



Commissioners and aldermen discuss hospital plans

NICKY BOYETTE

Two Eureka Springs aldermen, David Mitchell and Mickey Schneider, attended the Hospital Commission meeting Monday afternoon to see what is expected from City Council regarding plans to build a new hospital in Eureka Springs.

Chris Bariola, CEO of Eureka Springs Hospital, said progress on their side is at a standstill pending action by the City about extending sewage lines another mile out to the proposed 123-acre site off US 62 across from the Razorback Gift Shop at the western edge of town. He said that since Allegiance, the Shreveport-based company which leases operation of the facility, is willing to build a new hospital, "we expect a similar investment from the city," he said.

Bariola told the group Allegiance had not spent any money on engineers at the site so far because they do not know what the City is going to do.

Commissioner Suzanne Tourtelot turned toward Mayor Morris Pate and asked, "How do we get past this impasse?"

"It goes to city council," Pate replied.

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Election results

Unofficial results in the race for Carroll County Circuit Court Judge as of 8 a.m. show Scott Jackson leading incumbent Kent Crow 2205-1149. Six precincts have reported but a problem with matching signatures with ballots has put 13 precincts in limbo until a state auditor arrives on Thursday, according to an election official. Crow said Tuesday morning he is not conceding at this time. As of press time, Sheriff Bob Grudek is leading challenger Jack Gentry in the primary 1103-1027. Updated results are at www.esindependent.com.

Familiar faces – well, at least one of them. Julie Kahn Valentine poses with her art during the White Street Walk on May 16. Chilly temperatures and occasional raindrops enhanced frivolity, evidenced by a flash mob in the middle of the street.



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BECKY GILLETTE

This Week's INDEPENDENT Thinker

Simple. Brilliant. Anonymous.

Someone in Ha'il, a northern city of Saudi Arabia, installed a commercial refrigerator on a high-traffic corner where people of the neighborhood could both leave and pick up food. The food is fresh and healthy, whether it's left for others or being taken home to serve.

Acts of kindness are local, global, and for all we know, inter-planetary, and it's refreshing when people who see a problem (hunger) they figure out how to fix it (provide food) without waiting for a politician to say, "I'll get back to you on that."

And acts of kindness, along with ingenuity and generosity, make the hungry and the provider and the rest of us feel pleasantly full.



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Charges against Satori dropped

NICKY BOYETTE

Circuit Judge David A. Clinger signed a Judgment and Disposition Order on May 7 which dropped charges of theft of property between \$5000 – 10,000, a Class C Felony, against Beau Satori by plaintiff John Cross, Satori's former landlord.

The order stated, "The information filed on May 1, 2013, in Circuit Court is hereby *nolle prosequi* for good cause shown," which means the prosecutor dropped the charges.

Cross alleged Satori had taken historic oak molding assessed by one appraiser as being valued at more than \$10,000 from his former studio, rented

from Cross, when Satori was evicted for nonpayment of rent. Satori had maintained all along he was the one who had paid for the molding when it was installed in the space he rented for 37 years. He also maintained he had presented copies of all invoices supporting his claims to Carroll County Prosecuting Attorney Tony Rogers in May 2013.

Court records show that on March 27, 2014, Circuit Clerk Ramona Wilson was ordered to call 60 jurors in preparation for the trial.

Records do not, however, say why the charges were dropped. Rogers did not return phone calls as of press time.

Memorial Day Service Sunday

Beaver Lake Baptist Church, 12747 Hwy. 187, will be conducting a special Memorial Day Service & Military Ceremony honoring America's fallen heroes on Sunday, May 25, 11 a.m. Everyone is welcome to come show your support at this very touching program.

Memorial Day Remembrance May 26

The Eureka Springs Cemetery Commission will present "Remembrance," a true old-fashioned gathering and remembrance of those who have passed on, both civilians and veterans, Monday, May 26, 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). Jamie Wariner, KOLR 10 TV's chief weather meteorologist, is also attending as an honored guest. 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.

Peachtree's pick – A.J. Smith is Peachtree Village Assisted Living's Resident of the Month for May. A.J. was born and raised in Berryville. Eventually, he followed a couple of his brothers to California to find work, got married and had four children, returning to Berryville after the children were raised. A.J. is always helping others and always full of laughter and joy. From time to time he even sings for the residents. Congratulations, A.J., you are loved!



Workshop wades through weeds and water

NICKY BOYETTE

The Eureka Springs City Council met in a workshop May 14 to discuss what to do about yard waste and ways to improve water metering in town. Four aldermen, Mayor Morris Pate and two of his staff, Public Works Director Dwayne Allen, and four interested members of the community participated.

The problem centers around what to do with yard waste, especially vines and bamboo. Allen said a person can take yard waste to the Public Works compost facility on Wednesdays, but they do not accept vines or bamboo. Limbs must be less than six inches in diameter unless separated out. There is also a once-a-month residential curbside pickup that can be scheduled.

"Anything we can compost, we want," Allen said, however, vines get wrapped around equipment, so they are unworkable. He said the permit he has determines what he can accept. The state, however, is trying to reduce how much yard waste gets into landfills, so finding a landfill to accept yard waste adds the expense of hauling because there are none nearby.

Jerry Landrum, who has been looking for ways to reduce the city's waste stream, suggested finding a place outside city limits where yard waste without any trash could be heaped up into windrows, properly managed with dirt and worms and allowed to decompose. He said he has a limited amount of space and would be glad to work

with folks.

Pate pointed out the answer to the bigger picture is not as simple as finding places to dump yard wastes because some plants will just regrow and possibly become invasive. Allen added the amount of waste adds to the complexity of the problem. He also said the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality has rules for Solid Waste Management, and some violations could fetch a fine up to \$5000 per day. His facility is checked quarterly with occasional surprise visits, so they must monitor what they accept.

Finance Director Lonnie Clark said he had seen Landrum's idea implemented in chicken houses in the area. The farmers add chicken scratch to the windrows of brush, and eventually they get usable compost. Landrum observed a farmer or a private person could let piles sit, but Public Works must process it and make room for more.

Alderman David Mitchell said from what he had heard, the City had done all it could and it should be up to landscapers or homeowners to take care of their vines and bamboo.

At this point, Jack Byrne, landscaper, spoke up to disagree. He said the City of Rogers and other cities pick up all yard wastes, so why is Eureka Springs different? He said Rogers picks up once a week with no restrictions, and Eureka Springs did the same in the past. "You want us to clean up our yards, yet we have nowhere to dump the

waste."

Bill Rubley added that solving this problem, and thereby keeping neighborhoods neater, is important to a town that depends upon tourists. He commented the ivy in town has killed trees and pulled down walls, yet there is no place to dispose of it. "It is incumbent upon the City to handle it somehow," he said.

Pate pointed out that council needed to move on to the rest of their workshop

Water, water somewhere

The second discussion was about addressing the problem of old and faulty water meters around town. "There's a lot to be captured by upgrading," Allen said.

The problem he identified for council is there are meters that do not register low flow, and others are even more suspect. Therefore, customers are getting water they do not get billed for. He said Public Works has replaced three large ones at motels, but "it's more of a problem than I anticipated."

Clark mentioned to council last year it might need to consider raising water

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EARLY DEADLINES

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

May 21 at noon and changes to existing advertising, Thursday, May 22 at noon; Classified advertising, May 23 at 5 p.m.; press releases, Friday, May 23 at noon.



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Eureka courthouse open Saturdays 'as of right now'

BECKY GILLETTE

Shock waves went through the wedding tourism business in Eureka Springs this past Saturday when Circuit Clerk Jamie Correia decided her office in Eureka Springs would not be issuing marriage licenses and might permanently discontinue issuing wedding licenses in Eureka Springs on Saturdays.

Jack Moyer, general manager of the 1886 Crescent Hotel & Spa and The 1905 Basin Park Hotel, said he was troubled by the announcement. The two hotels host numerous weddings, mostly on weekends. He said he made numerous calls to county officials trying to identify the problem and find a solution.

It turned out that other county officials have no jurisdiction over Correia, whose position is autonomous.

Correia said the Eureka Springs office was closed Saturday because of

understaffing and early voting. But Carroll County Deputy Clerk Carl Gustin was quoted in the *Arkansas Democrat Gazette* May 17 saying there were safety concerns about the large crowd of gay people seeking marriage licenses on Saturday a week ago. "After the security issues last week, we don't feel it is safe to have only one clerk working over there," Gustin said. "A man threatened our clerk with a cane last Saturday."

Paul Wank admitted he pointed his cane at the clerk. He said he had been discriminated against all his life by people like the clerk who refused to issue same sex marriage licenses. But he didn't threaten to hit her. "If I would have tried to threaten her, I would have fallen over," Wank said. Wank and Don Jerky, his partner of 50 years, didn't receive a marriage license that Saturday, but did receive one the following Monday.

About 540 same sex couples received wedding licenses in Arkansas during the brief window between the time when Pulaski County Circuit Judge Chris Piazza ruled May 9 that Arkansas' 2004 voter-approved amendment was unconstitutional, and a week later when the Arkansas Supreme Court put a stay on gay marriage until an appeal is heard, expected by the end of the year.

Contacted Monday, Correia said that "as of right now" the office would be open next Saturday [May 24] in Eureka Springs.

"I was just short handed this past Saturday with the early voting," Correia said. "So we asked them to come over to Berryville. We were getting ready to work the polling process. We did some marriage licenses over here. A couple that did come over wasn't even getting married that weekend. They were just panicking because of what had happened the weekend before."

Mike Bishop, executive director of the Eureka Springs Chamber of Commerce, said there is great concern about the potential closing of the Eureka Courthouse on Saturdays from now on as it could mar the city's reputation as The Wedding Capital of the South.

"We have heard from numerous business people in town," Bishop said. "One of our selling points for a long time is that our courthouse is open on Saturday to get marriage licenses, and there is no way to undo that overnight to let people know."

Bishop said he told Correia that closing of the office on Saturdays would be a bad decision for the wedding industry. "We have promoted forever that the office is open on Saturdays for wedding licenses," he said.

Garage sale *plus*

Peachtree Village, just behind Holiday Island Park off 23N, will hold a garage, art, craft and antique glass sale May 24 from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. to raise money for a big screen T.V. for the residents. They are also helping raise money for the Backpack program at All Faith United Methodist Church. Come on out and get some great deals!

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- **GRIEF SHARE** – 13-week grief recovery program. Sundays 2 – 4 p.m. HI Community Church Fellowship Hall library (188 Stateline Drive). Join at any time. \$15 workbook fee. (479) 253-8925, or e-mail lardellen@gmail.com.
- **Celebrate Recovery** – Soul Purpose Ministries, 801 S. Springfield, Green Forest, 6:30 p.m. each Wednesday. Potluck meal followed by 12-step Christ-centered meetings for those suffering from addiction, habit, hang-up or hurt.
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 - **Al-Anon Family Group (AFG)** – Sundays, 11:30 a.m., Mondays and Tuesdays 7 p.m.
 - **Eureka Springs Coffee Pot AA Groups** Monday – Saturday 12:30 p.m.; Sunday 10 a.m.; Sunday – Thursday, Saturday, 5:30 p.m.; Tuesday and Friday, 8 p.m. (479) 253-7956
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Planning considers constructions, hazard mitigation

NICKY BOYETTE

Three new construction reviews were on the Planning agenda May 13, and first was the application for constructing a 10x16-ft. permanent outdoor stage in a back corner of the Music Park on North Main. Architect Butch Berry said the structure would be a low-impact site improvement that would open up the park to a variety of events. Vote to approve the application was unanimous.

Contractor Travis Holloway represented the application to build a motorcycle parking garage at the east edge of the Basin Park Hotel parking lot at 101 N. Main. He said there would be five stables and the building would be nine ft. deep. He envisioned black wrought-iron lockable gates.

Commissioner Steve Beacham pointed out in his research he has found nothing in the law that allows Planning to approve a motorcycle parking garage. Council would first need to pass an ordinance. He said this application is different from just a place set aside in a parking lot.

Leswig moved to table the application until the next meeting, and the commission agreed.

Again it was architect Berry, but this time representing the application to add a fire escape, a 10x12-deck and stairs to Ermilio's Restaurant at 26 White Street. Presently there is only one way down from the second floor. The deck would rest above and be smaller than the existing deck below. Vote to approve was unanimous.

Hazard mitigation

Caelli Hull, president of the Osage Group, made a presentation to Planning about creating a local task force to work with her and husband, Craig, to develop a hazard mitigation plan for the city. The goal would be to reduce long-term risks to citizens and the town, but the first step would be getting input from all sectors of the community about potential hazards.

Two large projects, Hull said, would be securing tunnels that run underneath downtown, and finding a solution for the dam at Black Bass Lake.

