



Quorum Court strives to collect receivables

NICKY BOYETTE

At the April 18 Carroll County Quorum Court meeting, Justice of the Peace Ron Flake reintroduced an ordinance which declared that the “Carroll County sheriff will collect fines assessed in the Circuit Courts.” Flake said the vote on the same ordinance at the previous meeting, which would take responsibility for collecting delinquent fines from Circuit Clerk Ramona Wilson, had been a tie with one JP absent, so he was sponsoring it again.

Flake then mentioned a letter from Judge Kent Crow indicating Circuit Clerk Ramona Wilson believed her only role in the collecting of fines for Circuit Court was to accept money when it comes to her office.

Deputy Prosecutor Devon Goodman quickly pointed out there was a legal opinion that other duties associated with collecting fines are actually the duties of the court, and it is not the circuit clerk’s responsibility to go out and seek unpaid fines.

JP Tim Garrison asked if this was discussion and not an attempt in an election year to push a private agenda. JP Jack Deaton then asked Wilson for a report on recent collections. She said the Western District had collected \$5,720 in March,

and the county kept \$2175. Collections through April 15 equaled \$3293, and the county kept \$834.50. The Eastern District collected \$20,511.55 in March, of which the county retained \$4,302. Through April 15 the numbers were \$9,564.11 and

the county kept \$3,948.54. She said the amount the county does not keep goes to cover victim restitution and various court-related costs.

She also said her automation upgrade is in progress and she expects it to be

operating within 90 days.

Flake questioned Wilson regarding her role in collecting fines. “It’s my role to take money that comes across the counter,” she said. She added she will issue warrants

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Welcome to Eureka Springs – During the Celebrate Jesus parade April 26, Ney Killebrew keeps a firm rein on this camel from the Passion Play as a visitor to town, a little dubious about the animal’s desire to get in for a tight close up, snaps away while backing up. More parades on p. 14 – 15. *PHOTO BY MELANIE MYHRE*

This Week’s INDEPENDENT Thinker

It’s been 34 years since Democrat Gaylord Nelson of Wisconsin was on an airplane reading sheaves of papers when he had his “Aha!” moment. Nelson had just witnessed the effects of an oil spill on wildlife (we include the Pacific Ocean in that), and believed he could rally Americans to be more sensitive to the planet.

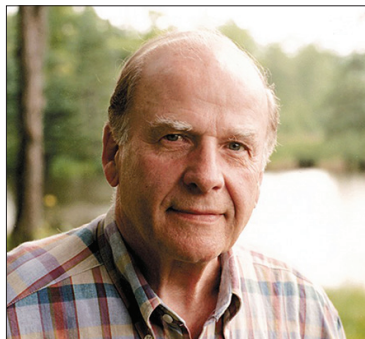


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Nelson recruited Republican Pete McCloskey of California, then drummed up interest from the *New York Times* by claiming an environmental movement would help, not destroy, American business. The result was 20 million people participating in the first Earth Day on April 22, 1970.

As Lady Bird Johnson said, “The environment is where we all meet, the one thing we all share.”

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If you say so.

Bariola bears glad tidings to Hospital Commission

NICKY BOYETTE

“We’re ready to get rolling on it,” Chris Bariola, CEO of Eureka Springs Hospital, told the Hospital Commission at its April 21 meeting, referring to development of property west of town for the purpose of building a new hospital.

He said the next step would be to see what prospects are for getting sewer lines to the location, which is atop a spacious rocky plateau above Thorncrown Chapel. Allegiance, the for profit company that leases operation of the facility, would need to hire an architect who would send out engineers to survey and “tell us what we’re up against,” Bariola said. One additional consideration would be whether they would need a water tower.

“That’s the first I’ve heard of that,” commented Mayor Morris Pate.

Bariola said the biggest concern is getting sewer to the site because it would be out of the question to consider a large septic system for a hospital because of the environmental impact.

Obstacles notwithstanding, Bariola stated, “We’re pretty serious about driving this forward.” Constructing the new facility would be the easy part, he said, and they would want a design that incorporates their ancillary offices, such as physical therapy, which now is housed on Passion Play Road. Bariola said they envision a physical therapy gym.

Another service they would bring to the site would be Inspirations, an outpatient geriatric psychiatric unit. Bariola said they have been in discussions with other specialists because there is a need in the area. He has also commented there are creative ways to recruit medical professionals just out of residency. “We have to go out there and get them.” He is looking for a mixture of experience and youthful enthusiasm.

Bariola said he hoped to have information regarding surveys of the property at the next meeting. He also mentioned, “I’m not going to promise, but corporate [Rock Bordelon, CEO of Allegiance] might be at the next meeting.”

Transfers under control

In the meantime, Bariola said the hospital has contracted with Ozark EMS to transfer non-emergency patients, and

the service began April 15, earlier than expected. He said there would be two rigs here during the busy season so there should not be a wait for a ride.

“It’s a great benefit to the community. It’s a win-win for everyone. EMS gets stretched pretty thin sometimes,” Pate observed.

Hello and good-bye

“The hospital is in the process of digitizing its phone system,” Bariola said. “There’s all new hardware.” In addition, all staff who did not have a new personal computer will have one by the end of the month.

Move authorized

Bariola also said, “I have a letter from MediCare giving us the authority to move the hospital.” He said he was required to put a completion date on the application and he put April 2016, emphasizing the date “was not set in stone” and could be extended, but having the letter was an important step in the process.

Hallelujah!

ESH also has the capability to receive AR SAVES, a program that facilitates neurologists’ consultations with patients having a stroke in any of 41 Emergency Departments around Arkansas by way of an interactive video network.

Bariola said once ESH is approved, doctors would be able to key into a neurologist as a patient is being prepped, and they would also be able to deliver needed medications to patients. Some of the medications needed for these patients are so expensive, maybe thousands of dollars per dose, hospitals have developed exchanges so the medications go where they are needed and do not expire.

Next meeting will be Monday, May 19, at 1 p.m., at ECHO Clinic.

Scottie Spirit Night at Amigo’s

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Rancorous exchanges about trails at Parks

NICKY BOYETTE

Commissioner Rachel Brix took her seat at the April 15 Parks Commission meeting wearing a large red X around her neck. It went unmentioned as the meeting began with Chair Bill Featherstone commenting on the Trails Master Plan that would be presented later in the meeting.

He said the document was the product of much effort over the years. "Our trails did not happen overnight," he said, and acknowledged "the rumor mill is alive in Eureka Springs" regarding perceptions of what Parks is trying to do.

Featherstone encouraged "those who want to know the truth" to speak with Parks staff or commissioners directly and not depend on rumormongers for information about the trails system. At this point he held up a piece of paper bearing, in large letters, eurekatrails@gmail.com.

He urged citizens to communicate with him, and stated, "You will get a response."

When it was time for Public Comments, Brix raised her hand and took her place at the microphone. She began by stating the Trails Master Plan reminded her of the slogan 'Eminent Domain - taking what others work for.'

She disagreed with the concept that Parks can assume platted but undeveloped streets around town are at their disposal for making trails. She called the idea "megalomaniacal and irresponsible." She envisioned citizens being forced to put up fences and signage that would turn "our beautiful, quaint town ugly and uninviting."

Brix more than once claimed Parks was not concerned with opinions of



locals who will be affected by public trails near their living spaces, and she sees the system, if completed as planned, inevitably leading to passersby straying off the path or trespassing, and the end result could affect property values.

At the end, Brix decried the publishing in a local paper of a map of a proposed trail around town, erroneously attributed to the Parks Commission along with the Trails Committee, which featured her property with a big red X on it and the phrase "Area of Proposed Vacation." She also denounced the effort by a Trails Committee member to collect signatures in front of the grocery store on a "witch hunt petition" opposing the Brixes' application for a vacation of the undeveloped Rock Street.

Parks Director Bruce Levine took

his turn in Public Comments to respond. He stated, "I find most of what she said is hyperbolic and inflammatory." He also

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Sheriff, mayors told to settle financial dispute

NICKY BOYETTE

Friday's Quorum Court meeting began with Berryville Mayor Tim McKinney distributing his response to a letter Carroll County Sheriff Bob Grudek had sent McKinney, the quorum court, the media and management attorneys for the county. Other letters had circulated regarding payment to the sheriff's department for services beyond what Grudek maintains is its responsibility, in particular, data entry related to dispatching and after-hours Arkansas Crime Information Center (ACIC) functions.

"The City of Berryville has entered into an agreement with the City of Eureka Springs to handle all Police Department after-hours dispatching and ACIC terminal hits," McKinney said the letter states the position of the City of Berryville, and he wants the matter closed. He said they would be operational within a week or so.

Grudek's letter stated, "The Quorum court erred in 2008 when it repealed

the ordinance requiring Berryville and Green Forest to pay for dispatching."

Another issue was who is responsible for paying expenses of prisoners who require medical attention. Grudek has insisted he has been billed by Mercy Hospital for City of Berryville prisoners, including one bill in the amount of \$4000 that he returned to the hospital.

McKinney responded he had no problem paying what the City of Berryville is liable for, although his letter stated "the City fully intends to utilize the various Arkansas Attorney General's Opinions... pertaining to what is considered a 'City prisoner' or not."

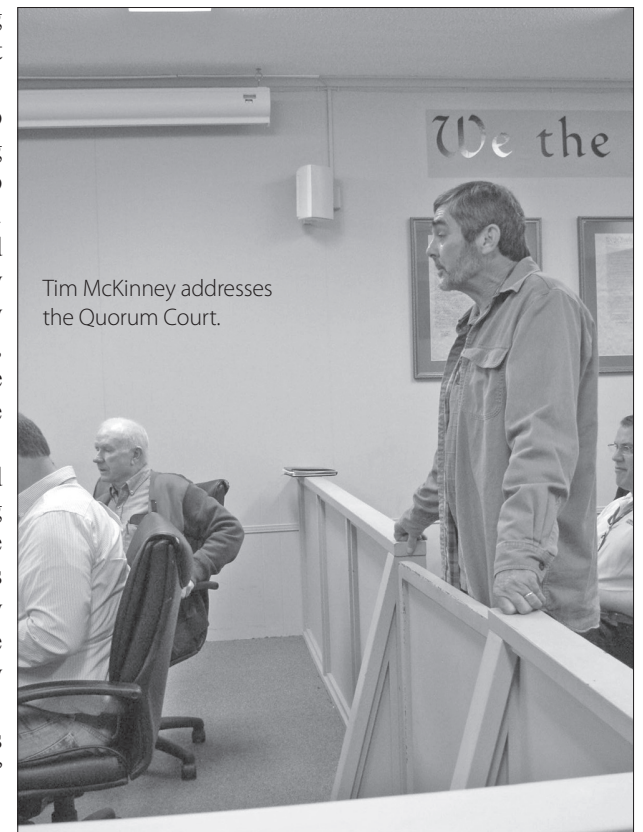
Discussion among JPs became a quagmire of technicalities and vagaries right from the start when JP Larry Swofford asked Grudek if he planned to continue running ACIC on a traffic stop, and Grudek replied he would continue with 911 calls. Swofford responded that the court passed an ordinance stipulating that central dispatch would provide the same information for all deputies, but JP Ron Flake pointed out ACIC is not part of dispatch.

Deputy Prosecutor Devon Goodman said she understood that data entry was a separate function, but thought the ballot title indicated all dispatch would be handled by the sheriff's department.

Grudek reiterated he intends to stop ACIC on routine traffic stops. He said the quorum court controls his budget, but it does not have the right to tell him how to run his department.

Goodman speculated the county might be vulnerable if the sheriff discontinues ACIC, and JP Lamont Richie answered the court could take money from the sheriff's budget and set up what they need elsewhere. Grudek responded he would continue to provide all services if the court would apportion money so he could hire an attorney to resolve legal issues.

Flake liked that idea, saying it would



Tim McKinney addresses the Quorum Court.

be cheaper to find a disinterested attorney to work with Goodman to resolve the dispute than set up a new dispatch system. Points about the original ballot title, old agreements, who actually has a problem, budgeting and blame swirled around until JP Jack Deaton stated firmly, "These officers need dispatchers."

Swofford suggested Grudek had pointed out previously his night dispatchers had time to help with data entry related to collecting fines, so why don't they have time to enter ACIC data? JP Gaylon Riggs answered it was not a dispatcher's function.

"This is headed toward a court," JP Tim Garrison said, suggesting they find an arbitrator.

Various aspects of the different unsettled issues careened around the table. Flake commented, "We need to find out the legal effect of all these things together." He again advocated hiring an attorney. "It's not good for anyone to have contention between the cities and the sheriff with us in the middle," he said.

McKinney asked, "What was the problem before all this started? Are we looking for a problem that isn't there?"

Grudek asked if any agreements were nullified if the cities did not pay medical

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SWEPSCO seeking to overturn judge's rulings to protect property rights

BECKY GILLETTE

One of the biggest landowner rights' issues about the proposed American Electric Power (AEP)/Southwestern Electric Power Company (SWEPSCO) proposal for a high voltage transmission line through the Ozarks isn't just cutting down all vegetation within a 150-ft. right-of-way for 49-56 miles, depending on the route chosen. There have been concerns raised by many property owners potentially affected about the continual use of herbicides on rights-of-way, and how that might affect water quality in wells, streams and lakes.

Arkansas Public Service Commission (APSC) Administrative Law Judge Connie Griffin addressed those concerns in Order 32 that gave SWEPSCO permission to build the transmission line on Route 109 that goes through Missouri for 25.5 miles. However, SWEPSCO has objected to the judge's provisions for landowners to be contacted for permission to use herbicides on their property, and be allowed to maintain the right of way themselves.

