



Bow ... WOW! – It was a dog's day afternoon March 24 at the groundbreaking for the Eureka Springs Bark Park, the first dog park in Carroll County. From left are Rachel Brix, Ryan Brix, Jeff Feldman, Melissa Greene, Jan Grinnell, Bruce Levine, Carol Martin and Glen Couvillon. They're accompanied by, from left, Emerson and Sadie Brix, Chester and Carmel Grinnell, Tucker and Lily Martin.

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This Week's INDEPENDENT Thinkers

The average American spends two-and-one-half hours a day online.

The average pint of beer takes 12-15 minutes to consume.

The average beer container is an aluminum can. which weighs less and doesn't require washing



like recycled bottles, making it environmentally competitive with glass. There are arguments on both sides of that one, some quoting taste, chill maintenance, and BPAs in can coating that are anxiously blamed for man boobs, stupidity and obesity.

However, a laptop can be powered for five hours and 20 minutes from energy saved by recycling one aluminum can.

Which might make beer drinking a civic duty.

Rock Street redux for council

NICKY BOYETTE

The conversation at the Eureka Springs City Council table Monday evening took another stroll down Rock Street, the platted but undeveloped piece of property that serves as the only legal access to the home at 1 Magnetic. Council was set to consider a second reading of an ordinance that would reclaim the property from the authority of the Parks Department, but alderman Mickey Schneider suggested another proposal.

Schneider said since there has been controversy about the legal status of Rock Street, council should get a "judicial land attorney" to investigate all documents related to the case and settle the question over ownership before council considers vacating the property. She thought the cost of the legal review could be as low as \$600-700, and the lawyer's decision might eliminate one part of the controversy.

Alderman James DeVito clarified that no one is saying the city owns the property; the city has an easement.

City Attorney Tim Weaver said the only way Schneider's suggestion would work would be if all parties agreed to the lawyer and to be bound by that lawyer's decision, which he saw as problematic. He also thought an attorney would eat through the amount of money Schneider had suggested way before reaching a conclusion.

The issue stems from the request by Rachel and Ryan Brix for a vacation of Rock Street, which runs through their property and within six feet of their front door. They own the property on both sides of Rock Street, but owners of property called Marble Flats east of the Brixes' property claim Rock Street is an access to their investment, and have contested the Brixes' application for the vacation.

Alderman Joyce Zeller suggested the city could simply get an easement farther away from

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We can see Carroll **County from** here - A 150 ft. power transmission pole seems to puncture the sky between Flint Creek and Shipe Rd. in Benton County.

> PHOTO RY PAT COSTNER



Objectors to SWEPCO power line fire back with series of filings

BECKY GILLETTE

With all the back and forth regarding the application by American Electric Power (AEP)/Southwestern Electric Power Company (SWEPCO) to build a high transmission line, it can be easy for people who aren't lawyers to become a bit dizzied.

In the latest salvo of filing before the Arkansas Public Service Commission (APSC), the grassroots citizen opposition group Save the Ozarks (STO) has filed for a rehearing, claiming that the APSC granting of a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need (CECPN) to SWEPCO for Route 109 that runs for 25.5 miles in Missouri about a month ago is "arbitrary and unreasonable, is contrary to Arkansas and federal law, is contrary to the Arkansas and Federal constitutional guarantees of due process, is not supported by substantial evidence, and is unjust for all the reasons presented herein."

The root of STO's argument is that the project is not needed.

"The reliability problem that SWEPCO presented to the APSC as the basis of need for this transmission line and associated new substation no longer exists," states a press release from STO. "This fact was established in testimony by both the expert witness for the project's opponent, STO, and the expert witness for the project's proponent, the Southwest Power Pool (SPP). Indeed, even at the time when the reliability problem was thought to exist, SWEPCO itself saw no need for a new 345 kV transmission line and proposed to SPP that a 161 kV line be constructed

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Fine collecting stays with county clerk

NICKY BOYETTE

The Carroll County Quorum Court, as divided as it could have been, voted 5-5 on a proposed ordinance that would have moved responsibility of pursuing unpaid fines assessed by the Circuit Court from the county clerk's office to the sheriff. The vote meant Circuit Clerk Ramona Wilson would retain this task

Wilson told the court she spent five days going through her documents back as far as 1983, and figured there is as much as \$2,824,187 in uncollected fines. However, she pointed out much of that amount would go toward victim restitution and another amount would go to the state, "so it sounds like a big number, but it's not money in hand."

Justice of the Peace Gaylon Riggs asked Wilson how many active warrants are out there, and she replied, "A whole slew of them."

JP Ron Flake commented victim restitution is important, just like more revenue for the county. "It's high time to collect," he said, "so let's give it to the over to the sheriff. sheriff and give him six months, and if he can't do it. let's make it an election issue."

Sheriff Bob Grudek added, "There is a lot of money out there. I don't care who collects it. I'll help Ramona collect it. We want to do our part to collect the money."

JP John Reeve stated the main point is that the collection system in place has not worked well. JP Don McNeely added that even if better business practices were put in place, people would still need to cooperate better

JP Lamont Richie commented "a whole slew" was not a specific enough answer, and the conversation turned to the advantages of a computerized database.

McNeely pointed out Wilson had spent five days to get a number a computer could have produced in 30 seconds or less if the data had been on a computer.

Wilson countered she had checked with other circuit clerks, and heard their systems were cumbersome and often insufficient even if the task had been turned

"Do you have too much to do or too few people?" JP Jack Deaton asked Wilson.

She replied, "We do as we can," and cautioned the court to consider the overall picture and advised against switching duties back and forth.

In the end, JPs Deaton, Riggs, Tim Garrison, Matt Phillips and Larry Swofford voted No on the proposed ordinance, so it failed.

No one behind the camera

At its February meeting, Deaton ran the video equipment recording the meeting, a task previously performed by Candy Bawcom, whose job as 911 mapping coordinator was defunded in this year's budget. Deaton pointed out the court in 2009 had voted to record the meetings, but no one else had been cross-trained to run the equipment.

County Assessor Jo Ann Harris said it would be County Judge Sam Barr's responsibility to get the meetings videotaped, but she thought all departments

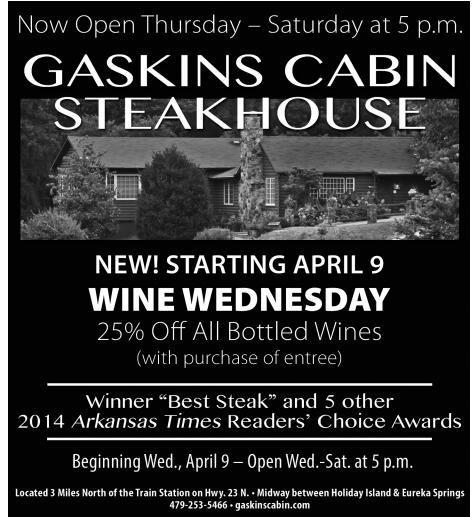
would be willing to help.

As discussion wandered toward too many unanswered specifics, Deaton spoke up. "I'll take care of it," he said, meaning he would work with Barr and department heads to develop a plan, and with that, business being concluded, they adjourned.

Next meeting will be Friday, April 18, at 10 a.m.

ESDN Business Roundtable

Dennis Kelly from Holiday Island District will be the speaker at the 8 a.m. Business Roundtable at the Eureka Inn Tuesday, April 1. This collaborative meeting with Eureka Springs Downtown Network and the Chamber of Commerce is open to everyone.







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SWEPCO land grab begins

BECKY GILLETTE

The Lynch family Brightwater community on US 62 at Little Sugar Creek, south of the Pea Ridge Military Park, has been in the family since before the Civil War. It took the first four generations of ownership before they were able to pay off the mortgage on property used for cattle, dairy cows, strawberries and others crops.

The family is proud of the fact that their ancestors' home, a log cabin that once stood on the farm, was considered so historically

significant that it was moved to the Peel Mansion Museum in Bentonville, where it serves as a visitor's center.

Currently the future of the 110-acre farm, now in a family trust owned by Zola Lynch and her six children, is in doubt. The family received a visit from

an American Electric Power (AEP)/ Electric Power Co. Southwestern (SWEPCO) representative March 11

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- Zola Lynch

who presented paperwork for them to sign by the end of the month waiving their rights to notification and voluntarily giving SWEPCO a right-of-way easement for a high voltage transmission line through their land that would require metal towers 130 to 160 ft. tall to be built after clearing a 150-ft. right of way.

"It was a shocker," Lynch said. "I couldn't believe it. We thought that

SWEPCO was going up on the route 109 through Missouri and we had dodged a bullet."

An Arkansas Public Service Commission (APSC) Administrative Law Judge selected Route 109 that goes through parts of Benton County, Carroll County and about 25.5 miles of southwest

Missouri as the preferred route for the high voltage transmission line SWEPCO claims is needed to improve grid reliability. SWEPCO has filed a petition for a limited re-hearing with the APSC requesting instead to use SWEPCO's favored Route 33 that goes entirely through Arkansas on a route from Shipe Road in Benton County to near the Kings River north of Berryville.

The National Park Service has expressed serious concerns about potential impacts to the Pea Ridge National Military Park from Route 33. SWEPCO has proposed a new route to zigzag around the park's interests that would take in the Lynch's property and a number of others for a modified route that would serve as a bridge between Route 33 and a portion of two other routes originally proposed, 86 and 91.

The proposed route modification increases the overall length of Route 33 by extending it south and east in a "U-shaped" change whose exact path is

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Did SWEPCO attorney sell out Garfield Elementary?

BECKY GILLETTE

In arguing for its preferred Route 33 for a high voltage transmission line that would run through Garfield and Gateway, SWEPCO states the Rogers School District did not file to intervene or comment regarding the close proximity of the line to Garfield Elementary School. But Save the Ozarks (STO) said SWEPCO has provided no evidence that the Rogers School District was notified of the project.

The attorney for SWEPCO, David Matthews, is also the attorney for the Rogers School District. In the City of Garfield's response to the SWEPCO petition for a re-hearing, the city questions whether "the failure of the Rogers School District to intervene was based on advice of counsel or was based on a lack of notice."

Garfield is asking the commission to consider the economic, social, aesthetic and environmental impact of Route 33 on the commercial activities within the city and on the historic Garfield Elementary School. The Garfield filing said that the APSC Presiding Officer (PO) made the correct decision in selecting Route 109.

"The PO did not substitute her judgment for SWEPCO by proposing a route that had not been submitted for consideration," the filing states. "In fact, the PO chose as the reasonable route, Route 109, a route designated by SWEPCO as one to be considered during the hearing process and ranked by SWEPCO as the second preferred route... and SWEPCO presented no argument that Route 109 failed to meet any of the seven APSC factors to be used in determining a route.

"The PO considered the impact on the public served by the Garfield Elementary School and the economic impact on the City of Garfield if its commercial district were unable to relocate as planned when US 62 moves north of its current location. In addition, the PO considered the strong opposition of the elected representatives of the legislative district in which Garfield is located."

Bark Park to embark in April

NICKY BOYETTE

Commissioner Rachel Brix announced to the Parks Commission at its March 18 meeting the Dog Park Committee has received fencing for the dog park to be created in Harmon Park. She announced the ceremonial groundbreaking at the site March 24, and said she expects the park to open in April.

She acknowledged volunteers who have worked and fund-raised during the 18-month effort to reach this point, saving the effort was successful because "dogs in Eureka Springs don't have yards." She expects the park to be a boon to visitors as well as locals.

Brix will conduct a Dog Park Awareness Seminar at the Library Annex at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 27. She said she has learned not all patrons know the rules and expectations for visiting a dog park, so she has compiled a set of rules she plans to post at the entrance to the park.

There was also a discussion of how to enforce the rules since dog parks are set up to be self-enforcing. Brix said she and Police Chief Earl Hyatt would discuss the issue.

Brix showed the commission a design for the dog park sign that had been created by C.D. White Perlinda Pettigrew-Owens. Commissioners approved both the rules and design for the sign unanimously.

Commissioner Daniel Jackson registered his concern for the fingers of children that might find a way through the fencing and into the vicinity of dogs' teeth, and Brix assured him never the twain shall meet. The playground area does not abut the dog park.