The role of the Osage Group would be facilitating the project, which is funded by a \$35,000 matching grant from FEMA. The City would need to provide evidence of a \$15,000 in-kind match. The idea behind the match, Hull explained, is to engage citizens in preparing before disasters happen.

Lujan said the canal along North Main is a predictable hazard for homes out his way, and described floods he has endured in the past, saying he keeps sandbags handy in the spring.

Craig Hull asked Planning to name a contact person to work with them. They will get representatives from other commissions and boards as well. Caelli said citizens could email them at eureka.springshazardmitigatio@gmail.com about potential hazards in town. She emphasized that the word in the address is "mitigatio" because they ran out of room for the last letter.

Craig said the process is just beginning, but they intend to have a plan by Nov. 1. Caelli pointed out, however, citizen

involvement in staying prepared is the heart of the matter.

They forecast that Planning might see a lot of them in the next few months.

Open positions

Morris pointed out Planning has two open seats, and they have had a difficult time keeping a full complement of seven commissioners. He questioned whether they might be excluding potential commissioners by requiring they live inside Eureka Springs city limits. "There are police officers who live outside city limits," he said. He maintained there are people who have owned businesses in town for years and are invested in Eureka Springs but do not live in town, therefore are excluded from sitting on city commissions.

Discussion produced two motions. Commissioner Melissa Greene first moved they approach council to appoint someone as an interim commissioner to ensure they have a quorum. The vote was unanimous to approve.

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May 31, 6–8 p.m. – *Fermentation* with Vela Giri. Learn how to make sauerkraut and variations of Kim Chi, or “Kraut Chi,” in hands-on classes. Aspects of fermentation will be discussed, including important economic and social components of this food art. Although not required, bring some veggies to receive the final product. (Napa cabbage, carrots, daikon radishes, peppers etc.)

Call Flora Roja, 119 Wall Street, (479) 253-4968 to register.

CAPC pumps up advertising

NICKY BOYETTE

“Every day is a weekend in Eureka Springs” is the theme of a new ad intended to bolster Monday through Thursday business according to Mike Maloney, executive director of the Eureka Springs Advertising and Promotion Commission. He told commissioners Rightmind Advertising has already prepared the ad showing someone enjoying the zip line experience.

In addition, Maloney and his staff are preparing a series of 26 two-to-three minute podcasts featuring a variety of topics and themes. Maloney said web traffic on the eurekasprings.org site continues to pick up and viewers are spending an average of 4.7 minutes on the site.

He also said stories about the recent same-sex marriage events in Eureka Springs have been picked up by Al-Jazeera and BBC and broadcast internationally.

“We have not ever had this type of flurry of activity about Eureka Springs in the media,” Maloney said.

He said over the next three months,

the CAPC will be spending \$55,000 per month on advertising the city, mostly on cable television in the tried and true markets. Maloney has added the channel that plays on televisions in Branson motels. Eureka Springs ads will play six times per day, and they will be backed up by ads by the State of Arkansas, which will run more often.

Maloney said he would mount a spreadsheet displaying that Eureka Springs ads are playing in which cities on the capc.biz site.

Commissioner Damon Henke observed a business owner in town could use the spreadsheet to find an opportune time to also place an ad in conjunction with the Eureka Springs ad that might increase the impact of both.

Sandy Martin of the Arts Council reported the movement for attracting movie producers to town is progressing. City council approved the first two readings of the ordinance that would offer a two percent rebate on allowable expenses in the city. Also, Arkansas Film Commissioner Christopher Crane will be meeting with the Municipal League to address concerns

raised by CAPC Chair Charles Ragsdell as to whether it is legal for the CAPC to offer rebates with taxpayer money.

Next workshop will be Wednesday, May 28, at 4 p.m., at the CAPC office. Next regular meeting will be Wednesday, June 11, at 6 p.m.

Enlightenment gathering May 23

Join Kirsten Buxton, Helena Sjunnesson, and Ricki Comeaux from the Living Miracles community for an evening of Presence, music and deep discussion at Flora Roja, 119 Wall, 7 – 9 p.m., Friday, May 23. Kirsten, Helena, and Ricki have a deep love and appreciation for the teachings of A Course In Miracles.

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CSS students of the year – Clear Spring School graduating seniors Hendrik Pot and Rachel Guillory were awarded the honor of 2014 Student of the Year by Ken Brown (center) of the Holiday Island Elks. Rachel, daughter of Daren and Jessica Guillory, was awarded the Daughters of American Revolution Scholarship this year. She completed a photography internship with Rodda Photography and will be attending Cow House Studios in Ireland over the summer, studying photography and painting. She plans to attend Warren Wilson College in Asheville, N.C., and looks forward to classes in anthropology and archeology. Hendrik, son of Martin and Peggy Pot, is a pianist and gymnast and recently became an Eagle Scout following completion of a rain garden on Planer Hill. Hendrik has completed a culinary internship at Grand Taverne, which helped to develop his interest in cooking, nutrition and food. He also enjoyed shadowing a physical therapist, and therapy is the path he will pursue at University of Colorado, Boulder. He plans to major in Integrative Physiology and wants to assist in physical rehabilitation of injured athletes.

Health insurance coverage help available

BECKY GILLETTE

The state's In Person Assistance Guide program to help people sign up for health insurance under the Affordable Care Act (ACA) will end June 30.

"My office at the First National Bank of Northwest Arkansas here in Eureka will close May 30," Charlisa Cato, an IPA with the Arkansas Guide Organization, said. "Although the open enrollment for the federal site, www.Healthcare.gov, is closed except for Special Enrollment Periods, individuals and families can still apply for coverage through the Medicaid expansion program (the Healthcare Independence Program), as well as traditional Medicaid. These programs are available for enrollment all year round. There are many still uninsured who will likely qualify for this coverage."

Paper applications can be obtained at any Department of Human Services (DHS) office. In addition paper applications can be printed out from both web sites, www.arhealthconnector.org, has listings of insurance agents and guide organization by county. You can find the answer to many ACA questions and issues at these sites.

Cato said that Special Enrollment Periods are triggered by

a number of events, like losing job-based coverage, marriage, divorce and pregnancy. Even those currently on Cobra can apply and save on premiums.

Cato can be reached at (479) 325-0943 through June, and said she will be glad to assist with letters from DHS and other issues.

Though her office is closing May 30, Cato will still have her phone number and work computer until June 30, and can meet with people wanting enrollment help at their home or other locations. "I am especially wanting to help those who still are stuck and haven't received coverage," she said.

People can also receive health insurance enrollment help through other channels. They can seek the help of an insurance agent/broker, go online to www.HealthCare.gov, or call the federal site at (800) 318-2596. To apply directly for the state Medicaid expansion call (855) 372-1084 or apply at www.access.arkansas.gov, and follow the yellow boxes.

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And look for exciting new events to be announced for this year! FDW is Tuesday – Sunday, July 8 – 13.

Blues Weekend tickets on sale now!

Eureka Springs Blues Weekend, June 12 through 15, features auditorium shows with headliners Walter "Wolfman" Washington, Carolyn Wonderland and Grammy winner Chubby Carrier, plus dozens of great blues acts around town. Free music in Basin Park includes great sets with Brandon Santini, Doghouse Daddies, Buddy Shute, Isayah Warford, The Ariels and more.

There will be late shows in the Barefoot Ballroom atop the 1905 Basin Park Hotel, a Blues for Kids Drumming workshop in Basin Park on Saturday, followed by a 3 p.m. show at the Aud with flamboyant blues showman and solo winner of the Ozarks Blues Challenge, Lucious Spiller.

Also appearing around town are Blew Reed, Brody Buster, Danny Cox,

Jesse Dean, Earl & Them, Larry Garner, Steve Hester, Jeff Horton, Jigsaw Mud, Adam Johnston, Kris Lager, Levee Town, Stacy Mitchhart, Fast Johnny Ricker, Patrick Sweany, and Tightrope.

The weekend ends with a Father's Day Blues Picnic at Turpentine Creek Sunday afternoon starting with Brick Fields' Gospel Blues Brunch followed by the Stacy Mitchhart Band. Blues Weekend is a fundraiser for Turpentine Creek Wildlife Refuge.

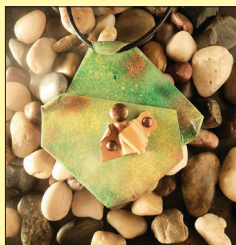
Admission to the Blues Picnic is included in VIP and Weekend Passes, and is only \$5 per person at the gate. Kids under six free. Admission to the refuge is separate.

Weekend passes and tickets are on sale now at EurekaSpringsBlues.com, where you'll find a complete schedule, information on volunteering and more.

Spring designs debut at Norberta

Local legend and jeweler Eureka Janet Alexander is featured artist at the Norberta Philbrook Gallery Saturday, May 24. Her jewelry is known for its glossy and textured finishes, rich color palettes and tactile nature.

Eureka Janet was listed in the *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette* as one of the Top Ten regional artists to watch in 2014 – so here's a chance to watch! Meet Janet and see her debut of spring copper and metal work designs at the Norberta Philbrook Gallery, 34 North Main from 6 – 9 p.m. (479) 363-6703.



It's FAMulous!

Don't miss the North Main Food, Art and Music (FAM) Fest Saturday, May 24, noon – 6 p.m. Music starts at noon at the Eureka Springs Music Park on North Main. Gather family or friends for a shady picnic and enjoy live music all afternoon:

Noon – 2 p.m., Catherine Reed; 2 – 4 p.m., Handmade Moments; 4 – 6 p.m., Brick Fields ...and special guest Michael Johnathon with singing partner, Melissa Deaton.

Play along with the musical

sculptures!

There will also be an ESSA interactive kids Art in the Park exhibit along with the work of several local artists including Fran Carlin, Cheri Yarborough, Juliette Edgerton, Kathryn Geutzlaff, Lorna Trigg and more.

FAMFEST continues up North Main with food and art at FRESH, featuring Ken Addington and Adrian Frost. For more information, email artscouncileureka@gmail.com.



A Celebration of Life for Jack R. Miller

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Bowls for Hunger – 12th Annual High School Art Show

Iris at the Basin Park is pleased to host a month-long exhibit of art created by talented students at Eureka Springs High School. The students designed ceramic bowls to be sold to benefit the Flint Street Fellowship Food Bank and help eliminate hunger. Please stop in and enjoy their marvelous work and support a great cause.



ART TEACHER JESSICA CUMMINGS WITH STUDENT WORK

Write a self-help book

Kelly Madigan, author of *Getting Sober: A Practical Guide to Making it Through the First 30 Days*, published by McGraw-Hill, will show you how to turn your personal experience and insights into marketable essays and how-to books. Learn about the array of nonfiction forms available and how to improve the chances that your idea

connects with readers, agents and editors.

Register online at villagewritingschool.com for the workshop to be held May 31, from 10 a.m. – noon at The Village Writing School, 177 Huntsville Road (Hwy. 23 South). Pre-registration is required. Cost is \$20. For info, email alisontaylorbrown@me.com or phone (479) 292-3665.

Woodward concert series June 1

Holiday Island Community Church, 188 Stateline Drive, will host its quarterly Woodward Memorial Concert Series Sunday, June 1, 4 p.m. in the sanctuary. Indigo Fischer, 11th grade student at Interlochen Arts Academy in Interlochen, Mich., will be the featured artist. Indigo is originally from Eureka Springs and will play a variety of numbers on the flute/piccolo.

Joining Indigo will be a saxophone quartet from Springdate High School, and other groups. The concert is free and open to the public. For information contact Jim Swiggart (479) 253-8369.

Out of the Kerbox

The Jewel Box, 40 Spring Street, welcomes Barb Kerbox and her Fine Art Photography with a reception from 6 – 9 p.m. May 24. Barb is inspired by nature's spectacular colors and captures them in panoramic and vertical scenes from the area including Eureka's beautiful springs and magnificent lake shots. (479) 253-7828.



Forced fluoridation on its way despite opposition

BECKY GILLETTE

The news that Dallas is considering ending fluoridation of water supplies has buoyed local activists who have opposed the forced fluoridation of water delivered by the Carroll Boone Water District (CBWD).

Sheffie Kadane, a member of the Dallas City Council, was quoted as saying, "We don't need it and we'd save a million dollars that we can use for something else." Some news outlets reported that the council voted to end fluoridation, but those reports were false. It is under consideration, but final action hasn't been taken. Portland, Ore., is the largest city in the country to drop fluoridation recently.

Fluoridation of CBWD was opposed by all 12 water operators at the CBWD plant. But a state mandate led the CBWD Board of Directors to proceed with building facilities to add fluoride to the water supply. Expansion is being paid for by the Delta Dental Foundation, which claims that fluoridation helps prevent cavities – something fluoride opponents state has never been proven by a comprehensive scientific study.

