B100 - raze or raise?

NICKY BOYETTE

At its May 20 meeting, the Historic District Commission heard a detailed presentation from Realtor Diane Murphy and School Supt. David Kellogg regarding possible demolition of one building on the vacant old high school property. They also learned of an alternative plan that might include renovating all three buildings on the property.

Kellogg told the commission an ad hoc committee chaired by Murphy has been meeting every Friday morning for more than two years to consider options for what could be done with the property. Kellogg said upkeep, insurance and utilities for the empty property has cost the school district \$30,000 per year so far.

Murphy said the committee held a series of public meetings early in the process to see what the community wanted, and the number one response without doubt was a community center. How to accomplish that vision was the subject of their two-year study.

She also said the committee was aware the property is in the historic district and plans would need to abide by the historic district guidelines. They spoke with

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This Week's INDEPENDENT Thinker

Robert Lee had a mega-paying finance job with J.P. Morgan on Wall Street, but it seems his heart is bigger than his paycheck.

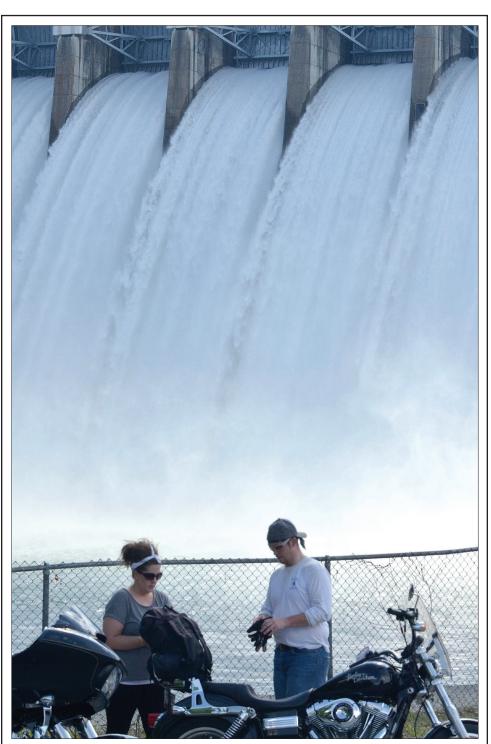
When Lee realized that one in seven people in this country, which wastes 40 percent of its food yet has the most overweight population in the world, goes to bed hungry, he did something about it.



Lee is the son of Korean immigrants who never wasted a bite of food. When he grew up he realized that just by rescuing wasted restaurant food and rehoming it to food banks and homeless shelters could do more good than tossing it out.

And now he doesn't work on Wall Street.

Check out rescuingleftovercuisine.org.



Not necessarily Niagara – This couple prepare to ride after photographing the floodgates at Beaver Dam May 25. With the floodgates open and the dam's two generators running, Beaver Lake is discharging about 15,000 cubic-feet-per-second into the White River and Table Rock Lake, according to U.S. Corps of Engineers spokesman Alan Bland. That rate of discharge about matches the rate of floodplain inflow into Beaver Lake, Bland said. When Beaver Lake levels begin to drop the floodgates will be closed. **Photo BY DAVID FRANK DEMPSEY**



Special audit cost \$25K

Carroll County Circuit Clerk Ramona Wilson received word last week that a final report has been filed concerning a special audit conducted last fall.

Wilson contacted the state's Legislative Joint Auditing Committee, and was told that the committee would take no further action on the special audit. That audit found some errors in procedures, but auditors noted that money was properly collected and disbursed.

State Sen. Bryan King represents part of Carroll County and served as chairman of the LJAC last year. He called for the special audit after several prominent Carroll County Republican politicians complained that the circuit clerk did not aggressively pursue unpaid fines and restitutions. After initially reporting King's allegations about problems with collections in Carroll County, statewide media noted that every county in the state has similar problems in collecting from people who may still be in prison, or who have no income to

In an interview in December, King said he had not seen an audit like this before, but hoped to see similar audits in other counties. King no longer serves on the committee, which began meeting again after the legislature adjourned at the end of April.

A story in the Jan. 21 edition of the Independent noted that King had built a statewide reputation for using his position to harass political opponents. That article also quoted a spokesman for the Department of Legislative Audit, who said the special audit

cost more than \$25,000.

The DLA conducts routine audits on all county offices annually. In 15 years, Wilson has a near-spotless record on the annual audits. The only negative finding in that time came when the bank began returning photocopies of cancelled checks, and their format did not meet state requirements.

Join UP for ribbon cutting

The community is invited to The UP Project's official Cash & Boardman Mural ribbon cutting Friday, May 29, 5:30 p.m., at the stairs at the Center and Spring Street crosswalk.

The UP Project emerged as a community within a community as artists, designers, volunteers and sponsors came together to turn boring cement stairs into a vibrant work of art. The drawings of students Kennedy Cash and Kyla Boardman were selected to transform the stairwell connecting N. Main and Center into a large-scale, stunning mural. Professional muralist Doug Myerscough merged Cash and Boardman's individual ideas into the final design.

Come enjoy the mural and an opportunity to meet some of the contributing artists and sponsors, including The Eureka Springs High School Art Club and teacher Jessica Cummings, project initiator Steve Yip Vorbeck, professional muralist Doug Myerscough and the amazing volunteers.



Parks seeks clarification on Basin Park permit

Parks Director Bruce mentioned to commissioners at the May 19 Parks meeting that a recent situation in Basin Park has given rise to the question of whether a permit for an event in Basin Park provides exclusive rights to the space, and what rights would the exclusivity convey.

Levine said the City Advertising and Promotion Commission (CAPC) holds five city-sponsored events in Basin Park. These events are usually well attended and the audience takes up most of the park, and there are vendors in the park at the same time selling memorabilia such as T-shirts and CDs related to these events.

However, Levine said it was his understanding that on Saturday, April 4, a group with a permit for a privatelysponsored Celebrate Jesus event in Basin Park wanted to exclude certain other groups from being in the park at the same time. If the CAPC has rights to the entire space for their event, what about other groups? Levine asked what the city's legal standing in this situation should be.

