



**In your Easter bonnet**  
 – Pamela Davenport brought the bloom of spring to the EasterBelles' chapeau poster signing party at Caribé April 13, held to raise funds for the Merlin Foundation's work with women and children. The 'Belles Parade on Easter Sunday begins at 2 p.m. and will be downtown for the first time. More photos on p. 15.

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## STO claims SWEPCO's wider right-of-way is for helicopters

BECKY GILLETTE

The citizen group Save The Ozarks (STO) has questioned the requested 150 ft. right-of-way (AEP)/Southwestern Electric Power Company has proposed for its Shipe Road to Kings River high voltage transmission line.

"A 150-foot right-of-way is established to provide for the reliable and safe operation of the 345-kV line," said SWEPCO spokesman Peter Main. "AEP is required to follow national reliability standards that were set for the benefit of electric customers, and AEP is subject to substantial financial penalties for violations. The 150-foot right-of-way will allow AEP to comply with industry reliability standards."

STO maintains that other utility companies using similar high voltage lines have smaller rights-of-way that take less private property, disturb the land and wildlife less, and require less spraying with herbicides for continued maintenance.

"The 150 foot right-of-way is not required by the National Electric Safety Code and it is not a federal mandate," said STO Director Pat Costner. "It's only an AEP/SWEPCO policy."

Main did not respond to a question asking for a citation from national standards that dictates the 150-foot right-of-way.

"We became curious why SWEPCO insists on a 150 foot right-of-way for their 345-kV power line proposed across Northwest Arkansas," STO board member Doug Stowe said. "The UPAC Guide published by the Helicopter Association International explains it. The National Electric Safety Code requires only 20 foot 4 inches distance between the power lines and vegetation. To meet NESC standards, a right-of way for a 345 kV power line needs be no wider than 50 feet. The use of helicopters for power line maintenance sets forth

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### This Week's INDEPENDENT Thinkers

"Drive Safely" is more than just an idle public awareness campaign in Changsha, Hunan Province, China. Large, but not deep, bowls of water are hung from the ceiling of a bus, next to the driver. The driver must drive gently to avoid spilling any water, and water bowls are expected to return full when the shift is over.

Longxiang Public Bus Company has video footage, so drivers, expected to be honest anyway, don't top the bowls off at the end of the day.

"Passengers complain that sudden braking and bad driving make them uncomfortable," according to the *Xiaoxiang Morning Post*. "Hanging bowls of water in the driver's cab discourages jolting starts and bad turns."



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**Go ahead and put all your eggs in one basket.**



**Scouting out the rain** – Nathan Rutledge of Crews & Associates presented Mayor Morris Pate with a plaque proclaiming Eureka Springs as a winner of the Arkansas Business City of Distinction Award in the category of Green/Energy Conversation Initiatives. Rutledge said the Cardinal Spring Project in Harmon Park represented a strong collaboration between city staff, volunteers and students. Eagle Scout Nathan Wilkerson created his Scout project around landscaping and improving the area, resulting in a rain garden that could be a model for other parks in effective design for management of storm water runoff.

## Hartman, McCune vacation finally approved

NICKY BOYETTE

At Monday evening's city council meeting, aldermen put to rest the months'-long struggle over the request of James McEvoy for a vacation of parts of platted but undeveloped Hartman and McCune Sts. near his home, which is just beyond where the end of Amity Street becomes Cross Street.

As discussion began prior to the vote on the third reading, alderman Mickey Schneider announced she wanted to ask questions of both McEvoy and Bruce Levine, director of the Parks Department.

Alderman Joyce Zeller countered by calling a point of order, saying there had already been enough dialogue about this at many meetings by council and different commissions over several months. Council voted not to support her point of order.

Schneider clarified a few points with Levine about a map of the area.

Levine pointed out he had amended a discrepancy in a map he had used at the previous meeting.

When Schneider asked McEvoy about the change, he said he was opposed to it. "I don't know why Bruce would want to cause me any inconvenience," he remarked. "I don't get it."

Levine replied it had just been an error that he corrected. "I don't see why this is a problem."

After more back and forth, Zeller announced she would like a vote on the matter and get it off their agenda.

Alderman Dee Purkeypille said he was conflicted but still stated, "I favor passing it as it sits."

Levine added that Parks hopes to represent the citizens whereas the petitioner represents only himself.

Vote to approve the third reading was 4-0-1, with a very conflicted Schneider voting Present.



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## CAPC claims positive momentum

NICKY BOYETTE

“We’re all in this together,” Chair Charles Ragsdell said at the April 9 City Advertising and Promotion Commission meeting. “We have the same goals as other citizens, and that is bringing guests to our town and keeping them here longer.”

Ragsdell responded to a recent gathering of citizens to discuss promoting the town by urging anyone with a question or interest to attend meetings and workshops and get information from the source. He commented that the CAPC wants to hear good ideas, and it helps if the concept has good data to support it. He also challenged businesses to do their part by advertising and keeping active social sites that encourage potential visitors to come to town.

Ragsdell reported work on the new website continues. He and Executive Director Mike Maloney are researching what potential viewers might use for search terms, saying it is not always what one might think. They are building key words into content on pages and names of files.

“We try to bring people here any way we can,” Ragsdell said.

He responded to comments by the local wedding industry that the CAPC has not been as attentive to advertising their segment of the town’s business. He noted, “wedding business is struggling everywhere, and we can’t

forsake other segments for just one.” Nevertheless, the CAPC has stepped up its ad placements for Eureka Springs as a destination for weddings.

Overall, the staff is watching trends from the analytics, and plan to use the data to place \$620,000 in ads this year.

Ragsdell also responded to comments that bringing the WoodSongs Old Time Radio Hour to the Auditorium last October was money misspent. He said cost to the CAPC was \$29,000, and calculations on the potential return to Eureka Springs in promotion of the town made WoodSongs a 47-1 return on the investment.

So was it a good idea? “Jonesboro and Conway do it as often as WoodSongs will let them,” he remarked.

### Director’s report

Maloney announced web traffic is picking up again, and viewers are browsing through an average of five pages. Upcoming print ads are focusing on central and northwest Arkansas and northeast Oklahoma.

Eureka Springs still has a strong presence at the Branson Airport, and radio listeners in St. Louis, Kansas City and Memphis right now are hearing Eureka Springs ads, with plans for more radio ads next month.

Two Eureka Springs ads are alternating on cable television stations in Kansas City, Wichita, Tulsa, Oklahoma City, Dallas-Ft. Worth, Little Rock and Springfield, Mo.

Soon an ad for the May Festival of the Arts will join the rotation.

Maloney reminded everyone the ads are available for viewing on capc.biz. Click on the “Previous Ads” link.

Rightmind Advertising added nine more Eureka Springs-focused awards to its trophy case including designs for the 2013 Folk Festival poster and the Winter Film Fest logo.

Maloney said the Chamber of Commerce has been in discussions to bring journalist Kevin Cullen and his “Motorhead Traveler” show to Eureka Springs. Cullen is reportedly on his way to town and will spend four days here seeing sights and talking to locals.

The First Sunday movie series in the Auditorium began as 54 people watched *Mary Poppins*, and the Bel Airs kicked off the Second Saturday music series in Basin Park.

The first showcasing of the “WoodSongs” shows recorded at the Auditorium last October will be Friday, May 22 at the Auditorium. The following night, Saturday, May 23, Michael Martin Murphey, featured in one of the WoodSongs shows, will return, this time with his band, as will Michael Johnathon, folksinger and log cabin-dweller who hosts WoodSongs.

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# INDEPENDENTNews

## Council gallimaufry in a nutshell

NICKY BOYETTE

### What to do with ravines

The issue of what to do with yard waste was on Monday night's council agenda, and alderman Mickey Schneider suggested the city dispose of grass clippings, leaves and other yard waste by dumping it in the many ravines around town.

All eyes went toward City Attorney Tim Weaver, who replied, "We would have to get approval of the federal government and we might need an Environmental Impact Report." He pointed out not all yard wastes are free of chemical residue and, especially in our karst environment, wastes could present an environmental concern. He wondered aloud if this strategy might not conflict with the proposed Clean City Ordinance.

Mayor Morris Pate called it "a many-faceted problem" because the Carroll County Waste Management site on E. Van Buren is limited in what kinds of yard waste they can accept and when they can accept it.

Alderman Joyce Zeller claimed landscapers have no place to dispose of their plant materials, and alderman Terry McClung maintained, "It should be our responsibility to provide a place."

Council decided a workshop on the topic was in order.

### Making accommodations

During Public Comments, Laura Voiers Patterson appealed to council for a solution to a family problem. She needed to meet the needs of her aging father, and could do this if she were allowed to build a temporary wooden ADA-compliant walkway across a narrow green space between her residence and a separate dwelling where she plans to accommodate her father.

Council wanted to come to the rescue but Weaver foresaw a plethora of technicalities. Nevertheless, council voted to add the item to the evening's agenda.

When the issue reappeared, no one was against finding a solution to Patterson's problem. Bruce Levine stated right away he represented Parks as saying a temporary structure could be tolerated if it were taken down later.

McClung insisted any agreement with the city would need a termination date for removing the wooden structure, and alderman Dee Purkeypile suggested a one-year termination date subject to renewal.

Weaver fine-tuned the language of Purkeypile's motion, and council voted unanimously to make an oral resolution to remove the property from Parks' jurisdiction and permit the structure for one year. Aldermen voted Yes.

### Film industry tax incentive

Sandy Martin, Chair of the Arts Council, appeared before council again with what she called a "skeleton ordinance calling for a two percent tax rebate." The ordinance was crafted by the staff of Christopher Crane, Arkansas Film Commissioner. Martin said the ordinance defines what is required of the promoter to qualify for rebates.

Purkeypile moved to have the proposed ordinance and accompanying documents sent along to Weaver for review, and vote was unanimous to approve his motion.

### Discussion of increasing water/sewer rates

Alderman David Mitchell said he was expecting, based on previous discussions at

the council table, to hear from Public Works Director Dwayne Allen about a timeline and plan for replacing faulty flow meters so the city might waste less of its resources.

Purkeypile mentioned Allen had produced some of the information Mitchell was looking for, but a workshop to fully discuss the matter seemed unavoidable.

McClung agreed a workshop was in order, or anything they could do to avoid raising rates more than necessary.

### Dilemma for apartment owners

Brigitte Kucharski, owner of Pivot Rock Village apartments, and Cheryl Sharp, manager, spoke about a problem for apartment owners in town. Kucharski said when a tenant moves out, the tenant will request the water service be stopped. For her staff to clean an apartment, Kucharski said the choices are to pay a significant deposit to turn the water back on just for cleaning or else a staff member will have to carry buckets of hot water from another site to the apartment to clean it. She also claimed she should have been charged only \$9 per month and she has been charged \$20 per month.

She said more than once she just wanted to get things corrected, and others who have looked at her billing and City Code also agree there seems to be an inconsistency regarding her billing.

### Proposed Clean City Ordinance

Discussion of the proposed Clean City Ordinance was postponed on the agenda, but two people shared opposite opinions during the Public Comments forum.

Penny Carroll offered support for the proposed ordinance. She called it "wonderful legislation," saying it was not fair for one neighbor's bad habits to affect property values of another. She thought council was approaching the issue the right way, and did not approve of scare tactics being used to disparage the proposed ordinance unfairly.

Becky Gillette exhibited wild plants and herbs from her yard that she said the Clean City Ordinance might doom. It is not only henbit and burdock that might be unfairly defined in the ordinance – historical dwellings might be in jeopardy.

"This might not be to the city's advantage," she stated. "We already have some of the most onerous regulations."

She called it class warfare and warned

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## Farmers' Market celebrates 10th anniversary

**BECKY GILLETTE**

Despite being located in an area with a relatively small population, the Eureka Springs Farmers' Market is

one of the more successful farmers' markets in the state, drawing vendors and customers from a 50-mile radius. Vendors share a belief in the value of

knowing where your food comes from, how it is raised and the importance of having a network of local farmers to provide the freshest possible produce.

Fresh produce in this area of the country commonly travels an average of 1,500 miles before being consumed. In addition to the cost to the environment from using fuel to ship vegetables that far, produce loses flavor and vitamin content the older it is. Besides, it is just plain fun to buy from local growers rather than eating something shipped in from Mexico or California.

The Eureka Springs Farmers' Market is celebrating its 10-year anniversary Thursday, April 17 from 8 a.m. to noon at the Pine Mountain Village.

"We started with about five vendors," said organic grower Patrice Gros, owner of Foundation Farm & Farming School. "We've grown about twenty-five percent each year. We used to just get people from Eureka Springs,

but now we have people come from fifty miles away. We have customers and vendors who drive down from Missouri, and people who come over from the Fayetteville area. Even though we are a small village, this is a major location for a farmers' market."