Water operator Rene Fonseca said construction of the building to add fluoridation chemicals to the water supply began March 24, and the facility is expected to be ready to be put into operation in September. CBWD operators have yet to find a fluoride supplier who is willing to disclose what contaminants are included in the

fluoridation product, which can include arsenic, lead and radionuclides.

In 2011 the CBWD sent letters to 48 fluoride manufacturers requesting information about what contaminants are contained in the fluoridation products.

"Our Arkansas Department of Health (ADH) has concluded and confirmed that fluoridation products in the water industry do contain contaminants not limited to just lead, arsenic, copper and radionuclides," the CBWD operators said. "ADH requires water districts to follow NSF/ANSI standard 60 and has confirmed that the NSF information for certification should be supplied by the supplier of the chemicals. But the fluoridation chemical suppliers won't provide this, even though we have asked them repeatedly."

Fonseca said the district plans to send out another round of letters requesting that information. There are no longer any suppliers of the chemical based in the U.S., possibly linked to class action lawsuits against cities like Seattle that fluoridate.

About 60 percent of fluoridation chemicals used in the U.S. come from China, which is notorious for a lack of control of the purity of products.

"In our letters we will ask for an assurance of the safety and effectiveness of the product," Fonseca said. "Personally, I have a concern about how it will impact the aging water systems in Eureka Springs and other older towns. Fluoride is very corrosive,

and Eureka Springs is already having a large problem with leaks in its water distribution system."

Most European countries have stopped fluoridation, and have not seen an increase in cavities.

"They have found that education about a proper diet, brushing and oral hygiene reduces cavities," Fonseca said. "Research has shown that ingesting fluoride has little impact on reducing cavities, and it has been linked to many health problems."

Eureka Springs resident Natalie Mannering has a health condition that would be worsened by exposure to fluoride. She opposes the fluoridation for a number of different reasons.

"If someone actually thinks that fluoride is a good thing, they can buy it in toothpaste and get plenty," Mannering said. "No one should be medicated against their will. It is a question of civil rights. When the government decides that it has the right to medicate entire populations without permission, we need to take a very close look at what is going on. In my opinion, it's clear indication of corruption and negligence at the highest levels."

Mannering said she believes the Arkansas mandate was pushed through on the sly by vested interests that care only for profit. "There is big money to be made in poisoning the American public, unfortunately," she said. "Fluoride is one of the most toxic substances known, and

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Reality in Eureka?

Editor,

Rumors of a Eureka Springs reality television show are circulating. Idiots have already invaded much of our society... many of them have their own reality shows. I see our local idiots every day (names withheld). I definitely don't want to see them on television.

John F. Turner

Lines and lies

Editor,

Integrity, trust, and respect are qualities we look for in people and the companies we do business with. "Do what you say you do" is a reasonable expectation from companies that can change our environment and quality of life.

Being chosen as one of "Fortune's Most Admired Companies" is a benchmark for companies with great reputation. Corporate reputation is all about how they manage people and how they treat the community and the environment.

So how did AEP make the 2013 list of the *Fortune 500*? The AEP Code of Conduct says: "AEP is built on a solid foundation of doing the right thing. Whether

it's in our dealings with our customers, our stakeholders, or each other as employees, our culture supports – and demands – that we do the right thing every time." In the Ozarks, we know better!

Is the AEP Board of Directors going to let SWEPCO drill over 300, 50-ft. deep, 12-ft. diameter holes and routinely use herbicides on 1,000 acres of easement? "Groundwater remediation at sites located in karst terranes can be extremely challenging, impracticable, or even impossible within reasonable timeframes," *Groundwater Remediation in Karst Terranes: State of the Practice*, May 5, 2014.

Customers and communities are protected from corporate negligence by federal agencies. General Motors will pay a \$35 million fine to settle a federal probe into the 10-year delay of its ignition switch recall, federal safety regulators announced last Friday, with a harsh indictment: "GM engineers, GM investigators and GM lawyers knew about the defect, but GM did not protect Americans from the defect."

What can we do to protect our drinking water? I will contact the AEP board of directors, the people responsible to identify risk areas and oversee risk management.

Under state corporate law, the "duty of care" requires directors make decisions with due deliberation.

Man-made disasters must be prevented. Transmission lines are highly visible projects – there is nothing SWEPCO can hide from our community.

"Water is life, it is our life, is the blood of the earth," Alick Bartholomew: *The Spiritual Life of Water; Its Power and Purpose*, 2010.

Dr. Luis Contreras

Books in Bloom a blast

Editor,

A warm thank you for all of the hard work involved with putting together Books in Bloom. This year I scheduled myself off from my massage business, and am so glad I attended this wonderful event. The caliber of the writers, as well as their talks, was exquisite. We are so lucky to have such a wonderful library association, as well as the grants and the volunteers.

Now I have an event to invite my sister to attend, as she is a book nut like I am. The weather was perfect and by the third

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WEEK'S TopTweets

@lloydtrang --- I just saw a squirrel dragging a wine bottle bag up a tree. I think I found my spirit animal.

@robfee --- I'm fairly certain it's easier to teach Latin to a deaf camel than to help your parents fix a simple computer problem over the phone.

@FredPollack --- I bet the first Mohawk was created by a guy trying to even out his sideburns.

@goldengateblond --- The worst thing about dentists is they put that paper bib on you but they never bring you lobster.

@xlpaws --- I wonder how police on bikes arrest people. "Alright get in the basket."

@stockejock --- Dear Girl Scouts, your mints did not make me thin. P.S. Send more.

@TheTweetOfGod --- Overwhelming scientific evidence suggests a startling number of people are capable of ignoring overwhelming scientific evidence.

@Zen_Moments --- A moment's insight is sometimes worth a lifetime's experience. ~ Oliver Wendell Holmes

@FrankConniff --- NASA finds alien life form in CA lake. Conservatives already discussing ways to hate, fear & discriminate against it.

@CNN --- These dinosaurs may be the largest to grace the earth. Meet Mr. Titanosaur.



Callous and inept

On or before June 8 we will learn what the Arkansas Public Service Commission will do with regard to the Shipe Road to Kings River monstrous power line project. They might approve it as originally proposed, or they might grant a rehearing as requested by Save the Ozarks. They might grant AEP/SWEPCO one more do-over in route planning to make up for their earlier egregious malfeasance. If pure reason, common sense and compassion prevail, they will just throw the whole proposed project out and pull the plug on AEP/SWEPCO's plan.

Anyone driving to Rogers these days would note the huge amount of highway construction taking place, and when driving through the National Military Park at Pea Ridge would notice that before and after the park, construction takes a wide turn and is re-engineered to completely avoid the park. In fact, while US 62 currently passes between two areas of the National Military Park, bisecting the park in two detached areas, the new highway routing will allow for further restoration of the properties held within the park boundaries, and thereby enhance what is one of the most intact battlefields from the Civil War.

Rerouting the highway around the military park was not an easy thing. It required complex negotiations and land acquisitions, and compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. A variety of state and federal agencies were involved in making certain the new roadway did not destroy valuable historic properties, and instead helped to make the two sections of the park whole. Simply compare work done by the Arkansas State Highway Department to the callous and inept work done by Burns and McDonnell Engineering as they, and SWEPCO, put forth their Shipe Road to Kings River application. While the highway department was careful to take the park into consideration and avoid it (as they were required by law), SWEPCO chose to hack their way straight through, just as they've done with every other portion of their preferred and alternate routes.

I say their proposal was callous in that they have shown no regard for the beauty and environmental qualities of our lands, or for those who have chosen to live here and protect these properties. I say their proposal was inept, because while their plans were being put to paper, and as route planning professionals, they should have known something about the widening of US 62 and about the serious restrictions placed upon the Arkansas Highway Department by Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. The highway expansion plan was in the works for years, and should not have been any great surprise to a company in the professional planning business.

AEP/SWEPCO claimed in a letter to Congressman Womack one year ago that no federal permits would be required for their power line project or its destructive effects. Were they as professionals really so inept in their planning as to have been completely unaware of their responsibilities to state and federal agencies? Either they chose to deceive the Congressman, or that was the case.

If you study Arkansas Public Service Commission's previous cases, you will find that they've rarely met a power line they didn't like. Perhaps AEP/SWEPCO was thinking some fix was in place to that effect, and despite being callous and inept, their proposal would be approved.

There is no way to know what the APSC will decide. They may decide to grant the power company everything it wants. But whatever their decision, the power company will be held accountable to the National Historic Preservation Act, the Clean Water Act, the Endangered Species Act and numerous state and federal agencies, all of which have noted serious deficiencies in their Environmental Impact Statement and in their proposal. The APSC would do well to understand what AEP/SWEPCO has so far chosen to ignore.

The people of Northwest Arkansas have the power to stop this monster power line and we will.

Doug Stowe



The Pursuit Of HAPPINESS

by Dan Krotz

I keep tipping over. This is an unattractive quality in a person of any age, but it is especially consequential for people who are old enough to own Led Zeppelin's untitled fourth album in vinyl. Not only do we tip over, we cannot hear ourselves falling because we've listened to *Stairway to Heaven* 4,000 times since 1971, and have gone deaf as a result.

And so it is with Hillary Clinton. She has tipped over – no surprise there – but with the added consequence of Karl Rove telling everyone she is brain damaged and otherwise past her sell by date: unfit for the Presidency! Is Rove's bombshell shocking? Of course not. He's the sociopathic tool of oligarchs, and will say anything.

What's surprising is that no other Democrat is mentioned as a candidate, or that Democrats still haven't gotten wise to Our Boy Bill. They haven't held him accountable for almost singlehandedly destroying the economic futures of every American under the age of 40. During the Clinton "boom years," 20 percent of all productivity gains in the US were due to a single corporation, Wal-Mart. Wages and benefits for working people went into a free fall, and the devaluation of labor rapidly accelerated across all business sectors. In the same period, starting salaries for high school and college graduates was the lowest, in adjusted dollars, since the 1930s, while the cost of attending college almost doubled. What did Clinton do to solve these problems? He repealed the Glass-Steagall Act, effectively paving the way for banks to become "too big to fail."

Still, Democrats love this so guy so much they're going to coronate his wife. How has he been able to con so many otherwise smart people? One reason, I suppose, is George W. Bush, arguably the worst President since Ulysses S. Grant was drunk and cancerous on the White House lawn. Anyone would look good by comparison. Secondly, Republicans can't stop talking; it's like watching Eskimos club baby seals over the head.

As it stands today, it looks like we'll get to watch *House of Cards* up close and personal. Zippity da dah.

It's been several years since I was a participating artist at the White Street Studio Walk. The idea of a one-night, outdoor gig has lost its appeal as aging creeps in. I'm always in awe of artists who make their living traveling across the country from show to show, setting up, breaking down, and dealing with the outside elements.

I'm much more content to help out

friend and White St. co-founder, Zeek Taylor, who invites the hordes into his home to view his art, eat his food and drink his wine. It's fun, very social, and, based on the number of home-made oatmeal raisin cookies consumed and the size of the callous on my forefinger from turning that little knob on the box wine, another huge success.

Eureka Fine Art Gallery, which



Artist Cynthia Kresse during Saturday night's opening reception at Eureka Fine Art Gallery.

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JOHN RANKINE

North Main Exposure



opened last fall, is home for some of Eureka's finer and more established artists. The North Main co-op of eight artists is hosting guest artists during May. An opening reception for Cynthia Kresse was held Saturday for a new series of pastel landscapes that are stunning. If Rothko did Turner... The work, hung salon style in a hallway, is a little cramped and not ideal for viewing, but well worth seeing Kresse's work, and the other talent adorning the walls and pedestals.

Janet Alexander has been on a jewelry-making rampage and will be featured Saturday at the new Norberta Philbrook Gallery, also on North Main. Gallery and Practical Magic art supply owner Raven Derge has returned to Eureka Springs after a Bentonville sabbatical to open a gallery just off the square in WalMart country. Raven's reason for returning – "Bentonville's very different, and I missed everything Eureka."

FAM FEST (Food, Art and Music) is being held Saturday at and around

the North Main Music Park. Vendors and artists were given free spaces to show their wares, with Brick and Fields performing from 4 to 6 p.m.

North Main is getting a creative revitalization boost, with new galleries, an evolving Art Colony and Ken Ketelsen's opening of his restaurant, Fresh, and surrounding shops. And as an early Mary Jo Rose and Lane House supporter and former Main Stage board member, it's great to see construction of the Main Stage building finally getting done. When up and running, the non-profit space has the potential to make a huge difference for our youth, North Main and our creative community.

As always – check out the *Independent Fun Guide* for the complete listing of everything happening this week during the May Festival of the Arts.

INDEPENDENT Constables On Patrol

MAY 12

12:53 a.m. – Staff at a tourist lodging reported guests yelling inside one of their rooms, and constables responded to find a male bleeding. They arrested the female for domestic abuse.