"SWEPSCO shall avoid construction and maintenance practices that are inconsistent with the landowner's or tenant's use of the land, particularly the use of fertilizer, herbicides or other pesticides," the judge's order states. "To that effect, SWEPSCO shall contact the landowner or his designee to obtain approval for the use of any herbicide prior to any application on the right-of-way. The landowner may request that there be no application of herbicides on any part of the site within the landowner's property. Additionally, the landowner may choose to care for the right-of-way himself. SWEPSCO shall permit landowners to care for the right-of-way as long as the landowner adequately performs this task."

SWEPSCO objected to the order contending that it "presents a substantial safety issue." SWEPSCO has asked to replace that paragraph entirely with:

"SWEPSCO shall utilize best practices during construction and right-of-way maintenance. Fourteen calendar days prior to the use of any herbicide, SWEPSCO shall contact the landowner or his designee. Any landowner may request that there be no

application of herbicides on any part of the site within the landowner's property. Such requests must be made within ten days of the date the notice is sent. All herbicides that are used on the right-of-way shall be applied in a safe and cautious manner so as to avoid non-targeted vegetation or animal life and as to not damage property, including crops, orchards, tree farms, or gardens. At the landowner's request, SWEPSCO shall evaluate the landowner's use and maintenance within the right-of-way on a case by case basis and determine if right-of-way maintenance is required."

In filings responding to SWEPSCO's petition for a limited rehearing regarding the APSC decision on the power link, Save The Ozarks argued that SWEPSCO provided no proof that complying with that order would present a "substantial safety issue." While SWEPSCO asserts that restrictions on herbicide use would result in additional right-of-way maintenance costs and that manual clearing will be more time-consuming, more frequent and more expensive, STO said SWEPSCO has provided no support for such claims.

SWEPSCO claims that requiring landowner approval prior to the use of herbicides presents a significant logistical challenge, and it could prove impractical to obtain either a written or verbal permission from each landowner prior to right-of-way maintenance.

According to STO, SWEPSCO claims it "cannot delegate or contract away its responsibility to maintain the right-of-way

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Paddle softly and carry a big paddle – Kayakers paddle past SWEPSCO's planned crossing site on the White River near the town of Beaver on Tuesday morning. The site is about a mile upstream from the suspension bridge at Beaver. SWEPSCO's current plan is to cross about 50 miles of Carroll County with a 150-ft. wide easement to accommodate a 345 kiloVolt transmission line from Shipe Road in Benton County to a planned station near the Kings River at Berryville. PHOTO BY DAVID FRANK DEMPSEY

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Herbicide 'cocktail' shown harmful to health

BECKY GILLETTE

Facing a large backlash from members about herbicide use on utility rights-of-way, a member of the Carroll County Electric Corp. (CECC) board of directors questioned what all the fuss was about. The board member was from a farming area where tons of glyphosate, the active ingredient in Roundup®, are used routinely on crops.

Electric utilities like CECC use a mix of different herbicides, including ones that contain glyphosate, to kill vegetation on rights-of-way. The amount used on utility rights-of-way is small compared to what is sprayed on the crops we eat, but that isn't comforting to people who don't want this poison sprayed on their lands because there is increasing evidence that glyphosate is detrimental to both human and animal health.

Glyphosate use is increasing because of its use on Roundup® Ready crops genetically modified to be tolerant to glyphosate. The Environmental

Protection Agency says the use of glyphosate more than doubled from 85-90 million pounds in 2001 to 180-185 million pounds in 2007.

It isn't just the glyphosate that is problematic, but the "inert" ingredients used to make it more effective.

In 2009, *Scientific American* reported that researchers found that one of Roundup's inert ingredients can kill human cells, particularly embryonic, placental and umbilical cord cells.

"The new findings intensify a debate about so-called 'inerts' – the solvents, preservatives, surfactants and other substances that manufacturers add to pesticides," *Scientific American* reported. "Nearly 4,000 inert ingredients are approved for use by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency."

Consumers have been told for many years that glyphosate is safe, that it breaks down in the environment quickly. The group Moms Across America begs

to differ, and has the studies to back it up. Moms Across America and Sustainable Pulse found high levels of glyphosate in three out of the ten samples of breast milk tested recently.

"The shocking results point to glyphosate levels building up in women's bodies over a period of time, which has until now been refuted by both global regulatory authorities and the biotech industry," states Moms Across America. "The levels found in the breast milk testing are 760 to 1600 times higher than the European Drinking Water Directive allows for individual pesticides (glyphosate is both a pesticide and herbicide). They are less than the maximum contaminant level (MCL) for glyphosate in the U.S., which was decided upon by the EPA based on the now seemingly false premise that glyphosate was not bio-accumulative."

In discussing the report, Dr. Angelika Hilbeck, senior scientist at the Institute of Integrative Biology in Zurich, said this data offers a first indication of potential accumulation in the human body, giving newborns a substantial dose of synthetic chemicals as a "gift" for their start into life, with unknown consequences.

"This is reckless and irresponsible conduct in a democratic society, which still has a living memory of previous reckless chemical contaminations, such as DDT," Hilbeck. "It seems we either did not learn, or we have forgotten, our lessons from Rachel Carson!"

One glimmer of hope in the report is that mothers who ate organic, non-GMO diets had the lowest levels of glyphosate.

There is also evidence that glyphosate enhances damaging effects of other food-borne chemical residues and environmental toxins. "Negative impact on the body is insidious and manifests slowly over time as inflammation damages cellular systems throughout the

body." That is from a scientific article published in 2013 in *Entropy*.

The paper, a review of hundreds of glyphosate studies, discusses how glyphosate can work with other chemicals to trigger debilitating diseases like Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, heart disease, diabetes, obesity and gastrointestinal disorders.

Authors of the new review call for more independent research to validate their findings, stating that "glyphosate is likely to be pervasive in our food supply, and contrary to being essentially nontoxic, it may in fact be the most biologically disruptive chemical in our environment."

STO urges more time for beekeepers

Save The Ozarks has recommended better protections for bees from herbicide spraying than what has been proposed by SWEPCO, which is to give 14 days notice to the Northwest Arkansas Beekeeper's Association.

"The notice will indicate the location and day the company intends to apply herbicide so that precautionary measures may be taken by the beekeeper," SWEPCO said.

STO notes that the register/club selected by SWEPCO, the Northwest Arkansas Beekeepers' Association, does not reach the majority of beekeepers in Carroll County, who are involved primarily with the Carroll County Beekeepers Association. STO said prior notice of 14 days does not allow sufficient time to notify beekeepers in Carroll County where communication is often slow due to lack of computers and access to the Internet. STO proposes notification of at least 30 days.



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Water board tackles costs, waives bidding

NICKY BOYETTE

Insurance agent Gene Bennett kicked off the April 17 Carroll-Boone Water District board meeting by explaining what premiums would look like if they added protection to cover the increase in property values since the inception of the current policy. He also gave the board estimates for coverage for earthquake damage to the transmission lines. He added that pollution damage to the water flow is also not covered.

Chair Jim Yates said he thought a \$50,000 premium was too high for earthquake protection considering where the lines are.

Brad Hammond, engineer and consultant from McGoodwin, Williams and Yates, agreed by saying in the rocky soil of northern Arkansas, the ground moves but pipes move a bit also, so lines are less likely to have a problem. Damage is more likely to be localized than extensive, and Hammond added the pipes they use have flexibility in the joints.

Yates suggested they use the \$50,000 premium to repair a lot of pipe. Dan Bowers, attorney for the board, stated they are in the middle of a contract, so all they need to do is continue paying the bills.

Bennett said he would do more research on alternatives for the district.

Finances

Finance Director Cathy Klein pointed out the district has the transmission line expansion project and fluoride feed building construction going on, so the board should consider opening a line of credit to cover ongoing construction expenses until they get reimbursements. She also recommended setting up a separate checking account to cover expenses for a third project, moving a 3000 ft. transmission line out of the way of the US 62 widening project near Green Forest, to keep the finances clean.

Bowers suggested they check into getting the Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department (AHTD) to pay its bills on invoices received by the district rather than paying the bills and then seeking reimbursement.

Hammond suggested the district might not need a line of credit for four or five months for the transmission line project, and Yates said they might not need one at all if the state pays promptly on the US 62 project. He said he was against paying interest on a line of credit if it is not necessary.

Bowers pointed out the board will have more information by the next meeting, and they voted to table the line of credit discussion and set up an account to handle the US 62 widening project.

Engineer talk

Hammond explained they monitor the transmission system by telemetry, which means instruments read measurements along the line and radio data back to the main office. He speculated an overhaul of the whole telemetry system would cost about \$316,000, but two monitors at the Pine Mountain and Green-Berry pump stations should be first in line for repair.

Since competitive bidding for the project would be unworkable, the board voted to waive bidding subject to Bowers' review and enter into a contract with McGoodwin, Williams and Yates to begin the telemetry upgrade project. The first two repairs would be at the Pine Mountain and Green-Berry booster stations for \$19,800 and \$18,500 respectively, and MGY would negotiate with contractors to complete the project for no more than \$325,000.

Hammond told the board the US 62 widening project near Green Forest will affect 3000 ft. of the transmission line east

of the Green-Berry pumping station, and realignment of the transmission line will cost at least \$1.3 million. A "betterment upgrade," which would replace the 3000 ft. of 24-in. pipe with 36-in., and redesign the layout to remove bends in the design, would cost \$1.5 million. Hammond said the state would reimburse all except the upgrade. The board voted to authorize preliminary engineering agreements with MWY and the AHTD.

Hammond announced the fieldwork for Phase 1 of the parallel line project is complete, and very soon they will have finished plans they can show to the landowners across whose property the paralleling will occur.

Hammond also announced pads have been prepared for the fluoride feed building, and expects construction to be completed in November.

Next meeting will be Thursday, July 17, at 10 p.m. at the Freeman-Raney Water Treatment Plant.



Writers read – Tom Sweeney, (from left), Talya Boerner, Dorothy Johnson and Jonathan Harper read at Poetluck at the Writers' Colony at Dairy Hollow on April 17. The four are writers-in-residence and shared some of their work with local writers and fans of the written word at the monthly event. *PHOTO SUBMITTED*

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Sheriff Bob Grudek announced the Take Back drug date is Saturday, April 26, when unused, unwanted, unneeded prescription drugs can be dropped off at four county collection sites:

Eureka Springs and Green Forest Police Depts. will collect from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.; Grassy Knob Volunteer Fire Dept. from 10 a.m. – noon; and the Carroll County Sheriff's Office

in Berryville, which has a permanent drop off box for the drugs.

"In Arkansas's seven events so far, we have collected 41 tons of prescription drugs for disposal," Grudek said.

He said the drugs are loaded into semis and the DEA and National Guard escort them to a disposal incinerator in Oklahoma.

Chainsaw carvers buzz off April 25, 26

There's a treat in store April 25 and 26 as a couple dozen chainsaw artists gather in the field behind Cornerstone Bank and McDonald's on US 62 for the Carving in the Ozarks Festival. If you don't believe chainsaw carving is an art, prepare to be amazed as delicately feathered birds, happy bears and other creatures emerge from big chunks of tree trunks.

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Students shine in competitions

NICKY BOYETTE

Principals dished out plenty of praise for students at the April 17 Eureka Springs School Board meeting. High school Principal Kathy Lavender announced the Eureka Springs Quiz Bowl team was one of eight teams remaining in the State 2-A division, but high school math teacher Nancy Stainer later announced they lost in the fifth round to Conway Christian.

The Quiz Bowl team consisted of Grace Windle (captain), Manon Gros, Marcello Gros, Tony Balzumati, Tamar Tidwell, Matthew Sharp and Simon Larson. Manon Gros was named to the Arkansas Governor's Quiz Bowl Association All-Star Team.

Students participating in the SKILLS competition also excelled with three students receiving gold medals. The gold medals winners for first place finishes were Kelly Crawford in masonry, Austin Crawford in plumbing, and Brianna Birchfield in Advanced First Aid/CPR. Lavender said these students would receive tuition-paid scholarships.

Bronze medals went to Dallas Galyen and Sarah Andress for Chapter Display. Also participating were Liam Dillingham, Austin Young and Caleb Tollett.

Lavender said the Senior Award Ceremony would be at 9 a.m., May 23, with graduation later that day at 6 p.m.

Middle School Principal Cindy Holt announced middle school band students participated in the Band Solo and Ensemble competition in April 4, and the following students earned either 1's or 2's in the solo competition: Colton Jecker, Destiny Perry, Jordon Henley, Chris Segura, Zack Nelson, Isaiah McCurry,

Alexis Jayroe, and Kayden Eckman.

Also scoring high were the duets of Emma Rorick and Rachal Adams, and the trio of those two with Jordon Henley.

Holt said eighth graders will be attending the Carroll County Teen Summit in Berryville on April 30. The Summit covers a wide range of topics including Tobacco Awareness, Sexting/Texting and the Law, ATV Safety, among other topics. Grades five through seven will gain awareness of agricultural opportunities when the trailer from the County Extension Office comes to campus April 30.

Middle school staff will be working at McDonald's 4 p.m. – 8 p.m. April 29, and the restaurant will make a donation to the school.

Communication upgrade

The Board approved a resolution which authorized Superintendent David Kellogg to file for financial assistance through the E-rate program, which is a program under the Federal Communications Commission which provides discounted telecommunications services to assist schools and libraries in obtaining telecommunications and Internet access. Kellogg said the district would receive almost \$223,000 worth of services and materials for a cost to the district of just under \$45,000.

"We'd be remiss not to take advantage of it," Kellogg commented. One use of the funds will be to upgrade the district's bandwidth, necessary for future online testing.