Chair Bill Featherstone said the question is to what degree can any entity have exclusive use of public space. He pointed out the goal is to protect the park, "but when you are selective to protect the park, it is a slippery slope." He said Parks needs a policy based on a legal opinion. He maintained other municipalities have tried to define this issue at great expense and with inconclusive results.

"It's hard to know where to draw the line," he said.

Commissioners agreed Levine would craft an inquiry for their perusal after which he would submit it to the Municipal

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League for an opinion.

Conway Spring

Levine said Conway Spring is a neglected spring along the east side of Armstrong St. just north of the Pied Piper Pub & Inn. He said the space between the street and a rock wall is narrow and overgrown. Topsoil has washed away, indicating a couple of trees will soon not have enough support. Some have already fallen onto private property.

Levine said Latigo Treuer, who lives nearby, and his sister, Fatima, will provide upkeep once the space is reclaimed. Levine said he approached the Preservation Society for \$1200 to fund reclamation of the space.

flowerbed with native plants and lowmaintenance ornamentals on either side of the spring, plus add two or three sentinel boulders just off the street to protect the site. Parks could also mount a plaque with history of the spring. He added that except for labor to reclaim the space, the project would not impact Parks' budget.

The commission voted to support Levine's plan.

Memorial bench

Levine said the Eureka Springs Soccer Club is fundraising for the purchase of a stone bench to be placed between the Lake Leatherwood soccer fields and a seasonal waterfall. The bench and an accompanying plaque will be in honor of Richard Bloch who recently passed away.

Commissioners voted to support the placement of the bench in the park.

Trail makers acknowledged

Featherstone thanked the volunteers, some of whom came from Fayetteville to help build the Spring Garden Trail and clean up trails in Lake Leatherwood City Park





HDC approves demolition

NICKY BOYETTE

Kathy Robbins represented her application to take down a house at 35 Benton at the Historic District Commission meeting May 20. She said she has renovated houses for 35 years, and she "tried to find something still stable in the house," but has applied for demolition.

Chair Dee Bright read an inspection report from Building Inspector Bobby Ray who stated the house was in "severely poor condition" and presented concerns for public safety. He said the foundation is separating in one place, shifting, the roof has collapsed in several areas which continue to cause floor damage, the siding is rotting, there is black mold inside and he encountered two copperheads inside during his inspection.

Ray recommended the house be approved for demolition due to safety issues and warned anyone entering the building to be very cautious.

Commissioner Virgil Fowler asked if a structural engineer had assessed the property and if Robbins had looked into what the cost of reconstruction would be. She said there had been no engineer's report, and to assess extent of damage to the house the roof would need to be removed.

Fowler then commented reconstruction, therefore, was just cost-prohibitive, not impossible.

Commissioner Steve Holifield mentioned the rock wall in the front of the property is historic. Commissioner Melissa Greene stated the commission has in the past insisted on walls being maintained while a house is demolished but the projects became unmanageable "disasters." Greene considered Robbins's plan was reasonable and rocks in the wall could be saved and reused.

Fowler acknowledged he was no expert in structural engineering, but insisted commissioners needed a cost estimate by an expert before they made a decision.

Commissioner Doug Breitling observed that based on Ray's photos and inspection report, there was no structure to restore. He called it "the worst case of demolition by neglect he had seen." He agreed condition of the structure was a terrible loss, but "the loss

occurred five or six years ago."

"It's not worth the cost of having someone come in and say it's not worth the cost," Breitling said.

Fowler still insisted the commission did not need to be hasty. "I propose we get statistics to know these are facts rather than assume."

Greene commented she might agree if there were any redeeming features left.

Vote on demolition of the house was 5-1, Fowler voting No.

Commissioners then discussed the fate of the rock wall in the front of the property. Robbins agreed to retain all the rocks and reuse them, but maintained the wall should come down so she could see what was left in order to design the new house.

Fowler stated, "If the wall is just an inconvenience, I say it stays." He remarked Robbins could use a map of the property to plan her house.

Greene again stated her support of Robbins's plan, and Bright said the HDC had already given permission to the property adjacent to Robbins' property to disassemble a rock wall and reuse the material.

Robbins agreed to return with a specific plan for new construction and how she will incorporate the rocks into the project.

Vote on disassembling the wall and reusing the rocks was 4-2. Fowler and Holifield voting No.

In other business, commissioners approved these applications:

- 12 Washington enclose corner on lower level
- 1 Magnetic new gazebo.

The commission approved these items on the Consent Agenda:

- 82 Armstrong new paint colors; asphalt shingles to cedar shakes
- 180 N. Main front step handrail for safety

- 94 Wall new paint colors
- 29 Ridgeway new paint colors
- 17 Elk repair entry steps; limestone veneer
- 69 S. Main new paint colors
- 14 Center new sign
- 28B Spring new sign

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

Bright presented these four administrative approvals:

- 180 N. Main re-paint
- 29 Ridgeway re-roof
- 36 S Main replace lower windowsill on display windows
- 2 Vaughn re-paint

Next meeting will be Wednesday, June 3, at 6 p.m. There will be a guidelines workshop at 4 p.m. before the regular meeting.

Free show at Gaskin Switch Theater open house and ribbon cutting

The community is invited to Gaskin Switch Theater Thursday, May 28, for an open house beginning at 5:30 p.m. A ribbon cutting ceremony will be at 6 p.m. followed by a free, hour-long show with Mark Wayne Beers. Come see what the new theater is all about and enjoy '50s rock and roll, county and gospel music plus family friendly comedy. Refreshments will be served.

Gaskin Switch Theater is in the Gaskins Switch shopping center at 2039A East Van Buren. For more information call (479) 363-6465 or visit www. gaskinswitchtheater.com.