The town of Eureka Springs has only about 2,073 residents, and in the heyday of summer market, about 500 people attend. The markets are held Tuesday and Thursday mornings.

"People love visiting with their friends and neighbors," Gros said. "People will say, 'I'll see you at the market.' We have a core group of people who depend upon us for food."

And the vendors depend on customers to make a living. Some, like Gros, are full-time growers, while other vendors might have a booth as a sideline business. Some young families, like Andrew and Madeleine Schwerin, who live in a yurt with their young daughter,

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**Market to table** – Cecilia Berry, right, schmoozes with Elizabeth and Jeremiah Blossom at the Eureka Springs Farmers' Market at Pine Mountain Village. The market offers meat, vegetables, honey, eggs, music, herbs, bread and plenty of other healthy items every Tuesday and Thursday morning.

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**Thanks to chocolate** – The Chamber of Commerce recently donated proceeds from February’s Chocolate Festival to four deserving groups. From left are Debbie Lester, Gary Andrews and Francesca Block from the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Kids after school program; Mike Bishop, Chamber president/CEO; Karen FitzPatrick and Clear Spring School students Rowan Scheunemann, Ana Crider, Ian Evans and Chance FitzPatrick; Academy of Excellence students C.J. Voerman, Grayson Ertel, Ava Thurman and Celia Stodden; Special Events Director Suzanne Kline; Anna Hull and Gina Drennon of Eureka Springs Athletic Boosters.

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## Farmers’ market signs get thumbs up

The Planning Commission convened briefly as the Board of Zoning and Adjustment on the evening of April 8 to consider one item of business. Stuart Drizner spoke on behalf of the application by the Eureka Springs Farmers’ Market to install directional signs at each entrance to the city. Drizner said the signs would be added to the secondary set of signposts just inside the City Limit signs.

Vote to approve the application was unanimous.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, April 22, at 6 p.m.

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## Tourist discount feeds locals

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In an enterprising attempt to attract tourists and at the same time benefit less fortunate members of the community, Inn of the Ozarks General Manager Randy Wolfinbarger and staff implemented a unique Internet promotion during the winter holidays.

For the second year, visitors booking a room on the hotel's website in December could receive a 20 percent discount providing they donated three cans of food for each day of their stay. As it came in, the food was collected and stored for delivery to the Flint Street Food Bank.

The idea was a success. Upwards

of 900 cans of food and non-perishable items were collected this year compared to 400 in 2012.

In order to gather as much food as possible, the discount was also offered to walk-in visitors who had not booked online. A pleased Wolfinbarger reported, "Most of them went right out to Hart's and came back with food in order to get the discount."

Randy and staff delivered the boxes of goods to Flint Street Fellowship on April 9, to the grateful delight of Food Pantry Director Pat Kasner. "It's a wonderful thing they did," she commented, "they probably didn't even make any money doing this."

As Kasner and Flint Street volunteer/soup server, Chuck Jarrett, of Cup of Love Ministries checked out a couple of cases, they were happy to find non-perishable food items like chocolate chip cookie mix in addition to a wider selection of canned food.

"This gives us more of a variety to give people. When I shop, we buy cases of a particular item; but this will make people's meals a little more fun and interesting," Kasner remarked.

Flint Street Fellowship's free Food Pantry is open Mondays and Wednesdays from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. and a free lunch is served on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. The all-volunteer (including Kasner) staff also offers a free clothes/shoes closet and a free library of books as well as an assortment of household items. They also pack backpacks full of food for area kids participating in the Back our Kids weekend feeding program.

Donations of food, clothing and cash are always welcome. When the facility is closed, canned food and other items may be left in the donation barrel at the entrance. For more information or to volunteer, email Kasner at 24rockyroad@cox.net or phone (479) 253-9491 or 253-4945.



**CAN do** – Pat Kasner and Chuck Jarrett unload some of the boxes delivered to Flint Street Food Bank by Randy Wolfinbarger and the crew at Inn of the Ozarks. The food was collected during a discount promotion at the lodging.

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## WCDH adds notable names to board, advisory board

The Board of Directors of the Writers' Colony at Dairy Hollow recently welcomed a new member and four new advisory members.

Newest board member, Pat Carr, is the award-winning author of 18 published books, including the Iowa Fiction Prize winner, *The Women in the Mirror*, and the PEN Book Award finalist, *If We Must Die*. She's published more than 100 short stories. Her most recent collection, *The Death of a Confederate Colonel*, a nominee for the Faulkner Award, won the PEN Southwest Fiction Award, the John Estes Cooke Civil War Fiction Award, and was voted one of the top 10 books from university presses for 2007 by *Foreword Magazine*.

Pat won numerous other awards and several fellowships and was awarded Arkansas' 2013 Porter Prize. She's taught creative writing and literature on graduate and undergraduate levels, has conducted writing workshops from Santa Fe to New York, and in 2011, taught the Civil War



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Novel at New York's Chautauqua Institute. She lives and writes on a 36-acre farm in Arkansas with her writer husband, Duane Carr, three dogs, a cat, and five black chickens.

The WCDH board also welcomed three new board advisors, Ann Hood, David Sanders and Donna J. Jackson. A fourth, Linda Lewis, is moving from the board to the advisory board.

Ann Hood is the author of 13 books

including the bestselling novels *The Obituary Writer*, *The Red Thread*, *The Knitting Circle*, (to be made into an HBO TV movie starring Katherine Heigl), and *Somewhere Off the Coast of Maine*. Hood shared her personal story of losing her 5-year-old daughter Grace in 2002 through the memoir, *Comfort: A Journey Through Grief*, which was named one of the top 10 nonfiction books of 2008 by *Entertainment Weekly* and was a *New York Times* Editor's Choice. Her short stories and essays have appeared in *The New York Times*, *Good Housekeeping*, and *Ladies Home Journal*. She is a regular contributor to *The New York Times* Op-Ed page, Home Economics column. She now lives in Providence, Rhode Island with her husband and their children.

David Sanders opened a literary bookstore, Hays & Sanders Bookshop, in Fayetteville in 1983. He sold the store in 1986 and returned to school, eventually working at University of Arkansas Press as marketing manager and assistant director, and moving to associate director and editor-in-chief. From there he moved

to Purdue University Press, where he was the first full-time director, then on to Ohio University Press & Swallow Press. He continued to write and publish, and in 2010 left publishing to teach full-time in the English department at Ohio University.

Donna J. Jackson is a nationally recognized attorney, authority, speaker and educator in estate planning. She is a CPA and holds a Master Degree (LL.M.) in Elder Law and has more than 25 years of legal experience. She limits her practice to estate planning with an emphasis on Medicaid, VA Benefits and special needs planning.

Donna obtained a Bachelor of Science and a Master's degree in Accounting from Oklahoma State University. She received her Juris Doctor degree from Oklahoma City University School of Law in 1988, and LL.M. in Elder Law from Stetson College of Law in Florida. She currently serves on the Estate Planning, Probate, and Trust Section Committee for the Oklahoma Bar Association. She is a member of the Oklahoma Bar Association, American Bar

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## Bottoms up for books!

Cocktails for a Cause will take place from 5 – 7 p.m. Thursday, April 17, at Farm to Table FRESH on N. Main. Hosting is the Carroll and Madison Library Foundation in support of Books in Bloom. The Carroll County Community Foundation Future Fund and Arvest Bank are also sponsoring the relaxed networking event.

ESDN invites all to support this and other great causes, including ESDN, each month. Meet new and old friends and check out a new downtown location. FRESH has “authored” two specialty cocktails with a literary theme for the occasion: *Last of the Mojitos* and *Gone with the Wine*.

## HI Hikers jaunt April 21

Monday, April 21, Holiday Island Hikers will meet at 8:30 a.m. at Hart’s parking lot and depart for a 2.5 mi. hike around the rim of White Rock Mountain. This is one of the easiest hikes, with special scenic spots everywhere. Bring a camera if you like, and a picnic lunch for after the hike. For more info, email [hihikers@yahoo.com](mailto:hihikers@yahoo.com).

## Celebrating Earth Day

Numerous events are planned for Earth Day 2014 on Tuesday, April 22, beginning with a city-wide cleanup.

The Greater Eureka Springs Chamber of Commerce staff and volunteers will be picking up litter along its Adopt-A-Highway stretch from US 62E near the Razorback Lodge to the intersection of US 62 and Hwy. 23 N. at the Eureka Inn. Those who want to help are invited to show up at the Chamber Visitor

Center at 8:30 with gloves. Vests will be provided.

There will also be volunteer registration tables at Pine Mountain Village from 8 a.m. – noon and in downtown Basin Park from 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. for those willing to spend some time cleaning up litter and debris around their homes and businesses or along highways or city streets. Free trash bags and Keep Arkansas Beautiful T-shirts will be available.

The cleanup is only part of Eureka Springs Downtown Network’s plans for an all-city observance including music, food and trail cleanups. There will be a Blessing of the Springs at 11 a.m. beginning at Crescent Spring near the Carnegie Library and ending with a lunch in Basin Park provided by area banks at noon.

Mayor Morris Pate will make an Earth Day proclamation at 1 p.m. in the park.

There will be vendors, booths and music in Basin Park most of the day. For more information about setting up a booth, email [director@eurekaspringsdowntown.com](mailto:director@eurekaspringsdowntown.com). There is no fee to set up.

Some other highlights include:

- A Springs Walk (8:30 – 10 a.m. at Harmon Park) and Geology Mini Tours (noon – 4 p.m. in Basin Park) with James A. Helwig.

- The Carroll County SWA Big Green Bus traveling recycling classroom will be at the Farmers’ Market at Pine Mountain Village from 8 a.m. – noon.

- The Dirty Butts Contest - a prize for the person who collects the most cigarette butts.

- Califf Spring Dedication and Celebration 3 – 4 p.m.

For Earth Day schedule, click on Community Calendar at [www.iloveeurekasprings.com](http://www.iloveeurekasprings.com).

## Celebrate Jesus music and parade

Get ready to celebrate Easter with music in Basin Park from 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. Friday, April 18 and Saturday, April 19, with a Celebrate Jesus parade at 2 p.m. on Saturday. The family-friendly event includes gospel, contemporary, folk and brass music and more. Groups and performers include musicians and singers from Branson in addition to area talent, and the variety will be sure to surprise and please the crowd.

On Saturday, there will be a break in the music for the Jesus Parade at 2 p.m., after which free live music will continue. The parade will Celebrate Jesus with floats, flags, music, walking groups, horses, motorcycles, cars and even camels.

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## We're coming down with a bad code

Editor,

I think the code concerning maintenance of real property chapter 5.04 is clear and adequate to define and enforce maintaining property and sanitation. I hope council will not replace the existing code with Ordinance 2201's subjective definitions. As it reads, a neighborhood can band together to eliminate plastic flowers, cute polyester flags and those tasteless inflatable holiday decorations. While I'm in favor of banning these items I don't think we should be able to do so by law.

The original request by council was to be able to address deteriorating buildings, not replace property maintenance and sanitation language in code. Ord. 2201, starting with Sec.5.04.04, does this but the verbiage, especially the definitions, up to this point are open to debate, litigation and, most likely, amusing but bad publicity – *Democrat-Gazette* articles about "that goofy Eureka."

Thank you for your attention and your service to the city.

**Gwen Bennett**

## The nature-all state

Editor,

We are asking the Eureka Springs city Council to oppose the portion of the proposed demolition by neglect ordinance that would have fines of up to \$200 per day if property owners don't cut lawns exceeding eight inches, and remove and/or cut weeds.

I am a retired research horticulturist. My husband, my mother and I moved to Eureka Springs in large measure because it is an amazing, walkable city with so much green space (unlike towns we came from in Mississippi).

We purposely park our car far away from the library so we can walk downtown and enjoy the sights, including the non-cultivated plants that are, heaven forbid, over eight inches tall. Many of these wild plants are important sources of food to bees, other insects, birds and other wildlife.

If we wanted to be in a gated community, we would have moved elsewhere. We do not want to live in a sterile, manicured (and herbicided) world here in Eureka.

We understand that the city council wants abandoned and wrecked properties

cleaned up, but this ordinance will do way more than that.

We are heartsick about this ordinance. The council should rewrite it to deal with the real problems on property issues and then let everyone else enjoy nature and their own backyard.

We do not live in the city limits, just outside, but this affects us because we spend so much time downtown... it's just like with SWEPCO – we are all affected by this ordinance, even if our own backyard is safe (for now).

