



Progress made to protect state waters from pig waste

BECKY GILLETTE

The Buffalo River Bill that the Arkansas Public Policy Panel's Citizens First Congress championed in 2013 legislation, and which Rep. Warwick Sabin (D-Little Rock), Rep. Kelley Linck (R-Yellville) and Rep. Greg Leding (D-Fayetteville) sponsored and passed into law, has now reached a major point of implementation, said John S. Whiteside, policy director of the APPP.

"Among several provisions, Act 1511 created the Committee for the Study of Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO) Procedures with appointed stakeholders from across the state," Whiteside said. "That commission met last year several times and eventually published a report and recommended a set of rule changes to improve protections for the Buffalo and every river in Arkansas from the impact of CAFOs."

On May 8, the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) announced it had filed a Petition to Initiate Rulemaking to adopt all recommendations of the committee.

"This is great news not only for the Buffalo River, but also all bodies of water in the state," Whiteside said. "Alongside our effort to ban all future swine CAFOs in the Buffalo River Watershed, this is welcomed additional good news towards protecting all the beautiful waters of Arkansas."

The first public hearing on the proposed regulations will be at 2 p.m. July 14, at the Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission meeting room at 5301 Northshore Drive, Little Rock.

Lin Wellford, a Green Forest resident who has been active with several watershed protection groups including the Ozark

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Big kid – Ranaga Farbiarz sneaks in a drawing on the panel set up for kids to decorate for the Interactive Kids Project at the ESSA tent Saturday at N. Main FAMFest. When an onlooker commented on the yellow smile, Ranaga replied, "It's a banana." **PHOTO BY CD WHITE**

This Week's INDEPENDENT Thinker

Less than one percent of the planet's water is available to meet the daily needs of nearly seven billion people.

Author and freshwater authority Sandra Postel has a "water ethic," where her Global Water Policy Project partners with the US Forest Service to head off water depletion perpetuated by drought, wildfires and flood – the one, two, three punch devastating so much land. She advocates grand scale forest thinning to rehabilitate the watershed, reduce costs of fire-fighting and water treatment, and keep life hydrated.

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There's always more than one solution to a problem. Choose kindly.



Pooch palaces – Clear Spring Middle and High School students wrapped up their year with a community service project for Go East, Young Dog – building doghouses from recycled material for the rescued animals – led by high school teacher Jim Fliss and middle school teacher Cindy Blackburn. This was Clear Spring's second service project for Go East, Young Dog. Last Spring, students erected fences for the shelter. Pictured from left: Khalia Smith, Raven Leggett, Cindy Blackburn, Ozric Maese, Hannah Youngblood, B'Elanna Powell, Noah FitzPatrick, Siddhartha Torre-Frost and Scott Rodier. In back: David Zhou and Syama Barden. Visit www.goeastyoungdog.org and www.clearspringschool.org.

Small crowd for CECC annual meeting

NICKY BOYETTE

Rob Boaz, CEO of Carroll Electric Cooperative Corporation, presided over a brief but enthusiastic annual meeting at the county fair livestock arena in Berryville on May 22. A sparse crowd of about two dozen people, many of whom were connected to CECC, attended.

Boaz announced the results of their recent customer survey, and said 92.2 percent of the more than 7000 responses agreed CECC “meets or exceeds expectations” regarding reliability. He also touted their attractive rates, which he claimed were 26 percent below the national average.

However, survey results showed customers who responded prefer reliability over affordability, which he said is a show of support for CECC to “keep fighting the good fight” against Environmental Protection Agency regulations. He commented, “The EPA effectively abolishes coal as a source in the future,” even though, according to Boaz, coal is cheap and reliable, and customers insist on reliability.

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Flight Club and airport fly in different directions

NICKY BOYETTE

The Carroll County Airport Commission convened a special meeting May 20 to revisit a landlord-lessee conflict that arose earlier in May. Airport Manager Dana Serrano had called a meeting May 1 because of actions of Danny Hendricks, instructor and owner of Flight School of the Ozarks, based in two of the airport's new hangars.

Serrano told commissioners Hendricks had authorized the cutting of a doorway through a wall between the two hangars without permission or even any notice

to the manager. Chair Lonnie Clark also accused Hendricks of "activities just not acceptable directed toward the manager."

Clark said at the May 1 meeting since the tenant had violated terms of the lease, "there is no lease." However, also a signer on the lease was Greg Gibson, president of the Ozark Flying Club, which is an entity separate from Hendricks' Flight School. Gibson attended the May 1 meeting where Flying Club member Ron Dugger claimed he witnessed a verbal agreement made between Hendricks and former manager Sheila Evans about

putting a doorway between the two hangars. Evans had replied there had been mention of several modifications of the new facility but no promises had been made. Gibson and Dugger pointed out the doorway cut had been repaired.

Commissioners acknowledged a distinction between Hendricks and the Flying Club, and on May 1 voted to reestablish negotiations with the Flying Club to fashion another lease.

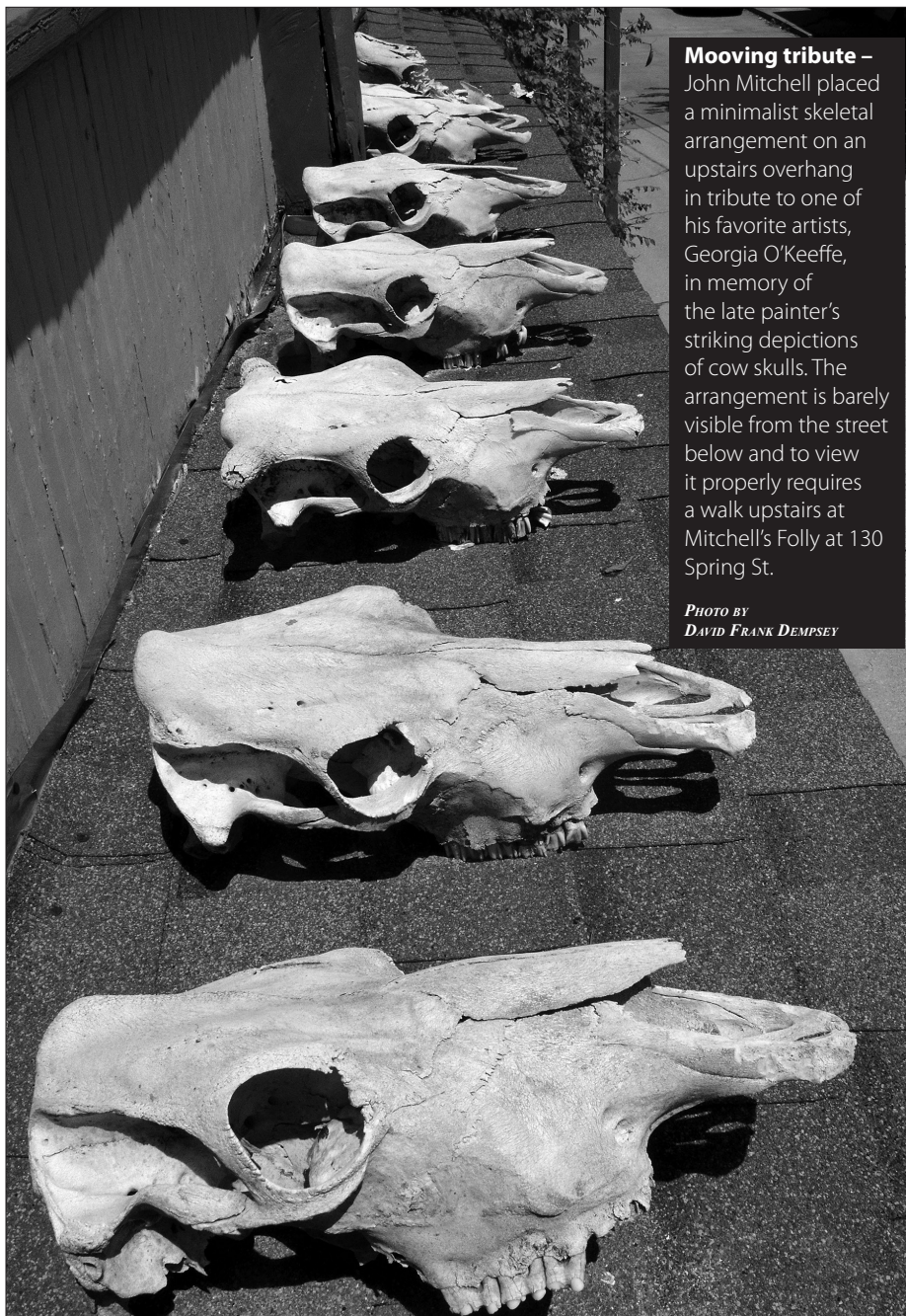
Nevertheless, as a result of the May 1 proceedings, Gibson sent a letter to Serrano stating his disappointment. "The Flying Club has now been placed in a difficult position," he stated in his letter. "So while we appreciate the offer extended to the Flying Club to enter into negotiations with the Airport... the Commission made it very clear that this offer would not be extended to Flight School of the Ozarks, and in fact that our Club member Danny Hendricks would not be particularly welcome on

the property."

Therefore, Gibson said there were irreconcilable differences that would preclude the Club from wanting to negotiate a new lease, so the Club wanted its lease money back. The May 20 meeting was in response to Gibson's letter.

Clark told commissioners the lease had called for a 10-year rental of one hangar for \$20,000 and a five-year rental of the other hangar for \$10,000. He recommended a check be drawn right away for the entire amount. Commissioner Dave Teigen said he agreed entirely with Clark but they needed to ensure the wall had been repaired adequately.

After discussion, they agreed to check with the project manager to see what would be needed to finish the repair, but in the meantime they voted unanimously to refund the entire \$30,000 to the Flight Club as soon as possible. The commission will check with its attorney to see how best to deliver the check.



Mooving tribute –

John Mitchell placed a minimalist skeletal arrangement on an upstairs overhang in tribute to one of his favorite artists, Georgia O'Keeffe, in memory of the late painter's striking depictions of cow skulls. The arrangement is barely visible from the street below and to view it properly requires a walk upstairs at Mitchell's Folly at 130 Spring St.

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Parks Commission stays on trails

NICKY BOYETTE

"We came away with our batteries recharged," commented Bill Featherstone, Chair of the Parks Commission, at the May 20 meeting regarding the May 15 town forum on the topic of an urban trail system which Parks has touted for years. He said more than 100 attended.

Featherstone said the breakout group feature of the gathering produced a consistency of concerns, but did not elaborate. Guy Hedlund, member of the Trails Committee, will produce a report of the meeting by the June 17 meeting.

Nevertheless, Featherstone had plenty to say about how trails "will positively affect the life of all citizens in Eureka Springs."

"Do we want to be known as a town of terrific trails or a town of too little transportation?" he asked. He implored anyone with questions, comments or suggestions about trails to call him at 363-9474 or email him at eurekatrails@gmail.com.

He listed some of the benefits of urban trail systems as

- 1) transportation – facilitating the movement of people by foot or pedal;
- 2) recreation – providing access to the beauty of Eureka Springs;
- 3) healthy lifestyle – "anything that helps get folks off the couch and into the woods for transportation or recreation is a good thing, and the mental health benefits of a walk through nature is supported by scientific data and human experience, as well."

Featherstone cautioned the public not to believe information drawn from "grossly inaccurate, intentionally misleading, and selfishly motivated" guestatorials in newspapers. Instead he called for a fair-minded conversation and a Master Plan for the town's trails built with input from the public.

He finished by stating Eureka Springs is undoubtedly one of the coolest towns anywhere, "but it can be so much more cool with a really great trails system, one that allows all of us to get around town safely and easily by foot and by bike and one that sets us apart from all other communities."

Beer sales at XTerra

Kevin Ruehle represented the upcoming XTERRA Off-Road Triathlon to be staged in Lake Leatherwood City Park June 7-8. Ruehle told commissioners one of their new sponsors is Ozark Beer Company, an Arkansas native brewing company, and asked for permission for Ozark Beer to sell beer during the

Sunday barbecue.

Commissioners agreed unanimously they would allow the sale of beer as a one-time-only test-case to see how it goes. The commission asked for 20 percent of the gross sales.

Ruehle mentioned the event has been so popular among participants that the professional tour might eventually make Eureka Springs a regular stop on its tour.

Other business

• Director Bruce Levine announced he wants to apply for a 50-50 grant for funds to build a pavilion at LLCP. The structure would be open-sided with a fireplace at one end. Dimensions would be 1000-sq. ft. and reflect a similar architectural style as other structures in the park. Commissioners voted unanimously for Levine to proceed.

• Levine also announced the Preservation Society is providing a 50-watt LED lamppost-style light for Calif Spring.

• Also according to Levine, a new party has revived interest in creating an 18-hole disk golf course at LLCP.

• Commissioner Fergie Stewart said he would do the preliminary research on what would be needed for a security plan for LLCP. The plan would delineate what people should do in emergencies. The group agreed his idea would be the topic of their next workshop.

Next workshop will be Tuesday, June 3, at 6 p.m., at Harmon Park. Next regular meeting will be Tuesday, June 17, at 6 p.m.

And don't forget the beer!