Other items

- The board also approved paying an invoice of \$5,898 to Hatfield and

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They got skills – Congrats to all Eureka Springs Schools Skills USA participants, several who placed in the competition. Above are, from left, teacher David Morrell, Austin Crawford (gold), Caleb Tollett, Austin Young, Sarah Andress (bronze), Liam Dillingham and teacher Sherry Sullivan. Front row, Kellie Crawford (gold), Dallas Galyen (bronze) and Brianna Birchfield (gold). *PHOTO SUBMITTED*

McDaniel responds to Caller ID spoofing

Attorney General Dustin McDaniel issued a consumer alert to make Arkansans aware of a practice commonly known as Caller ID “spoofing,” which involves the display of a number on a person’s Caller ID that is not the number of the originating caller.

Caller ID spoofing can make a call appear to have come from any phone number the caller wishes, and sometimes results in extra fees on wireless bills. Arkansas law prohibits telemarketers from interfering in any way with the accurate display of Caller ID information.

“Our cell phones are such a big part of our lives, and Caller ID helps us make sure we catch the most important calls and avoid frustrating and time-consuming calls from telemarketers,” McDaniel said. “Unfortunately, we can’t always trust what appears on our cell phone screens. I want Arkansas consumers to be armed with the best information so that they can report any telemarketers who don’t identify themselves by providing accurate Caller ID information. Any companies that resort to these dishonest and illegal tactics are more likely to be selling questionable products and services.”

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) prohibits the practice of disguising an actual telephone number to mislead consumers regarding the true identity of a caller and the nature of the product or service being sold. Telemarketers are required by state and

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Rolling over on robocalls

BECKY GILLETTE

The number of telemarketing calls received on telephone lines is not just annoying, but sometimes hazardous. An elderly couple in Eureka Springs stopped answering all incoming calls after one fell trying to get to the telephone for a call that turned out to be another frustrating robocall. Not only was there harm from the fall, but now it is difficult for people to get in touch with the couple. This leaves them more isolated, affecting their quality of life.

It used to be you could get on the Do Not Call (DNC) registry, and that took care of most of the problem. Now, it is increasingly difficult to escape harassment by robocalls. There are some steps you can take, but none is fool proof.

I was getting calls every day at around the same time from several of the same phone numbers. I called my carrier, Cox Communications, and asked that my phone number no longer be published. That was a hard decision for me because, as a reporter, I like to be accessible if someone wants to call me.

Cox said, sure, you can have an unlisted number. That will be \$5 more per month.

What? Where is the Arkansas Public Service Commission (APSC) when it comes to protecting consumers from unfair fees? It should cost a company *less* to not list someone, not more. There should not be any charge for this, let alone a charge that represents ten percent of my phone bill. ASPC Executive Director John Bethel said the provision of telephone directories is not a regulated service.

“I do not have the information necessary to identify the cost of an unlisted

number,” Bethel said. “Historically, telecommunications providers have charged customers for an unlisted number.”

Cox does have a call-blocking feature that has cut the repeated offender robocalls. Dial #01# to activate call screening, and then push *60 to block the last number that called. Believe me, I had great joy in blocking these idiots who have been pestering me for months.

Alas, though, there seem to be a huge number of similar offenders lined up. Last week I got two calls within an hour from the same dude with a British accent urging me to call him back about my situation with the IRS. He said I was in serious trouble, and to call him back or “good luck.” One originated in Salt Lake City, and one in Washington D.C. I Googled the number, and found it had a 100 percent scam rating on an Internet site where consumers can share information about fraudulent, misleading or just plain annoying telemarketing calls. One perplexing thing about this was other people wrote in that they tried to call back,

and couldn’t get through. Like, you are bothering people all over the country and don’t even have it together enough to scam people when they call back?

I had a repeated annoying phone call from someone who wanted to discuss a private financial matter with me. They called again and again. It sure sounded like a scam to me. I filed a complaint with the Arkansas Attorney General’s office [(800) 482-8982 or visit www.GotYourBackArkansas.org], and through that office finally found out this was regarding a long-ago doctor bill that was supposed to have been paid by a state agency. I don’t know why the caller didn’t say, “This is regarding a medical bill with Dr. So and So,” but they told me it had to do with medical privacy issues.

None of the other telemarketing calls I have received has any legitimacy. I want to scream at them sometimes, “I don’t need a lower interest rate on my credit card because I don’t carry a balance!”

I thought about switching to AT&T

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If you want to live like a Republican

Editor,

I was eating at a local restaurant last night and overheard a conversation at a table behind me. Two men in their late 40s or early 50s were talking about their lives and one had been quite ill. The talk turned toward insurance and how he was covering the bills. He responded with awe in his voice, “I have insurance for the first time since I was a teenager living at home. It’s Blue Cross with no deductible, and it doesn’t cost me a thing!” Then he lowered his voice, “It doesn’t cost anything since I don’t make enough money.” He sounded so delighted that his medical needs were being cared for and that he could concentrate on regaining his health and living a productive life.

Then later in the evening I heard a commercial from a Republican who wants to be our US Senator claiming that if elected, he will work as hard as he can to repeal the law the man at dinner had so completely embraced and wanted.

I wonder how that man in the restaurant will vote in the November elections. Will he vote for the Mark Pryor, the Democratic Senator who voted for health care, or will

he vote Republican, as he probably has for many years?

P.T. Barnum famously said, “You can fool some of the people all of the time, and all of the people some of the time, but you cannot fool all of the people all of the time.” I wonder when the voters of Arkansas will stop being fooled into voting against their own interests by voting Republican, just because their father and grandfather did in the past. Because as FDR also famously said, “If you want to live like a Republican, vote Democratic!”

Primaries are May 12.

Sheri Hanson

Time for joy and hope

Editor,

For over a year, we have been living under the SWEPCO Dome, an unwanted change in our simple way of life that has awakened the spiritual strength of our community with incredible results. Look around, the trees are alive, the eagles are soaring and our best friends are getting their own park!

AEP tried to deceive and divide our community: secret meetings, buying land in advance of the line, six routes including

one trespassing our good neighbors, a few dollars to create doubt in our public officials, special treatment to the wealthy and shameful, abuse to one of their own, our silent hero and his family who said, “the Gentry Wildlife Safari is *not* for sale.”

Mike Masterson, the only reason to buy the *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*, had a great article, “Illuminating Ethics” on awards “given to businesses meeting commitments to ethical practices which radiate through their employees to customers and across their communities. It is downright refreshing to see the Better Business Bureau of Arkansas honoring those who go above and beyond to promote character and high standards.” As ratepayers the idea of customer satisfaction, business character and high standards seem like science fiction.

AEP has a Code of Conduct that should be required reading by all elementary schools, a fairy tale of always doing the right thing – a personal message by Nick Akins, President of AEP: “I began my career with this company and now have the honor of serving as its leader. One thing that has always been a point of pride for me is that AEP is built on a solid foundation of doing the right thing. Whether it’s in

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WEEK'S Top Tweets

@ParentEsq --- Twitter is proof that people shouldn't be allowed to name themselves.

@nealbrennan --- Sorry for illegally downloading your music, guy who mostly makes songs about doing crime.

@TheWriteStuff2u --- Isn't a smoking area in a restaurant like a peeing area in a swimming pool?

@MichelleWolf --- If you offered someone a job that had zero vacation and no pay, no one would take it, yet so many people want to be parents.

@shutupmikeginn --- There are more skeletons wearing suits beneath the ground than there are living people.

@nicollhunt --- The first step of any project is to grossly underestimate its complexity and difficulty.

@SocialExtortion --- Try talking to a dog without asking it a question. Go ahead, I dare you.

@Zen_Moments --- The worst thing you can do for those you love is the things they could and should do themselves.

@Reuters --- Meb Keflezighi is the first U.S. male athlete to win the Boston Marathon in three decades.

@DenverNews24 --- Cannabis Cup draws thousands to Denver 4/20 weed fair – *The Denver Post*



Someone tell council, don't mess with Mother Nature!

Eureka Springs is known for being unique, but now it wants to outlaw weeds? Has anyone asked Mother Nature about this?

Recently the Eureka Springs City Council delayed the third reading of a proposed demolition by neglect ordinance (Ord. 2201 Clean City) that would assess fines of \$200 per day for transgressions that can include not cutting down weeds. Property owners would also be facing \$200 per day fines if there are items in the yard considered unsightly. Property considered dilapidated would be subject to having a lien taken out against it for repairs dictated by the Historic District Commission (HDC).

Council delayed finalizing the ordinance after local herb expert and consultant Steven Foster pointed out some problems: "I have to cut 'any non-cultivated plants to a height under eight inches?' Is the council aware that trees are plants?"

After that, the ordinance was hastily rewritten to say, "Cut lawns exceeding eight inches. Remove and/or cut weeds." I have a major problem with outlawing weeds. One of the best things you can do for the environment is grow plants used by pollinators. Cut lawns, by contrast, are a biological desert.

I deliberately cultivate a number of "weeds" that are medicinal and food for wildlife. Henbit, for example, can be a nuisance. But after seeing it covered with honeybees the other day, I decided to leave some for the endangered bees.

Most people consider burdock a weed, but I cultivate a Japanese variety for the roots that can help detoxify the body and heal liver damage. Yellow dock is another "weed" that I use medicinally, along with chickweed and cleavers.

Deciding when a structure is in danger of "demolition by neglect" is very subjective. I've seen houses that were falling down brought back to life, i.e., Crescent Dragonwagon's Innkeeper's Cottage. I looked at this, and decided it would be too difficult to repair. But someone who really cared about this historical structure completely renovated it and an important part of our history has been preserved. Incidentally, this home was brought back to life with an incredibly small investment of money combined with a lot of work by the homeowner.

I also have concerns about legislating out poor people in this town. We had a ten percent decline in population in the last census. More homes are owned by wealthy part-time residents who may only visit rarely, contributing little to the local economy. Fewer people who work at the average wages paid in Eureka can afford to live here. And now their homes could be taken from them if they aren't kept up to the standards in this ordinance?

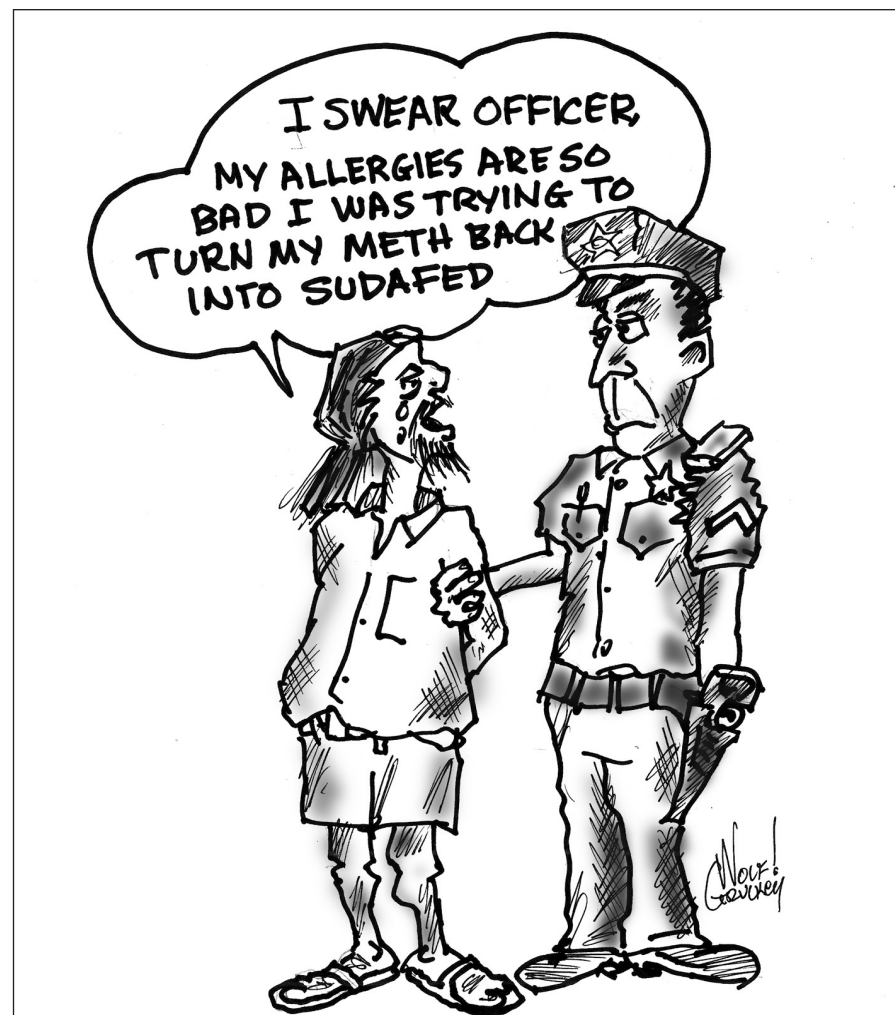
HDC volunteers are largely people who own bed and breakfasts. Their idea of repairs may be impractical and far beyond the budget of others. And HDC has some "quaint" ideas such as requiring wood siding that rots instead of cement board siding allowed in most other historic districts that looks like wood and is water, fire and termite resistant. HDC has turned down people who have a leaking flat roof and wanted to put on a gabled roof. Replace old wooden gutters with metal gutters? HDC said "No."

If the city does the repairs, and you can't afford them, your home could be sold. What would happen if the cost of repairs were more than what the home sold for? Taxpayers would be on the hook.

It appears the city wants to hold citizens to a much higher standard than the city holds itself to. The city is facing major infrastructure problems, such as losing 40 percent of the water through leaks in the distribution system and major problems with leaking sewers. Two of my neighbors experienced thousands in damages from a water main break Jan. 31, and council voted against helping one of them with her cost of repairs. German Alley is still closed due to damage from the water main break. I can't eat the watercress in my spring because it is contaminated by sewage. Many sidewalks in town are treacherous and the roads need repairs.

The city needs to clean up its own problems before passing more regulations that encroach on private property rights. We already have restrictive laws regarding private property, such as having to apply yearly for a permit to paint your house the same color. No additional burdens need to be put on private property owners.