Retreat for parks

Chair Bill Featherstone reported most commissioners and staff had participated in two four-hour retreats on consecutive Sunday afternoons to chart the course for the Parks Commission. Featherstone said, "During the eight hours, there was not much dead time. There was lots of throwing stuff on the wall to see what would stick."

Merry Moiseichik of the University of Arkansas served a moderator.

Featherstone commented they spent the first four-hour session discussing the Mission Statement and conducting an honest assessment of where they stand regarding taking advantage of strengths and warding off threats.

Bruce Levine, director of Parks, said they kept returning to the same point it's all about the money. They discussed new ways to offer patrons opportunities to donate and other ways to increase their revenue stream.

Featherstone said the other goal they endorsed was revamping the website and keeping it current and fresh. He also said even though the retreat had been inspirational and energizing, nothing much will come of it without persistence. He cautioned against taking on too much at one time, but he thought they would be proud of what they accomplish if they can stay focused.

Levine reported the geese have been

Geese over there now

staying away from the beach area. He has installed a short fence in the vicinity as another deterrent, and will soon have sprinklers and leaf blowers to provide further annoyances.

He said the geese primarily are staving on the island across the water from the beach.

Brix reminded them the goal was to keep the geese off the beach so the water quality might improve enough to allow swimming again. Levine said water testing usually occurs in April.

Cautious sentiment was the aversion strategies seem to be working for now.

Other items

Levine announced Leatherwood City Park is open again. He and his crew spent a couple of days getting the cabins ready. He said they had put in a swale to divert runoff away from the parking area, the bait shop and the boat dock.

- Commissioners voted increase camping and RV rates at Lake Leatherwood City Park.
- Levine submitted a grant request for funds to upgrade the Parks office.

Next workshop will be Tuesday, April 1, at 6 p.m., at the Harmon Park office. Next regular meeting will be Tuesday, April 15, at 6 p.m.



Where there's smoke ...

If you've noticed a haze over the hills or the smell of wood smoke in the air this month, it's probably been from one of four prescribed burns being conducted as of March 10 within the 12,056 acre Hobbs State Park-Conservation Area east of Rogers.

According to park representative there is one burn left to be completed, hopefully between now and March 31, depending on wind conditions. The remaining burn will be in the Blackburn Creek area. All burns are conducted by staff from Arkansas State Parks, the Arkansas Forestry Commission and local fire departments. During burn activities park visitors are cautioned to drive with care due to the possibility of reduced visibility from smoke.

Aprescribed burn is a valuable tool used by park resource management to reduce fuel for potential fires in the forest, for ecosystem restoration and to maintain a healthy forest. For details about the prescribed burns, phone (479) 789-5000.



Students skate on 10 snow days

NICKY BOYETTE

David Kellogg, superintendent of the Eureka Springs School District, announced at the March 20 board meeting that the district has missed 20 days due to weather so far this year, but the Department of Education waived 10 days. The other 10 were/will be made up by having classes on Martin Luther King, Jr., Day, three Saturdays,

Wednesday through Friday of spring break week, and extending the school year by three days.

Kellogg also told the board ESHS students in the EAST program have again performed well in regional competition and have moved on to state competition in Hot Springs.

He also reported the recent audit of the 2012-2013 financial statements had

gone well with nothing notable to report, 6-hr. to 7-hr. cook and the board approved the audit.

Personnel

In other actions, the board unanimously approved these actions:

- to accept the resignation of Kathy Remanar effective June 30, 2014
- to change Cathy Sisco from 7-hr. to 6-hr. cook
 - to change Daniel Patterson from April 17, at 5:30 p.m.

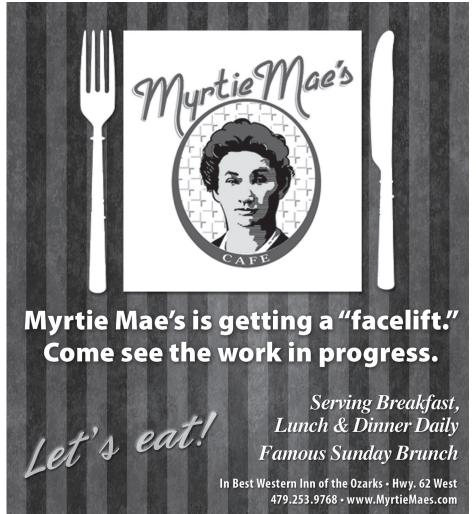
- to approve stipends for Adam Louderback for one semester of EAST in the amount of \$300 and one semester of yearbook in the amount of
- to hire Ben Rivett as an hourly bus mechanic.

Next meeting will be Thursday,

Play Zombie Tag March 29

Who will survive – humans or zombies? It's up to you! Pick a side and let the fun begin. Zombie Tag, an afternoon of family fun, begins with registration at Lake Leatherwood Park no later than 11:30 a.m. Pick up your Registration Packet and a Life Tag and prepare for Basic Training. Game starts promptly at 12 noon. All participants will be required to sign a waiver of liability, and participants under 18 must have parents' permission to play.

Not everyone wants to get chased by hungry zombies, so if you don't want to play, bring a lawn chair or blanket and watch the fun while hanging out at Base Camp. Please bring two cans of food for the Food Bank, take lots of pictures and share them with everyone you know! Single player registration is \$7 at the event or online at www.eurekaspringszombietag.com.



Hey, batter, batter, batter Eureka Springs Youth Sports Association board members worked to get local donors to assist in replacing the old batting cages at Van Pelt Field with brand new cages equipped with electric machines that can pitch baseballs or softballs. Little Apple Inc., of Busch, was instrumental on the project, as they travel around the country installing batting cages as a part of their business. They provided and installed the metal framework, nets and machines. Several community helped or donated funds to ensure it was completed without any cost to

the ESYSA, estimated



at \$35,000. Other donors of materials, time or funds included Crider Construction, Walton Family Foundation, G & F Investments and Hill Country Hardware. Eureka Springs Youth Sports Association is a non-profit organization that provides various sports programs for boys and girls in our community ages 4-13yrs. PHOTO BY TAMMY BULLOCK

The Eureka Springs Highlander Athletic Booster Club would like to thank the following businesses for their donations and support during the 2A-4 West District Basketball Tournament and 2A West Regional Basketball Tournament: Hart's Family Center Cafe Amore Roadhouse Restaurant Chelsea's Cafe Crescent Hotel Crystal Dining Room Myrtie Mae's Restaurant Rockin' Pig Saloon Mud Street Cafe Pied Piper Pub and Pizza Hut We would also like to thank our parents and fans for donating their time to help make these tournaments a success. **GO HIGHLANDERS!**

Mass casualty drill planned

NICKY BOYETTE

Jack Deaton, fire chief of the Holiday Island Fire Department, will host a mass casualty drill involving all four departments of the Western Carroll County Ambulance District plus the Eureka Springs Fire Department according to Lynn Palmer, Chair of the Emergency Medical Responders Alliance. She was addressing the WCCAD board at its March 18 meeting.

The event will occur sometime in September, and Deaton is still deciding on the location.

Commissioners voted to submit the names of Marie Lee, representing Grassy Knob, and Judy Giggey, representing Rural Holiday Island, to fill the two new seats on the commission. Chair Joe McClung said their terms would begin July 1, and one of them would serve a four-year term and the other a five-year term after which all five seats will be for three-year terms.

Deaton, who also serves on the Carroll County Quorum Court, said he would sponsor the ordinance before the court regarding Lee and Giggey.

Mike Fitzsimmons, who represented rural Eureka Springs, announced they finally have a first responder in the Buck Mountain area who will also be a firefighter.

Bob Pettus, assistant ESFD fire chief, reported 150 people from a four-state area (Arkansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, Texas) attended the Midwest First Responder Conference held in Eureka Springs in February. Nationallyknown speakers made presentations on medical issues, firefighting and multiple casualty situations.

Pettus said next year's event is scheduled for March 20 - 22, but they might extend the conference an extra day by starting on Thursday, March 19. Focus will be pediatric trauma, and featured speaker will be Dr. Todd Maxson, chief of the trauma program at Arkansas Children's Hospital and a board-certified pediatric surgeon.

Pettus said he hopes the weather will allow more outside events next year.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, May 20, at 4 p.m., at the Holiday Island Surburban Improvement District.

Tourist season at the airport

NICKY BOYETTE

Airport Manager Dana Serrano announced to the Carroll County Airport Commission at its March 20 meeting that Joe Edwards of the Brownstone Inn in Eureka Springs donated a vehicle to the airport for use as a courtesy vehicle. Chair Lonnie Clark pointed out tourist season is nigh, and the airport needs to get its other courtesy vehicles in good order.

Clark put the word out to the world that the donation of a vehicle to the airport is tax-deductible.

Progress on projects

Engineering consultant Dan Clinton said he would soon present a draft of a five-year plan, required for some grants, to Serrano. He envisions spending the first two years rehabilitating the runway. and will reassess options for the last three years when the time comes.

Clinton displayed plans for a roadway improvement to a row of hangars near the northwest corner of the property. The only access to the hangars, except for the taxiway, is poorly-maintained County Road 3084, which is not on airport property. Clinton's plan would repair the 1,450-ft. road enough for large trucks to get to the hangars. The hangar space is currently leased out to CCA Properties, which is owned by Larkin Floyd.

Commissioner Dave Teigen asked if more hangars would fit on that part of the airport property, and Clinton replied there is room, "and you'll be looking for more hangars. The FAA [Federal Aviation Administration] will be supporting fewer airports." He thought seeking grants to get the road fixed would be important to the access and expansion of that part of the airport. One of Clinton's grants will fund fencing in that area, also.

Clark suggested they continue discussion at the next meeting and figure out what the commission can do to help get the county road resurfaced.

Both Clinton and Clark thought it would be important to begin moving dirt fill they have on hand to both ends of the runway as a start to the runway extension project. Commissioners agreed to continue this discussion, as well.

Commissioners discussed the final wording of a sign Serrano will post which announces that unauthorized traffic on the taxiway is subject to a \$500 fine.

Serrano also told commissioners there have been hiccups with the plumbing installation in the new hangars and delays in paving because of the weather, but she is working on solutions and the change in the weather should help.

Golden Aerodrome

Serrano mentioned there would be a popular fly-in event called the Golden Aerodrome April 25-27 based at Table Rock airport, and CCA has become a busy stopover. In fact, Serrano said the organizers of the event would prepare breakfast at CCA for the pilots, who will then fly on to Table Rock.

Recognition of Perry and Sheila Evans

Clark suggested the airport should recognize the years of service to the airport of Perry and Sheila Evans. He said Perry was a catalyst for bringing the airport out of the doldrums, and Sheila, as airport manager, along with Perry "improved the atmosphere around here."

Commissioner Lester Ward commented, "They brought people back in here. Pilots fly in and ask about Perry."

Teigen suggested they host a fly-in in their honor, and the commission liked that idea. Serrano said she would look for the best weekend.

Next meeting will be Thursday, April 17, at noon at the Carroll County Airport.



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INDEPENDENTNews

Council wrap up

NICKY BOYETTE

Alderman David Mitchell said at Monday night's city council meeting he had been surprised to learn from a reporter that Eureka Springs Emergency Medical Services had decided to eliminate providing non-emergency transfers of patients. He thought council should have been apprised of the change should get a revised budget reflective of the change in services.

Alderman James DeVito commented council has a mid-year review of the budget in June and they can look at figures then.

Mayor Morris Pate told council that Fire Chief Rhys Williams had done his homework preparing for the change, and had approved what Williams presented. Pate said Eureka Springs ambulances were often called upon to pick up the non-emergency slack when another service in the county was overcommitted. Pate agreed that Williams was spending too much on these runs because they sometimes necessitated calling in off-duty EMTs, which means paying overtime wages.

There was no action on this item.

Doggy poop equals a banana peel?

Council recently learned there was no ordinance specifically addressing the little bombs left behind by wellfed dogs in town. Weaver said the issue of abandoned doggy business was probably already covered by ordinances regarding waste or littering. "It is the same as throwing down a banana peel on the sidewalk," he said.

Alderman Terry McClung wondered, "Who is going to collect the evidence and store it?"

Pate described the process from a law enforcement standpoint, and stated, "It could be a lengthy process over a small matter."

Not wanting to step too far into that minefield, council took no action.

Noise matters

Mitchell told council a diverse group of citizens had been meeting during the past eight months to create a new noise ordinance to address urban noise issues in town. He introduced Steve Beacham, member of the committee, and Beacham described part of Eureka Springs as a canyon with limestone walls. "Noise carries well here," he said.