**Nan Johnson** (retired horticulturist, National Center for Natural Products Research, Oxford, MS)

**Dave Spencer**

**Marge Sullivan**

## Paid by whom and working for whom?

Editor,

Eminent domain is not that complex an issue and we are not second graders. Perhaps if Mr. Ballinger stopped accepting campaign contributions from SWEPCO (as recently as Jan. 2014) and other pseudonyms they use like AEP, Rural Electrification PAC, and Southwest Energy PAC, he would find it easier to

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## WEEK'S Top Tweets

**@KKBowls** --- I let a Jehovah's Witness in my home, I sat him down and said, "What do you have to tell me?" He said, "I don't know, never

made it this far."

**@Xoolun** --- The doctor told me I need more greens in my diet. So I have switched to mint Oreos.

**@SteveSuckington** --- Fantasy football is just Dungeons and Dragons for people who used to beat up the people who played Dungeons and Dragons.

**@drunkNnaughty** --- I will never miss you, because I'm a really good shooter.

**@partlyfunny** --- If you want to have fun with your kids, tell them the teacher called, then ask if there is something they need to tell you.

**@badbanana** --- And then one day you realize you are older and fatter than old fat Elvis.

**@Zen\_Moments** --- The early bird may get the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese in the trap.

**@RobKutner** --- Lesson Learned: Apparently you cannot file an IRS extension with the excuse "Time is a flat circle"

**@JoshGondelman** --- Most people who think gay marriage is unnatural are going to eat chocolate bunny eggs this weekend.

**@laurenjanecain** --- Our rights are in a box! Where's our freedom? I thought we lived in America?



## Unintended consequences: Did these babies go boom?

Someone somewhere decided to name the generations, and the biggest generation got stuck with being called Baby Boomers. That name doesn't actually fit since the 76,000,000 Americans born between 1946-64 are neither.

The generation is a hard one to define because it, they, we, grew up with more money than any previous American generation, largely the result of World War II ending and the government thanking returning soldiers with low interest VA home loans and the GI bill to attend college. Retailers all over the country sold refrigerators, cars and seasonal clothes on credit with the reasoning that if we had something, we would work to get more.

Baby boomers control 80 percent of the country's personal wealth, and a third of them would rather leave their inheritance to charity than to their children. They buy three-quarters of all prescription drugs and almost half can't afford to retire by their mid-60s.

Boomers take credit for ending the draft and the Vietnam War, and they made getting a divorce cocktail talk rather than a confessional secret. They also discovered, or at least made public, that women had brains, child bearing could be planned, marijuana enhanced creativity, and the government had issues with truthiness. So why is it so hard for this generation to make peace?

There has been a lot in our state news recently about the people of Harrison getting beyond their association with the Ku Klux Klan and racism. We watched people shrug and say, "That's typical Harrison, those people are backwoods, backwards, white supremacy racists." Really? Because someone put up a weird billboard that was taken down right after getting statewide press coverage? For that we label the entire community? We beat our gums against profiling, yet that's exactly what we do, profile.

We talk with people from Harrison, Garfield, Holiday Island and other nearby towns who declare Eureka Springs to be home of the devil, sinners, contention, and rabble rousers. What about people who moved here to be left alone? What about those who retired here to fill in their dreams? Oh, them. They're also asked to follow rules their city itself won't follow. Clean up or give up. Just like in Harrison.

We weren't happy with those god-forbid gays, all they did was make beautiful restaurants, fabulous gardens, excellent margaritas and a comfy place for travelers. And weddings? We want people to fill our beds, eat our food, experience our gardens and paths, but if they're not going to bring an oversize wedding party with them, we're kind of ho-hum and it's someone else's fault.

We scooted Charlotte Buchanan's outdoor movies and Sunday markets out of town because... what was that one... seems she wasn't paying high rent and was making enough money to keep it going, therefore it was only fitting and proper to legalize her right out of town for making a parking lot alive, safe and fun for the family.

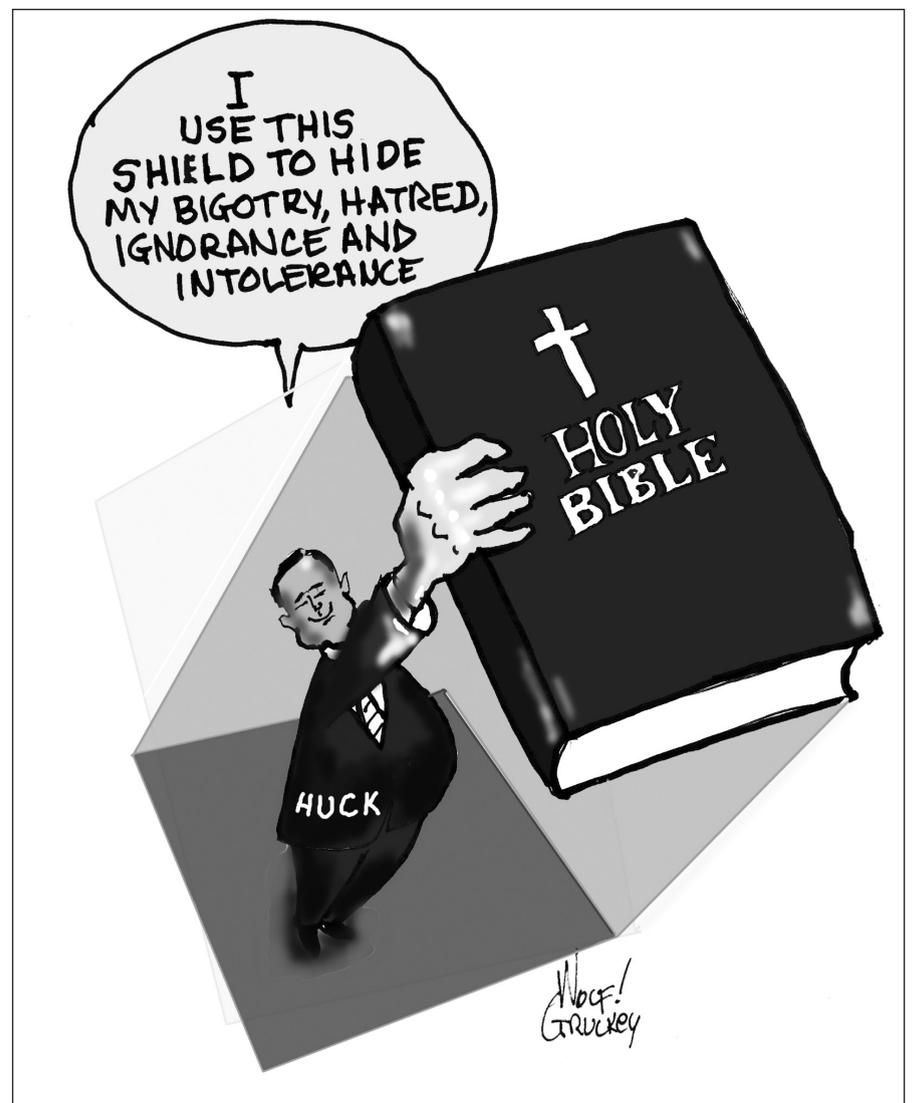
So... why is freedom so hard to accept? Shouldn't it be a pleasure instead of a duel? Is it up to baby booming wisdom to enlighten younger people to the perils of living? Or could we just accept that younger generations are smart, willing and enthusiastic about creating a pleasant planet and leave them to it?

Eureka Springs gets tourism when people want to come here, yet we are adamant in our exclusion. Buses are fat and smelly. Motorcycles are loud. RVs tie up traffic. Old people are high maintenance and old hippies are just that. Anything jarring becomes unwanted here. Maybe we are just like Harrison.

For the last four weeks, or at least longer than that Malaysian airplane has been missing, we have endured the sins and penance of Harrison, Arkansas, where there was a race riot 100 years ago and possibly a current shelter for Klanners. We dismiss anything that didn't happen ten minutes ago, but still say, "That's Harrison." And they do exactly the same thing when referring to the artists/politicians/cops/businesses of Eureka Springs. We get what we give.

If only the Koch brothers were opposed to the SWEPCO project. Now *that* would change things.

– MPB



## The Pursuit of HAPPINESS

by Dan Krotz

The Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City was bombed on April 19, 1995. The day sticks in my mind for a couple of reasons. First, my wife and I had closed on some property that morning out near Beaver Lake; we were going to build a house on it. The second is remembering that town was crowded: we waited in a long line for lunch; the cash registers in all the shops made merry. It was a warm and pleasant spring day.

Some 168 people died in the bombing, and another 650 or 700 people were hospitalized, many with grievous injuries. I recall much sad, confused conversation as we waited in the lunch line, in the cash register lines. "Ain't it awful," was the consensus.

I honestly wish I used this event, and its date, to reflect on the tragedy and aftermath. Alas, April 19 is always the day I compare business traffic from that day in 1995, against the present day. I assess the lunch lines, the sounds of cash registers, the numbers of people on the sidewalks, and even the weather; my goodness, isn't it windy... compared to...

A lot has happened since 1995. Eureka Springs' population has dropped by 9 percent, the median age – half under, half over – is 53 years. I've eaten 228 Reuben sandwiches at Local Flavor and checked out 1,976 books from Carroll and Madison County libraries. The weather seems hotter and colder. The lines seem shorter, the cash registers less merry. And I've reached the age when I can tell those über Patriots down in the state legislature, "I was fighting Communists when you little snots were in diapers."

A lot hasn't happened. Our water and sewage system is the same antique. We're never sure if we're watching a city council meeting or a reenactment of *The Persecution and Assassination of Jean-Paul Marat As Performed by the Inmates of the Asylum of Charenton Under the Direction of The Marquis de Sade*. Fame still and unjustly eludes the poet Ann Carter. But: Jody Stephenson continues to paint wonderful pictures and... you and I are still happy to be here.



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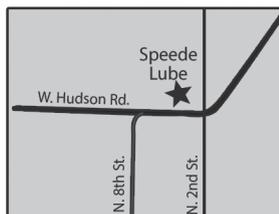
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# INDEPENDENT Constables On Patrol

## APRIL 7

10:04 a.m. – Resident reported a piece of a vehicle still lay beside the damage done to his rock wall. Constable on patrol retrieved the evidence and filed a report.

10:56 a.m. – Resident learned from the IRS someone had used his name to file income taxes, so he filed a report with ESPD.

9:28 p.m. – There was a noise complaint from just above downtown. One neighbor refused to turn down music as the other neighbor had requested. Constable took their statements and advised them to get the landlord to help resolve the situation.

## APRIL 8

12:40 p.m. – Concerned motorist reported being tailgated by vehicle being driven recklessly as well. Constable observed the vehicle and made a traffic stop. He cautioned the driver about driving too close.

10:44 p.m. – There was a noise complaint about music in a neighborhood, but constable who responded did not hear anything to complain about.

## APRIL 9

1:23 a.m. – As a result of a traffic stop, constable arrested a driver for driving on a suspended license, no motorcycle endorsement, noise ordinance violation, failure to pay registration fee and no insurance.

8:02 a.m. – Pedestrian stopped a passing constable to report seeing a male possibly suspiciously carrying a wooden bear near a business who sold them. Constable did not see anyone walking around in the vicinity.

9:41 a.m. – Constable took information for a theft of property report.

10:25 a.m. – A wanted person turned

himself in on a warrant for criminal mischief.

7:27 p.m. – All authorities were on the lookout for a pickup driven by someone who stole items from a Berryville business and fled west on US 62.

## APRIL 10

7:41 a.m. – Constables made a welfare check when a girlfriend said her boyfriend had taken medication intending to kill himself. Constables scoured the area looking for him, but he nowhere to be found. They advised the girlfriend to call when he returned.

8:38 a.m. – Person reported her wife had not shown up for work in Berryville after leaving home three hours previous. Constables watched for her vehicle, and 90 minutes later the person called back to report the wife had been found and everything was okay.

11:16 a.m. – Constables assisted truck driver who had managed to get stuck at a tight intersection.

1:41 p.m. – Constable on patrol noticed a broken window in an unoccupied house near downtown. Detective checked the scene and constables added extra patrols to the area.

2 p.m. – Resident near downtown reported his walnut tree had been chopped down and stolen.

7:23 p.m. – A possibly intoxicated person was walking near the intersection of Hwy. 23S and US 62. Constable looked for but did not encounter him.

9:55 p.m. – Several callers alerted ESPD to an individual screaming near a tourist lodging. One observer said the screamer had stripped off his clothes. Constables arrived at the scene and arrested the individual for disorderly conduct and possession of a controlled substance.

## APRIL 11

9:57 a.m. – Piece of jewelry belonging to resident of a care facility turned up missing.

10:27 a.m. – Constable filed a criminal mischief report about damage done to the Music Park.