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Planter's Paradise makes landscapes bloom

Gerri Hamby is best known in Eureka Springs for being the lively sprite of a woman who runs the Planter's Paradise retail garden outlet next to Hart's. But many people might not realize the biggest part of her business is landscape designer, consultant and installer who has brought life and color to commercial establishments in town including the Eureka Family Medical Center, the police department, Subway, LaFamilia, Eureka Inn, ECHO Clinic and Video Land.

"A lot of people have no clue," Hamby said. "They think I just have this little plant shop. In addition to growing plants in a 40x100ft. greenhouse, I do a lot of commercial landscaping. I feel like I'm in a circus act on a high wire spinning plates trying to keep people

In addition to growing 1,000 perennials on one-gallon pots each year, she produces countless bedding plants each spring grown in her greenhouse. She has to get up every three hours winter nights to keep the plants alive. She works long hours seven days a week, and particularly enjoys introducing new plants to the area such as an ever-bearing thornless blackberry she has this year that was just introduced by the University of Arkansas.

Hamby grew up "organically" on a 22-acre farm north of Chicago.

"I was raised by people very far ahead of their time," Hamby said. "I grew up on organic goat milk, organic vegetables from the garden, organic fruit from an orchard and organic chicken. My mother daily ground grain from flour to make homemade bread. This



is how I thought it was supposed to be, totally organic. Mom was always good with plants. It was second nature to me."

Hamby ended up in Carroll County near Eureka Springs with three children and a marriage that was on the rocks. She was at the end of a 1.5-mile rugged dirt road, and wanted a way to make a living that didn't take her away from her kids. That is when she went into the plant business. Through the years she was able to support her children while spreading beautiful plants around the tourist town

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Brighton Ridge's FIVE STAR TEAM For the second year, Brighton Ridge's outstanding healthcare staff pulled off a perfect Office of Long Term Care Nursing Survey! This is extremely rare in the world of nursing home audits. Average homes usually receive between 4-6 tags on yearly inspection. For a facility to get a PERFECT nursing audit from the state two years in a row is truly exceptional.

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- Jayme Creek, Administrator

STO denied compensation for alleged misconduct by SWEPCO

BECKY **G**ILLETTE

The Arkansas Public Service Commission (APSC) has denied a motion by Save The Ozarks for compensations including legal fees for STO's successful effort to stop SWEPCO and its allies from building an unneeded 345-kiloVolt transmission line across of 50 miles of

Northwest Arkansas.

Responding to SWEPCO's notice of withdrawal on January 12, STO asked the APSC to deny SWEPCO's application, find intervenors including STO to be prevailing parties, and be allowed reasonable time to submit motions for attorneys' fees and litigation costs before closing the docket.

SWEPCO, SPP and AECC filed a joint motion on Jan. 20, asking the APSC to deny STO's requests for relief and close the docket. On March 17, STO responded by asking to be allowed to file a surreply, in part because of "material misrepresentations" by SWEPCO, SPP and AECC.

In their joint reply of March 18,

SWEPCO, SPP and AECC asked the APSCC to deny STO's request and to strike the surreply from the record. With the order May 20, the APSC agreed with SWEPCO, SPP and AECC.

STO has 30 days from the ruling in which to appeal the ruling to the Arkansas Court of Appeals.

Two students chosen for Arkansas Governor's School

NICKY BOYETTE

Elementary school Principal Clare Lesieur announced to the Eureka Springs School Board at its May 21 meeting that Jacob Hager and Naomi Floyd have been chosen to attend the Arkansas Governor's School this summer. The program is a six-week residential program for gifted and talented upcoming seniors beginning June 14 at Hendrix College in Conway. Hager will study math and Floyd will study science.

Lesieur said the schools are reapplying for a grant to reinstate the 21st Century after-school program. She also mentioned Grandparents' Day at the elementary school had such a huge turnout the overflow had to be directed from the cafeteria to the library.

In addition, Lesieur said therapists Avis Adams and Rick Goodier, whose services had been contracted by the district, would be moving on at the end of the school year. Construction technology teacher Jason Hill, who coordinates the SkillsUSA program, said he took five students to the recent state competition, and Kyle Rains, a sophomore, finished first in masonry and Olin Blair finished second in plumbing. Blair told the board he received "a full-ride" scholarship to Northwest Technical Institute in Springdale beginning this autumn.

The board voted to authorize a trip for Rains to the national SkillsUSA competition June 22-26 in Louisville, Ky. Hill is fundraising to offset the expenses of the trip, and one idea he presented is to have a ragball softball tournament for 12 teams. Anyone interested in participating should speak with Hill at the high school.

Holes in the roof

Superintendent David Kellogg announced recent hailstorms damaged a section of the gymnasium building roof at the old high school facility, and the district will get

a check from its insurance company to cover repairs plus the addition of a slight pitch to facilitate rainwater runoff. Kellogg said he would get more information and report back, but pointed out the repairs would be delayed at least a month unless the board convenes for a special meeting in the meantime. "I want to keep moving," he told the board.

Other items

- The board approved a one-year extension to the contract for human resource staffing services with PCMI.
 - The Parental Involvement Plan received approval.
 - The board approved these personnel decisions:
- accept the resignations of Catherine Freeman, Fred Hopkins, Anne Shepherd;
- hire Donessa Mann as K-6 music teacher; Cheryl Shadrick as grades 7-8 language arts teacher; Nicole Winters as ABC lead teacher.

Next meeting will be Thursday, June 18, at 5:30 p.m.





Carnegie Library's new Media Center opens

BECKY GILLETTE

It may well be the biggest improvement at the Eureka Springs Carnegie Public Library since the introduction of Wi-Fi. On Saturday, May 23, patrons of the library were treated to a new Media Center at the library annex that now houses the popular DVD collection, computers for public use and an area where people with their own computers can access Wi-Fi, enjoy coffee and relax in new furnishings provided by the Friends of the Library.

Library Director Loretta Crenshaw was wondering early Saturday how well the new room

would be received. She didn't have long to find out. By about 11 a.m. a dozen people were in the new Media Center -more than were in the library.