Beacham commented the committee set out to create a new ordinance but eventually made important changes to the old one. Since it is a city ordinance being enforced, he said, the fines stay in city coffers. Also, it was important

as a courtesy. He also thought council to the group that the target was urban noise in general rather than a particular kind of noise.

> Since aldermen had just received the proposed ordinance, there was no further discussion.

Parking rates for special events

Council considered the second reading of Ordinance #2189, which would increase parking rates in spaces owned by the city during special events. The proposed amount was \$9 per space per day.

Alderman Mickey Schneider wanted to find a way for some nonprofits to get a break on the costs. City Attorney Tim Weaver pointed out she was inviting trouble by wandering toward discrimination. Regardless of the intent, he said, Schneider would have difficulty defining who gets a break and who is rebuffed in such a way that a court could look at it and not see discrimination.

Schneider then wanted to reduce the cost to \$5 per spot per day.

Dee Alderman Purkevpile countered, "I'll see your five and raise the cost to six."

Council voted unanimously to amend the ordinance from \$9 per spot per day to \$6, so the amended ordinance passed on its second reading.

All the rest

- · Council considered the third reading of Ordinance 2203 that delineates procedures for vacating property. After agreeing all proceeds of a vacation would into the General Fund, council voted unanimously to approve the ordinance.
- Finance Director Lonnie Clark said the new and improved finance software has been working well. There have been bumps in the road, but he has slowly been identifying issues and correcting them. Some of their old software, for example, was an old DOSbased system, and much of the business license data had to be input manually. Nevertheless, Clark said he has been pleased with the results.
- · Council approved the second reading of Ordinance 2206, which vacates McCune St. and a portion of Hartman St.
 - · Pate introduced Steve Holifield **COUNCIL WRAP UP** continued on page 27





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HDC says no gingerbread

NICKY BOYETTE

Penny Pemberton, contractor, represented the application for 31 Mountain before the Historic District Commission at its March 19 meeting. She said her client wanted to add more gingerbread features to the house. She presented an original photo of the house that commissioner Dee Bright described as "very plain."

Pemberton said some gingerbread had been added in the 1980s to make the house look more Victorian, and the current owner wants to continue the theme.

Commissioner Melissa Green said as a citizen she would think the addition would be attractive, but as a commissioner she pointed out the changes would be counter to the guidelines she is supposed to follow.

Commissioner Richard Grinnell explained the guidelines stipulate it is not appropriate to add details not part of the original design, and commissioners voted unanimously to deny the application.

The commission approved these four applications:

- 39/41 Hillside new construction
- 23 Hale add railing to front stairs and landing
- 115 Wall St. replace kitchen window
- 110 N. Main new paint colors; change siding material; replace front window

Commissioners approved these items on the Consent Agenda:

- 532 Spring/Harmon Park new signs for Dog Park - ES Parks & Recreation Commission
- 16 White new sign and support
- 121 E. Van Buren Suite D new signs
- 1 Center B2 new sign in showcase
- 42 Prospect new paint color
- 11 Howell stain stucco and concrete
- 27 Owen new paint colors
- 31 Eureka new paint colors

Consent Agenda items are Level I applications that the City Preservation Officer Glenna Booth believes to be in accordance with the design guidelines.

Chair Dan Hebert presented these Administrative Approvals:

- 17 Berryville re-roof part of house
- 1 Kingshighway repaint
- 11 Howell repair and replace doors with same as existing
- 21 Owen repair, repaint
- 23 Elk repair, repaint
- 3 Emporia replace door and screen door with same as existing
- 269 N. Main replace trim on three doors and seven windows - same as existing

Administrative Approvals are applications for repair or for work involving no changes in materials or color and also includes applications for changes in roofing color.

Next meeting will be Wednesday, April 2, at 6 p.m.





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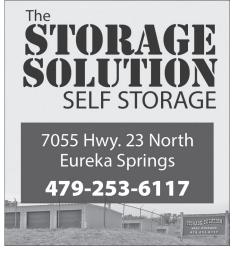
second springtime yard sale sponsored by the Greater Eureka Springs Chamber of Commerce, is coming up Friday and Saturday, April 25 and 26 – both days from 7 a.m. - 3 p.m. (Rain dates May 2 and 3.)

That means now's the time to clean out your basement, closets, garage, shed and attic. Sign up now to be listed on the YYYS Map with other participants from all around Eureka Springs and Holiday Island.

Stop by the Visitor Info Center at Pine Mountain

The 20th Annual Yards & Yards of Yard Sales, the Village, and get your permit for \$15, plot your location on the map and receive an official YYYS participation sign. The Chamber does the promotion – you set up and sell! Sign-up deadline is April 21 at noon.

> For general info call (479) 253-8737, email welcomedesk@eurekaspringschamber.com or suzanne@ eurekaspringschamber.com or find us on Facebook on the Yards & Yards of Yard Sales of Eureka Springs page. For map advertising and coupon opportunities, please call Ann or email ann@eurekaspringschamber.com.









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Blood Center needs all negative blood types

Community Blood Center of the Ozarks (CBCO) has issued a Code Yellow Alert for all negative blood types. There is currently less than a two-day supply of this type on hospital shelves and donations are needed immediately.

Donors to CBCO provide the blood for patients at 38 area hospitals. Every five minutes, on average, a transfusion takes place. It takes around 250 donations each day to meet the area's blood needs.

You can help by giving this week at the Eureka Springs High School on Friday, March 28 between 1:30 and 6:30

You must weigh at least 110 pounds, be in good health and present a valid photo ID. For more information about sharing your good health with others, please visit www. cbco.org or call toll-free (800) 280-5337.

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If it quacks like a goose

Editor,

The idea of a group of openly-armed adults gathering in a public area and then trying to blend in is preposterous. We've heard the Open Carry group is out to educate us but it sure smells like sanctimony to me, and with the subtlety of a southbound train. Handguns in the pasta aisle at Harts? Never once have I felt threatened in Harts but that would be the first time. Apparently Open Carriers think acting in cultlike fashion might attract some followers, but the folks I've talked to aren't buying it. What's the point of gathering on a corner like geese? Ruth Belding

Thanks for the talent and support

Editor,

The Carroll County Music Group thanks all who contributed to the success of the "We've Got Talent" fundraiser for music scholarships. The talented performers, the AUD staff, the supportive local media, service clubs and businesses and most of all the enthusiastic audience, all played their part in providing for furthering music education of young artists.

Carroll County Music Group



WEEK'STopTweets

@GCGodfrey --- Dear Optimist, Pessimist & Realist – while you were arguing about the glass of water, I drank it ~ The Opportunist

@alispagnola --- I can't wait until the year 2054 when the easy-listening music you hear in elevators will be Skrillex.

@Eagle Vision --- These ramen noodles taste like payday is next Friday.

@MmeSurly --- What the hell does my dog have to sigh about?

@dxblarssonENG --- Meth addicts get all their drug money from the tooth fairy.

@Try2StopME --- Doctors would be pretty cool superheroes except for the fact their weakness is apples.

@Robert Beau --- The reason that there are so many tweets about cats is that people with dogs go outside.

@_NTFG_ --- A recent study has found that women who carry a little extra weight live longer than the men who mention it.

@Zen_Moments --- The trouble with the rat race is that even if you win you're still a rat. ~ Lily Tomlin

@DailyNewEgypt --- Bail denied, court adjourned for Al Jazeera journalists.



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Someday we'll understand. Maybe.

here is that when everyone around us is different, we belong. It's hard to get us to agree on much until a corporado that already has a 40.000-mile national electricity transmission network and 350,000 investors decides it wants more. It wants our land, our view, our way of life to be altered for its own good, and will not put the pin back in its grenade because destruction of our land equals profit for stockholders who live somewhere else. They likely don't see destruction of our land as their goal, but it sure looks like it to us. That's because they will not listen – they only dispute, maneuver and alter.

Fine. This community, stretching from Carroll County borders into Benton County, felt electrocuted when mammoth power lines were proposed to be put on our land, quickly followed by unfriendly, aggressive form letters to some property owners saying, "Here we come, ready or not!" We were given 30 days to reply, depending on how often we get around to checking our mail. We were expected not to notice, or at least not cause a ruckus. Once we did notice, and understood that when things aren't bad there's no motivation to make them better, we rallied. The diverse bonded.

It's been ten months since AEP/ SWEPCO bought a teensy-weensy ad in the back of an out-of-county newspaper announcing its intention to make dense cement bases for numerous heavy steel poles and stick them on top of fragile, porous rock and caves that can't support them. If it hadn't happened to us we likely would've laughed at the absurdity of such a thing. We would have held our ribs in hilarity at the thought of a company that showed a \$346 million profit in three months thinking it could put something heavy on top of something light and expect success. It would be like setting a box of books on a birthday cake.

Then the electric company called together all their commissioners,

ne thing we've learned living judges and politicians to explain to us how vital their folly is to our national economy and safety. Safety!

> But we found out they were serious (seriously?) and gathered together to tell them to go to hell in the nicest way possible. Despite our best efforts at research, tromping through woods taking pictures, exploring what karst looks like and telling it to the judge in person, we were treated like someone else's whiny kid. We were scolded and asked to keep it down, they were going to have their way with us - "Someday you'll understand."

> Let's say we didn't fight SWEPCO and AT&T and Delta Dental, but just turned a disinterested glance their direction and allowed them to have their way with our land and health. What would prevent other corporations, such as fossil fuel industry giants, from getting richer by spending their profits ensuring the devastation of our homesteads? There are actually people who defend these corporations as though they were a rich uncle one only has to endure until his death, then reap the rewards of being his heir. We don't know any of those people personally.

> We were told to follow the money and we did. Accumulation of money is where people seem to get plugged up, and that's hard to explain to those who have it and want more. One percent of us are accumulating wealth at the expense of the disadvantaged 99 percent. Hate it when we're referred to as disadvantaged. But honestly, nothing important is ever about money.

> It's kind of like living with someone who has dementia. They are likely to pee at the dinner table and not know it, much less remember it. They just do it. Yet you can't forget it. The same action, same timing, same environment, seen in two very different ways. You want it to stop and it's not that they don't care, they simply don't see a problem. They only know they have to pee. And leave it for us to deal with.

> > -MPB



ThePursuitOfHAPPINESS

ometimes retirement feels like painting a house that's on fire. You've spent a lifetime painting it, making it appreciate in value, consciously unaware of the licking ember that resides somewhere in every house. When you finally catch on to the brute fact that your house is going to burn down, you might paint faster, or stop painting and start partying, or stumble through Kubler Ross's five stages gig. And some folks will call the fire department... over and over... until the fire is definitively out... and the house is only a memory.

A lot of people retired to Arkansas for the moonlight and the magnolia – and for the better weather. We didn't know at the time that a spoonful of snow in South Dakota, utterly unremarkable there, is the cause of societal collapse, total systems' failure, and the panicked hoarding of Wonder Bread here in the Natural State. If you really want to keep the open carry people out of town – I've forgotten what they want to carry. Is it a bottle, or a gun? – get the National Weather Service to issue a storm warning. That'll send those drunkards (slingers?) packing, and I won't have to write about it; my house is burning down, remember?

There is a great temptation to rest, to sit back and admire the wisteria, just there, peeking through the smoke. But the temptation to paint faster - to be responsible and stay involved in public affairs – is also great, even if delusional.

For example, when mild-mannered Yankees retire here (for the weather, right?) they probably don't think about, or remember, that Arkansans overwhelmingly supported George Wallace for President in 1968. He beat both Richard Nixon and Hubert Humphrey, winning the state's six electoral votes.

Even though 1968 seems like a long time ago, it's a good bet that if the black guy in the White House came out in favor of happy babies, our state legislators would demand that smiling babies be tested for drugs. These Wallace legatees compound that inheritance with a sort of half-assed libertarianism, half-assed because they'll always regulate people, but never regulate corporations. The fastest painter is unable to keep ahead of that fire.

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

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.

INDEPENDENTConstablesOnPatrol

March 17

2:33 p.m. – Individual reported someone had written him bad checks.

