

Thom Wall was one of several performers providing comedy, juggling, belly dancing and a variety of acts at Ozark Mountain Mystique, An Afternoon of Juggling and Wonderment at the auditorium on April 6. Besides six wine glasses, he also balanced a lit candelabra on top of a balloon on top of a knife held in his mouth ... edge up!

PHOTOS BY MELANIE MYHRE

MO rep clashes with SWEPCO on eminent domain

BECKY GILLETTE

The Missouri Senate Environment Committee recently had a hearing on Senate Bill 839, the legislation proposed by State Sen. David Sater that would prohibit American Electric Power (AEP)/Southwestern Electric Power Company (SWEPCO) from using eminent domain for 25.5 miles of the Missouri route approved by the Arkansas Public Service Commission (APSC) for a new, high voltage power line.

Sater said he felt the committee hearing went well and was beneficial for committee members. The hearing was to discuss legislation designed to stop SWEPCO from rural southern Barry and McDonald counties for transmission lines that would require cutting a 150-ft.-wide right of way for power poles 150 to 160 ft. tall.

“My bill would prohibit SWEPCO from using eminent domain, meaning the company would be unable to forcibly take the land needed for construction of the transmission line,” Sater said. “Instead, it would have to get the approval of every landowner along the route.”

During the hearing there were questions about the necessity of running the line through Missouri when other more cost-effective and shorter routes are available in Arkansas.

“There was also concern that this would create a troubling precedent, by allowing another state to dictate transmission line routes in Missouri,” Sater said. “The fact is that most of the landowners affected by the construction of this line don’t even know

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This Week’s INDEPENDENT Thinker

In Tamaqua, Pa., smack in the heart of coal country, farmers and politicians gave a thumbs-up to toxic sludge being spread on agricultural land. It worked well until people got sick and started dying, according to *Forbes* magazine

Thomas Linzey, head of the Community Environmental Legal Defense Fund, realized that local governments felt

powerless to stop private citizens from leasing their rural land, so he thought if corporations could be considered people, why can’t rivers and critters be the same? Surely they have as much right to a life as a corporation.



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Citizens speak out about promoting the town

NICKY BOYETTE

“The best way to get input about the City Advertising and Promotion Commission is to attend the meetings,” CAPC Chair Charles Ragsdell said at a gathering of citizens interested in better promoting all sectors of the city, with the wedding industry getting particular attention.

He was speaking to more than 100 interested citizens who gathered at the Inn of the Ozarks Convention Center Monday evening. Kristal Kuykendall, editor of the *Lovely County Citizen*, moderated the event, which occurred at least partly because of an editorial and an article she had written with claims about declining tourism figures which the CAPC contested. She told the audience at the beginning that even those who disagreed with her article were fighting for the same goal, a successful Eureka Springs.

Kathy Pickowitz spoke up for the wedding industry in the Eureka Springs area, presenting research from a national level down to the local level with charts and statistics. Her data showed Eureka Springs is the perfect place for destination weddings, a major current trend, but the city must reclaim its title as the Wedding Capital of the South.

Susan Misavage, co-owner of the Angel at Rose Hall bed & breakfast, said local politics have led to 10 straight years of a declining wedding industry in town. Weddings could provide income for every segment of the population,

from hair stylists to caterers to lodging. In addition, first timers often attend the wedding, then return.

Her assessment of why Eureka Springs has lost its draw is that the CAPC, until recently, failed to adequately advertise weddings. At the same time competition arose in nearby communities, so the town lost out twice. “A concerted effort must be made to market Eureka Springs effectively,” she commented.

Her husband, Bob Jasinski, said the current CAPC advertising strategy is slanted toward day-trippers and motorcycles. He said his B&B recently had the lowest water bill in years because there were no guests to flush the toilets. He cited motorcycle noise as a nuisance and a turnoff to tourists, and although he applauded efforts of city council to pass a new noise ordinance, he doubted there will be any enforcement. Jasinski said commissioners with private agendas are undermining progress at the CAPC, and urged the city to hire a private ad agency.

Ragsdell invited the public to attend CAPC meetings and see what is going on rather than rely on misinformation and rumors. “I want to dispel some numbers,” he said referring to Kuykendall’s article. He said she had taken her numbers from different tables and they were not comparable in the way she had presented them. Her arithmetic had produced a 15 percent decrease in tourism, Ragsdell said, whereas facts he verified at the state

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Rotary Student of the Month – Eureka Springs High School Junior, Justin Gall, son of Benjamin and Rebecca Gall, is Rotary’s March Student of the Month. He currently carries a 3.4 GPA and is interested in computer technology and digital arts. He’s known for being a hard worker, has a creative mind in the sciences and builds projects without taking the easy road. He volunteered at the concession stand for the booster club at almost every game this year. Justin enjoys writing and drawing, and his nominators say he’s academically prepared to achieve whatever he decides to do in life.

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Court looms in former mayor v. former bank president dispute

NICKY BOYETTE

"I'm a collector of fine art and antiques, not a thief," Beau Satori, former mayor of Eureka Springs, commented. He will be appearing in court May 19 to answer to felony charges he stole antique baseboards allegedly worth as much as \$10,000 from property he had rented for 37 years. The landlord, former Bank of Eureka Springs (Cornerstone) President John Cross, evicted Satori last autumn for failure to pay rent.

Satori stated there were originally pine baseboards at the property at 81 Spring Street, "and I could have shown the police if they had asked." Satori claimed he has been contacted by ESPD in only one phone call since he was accused in May 2013.

"[ESPD Det. Thomas] Achord called me once and asked if I had the baseboards, and I told him 'Yes, they are mine.'" Satori said he told Achord his side of the story but has not been interviewed since.

"I'm disappointed. This is how they conduct a felony investigation? I've been charged with a felony for a year, and I've not been interviewed. Obviously they are working in the interest of John Cross and not the public," Satori said.

Satori said he trimmed the space with pine baseboards and over time replaced the pine with oak trim, which he replaced with pine again. He claimed he

has receipts for payments to craftsmen from the area who made and installed the baseboard, and even a computer-generated receipt for 143 linear feet of baseboard.

"So his claims are ridiculous at best, but ridiculous is too simple a word. Even the briefest survey of my evidence reveals my employment of the finest craftsmen in Eureka Springs. The presumption I would steal antique wood of any kind is antithetical to my values."

He said he was surprised the prosecutor has continued the case since Satori showed him last summer stacks of evidence related to his purchases for the property.

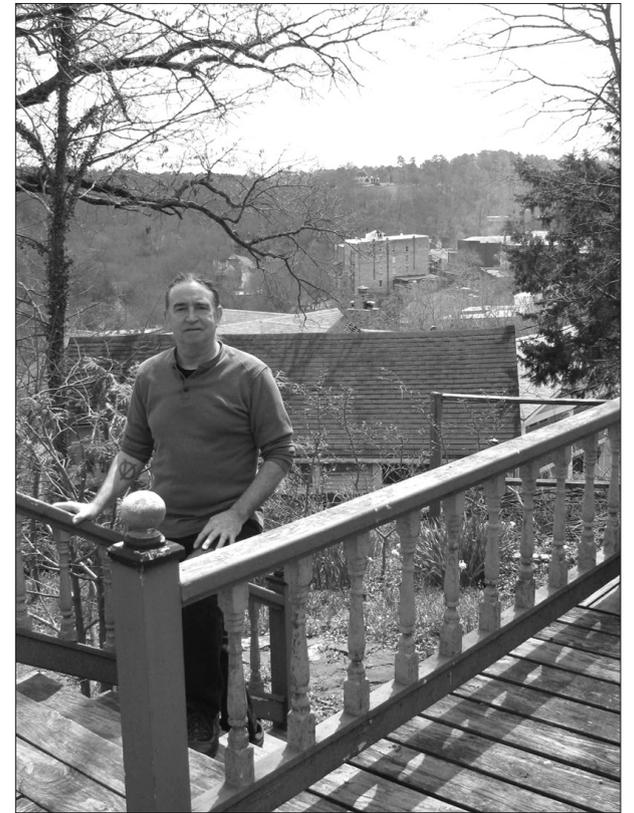
Satori went on to say there is a valuable oaken bookcase in the building which he offered to buy from Cross. "Why would I offer to buy a \$10,000 bookcase but then steal baseboards?" Satori asked. "I invested more in restoring that building than Cross ever will."

As for why Cross would accuse him of stealing, Satori stated, "He's just my Cross to bear."

Satori admitted he hardly ever paid rent on time, but in 37 years he always paid it, sometimes in advance.

When asked for comment, Cross said, "I turned all that over to law enforcement. I'm just the victim. The prosecutor has all that information."

Court date and time is 8:30 a.m., May 19, in Eureka Springs.



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Carter campaigns to represent working people in Arkansas House

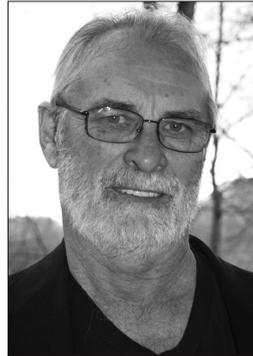
BECKY GILLETTE

Charles "Sonny" Carter, 71, of Eureka Springs is running for the District 97 Arkansas House of Representatives on a theme of representing the working people of Carroll, Madison and Washington counties who are struggling to make a living.

"There is a very clear difference between me and my opponent in this race, Bob Ballinger," Carter said. "He takes political donations from corporations that then turn around and use the politicians they have bought to gain unfair advantages in government. I will take no political donations from corporations." Carter, a Democrat, said he is dedicating his campaign to the children because if we don't change things, they have no future.

"The Koch brothers are trying to take

over our government, and eliminate the middle class," Carter said. "They are right here in Arkansas, as well as across the country. My opponent, Bob Ballinger, has consistently accepted campaign contributions from Koch Industries, AEP/SWEPCO, Walmart, the Stephens Group and other large corporations that are using their wealth to buy elections."



CARTER

Carter has lived in Eureka Springs since 1998. He was born in Pryor, Okla., and worked as a singer, songwriter and recording artist for many years. He has also operated his own production company, and done work for John Mellencamp.

A candidate for mayor of Eureka Springs in 2010, Carter has been active with campaigns for the U.S. Congress and with Occupy Eureka Springs.

"My opponent voted against the private option Medicaid expansion," Carter said. "If the Republicans had been successful, hundreds of thousands of low-income people would have been denied health care insurance. It is outrageous that this expansion was being paid for entirely by the federal government, and yet these extremist right wing Republicans tried to gut this program because they wanted to make Obama and the Democrats look bad."

Carter said he supports women's rights. "The fact that we can't get the Equal Rights Amendment passed in Arkansas is disgraceful," Carter said. "We need equal rights and equal pay for every citizen of this country."

Carter wears a button on his lapel that says "Stop SWEPCO, Vote Carter. www.carterforarkansas.com." Carter said the proposal by SWEPCO to devastate 49 miles of Northwest Arkansas for a high voltage power line that is not needed is a prime example of corporations that are out of control. SWEPCO is trying to use the powers of eminent domain to take property from hundreds of people for a project that will only serve SWEPCO's desire to make more profits off the backs of its ratepayers.

"As recently as January 2014,

SWEPCO donated a large sum to Ballinger's campaign," Carter said. "This information is easily available from the Arkansas Secretary of State's website. Who exactly does Mr. Ballinger represent? You can't serve two masters, Mr. Ballinger. Which will it be? Your well-heeled corporate extremist buddies or the people of Arkansas? Eighty percent of District 97 residents oppose SWEPCO power lines, yet Ballinger takes SWEPCO cash."

Carter said he would work to reform the industry friendly Arkansas Public Service Commission that has shown to be the servant of SWEPCO and other large utilities.

"The APSC has shown itself to be deaf to the concerns of the thousands of people who have submitted public comment opposing the project," Carter said. "This power line is not to deliver power for Arkansans, but to transfer power through Arkansas to other states so SWEPCO can make more money selling dirty, coal-fired electricity."

