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USA**Just saying 'No' –**

Supporters of a clean Buffalo River and an unmarred Ozarks skyline rallied in front of the John Q. Hammons Center in Rogers Tuesday during the 2014 Governor's Conference on Tourism. The rally was limited to a street side area but included 80 to 100 members of Save the Ozarks, Buffalo Watershed Association, Arkansas Canoe Association and other groups.



PHOTO BY DAVID FRANK DEMPSEY

Council calls special meeting on Open Carry walk

NICKY BOYETTE

"People don't carry guns or swords in public for the same reasons they don't carry a bullwhip – they are just not necessary," stated Nancy Fuller, one of seven people who spoke up at Monday's Eureka Springs City Council meeting against the proposed Open Carry walk

scheduled for March 29 in downtown. Fuller said she was a gun rights advocate, "and Open Carry had its time and place – a hundred and fifty years ago." She said the concept of carrying a handgun publicly is not a social norm and does not need to be one.

At issue, according to mayor pro

tem James DeVito, is interpretation of Act 746 which allows persons to carry weapons with them on a journey, and DeVito listed some of the many restrictions in the act, including not being able to brandish the handgun outside the vehicle when you stop on the journey. DeVito read the Attorney

General's opinion to mean it would be illegal to walk with a holstered sidearm in restaurants or grocery stores or while shopping.

A group called Northwest 746 has a different interpretation of the law. Members of that group have already had

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This Week's INDEPENDENT Thinkers

The residents of Pungesti, Romania, live a life similar to their simple farming ancestors, with very little influence from the modern world.

Since Chevron was given permission by the Romanian government to start fracking in the remote village last year, citizens have transformed themselves into guerilla activists. Last October hundreds of protesters formed a human chain to stop drilling by Chevron.

By December, Chevron was forced to suspend operations due to equipment destruction by villagers who chanted "Out, you flea-ridden dirty dogs!" They refuse to go down without a fight, chasing away vehicles, cutting cables and organizing nationwide protests.

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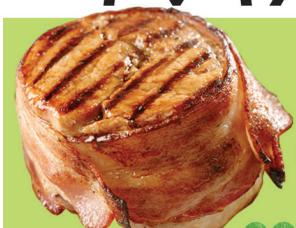
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Third mental evaluation scheduled for Acuna-Sanchez

NICKY BOYETTE

Defense attorney Bill James, representing accused murderer Victor Acuna-Sanchez, asked Judge David Clinger at the March 6 status hearing for a third chance at a mental evaluation for his client.

The original evaluation was to have happened last summer, but, according to Prosecuting Attorney Tony Rogers, James advised Acuna-Sanchez not to cooperate with the evaluators.

James asked for a second evaluation

at the Nov. 4, 2013, hearing, yet at the March 6 hearing, James claimed he did not give proper counsel to his client, and Acuna-Sanchez again did not cooperate with the evaluators. Calls to James were not returned as of press time.

According to the circuit court judge's office, the next status hearing will be 9 a.m., Monday, June 2, in Eureka Springs.

Acuna is accused of killing his ex-girlfriend, Laura Acevez, in Eureka Springs on Dec. 31, 2012.

Company Picnic adds fun event

This year's Eureka Springs Downtown Network Company Picnic will host the first-ever Jack Daniels Tennessee Honey Bartenders Contest.

Sponsored by Glazer's, bartenders from Chelsea's, New Delhi, Balcony at the Basin Park, Voulez-Vous Lounge and Pied Piper Cathouse are bringing their best Tennessee Honey cocktail to compete in the Cocktails for a Cause competition.

The winning bartender has the opportunity to advance to the Jack Daniel's Bartender Competition in Tennessee. Don't miss this chance to taste and vote for your

favorite. Wristbands will be available for purchase at the registration table at The Company Picnic for a \$10 donation to ESDN.

Other events include: a silent auction of business services opening with registration at 5:30 p.m. followed by a potluck at 6, ESDN Presents 2014, Cocktails for a Cause, Big Bingo and live auction and prizes.

Bring your company checkbook for the Advertising and Services Silent Auction and a potluck dish to share Thursday, March 13, in the Basin Park Hotel ballroom.



The Lady Soccer Highlanders lost, 8-1, to 5-A State Champs Shiloh Christian at the Invitational Tournament last weekend. Freshman Deidra Asmus scored for the Lady Highlanders. In the second game, the Socc Scots fell to the Clarksville Panthers 6-2, with sophomore Naomi Floyd scoring both goals. Next games will be Thursday, March 13, in Fayetteville to take on the Purple Dogs.

Opening minds to Open Carry

CD WHITE

"Fear always springs from ignorance," Ralph Waldo Emerson wrote.

And while Eureka Springs prepares to host possibly more than 200 Northwest Arkansas Carry members packing heat on March 29, one could say there's a bit of fear in the air.

According to Marti Suchsland, one of the walk organizers, it's a fear that springs from ignorance, and this ignorance is what the group hopes to address.

"This is all about education," Suchsland told the *Independent*. "We want people to stop and talk to us."

To date some 37 Open Carry walks have been held without incident in various locations around the state after the passing of Act 746. But why here?

"I was approached by several members of Northwest 746 because I know the town," Suchsland explained. She said the group plans to spend a pleasant day in Eureka Springs, probably meeting near Basin Park then breaking off into groups to have lunch and go shopping.

She already has an OK from several restaurants willing to accommodate diners carrying sidearms. As far as shopping, "If someone doesn't want us in there, they can put a sign in the window and we'll go spend our money elsewhere, no problem," Suchsland said.

The 22-year Eureka Springs resident said she didn't always carry a gun. "I grew up in Chicago and never carried a gun or thought about it. Then I moved here and eventually I became a Southern woman. It seems everybody I know has a gun. I volunteer at the Grassy Knob Fire Department and we like to hunt."

Suchsland said she and a lot of people she knows carry all the time where it's allowed and no one has ever said anything about it. She feels it's a natural thing – a part of life in the South that folks transplanted from non-gun culture areas don't understand.

She's fierce about protection, though. "I've seen a lot of nasty things happen. If anyone showed up with a gun and wearing a black facemask or got between my kids and me and threatened, I'd probably pull my gun. Look at Laura Acevez; that was

a needless murder and I'm sick of those things. I'm protecting myself."

Suchsland says the Open Carry group are responsible people and their guns are in secure holsters that "someone couldn't just come up and grab the gun out of." She reports four or five more people a day are being added to the walk on March 29. So far the group consists of families with kids, veterans, law enforcement, schoolteachers and blue and white collar workers – "normal people."

She also referenced the fact that seven members of the legislature, including six Democrats, did not even show up or vote on Act 746. "That shows you how well our state government is working," Suchsland chided.

Asleep at the wheel?

A story posted at www.thearkansasproject.com/the-greatest-untold-story-of-the-89th-general-assembly notes, "It is remarkable that this bill made it all the way through the legislature without any serious opposition or media attention. It got 28 out of 35 votes in the Senate and did not garner a single dissenting vote. In the House, it earned over 80 percent support with only one dissenting vote. Now that the bill has become law — and now that we're openly describing the fundamental changes it creates — it will surely receive more media attention."

Suchsland conceded that at some point there would be a test case. As far as the walk on March 29, "There will no doubt be a lot of politicians there because this is an election year," she concluded.

To read the legislation as passed, go to www.arkleg.state.ar.us and search for HB 1700 or Act 746. Controversy continues about the Arkansas Attorney General's interpretation of the bill, which some have taken to mean the walk on March 29 would be illegal.

More information may be found on the Northwest 746 or Arkansas Carry pages on Facebook. Meanwhile, Eureka Springs will host another unique demographic of individuals we each may or may not understand. They hope folks will feel free to talk with them, ask questions and exchange opinions.



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Trek continues on the yellow Brix road

NICKY BOYETTE

City council discussed a proposed ordinance Monday night reclaiming the portion of an undeveloped strip of land called Rock Street that serves as the driveway to 1 Magnetic, home of Ryan and Rachel Brix. Since last summer the topic has polarized groups discussing it.

Rachel Brix, primary spokesperson for her family, pointed out the only landowner opposing her request of a vacation of Rock Street has been the ownership group of a tract of land adjacent to the Brixes' property on the east side called Marble Flats. The owners of Marble Flats claim Rock Street is an access to their property, although they never use Rock Street to access their property and it runs through the middle of the Brixes' property. In fact, Brix pointed out, there are several other better access points to Marble Flats.

Another opponent of the vacation has been the Parks Commission because there is the potential to use Rock Street as a part of their future urban trail plan even though the trail would have to traverse within six feet of the Brixes' front door. Brix pointed out there is an active trail already existing near her property and it goes through the Marble Flats tract.

Sheryl Willis spoke up for the Trails Committee.

She said the city is rich in hidden resources even locals do not know about, and the city has given others away by vacating them through the years. She said the Trails Committee has the opportunity to connect all their trails, and the portion of Rock Street that serves as the driveway for the Brix family is critical to completing the trail system. "This is not the Brixes' property; it is city property, and we have plans to complete the loop."

"It would be a benefit to eco-tourism because we could be a walkable city, and Rock Street is critical to connecting our system," Willis said.

Mitchell pointed as many as eight other access points already exist for Marble Flats, and a well-used trail through Marble Flats has even been posted on YouTube. "So what is so important about a potential trail that runs as near as six feet from their front door? Is this really fair to do this to a citizen?" he asked.

Parks Director Bruce Levine pointed out the city owns Rock Street, so it would be the only city-owned access through the space. All other trails would be on private property. "We've made mistakes in the past. Let's don't make another one."

Alderman Dee Purkeypile thought the only good use for what is called Rock Street would be for a driveway to the Brixes' home. He said, "Taking the

personality out of it, we could not justify building a street through there."

Wade Williams, attorney for the owners of Marble Flats, said it comes down to whether or not it is in the public interest to vacate this street. Take the passion out of the debate. He claimed the deed for the Brixes' property indicated clearly they owned both sides of the street but not Rock Street.

Purkeypile asked Williams follow-up questions about the intended use of Marble Flats, and Williams said he was not privy to any plans for the property.

Alderman Joyce Zeller was not buying the story about Rock Street being the linchpin of the trails system because Parks has lots of property and better options for trails. As far as what is in the best interest of the city, she thought it would certainly be too expensive and pointless to build a street through there. Besides, the Brixes want to develop the property and make it a tax-producing piece of land. She thinks it would be in the best interest of the city to vacate the property and let them do just that.

Points flew this way, that way, and all around, and Williams claimed his clients had been willing to listen to compromise proposals, but no one ever spoke up.

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Mayor drops non-emergency ambulance transport

BECKY GILLETTE

Without consulting city council, Mayor Morris Pate sent a letter March 3 to Vicki Andert, director of nursing at Eureka Springs Hospital, stating that effective May 1, the Eureka Springs Fire & Emergency Medical Services (EMS) department will no longer provide transport of non-emergency patients.

In the letter, Pate said that over the past several years the Eureka Springs Fire & EMS has experienced a rising call volume. The ambulance service has seen a 25 percent rise in ambulance calls in the past four years.

"As of March 1 of this year EMS has responded to 247 calls compared to only 174 at this time last year," Pate wrote. "In recent months it has become necessary to call in additional staffing daily in order to cover emergency EMS calls, fire responses and non-emergency transports."

Pate said the Eureka Springs Fire & EMS is foremost responsible for the emergency needs of the community.

"In order to maintain the required personnel and equipment for emergencies, it has become necessary to discontinue all non-emergency ambulance transports," he said. "These repeated routine transport requests have become a drain on the department resources. Effective May 1, 2014, Eureka Springs Fire & EMS will no longer provide non-emergency transports. You are encouraged to contract with a private vendor for this service. The fire department will still provide emergency transport for patients with immediate life threatening events to area hospitals within a 50-mile radius of Eureka Springs."

Alderman David Mitchell, an RN and retired hospital administrator, said he was surprised the mayor would write a letter stopping a major service without first discussing it with city council. Mitchell was even more surprised the letter was sent to the director of nursing of the hospital and not to the hospital administrator or the management company, Allegiance Health Management.

"I thought that was odd," Mitchell said. "It was a surprise to me that council wasn't consulted. That is a major service of a city department. Yes, I know the mayor is over department heads and is administrator of the city. It is probably within his jurisdiction to reduce services, but why wouldn't he give a heads up to the council that he is doing a reduction of a service that has been in effect for many years? I feel that was very short sighted on his part."

Mitchell said if this was being considered, it should have been brought up while the city council was discussing the budget for 2014. In that budget, funding for the fire department was increased about \$50,000 for wages and salaries.

"The fire department had a major concern with a high turnover, supposedly, of emergency medical technicians (EMTs)," Mitchell said. "They wanted to increase salaries of EMTs. We didn't disagree with that, although we didn't have hard data on turnover rates or vacancies, nor did we have a comparative salary survey. But it wasn't that far out of line, so we decided to go with it at that point."

Mitchell said the overtime budget was very high for the fire department. But he said after it was explained about the increased demand for ambulance services, it made sense. About \$70,000 has been budgeted for overtime for the fire department.

Mitchell said questions needed to be answered before dropping a service important to the hospital and many area residents: How many of the runs are considered non-emergency runs? What is a non-emergency run? How will this affect the hospital, which doesn't provide specialist care and equipment, and often stabilizes patients before transporting them to a larger hospital?

How would this affect overtime for the fire department? Do they need all the money budgeted for overtime? How does dropping the service affect the overall projected revenue for the fire department/city based on the number of non-emergency runs stopped and the

revenue average associated with each? If this was in the works, why wasn't it presented to the city council at budget time?