10:08 p.m. – Central dispatch reported a call regarding a female at Lake Leatherwood City Park who was screaming that the male in the truck with her would not let her go. The male took her phone so dispatch was not able to make contact again. Constables responded but the vehicle was not in the area. After collaborating with sheriff's deputies, they eventually found the caller at her apartment in town. She said she was okay and did not want to file a report. The male was not at the scene.

March 18

1:45 a.m. - Traffic stop resulted in the arrest of the driver for driving on a suspended license and obstruction of governmental operations. He was also cited on a warrant out of Benton County. 8:05 a.m. - Tourist lodging asked about reporting a bad check, and constable referred the caller to the prosecutor's office.

9:20 a.m. - Constable responded to the high school regarding a student whose large knife had been confiscated. Constable arrested the juvenile for terroristic threatening and two counts of carrying a prohibited weapon.

10:55 a.m. - A mother told ESPD her daughter, a student at the high school, claimed she had been assaulted by another student. Constable gathered the information.

3:50 p.m. - White County authorities arrested an individual on a Eureka Springs warrant.

4:27 p.m. – There was a three-vehicle accident on North Main. One vehicle sustained minor damage.

9:11 p.m. - Innkeeper reported an individual had come in to use the restroom over an hour ago, and keeps saying he needs five more minutes. Constables arrived and asked the gentleman to leave.

10:01 p.m. - Passerby reported people in a van in a restaurant parking lot were smoking marijuana. Constables went there but found neither a van nor traces of illegal evidence.

10:13 p.m. - Person was arrested on a Eureka Springs warrant.

March 19

4:21 a.m. - Individual asked for extra patrols in her vicinity because she thought she heard noises in her upstairs storage area.

1:08 p.m. – Bentonville PD alerted all nearby authorities of a male subject who had used red and blue lights flashing from his sedan to pull over a female driver and attempt to get her out of her vehicle. Constables watched for his vehicle.

4:31 p.m. – A father reported his son was threatening suicide. He had cut his wrists and walked away down the street. Constables and EMS encountered him and EMS transported him to ESH for treatment and evaluation.

5:50 p.m. – Constables never encountered an allegedly erratic driver headed toward town from the east.

March 20

10:57 a.m. - Constable on patrol collected two Pit Bulls running amok in a parking lot. Their owner received a lesson on leash laws.

4:38 p.m. – Constables arrested an individual on a Benton County warrant. 5:41 p.m. - There was a motorcycle accident on a street in the west part of town.

March 21

12:54 a.m. - Female called 911 from the east edge of town to report someone was after her. Constables found her at a nearby motel. They took her back to her room at another motel and calmed her down. She called back within the hour to say someone was at her door. Constables returned to her motel and took her to a spot where she could catch a taxi back to Hollister, Mo.

3:41 a.m. - Proprietor of a Bed & Breakfast reported two of his guests had just calmed down from a domestic dispute. Constable went there and spoke with everyone involved. No report necessary.

8:40 a.m. - Traffic stop resulted in the arrest of the driver for possession of a controlled substance and driving left of center.

10:28 a.m. - Mother and daughter were walking back to their hotel room when a man on a stairwell said inappropriate things to the daughter as she walked by. Mother told him never to speak to the daughter again. Constables watched for the individual.

11:37 p.m. - Individual who had complained to ESPD recently about a person stalking her called back and spoke with a constable again. Report filed.

March 22

2:11 a.m. - Passerby noticed a person downtown waving a stun gun at cars as they drove by. Constables never encountered the individual.

4:43 a.m. - Employee did not know the correct code and triggered an alarm at a business downtown.

9:40 a.m. - The sheriff's office asked for assistance with a warrant arrest, so constables arrested an individual on a Carroll County warrant as well as a Eureka Springs warrant.

1:33 p.m. – Motorist witnessed a couple in a vehicle headed toward town from the west were hitting each other on their way into town. Constables watched for but did not encounter the vehicle.

3:04 p.m. – This time it was an erratic driver headed into town from the west, and constables did not encounter that vehicle, either.

3:19 p.m. – There was a fender bender with no damage at all in the middle of downtown. No report necessary.

6:39 p.m. - Motel staff told ESPD a group of kids hanging out in a car in a parking lot had been asked to leave but they did not. Constable patrolled the vicinity but did not see the vehicle.

10:06 p.m. - A motel proprietor reported guests were drinking alcohol outside their rooms. Two constables responded, and the guests moved to another motel. 10:34 p.m. – Traffic stop resulted in the arrest of the driver for driving on a suspended license and possession of a controlled substance.

March 23

10 a.m. - Worker laying cable in front of the middle school asked ESPD if they could move a vehicle in his way. Constable told him the vehicle was legally parked, so the worker said he would work around it.

1:52 p.m. - Central dispatch alerted constables to an erratic driver heading our way from Holiday Island.

2:32 p.m. – Concerned observer flagged down a patrolling constable because a man on a nearby street was yelling and threatening people. Constable never came across the individual.

7:54 p.m. – Diners left a restaurant without paying their bill. Constable was able to call the miscreant diners, and they paid over the phone with a credit card.

8:02 p.m. – Traffic stop resulted in the arrest of the driver for driving on a suspended license and driving left of cen-

8:45 p.m. - A friendly dog reportedly patrolled a parking lot until just before the constable arrived.

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Art & Entertainment

Ozark Mountain Mystique

Drop in for an afternoon of juggling and wonderment April 6!

Bring the whole family to the city auditorium for a great show packed full of fun and interesting acts from around the country

Performers include Biz the Clown, an authentic American-style circus clown who has performed for the Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey Circus; Peter Irish, six-time foot bag world champion from Boulder, Colo.; Gypsy belly-dancer, Wendi La Fey who performs regularly with the Violetta Lotus Burlesque troupe; and Shannon Norman, high flying aerialist from Fayetteville.

Juggling acts include the Institute of Jugglology's (IJA) 2012 and 2013 Teams silver medalists: Ethan (Robison) The Juggler, 4th place 2012 IJA Juniors' Championships and Eureka Spring's favorite 12 year old juggler; Daring Dan (Edwards), lifetime juggler and performer; Thom Wall, 2012 IJA silver medalist from St. Louis, Mo.; and Sam Malcolm, professional juggler and entertainer from Denver, Colo.

All the fun starts at 3 p.m.



Tickets are \$8 adults, \$3 children under 12, and can be preordered at www.ozarkmountainmystique2014. eventbrite.com. Tickets can also be purchased at the door on the night of the show for \$10 adults, \$5 for children under 12. Cash only.

And there are more acts to be announced! Details at www. edwardcrobisoniii.com, click on Events.

ECMA opening night will feature costume contest

John Speed, Eureka Classic Movies Association (ECMA) organizer and owner of Hidden Springs Bed And Breakfast, announced the group's first movie, Mary Poppins, would show Sunday, March 30, 7 p.m., at the Aud. The American Disney classic was released in 1964 and remains a favorite.

Michelle McDonald. Celebrations and Traditions, announced there would be a "dress like your favorite Mary Poppins character" contest on opening night with "nice prizes for first, second, and third places." Arvest is sponsoring the show.

ECMA's classic films will show twice monthly through the end of the year on Sunday nights. Tickets are \$3 per person per film, and a yearlong pass will be available for purchase on opening night for \$36. For more info, email John Speed at hiddenspringsbb@hotmail.com.

Carl Acuff Jr. Show opens at Ozark Mountain Hoe-Down

The Hoe-Down has a new show and star this year. The Carl Acuff Jr. Show featuring country, pop, funky disco and rock opens weekends beginning April 4, with full schedule beginning April 29. Meet the Carl Acuff band, watch a video and find out more online at www.carlacuffjr.com. Showtime 7:30 p.m. Call (479) 253-7725 for reservations.

Into The Light: A creative photography retreat

Registration is open until April for a creative photography retreat led by professional photographer, Melanie Myhre, from April 10 -13 at Dragonfly Mountain Lodge. Guest speaker will Susan Storch of Susan Storch Photogrpahy.

This retreat designed



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. See full schedule at melaniemyhrephotography/workshops. To enroll, contact Melanie Myhre (479) 981-3765. Registration deadline is April 6.

Pine Mountain Theater – 40 years and counting!

Mike and Dale Bishop and the gang kick-off their 40th Anniversary season Friday, April 4, with a Gospel pre-show at 7:30 followed by their popular variety show at 8 p.m. But don't expect to see the same old show!

In celebration of their 40th, the talented crew of Arkansas' first and most attended family show will

take you on a journey through 40 Years of Music - including every musical genre plus some fun with TV theme songs and commercial jingles. There'll even be a "Name that Tune"-type game with audience participation and prizes.

Shows are Friday-Saturday April



4-5 and 11-12, and nightly except Sunday beginning April 18. Arrive early, browse the gift shop and be sure to try the fresh baked cookies! For information, schedule and tickets call (877) 504-2092 or visit www. pinemountaintheater.com.

Memoir writing workshop April 5

"Tell Your Story, Your Way," a half-day writing workshop on Memoir Writing, will be offered at The Village Writing School, 177 Huntsville Road, on Saturday, April 5, from 9 a.m. - 1

p.m. Pre-registration is required, and class size is limited. For cost and to register, phone (479) 292-3665, email alisontaylorbrown@me.com or visit villagewritingschool.com online.

INDEPENDENTHIGH (Falutin') SOCIETY



Turn the hose on 'em - On Monday afternoon Brent Cox of the Arkansas State Regional Center for Disaster Preparedness Education gave hands-on training for health care personnel. Here they learn how to safely and efficiently decontaminate a patient covered in a toxic substance. After the training exercise a black light was used to determine how well the task was performed. Cox commented "between the toes and behind the ears are usually missed."That'll sound familiar to moms.

Rotary Student of the Month – Eureka Springs High School sophomore, Naomi Floyd, is the Eureka Springs Rotary Student of the Month for February. Naomi, daughter of Kathi Filligim and Pete Floyd of Eureka Springs, carries a 3.64 GPA and is a Renaissance cardholder and member of the National Honor Society. She also captained the Lady Highlander soccer team her freshman and sophomore years. As a member of the Eureka Springs EAST team, Naomi worked on a public service announcement being used by the Merlin Foundation to address heat stroke deaths of toddlers and infants who have been left in vehicles. Naomi has had some of her own poems and a short story published. Her hobbies are reading, playing chess, photography and collaging.

Micro fodder proud – Nathan Andress stand over the hydroponic micro fodder system his team built. Three teams built a total of three systems, all accomplishing the same goal by different means.

PHOTOS BY GWEN ETHEREDGE

Tiny fodder, big idea – Students at Eureka Springs High School learned about a micro fodder system recently. A what? A micro fodder system provides farmers with a means to supplement poultry and livestock food during winter or drought. Katy Turnbaugh's chemistry and physics students were awarded a grant from the US EPA through the Louisiana Environment Education Commission to conduct original research to design and construct a bench-scale micro

fodder system, which their team leaders presented in Louisiana. From left, team leaders Jeremiah Alvarado-Owens, Matthew McClung, Kennedy Cash, Nathan Andress and **Katy Turnbaugh** explain the project.







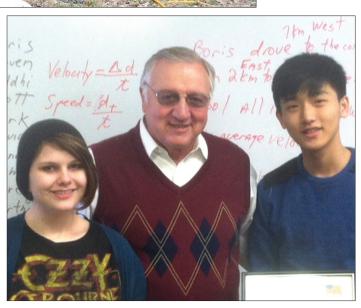




The land of Oz (posts) - Rachel Brix, Ryan Brix, Jeff Feldman, Bruce Levine, Mike Bishop and their canine supervisor, Emerson Brix, gather around the first post erected for the new Bark Park fencing. Feldman holds the jackhammer used to install metal Oz Posts, which will hold the fencing, into the ground (and through rock where needed).

Рното ву GWEN ETHEREDGE

Students of the Quarter - The Holiday Island Elks awarded two Clear Spring High School students the Student of the Quarter Award. Class of 2014 Senior, Clare Roy, left, and Junior Hyun Gyu "Hanny" Choi, an exchange student from South Korea, are shown here with Elk's member, Ken Brown. Clare and Hanny were selected by their teacher, Jim Fliss, for outstanding academic achievements during the quarter term.





Spring equinox -

The auditorium was packed for the first ever Spring Equinox Concert on March 21. The event featured music, interpretive dance and special instruments made for the occasion.

