown on this form and that an updated form with proper documentation must be submitted for any changes in ownership of property or to continue the request after the expiration date.”

A valid application must include: 1.

Government-issued photo identification for each applicant. 2. Certified copy of property deed obtained through county records.

The completed application should be returned to: Carroll Electric Cooperative Corporation, PO Box 4000, 920 Hwy 62 Spur, Berryville, AR, 72616, Attention: Engineering and Operations Dept. Applications must be notarized.



INDEPENDENT Crossword

by Bill Westerman Solution on page 27

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ACROSS

1. Warning  
7. Spotted horse  
12. At leisure  
13. \_\_\_\_\_ bunny  
14. Makes amends  
15. Face  
16. No later than  
17. Colorado ski resort  
19. Once around the track  
20. Hip bones  
22. Cup handle  
23. Tubular pasta  
24. Riles  
26. Walked to and fro  
27. Meadow  
28. TV Squad  
29. Discussion group  
32. Olympic awards  
35. Close  
36. Place  
37. Humiliating loss

39. Hooligan (*Brit.*)  
40. Sorrow  
42. Compete  
43. Author  
45. Having feet  
47. Angled  
48. Rectangle, for one  
49. Thin, lean  
50. Bottoms up!

DOWN

1. South American carnivore  
2. King of the Huns  
3. It has a G-string  
4. Major span of time  
5. On the briny  
6. Mosaic tile  
7. Ache  
8. Onager’s a wild one  
9. Slanted font

10. Undo  
11. Fearful  
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RENTAL PROPERTIES

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**Fleur Delicious planning meeting**  
A planning meeting for the Fourth Annual Fleur Delicious Weekend will be held Thursday, March 20, 9 a.m. at DeVito’s. Anyone who wants to be a part of FDW is welcome at 5 Center Street to help plan this year’s festivities for July 8 – 13.  
Fleur Delicious is a French-themed weekend in which restaurants, bars, art galleries, boutiques, spas and music venues participate with French-inspired indulgences in food, wine, spirits, art, entertainment and luxe galore. For more information visit Fleur Delicious Weekend Eureka Springs, AR on Facebook or see www.FleurDeliciousWeekend.com online.

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Wellness the original destination

Editor,  
Quite some time ago a client was discussing with me her hope and vision of this area, Eureka Springs/Carroll County, as a place of healing. She saw people coming here to take part in all sorts of healing modalities.  
We market our area as a destination for many things. Imagine Eureka Springs as a Wellness Destination! This was the original destination for Eureka Springs. We are rich in healthy therapeutic possibilities for body, mind and spirit – a diverse selection of massage/spa experiences; numerous spiritual, meditation and church groups, and exercise options from walking the hills to Pilates.  
A small group of dedicated “healers” moved this vision forward when they

met in summer 2012 to form the Eureka Springs Partners in Wellness. The group is a growing alliance of individuals, businesses and professionals with the mission of inspiring and empowering us to promote greater well-being in ourselves and our community.  
The Eureka Springs Partners in Wellness, along with the Eureka Springs Farmers’ Market is hosting “Living Well, Together” on March 15 a daylong event with lectures, discussions, activities and demos offering practical solutions for personal and community well-being. This will prove to be a health filled day with all the things that make us feel better – fun, good food, laughter, movement, inspiration, interesting helpful information and sharing time with others.  
Personally, I want to see Wellness as a cornerstone for a Eureka Springs’ destination. Go to www.mywellnessfestival.com to find out more.  
Carol A. Brown

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## BEAUTIFUL HAVENCROFT MEADOWS



Fantastic Eureka Springs location with flat level area along Pivot Rock Road with acreage tracts varying from 4 to 8 acres each. Large oak and mixed timber including mature

dogwood tree and redbud trees. A great location for your dream home—in the city but has the feel of country estate living! City water along Pivot Rock Road. Has been surveyed and you can combine a couple of acreage tracts if desired. \$50,000 to \$52,500 per tract. Ann Martin is Owner/Agent and will possibly finance to qualified party with approved credit. This property is close in yet offers big trees for privacy and for communing with nature. Let's take a look soon and plan for your new home! MLS# 543859

## 43 VENUS AVENUE

Beautiful home featuring split bedroom/bath arrangement with large master bedroom and en-suite bath featuring large shower plus deep soaking tub and twin vanities. Quality carpeting,



point, and bonus of 4 inch crown molding throughout. Living room has wood burning fireplace. Front covered porch and rear deck. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 car garage. Lot 53 is a large vacant lot included in this sale. HISID assessment for this lot is \$416 per year. From this home, you are completely private and can see no other homes. Just enjoy trees and the seasons. REDUCED \$88,900. MLS# 690761

## OZARK AUTOMOTIVE ROAD

This offering consists of 2 tracts of land, each tract having about 160 feet of paved road frontage and about 300 feet of depth which goes to a "woods road" below. Approximately 1 to



1 1/2 acres in each tract. Great view of Beaver Dam and Dam Site Park in the distance. Super neighborhood with Inspiration Point Fire Dept. close by. Mowed grass in front, trees in rear. Very easy to build on. \$18,500 for each tract or a little better deal for both tracts purchased together. MLS#691308

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**7.49 Acres of Kings River Property** with 4 bedrooms, 2 full baths, 1908 sq. ft. home. Located in the center of the 5,000 Kings River Nature Conservancy property at Trigger Gap. Wonderful views from the passive solar home with radiant floor heat. Horse barn, fantastic crystal clear river great for canoeing, fishing or just swimming. Beautiful mountain views in every direction. MLS#692517 \$299,000



**Immaculate Home** nestled in a pristine country setting. 3,118 sq. ft., 4 bed, 4 bath, beautiful pastoral living with privacy, yet close to town for shopping, banking and medical care. Granite counter tops, Travertine tile, wood floors, stainless appliances, gas fireplace, security system, underground electric dog fencing, 9 ft. ceilings, masters on both levels, additional acreage available. MLS 699113. Priced at \$385,000.



**Like New Lake view!** Large beautiful log home with Beaver lake view, guest cottage and 3 garages located on 3 acres within 1/2 mile of Starkey Park. Property features lots of room for entertaining and 3 kitchens when you include the guest house. Basement or guest house would make a great in-law apartment if needed. Main level deck is covered and enclosed with windows. MLS#700171 \$375,000

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**LAKE FRONT** – Stellar view of Beaver Lake from almost every room of this 4 bedroom, 4 bath home. Covered porch, deck, screened porch.

Lake access from 3 ac. lot. Vaulted ceilings, hardwood floors, custom cabinetry, built-in entertainment center in living room and computer desk in office, speakers in many rooms, water filtering system, fireplace with insert in living room and wood stove on lower level. MLS 656787



**COTTAGE WITH VIEW OF LITTLE LAKE EUREKA.** Every



inch is efficiently designed with built in tables, closets, drawers, shelves and a sleeping area to make the best use of the space. Additional lots adjoin the cottage property providing several

options. Easy walking distance to downtown shopping district. MLS 693917

**ELEGANT LAKE FRONT HOME** in gated community. Fabulous views from most every room. Open floor plan, cathedral



ceilings, gourmet kitchen, fireplace and decks on 3 levels. Nice back yard and a gentle walk down to the lake. 10x25' boat slip included in price. 30 minutes to Rogers and 20 minutes to Eureka Springs. MLS 698545

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