Mitchell said there could be other options. For example, non-emergent care could be taken care of by an older ambulance with just one EMT and a driver, as it doesn't take a fully outfitted ambulance to do a non-emergent run. Transfers could be done only from Monday through Friday during regular business hours, and there are more potential options to contain this service and keep revenues flowing.

Mitchell was concerned the decision could cause problems for the hospital if it ended up having patients it couldn't transfer out.

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Caribé lets the sun shine in

BECKY GILLETTE

K.J. Zumwalt is known for being an amazing chef creating unique Caribbean food at her brightly colored Caribé Restaurante & Cantina on US 62. Caribé is also used for fundraising events for local people in need or issues like raising money to fund the legal battle against the Southwest Electric Power Company (SWEPCO) high voltage transmission power line. KJ is known for hosting novel entertainment, like the recent performance by standup comic, Echo Sibley.

Now Zumwalt will be known as the first person to install grid-tied, photovoltaic (PV) solar panels in Eureka Springs. Zumwalt recently had a 39-panel system installed on the roof at Caribé that can generate 8.97 kilowatts (kw) of power. The City of Eureka Springs has installed a thermal solar system at the Trolley Barn, but this is the first system in Eureka Springs that will generate electricity.

Zumwalt said she installed the panels because it was the right thing to do on a number of different levels:

- She believes alternative power like solar that reduces greenhouse gas emission is critical to preventing cataclysmic climate change.
- She wants to set a good example to others in the community, by installing panels on Caribé rather than on her house so the installation would be visible to people traveling on US 62.
- The improvements increase the value of the building.
- The panels will save her between 5 to 25 percent on the power bill that runs \$450 when she isn't open, and can climb to \$1,110 per month. In addition to heating and air conditioning costs, she has multiple freezers and refrigerators.
- It is a personal statement against



That's Zum sun power – K.J. Zumwalt shows off the new solar panels at Caribé. This view from the restaurant front shows frames and the back of south-facing panels. Ever clever about using space, KJ plans to commission art panels with themes of solar sustainability to cover the framework. Solar panels were installed by Carl Evans of Evans Brothers Construction (479) 244-5139.

the proposed SWEPCO high voltage transmission line that opponents believe would greatly damage the environment, property values and the area's tourism revenues.

"I felt like we should be moving in this direction no matter who our electric provider is," Zumwalt said. "In my heart, it was just the right thing to do. That is it, just basic and simple. I'm going to be cooking until I'm 100, and it's not just me, but for the next person who has this building and, hopefully, the next person after that."

"This is a progressive move. I hope this kind of mentality spreads. This is a good example of where we need to go for

ourselves, our children and our grandchildren. You need to think like a Chinese; you have to look long term, not just this year, or this decade, but future lifetimes."

Zumwalt thinks this is something her customers will appreciate, and her friends, for sure, do. She said there is no skepticism among them about the reality of climate change and need to address reducing the use of fossil fuels to produce electricity.

"There are many problems we are going to face because of climate change," she said. "What I have done represents a baby step. We have a long way to go. But I believe in setting a right example, and doing the things your heart tells you to do."

Climate change activist Jerry Landrum, a consultant on the Caribé solar project, has been active in encouraging Eureka Springs to develop a Climate Action Plan. That plan, unanimously adopted in 2012, calls for 2,500 kw of solar power to be installed over a 30-year period.

"It would take 278 more similar sized systems to reach that goal," Landrum said. "I think it is the safest, simplest and most

flexible technology available for grid tie applications. It is exactly the same equipment Gary Milczarek used for his 30-panel system outside the city limits that he has documented extensively on his blog. Gary is averaging 24 kw hours per day with 30 panels, so Caribé should produce about 31 kw hours per day."

Cost of solar PV has fallen in the last few years. Landrum said Caribé should get at least a 10 percent return on investment.

"Where else can you get a 10 percent return on investment?" Landrum asks. "It's definitely a cool thing to do. We don't have to cook the grandchildren; we can do this instead."

Outrunning the rain

Victorian Classic beats forecasted showers

C.D. WHITE

Another Victorian Classic is over; and those runners who won massages in the raffle at the awards ceremony are no doubt enjoying them. Those who didn't are at least happy the rain stayed away until the race was run.

Some 46 runners and walkers from Eureka Springs and Holiday Island, along with a few from Berryville, participated

in a field of around 170 participants in the Rotary Club Victorian Classic 10K Run and Two-Mile Run, Fun Run and Walk on March 8.

Competitors from seven states started and finished at the Inn of the Ozarks Convention Center in the sanctioned event with a bit of timekeeping help from chips in their shoestrings. The chips activated electronic readers at the finish line, keeping

a precise record of who finished when and the amount of time it took for them to make the circuit.

Local Katie Avery, 28, placed first in the overall female division of the Two-Mile Run with a time of just over 15 minutes; and Tony Marquez, 22, and Tyler Walken, 13, both of Eureka Springs, finished second and third in the overall male division.

Chrys McClung, 44, of Eureka Springs had the best time – just under 25 minutes, in the women's overall Two-Mile Walk, followed by Mia Evans, 10, of Eureka Springs in second place. Wayne Carr, 66, did Holiday Island proud by finishing first in the overall men's category followed by Eureka Springs' Duell Mathis, 76, and Jack Moyer, 46, in second and third.

Top females in the 10K Run included Eden Randolph, 17, of Eureka Springs in first place in the 15 – 29 category; Berryville's Crystal Rust, 35, first in the 35 – 39 division and Ashley Leahy, 40,

of Eureka Springs, second in the 40 – 44 division.

In the 10K Male Open division, Nathan Andress, 17, of Eureka Springs came in second and Matthew McClung, 16, was first place runner in the 15 – 19 category. Mardi Gras King, George Purvis, 31, took second place in the 30 – 34 division.

Former Eurekan, John Seeligson, 71, who ran in the very first Victorian Classic, was back from Dallas to win first place in the 70 – 74 category.

Top three overall winners in the 10K 2014 Victorian Classic were Brian Crigger, 31, of Carthage, Mo., with a time of 38 minutes; Nathan Andress, 17, of Eureka Springs at 38:24; and Bret O'Meara, 31, of Fayetteville with a time of 38:35.

For more pictures see the *Eureka Springs Independent* page on Facebook, and for a complete list of winners by age and category, see race-wizard.com and click on Victorian Classic.

Old is in at antique show

The 19th Annual Spring Antique Show will be held at the Inn of the Ozarks Convention Center from March 14 – 16. This year promises some surprises in addition to the many familiar vendors.

For the first time there will be an antique train booth and three with industrial and re-purposed industrial

furniture, which, according to organizer, Cathy Handley is becoming a big thing with collectors.

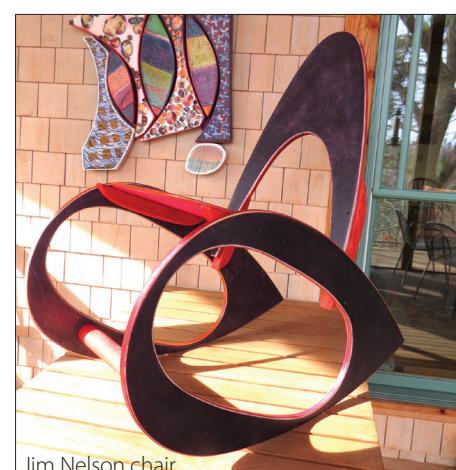
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Call for re-gifted art and collectibles

The Eureka Springs School of the Arts is gearing up for their big fundraiser, ReART-Chair-ity, on Sunday, April 27, 6:30 p.m. at the Inn of the Ozarks Convention Center; and has put out a call for silent auction items.

Now's the time to recycle some of those works of art and collectibles you'd like to replace; so if that work of art you've been looking at for years no longer calls out to you, how about donating it to ESSA's ReART where it will find a new loving home?

ESSA will also gladly receive any gift certificates and items from local merchants. Not to be missed will be the live auction of ReART chairs by popular artists – this year featuring special designs by locals Jim Nelson, Doug Stowe and Gina Galina in addition to



chairs by Dave McKee of Fayetteville and Debbie Handler of Chicago.

For more information call ESSA at (479)-253-5384 or check out www.ESSA-art.org.

Sunday at UUF

Sunday, March 16, all are invited to a hear "Are There No Prisons?" at the Eureka Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 17 Elk St.

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Council takes no action on broken water main

NICKY BOYETTE

Susie Allen told city council Monday night that soon after she moved to town in 2010, a city water main uphill from her home broke and caused considerable damage. Her deductible was only \$1000, but the damage had been extensive. Then the same main broke in about the same vicinity again this past winter, and Allen was hit with more repairs.

She said the first time the event happened, she was so new in town she did not know what to do. She called Public Works, and they responded by fixing the main although they never finished work on her property as they had promised.

Then the break recurred during our recent winter, and again Allen's property was awash. She had upgraded to prevent some damage, but her repairs still amounted to \$730.

Allen asked council for reimbursement of \$1730

for damages which council acknowledged were not her fault.

Alderman Joyce Zeller called the circumstances "one of those 'force majeure' things." A water main broke, and Zeller said it would be unethical for the city to turn a blind eye. "It doesn't set well with me," she said.

Nevertheless, Alderman David Mitchell moved to stand behind the city's tort immunity and deny Allen's request. Vote on his motion was 2-3, Zeller, Aldermen Dee Purkeypile and James DeVito voting No.

Purkeypile moved to repay Allen for the \$1730 she had paid out, and the vote was 3-2, Alderman Terry McClung and Mitchell voting No. Therefore council took no action.

Purkeypile said he would work with Public Works Director Dwayne Allen to make stabilizing that particular water main a priority.

Council wrap-up

- Council voted to approve Resolution 635 that

is required to continue federal funding for the Transit Department. The federal mandate is for Transit to serve all persons without discrimination.

- The second reading of Ordinance 2203, procedures for vacating property, passed unanimously.

- After changes were accounted for, Ordinance 2204, which would reclaim a portion of Sweeney Alley, passed on its second reading with a 5-0 vote.

- Purkeypile announced he would not be running for alderman again because his business was beginning to take more of his time than he expected.

- Mitchell announced he had applied for a seat on the Carroll County Quorum Court that would be vacant at the end of the present cycle. Since no one else applied for that seat, it appears Mitchell will be sitting on the Quorum Court starting January 2015.

Next council meeting will be Monday, March 24, at 6 p.m.



PHOTO BY JAY BENDER

Grassy Knob volunteer firefighter, Ralph Kranich (pictured right), directs water onto the foundation of a house destroyed by fire early Saturday morning at 431 Mundell Rd. near Beaver Lake. Firefighters from Grassy Knob and Inspiration Point responded. The unoccupied structure was fully involved with fire coming through the roof when firefighters arrived, GK Fire Chief Bob McVey said. With no chance of saving the house, McVey instructed firefighters to contain the fire and let it burn itself out. By 9:30 a.m. it was reduced to the foundation. The house was built by a volunteer firefighter who had intended to use it as a rental property. The interior had been finished out nicely with wood and tile and was almost finished. McVey said cause of the fire might remain unknown.



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Rural militias fight with water hoses

ERIC STUDER

One definition for militia is "a group of people who are not part of the armed forces of a country but trained like soldiers to provide local defense," a near perfect definition for almost any volunteer fire department. Rather than storming into battle with guns and cannons, they respond with hoses and emergency medical care to fight fires and rescue accident victims.

Volunteer fire departments include multiple levels of command, standard operating procedures, rigid training and even their own language. Responding to an accident or fire is a like answering a battle cry when the fire department receives its first 911 alert, called a tone-out. Here is an overview of the steps involved in a typical fire response, according to Inspiration Point Volunteer Fire Department, Grassy Knob Volunteer Fire Department and Holiday Island Fire Dept.

1. The fire chief or assistant fire chief are the first to respond to a 911 call and immediately go to the emergency site to make a "Scene Size-Up" evaluation to determine the level of fire force response required. While enroute to the scene, all volunteers are notified via radio to report to the their designated station for equipment preparation.

2. Upon arrival at the scene, supervisors make an immediate assessment of the type of response required. A wide variety of issues are evaluated

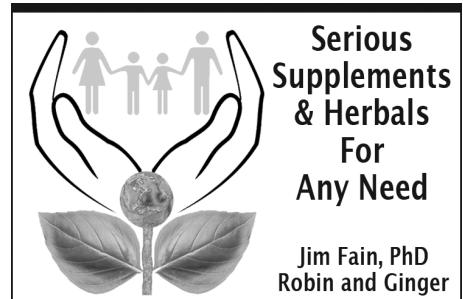
including threat to life, size of fire or severity of accident, emergency vehicle access, power line locations and even wind direction.

3. The responding officer radios support orders to the volunteer force based on the scene size up. If needed, support services like Life Flight or back up from the Grassy Knob or Holiday Island fire departments is requested.
4. Once new responders arrive at the scene, the most important process takes place, the assignment of critical supervisory duties, which include designating the Incident Command (IC), known as the "Man in Command." The IC plays the most critical role on any emergency scene. Regardless of the question, you check with "The Man."
5. Water is accessed from a hydrant when possible. Tankers can also draw water from creeks, rivers and lakes.
6. The IC appoints a Safety Officer (SO) for the scene to minimize on-site safety hazards while supervising the response team's proper use of safety equipment and adherence to training standards and protocols. Whether ensuring people/pets are out of the structure, traffic control is in place or Carroll Electric and gas companies have been advised of threatened power lines and propane tanks,

the SO carries the burden of getting all volunteers home safely.

