



## Same gender marriage licenses on hold in Carroll County

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Around 10:30 a.m. on Monday, May 12, as people were lined up at the clerk's office in Eureka Springs, Carroll County courthouses were ordered to stop issuing marriage licenses to same-sex couples. The *Independent* received a faxed press release from the office of Carroll County Prosecuting Attorney Tony Rogers shortly thereafter, stating:

"This office was notified this morning by Mike Rainwater that there was a law left on the books prohibiting a county clerk from issuing a marriage license to persons of the same gender. This law was not addressed by Judge Piazza, and because of this, we advised the county clerk to stop selling marriage licenses to person of the same gender."

Rainwater, an injury attorney with Rainwater, Holt and Sexton in Little Rock, is the legal counsel for risk management in Carroll County.

Larry Crane, Pulaski County Clerk in Little Rock, confirmed that same gender licenses were still being issued in Pulaski, Perry and Saline counties. Responding to information in the press release, Crane said, "I personally don't think that's a problem. Judge Piazza's ruling is a mandate to me to issue marriage licenses irrespective of gender."

Crane was one of two defendants in



**History made in a historical town** – Jennifer Rambo, left, and Kristin Seaton were issued the first same-sex marriage license in the South at the Eureka Springs Courthouse on Saturday, May 10. The Ft. Smith women were immediately married on the sidewalk after walking down the courthouse steps. PHOTO BY BECKY GILLETTE

the case in which Judge Piazza overturned the ban on gay marriage. "The order from Judge Piazza was issued to me personally," Crane said, and indicated there was no question about the order in Pulaski and Perry counties because the two clerks were named defendants in the case.

"Outside these counties, every county with questions about what they should be

doing needs to contact their local legal advisor, usually the prosecuting attorney's office, or whichever legal advisor they turn to in the normal course of business," Crane explained. "Only I and Perry County and Saline County clerks know for sure what we should be doing at this point."

Washington County also continues to issue licenses.

Crane seemed confident everything would eventually be worked out in all county courthouses, but cautioned, "the answer probably won't be immediate."

A press release from Deputy Clerk Carl Gustin of the Carroll County Clerk's Office was received via email on Tuesday, May 13, stating in part:

"County Clerk Jamie Correia has received numerous phone calls from media both locally, state and even nationally. Correia stated that her office followed legal protocol from the state of Arkansas. Licenses for same sex marriages were issued on Saturday because the state statutes had been overturned by a court in Little Rock.

"As of Monday morning the legal council for our risk management fund attorney, Mike Rainwater, along with the county attorney, advised county clerks to stop issuing licenses for same sex marriage because a statute prohibiting clerks from issuing licenses to same sex couples was not addressed in Judge Piazza's order. "If the time comes that we are informed that the licenses are to be resumed, we will do so immediately."

Meanwhile, Attorney General Dustin McDaniel has filed to have the Arkansas Supreme Court issue an emergency stay against the ruling overturning the ban. The stay has not yet been issued.

### This Week's INDEPENDENT Thinkers

It was Albert Einstein who said logic will get us from A to B, but imagination will take us everywhere.

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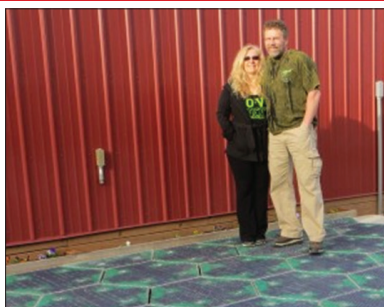


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## Two arrested in drug sting

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United States Attorney for the Western District of Arkansas,

Conner Eldridge, reported the couple appeared before Magistrate Judge Erin L. Setser on May 12 in Fayetteville on federal charges of trafficking methamphetamine.

According to Eldridge's news release, authorities conducted numerous controlled buys throughout the investigation and on Thursday, May 8, executed a search warrant where agents found and seized 18 firearms and more than \$24,000 in cash.

### Dedication rewarded

Eureka Springs Hospital kicked off National Hospital Week May 12 by presenting candy-filled mugs to all employees. National Hospital Week is the hospital's annual opportunity to thank these dedicated individuals for their continued commitment to serve residents of, visitors to and neighboring communities surrounding, Eureka Springs. More employee-appreciation events are scheduled at the hospital this week.



## Black is back for pet adoption

During May, the Good Shepherd Humane Society is once again encouraging the adoption of black dogs and cats through the "Back in Black" Adoption Promotion when fees for any black/mostly black dog or cat will be half price! The shelter is located at 6486 Highway 62, just east of the Eureka Springs city limits. Think black and come to the shelter to take advantage of this great opportunity. Everyone needs a fashionable little black pet. They go with everything – and they especially want to go home with *you*.

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## Federal court exonerates deputy

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Charges stemmed from an incident in 2010 involving Chevallier and a tenant on his property who called deputies to report that Chevallier, known as Blue John, was harassing him. Hand and Dep. Billy Floyd responded and told Blue John not to have

contact with the tenant. When Blue John, 81 at the time, did not comply, he was pepper-sprayed, cuffed and arrested.

Charges of Criminal Trespass, Harassment, Disorderly Conduct and Refusal to Submit to arrest were later dropped, but Chevallier filed a civil rights lawsuit against Hand and Floyd, alleging his 4<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> amendment rights were violated. Floyd was dismissed as a defendant before the case went to court.

Hand was represented by the county's

legal counsel for risk management, Rainwater Holt & Sexton, P.A. A jury of eight found Hand innocent in less than one hour.

"I stopped reading papers three years ago," Hand told the *Independent*. "It was too hard on me, hard on my kids. Now it's behind me and I'm glad of that." He was recently promoted to head of the Criminal Investigation Dept. – Narcotics.

Chevallier died in Harrison on May 18, 2013.

## Two milestones for Eureka Mustang Show

*Parade rolls through Historic District at 2 p.m. May 24*

Pony cars will celebrate two important milestones in Eureka Springs on May 24: the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the annual Eureka Springs Mustang Car Show and the 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday of the legendary Ford Mustang.

In honor of the 50<sup>th</sup>, there will be a special trophy for the best 50-year old Mustang at the show at Pine Mountain Village. The event is free and open from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. with more than 100 new

and old Mustangs on display, a deejay, trivia contests, cash awards and trophies for "Best of" cars, event T-shirts and souvenirs – and a 50<sup>th</sup> "Birthday" cake.

For the first time, the Saturday parade will have a Grand Marshal – Chief Meteorologist Drew Michaels of 40/29 TV. Drew will perch atop a bright red mustang convertible followed by another carrying Roy Manley, founder of the Eureka Springs

Mustang Show.

Featured guest car club this year is Green Country Classic Mustangs of Tulsa, Okla., whose members will join the fun with other clubs and Mustang lovers from eight states and Canada. For further information see [www.eurekaspringsmustangshow.com](http://www.eurekaspringsmustangshow.com) or contact Jim Post (479) 253-6333.

## Primary election Tuesday

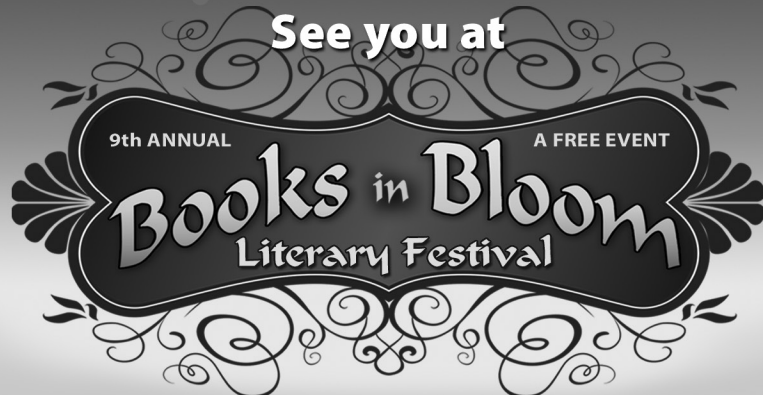
Voting on Election Day in Eureka Springs is at St. Elizabeth's Parish Hall, Passion Play Rd., from 7:30 a.m. – 7:30 p.m. Voting in Berryville is at the Community Center, 7:30 a.m. – 7:30 p.m. Early voting at either county courthouse, Eureka Springs or Berryville, is from 8 a.m. – 6 p.m. except only until 5 p.m. on Monday, May 19, and 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., Saturday.

## EARLY DEADLINES

Due to the Memorial Day holiday, early deadline for the May 28 *Independent* newspaper are as follows: New display advertising, Wednesday, May 21 at noon

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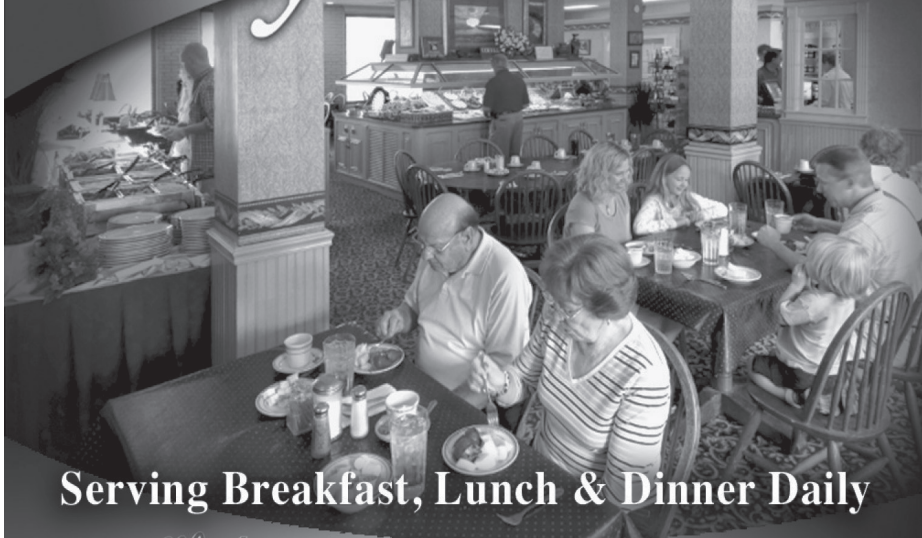
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# INDEPENDENTNews

## Rock Street saga continues long and winding journey

NICKY BOYETTE

The Eureka Springs City Council turned the page on another chapter in the Rock Street saga, but the story is far from over. At Monday night's meeting, council voted 4-1-1, Alderman Terry McClung voting No and Alderman Mickey Schneider voting Present, to approve the third reading of Ordinance 2207, which reclaims the platted but undeveloped Rock Street from the jurisdiction of the Parks Department.

Alderman David Mitchell stated because the agenda item was about reclaiming Rock Street and not about "peripheral issues," he moved to put the ordinance on its third reading. The issues he was referring to were the request of Rachel and Ryan Brix, whose property surrounds Rock Street, for a vacation of the strip of land which serves as their driveway and the opposition to the request by the Parks Department, who have maintained Rock

Street could be part of their trail system, and owners of property adjacent to the Brixes' property who claim Rock Street is a possible access to their property.

Mayor Morris Pate recognized Wade Williams, attorney for the owners of Marble Flats, the property adjacent to the Brixes' property. Williams said his clients had authorized him to announce they would be willing to discuss with Parks a way to find an alternate route for their trail outside of the Brixes' property. In return, his clients wanted the Brixes to withdraw their petition for a vacation of Rock Street.

Mitchell responded that the item on the agenda is about reclaiming the street, not about negotiating between the Brixes and the other parties, and he thought the "eleventh hour proposal sounds like a stalling tactic."

Schneider replied, "Come on, guys. We're doing this (reclaiming the property) so we can vacate it."

"I ask we limit our discussion to the topic on the agenda," alderman Joyce Zeller commented.

McClung agreed with Schneider's

point. "Let's call a spade a spade," he said. "This will more than likely lead to a vacation, and it is opening the city to a lawsuit." And he thought just because the agenda did not mention vacation did not mean the end result would not be a vacation.

Mitchell did not agree with McClung's view, and said McClung's "veiled threat" was inappropriate. Mitchell also pointed out there is a lighted ADA-compliant sidewalk along North Main parallel to the area where Parks wants to complete its trail loop, and it could easily be included in the trail system.

Alderman Dee Purkeypile said he had gone to the site at the behest of the parties involved, and had asked for a compromise. He said he appreciated the remarks from Williams as a start to a compromise.

Alderman James DeVito said he had been around city government long enough not to be daunted by threats of lawsuits, and he saw "lots of avenues for compromise on this issue."

Mitchell moved to approve the third reading of the ordinance, and council voted 4-1-1 to approve it.

## Help Shape the Future of Trails

Have your say and share your ideas with the Eureka Springs Trails Committee at a public forum to inform and gather input on the Eureka Springs Trails Master Plan draft Thursday, May 15, 6 p.m. at the Inn of the Ozarks Convention Center. A copy of the draft can be viewed online at [eurekaparks.com](http://eurekaparks.com) or by e-mailing [esparks@arkansas.net](mailto:esparks@arkansas.net). Copies are available at the Parks Office, 532 Spring, (479) 253-2866.