Cool off with your own cold homemade brew this summer and astound friends and family at the next big cookout. Find out how Saturday, May 31, at the CulinArts Center at the Writers' Colony at Dairy Hollow.

Sign up for a fun, six-hour seminar on making your own beer with Chef Rodney Slane and get the basic knowledge of beer-making, including hands-on brewing and bottling experience. Leave with enough knowledge and practical experience to begin brewing your own craft beer at home.

Class begins 10 a.m. and lunch includes beer can chicken accompanied by a variety of craft-brewed beer for tasting. It's hands-on brewing lessons in the afternoon and everyone gets to experience bottling the beer, followed by another tasting and a recipe discussion. The afternoon concludes at 4 p.m. with an overview of the processes and another beer-sampling session.

Class fee is \$60 per person, including lunch, or \$100 for couple (can be two friends). Call (479) 253-7444 to sign up or email director@writerscolony.org. Class is limited to 20; pre-registration and payment in advance is required.

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HDC approves fire escape

NICKY BOYETTE

At its May 21 meeting, the Historic District Commission approved five applications:

- 31 Eureka – add trim
- 14 College – replace metal windows, door
- 91 S. Main – change roofline; change multiple materials to metal
- 101 N. Main – new motorcycle garage
- 26 White – add fire escape to second

story: platform, stairway, door

Commissioner Doug Breitling commented the alterations in the application at 14 College were approved because the house is in a non-historic neighborhood. Commissioner Richard Grinnell said regarding the addition of the upstairs deck and a fire escape at 26 White, “If this were not a business, we would object.”

These items on the Consent Agenda were approved:

- 25 Owen – new trim color
- 60 Mountain – new paint colors; remove metal siding
- 55 N. Main – new sign
- 17 Bridge – patios

Consent Agenda items are Level I applications that the City Preservation Officer believes to be in accordance with the Design Guidelines.

Chair Dan Hebert presented these Administrative Approvals, which are applications for repair or for work involving no changes in materials or color and also includes applications for changes in roofing color.

- 5 Ojo – re-roof; gutters
- 165 W. Van Buren – re-stain, repair siding as needed
- 94 Wall – repaint, minor maintenance
- 20 Armstrong – re-roof section

The commission voted to move its July 16 meeting to July 23 because several commissioners will be at a conference. The next meeting will be Wednesday, June 4, at 6 p.m.



Locals hooked on fly-fishing

Since fly fisherman Dale Steffens started the Beaver Fly Fishers fly fishing club, membership is booming. After only one meeting the club already has 34 members.

“When I started the club my goal was to have fifty members within a year, but at the rate we are going we may have more than that after only a few months. Most of the early members are people that just want to learn how to fly fish and we are accomplishing that through classes we’re offering each week,” Steffens said, adding, “We are now getting more experienced fly fishers

joining as well. Their expertise will help the newer members, especially when we have our fishing outings and fly tying sessions.”

The club meets at the Grassy Knob Fire Department Community Center south of Beaver Dam on Hwy. 187 at 6:30 p.m. on the second Monday of each month. An invited guest speaker gives an informative presentation at each meeting. Anyone interested in fly fishing is welcome to attend. For more information contact Dale Steffens, club president, via email at flyfisherdale@gmail.com.

Fermentation class at Flora Roja

Learn how to make sauerkraut and variations of kimchi (Kraut Chi) in a hands-on class with Vela Giri on May 31 from 6 – 8 p.m. at Flora Roja, 119 Wall.

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King wants vote-counting overhaul

BECKY GILLETTE

Voting discrepancies in Carroll County's recent election didn't impact results because none of the races was close enough to have outcomes changed by problems with voting. But if some races had been closer, that could have been a big problem, said State Sen. Bryan King of Berryville.

"It very well could have been a close election," King said. "We have had JP elections decided by one vote. What if you have a close election and the ballots aren't reconciled? Mistakes happen. Honest people make mistakes. But this is not an anomaly. It is a continuation of the problems we have had before. I've heard from who knows how many people that every time there is an election, it seems like we are the last or one of the last counties to get results. Several counties are done election night by the time we have hardly gotten started."

King, a Republican, put the blame on the Democratic Election

Commission members. The county's Election Commission is made up of two Democrats and one Republican.

"The buck stops with the Democratic Election Commission members," King said. "They are new this time, but there needs to be someone else given a try to run the elections. It just goes back to leadership. They need to vacate and let someone else take over."

King said he filed a bill that passed the legislature that would have allowed the state to remove election officials, but the governor vetoed it. King said there is no accountability with election commissioners who aren't elected and are only accountable to themselves.

In vetoing three bills that would have changed the way complaints of election irregularities are investigated, Gov. Mike Beebe said changes would have made elections more partisan by placing authority in a four-member voter integrity unit that would operate under the Secretary of State's office.

"I have received numerous communications from counties, election officials and election commissioners of all political persuasions urging me to veto these three bills," Beebe said. "They see them, individually and collectively, as

unwarranted attempts to undo a carefully crafted system of check and balances and divisions of responsibility between the State Board of Election Commissioners, the Secretary of State's Office, and local election commissioners. Their objections to these bills are well-taken."

Discrepancies that occurred in Carroll County appear to be human error, Arkansas Secretary of State spokesperson Laura Labay said.

The Carroll County Election Commission convened May 22 to audit the 2014 preferential primary election where two discrepancies were identified regarding the number of electors recorded versus the number of ballots received from polling sites. Election officials said discrepancies involved about 40 ballots in two polling places, the Berryville Community Center and St. Elizabeth Parish Center in Eureka Springs.

The commission issued a press release saying in discrepancies involving the precincts that vote at St. Elizabeth's, the error was that the list of electors from other precincts (Johnson Springs/Packard Springs and Winona) was included with the list of electors of Eureka Springs. The press release was signed by

Election Commission Chairman Johnice Dominick and commissioners David L. Hoover and Melinda Large.

"The headings that show which precincts the list of electors belong to was illegible on the yellow copy that was turned in with the ballots," the commission wrote. "Once this issue was corrected, the number of electors recorded matched the number of ballots that we had received."

"In regard to discrepancies involving the precincts that vote at Berryville Community Center, our audit concluded that nine voters were given the incorrect ballot. Since we do not know which ballots are involved, the results must stand. We hereby certify that these nine incorrect ballots do not affect any races or change any winners. The issue will be addressed at the next poll worker training session."

"Results were matching per precinct as we ran them on election night, but final reports did not come out showing all of the results. This is entirely a training issue and has been resolved. In the future, we will be recording the results on the disks from the M650 [paper ballot machine] in the way the Secretary of State's office recommends."

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Election aftermath

BECKY GILLETTE

Political newcomer Jack Gentry, Jr., came within 63 votes cast for long-time Sheriff Bob Grudek in the recent primary election. Gentry's father ran against Grudek in an earlier election. Unofficial results show Grudek winning with 1,287 votes to Gentry's 1,224.

"I am not disappointed," Gentry, Berryville resident and school resource officer for Harrison, said. "I thought it was pretty good for a first time run in politics. In two years I will be doing it again, and maybe it won't be so close. Maybe I will beat him if he chooses to run again."

Some voters who traditionally vote Democratic reported getting a Republican ballot for the primary election so they could vote for Gentry. Gentry said that didn't surprise him.

"To me it doesn't matter if you have a D or R in front of your name," Gentry said. "It is the person you are voting for. I actually started out thinking I would run as an independent. But it is extremely hard to win in Carroll County as an independent."

Grudek said he was surprised at hearing how many Democrats voted in the Republican primary in order to vote for Grudek's opponent. Grudek said he has run for office six times, so the close election didn't surprise him.

"It is one of those things you never feel comfortable until the election is over with," Grudek said. "Regardless, I'm very happy. Being sheriff for past eight years has been the most rewarding of

the law enforcement positions I have had. I'm looking forward to opportunity in the next two years to address some serious issues."

Arkansas is one of only two states where sheriff's terms are for only two years – in most states it is for four years. Grudek said the shorter term is hard on candidates and personnel who work for the sheriff's department, as they know there can be major changes when a new sheriff is elected.

Carroll County incumbent Circuit Court Judge Kent Crow won only about a third of the vote with challenger Berryville City Judge Scott Jackson receiving 2,545 votes to Crow's 1,333. Crow may have been hurt by a Letter of Censure and Letter of Reprimand from the Judicial Discipline & Disability Commission while on the bench, and efforts to move court proceedings from the Eureka Springs Courthouse to Berryville – an action later overturned as a result of an appeal to the Arkansas Supreme Court.

"The voters have spoken," Crow said. "I look forward to returning to private practice and leaving the politics of public office behind. Serving as a judge has been a great experience, but it is also one that consumes vast amounts of time and energy. I have put many personal goals on hold for the last six years and will now be free to pursue them. I will now also be free, as a private citizen, to share my observations and experiences with the public."

Jackson did not return calls prior to deadline.

Vendor's Philippine roots influence gardening style

BECKY GILLETTE

BERRYVILLE — Cecilia Berry comes by her organic gardening naturally. The first 13 years of her life, she lived on a family's permaculture farm in the northern Philippines where no agricultural herbicides, pesticides or commercial fertilizer were used.

Berry, who has been a vendor at the Eureka Springs Farmers' Market for several years, moved to the U.S. in 2009 after getting married to Virgil Berry. They lived a year in Illinois before settling on the banks of Piney Creek south of Berryville where Berry and her son, Joshua, have transformed the yard into a bountiful garden.

When they first started, they were getting a lot of erosion on the hillside in front of the house. Berry got large numbers of U-shaped concrete blocks she used to terrace the garden, preventing erosion and helping hold irrigation water.

Berry grows most of the more common vegetables in demand, but has a little different take on it that reflects her roots and preferences. For example, she picks Swiss chard and bok choy when they are small.

"That is when they are the most tender," she said. "That is the way I like to eat them."

Berry didn't come to the U.S. intending to launch into large-scale vegetable production.

"I never thought I would be doing this for a living, but I love it," she said. "I grew up on a permaculture farm, so I knew how to do it. For example, sometimes I let the plants overgrow and then bury them under the ground. This is an old method of

building the soil."

She is also very resourceful. For example, the frame of a tent they used when first starting selling at the farmers' market is now being used as a trellis to grow bitter melons. While that Asian vegetable isn't well known here, it is starting to gain fans. Berry said it is primarily used for juicing, but there a lot of ways to prepare it. Many recipes are available online. She won first place this past year in the Eureka Springs Farmers' Market salsa contest with a recipe that used bitter melon, and second place with eggplant salsa.

Berry said she has never had to resort to using pesticides to kill bugs in her garden.

"I don't like to use chemicals," she said. "I have a lot of allergies. I'm scared the chemicals are not safe."

Berry said few people used ag chemicals where she lived in the Philippines. Garden pests weren't a big problem, and ag chemicals were not easily available. Unlike the U.S., you can't just go into a store and buy herbicides and pesticides. Only farmers with a certificate are allowed to purchase ag chemicals.

Berry's gardens (she prefers to call it a garden and not a farm) cover a large area of the front and back yards that slope down to scenic Piney Creek. Cement blocks are used extensively for making garden beds. The u-shaped blocks turned upside down frame the beds and are also used to hold seedlings plants like tomatoes and peppers until they are large enough to be transplanted. The trough keeps the plants from falling over, and makes them easy to keep watered.

The beds are carefully tended, neatly arranged and intensively planted, akin



to the technique known as square foot gardening. This time of year she has a large number of different types of lettuce, along with Swiss chard, kale, spinach, bok choy, other greens and carrots. There are large beds planted with garlic. Different types of tomatoes and green peppers are coming on, and the bush beans, squash and cucumbers have been planted.

In addition, she grows unusual plants like land seaweed and Japanese lettuce. There are terraced block beds for row upon row of strawberries, and a few fruit trees scattered around, as well. And she grows flowers. Most of her seeds are purchased from overseas.

The productive garden is all the more remarkable because it is built upon a solid shelf of rock in many places. She didn't import the soil, but obtained it onsite and improved it with worm compost made by her son. The fertilizers she uses include Epson salt, bone meal and blood meal. She

also makes homemade fertilizer with bitter melon and Epsom salt. She waters twice a day by hand or with sprinklers. That is a bit different from most people who farm large amounts of garden vegetables and prefer drip irrigation.

"I don't follow gardening 101," she said. "I apply what I learned growing up on our farm."

Berry comes from Baguio City in the Philippines, which is similar to Northwest Arkansas in that it is a tourist destination in the mountains.

"I feel at home here," she said. "It is similar to where I am from in the Philippines, and the people here are friendly."

Berry, who also grows vegetables for her extended family in the area, loves to visit with customers at the markets and doesn't mind the hard work.

"I don't count my hours," she said. "I don't work outside when it is too hot. I

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Couple vote with bucks; install solar system

BECKY GILLETTE

Alee Carrigan and Gary Milczarek, who live south of Eureka Springs, have talked about putting in a solar power system for years. They were concerned about climate change, what that is doing to wildlife and the implications for the future of humankind.