7. On the scene, everyone has a specific responsibility. Traffic control volunteers ensure a smooth flow of traffic and emergency vehicles around the incident, firefighters extinguish the fire and EMT's tend to the injured.
8. The final phase of any fire response is the "Overhaul," a detailed site inspection where firefighters conduct a re-ignition prevention evaluation to eliminate possibility of emergency callbacks. Smoldering elements, potential wall or roof collapses and other safety issues are addressed.
9. Once all vehicles return to the base station, the scene takes on the resemblance of a NASCAR pit stop. Volunteers immediately begin replenishing emergency supplies and initiate preparations for the next call, including recharging vehicle and support equipment batteries, cleaning the trucks, and re-filling water and fuel tanks. This preparation process can sometimes take longer than the last response call.
10. After emergency vehicles and volunteers have returned to each station, two important calls to 911 are required. A "Back in Service" call and then

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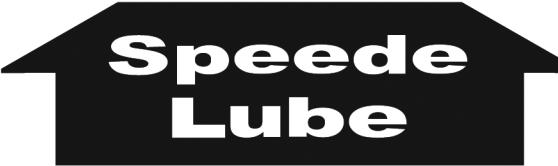


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Ballinger not listening

Editor,

Bob Ballinger is running for reelection. Someone should tell him that voting to end healthcare for over 100,000 of his neighbors is considered poor form. Voters in District 97 need quality, affordable healthcare, not partisan politicians who are willing to put politics ahead of the health of fellow Arkansans.

Everyone, including the State Chamber, says the Private Option is good for Arkansas. I guess Mr. Ballinger didn't get the message. Maybe in November he will.

Patti Tetu

Politics as mirth

Editor,

Concerning your interview with State Representative/Comedian Bob Ballinger:

A) Three hundred thousand

Arkansas residents with health insurance through the public option will *not* overburden the state financially, 300,000 without insurance in the emergency room will.

- B) The millionaires who play the system and receive Medicaid... who are they? Where are they? Do they even exist? If they do, Mr. Ballinger, call the Medicaid fraud hotline and turn them in. Rich individuals and corporations who use tax write-offs and shelters to avoid paying their fair share is part of what I want to talk about. Do you?
- C) Any public servant who thinks it's appropriate to take campaign contributions from SWEPCO as late as Jan. 2014 (like you did) should be replaced ASAP. You are not funny anymore. Save our healthcare!

*George Lyne
Beaver*

Objection to armed group

Editor,

An armed group called Northwest 746 is planning to occupy downtown Saturday, March 29, I want to register my objection. Local members of this group include Marti (Suchsland) Smith and Mike Armstrong, the majority of the demonstrators are from places as far away as Little Rock. Eureka Springs is a peaceful and safe town, as far as I can Google we have a perfect record here on gun deaths — that is zero — I can't find one reference to a gun death in modern times. This one event labeled an "open carry gun walk" will increase the chances of a gun accident in our town on that day by an incalculable amount.

About two-thirds of gun deaths in the US are accidents the rest are homicides, self-defense or murders. Accidents, no malice, no intention, just the mere combination of people with a

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WEEK'S Top Tweets

@neiltyson --- What would aliens say if told that Earthlings shift clocks by an hour to fool themselves into thinking there's more sunlight?

@WilliamAder --- Can't wait for Daylight Saving Time to end this weekend so the clock in my car will have the correct time.

@PJisBeast --- I used to sanitize my son's bottles & Lysol his toys. Then I caught him chewing on the dog's tail.

@Stabby_smurf --- If procrastinating were an Olympic sport, I would show up just in time to miss the medal ceremony.

@1par8head --- Someone is selling a rot iron table on Craigslist... wonder if they would trade for a dictionary?

@swandive2222 --- Yes, I've been in love before. I've also had salmonella poisoning and you don't see me running back for seconds.

@D2_Barney_McG --- I thought twerking was tweeting at work. That's how out of the loop I am.

@ChefChas82 --- I should run for public office just to see the scandalous dirt they dig up on me. I would really like to piece together my twenties.

SOMETIMES...



Standing our ground

A right unexercised is a right lost, or at least that's what those who don't carry a pistol on their cadera are being told by those who believe gun toting is a right not to be messed with. "When he reached for Skittles I thought it was a gun and I was in danger so I shot him."

"When he reached for his ID I thought I was going to die so I took care of business."

"His texting bothered me and when he reached for his popcorn I shot him dead. To protect myself."

How can we say with a straight face that open carry is not a health issue? We like to refer to it as a freedom issue, but we already know how far our freedoms extend – some of us are not even allowed to marry the person we want. So to flap our tongues over freedom really makes no sense – freedom isn't something someone else gives you, not even in a constitution.

American citizens are adamant about reviving and re-interpreting an amendment written 227 years ago. But open carry is not a constitutional issue, really, either, because we can generally clear those up within 150 years or so. Remember when Robert E. Lee was constitutionally stripped of his citizenship – a treason issue – and it wasn't restored until 1975? Ah, but it was retroactive to 1865. Just a two-thirds vote by both houses of Congress gets it done. Should be simple, but instead it's agonizingly difficult.

It is confusing to wonder why people in the land of cell phones and one main language want to flaunt sidearms. Seems to us that's one of those things a girl would keep to herself. Why would anyone want to show others what they've got? But they do, and demand it is their birthright because it's the law of the land.

Arkansas is the 45th state to allow open carry. Now, we've always had some angst about no one being allowed to carry a gun other than law enforcement. Last summer at the Arkansas Public Service Commission hearings in Little Rock, an armed guard was in the courtroom during all testimony. We watched him check texts, apply Chapstick, yawn, drum his fingers and smack some gum. He was on the payroll and someone, a judge perhaps, thought the courtroom would be safer not because of the man, but because he had a strapped and loaded Glock hanging over his pocket. Yet if everyone there had a gun in his or her accessorized holster, there might have been less yawning, but not less railroading. It would have made no difference – unless the guns came out.

Why wouldn't carrying a gun have the same limitations as driving? You can't be drunk, you must have insurance, you must buckle up and be responsible for your actions. Is driving a right or a privilege? Gun toting is different? They can both interfere with the comfort of others.

It takes the bullet of one gun deposited in someone's gut for righteousness to turn to tragedy. Someone will likely die because that is the intention of carrying. It won't be the shooter, and that's part of the reasoning of people who are making the most absurd statement about publicly displaying their guns. "I need it for protection!" From other shoppers and diners?

When people talk of fear and are wearing a gun, they seem to think that shooting to kill, which is what any decent gun carrier would aim for, is a solution. It's not about right or wrong or Second Amendment rights, it's about self-imposed aggressive behavior meant to discourage perceived aggressive behavior in others. There is no good ending to people, who have mental lapses under the best of circumstances, walking around armed.

Maybe we should all carry knives if we're truly concerned for our safety. Even soldiers. There's something about hand-to-hand combat that takes the murder/self-defense urge away. If it's so important to carry a visible, holstered gun on your person because it's your right, we should be teaching gun responsibility in schools. Just as we teach driver education.

-MPB



The Pursuit Of HAPPINESS

by Dan Krotz

I've made two serious mistakes about social media, one I live with daily, the other I rack up to being an old fogey. The first was advising my wife to sell her Facebook stock when it hit \$58. Since my primary role as a husband and father has been to make empty threats, I was surprised when she followed my advice. Since then, she starts each day – and my day – with a summary report from the business pages: yeah, Facebook hovers around \$77 bucks as I write this.

The second mistake was rolling my eyes when business partners decided to hire a "Social Media Consultant" to teach us how to use "social" networks to peddle our papers. What a load, I thought. And yet, while I still have mixed feelings about social media, there was, afterwards, a definite uptick in business – measurable results, proving me to be the troglodyte I am.

It is now 25 years since the Internet became commonly accessible. Eighty-seven percent of Americans use it almost every day; close to 100 percent of households with incomes above \$77,000 are hooked up, and everyone under the age of 18 is wired (seemingly all the time). Of the 87 percent of people on the Internet, 57 percent have a Facebook account. I have one, and odds are you do, too.

The good feelings I have about Facebook revolve around keeping up with the activities of second-string relatives, old friends and acquaintances, and referrals to music, films, or public intellectuals I might otherwise not get to know. The downside is knowing that such "closeness" is artificial and derived with no effort on my part – or anyone's part. Dear Cousin Bob, who I haven't seen in 25 years, could actually be an avatar feigning high regard for me and mine, all based on a chain of algorithms compiled by Google, the NSA, or the League of Extraordinary Gentlemen.

It wouldn't be the first time I've talked to a machine, or had rapport with one. "Oh Facebook, how many goodly creatures are there here, how beauteous mankind is, oh Brave New World that has such people in it."

A little help from our friends:

• **Food pantry, furniture bank and used book store** – Wildflower Chapel Food Pantry is open 10:30 – Noon on Fridays. Thrift Store and Used Furniture Bank open Monday – Friday 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. (479) 363-6408. Service times: 253-5108.

• **Coffee Break Al-Anon Family Group Women** – Tuesdays, 9:45 a.m., Faith Christian Family Church, Hwy. 23S. (479) 363-9495.

• **First United Methodist Church offers free Sunday suppers** 5:30 – 7 p.m. Hwy. 23S. Night Church at 6 with short message and music. (479) 253-8987

• **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.

Meetings at Coffee Pot Club behind Land O' Nod Inn U.S. 62 & Hwy. 23S

• **Alateen** – Sundays, 10:15 – 11:15 a.m. Email alateen1st@gmx.com or phone (479) 981-9977.

• **Overeaters Anonymous** – Thursdays, 10:30 a.m. Barbara (479) 244-0070.

• **Narcotics Anonymous** – Fridays, 5:30 p.m. (903) 278-5568

• **Al-Anon Family Group (AFG)** – Sundays, 11:30 a.m., Mondays and Tuesdays 7 p.m.

• **Eureka Springs Coffee Pot AA Group** Monday – Saturday 12:30 p.m., Sunday 10 a.m.

Sunday – Thursday, Saturday, 5:30 p.m. Tuesday and Friday, 8 p.m. (479) 253-7956

Al-Anon, Wednesday, 5:30 p.m.
All other meetings: See www.nwarkaa.org

INDEPENDENTConstablesOnPatrol

MARCH 3

2:10 p.m. – A gunshot rang out according to a resident on the west side of town. Constable patrolled the area but never saw or heard anything suspicious.

8:21 p.m. – An alarm sounded at a place of business, but constables who responded found the building secure.

10:16 p.m. – A mother told ESPD she was staying in a motel in Eureka Springs although she lived in Berryville, and her 15-year old son had left the motel room saying he was walking back to Berryville. Constables checked along US 62 as far as the city limits. Eventually a Berryville officer encountered the boy and stayed with him until a friend picked him up.

11:20 p.m. – Concerned person notified ESPD a possibly intoxicated and reckless driver was headed toward town from the west. Constables stopped the vehicle and arrested the driver for driving on a suspended license.

MARCH 4

4:55 p.m. – Restaurant claimed a person had lied on an application but had also come into the restaurant yelling. Constable filed a report.

MARCH 5

2:43 p.m. – A car had been blocking a roadway according to a passerby, but the way was clear when the constable arrived.

3:26 p.m. – Constable filed a report of an unauthorized use of a credit card.

MARCH 6

1:03 p.m. – Concerned observer thought a couple were fighting in a car and a child was possibly present. Constable arrived to find the female driver smiling and laughing, so he found no reason to make a stop.

2:45 p.m. – Animal Control picked up a dog at the clinic because its owner had to be airlifted to a hospital.

3:36 p.m. – Apartment dweller told ESPD his girlfriend had trashed his residence and stolen things.

3:40 p.m. – Witness reported a driver ran over some cones on a street just north of downtown. Constables watched for the vehicle.

3:43 p.m. – The girlfriend who had been accused of trashing her boyfriend's apartment called ESPD to report the boyfriend had held her and her 11-month old son in the room and told them they could not leave. She had been able to escape and she took a cell phone with her.

7:57 p.m. – Witness saw two individuals wearing hoodies skulking around near an abandoned building. Constables went to the scene but found no one there or anything amiss.

8:55 p.m. – Bartender told ESPD he had called a taxi for an intoxicated female, but she was now crying and refusing to get into the cab. Constable went to check out the situation, but the female had already taken her taxi ride.

10:40 p.m. – Constable responded to a vehicle-deer accident on US 62.

10:49 p.m. – Two friends had a dispute, and a constable was called in. He determined everything had been verbal.

11:03 p.m. – Motorist almost hit a large dog running loose on US 62 just west of Hwy. 23 South. Constable never encountered the stray dog.

11:04 p.m. – Constable was on his way to check on reportedly loud music coming from a house near downtown, but the music went to bed for the night while he was en route.

11:05 p.m. – Driver in Berryville warned ESPD of a vehicle on its way that was smoking, in the wrong lane and going very fast. Constables waited for it but it never came by.

11:23 p.m. – Passerby noticed a dog limping along US 62. Constable looked for but did not find it.

MARCH 7

3:14 a.m. – Guest at a motel reported her car was not where she had parked it in the parking lot. Constable responded and assisted her in finding her vehicle parked at a restaurant/bar up the road.

9:01 a.m. – Animal Control came across a Pit Bull that had been seen running loose previously. He returned the animal to its owners with a warning about city leash laws.

9:16 p.m. – A constable tried to find the owner of a vehicle blocking a street in a neighborhood but he could not so he called a tow truck to move the vehicle.

1:05 p.m. – Person spoke with a constable about possible check fraud.

6:13 p.m. – State police made a traffic stop on an individual and arrested her on an ESPD warrant.

MARCH 8

2:14 a.m. – Resident in a neighborhood told ESPD a very intoxicated female had come to her door accusing the resident of stealing her husband. The alleged jilted one left before a constable arrived. Turned out the ex-husband lived nearby so the lady had gone to the wrong house.