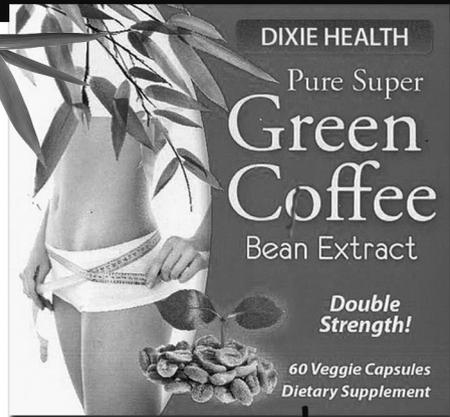
Carter favors reform of eminent domain laws similar to the legislation that has been introduced to stop the SWEPCO power line in Missouri. He is also in favor of increasing the minimum wage in Arkansas, and is strongly in favor of campaign finance reform to bring back the government under the control of citizens rather than large corporations.

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If you miss it, you can always search www.travelchannel.com/ schedule for more replay dates.

Eminent domain and SWEPCO

The legislative budget session adjourned in March, but duties of a state representative continue year 'round. Our duties involve, among other things, the pleasure of meeting with constituents and challenges of dealing with issues not confined to the schedule of a legislative session. There is a pressing matter that concerns all Arkansans which has been brought to light by events here in Carroll County and that involve the particular application of a legal principle called eminent domain.

Simply put, eminent domain allows governments to take private property from its owners so long as it's for public use and they pay the owner an amount deemed fair. We must acknowledge that properly applied, eminent domain is constitutional and can serve a useful public purpose. Some may argue that in its contemporary application it has given rise to questionable and controversial actions, and therefore,

because it utilizes the coercive power of the state against owners of private property, we the people, and I as your representative, must assure that it is used only after deliberation and the exercise of due diligence.

There is no question that most individuals would agree that eminent domain can address legitimate needs such as roads, schools and other public use purposes. However, because it frequently involves taking private property from people who are compelled against their will, it is at best a necessary evil.

The issue is obviously complex and I cannot examine it in depth here, but I want you to be assured that I am concerned with how it is utilized by government as it applies to SWEPCO. Of course we all recognize the need to develop the power grid. Public and semi-public utilities are essential services.

I am troubled, however, by its

implementation and the rules and procedures that govern the use of eminent domain by SWEPCO. I believe that there was insufficient opportunity for the public to voice objections or raise concerns about the impact of SWEPCO's proposed construction of the power line, and frankly, that objections and concerns raised were largely disregarded. It is becoming clear that the process as it pertains to SWEPCO is on some sort of cruise control.

It has become an almost impossible task to evaluate SWEPCO's decisions as it affects our communities, our natural resources, and you, the people I have sworn to serve. Eminent domain is a harsh solution to address public needs and we owe it to each other to use it with care and compassion. Are we to allow SWEPCO or any institution the privilege of using the coercive power of the state without the oversight of responsible public

scrutiny? God forbid.

I want to know what you think. Please watch for public meetings that I hope will soon be scheduled locally. In the meantime, feel free to call me at (870) 350-5175.

As always, I am grateful for your trust and the privilege of serving as your state representative.

Rep. Bob Ballinger

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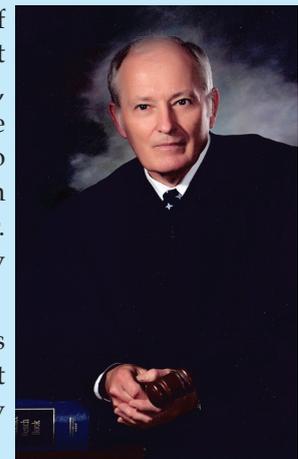
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Winter encores predicted

NICKY BOYETTE

Warblers are warbling again in our woods. Narcissi sparkle across the landscape and whippoorwills serenade our evenings – the ice age might be over! Can we pent-up gardeners finally get our hands in the dirt without freezing?

After all, it's April, it's springtime, it's baseball season and that means, "Gardeners, start your shovels!"

The warmer weather has allowed us to reconnect with those parts of our landscaping and gardens that made it through the winter and make plans for this year. Gardeners love to make plans. Maybe this will be the year you'll get an early start on your horticultural adventure. Fruit trees are blooming and ticks are out, so let's plant seeds.

Just so you know, the *Old Farmer's Almanac* predicts that by the end of the month, the lion of winter will breathe one or two last icy retorts on the springtime of our delight. In



other words, keep your zucchini seeds holstered for the moment. The *Almanac* warns us that "increasing rain and thunderstorm activity spreads east" for

the weekend of April 12 followed by "very cold Canadian air pushes south." Not only that, the prediction for two weeks later is more thunderstorms and then "cold air sweeps in bringing near-freezing temperatures" to close out the month.

Opinion is divided on which is more accurate at predicting the weather – *Farmer's Almanac*, Nostradamus, your uncle's new knee or none of the above. The *Almanac* claims a traditional accuracy rate of 80 percent, and they boasted a 94 percent accuracy for the winter of 2012-13. Nevertheless, the point at hand is you've already planted your heirloom snow peas, and they are bound to sprout just in time for the Yukon Express, so is all lost?

Maybe not. Many plants made it through the frigid winter, so a couple more cold snaps should not matter to them. Tender annuals such as young tomato and pepper plants would be at risk as well as summer vegetable seedlings and flowering plants unless you take precautions. Young flowering shrubs might also like some protection. And what about fruit trees? What about a bubble over your whole property?

What to do

There are many precautions a homeowner can take to protect tender plants if a late frost impends. First would be knowing the forecast. If you have a day to prepare before a frost or

freeze, then gather ye buckets while ye may. Remember when there were bushel baskets? Those would be great for covering small shrubs or seedlings.

A moderate layer of mulch such as straw or pine straw will suffice for protecting many young plants against a frost. Mulch is good for several reasons, but one of its advantages is its ability to protect soil moisture from freezing by holding in whatever heat is left over from the day before.

All leaves are useful as mulch, though some stay in place better than others. The mulch can be pulled back a bit during the warmer part of the day to let the soil catch the heat.

Gardenharvestsupply.com warns against laying a sheet of plastic on the ground to protect seedlings. It says, "Plastic can be used to protect most plants from frost, but it's not the best or most effective material, and some garden experts warn against it." The problem is plastic does not breathe, so it might trap moisture around the plant or even against a plant. If the temperature drops low enough, the plant might suffer, whereas it might not suffer if the moisture were vented.

Fabrics, tarps and blankets allow for moisture to flow in or out and keep colder air away from the plant. The coverings might need to be weighted down when in use, and they need to be removed during the day, but that's okay because gardeners love tending to gardening chores.

Gardeners in areas with frequent surprise spring frosts erect frames in their gardens for quick hanging of the tarps. For the short term, a gardener or landscaper taking no chances could create a temporary frame with lawn chairs, benches, small tables, boxes, old bed frames, unused exercise equipment, your neighbor's canoe... the choices are endless.

Residents of Eureka Springs should be advised leaving this type of plant protection in place might infringe upon a city ordinance, so it would have to be removed during the day. But that's okay – gardeners love gardening chores.

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HDC approves square windows and new roof

NICKY BOYETTE

The Historic District Commission found two applications to its liking at its April 2 meeting. Denny Alexander represented the application to replace the roof at 136 E. Van Buren with green lap panel steel. He pointed out the residence, which was built in 1981, is hardly visible from US 62. He said lap panel steel is an energy-efficient, durable choice for the home.

Commissioner Dee Bright remarked the home is non-contributing and in a commercial zone. Commissioner Richard

Grinnell agreed, although he said the roofing choice would be unacceptable in most places according to the guidelines, but this house is not near any others and is in a commercial setting.

Commissioners unanimously approved the application.

Bill King appeared again representing the remodeling project at 2 Pine. He said his original plan for two round windows in the storefront design was not working out, so he was going back to square windows. Commissioners approved.

The commission approved these four items on the Consent Agenda:

- 34 Mountain – new paint colors
- City limits – signs
- 109 E Van Buren – new sign
- 14 Spring – new paint colors

The 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:

- 55 S. Main – repaint

- 5 Washington – repaint

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

Next meeting will be Wednesday, April 16, at 6 p.m.

AEP transmission crews at work

AEP transmission crews will perform routine maintenance work from Monday, April 14, to Thursday, April 24, on parts of the 11-mile transmission line between the Avoca and Beaver Dam substations. The 161,000-volt line is essential to the reliability of the transmission system

serving electric cooperative members and utility customers in the region.

AEP transmission crews have been identifying specific cross-arms and poles that need replacement. They will complete repairs to the wooden H-frame structures and clean up all work areas in the right-of-

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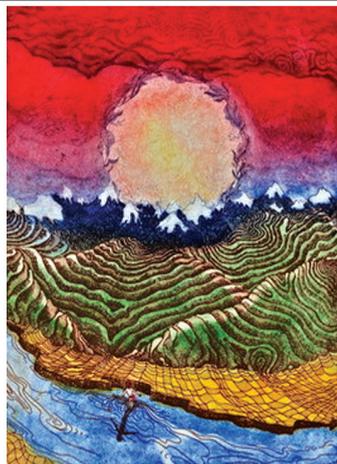
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1975 was a memorable year for Pine Mountain Theater manager and Eureka Springs Chamber of Commerce President/CEO, Mike Bishop. He graduated from high school, went to work for Dogpatch USA theme park and met his future wife of 37 years, Dale Fisher. So it's only fitting the theme of the all-new Pine Mountain Theater 40th anniversary show is "40 Years of Music," featuring some of the greatest rock 'n' roll, blues, comedy, bluegrass and country hits ever recorded.

Dave and Deanna Drennon opened Pine Mountain Jamboree in 1975 when their current location marked the eastern boundary of Eureka Springs. Bishop and his wife leased the facility at the end of the 2005 season. Since its

inception, Pine Mountain has hosted more than 8,000 shows and entertained over four million guests.

The new show features a variety of segments guaranteed to delight Baby-Boomers and their families, including:

- A "Remember When" audience participation game show featuring theme songs and trivia from popular TV shows of the era.
- A collection of Top 40 hits with a nod to Pine Mountain's 40th Anniversary ("Carry on my Wayward Son" and "Still the One," among many others)
- A special tribute to George Strait, with band members performing their favorite hits from the legendary country artist.
- Famous novelty songs of the era including "Convoy," "The Streak," "Elvira" and other popular favorites.

"We started designing this new show with all the band members providing ideas on the best songs



Dale and Mike Bishop

and music recorded since 1975. The hardest part was narrowing down the lengthy list to fit within the two-hour show time," said Bishop. "While we continue to focus on delivering the best in live family entertainment, I'm confident we cover the gamut in popular music that will appeal to our

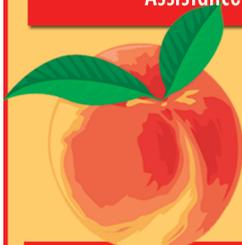
very diversified audience members," added Bishop.

The new concert format premiered on April 4 with a half-hour pre-show at 7:30 p.m. The theater is located at 2075 E. Van Buren (ES 62E). For details and ticket information, call (479) 253-9156 or see www.pinemountaintheater.com.



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Socc it to me – Cassie Culhame sets up a shot with a knee kick in Eureka Springs' 6-0 victory in the 14 and under game against Bergman in the Eureka Springs Soccer Club Spring Jamboree at Leatherwood fields last Saturday.

PHOTO BY DAVID FRANK DEMPSEY

City offers Spring Cleanup for \$5

Each year the City of Eureka Springs provides an opportunity for residents to get rid of all the unwanted items that can't be picked up on the city's trash collection routes.