1:17 p.m. – Traffic stop resulted in the arrest of the driver for an outstanding warrant from Carroll County.

5:57 p.m. – Constables initiated a traffic stop which resulted in the arrest of the driver on an outstanding warrant.

6:18 p.m. – There was a two-vehicle accident on US 62.

8:27 p.m. – Observer reported it appeared he had witnessed an individual stealing buckets of sand from a construction site. Constables checked it out and learned the person had permission to take the sand.

11:21 p.m. – Individual was arrested on warrants out of Fayetteville.

## APRIL 12

12:56 a.m. – One person reported hearing screaming in a neighborhood just west of downtown. Constable who went there did not hear any screaming, nor had the neighbors.

3:28 a.m. – Constable went to Newton County to pick up a person arrested on an ESPD warrant.

11:15 a.m. – Concerned earwitness thought she heard a gunshot followed by raised voices near the dam at Black Bass Lake. Constables went to the site and spoke with the caller.

1:28 p.m. – Constable responded to a noise complaint about music coming from a motel, and asked the guests to turn it down.

2:20 p.m. – Resident in a neighborhood just north of downtown reported a window in her front door had been broken.

2:23 p.m. – Another loud music complaint, this time regarding an establishment downtown, and constable asked the proprietor for moderation.

7:17 p.m. – Person reported a child had been hurt and requested an ambulance. Constables responded, and the parents took the child to the hospital.

## APRIL 13

1:07 a.m. – Observer heard a man screaming obscenities as he descended a downtown stairwell. Constables were able to find the man still screaming not far away, and gave him a safe and quiet ride home.

1:57 a.m. – Traffic stop resulted in the arrest of the driver for DWI.

7:37 a.m. – Constable offered assistance to motorist with a flat tire, but she advised him help was already on the way.

12:20 p.m. – Constable responded to an alarm at a bank to discover the cleaning lady had triggered it. Everything was okay.

5:05 p.m. – Constable went to the scene of an alleged break-in and filed a report.

# Have a Hoppy Easter at War Eagle

War Eagle Mill is certain to entertain and amuse adventurous egg hunters and candy lovers on April 20 with an annual Easter Egg Hunt, kids crafts, tasty food from the Bean Palace Restaurant and a visit from the Easter Bunny!

The family friendly event will be held Sunday, April 20, starting at 8:30 a.m. with breakfast. The children's Easter egg hunt begins at 2 p.m. along with a craft show outside the War Eagle Mill on grass fields owned by neighbor, Billy and Lucy Sharp.

The hunt will feature eggs filled with

candy and toys, so don't forget your basket. Colorful paints, markers and crayons will be piled high on the tables for kids to decorate their own egg and make bunny ears for a keepsake. The Easter Bunny will be make a guest appearance with photo ops available with children, so remember the camera, too.

War Eagle Mill is located at 11045 War Eagle Road, east of Rogers and Springdale. For Easter Celebration information email Liz Kapsner, [liz@wareaglemill.com](mailto:liz@wareaglemill.com), or phone (866) 492-7324.

# Eureka Springs, state's oldest Tree City, celebrates Arbor Day

Join the community for the Eureka Springs Arbor Day Celebration at 10 a.m. Friday, April 25 in the North Main Music Park parking lot. Mayor Morris Pate will read the Arbor Day Proclamation.

A flowering tree donated by the Arkansas Urban Forestry Commission will be planted to commemorate Eureka Springs' 32<sup>nd</sup> year as a Tree City USA and the fact Eureka Springs is the oldest Tree City USA in Arkansas. Eureka Springs has received the prestigious Growth Award five times in recognition for providing the highest level of tree care and education.

Come celebrate our green canopy! Eureka Springs Tree City Committee will provide light refreshments.

## INDEPENDENT Art & Entertainment

### Poetluck serves up triple treat

Poetluck at the Writers' Colony at Dairy Hollow, 515 Spring, will serve up tasty stories from writers-in-residence Talya Boerner, Tom Sweeney and Dorothy Johnson on April 17.

Talya is a poet, short story writer and memoirist from Dallas. She will read "Planting Great-Grandma McGooghan," the true story of her birth and her great grandma's freakish death.

Tom is a retired mechanical engineer from New Hampshire who writes mysteries and short stories. His work has appeared in various anthologies and regional and national magazines, including *Ellery Queen Mystery Magazine*, *Analog Science Fiction* and *Woman's World*.

Dorothy writes from her home on a ridge overlooking the Arkansas River in Little Rock. She writes short stories, devotionals and poetry and will read from a book she hopes to finish during her residency. It's a redemption story entitled "Trust Love" that's set in a small 1970s Arkansas town.

The evening begins with a potluck dinner at 6:30 p.m. Local writers are invited to read from their work for up to four minutes after resident writers read. Everyone is welcome, so bring a dish to share and enjoy a great evening.

### Blakeley Wilson exhibits in Little Rock

An exhibition of 15 paintings by Eureka Springs folk artist Blakeley Wilson opened in Little Rock on April 11 and continues in the Trinity Gallery for Arkansas Artists, 200 E. 3<sup>rd</sup> St., through June 8.

The exhibit, "Patterns from the Ozarks: Contemporary Ceramics, Quilts and Folk Art Paintings In Arkansas" is curated by the Arkansas Arts Council and sponsored by the Historic Arkansas Museum Foundation.

### ReART CHAIR-ity is almost here

Get ready for the fun ESSA fundraiser - "Art and Collectibles" - including the re-gifting of art on Sunday, April 27, at the Inn of the Ozarks Convention Center

Silent auction opens at 6:30 p.m. At 8 p.m. there will be a fun live auction of fantastic ReART Chairs by Jim Nelson, Doug Stowe, Debbie Handler and Gina Galina, among others. Enjoy appetizers as you bid on rare art and collectibles.

If you have art to Re-ART, phone ESSA at (479) 253-5384 today!

## Jewelry & Wearable Art by Janet Alexander

Chosen as one of the Top Ten Artists To Watch in 2014 by the *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*, Eureka Janet Alexander is having her first solo show of the year April 18 - 20 at Caribé Restaurante y Cantina, opening with a reception Friday, April 18 at 6 p.m.

Eureka Janet utilizes a unique technique with her copper jewelry, taking a painting method used in the big machinery industry, powder coating,

and applying it on a much smaller scale. This process produces one-of-a-kind pieces that have the overall look of enameling, but are textured, stronger and more durable with less weight.

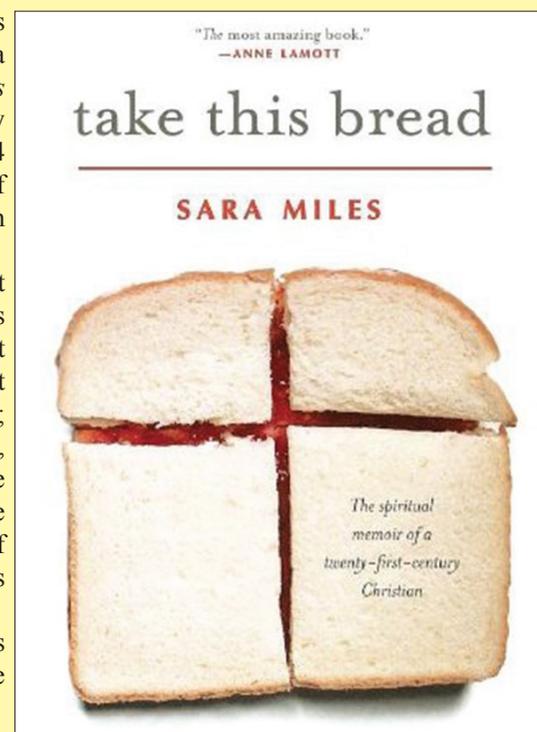
She studied under well-known artist, RuAnn Ewing, to develop her own hand-crafted chain and findings work to add the finishing touches to her pieces that make them truly one-of-a-kind. To see her gallery online go to [www.eurekajenet.com](http://www.eurekajenet.com).

## Blue Skies Book Study Group begins April 22

On April 22 St. James Episcopal Church will host a discussion of the book, *Take This Bread* by Sara Miles. Rev. Betsy Porter will lead discussion from 4 to 5:30 p.m. in the Undercroft of the church at 28 Prospect St. on the loop.

A lesbian left-wing journalist who'd covered revolutions around the world, Miles didn't discover a religion that was about angels or good behavior or piety; her faith centered on real hunger, real food and real bodies. Before long, she turned the bread she ate at communion into tons of groceries, piled on the church's altar to be given away.

All are invited to discuss this fascinating book at the Blue Skies Book Study group.



# INDEPENDENTHIGH (Falutin') SOCIETY



**Artist's touch** – Adrienne Gremillion puts a fine touch on the Two-Hawks tipi. *PHOTO SUBMITTED*



**Tipi tipping?** – This may look like the aftermath of a tipi tipping, but it was really a tipi painting party hosted by John Two-Hawks and Peggy Hill. Several folks appeared during the day to put some special and symbolic touches on the tipi to be erected on Two-Hawks' property. *PHOTO SUBMITTED*

## **Storm Troopers**

John Two Hawks and Peggy Hill got surrounded by Star Wars characters at the UFO Convention at Inn of the Ozarks.

*PHOTO SUBMITTED*



## **This pedestal rocks**

Holiday Island Hikers take a short break at Pedestal Rock. "I have to say, and the rest of the group agreed, that this was one of the best hikes ever," said hiker Debbie Haven.

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**Munching on art** – Artist Shelby Nichols and Arts Council Chair Sandy Martin look through a sketch book of Shelby's smaller art during lunch at Sparky's. Shelby will be one of the artists featured at Community First Bank during May. *PHOTO BY CD WHITE*





**Fearsome foursome** – Ilene Powell, from left, Merlin Leach, Kelli J. Zumwalt and JC Breaux strike a pose at the EasterBelles' Bonnet Poster signing party at Caribé.

**Belle and 'tinis** – Sally Williams Gorrell enjoys the EasterBelles Autograph Party with two Belle-tinis at KJ's Caribé. We assume one was for someone else ... or not.

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**All smiles** – Nora Patterson is all smiles at the Goddess Gala.

PHOTO BY BECKY GILLETTE



**Drumming up support** – Wendi La Fey, left, and Marcie Brewer were part of a variety of music and blessing events at the recent Goddess Gala for the benefit of the Merlin Leach Foundation's children's and women's programs.

PHOTO BY BECKY GILLETTE

**Goddesses** – Victoria Marshall (left) and Pam Crockett at the raffle table at the recent Goddess Gala Festival. The event raised \$3,104 for the Merlin Foundation's programs to help abused children. Organizer Valerie Damon said, "Thanks to all the Goddesses in Northwest Arkansas for making this happen."

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## A little help from our friends:

- **Cup of Love free dinner, lunch, clothing** – Free Mexican dinner Wednesdays at 5 p.m. Hearty soup lunch Fridays 9:30 – 2 p.m. Free clothing. Located in former Wildflower thrift shop (yellow building next to chapel) US 62E. (479) 363-4529.
  - **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.
  - **Flint Street Fellowship food pantry, lunch, free clothing** – Pantry open 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays. Free lunch Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Free clothes/shoes closet, books and household items. (479) 253-9491 or 253-4945. Leave donations in barrel at entrance if facility is closed.
  - **Wildflower food pantry, furniture bank and clothing** – Wildflower Chapel (US 62E) free food pantry 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. on Fridays. Thrift store and used furniture bank (now in big blue barn only) Wednesday – Saturday 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. and Friday 1 – 6 p.m. Drop off donations Thursday – Saturday 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.
  - **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. (479) 253-8925, or e-mail lardellen@gmail.com.
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**“If you’re in danger, please don’t delay getting help.”** – Laura Ponce spoke for her daughter Laura Aceves held outside the Berryville Courthouse Friday afternoon. Aceves was murdered Dec. 31, 2012. Standing with Ponce is Pam Steiger from the Little Rock chapter of Parents of Murdered Children. At the end of the service, the crowd of about 50 mourners released purple balloons which hovered briefly over the courthouse before rising higher.

**Those crazy ladies** – From left, Nolan Bryant, Mary Diehl, Phyllis Williams, Carolyn Green, Brian Byerley and Kent Turner rehearse for the romp *Those Crazy Ladies in the House on the Corner*. The Holiday Island Theatre Guild cast includes three veterans of the Holiday Island Stage – Phyllis Williams, Carolyn Green and Mary Diehl – and a cast of characters including Brian Byerly, Kent Turner, Clare Thompson Roy, Noah FitzPatrick, Judy Kelly, and newcomer Nolan Bryant. The play opens at the Holiday Island Clubhouse Ballroom April 25 & 26 at 7 p.m. (See p. 21 for ticket info.)