MAY 13

10:10 a.m. – Person came to the station to report credit card theft.

10:31 a.m. – Semi driver needed constable assistance to extricate himself from a tight corner downtown.

10:40 a.m. – Individual told ESPD it appeared someone had been able to erase the data on the jump drive she keeps with her at all times. Constable took down the information.

10:47 a.m. – Person who had just sold his vehicle reported he believed the tab from his vehicle license was still on the vehicle and had not been re-registered properly. Authorities in the county watched for the vehicle.

10:09 p.m. – Passerby told ESPD he saw three teenagers on Spring Street near the library pick up rocks and throw them toward buildings. Constable searched for but did not find the suspects.

MAY 14

7:09 p.m. – Observer noticed an out-of-

state camper had been parked on Spring Street overnight. Constable found the camper but no persons responsible for it. He decided it would be towed if not moved soon.

8:49 p.m. – Constable initiated a traffic stop and took the driver into custody for DWI.

MAY 15

12:20 a.m. – Constable on patrol responded to a report of loud music at a motel and asked the guests to turn down their music.

2:25 a.m. – There was a one-vehicle accident on US 62 and the driver was transported to ESH.

7:03 a.m. – Witness reported two teenagers in a vehicle were speeding and passing on the double yellow line as they made their way toward town on Hwy. 23 North. Constables never encountered the vehicle.

7:53 a.m. – Constables put on extra patrols near an apartment complex because someone was witnessed dumping trash there illegally.

8:15 a.m. – Caller claimed she had been bitten by a dog as she walked the Historic Loop. The bite did not break the skin but caused a bruise.

6:15 p.m. – Folks in the pool area of a motel had the music loud enough to elicit

complaints, but they turned it down before a constable arrived.

MAY 16

1:15 a.m. – Girlfriend reported her boyfriend was barely breathing and acting strange. EMS responded. Constable went to the scene to assist with the combative patient.

11:40 a.m. – Constable checked the last known workplace for person with a felony warrant and arrested the individual on a misdemeanor warrant out of Eureka Springs and a Carroll County felony warrant.

1:07 p.m. – Observer thought someone might be camping in the old school house on Kansas Street. ESPD set up extra patrols of the area.

5:43 p.m. – Constables were on the lookout for a possible rape suspect from Madison County.

MAY 17

1:40 a.m. – Constable arrested an individual on a Carroll County warrant.

10:03 a.m. – ESH asked for assistance with a person roaming the halls and refusing to leave. Constable and the individual had a chat.

10:38 a.m. – Staff at an apartment complex reported church people were there

asking for donations, and in spite of "No Soliciting" and "No Trespassing" signs and their requests, the folks would not leave. However, they left after speaking with a constable.

10:07 p.m. – Traffic stop resulted in the arrest of the driver for DWI.

11:08 p.m. – Two vehicles collided near downtown. There was only minor damage.

11:13 p.m. – Innkeeper told ESPD a guest just pulled into the parking lot and hit another vehicle. Constables arrested the individual for DWI and on a warrant out of Fayetteville.

May 18

1:15 a.m. – There was a fight at an establishment downtown. The combatants had pushed the caller aside and left. Constables encountered and identified them.

1:23 a.m. – Alarm sounded at a business, but constables found the building secure.

2:30 a.m. – Traffic stop resulted in the arrest of the driver for driving on a suspended/revoked license.

2:20 a.m. – Passerby noticed a person lying down near Hwy. 23 North. Responding constable did not find anyone in the area.

3:41 a.m. – Another alarm sounded, and

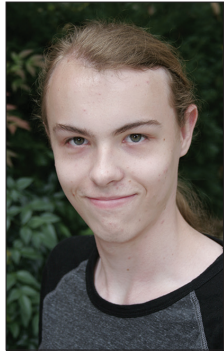
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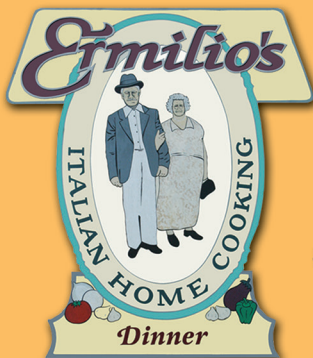
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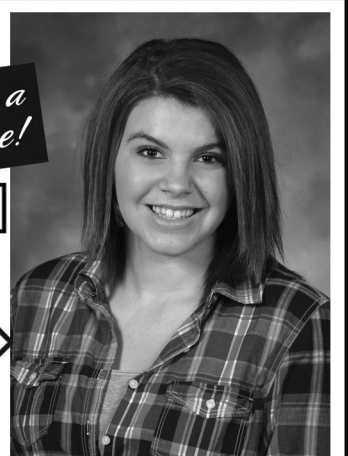
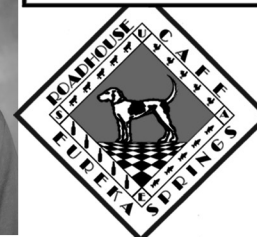
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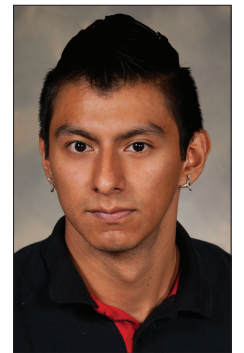
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Art and soul – Wrapped in a remnant from the Chamber of Commerce ribbon cutting, Wayne Basile and Carol Cross check out a picture taken by Toni Rose for their new gallery, Art & Soul, a Fine Art and Photography Gallery on US 62E. In the background are several of Carol's paintings. For information (479) 270-1895. More pics on the Indie Facebook page.

PHOTO BY CD WHITE

Junes in May – June Owen, left, and June Hegedus sport their own whimsical head art as they browse White Street Walk on May 16.

PHOTO BY BECKY GILLETTE

Flash Mob – White Street Walk got flash mobbed Friday with a lively Zumba routine. Among the dancers were, from left, Jana Jones, Joy Flake, Linda Caldwell and Jacqueline Froelich.

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Hustler – Teacher Chrys McClung congratulates sophomore Dylan Lawrence on receiving the Hustle Award for his performance on the Highlander basketball team. Dozens of Eureka Springs public school students were honored with awards at last week's Sports Banquet.

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Job well done – Carroll-Madison County Library Foundation board members had a surprise for retiring Jean Elderwind during a packed May 17 reception for authors and Books in Bloom supporters. From left, Sally Williams Gorrell reads from a plaque honoring Elderwind for her years of service as Jean, Lin Wellford and Kathy McCormick look on. PHOTO BY CD WHITE



Spinoff – William Moore, 16, has been turning wood since he was 11. He has the rapt attention of Kim Kenney, Buz Peine, Mick Hutchison and Bob Anastasi as he fashions tulipwood into a fine writing instrument at the Stateline Woodturners event at Keels Creek May 17. Eight fine woodturners were on hand for the show and demo. PHOTO BY CD WHITE

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

Jane turned to look at her, wondering if the old woman had become a little senile, though everyone insisted that her mind was as alert as ever. She found it hard to see any reason for wasting pity on her father-in-law. If ever she had met a vigorous, successful, happy man, Roger Knowles was that man. Anyone could see that, almost at a glance. By now, she was on close terms with the old woman, so she laughed and said: "Ah, Granny, I believe you're sorry for *everybody*!"

The old woman laughed, too, her voice soft, and surprisingly resonant, coming from so small and fragile an instrument. "Well, that's a fact," she said. "Reckon I am. Not for Walt, though. Not yet... D'you love him

child?" she demanded suddenly. "Are you generous, or do you keep yourself locked up and just dole out little bits and smidgens when you've a mind to?"

"I don't think I do that," Jane said, putting distance between them, resisting slightly this invasion.

The old woman sighed again, and seemed aware of Jane's withdrawal. "Ah, don't pay me no mind," she said. "Folks try to make out, just because they're old as Methuselah, they know a powerful lot. 'Tain't so. This town's full of old fools that never learned a thing, all the years they've lived. Sometimes I think there ain't *nobody* got any sense, except younguns."

Jane opened her eyes and saw a wasp toiling along the arm of her chair, its wings hovering in a trembling delicate balance above the teetering of the cleft red body. She froze, tensing her muscles. Don't frighten them, she admonished herself. Just pretend to ignore them. (But what about the one that sneaked up from the rear and bored a hole in my shoulder blade?) God, this country swarms with live things that are out to destroy you! Wasps, ticks, scorpions, chiggers – nobody told me about chiggers –

The wasp rose in a slow, swerving ascent, passed close to her head several times with its long red legs dragging the air, and finally zoomed into the depths of the acacia. She relaxed, aware then of Mrs. Knowles standing in the open doorway,

dressed somewhat stiffly in white crepe with turquoises at her throat. "I thought I'd better warn you," she was saying, "in time to dress for luncheon, Jane."

Luncheon: not *lunch*, Jane thought crossly. Be genteel... The heat had shredded her nerves to the point where she found trifles annoying out of all proportion. "Oh, *must* I?" she wailed. "We're going to the lake right afterwards, you know..." (Wait till we get in our own house, she promised herself savagely. I'll go around stark naked in July.)

Mrs. Knowles came onto the terrace. "I think it would be better," she said, casting on Jane her kindly imperturbable smile. Impulsively then, she demanded one of Jane's cigarettes, and as Jane leaned forward, proffering a small flame, the light perishing in the sunshine, they were close for an instant and a rapport sprang up between them. (What a heel she was for being so impatient with Walter's mother, balking at her little provincialisms! A heel and an unconscionable snob.)

Mrs. Knowles perched herself on the low wall that enclosed the terrace, and sat swinging one leg. She had very good legs, Jane noticed, and she seemed to take an innocent pride in showing them, whenever it could decently be managed. Now she sat fingering her cigarette awkwardly, taking sudden little puffs and spewing out the smoke at once, as if she were afraid it might make her sick. They both laughed, and she

said: "Anyone could see I'm a novice at this," and Jane said: "You'll learn..."

Her mother-in-law sat with a leisurely air, as if time were of no consequence. At last she said: "I realize, dear, that some of our ways must seem very stuffy to you. I've really felt quite guilty at times – dragging you to the Woman's Club, making afternoon calls on dull people. You don't suppose that I didn't know how bored you'd be?" Her all-comprehending smile enveloped Jane like a warm vapor, and Jane felt her face begin to burn. She shook her head wordlessly, disconcerted. She wanted to blurt out: "If only they wouldn't serve salads with marshmallows and whipped cream!" but held her tongue. She had found that any conversation with Mrs. Knowles was almost visibly shaped in advance, in Mrs. Knowles' mind, and wondered what form would presently rise from this deceptively casual groundwork.

"Perhaps," she was saying, "I ought to have clarified our position here for you, in the beginning. It's a little hard to do – without sounding high-handed. One hesitates to –" She stopped the leg-swinging abruptly and put both hands firmly on the edge of the wall. Her hands were strong, and the knuckles showed white under the thin, brown skin, as if she were clutching something with great force. She had laid the cigarette on the wall, and from the tail of her eye, Jane could see silver ash devouring it.

NOTES from the HOLLOW by Steve Weems

Jim and Mary Lee Penson were on their way to Branson in October 1973 when, on the spur of the moment, they decided to stop in Eureka Springs to see the Great Passion Play. They were investigating locations where they could develop a campground and RV park, so the

next morning they talked to Gerald Fowler, a Realtor in town. As it turned out, he had just listed a campground for sale located in the curve of US 62 at the top of Rockhouse Road called the Hitch-N-Post. The Pensons bought it.

Jim and Mary Lee Penson were

have revived it."

He said he has already spoken with Building Inspector Bobby Ray about Ray's concerns with the law, and they will continue to collaborate.

Leswig said, "Draw a line in the sand. No more." He suggested they could list the existing ones and make them legally non-conforming.

Commissioners had a moment of silence in honor of the passing of Commissioner Denys Flaherty, who passed away after a brief illness on the morning of May 7.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, May 27, at 6 p.m.

natives of Shawnee, Oklahoma, but had spent the previous 11 years in the Oakland, California area. Jim said it was ten years too many.

Mary Lee worked for the Heart of the Ozarks Realty and Bromstad Abstract at 26 Spring Street. She sat at the desk by the big plate glass window and it would vibrate so much that she half expected it to fall in on her. Colonel King and Fonta Mackie were the partners who owned the business and they would fight like cats and dogs so much that people who didn't know them always thought that they must be married.

Between 8 and 8:30 every morning, Mary Lee would park her car where the Flat Iron Building is now. She would walk up Spring Street and the aroma from Claude Bingaman's bakery smelled so scrumptious she'd find herself going in against her will to buy a half-dozen donuts for the office. Claude Bingaman would say, "No calories in these donuts. They



won't make you fat."