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## Council votes to clean up

NICKY BOYETTE

The third reading of the Clean City Ordinance was on Monday's council agenda, and aldermen in general favored the intent but not all of the content. Alderman Mickey Schneider had a long list of suggested corrections. "I'm not against keeping yards neat," she said. What she was against was the restrictions about what plants could not be in a yard but must be in a "cultivated garden." She also said the fines were too severe because there could be circumstances, such as a family emergency, that might lead to an unfortunate but unavoidable violation of not getting the grass mowed on time. She also pointed out her boat would be a violation because she does not license it every year.

Alderman James DeVito replied that there will be always be exceptions to any law they create, and council cannot address every imaginable situation. Nevertheless, there has been a diligent attempt to craft an improved ordinance. It had already been amended, and there will be further amendments, and he thought the best thing would be to pass the ordinance. "If we overlooked something, we'll correct it."

Alderman David Mitchell then read several amendments to the ordinance, and council approved

the amendments 5-1, Zeller voting No. Alderman Dee Purkeypile added another change that was approved unanimously.


Schneider moved to strike language regarding vehicles with no registration, but the vote on her motion was 2-4, DeVito, Mitchell, Purkeypile and alderman Terry McClung voting No.

Zeller said she liked the intent of the ordinance but she was uneasy with the specifics. She thought it was "too strict and too intrusive," although she moved to outlaw bamboo in the city limits, but she did not get a second on her motion.

When the vote came, it was 4-2 to approve, Zeller and Schneider voting No.

**Sharing the orange** – Faith Shah, far right, of Save The Ozarks continues to extend STO's reach into nearby communities. She recently met with Laura Seamster Mulkey, center, and Mignon Serratt who are organizing a group of concerned citizens and planning an anti-SWEPCO rally in Garfield from 10 a.m. – noon on Saturday, May 17 in the empty parking lot across US 62W from Garfield Elementary School. Everyone is encouraged to wear their STO orange, bring signs, and join them at the rally.

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# INDEPENDENTNews

## Mother of murder victim wants system fixed

BECKY GILLETTE

Both candidates for Carroll County Circuit Judge, incumbent Kent Crow and challenger Scott Jackson, have ties to the case of Laura Nayeli Aceves, 21, who was murdered on New Year's Eve, 2012. Aceves had a protection order against her former boyfriend, Victor Acuna-Sanchez, who is now awaiting trial for her murder.

Jackson and Crow both said rules of judicial conduct prohibited them from discussing the case while it is still open.

Prior to the murder of Aceves, Acuna-Sanchez had been charged with aggravated assault and third-degree battery against Aceves. Before those cases came to trial, he was also charged with violating the protection order stipulating he have no contact with Aceves. Scott Jackson was the Berryville Municipal Judge who allowed Acuna-Sanchez out of jail on his own recognizance after the charge of violating the protection order. Kent Crow rented an apartment to Aceves on the Berryville Square and evicted her after her apartment was heavily damaged by Acuna-Sanchez. Crow recused himself from the case in January.

Aceves' mother, Laura Ponce, said Crow's eviction put her daughter on the streets at risk for repeated violence. Ponce said the release of Acuna-Sanchez after he violated the protection order shouldn't have happened, and that Prosecuting Attorney Tony Rogers could have prevented the Acuna-Sanchez release after the arrest for violating the protection order, but apparently didn't know about it because of a mix up in the paperwork.



LAURA PONCE

Rogers also declined to discuss the case.

"We can't comment on anything related to the case prior to trial," Rogers said.

Ponce said the police also failed her daughter. Police were called for help many times over a two-year period during which the alleged abuse from Acuna-Sanchez escalated. He allegedly beat her when she was seven months pregnant with his child, choked her, beat her with a bat, dragged her behind a car, and robbed her and her family.

"The system let her down," Ponce said. "They said it publicly. They accept their mistake. None of these people did their job. Because they didn't do their job properly,

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## Brave Woman advocates system of safety for abused women

BECKY GILLETTE

Could something more have been done to help Laura Nayeli Aceves, 21, who was murdered on New Year's Eve 2012? Have any changes been made to the system to protect women in Carroll County who might be in a similar position of suffering domestic abuse?

Sandy Wright and Judi Selle of Eureka Springs are co-founders of a group called Brave Woman, with a mission to increase awareness of domestic violence and change perceptions of women who are suffering from violence by their partners from one of being a victim to being a "Brave Woman."

"Part of the focus of Brave Woman is to turn around how people view women going through this process," said Wright, who has worked with eight women's shelters in two states. "We don't like to use word victim, because they are survivors. Every time she leaves, it is an act of bravery. She is a survivor looking for a way to be back in charge of her life. It is very daunting for a lot of women to leave an abusive situation. Many don't have the resources, and don't have any place to go."

Their first recommendation is a greater awareness of the problem in our area. Secondly, Wright and Selle advocate establishing safe houses for abused women. While there is only one women's shelter in Carroll County, there are shelters in Harrison, Rogers and Fayetteville. But what is needed in addition to shelters is a safe house to provide a place for a woman and her children to stay until they can be moved on to a shelter.

Aceves was staying in a hotel the night

she was murdered. If a safe house had been available, she might be alive today.

"She did the right thing by leaving, but she had no place to go where she could be safe," Wright said. "That is something that could be done to help women like Laura. Domestic violence is much more prevalent in communities than people actually know. It is tragic when someone like Laura has to die and leave behind small children. I hope it is a wake up call for all of us. It is a general sort of alert for people to reaffirm a commitment to not let abuse happen in our community."

To be effective, there needs to be a system of safety, not just a shelter. Women's shelters are more than just a safe place to stay. Wright said they are very detailed, service oriented systems.

"It is not just a house with beds," Wright said. "It is an expensive proposition. Women come in with a variety of needs. Each shelter system tries to address as many needs as possible. That is why we think for these Brave Women to have a safe house to go to would be very helpful."

"Domestic violence always carries the threat of murder," Selle said. "Women know when their partner is homicidal. Women know when their lives are at risk. If there were more awareness and help, someone could have taken her to a safe place so she could re-establish her life. Women like Laura need a safe place to go, and a community that is supportive of their needs. We need a police system that takes this seriously."

Wright said when women do leave,

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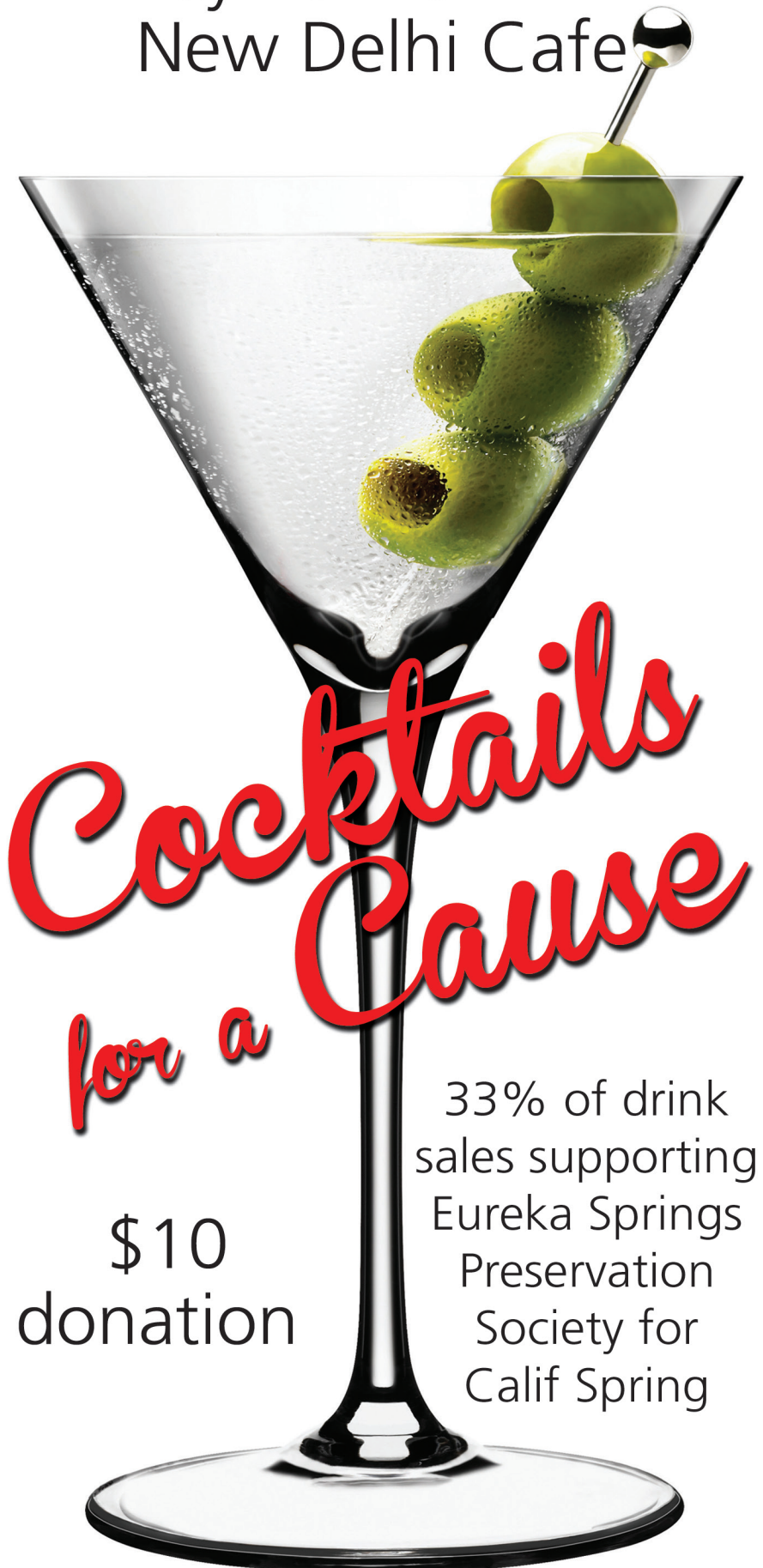
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Noise about noise

NICKY BOYETTE

“Noise is in the ear of the beholder,” commented Nancy Fuller at the May 12 city council meeting regarding the draft of proposed changes to the city’s noise ordinance. During Public Comments, she questioned the vagueness in the parts of the ordinance, which brings into play who would interpret it and enforce it. She said, regardless of attempts to the contrary, the ordinance targeted motorcycle riders. She also pointed out the whole town benefits from bikers coming here because servers in a bar accommodating cyclists will spend tips on groceries and lifestyle all over town.

When the item took its turn on the agenda, alderman David Mitchell told council a diverse group, including a policeman, met for months trying to clean up the existing noise ordinance, and they were conscientious not to focus on any particular segment of noisemakers. He stated their work had been hijacked by some and made into something it was not,

which was an anti-motorcycle document. Alderman Terry McClung pointed out the city has a noise ordinance in place already. The enforcement would remain the same even with a new ordinance. “I’m inclined to leave things as they

are,” he said. Mitchell responded that the ordinance would be a city ordinance, not a state statute, so more money from fines would be staying local. He acknowledged enforcement would be

the same, but ESPD would have an expanded ordinance on their side. After cleaning up some language, council voted 4-2, McClung and Zeller voting No, to approve first reading of the ordinance.



**Music makers** – Director Chad Martin leads Eureka Springs students during their annual Spring Concert May 8 in in the High School auditorium. Performing were sixth grade, middle school and high school bands and the high school choir as well as solos by music students and a performance by the flag team. Pictured above are the combined middle and high school bands. The evening ended with the seventh/eighth grade band performing Tchaikovsky's *1812 Overture*, complete with canons firing and a standing ovation from the audience. *PHOTO BY JUSTIN GALL*

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## New shop for Public Works

NICKY BOYETTE

Mayor Morris Pate told council Monday night the Public Works shop on US 62 is an old rotting wooden building hastily built in the distant past. The interior walls show exposed fiberglass insulation that has been turned dark by years of gas fumes. Lower portions of the walls are deteriorating, and two support poles are being reinforced by a metal table between them. During a recent especially windy day, employees were hesitant to remain in the building.

Pate asked council to approve an ordinance that would waive competitive bidding for the purchase of a new metal 100x50-ft. building. He wanted to waive the bidding process so they could hire someone local and get the job done before winter. Cost of the building would be \$90,000 and Pate expected plumbing, electrical and other necessary expenses would total another \$35,000. He has been assured by Finance Director Lonnie Clark the money is available.

Council voted to approve three readings of the ordinance and the Emergency Clause so the work could begin right away.

Council also approved the expenditure of \$11,700 for four 20-ft. storage containers that could be stationed at the Public Works yard or wherever the City needs them.