Becky Gillette



The Pursuit of HAPPINESS

by Dan Krotz

Everyone makes mistakes. Some are small, like taking Charles Krauthammer seriously, or listening to The Eagles on purpose. Accidents happen, too. You get on an elevator and you hear *Hotel California* over the elevator's speaker. If you're going up two floors it's a minor accident; up thirty-two floors and it's a freaking disaster.

So far, State Representative Bob Ballinger has been a small mistake, or a minor accident. Re-electing him would be a bigger mistake, but it won't be an accident: when you aim a gun at your foot and pull the trigger, it isn't an accident.

No, I'm not nailing him because he's a Republican; I've voted for plenty of Republicans in the last forty years. And I'm often impressed by Republican State Senator, Bryan King. King's monthly legislative report in the county newspaper is usually informative and intelligently written; he's also sponsored legislation that has been beneficial to small farmers, market gardeners, and to very small value added food producers, like jam makers and bakers.

In contrast to King, Ballinger ladles out barrels of rhetorical grease that sends people interested in facts, evidence, or simple unbiased corroboration straight up the wall. All we really know about Ballinger is that he was for term limits and now he's against them, and you don't want to ride in a car with him.

Lately though, Bob's got his manly appendage caught in the SWEPCO wringer. Back when he thought SWEPCO's opponents were mostly homosexual hippies he thought he could sing a little song, do a little dance, spray a little seltzer in your pants, and get away with taking SWEPCO's money without taking sides. Now he's apparently hearing from "mainstream" constituents and is beginning to sound nervous. Good. We want our legislators to be nervous.

In the meantime, a guy named Sonny Carter is running against Ballinger. I don't know a thing about Carter except what I read in the papers. Maybe he'll be a good candidate, maybe he's this season's sacrificial lamb. What is evident is that the local Democratic Party doesn't have much of a bench. It may not even own a bench.

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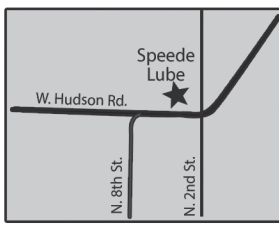


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INDEPENDENT Constables On Patrol

APRIL 14

9:26 a.m. – Constables responded to report of a burglary alarm going off downtown, but found the building secure.

9:29 a.m. – Someone illegally dumped boxes into someone else's dumpster.

APRIL 15

6:54 a.m. – Husband asked if ESPD had heard anything about his wife. He had not heard from her in a few hours and was worried. Constables watched for her around town, but soon enough the husband reported the wife had pulled safely into their driveway.

3:49 p.m. – There was a two-car accident on US 62.

5:19 p.m. – Constables responded to report of an individual yelling behind a motel. He was arrested for disorderly conduct.

APRIL 16

10:25 a.m. – Individual was arrested for an outstanding warrant out of New Mexico for robbery and shoplifting.

6:03 p.m. – A semi clipped a parked truck as it turned a sharp corner. Constable went to the scene, but no report was necessary.

8:48 p.m. – There was a one-vehicle accident east of downtown resulting in minor injuries.

9:07 p.m. – A female was breaking windows and causing a disturbance at a motel. She was arrested on an outstanding Madison County warrant and told not to return to the premises.

10:49 p.m. – A woman reported receiving harassing communications from her ex-boyfriend.

APRIL 17

9:31 a.m. – Person who had been arrested at a motel the night before returned to get her things, and the manager called ESPD. Constable stood by while she

retrieved her belongings and told her not to return or she would be arrested again.

2:40 p.m. – Wife filed a report against her husband because of another incident of domestic abuse which had occurred the previous night at a local motel.

4:32 p.m. – Two males and a female left a restaurant without paying the bill.

5:50 – Passerby noticed a laptop computer resting on top of a vehicle with no one nearby, so the passerby reported to ESPD he had taken the computer to his office for safekeeping.

APRIL 18

12:45 a.m. – Constable on patrol witnessed a vehicle being driven left of center, so he arrested the driver for DWI, failure to submit to a test and driving left of center.

12:59 a.m. – Burglary alarm at a business was triggered somehow, but the constable who went to the scene found the building locked and secure.

3:46 a.m. – As a result of a traffic stop, the driver was arrested for driving on a suspended license.

3:56 a.m. – Gas station employee reported a vehicle parked in the handicapped spot for a long time but the driver had never entered the store. Person in the vehicle told the responding constable he was waiting for someone who was bringing him gas money. He moved from the spot and continued to wait for the money.

APRIL 19

1:46 a.m. – Routine traffic stop resulted in the arrest of the driver for DWI, driving left of center, no motorcycle endorsement.

3:01 a.m. – Taxi driver reported a passenger had taken the keys to the taxi and run away into his hotel. Constable arrived at the hotel to find the taxi driver had retrieved his keys but the driver and the fare were in a confrontation on the sidewalk. Constable advised the driver to be on his way and fare to go to bed for the night.

4:47 a.m. – A different hotel called EMS for an intoxicated male who had fallen down stairs while running from security. Subject signed the refusal of service papers for EMS, and constable on the scene told him if he came out of his room again he would be arrested for public intoxication.

10:50 a.m. – Complainant thought the music in Basin Park was too loud, but the constable checked, and it was within legal limits.

7:41 a.m. – Constable was on patrol, and

a female ran up to him crying from the direction of a tourist lodging. A male subject tried to flee from there but other constables arrived and detained him. The combative subject was then arrested.

APRIL 20

5:14 a.m. – Constable initiated a traffic stop and arrested the driver for DWI.

9 a.m. – Concerned observer said two dogs tied up behind a motel looked haggard and they had no shelter. A constable and Animal Control responded. The dogs did not appear malnourished, but they needed water. Constable found the owner who provided some water. Animal Control told the owner the animals needed shelter, and he would return in a few days to check.

10:23 a.m. – Passerby reported a vehicle stalled on US 62, and a woman had gotten out of the vehicle and was jumping around. The constable who went to the scene found no stalled vehicle or jumping woman.

1:18 p.m. – A daughter told ESPD her father, 80, was pulling the mother's hair and hitting her on the head with the telephone. The mother is 78. Constable went to their home, but the mother denied any physical altercation had occurred, and constable found no evidence of a fracas. The daughter took the mother with her.

4 p.m. – A female wanted to speak with a constable about an incident. No report required.

7:39 p.m. – An alarm rang out, a constable responded, and the building was secure.

7:53 p.m. – Resident reported a metal beer sign had been taken from his porch since the previous afternoon.

Ladies of Faith brunch April 29

Vickey Poulson, Certified Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselor, is guest speaker at the Ladies of Faith brunch April 29, 10 a.m., at the Gazebo Restaurant in the Eureka Inn. Vickey co-pastors with her husband at Soul Purpose Ministries in Green Forest. Beth Severe will minister in music. Cost is \$10.50. For more info contact Margo Pryor at (870) 480-3161.

INDEPENDENT Art & Entertainment

First-ever FAM (Food-Art-Music) Fest on N. Main calls for artists, performers

FAM Fest takes place along N. Main on Saturday, May 24, 12 – 6 p.m. The Eureka Springs Musical Sculpture Park will be the hub and will have free live music all day, including a concert by Michael Jonathan of “WoodSongs Old Time Radio.” ESSA will also have a “Paws for Art” interactive exhibit for youth and adults.

All artists interested in free booth space in the Music Park and in front of FRESH may fill out an application and submit it to The Eureka Springs Arts Council no later than May 16. The application can be downloaded from the “Info” tab at eurekaspringsfestivalofthearts.com or the Arts Council Facebook page: www.facebook.com/artscouncileureka. Space is available for 3D artists as well as all visual and performing artists. For details, email artscouncileureka@gmail.com.

‘ArtRageous Peony’ poster signing April 26

Sweet Spring Studio, 123 Spring, 1 – 4 and 6 – 9 p.m.

You’re invited to join Barbara Kennedy, May Festival of the Arts 2014 poster

artist, at her studio during the April 26 Gallery Stroll. Barbara will be signing and selling limited editions of this year’s ‘ArtRageous Peony’ festival poster. Limited edition 18”x24” signed giclees and 11”x17” posters will also be available for purchase.

“The title of the piece is ‘ArtRageous Peony,’” Barbara explained, “because the peony is big, bold and represents passion and good fortune. If that isn’t the Eureka Springs art scene, then I don’t know what is!” For more information, email barbara@barbarakennedystudio.com or phone (479) 253-6652.



Have fun with Crazy Ladies April 25, 26

What to do when you have three geriatric sisters as patients and all they want to do is sit at home and talk (all at the same time) to each other? You move another person



Phyllis Williams, Mary Diehl,
Carolyn Green and Kent Turner

in with them. At least that’s what Doc Lomax does when his new nurse, Jean, needs a place to live. And so begins the comedy/drama romp *Those Crazy Ladies in the House on the Corner*. Catch it on stage at the Holiday Island Clubhouse Ballroom, Friday and Saturday April 25, 26 at 7 p.m. Tickets (\$10) available at the Holiday Island Cornerstone Bank, Holiday Island Rec Center and by calling (479) 253-5622, 253-5185 or 253-4944.

HI Singers present *Love American Style* May 3, 4

Tickets are now available for the *Love American Style* concert featuring songs from the heart celebrating those in love and those who love our country. Performances will take place May 3 and 4 in the Holiday Island Country Club ballroom at 3 p.m.

There will also be a special guest star singer from Nashville! Tickets are \$10, under 16 free, and can be purchased at the door or in advance from any member of the Singers or at the Golf Pro Shop in the HI Country Club.

Writing Workshops

*Village Writing School, 1277 Huntsville Rd.,
April 24, May 22, June 26 from 3 – 5 p.m.*

Memoir Writing with Rebecca Mahoney via Skype. Pre-registration required, class size limited to eight. Registration fee for this series of three workshops.

Coming May 3, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Award-winning short story author, Pat Carr, teaches the A to Z of short story writing. Go home with a draft of your own story! Registration fee.

Register at www.villagewritingschool.com or phone (479) 292-3665.

ESSA forges ahead May 6

The Eureka Springs School of the Arts will debut its new Blacksmithing/Metal Fabrication Studio on Tuesday, May 6, with a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 4:30 p.m. at the ESSA campus at 15751 US 62W.

Architect Davie McKee of Fayetteville, who is also on ESSA’s Board of Directors, designed the new 2,700 sq. ft. studio, which will be equipped with six forges and six welding stations. A bay of each workstation can be opened to the outside or closed, depending on the weather and techniques being implemented.

Opening festivities include a blacksmithing demonstration by master blacksmith Bob Patrick, founding President of the Blacksmith Association of Missouri, who will teach a workshop on “Forged Steel” at ESSA June 9 – 13. Master blacksmith Jim Wallace, founder of the National Ornamental Museum in Memphis, will teach the first workshop



in the studio on “Blacksmithing,” May 8 – 10.

Come celebrate on May 6 and enjoy tours of the new studio and ESSA campus, along food and drinks.

Space for metal fabrication workshops is limited. Register by calling (479)-253-5384 or on the web at www.ESSA-art.org soon.

Harmony, Wilson exhibit in Little Rock

An exhibition of fine hand quilts by local fabric artist Karen Harmony and paintings by folk artist Blakeley Wilson can be seen in the Trinity Gallery for Arkansas Artists, 200 E. 3rd St., through June 8.

The three-woman show also includes stoneware pottery by Jo Smith of Marshall, Ark. The exhibit is curated by the Arkansas Arts Council and sponsored by the Historic Arkansas Museum Foundation.

INDEPENDENTHIGH (Falutin') SOCIETY



Benefit for friends – Kevin White, from left, Jack Webb, Dylan Sunday and Dena Sunday-White enjoy the Friends with Benefit fundraiser for Dylan and Natasha Engleman Easter Sunday at the Pied Piper. The event raised \$8,200 toward Dylan and Natasha's medical expenses. *PHOTO BY GWEN ETHEREDGE*



Happy hour – Rae Hahn, Dina Landis and Sue Hopkins enjoyed a special Cocktails for a Cause in support of the Carroll and Madison County Library Foundation at FRESH on April 17. *PHOTO BY BECKY GILLETTE*



Market celebrates 10th – Alex Buderer of Alex Buderer Creations in Shell Knob, sells handcrafted wooden utensils, bowls and more at the Eureka Springs Farmers' Market 10th Anniversary celebration April 17. *PHOTO BY GWEN ETHEREDGE*



Spice Boat sets sail – Caterer Jane Tucker, left, points out some goodies to Lucilla Garrett as Spice Boat co-owner, Troy Johnson, looks on. The beautiful store next to Fresh Harvest in Pine Mountain Village, received raves at an open house on April 18. *PHOTO BY GWEN ETHEREDGE*



Kiss the kitchen goodbye – Gayle Hull, left, and Pam Levering retired as Eureka Springs Schools cafeteria ladies after 22 and 6 years respectively. Both were wowed by beautiful personalized cutting boards presented to each by co-workers during a fun retirement party at Sparky's on April 17. *PHOTO BY GWEN ETHEREDGE*



Jesus loves me, this I know – Jesus (Kent Butler of the Passion Play) stepped out of the Celebrate Jesus parade on April 19 to give this little girl in Basin Park a hug. The parade featured floats, music, groups from around the area – and four Jesuses. *PHOTO BY MELANIE MYHRE*



Birthday boy – Mike Bishop happily checks out the frosting on his half vanilla, half peanut butter birthday cake prepared especially by Cravings by Rochelle. He was joined by chamber staff and a host of well-wishers who popped in and out all afternoon on April 16. *PHOTO BY CD WHITE*



Wizard of Ott – Mike and Dale Bishop had a good laugh at “Jack Moyer’s” video birthday greeting. (One guess who has Jack on a stick.) Melodye Purdy recorded greetings from several of Mike’s friends and associates to play at the surprise party. *PHOTOS BY CD WHITE*



Peggy Feltrope

Festivities surrounding the 4th Annual EasterBelles’ Easter Parade raised over \$2000 for the Merlin Foundation. The money will go to Carroll County women in need of transportation assistance. More than 30 area women posed for poster photos, had fundraising contests and paraded for their annual charity, enlisting friends and family as drivers.