Рното ву Веску Gillette

Rites of Spring -

Tamara Jonason, left, and KD Zeld perform at the Spring Equinox Concert. Several other dancers and performers helped celebrate the season at the Aud near the end of the My Wellness Festival.

Рното ву Веску Gillette



Tourism's best – Alice Walton and CAPC Sales Director, Karen Pryor, got their heads together during the Governor's Conference on Tourism. Walton received the Henry Award for Tourism Person of the Year, an accolade we give Karen pretty much daily.



Movie buffs – The Eureka Classic Movies Association (ECMA) enjoyed a successful open house and ribbon cutting at the Aud on March 20. Rochelle Bales of Cravings by Rochelle (far left); and Allen Huffman (far right), Arvest Bank ECMA sponsor, hold the ribbon as ECMA organizer, John Speed of Hidden Springs B&B (in striped shirt), wields the scissors while EMCA and Chamber members look on. Huffman and Mike Bishop, President and CEO of Eureka Springs Chamber of Commerce, welcomed attendees to the event.

Beyond the Garden Gate - Gerri Hamby and Harley Hamby unload some healthy plants for their booth at the Carroll County Master Gardeners' event at the Inn of the Ozarks March 22. Carroll County Agent, Randy Forst, reported this was the association's best ever attended event with more than 75 registrants and upwards of 20 supporting vendors.

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Meek's Grand Re-Opening begins March 29

Weeklong celebration features fun and sales

The Grand Re-Opening of the newly remodeled Meek's hardware and lumber store in Berryville will begin Saturday, March 29 and end Saturday, April 5. The community is invited to a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at 2 p.m., Thursday, March 27.

There will be a Customer Appreciation Day on Saturday, March 29, with door buster sales plus lots of food and fun from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., including a bounce house, face painter and balloon artist for the kids. Adults can sign up for door prizes or register to win a \$500

Meek's Gift Certificate Grand Prize.

Re-Opening Celebration continues the entire week with popcorn and refreshments plus special daily sale items. Additional checkout stations have been added and Meek's has expanded several departments including an exciting live goods selection featuring healthy, beautiful flowers and vegetable plants.

Meek's has more than doubled its volume in the past ten years and achieved Certified Green DealerTM status in April 2009. Visit www.midwest.meeks.com for more information.

Clear Spring School springs into action for Eureka Springs

Open house coming up April 2

Clear Spring School has several events planned to mark their 40th Anniversary, starting with a big show of gratitude to the supportive community of Eureka Springs. Thursday, March 27, the entire student body will spring into action with several beautifications and clean up projects across the city of Eureka Springs during The Great American Clean Up ending May 31.

Every Clear Spring class, PrePrimary through 12th, has registered an event with Keep Arkansas Beautiful, adding to the total of Eureka Springs' beautification efforts.

Find out more at the school's Spring Open House April 2 from 10:30 a.m. noon at the PrePrimary, or 1–4 p.m. for 1st – 12th grades on the Clear Spring School

campus at 374 Dairy Hollow Road.

According to Keep Arkansas Beautiful, more than 25,000 individuals worked more than 31,000 hours in communities across the state during the 2013 Great American Cleanup in Arkansas. The total economic value of the 2013 Great American Cleanup to Arkansas communities was more than \$880,000.

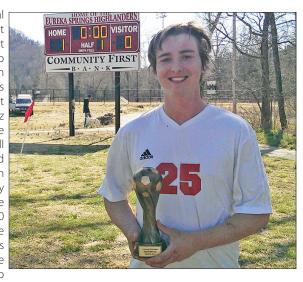
The grand celebration for Clear Spring School's 40th Anniversary will take place the weekend of Oct. 3-5on the school campus on Dairy Hollow Road, and at this year's EurekaPalooza Outdoor Festival at Lake Leatherwood on Oct. 4. Events will be posted to The Clear Spring School Facebook page and www. clearspringschool.org.

Poetluck - Writers and readers at the March 20 Poetluck lucked out with a presentation by Meg Welch Dendler who shared her publishing knowledge and some marketing tips. She also read from her first children's book, Why Kimba Saved The World. An adult book, At the Corner of Magnetic and Main, is set for a 2014 release. Meg and her family live just outside Eureka Springs.

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A King's share - The inaugural King Gladden Cup tournament took place last Saturday at Leatherwood Fields, with two other 3A schools participating. In the first game the Eureka Springs Highlanders boys team beat Bergman 6 – 0, with Oscar Mendez leading in Highlander goals. The second game against Lead Hill ended in a 4 - 4 tie. In the third game Lead Hill defeated Bergman 4 - 0, meaning they would play the Highlanders for the cup. The Highlanders triumphed 1 - 0 with Oscar Mendez scoring the only goal of the game, while Luis Palacios defended with a massive block. Coach Ben Rodda will no



longer call them the "boys team" after six games in six days, instead congratulating the Highlander Men. Pictured is Highlander Nick Walker with the spoils of victory.

Community Song Circle March 28

Song Circle, led by Justin Easter and Katie Smith-Easter, is designed to encourage folks to lift their voices in song together. Program at Flora Roja, (479) 253-4968.

A free Flora Roja Community 119 Wall, will include songs everyone knows. Bring a song to teach/share and an instrument if you'd like. For more info see www.floraroja.com or phone

Dogs invited to do business after hours BAH at Sky Ridge April 3

Leashed pets are invited to join the First-Thursday Business After Hours celebration April 3 at pet-friendly Retreat at Sky Ridge Cabin Resort. Come network with your fellow Chamber members in the Sky Ridge Pavilion from 5-7 p.m., and bring business cards!

And you don't need to be a dog owner to have a dog-gone good time. Eureka Springs Bark Park supporters are hosting the Chamber of Commerce event; and snacks, beverages and a pet photo booth will be available.

The Retreat at Sky Ridge resort is located at 637 County Road 111 near Beaver Lake Dam, easy to find off Hwy. 187, then CR 173 to CR 111. For map see www. retreatatskyridge.com, email Suzanne@eurekaspringschamber.com or call (479) 253-8737.

Wine and tapas tasting April 5

some of the best wines in the country. and you're invited to taste them on April 5, from 5-7 p.m., at the Writers' Colony at Dairy Hollow.

Farm to Table FRESH Executive Chef, Jonathan Streety, will make and serve tapas from the WCDH kitchen to sample with the wines. Enjoy sweet capicola ham-wrapped tomato pieces with fresh basil, olive oil, kosher salt and cracked pepper and olive tapenade on crisp flatbread strips, along with other delicious fresh creations.

While the grapes grown in Oregon's

Oregon and Washington produce Northwest are familiar, including Chardonnay, Pinot Noir and Pinot Gris – also known as Pinot Grigio – differences in climate contribute to their unique and distinct tastes. Washington's eastern high desert area also produces Cabernet, Merlot and Syrah grapes in a climate of hot days and cool nights.

> Come have a taste of Chef Jonny's FRESH creations and wines rated the best of the Northwest at the Writers' Colony, 515 Spring Street. Tickets are \$20, and space is limited. Call (479) 253-7444 or email director@writerscolony. org.

Sycamore[©]-Chapter 4, cont.

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



CONSTANCE WAGNER

articles and stories published in *The New Yorker*, *Atlantic Monthly* and *Collier's*.

Previously – Walter Knowles brings his New York City bride, Jane, back home to the Ozarks to live. She has met his family, and now we are introduced to others who have a history with Walter.

apathetic eye over the *Democrat's* headings as she mounted the two front steps. "*She* never writes only when she needs money," she added, casting a thin veil of cynicism over her despair.

"Well, what's the news?" As a trailed her into the sitting-room, hopeless too now, not caring.

She put on her glasses and wilted down into the rocker with the paper in her lap. "There was a time," she said bitterly, "when we used to git our name in the paper every week, regular as clockwork. That was when *she...* Now I don't know why we waste our money on the damn thing." Her hard eyes moved left to right, left to right. She said, after a moment: "Walter Knowles done got himself married to some fine-haired lady from New York and come back here to live. Buildin' him

a new house." She uttered the words with a deep-felt malevolence that made Asa stare at her curiously.

"Guess that sticks in *yore* craw," he said with a foolish laugh.

"Shut up," she said. "Shut up, you danged old crow. *I* knew all along she was makin' a mistake. *I* knew he'd come back. But *she* wouldn't listen. Had to have her own way, and look what it got her."

Asa, sensing approaching storm, trudged quietly out of the house, put on his boots, and vanished. Escape was futile, however, because, after staring bleakly into the dead face of the past for some time, Dory got up, put the paper aside, and tramped down to the pasture where he was. As she opened the gate, she stopped short in her tracks, gazing ominously at what she saw: Asa, at the far end of the fenced lot, stroking a tall, spavined chestnut gelding which she had never before set eyes on. She encompassed the rest of the pasture lot in a swift glance, saw only the Guernsey with her new calf, and she closed the gate behind her and marched on her husband with the resolute directness of an invading army.

"Where's the mule?" she shouted at him advancing all the while. "Where'd *that* come from? That there ain't no work horse. Ah – you done traded the mule fer –" As if no words were strong enough to bear the weight of her outraged heart, she scrabbled along the ground, picking up rocks, and she began heaving them at the horse, behind which Asa was trying to shield himself from her shattering, oncoming fury.

Mrs. Cricket Gowdy, hearing hoofbeats, moved from the stove, where she had been frying mush with strips of fat meat, to the open door. There she stood, shading her eyes with her hand, watching what was scarcely a road at all, but only grooves worn in the clay soil by the wheels of the rural mail-carrier's Ford. A red hen met her on the threshold and marched past her into the kitchen with a proprietary air, softly clucking. One of the half-grown children made a listless gesture toward shooing her out.

"Git!" the girl cried, flapping over the hen a long colorless rag. "You git out," she said, but there was no force behind the command. They had all long since abandoned the struggle with the hens, and the hens knew it, bearing their arrogance in and out of the house as they chose.

Mrs. Gowdy turned her head slightly without taking her eyes off the road. "Hesh up," she said. When the horse and rider came into view, rounding the clump of cedars that hid the bend of the road, she saw that it was her eldest son, as she had known it would be. Her eyes (still dark and beautiful, still luminous, like lamps left burning amid the ruin of her face) never moved from him as he rode toward her. She seemed to be taking careful note of each emergent detail, as if she expected to gain a fore-knowledge of what news he brought – or hope, perhaps, beyond the material evidence of the loaded gunny sack that was slung across the saddlehorn. Seeing first only the figure, tall and careless, with the broad-brimmed black hat pulled low, she gradually saw his face, and the unsmiling mouth and hard eyes, and she was shaken by a tremor of fear and joy – astonished still, though he was nearly thirty, that this one, so proudly and cruelly different from the doltish brood in the kitchen, should have been wrenched, like them, from her own body. She tucked a straying lock of hair into the bun at the back of her neck and went out to meet him, walking on her scarred bare feet with an air of humble rejoicing, as if both lover and master had returned.

"You ain't been home in a mighty long time," she said in a tone carefully voided of emotion, as if to make it clear that she voiced no complaint – but, as she spoke, she kept her hungry eyes upon his face, unwavering.

"That's a fact," he said, scarcely glancing at her as he lifted down the gunny sack. "I fetched you some stuff from town. Sugar. Coffee. Snuff."

"Must been a month or better," she said with timid persistence. "Reckon you been workin' –?" It was only a half question, half meek surmise.

NOTES from the HOLLOW by Steve Weems

ne day I walked into a local automotive place just as a man boldly declared, "I've eaten groundhog, but I've never tasted possum." Now, maybe you hear that same sort of thing in a Boston muffler shop, but I'm guessing not. From the sound of the man, I'd say he was local.

I do wish I had a better ear for regional accents. When I hear a tourist from Minnesota speak, I know they're not from Mississippi, and I know the Mississippian isn't from Maine, but I can get tripped up by about anyone else.

How does an Ozark native sound? Some knowledgeable about such things recognize the existence of a distinct Ozark dialect, while others do not. Some simplify it to the point that here in the Arkansas Ozarks we speak "Southern," but go into the Missouri Ozarks a few miles and the citizens of Golden and Eagle Rock start speaking "Midland" or "Midwestern."

Historically speaking, the Ozarks were isolated enough that certain words and speech patterns stayed in usage longer here than in other areas. My granny, Betty (Southerland) McCall was born near Rockhouse on the Kings River and would say things like, "I swan" or "pshaw," words that some dictionaries label as archaic.