Then American Electric Power (AEP)/Southwestern Electric Power Co. (SWEPCO) announced plans to put a huge transmission line through some of the most scenic and environmentally sensitive areas of Northwest Arkansas. SWEPCO said the project was needed to provide reliable service, while opponents have challenged the need for the project, stating the line would provide eight to 16 times more power than is needed in Carroll County.

Carrigan and Milczarek were very concerned about the Ozark Mountains being sacrificed to clear a right-of-way 150 ft. wide from Shippe Road in Benton County to near the Kings River north of Berryville, and felt it was time to demonstrate with

their pocketbook.

"We decided to proceed with solar power to channel our outrage and frustration into a positive action," Carrigan said. "Every time I turn on a light or use any electricity, I know I am using a clean, non-toxic form of energy. And that is a great feeling. We have to do whatever it takes to change the way we generate energy or we won't be able to live on this planet. Every day I look at my grandsons and wonder what it is going to be like for them. I grew up in a golden era, a wonderful time. My grandkids are not going to have that. That seems really criminal. We are in for a bumpy ride."

Milczarek has been researching solar for years, as well as learning from two brothers and a nephew who have installed solar in the past decade. He decided the best option was a ground-mount solar panel system that cost them \$13,378, which may be reduced to as low as \$9,365 after an IRS tax rebate of 30 percent. It is designed to generate enough electricity to power their entire home.

"Each year since moving here I've explored solar and wind technology for generating cleaner alternative energy," Milczarek said. "Because utility rates are low in our area and technological advances continue bringing down the cost of solar energy, the cost analysis always favored waiting another year. We just couldn't overcome the anxiety of committing a large amount of our limited financial resources when it seemed to make more sense to wait."

Milczarek credits his wife with providing the impetus to go ahead.

"I'm the one who does the research and gathers data about alternatives, then she points the way," Milczarek said. "When the SWEPCO issue came up, it affected her attitude about electricity and where it is coming from. She felt we had to do something. I have always trusted her instincts."

"What was really clear to me personally is that by buying electricity generated by coal coming through the grid, we were voting with our dollars for companies like SWEPCO. The only vote in the end that seems to matter in this culture is the dollar. How we choose to spend money reflects our values. The biggest 'No' we could give to SWEPCO would be to stop voting for



them with our dollars."

Instead of just considering their personal financial situation, they looked at the bigger picture: what were the costs to the planet, to Northwest Arkansas and the health of people?

"It became clear that since we could do it, we wanted to do it," Milczarek said. "We don't want to do things that have damaging consequences for ourselves and the future. This seemed like the best way to say 'No' to SWEPCO."

Their roof doesn't have a southern exposure, so a rooftop installation was a problem. They considered putting the panels over the patio or using panels to shade windows.

"I did drawings," Milczarek said. "I did calculations. I looked at sun angles. I was going in circles trying to design something that would give us shade, but had no confidence they would stand up to the winds and ice storms we get. In the end we chose a commercial ground mount system already engineered for our wind speeds and snow loads. The panels are all together in one place, you can clean them and push snow off standing on the ground, and there was a price we could get a handle on."

They ordered the equipment package recommended by GoGreenSolar.com in the summer of 2013. It turned out there was a learning curve and their electrician had them send back about \$450 of the materials they ordered resulting in a \$90 restocking fee.

"So bring your electrician in at the beginning!" Milczarek said. "I knew I was jumping off a cliff, that there would be mistakes, but this is the kind of thing I thrive on. My mind loves figuring how

things work. I love to learn and explore. The bottom line is I cut my cost in half of what it would have cost to hire a local company to do it for me, and I probably only spent a couple hundred more than I needed in the end. I figure that is cheap tuition."

Their electric provider, Carroll Electric Cooperative Corp., ties their system to the grid. When they are generating more electricity than they use, the excess kilowatt-hours are credited to their account. When the sun is not shining or they need more electricity than the panels are generating, the kilowatt-hours they draw from CECC are charged to their account.

Milczarek was pleased with the cooperation of CECC. The entire system was installed and ready to turn on the day before they were to leave town for more than two weeks.

"It's quite a story of them coming through at the last minute with flying colors," Milczarek said. "They were really nice, making a special trip to install the new meter just before we left on our trip. The system generated 450-kilowatt hours while we are gone. It has been really exciting. We've generated 6.3 megawatts of energy since last October. We have about 1,500 kilowatt hours credit in the grid for air conditioning season coming on, enough on average to cover two of the four months that get heavy air conditioning use. Our system is designed to generate close to the average energy as we use in a year. So far we seem to be on track, but we'll know for sure come October 11."

For more information including photos of the project from start to finish, see Milczarek's blog at www.johncarrigan.wordpress.com.

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New pastor welcomed

Rev. Robert Herring has accepted the position of pastor at Grace Lutheran Church, 179 Holiday Island Drive. The St. Louis native attended St. Louis University and received his Master Of Divinity degree from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, in 1978.

His years of service as a pastor included churches in Indiana, New Jersey and Arkansas. He also served as a Circuit Counselor for many years in the Indiana and Mid-South Districts, and was Vice



REV. ROBERT HERRING

President of the Mid-South District.

He married Barbara Herring in January this year, following the death of his first wife two years ago.

Herring will be installed at a special service at Grace Lutheran on June 15 at 3 p.m. District President, Rev. Dr. Roger Paavola, will give the sermon and install Herring.

All are welcome to come get acquainted with Rev. Herring and his wife, Barbara, at a reception following the service.

Gospel Jamboree May 31

There will be a lively Gospel Jamboree fundraiser Saturday, May 31, for The Jeremiah House, a ministry dedicated to helping alcohol and drug dependent women in the area.

The sing begins at 11 a.m. at String Em Up Music, US 62E, next to Snake World. Music will be all-live Gospel from local artists. If you can play or

sing please come and bless everyone with the talent God has given you.

Amps and microphones will be set up for use. Everyone is invited to come enjoy the day. Chicken dinner will be served. Bring a chair if you can and join us for singin' all day and dinner on the grounds! More info via (870) 480-3971.

Sunday at EUUF

All are welcome at the Eureka Springs Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 17 Elk St., every Sunday for a program at 11 a.m. followed by refreshments. On June 1 Danny Harris, Statewide Outreach Coordinator for ARcare Special Services, will talk about HIV in Arkansas and resources available, including a new HIV support group in Eureka Springs.

From 10 – 10:45 a.m. there will be

a facilitated discussion about the UUA common read book, *Behind The Kitchen Door*. It's also Salad Sunday, with salads, bread, sweets, juice, wine, tea and great conversation. Bring something to share if you can. It's a bargain \$4/adult; \$2/children; \$10 max per family.

Childcare is provided. Extra parking available in Ermilio's parking lot on White St. (479) 253-0929, www.euuf.org

Grassy Knob VFD birthday fundraiser May 31

The Grassy Knob Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary invites you to the Grassy Knob Community Center, 12037 Hwy. 187, to celebrate their 37 years on Saturday, May 31, from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. with a silent auction, bake sale, children's activities, local authors, drawings and refreshments.

Anyone wishing to donate an item for the silent auction can contact Lynne Barlow, (479) 253-6772. For further information about the fair, contact Marie Lee, (479) 253-1054.

Last chance to get 'Back in Black'

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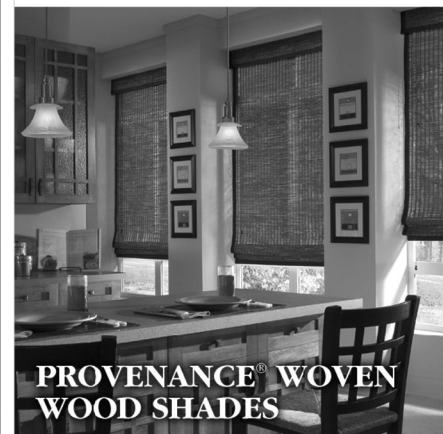
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Ticked at ticketing

Editor,

I am having a hard time understanding how handing out more parking tickets is a good way to generate money for this town.

We have been back for three months and in that time I have seen our bike cops camp around the post office on the 15th of April (tax deadline) and multiple tickets on folks who simply want to go to the library, our beautiful library.

We all need a place to park and if the meter runs out so be it, but the two examples I gave are geared to locals and that is not right – how many years have people gone to the library and parked without worry? Many.

Harry Cook

Hospital a priority

Editor,

The article in the *Democrat-Gazette* concerning “2-mile sewer line gap snags hospital” was what I would call a red flag for the people of Eureka Springs.

The article pretty much indicates that hospital officials are in limbo, waiting for the city of Eureka Springs to decide whether or not a sewer will be installed for the new hospital. They clearly pointed out that the

process for a new hospital is *not* infinite. Pointed out was that failure to develop a new hospital could place the existing hospital in a payment system which could result in it being closed.

It is obvious Allegiance needs an answer post-haste. Alderman David Mitchell said city council will try to get a response to them by July. By July? What part of July? As a concerned citizen I would ask they plan some overtime and get an answer out sooner rather than later.

In my humble opinion, a new, modern, up-to-date hospital would probably go down as one of the most significant happenings for Eureka Springs. It is time for city council to not procrastinate, or worse, give up and say they can’t do it. Find a way to do it. A new tax, a bond, or maybe a grant. Something. This should take priority over any other task currently under consideration.

Bill Pugh

Turning the other cheek

Editor,

I just read Becky Gillette’s article “Eureka courthouse opens Saturdays ‘as of right now.’” Since Becky is an excellent and

fair reporter, I am assuming the quotes are correct. Since I was present that Saturday applying for a marriage license, I would like to correct some of the statements made by Carl Gustin and Ms. Correia.

Mr. Gustin implied that the Saturday scene at the ES courthouse was dangerous. It was not except for the police being called unnecessarily and the illegal decision to shut the door and not allow any licenses to be issued. Furthermore, Mr. Gustin’s pretense that the situation in ES was “not safe” and that an elderly man “threatened our clerk with a cane” is simply not true.

Ms. Correia implied that she was “just shorthanded.” She should have anticipated a large crowd and gotten clerks there to do their job. I have heard that one of her clerks refused to issue licenses to same-gender couples on the grounds that it violated her religious principles. This refusal caused the crowded and frustrating situation and a very long, hot line.

The one, and only, clerk who did issue licenses was friendly, efficient, overworked and kind.

In Washington County on Monday it was a joyful scene full of happiness and respect. The clerks there could not have

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WEEK'S TopTweets

@timdonakowski --- After God created giraffes, even he admitted he was tired.

@theshamingofjay --- It’s a good thing this video game is rated mature because it’s going to be babysitting the kids tonight.

@jegheterbella --- More tattoo artists really just need to say “No, I’m not doing that.”

@ComeHome4Dinner --- *pulls shirt back down* I guess I don’t understand what a flash mob actually is.

@Kyle_Lippert --- Make allergy season

more exciting by snorting confetti so that every time you sneeze it’s like a little party on your face.

@ShipInTheKnight --- No need to drive me crazy. I can walk from here.

@toyns --- Only God can judge me. And also that dude in the robe up there who says I “shouldn’t be tweeting” during my trial.

@Zen_Moments --- Sometimes you just have to jump and grow your wings on the way down. ~ Les Brown

@TheTweetOfGod --- The human race is why Earth can’t have nice things.



@ESIndependent --- Jacob Brown and Allen Etheredge - proud graduates, Eureka Springs High School class of 2014. Friends since 4th grade!

Paths of enlightenment

Trails have always been a part of the Eureka Springs culture, and will continue to be. The big questions are what is the perceived value of a comprehensive trail system and how will the future of trail development take place?

I need not expound about the benefits of trails. They are well documented. Further, there is no question about the public sentiment of our current trail system and its success. Constituents and businesses of the community have whole-heartedly supported trail development through tens of thousands of dollars of financial and sweat equity resources. As well, two landmark events, the Eureka Springs Fat Tire Festival and the Eureka Springs Xterra Triathlon, have generated regional and national notoriety and hundreds of thousands of dollars for the community. Trails benefit us all!

Trails have always been near the top of the Recreational Priorities List for the Eureka Springs Parks Commission. The majority of trail building in the past two decades has occurred at Lake Leatherwood and Black Bass Lake. Some completed by contract labor, some with in-house resources, but the vast majority materialized through volunteer labor. Development and maintenance has occurred annually for over 20 years and the results have been fantastical. Arguably the current trail system is the most valuable publicly owned and operated recreational resource created in Eureka Springs since the Auditorium was built!

Recently the Parks has taken on the challenge of shaping a master trail vision connecting our two larger parks with the existing network of historic in-town trails. Currently the in-town portion is in the public comment period. This can be an exhaustive and emotional phase of planning. The many parks, Spring Reservations and existing Reserve Rights-of-Way (ROW) provide generous but challenging developmental opportunities. These challenges need to be met with open minds and creative solutions. It will be important for all commissions and departments and the city council to weigh-in and help develop solutions!