PHOTOS BY MELANIE MYHRE



June Owen



Peggy Kjelgaard

All for books – A huge crowd gathered inside and out at FRESH to support the acquisition of books for the Carroll and Madison County Library Foundation by having a Cocktail for a Cause. Books and Martinis – that’s the ticket! *PHOTO BY CD WHITE*

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.
 - **Celebrate Recovery** – Soul Purpose Ministries, 801 S. Springfield, Green Forest, 6:30 p.m. each Wednesday. Potluck meal followed by 12-step Christ-centered meetings for those suffering from addiction, habit, hang-up or hurt.
 - **Coffee Break Al-Anon Family Group Women** – Tuesdays, 9:45 a.m., Faith Christian Family Church, Hwy. 23S, (479) 363-9495.
- Meetings at Coffee Pot Club behind Land O' Nod Inn:**
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 - **Eureka Springs Coffee Pot AA Groups** Monday – Saturday 12:30 p.m.; Sunday 10 a.m.; Sunday – Thursday, Saturday, 5:30 p.m.; Tuesday and Friday, 8 p.m. (479) 253-7956
 - **Al-Anon** Wednesday, 5:30 p.m. All other meetings: See www.nwarkaa.org

INDEPENDENTNews

City improvement consultants encourage whimsy & art

ERIC STUDER

Eureka Springs Downtown Network and Main Street Arkansas presented Re-Imagining Main Street at the Grand Central Hotel on April 17. On hand were experts in community redevelopment Randy Wilson of Community Design Solutions, and Brad Jordan and Mason Toms of Main Street Arkansas. The day prior to the presentation, Wilson and his colleagues had joined the Main Street Economic Development Committee in a walking tour of downtown and N. Main to brainstorm city improvements.

They presented findings to an enthusiastic audience of business owners and residents Thursday night. Wilson's organization follows a four-step process for improving tourism, including market assessment, branding and marketing, design and planning, and implementation strategies.

Some suggestions in Wilson's presentation included:

- Create memorable crosswalks to properly guide tourists to major stairways from lower Eureka Spring to the upper areas like Basin Park
- Turn city stairways into memorable and "photo worthy" works of art
- Utilize landscaping and unique artwork and sculptures around parking areas to remove major "missing teeth gaps" between downtown buildings
- Leverage the town's personality via creative use of resident artists and students to highlight the whimsy of living in Eureka Springs
- Find a creative use for the icehouse and railway section on the north end of town – ideas included a micro-brewery and art mall



Re-Imagining Main Street – Mason Toms, Jacqueline Wolven, Brad Jordan and Randy Wilson brainstorm on Main Street. PHOTO BY ERIC STUDER

- Address parking since tourists won't stop and spend time where they can't easily park

Using by a wide variety of visual examples, the audience was exposed to a number of affordable and memorable techniques to transform the downtown area into an "art form" that reflects resident interests. Wilson warned, "This won't happen overnight, you need a long term plan that could take 10 to 25 years. Focus on changes that make an impact first."

"This community improvement initiative is funded by participation in the Main Street Arkansas program and will be a huge boost to our goal in driving tourism in Eureka Springs. We hope local business owners and residents will become involved," said Jacqueline Wolven, ESDN director.

Paddlers needed for river cleanup April 26

The Kings River Watershed Partnership invites all interested paddlers to participate in a river clean up on Saturday, April 26. Participants are asked to arrive by 8 a.m. Put-in will be at Marble Access, just west of the Kings River Store and Gas Station on Hwy. 412.

Shuttle service and bags will be provided. Dress for the weather and bring drinking water. A private property owner has given us permission to take out approximately six miles down-river. For more information or weather updates, call (870) 654-4134.

Volunteers needed for shelter workday April 26

Looking for a good excuse to get out of the house? Saturday, April 26, is your lucky day. It's cleanup, paint-up, fix-up time at the Good Shepherd Animal Shelter. Volunteers

are needed to install new doors, paint exterior shelter walls, repair interior walls and paint interior and exterior doors.

Due to ongoing shelter operations, exterior painting and door installation must be done in the morning. Interior work will start at noon. If you can help, please contact Janice Durbin at the shelter (479) 253-9188. Rain date is Sunday, April 27.

GSHS Volunteer Appreciation Party April 27

This year's Volunteer Appreciation Party will rock the First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, 195 Huntsville Road (Hwy. 23 S.), Sunday, April 27, 12:30 – 2:30 p.m. Anyone who has volunteered for the Good Shepherd during the last 12 months is encouraged to attend and be treated to an afternoon of fun, food, and fabulous door prizes.

Good Shepherd board members will cook and serve to show their appreciation for a job well done. Please RSVP at goodshepherdhumansociety@yahoo.com or on FaceBook page, Good Shepherd Shelter – Doggie Shop.

Sunday at EUUF

All are welcome at the Eureka Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 17 Elk, Sundays at 11 a.m. for a program followed by refreshments. On April 27, new Head of School, Doug Wynn, M.Ed., will discuss "Engagement: A Learning Paradox," and tell us about the latest innovation at Clear Spring School. Childcare is provided. Extra parking at Ermilio's Restaurant, 26 White Street.

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).

New sets took form on the floor, and the musicians, now well primed, again began to play. Under cover of the noise, Tracy, her eyes on the doorway, said: "Why, there's Fenton Sayre." They all looked, Jane thinking: It's that man we saw the first day, in the square. Looked at me and spit in the gutter. Walter doesn't like him. Got quite emotional about it... She swept the figure in the doorway with an alert glance: he looked taller than he really was because of those boots, and the face was deeply shadowed by the black hat. The attitude seemed to be characteristic, truculent – the long legs in jeans spread in a wide-based stance, the bared forearms that looked, even from far off, hard-muscled and forbidding, so she felt that the carelessness with which the thumbs were hooked inside the belt was sheer deception. She had never before seen a man whose aspect gave so sharply the impression of controlled violence. If I were easily frightened, she thought,

he would scare me. She turned to look at Walter, to catch him with his guard down and ferret out his reaction, but discovered nothing in his face.

(Sayre, he was thinking, seeing him standing in the barn doorway: Sayre again. With a pained surprise, he realized that he had foreseen the possibility of Sayre being here and had unconsciously resisted the idea of coming, because of that. As always, he had the cloudy feeling of a bond of guilt between them. He felt that, if he should ever again venture intimately inside the circle of this man's influence, he would find himself rooted fast in a rich, deep soil of evil. The very theatricality of Sayre's appearance, the absurdity of the pose, had in it an element of spurious innocence – a childish rhyme scrawled across a paper on which monstrous meanings had been written in invisible ink. He would not be taken in again. Give him a wide berth. Resist the temptation to hatred, more heady and voluptuous than the temptation to love...)

Beside him, Jane was saying: "I wish I could dance, Walter. Just once? Please let's."

He didn't know how, he told her shortly. "One beginner can spoil a whole set. They don't like that. These people are experts, like to go fast."

She watched disconsolately while the circles broke up into intricate parts, forming continuously into new patterns. She noticed that Fenton Sayre had got into a set near the door. He was dancing with his hat on, moving through the complexities of the maze with the grace and skill of an old hand.

"Ever done it?" Tracy asked, lighting a cigarette.

"Ye-es, but it wasn't anything like this. Polite, restrained. This looks like more fun."

Walter shook himself slightly, as if secretly he found the whole idea distasteful. "Jarvis knows the ropes," he said then. "He'll probably dance with you next time."

Jarvis, always conscientiously a gentleman, would be delighted. Tracy, for her part, would have none of it. "Countrified," she said. "Sweating like horses. But go ahead, you two. You won't last out one set, I'm warning you. You'll give out in five minutes."

There was a long interval before the next dance. "They must be getting *really* loaded out there," Tracy observed, glancing toward the door from beyond which a sudden yelp of laughter split the night. Walter poured more whisky into Jane's coke and said she'd need it. The Bledsoe boys returned at last, wiping their mouths on the backs of their hands, Mrs. Byrne picked up her fiddle, and Bud Bledsoe made a megaphone of his palms and shouted through it.

"Git your pardners for the next square dance!"

Jarvis, smiling, held out a hand to Jane. "Still game?"

She nodded brightly and moved with him into the confusion on the floor. "Take it easy," Walter called after her.

Jarvis approached a man in overalls – a bowed, crooked man who looked as if he were made entirely of muscles – with a fat, blank-faced girl in tow. "Hi, Elzie. Get in your set?"

Elzie looked Jane over briefly, nodded with a noticeable lack of enthusiasm. He can see I'm a beginner, she thought. "Tell me what to do," she whispered to Jarvis, as two more couples came in and the circle formed.

In the commotion, she had not noticed, at first, that the man holding to her right hand was Fenton Sayre. Walter, from the sidelines, had seen it sooner, had made an involuntary move to get up from the bench, but had sat down again. He'd be her opposite, would swing her almost as often as Jarvis would. Well, what then? He drew back into his shell, his eyes brooding on the dim figures beginning to circle clockwise, as the music began.

Within the dance, Jane was conscious, from the first, of a strange excitement. The calling of the bowed man, Elzie, was almost completely unintelligible to her, and she seemed to be propelled without volition through continuous, violent action. She was in Jarvis's arms, then in Sayre's – feeling speed and incredible strength, nothing more. Jarvis then was saying rapidly into her ear: "Clear round the circle to your left," and each man in turn seized her, spun her twice so fast that her feet left the ground, then flung her to the next man. By the time she'd got back to

SYCAMORE continued on page 25

NOTES from the HOLLOW

by Steve Weems

Tourists. You can't live with them. You can't live without them.

My wife, Diane, recalls a disgruntled tourist years ago complaining about having driven all the way out to Dinosaur World/Land of Kong and the dinosaurs weren't even alive. Another time a lady was impressed that Diane could read and write, considering that Arkansas didn't have schools.

Used to be, one of the recurring questions asked was where were all the "real" hillbillies? Do the tourists still ask that? I've heard stories of years ago how disappointed they'd be that the locals wore shoes and didn't smoke corn cob pipes.

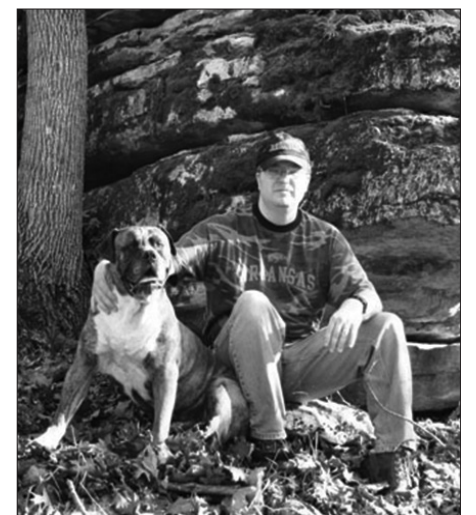
I remember when my brother was a teenager and would visit from Washington, D.C., he'd borrow Uncle Arlie's old Willys Jeep to drive around. He'd dress in overalls without shirt or shoes and go down Spring Street for the tourists to see a hillbilly.

Fred Muller tells of being asked if the Christ of the Ozarks statue was manmade or a natural occurring formation. As jokes, kids used to tell gullible visitors that the Christ of the Ozarks statue had a revolving restaurant housed in Jesus's head, or that you could take an elevator up to the top of the statue and look out Jesus's eyes. Others told tourists that the statue would sometimes turn and wave.

I've heard of frantic tourists rushing into the emergency room at the Eureka Springs Hospital because their child had a tick and threatening lawsuits over it.

I remember being told by a tourist that they were tired of driving on the curvy, hilly roads and would I tell them how to get on the interstate. When I explained the distance to the nearest interstate, he argued that all towns had interstates and would I just tell him where it was.

I like this one. Jessica Ross tells of a tourist calling the front desk of the Matterhorn Towers one night to say, "The frogs are quaint and all, but could



you please turn off the recording?"

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Taurus New Moon Solar Eclipse – Something Essential Disappears

Lunar and solar eclipses follow one another. Lunar eclipses occur at full moons, solar eclipses at new moons. Two weeks ago at the full moon we had the blood red moon, total lunar eclipse (the next one is Oct. 8). This Monday night (new moon), as the Sun, Moon and Earth align, a solar eclipse (Sun obscured) occurs. Eclipses signify something irrevocably is changed in our world. The Sun is our essential life force. Monday's new moon, 9 degrees Taurus, is also an annular solar eclipse when the Moon moves centrally in front of the Sun, yet does not cover the Sun completely. The Sun's outer

edges, still visible, form a "ring of fire" around the Moon.

As the Sun's radiating light and energies are obscured during a solar eclipse, something essential in our lives becomes hidden, too. And then it disappears, its work completed. It is a time of a major ending in our lives. To determine where the changes occur in our lives, we find where 9 degrees Taurus is located in our charts. Historically, the last time a solar eclipse occurred at 9 Taurus was April 29, 1995.

We look to the sign the new moon is in to determine the quality of this eclipse. Taurus (Ray 4,

Harmony through Chaos/conflict), the first earth sign after Aries (stabilizing the initiating fires of Aries, the new ideas from the Mind of God) is the sign of values, finances, possessions and resources. It is not a new idea to any of us that our world needs a new set of values, a new way of handling money and resources to build the New Sharing Society (Aquarian Age task). Along with a renewed sense of Stewardship creating the New Era Community. Within the present world's chaos and conflict a new harmony comes forth. From where, we ask? From each of us. We are the "harmonizers."