**We’ll see who he’s for after Easter** – Signs went up a bit early at Tim Parker’s office on Spring St. Parker is giving the nod to Scott Jackson for circuit court judge in the May 20 election, but city ordinance forbids campaign signs to be displayed more than 30 days before an election. The signs came down shortly after being photographed.

PHOTO BY BECKY GILLETTE

*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

In this episode, Jane and Walter drive with their friends, Tracy and Jarvis, to a barn dance in Sugartree Hollow. Walter thinks the dances are unsafe (moonshiners and all).

“Only about ten miles,” he said, twisting the wheel deftly to avoid the worst pitfalls. “Low gear. Makes it seem farther’n it is.” There was a gentle splash of water as they forded the pebbled bed of a stream (“Stony Branch,” said Tracy from the back seat), again the clotted darkness of woods, then a rolling, open space, and at last Jane saw it: a huge, looming barn that had been converted into a dance hall, with a couple of floodlights in front, and farm trucks and jalopies clustered in the arc of their illumination. Dark figures moved about in silhouette, voices detached themselves from the night, faint music and the noise of stamping feet flowed through the open door. Jarvis pulled the car to a stop in the clearing, and someone peered into it and said: “Hi, Jarvis – Walt. C’mon in. We done squared three a’ready.”

Inside, the place was meagerly lighted by weak bulbs strung at intervals from the rafters. It took some time to distinguish objects: the squatting shape of a soft-drink machine, crude wooden benches and a few tables, along the walls – nothing else in the high, huge room but the fiddler and two guitar-players at its center, a hub of insistent rhythm around which the dance-sets revolved.

Walter spoke to a number of people. “That’s Dory Byrne,” he told Jane, “playing the fiddle, with the Bledsoe boys.” He brought four cokes from the machine and spiked them with whisky. Tracy and Jarvis sat making behind-the-hand comments on dancers they recognized: “Why, will you look at old Lizzie Tillotson – stewed to the gills already! And Asa Byrne swinging that little bitty girl clear off her feet. Who *is* she, anyway?”

Jane sat crouched on the bench, enchanted, watching the dance. The virtuosity of the performance amazed her, but it was the strangest dancing. No one laughed, no one smiled. Surely they must enjoy it, or they would not do it with such gusto, but there was no gaiety discernible. The women went through their relatively passive parts with faces and bodies set as in a rigidly prescribed ritual, and the men, bent nearly double, shuffled over the floor with rapid, elaborate footplay, leaping into the air at times, to come down in a thunderous stamp on the music’s downbeat. They danced with chins strained forward, their faces intent and fanatical, and Jane had the curious illusion of having been thrust backward in time, of witnessing a dance of death or a witch’s Sabbath. She tried to tie it up with some known aspect of life, some reassuring and familiar commonplace, but it was no use. It remained irrelevant – an ancient monolith left standing in a landscape where every other feature had been demolished and replaced by time.

“Walter!” she cried, tugging at his arm. “It’s out of this world...” She glanced at his dark face in profile, with the eyebrows that projected a little when he drew them down that way, brooding about something. “Doesn’t it – kind of

get you?” she asked, feeling a little timid. (He’s part of this, too, she was thinking, awed by the idea.)

He looked at her, surprised. “Yes. It always has. Most people don’t seem to feel it that way. A bunch of yokels having their simple fun – that’s all.” He laughed, seemed embarrassed, squeezed her arm tight against her side. “Frankly, it scares me. Too old. It ought to have disappeared by this time. Something for anthropologists to chew on. Atavistic – .”

She nodded, impressed. I’m a dummy, she thought, I don’t think. I just feel, and my feelings are all mixed up. Is *he* so sure of himself? Or is he just faking, trying to dazzle me, waving answers and certainties under my nose like those colored silk handkerchiefs that come out of a magician’s hat?

The music squealed to an abrupt stop and they watched the sets dissolve, the sweating dancers moving toward the open door. “They always drink between dances,” Tracy said, leaning forward, speaking to Jane as if she were explaining the customs of an African tribe to a tourist. “By the end of the thing, they’re all pretty high.”

Walter looked at Jane, sipping her drink out of a paper cup. A lock of her hair had come loose and lay like a smudge of charcoal on her forehead. Her parted lips looked ripe and dark, in the blurred whiteness of her face. Here, surrounded by the crude prettiness of farm girls (faces pitifully splotched with paint, narrow and wary, eager to invite love, but knowing no subtler way than that of sleazy dresses clinging revealingly against breasts and thighs), the fragile, elusive quality of Jane struck him more forcibly than ever before, and he felt the hot blood pound in his temples as he looked at her. What was it – a slipping-away just as you thought you had her? But there were moments – just now, when they’d met for an instant on the edge of an old mystery. ... Then I *do* have her, he told himself. Not enough, but it’s a beginning. In time, have all of her. Peel off the wrappings of her reticences, one by one. Nothing to be guarded, secret. Nothing hidden...

## NOTES from the HOLLOW by Steve Weems

For several years there was a Glenn Swedlun painting of Keels Creek for sale by an art dealer in West Virginia. I’d seen it on the Internet and it would pop up on eBay periodically. Several branches of my family have long had connections to the Keels Creek area, and my father particularly remembered idyllic childhood summers and weekends at the Wolfenbarger farm. It isn’t often I have the energy to covet something, but I coveted that painting.

After a short career as a professional baseball player, Glenn Swedlun turned to art for his livelihood. He had been taught painting by his father, landscape artist Fred Swedlun. They eventually

had shop space on Spring Street in which to show their work.

I’ve been told the story that Glenn and Fred would ride buses out of Chicago looking for landscapes to paint. After a stop in Eureka Springs they decided that they’d found a lifetime’s worth of source material in the Ozarks.

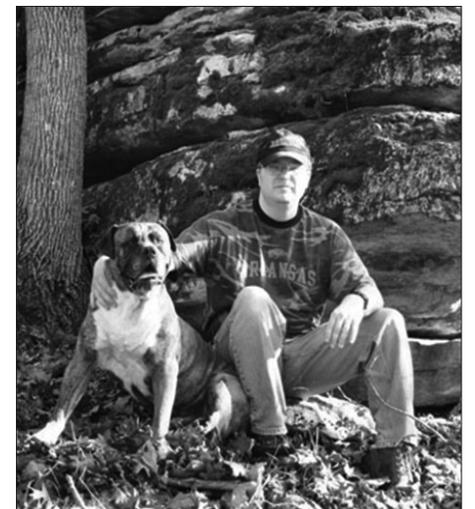
In the 1960s, Wayne Mote wrote in the *Oklahoman Magazine* that Glenn Swedlun was completing a mind-boggling 125 canvases a year. It was hard work.

I’ve also been told that a favorite process of Glenn’s was to go out and tromp around in the hills until he found something that he wanted to paint.

Then he would spend several hours looking the scene over, watching the light change, memorizing. He would return to his studio and paint the scene.

In 1974, the *Eureka Springs Times-Echo* quoted Glenn Swedlun as saying, “If a man lives to be 500 years old, he would learn something new about art every day. When you stop being a student who continually probes into the unknown, you stop growing as an artist. The older you get, the more you realize you’re still just scratching the surface.”

When my wife was a little girl, Glenn Swedlun bought his gas at O’Connor’s Texaco and he would always give her a quarter. Later, when



she won an elementary school art contest, he heard about it and gave her copies of his notes on various aspects of painting and drawing. By all accounts, Glenn Swedlun was a good guy.

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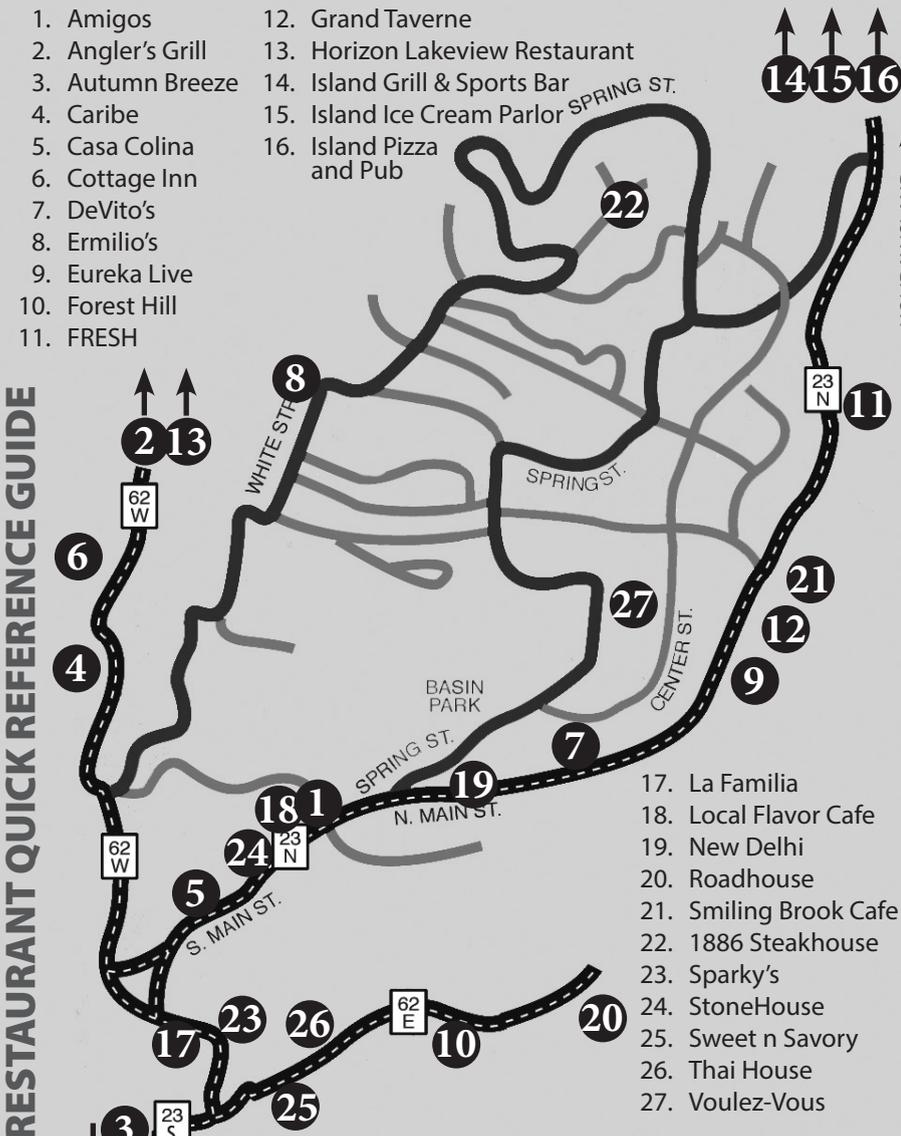
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## Cardinal Grand Cross in the Sky

Following Holy Week (passion, death and burial of the Pisces World Teacher) and Easter Sunday (Resurrection Festival), from the 19<sup>th</sup> to the 23<sup>rd</sup>, the long awaited and discussed Cardinal Cross of Change appears in the sky, composed of Cardinal signs Aries, Libra, Cancer, Capricorn with planets (13-14 degrees) Uranus (in Aries), Jupiter (in Cancer), Mars (in Libra) and Pluto (in Capricorn). An actual geometrical square or cross configuration. Cardinal signs mark the seasons of change, initiating new realities.

Central are Uranus (revolution/revelation) and Pluto (bringing everything to the light to be transformed), Aries (all things new, no compromises) and Capricorn (structure of civilization). These two

brought about the Industrial Revolution, the Great Depression and radical social change of the 1960s. This time they are joined by Jupiter in Cancer (awakening the masses) and Mars in Libra (assertion of new values).

This Grand Cross leads up to vast unprecedented political, social, economic change and instability the next three years. Before the new world can emerge, greed and corruption within our present broken system, the keeping of humanity in continued deprivation, injustice, havoc, hostage and poverty, must be exposed. There will be escalating battles between the old watch and an enlightened public. Keynotes – awakening, knowledge, values, action,

justice, will, and new direction with a simultaneous demand to destroy what, from the old order, is stagnant, lifeless and unjust.

These refer to conditions the Forces of Materialism, influenced by the Forces of Evil, have created in our world. The Cardinal Cross is to bring about the crisis that awakens humanity. We will enter uncharted territory as the new Uranian archetypes take hold initiating a long cycle of change. We must be prepared to go into battle with courage and strength to “play our part.” We were born for this time. It will not be a time of peace. We remember when last the Christ was on Earth, He came with a sword. We are in similar times.

**ARIES:** Be aware of defining your self-identity (a good thing) in terms of what you possess. It's good to have what we need. Sometimes it tells us what we're worth. But it doesn't provide us with true self-value. That's a spiritual lens that needs continual remembering. What is the message? You're valuable not only in money but in spirit.