For a mere \$5, a tag may be purchased from city offices at the lower level of the courthouse and should be attached to your non-hazardous pile of bulky items and furniture, which must be at the curb no later than 8 a.m. on Monday, April 21.

The city will not pick up untagged piles of trash. Tags must be purchased before 4 p.m. Friday, April 18. Collections will be made between 8 a.m. Monday, April 21, and 3 p.m. on Friday, April 25. Since the trash might be at curbside three or four days until pick up, residents are urged to make sure it is not in the way of mail or delivery vehicles and is not blocking a driveway.

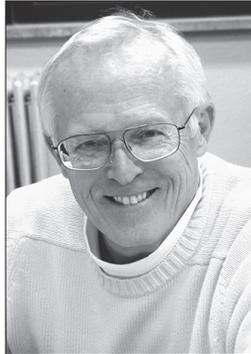
All smaller items must be in manageable bundles weighing less than 50 lbs. No items will be picked up after 3 p.m. on April 25.

You may not include yard waste, household garbage, tires, items containing Freon, or hazardous materials such as batteries, motor oil, etc. Cardboard (break boxes down, please) and electronics are permissible. The Spring Cleanup pickup is for residences only. Contact (479) 253-9600 with any questions about what can be picked up.

Prominent geologist here for Earth Day talk

Dr. John Van Brahana, Professor Emeritus with the University of Arkansas Dept. of Geosciences, and renowned hydrogeologist and expert in Arkansas karst geology, will give a free presentation, "CAFOs in Paradise," at 6 p.m. Tuesday, April 22, at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 17 Elk. St.

This hour-long program, sponsored by the Buffalo River Watershed Alliance (buffaloriveralliance.org), will include



DR. VAN BRAHANA

an update on ongoing water testing being conducted independently on the Buffalo River both above and below the confluence with Big Creek.

Last summer, a concentrated feeding operation received a permit to raise up to 6500 hogs on land that abuts Big Creek in Mount Judea, an area already documented to rest upon terrain made up of extremely porous, fractured limestone geology known as karst.

Van Brahana will detail the clear hazards of applying untreated liquid waste on pasture land that has high concentrations of agricultural nutrients and will also explain the methodology for planned dye testing the state has belatedly given him permission to conduct. Since a large part of the Ozarks is composed of karst, this information applies to more than the Buffalo River. All Ozark streams, creeks and waterways are vulnerable to degradation due to current lax laws and poor enforcement.

There will be a Q & A session and refreshments following the presentation.

Breast cancer awareness Fit Event April 11

In the past three years, Magi Hayde of Eureka Springs lost two loved ones to breast cancer. So Hayde is passionate about promoting breast cancer awareness, including an upcoming event April 11 at Dillard's Pinnacle Hills Promenade in Rogers, where she is lingerie business manager.

Hayde said the Fit Event will focus on two major themes, breast cancer awareness and having women embrace the concept of getting fit in the correct bra or shapewear.

"For more than 14 years we have held events in our stores to encourage awareness and made donations to help end breast cancer," said Hayde, who grew up in Eureka Springs. "Last year we reached a milestone of \$1 million in event sales and are continuing the push to reach \$1.5 million in 2014."

Hayde invited everyone to

participate in the April 11 event in the Lingerie Department. "On that day, help Dillard's fight breast cancer by having one of our certified fitters fit you into the perfect bra or shapewear," Hayde explained. "In addition, Dillard's will donate \$2 to the National Breast Cancer

Foundation for each shapewear, bra or panty purchase."

If you would like to make an appointment, please visit or call the Lingerie Department. Light refreshments will be served on the day of the event and special door prizes will be given away.

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Meeting was positive

Editor,

Monday, April 7, I went to the town meeting at the Convention Center, and this is what I took away.

The room was packed. The meeting started on time. The people, who were lined up to speak, were given 10 minutes and held to the time allowance. The negativity was controlled by the audience. There were no shouting matches, but those that had an ax to grind were dealt with in a somewhat unobtrusive, but effective way. The crowd just started talking among themselves which stole the thunder from one of the “grinders” and he sat down.

What did we all find out? We learned that the CAPC has a professional ad agency to guide them and has had it for years. We learned that the statistics printed in one of our town newspapers were erroneous, much to the chagrin of those with hidden agendas.

We also heard from sensible people who are willing to work together as a community, and all they asked of the CAPC was to broaden their scope

of advertising and talk about all the attractions surrounding our city, as well as the city itself. “What we need are tourists that will stay a week at a time, instead of the average of one and a half days we have been experiencing,” commented one of the speakers. The CAPC agreed.

All in all, it was a positive meeting, and not the bloodbath some folks were hoping would happen.

Enid B. Swartz

Scary letter

Editor,

Zombie Tag was a great success! A total of 155 participants, 103 of which drove in from out of town, braved zombie-infested woods. The game started off with a Basic Training Obstacle Course – a brand new feature sponsored by Local Flavor Café. Human players dashed along the “Creeper Creekbed” and belly-crawled under (fake) barbed wire, hurdled straw bales, slithered through the “Tunnels of Terror” and tossed marshmallows to get through the “Zombie Squeeze.”

Upon completing several more missions, players ran the Leatherwood Trail in search of “Zombie Waldo.” The

remaining human survivors were sent to an isolated spot on the edge of the lake to retrieve test tubes containing a possible “cure” – but only one of the test tubes was viable

Our sole survivor was local human Ricky Waggoner, who won a creepy zombie trophy handcrafted by Sytnathotep Studios and a gift certificate from ESSA for a three-day workshop. The human player with the most game points was camo-clad Brian King of Branson West, who scored a zombie trophy and an awesome samurai sword donated by Groves Karate. One of our youngest zombies, Annalee Grat, won the award for Most Infectious Zombie and six books donated by prolific zombie author, Sean-Michael Argo, and a zombie trophy that her father says she is afraid to keep in her room at night.

After paying all our bills we were able to donate \$300 and about 250 cans of food to the Flint Street Food Bank. We are amazed that in our second year of hosting Zombie Tag we attracted nearly as many participants as more established running events like the Victorian Classic. We sincerely thank

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WEEK'S Top Tweets

@dafloydsta --- It's not condescending if they're stupid.

@JohnnyBlaze --- If we make guns illegal, then nobody will get shot anymore. That's how we stopped everybody from doing drugs.

@patsajak --- Told my dog I was feeding him only natural, holistic food. Not sure he could hear me over slurping of water from toilet.

@neiltyson --- USA to Russia: “We’re imposing sanctions on you!! But please still allow us on your Soyuz so we can reach our Space Station.”

@noog --- My favorite part of the Bible is when God gives humans free will, then kills them all with a flood because they didn't act the way he wanted.

@sumpeoplelikeit --- If you have a tattoo on your head, you've lost the right to ask me what I'm looking at.

@MaraWritesStuff --- We play Top 40 stations at my work, which means in the past three years I have heard Rihanna's voice more than my own father's.

@Squirreljustice --- I wish this microwavable burrito would hurry up and cook. It's not like I have all minute.

@Zen_Moments --- Better to bend than to break. ~ Indian Proverb

@GavWard --- Obama's 'selfie' flap now in hands of White House lawyers.

@SBNation --- Big Papi and Obama took a selfie!



Chemical brain drain

Recently the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) released a study that ought to be a huge wake up call for business as usual in the U.S. with children being exposed to known neurotoxins that harm brain health: fluoride, which is deliberately added to drinking water, and methylmercury, released primarily by coal burning power plants.

The Arkansas Autism and Developmental Disabilities Monitoring Program at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) reported that one in 65 children in Arkansas has an autism spectrum disorder, which is double the rate in 2002. These rates mirror national figures that show autism is an epidemic.

It is sobering to think what autism rates could be in another decade if action isn't taken to reduce prenatal exposure to neurological toxins that cause developmental disorders. Autism used to be extremely rare. It wasn't even until 1980 that there was an official autistic disorder diagnosis.

Children with autism find it difficult to concentrate, learn, and have normal social interactions with others. Clearly, it is imperative to reduce toxic exposure to fetuses in the womb. But in Arkansas, the state is working to increase the poisoning by adding fluoride to the water supplies even in Eureka Springs where fluoridation has been voted down twice.

And the two major power companies serving our area, Carroll Electric Cooperative Corp., and American Electric Power (AEP)/Southwestern Electric Power (SWEPCO), are using ratepayer money to pay for a current campaign for dirty coal-fired power plants. Both power companies have sent out inserts with bills asking customers to "Stop EPA rate hikes."

First, there is the lie. EPA doesn't set rates, but is supposed to regulate pollution. And it is doing a sorry job of it, thanks to pressure from politicians bought by the likes of CECC and AEP/SWEPCO, companies that claim coal is cheap because they don't have to pay to provide special services to children born with developmental problems. They don't have to pay for huge damages caused by flooding and other extreme weather events caused by climate change linked to excessive carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases. CECC and AEP want their customers to tell EPA to back off regulating greenhouse gas emissions.

EPA reports say coal fired power plants represent about 80 percent of the carbon dioxide emissions from electricity production in the U.S., while generating only 42 percent of the electricity. Electricity represents about a third of the greenhouse gas emissions in the U.S.

We have known for a decade that one in six children born every year in the U.S. has been exposed to mercury levels so high they are at risk for learning disabilities, motor skill impairment and short-term memory loss.

And mercury is just one neurotoxin. What happens when a child is exposed to not only mercury, but a large number of other neurotoxins like fluoride?

Just out in March is a study published in the peer reviewed medical journal *Lancet Neurology* that states neurodevelopment disabilities, including autism, attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder, dyslexia and other cognitive impairments affect millions of children worldwide.

What could be more critical than protecting the brains of the unborn? We need a government with the political will to stop poisoning our kids and the planet. We need to stop using coal to generate electricity. Period. And we need to stop the forced fluoridation of water at Carroll Boone Water District, and fluoridation of all other public drinking water supplies in the state and country.

Then let's ban all the neurotoxic chemicals that are currently banned in Europe – but allowed in the U.S. If Europe can do without these manmade chemicals that can bathe a fetus in the womb causing lifelong mental and developmental disabilities, so can we. Continental Europe also largely does not fluoridate water. Neither do China, Japan, India and many other countries.

Let's stop the "brain drain" caused by toxic chemicals.

Becky Gillette



The Pursuit of HAPPINESS

by Dan Krotz

A famous and successful political visitor to Arkansas once opined that "there isn't a dime's worth of difference between the Democratic and Republican Parties." That can't be right, can it? If the Republican Party is worth a dime then surely the Democratic Party is worth more. Or, is it the other way around?

Whichever way, how *much* more is one worth over the other? Twelve cents? Nineteen? Fifteen cents?

We have clearly wandered into lesser evil territory. Mike Ross, the Democratic candidate for governor, is circulating a letter of reference for US Attorney General Eric Holder written by Asa Hutchinson, the Republican candidate. Holder is apparently loathed by the National Rifle Association (NRA), and Mike WANTS YOU TO KNOW WHAT ASA DID! Which is curious since Hutchinson is the NRA's paid lobbyist. Is that worth a nickel more? Or a nickel less?

Gosh, what to do, who to vote for? All I can come up with is a feeling of hopefulness that Ross and Hutchinson will fight a duel on Main Street and blow each other to hell. That would go a long way toward securing my support for the NRA — at last, a reason! — and free me from any guilt I'll feel when I write in Fritz the Cat for governor.

The problem with a contest between Pharisees is that progressives and moderates don't have a dog in the fight. Some folks will vote for the Yellow Dog, but most Millennial age voters (18-29), Independents, and the Wholly Discouraged won't, and are expected to stay away in droves this November. They can see the rocky coast and the shipwreck, but such sight is not preceded by an appealing Siren call.