The library purchased the building several years ago, and space that was once retail was used for meetings and book sales to benefit the library. The library was able to pay off the mortgage due to the generosity of a long-time library patron, June Wagher, who left the library about \$70,000 in her will.



"For years we kept talking about how we need more room for the library collection," Crenshaw said. "Lucilla Garrett, our library board president, suggested we expand into the building next door. The main roadblock would be needing more staff. But we decided to go ahead and see what it would look like, and hired more part time employees."

When deciding what to move into the new space, library officials saw a clear

advantage to having all the computers together in one area, making it easier to oversee them and eliminating people wanting to use their favorite computer.

"This also allows us to give classes on our computers," Crenshaw said. "The way they were set up before, we couldn't really do that. We have also increased our Internet speeds. It was getting to be a bit slow. So now we have a different router in both places."

DVDs are the library's most popular collection, with about 3,500-4,000 DVDs loaned out per month.

"I was trying to think of what collection we could move with the least amount of inconvenience and complaint about people having to go both places," Crenshaw said. "DVDs were logical because people love them so much they will go anywhere for them. Some people thought it was logical to make it into the children's room, but I didn't think we were quite ready for that step to move the whole children's collection over there. It made sense to think of it as a

media center even though we haven't moved audio books over there. Audio books are also popular, but with a different group of people."

Moving computers and DVDs to the new media room has freed up space in the main library for collections to be less crammed and easier to access. Audio books have been moved to the area where the DVDs used to be stored.

Crenshaw said the new addition to the library fits a nationwide trend to be more of gathering and social center for the community. A grand opening for the Media Center in the Annex is scheduled Thursday, June 4, 4-5:30.

June 1 Metafizzies meeting on OBEs

The June 1 meeting of the Eureka Springs Metaphysical Society will feature a video on out of body experiences (OBEs) at 7 p.m. at the Heart of Many Ways in the Christian Science Church at 68 Mountain Street. All are welcome.



Preservation Celebration May 28

The public is cordially invited to the Eureka Springs Preservation Society's Preservation Rejuvenation Celebration at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, May 28, at the Eureka Springs Historical Museum, 95 S. Main, beginning with an Open House followed by a dedication of the recently rejuvenated Calif Spring Park, and moving to the Centennial Mural at 22 S. Main to celebrate the recent restoration of the mural.

At the mural, John Cross will speak

on "1979 Eureka Springs Centennial: A Turning Point," and Wendel Norton of Norton Arts will speak about the 2015 Mural Restoration. Cornerstone Bank will present their Restoration Excellence Award.

Preservation Awards for Projects Completed in 2014 with then be presented by the Eureka Springs Preservation Society, and the Eureka Springs Historic District Commission will present Stewardship Awards.

ES Hospital Guild Meeting

The Eureka Springs Hospital Guild will meet June 2 in the hospital cafeteria at 1:30 p.m. The speaker will be Cathy Jackson of Synergy Fitness Center of Holiday Island. Cathy is an LPN, CPT and holistic health coach and will be giving a presentation on keeping oneself healthy.





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Much to love about Lovin' Every Minute

BECKY GILLETTE

Locals who attended performances of Steve Kinworthy's Lovin' Every Minute, gave it great reviews for wonderful talent, a diversity of acts, colorful costumes, an eye-catching set backed by large video screens, and a fast pace that kept everyone entertained through a show that lasted twoand-a-half hours.

On May 21, there was a special surprise when the Aud had to be evacuated after the fire alarm went off because of haze used as a dramatic effect. Initially, some people thought the sirens were part of the show. The alarm went off while national unicycle champion Anthony Soumiatin was performing with his wife, Lindsay Soumiatin, who was on roller skates.

The show's star, Steve Kinworthy, said the haze is necessary to produce the visual effects desired. The fire alarm had gone off before during practices, but that was the first time it went off during a performance. "We'll have to find the right balance between having the visual effect we want without setting off the fire alarm," he said.

While the unicycle act had to be cut short because of the evacuation, Soumiatin came back later for the biggest "wow" factor performance of the night when he turned



into a human gyroscope performing in a cyr

Kinworthy, the show's executive director and featured vocalist, introduced the show by saying he studied voice in college, but put his performing dreams on the back burner while raising a family. It was on his "bucket list" to put on an entertainment production, and the opportunity came when a Branson, Mo., producer was asked by officials in Eureka Springs to consider launching a show in Eureka.

Clearly Kinworthy and the other cast members love what they do.

"We're having a lot of fun," Kinworthy said, whose daughter and four grandchildren had flown in from Arizona for the performance. "Of course, I hope the people will be entertained, but also take something from the show that inspires them."

Local resident Marvin Jonason, who has been involved in theater as a director and producer for decades, said he hopes the show will help Eureka tourism and the economy by bringing more people to town.

"It is a nice, fun show," Jonason said. "I think it is a piece across the board that many people enjoy. I enjoyed the Russian unicycling artist. It was a nice sized cast and they had a variety of talent, too, which is good."

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You are music to my heart

Visiting last weekend was absolutely healing for my heart. Thank you, Eufreakens, for all your support. I brought some newbies with me and they were blown away by the kindness – and hugs - given to them. I know, you already know what a special place all of you have helped create, but sometimes you really

do not get to see it 'til you've been away. I am so glad there is a Eureka Springs – making the world a better place. Hope to see you in the fall.

Opal Fly



/EEK'S TopTweets

@Funnyoneliners: I'm so old, I can I remember getting through an entire day without taking a picture of anything.

@simoncholland: Accidentally played

dad instead of dead when I encountered a bear and now it can ride a bike without training wheels.

Linajkreturns: What this baseball game needs is a relief pitcher. Of margaritas.

@donni: I wonder how many light bulbs it takes to change a baby. @CakeThrottle: The first person to see a sunset was probably like well this ain't good.

@meganamram: If u don't like central stations ur gonna HATE grand central station.