**TAURUS:** Attempt to express thoughts and feelings of love, appreciation, care and nurturance as everything you value changes. You're considering ways of using resources so they become future investments. Good. But beforehand, tend to all unfinished business, communications, finances, and responsibilities. This calls for discipline. You need the presence of mind for your next world endeavor.

**GEMINI:** Working quietly and in solitude (even when in the world), preparing to dream and to remember those dreams, asking yourself serious questions and awaiting the answers to reveal themselves is part of this time's internal agenda. Simultaneously, something may appear that becomes a resource. Each day search for what's hidden and valuable. Your values are becoming universal, seeking the good for everyone.

**CANCER:** You need to communicate more, share personal experiences, aspirations, hopes, wishes and dreams. You cannot keep yourself isolated. Who

are your friends? Go to them more openly. They provide safety, security and a feeling of love and care. But you must take the first authentic step. You can, will, and should. Bake more.

**LEO:** You have a deep strength to call upon when everything seems strange, difficult and restricted. This strength holds you in safety, insuring what you need will be provided. Whatever you're accomplishing in the world now is prosperous, valuable and purposeful. There is one question though. If you're unhappy on any level, what else would you want to do? With whom and where?

**VIRGO:** It's possible you feel restrictions in your physical body, in how you see and think about yourself. A new sense of creative effort is coming forth, providing you with a new ladder to climb allowing you an overview of who you would like to be. Previous long held philosophies defining you will change. Replaced with a greater wondrous view.

**LIBRA:** If you take the time to review your life, you realize that by sharing resources, you're creating a deep connection for lifetimes between yourself and others. This contact (releasing Love)

provides you with comfort, care and a sense of regeneration. You also provide this for others.

Remember there's more to life than work and money. There's also compassion. It creates spiritual joy. You long for this.

**SCORPIO:** Very interesting times. It's possible you've become attracted to a new reality. You want experiences that lead to feelings of safety and security, and events and people (a special someone) to offer you shelter leading to well being. These are good aspirations. Do be aware though that if you attract what's moody, you too become this way. Be aware that true is very subtle.

**SAGITTARIUS:** Scorpio (above) applies to you, also. Instead of looking for the attraction you've entered that big life change (now, more in the future). Each day, in order to remain a part of the human race and for needed comfort, recite the *Integration Mantram*. “I am one with my brothers and sisters. All that I have is theirs. May the love of my Soul pour forth to them. May the strength within me lift and aid them.” And you, too.

**CAPRICORN:** Here is a quote

concerning “measure” your goodness. “We must measure our goodness and ourselves by what we embrace, what we create, and by what and whom we include.” This is your meditative seed thought. You have an opportunity to work with the earth, plant and mineral kingdoms under the Sun's light. You will develop subtle emotional and intuitive connections with them. They in turn offer you protection, knowledge and ways to serve.

**AQUARIUS:** You realize what you are grateful for. You see how important a home is, also the importance of family in close contact. You look into your past and toward your future and know that what you do each day, the choice of your actions, determines the quality of your life. This is like a mathematical equation. You are the foundation of your life, building from this position. In the meantime, have a party, some fun, cook, invite people over.

**PISCES:** Tend to all communications you've set aside. Now is the right time. Offer everyone gratitude, providing them with a new view of their worth. You know this but others need to hear it. It may be you have one good day and the next is confused and disoriented. Rest on days of confusion. Create a pictorial journal of your perfect home. Relationships begin to be structured differently. A new rhythm will emerge. Prepare everything carefully.



# I want to be a thousandaire so freakin' bad

Coming to us from Brooklyn, Ted Hefko and the Thousandaire have a captivating sound that blends jazz, blues and folk. With Neil Flink on guitar, Brian Vinson on bass and Norman Edwards, Jr. drumming the beat, Hefko provides the vocals and the horn section, breaking out the tenor sax and clarinet for solos. From the big swing sound of "It's Cold In Here" to the bluesy but fun "Color Me Blue," this band keeps the audience interested and engaged. Hear them at Chelsea's on Thursday, April 17 at 9 p.m.

**The rest of the story...**

Eureka has an abundance of good music this weekend. Along with our regulars, such as Jerry Yester at StoneHouse and the Hogscalders at the Balcony,

there will be Christian music in Basin Park on Friday and Saturday. Jack's Place has Steampunk Revolution, a rock-n-roll outfit (not punk despite the name) from Southwest Missouri. Voulez-Vous has the Mesa Mitchell Band, she sings the blues with a voice that could lure sailors to danger. The George Brothers are at Legends on Friday night. The Cathouse is hosting KC's new face of bluegrass—Famous Seamus and the Travel Bong—a group of jamming friends who started a facebook page as a joke and to their surprise started booking gigs. Bella Donna brings "Ozark Jazz" to New Delhi Café on Saturday and the Rowdy Beaver, big and small one, has Elvis look-alike Matt Reeves with his rock-a-billy country tunes.

**THURSDAY – APRIL 17**

- **BLARNEY STONE** *Jam Session-local live music, 7 p.m.*
- **CHELSEA'S** *Ted Hefko & the Thousandaire Cajun Swing, 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 18**

- **BALCONY RESTAURANT**

- Hogscalders, 12 p.m. & 6 p.m.*
- **BASIN PARK** *Christian Music, 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.*
- **BLARNEY STONE** *Tommy Nolan, 8:30 p.m.*
- **CATHOUSE LOUNGE** *Famous Seamus & the Travel Bong, 8 p.m. – midnight*
- **CHASERS BAR & GRILL** *Karaoke with Tiny, 8–10:30 p.m., Heymaker, 11 p.m.*
- **CHELSEA'S** *The #9 Blacktops Rockabilly, 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** *Steampunk Revolution, 9 p.m.*
- **LEGENDS SALOON** *Bike Night with The George Brothers, 8 p.m.*
- **NEW DELHI** *Strange Deranger, 6–10 p.m.*
- **ROWDY BEAVER** *Karaoke with Jerry, 7 p.m.*
- **ROWDY BEAVER DEN** *Matt Reeves Band, 9 p.m.*
- **THE STONE HOUSE** *Jerry Yester, 6:30–9:30 p.m.*
- **VOUEZ-VOUS** *Mesa Mitchell Band Jazz/R&B, 9 p.m.*

- Famous Seamus & the Travel Bong, 8 p.m. – midnight*
- **CHASERS BAR & GRILL** *Ride Shy, 9 p.m.*
- **CHELSEA'S** *Chucky Waggs, 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** *Steampunk Revolution, 9 p.m.*
- **LEGENDS SALOON** *DJ Pharoah, 9 p.m.*
- **NEW DELHI** *Bella Donna, 6–10 p.m.*
- **ROWDY BEAVER** *Matt Reeves, 7:30 p.m.*
- **ROWDY BEAVER DEN** *DJ Goose, 12–4 p.m., Tightrope, 9 p.m.*
- **VOUEZ-VOUS** *Mesa Mitchell Band Jazz/R&B, 9 p.m.*

**SUNDAY – APRIL 20**

- **BALCONY RESTAURANT** *Jeff Lee, 12 p.m., & 5 p.m.*
- **CHASERS** *Shuffleboard Tournament, 4 p.m.*
- **LEGENDS SALOON** *Free Texas Hold 'Em Tournament with prizes, 6 p.m.*
- **ROWDY BEAVER** *Sunday Specials*
- **ROWDY BEAVER DEN** *Cooter & Friends, 12–4 p.m.*

**MONDAY – APRIL 21**

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

**TUESDAY – APRIL 22**

- **CHASERS BAR & GRILL**



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- **BALCONY RESTAURANT** *Catherine Reed, 12 p.m., Chris Diablo, 6 p.m.*
- **BASIN PARK** *Christian Music, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m., Jesus Parade, 2 p.m. followed by more Christian music until 5 p.m.*
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# COMMUNITY DATEBOOK

**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.

**April 18**

*Spice Boat Grand Opening!* Noon – 2 p.m., Pine Mountain Village. Refreshments.

**April 21**

*HICC Ladies' Fellowship*, "From the Door in Egypt to the Cross in

Jerusalem," 10 a.m. Men welcome. Refreshments. (479) 255-5961 or (479) 253-8021.

**April 22**

*Dr. John Van Brahana*, Arkansas karst geology expert, free presentation "CAFOs in Paradise" 6 p.m., UU Church, 17 Elk.

**April 24, 25, 26**

*HI Theater Guild*, "Those Crazy Ladies in the House on the Corner" (April 24 w/dinner 6 p.m. play 7 p.m. (479) 981-2638 for dinner theater.); April 25, 26 play 7 p.m. Tickets \$10. (479) 253-5622 or at the door.

## Easter Sunday Benefit for two locals

There will be a "Friends with Benefits" event Sunday, April 10, 4:30 p.m., at the Pied Piper Pub for Dylan Sunday and Natasha Engleman. Both are wheelchair bound and need help with exorbitant medical expenses.

The family-friendly benefit includes a live auction, beer garden, a Smoke Off between six local restaurants and music by several local groups. Come have a good time and help a neighbor in need. For more info, phone (479) 363-9976.

## Pick up summer reading at library book sale

Friends of the Eureka Springs Carnegie Public Library will host a book sale at the library annex, 194 Spring, on Thursday, April 24, 6 – 8 p.m.; Friday, April 25, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. and Saturday, April 26, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

There will be a large selection of one-dollar books. Paperbacks are 25 cents each, or five for a dollar. All proceeds go to the library's acquisitions and special projects fund. For information, call (479) 253-8754.

## Signed up for ArtRageous Parade yet?

Let's make this year's parade totally ArtRageous. Go crazy! Light up! The parade at 6 p.m. Saturday, May 3, is open to everybody – floats, cars, walkers, musicians, dancers, animals, groups, individuals, vans, drummers, kids and adults – anybody who wants to help kick off May Festival of the Arts' first evening parade in a big,

colorful way. Parade applications are available at the CAPC office, 121 East Van Buren, Suite 3B; Eureka Springs Chamber of Commerce in Pine Mountain Village and on the May Arts website, eurekaspringsfestivalofthearts.com. For more information, phone the CAPC (479) 253-7333.

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Association, National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys, Oklahoma State Society of CPAs, Wealth Counsel, Elder Counsel and Academy of Special Needs Planners.

Linda Lewis has moved from the Board of Directors to the Advisory Board. Linda has a background in radio marketing and promotions, and television and film production. She has served as producer and host for more than 40 television programs, documentaries and films. Currently, Linda and husband, Christopher Lewis, own The Entertainment Group production company based in Jensen Beach, Fla.



## Enjoying the curse of Japanese honeysuckle

From winter to dogwoods blooming with the snap of a finger! Now the lush vegetation that is the predominant biota of the Ozarks is about to burst. Many of the native spring ephemeral wildflowers are blooming or passing now, and all manner of wildflowers, shrubs, trees, vines and weeds compete for our attention, be it a bouquet or fodder for a weedeater. One plant that defies human training is the ubiquitous Japanese



honeysuckle (*Lonicera japonica*) a dominant vine in our environs.

Japanese honeysuckle arrived in the United States as an ornamental plant in 1806. For decades it was grown in the northeast as a rare horticultural specimen. In 1862, George Hall introduced a new vigorous variety to Parson's Nursery of Flushing, New York. This new introduction, *Lonicera japonica* "Halliana," (*L. Halliana*) was touted in a 1912 nursery catalog as "Grand for trellises and ground cover. One of the best."

The difference between this and other forms of Japanese honeysuckle is simply that Hall's honeysuckle is more vigorous genetic material. It is this cultivated variety that has become one of the most vigorous alien weed species of the eastern United States. It escaped from gardens by the 1890s. By 1919 it was considered a rank aggressive alien invader. Today it is among the more ruthless weeds in America.

Japanese honeysuckle produces two major ingredients in Traditional Chinese Medicine. The flowers are known as *jin yin hua* which consists of the dried, unopened buds of Japanese honeysuckle. Another product is the dried stems with leaves attached known as *ren dong teng*. The Chinese name *jin yin hua* means gold and silver flower, referring to the fact that the white flowers turn golden yellow one or two days after blooming. The Chinese name, referring to the stems with the leaves attached, *ren dong*, means "stand in winter" in reference to the evergreen leaves.

Flowers are used in prescriptions to treat infections of the upper respiratory tract, fever, colds and flu. Stems and branches are used similarly but considered weaker.

Call it an herb or a weed, Japanese honeysuckle is here to stay and will riot against any attempt to maintain its height at 8 in. Cutting it stimulates its growth.

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additional power line right-of-way width requirements.