Nate Silver, a statistician who runs the *FiveThirtyEight* political blog for *The New York Times*, predicts a Republican takeover of the US Senate in November, and a GOP sweep generally. Among the predicted casualties for 2014 is Mark Pryor; the probability that he'll lose to Tom Cotton is 70 to 30. What Pryor hasn't grasped is that it's going to take more than a dime's worth of difference to get out the vote.

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INDEPENDENT Constables On Patrol

MARCH 31

12:29 p.m. – Constable corralled two loose dogs downtown and brought them to the station. Owner later paid the impound fee and picked them up.

2:42 p.m. – A dump truck stalled on Hwy. 23 North, and a constable assisted.

3:16 p.m. – Concerned motorist told ESPD she was being followed very closely on her way to town from the east. Constables did not encounter the vehicles.

3:31 p.m. – Constable was called upon to intervene in a dispute between a vendor and a restaurant manager. Everything got resolved.

4:11 p.m. – Individual turned himself in on an ESPD warrant for second-degree criminal mischief.

11:51 p.m. – Constable responded to an accident just outside city limits. He stood by until county authorities arrived.

APRIL 1

7:34 a.m. – A friend asked for a welfare check on an individual. The friend said he had found the person's door open but the individual was nowhere to be found. Constables found the missing person, however, and he said he would call the concerned friend.

7:34 p.m. – Two neighbors were arguing. A constable had to settle the situation.

6:18 p.m. – Central dispatch alerted ESPD to a domestic dispute in a vehicle which left a liquor store and headed either south or east. Constables never encountered the vehicle.

APRIL 2

4:20 a.m. – Resident thought she heard noises downstairs. Constable checked the area and found everything secure.

2:14 p.m. – The caller told the

constable on duty that ten pair of socks were missing. The socks are gray and have a happy face on them. Caller did not want a report yet. He was just letting ESPD be aware.

3:37 p.m. – Two males engaged in a fistfight. Constable spoke to everyone and took a report.

10:31 p.m. – A burglar alarm sounded, but the constable found the situation secure.

10:52 p.m. – As a result of a traffic stop, the driver was arrested for DWI, driving left of center, possession of a controlled substance, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

APRIL 3

12:46 a.m. – Individual in the downstairs apartment was causing a disturbance, and the constable arrested him for third degree assault on family or household member and threatening a law enforcement officer.

9:50 a.m. – Resident reported the theft of tools from his house.

APRIL 4

9:03 a.m. – Caller claimed her boss's vehicle had been parked at her house, and someone had poured sugar into the gas tank.

6:26 p.m. – Construction workers near a motel had their music loud enough to draw complaints. Constable arrived and asked them to turn it down a notch.

7:01 p.m. – One person accused another of trespassing, and a constable spoke with both individuals.

8:12 p.m. – Vehicle was parked in a loading zone for 30 minutes according to an eyewitness, but was gone when constable arrived.

8:21 p.m. – Constable went to the site of motorcycles reportedly racking their pipes, but they were already gone.

9:58 p.m. – As a result of a traffic stop,

the constable arrested the driver for DWI and failure to yield.

10:44 p.m. – Routine traffic stop resulted in the arrest of the driver for DWI #2, driving with a suspended license, expired vehicle license and driving left of center.

11:59 p.m. – Concerned observer reported a possibly intoxicated driver, but constables never encountered the vehicle.

APRIL 5

4:43 p.m. – Individual came into a convenience store without shoes, cursing and saying she might throw up. When asked to leave, she refused. Constable responded, and the situation resolved quickly.

6:21 p.m. – Employee downtown reported her vehicle had been hit during the day.

APRIL 6

12:05 a.m. – There was a noise complaint coming from near downtown, but the constable discovered the noise had already been turned down when he got there.

4:31 a.m. – Constable responded to an alarm at a residence just above downtown. He found everything secure.

11:42 a.m. – Constable filed a report about damage done to someone's tires.

5:20 p.m. – Clerk had an altercation with a customer and requested constable assistance. The customer was gone when the constable arrived.

7:39 p.m. – Individual was arrested on a Eureka Springs warrant for failure to pay on fines.

APRIL 7

12:43 a.m. – Vehicle was allegedly driving up and down a street near downtown with its horn blaring. Constables never saw the vehicle.

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INDEPENDENT Art & Entertainment

Stephenson reception April 12

The Eureka Fine Art Gallery, 63 N. Main, is featuring the plein air and other work of artist Jody Stephenson all during the month of April.

Come enjoy her vision and meet Jody at a reception on Saturday April 12, from 6 – 9 p.m. Refreshments will be served. The gallery is open daily from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m.



LAKE LEATHERWOOD AND GEESSE
BY JODY STEPHENSON

Those Crazy Ladies take the stage

The Holiday Island Theater Guild will present *Those Crazy Ladies in the House on the Corner*, a comedy by Pat Cook, April 24, 25 and 26 in the Holiday Island Clubhouse Ballroom. In this hilarious production three elderly sisters get into all kinds of trouble, both on their own and when a boarder, Nurse Jean, moves in with them.

Add to the mix the nurse's boyfriend, the conniving son and other fascinating characters and you have a recipe for an evening of fun and hijinks. Tickets for this great romp are available

for a dinner theater on April 24 (limited availability, doors open at 5:45 p.m.) by calling (479) 981-2638.

Tickets for the play on April 25 and 26 at 7 p.m. can be purchased at the Holiday Island Cornerstone Bank, the Holiday Island Rec. Center or by calling (479) 253-5185 or 253-4944.

The Guild will hold their regular meeting on Monday, April 14, 6:30 p.m. in Room A of the Holiday Island Clubhouse. Anyone interested in any aspect of theater (there are many things to do besides act) is welcome to attend.

Now Showing

Eureka Classic Movies presents *Singin' in the Rain* with Gene Kelly, Debbie



Reynolds and Donald O' Connor Sunday, April 13. Tickets are \$3 per person and showtime is 7 p.m. at the city auditorium. Share some popcorn and a good time with friends and neighbors, and don't miss Gene Kelly's legendary dance to the title tune. It's a classic!

Sponsored by Arvest Bank of Eureka Springs.

Sign up and be ArtRageous

Registration is still open for individuals and groups who want to be in the ArtRageous Parade on Saturday, May 3 at 6 p.m. The Eureka Springs Arts Council will award \$1,000 in prize money – \$500 for 1st place, \$300 for 2nd and \$200 for 3rd.

Applications are available

from the Chamber of Commerce and the CAPC offices, or can be downloaded from the "info" page at eurekaspringsfestivalofthearts.com

Everyone is encouraged to get ArtRageous and participate. For more information call the CAPC, (479) 253-7333.

African bead jewelry show and sale

Eleanor Lux is selling her African bead jewelry (so she will have more space to collect more beads and make more jewelry) at a show and sale Friday, April 11, from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. and again on Saturday, April 12 from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

The show and sale will take place at the Lux Weaving Studio, 18 White St. Prices for Lux's handmade jewelry have a wide range and there's something to appeal to everyone's taste and art budget. For more information, call (479) 253-9636.



Tiny showcase at Eureka Thyme



and again from 6 – 9 p.m. For more information, please visit www.EurekaThyme.com or phone (479) 363-9600.

Welcome spring and the 2014 season of gallery strolls at Eureka Thyme's sweet show for two favorite artists, Nancy and John Grosella, one of the cutest, most talented couples around. John creates intricately painted buildings and Nancy makes curiously appealing little figurines – both with ceramics. Come meet them and see their work in the 2nd-Saturday Gallery Stroll April 12, from 1 – 4 p.m.

Screenwriting courses offered

Ever wanted to write a screenplay, but were afraid to try? Now you can learn online with classes taught by Carole Parker, a seasoned screenwriter formerly working in LA who recently relocated to Eureka Springs.

The eight-week course includes an essay by Parker and daily materials covering the nuts and bolts of the craft, how the biz works, how to get an agent, insider tips, story structure, building three-dimensional characters, how to write great dialogue, how to outline, how to pitch, how to write a great query letter and even what's selling in Hollywood – and what's not.

The eight-week course cycle starts

every Monday. Materials and writing exercises are sent via email five days a week, and there's a weekly Skype teleconference to go over exercises. If you've already written a script, you'll get helpful notes for your next rewrite.

Fans of Parker's work include the producers of *The Lord Of The Rings*, *Gran Torino* and *Game Of Thrones*. She currently has a series in development at Showtime and has written 26 features, six TV pilots and eight short films.

For costs and to sign up call (310) 560-5861, email parker.carole@gmail.com or see the Carole A. Parker page on Facebook.

Bel Airs kick off Second-Weekend music

Eureka Springs kicks off its popular Second Weekend music series in Basin Park Saturday, April 12, with a concert featuring The Bel Airs. The free show takes place from 5 – 7 p.m.

Fronted by brothers Dick and Dave Pruitt on bass and electric guitars, with Michael Cherry on drums, the Bel Airs play a danceable mix with an authentic but eclectic bluesy-country-soul-and-rock-n-roll sound influenced by the likes of Wilson Pickett, Slim Harpo, Howlin' Wolf and Johnny Cash.



INDEPENDENTHIGH (Falutin') SOCIETY



One doggone good time – A barking good time was had by everyone who attended the first Eureka Springs Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours of 2014. To celebrate the recent Bark Park groundbreaking, the party was held at pet-friendly Retreat at Sky Ridge cabin resort near Beaver Lake.

PHOTO BY ERIC STUDER



Chili dog – Marsha Haverstick's necktie-clad Chili, was found guilty of herding cats during the Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours at Sky Ridge Retreat. Chili was sentenced to a time-out in the Canine Correctional Institute photo booth. The event was hosted by the new Bark Park.

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Remember when? – Irene Robertson, left, and Debbie Hartsell enjoy a Washington merlot and catch up on old times at Tastes and Tapas at the Writers' Colony.

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Are you being served?

– Linda Caldwell, Jill Slane and Jana Jones kept the wine flowing and plates full at the Writers' Colony wine tasting. Wines from Oregon and Washington and hors d'oeuvres prepared by FRESH exec chef Jonathon Streety highlighted Tastes & Tapas at the Writers' Colony on April 5.

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Top hat – Catherine Pappas sports a nature-inspired chapeau complete with bird's nest and eggs. The creation was the top hat at the Society Tea, winning first prize and \$100.

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Designing women – Carroll County Master Gardeners Sandra Kaye, (front to back), Karen Webb, Alice McNeal, Anna Mathews and Linda Caldwell (not pictured) cleaned up the beds and grounds at the Eureka Springs Doggie Thrift Store on a sunny Wednesday evening. CCMG designed and maintains the gardens for the thrift shop.

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Pole cats (really just kittens) – Gwen Etheredge, left, and Becky Gillette try a little pole dancing at the Voulez-Vous on April 4 after Lola Van Ella's Show-Me Burlesque show – but weren't about to show quite as much as Ella's talented girls did.

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Heartbeat – Shakeenah Kedem appears to be meditating on the heartbeat of the drumbeat at the season's first Drumming in Basin Park on Saturday night.

PHOTO BY RICHARD QUICK



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Joyous noise – Francesca Garcia Giri enjoys the exuberance of the crowd and the joyful noise of community percussion during drumming in Basin Park on April 5.

PHOTO BY RICHARD QUICK

"High" tea – Mattie Crowder won second place for a tea table perched on high at the Preservation Society Tea and Bonnet Contest on April 6 at the Crescent Hotel Conservatory.