8:37 a.m. – Motel staff reported an ex-employee had spent a night in a room. Constable took a report.

2:04 p.m. – Witness reported a possibly intoxicated driver headed toward town from the west. Constable watched for the vehicle and made a traffic stop. Constable issued a warning to the driver for driving left of center.

10:59 p.m. – Constable initiated a traffic stop resulting in the arrest of the driver for suspicion of DWI. The driver tested under the legal limit on his breath test, so he was released.

MARCH 9

12:34 a.m. – Traffic stop resulted in the arrest of the driver for driving on a suspended license.

MARCH 10

12:32 a.m. – Resident east of downtown reported an attempted home invasion. When he had heard his basement door open, he went to the basement and saw four or five males flee into a small sedan and drive away. Constables took a report.

Week of wellness begins Saturday

Generated by Eureka Springs Partners in Wellness, the new My Wellness Festival kicks off Saturday, March 15, from 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. at the Crescent Hotel & Spa with a day-long "Living Well, Living Together" event. Admission is \$50 and includes lunch.

The festival was created in the spirit of reclaiming the original promise of renewal, regeneration and health that drew the country to Eureka Springs from the days of its founding. Classes and lectures are scheduled at various venues

throughout town during the weeklong festival. All events focus on promoting a healthy lifestyle and practical daily living solutions for improved personal and community wellness.

There will also be a Spring Equinox Concert at the Aud on Friday, March 21, at 7 p.m. with a performance featuring original music, dance and song compositions. Adult tickets \$5 and \$2 for students. Visit www.mywellnessfestival.com for a detailed schedule and ticket purchases.

INDEPENDENT Art & Entertainment

St. Paddy's Day features live(ly) Irish music

In "real life," Dave Malm is an organic produce grower and Fayetteville Farmers' Market member; Steve Kelsey is a music instructor and instrument repairman affiliated with Ben Jack's. But on St. Patrick's Day they become their Irish alter-egos Paddy O'Grill (at left in picture) and Bill O'Sayle to participate in the international celebration of Irish culture, lore and music.

So do it right this year and get out and hear some live(ly) pub-style Celtic singing and picking while enjoying hearty food and drink on Monday, March 17, at a true Irish pub party from



5 – 8 p.m. at the Rowdy Beaver Den, 47 Spring. No cover will be charged, so come enjoy the music and get 'yer green on! For more info, phone (479) 363-6444.

Into The Light: A creative photography retreat

Registration is open until April 6 for a creative photography retreat with Melanie Myhre from April 10 – 13 at Dragonfly Mountain Lodge. This retreat is designed for photographers of all levels who want to learn the art of storytelling through photography, stretch the imagination to greater heights, and create more freely.

Included will be both outdoor and studio shoots with a model, an elaborate set and wardrobe styling. Participants

are encouraged to work together to create their own unique setups. Fun activities include a scavenger hunt in town and dinner at DeVito's.

Also covered will be editing techniques and business practices. Cost of \$825 per person includes four nights' lodging and meals. Full schedule at melaniemyhrephotography/workshops. Registration deadline April 6. To enroll, contact Melanie Myhre (479) 981-3765.

ArtRageous Parade raises the bar for 2014

In a surprise and welcome time change, this year's ArtRageous Parade will step out into a warm spring evening at 6 p.m. on Saturday, May 3.

Organizers have put out a call to make the 2014 parade totally ArtRageous and spectacular! Participants are urged to "go crazy and light up." The parade is open to everybody – floats, cars, walkers, musicians, dancers, animals, groups, individuals, vans, drummers, kids, adults and everybody who wants

to help Eureka Springs kick off May Festival of the Arts in a big, colorful way.

Parade applications are available at the CAPC office, 121 East Van Buren, Suite 3B and Eureka Springs Chamber of Commerce, 516 Village Circle/Pine Mountain Village. They can also be found online at eurekaspringsfestivalofhearts.com and on the Arts Eureka page on Facebook. For more information phone (479) 253-7333.

ESH movie night March 14

The next movie night at the Eureka Springs High School Theater will be Friday, March 14, beginning promptly at 7 p.m. – so don't be late. This week's movie features Stanley Yelnats and his friend, Zero, digging up clues to an age-old mystery. "If only if only, the woodpecker cries!"

Come enjoy this fun filled movie with a great soundtrack. Popcorn and water will be available at the concession stand. It all benefits the Eureka Springs High School drama club. Can't guess the name of the film? Call the high school (479) 253-8875 for the answer.

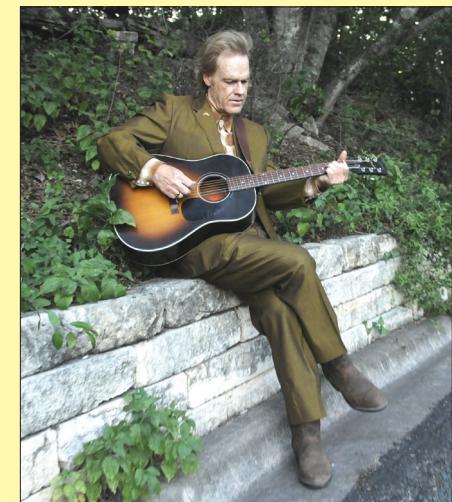
Bob Livingston in concert! Caribé hosts fundraiser for Writers' Colony

Singer-songwriter, bass player, and founding member of The Lost Gonzo Band, Bob Livingston was a key figure instigating the cosmic cowboy, progressive country and outlaw country music movements that distinguished the Austin, Texas, music scene.

You're invited to join this American legend at Caribé Cantina March 29 at 5 p.m. for an intimate concert. Livingston toured as a member of the Lost Gonzo Band and has performed and recorded with Michael Martin Murphey, including on *Geronimo's Cadillac*, and played hundreds of shows with Murphey, Jerry Jeff Walker, Ray Wylie Hubbard, Steven Fromholtz and more.

In 1985 he started touring as a Music Ambassador for the U.S. State Department, giving performances, workshops and lectures in India and touring 30 countries in the Middle East, Africa, South Central Asia and Latin America. For the last 10 years, he has been touring and playing his own music and has released three CDs on New Wilderness Records.

Livingston is coming to Eureka



Springs to work on a book at the Writers' Colony at Dairy Hollow – and in addition to the March 29 fundraising concert, he'll be available at the Colony to talk about the process of writing songs and memoirs on Sunday, March 30, from 2 – 4:30 p.m.

Show tickets are \$15 in advance (\$20 at the door). Email director@writerscolony.org or phone (479) 253-7444. The Sunday workshop is \$35 and limited to 20. Tickets for both are \$45.

Artists and art event coordinators ... Your info is needed for May Arts publicity

Artists and event coordinators are invited to submit information for May Festival of the Arts now to make sure your events are listed and promoted. Send information including name of event, location, description, artist(s) featured, price (if any), contact information and website/Facebook links to the Arts Council at artscouncil@eureka@gmail.com.

Photos and logos should be in high-res jpeg format. Also send links to any videos pertaining to your event. To ensure inclusion in print and on the website, please send as much information as you can by March 15.

And continue to send updates so your event can be revised on websites and social media. Call (479) 244-6636 with any questions.

Book signing at Kerusso March 15

Kerusso Christian Outlet on Passion Play Road is hosting a book signing with local author, John Turner, Saturday, March 15, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Rev. John Turner has more than three decades of pastoral experience; and with his wife, Judy, founded Christview Ministries, a center for spiritual and biblical formation on Rocky Top Road, in 2004.

Living The Full Bible, Embracing God's Vision for Your Life, Your Church and Your World, Turner's first book, reflects his life-long love and study of the Scriptures, opening many doors inviting the reader to a new depth of relationship with the living God.

All are invited to meet John Turner at Kerusso Christian Outlet, 105 Passion Play Road, on March 15.



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INDEPENDENT HIGH (Falutin') SOCIETY



Strings attached – and sounding wonderful. The APO (Arkansas Philharmonic Orchestra) String Coalition Chamber Orchestra, directed by Robert Docker, thrilled the audience of close to 500 at the We've Got Talent concert on March 9.

PHOTO BY NORA PATTERSON VIOLA

Smooth styling – Becky Jean Heath takes the mike accompanied by “the Candyman” on renditions of “Exactly Like You” and “Good Night Moon.”

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Back home – Local favorite, Catherine Reed, is back in Eureka to stay and added her talent to the lively variety of acts in the We've Got Talent Concert. Twenty acts presented just about every type of music genre for the enthusiastic audience filling the lower floor of the city auditorium. Music by composers from Haydn to Fats Waller, along with some performers' original compositions, was included.

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Barbershop's their forte – From left, Berryville's Chandler Mann, Hunter Rivette, Clinton Summers and Aiden Seel; aka the Fourte Barbershop Quartet, treat the crowd to some harmonizing.

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Gluten free – Eight ladies made multi-grain sandwich bread, pizza and two tarts – pear and lemon, at the Gluten Free Baking Workshop at the Writers' Colony CulinArts Center. From left, Georgia Deubler, Judith Leswig, Diana Janes, Mary Mouriglia, Abbi Mouriglia, Jana Jones and Mary Ott prepare to serve the goodies they made. There's a waiting list building for the next class, so phone (479) 253-7444 if you want to be included.

PHOTO BY LINDA CALDWELL



Which way? – If it appears the group at left of this picture is lining up for the Victorian Classic in the opposite direction, they are. They all got off at the 9 a.m. gun, but 10K runners headed toward town and Two-Mile and Fun Run runners and walkers headed for the upper historic loop. In spite of 40° weather and drizzly skies, close to 200 participants enjoyed the events and a warm welcome in Eureka Springs.

PHOTO BY GWEN ETHEREDGE

Team effort – Stormy Phillips and Bryanna Schelbar crossed the finish hand-in-hand at #31 and 32 overall in the 10K Run. Stormy placed 3rd in the men's 30-40 category and Bryanna placed 1st in the 30-40 women's division.

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Starting out young – Five-month old Petra Franks from Ozark, Mo., was the first infant to cross the finish line in the Two-Mile Fun Walk. (In her stroller pushed by dad, Alex.) Her proud mom, Jackie, finished 2nd in the 10K Run's overall female division.

PHOTO BY CD WHITE



Feet on wheels – Fast wheels and fleet feet brought Brighton Ridge resident, Shawn Flodman, a 7th place finish in the Two-Mile Fun Walk, and a special first place for speed riding at the hands of friends. It was feet up as race officials read chips on the shoelaces of Kat, left, and Vito Sawtell to check Flodman's time. Vito also soloed to place 9th in the Two-Mile Run.

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Good run – Nathan Andress, Eureka High School junior, ran the 10K in just over 38 minutes to come in 2nd overall in the 10K Run during the Rotary Club Victorian Classic March 8. For more results from Eureka runners, see p. 7.

PHOTO BY GWEN ETHEREDGE

HDC approves new constructions

NICKY BOYETTE

Dan Hebert presided over his first meeting as Chair of the Historic District Commission Wednesday, March 5, and guided commissioners through four applications which were all approved unanimously.

- 85 S. Main – extend existing deck
- 66 Center – demolition/new construction: ancillary building for lodging
- 128 Oakridge – new construction: residence
- 32 Steele – extend gable roofline for second story addition

Commissioners approved the only item on the Consent Agenda:

- 58 ½ S. Main – revision to previously approved roofing application. Consent Agenda items are Level I applications that the City Preservation Officer believes to be in accordance with the design guidelines.

Hebert presented these three Administrative Approvals:

- 23 Breeding – repair rotten soffit
- 64 Center – new paint colors
- 42 Ridgeway – new paint colors

Next meeting will be Wednesday, March 19, at 6 p.m.

No blarney about Loving Cup recipient

Chamber President/CEO, Mike Bishop, will be presented with the Archie Ryan Loving Cup on March 15 by the Krewe of Blarney Kaptains Klub at noon at the Rowdy Beaver on US 62W. The Loving Cup is presented each year to honor those individuals who have given of themselves to their fellow man and the greater community of Eureka Springs.

A native of Arkansas, Mike is no stranger to hard work. One of 11 children, he grew up in a small town on the banks of the Mississippi and learned early on the struggle of everyday people making a living out of the rich Delta soil. Being only 40 miles from Memphis, Mike was introduced to all kinds of music and saw it as his ticket out of the cotton fields.

He learned to play drums, and, after playing in local bands, got his first real music job at Dogpatch USA, a small theme park south of Harrison. After falling in love with the idea of entertaining people on vacation, Mike made his home in the Ozarks with his soon to be bride, Dale, and has been here ever since. Mike and Dale have produced and performed in the Pine Mountain Theater show since 2005.

Mike has made a career of entertaining, marketing and management in the tourism industry. He's served as President/CEO



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of the Greater Eureka Springs Chamber of Commerce since February 2011 and is a board member of the NWA Tourism Association and the Mayor's Arts Council. In past years he served on the Eureka Springs' Mayor's Tourism Task Force and the Tourism Advisory Council. His active involvement in Arkansas tourism for more than 35 years has garnered him many prestigious awards and recognition, including the Greater Eureka Springs Chamber of Commerce Business of the Year 2006, Man of the Year 2007 and Board Member of the Year 2008.

Mike won the Rotary International Paul Harris Fellow award, and also the Henry Award, presented by then Gov. Bill Clinton at the Arkansas Governor's Conference on Tourism. Mike has also been recognized by many veterans' organizations for his volunteer work and support for military members.