On the other hand, I used to hear

local older men exclaim, "Shoot fire!" or "Man alive!" and I hadn't heard those expressions elsewhere until David Letterman said them on television one night. Isn't Dave from Indianapolis?

Maybe they aren't Ozark expressions, after all. Maybe those expressions are more generational than regional.

One thing is clear after speaking to people about the Ozark dialect, though. Locals seem to think it's dying, or at the least has become diluted, perhaps with the proper American English we tend to hear on television and in most movies.

I just know that having lived elsewhere at times, I've always enjoyed coming home and hearing the local



speech patterns again. I love listening to my grandmother, Lola (Wolfinbarger) Weems, and my aunts because of the almost musical quality of their speech. It sounds very much like home.

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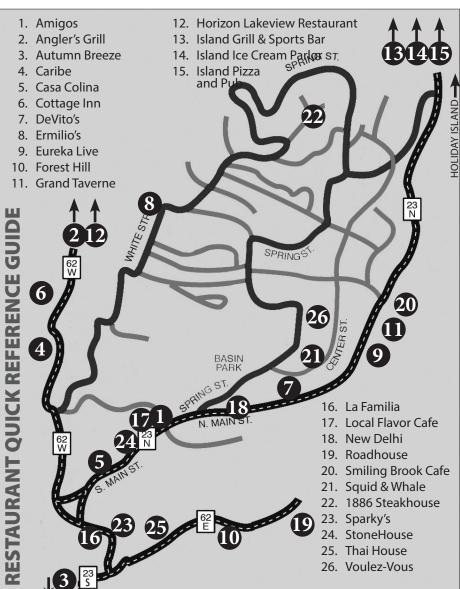
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ESOTERICAstrology as news for week March 27 – April 2 by Risa

Aries – the will-to-be

ast week, Sun entering Aries, the new spiritual year began. Archangel Raphael assumed protection of the Earth. Raphael is the Archangel of Healing. During Aries, Raphael and the Forces of Restoration work together streaming new light and life into the Earth. They come in on the wings of the Spirit of Resurrection.

Aries is the Initiating Will-to-Be, a continuous pulse of the Life Force. Aries fiery ethers move through the cosmos seeking where to anchor

in form and matter. Mars, presently retrograde, is the personality-ruler of Aries. Mars presents humanity with Nine Tests of the personality. With Mars retrograde our experience of Spring may be subdued, intent as we are on inner tests.

Uranus, presently in Aries, provides the new archetypes humanity needs to create the New Stewardship on Earth. Aries, Mars, Uranus together initiate new realities. The new world energies and rays streaming into the Earth do not support the

obstructing crystallized old order. Everything must be made new again.

We abandon our inertia, and "spring forward" into the new creations. It will take an awakening. That's coming. **Sunday** is the first new moon (9 degrees Aries) of the new spiritual year. New Moon meditations are dedicated to "strengthening the hands and arms of the New Group of World Servers." We are the New Group of World Servers. Strengthening each other.

ARIES: You will soon be called to action. For now reflect upon your resources, what's of value now and of value later. Be practical by preparing for the future. Family is most important and must be intact, loving and harmonious for you to feel safe and secure. Look back and assess priorities. Now look forward and list what is needed for a protected future. Create a group of likeminded people. Develop transparency, which creates group love and trust.

TAURUS: More and more messages will illuminate your mind now and in coming months. Perhaps while asleep, in prayer, underwater (swimming, surfing, the shower), in the garden. Quiet reflection, study, solitary walks in nature, tending to the plant and animal kingdoms – all are a focus that aids in receiving and understanding guidance. The planets are influencing your group work and inner spiritual life. From these a new life structure takes shape.

GEMINI: As you consider what is valuable and what is not, you may simply throw everything away in search of new realities, new partnerships. However, there are some things and people to maintain from long ago. You are connected astrologically (energetically). Even though you may feel neglectful of them, they are your future, understand your wound, and your developing awareness. These words will make sense soon.

CANCER: Two realities appear before you. Resources that have become tired and worn out and resources needed to contain the new reality, which you

and others are beginning to build. We are beginning a new rhythm. This new cycle allows for rebirth, rebuilding and realignments. It's time to be seen in the world, to lead a working

group and bring forth your knowledge. You hold one of the keys to the future. Through Cancer's gate, Spirit enters matter.

to travel and study.
These for the next year actually help re-define you. A new state of self-identity is emerging. Tend to money very carefully. Pare down to

basic essentials. You know how. You've done it before. Plant apple, apricot and citrus trees in your garden. In the new world to come the human builders are to work with the angelic builders (devas). You remember. Cooperation between the kingdoms. www.Findhorn.org.

VIRGO: Organizing money, finances, resources soothe any anxiety. Although you may feel everything's in order, look again. Consider new systems. Don't implement yet, not till Mars retro is over (late May). Discuss your ideas with a partner or intimate friend. Their listening allows a new sense of selfworth to develop. You value balance in all aspects of your life. What is not in balance? Set your goals there. Revelations begin to happen.

LIBRA: You have mysterious and hidden talents waiting to be discovered

like a deposit of rose gold. You understand life's rhythms and cycles, life and death. You can, therefore, be a solace to others as they experience crisis and difficulty. Within

these gifts is a great truth about yourself. Seek

deeply for this truth. Recite this mantram as you align with the Will-to-Good. "Let reality guide my every thought and truth be the master of my life."

SCORPIO: You become close with others only when you

fully trust them. Truth is something built over time and through experience. Truth allows you to know when to be loyal and when to walk away. You hold the same criteria for yourself. You want to be popular and well known in the world but not if you must compromise sincerity and honesty. These you hold like golden shields. In order to maintain this high level you must take seriously the idea of retreat, rest, health and relaxation.

SAGITTARIUS: You have the identical qualities as Scorpio and the message is the same. However, you need to include relaxation, fun and playfulness, for freedom's seeking you and only through laughter does freedom truly emerge. It releases your playfulness. Meanwhile, perhaps you'll realize how valuable and respected you are in the work you accomplish. It's not the money you make

but the ideals and ethics you uphold. You, too, hold a golden shield.

CAPRICORN: The new moon illumines your foundations, sense of self, your family, upbringing and present home situation. With a new work situation you will bring new plans, schedules and ideas to the family, while reconciling a new self-identity in daily life. Wherever you are you make environments more beautiful, more identified with your values. You are radical and revolutionary. You have a voice in the world. Soon it will be Easter. Wheatgrass baskets.

AQUARIUS: Deep friendships, lasting and consistent are most important to you. They summon your intimacy, loyalty and steadfastness. You tend to friendships with kindness and care, always giving. Aquarians know the entire community. You are Adriane's golden thread linking everyone, a valuable gift to be aware of and grateful for. All else pales by comparison. Except your creativity, which is your self-identity calling to you from all directions.

PISCES: The idea of money challenges you. What to do with it. What is it? First, tithe with it. Then, begin to be courageous with it. In these times money should be used to purchase whatever will sustain you in the future. Make lists of items important to you and needed in times of lack. Simply begin. Consider greenhouses, aqua-ponics, growing underground or on shelves indoors. Neighborhood communities to grow food, herbs and medicinals. The time has come.

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INDYSoul by Gwen Etheredge

Chasers kicks off the season with EUROCKATHON

hasers Bar & Grill is always looking for a new way to provide some fun on the highway, so starting the season off right is EUROCKATHON, a new event with five bands playing on Saturday, March 29, 4 p.m. The outdoor grill will be burning and music provided by:

- John Dooley local rock-n-roll
- Runaway Science psychedelic, blues-rock
- Holy Smokes pop punk/Indie alternative
- Captain Nowhere psychedelic rock Headlining the event and performing last is Dead

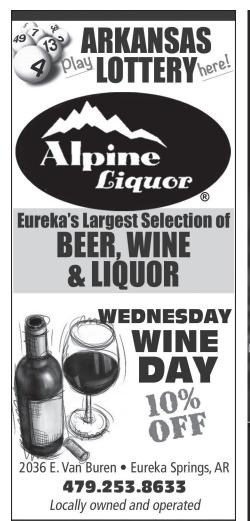
Indians – a three-piece rock and roll band that wants no part of the sub-genre revolution. They want to play pure, unadulterated rock with a big, raw sound that translates to an amazing live show. Their show will start around 9 p.m. \$5 cover gets you in.

Bob Livingston LIVE! at Caribé

Bob Livingston is a legendary singersongwriter and bass player who has toured the world as a founding member of The Lost Gonzo Band, and a Music Ambassador for the U.S. State Department. He is in Eureka Springs working on a book and will perform at KJ's Caribé on Saturday, March 29 at 5 p.m. Proceeds will benefit his host in town, The Writers' Colony at Dairy Hollow.

THURSDAY – MARCH 27

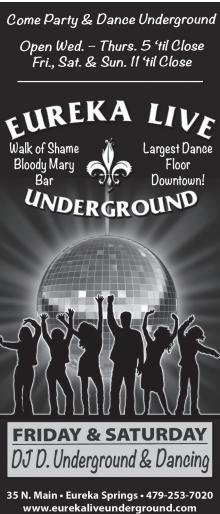
- Brian Martin, 9 • CHELSEA'S
- GRAND TAVERNE Jerry Yester Grand Piano Dinner Music, 6:30-9:30



• SOUID & WHALE Open Mic and Pie Social Homemade Pies and Homegrown Music

FRIDAY - MARCH 28

- BLARNEY STONE Brian Muench, 7 p.m.
- CATHOUSE LOUNGE Mark Shields & Good Company, 8 p.m. midnight
- CHASERS BAR & GRILL Jukebox
- CHELSEA'S Don't Stop Please, 9 p.m.
- EUREKA LIVE! Dancing with DJD. 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 with *DJ Pharaoh*, 9 p.m.



- **TBD** NEW DELHI
- ROWDY BEAVER Karaoke with Jerry, 7 p.m.
- ROWDY BEAVER DEN Ride *Shy*, 9 p.m.
- SQUID & WHALE "Local Kine" feat. Derek & Friends, 9 p.m.
- THE STONE HOUSE Jerry Yester, 6:30-9:30 p.m.
- VOUEZ-VOUS SPiNRaD, 9 p.m. **SATURDAY - MARCH 29**
- BLARNEY STONE Jim Mills & the Hellbenders, 9 p.m.
- CATHOUSE LOUNGE Mark Shields & Good Company, 8 p.m. midnight
- CHASERS BAR & GRILL **EUROCKATHON** – bands listed above
- CHELSEA'S Gary Hutchison **Band**, 9 p.m.
- EUREKA LIVE! Dancing with DJD. Underground, 9 p.m.
- GRAND TAVERNE Jerry Yester Grand Piano Dinner Music, 6:30-9:30
- JACK'S PLACE Karaoke with DJ Goose, 9 p.m.
- KJ'S CARIBÉ Bob Livingston, 5 p.m.
- LEGENDS SALOON JAB the *Band*, 9 p.m.
- NEW DELHI **Comfortable** *Brother*, 8–11 p.m.
- ROWDY BEAVER Ozark Thunder, 7 p.m.
- ROWDY BEAVER DEN Cooter & Friends, 12-4 p.m., Blew Reed & the

Flatheads, 9 p.m.

- SQUID & WHALE Allied Saints -KC Blues, 9 p.m.
- THE STONE HOUSE Handmade *Moments*, 6–9 p.m.
- VOUEZ-VOUS SPiNRaD, 9 p.m. **SUNDAY - MARCH 30**
- CHASERS Shuffleboard Tournament, 4 p.m.
- LEGENDS SALOON Free Texas Hold 'Em Tournament with prizes, 6 p.m.
- NEW DELHI **TBD**
- ROWDY BEAVER Sunday Specials
- ROWDY BEAVER DEN Cooter & *Friends*, 12–4 p.m.