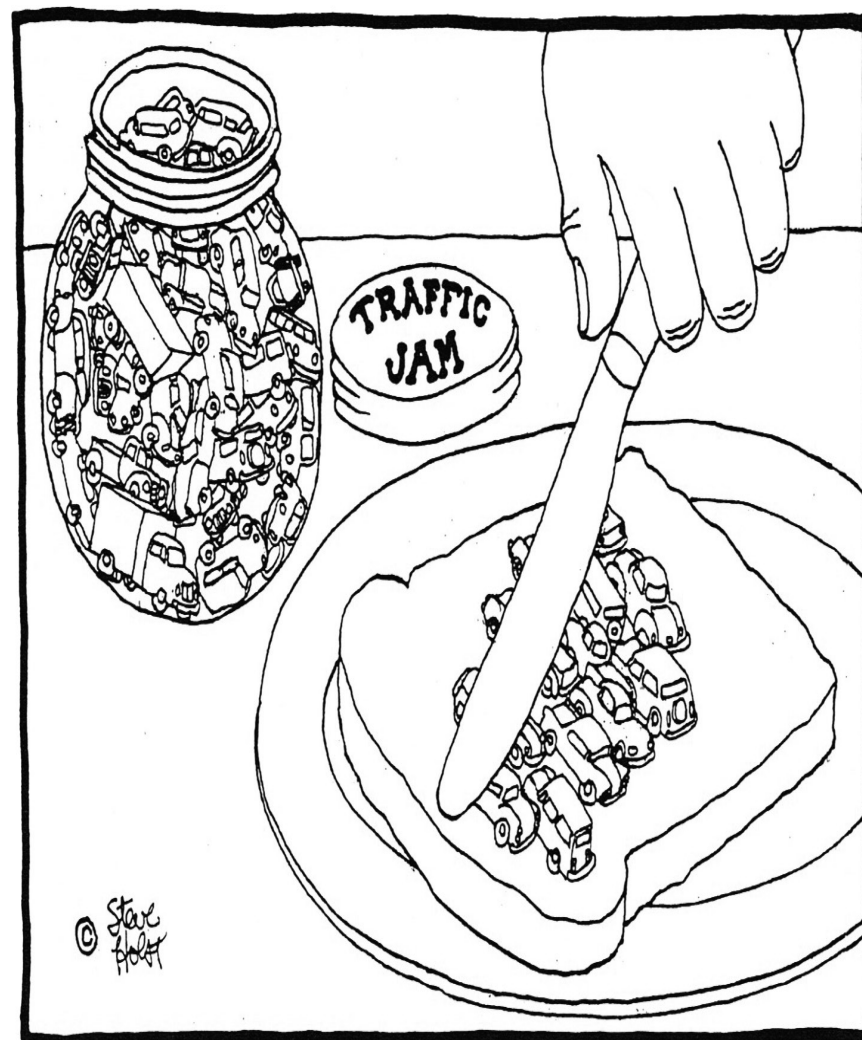
We are not alone in our efforts. The larger communities of Northwest Arkansas, Rogers, Bentonville, Fayetteville, Springdale and Bella Vista all currently are conducting massive trail development. As well, many of the smaller NWA communities have plans or current trail projects: Berryville, Siloam Springs, Pea Ridge, Huntsville, Jasper to name a few. All these communities face similar challenges of how to secure safe and sustainable access and trail routes. They only dream of having the ROW opportunities we have! The vast majority of proposed trail concepts are rooted in connectivity with little infringement on property owners. Issues and challenges of ROW development should not be an indictment of trails, or a stumbling block to creating a community master trail vision!

However, the topic of ROW must be analyzed carefully. Clear and fair policy and protocol need to be developed addressing their use, care and potential. Currently that does not exist. The number one question pertaining to ROW is; can trails be developed on ROW with a sense of permanence and still preserve privacy? The answer ultimately is yes, but not likely without some serious considerations and compromises. A master plan allows our community to seek out more considerable sources of funding, create strong partnerships for development and provide a foundation for future administrations.

Trails are not a fad or a movement. They are clearly viewed as a quality of life necessity and also function as a backbone for tourism. Eureka Springs' trails have been an inspiration to the communities of Northwest Arkansas. As a user, advocate and professional who champions trail development throughout our state and region, I want to see our community continue a leadership role.

Eureka Springs parks and springs are our most valuable and distinct resource. They are as important as our streets, sewers, historic architecture, shops, restaurants, hotels and artisans. Without them and the natural beauty Mother Nature has provided, none of us would be here! Trails provide the most instinctual access to our natural world's prowess and beauty. "Follow the path of enlightenment."

David Renko



The Pursuit Of HAPPINESS

by Dan Krotz

It is 6:30 in the morning and I drive into the outbound lane in the Evil Retail Giant's parking lot. An old bat in a Cadillac SUV, going in the right direction, shakes her fist and screams. At first, I think she's being small-town friendly, and I smile and wave back. This enrages her further; she honks her horn. Not only is she an old bat, she's a bat out of hell.

I am aware that the paragraph above may approach political incorrectness. It could – possibly – be judged ageist. Perhaps – likely – sexist, as well. Is the crime mitigated because she called me an old goat? There was no premeditation on either side; she drives a nicer car than mine, certainly a vulgar car – oops! classism at work here – but we each reacted spontaneously, creatures of our culture and times.

I grew up among Scandinavians and Germans in a state with remarkably effective government. No one there cares if you marry your canary, but everyone seethes with unbridled fury if you fail to cut your grass regularly. It is the opposite here. Decent lawn hygiene is a bizarre Yankee concept, but love requires regulation, oversight and decrees from county and state governments that can't get an inch of snow off the roads. It is all very confusing.

I love dumb blonde jokes but don't tell them anymore. Thank goodness for State Representative Bob Ballinger. Say that Old Bob's house is on fire. He's in a panic! He calls the fire department. "My house is on fire!" he shouts. "Okay, calm down," says the fire guy. "How do we get to your house?" There is a long, long pause, then Bob indignantly says, "Well duh! In big red trucks!"

So: I am in the ERG with an infinite list from my wife. I buy the wrong things – dishwasher pellets rather than pliable gel pacs, for example – and will hear about it when I get home. Yet, am I a new-age, fully actualized male for doing the marketing? Or just another situation comedy husband? The path traveled by an old goat is often crooked and steep.

We recently lost Jack Miller, a working artist and Katrina refugee, who with his wife, Sabina, made Eureka Springs home after the storm. Jack was the real deal – an artist who spent hours in the studio, daily. A painter and printmaker, Jack was also responsible for the giant red high-heel, the jaguar-pulling chariot, and waterwheel floats created for the Krewe

of Krazo parades.

About 18 months ago when visiting Jack in his Artist Colony studio, he caught me eying a beautiful old shoeshine box; primitive, patched and beautifully patina-ed from wear and age. I had recently finished a series of found object assemblages using shoeshine boxes as the base and this one was screaming out to me. He had



Jack Miller in front of his art at the Eureka Springs' Fall Art Show

Photos by John Rankine

Inching Forward –
Found Object Assemblage

The old shoeshine box

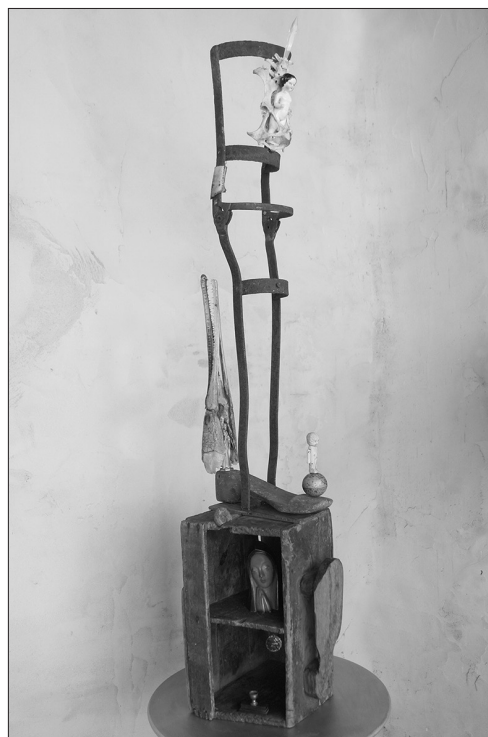
brought it with him from New Orleans, and no, it was not for sale.

A few months later Jack and Sabina walked into my antique store with said

box in hand saying, “we think you need this.” I was deeply touched by the gesture, took the box home, and placed it in the hallway leading to my studio. There it sat for several months until I literally tripped over it while thinking about a new assemblage for the Artist Impression of the Mother show. I had found my base and finished the piece I called “Inching Forward” the same day I heard of Jack’s passing. The old shoeshine box and Jack’s spirit lives on.

So what better way to end the May Festival of the Arts than paying homage to the man and artist? Jack loved a good party (he was from NOLA) and Sabina, friends and family are planning a celebration/retrospective of his life and art at The Space, Saturday May 31, from 5 to 8 p.m.

All who knew Jack or admired his art are invited to come out and celebrate.



INDEPENDENT Constables On Patrol

MAY 19

5:25 a.m. – Wife told ESPD she and her husband had been having problems and he was saying suicidal things. He had left home angry, and had texted the message, “You might as well take your ring off. I’ll show you all I’m not bi-polar.” Constables found him at a restaurant and deemed him okay at the moment.

7:54 a.m. – Some items were missing from a gift shop.

8:54 a.m. – An alarm rang out downtown, but the constable on patrol found the building secure.

9:54 a.m. – An apparently intoxicated person bought beer and drove away. Constables watched for but did not encounter his vehicle.

11:50 a.m. – Resident spoke with a constable about an ominous call he received regarding his missing cats.

12:11 p.m. – Daughter was not able to get in touch with her mother, which was unusual. Constable made a welfare check and found the mother was fine but her phone was not working.

1:38 p.m. – Person who runs a laundry service was having trouble getting her sheets back from a motel. Constable made a visit and the person got her sheets.

5:45 p.m. – Customer at a gas station dropped his wallet getting out of his truck. He noticed another customer nearby acting suspiciously and then leaving quickly when the complainant could not find his wallet. Constable took the information.

7:13 p.m. – Passerby noticed a deer with a possibly broken leg near downtown. Constable checked for but did not find the deer.

9:33 p.m. – Constable assisted a business owner in getting folks just hanging around to leave the premises.

9:38 p.m. – Caller thought a dog was in distress, but the responding constable did not hear anything.

MAY 20

8:32 a.m. – Resident at the western edge of town told ESPD she and her neighbors have had things taken and gas siphoned from their vehicles. Constables will put on extra patrols in their vicinity.

8:35 a.m. – Owner of property reported a person continues to trespass after being told not to return. More extra patrols for ESPD.

11:21 a.m. – A vehicle was reportedly witnessed being erratic but the constable who followed it saw no reason to pull it over.

11:34 a.m. – Another erratic driver was

reportedly all over the road, and this time the constable stopped the vehicle and arrested the driver for driving on a suspended license and possession of a controlled substance.

11:50 a.m. – Onlooker noticed a vehicle not only parked illegally in a neighborhood but there was a dog locked inside and the windows were rolled up. The vehicle was gone by the time a constable arrived.

1:39 p.m. – Passerby was concerned a woman in a vehicle parked downtown might need medical attention. Constable who responded discovered the person was a man, and he was waiting for his wife to get off work. No medical attention required.

7:55 p.m. – Husband reported his wife had found two wandering Beagle pups on a rural road in the eastern part of town.

MAY 21

8:27 a.m. – Constable had to speak with a group loitering between two businesses and he encouraged them to move along.

6:18 p.m. – Traffic stop resulted in the arrest of the driver on a suspended license and a warrant out of Carroll County for drug-related charges.

MAY 22

6:40 a.m. – Person walking his dog found his path blocked by a large dog who would

not yield. Constable went to the scene and found the dog’s owner, who did not know the animal was loose.

8:02 a.m. – An ex-girlfriend came to the station to report her ex-boyfriend had destroyed her phone and stereo system and had poured oil all over her porch.

10:24 a.m. – A vehicle had been suspiciously left in a motel parking lot. ESPD determined it was not stolen, and the motel owner decided to let it sit for awhile longer to see if the owner returned for it.

3:06 p.m. – Vehicle hit a utility pole along US 62. No serious injuries.

11:45 p.m. – Individual told ESPD his girlfriend was told not to come over. His grill had been tipped over and baby powder was scattered on a door and window. Constable filed a report.

MAY 23

7 a.m. – Apartment manager reported a person banned from the property was indeed on the premises again. Constable arrived to arrest the interloper for criminal trespass.

8:47 a.m. – Constables responded to an alarm at a business and found the back door open. Upon investigating, they found an employee inside who admitted accidentally

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INDEPENDENT Art & Entertainment

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

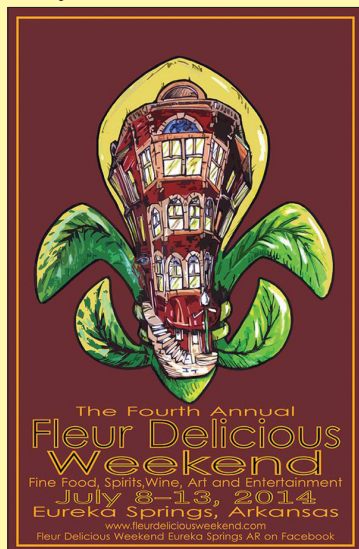
Concert series June 1 at HICC

Holiday Island Community Church, 188 Stateline Drive, will host the Woodward Memorial Concert Series June 1, 4 p.m., with featured artist Indigo Fischer, flautist from Eureka Springs, assisted by several musical colleagues and Marie Sathrum at the piano.