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A little help from our friends:

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 - **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
 - **GRIEF SHARE** 13-week grief recovery program. 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
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- **Alateen** – Sundays, 10:15 – 11:15 a.m. Email alateen1st@gmx.com or phone (479) 981-9977.
 - **Overeaters Anonymous** – Thursdays, 10:30 a.m. Barbara (479) 244-0070.
 - **Narcotics Anonymous** – Fridays, 5:30 p.m. (903) 278-5568
 - **Al-Anon Family Group (AFG)** – Sundays, 11:30 a.m., Mondays and Tuesdays 7 p.m.
 - **Eureka Springs Coffee Pot AA Group**
Monday – Saturday 12:30 p.m.,
Sunday 10 a.m.
Sunday – Thursday, Saturday, 5:30 p.m.
Tuesday and Friday, 8 p.m. (479) 253-7956
Al-Anon, Wednesday, 5:30 p.m.
All other meetings: See www.nwarkaa.org

Scottie Spirit Night – dining and fun April 10

The Eureka Springs Elementary School Parent Group is hosting Spirit Nights at local restaurants to raise funds for new playground equipment. The more folks who enjoy dinner

out at a participating restaurant on a Spirit Night, the more there will be in the percentage of sales the restaurant donates to the playground equipment fund.

So gather some friends and have a fun night out at the first Scottie Spirit Night on Thursday, April 10, 5 – 9 p.m. at Sparky's – and look for many more Spirit Nights to come!

100 church youth volunteer in park clean-up effort

Eureka Springs will benefit from the efforts of church youth from the Springfield area in a park clean-up effort at Lake Leatherwood City Park on April 12.

Nearly 100 area youth and leaders of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, some traveling as far as 95 miles, will volunteer at the park. The idea for the service project came after discussion in which one of the group reported, "We wanted to do something in a smaller community that could benefit from our presence."

An early idea was to clean up the Berryville Fairgrounds, but someone suggested they contact Parks and Recreation for

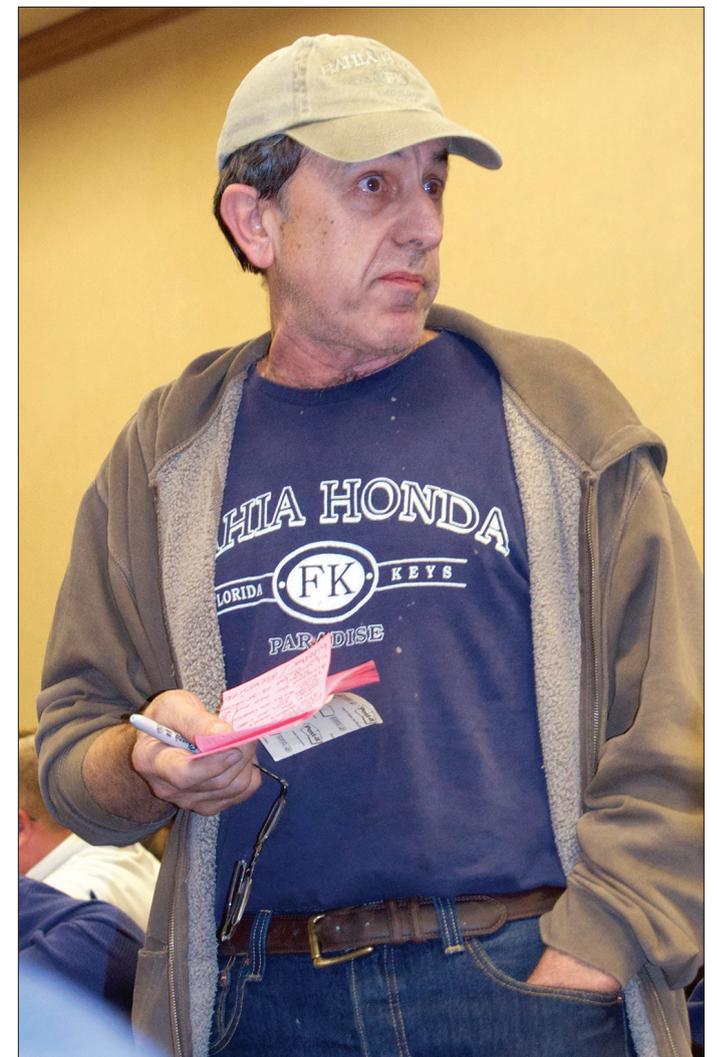
Eureka Springs and thought they would have need of services. The park has about 25 miles of trails and an 80-acre lake. The youth were happy with the idea because they would be helping to better the environment.

The most challenging part of the event is making the best use of about 400 man-hours of work. The youth, ages 12 – 18, will pick up trash around the lake, trim overgrown bushes, rake and repair parts of the trails. You'll see them out working in their orange T-shirts.

According to the Church's Office of Public Relations, all the youth agreed the effort will be worth it – and it will be fun.



Not so flush – Business owner Bob Jasinski spoke at an ersatz town hall meeting April 7 about current CAPC advertising strategy, saying his water bill was low because there were "no guests to flush the toilets."



Not so fast – CAPC commissioner James DeVito reminded business folks gathered at the Inn of the Ozarks on April 7 to discuss better promotion of the city that the CAPC has held its own and is "on the right path." The Oak Room reverberated with lively discussion. Story p. 2.

PHOTOS BY ERIC STUDER

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



CONSTANCE WAGNER

into jack o'lanterns, coffee mills into lamps and teakettles into flowerpots, but Jane was ready to bear with these useless activities if only because Tracy showed such a marked admiration for Jane. This, in an alien land, was comfort and reassurance.

On Thursday nights, she and Walter played bridge with Tracy and Jarvis Blake. Jane did not like bridge and played carelessly, but it was a relief to be in a mixed gathering. More and more she perceived the sharp division here between the world of men and the world of women. Once married, it seemed, you entered into the rigid bloc of your own sex. At parties, the men ganged up in the kitchen, around the drinks, while the women, in the living-room, carried on the continued stories of last Wednesday afternoon. The men hunted, fished, played poker and drank with other men. The women sewed, played bridge, gave children's birthday parties, with other women. She was bewildered by this social phenomenon, and, in the beginning, she rebelled against it noisily.

"I like men," she told Walter, when they were in their room and unheard by Mrs. Knowles. "Everything is more fun, when there are both men and women."

Walter said: "I'm afraid you can't change the mores. File it under the heading of Sexual Taboo among Primitive Tribes of the Ozarks and let it go at that." Walter accepted everything here without effort, she noticed – as it was natural that he should, having grown up with it. Sometimes she suspected that, under his bland good humor, Walter saw the whole shapes of things, while she discerned nothing but surface details. When she mentioned some provincialism that bothered her, she would catch him eyeing her in surprise, and she would itch with a nagging discomfort and a resentment toward him, because she was not measuring up to his expectation of her.

When they went to the Blakes' that Thursday for bridge, she was secretly determined to turn the

evening in another direction. The June night was scented and rich with promise, the bright gold coin of a full moon rolling splendidly over the tops of the sycamores as they drove round the square. Bridge, she thought. *Bridge...*

"Can't we do something different?" she asked Tracy, when they were in Tracy's bedroom with its "early American" maple, glazed chintz, copies of Godey prints. "Can't we go somewhere and raise a little hell?" she pleaded, her eyes shining.

They put their heads together, and, returning to the living-room, and the two husbands, they presented a solid front of conspiracy. "We want," said Tracy in her high, somewhat querulous voice, "to go to the square dance out toward Bushy Knob. You know – that big old barn out in Sugartree Hollow. It was in the paper."

Jarvis Blake's too-good-looking face went blank, as if the unforeseen had a stupefying effect on him. Walter instantly took a negative position. "Jane's idea? You, Tracy – you've lived here too long. They're plenty tough out around Bushy Knob. Moonshiners. And you know how those dances usually wind up. It's just not safe."

"Oh, let's not be safe!" Jane cried out. "I feel just smothered in safety. Couldn't we slip outside of it, just this once, Walter? Please..."

Walter threw her one of his why-don't-you-grow up looks, but she and Tracy rode him down, and presently they were embarked in Jarvis's car, heading through moonlight toward Sugartree Hollow. Once outside town and off the highway, the four of them might have been alone in the world: not a light, not a house, only the rough and rutted road laid unpredictably across open hills and through the profound shadow of patches of forest. "I – didn't suppose it was so far," Jane breathed, sitting beside Jarvis, struck by a loneliness more palpable than anything she had known.

That first month in *Sycamore*, it seemed to Jane that she and Walter were scarcely ever alone. "Is the social life here *always* so frantic?" she asked him, yawning as she dropped into bed. Besides the parties and picnics and barbecues that were given for them, she had let herself be drawn into the group of young women who met at each other's houses on Wednesday afternoons to gossip and sew. All of them had small children, and she wondered why each mother held to the delusion that her own moppets' idiosyncrasies must be of consuming interest to everyone, when each was so plainly bored by the others' recitals.

– Still, they were attractive, hospitable girls, and she tried to be one of them, though, of the entire group, only Tracy Blake was really congenial. Tracy, thin and pretty, with a restless, questing air about her, spoke of her husband and children as if they were minor afflictions to be endured, like static on the radio. She had a penchant for altering the nature of things about her – transforming canned peaches

NOTES from the HOLLOW by Steve Weems

If the past were a state of matter, it would be solid. We may debate history based on evidence and wishful thinking, but it has already occurred and has a reliability that the liquid present doesn't have.

Take for instance the happenings of 1968 as reported in the *Eureka Springs Times-Echo* edition of April 25. Digby Walker resigned from the Planning Commission and Mayor Freeman appointed Arvle Bandy to fill the position. That sounds pretty solid to me. I can go on to speculate about why Digby Walker resigned. (He was getting up in years) which leads to thoughts of buying blue jeans at Walker Brothers. (I wish it had never

closed).

Continuing to read the newspaper spread before me, new signs were to be placed at the city dump warning that illegal dumping would incur fines of \$5 to \$10. Where was the city dump then? Perhaps where the city maintenance and recycling center are located now?

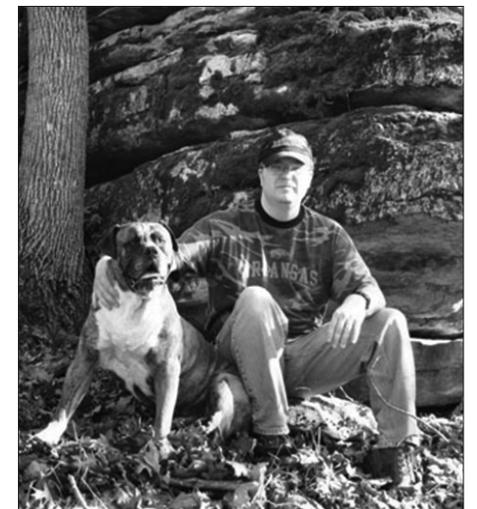
Ordinance No. 722 once again reared its ugly head as neighbors turned in neighbors for the keeping of livestock in the city limits. Letters were mailed out and the Chief of Police was made aware of the situation.

Howard and Francis Iles purchased the Eureka Court from the Kidd family and would be moving here from

Marysville, Kansas. The Iles had been visiting Eureka Springs since 1957. The Kidd family owned the Rosalie House on Spring Street. (Didn't the Iles have a giant St. Bernard dog?)

The movie theater at 95 Spring Street would soon reopen under the management of John Maberry, brother of the late Cecil Maberry. It had been completely renovated and the name changed to the Gaslight Theatre. Mr. Maberry announced there would be a free show with free popcorn and free Pepsi on May 2.

A front page story listed Randy Littrell, Tommy Helms and Ellen Bingaman [Summers], among others, as having made good grades at school.



And so I end a short tour of history and a few of the thoughts it triggers. Don't ask me to rely on my memory of the events of April 25, 1968. I was five days old.

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The Aries Festival is also called the Resurrection (Easter) Festival. During the festival the Forces of Reconstruction enter the Earth. Our work in these

days of transition is to begin the reconstruction of humanity and the Earth. Thus we recite the Reconstruction Mantram (below) along with the Great Invocation (Mantrams of Direction). Everyone is invited to join in this full moon meditation.

Our group work during this Aries festival time, "links our minds and hearts, leads us to intelligent loving service, binds us all together in the closest spiritual unity. It aids in the vitalizing of the etheric (subtle, light) bodies of all Workers, and therefore in a group vitality which will be irresistible."