MONDAY - MARCH 31

- CHASERS BAR & GRILL Poker & Pool night – Pool Tournament, 7 p.m.,
- CHELSEA'S SpringBilly, 7:30

TUESDAY - APRIL 1

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

WEDNESDAY - APRIL 2

- CHASERS BAR & GRILL Ladies Night – Drink specials, free jukebox
- NEW DELHI CAFÉ Open Jam
- PIED PIPER CATHOUSE LOUNGE Wheat Wednesday Draft Beer Specials
- ROWDY BEAVER Wine Wednesday

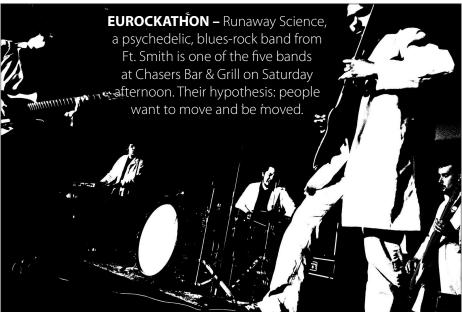






Zombie tag trophies – These handcrafted horror trophies created by David Anderson (Sytnathotep Studios) of Green Forest will be awarded to winners of the Zombie Tag event coming up March 29 at Lake Leatherwood. See more of David's Hollywood-style work at www.sytnathotep.

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Sign of the times -This notice posted in the window at Chelsea's Corner Café

Рното ву Gwen

says it all.







Opera Guild meeting March 30

Eureka Springs Opera Guild members will meet in the Crescent Hotel Conservatory Sunday, March 30, at 3 p.m. Come enjoy music, visit with other music lovers and be the first to know about the 2014 Opera Season at the Point. Jim Swiggart will be the

Members are asked to bring light finger-food desserts such as cookies, fruit, nuts, and candy. Some serving dishes are also requested.

Because the meeting follows shortly after the Crescent's Champagne Sunday Brunch, the hotel is offering attendees a special discount on brunch for \$5 off the normal price. Tables can be reserved any time between 9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Call (479) 253 - 9652 to reserve.

Contact Mary Dolce (479) 253-4939, marydoL5@aol.com if you will be attending and can bring dessert.

Sunday at UUF

All are welcome to join us at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 17 Elk, on March 30 at 11 a.m. for a program followed by refreshments.

By combining and interchanging music and words, Helga Dietzel will touch upon universal themes that

inspire and uplift, reminding us of the essential elements of gentle love, hope and strength with reverence and respect for all of life.

Childcare is provided. Extra parking at Ermilio's Restaurant, 26 White Street.

War Eagle Trail hike March 31

The Holiday Island Hikers will meet at 9 a.m., Monday, March 31, at Hart's parking lot to drive to their hike at Withrow Springs/War Eagle

This includes a walk along a slippery trail edge so wear good tracking shoes. Lunch will be at Granny's in Huntsville. For more info, email hihikers@yahoo.com

Creative spring break - Elizabeth Keller, 18, spent four days at the Writers' Colony at Dairy Hollow on a spring break trip with 12 other students from the Randolph School in Huntsville, Ala., as part of an independent study project. While here she worked in acrylics on three paintings representational of Impressionism, Cubism and Fauvism styles. Students worked on various art projects from portrait painting to creating futuristic masks for a movie the student was filming. Arts are woven into all grades at Randolph, where, in the 2013-14 year, 93 percent of all Upper School students are choosing to participate in arts classes beyond the required courses.



Goddess Gala April 8

This fabulous women-only party returns to the Basin Park Ballroom Tuesday, April 8 from 6 – 11 p.m. with a gourmet potluck, raffle, drumming, dancing and blessing of the seeds. All expenses have been covered, which means all income from ticket sales will go directly to the Merlin Foundation to benefit abused children! Tickets \$13 in advance at Gazebo Books, Eureka Market and other places around town, or \$15 at the door. See more at www. goddessgala.com.

Get "plein" ty of air in April

Plein Air Painters of Eureka Springs begin their 2014 season on April 2. Painting sessions run from approximately 8 – 10 a.m. every Wednesday, weather permitting. Breakfast at Myrtie Mae's around 10 a.m. All painters are welcome. No fees. Just show up at the specified

location and paint!

April 2 and 9, Crescent Hotel; April 16 and 23, Eureka Springs Train Depot on Hwy. 23; and April 30 at Crystal Bridges. (Meet "Plein Air Painters of the Ozarks" there.) For full 2014 schedule, see www.studio62.biz online. (479) 363-9209.

TheNATURE of EUREKA by Steven Foster

Food of the gods for a cold day

ast Sunday's cold weather had me sitting inside sipping hot chocolate. Remember not too many years ago when consuming chocolate was thought to cause acne and would make you fat? When I first started going to natural food industry trade shows 30 years ago tie-dye t-shirts and herbal teas were fashionable, along with carob masquerading as chocolate! Carob - camel food - a substitute for chocolate? I don't think so.

Now tie-dye has given way to neck ties, herbal teas have given way to



gourmet coffee and thank heaven, carob is once-again relegated to camel feed. Glorious chocolate continues its elevation to the realm of the quintessential health food. And why not? The genus name of the tree group to which it belongs is Theobroma which translates to "food of the gods."

We are lucky Columbus lost his way and ran into the Americas. No exotic spice of the East Indies rivals the historic impact of chocolate. Just last week at an American Chemical Society meeting, researchers from Louisiana State University provided new evidence on how compounds in chocolate or cacao called flavanols, deliver potent antioxidant activity. Some researchers have speculated that the flavanols simply pass through the gut without being absorbed. The LSU research group found that the compounds bypass the stomach, but good bacteria in the intestine called Bifidobacterium, in the presence of lactic acid provide a feast for the microbes, which transform larger, difficult to absorb antioxidant compounds into smaller ones that are easily absorbed

and provide antiinflammatory activity.

We call chocolate "cacao

or cocoa beans" but they are not beans. The oblong, ten-ribbed fruits, yellow to purplish, and ripening to a rich brown color are up to one-foot long. Within the fruits is a white mucilaginous pulp encasing numerous elliptical-shaped, one-in. long seeds, which themselves are the part from which chocolate is made.

During the manufacture of chocolate, fatty cocoa butter (an oil) is separated from the cacao "beans" (seeds), and the dried, protein and alkaloid rich powder from the separation process is commonly called cocoa or cacao. Chocolate is of tropical American origin and has been cultivated by the Mayans for at least 3000 years. It was widely grown by the Aztecs when the Spanish arrived.

Up until the 1850s, the seeds were used as currency. Cacao and its many products have once again taken their rightful place as the "gold standard" of health foods.

DEPARTURES

Kenneth Ray Smith July 9, 1939 – March 23, 2014

Kenneth Ray Smith, of Berryville, Ark., was born July 9, 1939 in Sanger, Calif., a son of Eldon "Short" and Joy E. (Westwood) Smith. He departed this life March 23, 2014 in his home in Berryville with family by his side, at age 74.

Kenny was a member of the Grandview Baptist Church. He owned and operated Ken's Tins sheet metal business and also farmed. Kenny proudly served his country in the United States Army National Guard.

He is survived by two sons, Matt Smith

and wife, Sherrie, and Randall Smith and wife, Jessica, all of Berryville; two brothers, Donald Parsley of Bakersfield, Calif., and Fred Parsley of Fresno, Calif.; three grandchildren, Dylan, Allison and Aiden; several nieces and nephews; his former wife, Linda (Moody) Smith; and a host of friends and loved ones.

Kenny was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Randall Dale Smith.

Visitation will be held from 5 - 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 26, at the Charles M. Nelson Memorial Chapel in Berryville. Funeral service will be 10 a.m. Thursday, March 26, at the Charles M. Nelson Memorial Chapel with Brother Billy McCall, Brother Jerry Hopper and Chaplain Jack Betts officiating. Interment will follow the service in the Berryville Memorial Park Cemetery under the direction of Nelson Funeral Service. Memorial donations may be made to the Gideon's International, P.O. Box 362, Berryville, Arkansas 72616. Online condolences may be sent to the family at nelsonfuneral.com. © Nelson Funeral Service, Inc. 2014



Mary Elizabeth Kile March 20, 1950 – March 20, 2014

Mary Elizabeth Kile of Eureka Springs, Ark., was born March 20, 1950 in Eureka Springs, a daughter of Robert Clay and Janie Irene (Foster) Kile. She departed this life Thursday, March 20, in Eureka Springs at age 64.

Mary was a member of the Church of God Holiness in Berryville. She enjoyed decorating and was a yard sale junkie.

She is survived by her parents; one sister, Margie and husband, Darrell McGhee; and one brother, J.R. Kile, all of Eureka Springs; her companion, Robert Jetton of Berryville, Ark.; nine nieces and nephews; 15 great-nieces and great-nephews; and a host of family and friends.

Mary was preceded in death by her grandparents, Levi and Bertha Kile, and William Clarence and Mary Foster; six aunts and eight uncles.

Visitation will be from 5 – 7 p.m. Monday, March 24 at the Charles M. Nelson Memorial Chapel in Berryville. Memorial service will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, March 25 at the Church of God Holiness with Pastor Acra Turner officiating. Cremation will follow the visitation under the direction of Nelson Funeral Service. Memorial donations may be made to the Church of God Holiness, 512 North Springfield, Berryville, AR 72616 or Brighten Ridge Nursing and Rehab, 235 Huntsville, Eureka Springs, Arkansas 72632. Online condolences may be sent to the family at nelsonfuneral.com. © Nelson Funeral Service, Inc. 2014

Take a break at Hobbs State Park - Conservation Area

Get out of town for a spring break at Hobbs State Park on Hwy. 12, just east of Rogers. Hobbs is the largest state park in Arkansas at 12,056 acres with 35 miles of trails, 24 of which are multi-use - meaning horses, bicycles and hikers are all allowed. Eleven of

the 35 miles of trails are for foot traffic only.

Spring Break Cruises on Beaver Lake are scheduled for March 28 and 29. The Hobbs visitor center also has outstanding exhibits including nature, history and taxidermy of local

wildlife. Kids, need material for a school assignment? Learn about the now extinct passenger pigeon or visit the Historic Van Winkle Trail, which is on the National Register of Historic Places.

For more information about Spring

Break and other activities at Hobbs State Park call (479) 899-5000. There are maps of Hobbs State Park and trails, along with a list of Spring Break and other programs, at www.friendsofhobbs. com: or see www.arkansasstateparks. com and click on "Parks."

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

I've been in a loving relationship for seven years. As women, we both struggle with body image issues and it really interferes with our sex life. How can we move past this?

ody image is a significant roadblock to healthy sexual expression among women. Many assume that women who love women are more caring and respectful of the female physique. Research does not support this. Womenshealth.gov reports that compared to heterosexual women, lesbian and bisexual women have a higher Body Mass Index, a higher incidence of tobacco use, are less physically fit and report higher rates of depression and anxiety. Due to fear of discrimination they are also less likely to seek medical treatment.

Fortunately, a positive body image is attainable with effective changes in the areas of thinking, fitness and nutrition. Nutritional change requires education and planning, including a positive relationship with food and a genuine love for your body so you will nourish it well. The tried but never true standbys of strict deprivation and reckless overindulgence must be relinquished! Would you sit your beloved twoyear-old niece at the table with a pile of dry lettuce for dinner? Would you demand she stay at the table until she consumes the entire box of Oreos and two pints of Ben & Jerry's? If you would not do this to her you cannot do this to yourself. Let this be your gauge.

Negative self-talk fuels depression and destroys any potential for personal growth. Log your negative self-statements for two days. You will be shocked. What if someone outside of your head berated you with those very statements? "You're fat, those jeans look horrible on you, there's nothing sexy about you." Self-loathing would likely paralyze you. So Stop! Develop a positive mantra and repeat it every time that negative voice invades: "My body is the strong beautiful temple that shelters my soul."

The American woman's average life expectancy is 82. Work that body NOW! You've only got one and apparently it's sticking around for a while. Make fitness more fun by connecting your physical



experience with sexual cues. Read a steamy romance while on the treadmill. Create a playlist of sexy songs to groove to while pushing weights or that ohso-lesbian-loved lawnmower. Sexercise - Game's On Girlz!

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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to resolve the problem. This less costly, less environmentally and economically damaging alternative was not disclosed to the APSC and the public in SWEPCO's application or its Environmental Impact Statement."

SWEPCO has applied for a rehearing to get the commission to overturn the Administrative Law Judge's selection of Route 109 in Missouri. STO and other intervenors in the case who oppose the power line filed responses Monday to SWEPCO's petition for a rehearing.

STO Director Pat Costner was very impressed by the response filed by the Bennett family. "Lori Bennett hit a homerun today," Costner said. "In her response, she established that SWEPCO doesn't even have standing to file for a rehearing because they're not an aggrieved party."