The Krewe of Blarney is established as an organization to celebrate St. Patrick's Day and to promote the Eureka Springs parade. Its Kaptains' Klub is comprised primarily of businesspeople and state and county elected officials who share an equal vote in decision-making. For general information, visit www.StPaddy.Ureeka.Org or phone Captain Tony Popovac (225) 405-9672.

Carroll County Sheriff's Office campaigns to save young lives

Carroll County Sheriff's Office will join state, county and city law enforcement agencies in a two-week mobilization scheduled from now until March 23 to increase seat belt use among young drivers and passengers, with the goal of saving lives.

Law enforcement officers across the state will be stepping up enforcement of safety belt laws as part of the Click It or Ticket campaign. The goal is not to write tickets, but to get everyone buckled up, especially teen drivers and their passengers.

Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for teens. In 2012, 73 percent of young people ages 16-20 who died in traffic crashes in Arkansas were not buckled up. "Teens and young adults buckle up far less frequently than adults and remain the lowest seat belt usage group," Sheriff Bob Grudek said.

According to research from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), teens do not fear injury or death as much as they fear

getting a ticket. "Our message is simple," Lt. Mike Zimmerman said, "If you don't buckle up to save your life, then buckle up to save yourself a ticket."

While national seatbelt use stands at 84 percent, Arkansas' seat belt use rate is only 77 percent. Further statistics from NHTSA indicate that safety belt use for teens and young adults continues to lag behind the rest of the population.

Arkansas law requires:

- Seat belt use for drivers and front seat passengers.
- That everyone be buckled up if a driver has a learner's or intermediate license.
- That all children under 15 be properly restrained.
- That children younger than six and weighing less than 60 pounds be properly restrained in approved child safety seats.

For more information on teen driving safety visit SaferTeenDrivingAR.org, or for Click It or Ticket, contact the Arkansas Highway Safety Office at (501) 618-8136.

Beyond the Garden Gate

Master Gardeners' Home Garden Day welcomes spring

Garden tips will be blooming Saturday, March 22, at the Inn of the Ozarks Convention Center with virtual tours and talks on gardening and landscaping, floral design and heat-tolerant plants.

The Carroll County Master Gardeners' Home Garden Day opens with registration and coffee at 8:30 a.m., followed by a virtual exploration of the gardens at Crystal Bridges led by Cody George, museum field horticulturist and creator of the museum's gardens featuring Arkansas native plants.

Carroll County Extension Agent, Randy Forst, will discuss "Functional Landscape Design Using Beauty and Balance." Randy has a bachelor's degree in Landscape Design and a master's in General Agriculture. He worked in landscape architecture for five years in Tennessee before a stint as county extension agent in Forrest City.

For those who want their prize blooms to last forever, David Bell, photographer and associate editor of *Currents* magazine, will discuss "Seeing the Garden Through the Eye of the Camera."

Luncheon keynote speaker, Janet Carson, extension Horticulture Specialist with the University of Arkansas in Little Rock, will present "Take a Walk on the Dry Side: Heat-Tolerant Plants." Janet is author of *In the Garden*, writes a column for the *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette* and a blog on gardening.

For those who love to bring flowers indoors, Karen Wall will talk about floral design in "A Home Adorned with Flowers is a Home Adorned with Beauty."

There will also be 15 Ozark vendors creating an outstanding gardening market, and a seed exchange booth with a representative from the University of Arkansas at Conway. Any kind of seeds for exchange are welcome!

Registration of \$35 includes a buffet lunch. Make checks payable to Carroll County Extension Service and mail to Master Gardeners, Carroll County Extension Service, 909-B Freeman Switch Road, Berryville, AR, 72616. For more information call (870) 423-2958.

Registration deadline is March 15!

Outside, a flagstone terrace spread in an arc, furred at its edge with the frost-blue foliage of dianthus. A smooth slope of turf dropped away from it, hemmed in on its three sides by a dense wall of shrubbery and by crowds of daffodils and tulips. In the failing light, a grouping of white tulips stood out distinct from the rest, tall and cool and oddly luminous. How peaceful it was, Jane said. She would like to follow the shallow flagstone steps that descended the slope. "But I do feel inferior." She laughed, sweeping the flowers into a small gesture of her hand. "I don't even know the names of most of them – to say nothing of their care and feeding." Her heels tapped the stones unevenly and sounded loud against the pervading quiet. Their voices, too, had a strange, lost quality, lacking resonance, seeming to soak into the stillness and to vanish instantly.

"Willy May will help you," Roger said, and added, "It will do her good to feel that she's needed. People have to feel needed. Have you noticed that?" He looked at Jane and she wondered if his expression of quizzical amusement were habitual.

"I never thought of it that way," she confessed. "Really, Mr. Knowles, I'm a frivolous kind of person. I don't dig into things. I just want to be happy and have happy people around me. That's shallow, isn't it?"

Innocence is a dangerous thing, he was thinking: sleeping princess. But all those brambles to be cut through! Worth it, perhaps? *I'd* not know... You could paint the dark-lashed gray eyes, he thought, possibly even the softness of the black hair, but that pale translucence of her skin would surely elude you.

She saw the lines deepen beside his eyes. Was he amused by her young eagerness to explain herself to whoever would listen? Perhaps she'd sounded silly, pretentious?

"No-o," he said, as if her were turning happiness round and round, considering it. "No, I think you're right. Leave digging to the old. Even then it's not

always –" He stooped to pinch the head from a faded daffodil and stood up with the wilted flower cupped in his hand. "This is a good place to be happy in," he said. "A full life. Good to be close to the roots of things."

"But not to dig," Jane murmured parenthetically.

He didn't hear, or chose to ignore it. He had dropped into a mood of reminiscence, as if the lightly moving air carried seeds of nostalgia in the same way that it scattered dogwood petals on the flower beds. Jane, too, recalled the squirrel vanishing among convoluted black branches, shaking its white plume at her for an instant, and then eluding her, plunging into unfathomable depths of wild white blossoms, where she could not follow.

Roger was saying: "It must be hard for you to imagine what it's like – to be born and live out your whole life in this small space. Narrow, it must seem..." He appeared to brood on this for a while, then he said: "My father was a blacksmith. His forge is still there – not used now – though he has been dead for more than forty years. And my mother still lives in the cottage next to the smithy, not five miles from the place where she was born. She's eighty now." He gave Jane his gentle smile, as if he had gradually returned to awareness of her. "Walter," he said, "must take you to see her tomorrow. You will like her. The cottage –" he shook his head. "We used to try to talk her into setting up in a better place, but she'd have none of it. She always said: 'No, here is where I've lived for sixty years, and where I birthed two younguns, and where Grover Knowles died, and it's where I aim to die, too...'"

Jane felt touched, expectant. What was it Walter had said about his grandmother's house? The last stronghold against Progress. Something like that. She tried to visualize it in anticipation. Beside her, Roger saw it with the intimate detail of long knowledge: the wandering, haphazard lane that led nowhere but simply dribbled away into woods at the far end – and the bluff leaning over it, dropping on it in summer the green, serpentine tendrils of trumpet vine and honeysuckle, in

winter huge stalactites of ice. The old cottages – five or six of them – were scattered unevenly along the one side of the lane, facing only the impregnable wall and the topless mountain. In all of them, the doors opened directly onto the lane, and behind one of the doors sat his mother smoking her pipe, as patient and inexorable as God. He played with the idea, as he had often before now, that there was one circumscribed bit of earth allotted to each man as his center of destiny, a focal point that he must return to, again and again, because he was irrevocably bound to it. The notion smelt strongly of mysticism and he would not have owned up to it, but he had a secret conviction that Beetree Lane, with its doors, was *his* center.

He drew in a long breath. "Look," he said, tracing with his forefinger a fold of land in the middle distance, "how the shadows turn deep purple in the hollows." He laughed softly. "You know," he said, "when I was very young, I used to think I wanted to be an artist. You'd never have suspected *that* now, would you?"

"Well – perhaps not." Jane was a little embarrassed.

"And here I am," he went on, chuckling. "Mayor – president of the local Rotary and God knows what else! Why, my hands used to itch to get hold of a brush, put things down in color –"

"Why don't you try painting now?" asked Jane, who had a pious faith in the value of creative expression.

He shook his head. "Too late. It was just a kid's whim. Hunting, fishing, riding – my leisure time's well filled. Nothing aesthetic in my make-up, I'm afraid, Jane..." They were standing at the foot of the steps. Lights were burning in the living-room now, and, while they watched from below, Mrs. Knowles and Walter came through the door onto the terrace. Jane heard Walter's voice falling clearly through the hushed air: "warm as a summer night – good to be home –"

Mr. Knowles stood looking up at them for an instant, then, as if he'd been reminded of something

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NOTES from the HOLLOW

by Steve Weems

Usually I read old issues of the *Eureka Springs Times-Echo* to get a glimpse of our town's past and generally I write about events from before my birth. This week is different, as March 5, 1985, doesn't seem all that long ago.

And it isn't the *Times-Echo* I have spread before me, but the inaugural issue of the *Eureka & North Arkansas Journal*, published and edited by Mary Stockslager. It says a group of spectators applauded when Jim Abbott hung the *Journal* sign above the door to the newspaper's offices at the junction of Spring and Main. Other newspaper staff listed are Business Manager Bob Holley and Office Manager Jolene Dunn.

The first letters to the editor are all of a congratulatory nature. Those wishing the *Eureka & North Arkansas Journal* the best of luck are Mayor Don Thurman, John F. Cross, Thomas H. Dees, Rex A. Gustin, Dave Drennon and Bob Purvis. Wheeler Printing has a big ad in the newspaper giving congratulations, also.

In political news, Jerry Ferguson, Ken Smith, Jack Tuttle and Pat Thurman were running for positions on the Eureka Springs School Board.

At the city council meeting, Louise Mesa presented a proposal on how to "combat the city-wide problem of trash" to Aldermen Chris Bonewitz, Bill Featherstone, Sam Reeves, Al Westphal, Randy Wolfinbarger and David

Zimmermann.

Nearby in the town of Beaver, the Arkansas Department of Pollution Control and Ecology was investigating possible gasoline in five wells and in the Beaver Spring. According to long-time resident Dewey French, it had been a problem since 1973.

More than anything else, it is the advertisements in the *Eureka & North Arkansas Journal* that transport me back to my youth. Tastee Freeze was taking applications and the Eureka Flower Shop was located back at 67 Kingshighway. Builders Supply, Greenlee Pearson Funeral Home and E & E Steakhouse were all still in business.

I remember reading the *Eureka*



& North Arkansas Journal while in high school, but it must have ceased publication while I was away. If you know what happened, please tell me at steve@steveweems.com or P.O. Box 43 in Eureka Springs.

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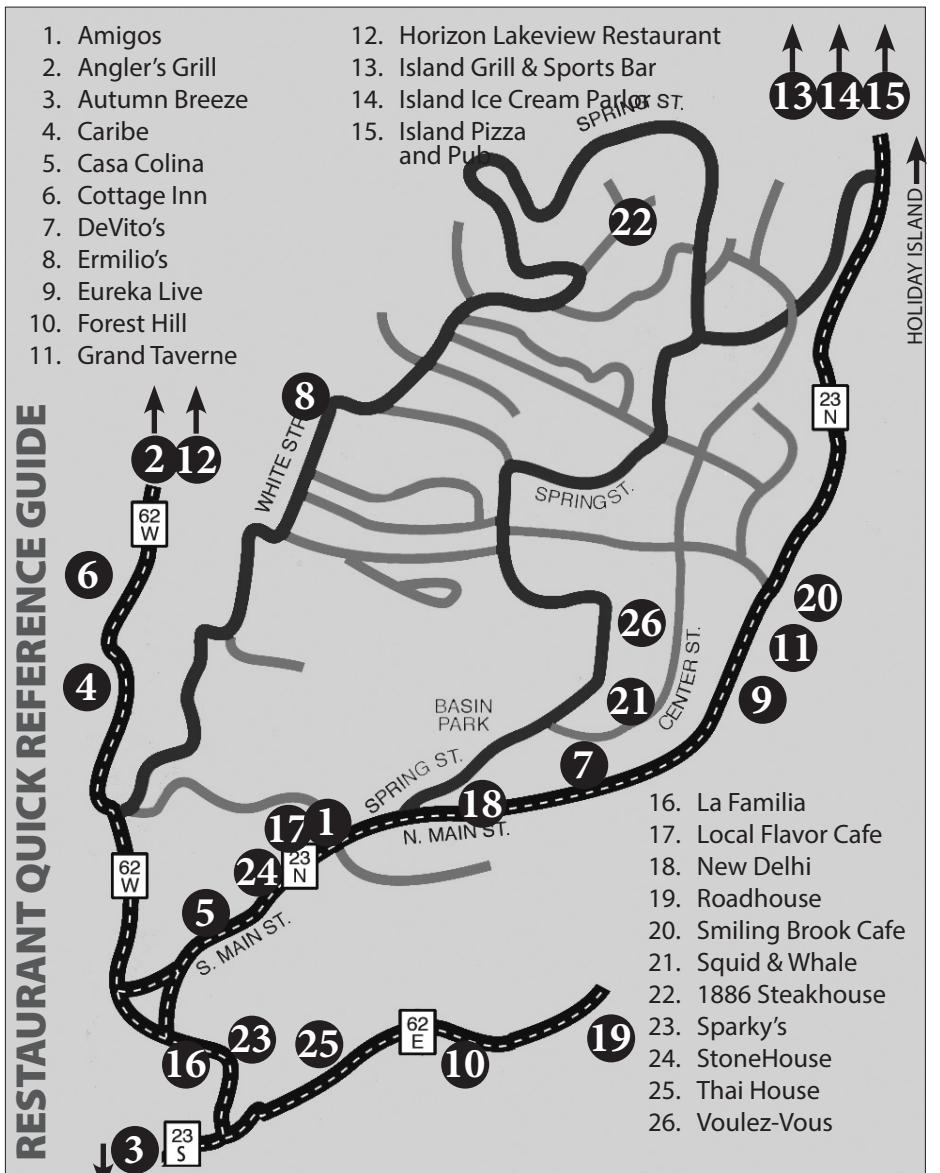
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Transcendence & the Three Levels of Pisces

Sunday is the Full moon Pisces Solar Festival (26 degrees) and Purim, the Jewish Festival of Queen Esther who saved the temple in Persia and her people.