### Odds and the end

• Sandy Martin presented an ordinance crafted by the Arkansas Film Commission and reviewed by the Municipal League that would allow the City to offer a two percent rebate to producers of movies made in Eureka Springs. She had provided documents explaining the rebate process and specifics of what would qualify. Council approved the first two readings of the ordinance.

## Camaro fest this weekend

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Eureka Springs Camaro Fest will be staged at Pine Mountain Village, US 62E, on Saturday, May 17. Camaros will be in the Village for a show and camaraderie and there will be a parade downtown at 5 p.m. This is also a fundraiser for Toys for Tots, so feel free to bring a toy for the barrel! For more information phone (479) 841-0337.

• Council voted unanimously to approve the re-application of Mary Ann Pownall to sit on the Cemetery Commission.

• Reseating of Draxie Rogers and Daniel Jackson of the Parks Commission were approved. The vote to approve reseating Bill Featherstone to Parks, pending receipt of his application, was 4-2, aldermen Joyce Zeller and David Mitchell voting No.

• Alderman Dee Purkeypile said he would be meeting this week with hazard mitigation experts to inspect the collapsing section of the parking lot near the courthouse.

• Resolution #637, approved unanimously, allows the State to repave portions of Passion Play Road and Pivot Rock Road. Pate said the State would spend up to \$250,000 on these projects. If money is left over, the City will find another road to repave.

• Pate asked council to approve \$5000 for construction of a permanent stage at the Music Park on North Main. He said this stage

would open up the park to hosting events and is part of the further development of North Main. Vote on the resolution was 5-1, McClung voting No. Pate said construction would begin within a week.

• Council approved the first reading of an ordinance vacating a portion of Sweeney Alley.

• Pate announced the passing of Planning Commissioner Denys Flaherty.

• Purkeypile acknowledged the Public Works crew that repaired a leaky water main near downtown.

• Alderman James DeVito congratulated same-sex couples who were able to get married in Eureka Springs, the first city in the South to issue such licenses. Mitchell echoed DeVito's sentiments and pointed out "Eureka Springs displays to the rest of the nation the ability to peacefully embrace diversity."

Next meeting will be Wednesday, May 28, at 6 p.m., rescheduled from the regular date of Monday, May 26, which is Memorial Day.

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## ARTAttack by John Rankine

What a weekend, with same sex marriage and our county courthouse upstaging Saturday's May Festival of the Arts events.

Artists – you gotta love 'em, despite their sometime insecure flakiness. On par with herding cats, I managed to get 35 of them to participate in the Artist Impression of the Mother exhibit at The Space over Mother's Day weekend. I'm sure it was karmic payback for all the times I was late getting work in for a group show. It was an eclectic event with a mix of first time showers and seasoned pros. Gina Gallina brought her crochet crew and madness Saturday night and 11 year-old Chloe Kirk sold her first piece of art. Big hugs to co-conspirators Mr. Shrine and Janet Alexander and to Kathy and Russell Harrison, Quin Withey and John Stalling for stepping up when I was really in the weeds.

Just down the street, May Fest poster girl Barbara



Artist Julie Kahn Valentine models one of Gina Gallina's crochet creations during the Artist Impressions of the Mother exhibit. PHOTO JOHN RANKINE

## Herding cats



Kennedy hosted a show for Ethan Robison, the talented, semi-precocious, 12 year-old Renaissance kid (juggler, photographer, filmmaker, unicyclist, puppet-maker) and now origami master at her Spring St. studio and gallery.

And congratulations to Eureka Thyme featured artist Carol Dickie who is also hanging a major exhibit at the Fort Smith Regional Art Museum.

Always the third Friday in May, the White Street Studio Walk is the much anticipated event and anchor of the May Festival of the Arts. It was started by a group of artists 24 years ago, who coincidentally all went to art school in Memphis, and who all ended up with homes and studios on White St. Zeek Taylor, Eleanor Lux, John Willer and Mary Springer have worked hard maintaining the Walk, giving local artists a huge one-night audience for their work.

White St. is a hopping little community hangout with the recent additions of Caitlin Cantele's tattoo shop and Regalia clothing designer Mark Hughes' beautiful new studio and location. If you missed Mark's grand opening last Saturday you will get another chance to tour his space at the WSSW Friday. And drapery goddess Mary Tate has added fresh-cut peonies to the mix. But it's Hanna Maufe's season reopening of Oscar's that has made the big difference. Oscar's is a great place to just hang with an amazing cappuccino or eat breakfast and lunch. The food is fresh and very tasty.

Keels Creek Winery is hosting wood turners from around the state Saturday, and make sure you check out the featured artist's during Saturday's Gallery Walk in the *Independent Fun Guide*, the official guide to everything happening in May.

## INDEPENDENT Constables On Patrol

### MAY 5

6:38 a.m. – Two aggressive dogs patrolled a street above downtown. Constable on patrol had to catch them and put them in the kennel.

11:44 a.m. – Concerned observer thought a truck hauling a large stone down Hwy. 23 South could be a traffic hazard because the stone appeared to be hanging over the edge of the truck bed. Constable did not see the truck.

3:34 p.m. – There was a minor traffic accident on Hwy. 23 South.

### MAY 6

5:48 a.m. – As a result of a traffic stop, the constable arrested the driver for driving on a suspended license.

8:57 p.m. – Individual reported unauthorized use of his vehicle. Constables were on the lookout for it.

11:01 p.m. – ESH nurse asked for constable assistance with a patient who might get agitated.

### MAY 7

8:52 p.m. – Person asked for a welfare

check on his friend staying at a motel. The door to the friend's room had been open but no one was there. The friend's motorcycle was still in the parking lot.

### MAY 8

10:36 p.m. – Caller told ESPD someone stole his boat from his residence.

11:05 a.m. – Resident complained that people keep asking him to sell his pills to them, and he does not want to sell his pills. He wanted to file a report. Constable told him there would be extra patrols in the area.  
12:08 p.m. – Observer thought a truck was being driven erratically, almost causing accidents, but the constable who followed it saw nothing to be concerned about.

2:35 p.m. – Constable arrested a juvenile at the middle school for possession of a controlled substance.

5:41 p.m. – Neighbor told ESPD an alarm of some kind was going off at the house next door, and no one was home. Constable discovered a smoke detector on the back deck had started beeping because it had gotten wet.

### MAY 9

3:31 a.m. – Resident reported what sounded like a car crash behind her house. Constables went to the scene and the car was there but no people.

9:26 a.m. – Passerby thought a pedestrian near US 62 was stumbling and had a bloody face. Constable responded, and the pedestrian assured him everything was okay.

6:14 p.m. – A small dog ran through traffic downtown on its way up Spring Street. Constable who responded did not see it.

7:22 p.m. – Resident just south of downtown heard suspicious noises in a nearby house that should have been vacant. She also saw a door open. Constables arrived to find three individuals inside, and another had fled the scene. One person was arrested for criminal trespass, criminal mischief and refusal to submit to arrest. A second person was charged with criminal trespass. A juvenile female was cited into juvenile court for criminal trespass, criminal mischief, public

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# INDEPENDENT Art & Entertainment

Find all this week's May Arts events and Gallery Stroll in the Independent Fun Guide. There's too much to print here – and we don't want you to miss one colorful minute! Pick up a Fun Guide today or see [www.independentfunguide.com](http://www.independentfunguide.com).

## Learn the art of beermaking

Chef Rodney Slane will walk home brewers through Beermaking 101 on Saturday, May 31, at the CulinArts Center at the Writers' Colony at Dairy Hollow, 515 Spring. The six-hour seminar gives basic knowledge of beer-making, including hands-on brewing and bottling – and lots of chances to sample some beer. Participants will leave with enough knowledge and practical experience to begin brewing their own craft beer at home.

Seminar starts at 10 a.m. with some history, the science of brewing, how beers differ, serving and drinking methods and an overview of tools and beer-making equipment. Lunch will include beer can chicken accompanied by a variety of craft-brewed beer for tasting.

In the afternoon a hands-on brewing session (boiling the wort, cooling, racking, yeast pitching) includes bottling the beer and a tasting and recipe discussion. Class concludes at 4 p.m. with an overview of the processes and another beer-sampling session.

Fee is \$60 per person, including lunch, or \$100 per couple (can be two friends). Call (479) 253-7444 to sign up or email [director@writerscolony.org](mailto:director@writerscolony.org). Class size is limited to 20 and pre-registration and payment in advance is required. Spots are filling fast – call today!



## Billy Dean and Steel Horses in GSHS fundraiser

Sunday, May 25, Grammy Award winner Billy Dean and his band, Steel Horses, will take the stage at Pine Mountain Theater in a special benefit performance for the Good Shepherd Humane Society. The 90-minute show starts at 2 p.m. General admission tickets are \$25 at both Doggie Thrift Shops, Eureka Springs Chamber of Commerce, Good Shepherd Animal

Shelter and the Pine Mountain Theater.

Dean has sold more than four million albums, scored eleven Top 10 singles, and had five #1 hits in the country genre, though his music is a blend of folk, rock, Americana, and country. Come see this legendary singer/songwriter in action and help support the good work of our local humane shelter.

### Still artsy after all these years

– The 24th Annual White Street Studio Walk is Friday, May 16, 4 – 10 p.m. White Street Walk founders and veterans (from left), painter/sculptor Mary Springer, watercolorist Zeek Taylor and weaver Eleanor Lux all by coincidence ended up living on White Street after attending the Memphis College of Art, and organized one of Eureka Springs' more popular events. Don't miss this year's artsy street fair atmosphere combined with refreshments and music!



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## Thrill to a pre-season Taste of Opera

Don't wait until the official June opening of Opera in the Ozarks' 64<sup>th</sup> season to get a delicious taste of opera – and dinner, too. On Thursday, May 29, at 6 p.m. four young up-and-coming artists from the 2014 season will perform excerpts from the Opera's scheduled repertoire as well as other

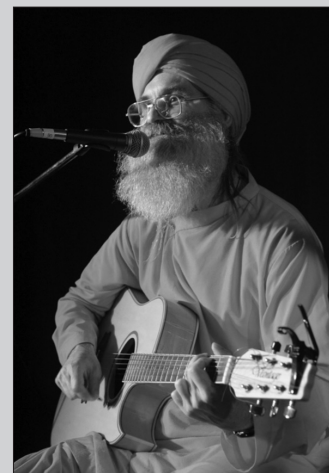
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Here's your opportunity to enjoy a memorable at-table serenade along with a great dinner in the Crescent Hotel Crystal Ballroom. Tickets are \$60 and can be reserved by calling (479) 253-8595 or online at [www.opera.org](http://www.opera.org).

## Dada Veda in Eureka May 17, 18

Yogi-musician, Dada Veda, will give an outdoor concert Saturday, May 17, on the patio at Eureka Market at 10 a.m. and on Sunday, May 18 at Flora Roja, 119 Wall, from 10 – 11 a.m. Dada Veda is a yoga monk, meditation instructor, singer-songwriter and social activist all rolled up in one orange robe.

Those interested in folk music informed by spiritual and social consciousness will enjoy Veda's original music (sample at [www.dadaveda.com](http://www.dadaveda.com)). For more info, email [ray2raj1@yahoo.com](mailto:ray2raj1@yahoo.com).



## May Fine Arts Events

### Thursday, May 15

*Youth Gardening Day at the Farmers' Market, Pine Mountain Village 7 a.m. – Noon*

*Bank on Art Reception at Cornerstone Bank, E. Van Buren (US 62), 5 – 7 p.m.* – Meet the artists whose work you can enjoy all month at the bank: Ken Concar, Nancy Baptiste, Mark Rademacher, Linda Bulman, Carol Saari, Michael Schwade, Sara Russell, Terry Russell and Jessica Cummings.

*Cocktails for a Cause, New Delhi Café, 2 N. Main, 5 – 7 p.m.* For benefit of the Eureka Springs Preservation Society.

*Poetluck, Writers' Colony at Dairy Hollow, 515 Spring, 6 p.m.* All welcome. (479) 253-7444.

### Friday, May 16

*24<sup>th</sup> Annual White Street Walk, White Street, 4 – 10 p.m.* 'Nuff said!

### Saturday, May 17

*Free Music in Basin Spring Park 1 – 5 p.m.* – While you're out and about this weekend, stop to enjoy the music of vibraphonist/percussionist Adams

Collins's Jazz Trio from 1– 3 p.m. and jazz saxophonist Richard Bruton's Quintet from 3 – 5 p.m.

*Fur Funfest Pet Expo, Turpentine Creek Wildlife Refuge, Hwy. 23S, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.* – A full day of animal-centric fun, games and entertainment – carnival style! Admission free.