Indigo will be leaving soon for a summer at Brevard. Spread the word to music loving friends and enjoy this free concert sponsored by HICC.

Last call, y'all ...

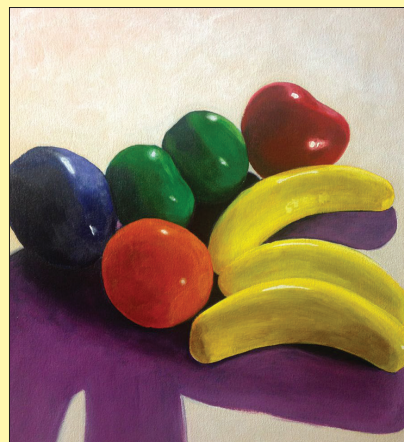
If you're celebrating Fleur Delicious Weekend by planning an event in July, the final deadline to get your information into promotional and print materials is May 31. Please include dates, times, details, costs, etc., and email to fleurdeliciousweekend@yahoo.com. And be on the lookout for exciting new events to announce for this year's Fleur Delicious Weekend, July 8 – July 13!



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The Norberta Philbrook Gallery, 34 N. Main, will feature work from Dayton Castleman's latest series, a nodding homage to the Instagram phenomenon. Castleman's diverse artwork has been exhibited in museums, universities and galleries throughout the United States and in Europe, and spans all media. He is a recognized educator, curator, writer and public speaker.

Castleman worked as a museum educator at Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art and founded Art Northwest, a grassroots platform for art, ideas, exhibition, and consultation. He is now the Museum Manager at 21c Museum Hotel in Bentonville, developing public programming and overseeing the operations of this innovative, multi-venue museum of contemporary art. (479) 363-6703 www.norbertaphilbrookgallery.com



Opportunities at ESSA

If you love the creative process, you'd be crazy not to take advantage of Eureka Springs School of the Arts' upcoming workshops.

May 27 – 30, Barbara Kennedy will teach Oil Painting workshop, and Wayne Summerhill will be teaching Metal Sculpture in the brand new Heavy Metal Studio. Wayne's workshop is currently

full, but you can be on a waiting list for an opening.

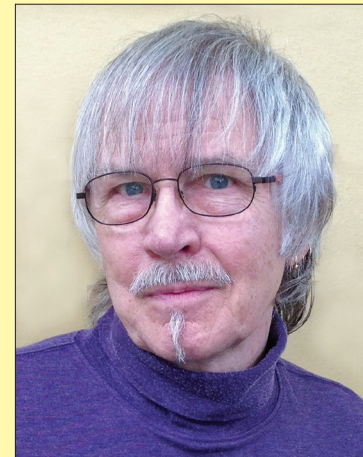
May 28 – 30, Jan Brieschke will be teaching Reverse Glass Painting followed by Fractured Light Watercolor from June 2 – 5.

Find class details, the full summer schedule, costs and a place to register at www.essa-art.org or call (479) 253-5384.

Telling tales

Eureka Springs artist Zeek Taylor will be featured storyteller on *Tales From The South*, a weekly National Public Radio show to be taped June 3 in N. Little Rock. Taylor has been asked to appear as a Tin Roof Project storyteller, a special monthly broadcast that features "well-known" Southerners, with the entire segment devoted to that storyteller. Taylor's storytelling will be followed by an interview conducted by the show's host, Paula Morell, and end with questions from the audience.

The show will air on KUAF in Fayetteville at 3:30 p.m. on June 21. A podcast of the show will also be posted on the *Tales from the South* website on June 19. Tickets to attend the live broadcast may be purchased at www.talesfromthesouth.com.



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Common ground – June Westphal and Bruce Wright had a lively conversation about the Civil War at the Memorial Day celebration at the Eureka Springs Cemetery and discovered they share a love of history.

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Fitting refrain – Beth Severe closed out festivities at the Memorial Day "Remembrance" celebration at Eureka Springs Cemetery with a stirring rendition of "God Bless America."

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Pony up! – Jim Post, retired Kansas City policeman, has passed out his share of speeding tickets. Now he and his wife, Teri, host one of the best "quick car" events in the country – the Eureka Springs Mustang Show. Last weekend the show celebrated its 20th anniversary with more than 125 entrants from across the US and Canada, also coinciding with the Pony car's 50th anniversary. Above, Jim & Teri prepare for the Mustang parade with granddaughters Aria and Chaela Post. www.eurekaspringsmustangshow.com.

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Star spangled singers – The Holiday Island Singers entertained at American Legion Post 9 on Memorial Day. A sizeable crowd attended the program in honor of those who paid the ultimate price for our freedoms. PHOTO BY GWEN ETHEREDGE



Cross-examined – Retired banker John Cross spoke at American Legion Post 9 on Memorial Day and examined a bit of local history in the light of his family's contributions to the area. Not many know his grandfather was instrumental in having the VA Hospital built in Fayetteville. PHOTO BY GWEN ETHEREDGE



Clockwise: Protest float – On May 24, several dozen people assembled at Grinder’s Ferry next to the Hwy. 65 Bridge over the Buffalo River near St. Joe. While others were there to enjoy a holiday weekend float trip, these paddlers had a mission – spreading the word to those who love the Buffalo that trouble is brewing over factory hog farm waste. Above are Janie Clark, Doris Baldwin, organizer Lin Wellford and Glenda Allison. Another group of 15 protesters decorated boats and set out from the Ozark Access to cover nine more miles. They hoped the sight would encourage fellow paddlers to ask what they were doing. It worked. *PHOTO SUBMITTED*

The die is cast – “Pope” Grant Arnold casts the die in an outdoor Monopoly Game during Medieval Days at the middle school. Gifted and talented kids from Eureka Springs and Green Forest participated in the annual event. **At right**, students act as live chessboard pieces. *PHOTOS BY GWEN ETHEREDGE*

Cut up – Fran Carlin brought her magnificent mosaics to the N. Main FAMFest and enjoyed the music and ambiance. She admitted meticulously cutting all those little pieces of glass and tile could be tiring. *PHOTO BY CD WHITE*

Fargo Scholars – Proceeds from the 2013 Fargo Run in memory of Greg Fargo were donated to the Skills USA program for student scholarships. Above, Greg’s sisters Paula Butler and Frances Bloch-Fargo join their mother, Martha Fargo, to award a scholarship to Kellie Jo Crawford, second from left. Also receiving Fargo scholarships at the ESHS Student Awards Ceremony May 23 were Austin Young and Liam Dillingham. *PHOTO BY GWEN ETHEREDGE*



Come hear a tale at the “table” June 8

Live audience treated to food and fable

There will be a special broadcast of *Tales from the South* at the newly renovated Main Stage Creative Community Center, 67 N. Main, Sunday, June 8 at 4 p.m.

The Writers’ Colony at Dairy Hollow is hosting a special “Tales from the Table,” show sponsored by the Arkansas Club at the Queen Anne Mansion to celebrate the Arkansas Heritage Month theme, “Come to the Table.”

There will be barbecue from Red’s Hillbilly B-B-Q and Catering, with vegetarian and vegan options available. Butch Phillips, aka “Red,” of the Ozark

Kitchen in Holiday Island, kindly agreed to cook for “Tales” as a way of introducing his food to area residents. Beer and wine will be available at a cash bar.

There will also be samples, demos and exhibits featuring local foods and producers, farm-to-table experts and local musicians.

June 8 is the first of four live *Tales from the South* broadcasts Paula Morell is hosting in partnership with the Writers’ Colony. The shows will be distributed nationally on public radio and internationally via satellite, featuring local Eureka Springs stories and talent.

Tickets are \$25 including dinner and the show. To reserve your spot, call (479) 253-7444 or email: director@writerscolony.org. Seating is limited and tickets must be paid in advance to guarantee a seat. Cancellations must be made at least 48 hours in advance to be refunded.

This program was made possible in part by a grant from the Department of Arkansas Heritage, funded by your 1/8 cent conservation tax, Amendment 75, and supported in part by a grant from the Arkansas Humanities Council and the National Endowment for the Humanities.

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River Stewards, said it is positive that movement is being made towards protecting all Ozark rivers from the degradation inherent in allowing CAFOs to operate as they are currently configured – open, leaking lagoons, more nutrients than the ground can absorb, no accounting for the lack of topsoil or the fractured substrate right below the surface.

The legislation came about after a 6,500-head CAFO swine facility was secretly located near the Big Creek tributary to the Buffalo National River. Because of their fast growth, pigs generate waste in much greater volume than humans. The amount of waste generated by C&H Hog Farms is equivalent to that produced by a city of 35,000. There is no wastewater treatment plant for the waste that smells so bad it can make people feel ill. The waste is stored in sewage lagoons that are legally allowed to have 5,000 gallons per day of seepage into the ground. That contamination is in addition to the wastewater sprayed out on agricultural lands surrounding the facility.

Currently ADEQ has a moratorium on any additional CAFOs in the Buffalo River Watershed. A public meeting is planned on that issue June 17 in Harrison.

“This is a chance for people to come and support the temporary ban and insist it be made permanent,” Wellford said. “The comment period for people to go to the ADEQ site and express their views on the temporary ban on CAFOs in the Buffalo River watershed goes until July

1. You can go to the www.BuffaloRiverAlliance.org website to find a link direct to the comment site.”

Wellford said while it is encouraging that rules are in the process of being adopted to prevent other CAFOs in the Buffalo River watershed and other sensitive watersheds in the state, as yet there is no clear way to legally shut down C&H Hog Farms.

Currently a team led by karst geologist Dr. John Van Brahana is testing groundwater near the farm.

“The dye testing is showing clear and fast transmission of groundwater around the farm, but Dr. Brahana’s team has not been allowed to test on the farm itself, and most particularly the leaking lagoons,” Wellford said. “Engineers have stated it appears the lagoons leak at the rate of 3,400 gallons per day, but no one knows where that leakage is going. Because of the convoluted structure of fractured karst, it could take a round-about route, but the nature of watersheds is that all liquid eventually makes its way downhill, so there is little doubt where it will end up.”

The Buffalo River Watershed Alliance and Audubon recently did a campaign that resulted in more than 1,500 cards and letters protesting the C&H facility being sent to Cargill,



which is contracted to purchase the hogs from C&H.

In a letter to Audubon, Mike Martin, director of communications for Cargill, said they are in agreement that nobody wants to see the Buffalo River adversely impacted from any sources, including those that have apparently been impacting it for years.

“We believe agriculture and other uses, especially recreation, can continue to successfully coexist in this area,” Martin wrote. “The owners of C&H share that desire and do not want to see the river adversely impacted from any source. They have lived in the area their entire lives, they swim in Big Creek and their children attend the local school in

Mt. Judea.

“While C&H meets, or exceeds, all state and federal requirements, including environmental safeguards well beyond regulation requirements, we, the farm’s owners and others are exploring additional measures that could potentially further enhance those safeguards already in place. We continue to evaluate options. We will take your comments, and those of your members, into consideration as we continue our ongoing assessment of the situation.”

Wellford said the fact that Cargill asked to meet with members of the alliance shows they are taking protests seriously, “But it is clear that we need to continue to keep pressure on them.”

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

(Mrs. Knowles takes the opportunity to interrupt her daughter-in-law's sewing with a little chat.)

“The point is,” she went on, apparently having nerved herself to complete candor, “and there’s no use denying it – that our family represents a certain standard, a prestige, in this town. Don’t misunderstand me, my dear. I mention it in a spirit of humility, not in pride. It is

a responsibility, an obligation laid upon us. We stand for stability, right thinking, religious and social consciousness, even – in a modest way – for culture, in *Sycamore*. The town looks to us for direction. We’re expected to set an example, even in matters that must seem trivial to you. So you see –” She leaned forward, projecting her smile, and Jane caught an intimate hint of the dry, slightly acrid perfume that always hung about her. “You see, as a member of the family, you too are under a bond to keep the standard high. You will be imitated. You seem to have become a model for Tracy, already. And there’ll be others. Even poor creatures from over on South Mountain, believe it or not. You’ve really let yourself in for something, you see!”

Jane fidgeted, feeling hot and restless and intensely embarrassed. She flung the heavy linen off her legs, thinking that she couldn’t endure this sensation of smothering for another instant. “You’re scaring the wits out of me,” she said breathlessly. “I’m sure I’m not up to it. Walter should have warned me.”

Mrs. Knowles put up a protesting hand. “Men are mere children,” she said

with tender scorn. “They have no social sense. But there’s nothing to be frightened of. Only remember at all times that you are Mrs. Walter Knowles, and conduct yourself accordingly...” She paused, her glance dwelling on Jane’s supine body as if she were taking inventory of it. “That type of dress,” she said brightly, giving the impression that the idea had just that moment occurred to her. “Very smart, my dear – I’m sure it is correct for Long Island. But here – well, not *quite* in the right key –? And smoking in public, in the stores, the square – I *wonder* a little about that –”

It had been cast in the mold of suggestion and speculation, but Jane knew that she had been given a command with a rebuke pinned to it. She was disturbed even more by an intimation of unrest beneath the calm outwardness of her mother-in-law. Something stirred chaotically far below the still surface of her – something tumultuous and violent and (Jane felt) hostile to herself, though whether it had been manifest in the tightening of a facial tendon, the gleam of the eyes, or merely an off-key pitch to the quiet voice, she could not guess. It was, in

any case, a thing beyond her reckoning, too elusive to be captured and evaluated.