In this last week of Pisces let us understand Pisces more. Our world is made up of energy triangles (like Buckminster Fuller's geodesic domes). Every person, event, kingdom functions on three levels (personality, soul, spirit – the trinity in all of creation and religions).

Everyone, everything, every nation experiences developmental stages. From darkness to light, from

unknowing to knowing, from forgetting (our origins) to remembering, from sleep to being awakened, from chaos to harmony and beauty. In all the signs, as in Pisces there are three levels. Recognizing them in ourselves and others brings forth understanding and compassion (Pisces virtue). Everyone experiences the following stages.

At first we live in opaque waters, then translucent waters, then we become the Waters of Life. At first we seek mediums (channelers) to tell us who we are, what to do, where to go. Then we become mediators,

then World Saviors. From unconsciously responding to the world, then sensitive in the world, to including all the world. From blind sensation, to compassion, to identifying with all Creation. From the undisciplined life, to the crucified life to resurrected life. From slavery and bondage (many lifetimes), to being a servant to becoming a World Server where we finally realize we are divine. We are all Pisces during the month of Pisces – the two fish, one looking above, the other below. One sings the other doesn't. The other dances. Let us ponder upon these things in Pisces.

ARIES: You might seek some sort of transcendent level of communication with God, nature or your Soul. You might choose prayer, meditation, dreaming, philanthropy, tending and care of the ill. Seeking angels and devas and things unworldly to most. Perhaps you will write poetry, music, read Rumi or go fishing. You may fear being lost in chaos, in waters, no boundaries. You may be extra sensitive, lost in imagination and surrender. Whatever the experiences they're subtle. Pay attention. The other world calls.

TAURUS: Daily, selflessly you share with others all that you study, learn, research and know. Your imagination takes you everywhere in terms of understanding the depths and reaches of world events. You are compassionate and kind. For this reason you seek groups that transcend physical boundaries where chaos is understood. You could become an artist and/or a filmmaker. Filming the new age, the harmony through the chaos.

GEMINI: You wish your work could transcend boundaries and definitions. You're really a mystic. In the public you dispense information. In your personal inner life you're quite different. Offering yourself in service, selflessly and idealistically is your real identity, functioning within the imagination, realizing non-physical realities. Some think you're chaotic and confused. We know you're visionary, living in other worlds. Like Pisces does.

CANCER: Education is most important

to you. Education that is metaphysical, philosophical, cultural and religious. These horizons reach your mind, support your sense of compassion, knowledge and practice of sacrifice and selflessness. Music is most important. It takes you beyond physical limitations to where there are no rules or regulations. You need this often. It produces kindness within.

LEO: At times you feel confused, chaotic and moody, wanting to merge completely with another, dying and coming back to life. Few understand this with you. You hide it well. You create drama so that separations occur. Otherwise you feel you're drowning. This occurs often with sex for you. Barriers dissolve and this feels dangerous. So you choose ways to maintain safety and boundaries. Study the psychology of the imagination. You're an artist, tending the kingdoms.

VIRGO: You achieve a transcendent experience when focused upon health, exercise, daily work, organizing, serving and tending to the animal kingdom. Always imagination must be involved. Your work requires selfless compassion. Or the work won't make sense to you. You're charitable, a social worker, seeking the welfare of everyone. Your environments must have a spiritual orientation. Routine is most important. Go fishing sometime.

LIBRA: Take special care of your body during this time. Strive to maintain vitality of health – physical, emotional and mental and spiritual. Cleanliness (inner/outer) is most important. Drink pure water, orange and lemon juice, fresh vegetable juices daily. Make all work conditions balanced and harmonious. Should disharmony occur, walk away. Do not return. You can overwork. Know you're always a success, there is no failure. Let all your dreams come true.

SCORPIO: You're attracted to romantic imaginative people, spiritual and kind, selfless and sacrificing. You learn from them. They love you so deeply you discover your true self. Often they are also poets and mystics, musicians and filmmakers. Their imaginations, free flowing and expressive, allow your imagination to come forth. The discovery of your creativity is at times a surprise to you. You're able to withstand withdrawn and melancholy people, too. You understand them. You are them.

SAGITTARIUS: Your most important transcendent reality is relation with family, heritage, traditions and mother. You're a nurturer although you hide this well. It's important to live in an area that supports and nourishes. Sometimes you long to live in the "motherland," in or near deep

waters, a desert, the woods, monasteries, communities. Sometimes a houseboat will do. Or a family compound. Curved and flowing walls and spaces are best. Nature follows these guidelines.

CAPRICORN: Half the time you are out and about in the community. The rest of the time you're in a book, under covers, in front of a fire, a Vesta hearth preparing nourishment for others. Sometimes your thoughts are in the clouds. Lost in your imagination, you're also practical with a poetic sensitivity. You feel compassion for your family, neighbors and humanity. Some days are chaotic, other are passionate with conversations. You can be a writer.

AQUARIUS: It's most important to cultivate goodwill with everyone, especially work associations. Be very aware and cautious of others' behaviors and agendas. Allow no quick money schemes. Others may practice these dubious behaviors. However, you cannot. You must at all times be free and understand what is of value (and what is not). Careful with spending. Give only with love.

PISCES: Approach everything gently and with empathy. Maintain boundaries, yet allow for compassion as well as confusion to inform your life. Create an imagination journal. Listen to music. Allow nothing to cloud a hopeful approach to life. Sometimes Pisces can feel despairing. Feeling life is a dim distant reality for them. Pisces isn't of this dimension. Their work is to see potential in others and support that potential. It's a rare gift. Your work. Seeking no consolations. No expectations.



Kermit should visit Eureka Springs where The Cathouse Lounge and Pied Piper Pub make it easy to be green on St. Patrick's Day weekend. Besides having their own Leprechaun (see him on the rolling beer keg in the parade at 2 p.m.) they have the Beer Garden open all weekend. With green beer on tap, you can try your Irish luck at the BIG games they offer

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MARCH 16

1 – 4 p.m. *Keith Nicholson Band*

MARCH 17

1:30 – 4:40 p.m. *Air Loom*

6 – 9 p.m. *Ice Cold Fatty*

THURSDAY – MARCH 13

- BLARNEY STONE *Grace Askew*, 7 p.m.
- GRAND TAVERNE *Jerry Yester Grand Piano Dinner Music*, 6:30–9:30 p.m.
- LEGENDS SALOON DJ Karaoke
- SQUID & WHALE "Remembering Roger" Open Mic tribute to Roger Howard Johnson, 8 p.m. Please bring photos and stories to share

FRIDAY – MARCH 14

- BLARNEY STONE *Sam Clanton*, 8 p.m.
- CATHOUSE LOUNGE *Matt Reeves*, 8 p.m. – midnight
- CHASERS BAR & GRILL

TBD

- CHELSEA'S *1 oz. Jig*, 9 p.m.
- EUREKA LIVE! Dancing with DJ D. Underground, 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 *Earth Shakers*, 6–10 p.m.
- ROWDY BEAVER *Karaoke with Jerry*, 7 p.m.
- ROWDY BEAVER DEN *Terri & Brett*, 9 p.m.
- SQUID & WHALE *Springbilly Bluegrass*, 9 p.m.
- THE STONE HOUSE *Jerry Yester*, 6:30–9:30 p.m.

VOUEZ-VOUS "Lucky" with DJ Havok

7 p.m. special guests DJ Shortfuz & DJ Lunitune

SATURDAY – MARCH 15

- BALCONY RESTAURANT *Jeff Lee*, 12–2 p.m., *Catherine Reed*, 6–9 p.m.
- BLARNEY STONE *Brian Muench*, 4 p.m.
- CATHOUSE LOUNGE *Keith Nicholson*, 8 p.m. – midnight
- CHASERS BAR & GRILL TBD
- CHELSEA'S *St. Paddy's Party with Magic Mule*, 3–6 p.m., *Chucky Waggs and Company*, 9 p.m.
- EUREKA LIVE! Dancing with DJ D. Underground, 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 *Ozark Thunder*, 9 p.m.
- NEW DELHI *Pete & Dave*, 1–5 p.m. and 6–10 p.m.
- ROWDY BEAVER *One Way Road*, 7 p.m.
- ROWDY BEAVER DEN *Karaoke with Jerry*, 12–4 p.m., *Terri & Brett*, 9 p.m.
- SQUID & WHALE *Dayton Water 12-String Maestro*, 9 p.m.
- VOUEZ-VOUS *"Lucky" with*

DJ Havok, 7 p.m. special guests DJ Shortfuz & DJ Lunitune

SUNDAY – MARCH 16

- BALCONY RESTAURANT *Jeff Lee*, 12–3 p.m.
- CHASERS Shuffleboard Tournament, 4 p.m.
- LEGENDS SALOON Free Texas Hold 'Em Tournament with prizes, 6 p.m.
- NEW DELHI *Pete & Dave*, 5–9 p.m.
- ROWDY BEAVER Free Pool Sundays
- ROWDY BEAVER DEN *Karaoke w/DJ Goose*, 12–4 p.m.

MONDAY – MARCH 17

- BLARNEY STONE Benefit for Roger Johnson starts 5:30 p.m., *1 oz. Jig*, 7 p.m. There will be a silent auction with proceeds to Roger's family
- CHASERS BAR & GRILL Poker & Pool night – Pool Tournament, 7 p.m.,
- CHELSEA'S *St. Paddy's Party with SpringBilly*, 7:30 p.m.
- ROWDY BEAVER DEN *Paddy O'Grill & Bill O'Sayle*, 5–8 p.m.
- SQUID & WHALE Local Kine feat. *Derek & Friends* plus the *Oh No! Variety Show*, 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY – MARCH 18

- CHASERS BAR & GRILL

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Challenge Night

- **CHELSEA'S** Open Mic
- **LEGENDS SALOON** Pool Tournament, 6:30 p.m.
- **ROWDY BEAVER** Hospitality Night

WEDNESDAY – MARCH 19

- **CHASERS BAR & GRILL** Ladies Night – Drink specials, free jukebox
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HI Hikers St. Paddy's hike

On Monday, March 17, Holiday Island Hikers will undertake a “Wearing of the Green at Round Top Mountain” 3.6-mile hike. This hike is rated difficult, and will include the bomber crash site. Hikers will meet at 9 a.m. in Hart’s parking lot. There will be lunch stop at Cliff House or Ozark Café in Jasper. Spring hikes have been planned with longer driving distances to enjoy the journey as well as the destination. Since some hikers would like to leave on Sunday or stay over Monday evening to do other hikes in the area, everyone will be kept posted so people may make overnight lodging reservations or pack camping gear ahead of scheduled dates.

All are welcome to join in a hike every Monday morning rain or shine. If weather is questionable a cancellation notice is sent to the email list one hour before our meeting time. For more information and a list of scheduled hikes, email hihikers@yahoo.com.

Learn outdoor Dutch oven cooking March 22

There's nothing better than the smell of homemade bread or cobbler coming from a Dutch oven during a weekend of camping. Devil's Den State park is offering a workshop on cooking with these unique campfire ovens on Saturday, March 22, from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

The workshop will teach proper use and maintenance of the ovens, and a three-course meal will be prepared. So come hungry and join in the fun of Dutch oven cooking.

Participants can chose from two types of registrations: Workshop only is \$15/adult, \$7/child (6-12) and includes a cookbook and famous recipes as well as food for the workshop; or a Best Deal for Beginners at \$80 per person, which includes the workshop and food plus a large Dutch oven, cook book and other recipes.

Class is limited and registrations are due by March 19. Class will be held at the small pavilion by the café. Call the park (479) 761-3325 to register.

Opposition to open carry walk

Eureka Springs is a community that celebrates diversity, a funky, eclectic, gay friendly town. But now “the town where misfits fit” is facing a visitation on Saturday, March 29, by a group of tourists who just want to stroll around downtown, in and out of shops and restaurants, openly carrying firearms.

What? Odd as it may seem, a group that advocates what is known as “open carry” gun laws says it will enjoy a “normal” day of shopping and dining in Eureka to advance their contention that Arkansas Act 746 passed in 2013 allows citizens to openly carry firearms.

Imagine tourists walking around on a beautiful spring day downtown, and seeing their looks as they encounter the gun nuts. And what about a shop or restaurant owner? Could you blame anyone for freaking out? This is not the Wild, Wild West. To see someone openly carry a gun into your business has to raise hackles. It makes it more likely people would do something stupid.

The event organizer, Marti Suchsland, was quoted in a local newspaper as saying she is aware that guns, even secured in holsters, threaten some people. But

she said that fear is “something they will have to deal with” because it is her Second Amendment right to carry a weapon.

It is simply not acceptable for this group to know they are going to cause fear, and go ahead and do it anyhow.

The Arkansas Attorney General has issued an opinion that Act 746 does not authorize open carry. Others disagree. Is it right for the gun nuts to take their interpretation of the law to the streets?

Chief Earl Hyatt said that while the Attorney General has said Act 746 does not legalize open carry, most prosecutors and law professors disagree. The part of the code in question says it is illegal to carry a weapon openly if the intent is to commit a crime. Hyatt said that means they can’t arrest someone for open carry unless they can show they have the intent to commit a crime.