ARIES: Careful how you interact with others. Don't rely only on outer monetary realities, though they are important. Rely also on instinct and then intuition to direct and guide you into knowing the quality of a person, event, resource, and investment. You will be called to courage, a virtue of the heart, and to a deep calmness realizing all's well. Because you made it so.

TAURUS: Be aware that you make impressions on others leading them to follow your every thought and move. Therefore it's important to complete all plans, agreements, promises and agendas. You're attempting to initiate new projects impacting humanity far into the future. Proceed forward. You may be one of the only ones able to accomplish this. The future of humanity awaits your instructions.

GEMINI: You may feel exhausted, needing more rest. You also may not be sleeping well – either dreaming or remaining awake. The mineral kingdom is shaking underground with underwater volcanic activity. Your sensitive body feels this. Maintain light, fresh green-foods diet, eliminate excess, drink more pure water, love more and expect the shifting to continue. Look to the stars for direction. Study your chart and the charts of those close to you.

CANCER: It's important to maintain close connections to the group(s) of like-mindedness you identify with. Look to all interactions as opportunities

and seek to understand what the hopes and wishes of others are. Know that no matter how life looks now, greater levels of community will be available to you and your family. A new structure of creativity calls for your recognition creating balance. What is it?

LEO: You may need to rearrange your work or travels or life direction. There are whispers of change everywhere. Perhaps your job interests, abilities and/or responsibilities have reorganized. Perhaps you're being honored for excellence and innovation. In cooperation, look to others around you. Recognize and emphasize their qualities and helpfulness, as a good leader would.

VIRGO: Are you creating various lists of tasks, errands and duties? Accounts that need reckoning, travels being considered, responsibilities to be completed, and problems that need harmonizing? Spending time alone helps you complete difficult projects. You may be dreaming of others, tending to their wounds from your heart of compassion. Share your resources and tithes to those in need.

LIBRA: Is there money or resources you share with another? Is everything

clear and safe with the purpose of sharing in this area? It's time to arrange your finances so that debts are paid off quickly. It's also time to be frugal, economically prudent, thrifty and careful, conserving all resources. So you can share with others later. Be prepared to teach others very soon in these ways of resource efficiency and far-sightedness.

SCORPIO:

Relationships are primary now, so listen very carefully to what others are communicating and have the intentions to respond with care, interest and emotional equilibrium. Should you feel uncooperative, a feeling of imbalance will ensue and you will sense a neglect of responsibility. People are looking to you as a mentor. In their suffering they look to you for direction and ways toward safety.

SAGITTARIUS: Career matters assume new dimensions, you need more care, you want to improve your health, create new work methods and tend to the necessities of your new life. You realize this takes balancing and so you move slower than usual, foregoing adventure in order to create a long-term plan of practical goals. Your greatest success is acceptance

of everything in your life. Then everything harmonizes.

CAPRICORN: Setting out each day's agenda, realizing priorities, allows you to have wisdom, clarity and focus to what needs to be routine. Try not to criticize yourself or anyone. Everyone, including you, is doing their very best. Everyone is at a different stage of development. They need you to help them grow in the right direction. New opportunities keep appearing. Ask for help when necessary. Rest more.

AQUARIUS: Home, family, property, community and parents are important in the coming weeks. Attempt to improve relationships with family while also improving the beauty, order and organization at home. Challenge no one, and calm any tensions with exercise, prayers, vitamins, minerals and herbs. Tend to financial matters carefully. Don't let your resources disappear. Read Libra.

PISCES: You may be traveling to teach and/or to study this summer. You may be planning meetings, conferences, classrooms and/or curriculum. You will definitely be communicating with others on a greater scale, personally or through writing, speaking, teleconferencing, conference calling. Some or all of these will occur. You know all things new must come forth. You cannot go back to the old ways of being. They are not there anymore. New realities and opportunities are offered.



Bourbon soaked blues straight to the soul

The Kentucky Gentlemen's blues duo creates a unique sound with Mitch King on guitar and vocals, and Aaron Underwood on bass. Both musicians provide percussion with their feet, listing Restless Legs as their percussionist. In an interview with *The Wichita Eagle* King says, "We made this crazy rig so (Underwood) can play kick drum with his right foot and snare with his left." King plays a hi-hat with his right foot.

The rootsy blues of the KY Gents have earned them a spot in the last two

International Blues Challenges in Memphis. In 2012 they represented the Wichita Blues Society and in 2013 the Blues Society of the Ozarks out of Springfield, Mo.

The old-school blues sound of the KY Gents is one you should experience in person to see how only two musicians can produce such a full band sound. They play at The Blarney Stone on Friday, April 25 at 8:30 p.m.

Also at The Blarney Stone: The movie *Thrive* will be shown on Sunday, April 27 at 5 p.m. for the first meeting of the new Indigo activist campaign.

Local country artist holds CD release party at Legends

Martin Sims started his musical career in a church in Marble, Ark., and like many greats of country music you can still hear that influence in his traditional country songs. Known for energizing shows that bring folks music they love, Sims is releasing his debut CD "When It's Cool To Be Country Again" at Legends on Saturday, April 26 at 9 p.m.

THURSDAY – APRIL 24

• **BLARNEY STONE** *Jam Session-local live music, 7 p.m.*

• **GRAND TAVERNE** *Jerry Yester Grand Piano Dinner Music, 6:30–9:30 p.m.*

• **JACK'S PLACE** *Karaoke with DJ Goose, 8 p.m.*

FRIDAY – APRIL 25

• **BALCONY RESTAURANT** *Hogscalders, 12 p.m. & 6 p.m.*

• **BLARNEY STONE** *Kentucky Gentlemen, 8:30 p.m.*

• **CATHOUSE LOUNGE** *Taylor Thompson, 8 p.m. – midnight*

• **CHELSEA'S** *Bearded Two, 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** *Mark Shields Band, 9 p.m.*

• **LEGENDS SALOON** *Bike Night with The George Brothers, 8 p.m.*

• **NEW DELHI** *Dusty Pearls, 6–10 p.m.*

• **ROWDY BEAVER** *Karaoke with Jerry, 7 p.m.*

• **ROWDY BEAVER DEN** *Strange Derangers, 9 p.m.*

• **THE STONE HOUSE** *Jerry Yester, 6:30–9:30 p.m.*

• **VOUEZ-VOUS** *Jesse Dean & Left of Center, 9 p.m.*

SATURDAY – APRIL 26

• **BALCONY RESTAURANT** *Catherine Reed, 12 p.m., Chris Diablo, 6 p.m.*

• **BLARNEY STONE** *Little Zero, 8:30 p.m.*

• **CATHOUSE LOUNGE** *Cutty Rye, 8 p.m. – midnight*

• **CHELSEA'S** *Mountain Sprout, 9 p.m.*

The Kentucky Gentlemen – This two-man blues machine will bring old-school blues to The Blarney Stone on Friday, April 25, 8:30 p.m.



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Band, 9 p.m.
- **LEGENDS SALOON** *Martin*
Sims CD Release Party, 9 p.m.
- **NEW DELHI** *Pete & Dave*,
6–10 p.m.
- **ROWDY BEAVER** *Ozark*
Thunder, 7:30 p.m.
- **ROWDY BEAVER DEN** *DJ Goose*,
12–4 p.m., *Third Degree*, 9 p.m.
- **VOUEZ-VOUS** *Jesse Dean & Left*
of Center, 9 p.m.

SUNDAY – APRIL 27

- **BALCONY RESTAURANT**
Staymore, 12 p.m., & 5 p.m.
- **CHELSEA'S** *Chucky Waggs*, 7:30 p.m.
- **HOLIDAY ISLAND VETERAN'S PARK** *The Ariels*, 1–3 p.m. *Jeep Fest*
- **LEGENDS SALOON** Free Texas Hold 'Em Tournament *with prizes*, 6 p.m.
- **NEW DELHI** *Sarah Hughes*, 12–4 p.m.
- **ROWDY BEAVER** *Moonshine Mafia*, 7:30 p.m.
- **ROWDY BEAVER DEN** *Matt Reeves Band*, 12–4 p.m.

MONDAY – APRIL 28

- **CHELSEA'S** *SpringBilly*, 7:30 p.m.
- **ROWDY BEAVER** *Left of Center*, 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY – APRIL 29

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

WEDNESDAY – APRIL 30

- **NEW DELHI CAFÉ** Open Jam
- **PIED PIPER CATHOUSE LOUNGE** Wheat Wednesday *Draft Beer Specials*
- **ROWDY BEAVER** Wine Wednesday

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Students get insights on hospitality biz

Joined by Superintendent David Kellogg, Principal Kathy Lavendar and Instructor Sherry Sullivan, Arkansas Tourism Director Joe David Rice was welcomed to Eureka Springs schools to deliver one of the final guest lectures for Eureka's newest business class.

The class, the Business of Hospitality, is a collaboration of Career Education Instructor Sherry Sullivan and Basin Park Hotel Manager Jack Moyer, and has featured 25 guest speakers from across Arkansas. The class got feedback to be included in a semester project that entails writing a business plan that follows SBA.gov standards.

Speakers in the hospitality series included Mike Bishop, Mike Maloney and Jacqueline Wolven representing their respective organizations, as well as industry professionals Britt Evans, Ruth Hager, Kathy Pickowitz, Randy Wolfenbarger, Kent Butler, Tanya Smith, David Mitchell, Jill Rohrbach, Gina Drennon, Bill Ott, Jodie English, Amanda Haley, Leslie Stilwell, Kelly Way, Tanner Montgomery and Teri Gage with the National Parks Service.

Eureka Inn's Jed Bullock added "Best Westerns of Arkansas Co-op is an original and long standing partner of the Arkansas Hospitality Associations lodging management program. We understand the need and value of investing in our industry through education of our youth and creating awareness of opportunities that the Hospitality industry



Arkansas Tourism Director Joe David Rice speaks to an attentive Business Hospitality Class at Eureka Springs High School.

offers. As Best Westerns of Arkansas has contributed over \$50,000 to the LMP program, you can understand I am proud this program has been established in Eureka Springs schools."

The hospitality program continues with semester projects through five work groups, visits from the Arkansas Hospitality Association and a field trip to learn about the hospitality industry in our neighboring communities of Bentonville, Rogers and others.

McTeacher's Night April 29

The Eureka Springs Middle School staff will have a chance to learn what it's like to work a shift at McDonald's from 4 – 8 p.m. on Tuesday, April 29. The annual event is a fundraiser for the school, and

McDonald's will make a donation to the school based on the amount of food sold by the teachers. So bring the family out for burger or wrap night and make sure you get fries with that!

JeepFest Saturday, April 26

The Holiday Island Chamber of Commerce invites everyone to come out to Veterans Memorial Park in the Park Shopping Center off Hwy. 23N on Saturday, April 26, for a family-friendly JeepFest with trophies, prizes, vendors, bands, food and new Jeeps. Event opens at 8 a.m.

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once the circuit judge does his part, but it is not her role regarding delinquents to "go out and shake them down, and the sheriff can't do more than I can."

Flake then asked Sheriff Bob Grudek if his view of the task included a more aggressive pursuit of delinquents. Grudek explained his deputies already collect fines for the District Court. He gets a report automatically generated at the end of the month showing who is delinquent, Municipal Judge Scott Jackson signs the warrants, and "we attempt to serve them or we send letters if they are out of the county or state."

Flake said Wilson had reported her figures indicating there could be as much as \$2.8 million in uncollected fines going back as far as 1983, yet the recent legislative audit showed only about \$23,000 in receivables. He wondered if this discrepancy were not a big problem.

JP Gaylon Riggs suggested Flake was misinterpreting the data and auditors

could answer his questions. Both County Tax Collector Kay Phillips and County Treasurer Cindy Collins offered explanations, but as the conversation wandered deeper into bookkeeping, Deaton observed, "Here we go again going in four directions! Let's give Ramona time to get this in line and see what she does."

Flake added, "And get the auditors to explain this to us."

JP Lamont Richie agreed the uncollected fines and fees should be reflected as receivables somewhere in the audit. Collins pointed out the auditors would be in town within six weeks, and JPs can ask them.

JP Larry Swofford said, "I'm thinking if it should be in there, it would already be in there."

Flake said he would withdraw his ordinance and give Wilson time, but wanted an explanation from the auditors about her numbers.

Wilson responded, "So you're just going to hone in on Ramona only!

The tax collector has unpaid fines also. You're not jumping on her, just me! I've done my job the way I was told to," she stated firmly, with emotion rising. "This is the same song, third verse – pounding, pounding, pounding on me, and I'm sick of it! Back off and leave me alone!"

JP John Reeve then commented, "Seems like when she gets operating, Ramona will be able to do what we need."

Grudek stated Boone County had offered to provide a person with experience with the software to assist Carroll County, and added, "I will make myself available to assist Ramona in any way." He also maintained that if he were to be responsible for collecting \$2.8 million, the court would see a more proactive response on his part.

"I'm not trying to pick on Ramona," Flake said. "I'm trying to collect the \$2.8 million, which seems like low-hanging fruit to me." He offered to make contact with state auditors about his questions, and withdrew the ordinance.



The *de facto* “letter to the editor department” for this column is the grocery store parking lot. It is where people comment about this column or ask questions. A couple of weeks ago, someone asked, “How come so many of the dogwoods in the forest look unhealthy?” For the most part we don’t pay much attention to dogwoods except for the last couple of weeks of April and first part of May when they are in their blooming glory. For several decades a blight or dogwood anthracnose



disease caused by the fungus *Discula destructiva* has marked the decline of dogwoods throughout its range.