She picked up the drapery, folded it neatly with square corners, and slid her legs off the chair. “Yes,” she said. “I understand. Thank you for telling me. I’ll go up and change now.”

Mrs. Knowles rose and put a light hand on her arm. “Don’t take it amiss,” she said, her voice resolutely friendly. “After all, everything is up to us women. We run the show – make no mistake about that. That is why I felt I should point these things out to you. Some day” – she uttered her small, dry laugh – “you will step into my shoes.”

Jane looked at her for a second, then bowed her head and passed into the house. Step into her shoes? President of the Woman’s Club, the Music Club, the Baptist ladies –? Christ. But perhaps that wasn’t what she meant. Jane had begun to discover that these dialogues, which Agnes Knowles erected so skillfully from her mental blueprints, often housed motives and ideas that could not be seen from the outside.

End of Chapter Six

NOTES from the HOLLOW by Steve Weems

The Eureka Springs High School Alumni Association is the oldest high school alumni association in the State of Arkansas. It held its 124th annual banquet and meeting at the Inn of the Ozarks Convention Center over the weekend.

Celebrating their 50th anniversary, the class of 1964 had the most members present at the banquet. Nancy Clark,

the 1964 senior class sponsor, and Alice Barker, the 1964 class “room mother” for grades one through twelve, also attended. This year’s association president, Mary McCall-Weems was in the class of 1964 and she and others of the class presented much of the night’s program.

Randy Wolfenbarger (Class of 1973) welcomed the newly graduated

Class of 2014 as members of the Eureka Springs Alumni Association and admonished them to not forget from where they come. Randy’s son Langley Wolfenbarger (Class of 2014) responded by accepting the invitation on behalf of the graduating class. A slideshow of the members of the class of 2014 was shown while the class song, *Freebird*, played.

Genes Bland (Class of 1964) presented the Alumnus of the Year Award to Jeff Reynerson (Class of 1974), an attorney in Springdale, for his years of service to the association, the Eureka Springs schools and the Northwest Arkansas community.

Allen Huffman (Class of 2003) presented Pauline Crawford (Class of 2014) with this year’s Alumni Scholarship.

Ben Rivett (Class of 1964) called the roll of the members present. The two oldest members at this year’s banquet were Tommy Crews and Mary Janice Thomas-Morris, both of the Class of 1942.

Genes Bland (Class of 1964) read



the names of alumni who had died in the previous year.

Bobby Dale Thurman (Class of 1964) asked trivia questions and handed out door prizes. It was determined that the Crews family was the family with the most alumni members present at the banquet.

Association Treasurer Tammy Sherman-Bullock (Class of 1991) presented the financial report and Association Secretary Gayla Goff-Wolfenbarger (Class of 1981) read the minutes of the 2013 meeting.

Eureka Springs School District Superintendent David Kellogg was thanked for attending the banquet, and the crowd sang the Alma Mater.

Meditation skills class June 4

A basic skills course for anyone new to meditation, has not been able to maintain a regular practice, or wants some refresher tips will be held Wednesday, June 4, 6:30 – 8 p.m. at the UU Church building, 17 Elk.

Learn ways to support regular meditation and how to work with an incessant stream of thoughts. Several forms of guided meditation will be practiced throughout the class. For more information, contact

Sandy Pope (479) 253-6181 or sandypope3@gmail.com.

Weekly meditation practice

All are invited to join a group meeting every Tuesday from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. for meditation (25 minutes), tea and audio/video/online teachings from leading spiritual teachers at 17 Elk Street (UU Church building). For more information phone Sandy Pope (479) 253-6181 or email sandypope3@gmail.com.

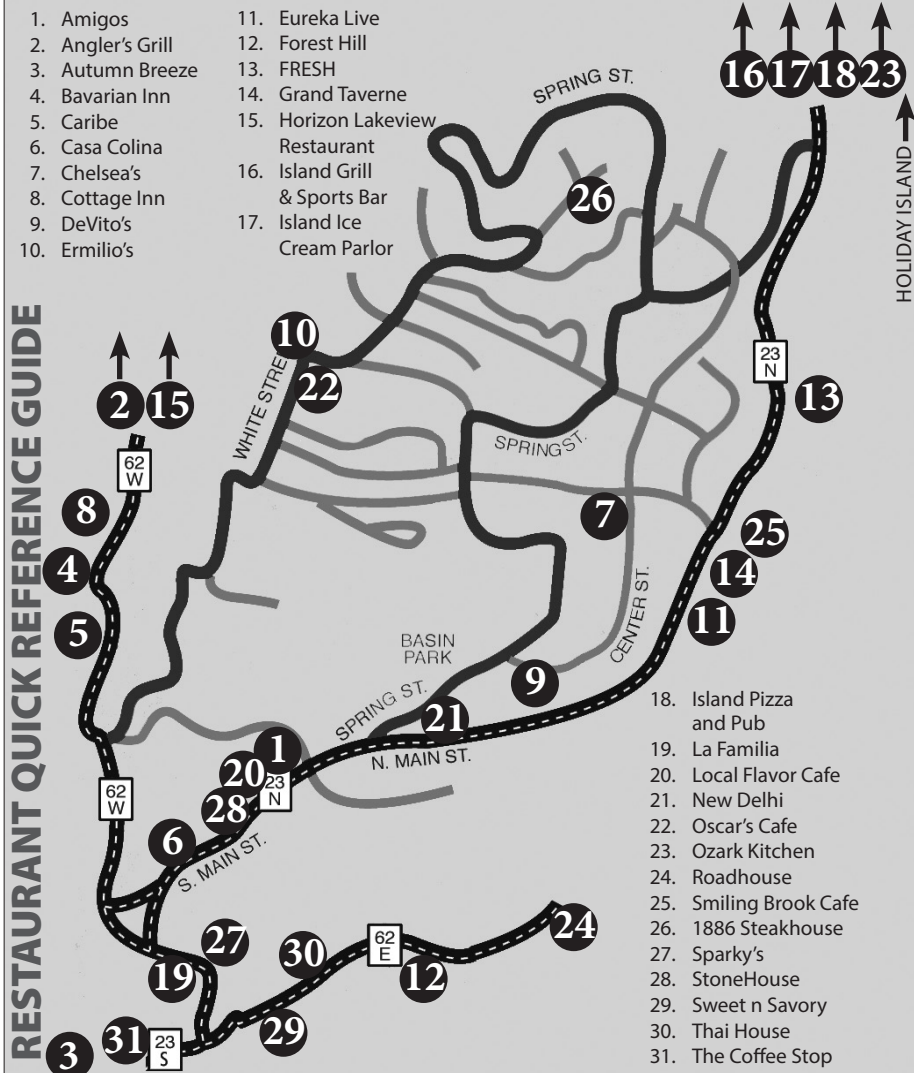
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Gemini – A Line of Light Beams

We're halfway through 2014 which always occurs in Gemini, sign of duality and the two brothers, Castor and Pollux, (one dimming, one growing in light – signifying personality and Soul lights). Each of the twelve signs provides humanity with a distinctly different light (message), revealing twelve personality-Soul interactions.

Gemini, a line of light beams, has the task of illuminating dualities, which produces tension that produces conflict that seeks harmony. The conflict (purposeful) is from Mercury, Star of Conflict. Venus

then steps in harmonizing the conflict. Duality in our world is everywhere – light/dark, up/down, day/night, male/female, right/wrong, etc. It is purposeful revealing the ultimate duality of Spirit (Father) and matter (Mother). Gemini provides us with the conscious awareness (light) of that relationship. Gemini's activities and communication personify duality leading to conflict. It's their task. Gemini's mutable air produces constant change, movement, fluctuations, unrest, instability, new experiences within relationships. This explains further Gemini

personality-building keynote – “*Let instability do its work.*” Unrest, duality, instability have purpose. When we perceive duality (two realities) we are able to make choices. When in a constant state of unrest, we seek harmony. During Gemini we see changes, mutations, adjustments. Everything's fluid. Gemini, with Mercury, builds the Antakarana (Sanskrit), Rainbow Bridge of Light from the personality to the Soul. A great work occurs in Gemini. We are all the two brothers during Gemini. It's in Gemini when we first begin to choose.

ARIES: Whatever you value - physical, emotional, mental, spiritual –begin envisioning them into manifestation. The last months have been about planning. Now, till June 7th, begin to envision their appearance, negotiating and cooperating with others. As you define your plans and goals, you also define values. It's good for everyone to know where you stand. Business activities are important. Life seems more elaborate. Elaborate more.

TAURUS: In the shower, around water, while driving, talking or walking, waterfall of thought flows into your mind to be instantly forgotten. They're not lost, however. They're embedding themselves into your imagination for later use. Others see you as constantly changing while standing still. You're doing deep inner work not seen by many. New projects are impressed upon your mind for humanity's welfare. Few understand.

GEMINI: As more self-awareness unfolds there's less ability adapting to previous ideas and ways of being. Gradually you form new alliances and realities influenced by the new Aquarian Laws and Principles. You move here and there between old and new 'til the more inclusive Aquarian principles anchor. Tend to the earth (Ray 3) and her kingdoms all around you. It's your spiritual Venusian task helping in your new becoming.

CANCER: If you observe carefully you discover your mind restructuring itself, gaining new dimensions, creating new understandings of self and others.

What you feared before is replaced with preparation for times to come. You're aware of the changes accelerating daily in the world. No longer in resistance you now cooperate with those changes. Spirit comes into matter (mater, mother) through you and your garden.

LEO: As the past continues

to be present consider it a gift allowing you to remember, forgive and release many behaviors, in retrospect, you may not be happy with. Here's a way to redo and correct the past, bringing love to all interactions. When an event/interaction is remembered, redo it by re-visualizing what should have occurred. Healing in your heart then occurs, forgiveness, too and the past is over.

VIRGO: First read Leo for healing and release from past wounds. All becomes forgiven. Consider all relationships, asking yourself how they've changed in the past seven years. In what ways did you create that change and in what ways have you changed through these encounters? A new internal seven-year cycle (of change) begins. You will be different than before. Standing on a higher level of the spiral of life.

LIBRA: Family affects you profoundly. Very deep changes within the family occurred throughout your life. You made choices years ago that affected

relations with family. Are those choices still in effect? Who is your family now? You reflect upon these thoughts both as a child within a family and as an adult creating your own family. What resources from childhood do you bring to your adulthood? Has gratitude found you yet?

SCORPIO: The past month's planets have brought a focus to self-esteem, childhood issues, communication, religion and their nurturing effect. What thoughts came forth, what wounds surfaced, what dissolved, what became larger than life, and how did these affect you? The past

weeks have been difficult, altering your life in some way. Now there will be a drive toward new relationships. Do not be irritable, angry or pushy. Be constant, kind and patient. Like Taurus, your sustaining shadow self.

SAGITTARIUS: If I write about giving, what do you immediately think about? I will write about giving because it's the most powerful of all actions creating a magnetic force field directing us toward others and directly into our future. When giving to others in small ways and large, a great love encompasses us. Alchemy happens actually. We become free, liberated. When we give we are then given to. It takes a great and courageous spirit to do this. Quite like your spirit, hiding.

CAPRICORN: The ways you've handled money and resources has been good. However, a change now occurring in the use of money and resources will make you more aware of monetary inflow and outflow so you can better save and prepare for the future, adjust to coming times in ecological, innovative, informed and sustained ways. This is what “permaculture” means as it defines and organizes natural systems. What would it mean to be a “permaculture family system?”

AQUARIUS: Scorpio's questions are also for you. They define past weeks and coming times that will bring forth transformations. Ask yourself – what is wounding you, what feels vulnerable, what issues are you concerned with, what in your life needs care, tending and healing, what's almost too much to handle and what's dissolving? Know that many in your life stand with you. Answering these questions, pondering them, clarifies your present life. We love you.

PISCES: A life event will be occurring that bridges the past with the present/future creating within you a new self-identity and a new and better way to care for self while helping and serving others. You continue to need extra care, rest and tending amidst solitude. A wound slowly heals; something is taken away so that a new, greater, larger, more loving Presence comes forth. Mantrams are a sustaining solace. Here is one to recite – “The joy of the Divine Self is my strength. At the center of all Love I stand.”



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Ozark Mountain Taproom celebrates Arkansas brew

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Opened in mid-April, the Ozark Mountain Taproom celebrates the art of brewing by serving only Arkansas made craft beers. The intimate pub surrounds visitors with the work of Eureka Springs' artists and provides 4 oz. or 16 oz. tap pours of 12 different specialty beers. Taps rotate periodically and feature seasonal beers from a variety of local breweries.