*Stateline Woodturners at Keels Creek Winery & Art Gallery, E. Van Buren (US 62E), 11 a.m. – 6 p.m.* – The work of eight woodturners will be on display and demonstrations will be outside. Come enjoy the shade and the fruit of the grape as you watch these skilled artists. (479) 253-9463, [www.keelscreek.com](http://www.keelscreek.com), [www.statelinewoodturners.com](http://www.statelinewoodturners.com).



### Gallery Stroll

*Eureka Fine Art Gallery, 63 N. Main,* hosts a reception for Cynthia Kresse from 6 – 9 p.m. Refreshments will be

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## And the ban played on

Editor,

I was walking home from Smiling Brook Cafe Saturday with a Thai curry chicken wrap when a car honked and someone yelled my name and stopped traffic. It was Trella Laughlin, the world-class feminist documentarian, who lives nearby with her partner of many decades and is my friend.

“Did you hear about the marriage ban?” she yelled over the traffic noise across the street to me. I yelled back, “What marriage ban?” And she yelled, “There isn’t one! They struck it down! Marie and I got married an hour ago!”

What a good day it has turned out to be.

**Don Lee**

## Transmission lines: Assets or liabilities?

Editor,

*Sometimes you have to be careful with what you wish for.* Having the

power of eminent domain to build a 50-mile line on karst terrain may turn out to be a huge AEP liability.

In a recent letter to Investors, AEP Chairman, President and CEO, Nick Akins, proudly said, “Our transmission business exemplified our innovative spirit in 2012, developing a new high-capacity, low-profile 345-kV line design ... The new design will help to lessen siting challenges ... Patent for the new monopoles is pending.”

So how do you change the design of lattice towers anchored with four concrete pads and guy wires? AEP’s innovation is to move the problem underground. Not bad when you have bedrock, and drilling 50-ft. deep concrete, rebar reinforced boreholes, is a simple construction task.

It turns out the AEP monopoles are *not* designed for karst terrain. Drilling 300 holes with no hydrogeological studies at each of the sites, is a high risk proposition of groundwater contamination.

Duke Energy coal ash contamination of the Dan River last February is a nightmare for the Board of Directors,

liable for the cost of cleanup. They have other coal ash ponds in North Carolina that will need to be moved at a cost of \$10 billion. Duke says they don’t have the money to cleanup the mess. Tom Skains, Piedmont Natural Gas CEO, muddled the waters saying ratepayers are responsible for the cleanup.

So what exactly is the AEP Board of Directors planning to do? Are they willing to bet over \$10 billion hoping not one of the 300 boreholes will end up contaminating the Ozark aquifer system? If there is one chance out of 1,000 of water contamination for one monopole, the probability of contamination for the 50-mile line is 26 percent!

Karst groundwater research shows remediation of karst aquifers takes decades and in some cases is an impossible task.

Tom Aley, the STO Karst Expert Witness said it best: “In my work, I get to see a lot of stupid ... What were they thinking? It is engineering by wishful assumptions. Gee, that sounds an awful lot like SWEPCO.”

**Dr. Luis Contreras**



## WEEK'S TopTweets

**@Slygirl08** --- Does my uniform make me look fat? —Insecurity guard

**@crimmins** --- You want to see Americans become activists? Cancel a TV show they like.

**@sweet\_pea707** --- Sorry, but I’m all out of sugarcoating.

**@Zen\_Moments** --- Never let life’s hardships disturb you. No one can avoid problems, not even saints or sages. ~ Nichiren Daishonen

**@DCpierson** --- My beard just went from “cult member” to “cult leader.”

**@badbanana** --- Eat like someone else is paying.

**@dougabeles** --- I think I got an A on

my son’s Ethics essay.

**@shariv67** --- Whenever someone says smart phones are turning people into zombies, look up from your phone just long enough to bite them.

**@TheTweetOfGod** --- An openly gay man joins the NFL, a Southern state issues same-sex marriage licenses and a drag queen wins Eurovision. #mostfabulousdayever

**@scottishstevie** --- Anyone opposed to same sex marriage should take a second to look at this.





## Joy, sadness, cruelty

It was the best of times. It was the worst of times. It was the first days of same-sex marriage in Eureka Springs and Arkansas. Heartwarming and heartbreaking, it was an emotional rollercoaster that thrilled, then devastated.

Bearing witness to the joy of all those couples who lined up early Saturday to finally marry their beloved partners of five, 40 or 50 years was moving beyond words. They arrived on short notice from around the state, desperate to take advantage of the anticipated small window between Judge Chris Piazza's landmark ruling that the state's same-sex marriage bans are unconstitutional, and an upper court saying, "Now hold on thar!"

Talk about mood swings. Elated celebration turned to disappointment, hurt and anger when the marriage clerk refused licenses to same-sex couples, and the city's boys in blue abruptly shut down the courthouse. Children were inconsolable when told long-awaited recognition of their parents' relationship was not to be; that our government still considered their families of lesser value and was literally slamming the door in their faces.

A few minutes later, the celebration was on again when permission to proceed was granted, the courthouse reopened, and a less judgmental clerk (take a bow, Jane Osborn) arrived and happily began issuing licenses. It was truly joyous.

But with only one clerk (the other hid in the back), and anxious couples clamoring to get licenses both issued and recorded, the going was slow. After three hours only about 18 licenses had been issued, and then, on orders of county clerk Jamie Correia, it was over. A deputy sheriff was dispatched to make sure the courthouse was closed. Osborn was told if she issued licenses after 1 p.m. they would be voided, and she would be canned.

About 70 couples, most who had been waiting since before the courthouse opened, were turned away. And not just gay couples. Straight couples, some who had likely been planning their Eureka Springs wedding for months, had their dreams crushed as well.

Why the urgency to close at the posted time? There was no urgency when opening an hour late. Why wasn't more staff brought in and the hours extended? Correia had at least a couple hours advance notice of what was coming. What about the lost county revenue? At \$60 per license, it adds up. Those questions go unanswered because Correia was unavailable to talk or return a phone call.

Monday morning the throngs were back and Osborn issued licenses for an hour-and-a-half before the door was slammed for a third time – now on advice of county prosecutor Tony Rogers and a legal opinion that Judge Piazza might not have dotted all his "i's." Rogers claims the clerk might be liable for breaking the law, but any damage was already done and there would have been no harm in accommodating the waiting, eager masses. Other counties were doing it.

The handling of the whole affair by local officials was bungled, shameful, a black eye for the city and county, and a potential blow to the economy. For the first time ever, Eureka Springs had a global spotlight, but what the world saw, besides tender scenes of people in love, was a hostile clerk and police shutting people out. Charming.

Gay marriage is going to happen in the near term, and Eureka Springs is positioned to profit greatly from this new marriage industry. But we got off to a rocky start, and folks who might have been regular return visitors left instead with a bad taste. Gay folks will have many options of where to spend their wedding, honeymoon and anniversary dollars, so we better hope word of the rude, cruel treatment they received here this weekend doesn't spread far. Fayetteville and Little Rock rolled out welcome mats, but "tolerant Eureka" thrice slammed doors.

The cruelty inflicted and lack of empathy shown by our county officials is appalling. They turned what should have been a gloriously happy day into one of bitter disappointment. How does it feel to shatter people's dreams? Can you put yourselves in their shoes for just a moment?

Despite the negatives, love was in the air and even those turned away know that first class citizenship is coming soon to Arkansas.

*Bill King*



## The Pursuit Of HAPPINESS

by Dan Krotz

Back in the personal computer Stone Age, I developed a counseling software called the Assessment of Chemical Health Inventory (ACHI). It was a diagnostic tool that helped clinicians and insurance companies identify the level of treatment for abusers of alcohol and drugs. HMO gatekeepers liked it because it often ruled out multiple 30-day pops in residential treatment facilities in favor of lower cost outpatient treatment, or counseling.

How did ACHI work? A clinician sat at a PC and asked a client a series of questions based on the 12 Steps of AA, sets of items from the Minnesota Multiphasic Personality Inventory (MMPI), and indicators of psychosis developed by Karl Menninger. The subject's responses were keyed in, and a diagnosis popped out of a then very expensive dot matrix printer. In less than an hour the clinician, the client, and Blue Cross Blue Shield knew whether the client needed to be chained to an expensive concrete wall for 25 years, to consider a recommendation not to drink and drive again, or something in between.

Among Menninger's cues for psychosis was "preoccupation with persecution, usually associated with grandiosity, more or less continuous erratic disorganized excitement accompanied by irascibility, delusional ideas coupled with obvious indifference to outcomes, and pervasive convictions of evil or wickedness in others." It is easy to see the usefulness of Menninger's indicators to assess and diagnosis a political candidate's fitness for office. We could call it the Assessment of Candidate Health Inventory.

One's need to pack a gun to Sunday services (preoccupation with persecution) because, by God, the Constitution guarantees such right (grandiosity) might be an indicator. Absolute certainty that the black guy in the White House wants everyone to get on food stamps (continuous erratic disorganized excitement) and BENGHAZI! BENGHAZI! BENGHAZI! (irascibility), might be another. Denial of global warming, and of science in general, (delusional ideas with indifference to outcomes) could be a third. And then, OMG, there's you, and your depraved meditations on peace, love, and charity (pervasive convictions of evil or wickedness in others).

Most of these candidates will test anything that moves. Let's test them.



# INDEPENDENTHIGH (Falutin') SOCIETY



**Weaving a tale and maybe a sale** – Weaver Frances Gay, left, waits for honorary Eureka, Sue Redd Nesbitt, to finish a conversation at Gay's booth during the May Craft Fair at Pine Mountain Village. *PHOTO BY MELANIE MYHRE*



**Ho, ho ... what?** – Sandy Martin, left and Suzanne Kline try to convince Santa he needs to dump Rudolph and paddle a kayak for the annual Face of Tourism photo at the Chamber of Commerce last week. We guess about 50 to 100 people set up and posed in the hot sun for an hour to get the perfect shot. *PHOTO BY CD WHITE*

**Banking on art** – Artist Larry Mansker, from right, explains a technique on his work, "Cat with Her Girl," to Linda Bulman of Cornerstone Bank and artist Shelby Nichols at Community First's Bank on Art reception. *PHOTO BY CD WHITE*

**Crocheted Kitchen** – Bree Clark, Gina Gallina and Rosalie Gallina (Gina's aunt) celebrate moms in the kitchen at the Artist's Impression of the Mother show at The Space May 10. Aunt Rosalie was Gina's inspiration for crocheting this entire kitchen. *PHOTO BY BECKY GILLETTE*



**How'd she do that?** – During Saturday's Gallery Walk, Dixie and Bill Westerman enjoy Diana Harvey's show at 83 Spring Street Gallery as Bill takes an extra close look. *PHOTO BY MELANIE MYHRE*



**Can you see me now?** – Cee Dupps and her delightful companion pose for a "selfie" with curlers and all. Community First's Bank on Art Show May 10. *PHOTO BY CD WHITE*

**Amore!** – Ann Ward and Katherine Zell of Café Amore managed to get hitched. Congrats! Not everyone in line was quite as lucky. More pictures on our Facebook page. *PHOTO BY MELANIE MYHRE*



**Pedal to the M** – Peggy Kjelgaard of the Chamber of Commerce May 6.





**Metal!** – An enthusiastic Dave McKee, project architect, (holding scissors), ESSA Director and blacksmith Bob Patrick are surrounded by ESSA board members and staff and commerce members at the long anticipated opening of the new Metalworking Studio on



**Grand Opening** – Artist Beth Myers stands beside her lovely work, Clare de Lune, at the May 9 opening of the Norberta Philbrook Gallery. See more of the gallery's art and artists on the Indie Facebook page. *PHOTO BY MELANIE MYHRE*



**Rollin' with Margolin** – At left, blues harpist RJ Mischo joins Bob Margolin for a performance in Basin Park Saturday, May 10, as part of CAPC's Music in the Park. Check out two great jazz groups on May 17. *PHOTO BY BECKY GILLETTE*



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## Life imitates art imitates life *A conversation with 'Bones' creator, author Kathy Reichs*

CD WHITE

Fans of the TV series, *Bones*, may know the main character, forensic anthropologist Dr. Temperance Brennan, also authors a fiction book series. What they may not know is that Kathy Reichs, real life author of the (19 so far) *Bones* mystery books and producer of the TV series is one of the characters in the fictitious Brennan's books.

We haven't had so much fun with a concept since reading Pirandello's *Six Characters in Search of an Author*.

In truth, the fictitious Brennan's job and the very real science depicted in the books and TV series is based on the life and work of author and forensic anthropologist, Dr. Kathy Reichs, who will be speaking at Books in Bloom on May 18.

Soon after the first few books in the series were published they got the attention of television producers looking for a new angle in crime shows, but

Reichs held off for the right fit.

"We didn't want it to be yet another police procedural," Reichs told the *Independent*, "and I also wanted it to have a bit of humor. But most important, I wanted the science to be correct."