@NotTooBrad: I can't think of anything worse than an over exaggerator

@NicestHippo: "Your password must contain at least 6 letters" Hmm ok *starts writing* Dearest Catherine, it has been nearly a fortnight since I last wrote

@TeaPartyCat: We don't need a Voting Rights Act. If we just give all the votes to rich people, then democracy will just trickle down to everyone else.

@darylginn: > Unsubscribe from LinkedIn > Delete email account > Sell house, live in woods > Find bottle in river > Has note inside > It's from LinkedIn

@rodney_at_large: Just read that California leads the nation in depression cases and adultery. What a sad state of affairs.

INDEPENDENT

Editorial

We have met the enemy and it is...

woman sat next to me at a party last month, a wonderful, kind, smart, successful woman. She thoughtfully put a piece of chocolate cake in her mouth, chewed in a ladylike fashion, and delivered the most shocking and mean-spirited, insensitive sentence I could imagine.

Well, all right then. Whew. My chocolate cake wouldn't go down. I said, "What?" And she said, "Well, you know what I mean." And that was that. She forgot about it and I held on to it for, well, for at least this long.

I know her well. I know she meant nothing untoward. I know she had good intentions. And I know it was like a drone bomb blowing the heart out of me. Holy buckets! It hurt!

So we had a difference of opinion. Honestly, I think if I had just told her she obviously hadn't thought her sentence through, that she had disrupted my world and turned my insides out, she would've been shocked and apologetic. But I didn't. I stewed. I tossed the cake and drove home. I moved rocks in the vard. I cussed her. All while knowing that this was all about my perception, not her anger. She wasn't angry in the least.

The same feelings broke over me like clanging cymbals when I read that Josh Duggar, years ago when he was 14, had taken advantage of younger girls. It was all about him. There was no consideration for the girls, they were simply available and unlikely to tell anyone. Even if someone did believe the girls, the acts would go unreported and the perp would go on to get a good job and mediocre notoriety.

Of course Josh Duggar was old enough to know he shouldn't insist on having his way with little girls. Of course his parents should have come down on him swiftly and firmly. Instead, his father consulted with church leaders. Instead, the matter was not reported to child-abuse investigators. Instead, his father ran for the U.S. Senate.

You know what they say in politics – it's never the act, it's the cover-up that'll destroy you. It's no one else's business until you make it their business by continuing down that eely slope of fraud and gall. In this case you get the police, the church and the family whispering that it's taken care of and it won't be long until the statute of limitations expires. The family banished Josh to an addiction therapy ministry, then merrily continued preaching that homosexuality is a "behavior," instead of being the natural surprise that it is. What the Duggar family does privately is their business, what people who don't believe in the same malleable religion as they is... also their business?

The Duggars found it necessary to robo-call voters in Fayetteville saying transgenders would wander into a public bathroom and terrify their daughters. Now, seriously, what in the world interest would a transgender person or a gay person have in little girls? Who are the ones in prison for these violations? It's not who they want us to think.

Suddenly, Mike Huckabee, perhaps assuming none of us can wait to vote him into the White House, said since Jesus forgave, we must. Would it have been different if it were Huckabee's daughter?

And Marco Rubio rambled on today that gay marriage is a real and present danger to the survival of Christianity? Seriously?

Yes. It is our business to keep care of each other. It is our business to take care of ourselves, too, and not get so crazy that we think we can ever violate, hurt or misuse others. Because if we don't tolerate each other any better than we have these past few months, we'll be spending an inordinate amount of time moving rocks and getting nowhere but old.

Mary Pat Boian



ThePursuitOfHAPPINESS

by Dan Krotz

The May 21st edition of *The Atlantic* ran an article titled "The Clitoris' Vanishing Act." I read it with interest since I have, over a now long life, invested a considerable amount of time and money pursuing such happiness as a well found clitoris may

I suppose my exercise of this Constitutionally Guaranteed Right is the cause of my befuddlement over our various legislators' focus on other rights, such as the 2nd Amendment's guarantee to own, in an entirely unregulated way, as many penis augmentation devices as the family pocketbook allows. Still, we all pursue happiness in our own way, and it is not my place to judge the needs and priorities of folks like our own Bob, the State Rep, or bomb-slinger Tommy Cotton.

For a long (long) time there was no return on my investment. I had zero dates in high school, and was well into my sophomore year at the University of Minnesota before I succeeded in getting one. The barrenness of my love life became so painful that I enrolled in a dating service. But it didn't work out. After I completed a battery of tests to identify potential mates, my "Love Consultant" asked, "Have you considered inter-species dating?"

I was, naturally, despondent. I called a suicide prevention line. After recounting, over a period of several hours, the futility of unloading my virginity, Warren, my "caseworker," sighed, and said, "Well, life isn't for everyone."

Fortunately, fate and a librarian named Maggie intervened and, straightaway, this Pilgrim's Progress commenced in the usual and satisfactory way until True Love and my Best Beloved arrived on the scene. Oh happy day indeed.

You are no doubt wondering what's the point of this story. Summarily, it leads to understanding about why our legislature passes the laws its passes, and how our legislators came to think and act they way they think and act. Long ago, and in a galaxy far far away, their forebearers undoubtedly met with a Love Consultant and, out of sheer desperation, did indeed consider inter-species dating. Out of such understanding, let us view them with charity, and a soupcon of pity.

INDEPENDENT Constables On Patrol

9:22 a.m. - Parked vehicle was run into overnight and the owner wanted to file a report. Constable on patrol went to the scene, but the owner had found a note left behind and decided to call the other party first.

9:30 a.m. - Constable provided escort for a funeral.

2:33 p.m. – Administrator of a care facility asked for constable assistance because a resident had left the building and was refusing to return. Constable responded, but staff had already convinced the resident to go back inside.

3:38 p.m. – There was an accident on US 62 just west of downtown.

6:44 p.m. - Alarm company reported an alarm had been triggered at a business south of town. Constable found the building secure. 7:34 p.m. – Semi was temporarily stuck at a tricky curve on US 62, but was gone before a constable could get there.