"There has been huge growth in micro and nano breweries throughout Arkansas recently, especially

here in the Northwest portion of the state. We saw an opportunity to cater to craft beer lovers of since most bars and restaurants in the area either don't offer any or have very limited selections," said Taproom co-owner Michelle Ogden. "Many of these brewers are less than five years old, so beer aficionados are sure to find something new and unique when they visit us. We anticipate continued growth of craft beer makers in Arkansas, so we are optimistic about increasing demand for our products," added Ogden.

Although the Taproom doesn't have a kitchen, patrons have the option to order from menus of five nearby restaurants that will deliver right to your table.

The Taproom is open daily next to Booze Brothers Liquor at 140 E. Van Buren on US 62. Hours are 1 – 9:30 p.m. Monday – Thursday, 1 – 10:30 p.m. Friday – Saturday, and 2 – 9 p.m. on Sunday. For details and what's on tap today, visit Ozark Mountain Taproom on Facebook or see www.ozarkmountaintaproom.com. (479) 244-6922



Honorable stoles – Teacher Jake Allen (left) presented the yellow National Honor Society stoles to the following seniors to wear at graduation: from left Jake McClung, Grace Windle, Miranda Hudson, Manon Gros, Hunter Dickelman and Mara Adams.

PHOTO BY GWEN ETHEREDGE

Winemaking classes begin June 2

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

Cost of wine making kits and juice is not included. Varietal wine juice kits range from \$60 to \$175.95, and each batch yields approximately 30 bottles. Catalog of wine kits available on request.

The Wine Making Class is \$50 plus tax for one or two people making the same batch. Private classes also 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.

Jack's Place gets the blues with Blew Reed & the Flatheads

If you like smokin' blues with a side of spicy hot harmonica, look no further. Formed in 2010 and based out of Rogers, Blew Reed & the Flatheads is

a rockin' blues band that has played at many of our local establishments and are asked to return every time. Blew Reed is a soulful vocalist and so skilled

at the Mississippi Sax (harmonica) that it must be his native language. Ken Cover provides the blues guitar that drives the sound, and back-up vocals.

Bass guitarist is Black Jack Johnny Ray and the drummer is Lee "The Hammer" Christenson. With a heavy blues guitar, the harmonica and Reed's strong vocals, this magical combination of musicians creates a sweet sound that reminds us why the blues get a whole weekend in June. Hear them at Jack's Place on Friday and Saturday, 9 p.m.

THURSDAY – MAY 29

- **BALCONY RESTAURANT**
Maureen Alexander, 5 p.m.
- **BLARNEY STONE** *Jam*
Session-local live music, 7 p.m.
- **GRAND TAVERNE** *Jerry Yester*
Grand Piano Dinner Music, 6:30–9:30 p.m.
- **JACK'S PLACE** *Karaoke with DJ Goose*, 8 p.m.

FRIDAY – MAY 30

- **BALCONY RESTAURANT**
Hogscalders, 12 p.m. & 6 p.m.
- **BLARNEY STONE** *Dayton*
Waters, 8:30 p.m.
- **CATHOUSE LOUNGE** *Reeves*
Brothers, 8 p.m. – midnight
- **EUREKA LIVE!** *DJ D.*
Underground & Dancing
- **GRAND TAVERNE** *Arkansas Red*
Guitar, 6:30–9:30 p.m.
- **JACK'S PLACE** *Blew Reed & the Flatheads*, 9 p.m.
- **LEGENDS SALOON** *Live Music*
TBA – Bike night with prizes, 8 p.m.
- **NEW DELHI** *BellaDonna*, 6–10 p.m.
- **ROWDY BEAVER** *Two Dog*
Two Karaoke, 7 p.m.
- **ROWDY BEAVER DEN** *Isayah's*
All Stars, 9 p.m.
- **SMILING BROOK CAFÉ** *Vinny*
Ray, Jazz Violin, 6–9 p.m. *BYOB*
- **THE STONE HOUSE** *Jerry Yester*, 6:30–9:30 p.m.

SATURDAY – MAY 31

- **BALCONY RESTAURANT**
Maureen Alexander, 12 p.m., *James White*, 6 p.m.
- **BLARNEY STONE** *Hellbenders*, 8:30 p.m.
- **CATHOUSE LOUNGE** *Reeves*
Brothers, 8 p.m. – midnight
- **CHELSEA'S** *Magic Mule*, 3 p.m., *CENTERFUZE*, 9 p.m.
- **EUREKA LIVE!** *DJ D.*
Underground & Dancing
- **GRAND TAVERNE** *Jerry Yester*
Grand Piano Dinner Music, 6:30–9:30 p.m.
- **JACK'S PLACE** *Blew Reed & the Flatheads*, 9 p.m.
- **LEGENDS SALOON** *JAB the*

band, 9 p.m.

- **NEW DELHI** *The Medicine*
Man Show, 6–10 p.m.
- **ROWDY BEAVER** *Ride Shy*, 7:30 p.m.
- **ROWDY BEAVER DEN** *Cooter & friends*, 1–5 p.m., *The Larry*, 9 p.m. – 1 a.m.
- **SMILING BROOK CAFÉ** *Becky*
Jean & the Candy Man, 5–9 p.m. *BYOB*

SUNDAY – JUNE 1

- **BALCONY RESTAURANT**
James White, 12 p.m., *Catherine Reed*, 5 p.m.
- **CHELSEA'S** *Brian Martin*, 7:30 p.m.
- **EUREKA LIVE!** *DJ, Dancing & Karaoke*, 7–11 p.m.
- **LEGENDS SALOON** *Free Texas*
Hold 'Em Tournament with prizes, 6 p.m.
- **ROWDY BEAVER DEN** *Lindsay*
with Issues, 1–5 p.m.

MONDAY – JUNE 2

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

TUESDAY – JUNE 3

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

WEDNESDAY – JUNE 4

- **BLARNEY STONE** *Game night*
- **CHELSEA'S** *Josh Jennings*, 9 p.m.
- **EUREKA LIVE!** *VIP Wednesday*
- **NEW DELHI CAFÉ** *Open Jam*
- **PIED PIPER CATHOUSE LOUNGE**



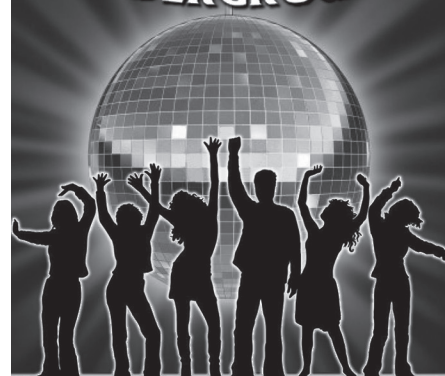
Blew's blues – Blew Reed and the Flatheads play their brand of blues at Jack's Place on Friday and Saturday at 9 p.m.

Wheat Wednesday *Draft Beer Specials*
• **ROWDY BEAVER** *Wine*
Wednesday

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Poison hemlock – “I know that I know nothing.”

Drive along any field-flanked highway in Carroll County for the next two weeks, and notice the wall of vegetation created by a tall, gangly plant of no particular beauty. Festooned in tiny-white flowers on flat-topped clusters, this annual weed stretches from six to ten ft. tall. The stems are smooth and purple-spotted or streaked, particularly at the stem base, holding fern-like leaves. Crushed leaves smell as if they ought to be poisonous. This is poison hemlock *Conium maculatum*, a carrot family member (Umbelliferae). If mistaken for wild carrot (*Daucus carota*), the results can be fatal. Take note: wild carrot has hairy stems; poison hemlock has smooth stems. Both are European weeds.

All plant parts contain highly variable amounts of toxic alkaloids, especially coniine, which is slowly lost from the plant upon drying. Death from poison hemlock is variously described as tranquil to violently delirious in action.

The name *Conium* derives from the Greek *konos* or “cone top” referring to the hats worn by Sufi whirling dervishes, describing the plant’s effects. Soon after ingesting the juice of the green plant dizziness with a spinning sensation foretells impending death. Ingested purposefully or by accident, the

victim will not be able to stand-up or sit. One must lie down. The victim who remains alert and conscious ‘til the end has 30 minutes before lungs and heart cease to function.

In ancient Athens, poison hemlock, given in sufficient quantities, caused certain and almost immediate death (within an hour). It was the mode of execution by the tribunal of Areopagus, famously administered to the philosopher Socrates, 470-399 B.C.E. whose crime of not believing in the city’s gods, and expressing that to others, earned him a death sentence.

Before Oklahoma executioners (that would be the judiciary, legislature and governor acting in secret proceedings) get too excited about the potential of poison hemlock, they should be aware that the acceptance of *Conium maculatum* as the poison that killed Socrates, only dates to the mid-1750s. Earlier writers suggested it may have been another poisonous plant or a mixture of several poisonous plants. All deaths ascribed to poison hemlock have not been as peaceful as Plato’s description of Socrates’s serene death. “I know that I know nothing,” said Socrates. How about you elected official executioners?



How fast is it? – This Mustang fastback sports a custom yellow and gold paint job. A good crowd enjoyed the Pony cars also on parade downtown on May 24.

Rare pony – Scott Van Hoose, owner of this rare and expensive Saleen Mustang, lives in Joplin and endured the infamous tornado there without a scratch. Unfortunately, the Mustang was heavily damaged and it took him a year to repair the car. He’s shown here with the photo book he made showing all the tornado damage and the car repair process.

Roadster in red – The Mustang Show managed to find a place in the stable for non-Mustang Fords. This old Ford Roadster has been modified for drag racing.

PHOTOS BY ERIC STUDER



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

I've been married almost a year. I'm embarrassed to admit that our marriage is still not consummated. My upbringing was strict and religious and I was a virgin when we married. Penetration for intercourse is completely impossible. I'm really scared, what's wrong with me?

Due to shame, embarrassment and lack of medical knowledge, many women suffer for decades with this problem in silence. Your courage is commendable.

You've described the medical condition, vaginismus, in which any attempt at penetration is excruciatingly painful or impossible. While it's not uncommon, consultation with medical professionals will likely leave you feeling like a freak! Ob-Gyn's are well trained in women's health and reproduction but not necessarily in sexual function. Regardless, consult with your physician first to rule out any other underlying conditions.

Vaginismus refers to the *involuntary* contraction of the pelvic floor muscles surrounding the vagina, making penetration impossible. Key word: Involuntary! While the

involuntary contraction is thought to be anxiety-induced, it is not mentally controllable. The muscles contract despite the woman's interest in intercourse or her level of sexual arousal.

Suspected contributors to this condition include rigid family systems, fear-based perceptions of sex and adverse sexual experiences ranging from rape to unsympathetic gynecological exams. If sexual trauma occurred, counseling is a must. Many women, however, report none of these contributors.

The Good News: Prognosis is excellent! Treatment is close to 100 percent successful.

There are three points to keep in mind through your healing journey. First, it's not "all in your head." It's an involuntary muscle contraction, not a brain contraction!

Second, it's not about size. You're not too small for penetration. The vagina is a *potential* space consisting of many soft folds of tissue that expand open and return closed, much like an accordion. The surrounding musculature works in the same way. It is this *potential* space that allows for childbirth.

Third, treating vaginismus is simply fundamental physical therapy. It consists of using graduated dilators – in the privacy of your own home – to recondition the pelvic floor muscles. Treatment can take from one to six months. Remember, anxiety is a key contributor so *patience* and *compassion for self* are imperative.

Visit vaginismus.com for quality treatment products and resources.

It's your body. Own it with love, allow it to love and be loved.

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.*



Young writers – A group of 20 students in grades 9-12 from Aurora High School in Missouri visited the Writers' Colony at Dairy Hollow to share their writing and community service projects and get feedback from area writers and editors. Teachers Kim McCully-Mobley, far left, and Brad Boettler, far right, accompanied the group. Eureka Springs writer Harrie Farrow, second from left, and Colony resident writers Sheri Bancroft, third from left, and Jen Nipps, kneeling in front, took part in the feedback sessions along with Colony director Linda Caldwell (not pictured). **PHOTO SUBMITTED**



New homeowner – We forgot to congratulate Ann Armstrong on becoming a new homeowner during the White St. Walk. Here she is with her new home by Chris Fischer. **PHOTO BY BECKY GILLETTE**

Fat tire flight – Sixteen big-tire bush aircraft, mostly Super Cubs, arrived at Silver Wings Field (off Onyx Cave Road) May 23, flown by a group of pilots who enjoy going to out-of-the-way airports. The Super Cub easily handles impossibly short landing areas and is a natural for rough fields. They choose Silver Wings because of its great grass runway and plan to come back and promote the airport and Aviation Cadet World to other similar groups. **PHOTO SUBMITTED**





Congrats and good luck – Eureka Springs High School graduates were addressed by principal Kathy Lavender for the final time on May 23. The new grads are now on their way to job interviews, college and whatever the future holds as they leave the familiar halls for the big world.

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DEPARTURE

Juanita (aka) Sue Kovacs

Feb. 12, 1946 – May 22, 2014

Juanita (aka) Sue Kovacs Eureka Springs was born February 12, 1946 in Toledo, Ohio, a daughter of Donald and Wilma (Boehner) Cline. She departed this life May 22, in Rogers, Arkansas, at age 68.