She's worked closely with *Bones*' writers over the years. "At first they had a lot of questions, but they've become very savvy," Reichs said. "For me it's all about keeping the science accurate even when we push the envelope. The only thing that's not realistic about the show is that we solve every case – that's not realistic, but the science is."

And she certainly doesn't have to dig for cases to write about.

Reichs is one of only 83 forensic anthropologists ever certified by the American Board of Forensic Anthropology, and has assisted with high profile cases including identifying remains found at ground zero of the World Trade Center following the

9/11 terrorist attacks and examining the remains of Caylee Anthony in the infamous murder case.

In another life imitates art moment, Reichs' novel *Fatal Voyage*, about an airline disaster, was portrayed in a *Bones* episode which aired just before the 9/11 attack. Reichs said the aftermath of the two events were eerily similar.

Although anthropology was her chosen career, Reichs said it was "sort of an accident" that she got into forensic anthropology. "The field wasn't formalized back then," she explained, "so when the police would find bones they'd 'take them out to that lady.' I found I liked the relevance of it because it related to someone's life."

Fans of the books sometimes take issue with the literary Temperance Brennan being portrayed as socially awkward and arrogant on TV. "Once you option a character, you don't have control," Reichs said, then laughs: "I have to look at the TV series as 'Tempe – the Early Years' because she's come so far in the novels. If I think of it like that, I can write my books unencumbered."

Reichs will be at Books in Bloom with daughter Kerry, who works with



**Reading the bones** – Dr. Kathy Reichs at work in her lab at the Laboratoire des Sciences Judiciaires et de Médecine Légale for the province of Quebec. She divided her time between there and the University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

her on the TV series and also writes the *Virals* series of Young Adult novels with her brother Brendon, Both are attorneys who turned to writing.

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## League of Extraordinary Actors at it again ...

Jack is certainly earnest, but is he really Ernest? Did Ernest's earnest best friend Algernon also become Ernest just in time to keep Ernest from an untimely death? But who left a baby Ernest at the railway station, mistaking him for a manuscript?

Oh dear, this is something only drama coach Jake Allen and the League of Extraordinary Actors can put to rights in Oscar Wilde's *The Importance of Being Earnest* coming to the Eureka Springs High School theater May 16 – 18.

First performed in London on

Valentine's Day 1895, the protagonists in this farcical comedy maintain fictitious persona in order to escape burdensome social obligations. Working within the social conventions of late Victorian London, the play's major themes are the triviality with which it treats institutions as serious as marriage, and the resulting satire of Victorian ways.

Tickets for this fun romp are \$5 adult and \$3 student (18 and under) at the door. Curtain goes up at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, May 16 – 17, and at 2 p.m. for the Sunday matinee. For more information, phone (479) 253-8875.



*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

When she made the daily pilgrimage, usually with Walter, to see the progress on the house, it seemed to her that the workmen moved like people in a slow-motion film, but when she mentioned this, plaintively, to Walter, he said: “You can’t hurry them. And for God’s sake, don’t try, or they’ll pick up their tools and walk off the job.” Then she would go to Tracy’s, and she would be a little envious of Tracy, so firmly planted, with her house and her two small children, and a little sorry for her at the same time.

She wondered why Walter seemed not quite to approve of her close association with Tracy. He hadn’t anything against her, so far as Jane could make out, and Jarvis was his own best friend. It seemed mystifying and a little officious of Walter to advise her not to “get too thick with Tracy.” Why, in heaven’s name? “I don’t think too much Tracy would be good for you.” *That* didn’t mean anything,

she told herself. And Walter really shouldn’t treat her as if she were a not-quite bright little girl. Really, Tracy Blake was the only young woman she’d met, here in Sycamore, with whom she had anything in common. She was the only person to whom Jane could talk without thinking twice before she opened her mouth. Tracy grinned at her impious comments, even threw in one of her own now and then. She admired every aspect of Jane so enthusiastically as to be almost embarrassing, but Jane liked it. It was decidedly agreeable, she found, to have someone copying her hairdo, drooling with delight over her clothes, asking her advice on what books to read and what records to order. Besides, Jane had discovered that, by adroit questioning, she could get at bits of the town’s historic scandals through Tracy. Her mother-in-law was strangely reticent about such matters, so Tracy had become her chief source of local legend.

The sun had crept to her lap and laid its brassy glare on her sewing. She pushed the chair farther into the shadow of the acacia, dabbed at moisture on her face with her handkerchief, and reached for a cigarette. The linen, blocked in brown and chartreuse, lay in a long swathe across her legs. She looked at it with sensuous pleasure, recalling the gay trip to Kansas City where she and Walter had selected it, when they had bought the limed-oak furniture and the shining electric stove, and had danced, and gone to an intimate little dinner place for steaks – miraculous steaks that ran red blood under the knife so you learned that, in Missouri, it was apparently not illegal to eat rare beef, as it was in Arkansas. It was there, too, that she had caught a glimpse of Mr. Floyd Skelton, gorging himself in a corner booth, with a pillow blonde tucked in cozily beside him. She recalled with distaste the look of alarm on his little screw-face when their eyes met across the restaurant, and how he absurdly tried to sneak out by a rear door, and how Walter hadn’t even turned to look,

when she told him. “A jerk,” he said merely. “I don’t know why they don’t step on that kind of vermin. Poor old Aunt Willy! Loves him, I guess, and always will.” Jane had been somewhat startled by the idea. That anyone could actually love a Floyd Skelton had never occurred to her. She had assumed that Willy May was simply making the best of a bad bargain, through torpor or loyalty or hopelessness...

Walter’s grandmother, though, had said something of the same sort. Jane smiled, closing her eyes against the sun’s glare, remembering the first visit to the cramped, huddled little house in Beetree Lane, and the old, old woman sitting in the rocker, her hand hovering over the small table at her side, groping among the objects placed so precisely, as if according to ritual: the jar of tobacco, the cob pipe laid across a copper saucer, the enamel coffeepot with the blue cup beside it.

“I can’t see you,” she had said. “Bend down, child, and let me touch your face.” Jane had never known anyone so tiny and old, and it seemed as if the touch of such fingers must be cold and hard, like the hands of death. To her surprise, they were gentle and warm, touching with delicacy her forehead and cheeks and chin, and she was ashamed when Granny said, smiling: “You’re pretty and you’ve got a pretty voice. But you’re plumb scared to let me touch you.” Then, later when Jane had gone to see her alone one day, she had talked of the past, and it was then she spoke of her daughter, in a tone of sorrowful resignation.

“Poor Willy May,” she said. “She has the loving heart. It’s been a curse on her – the loving heart –” She sighed heavily, looking through space with the black eyes that were so bright that Jane found it hard to believe in their blindness. While Jane was making fresh coffee on the wood-stove, Granny had spoken of Roger. “*He* had it too,” she said in a detached voice. “Poor Roger.”

## NOTES from the HOLLOW by Steve Weems

In response to last week’s column about black panther sightings in the Area, a reader wrote that while fishing near Holiday Island earlier this spring he noticed a large black cat on shore and photographed it. The pictures are fuzzy because of distance and a rocking boat, but they do seem to show a black panther in an area of timber and large rocks.

“When the cat spotted me he was gone

in a flash,” the fisherman said. After getting close to shore and comparing the size of the rocks in the photographs, he said the black cat must have been at least four feet long. “Definitely not your typical house cat,” he said. “I really feel blessed to have witnessed this beautiful animal, something I’ll always remember.”

Now onto another matter. I’ve long been fascinated by the old story of

William Wrigley of chewing gum fame and fortune coming to Eureka Springs and loving the town so much, he tried to buy it. Most of what we know about the matter seems to come from four paragraphs in Otto Ernest Rayburn’s *The Eureka Springs Story*.

Mr. Rayburn’s account says that William Wrigley visited Eureka Springs in 1902 and 1903 and offered to purchase all the land “within a radius of three miles of the city and make it into a public park if the city authorities would agree to keep it policed and free from junk and garbage.” After being turned down, Wrigley “went to Catalina Island, off the California coast, where he spent millions in development.” That is true, but it occurred almost 20 years later when Wrigley was a much wealthier individual.

The earliest reference to the Wrigley episode that I found was a scathing 1936



editorial written by Roberta Fulbright in the *Fayetteville Daily Democrat* in which she ridicules Eureka Springs for not selling out. Roberta Fulbright is better known as the sister of Arkansas Senator J. William Fulbright and grandmother of political pundit Tucker Carlson. She also married the head of the Swanson frozen-foods empire.

### Free Website-in-a-Day Seminar

Back by popular demand, the Arkansas Small Business and Technology Center at the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville with co-sponsor, Eureka Springs Chamber of Commerce, is providing a free Website in a Day seminar Friday, May 16, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. at the Cornerstone Bank Financial Center on Van Buren.

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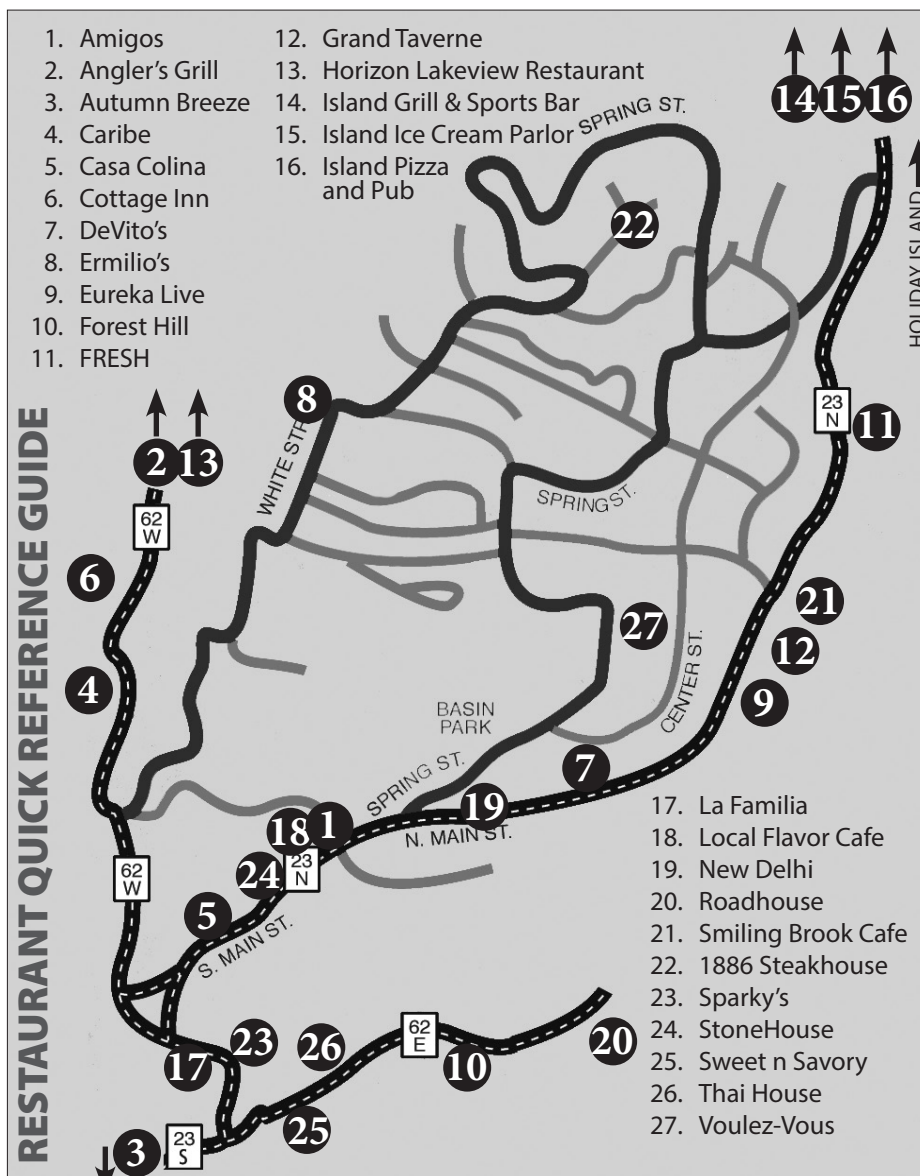
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## Taurus – Venus, Beauty, Magnetism, Music & Order

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in our aura and restores order. Real beauty is simple, uncomplicated, undemanding and pure. Our bodies, emotions, thoughts and surroundings must always be pure, clean and beautiful. Through beauty, truth is expressed.

Taurus, sign of beauty, rules the throat. Taurus communicates, not in the usual ways, but through song, singing and music. The Ageless Wisdom informs us “in the next century singers will tap into divine reservoirs of inspiration. Using a new method and technique of breathing they will bring forth a new sound. From this the Soul and its sound

will sweep into the centers (chakras) and our world and expel the past.

Tuesday, as Sun enters Gemini, a new vibrational sound begins – of meadows in flower, butterflies, nectar, duality, Mercury building the Rainbow Bridge, colonies and buzzing of bees – all Venusian.