“There is nothing we can do as long as they are abiding by the law,” Hyatt said. “I have had some dialogue with this group and will have more dialogue with them before they show up. They plan on being peaceful. We plan on monitoring.”

Police will be visiting with downtown business

owners to let them know about the open carry walk, and provide them with signs to put up in the business stating the firearms are not allowed.

Not everyone agrees with the conclusion the open carrying of handguns is legal now in Arkansas. The issue shows the danger of taking just one paragraph of a law without considering the law in total. Other parts of the law are very specific about who can carry a handgun without a concealed weapon permit. The general public is not listed.

It is not known if the Arkansas Legislation intended to make open carry legal, or if the legislature will revisit the issue. Certainly, if the law was changed in such a convoluted way so citizens didn’t even have a right to speak out, that is wrong.

The gun culture has led to the U.S. having more school shootings than all the rest of the world combined. Events like this that glamorize firearms and encourage even broader use of guns are disgusting.

I tolerate diversity, but not so far as to tolerate the gun culture. Eureka Springs is a very safe community; we have a low crime rate. People don’t need a firearm to be safe in Eureka Springs.

Becky Gillette

The NATURE of EUREKA

by Steven Foster

What do the Ozarks and Ukraine have in common? *Echinacea* – a genus of nine species native to central and eastern North America. Three species are used in commerce, one of which is the common *Echinacea purpurea* that we grow as a garden perennial, but it also

occurs wild in and is native to the Ozarks. *Echinacea purpurea* root is the most commonly used herb in the Ukraine, both in terms of commercial production and as a homegrown medicinal herb.

In the 1980s I collected seed of wild-growing echinacea in the Ozarks, and in

Ozark roots in Ukraine

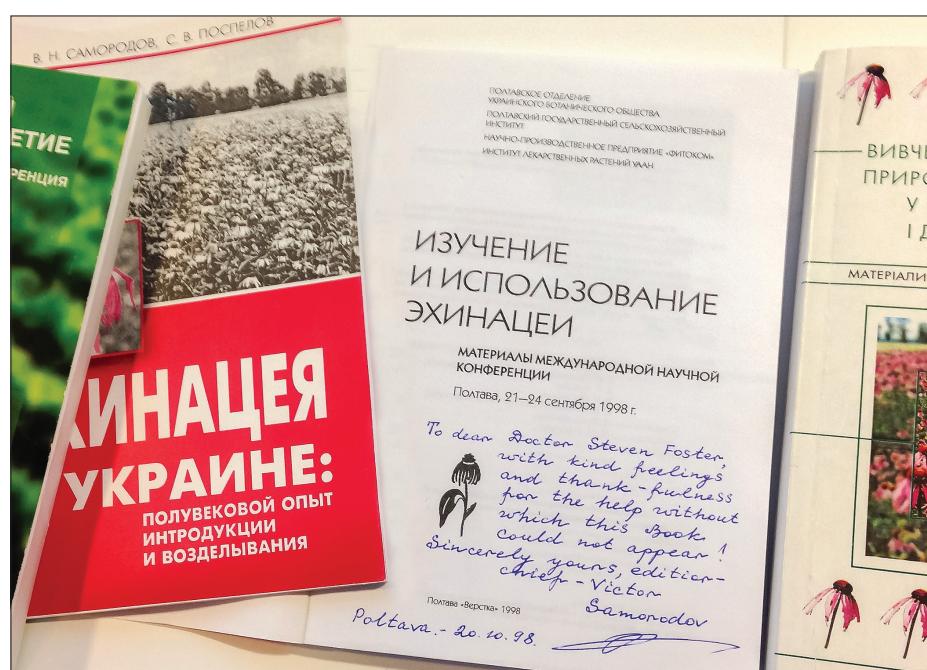
1984 produced what was at that time the most comprehensive literature review on echinacea. My work came to the attention of researchers at the Academy of Science of Ukraine. A steady flow of letters arrived from several scientists in Poltava, a city about 200 miles southeast of the Ukrainian capital, Kiev. Seed of wild-collected *Echinacea purpurea* from Izard and Stone counties in Arkansas was supplied to agronomists in Poltava. After several years the progeny of the wild Ozark *Echinacea purpurea* became cultivated in the Ukraine on a large scale.

My correspondence with botanist Viktor Samorodov and agronomist Sergei Pospelov of the Botany Department, Academy of Science in Poltava, and Victoriya F. Pochernyayeva, professor of clinical pharmacology with the Public Health Ministry of Ukraine, began a few months after April 26, 1986, the date of the catastrophic nuclear meltdown at Chernobyl. Ukraine was still part of the former Soviet Union.

The Chernobyl disaster prompted scale-up of commercial cultivation of echinacea after research by Dr.

Pochernyayeva showed that extracts of *Echinacea purpurea* have a protective effect on free radical damage of organs and tissues exposed to ionizing radiation, a protective effect on the male reproductive system (from radiation exposure), and use in treatment of mouth and gums lesions (also associated with radiation exposure). In relatively short order they developed various preparations and modes of delivery. One of the flagship products was echinacea vodka.

In June of 1999, an International Echinacea Symposium, hosted by the American Herbal Products Association, was held in Kansas City. I helped arrange for my three Ukrainian colleagues to come to the symposium as featured presenters. Following the symposium, they piled into my car and came back to my home in Fayetteville and spent a week in the Ozarks. My Ukrainian friends dubbed me “the King of Echinacea in Ukraine.” I trust they are well.



Movie classics coming to the Aud – Open House March 19

Movie lovers will soon be able to enjoy classic movies in a classic space for a nominal fee. A local group, the Eureka Classic Movie Association (ECMA), is making it their mission to bring "Twice-monthly classic films to the Aud." The enterprise will be introduced at the ECMA Open House Wednesday, March 19, from

5 – 6:30 p.m. at the Aud. Refreshments will be served.

The group, comprised of a handful of local business owners, decided to do this after hearing so many locals and visitors complain about having nothing to do in the evenings, especially during the off-season. "We are hoping the Sunday night

shows will be well attended by locals," John Speed, one of the organizers, said. "If so, we might expand to some Saturday nights so tourists might also attend."

The entrance fee of a mere \$3 per person covers the cost of Aud rental and film license fee. Different classic films appealing to youth and adults will be

shown twice a month through December, with double-features in July and August showing both old and new versions of a classic film. The season begins Sunday, March 30, with *Mary Poppins*, and continues with a variety of movies from *South Pacific* to *The Apple Dumpling Gang*.

EXPLORING the fine art of ROMANCE...

by Leslie Meeker

My partner says I'm never romantic. I can't argue, the past few years have been tough. I don't have much enthusiasm for anything. How can I suddenly turn on the romance?

Truth be told, maintaining your romance requires maintaining yourself. *Self-care* is the key. Your capacity to "turn on the romance" is directly related to your intellectual, emotional and physical well-being.

So you engage your mind daily when balancing the books. This does not qualify as intellectual stimulation, this is intellectual sedation! Pursuing your passions on the other hand does qualify. Whether it's politics, poetry or planetary physics, take time to immerse yourself in your interests. Excite your mind. This is energy you bring into your relationship. It takes two passionate people to create a passionate relationship. Romance directive #1: Pursue your intellectual passions.

If conversations typically lead your partner to comfort,

cheerlead or coach you, then you are falling short in the emotional self-responsibility department. Emotional support between partners is necessary but repeatedly sharing the unedited version of your self-deprecating internal monologue does not constitute conversation. Save those details for your faithful friend, therapist or advice columnist. Your partner is not your personal Hazmat dumpsite.

Along those lines, your partner is also not your activities coordinator. Find activities that interest you and pursue them autonomously – that means *on your own*. Somewhere between "two peas in a pod" and "opposites attract" is where the most successful relationships exist. You may share one another's taste in music and morals, but bringing your individuality into the relationship keeps it interesting. Your partner is a fitness freak and you're a fishing fanatic. Perfect. You can share your separate stories of mastery and defeat. Romance directive #2: Maintain emotional boundaries and exercise autonomy.

Not feeling too sexy these days? The pursuit of physical perfection is not necessary but pride of ownership is. Own your body. Nourish it, exercise it, touch it, know it. Romance requires giving of yourself physically but you can't give what you don't own. Not a fitness enthusiast? Consider these choices: per minute you can burn eight calories jogging, five calories having sex or one calorie watching TV. Yes! Sex is exercise and like any fitness regime, consistency definitely maximizes the benefits. Romance directive #3: Get physical!

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

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demonstrations in Fayetteville and Ft. Smith, and they intend to gather near Basin Park with handguns openly displayed (to enter Basin Park carrying a handgun would be illegal) and then walk through town to restaurants and stores to educate the public about their point of view.

Teresa DeVito spoke up in the Public Comments forum, and pointed out Eureka Springs is a safe community. A person does not need to pack a firearm to feel safe here. Her opinion of the Open Carry walk was "What an absurd approach to educating the public!" She asked council to make a statement letting the group know Eureka Springs does not welcome the concept of weapons in its stores and restaurants.

Susan Morrison said people come to Eureka Springs to relax and feel safe. The open carrying of handguns seems antithetical to what Eureka Springs wants to offer.

DeVito said he got 150 signatures opposing the gun walk within a four-block area downtown. He said four persons did not want to get involved, four others were in favor of the walk and more than 150 people downtown were concerned about

ramifications of the event.

"We've always abided by the Attorney General's opinion, so the other side would need evidence to counter that opinion." He suggested council pass an ordinance stating the city would abide by the Attorney General's opinion that carrying handguns in public would be illegal except in very specific cases enumerated in detail in Arkansas law.

Some of the technicalities of the law surfaced, such as what if a person carries a handgun but does not set out "to unlawfully employ" it. And does Eureka Springs want to crack down hard on a handful of ardent believers who think carrying a handgun to the grocery store is the American way?

Alderman Terry McClung said, "If we want to pass an ordinance about not carrying a handgun, then let's do it. And then you have to enforce it."

"This is a horrendous public relations problem and a danger to our economic welfare," alderman Joyce Zeller said. She wanted all the businesses to get together and post signs in windows not allowing guns inside the premises.

DeVito thought so many signs about guns in store windows might scare away



PHOTO BY NICKY BOYETTE

tourists. He said he had talked to members the Northwest 747 group previously, but "they've upped the ante," he said. "They have sought no permit for what they intend to do, and they want to get attention."

"And we have no idea how assertive they might be," Mitchell commented. "We are at the mercy of our mayor and police chief to contain this for the public's interest."

Weaver cautioned council not to act in haste. He thought the city might get more

publicity than it wants if it arrests a bunch of the gun carriers.

"But we can't let people come here and violate the state law, and if it comes down to a legal battle, then so be it," DeVito maintained. He was concerned word would get out that Eureka Springs is the place you can vacation with your favorite handgun.

Seeing no end to the discussion in sight, council voted to have a special meeting on the subject Thursday, March 13, at 3 p.m.

Coming up at Flora Roja

March 16, 2 – 4 p.m., “Dandelion-The Lion King” with D’coda. Is there a super food and/or a humble cancer cure in your own yard? Come and find out in this hands-on workshop and explore the scientific and traditional uses of dandelion. Learn how to prepare the flowers, leaves, stalks and roots. Also prepare the dandelion to sample its culinary virtues.

March 17, “Free Health Consultations with Carrie Marry.” Experience the support and accountability

of working with health coach Carrie Marry. Contact Carrie for availability (479) 253-7874.

March 19, 6 – 8 p.m., “Effective and Compassionate Communication. The Power of Words: They can wound, create, and heal” with Lillian Bern. This 10-week class will help you be conscious of effects you create for yourself. For more information and pricing contact Lillian (479) 387-2108 and see lilianbernholistictreatment.com.

March 19, 6 – 8 p.m., “Partners In Wellness.”

Eureka Springs Partners in Wellness is a growing alliance of individuals, professionals and businesses interested in promoting and supporting positive change within our community and ourselves. PIW is creating a directory for professionals and businesses, so please bring two copies of your info. For details, call (479) 981-2018.

Workshops are held at Flora Roja, 119 Wall St. For prices and list of upcoming workshops see www.floraroja.com or phone (479) 253-4968.

DEPARTURES

Robert William Karasek Oct. 8, 1932 – March 7, 2014

Robert William Karasek, known to his many friends as “Bob K,” was born October 8, 1932, and passed away at Fayetteville’s Washington Regional Medical Center on March 7. Bob had made his home at Holiday Island for the past several years, having lived in Eureka Springs since the early 1990s.

Bob Karasek grew up in a cold-water flat on Chicago’s west side during World War II. One of three children raised in a working-class family, he learned to be resourceful and grateful for everything he had. He would



rummage through the bins in alleys in his neighborhood to find broken toys and cast-off items he could repair. He shared the toys with the kids in the neighborhood, and anything else of value he sold to help out his family.

A self-educated man, Bob left school after the 8th grade and worked setting pins in bowling alleys, pumping gas, and later assembling telephone circuits for Western Electric. He also tended bar at a few taverns around town. He eventually enlisted in the Army during the Korean Conflict, serving stateside in the Signal Corps. He traveled around

to bases in the southwest in a truck that served as a portable theater and showed training films to soldiers. Bob was in active duty for two years and in the reserves for eight years. After the army, he drove trucks and taxis all over the Chicago area.

Described as a free spirit by some in his family, Bob moved to Wisconsin to discover the Native American spiritual path that would guide the rest of his life, and there he made many friends among the Ojibwe people, who called him “Red Willow.” Muskie, pike and walleye fish were not safe while Bob lived in Wisconsin, and he especially enjoyed ice fishing from his well-heated van.