Let us identify as the New Group of World Servers. Let us help restore the balance on Earth through this mantram, weaving another, newer

pattern upon the Earth, another garment formed. We listen to the further worlds, to the rhythm of the times. We establish right rhythm and bring order to the forms of life. We breathe in the heavenly fire (Aries). Radiating it outward to humanity. And all things new come forth.

Reconstruction Mantram: At the center of all Love we stand.

From that Center, we the Soul will outward move.

From that Center, we the Ones who serve will work.

May the Love of the Divine Self be shed abroad.

In our hearts, through our group, and throughout the world.

ARIES: It may be there's confusion and perhaps conflict in your life that you allow to remain internal. Are you working alone and is there anxiety about how you will succeed? Whatever you attempt to do now, let quietude and reflection bring feelings forth. In this way you make profound discoveries. Anything you feel you can't do now, you will do in several months. Patience heals.

TAURUS: Careful not to argue with friends or groups. You may feel a challenge is necessary. However, it may be misinterpreted by others with anger and defensiveness. Maintain as much equilibrium as you can even though feelings of frustration arise. When called to lead you will be fiery and intellectual. People listen and learn from you. Summon your confidence. Be the harmonizer and the artist.

GEMINI: It's important to you that ideas are acted upon and plans and agendas be completed. Working independently makes this occur more easily. You want to succeed so you become practical, avoiding conflict at all costs. Be aware that should you be the boss you may be a bit too strict, ask too much, and seek results that are unobtainable. Step back and down a bit. Ask what it is you truly seek from self and others.

CANCER: There are things to learn, unfamiliar things to explore, ideas to ponder and experience to gain – your

mantram these days. You seek the last frontier where angels tread. In assessing hopes, wishes, dreams and goals, listen to what others say setting aside impatience. Think of conflicts and challenges as ways to get you from here to there leading you everywhere.

LEO: Research and discovery are values you find most interesting. Reading detective and mystery novels fill a bit of that need. Otherwise you're wondering what you can discover that's hidden, unknown and valuable. This sounds like money and resources. Observe your quick and decisive mind and making decisions each second. Careful with resources. Think gold, silver and land.

VIRGO: It's important to know that to lead well one must have love, charm, willingness and lots of compromise. If you want harmony. If you're confrontive, which you could be now, arguments may ensue. Think of your partner as a treasure, as a warrior, a hero or heroine. Working with others isn't easy now. You have a very determined will. Independence is good. But not all the time.

LIBRA: You're working hard. Many

can't work as efficiently as you. You must always explain your expectations to others or expect less of them.

It's important to feel you're serving and part of a group. Without acts of service your work becomes empty. Often you know what others need before realizing what they want. You must understand both.

Then your depth of service is received.

SCORPIO: In the midst of change, pleasure, fun, games, friends and amusements are important for balance. Sometimes Scorpios are so psychologically busy regenerating that pleasurable experiences are forgotten. You often have your own amusements, pursuing them quite alone. Careful. Covering up feelings with seeming happiness or joy. You could hurt yourself. All's well no matter what occurs.

SAGITTARIUS: Some Sags left their cultures and traditions to create their own. Then they want to go home again, to childhood, neighborhoods, family and friends. You're called to do this but within the context of work. Then you find it comforting and nurturing. In between times, notice

there's a bit of impatience and perhaps a bit of anger. Remember that conflict always leads to the next harmony.

CAPRICORN: Think outside the box, communicating thoughts and feelings, not holding them in. Be more assertive, more involved in articulating what you want and need. Day to day. Your thoughts come quickly. Begin to write. Writing is a good activity, whether a journal, article, a book or music. Reviewing and recording your daily life events. It will be important later.

AQUARIUS: You're concerned about money. Some Aquarians wonder how to acquire it. Others wonder what to do with it. For those with lots of money, transfer it into commodities (land, farms, etc.), gold, silver, non-perishables and gather with others who are like-minded, creating an intentional agrarian community. Construct a greenhouse and begin to plant underground. I've written this before. Why?

PISCES: You've become honest and straightforward. It's important to be strong now, to initiate and then follow up. When conflict arises attempt to communicate what you see, hoping for harmony to emerge. However, others don't feel the same way. Many only see one side. Facing the opposition, you stand alone. Just for a while. Tend to your health with focused loving care.



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New Delhi Café lets the dogs out

Some of the hottest blues cats from Kansas City are playing at New Delhi Café this weekend—the Doghouse Daddies. This quartet of musicians who have years of experience among them will dish up old school blues’ sounds and have you spinning to the music like Bill Morlan spins his upright bass. Morlan takes front and center and his lead vocals are a wonderful surprise – that deep gravelly voice moans the blues like no other, and his onstage presence is irresistible. Neil Nolan will blow you away on the tenor and alto saxophone, and just when you think he can’t wow you any more he will pull out his harmonica.

Greg Schaberg is the drum slayer they call “The Mechanic.” Brandon Skeens on guitar is the youngest member but makes up for that with blazing hot solos.

Doghouse Daddies play a mix of originals and obscure covers, such as “Baby’s in the Big House” by Rick Vito and “Sounds like KC to me,” an original. Morlan explained the band’s objective to the *Salina Journal*: “We want people to enjoy what’s going on and be drawn into it,” he said. “We all love to do this, and by now, we really know how to make a spectacle of ourselves.” This is one spectacle you don’t want to miss at New Delhi Café, Saturday from 6 – 10 p.m. and Sunday from 12 – 4 p.m.

THURSDAY – APRIL 10

- **BLARNEY STONE** *Jam*
Session-local live music, 7 p.m.
- **CHELSEA’S** *Bloody Ol’ Mule & the PoorHouse Millionaires*, 9 p.m.
- **GRAND TAVERNE** *Jerry Yester Grand Piano Dinner Music*, 6:30–9:30 p.m.
- **JACK’S PLACE** *Karaoke*
with DJ Goose, 9 p.m.

FRIDAY – APRIL 11

- **BALCONY RESTAURANT**

- Hogscalders*, 12 p.m. & 6 p.m.
- **BLARNEY STONE** *Sam Clanton*, 8:30 p.m.
- **CATHOUSE LOUNGE** *Josh Jennings Band*, 8 p.m. – midnight
- **CHASERS BAR & GRILL** *Live Music*
- **CHELSEA’S** *My Oh My!*, 9 p.m.
- **EUREKA LIVE!** *DJ D. Underground & Dancing*, 9 p.m.
- **GRAND TAVERNE** *Arkansas Red Guitar*, 6:30–9:30 p.m.
- **JACK’S PLACE** *Shannon Holt Band*, 9 p.m.

- **LEGENDS SALOON** *Bike Night Concert with The George Brothers*, 8 p.m.
- **NEW DELHI** *Terri & the Executives*, 6–10 p.m.
- **ROWDY BEAVER** *Karaoke with DJ Goose*, 7 p.m.
- **ROWDY BEAVER DEN** *Ride Shy*, 9 p.m.
- **THE STONE HOUSE** *Jerry Yester*, 6:30–9:30 p.m.
- **VOUEZ-VOUS** *Centerfuzze*, 9 p.m.

SATURDAY – APRIL 12

- **BALCONY RESTAURANT** *Jeff Lee*, 12 p.m., *Chris Diablo*, 7 p.m.
- **BASIN PARK** *The Bel Airs*, 5–7 p.m. *Second Saturday Music in the Park!*
- **BLARNEY STONE** *Blue Moon*, 8:30 p.m.
- **CATHOUSE LOUNGE** *Josh Jennings Band*, 8 p.m. – midnight
- **CHASERS BAR & GRILL** *Ride Shy*, 9 p.m.
- **CHELSEA’S** *Earl & Them*, 9 p.m.
- **EUREKA LIVE!** *DJ D. Underground & Dancing*, 9 p.m.
- **GRAND TAVERNE** *Jerry Yester Grand Piano Dinner Music*, 6:30–9:30 p.m.
- **JACK’S PLACE** *Shannon Holt Band*, 9 p.m.
- **LEGENDS SALOON** *Ozark Thunder*, 9 p.m.
- **NEW DELHI** *Josh Jennings Band*, 12–4 p.m., *Doghouse Daddies*, 6–10 p.m.
- **ROWDY BEAVER** *Joe & the Homewreckers*, 7:30 p.m.
- **ROWDY BEAVER DEN** *Matt Reeves Band*, 12–4 p.m., *Blew Reed & the Flatheads*, 9 p.m.
- **VOUEZ-VOUS** *Handmade Moments*, 9 p.m.

SUNDAY – APRIL 13

- **BALCONY RESTAURANT** *Catherine Reed*, 12 p.m., & 5 p.m.
- **CHASERS** *Shuffleboard Tournament*, 4 p.m.
- **CHELSEA’S** *Sweet Water Gypsies*, 7:30 p.m.
- **LEGENDS SALOON** *Free Texas Hold ‘Em Tournament with prizes*, 6 p.m.
- **NEW DELHI** *Doghouse Daddies*, 12–4 p.m.
- **ROWDY BEAVER** *Sunday Specials*
- **ROWDY BEAVER DEN** *Live Music*, 12–4 p.m.

MONDAY – APRIL 14

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

TUESDAY – APRIL 15

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

WEDNESDAY – APRIL 16

- **CHASERS BAR & GRILL** *Ladies Night – Drink specials, free jukebox*
- **CHELSEA’S** *Mean Green Dean*, 9 p.m.
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COMMUNITY DATEBOOK

April 9

Eureka Springs Potter's Association, formation meeting 7 p.m. at FireOmEarth, 872 Mill Hollow Rd., Elby (914) 584-2145 for additional details.

April 10

Spaghetti Dinner benefit for Good Shepherd Humane Society, 4–7 p.m., Berryville United Methodist Church, US 62, tickets at both Doggie Shops or at the door.

Little Switzerland Amateur Radio Club, meets at noon, Eureka Springs Pizza Hut, 2048 E. Van Buren.

April 11

Hilmer Race/Walk Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction, 5:30 p.m. at HI Elks Lodge #1042, 4 Park Place, benefit for University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center in honor of Carole Hilmer.

April 12

5th Annual Carole Hilmer Race/Walk for Ovarian Cancer Research, Holiday Island, 9 a.m. start. (479) 253-5986 or email joaniekesa@gmail.com.

Permaculture Study Group, first meeting, 10 a.m. at Angel Falls, Greenwood Hollow Road, email jl.landrum42@gmail.com or jane.arkfarm@gmail.com.

April 15

Scottish Dancing Spring Series, classes at the Elks Lodge in Holiday Island, 7–8:30 p.m., Melissa (479) 253-8252.

April 16

Volunteer for ESSA, join the Krewe of ESSA, 5–6:30 p.m. on ESSA campus to plan for the year. All welcome.

Plein Air Painting Session, 8–10 a.m., weather permitting, meet at Eureka Springs Train Depot on Hwy. 23N, all painters welcome. No fees.

April 17

Cocktails for a Cause, 5 p.m. at FRESH Farm to Table, N. Main, \$10 admission benefits Carnegie Library.

Little Switzerland Amateur Radio Club, meets 6:30 p.m. in physicians building at Mercy Hospital, Berryville. Refreshments will be available.

Sunday at EUUF

On Sunday, April 13, Teresa Potteroff, Carroll County Family Support Worker for Circle of Life, a program for teen mothers, will give an update on staff training, program goals and ways to support these young mothers and their children.

All are welcome at the Eureka Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 17 Elk Street, Sundays at 11 a.m. for a program followed by refreshments. Childcare is provided. There is extra parking at Ermilio's Restaurant, 26 White Street.

Cocktails are bloomin' April 17

The Carroll and Madison Library Foundation is hosting Cocktails for a Cause in support of Books in Bloom on Thursday, April 17, at FRESH Farm to Table on N. Main from 5–7 p.m.