**Mars**, retrograde in Libra since March 1, turns stationary direct (9 degrees Libra) Monday (19<sup>th</sup>). On June 7 **Mercury retrogrades 3 degrees Cancer**. Ceaseless retrogrades. We prepare together through knowledge.

**ARIES:** Notice your focus on others understanding you, most important during retrograde times. However if others are non-receptive for their own protection, limit communication. This is best. There's much you want to say. Think over thoughts, ideas and communications making sure you're clear and precise. You are doing your best. These are not easy times. You're good enough.

**TAURUS:** Your activities are now based upon much ongoing research, based upon a value system of care you express and maintain. It's important to focus on finances – new ways of creating resources to stabilize your life and the life and future of others. Careful with health. Should there be a chronic illness seek medical help while also including alternative modalities. What past behavior, choices, things need releasing?

**GEMINI:** Wanting to progress forward, you're impatiently leaping ahead with thoughts and conclusions before all the information's in. It's difficult to focus energies outward during constant retrogrades especially for Gemini usually outward-focused until the Soul assumes direction. Notice jumping into situations then retreating. Observing behaviors, choices and thoughts allows for a deeper self-identity – artfully and creatively changing once again.

**CANCER:** There's a constant need to understand the reality and truth of what you see, hear, feel and experience. This is deep spiritual work. Remembering past circumstances and choices made

the last several years you can become introverted, replaying conversations in your mind until exhausted. This is difficult. Be aware that your family is fine, taking care of themselves, experiencing life's tests. And they need you.

**LEO:** Your mind seeks the greater meaning of life. You're hunting a rainbow and a pot of gold. While many people love and cherish you, are you remaining rather detached? You're a loner, a hermit at times, yet need people to inspire you, and, in turn, to be inspired by you. Are you thinking of all you could have done, but didn't? Read John Donne's Holy Sonnet XIV. “Batter my heart...”

**VIRGO:** Reflecting on past achievements, do they measure up to your expectations? You realize due to family training your self-expression can feel hidden and somewhat cautious. The same structures that have built your past will build your future. All life issues help you discover a new life direction. You will recreate your past relationships conditions and assess them. Then you will create a new future. It will be free of the past.

**LIBRA:** Are you moving forward and backward, expanding and contracting while removed from a stable center? Self

identity and identity within relationships are two sides of the same golden coin. Do not trivialize what's most important. Notice dualities and polarities. They expand and strengthen your awareness. What's most important is realizing that

through constant intentions for Goodwill, which creates Right Relations you finally, come to a state of active balance and peace. What needs forgiven?

**SCORPIO:** You're the deepest thinker always entering into the heart of life's meanings. This is good. However, you can be misunderstood because as others accept

superficial answers, you do not. Sometimes you shy away from intimacy. Keeping thoughts and ideas to yourself you can become isolating. Try not to have this happen. Instead force yourself to communicate. You will regenerate yourself and others. This takes courage.

**SAGITTARIUS:** Present experiences are teaching you to balance your ideas and needs with needs of others. Although you may feel hampered by this, your self-expression and understanding become enhanced. It's a paradox (as usual). Should you be feeling more indecisive than usual, wait awhile. Your inner self and mind are evaluating past occurrence in order to fashion your future. Don't worry. Be happy. Actually

you *are* happy! You, too, should read John Donne's *Holy Sonnet XIV*.

**CAPRICORN:** If you're analyzing reality through the eyes of others you may feel some frustration. Remember conflict is the first step toward a greater harmony. You're capable of harmonizing all realities – partner, children, relationships, siblings, friends, family, work. To do this effectively you must have time for yourself and time to sort out your own conflicts. You also need rest, weekly massages, warm waters, help and love in all its forms. Ask for everything.

**AQUARIUS:** Your ability to analyze and organize brings you comfort. Do you sense others are expecting what you can't deliver? Creating nervousness and later resentment. Don't be overly critical of yourself. Much of your time is spent thinking, you should be doing more. If you simply organize your life (papers, clothes, objects, possessions, art, etc.) you will be able to do more. Get a file cabinet and files. Find a barn.

**PISCES:** Safety, security and a home are on your mind, and the need to be in an environment where you feel sure of yourself. This is not available in the outer world. It's possible you feel quite alone. Something very important seems to end, family becomes most important yet they remain on the periphery. You tend to duties and tasks that are at times overwhelming. Nevertheless, you are diligent, hard working, and practical. Pray for a safe and secure home in community.



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ragtime to punk. Band leader Pat Cook is excited about the direction of roots rock right now, stating in *Urban Tulsa Weekly* "I've never been in the right place at the right time, musically, so

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• **JACK'S PLACE** *Karaoke*  
*with DJ Goose*, 8 p.m.  
• **OZARK MOUNTAIN TAP**  
**ROOM** Grand Opening, artist  
reception for Stella Ipswitch, 6–9  
p.m.

**FRIDAY – MAY 16**  
• **BALCONY RESTAURANT**  
*Hogscalders*, 12 p.m. & 6 p.m.

• **BLARNEY STONE**  
*Hellbenders*, 8:30 p.m.  
• **CATHOUSE LOUNGE**  
*Solace*, 8 p.m. – midnight  
• **CHELSEA'S** *Electric Rag*  
*Band*, 9 p.m.  
• **EUREKA LIVE!** *DJ D.*  
*Underground & Dancing*, 9 p.m.  
• **GRAND TAVERNE** *Arkansas*  
*Red Guitar*, 6:30–9:30 p.m.  
• **JACK'S PLACE** *Shannon*  
*Holt Band*, 9 p.m.  
• **LEGENDS SALOON** *Ozark*  
*Thunder Live – Bike night with*  
*prizes*, 8 p.m.  
• **NEW DELHI** *Sweetwater*  
*Gypsies*, 6–10 p.m.  
• **ROWDY BEAVER** *Two*  
*Dog Two Karaoke*, 7 p.m.  
• **ROWDY BEAVER DEN** *Terri*  
*& Brett*, 9 p.m.  
• **THE STONE HOUSE** *Jerry*  
*Yester*, 6:30–9:30 p.m.

**SATURDAY – MAY 17**  
• **BALCONY RESTAURANT**  
*Chris Diablo*, 7 p.m.  
• **BASIN PARK** *Adams Collins*  
*Jazz Trio*, 1–3 p.m., *Richard Bruton*  
*Quintet*, 3–5 p.m.  
• **BLARNEY STONE** *Blue*  
*Moon*, 8:30 p.m.  
• **CATHOUSE LOUNGE**  
*Solace*, 8:30 p.m.  
• **CHELSEA'S** *Day Art Show*  
*featuring artwork of Michael McAleer*  
*Zakk & the Big Papa Zinns*, 3 p.m.,  
*Dime Trip*, 9 p.m.  
• **EUREKA LIVE!** *DJ D.*  
*Underground & Dancing*, 9 p.m.  
• **GRAND TAVERNE** *Jerry Yester*  
*Grand Piano Dinner Music*, 6:30–  
9:30 p.m.  
• **JACK'S PLACE** *Shannon*  
*Holt Band*, 9 p.m.  
• **LEGENDS SALOON** *Ozark*  
*Thunder Live*, 9 p.m.

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**Electric Rag Band** – Pat Cook, Shane Stewart and Daniel Cook form the roots rock band that will be at Chelsea's on Friday, May 16 at 9 p.m. Their esoteric ramblings will be sure to entertain you.



- **NEW DELHI** *Sx Rex*, 6–10 p.m.
- **ROWDY BEAVER** *Lance Griffith & Midnight Prairie Band*, 7:30 p.m.
- **ROWDY BEAVER DEN** *Terri & Brett*, 1–5 p.m., *Blew Reed & the Flatheads*, 9 p.m. – 1 a.m.
- **SMILING BROOK CAFÉ** *Vinny Ray Jazz Duet*, 6–9 p.m. *BYOB*

#### **SUNDAY – MAY 18**

- **BALCONY RESTAURANT** *Staymore*, 12 p.m., *Catherine Reed*, 5 p.m.
- **CHELSEA'S** *Banjer Dan*, 7:30 p.m.
- **EUREKA LIVE!** DJ, Dancing & Karaoke, 7–11 p.m.
- **LEGENDS SALOON** Free Texas Hold 'Em Tournament *with prizes*, 6 p.m.
- **ROWDY BEAVER DEN** *Lance & Kelly*, 1–5 p.m.
- **SMILING BROOK CAFÉ** *Ruby Dew*, 12–4 p.m. *BYOB*

#### **MONDAY – MAY 19**

- **CHELSEA'S** *Spring Billy*, 7:30 p.m.

#### **TUESDAY – MAY 20**

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

#### **WEDNESDAY – MAY 21**

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

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## Woof, woof, wonderful Author Susan Holmes has marked her niche

C.D. WHITE

Susan Holmes wrote her first two books for a military audience, but the third, *Deadly Ties*, the first in the *Waterside Kennels Mysteries*, has not only found a home with mystery and dog lovers across the country, it has carved a niche among those who love the Ozarks. It's a perfect fit for dog loving, mystery craving, mountain-air-breathing readers – and Eureka Springs plays a part in each book.

Holmes, a member of Sisters in Crime and the Dog Writers Association of America, shares writing time with her duties as an Associate Professor of Communication at Northwest Arkansas Community College, and teaching upper-level communication and humanities courses for Excelsior College online.

And why dogs?

"Life with my beloved spaniel, Alix, inspired me," Holmes said. "In fact, the idea for the series began with her adventures while boarding. While mystery fiction has quite a few dog-related series, none of them were set in a boarding kennel. It makes a great setting with plenty of characters coming and going – and dogs, of course!"

"I write about the Ozarks because I love the region. I want readers to see beyond the stereotype and appreciate the beauty of the place and its people. I'm fascinated by Ozark myths and legends. Treasure legends played an important role in *Deadly Ties*, and you'll find ghostly tales in the second in the series."

Local readers will enjoy Holmes' take on the Eureka Springs area.



SUSAN HOLMES

"While Hogan County, Eagle Cove, and Waterside Kennels exist only within the pages of each book," Holmes explained, "they're set against the very real backdrop of the Ozarks and Northwest Arkansas. The series features the village of Eureka Springs and takes on events and issues impacting the region. The second book is tentatively titled *Murderous Ways*, and ghost legends, the dog park, the SWEPCO conflict and a few other things about Eureka Springs are part of the plot. I'll offer a sneak preview of that book during my time in the Reader's Tent [4:30 p.m.] at Books in Bloom."

Between teaching, editing and writing – how does she do it all?

"I love teaching and I love writing, so I make it work. That often means I'm writing long before dawn and throughout the day, whenever I have time between classes or other campus commitments. I choose not to teach in the summer, which gives me uninterrupted time to concentrate on writing, editing and business side of publishing."

Writing has always come naturally. Holmes penned her first story at the age of four – three pages of crayoned text titled, "Three Bears Visit New York City."

"Have you heard the expression 'write what you know'?" Well, that was a city I knew something about, even at a young age. My maternal grandfather was a photographer in New York, and my father used to talk about how different 'the big city' was from upstate New York where he'd been born. And I used to watch my dad doing the *New York Times* crossword puzzle – in ink!"

## Don't forget the BBQ!

It's worth a drive out to the Inspiration Point Fire Dept. on Ozark Automotive Rd., for their annual fundraising barbecue from 11:30 a.m. – 6 p.m. Saturday, May 17.

Take a lunch break, drive out US 62W and join the volunteer fire department crew and supporters for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Firehouse Barbecue. Chopped brisket sandwiches, baked beans, potato salad, iced tea and fresh baked cookies will be available. Tickets \$8 adults, \$6 for children. Proceeds go to the IPFD building/equipment fund.

## Permaculture Study Group

The Permaculture Study Group will meet Saturday, May 17, 1 p.m. at the farm of Andrew and Madeleine Schwerin, farmers' market gardeners with a working aquaculture system and many animals.

Anyone interested in the study group and attending the meeting may email Jane Pille (jane.arkfarm@gmail.com) or Jerry Landrum (jl.landrum42@gmail.com) or call Jerry at (479) 244-0277 for directions.



**Job well done** – Eureka Springs Hospital Guild members recently recognized long-time members Wilma Hagquist and Beth Manire-Short for donating thousands of volunteer hours each. Guild members (from left), Hagquist, June Hackenmueller, Manire-Short, Eleen Onda, Norma Rix, Nancy Werbitzky, Marge Schoenhofer, Grace Wilson, Judy Slater and Virginia Wright are currently seeking volunteers to join the Guild and help staff The Purple House Thrift Store. To learn more phone Nancy Werbitzky (479) 253-7064.

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## Will the real stinging nettle please stand down?