At lunchtime, Fonta Mackie didn't like going in the High Hat to pick up food, so she'd send Mary Lee for hamburgers for lunch. Inevitably, a man on a barstool sipping beer would say, "Mrs. Mackie has you doing her dirty work again."

The Hitch-N-Post was sold several years ago (actually they had to sell it twice), and Jim has passed away, but Mary Lee volunteers at a local assisted living facility where none of the residents are local people, and she can tell stories about how Eureka Springs used to be.

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Greene's second motion was to begin the process of revising the law defining who can be on Planning. Vote this time was 4-1, Leswig voting No.

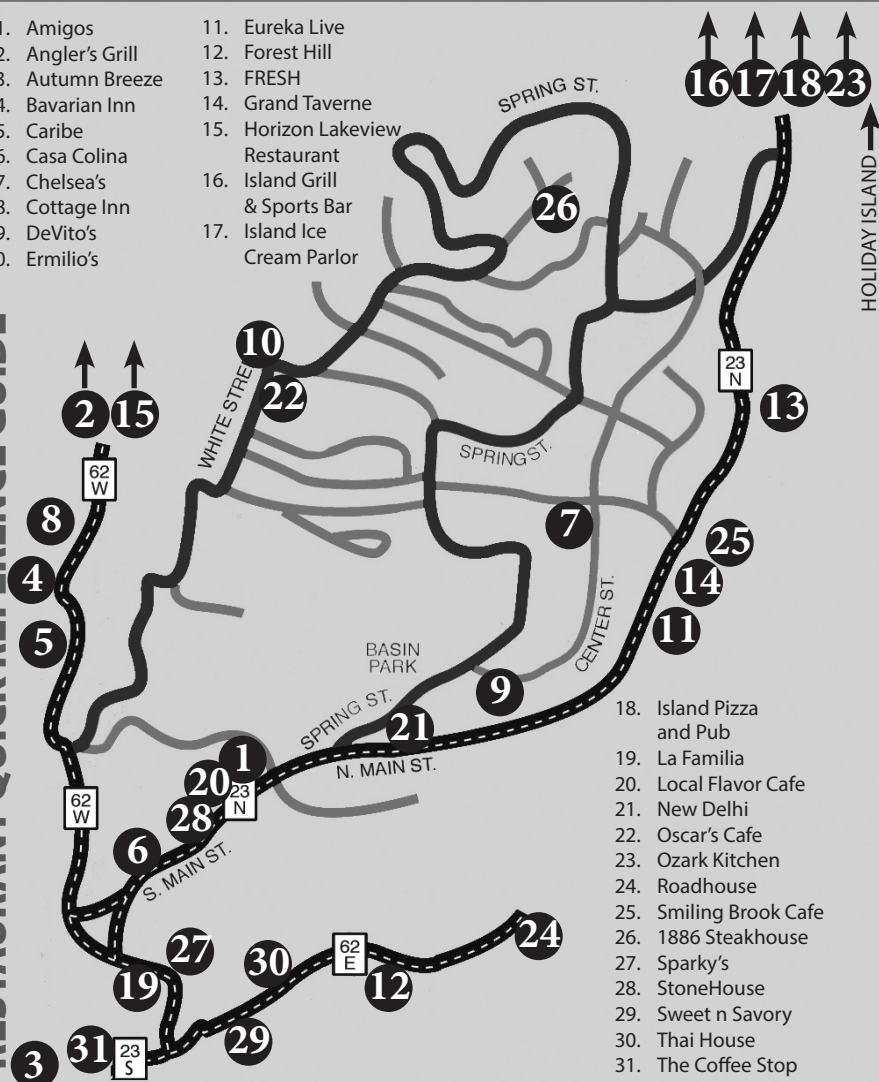
Zoning labyrinth

Leswig explained that City Code regarding multi-family dwellings, which means at least three units, is conflicted. One section states a person cannot have a multi-family dwelling without a Conditional Use Permit, but there are no conditional uses in the R-1 zone. There are, however, multi-family dwellings. Leswig pointed out the issue has risen then disappeared, "but I

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Venus is rising before dawn in the morning sky. The evening sky has Mercury, Jupiter and Mars moving about.

Thursday, Pisces moon; things can be delicate, illusory, confusing, illogical (not to a Pisces) and dreamy. Everything veiled, cloaked and indirect. **Friday** is different. Aries moon begins **Friday** morning, continuing through early **Sunday** morning. Things become sharp, red, focused, a trajectory of thoughts and action wanting to move forward unrelentingly. We can't. We feel impatient, life seems urgent.

Saturday is a “trigger point” day, as the moon aspects (touches) the Cardinal Cross planets – Mars,

Pluto, Uranus and Jupiter. And touches Saturn, too, as Jupiter trines (harmony) Saturn. An intense, complex day. With crisis, expansion, contraction, harmony and discipline. Plans may go awry.

Sunday is quieter with a moon void/course (no action) till late afternoon when Moon enters comforting and safe Taurus.

Monday's Memorial Day – previously Decoration Day, originating in the American Civil War – is a national holiday honoring those who have died in service to our country, upholding humanity's freedoms. We remember and our gratitude –gratitude extending to all countries, all of humanity.

Wednesday is new moon (7 degrees Gemini), the last before summer. It's keynote – “*Let instability do its work*,” expresses the unpredictable changes, constant vicissitudes, lack of stability, structure, cohesion and unity among humanity, countries and nations (a certain developmental stage). Instability has purpose, creating awareness that harmony is needed.

Understanding **Gemini's** personality-building keynote is important when encountering instability, conflict and chaos in our lives and the lives of others. Understanding the keynote allows us to have compassion and understanding when instability, conflict and chaos are experienced.

ARIES: You will ponder upon what it means to be professional, successful, in the world, responsible, able to care for self and others. You will be proud of your realizations. Or else you will choose that from this time onward you will succeed, enter into a state of professionalism and climb whatever ladder presented no matter how high. Or you will know you're in service to the new culture and civilization and serve even more.

TAURUS: It's important to go beyond what you now know and what you've been schooled in. It's important your area of knowledge expand, your cultural interests increase and your interaction with that which is unknown as yet multiply. Your life could become one long furrow where only one plant is being sowed. You would be impatient with that. You are the garden and the gardener. Study aquaponics. What is the most ancient fish?

GEMINI: I must ask if there are emotions, thoughts, feeling keeping you from parts of life you need to pursue? I think perhaps, yes, this is true. Your life is reviewing itself, asking what are you capable of, what truths have you been unable to face, and what progress can you soon engage in? The deepest of feelings you will encounter in the coming year. Stand always under the light of the Soul. Which for you is Venus.

CANCER: You will seek more intimacy with others, even though at time you turn away, seeking solitude

instead. However, this intimacy will occur in good ways and you will help make it happen. You'll also take steps to make right decisions concerning your needs. As a result a state of balance will emerge where you see all sides of all things that matter. Then all judgments drop forever and ever.

LEO: Some time soon you'll shift into a strict health regimen that actually feels good as it will enhance your physical, etheric (template for form), emotional, mental and spiritual well-being. You'll find you can be strict with right exercise, foods and diet. You'll be detailed, discriminating and dispassionate when making decisions. You'll actually reflect a high level of Virgo's purity.

VIRGO: And you will reflect the energies of Leo, as Leo becomes Virgo. An interesting paradox. You will feel confidence like never before and all self-doubt fades away. You'll feel like you have a dancer's grace, a yogi's flexibility, the creativity of a Leo, Cancer's nurturing qualities, and Libra's Right Human Relations. This is a synthesis of many signs seeking to bring inner equanimity to all of you.

LIBRA: You've been and will continue

taking time away from distractions and things stressful in order to review your life, its possibilities, what you like and don't like, need and don't need, what's hurtful, painful and an event

and decision you haven't been able to confront for many years now. In this semi-reflective retreat which you need, you realize what must be done. Apply kind gentleness to everything.

SCORPIO: Although you think and feel you can do anything and everything at a moment's

notice it's best if you don't. Yes, you will feel like a spirited wind blowing everywhere but if you're not careful knowing all's well, your dreams will dissolve and you'll remain bereft (sad and lonely). Even if a wound is being felt, even if all seems lost, keep walking. The new path appears soon.

SAGITTARIUS: You're assessing all places and environments, asking are they right and pleasing enough. You're asking how do I value myself? Do I? If so what do I value? Being of value is quite different than being creative or having self-confidence or being hugely successful. For the next months ponder upon what you value about yourself and how you came to those awarenesses.

This is a real astrological homework assignment.

CAPRICORN: You're ready to go up, up and away. You're prepared to conquer the world and you have the energy, courage and impulsiveness to try. Once you begin this journey, know that the results may not be instant. If there are detours, ask for help, then fall back on your ambitious energy. You have gone back to a previous adventure and reacquainted yourself with it. Wear good shoes.

AQUARIUS: You have this time to be the successful creative artist (writer, painter, dancer, photographer, actor, publisher, etc.) you know you are. It's time to expand yourself into a greater artistic field. Inner aspiration and revelations, which propel us toward newer pursuits, will be available. As the doors open to intuition, the strength of body and mind to bring them forth emerges. It's a revelatory time for you.

PISCES: It is important to know you have your own guidance and ways of being. Who and what kingdom is in need of care around you? You are the perfect one to tend to them. Should death (the Great Liberating Adventure) occur around you be sure to have The Great Bell Chant (YouTube), sandalwood incense, orange lights and the *Tibetan Book of Living and Dying* by Sogyal Rinpoche. Study also Sir Edwin Arnold's *Light of Asia*.



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Michael Martin Murphey and Michael Johnathon will take over The Auditorium this weekend. On Friday the premier of two episodes of Johnathon's "WoodSongs Old-Time Radio Hour," recorded in Eureka Springs, can be seen with local musicians featured – Mountain Sprout and the Clark Family Trio. There is no charge for this show, although a \$5 donation for Aud maintenance or canned food for the Flint Street Food

Bank would be appreciated.

Saturday night is a concert with Johnathon opening for Murphey. Johnathon is a folksinger/songwriter whose music was greatly influenced

by his years in the Appalachians. Murphey calls himself an American songwriter, refusing to be labeled into one genre. Best known for country songs "Wildfire" and "Carolina in the

Pines," Murphey puts on a great show all music lovers will enjoy. A ticket will set you back \$15 and doors open at 6 p.m. Show starts at 7 p.m. both nights.

Oh, for dog's sake

Grammy nominated singer/songwriter Billy Dean will perform at Pine Mountain Theater on Sunday at 2 p.m. to benefit the Good Shepherd Humane Society. The handsome Dean and his band, The Steel Horses, have had enormous success in country music with more than 20 hit singles,

including "Somewhere in My Broken Heart." Dean got his big break on *Star Search*, eight years after singing Frank Sinatra's "My Way" at high school graduation. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased from the Chamber of Commerce, Good Shepherd thrift stores or shelter and Pine Mountain Jamboree Theater.

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- **CHELSEA'S** *Brody Buster Band*, 9 p.m.
- **GRAND TAVERNE** *Jerry Yester Grand Piano Dinner Music*, 6:30–9:30 p.m.
- **JACK'S PLACE** *Karaoke with DJ Goose*, 8 p.m.

FRIDAY – MAY 23

- **THE AUDITORIUM** *Woodsongs Old Time Radio Hour*, 7 p.m.
- **BALCONY RESTAURANT** *Hogscalders*, 12 p.m. & 6 p.m.
- **BLARNEY STONE** *Paradise Mountain Jug Stompers*, 8:30 p.m.
- **CATHOUSE LOUNGE/PIED**
- **PIPER BEER GARDEN** *Brody Buster Band*, 8 p.m.
- **CHELSEA'S** *Billabong Waters*, 9 p.m., Eureka's Surf Band
- **EUREKA LIVE!** *Drag Event*, 9 p.m.
- **GRAND TAVERNE** *Arkansas Red Guitar*, 6:30–9:30 p.m.
- **JACK'S PLACE** *Blue Moon*, 9 p.m.
- **LEGENDS SALOON** *The George Brothers – Bike night with prizes*, 8 p.m.
- **NEW DELHI** *In The Light*, 6–10 p.m.
- **ROWDY BEAVER** *Two Dog Two Karaoke*, 7 p.m.
- **ROWDY BEAVER DEN** *DJ Goose*, 9 p.m.
- **THE STONE HOUSE** *Jerry Yester*, 6:30–9:30 p.m.