ESDN welcomes Cocktails for a Cause back, along with this month's co-sponsors, The Carroll County Community Foundation Future

Fund and Arvest Bank. This relaxed networking event supports ESDN and a great cause each month.

Enjoy meeting new and old friends at a new location downtown. FRESH will be featuring two specialty cocktails with a literary theme: *Last of the Mojitos* and *Gone with the Wine*.

Spice Boat docks for Grand Opening

Ahoy landlubbers! Join the crew of The Spice Boat on Friday, April 18, from Noon – 2 p.m. in Pine Mountain Village (next door to Fresh Harvest) for a Grand Opening. Come inspect her cargo of spices, teas and treasures and enjoy refreshments. And don't forget to buy a raffle ticket. You could take home a real kitchen treasure, and your dollar will go directly to the Flint Street Food Bank. For more information, phone (479) 253-BOAT.

Early birds get the worm ...

...and a discount for the Herbs & Botanical Retreat coming up April 26 and 27 at Fire Om Earth Retreat & Botanical Sanctuary. Early bird registration ends April 15.

On day one, get to know your plants – medicinal and native – and spend a day with author and

photographer Steven Foster on “Medicinal Plants, an Exploration of Backyard and Into the Woods Medicine.” During morning and afternoon sessions on day two you’ll expand your relationship to the plant world with Melissa Clare, Plant Spirit Medicine practitioner, and create your personal Medicine

Wheel and gain insights into your Earth Walk with Lorna Trigg.

There’ll be time for Tai Chi, walks and more during this nature-lovers’ weekend. Register online at www.fireomearth.com under “Events/Packages” or call (479) 363-9402 for costs and details.

TheNATUREofEUREKA by Steven Foster



Identifying wild things

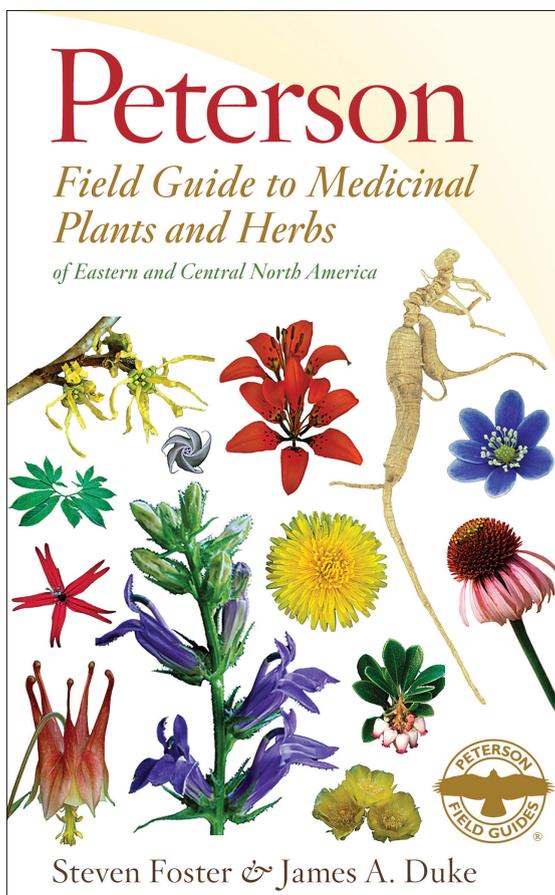
Roger Tory Peterson (1919-1996) wrote and illustrated *A Field Guide to Birds: Eastern and Central North America*, now in its 6th edition, first published in 1934. In the 20th century, Roger Tory Peterson invented the modern concept of field guides, introducing generations of Americans to the flora, fauna and natural features of North America. Peterson Field Guides have now been published for 80 years.

In 1990, my colleague, James A. Duke, who just turned 85 years young last week, and I co-authored *A Field Guide to Medicinal Plants: Eastern and Central North America* in the Peterson Field Guide Series. That book included about 500 plants used as medicinal plants, and featured black and white pen and inks from Roger Tory Peterson (from his *Field Guide to Wildflowers*), his son Lee Peterson (from *A Field Guide to Edible Plants*), supplemented by original artwork from the late Eureka Springs artist and philosopher, Jim Blackfeather Rose. That book was written in Eureka Springs.

In 2000 we produced a new edition of the title, this time calling it *A Field Guide to Medicinal Plants and Herbs: Eastern and Central North America*, with no line drawings, illustrated with photographs. Herbs

had come of age by the year 2000. In 1990, annual herb product sales were about \$250 million, and by 1990 they had surpassed \$3 billion, largely the result of the dietary health and supplement act on 1994, which created the regulatory category of “dietary supplements” and moved herb products from health and natural food stores into the mass market. A few years earlier, the infant Internet also began to play a role in marketing and distribution.

April, 8 2014, is the release date of the all new 3rd edition of the *Peterson Field Guide to Medicinal Plants: Eastern and Central North America*. Like the first edition, the third edition was created in Eureka Springs. Remarkably the world medicinal plant literature increased dramatically between the first edition of 1990 and the 2014 edition. In less than a quarter century, scientific and popular literature on medicinal plants (books, printed information and electronic media) surpasses all of the herbal literature published in previous human history. That evolution in knowledge is crystalized in the 3rd edition of the *Peterson Field Guide to Medicinal Plants and Herbs*, available wherever books are sold.



Steven Foster & James A. Duke

LGBT survey results revealed April 13

A few months ago the NWA Center for Equality, the Human Rights Campaign and its allies conducted a survey about what it is like to be LGBT in Arkansas.

There will be a meeting at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship building, 17 Elk St., on Sunday, April 13, at 7 p.m. during which James Rector, Arkansas consultant for the HRC, along with an HRC representative from Washington, D.C., will present and discuss the survey findings. Both will also be on hand to answer questions.

Come hear the results of one of the largest surveys of LGBT people in the country and add your voice to the conversation. The event is sponsored by the Gay Business Guild of Eureka Springs, the Eureka Unitarian Universalist Fellowship and outineureka.com.



The beat is back – Angelo Yao and a crowd of percussionists and merry-makers fill Basin Park on Saturday for the season’s first Saturday drumming.

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

I was sexually abused as a child by my father. At age 45, I was just starting to deal with it when I met my partner. We cuddle a lot but I'm not very open to sex. I really want to change this. Our anniversary is coming up and I want it to be special. Any ideas?

Given the events you survived as a child, your current struggle with sexuality makes perfect sense. It's not what's wrong with you, it's what happened to you. Respect this wholeheartedly. Your sexuality was not damaged in a day and it will take time to reclaim it as your own.

As a sexually exploited child you learned to distrust any form of care. You were not safely nurtured and you had no model for self-nurturing. Healthy sexuality, however, is by definition nurturing. It is also playful, it relies on safety, it requires vulnerability – truly letting go, it adds to self-esteem and it accepts imperfection.

If you cannot nurture yourself generally you will not be able to nurture yourself sexually. Practice self-nurturing by sleeping in, getting a massage or visiting a peaceful outdoor space. Learn to accept and request nurturing from your partner, for example ask for your favorite home cooked meal.

Next, practice nurturing yourself sexually. Wear clothing that makes you feel sexual, apply lotion to your body in a gentle and sensual manner. Allow your partner to nurture you sexually. Start by accepting support from your partner as you face your sexual challenges. Nurture one another sexually. Take time to cuddle naked each day with no sexual goals or expectations. This would be a wonderful tradition to begin on your upcoming anniversary and a true gift to your relationship.

Make time to reflect and journal about your sexual fears, ways in which you avoid being sexual, sexual cues that trigger past trauma, safe sexual cues that

you can incorporate in your present relationship. Practice vulnerability by sharing this openly with your partner.

Your courage in addressing the traumas of your past entitles you to success in the present.

Your question is a direct reflection of your commitment to growing into the healthiest possible you, and in turn creating a relationship that thrives both emotionally and sexually.

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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Max Hart, who placed in last year's high school talent show, enjoys the Drumming in the Park on Saturday.



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Drumming in the Park, which takes place the first Saturday of the month at 6 p.m. in Basin Park, started the year off right on Saturday, drawing a large crowd and tons of smiles.

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Biz Development class

Wednesday, April 16, a Free Business Development Class on social media strategy using Facebook, Twitter and Instagram for your business will be held at Cornerstone Bank, 152 E. Van Buren at 9 a.m. The classes are presented by Eureka Springs Downtown Network, sponsored by Cornerstone Bank, and are free and open to any business owner, entrepreneur, artist, freelancer or manager in Eureka Springs.

Call for Krewe of ESSA Volunteers

The Eureka Springs School of the Arts invites you to be a part of our exciting growth and prosperity. We are seeking individuals with "the right stuff" to become members of the Krewe of ESSA to assist us in preparing our campus for a full year of exciting workshops beginning May 2. Come out to ESSA on Wednesday, April 16 from 5 – 6:30 p.m. for a tour of our facility and a sneak preview of our new Blacksmithing/Metal Fabrication studio. Refreshments will be served. Krewe of ESSA members will return on Wednesday, April 23, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. to "strut their stuff" at ESSA's Spring Clean-Up Day. Please give us a call at (479) 253-5384 for more info.

Writing Workshop April 19

A full-day writing workshop covering subtext, high events and closings will be held from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Saturday, April 19, at the Village Writing School, 177 Huntsville Road (Hwy. 23S).

VWS workshops are open to beginning and

established writers. Pre-registration is required, and class size is limited. For cost and registration, see www.villagewritingschool.com. For more information, email alisontaylorbrown@me.com or phone (479) 292-3665.

HICC Ladies Fellowship April 21

The HICC Ladies Fellowship will meet Monday, April 21, at 10 a.m. for a program, “From the Door in Egypt to the Cross in Jerusalem” by Toolie Martin. We all know about the Hebrews leaving Egypt, but there is

more. Come hear the rest of the story.

Men are also invited to this particular fellowship program. Refreshments will be served. Contact Linda Bartlett (479) 244-5961 or Eula Jean McKee (479) 253-8021.

3rd Annual Cats at the Castle Party April 26

Turpentine Creek Wildlife Refuge staff and board of directors will host the third annual Cats at the Castle fundraising event at Castle Rogue’s Manor April 26 from 6:30 – 10 p.m. The event includes dinner, cash bar and a silent auction featuring items donated by many local artisans. The event celebrates Turpentine Creek’s 22nd anniversary while generating new donations for the care of more than 100 big cats at America’s largest exotic cat sanctuary.

Tickets are limited and are \$110 per person. For details and ticket purchases, contact Pat Quinn (479) 253-5992 or visit www.Turpentinecreek.org.

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someone might soon be coming to take their land. SWEPKO has held no public hearings in Barry or McDonald counties and no Missouri citizen would directly receive power from this line.

“It seems pretty obvious what we are dealing with here: We have one state that wants to avoid doing something unpopular so they are pushing off their problem on Missouri property owners instead of dealing with this in their own backyard. All three McDonald County commissioners testified in favor of the bill, as well as Reps. Fitzpatrick and Lant. All have been great allies in opposing this attack on our property rights. I look forward to the committee voting this bill out soon and sending it to the Senate floor for full debate.”

From the beginning, the power line opposition group Save The Ozarks has opposed all routes proposed for the project that STO experts have testified is not necessary. Doug Stowe, a member of the board of directors of STO, responded

to Sater’s press release stating that Stowe understands the SWEPKO power line issue is a complex matter and it is far easier for Sater to stand up for property rights rather than to get into the heart of a complex matter.

“The truth is that the two power lines insisted upon by the Southwest Power Pool in partnership with SWEPKO would carry 16 times the amount of power currently used in the Carroll County area,” Stowe said. “Counting the power lines that are already in place, we would have 17 times the current demand. It is obvious that the power line’s true purpose is to pass power through us, not bring it to us. Routes 33 or 109 would constitute the northern leg with another planned to run south but connecting also with the Kings River substation.