Often the disease is unnoticed until lower branches have died. Spotting, with light brown blotches or small purple-rimmed spots on the leaves, are telltale symptoms. This fungus affects both cultivated and wild-growing dogwoods. In areas such as upstate New York, the disease has been subsiding in recent years, so there is hope.

In the yard, dogwoods should be watered during periods of drought. They should be protected from trunk and branch wounds that give the fungus an entry point. Mulch dogwoods, but keep bark mulch from directly contacting the trunk itself.

Dogwoods (*Cornus florida*) are one of the most iconic forest symbols of eastern North America. Often crooked in form, the wood has never been widely harvested for material use, though in colonial America the hard wood, which takes on a high polish, was used for weaving shuttles or the moving parts of wooden mechanical devices. The wood was used for small parts that would be subject to wear.

Prior to the advent of hogs-bristle toothbrushes in the early 19th century, “chewing sticks” were used to keep teeth clean. Chewing sticks are still used in tropical traditional societies. A small twig of dogwood a little more than an 1/8 in. in diameter was gently gnawed at the tip, which over an hour or two created a very fine brush at the tip, perfect for cleaning the teeth.

Dogwood inner bark was also a valuable substitute for cinchona bark (source of quinine) in hospitals of the South during the Civil War, when blockades of ports prevented imports from South America.

Pay attention to your dogwoods! Show them a little love.

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claimed some of her comments were simply incorrect.

He maintained Parks is building a trail system to contribute to an active, vibrant community. He claimed Parks had offered a mitigation but Brix had turned it down, and she was “trying to incite the public against a worthy project like this with half-truths.”

Commissioner Daniel Jackson also responded directly to Brix, “After hearing what I heard today, I question your motives. If I knew of a way to remove you from this table today, I would.”

Featherstone admitted he was taken aback by what was transpiring at the meeting, but he still insisted citizens who want their questions answered should talk with him and he is confident folks will walk away feeling positive about the trails system.

Later on the agenda was the presentation of the Trails Master Plan draft. Levine called it a conceptual plan. He said he would be setting up a town meeting in the middle of May to hear what interested citizens think.

He said the plan calls for going to each landowner along a route to resolve issues, and he does not expect many concerns. “We don’t want to run a trail near someone’s home,” he said. He

reiterated Parks had offered to work out an easement at the edge of the Brixes’ property. Brix did not recall an offer from any representative of Parks. Featherstone said his memory of details of that day are vague, but he remembers Brix did not want a trail on her property.

Featherstone suggested the Rock Street dilemma might be the biggest obstacle they face as the plan is implemented over time. He said the Master Plan will always be a work in progress, but the motivation behind it is to provide an alternate means of transportation – “off the couch and onto trails.”

Levine added statistics show property values near trails increase, but crime in those areas does not increase as some fear. He also suggested it would be an attraction for a small business considering where to relocate that its young, energetic employees would have trails for hiking and biking.

He insisted the purpose is not tourist-driven. “First and foremost it is to improve the quality of life in town.”

Featherstone said trails through town might be what keep locals here who are considering moving away. He added, “Every minute spent on a trail is a minute not in front of a boob tube. How can that be a bad thing?”

Commissioner Ruth Hager moved to

approve the Trails Master Plan concept, and the vote on her motion was 4-1, Brix voting No.

Other items

- Levine announced a group of at least 100 young people, ages 12-17 mostly, and 15 adults from Churches of Latter Day Saints throughout southern Missouri took on a brush-clearing project on three or four acres of woods at the entrance to Lake Leatherwood City Park. He said probably 70 of the workers were teenage girls, “and we couldn’t keep up with them.” He said through all the grueling tough work, “I never heard a negative word.”

- Levine also told the commission the motorboat Parks has at Lake Leatherwood for emergencies has become too unreliable. Twice recently, there have been occasions to use the boat, and the motor is getting trickier to operate. Levine said he does not need a motor that goes fast, “just something that will start and go.”

Commissioners voted to move \$4000 from reserves so Levine could get what they need.

- The geese have sort of returned to LLC. Stewart reported the fence near the beach area is working because the geese have mostly relocated and he saw scant fresh evidence the geese had been inside the fence. Levine said the sprinkler

system in that area is not working at the moment, but it will eventually be added to the lineup of deterrents already in place.

- Brix announced all perimeter posts are up the site of the new dog park in Harmon Park. Chain link fencing is stretched almost all the way around the area, and she said they hope to open either later this month or in May.

- Commissioner Fergie Stewart reported he had inspected the surveillance system at Harmon Park, and described it as “unstable.” However, he easily identified what improvements are needed, and a simple piece of equipment would establish a good connection to ESPD surveillance. He said he had looked at other locations that might need additional lighting for surveillance equipment to be effective.

Featherstone told the television audience that regrettably vandalism and mischief occurs in the parks, so surveillance is necessary. He urged citizens to inform authorities if they witness vandalism.

- The commission unanimously approved a four-color scheme for a picket fence Levine will be installing in Harmon Park.

Next workshop will be Tuesday, May 6, at 6 p.m., at Harmon Park. Next regular meeting will be Tuesday, May 20, at 6 p.m.



PHOTO BY PAM HARDESTY

Jones family donates bench

Family and friends gathered at the top of Passion Play Rd. Saturday morning to honor the memories of Happy and Jo Jones. This bench is a gift from the family to Wanderlust RV Park where Happy and Jo lived and worked starting in the mid-1990s, staying through three different owners. Jo worked behind the scene, but Happy was the face of Wanderlust and well known around town until his passing last year. According to current staff, guests still ask for him when they check in, and canine visitors to the park have been seen checking all the golf carts, looking for a pat and a treat from their ole buddy.

Happy and Jo's sons, David Jones (supervising on right) of Springdale and Dwayne Jones (on his knees working) of Aurora, Mo., helped with positioning and gardening. Bench placement was a family effort including the couple's grandchildren and great-granddaughter, 15 month-old, Finley, and family friends.

If you have the time, drive up over Passion Play Rd., take a break, sit a spell and remember old friends.

Bible Reading Marathon events begin April 25

The 5th Annual Carroll County Bible Reading Marathon begins Friday, April 25, with Come-n-Go prayer on the Green Forest town square from 6 – 9 p.m., ending with a candlelight vigil.

Events continue Saturday at the Berryville Community Center with "The Awakening" youth rally from 6 – 9 p.m. Refreshments will be served and youth will have the opportunity to sign up to read the Bible on the Square in Green Forest.

Bible reading begins after a ceremony at 3 p.m. Sunday, April 27, in the gazebo on the square. Green Forest Schools Superintendent Matt Summers will open with prayer. Walker Wilson Post #9 of Eureka Springs American Legion will post colors and Mike Mercer will lead the pledges. Delene McCoy will lead the National Anthem followed by a welcome from CCBRM President Charlotte Stratton. Praise and Worship will be lead by Victory Tabernacle Pentecostal Church of Green Forest. Mayor Charles Reese of Green Forest will be the speaker. Closing prayer will be lead by Deanna Palmer CCBRM

Prayer Coordinator. Members of the Treks 4-H Club will serve refreshments.

Ninety hours of reading the Bible begins at 5 p.m. Anyone wishing to sign up for a 15-minute slot can do so on the Square or call (417) 860-8714 before April 27.

Closing ceremony will be Thursday, May 1, the National Day of Prayer, at 5:30 pm. Welcome and prayer will be lead by CCBRM Consultant Bonnie Roediger. Praise and worship will be lead by Cowboy Church of Green Forest and Randall Christy of the Great Passion Play will be speaker. Colors will be retired by Post #9 Eureka Springs. Closing prayer by Larry Kirk, CCBRM Prayer Advisor.

Following the closing everyone is invited to the United Methodist Church for the Victory Celebration dinner and program. Special speakers from Bible Reading Ministry International, Jess and Bonnie Roediger, will report on their recent trip to Kathmandu, Nepal, and Nepal's first Bible Reading Marathon.

All lathe-erd up – Eureka Springs School of the Arts and Clear Spring School now have the use of two new Oneway lathes, thanks to brothers Buz Peine (straight) of Beaver and Ed Peine from Houston, both avid woodturners. The lathes will be used by students of both schools in the Clear Spring School woodshop. The two new lathes came with a selection of chucks, centers and tool rests, adding creative capacity to the lathes already available at the school. Doug Stowe, Clear Spring woodshop teacher and founding board member of ESSA, said he had been hoping to upgrade to higher quality, dependable lathes for the woodworking program at both schools, and extended his personal gratitude for this timely gift. *PHOTO SUBMITTED*



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

Fighting completely turns me off from sex. I have to get over it before I can be intimate. My partner thinks sex after fighting fixes it, like it's a stress reliever. What's normal?

Sexual contact releases oxytocin and endorphins, feel-good hormones that decrease stress, boost mood and deepen emotional attachment between partners. The manner in which couples incorporate sex differs tremendously, particularly when it comes to mitigating conflict. While sex can be an effective way to restore closeness after conflict, it's not for everyone.

There are definite physiological and emotional differences in the way stress affects men and women. Some research suggests that sex hormone-binding globulin (SHGB) binds to testosterone cells in women when they're stressed, and represses libido. Psychological studies show that while men perceive their partner as more sexually attractive after conflict, women perceive their partner as less sexually attractive.

Furthermore, men's and women's motivations to engage in sex after conflict differ. While men are motivated by their need to decrease internal stress and feel cared for, women are motivated by their need to nurture and reinstitute relational harmony.

The relationship's structure is of key importance. Chronic conflict and progressive dissatisfaction will most assuredly lead to decreased sexual desire in one or both partners. Sex after conflict in troubled relationships serves primarily to distract from and mask deeper problems. Sex becoming connected with feelings of anger and resentment is a real danger that has lasting effects upon each partner's individual sexuality. Read: Big baggage carried into any future relationship.

In "healthy" relationships sex can be reparative after conflict. The qualifier: Resolution. Resolve the conflict before pursuing physical intimacy. Sex alone cannot resolve conflict but it will, by nature, physiologically and absolutely strengthen a couple's romantic attachment. It's how we're wired.

You have no obligation to feel "in the mood" after fighting. Respect your feelings above all else. If you *want* to reconnect more quickly after conflict, take advantage of your chemistry. Give it 10 minutes, then touch

your partner. Ten minutes post-conflict, 50 percent of individuals feel sexually responsive. The other 50 percent have no sexual interest until they engage in moderate touching and kissing. Couples who touch often resolve conflict more quickly. Sex cannot fix a fight, but a loving touch just might save the day.

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



our dealings with our customers, our stakeholders, or each other as employees, our culture supports – and demands – that we do the right thing every time.”

We are in the middle of the middle. Let’s keep our eyes on the horizon knowing we will prevail. Time is on our side, the SPP deadline is already shot. AEP has been defeated before; they will have to lick their wounds and go away or join the solar and wind onsite revolution.

Let’s join forces with Kansas and Missouri in the path of the “slime line” another amoral electrical contractor like AEP, selling wind they don’t have and hiding the environmental devastation of thousands of miles of 200-ft. easements, with smoke and mirrors. Mark Lawlor, spokesman for Clean Line Partners, had the nerve to tell Missouri Sen. Sater and Mo. State Reps. Fitzpatrick, Neely, Hanes, and Lant to stop *dabbling* with their bills. Mark is watching everything they do and is whining. Missouri is changing the rules in the middle of the game. Like Peter Main, sound bites are the only thing left when you are ashamed to disclose helicopters to build the line and your easement “agreement” to rape the countryside.

Dr. Luis Contreras

Wrong on so many levels

Editor,

I just don’t understand vandalism at all. Holiday Island can boast about no crime, but in reality, there is ongoing criminal activity happening routinely at The Veteran’s Memorial Park. The Park is located adjacent to the Elks Lodge on Parkcliff Drive. This awesome park is home to a Veteran’s Wall of Honor, a statue honoring veterans, a playground, an amphitheater, an exercise area and a pavilion. All of these were donated by local people who want to make The Veteran’s Memorial Park a special place for everyone

to enjoy.

Personally, I thank all those who contributed to make this park a special place. The problem is some people obviously don’t appreciate it the way most of us do. American Legion Post 36 maintains the Park area. The Post provides cleaning of the restrooms, the pavilion area and trash hauling.

Most every month during our meeting at Post 36, it is mentioned that the Park area has been vandalized again – fans get broken, restrooms are trashed and people are bringing their personal trash (including discarded appliances) and dumping it in the trashcan. I can’t tell you how many times we have had to replace the fans, have had to clean feces off the restroom walls and floors, pick up broken and discarded beer bottles and haul away someone else’s trash.

This is absolutely ridiculous! What gives people the right to desecrate anything, much less a Veteran’s Park? Nothing, absolutely nothing gives these mutants the right to do this! Members of our Post make it a priority to drive by the area whenever we can to help prohibit this activity, but we can’t overcome it on our own.

This is where the public comes in. I would ask that anytime you are in the area of the Park to drive by to see if there is any of this activity going on. If you see it, report it! I am also asking that the new deputy sheriff assigned to Holiday Island make a point to provide a presence in this area. It is time for grass-roots action, folks. Don’t do anything foolish like confronting someone caught in the act – get their license plate number and report it immediately! Please help us keep this wonderful area just that – wonderful!

Robin Lahm

Holiday Island

Pick a day to go fishing

Dear AEP,

Before I complain about AEP’s pro-

posed 345kV “Business Expansion” from Shipe Road to the Kings River, I believe in offering solutions: Here is my first: Change your image – it’s worth \$\$\$.

Invest the proposed \$100-120 million and instead, lease rooftop solar. AEP makes a profit and protects *nature* (your new bragging point). Nature has a growing dollar value. I recommend reading Tony Juniper’s *What has Nature Ever Done For Us?* He was the environmental advisor to Prince Charles for many years.