Most of us go into the fields and forests, and absent a flower, a fruit, a nut, essentially we see abstract green. Some plants capture our attention when we are not focused on them. That's how I discovered a very common woodland plant in the Ozarks, particularly common in wooded river bottoms. I was walking through forests along the Bryan Creek watershed in Ozark County, Missouri. Ouch...what is that, I said aloud as I strolled through undifferentiated, non-descript greenery in the river bottom. I had shorts and discovering the source of the pain, found myself in the middle of a giant population of *Laportea canadensis*, a member of the Urticaceae (stinging nettle family). The plant had captured more than my attention. It caught my curiosity.

Interestingly, if you search the USDA Plants database site for stinging nettle *Urtica dioica*, it is striking to click on the map of the U.S. and see that only one state of the lower 48 does not have a record for stinging nettle and that is Arkansas. Ah ha, I thought, it will be in the recently published *Atlas of the Vascular Plants of Arkansas*. Not there, either. OK, so maybe we don't have the common

stringing nettle *Urtica dioica* in Arkansas (or no botanist wanted to collect specimens of it), but we have plenty of wood nettle *Laportea canadensis* to make up for the absence of common stinging nettle. It serves the same purposes, as the root and leaves were used as a diuretic, spring green, and a fiber plant.

The wood nettle alarmed Thomas Jefferson. A Scottish immigrant, Charles Whitlaw (1771-1850) described variously as "celebrated botanist" and "an itinerant quack," patented the use of our lowly wood nettle as a fiber plant in 1812, even naming it for himself – *Urtica whitlowii*. Thomas Jefferson in a letter to William Thornton, Superintendent of the Patent Office, April 24, 1812, "Your description of the plant, a substitute for hemp & flax for the exclusive use of which Mr. Whitlow has a patent, has thrown all the boys of our neighborhood into great alarm, lest they should not be allowed hereafter to make their trap strings from what they call Indian hemp, which, boys have been in the practice from time immemorial, of applying to their purposes..."

And so, just when you think you've discovered something new, you find that you only observe what other humans did before.

## HICC presents Kenya missions

At Sunday's evening service, May 18, 4:30 p.m., Holiday Island Community Church, 188 Stateline, will feature two missions the church supports in Kenya: Deanna's Kids, a private Christian school

providing quality education, and International Christian Ministries providing free medical services in the poorest parts of Kenya. All are invited. Contact Duane Kriesel (479) 244-6422.

## HICC Ladies Fellowship May 19

HICC Ladies Fellowship monthly meeting Monday, May 19 at 10 a.m. will include a music program sponsored by the talented ladies from HICC, followed by the annual salad luncheon.

Please bring a salad to share and enjoy a morning of music and sing-alongs. Contact Linda Bartlett (479) 244-5961 or Eula Jean McKee (479) 253-8021 for further information.

## Open House at A Journey's End

Owner Gina Fiore will open her 39 1/2 W. Mountain Street nightly lodging, A Journey's End, for an evening of enjoyment with friends and refreshments Tuesday, May 20, 5 – 7 p.m. The two-bedroom house rental and the studio suite will be available for touring.

## First Assembly celebrates EMS Week

First Assembly of God, Hwy. 23S, is celebrating EMS week by hosting a free lunch for western Carroll County emergency medical services personnel Saturday, May 24, from 11

a.m. – 1 p.m. All area firefighters, first responders, EMTs, paramedics and rescue personnel are invited to attend. Pastor Charles Reed will present several special awards of appreciation at noon.

## Weekly meditation group

All are invited every Tuesday night from 6:30 – 7:30 for meditation, tea and audio/video/online teachings from leading spiritual teachers. The group meets at 17 Elk Street (UU Church building). For more info: Sandy Pope (479) 253-6181.

## Volunteer greenskeepers needed

Holiday Island Golf Course Superintendent Mark Mowrey could use a couple more volunteers out on the greens. If you would like a chance to be outside and participate in making the course the best it can be, please call (479) 253-9685 or come by. Hours are 6 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

**Roadside Assist** – Inspiration Point Volunteer Fire Department personnel use a system of pulleys to bring two victims of a traffic accident to the road for transport via helicopter. Four personnel and a stretcher are pulled up the steep incline by other personnel on the roadside. The one vehicle accident occurred approximately 11 miles west of Eureka Springs on US 62 on Tuesday, May 13 around 4 p.m.





## Trails or Consequences

Last year when I was on the Trails Committee the Master Plan was abysmal, we only had five committee members (myself, the Parks' Chair and the Parks' Director being three of those), and one of the remaining two was covertly cutting trails on private property.

Interestingly, the final member, Chair David Renko, the local expert on trails, has recently resigned from this whole project. Last year he'd said, "Just because someone thinks it's a good idea to put a trail there, doesn't mean it's a good idea to put a trail there."

I'm really not opposed to trails in town; I'm opposed to lack of transparency. Being a Parks Commissioner since 2012, I'm baffled that trails wasn't on our agenda one time until last month. Not once. But a community center was. More than once.

A community center is a much better investment of a quarter of a million dollars. It would provide a sensible and long-awaited, long-ago-promised recreational solution for all ages, all interest groups, and all ability levels. It would create jobs for locals, too, and tourists could use it.

The TC claims implementing this trails' program will attract people to move here: well, I think a community center would appeal to a much greater populus. We don't need more tourist attractions: we need a vibrant, committed community – *that* will attract people here – both transplants and visitors, because how we live will reflect who we are and where we're going.

And people have been buying/selling properties around town for years without any knowledge of any plan; and since copies of the 1893 plat map don't accompany all real estate transactions (it should) and title companies may not pick up on these "old roads" (by law they only have to go back 30 years) and many

people don't have surveys, how would anyone know this was coming (for real)?

The Plan doesn't address residents' liability if someone trespasses and hurts themselves (we don't have tort immunity), and it doesn't adequately address trespassing, either. No surveying is proposed and the Plan acknowledges the "attempt to locate these routes [trails] will inevitably result in straying onto private property." Well, considering the placement of most of the proposed trails, this is a no-brainer. Just Mother's Day evening we had trespassing onto our private property. Property we pay taxes on and maintain.

TC members attempt to align us with Bentonville and Fayetteville saying "property values will increase" but the studies they use to champion these sentiments are not working off a 121-year-old map, nor are they trying to wedge natural surface trails in between and through residences. No one will ever convince me, for instance, that allowing half a million tourists to walk up and down my driveway will increase my property value. Or that giving up well over a thousand feet of usable space, or encroaching on my neighbors' properties will increase my property value or my neighbor's.

Why can't we find any studies that more mirror our town's trails plan? Because no one does *this*. Apples and oranges. Sure, workarounds can be an option, but when there's no sensible solution, a vacation seems plausible.

Which is probably why more than half a dozen vacation applications graced Parks' table last year; more than any other year I could find in my extensive research of this whole town.

Not to mention, most of the streets and alleys outside of the 320 acres originally deeded to the City area are actually owned by adjacent property owners,

to the center of the street, largely because of Federal land patents (courtesy of President Chester Arthur) that predate our town's incorporation in 1890. The City does claim easements, but anyone who says we're "giving away city property" isn't being entirely truthful. The main difference? You can't sell what you don't own.

Here's a few suggestions for Parks. Consider (again) a community center. And let's get going on implementing the Lake Leatherwood City Park Master Plan. The newly-paved road is nice, but LLCP needs some TLC. Then finish up the Harmon Park Master Plan. Then maybe add some trails, but please – put our parks first. And our residents.

*Rachel Brix*

## Ozark Mountain Taproom Grand Opening May 15

Ozark Mountain Taproom, 140 E. Van Buren (next to Booze Bros.), is an Arkansas craft beer taproom offering selections from local NWA breweries. Check it out at the Grand Opening party in the parking lot and inside on Thursday, May 15, 6 – 9 p.m., along with an artist's reception for Stella Ipswitch.

Stella's art will be hanging in the Taproom throughout May and June. There'll be art, food, drink, music, door prizes, \$1 off all pints and flights – and more. See Taproom Grand Opening & Artist Reception for Stella Ipswitch on Facebook or phone (479) 244-6922.

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intoxication, fleeing and resisting arrest. She was transported by EMS to Mercy Hospital for intoxication.

### MAY 10

1:30 a.m. – Constable made a traffic stop on Hwy. 23 North, conducted a field sobriety test, and took the driver into custody. He was cited and then released.

9:05 a.m. – Observer reported a crowd of as many as 200 people were gathered at City Hall to get marriage licenses but the situation was getting uneasy. Constable responded and spoke to the crowd.

10:33 a.m. – Witness saw a male suspiciously running away from a cabin in the south part of town. Constable checked the area and found the cabin was secure.

11:30 a.m. – Individual asked for constable assistance in walking through her vacant house because she thought she had heard noises inside. Constable complied and found no forced entry.

5:03 p.m. – A pickup stalled in the middle of the street in the middle of town. Constable helped direct traffic and clear the roadway.

5:47 p.m. – A restaurant was having trouble with a customer who was creating a disturbance, but the person had left by the time a constable could get there.

6:53 p.m. – Vehicle pulled out in front of a passing vehicle on US 62. The accident was narrowly avoided, but the offended driver wanted ESPD to know about the adverse driver.

7:21 p.m. – Driver of a sports motorcycle was revving his engine in front of downtown businesses. Constables never encountered the bike.

9:18 p.m. – Passerby noticed a male apparently passed out in a parked vehicle on North Main. Constable went to the scene and issued citations for expired vehicle license, improper use of a vehicle license, and no insurance.

10:40 p.m. – Convenience store clerk told

ESPD his customers had been approached by a person in the parking lot trying to sell marijuana. He was gone before constables arrived.

### MAY 11

2:02 a.m. – Constable noticed a vehicle left of center. He initiated a traffic stop and arrested the driver for DWI.

2:21 a.m. – An alarm rang out at a restaurant, but the constable found the scene safe and secure.

2:45 a.m. – Concerned person reported her friend was intoxicated and had somehow gotten separated from their group. Constables eventually found the lost friend and asked the caller to retrieve her.

2:53 a.m. – An intoxicated male was yelling near Basin Park. Constables arrested him for public intoxication.

3:58 a.m. – Observers thought a driver might be intoxicated, but the constable who followed him found reason to stop him.

4:09 a.m. – Guest at a motel said someone

had pounded loudly on her door and made lots of noise outside. She thought the noisy ones might still be on the stairwell. Constable patrolled the area but saw no one suspicious.

7:33 a.m. – Resident on the east end of town reported someone had taken things from her porch, thrown other things around and slashed a tire on her car.

7:33 p.m. – Restaurateur reported customers left without paying for their meals. Their vehicle was nowhere to be found, but they called the following day and paid.

10:25 p.m. – Alarm rang out at another restaurant, but constable found the building secure.

10:51 p.m. – Camper at Lake Leatherwood reported hearing suspicious noises. Constable checked the area.

### MAY 12

12:21 a.m. – ESH reported an intoxicated patient was trying to leave against medical advice. He managed to leave and constables



## Wayne Weathersby

Sept. 11, 1947 – April 18, 2014

Wayne Weathersby, Sr., 66, of Lake Wales, Fla., passed away Friday, April 18 at his residence surrounded by his family and friends.

He was born Sept. 11, 1947 in Cleveland, Texas, to the late George Lanford and Helen Yvonne (Turner) Weathersby. Except for the 13 years he lived in Eureka Springs, Arkansas, he has been a resident of Lake Wales, moving there from Colorado in 1983. He was a musician. Wayne was a master splinter, a musical mentor to many, and his passion was for music.

Survivors include his beloved wife of 46 years, Janice A. Weathersby; daughter, Erin May Weathersby, of Hilo, Hawaii; son, Wayne Weathersby, Jr., and wife, Brook, of Lake Wales; brother, Don Weathersby of Okeechobee; and four grandchildren, Samantha, Syama, Simon and Vinodini.

## Local Memorial Day Remembrance May 26

On Memorial Day the Eureka Springs Cemetery Commission will present “Remembrance,” a true old-fashioned gathering and remembrance of those we have loved who have passed on, both civilians and veterans, from 10:45 a.m. – 1 p.m. at the Eureka Springs Cemetery, US 62 E., next to the Kettle Campground.

Honored Guest Speaker will be Lt. Col. Steve Gray (State military liaison for Senator Boozman’s office). Luncheon will be provided free of charge. Activities include musical entertainment, face painting for the kids and hay cart rides. For more information, contact Mary Ann Pownall (479) 253-5134.

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my daughter died? How many more people have to die before they do their job right? I think this is bad. This is scary.”

Ponce said Acuna-Sanchez never held a job. “If my daughter wouldn’t give him money or anything else, he would beat her up,” she said. “He would come to my house and steal what we have. The authorities knew all this.”

There can be a perception that if a woman is repeatedly abused and doesn’t end the relationship, or later drops charges, it is partly her fault. Ponce said her daughter did drop several charges against Acuna-Sanchez because he had repeatedly threatened to kill Laura’s three children, Ponce, and Aceves’ sister. Aceves thought about fleeing out of the area, but had been threatened that he would kill her family

members who remained in the area.