"Despite what the power company tells us, the FERC and the National Electric Safety Code have nothing to do with the right-of-way width they insist upon for this power line," Stowe said. "There is only one reason in the world SWEPCO would insist on a 150 foot right-of-way. They plan to be using helicopters on our properties all across Northwest Arkansas and Southwest Missouri. And once they've acquired the right-of-way, there will be no way to stop the terror of it. It will have devastating effects on wildlife, livestock and human beings living in reasonable proximity to these power lines."

In Stowe's case along alternate Route 91, because of the steep terrain and location of the right-of-way, helicopters would have been flying at eye level 75 ft. from his deck. The route by his house was later dropped from consideration, but he has concern for others along the proposed route who would have their lives disrupted by the noise and danger from low flying helicopters.

Main denied that the right-of-way width was designed to accommodate helicopters, and said helicopters are used throughout AEP's service territory to patrol

transmission lines when needed to locate storm-related damage so they can respond faster to outages, and usually once or twice a year for inspection of lines or rights-of-way to identify maintenance issues and help ensure reliability.

"For line construction, use of helicopters can have less impact on the ground than other equipment and may be necessary or better suited for some locations," Main said. "We have not determined whether they would be used in construction of the Shipe Road-Kings River line."

Stowe said the cheap and effective use of helicopters for power line maintenance must be good for the profits of AEP/SWEPCO or they wouldn't have planned such a thing.

"Enduring the noise, the hazards, and fear that accompany such work should not be routine for residents of Northwest Arkansas or anyplace else in the state," Stowe said in a letter to legislators. "No right-of-way agreement currently in force should be allowed to grant or grandfather such intrusions into the lives of Arkansans."

SWEPCO claims in order to meet federal reliability standards the entire right-of-way must be kept clear cut. But according to (NERC) best management

practices, clear cutting is not even required for construction.

"One way to accommodate variances in topography is to establish different regions based on wire height," states the NERC document, Transmission Vegetation Management NERC Standard FAC-003-2 Technical

Reference. "For example, over canyon bottoms or other areas where conductors are 100 feet or more above the ground, only a few trees are likely to be tall enough to conflict with the lines. In those cases, trees that potentially interfere with the transmission lines can be removed selectively on a case-by-case basis."

## APSC considering petitions for rehearing

**BECKY GILLETTE**

The Arkansas Public Service Commission (APSC) has decided to take another 60 days before deciding on whether to grant petitions for re-hearing from the citizen group Save The Ozarks (STO) and American Electric Power/Southwestern Electric Power Company (SWEPCO).

STO has requested a full rehearing of the APSC's decision granting a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need (CECPN) for SWEPCO's controversial high voltage transmission line proposed by SWEPCO.

Normally only 30 days is allowed before APSC decides on a rehearing. But in this case, the APSC has allowed an additional 60 days. STO Director

Pat Costner said they take it as a positive sign that the Commission is considering the rehearing.

In addition to the CECPN, the rehearing would also take up the matter of the APSC decision approving Route 109, which avoids more heavily populated areas in Arkansas like Gateway and Garfield in favor of running 25.5 miles just north of the Missouri state line in Barry and McDonald counties.

SWEPCO has asked APSC to overturn the decision selecting Route 109 – which has run into heavy headwinds from Missouri elected officials – in favor of SWEPCO's preferred Route 33 that stays in Arkansas, is shorter, less expensive and disrupts more property owners.

# Sharing a cup of love

C.D. WHITE

Chuck and Pattie Jarrett did something we all could aspire to, or at least find inspiring. They raised three children and when the kids were grown they paid everything off, moved into an RV, packed in some tents and tables, and went on the road feeding the hungry.

Chuck learned to cook from his chef father, and was himself a chef for 29 years, which put him in good stead to serve up something delicious to those who couldn't afford to dine out. About a month ago, Chuck and Pattie came to ground at the former Wildflower Thrift Shop building on US 62E and are building up a fellowship of believers at Cup of Love Ministries while still feeding those hungry in body and spirit.

On Wednesdays, Chuck serves a free Mexican dinner at Cup of Love at 5 p.m. followed by a Bible Study. He also serves a free soup lunch there on Fridays from 9:30 a.m. – 2 p.m. and moves his hearty wares to the Flint Street Fellowship to serve soup at their free meals on other days of the week.

When we caught up with him on a Friday, he was serving five soups he had made from scratch – beef and rice, mushroom potato, chicken noodle, clam chowder and beef stew – along with homemade cookies and muffins donated by a supporter.

Although the couple maintain a home base in “grandma’s house,” they still take “travel days,” setting up their free outdoor soup kitchen in the Arkansas, Missouri and Oklahoma area – as well as working with the Red Cross for storm relief meals when needed.

“We both always wanted to do this, but we made sure everything was paid for and took care of our finances before we quit our jobs,” Pattie told the *Independent*.

“Everything is donated. Sometimes people give us venison and other game they’ve hunted, and we get food donations locally and from churches in Carroll County and in Cassville, Missouri. All we pay for is gas and seasonings.”

It might not be a life many of us envision, but for Pattie it’s simply a matter of paying it forward.

“In 1999 I was diagnosed with cancer and given two years to live,” Pattie explained. She has fought cancer multiple times and been healed through faith and prayer, “and I’m still here,” she said. Both Chuck and Pattie are also musicians and artists. Pattie plays bass and sings – and gives her art away. “It’s a gift God gave me, so it’s a gift I just want to pass on.”



**Made with love** – Chuck Jarrett serves up one of five homemade soups full of hearty goodness at the new Cup of Love soup kitchen and free clothes closet in the former Wildflowers Thrift Shop. Cup of Love also supplies free hygiene supplies.

PHOTO BY CD WHITE

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

*Sometimes I'm too exhausted to make love. (I have three small children and a full-time job.) My boyfriend's always in the mood. We have sex almost every day. I shouldn't get the third degree if I'm not in the mood, right?*

**R**IGHT!  
*So what's normal, who's right, who's wrong? Help!*

Mediating differences in sexual expectations is the quintessential relationship challenge. Resolving this relationship snafu becomes significantly less complicated when both partners commit to the individual practice of Self-Responsibility.

*Individual? But I thought good relationships were built on togetherness, meeting each other's needs, never feeling lonely again?* There is some truth and much danger in these assumptions. When we mistakenly assume responsibility (fault) for our partner's feelings or hold them responsible for ours (blame), disappointment ensues and resentment flourishes.

Acknowledging that we alone are responsible

for our feelings, both good and bad, and diligently pursuing the practice of self-responsibility, is a Do-It-Yourself project. Exercising self-responsibility allows us to constructively manage our negative emotions, be sensitive to our partner's feelings and respond with maturity.

While there are two sides to your dilemma, truth is you're both hurting. Let's start with you. By responding to your partner with self-responsibility, you acknowledge and communicate with kindness that you're exhausted and don't feel sexual. You do not succumb to coercion. In staying true to yourself, your home remains your oasis for rejuvenation and your coveted haven for sexual exploration with your partner.

When your partner exercises self-responsibility, he does not take your exhaustion personally. He maturely acknowledges that you do not exist simply to satisfy his needs. It may even be painful for him to discover that by humoring him sexually when you're not in the mood, you've come to perceive him as just another dreaded chore. Giving in repeatedly to unwanted

sexual pleas in order to keep the peace is the most efficient path to Sexual Aversion. Managing sexual disinterest is one thing, recovering from sexual aversion – read repulsion – is a heart-breaking journey out of a painfully sexless relationship.

Sexual self-responsibility requires the capacity to meet your own needs. Yes, you have two hands. Use them. Legitimate time and space between sexual interactions is no cause for alarm.

*Au Contraire!* Be prepared for peaked desire, heightened sensitivity, impassioned arousal and salacious creativity.

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



explain to the people of Arkansas.

Perhaps not. From the tone of his letter we may not be smart enough to understand why he is allowing himself to be influenced by self-serving corporate interests. His entire political career was jump started three years ago by contributions from Koch Industries, WalMart and SWEPCO. It continues with regular contributions almost monthly. *That's* not too complex to understand, is it? Who are you working for, Bob?

**Carrie Douglas  
Beaver**

## Reply to Ballinger

Editor,

Bob, I have sent you many emails already and like other comments regarding your letter in the recent ESI, where have you been? All we have heard is that this issue is not in your job description or that it is a state matter and you seem to have ducked from this whole SWEPCO land grab issue for nearly a year.

Also, regarding eminent domain, there have been projects built like casinos, landfills, airports in obscure locations that are never used, and the list goes on and it is a slippery slope taking private lands for what the State deems as “for the public good.” I will never buy a piece of land in a rural area knowing what I now know can happen.

Also, the herbicide spraying and pesticide spraying is something you should also care about as organically-raised food is becoming very sought after and renewable energy is also becoming to be realized as a growing necessity.

This is a dinosaur project and is hurting the organic farming opportunities and the eco-tourism opportunities and God where have you been to just now be waking up to the gravity of this situation? It is never too late though, and I hope you fight for the people and not just for funding your campaigns with corporate money from the big boys preying on the little rural folks that rely on people like you to stick up for us.

**Susan Pang  
Garfield, Ark.**

## An offer you can't refuse

Editor,

There were two articles last week on eminent domain. One was excellent, Becky Gillette's “MO rep clashes with

SWEPCO on eminent domain” with clear facts and relevant information. The other was based on a page of the AEP playbook, using the false highway analogy to claim Coal by Wire is the only way to keep the lights on.

[SWEPCO spokesman] Peter Main quoted in Becky's article states, “Property owners who have *granted* us an easement will pay property taxes on their land, but not on the utility facilities.” No one in their right mind would “grant” SWEPCO an easement. The term used at the Gentry Safari Condemnation trial was “the taking” by which SWEPCO and its crews are given unlimited, perpetual access at any time, for whatever reason, with no permission required.

Is Main saying landowners don't have to pay taxes on the poles and conductors placed in the easement just to make SWEPCO look good? Main again, is stretching the truth. SWEPCO pays no taxes on the poles and conductors: ratepayers will see an increase on their monthly bills!

Have you seen the Easement Agreement? After several requests to Main and [Arkansas Public Service Commission Exec. Dir. John] Bethel, I was told to hire an attorney. “Easement Agreement” is a misnomer for the secret document drafted by SWEPCO lawyers: An offer you can't refuse. SWEPCO and its agents will have the key to the gates, the landowner loses privacy and security for his entire land and gets to pay taxes and insurance for the land, and is liable for damages inside the easement.

If your 100-acre parcel is traversed by nine acres inside the right-of-way, SWEPCO pays for nine acres at whatever offer they make. Your property loss is around 40 percent, same as the property tax loss for the county. For details, please see [www.LeanPower.org](http://www.LeanPower.org)

SWEPCO's project has nothing to do with grid reliability; it is all about land grab. SWEPCO makes a profit flipping electrons, but long-term gains are on the miles of easement taken at pennies on the dollar.

The rape of the countryside started at the July Rogers public hearings, declared by [SWEPCO attorney David] Matthews as “SWEPCO Country.” A few landowners, intimidated by uniformed security inside the courtroom, pleaded with the court to move the line a few feet away from their structures. No wonder our heartfelt comments at Eureka Springs were ignored by APSC staff. SWEPCO wins, everyone else loses.

**Dr. Luis Contreras**

## CEO working for wrong people?

Editor,

In June 2013, just as Save the Ozarks was gearing up to stop the 345 kV power line from coming through Northwest Arkansas, Nick Akins, CEO of AEP, parent company of SWEPCO, was named as one of three vice-chairmen of the Edison Electric Institute. That is an honor for which he could be congratulated. The EEI has been concerned with streamlining the application process to enable new portions of the grid to be constructed with less regulatory gridlock. One of their suggested strategies is to work with *all* regulatory agencies as *early* as possible in the application process.

So why the sneak attack on Northwest Arkansas? Even the US Army Corps of Engineers was kept out of the loop. SWEPCO had queried the USACE in September 2012 about their route just as it was being introduced to a few select mayors and county judges in Northwest Arkansas. The Corps opened a file on the case, which they abandoned when the utility failed to respond to any further inquiries. It will always be a mystery, as to why SWEPCO chose to ignore the USACE and the pre-application process that EEI recommends.

Funny, when looking at the maps of Route 33, engineers working for SWEPCO seemed to make some wrongful assumptions. They seem to have overlooked the White River on the map. They carefully explained to US Congressman Womack that there was no federal nexus with the case, and no USACE permits would be required, despite Route 33/109 crossing the upper end of Table Rock Lake at the town of Beaver, Ark.