AEP’s “Make Over” has a second part: Write off the pricey \$600,000+ Kings River site. Partner with the community to create a One-of-A-Kind rescue area for native plant species – a pollinator’s haven. Many of us would volunteer. At least think about it. Your fresh, honest image is PR platinum! It doesn’t cost more and you solve the “reliability issue” on our rooftops! And what about that growing side story: The gigantic grid as a *risk* to National Security? Isn’t building *more* of it contrary to public safety?

The paradigm shift is already happening. We urge AEP to get ahead of your competitors! SolarCity isn’t here yet, but they will be, soon. There is not a day that I don’t talk with people ready to make the move to solar. Cha-ching... those dollars could be yours! For example, our simple DIY solar array has produced over 5.5 megawatts since 6/8/13. Excess goes back to CCEC. It pays for itself in seven years. More homes, schools and businesses will install rooftop solar and micro wind inverters. Small is big money.

From a business point of view, AEP is remarkably out of touch. Your request for citizen feedback is too late. Where were our town hall meetings down here in Arkansas? AEP would have learned valuable information had you visited and gotten to know us! By now you realize this: the highly motivated citizen group Save the Ozarks is not going away.

According to census figures, sparse

populations in Carroll and Madison counties will never, ever need 345kV. And wasn’t the 14-mile segment from Flint Creek to Shipe Road supposed to take care of the “reliability” in Washington/Benton counties? With advances in smart building and appliance design usage has not grown as expected and we little people will find smaller ways to address “reliability” as our rooftop options expand.

“Because we need it – it’s an SPP mandate” isn’t enough, and sounds suspiciously like a corporate “Because we said so.” Sorry, our arms are crossed and we don’t believe you. AEP & SWEPCO are members of the SPP – along with the APSC commissioners. Can someone explain how that works? I cannot contact an APSC commissioner, yet the commissioners sit on SPP committees. “Contact the APSC” does not instill trust or confidence anymore.

Your CEO, Nick Akins, brags to investors that AEP has more high voltage lines than any utility; it’s the “steel in the ground” investors want. I get it; transmission infrastructure is AEP’s Golden Goose. You seem in a hurry to build more before ratepayers understand the arrangement. I was stunned to learn it doesn’t matter how much AEP spends since ratepayers foot the bill. Handsome profits, warm relations with Wall Street then government approval; all passed on to ratepayers. No wonder rural America is upset being asked, again, to sacrifice for urban areas and your investors.

Please come see our solar installation. I’ll make lunch, take you kayaking/canoeing or hiking through the rivers/forests you think are expendable; take you to a great fishing spot on the White River where you planned Routes 109/33. Then maybe a bunch of my neighbors can join us and you can look us in the eye and explain why destroying the Ozark Highlands and impairing our quality of life is beneficial and to whom.

Faith Pettit-Shah

federal law to use accurate caller ID numbers when calling consumers.

The FCC requires each telemarketing company to transmit or display its telephone number, and if possible, its name or the name and telephone number of the company for which it is selling products or services. Telemarketers must also display a telephone number that a consumer may call during regular business hours to request that such calls stop.

In addition to providing cover for fraudulent telemarketing, Caller ID spoofing can be used to perpetrate ID theft by convincing a consumer that he is dealing with

a trusted source with which the consumer regularly does business.

Complaints about telemarketer spoofing can be made directly to the FCC at esupport.fcc.gov/complaints.htm or (888) CALL-FCC (225-5322).

The Attorney General advises consumers can avoid Caller ID spoofing by:

- Being cautious. Do not give out personal information over the telephone. Anyone a consumer normally does business with already has the information they need. Most companies will not call to ask to verify account numbers or ask for a Social Security number or to verify an account number.

- Calling the number back. Consumers who receive a call from a bank or credit card company, for instance, may wish to write down the number on the caller ID, hang up and redial the number, or call back to that company’s published telephone number.

- Blocking the number. Consumers who continue to receive calls from the same number may contact their telephone service provider and request that the number be blocked.

- Filing a complaint with the Attorney General or the FCC. To file a complaint with the Attorney General, call the Office’s Consumer Hotline toll-free at (800) 482-8982 or visit www.GotYourBackArkansas.org.

Nettles for Life workshop May 4

Sunday, May 4, Nettles for Life begins with a herb walk at Fire Om Earth Retreat from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. Make contact with the plant to learn your unique relationship to it and how it may benefit you individually. Journaling included. Fee \$25. Register at

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In an afternoon session from 1 – 3 p.m. at Flora Roja, 119 Wall St., engage in a hands on class to discover the best way to prepare the plant to get optimum health benefits. Fee \$25. Register at (479) 253-4968.

DROPPING A Line by Robert Johnson

Mark Brown is one of our fighting boys who took a break from our United States Air Force to enjoy some Ozarks' fishing last weekend. His big fish of the day was a seven lb. largemouth caught on a brood shiner in 12 ft. of water off the flats. He released this fish.

Well, Holiday Island is about the same as last week – with all the cold water being run from the dam we are staying about 47°. You have to get in the creeks to find most all the fish unless you want trout.

All is normal on the Missouri side of Table Rock, with crappie moving into the shoreline brush, whites running up Roaring River and the Kings, and bass looking for nesting spots in the gravel close to shore, so hit the shoreline. With this river so cold this could be a good time to check our city lake, Lake Leatherwood just out of town on 62 west. It's only 100 acres and full of bass, crappie, redear and catfish, with low cost boat rental.

Beaver Lake is warming fast, which has stripers moving out of the river and most stripers, white bass, spotted and largemouth bass being caught in creek arms and on the main lake from Horseshoe Bend to the Hwy. 12 bridge and up the Prairie, Goose, Avoca, and Ventras creek arms. Big shad and three-to-four in. shiners run behind the boat with no weights early, then with weights 12 to 24



ft. deep as the sun gets higher. Also throwing big top water baits early, like a Redfin or Spook.

I have heard of some reports of a few stripers and a lot of whites being caught on our end of the lake off the points from the dam to Point 5 and up in Indian Creek.

That's it for this week, nice to see all the green and nice weather. Time to get out of the house and enjoy.

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if they allowed me to not list my number for free. But AT&T charges you \$4.99 per month for a Smart Limits feature block for up to 30 numbers. If the call is from an anonymous caller from an "unknown number," telephone companies have no remedy.

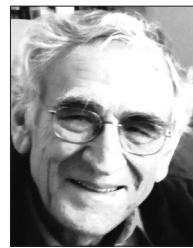
If you haven't already done it, the federal government's Do Not Call (DNC) Registry allows you to permanently restrict telemarketing calls by registering your phone number at donotcall.gov or by calling (888) 382-1222. Putting your number on this national registry will stop most telemarketing calls, but not all of them. Calls still permitted include those from political organizations, charities, telephone surveyors and organizations with which you have a relationship.

A FTC rules states that callers must:

1. Provide the seller's name.
2. Disclose that the call is a sales call.
3. Tell you exactly what they're trying to sell.
4. Disclose the total cost and other terms of sale before you make any payment for the goods or services.

Telemarketers aren't allowed to call before 8 a.m. or after 9 p.m. or threaten, intimidate or harass you, or call again if you ask them not to. Good luck with that one. You can say, "Put me on your do not call list" as fast as you can, and these callers will hang up faster.

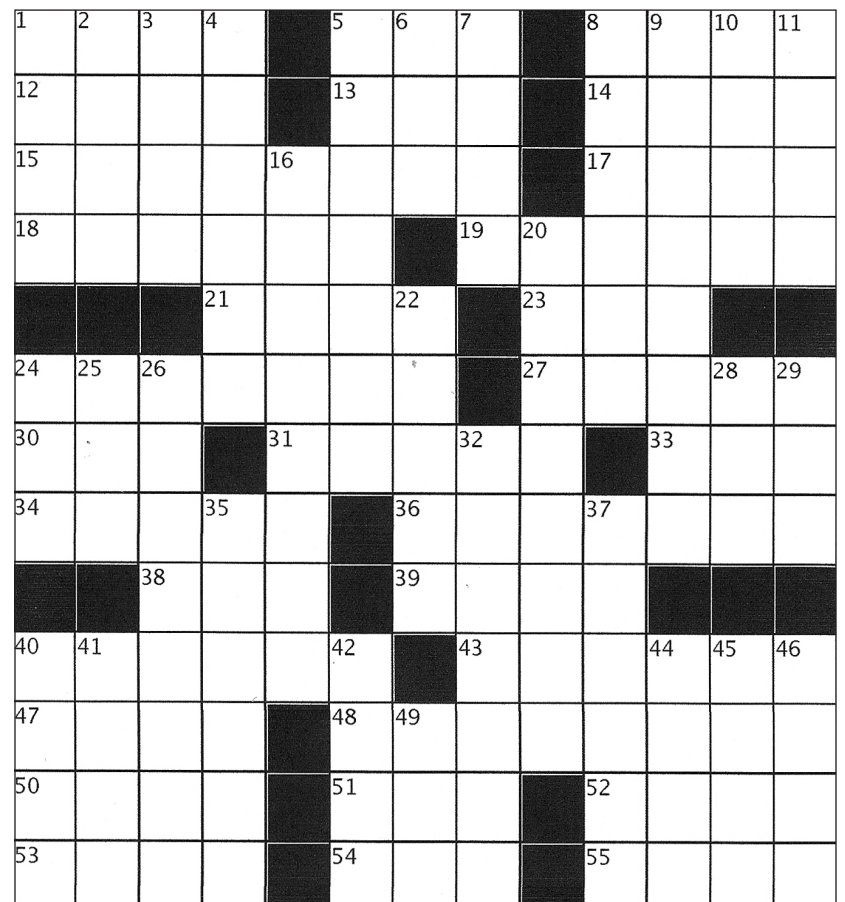
The FTC says it is not necessary to register cell phone numbers on the DNC Registry despite e-mail claims circulating on the Internet.



INDEPENDENT Crossword

by Bill Westerman

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| ACROSS | 39. Father | 9. Arterial deposit |
| 1. Smacks | 40. Fuses metal | 10. Elementary particle |
| 5. Sprite | 43. Induce grief | 11. Multi-colored |
| 8. Beguiler | 47. Son of Leah | 16. Covering |
| 12. Same, in a citation | (Biblical) | 20. Mosaic tiles |
| 13. Honey | 48. "Jeopardy!" column | 22. Passes out playing cards |
| 14. Toiletries case | 50. Greek god of war | 24. Noah's son |
| 15. Laxative | 51. Poem of praise | 25. Anger |
| 17. Foot covering | 52. Rim | 26. Mitigates |
| 18. Make ragged | 53. Finest | 28. Each |
| 19. Show up | 54. Craggy hill | 29. Terminus |
| 21. Minced oath | 55. Chimney residue | 32. Fishing spear |
| 23. Kind of drum | | 35. Join the military |
| 24. Bearded | DOWN | 37. Firewood splitters |
| 27. Slant | 1. Sword handle | 40. Thick slice |
| 30. 100 square meters | 2. Notion | 41. Only |
| 31. Breakfast, lunch and dinner | 3. Canvas shelter | 42. Gael |
| 33. Blokes | 4. Wallops | 44. Extinct bird |
| 34. Riot | 5. Qatar, e.g. | 45. Therefore |
| 36. To the sheltered side | 6. Bulgarian currency | 46. Comrade's refusal |
| 38. Small hotel | 7. Doggie nemesis | 49. Fuss |
| | 8. Chaste woman | |

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Jarvis, she was so dizzy she did not recognize him, but felt as if she were doomed to go whirling on and on round the endless circle. The next instant, she was being swept into a

Figure Eight, moving so fast that it threatened to turn into Crack the Whip, and herself on the tail of it, clutching wildly at Jarvis's hand and running to keep from being snapped off and hurtled against the wall.

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expenses, and McKinney replied he does not pay bills he does not receive, so the merry-go-round of confusing expectations continued its wobbly ride.

JP Lamont Richie wanted to know if getting an attorney would only give them another opinion without a resolution. Green Forest Mayor Charlie Reece chimed in, "You're going in circles. It's ludicrous! Appoint a committee to work through this."

Flake still wanted to get all the issues settled, and other points re-circulated until

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to landowners." SWEPCO contradicts this statement by acknowledging that right-of-way maintenance can be delegated to some landowners – those whose land is pastureland.

SWEPCO meets its responsibility for ensuring compliance with federal reliability standards by inspecting rights-of-way to determine that standards are being met, and reporting results of such inspections to the NERC. STO claims contractors hired by SWEPCO to perform such inspections would have no more qualms or difficulties with inspecting rights-of-way maintained



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Sayre, the attorneys working to collect \$233,000 the district says is still owed by the State.

- Kellogg recommended the district expel a student for up to 365 days from the date of an incident, and the board voted unanimously to follow his recommendation. Kellogg did not comment on the incident.

Following executive session, the board voted to approve these personnel changes:

- accept the resignations of Kim Huddleston, Gayle Hull and David Morrell effective June 30;

- accept the resignation of Pam Levering effective April 18;

- hire Lance Wilderman and John McBryde as substitutes.

Next meeting will be Thursday, May 15, at 5:30 p.m.

Deaton commented, "After an hour, we're still where we started. I suggest the sheriff and the two mayors handle this because it is an administrative problem. It is not our problem. They should try to work it out and get back to us."

And that is where they left it.

The court also unanimously approved an appropriation ordinance setting up a new full-time position in the assessor's office, and approved an ordinance appropriating grant funds of \$14,065 received from the Secretary of State toward voting system equipment and supplies.

by landowners who don't have pastureland than those maintained by landowners who do, or those maintained by commercial maintenance firms.

SWEPCO says it is "willing to cooperate with landowners on a case by case basis and evaluate the land use and need for subsequent right-of-way maintenance." STO responds the evaluation of a landowner's use of his or her own land is for the landowner to determine, not SWEPCO.

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