Ponce said the police would tell her daughter to stay away from Acuna-Sanchez. “She tried to do that, but he would always find her,” Ponce said. “She was scared to testify against him because she was afraid he wouldn’t be kept in jail and would come after her and her family again. He had her so traumatized. He told her over and over that he would kill each of us while she was watching, and kill her last.”

Ponce has been frustrated at the slow pace of the criminal justice system. It has been nearly a year and a half since the murder. She said she has continued living in Carroll County to see Acuna-Sanchez go on trial.

“They are dragging it out,” Ponce said. “They have had more than enough time to get this man and get him out of here as soon as possible. This is my daughter’s children’s town. They have done nothing wrong. This man destroyed their lives, and their mother’s life. I want him in a real prison. I’m not giving up.

“If something goes wrong, I’m not going to let it go. My daughter deserves justice. My daughter’s kids deserve justice. I will not let them down. I will fight and fight and fight. I will find a way if I have to hire a private investigator. But this man is going to pay for what he has done.”

Ponce has custody of her daughter’s three children, including the son who was five months old at the time of the murder. The infant was found in a pool of blood

after his mother was shot in the head. Ponce said the child has Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD).

“When I first had him, it was even worse,” Ponce said. “He would wake up in the middle of night screaming. There were times I took him to the hospital because I thought something was wrong. The doctor said it was because of what he witnessed. We don’t know how long he laid in the blood next to my daughter’s body. The children witnessed many times when he beat her up. He also threatened to beat up the older kids.”

“We did the proper thing calling the police every time and what did they do?” Ponce asked. “They let him go. The whole town witnessed how many times he beat her up. My daughter would show up for work bruises around her eyes. He would beat her up around people. It was scary. It was horrible. One time he choked her until she passed out. He was arrested, spent half a week in jail and they let him out. This is what caused my daughter’s death, their neglect. And whoever didn’t do their jobs, they are going to pay for it. They all have to answer why. Why were there so many mistakes? I am not going to have peace in my heart until I see people who didn’t do their job get trained or change the system. Fix the system. Use computers.

“My daughter’s life was half of my heart and now it is gone. I need answers. The authorities need better training. They need to stop blaming the women when they have no idea what it is like to be in a relationship like this. She tried to put him away and what did they do? They would keep him a few days, and send him back to her. We are not murderers. We are not criminals or we would have killed him.”

The Aceves case has attracted national attention. An article in the *Huffington Post* discussed a federal law that firearms can be confiscated from someone convicted for domestic violence. Carroll County Prosecuting Attorney Tony Rogers said gun rights are not affected until conviction. Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Devon Goodman said Acuna-Sanchez had pending charges, but no prior convictions.

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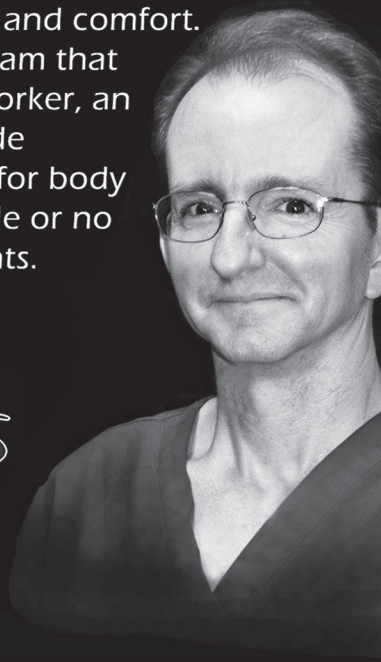
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Mark Hindon and Rick Schlotz are a couple of our local guys who needed a break from working on boat docks Saturday and decided to try their luck with some stripers. We fished around the Prairie Creek area and were in fish fast at the break of daylight, in thick fog, and would of done a lot better but the spotted bass were eating our shad like candy. We ended up releasing a lot of spots over two pounds and two stripers under 20 inches, but kept these two teenagers and this 19 in. smallmouth so they could have a fish fry. All our fish were caught in water from 4 – 18 ft. deep with the water temp running about 68°. Stripers will feed shallow until the temp gets above 72°.

Here at Holiday Island fishing is improving with some white bass still being caught upriver from the town of Beaver. We were out Sunday and caught some small bass, walleye and crappie in Leatherwood Creek. Decided to go up river for some whites but could not get to go, so headed back to try for some crappie around Beaver and found some good big ones fishing in four ft. of water in the brush. The day started slow but ended hot.

All fish we caught this week on Beaver



Lake and here were still full of eggs. It is still spring and the spawn is still on. Most fish are pretty well close to the shoreline with the bass building their nest on pea gravel flats. After this big rain you could still have a white bass run up our creeks here on the Arkansas side of Table Rock.

Well, that’s it for this week. If you get a chance to get out on the water enjoy and if you can’t get out on your own give me a call, I still have a lot of open days the end of May going into June. Thank you for all the support and don’t forget to take a kid fishing.

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they need a welcoming community.

“I’m not sure we have this here,” she said. “We could create a system of safety in Carroll County. It would start with an awareness in the general population that dispels the stereotype of women going through domestic abuse as being weak and poor. We would be amazed at women in our community who have experienced domestic violence and no one knows about it. This is a problem that affects people of all income levels and cultures. Some cultures make it harder to go up against men, so sometimes it is harder for women to leave. When they do leave, we need to have a welcoming community.”

Wright is also advocating a judicial and police system that honors and respects protection orders. Victor Acuna-Sanchez, who is charged with murdering Aceves, was let out of jail without bail after he allegedly violated a protection order that was preceded by two earlier charges of violence against Aceves.

Brave Woman also advocates changes in laws so women don’t have to walk through hot coals to get a protection order. And sometimes changes are needed in the attitudes of the public officials abused women go to for help.

“A shelter I was working with had a clerk

in the county office who would tell women they couldn’t file for protection orders because he was a father and had as many rights as they did,” Wright said. “We found that out, and were able to address it. But often we don’t know this is going on.”

If someone violates a protection order, there should be significant consequences.

“They should not be let out on the streets with a slap on the hand,” Wright said. “The protection order should have bite. It shouldn’t just be a warning. The protective order was obtained for a serious reason.”

Selle said another option is a judge taking away firearms from someone after an order of protection has been issued. “Taking away firearms is one of the sanctions that is allowed,” Selle said. “For some men, this is a bigger deterrent than jail or a fine. In Arkansas, to take away a man’s right to own a gun is a big deal.”

Selle and Wright said they would love to talk to anyone in the area who is interested in helping improve the situation for victims of violence.

“We would welcome an opportunity to have a Brave Woman movement in Carroll County,” Wright said.

For more information, visit [www.bravewoman.org](http://www.bravewoman.org), or email [info@bravewoman.org](mailto:info@bravewoman.org).

# Love the Buffalo River?

Join us Saturday, May 24, and “Raise your Paddle” in support of our first national river. Decorate your canoe, kayak, raft and yourself. Call attention to the threat posed by sitting a 6500 head factory hog farm in the Buffalo River Watershed. Email [linwellford@gmail.com](mailto:linwellford@gmail.com) for updates.



# INDEPENDENT Crossword

by Bill Westerman

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## ACROSS

- 1. Broadcast
- 4. Too
- 8. Beget
- 12. Bambi’s mom
- 13. Put on board
- 14. Length x width
- 15. Study of reality
- 17. Garden tools
- 18. Civil disturbance
- 19. Ritzy
- 21. Biblical shall
- 23. Russian emperor
- 24. Frilly
- 25. Sacred leader
- 29. Elev.
- 30. Public meeting place
- 31. Promissory note
- 32. Communications
- 34. Notable deed
- 35. Intentions
- 36. Long spars (naut.)

- 37. Spot/stain
- 40. Swiss archer Wm.
- 41. Heroic poem
- 42. Infant
- 46. Hawaiian goose
- 47. Call to prayer
- 48. Negative vote
- 49. Not new
- 50. Exclamation of surprise
- 51. Jewel

## DOWN

- 1. Fuss
- 2. Charged particle
- 3. Takes back
- 4. Divide up
- 5. Spoils
- 6. Droop
- 7. Ithacan king
- 8. African desert
- 9. Press
- 10. Stink
- 11. Simple
- 16. Greasy
- 20. Opposite of cool
- 21. Close noisily
- 22. Healthy
- 23. Wearies
- 25. New Year’s Eve (Scot.)
- 26. Wine grape
- 27. Outer layer
- 28. Humble abodes
- 30. Not succeed
- 33. Snockered
- 34. Autumn
- 36. Middle
- 37. Bill of fare
- 38. Mimics
- 39. Movie theater
- 40. Snare
- 43. Machine gun
- 44. Scottish no
- 45. Workout place



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## Kid's Fishing Day May 17

The Missouri Department of Conservation and the Department of Natural Resources present Kids Fishing Day on Saturday, May 17, at Roaring River State Park. Young anglers will have opportunities to catch fish and learn about fishing.

Children 15 and under may pick up free trout tags at the hatchery office any time on Friday before the event or all day on Saturday.

Volunteers help out, and children are encouraged to bring their own fishing equipment. Parents are welcome, but only one pole may be used between helper and child.

Free hotdogs, chips, and soda will be available 11a.m. – 1 p.m. Seminars will be held on fish cleaning and cooking, Dutch

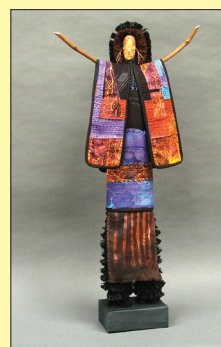
oven cooking, taxidermy, watersheds, knife sharpening, knot tying, fly tying and casting, how to fish Roaring River, stream biology and other subjects. A hatchery tour will show how trout are raised, and a program on Missouri snakes will be given with live specimens.

Kids who attend three classes will be entered into a drawing for prizes to be held at 5 p.m. Children must be present to win. If you would like to help, or for more information, call Roaring River Hatchery (417) 847-2430 or email paul.spurgeon@mdc.mo.gov.

Fishing starts at 6:30 a.m. and continues until 8:15 p.m. rain or shine. Roaring River State Park is on Hwy. 112 about seven miles south of Cassville, Mo.

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served. Gallery open daily 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. (479) 363-6000.



*Eureka Thyme, 19 Spring,* hosts Sandy Wythawai Starbird, who has been creating fabric "dolls" for almost 30 years. Meet Sandy and see her inspired creations from 1 – 4 p.m. and 6 – 9 p.m. (479) 363-9600.

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*Quicksilver Art and Fine Craft Gallery, 73 Spring.* Bella Vista jewelry artist Nikki Epstein will be in the gallery with her trunk show from 1 – 4 p.m. Light refreshments from 6 – 9 p.m.

*Susan Morrison's Signature Gallery, 78 Spring,* Susan and Randy review their latest expedition, and their final excursions into the Great Plains. Wine and light refreshments, 7:30 p.m. (479) 253-8788.

*Sweet Spring Studio and Gallery, 123 Spring,* features new works by Barbara Kennedy. (479) 253-6652, www.barbarakennedystudio.com

*The Jewel Box, 40 Spring,* is celebrating 15 years in business on Spring Street with a sale! Take 15 percent off in-house jewelry line,

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*Zarks, 67 Spring Street,* welcomes Brandy Thomason McNair, who creates artisan jewelry with an eye for design and a love for all things vintage. Meet Brandy in the gallery beginning at 2 p.m. (479) 871-2004.

### Sunday, May 18

*Books in Bloom 9<sup>th</sup> Literary Festival, Crescent Hotel lawn and Conservatory, 12 – 5 p.m.* – A free gift to all who love books. Featured speakers include bestselling authors Kathy Reichs, Michael Sheldon, Terry Brooks, Kerry Reichs, and Elizabeth Berg plus a dozen regional authors in the Reader's Tent. In case of rain, the festival moves into hotel lobby and onto verandas. (870) 423-5300, www.booksinbloom.org.

*Art of the Classic Movie, City Auditorium, 7 p.m.* – Eureka Classic Movies presents *Gaslight*, an outstanding 1944 mystery-thriller film starring Ingrid Bergman, Charles Boyer, Joseph Cotten and a 19-yr. old Angela Lansbury. Showtime 7 p.m. at The Aud. Admission \$3 per person.

## HI Auxiliary meets May 27

Holiday Island Fire Dept. Auxiliary will meet Tuesday, May 27, at the Holiday Island Clubhouse Ballroom. Social begins at 11:30 a.m. followed by luncheon meeting at noon. Cost is \$8. Membership Dues are \$12. Men and women living in Holiday Island and rural area are invited to attend. Reservations must be made by May 23 via Peggy Arnhart (479) 363-6235.



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- **Retaliate against persons reporting judicial violations as Judge Crow did in 2012 and was censured by the Arkansas Judicial Discipline and Disability Commission in 2013.**
- **Attempt to close the Western District Courthouse.**

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