SATURDAY – MAY 24

- **THE AUDITORIUM** *Michael Johnathon opening for Michael Martin Murphy*, 7 p.m.
- **BALCONY RESTAURANT** *Jeff Lee*, 12 p.m., *Chris Diablo*, 6 p.m.
- **BLARNEY STONE** *Blew Reed & the Flatheads*, 8:30 p.m.
- **CATHOUSE LOUNGE/PIED**
- **PIPER BEER GARDEN** *Jesse Dean*, 1 p.m., *Dorrian Cross*, 6 p.m., *Mark Shields & Good Company*, 8 p.m.
- **CHELSEA'S** *Nate Hancock & the Declarations*, 9 p.m.

- **EUREKA LIVE!** *Shower of Stars drag event*, 9 p.m.
- **GRAND TAVERNE** *Jerry Yester Grand Piano Dinner Music*, 6:30–9:30 p.m.
- **JACK'S PLACE** *Blue Moon*, 9 p.m.
- **LEGENDS SALOON** *Live music TBA*, 9 p.m.
- **NEW DELHI** *Pete & Dave*, 6–10 p.m.
- **ROWDY BEAVER** *Joe & the Homewreckers*, 7:30 p.m.
- **ROWDY BEAVER DEN** *Lindsay with Issues*, 1–5 p.m., *Guerilla Blues Band*, 9 p.m. – 1 a.m.
- **SMILING BROOK CAFÉ** *Becky Jean & the Candy Man*, 5–9 p.m. BYOB

SUNDAY – MAY 25

- **BALCONY RESTAURANT** *Staymore*, 12 p.m., *Catherine Reed*, 5 p.m.
- **CATHOUSE LOUNGE/PIED**
- **PIPER BEER GARDEN** *Reeves Brothers*, 1 p.m., *Dorrian Cross*, 6 p.m.
- **CHELSEA'S** *The Bearded Two*, 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.
- **NEW DELHI** *Sarah Hughes*, 12–4 p.m.
- **PINE MOUNTAIN THEATER** *Billy Dean & the Steel Horses*, 2 p.m.
- **ROWDY BEAVER** *Ozark Thunder*, 7:30 p.m.
- **ROWDY BEAVER DEN** *Toe Jam*, 1–5 p.m., *Nate Hancock & the Declarations*, 9 p.m.
- **SMILING BROOK CAFÉ** *Honkey Suckle*, 12–3 p.m. BYOB

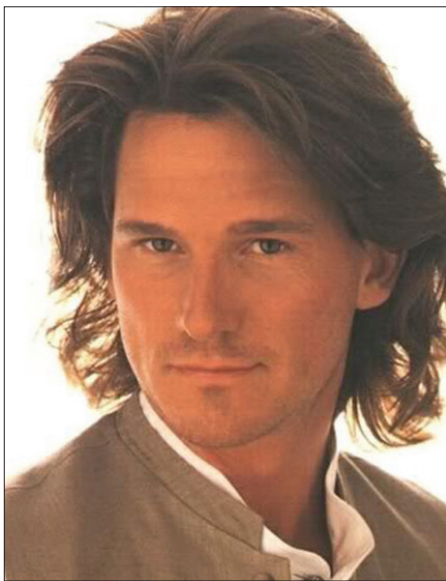
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Gone to the dogs (and cats) – Grammy-nominated singer/songwriter Billy Dean and his band, The Steel Horses, will perform a benefit for the Good Shepherd Humane Society on Sunday, May 25 at 2 p.m. The show is at Pine Mountain Jamboree Theater.

MONDAY – MAY 26

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

TUESDAY – MAY 27

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

WEDNESDAY – MAY 28

• **BLARNEY STONE** Game night
• **CHELSEA'S** *Mean Green Dean,*
9 p.m.
• **NEW DELHI CAFÉ** Open Jam
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Floyd's Gym flexes muscles with planned improvements

ERIC STUDER

There's a popular commercial on TV showing how many Fortune 500 companies were started in a garage. That's exactly where the idea for Floyd's Gym began – in the garage of owner Billy Floyd. Opened in February 2013, Floyd's Gym is Eureka Springs' only 24-hour fitness center.

Forty-year old Floyd grew up in the Berryville area and has been on the Eureka Springs police force since 2011. His wife, Christina, owns and operates Shear Expressions Hair Salon at 182 W. Van Buren. By combining her profession with his "hobby," they have big plans for Eureka Springs' residents and visitors.

"I work out to relax, it's sort of a hobby for me, so I always sought out 'off-hours' when a gym was not packed with people competing for a few pieces of equipment. Based on the hours I keep, my garage eventually became the most convenient and peaceful place for me to exercise," Floyd said. "After running out of room for more equipment in my garage, I saw the opportunity for a 24-hour fitness facility that caters to every aspect of fitness, including weight training, cardio exercise and aerobics," he added.

The key word for Floyd's Gym is flexibility. The gym is open 24-hours, 365 days a year and customers pay on the honor system with a variety of access options that range from 1 day, 3 days, one-week to 6 months – which offers convenience and value for residents and tourists. The facility has three main rooms, each dedicated to a primary fitness regime; cardio, aerobic and weight training. Male and female customers enjoy a wide variety of workout equipment including a full selection of free weights, stationary bikes, treadmills, cable systems, benches, presses and Universal weight training machines.



Billy Floyd

To provide even more options, Billy and Christina will be expanding the gym before the end of the year to feature a full service beauty salon and day spa offering hair styling, sauna, massage, manicures and other personal services. "Once we have the salon-spa operational, we'll introduce all new signage to build awareness for everything we offer. We are also evaluating adding an outdoor exercise area to offer our clients the widest assortment of options and flexibility to achieve their fitness goals," said Floyd.

The gym is video monitored at all times and visitors are required to sign-in with a waiver when making their payment. Floyd's Gym is located at 4085 E. Van Buren. For details visit www.facebook.com/FloydsGym or call (479) 363-6663.

Buffalo River hog farm protest May 24

Decorated canoes, kayaks or anything that floats will be part of a protest Saturday, May 24, against the placement of an industrial hog farm in the watershed of the magnificent Buffalo River.

Individuals are asked to paint a plastic banner, make a sign, wear face paint, don a hog hat or other costume and be creative with the message that we care about the Buffalo and want to make sure it is protected and preserved for future generations. Please use waterproof materials and make sure nothing is left behind to litter.

Paddlers can meet up at either Ozark Campground or Grinder's Ferry next to the Hwy. 65 bridge just north of the entrance to Tyler Bend at 9 a.m. for group photos. We will have extra signs at either access. There will be a bonfire rally afterwards at the up-river end of the Gilbert gravel bar. Please bring something to grill, something to share and your own beverage.

For more information, email Teresa_Turk@hotmail.com (Ozark Campground access) or LinWellford@gmail.com (Grinder's Ferry).

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the brew of industrial runoff labeled as sodium fluoride is not the same thing as naturally occurring fluoride. Communities and nations all over the world are banning fluoridation now, and the trend is gaining momentum the more people take a closer look. Arkansas policy makers who voted this in are going to be eating lots of crow not too far down the road if the mandate is

not rescinded."

Mannering said many independent studies, including a recent study from Harvard University published in the *Lancet*, show that fluoride causes damage to brains and bones, among other things, and is especially bad for infants, children, pregnant women and the elderly.

"How many people are going to be able to afford expensive filtration

systems in their homes, or buy fluoride-free bottled water?" said Mannering. "Most can't and many won't simply because they are still unaware of how damaging fluoride is. And the equipment needed for adding the fluoride is tremendously expensive, not to mention the upkeep and the effect it will have on workers who are going to have to handle it. Their health and very lives are going to be at risk."



Catbriers and sarsaparilla

You know the plant. If you've ever walked in the woods in the Ozarks, you trip over it. It tears your clothing. It rips into your flesh as you unwittingly trudge along. When hiking or clearing brush at your yard's edge, you talk to this plant – generally in loud expletives.

We call it catbrier, greenbrier, bullbrier – members of the genus *Smilax* in the greenbrier family (*Smilacaceae*). The genus *Smilax* has upwards of 350 species, mostly a tropical plant group with outliers extending into temperate climates. There are 20 species in North America (north of Mexico). I suspect seven or eight of them occur in Northwest Arkansas. I've never known a botanist who could give me a clear explanation of the differences between one catbrier and another. If you look at the books covering the flora of this part of the country, not one of them agrees on scientific names, descriptions, illustrated characteristics or keys to identifiable features.

Some species of *Smilax* from Central and South America are familiar at least in name as the source of sarsaparilla. In the commercial trade this includes bulk materials called Mexican

sarsaparilla, Honduras sarsaparilla, Jamaican sarsaparilla, and so forth. We will call those *Smilax officinalis* as a means of expressing the fact that nobody really seems to know what is the true source of sarsaparilla.

Sarsaparilla was first exported from South and Central America to Seville around 1550. Like sassafras, it was touted as a "blood purifier." Columbus introduced smallpox to the Americas, but in turn may have brought back a disease once known as "French pox."

Coincidentally, a disease not known to classical medical writers made its first appearance in the form of an epidemic in the year 1495 – the same year Columbus returned from the Americas. The disease is called syphilis. In the 1500s and 1600s shiploads of sassafras bark and sarsaparilla roots were exported from the Americas to Europe, and made into a tonic blood purifier called root beer to treat syphilis, a gift from New World indigenous peoples to their European conquerors. Think about that continental karma the next time you trip over a catbrier.

Beginning of the End: Beaver Lake Sailing Club's Spring regatta ended with Eureka Springs' crew on *Anahí* snatching defeat from the jaws of victory Sunday. Tactician Dan Bennett blew all three starts, making way for Buddy Hatch and his brother, Tom, to sail their yacht *Arabella* to the top of the podium. Campaigning for the coveted Arkansas Cup begins Saturday at Beaver Lake. Read all about it in the *Independent*.

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A-negative blood donors needed

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

Donors to Community Blood Center of the Ozarks provide all of the blood for patients at 38 area hospitals. It takes around 250 donations each day to meet the area's blood needs. You can help by giving this week at the Inn of the Ozarks on Tuesday, May 27 from

1 – 6 p.m.

As part of CBCO's donor rewards, each donation will be awarded LifePoints to be redeemed online for a variety of gift cards; or points may be assigned to other causes or charities. More information may be found at www.cbco.org.

Donors must weigh at least 110 pounds, be in good health and present a valid photo ID. For more information visit the website or call toll-free (800) 280-5337.

Grassy Knob Volunteer FD celebrates 37th

The Grassy Knob VFD Auxiliary invites the community to the Grassy Knob Community Center, 12037 Hwy. 187, on Saturday, May 31, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m., to celebrate 37 years! The fundraiser will include a silent auction, bake sale, children's activities, local authors,

drawings and refreshments.

To donate an item for the silent auction, contact Lynne Barlow, (479) 253-6772. Gift certificates for services such as pet sitting, electrical, plumbing, computer lessons, etc. are also welcomed. For further information, contact Marie Lee (479) 253-1054.

Ladies of Faith Brunch May 27

Helen Gibson Nicholas of Hello Gorgeous Makeovers Inc. will be the guest speaker May 27 at the Ladies of Faith brunch at 10 a.m. in the Gazebo Restaurant at the Eureka Inn.

Hello Gorgeous was voted Top Ten Business of the year in 2002 and won Best Spa numerous times. Nicholas is coauthor

of *Networking for Novices* and offers free makeovers for displaced homemakers at the Samaritan Inn for women starting over. Come hear what the Lord has done with and through her.

Charlene Phillips will be ministering in music. For more info: Margo Pryor (870) 480-3971.

Free fire extinguisher classes

Fire Marshal Jim Kelley and Eureka Springs Fire & EMS will host free fire extinguisher classes on Wednesday, May 28, at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. at Station #1 on East Van Buren Avenue next to McDonald's. Both classes feature hands-on fire extinguisher use with actual fire.

The fire department's classroom is accessed through the side entrance under the maroon canopy. Please park behind McDonald's. There is no charge, but space is limited, so please pre-register with the fire department at (479) 253-9616.



Fly-in – Bush aircraft of many types are expected May 21 – 25 at Silver Wings field at Aviation Cadet World, off Onyx Cave Road. Phone (479) 253-5008 for the latest updates.

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

I've watched Internet porn for years. At first my wife joined in so I thought it was ok. Now she's really angry about it and wants me to stop. I've also had some problems recently performing in the bedroom. I know she's angry about that, too. Is porn really a problem?

Yes and no. There is no inherent problem with reading or viewing erotica. It can be quite healthy and is even encouraged for those who have difficulty experiencing desire and arousal. As artistic story, erotica engages your brain and provokes sexual fantasy, a necessary component for a healthy and well-developed sexual repertoire. Those who fantasize the least have the greatest number of sexual problems. Fantasy is good.

For maximum success, engaging your brain is imperative in all areas of life. It's been proven, for example, that athletes who mentally rehearse perform better than those who do not. With sex, it's no different. The brain is a potent

sexual organ. It is also gullible. This is where the issue lies specifically with *Internet* pornography. The Internet has changed the way pornography is delivered to our brains.