While they have claimed they are not bound in any way to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act, the Corps was careful to inform them by letter that that is not the case, and that NEPA review will be a necessity for any river crossing. Still, no application or pre-application to the USACE for this powerline has been filed in this case despite the judge's approval of Route 33/109 and its crossing of the White River.

I have never been exposed to such regulatory malfeasance in my life – this matter may actually be routine for the APSC. It may indeed be routine for AEP/SWEPCO.

On the other hand, an environmentally and economically unique area of the

Ozarks has been threatened by the creation of a monstrosity of enormous proportions. There is nothing routine about the Shipe Road to Kings River Project. We turned out in huge numbers to ask them to abandon their inappropriate project. If Nick Akins's company refuses to abide by the guidelines of the Edison Electric Institute, perhaps he is serving as vice-chairman of the wrong organization.

In light of this, I call for his resignation and ask that he bring the rogue elements of his corporation into line. I insist that AEP/SWEPCO withdraw their application for the Shipe Road to Kings River.

**Doug Stowe**

## Speak up for human rights

Editor,

I just listened to Mark Potok of the *Southern Poverty Law Center* in Montgomery, Ala., an organization that has a long history of fighting the KKK and the Nazis. He was commenting on the vicious attack by “Glen Miller” on a Jewish Synagogue and a Jewish nursing home near Kansas City. He assassinated three people whom he thought to be Jewish, and at Passover time.

We in Arkansas have our own right-wing radicals like the KKK and Nazis and they are not all in Harrison. They are not all “nuts;” they are well organized and highly armed with all kinds of guns and explosives. They propagandize, all too often in so-called “Christian” churches, and prepare to kill.

It is difficult to oppose these haters because of the First Amendment; however, it is my belief we should never allow any racist comments or homophobia, or woman-hatred or anti-Semitic BS to be made without our strong objection.

I worked for the anti-racist movement in Texas, exposing and opposing the KKK and the Nazis. Too often I heard from nice, white liberals that we should just ignore them: they will go away. They have not gone away for hundreds of years. Our silence protects them.

The “gun crazy,” “hate the poor,” “despise anybody who is not like you,” “Republican war on women,” “anti-Obama” culture in the U.S. is one big petri dish for the growth of violence.

Speak up! Do not let fascism grow. Remember what the Pastor said who did not speak up, “when they came for the Socialists, for example, because he was not a Socialist, until they [the Nazis] came for him.”

**T.A. Laughlin**

# Re-imagine Main Street April 17

Eureka Springs Downtown Network (ESDN) has issued a special invitation to Main Street property owners, residents, business owners and those interested in the busiest thoroughfare in our downtown district.

Main Street Arkansas, a program area of the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program, will host a “Re-Imagining Main Street” session with Randy Wilson, president and director of design with Community Design Solutions in Columbia, S.C., on April 17. As part of the session, which is co-sponsored by ESDN, Wilson will tour Main Street and visit with residents on April 16.

He will attend Cocktails for a Cause

at FRESH at 5 p.m. on April 17, and present his thoughts at the “Re-Imagining Main Street” public meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the Grand Central Hotel at 37 N. Main.

Wilson serves as the director of design services for Mississippi Main Street, and is the consulting architect to Main Street South Carolina. He has worked in more than 200 Main Street communities across the United States, providing creative design and planning recommendations as part of a team of design professionals.

For more information, contact Brad Jordan (501) 324-9880 or brad@arkansasheritage.org, or Jacqueline Wolven (479) 244-5074, director@eurekaspringsdowntown.com.

## DROPPING A Line

by Robert Johnson



April 14 brings warmer water and current into the creeks. Here’s a pic of some of the white bass and crappie we caught this past week. They are letting a lot of water out of Beaver Lake which is keeping the main channel about 46°, so the fishing was a little slow. We went into Leatherwood in search of warmer water and found some active fish.

At Roaring River on the Missouri side, any creek should bring you good luck with jigs, rooster tails, minnows or crank baits now in water 3 – 20 ft. deep. The spawn is on.

Beaver Lake is about 50° up near the dam, and way upriver – below 412 bridge – we were getting 64° when netting bait this week. The river bite on stripers is about

over, due to the water being muddy and getting warm fast.

For the next month look for stripers from Horseshoe bend to Prairie Creek. Also from the dam area to Rocky Branch should start turning on as the water warms. Stripers can still be caught in water from 5 – 18 ft. deep early and late in the day, and 20 – 30 ft. deep, midday. Look for them rolling on top. Big shiners and shad are still the best live bait in the 4 – 6 in. range, and big top water baits can also work early and late in the day.

Well that’s it for this week. Sorry about last week. I did do a report but noticed when paper came out it was not in so I looked and saw that I sent it to the wrong contact. My mistake.

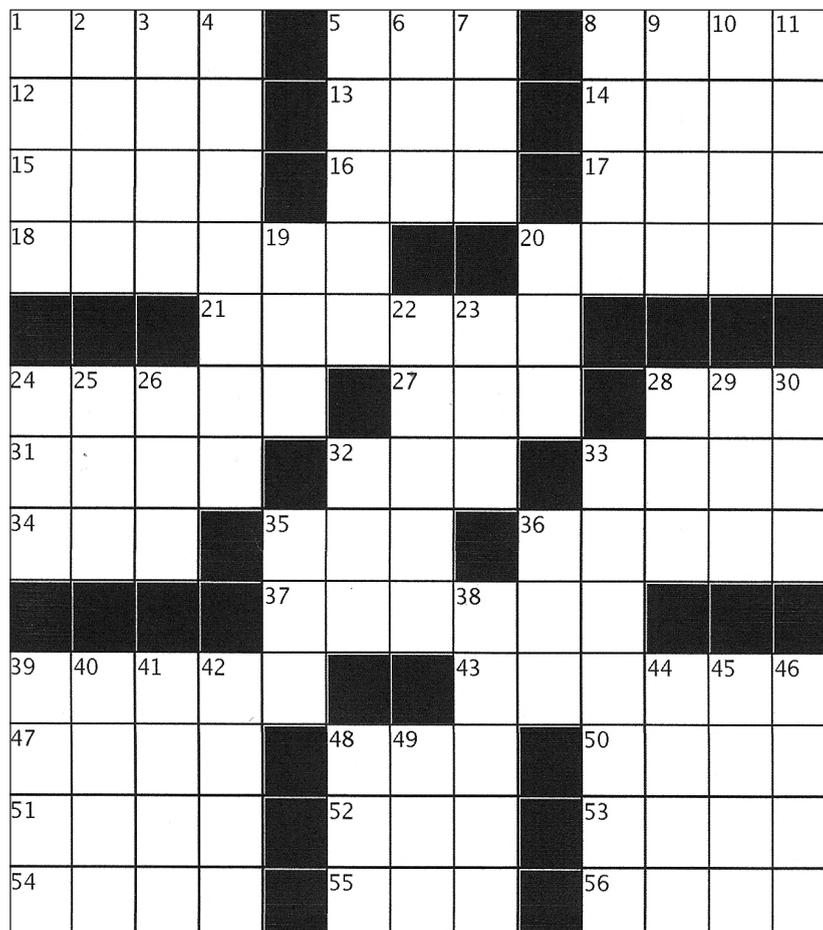
Enjoy the spring.



# INDEPENDENT Crossword

by Bill Westerman

Solution on page 27



### ACROSS

- 1. Express disapproval
- 5. Towel off
- 8. Squeezes out
- 12. Length x width
- 13. Tiny
- 14. Female horse
- 15. Lab vessel
- 16. Airport info
- 17. Hip bones
- 18. Jewish brotherhood
- 20. Publish
- 21. Wide, stiff collar
- 24. Soft, fluffy
- 27. Blue
- 28. Some
- 31. Local clinic
- 32. Likely
- 33. Soft cheese
- 34. Inlet
- 35. Hebrew high priest
- 36. Deadens
- 37. Narrowed

### DOWN

- 39. Medal
- 43. Edit
- 47. Inlet
- 48. Japanese sash
- 50. Jewish calendar month
- 51. Disturb
- 52. Goddess of the dead
- 53. Back of the neck
- 54. Swirling current
- 55. Honey
- 56. Clarified butter

### DOWN

- 11. Bench
- 19. Negative vote
- 20. Seed container
- 22. Meat jelly
- 23. “Tit for \_\_\_”
- 24. One coming out
- 25. Edible tuber
- 26. For what reason?
- 28. Upper limb
- 29. Beak
- 30. Aye
- 32. Pub quaff
- 33. Emerging
- 35. Terminus
- 36. Born
- 38. Whale food
- 39. Farm unit
- 40. Lumber
- 41. Eager
- 42. Depend (on)
- 44. Indian nursemaid
- 45. Sleeveless garment
- 46. Oak, e.g.
- 48. Resistance measurement
- 49. Spelling contest

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Beulah, are living a back-to-the-land dream supported by sales at the market.

Elizabeth and Jeremiah Blossom, who farm near the Kings River, just started selling at the market this year with exotic plants and eggs. "We want to do something good for the community and our family," Jeremiah said. "We appreciate being able to provide locally grown food and plants to the local community."

Bob Hagood is an old timer at the market. He specializes in herbs and vegetable plants.

"I love selling here," said Hagood, who has a 100-mile round trip from his home and greenhouse in Wheaton, Mo. "This is an opportunity to make a living doing what I love."

Jan and Kaylynn Toombs are in their sixth year producing organic foods from their Homestead Farms in Berryville.

"We rely heavily on being able to direct market," Kaylynn said. "For a

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### Other business

Commissioners continued discussion about refining funding guidelines, with Maloney saying he would combine the previous application with the new funding scoresheet to produce an application that enables event promoters to know what the CAPC is looking for and makes for easier scoring.

There was consensus supporting two funding deadlines so events created early in the year, thereby too late for the traditional October deadline, would have a chance for support.

Commissioner Terry McClung commented, "If you're smart, you'll have it early." He said the system would work itself out.

One requirement for funding is that an applicant appear in person before the commission to answer questions. Sandy Martin represented two applications at the meeting. The first was a request for \$475 for an ad in *Eat & Explore Arkansas Cookbook*, which also acts as a travel guide to sites throughout the state. The goal would be "to promote the culinary experiences available throughout the year

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against a "Disneyland standard."

Council voted 5-0 to approve the third reading of Ordinance # 2189 that would increase parking rates for city-owned spots during special events.

in Eureka Springs." The 7x9-in. ad would feature Fleur Delicious Weekend, the Food & Wine Festival and the Culinary Arts Center at the Writers' Colony. Vote to approve the request was unanimous.

Martin also asked for funding support to bring four episodes of "Tales from the South," a radio show where folks from the South tell their own stories. Martin asked for ad help in the amount of \$1500 per episode, which would record in June, July, October and December.

She said the shows would record at Main Stage Theater and broadcast within two weeks over National Public Radio. The show reaches all 50 states as well as international radio audiences. She described this as a new kind of event that would attract out-of-town visitors.

McClung suggested they approve the June and July shows and see how things go, but the commission voted to approve \$1500 for promoting the June show and discuss the other events further at a workshop.

Next workshop will be April 23, at 4 p.m., at the CAPC office, and the regular meeting will be Wednesday, May 14, at 6 p.m.

The second council meeting in May happens to fall on Memorial Day, so the meeting was moved to Wednesday, May 28, at 6 p.m.

Next meeting will be Monday, April 28, at 6 p.m.

town this size, we have a phenomenal market. To be able to direct market is very personal. We have great interactions with our customers. They are family. It is the same to me as producing for my own blood. We have a market all winter, which is incredible."

Eureka Springs has one of only four farmers' markets in Arkansas open during the winter, and the oldest winter market. Growers like Gros have hoop greenhouses to keep the fresh produce coming even during winters as long and cold as the one just experienced.

The market often has musical entertainment, and every week there is some kind of special event like a salsa contest or a youth gardening day.

"I like coming to the market," said Lisa Rebeijo, who with her husband, Frank, sells baked goods including those that are gluten free, vegan and dairy free. "It is a fun place to be. I like the fact that everything here is made or grown by the vendors."

Cecilia Berry, whose Piney Creek

Garden is located south of Berryville in Metalton, said vendors are more like family than competitors.

"We always help each other," said Berry, who is entering her second year at the market. "People are so nice and friendly. It is not about the money. You are having fun."

Vendors might not be competitive on sales, but Berry is competitive when it comes to the pie competition (she won first place with a mango pie) and the salsa contest (she won both first and second place in the tally by taste testers). She specializes in Asian vegetables, offering something different from other growers.

Another vendor is Richard Potter, who sells organic, grass fed beef.

"I come for the camaraderie," said Potter, who has a ranch in Missouri. "I love all the people here. It is like a tribe. I get to feed people who care about where their food comes from. People really value the food. It keeps me going."

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