Sater has talked as though this power line is something that the state of Arkansas has foisted upon Missouri.

“That is true in one sense, as the APSC has never met a power line it doesn’t like,” Stowe said in an email

to Sater. “But the people of Northwest Arkansas are just as outraged as anyone in Missouri that the judge’s ruling selected 109 rather than throwing the whole thing out. What we are really facing is not a matter of neighbors against neighbors, from one state vs. the other, but rather, a partnership of rogue corporations that seek transmission profits without regard to the environmental and cultural costs imposed on the people of both states.”

SWEPKO has been touting increased property tax revenues it says Barry and McDonald counties would receive from the line. Initially SWEPKO spokesman Peter Main estimated that two counties would receive \$2.5 million annually in additional property tax revenues. However, later SWEPKO revised its estimate.

“The \$47-million Missouri portion of the project is estimated to bring approximately \$650,000-\$700,000 in property taxes annually to McDonald and Barry counties after construction is

complete,” Main said.

When asked what kind of tax revenues Arkansas counties would receive from the project, Main said SWEPKO pays property taxes in all states in which they operate.

“During construction and after completion, SWEPKO will pay property taxes on the poles, wires and right-of-way,” Main said. “Property owners who have granted us an easement will pay property taxes on their land, but not on the utility facilities.”

Main said Route 109, after construction is complete, would generate about \$496,000 annually in property taxes for Benton and Carroll counties.

Power line opponent Luis Contreras said he finds it difficult to believe there would be any net property tax benefit in either Missouri or Arkansas and pointed out that SWEPKO initially overestimated the tax gains by 67 percent.

Contreras said that it doesn’t make sense to think property taxes would increase when so many property values would drop precipitously due to the ugly scars created in a scenic area where many people purchased their property because of great views and a pristine, rural environment.

“Peter Main will have to rework his spreadsheet once more,” Contreras said, legislators and SWEPKO officials including Main. “My calculations tell me Barry and the other counties trespassed by Route 109 (and the other five lines) would lose about 40 percent in property taxes annually. I may be off by a few points, but there is no way you can destroy property and increase property taxes.”

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Walk on the wild side at Devil's Den

Walk on the Wild Side: Edible Trees & Plants will be presented at Devil's Den State Park near Winslow on Saturday, April 19, from 2 – 4 p.m. The workshop covers some of the forgotten uses of wild plants for food and medicine.

Did you know acorns make great flour you can incorporate into scones and biscuits? Come learn to identify several native species and learn how to prepare them. The course incorporates concepts of conservation, history, culture, and plant identification while learning to walk on the wild side.

Meet at the Café Pavilion by the park store. Instructor is Dr. Tamara Walkingstick, Associate Professor/Extension Forestry with the UA Division of Agriculture, Cooperative Extension Service. Fee is \$10 per person. To sign up and pay, phone (479) 761-3325 or e-mail terry.elder@arkansas.gov.

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level showed a slight increase in the number of visitors over 2012.

Ragsdell pointed out the CAPC has been charting a successful course since Mike Maloney was hired as executive director in 2011. Cable television ads are now placed where our tourists come from with an emphasis on lifestyle. Rightmind Advertising has worked with CAPC staff “to produce several award-winning ads addressing all aspects of Eureka Springs,” he said.

He contended because of Maloney's use of analytics to pinpoint hotspots of potential visitors, the use of cable ads, and a renewed focus on watching where the money goes, the CAPC has turned around a ten-year decline.

Ragsdell told the audience that in 2010, CAPC spent 32 percent of its total tax revenue on advertising. The projected amount for 2014 will be more than 50 percent. Kuykendall said she would review her facts, and if indeed she had published wrong information, she would print a correction.

Maloney listed some of the print media, such as *Arkansas Bride*, in which he has placed ads. He said he has spent \$45,000 already this year promoting weddings, and focuses on ads in large markets in the four-to-six-hour range, which means from Omaha down to Dallas-Ft. Worth. In between are Kansas City, Wichita, Tulsa, Oklahoma City, Little Rock, northwest Arkansas, and Springfield. This year he added Memphis and St. Louis. He also said they are working to improve their website so that Internet searches for destination weddings in Arkansas would more likely bring a viewer to eureka Springs.org.

Commissioner James DeVito observed the city is starting to be recognized again for itself, not as just a place you might

visit while you stay in Branson. “In spite of intimidating weather and no confidence in the economy, the CAPC has held its own and is on the right path finally with a capable, competent leader in place.”

Members of the audience contributed to the discussion with points on all sides of the issue. One person just wanted the name of Eureka Springs as a destination to be as ubiquitous as a Geico commercial so a potential visitor will not miss it. Another speaker insisted Eureka should complain less about each other and not try to lay all the problems at the feet of the CAPC.

Another speaker thought our tourists do not know enough about attractions in the surrounding area, such as Beaver Lake, and too much focus is placed on downtown to the exclusion of what else the area has to offer.

Ragsdell countered that the CAPC tries to advertise all segments of Eureka Springs and reminded everyone professional surveyors from the University of Arkansas would be conducting a thorough study this year of who visits the town and why and how long they stay. This data, along with the analytics they already use, will allow Maloney to be even more effective placing his ads.

Commissioner Robert Schmid told business owners in the audience they need to do their own advertising and not rely on the CAPC to bring in all the tourists. “Your spending will benefit others as well as yourself,” he said.

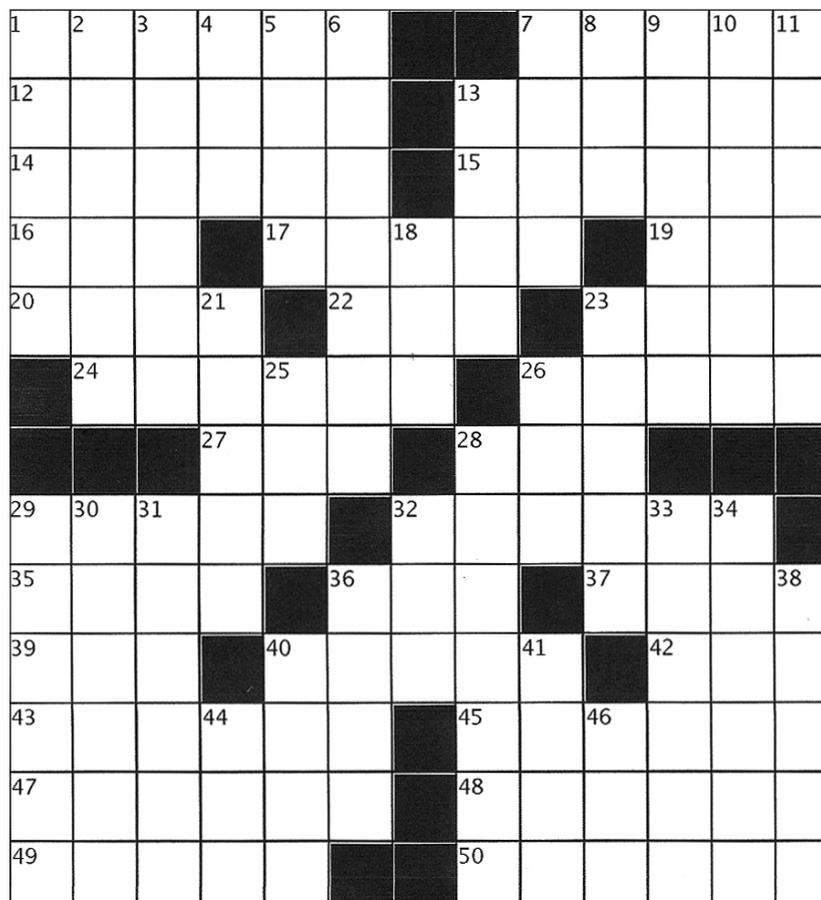
Randall Christy, CEO of the Great Passion Play, said he makes the five-hour drive from his home in Oklahoma to Eureka Springs because he loves the town, and all advertising for Eureka Springs should try to convey that sentiment. He also encouraged a broader reach. “Get the word out nationwide. Don't think too small.”



INDEPENDENT Crossword

by Bill Westerman

Solution on page 27



ACROSS

1. Fear
7. Grizzlies, e.g.
12. Alaska capital
13. Wooden hammer
14. Bids
15. Light up
16. Fish eggs
17. Sacred song
19. State highway guide
20. “The Leader” (*Ital.*)
22. Sort, kind
23. Small scissor cut
24. Endeavor
26. Silly
27. Exist
28. Night before
29. Speak publicly
32. Stink-o
35. Buddhist monk
36. Police officer
37. Untruths

DOWN

39. Cravat
40. Excellent
42. Swiss mountain
43. Grown together
45. Famous street of Barcelona
47. Wood splitters
48. Spotted wildcat
49. Firebug's crime
50. Starts fresh

10. Stay

11. Treeless plain
13. Dairy product
18. Dark, malt beverage
21. Muse of poetry
23. Fishhook attachment
25. Anger
26. “... had it!”
28. Supreme ruler
29. Canada's capital
30. Attacker
31. Changes
32. Soak with gravy
33. Apt
34. Primary color
36. Hints
38. Petty quarrels
40. British machine gun
41. Track contest
44. In the past
46. Adult males

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our sponsors and volunteers – without whom we would never have been able to make this family-friendly event happen. We look forward to hosting Zombie Tag again next year!

Jeff Danos

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2076 E. Van Buren, Eureka Springs, Carroll County

Said application was filed on March 17, 2014. The undersigned state that he/she is a resident of Arkansas, of good moral character; that he/she has never been convicted of a felony or other crime involving moral turpitude; that no license to sell alcoholic beverages has been revoked within five (5) years past; and, that the undersigned has never been convicted of violating the laws of this State, or any other State, relative to the sale of controlled beverages.

Name of Applicant: Ann C. Naumann

Name of Business: Sweet-N-Savory Café

Sworn to before me this 28th day of March, 2014

Wilsie Sherman, Notary Public, Commission # 12377407, exp. 7/1/20

SPRING PLANTING continued from page 6

with seedlings, but don't let the tarp droop.

Bottomless plastic bottles, which can be vented, are handy for protecting individual transplants from frost. They are readily available and easy to use though they might blow around in the wind. They are also still recyclable even after years of use in the garden. Buckets and flowerpots are also handy plant protectors. Where have all the bushel baskets gone?

There is also a product that effectively is a wall of water around a plant. It is a series of joined plastic tubes the gardener fills with water. The water absorbs heat during the day like a greenhouse, but also absorbs the cold from the night air, thereby protecting the plant.

A slightly more elaborate project would be to build a small greenhouse or hoop house over a garden bed. Plastic tubing or pipes can be configured into a frame to be covered by a sheet of plastic for a mini-greenhouse. This would

trap heat inside but allow room for the plants to breathe. Some gardeners can attest that wind will blow these configurations onto the neighbor's property without adequate anchoring.

The Marin Master Gardeners website suggests watering the soil thoroughly unless there is a hard freeze expected. "Wet soil holds heat better than dry soil, protecting roots and warming air near the soil." That is why orchardists water their trees during a freeze.

Orchardists also use large fans and heaters, which are not practical for typical homeowners. Well-established trees will survive a freeze, but more fully-open buds might suffer. The *Sunset Western Garden Book* states a late spring frost, especially one accompanied by ice or sleet, will destroy open buds which means no fruit that year. This would mean the blossoms around here would be vulnerable if the *Farmer's Almanac* is right.

For home orchardists, there are also anti-transpirant sprays, which reduce the cooling effect of wind.

Gardeners are aware that plants can handle cold down to a point, but tender seedlings are going to die without help if it gets cold enough. That's okay — gardeners are going to make a project out of it. The neighbor down the street with furniture in the yard? That's not a yard sale. She's getting ready for the Yukon Express.

Think of May as the new April, and keep your winter clothes on hand a bit longer.

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