Back in the day you had to sneak Dad's *Playboy*, lock yourself discretely in the bathroom, savor the centerfold, imagine a sequence of events – the talk, the touch, the taste – and work it. Generally speaking, it was mental rehearsal for the basic Tab A into Slot B sexual scenario.

Today with your PC of choice, all it takes is the tap of a button. Voila! Instantaneous video, multiple writhing windows, infinite searching and endless novelty. Fast forward, rewind and pause to taste. Don't like that rack? Move on! Rack after rack, smack after smack, act after act. All while tending to the nether regions with more pressure and speed than could ever be attained through non-mechanically assisted intercourse. They don't call it high-speed for nothin'!

The endless, no-cap illicitness available through today's

technology is more than our brains can truly digest. While our physical bodies recognize sexual satiation, Internet pornography has the distinct capacity to drive us beyond our natural libido.

Be cautious in your practices with pornography. Real life never compares to fantasy – nor should it.

For more information on Pornography Induced Erectile Dysfunction (PIED) please visit yourbrainonporn.com.

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



DEPARTURES

Dellene G. Reed

April 22, 1930 – May 15, 2014



Dellene G. Reed, a resident of Eureka Springs, Ark., was born April 22, 1930 in Modesto, Calif., a daughter of Ralph and Bernice (Holton) Gordon. She departed this life May 15 in Eureka Springs at age 84.

Dell received her Masters of Education degree at Long Beach State in California. She was a third grade elementary teacher for 25 years in Los Alamitos, Calif. She and her husband founded Thorncrown Chapel in 1980.

Dellene managed and ran the daily operations for 34 years. She graciously shared the story of Thorncrown touching the lives of millions of visitors who came to see the "little glass chapel" in the Ozarks. She was the Chapel Hostess and hosted more than 6000 weddings and ministered to more than 20,000 church and tour groups. Dell was a very loving person and spent as much time with her family as she could.

She is survived two sons, Brian Reed, and Douglas Reed and wife, Ann, all of Eureka Springs; one daughter, Lisa and husband, Dr. Damon Boyd, of Folsom, Calif.; three grandchildren, Rebecca, David and James Reed; two nieces; one nephew; several other relatives and millions of friends.

On June 21, 1955, Dellene was united in marriage with James Early Reed who preceded her in death. She was also preceded by her parents and one brother, Kenneth Gordon.

A private graveside service will be held with the family and a memorial service will be held at a later date. Interment will be in the Eureka Springs Cemetery under the direction of Nelson Funeral Service. Memorial donations may be made to the Thorncrown Chapel, 12968 Highway 62 West, Eureka Springs, Arkansas 72632. Online condolences may be sent to the family at nelsonfuneral.com. © Nelson Funeral Service, Inc. 2014

Anna Marie "Ann" Mullen 1920 – 2014

Anna Marie "Ann" Mullen, 93, of Fayetteville died May 14, 2014, at Butterfield Trail Village, Fayetteville, Ark. She was born in 1920 at Coffeyville, Kan., the daughter of Ray and Zoe Herrick Anibal.

She was a long time resident of Tulsa, Okla., and later Eureka Springs, Ark., and moved to Butterfield Trail Village in 1996. She was the widow of Fred Mullen who died in 1995 after 53 years of marriage.

Ann was preceded in death by her parents and two sisters, Inez Bentley and Justine Fulton, and sister-in-law, Gladys Goodman.

She is survived by a niece, Jeanie, and her husband, John Pounders of Cabot, Ark., and nephews and their wives, Frank and Joy Bentley of Overland Park, Kan., Tom and Joanne Harvey of Ormond Beach, Fla., and Gene and Trudy Harvey of Jacksonville, Fla.

She was of the Methodist faith and a member of Chapter A.P.E.O. Sisterhood.

Graveside service were May 21 at the Eureka Springs IOOF Cemetery with Brother Stan Adams officiating. Interment followed the service in the Eureka Springs IOOF Cemetery under the direction of Nelson Funeral Service. Online condolences may be sent to the family at nelsonfuneral.com. © Nelson Funeral Service, Inc. 2014

Donald Burrus April 20, 1944 – May 14, 2014

Donald Burrus, a resident of Holiday Island, Ark., was born on April 20, 1944 in Tulsa, Okla., a son of Horace and Helen Inez (Gould) Burrus. He departed this life May 14, in Holiday Island at age 70.

Donald proudly served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was of the Episcopal Faith. He was a construction contractor for many years.

He is survived by his niece; Heather and husband, Gary Allphin, of Claremore, Okla.; one nephew, Randy and wife, Dorothy Shoefstall, of Catoosa, Okla.; one great niece, Shelby Allphin and one great nephew, Bryan Allphin, both of Claremore, Okla.; and other family and friends.

Donald was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers and one sister.

Memorial services will be held at a later date. Service arrangements were made with Nelson Funeral Service.

Memorial donations may be sent to the Habitat for Humanity, 140 Holiday Island Drive, Eureka Springs, AR 72632. Online condolences may be sent to the family at nelsonfuneral.com. © Nelson Funeral Service, Inc. 2014

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Experience the fine art of wine making at Keels Creek Winery as you go through the step-by-step procedure of making your own Chardonnay to Zinfandel wines. Wines are made in class with your equipment and the experts' guidance. Classes are Monday evenings from June 2 to July 14. Fermentation is conducted in Keels Creek's temperature controlled cellar and is overseen by their winemaker.

Cost for the Wine Making Class is \$50 plus tax for one or two people making the same batch. Cost of wine making kits and juice is not included; varietal wine juice kit ranges from \$60 to \$175.95. Each batch yields approximately 30 bottles. Catalog of wine kits available on request. Private classes also be available on request. For information/reservation, call (479) 253-9463, email winery@keelscreek.com (put "wine class" in the subject) or check at the winery on US 62E.

Schneider asked why not upgrade the existing facility, and Bariola explained it is imperative to move at least 15 miles from Mercy Hospital in Berryville because of possible federal legislation. The present distance is 14.3 miles.

Architect Mike Finefield added the logistics of trying to build on the current site while still operating would be a logistical challenge, and Bariola said the intent is to add services to the hospital, and there is not enough room where they are now.

Mitchell said the city needed an estimate from Public Works Director Dwayne Allen for how much the sewer extension would cost, and with that information the city might be able to gauge how sincere Allegiance is.

Pate asked if the Hospital Commission could legally pay for the engineering study for extending the sewer line, but Chair Michael Merry said by law their spending must be more directly connected to care for patients in Eureka Springs, although he would check with their attorney.

Bariola also cleared up another point. “Our goal was not to put a hospital at the edge of town.” Nevertheless, he did expound on features of the site – 123 acres where they can consolidate clinics and other services at one location, with plenty of room to expand. Even a gift shop is in the plans.

Also, according to architect Laura Morrison, they can use designs already developed for another site with a few modifications. Those plans are for a 68,000 sq. ft. facility.

Bariola commented, “We need the city to say yes,” adding that Allegiance was ready to break ground.

Schneider said council would want a written commitment.

Pate reminded everyone the next thing would be an engineering study for extending sewer another mile west, and he was still hoping the commission could pay for it. But he questioned Bariola, “You’re ready to break ground?”

Morrison replied on Bariola’s behalf, “We’re ready to start the process.”

Bariola pointed out the letter from Medicare allowing the hospital to move its beds has a deadline of April 2016, for completion of the project. He said he was confident he could get an extension if progress was being made.

Mitchell speculated council could have an answer for Bariola by the end of July.

“If I had hair on the back of my neck, it would be standing on end,” Pate said. He commented he was uneasy at the way the situation had shifted. “All of a sudden, they’re ready to go and it is incumbent on the city to build a sewer line.”

“And the city cannot build on private property,” Diane Wilkerson, assistant to the mayor, pointed out, meaning even if the city extended the line to the site, engineers for Allegiance would still need to figure a way to get the service through the rocky terrain to the top of the plateau.

Fire Chief Rhys Williams said there should plenty of water out that way, but Pate said the city might need another lift station to meet increased demand at the end of the line.

“If they (Allegiance) can pull it off, I’ll be a tickled pickle,” Pate remarked. A new, expanded facility with all services in one location would better serve the community, and Pate expects more patients would come to a new hospi-

tal that would produce more revenue. All that is missing, he said, is for the city to build an extra mile of sewer line.

The item will remain on their agenda.

Also

• Williams told commissioners having Ozark EMS perform non-emergency transfers of patients at ESH has been working well. In fact, their assistance was vital recently when ESFD ambulances were called to multiple locations at once.

• Pate announced the purchase of three new gurneys for ESFD is moving forward.

• Commissioners approved their annual audit.

Next meeting will be Monday, June 16, at 1 p.m., at ECHO Clinic.

Food For Thought

There will be a showing of the important documentary, *A Place at the Table*, which investigates hunger in America as well as proposed solutions to alleviating the problem, at St. James Episcopal Church Friday, June 6, 6:30 p.m.

The film will be followed by a discussion led by Sue McIntyre, who has worked in food insecure countries and recently returned from an extended time in Yemen. This event is free and open to the public. For further information call (479) 253-8610.

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speaker it was standing room only inside the Crescent.

Eureka really is blessed by the attendance of so many wonderful people. At one point I started having an asthma attack, and this lovely gentlemen in back of me went and brought me some water to drink. It was just a great ambience at the Crescent. I am definitely looking forward to attending next year’s event.

MarySue Meyerhoven

Thanks for coming to a meeting

Editor,

I am writing to express my thanks to all who showed up for the Trails public forum last Thursday evening. There were over 90 in attendance and a huge showing of overwhelming support and excitement for a future trails system in Eureka Springs. Each of the six smaller groups came up with a lot of very important concerns, hopes and ideas for our trails, and information gathered will be very helpful as we move forward with the Master Plan.

I have a vision of a community linked together by trails that enables us to meet our neighbors as we enjoy the nature that surrounds us. If you enjoy this vision and

hope for a healthier and more vibrant lifestyle and city that intricately links us together on these paths, please share that with others.

There is still much planning and work to be done before the proposed trails can be implemented. And, the city council must also give support. I urge all individuals to contact the council members to express their views and their support.

Sheryl Willis

Expand trails but not in town

Editor,

Eureka Springs has always had a trail system. Eureka Springs was founded on trails. Wanting to expand these trails with pavement, rails, trailheads, garbage cans with plastic bags and maps does not seem like something that this town needs. I agree we need trails out to Lake Leatherwood and down to Black Bass Lake so hikers and bikers can get there more easily. However, to put trails through our unique town does not seem to be in the best interest of the residents.

We had a town meeting so that the Parks Commission could convince us there need to be more paths/trails through town to bring in the tourists. Any feelings from

the residents against the trails in town were dismissed and grouped into the category of safety.

Many citizens here are against these in town trails. We already have in-town trails. We feel that focusing on Lake Leatherwood and Black Bass Lake trails would be quite beneficial, but please leave the trails in our town alone. These trails would create more litter, more safety issues, more costs, and would definitely take away the privacy that we in Eureka Springs currently value. Please consider the difference these trails would make to our town, a difference not beneficial to those of us who live here and appreciate living here.

Jasmine Stanley

Spring cleaning at HI

Editor,

Over the past few months, there has been a lot of activity around the Holiday Island Recreation Center. The Holiday Island District Office and Recreation staff acknowledge organizations and individuals who have contributed time, funds and sweat equity for improvements to the Recreation Center grounds and buildings, including the Friends of the Barn who have cleaned, repaired and improved so many items – air

conditioning, insulation and electrical.

The 9 & Dine golf and dinner group spruced up the Island Room with paint, new carpet and tile. Donations from the 9 & Dine Group and the Holiday Island Homeowners Association made renovations possible.

The Holiday Island Homeowners Association is a community minded group that comes forward to help Holiday Island in any capacity. They head up the road clean up, shoreline clean up and sponsor the Neighborhood Watch Program to keep our community a safer place to live. HIHA has been generous over the years with improvements at the Clubhouse, contributions to the Friends of the Barn and the Recreation Center. Creating beautiful woodcarvings from stumps of the dead trees throughout the community is one of the most noticeable contributions the HIHA has made to date. The next noticeable contribution is three pergolas at the large and small pool areas. We thank Patty & Charlie Larkin for traveling to Rogers and Joplin to pick up these pergolas with their vehicle and trailer. And a thank you to Ed Setrum and Kim Shonka, our maintenance crew, who constructed and assembled the pergolas.

Linda Graves

Chair, Holiday Island Board of Commissioners

DROPPING A Line

by Robert Johnson

Adam and Sara Jackson came to visit our little town from Shawnee, Okla., for their honeymoon last week. I think this is what every wife should do with their husband on the first day of their lives together and many more, too. Teach your wife to fish and she will feed you for a lifetime.