May 19

7:22 p.m. – Constable had to explain the noise ordinance to a landscaping crew working near downtown.

May 20

9:33 a.m. – Constable went to the high school to help juvenile authorities locate a student.

11:19 a.m. - Concerned onlooker told ESPD a truck belonging to insulation workers was blocking a neighborhood street. Constable determined the vehicle was as far to the side of the street as possible and cars could pass. Workers said they would be finished in another hour. However, the constable notified ESFD that emergency vehicles would not be able to pass until the truck was moved.

7:14 p.m. – Work on the alarm system at the Auditorium triggered the alarm.

9:43 p.m. - Constable responded to report of barking dogs in a neighborhood, but he arrived just as the owner was bringing them

May 21

12:27 a.m. - Couple in a motel room caused a disturbance. Constable went to check on them, and they separated for the night.

12:21 p.m. - Concerned resident asked to speak with a constable about a board she found in her yard. She was concerned someone had trespassed on her property. Constable found no evidence of trespassing or any other crime.

2:47 p.m. - Witness claimed an intoxicated person was urinating off the balcony at an apartment building. Constables went there and arrested three persons on outstanding

4:58 p.m. – Individual was harassing a worker at a gas station, who called ESPD. The harasser saw her make the call, so he left the property.

6:07 p.m. - A couple reportedly engaged in a domestic dispute as they walked through a neighborhood. Constable never encountered them.

8:58 p.m. – Staff at a bar told ESPD a patron was very intoxicated and could hardly walk. Nevertheless, he was gone by the time a constable arrived.

10:03 p.m. - Another couple in another neighborhood had a domestic dispute on the street.

11:26 p.m. - Alarm rang out at a business along US 62. It was a new employee who set it off. Constables showed up and the alarm

11:53 p.m. - Traffic stop resulted in the arrest of an individual on a court-ordered suspension of his license.

May 22

10:50 a.m. – Staff at a business reported illegal dumping on their property. After reviewing a surveillance video, the constable recognized the perpetrator and advised him to reclaim his property and dispose of it properly.

11:21 a.m. - Health Department inspector asked for constable assistance because a motel owner became aggressive and would not let the inspector leave after inspection of the pool. Constable calmed down the motel owner, and the incident was resolved.

12:34 p.m. – Concerned passerby reported a dog tied with a short leash to a mobile home parked behind a restaurant. The animal also had no water. Animal Control checked out the situation and spoke with the dog's owner. He determined the animal was healthy and was being attended to properly.

8:22 p.m. – Constable asked an establishment downtown to turn down the volume of the music

9:21 p.m. - Constables responded to an accident on US 62 and arrested one of the drivers for DWI.

May 23

11:58 a.m. - Merchant asked to file a shoplifting report.

12:02 p.m. – Tree fell on Hwy. 23 North on Planer Hill with branches partially blocking the northbound lane. Constable cleared the

4:24 p.m. – Resident thought the music at an establishment near downtown was too loud. Constable checked it and determined it was within legal limits.

10:24 p.m. – Constables responded to a fight at a motel and arrested one combatant for public intoxication.

10:25 p.m. – Report came in of an intoxicated person leaving a place of business. Constable encountered him and discovered he was not intoxicated.

10:25 p.m. – ESPD got another report of an intoxicated driver on US 62, but the constable did not encounter the vehicle.

May 24

3:05 p.m. - Motorist informed ESPD her vehicle had broken down on Main Street in the middle of town. Constable and tow truck responded.

9:47 p.m. – Concerned staff at a restaurant reported a vehicle had been parked in their parking lot for four hours, and it seemed suspicious. Constable discovered the occupants were sleeping, and they said they would be on their way.

10:09 p.m. – Alarmed resident heard what sounded like gunshots or fireworks nearby. The neighbor in that direction claimed there had been no gunfire or explosions.

11:33 p.m. – Central dispatch reported a 911 hangup call from a tourist lodging in which a female claimed her boyfriend was beating her up. Constables went there but found neither victim nor suspect. The female called again to report her new location, and EMS responded. Constables later at the tourist lodging found the male whom they arrested for third degree domestic battery, criminal mischief and terroristic threatening.

May 25

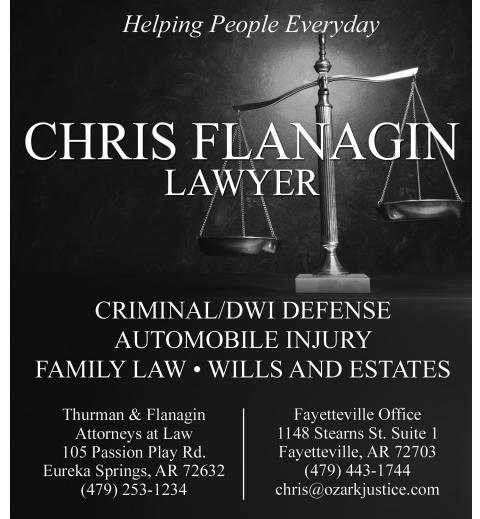
4:56 a.m. - Passerby reported a person sleeping in the laundromat. Constable discovered the sleeper was also doing his laundry. The launderer was informed of the ordinance regarding sleeping in public.

This week at the Farmers' Markets:

Tuesdays, Thursdays 7 a.m. – noon in Pine Mountain Village. Visit your friends at the Farmers' Market for hot coffee, hot breakfast/lunch, farm fresh eggs, organic meats, crafts, jellies, bedding plants, fresh bread and the freshest vegetables and fruits. June 2 is Cooking Demo Day.

Fridays 8 a.m. - noon in Holiday Island, across from the HI Chamber of Commerce building. On May 29, music by Johai Kafa band, a hybrid of mountain sounds from the Ozarks to the Balkans. New vendors always welcome. Contact Anita Gibson anitagibson76@gmail.com or (417) 846-3616. May cancel if rain visit Facebook page for up-to-date info.