"SWEPCO is not a party aggrieved

by an order of the Commission," the filing by Bennett stated. "SWEPCO got exactly what it sought, permission to build on one of its six routes. Throughout the process, SWEPCO states in its application, filings and through its representatives that it sought permission to build on one of its six routes and that the Commission would determine which route would be appropriate. Incredibly, SWEPCO argues that the Commission should not substitute its judgment for SWEPCO's. If that were the case, SWEPCO could do whatever it wants and there would be no need for the Commission."

The filing also said that the record demonstrates there are numerous problems all along Route 33, and that SWEPCO had years to performs its studies and plan its routes, but failed to plan Route 33 in a reasonable manner.

The STO filing is 24 pages long, and makes the following major points:

- While SWEPCO maintains that the APSC Administrative Law Judge's decision to select Route 109 through Missouri instead of Route 33 was unreasonable, STO pointed out the reasons cited by the judge were valid because the Route 33 would have a greater impact on residences and would cross more major roads. Route 109 has 104 residences within 1,000 ft. of, and with an unobstructed view of, the power line compared to Route 33 with 171 such residences.
- SWEPCO's conclusion that only minimal aesthetic impacts were expected from the power line was contrary to thousands of written and oral public comments, and statements given by STO, other intervenors, cities, and federal and state agencies.
- This overwhelming expression of concern about a massive project constitutes "special and unusual

- circumstances for declaring Route 33 as unreasonable, since it has greater aesthetic impacts than the route preferred by SWEPCO."
- STO objects to SWEPCO's request to address concerns with Route 33 by moving it farther away from the Pea Ridge National Military Park, the Garfield Elementary School and the Gateway City Park. By moving the line, different properties would be affected and some of these landowners have yet to be notified about SWEPCO's project. Even if these landowners are notified immediately, they cannot have full participation in the commission's decision-making process, as is their right, because the commission is now in the final state of its consideration of this project. Property owners will not have opportunity to challenge the project, for example, based on failure to demonstrate need.

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only known by SWEPCO. The Lynch family has attempted to obtain route maps for the entire modification and has been told they are unavailable until such time as the APSC accepts the SWEPCO petition for a re-hearing.

"I am fairly certain that few folks in the community are even aware that the re-hearing involves a change in Route 33 that moves transmission lines into the north edge of Avoca and crosses Little Sugar Creek two additional times," said Stephen Lynch, one of the owners of the farm. "Our family has lived in this valley and on this property since before the Civil War, and very much care for the health of the people and animals who live here and rely on its continued good health for the well being of all."

The part of the new modified route disclosed to the Lynch family goes diagonally across part of the Lynch's land, then parallel to their west property line. If someone had tried to have maximum disturbance of the property, they couldn't have done a better job, said Doug Stowe, a member of the Save the Ozarks (STO) Board of Directors. The route will take the equivalent of four football fields out of the farm and nearly half the timber from the property.

"The impact on their property is just enormous," Stowe said. "The property hasn't been evaluated as to historic value. The Lynch family homestead existed before the Battle of Pea Ridge."

Ironically, the Lynch family was already impacted by SWEPCO as they have another farm near Gateway that is transected by the line. They are up to speed about concerns about the project including blighted views, destruction of trees and wildlife habitat, herbicide runoff from perpetual spraying, decreased property values and health impacts of electromagnetic frequencies from the line that would carry eight times the amount of power needed for Carroll County.



The family feels unprepared to mount a defense so quickly.

"This all happened so quickly," said family member Sheila Lynch Calix. "I feel violated. I didn't know a private company could come in and take something that has been in our families for generations. We have many good memories of growing up visiting our grandparents on the farm, and now SWEPCO wants to take the farm and make it useless. SWEPCO wants to devalue the land to the point we can't use it, and then we have to pay taxes on it after they destroy it."

She has concerns for 200-yr.-old trees in the path of the proposed line and potential impacts from soil runoff from construction, then herbicide spraying.

"The transmission line route is located on steep hills that have direct runoff paths to Little Sugar Creek and a nearby tributary of Little Sugar Creek," Lynch said. "Water from Little Sugar Creek is the only water source for livestock on our property, as well as the multitude of other farms downstream from the proposed transmission line crossing."

Many other property owners in Northwest Arkansas impacted by the proposed routes share similar concerns. But the difference is the Lynch family and other property owners along the new route didn't receive notification that would have allowed them to intervene in APSC proceedings.

In order to use eminent domain to seize the property, state law requires the landowners be notified and be given opportunity to intervene in proceedings before the APSC. Coming this late after the hearings have been closed, there is no opportunity for them to do that. SWEPCO is trying to get voluntary agreements with landowners, but the Lynch family has no intention of doing that.

"We don't want it and we will fight hard to not have it happen," Lynch said. "My dad and his grandfather are buried in a little cemetery there that overlooks the valley. I know they both would roll over in their grave if they looked out one morning and saw the power line come across the valley."

The family has become active with STO, and talking with other landowners in the area that was significant in the Battle of Pea Ridge. They have little time for preparations including the need to hire an attorney to have representation with APSC and talking to neighbors affected.

"It is awful that the first we learned about it was on the 11th of the month," Lynch said. "We're not happy about it. We are trying to get the word out. We've seen very little concern with state law so far in this proceeding as it seems SWEPCO always gets what SWEPCO wants," Lynch said.

"If the APSC agrees with this, landowners like the Lynch family who are opposed to the line could become a party to the re-hearing, but they would be limited in rights in that they would not be allowed to question the need for the project," Stowe said. "The only right they would have is the right to ask for route modifications. I'm really concerned these people now notified would not be afforded the normal rights that would be granted to an intervenor. This request from SWEPCO for a limited rehearing has only to do with routes. In this case, these additional notified landowners would be treated in an unfair and unjust manner."

SWEPCO spokesman Peter Main said SWEPCO obtained options to purchase easements from several of the landowners along the new segments. "Since the new route segments include some property that was not part of Routes 33, 86 or 91, discussions with these landowners may also include waiver of notice," Main said.

SWEPCO says in its petition that landowners along the new segments who have not waived notice or granted SWEPCO an option to purchase an easement should be provided notice prior to any hearings on the route amendment. Main said since Routes 86 and 91 were withdrawn from consideration prior to the August 2013 hearing, SWEPCO also suggests that notice be given to landowners on the portion of Segment R to be used in the Route 33 modification.

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the house on the property.

Also opposing the request has been the Parks Department, which has stated it wants to include Rock Street in its plans for a trail system around town. Sheryl Willis spoke up for the Trails Committee by saying there has been too much misinformation about what they are trying to accomplish. She said cities all over the nation are working to create urban trails. She urged council to support their efforts to complete a trails loop around town. She said her committee wants to stay away from homes

Melissa Greene spoke up for homeowners by stating,

"We are not monkeys in a theme park. We want to go home for privacy." She said she was angry about a petition circulated by Willis opposing the Brixes' request. Greene said she did her own survey of her neighbors, and no one wanted a trail near their homes.

Jan Grinnell said, "Eureka Springs does not have fences." Therefore, she said, if we put pathways in all the green spaces as Parks seems intent on doing, there will be nothing to prevent hikers from wandering onto our private land. Residents must put up fences and signs. Some of the trails are already in poor shape, she claimed, and she is concerned about infringement on privacy.

Rachel Brix commented, "I can't help but question

the recent urgency of the drive for trails." She said she has been on the Parks Commission for 18 months, and the trails system has never been an item on the agenda, and no members of the Trails Committee attend the meetings. Brix said Parks has never offered to negotiate with her, and she still does not know what their plans are regarding trails through her property.

Alderman Terry McClung stated that the Parks situation in this discussion was secondary to maintaining access for the owners of Marble Flats.

In the end, vote to approve the second reading of Ordinance 2207 was 4-1-1, McClung voting No and Schneider voting Present.

Final Destination concert rescheduled

The Final Destination Band has been rescheduled to play at the Holiday Island Community Church Praise Night on Sunday, April 6, at 4:30 pm. Everyone is invited to come hear some good, original country Gospel music. There will be a free will offering

Come enjoy the afternoon at Holiday Island Community Church, 188 Stateline Drive. For more information contact Bill Branum (479) 981-0153.

DROPPINGA Line

by Robert Johnson



ere are three nice Beaver Lake stripers from 14 to 22 lbs. caught Lthis week. My days out this week were on days with no sun and a northeast wind, so we did not do so well. We did get on some smaller stripers, but the biggest fish on my boat this week was a 24 in. largemouth bass.

These fish were caught with Johnny Glantz out of Rogers. He is also a guide I work with who just happened to get booked on the sunny days with southwest winds.

Water temps on Beaver are holding in the high 40s, but slowly warming. These fish are going shallow with the sun chasing the shad close to the shoreline. Brood shiners, shad and big top water baits are the way to go now. Stripers are being caught from the Rogers area to the mudline upriver and up the War Eagle and White River arms on the other side of the mudline as water clears up from the last hard storm.

Also hearing of some big stripers on this end of the lake that I will be checking out Wednesday. Now is the time for the big ones before they lay their eggs. Just going to get better for the spawn from here on through April. If you can't get out on your own give me a call and if I can't get you out we can see if this Johnny guy can.

Here at Holiday Island, fishing is improving everyday with the temps also running in the high 40s. People have been coming in with their limits of walleye in the last week. Also a few white bass are starting to be caught as they are also on the move up the river and creeks to spawn.

Crappie are still a little sluggish but are being caught in the brush and treetops in the main channel. Trout fishermen and women are doing good fishing from the shoreline and by boat between the dam and Houseman with flies, worms, power bait, small spoons and countdown rapalas in the trout-colored and black back colors. Well, guess I better go for now, so happy spring is here. Still have some open days so if you want to get out just give me a call stay warm and take a kid fishing. Fishofexcellence (479) 253-2258.



INDEPENDENT Crossword

by Bill Westerman

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- 5. Craze
- 8. Polluted fog
- 12. Impulse
- 13. Tell an untruth
- 14. Hindu discipline
- 15. Dissolve
- 16. Harem room
- 17. Calm interval
- 18. Maple tree product
- 20. Embankment
- 22. Cleopatra's undoing
- 23. Time period
- 24. Glen
- 27. Melt down
- 31. Anger
- 32. Wonder
- 33. "Lights, camera,
- 37. Followed instructions
- 40. Imitate
- 41. Squealer (slang)

- 42. Woody copse
- 44. Restless 47. Falsifier
- 48. Expire
- 50. Engine cover
- 52. Against
- 53. "Smoking or
- 54. Therefore
- 55. Flat, circular
- plate
- 56. Mild reproof
- 57. Precipitate

Down

- 1. Chewing
- 2. Greek god of war
- 3. Unattractive
- 4. Toward the back
- 5. Limp
- 6. Help
- 7. Auto merchant
- 8. Wooded
- 9. Pout

- 10. Impertinent stare
- 11. Four qts.
- 19. Put into service
- 21. Before
- 24. By way of
- 25. Circle segment
- 26. Allow
- 28. 24 hours
- 29. Mama sheep
- 30. Primary color
- 34. Medical
- 35. Choose
- 36. "You that"
- 37. Eastern
- countries
- 38. Flying mammal
- 39. Engraver
- 42. Short skirt
- 43. Cereal grain
- 45. Israeli round dance
- 46. Yoga master
- 47. Boy
- 49. Promissory note
- 51. Put on

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who had applied to sit on the Historic District Commission.

- Council had to work over the definition of a nuisance, but eventually an amended version of the proposed Clean City Ordinance received approval on its second reading.
- Purkeypile announced his investigation into the collapsing spot in the courthouse parking lot led him to believe a repair might cost only as much as \$4000-5000. However, he wanted more time to get further information.
- The third reading of Ordinance 2204 which reclaimed a portion of Sweeney Alley passed unanimously.
- Also, the third reading of Ordinance 2205 which removes the word "animals" from prohibitions in the C-3 zone, passed unanimously.
- Council stated its intention to meet with the Hospital Commission and members of the Eureka Springs Hospital administration at the May 19 Hospital Commission meeting.
- Purkeypile announced he is still looking for donations to help fund engineering assessments for what is next for Black Bass Dam. He added Public Works completed a sewer replacement on Owen Street and improved the drainage in the German Alley vicinity.

Next meeting will be Monday, April 14, at 6 p.m.



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