Adam had a good fight on his hands with this 25 lb. striper from Beaver Lake. We hooked into this fish with a 30 plus mph wind pushing us fast into a narrow creek with only one way to go to keep him out of the trees on both shorelines. We were both worn out and happy when we finally landed this one in the boat.

Well, the fishing is still going good. They did not like the cold front last weekend, but now we are warming back up and the cold front helped by keeping the water temps in the 60s and the rain gave us some current, so the fish can all enjoy the shallow water. Bass, crappie and big bluegill are close to the shoreline near brush in water 2 – 12 ft. deep. With bass, also look at the pea gravel flats for nesting.

Stripers on Beaver Lake are also feeding in the same kind of shallow flats near the buck brush, but also in the deeper water near these



areas and off the flats. They are moving our way. The best places to look now are from the Point 5 area to the Hwy. 12 bridge.

I am now doing trips from the dam, so nice not to have to get up so early for that long tow to Rogers. Shad are the best bait as they move our way they seem to start feeding on bigger bait. Good lures to have tied on are big top water baits and a white buck tail jig or rattle trap to throw when they go down.

Well, that's it for this week. We have some warm weather with us now so enjoy the Ozarks and take a kid fishing, or your wife. Just take the whole family. Y'all have a great week.

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and sewer rates to get the City into compliance with requirements of the bond underwriters, but he also noticed the City had billed for only 41 percent of the water it bought from Carroll-Boone Water District. Allen connected that fact with old, inefficient meters.

Allen suggested \$200,000 would be a ballpark cost for replacing probably 180 flow meters. There would also be ancillary costs for related equipment upgrades.

"We'll get paid back in nothing flat," Mitchell commented.

As Mitchell saw it, the plan would be to fix the meters, and as increased revenue came in from more accurate billing for water use, money would be put back toward improving water and sewer lines.

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again the constable found it was a false alarm.
10:17 a.m. – Constable arrested an individual for driving on a suspended license, careless driving and on warrants out of Berryville and Boone County.

11:10 a.m. – A grandfather asked for constable assistance with his juvenile granddaughter. Constable went to help, and the granddaughter left with the grandfather.

11:32 a.m. – Teenaged caller told ESPD she had been bitten by a large dog when she attempted to visit a friend. The bite broke the skin. Constable could not identify who owned the animal, and the victim was advised to get

proper medical attention.
3:44 p.m. – Concerned bystander saw a passerby downtown hit a person holding a sign and continue walking. Constable was able to speak with both parties and no report was required.
5:39 p.m. – Resident thought she heard gunshots east of downtown, but the responding constable did not hear any more gunfire.
6:15 p.m. – Constables watched for two possibly intoxicated motorcyclists but did not encounter them.

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5:25 a.m. – Wife asked for a welfare check on her husband. The two had been having difficulties and she was concerned he might be suicidal. Constable found him and deemed him okay.

HI FD Auxiliary meets May 27

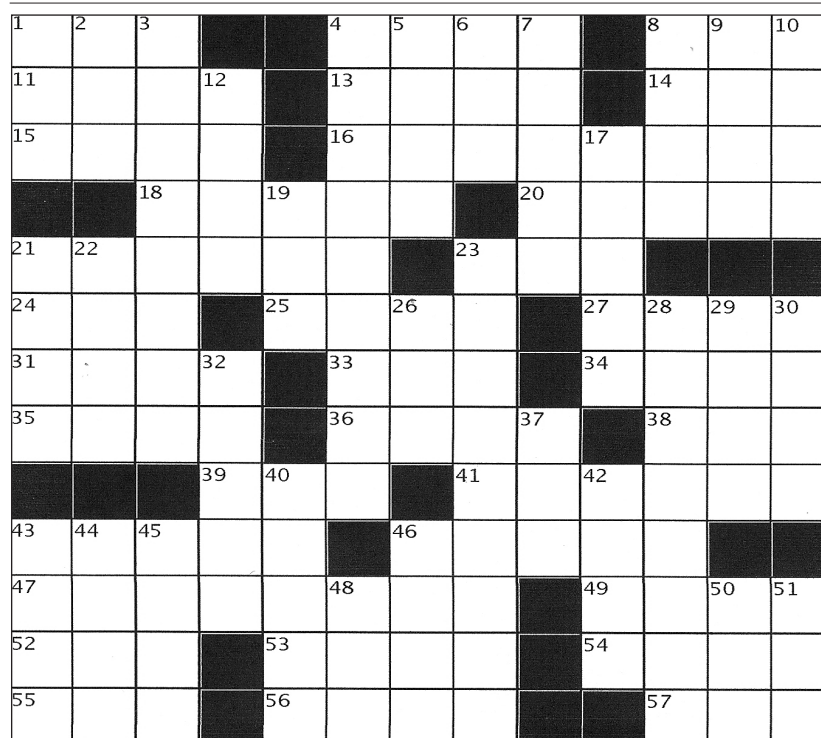
Holiday Island Fire Dept. Auxiliary will meet Tuesday, May 27, at the Holiday Island Clubhouse Ballroom. Social begins at 11:30 a.m. followed by luncheon meeting at noon. Cost is \$8. Membership Dues are \$12. Men and women living in Holiday Island and rural area are invited to attend. Reservations must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



INDEPENDENT Crossword

by Bill Westerman

Solution on page 27



ACROSS

1. Arrest
4. Nevada divorce mecca
8. Male cat
11. Individuals
13. Epic poetry
14. Singular
15. Slump
16. Forehead
18. Oxidizing acid
20. Licorice flavoring
21. Scared, old style
23. Female support
24. Sixth letter of the Hebrew alphabet
25. Twelve months
27. Inexperienced
31. First garden
33. Not
34. Scottish or Gaelic language
35. Makeover
36. Fellow

DOWN

38. Small part
39. Anger
41. Simple sugar
43. Bring down
46. Woodland deity
47. Front leg
49. Take a break
52. Provide with weapons
53. Hero
54. Hawaiian island
55. Sunbeam
56. Animal enclosure
57. "Shake a ____!"

10. Distribute
12. Classical portico
17. Senseless
19. Arid
21. Affirm
22. Dim
23. Fragile
26. Exclamation of pleasure
28. Lives in trees
29. Goddess of fertility
30. Festival
32. Din
37. Dog or goldfish
40. Piece of antiquity
42. Beginner
43. At a distance
44. Dry, cold wind
45. Ground troops
46. Polluted atmosphere
48. Mont. neighbor
50. Female pronoun
51. Pull

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THE EUREKA SPRINGS FARMERS' MARKET has started its regular season. Come on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7 a.m. – noon at Pine Mountain Village for freshly picked produce, plants, baked goods, local meats and so much more.

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COME FOR THE FUN!!! HEADWATERS SCHOOL will be hosting its annual Junebug Jam on Saturday June 14th. The event starts at 3:00 with an afternoon full of activities, including a kid's parade, student performances, family games, a play area, adult and child raffles, as well as lots of good food and fun. The evening show will feature Snake Eyes and the Bug Band. Admission is \$5, kids 12 and under FREE. Bring your own lawn chairs, but NO PETS PLEASE. Headwaters is a community non-profit school located in Red Star on Hwy 16, about 50 miles east of Fayetteville. For more information call 870-428-5023 or check our website at www.headwaters-school.org

YARD SALES

DISPLAY CASES, VINTAGE TOYS, architectuals, glassware, armoire, oak desk. Fri-Sat-Sun. Onyx Cave Road and follow signs. 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

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FLAHERTY'S ESTATE SALE – 15 PIVOT ROCK RD. AT PIVOT ROCK VILLAGE; May 23 & 24, 7 a.m. – 3 p.m. Antiques, Spode gravy dish, armoire, artist's supplies, jewelry, 19" flat-screen TV, washer/dryer, microwave, kitchen appliances & utensils, day bed, double bed, furniture, tools, much more! NO large purses permitted. D. Hill

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Car Show & Swap Meet June 6, 7

Make plans to attend the 10th Annual Gateway Car Show & Swap Meet June 6 and 7 at the City Park, 19871 US 62 in Gateway. Win a 4-post car lift! Trophies will be awarded for top 40 cars, top five trucks and top five motorcycles, There'll be even more trophies to

"Best Of" in 10 categories. Dash plaques and goody bags to first 100 entries. It's a day of fun with DJ, games, food, vendors, door prizes – and event T-shirts will be available. Gate opens at 8 a.m. Come help support the Gateway City Park. For more info phone (479) 656-3929.



Biz Partners – Eureka Springs High School Future Business Leaders of America and Eureka Springs Downtown Network renewed their partnership for the summer and 2014/15 school year. Above, from left, FBLA members Jordan Moyer, Corinna Campbell-Green, Mathew McClung, Wade Carter, Sarah Andress, Nathan Andress and Jacqueline Wolven (ESDN). Not pictured are Sherry Sullivan (campus sponsor), Jack Moyer (ESDN), Reggie Sanchez, Kennedy Cash, Dalton Kesner and Nicole Morrison. The FBLA Eureka Teen Network will volunteer at upcoming Party in the Park programs starting with the annual Circus in the Park June 20.

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Teachers earn McCheck – Several staff members from Eureka Springs Middle School helped out at McDonald's after school on April 29 for a Teachers' Night event. Manager Bill Stocker recently presented Principal Cindy Holt with a check for a percentage of their sales for the middle school. The school thanked McDonald's for being a great school partner.

Sensory Evaluation – how did they name that aroma/taste?

Ever wonder how they come up with descriptions for the taste of wine? Find out July 10 from 3 – 5 p.m. when Keels Creek Winery hosts research scientist and enologist from the University of Arkansas, Dr. Renee Threlfal, who will present a Wine Sensory Experience. This program will help wine enthusiasts understand their own sensory experience with

wine. Explore the scientific process of sensory evaluation to evoke, measure, analyze and interpret reactions to stimuli using the five senses. Whether wine novice or wine expert, each person is born with genetic attributes that allow us to experience wine uniquely. Enhance your tasting ability and learn the basic aspects of sensory evaluation. Participate

in tastings of specific wine characteristics and explore the origins of desirable and undesirable wine flavors. Learn wine descriptors that will enhance your wine selections. Cost is \$30 per person. Must be over 21. Reservations required at Keels Creek Winery, 3185 E Van Buren, phone (479) 253-9463 or email winery@keelscreek.com.

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COMMERCIAL PROPERTY!! Approximately 4800 sq. ft. of commercial property on Berryville square. Two large windows facing the street for customer visibility. Can be divided into two business ventures; use one and rent one! Two separate entrances with parking on street in front and back door for deliveries. Make offer on your future venture!! \$90,000



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COUNTRY HOME – Newer 2 bd., 2 ba. near Beaver Lake. Open floor plan, vaulted ceilings, great kitchen, Pergo floors, big yard, covered front porch with deck in back. Gorgeous view of the valley and bluffs beyond the 3-acre lot. Great price \$124,900. MLS 702534



LAKE VIEW – 3 bd., 3 ba. Open floor plan includes kitchen, dining, living area with fireplace, beautiful sunroom, den/family room and bonus room that could be a 4th bedroom. Detached office/workshop and 2 car garage all on mostly level 3.5 ac. \$325,000. MLS 686271



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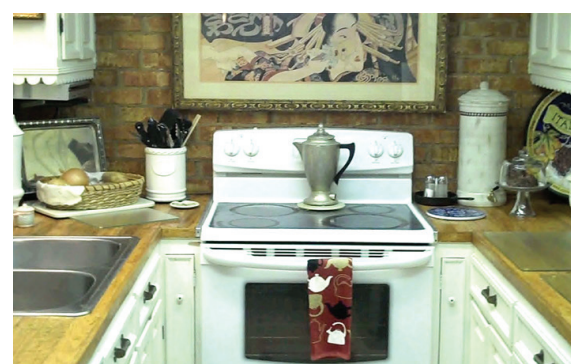
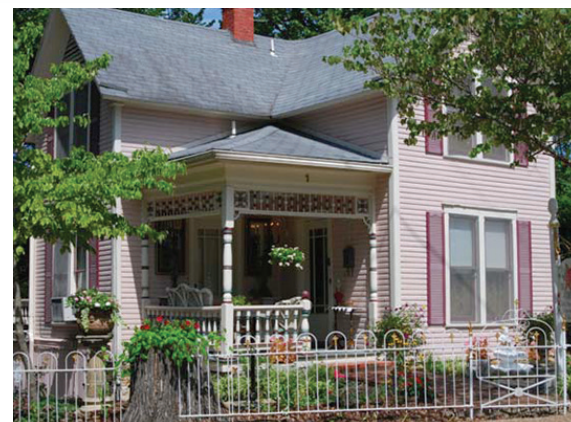
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