Saturdays, 9a.m. - 1p.m. in Ermilio's Restaurant parking lot. The White Street Saturday Market offers something new and fresh every week. Find specialty produce, fruit, eggs and more from local farmers.



Sycamore Chapter 16, cont.

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.

They stood looking into each other's face, baffled and unhappy. "I love you," Walter said quietly, as if that ought to solve everything.

She knew the answer: "I love you, too," but her resentment left no room in her for tenderness, till it had found an outlet and spent itself. If only they could have had a scene - flung sharp-edged words at each other, raged and ton at one another's feelings, dragged out all the little injuries that had been inflicted, unknown to the offender! Walter and his relentless patience, his goodness, his benevolent "understanding"!

She said miserably: "I'll go home now. 'Bye," and, pulling her coat around her, she left.

She drove around the square, pretending not to see Anna Belle Tupper who was standing in the doorway of the hotel, modishly turned out in a black tailored suit and a high-feathered hat, as if to advertise the fact of her complete indifference to Tuesdays and the Woman's Club, which would have none of her. She drove past Virgil Sugg, just climbing into the cab of his truck, and Jody Lee Pringle trotting toward the post office with the drugstore's mail, and Birdie Jessup staggering out of Tetter's with an immense paper bag full of groceries. Jane kept her eyes straight ahead. She did not care to greet anyone. She did not want to belong to them, not even the small fraction of herself that might be delivered into their hands through the currency of a smile or a passing word.

Nice to me, sweet to me, she thought – because I'm kin to the great Mrs. Knowles. Not because I'm me, Jane. How they suck you up, absorb you! The town wraps itself around you, tighter and tighter, and you know, no matter how hard you fight it, you'll be beaten and smothered by it, in the end. The town? She recognized the image in her mind: not the fester of houses and streets that were a wound on the flank of the hills, but Agnes Knowles, holding wisdom and virtue as lethal weapons in her hands. She was the town - and she was Walter, and Roger, all of them, perhaps in time Jane herself. Brooding over the town, directing, like God. A skillful hunter, setting traps, snares, baiting them with sweet corruption - supervising their couplings, hovering above even a tumbled bed in Beetree Lane ("She knew what was going on," Tracy had said), and over the ecstasies of a girl and boy in a black cavern of cedars, or under a bluff where petals fell upon their faces...

I've really known, ever since the housewarming, she thought, as she ran the car into her own drive. Maybe even before, a little. Walter, so kind, so condescending, so betrayed – no way to meet Walter, with

Agnes barring all the gates -

She walked around to the back of the house, feeling her hair damp under

front paws.

the rim of her hat, and her legs weak, as if the day's conflicts had racked her body as well as her spirit. Walking toward the rockery, she caught a glimpse of snowdrops - white bells hung on fragile emerald stems - and knew a vague happiness in seeing her first flowers, while winter was still all around her. Then she saw more. She saw, beyond the little frozen pool, Grampus standing like a conqueror over something torn and bloody and small that lay on the ground between his

"Grampus!" she screamed, and darted toward him. He did not budge. He stood stolidly eying her, above the desecrated body of the white squirrel, and gave a low, contemptuous growl. "My friend!" she cried. "My only friend - and my fault -" remembering how she had cajoled the squirrel into coming a little nearer, day by day, she crouching motionless before its wary advances, holding a walnut patiently between her thumb and finger, making no sound that might startle the wild heart.

"Oh, God damn you, Grampus!" she **SYCAMORE** continued on page 23



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NOTES from the

HOLLOW by Steve Weems

nd so another class graduates from Eureka Springs High School and passes into legend. The graduation ceremony was held Friday, May 22 at the new high school gymnasium. It was announced that the 45 members of the graduating class of 2015 have already been awarded over \$700,000 in college scholarships.

Also over the weekend, the Eureka Springs High School Alumni Association held its 125th annual banquet and meeting at the Inn of the Ozarks Convention Center. Chairing the meeting was Alumni President Rusty Dycus (Class of 1992).

Diane O'Connor Weems (Class of 1986) welcomed the newly graduated Class of 2015 as members of the Alumni Association. Diane's daughter, Sarah Weems, (Class of 2015) responded by accepting the invitation on behalf of the graduating class.

Bobby Pyatt (Class of 1955) was presented the Alumnus of the Year Award by Jeff Reynerson (Class of 1974). Mr. Pyatt is one of the all-time great basketball players from Eureka Springs High School. In the days before establishment of the three-point shot, he once scored 49 points in a single game. It was also reported that he has a passing resemblance to Cary Grant and is a true gentleman.

Phyllis Albrecht McGuire (Class of 1962) presented Juan Luis Palacios Romero (Class of 2015) with this year's \$1500 Alumni Association Scholarship after reading his excellent essay to the group.

When Ben Rivett (Class of 1964) stepped forward to call the roll of the members present, someone shouted that he was the "best bus driver ever." I tried to keep



track of how many names were called, and the unofficial total I arrived at was an even 100 alumni members present (plus their guests). The oldest class represented was the Class of 1942.

David Stoppel (Class of 1978) read the names of the 14 alumni who had passed away in the previous year.

Association Treasurer Tammy Sherman Bullock (Class of 1991) presented the financial report and Association Secretary Gayla Goff Wolfinbarger (Class of 1981) read the minutes of the 2014 meeting.

The meeting was adjourned after Thalia Colvin-Ortega (Class of 2015) won the Apple iPad.

Negative blood types needed - 3 donation locations

The Community Blood Center of the Ozarks (CBCO) has issued a Code Yellow Alert for O-negative, A-negative and ABnegative blood types. There will be a blood drive at the Holiday Island Elks Lodge Monday, June 1 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and two in Berryville on Friday, June 5 – one at Tyson of Berryville on 110 W. Freeman from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. and the other at Walmart Supercenter from 2:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Each donation will be awarded LifePoints as a part of CBCO's donor rewards program. The CBCO will also be celebrating their 20th anniversary by offering commemorative t-shirts to everyone who participates in a CBCO blood drive during June or July.