She worked as a United States Postal worker. She was a member of the Holy Family Church in Cassville, Mo., and loved spending time with family and crocheting.

On October 24, 1963, she was united in marriage with Julius Kovacs who survives her of the home. She is also survived by five children, Sherry Detray of Michigan; Sandy Greenwood and husband, Mark, of Anthworp, Ohio; Julius Kovacs, Jr., and wife, Denise, of Toledo, Ohio; Barbara Ann Newberry and husband, Daniel, of Swanton, Ohio; and Kelly Kovacs Evans and husband, Carl, of Eureka Springs, Ark.; one brother, Donald Cline and wife, Dianne, of Toledo, Ohio; nine grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and a host of other family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one brother, Gene Smith.

Funeral service will be held on Saturday morning, May 30 at in Maumee, Ohio, under the direction of Maison-Dardenne Funeral Home. Interment will follow the service in St. Joseph Church Cemetery in Maumee, Ohio. Online condolences may be sent to the family at nelsonfuneral.com. © Nelson Funeral Service, Inc. 2014

DROPPING A Line

by Robert Johnson

Saturday, May 24 was a good day for Bob and Christy Krout catching hybrids on Beaver Lake, but daughter, Emma, had a better day bringing in this 20 lb. striper. Sorry about the thumb in picture.

Well, I hope everybody had a good weekend. Water temp is up to 76° now and warming up fast. We are catching stripers still under the surface and down to 30 ft. deep. All these fish were caught on live shad, but had a buddy catch a couple on big shiners, too.

Stripers have been caught this week from the dam to Hwy. 12 bridge, nice to have them back on our neck of the woods. Throwing a top water bait can still work early and late in the day but when the sun's up high you need to go deeper. Look for them off the flats, points and river bends in water 20 to 60 ft. deep.

Here at Holiday Island, crappie and spotted bass are mostly what we're catching now near the shoreline brush. Also a lot of bluegill are now moving into the shoreline. Worms and small minnows should both catch you some fish. Trolling and throwing shallow crank baits will catch you some fish, too.

Go deeper for the walleye. I have been



hearing good reports on a lot of good trout being caught up the Beaver tailwaters. If fishing off the bank, you can't beat a worm with a little power bait on with it. The power bait helps the worm float off the bottom. Miniature marshmallows will also do this and the trout seem to like them. Just put some in a sandwich bag and eat the rest. I like to use a sliding sinker so the trout can't feel the weight when he picks up the bait.

Well, that's it for this week, believe summer is coming early again so take a kid fishing or let them enjoy the warmer water with a swim. It's all about good memories.

FARMERS' MARKET continued from page 7

just take my time and do what I can. Farming won't make you rich, but the reward is you know where your food is coming from. I love when I just go out the yard and pick my food,

and that reminds me of my childhood when we would just go out and pick the fruit we wanted, or having cousins over and gathering around a bonfire at night roasting corn and sweet potatoes, sharing stories and just having fun."

COPS continued from page 12

tripping the alarm.

1:03 p.m. – Observer reported a vehicle southbound on Hwy. 23 South was in the northbound lane as much as the southbound lane, and it almost ran off the road a couple of times. Constables did not make contact with the vehicle.

7:20 p.m. – An unsupervised, unfettered dog was traveling east on US 62. Animal Control was notified.

MAY 24

3:30 p.m. – Customer stole a knife from a shop. Constables were unable to find the suspect.

5:00 p.m. – Constable approached an individual who was acting suspiciously and arrested him for possession of a controlled substance.

MAY 25

12:21 a.m. – Camper at a campground told ESPD a man who had offered her beer, marijuana and liquor the night before had come into her tent and touched her inappropriately. Constable took her information.

9:58 a.m. – Innkeeper needed assistance

removing an unruly guest, so a constable came to the rescue.

12:18 p.m. – Individual came to the station to report a stolen cell phone.

4:00 p.m. – Passerby told ESPD a scooter parked near Basin Park was meowing. Constable discovered the sound was coming from the bike's security system.

10:21 p.m. – Campers were playing their music loud enough to elicit complaints, but they turned the music down before the constable arrived.

11:11 p.m. – In a neighborhood just east of downtown, the constable on patrol arrested the individual with a banjo for public intoxication.

MAY 26

12:07 a.m. – Owner of a business downtown noticed someone had tried to pry open the door. Constable responded and witnessed the pry marks.

12:33 a.m. – Traffic stop resulted in the arrest of the driver for driving on a suspended license.

2:07 a.m. – In a neighborhood just north of downtown, constable had to ask for the music to be turned down.

Healing School May 31

There will be a Healing School, Saturday, May 31, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. at El Shaddai Chapel, 4501 Quail Court, Harrison (three miles down Bellefonte Road). Instructors are Wayne and Sandy Warmack of Greater Works Ministries, State Directors for John G. Lake Ministries.

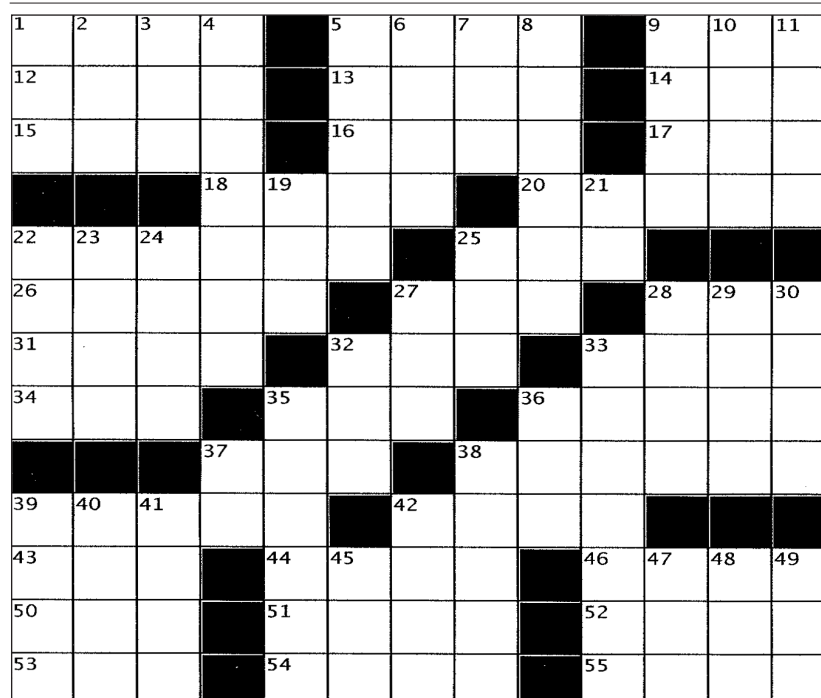
The event is hosted by Jim and Charlene Phillips. Love offerings will be received and snacks will be served. Registration is appreciated by calling (479) 381-5235 or (870) 365-0004.



INDEPENDENT Crossword

by Bill Westerman

Solution on page 27



ACROSS

1. Norway capital
5. Egyptian deity
9. London potty
12. Atop
13. Sea eagle
14. Resistance measure
15. Shooter marbles
16. Newborn foxes
17. Repose
18. Hula ____
20. Eagle's claw
22. Assert under oath
25. Not her
26. Idolize
27. Australian parrot
28. Take by force
31. Hawaiian goose
32. Honey
33. Leavened rum cake
34. Printers' measures
35. Galoot
36. Archie Bunker or George Jefferson
37. Stir

38. Shake

39. Traveler lodging
42. Clothes
43. Kimono sash
44. Word before ring or swing
46. Dangle
50. Knight's title
51. Square footage
52. S-shaped molding
53. Tiger's ball holder
54. Headland
55. Carry

DOWN

1. Three strikes
2. Mineral spring resort
3. First gear
4. Off the boat
5. Black tea
6. Stumble
7. Earth mover
8. Goddess of the hearth
9. Relax
10. Where Lima is
11. Portent

19. Single
21. Exist
22. Copenhagen citizen
23. Paradise
24. Bridge (*Lat.*)
25. Goddess of the dead
27. Euphoria
28. Sturdy wool fiber
29. Ancient Greek coin
30. Moderate
32. Greatest qty.
33. V.I.P.
35. T. Boone Pickens
36. Torso
37. Yours truly
38. Disciple Iscariot
39. Party giver
40. Off-Broadway award
41. Weary
42. Accomplishes
45. Raw mineral
47. In the past
48. Tennis court divider
49. "____ whiz!"

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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

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2 HOUSEHOLDS moving/downsizing are merging into one sale at 94 Houseman Access Rd, Busch (CR 214) at 8 am... Rain or Shine! Sales will be Fri-Sat, May 30-31, and June 6-7. There will be new merchandise each weekend, so be sure to attend both. No telling what you’ll find... priced to sell. Antiques, collectibles, Julie Traxler chair, furniture, and so much more.

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For the second year, this event will be hosted at the Fountain Garden

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been more loving and kind. They had at least three clerks to assist lesbians and gays getting licenses to do what heterosexuals have been doing for ages.
I do not believe any Carroll County clerk who refuses to do her job should continue in that job. Those who are prejudiced against lesbians and gays should not work in the public sector.
These bigots' "religious beliefs" violate our religious beliefs: that all people should be treated equally with compassion and respect. Are Ms. Correia and her assistant paid to discriminate?
Carroll County missed a great opportunity to show the world that beautiful Eureka Springs is, indeed, a beautiful, open-minded, loving and accepting town where all tourists are welcomed and treated well. I thought we needed more tourist dollars and marriages.
One county clerk took it upon herself -- without proper guidance from her elected "boss" -- to produce an ugly and hate-filled atmosphere that affected citizens and taxpayers whom she dislikes. As much as this angers me, I would not do the same thing to her.
T.A. Laughlin
High price of mismanagement
Editor,
While we wait to hear from the APSC commissioners on the transmission line to Kings River, the words of Tom Aley, STO Karst Expert Witness, in his surrebuttal testimony are on my mind today:
Q: "Mr. Johnson in his rebuttal testimony states: 'SWEPCO performs field investigation of probable karst locations during the design phase and avoids karsts in spotting structures.' Do you agree with this statement, and why or why not?"
A. "No. Mr. Johnson clearly does not even understand what karst is."
Brian Johnson is an electrical engineer. His training and experience do not compare with Tom Aley's nearly 50 years of hands-on karst studies, an expert hydrogeologist

licensed in Arkansas and Missouri.
So what happens to corporations building pipelines and transmission lines in a rush to occupy the landscape, taking high risks with the public health, welfare, and quality of life of traversed communities? Rush the project, get support of public officials, hide plans from the community, ignore known risks, pretend all will go well, ignore comments of the community and get approval from government agencies at the last minute. If something goes wrong, claim it was an accident and let corporate lawyers deal with the consequences.
How do we stop the transmission line to the Kings River?
1. Save the Ozarks plans to continue their legal defense; support their efforts any way you can.
2. The AEP Board of Directors is on notice of the liability of building a line to the Kings River. APSC approval is only about eminent domain. The testimony provided by Tom Aley and the many public comments give AEP no plausible deniability.
3. It is never too late for Arkansas representatives to take a public stand and show they care for the community that elected them.
Dr. Luis Contreras
Fire, EMS personnel get tip of the hat
Editor,
On behalf of Inspiration Point Fire EMS, firefighters and traffic controllers, and Western Carroll County Ambulance District (WCCAD), I acknowledge Pastor Charles Reed and the First Assembly of God in Eureka Springs. On Saturday, May 24, this church displayed an extraordinary effort in providing a splendid luncheon to recognize effort and devotion to duty of Western Carroll County EMS and fire service personnel. The recognition by Pastor Reed and his congregation is very much appreciated.
Jim Simmons, Chairman IPFD and WCCAD Commissioner

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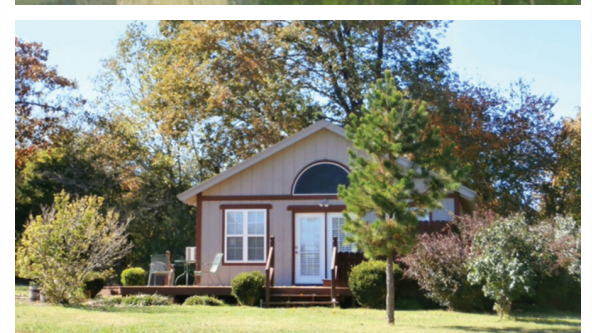
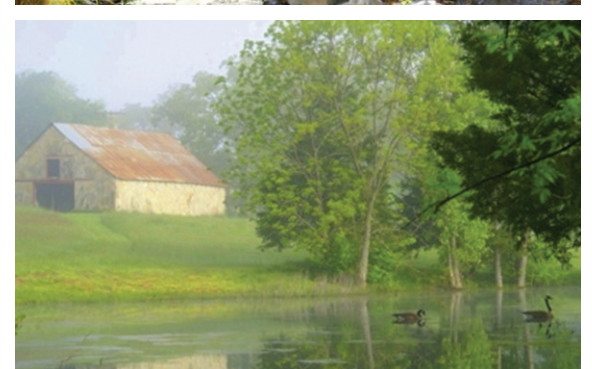
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