Tiring of Wisconsin winters, he

followed some retired friends who moved to Eureka Springs, where he again made many friends as a member of the Coffee Pot Club. Bob’s spiritual path also included 12 steps that, with the help of the Creator, enabled him to live a life of sobriety for almost 47 years. He often shared that he found a room full of friends he had always looked for and lived the life he had always dreamed of. Bob leaves behind his beloved shitzu, Suzy Q (who is being well cared for) and a host of friends.

A memorial remembrance gathering will take place at 2 p.m., Monday, March 17, at the Coffee Pot Club located on the corner of Hwy. 23 and Stadium Road in Eureka Springs. All are welcome.

Marguerite May Nichols June 26, 1914 – March 4, 2014

Marguerite May Nichols, of Eureka Springs, was born June 26, 1914 in Mentone, Indiana, a daughter of Charles and Florence (Harris) Nelson. She departed this life March 4, 2014 in her home in Eureka Springs at age 99.

Marguerite worked as a teacher and received her master’s degree from the University of Oklahoma. She

was of the Methodist faith. Marguerite was also an Eastern Starr and a member of the gardening club.

She is survived by one son, Clyde Nichols and wife, Woodalea, of Eureka Springs; two grandchildren, Timothy Shawn Nichols of Eureka Springs, and Jarrod W. Nichols of Bentonville, Ark.; two granddaughters, Kaitlea Nichols and Shyanne M. Nichols also of

Bentonville; and a host of other family and friends.

In 1940, Marguerite was united in marriage with Clyde Nichols, Sr., who preceded her in death.

Graveside service was March 7 at the Eureka Springs Cemetery. Interment was under the direction of Nelson Funeral Service. Online condolences may be sent to the family at nelsonfuneral.com.

Roger Howard Johnson Jan. 1, 1955 – March 6, 2014



Roger Howard Johnson, 59, was a true busker who loved to play for people, his fiddle and soulful eyes charming everyone he met. Roger loved music whether he was playing, singing or dancing. The last time I saw Roger we shared a dance at the Squid & Whale.

In 1979 Roger joined the Air Force, serving as Special Military Police at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio. He then went on to earn an Associates Degree in music from the University of California, Santa Cruz. He recorded three albums with Eureka Springs musician Jon Seaman, and was on a recording

by folk singer Jason Eklund of Nashville. Roger used the word kindness often, inspiring Jon Seaman to pen an instrumental titled “Kindness” as a tribute to Roger. It was to be included on “C4” which would have been their fourth album together.

Roger is survived by his daughter Amber, and her husband, Jason Merga of Eureka Springs. He is also survived by three grandchildren; Destiney Huffman, 21 and Lylian Doughty, 16, both of California; and Joseph Huffman-Doughty, 10, of Eureka Springs.

There are two memorial events planned

for Roger and a third in the works. Thursday, March 13, the Squid & Whale will have an open mic tribute starting around 8 p.m., please bring photos and stories to share.

The Blarney Stone will have a benefit Monday, March 17, at 5:30 p.m. with proceeds going to Roger’s family to assist with funeral expenses. A silent auction will be followed by entertainment by 1 oz. Jig at 7 p.m.

Chelsea’s has booked Roger’s longtime friend and music collaborator Jason Eklund for an event in early May.

Gwen Etheredge



Show choir – The Berryville High School Show Choir showed their stuff during We've Got Talent at the Aud on March 9 with "Down in the River to Pray" and "What Shall We Do with a Drunken Sailor."

PHOTO BY NORA PATTERSON VIOLA

Spring potluck at HI Barn

Friends of the historic Holiday Island Barn invite everyone to get out and enjoy a Spring Potluck at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 23, at the Barn. Doors open at 1:30 p.m. There is no charge, although donations to the Barn improvement fund will be accepted.

Please bring a dish to share – salad,

vegetable, main dish and/or dessert are welcome. BYOB optional; iced tea and water will be provided. There will be a short business meeting to elect officers and solicit program ideas. An update on Barn improvements and proposed Radio Theatre (without radio) program will be discussed.

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In contradiction, Brix claimed she had initiated conversations with two of the Marble Flats owners but to no avail. She also pointed out the property has been in private hands for a very long time, with no city maintenance of or attention to Rock Street, so Williams' appeal for what's in

the public interest seemed hollow in her opinion.

Mitchell then moved to assign a number to the ordinance reclaiming a portion of Rock Street and removing it from Parks' authority and put it on its first reading. Vote to approve the first reading was 4-1. McClung voting No.

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of care," Mitchell said. "You can get emergency treatment to save your life, you can go in and get hydrated, and you can get antibiotics. If you need a specialist or higher diagnostic services, it is just not there. The hospital has never been that. This is a hospital where they stabilize and ship. If they can no longer ship patients out, it could cause major problems."

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a "Clearing the Scene" status update, meaning the station is fully prepared for their next emergency response.

11. The final step requires a Post Incident Report prepared by the

Calls to the Eureka Springs Hospital for comment were not answered prior to deadline. Mayor Pate was out of town and did not return calls prior to deadline. In his letter, he said: "It has been a pleasure serving the Eureka Springs Hospital. I regret that we can no longer provide EMS crews for routine patient transports. I appreciate the hospital's understanding that the emergency needs of the community must come first."

senior reporting officer detailing critical information including: time of call, type of incident, personal injury status, names of all volunteers responding and other data for police and insurance reports.

Berryville radio club meets

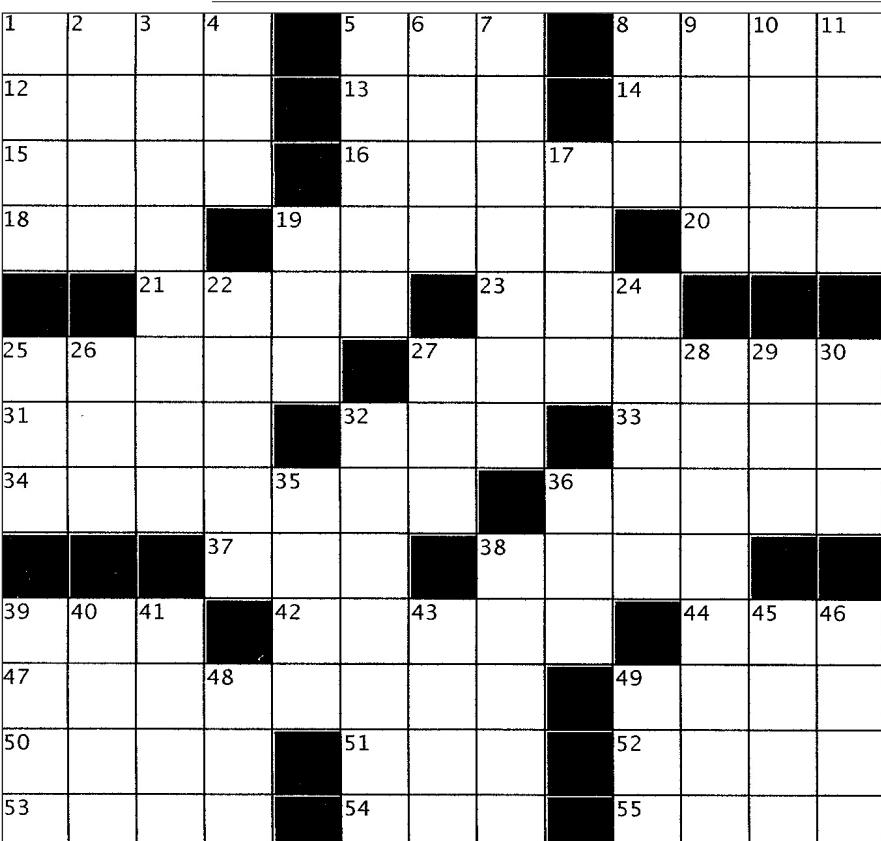
The Little Switzerland Amateur Radio Club will meet Thursday, March 20, 6:30 p.m. in the physicians building at Mercy Hospital, Berryville. Anyone with an interest in amateur radio is welcome. Refreshments will be available. For more information contact gmj@bscsystems.com.



INDEPENDENT Crossword

by Bill Westerman

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ACROSS

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| 1. Vitality | 39. Bread grain | 11. Eclectic Pennsylvania band |
| 5. Coal bucket | 42. Duck down? | 17. Pale |
| 8. Enlarge | 44. House call? | 19. Lyric poem |
| 12. Farm wagon | 47. Stoutly built | 22. Release |
| 13. Anger | 49. Rim | 24. Rowed |
| 14. Swiss river | 50. Threat word | 25. Photo finish? |
| 15. Ova | 51. Undivided | 26. Afghan coin |
| 16. Make twangy | 52. Height times width | 27. Flower container |
| 18. Debt chit | 53. Pinnacle | 28. French mathematician |
| 19. Leers | 54. Honey | 29. Crete mountain |
| 20. Put on | 55. 20th letter of the Hebrew alphabet | 30. Oui's opposite |
| 21. Ill mannered | | 32. Baptismal shroud |
| 23. 17th letter of Greek alphabet | 1. Angolan money | 35. Novelist Zane |
| 25. Consider | 2. Othello villain | 36. Prevent |
| 27. Salivary enzyme | 3. Statuette | 38. Stimulating nut |
| 31. It's a kick | 4. Typographical measures | 39. Ostrich family bird |
| 32. Romaine lettuce | 5. Pivoting device | 40. Cry of pain |
| 33. Makeover | 6. Spoken | 41. Let up |
| 34. Dexterity | 7. Arid regions | 43. Sand hill |
| 36. Started | 8. Guy's mate | 45. Eons |
| 37. Goof up | 9. Foray | 46. "For sure!" |
| 38. Wished | 10. Rice-shaped pasta | 47. Tick off |
| | | 49. Ring bearer? |

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Friday, March 21, 7 p.m. at "The Auditorium" in Eureka Springs, Ark. Instruments, voices, dancers celebrate renewal that comes with Spring. Tickets \$5/\$2 at the door. VIP Sponsorship tickets from fiddlinfred51@gmail.com or MyWellnessFestival.com

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Good Shepherd blanket drive ends March 17

The Good Shepherd Humane Shelter needs blankets! From now until March 17, blankets for the Good Shepard Humane Society Blanket Drive can be dropped off at Flora Roja, 119 Wall St.

In addition to blankets, items

desperately needed at our local shelter also include sheets, pillowcases and small pillows. No comforters please! (Too big to wash.) Items can be dropped off Monday through Saturday any time between 11 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Grassy Knob VFD pancake breakfast

A pancake breakfast to benefit the Grassy Knob Volunteer Fire Department will be held Saturday, March 22, from 8 – 11:00 a.m. at the VFD Community Center, 12037

Hwy 187. Pancakes, sausage, juice and coffee will be served. Cost is \$7/adults and \$3/children under 12. For further information contact Sally McVey (479) 253-9528.

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Spring forward with an ESSA workshop Discounts on early registration

Get your artistic bent on track and sign up by March 15 for discounts on a spring workshop at Eureka Springs School of the Arts.

March 24 – 26: Cynthia Kresse, artist, sculptor and medical illustrator will teach “Pastels” and the various ways to treat them. See more at www.cynthiakresse.com.

March 26 – 28: Fran Carlin will hold a “Figurative Mosaic Design” workshop at her studio, 55 N. Main, for students interested in taking mosaics to the next level.

March 27 – 28: Billy Owens returns with two one-day workshops on Split White Oak Basket Making. Make a “Going to Market Basket” or “Large Shopper Basket” under Billy’s tutelage. Billy personally harvests, cuts and splits by hand all the white oak he uses in his students kits. Check out Billy’s website – www.owensbaskets.com!

Call ESSA (479) 253-5384 by March 15 to register for these or any of ESSA’s 2014 classes and receive a 10 percent discount. You can also register on the web at www.ESSA-art.org.

Foreign film series finale March 14

The French film, *Blue is the Warmest Color*, winner of the 2013 Cannes Film Festival’s Palm D’Or, is based on the French graphic novel of the same name. This European art cinema tale is a coming-of age story of how Adele’s life is changed when she meets Emma, a young woman with blue hair. Because

the film is rated NC17 for explicit adult themes, people under the age of 17 cannot be admitted.

As always, there’s free admission and free popcorn Friday, March 14, 7 p.m., at the Carnegie Library annex, 192B Spring. For more information on films, see www.eurekalibrary.org.

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he had meant to say, he turned back to the garden. “Agnes,” he said in a low, hurried voice. “It’s Agnes who created this home. You will see what I mean when you know her better.” He stood for a moment running his hand through his heavy gray hair, and Jane was surprised by the sudden urgency of his manner, as if he had all at once brought himself to his real purpose in bringing her

out here. “Always remember,” he said then, abruptly, “a woman can make or break her husband. It’s all up to her.” He put a hand lightly on her shoulder and turned her so that he could look straight down into her face. “Be happy, you and Walter,” he said, and Jane was baffled more by the fleeting look of pain that crossed his face than by what he had said. He let her go, and they started back up the steps.

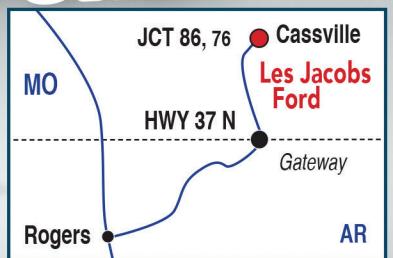
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loaded gun. That is exactly what this march is about, bringing people with loaded guns to go around our town. I object to this event

as an unnecessary risk to public safety, accidents do happen. Let’s not have any here in Eureka Springs.

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