To be eligible to give blood you must weigh at least 110 pounds, be in good health and present a valid photo ID. For more information see www.cbco.org or call toll free (1-800) 280-5337.

Free public classes at Berryville **Community Center**

Noreen Watson will present To Your Health - Knowledge is Power classes every Tuesday until June 30 with two classes each day from 11 a.m. -12:30 p.m. and 6-7:39 p.m.

Class on Tuesdays, June 2 and June 23 will be Essential Oils and Aromatherapy - the benefits of essential oils for your body and your home. Tuesday, June 9, will be Truth about Nutrition - foods for maintaining healthy weight, skin, blood sugar, blood pressure, etc. Tuesday, June 16, will be Herbs and Home *Remedies* – about the cure on the ground and in your cupboard.

Class on Tuesday, June 30 will be announced based on classes' highest interest. To reserve a spot, or for more info, contact the Berryville Community Center, 601 Dr. Spurlin Circle, (870) 423-3139.

Celebrate Eureka Springs' trails June 6

The American Hiking Society National Trails Day® brings America's outdoor enthusiasts together Saturday, June 6, with some 2,000+ events taking place across the nation during the 22nd annual celebration of America's magnificent trail system.

Locally, the Eureka Springs Trails Committee is participating with a daylong event to celebrate Eureka Springs' trails. The day kicks off at 9 a.m. with a guided hike at Black Bass Lake. Members of the Trails Committee will meet hikers at the foot of the dam. Be sure to wear sturdy shoes and bring water and bug spray.

At noon there will be a Ribbon Cutting/Trail Dedication at the new Spring Garden Trail across from Harmon Park. Park down near the Bark Park and follow balloons to the trailhead. Arvest Bank will provide lunch.

Cyclists can enjoy a Guided Mountain Bike Ride at Lake Leatherwood City Park at 3 p.m. Meet members of the Trails Committee at the Marina.

At 6 p.m. celebrate the trails at Brews, Spring and Pine Streets, with Arkansas craft beers as well as coffee, tea and sodas. Community First Bank will be on site with their grill to provide dinner, and there will be door prizes!

Come discover our trails, meet the Trails Committee in a relaxed environment and learn firsthand why they're passionate about Eureka Springs and its trails. For more information contact the Eureka Springs Parks & Recreation office (479) 253-2866.

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Sorority's sweetheart

- Shawn Flodman. center, Brighton Ridge resident, holds a check for \$438.60 donated by the Xi Alpha Nu chapter of Beta Sigma Phi toward the purchase of the motorized wheelchair Shawn needs. From left are members Shirley Bird, Mary Muller, Carol Klarr, Jayme Creek (Brighton Ridge Administrator), Jeanette Haynes, Deanna Pritchett and Bonnie Willard.





Glad grads – The Eureka Springs High Class of 2015 lined up for this picture to present to guidance counselor Rachel Hyatt. Some of the grads were in her 3rd grade class when she was a new teacher!

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You did it! - Big sister Rachel Hyatt congratulates little brother Alex Joy at graduation.

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Art in the park – Artist Carol Saari does a little plein air painting as dozens of artists worked, demonstrated and exhibited in Basin Park last weekend

Рното ву Jay Vrecenak

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We Remember -Several celebrations took place on Memorial Day to commemorate those fallen in service to our country.

Former mayor, Morris Pate, sang during the concert by the 399th Marching Band in Basin Park.

Piper Linda Carol Jones took part in the annual celebration at the Eureka Springs Cemetery as military, fire and police were honored.

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Far left, Don Mischo and daughter Barbara Mischo comfort wife and mother Betty as the 399th Marching Band from Ft. Leonard Wood performs *God Bless America*. Betty lost a brother in WWII and Don was a WWII Navy veteran.

PHOTO BY JOHN RANKINE

Bob Hand plays taps during Post 36's celebration at Veteran's Park in Holiday Island.



Pony up – Betty Owens spruces up her '64 Mustang at the ol' Pine Mountain corral for the show on May 23. Yep, those horses run just fine in the rain.

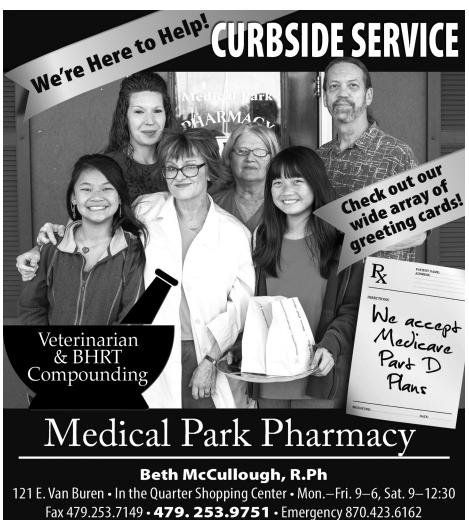
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Why stop now? -

Michael Walsh and Steve Yip Vorbeck enjoyed another FOR 2223 celebration party at Caribé along with a host of other folks last weekend.

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Midweek Specials starting at \$14.95 Wednesday & Thursday! 10% discount to local patrons Wednesday & Thursday *Includes regular menu items* GASKINS CABIN STEAKHOUSE Located 3 Miles North of the Train Station on Hwy. 23 N. • Midway between Holiday Island & Eureka Springs 479-253-5466 • Open Wednesday thru Sunday at 5 P.M.

Facebooking the 4th

Eureka Springs 4th of July parade organizer, Sue Glave, has announced the parade committee's Ms. Apple Pie 4th of July Queen Contest will be held on the Facebook page of the same name. For the first time, the contest will take place and the winner decided by the public completely on Facebook.

The contest is open to ladies of all shapes and sizes 16 years and older, married or not. To enter, simply post a picture and a little information about yourself, or nominate someone by posting a picture and a brief bio of the nominee on the page, and check out the queenly crown waiting for a head to rest on.

Vote by messaging Sue on the Facebook page. If you can't post to Facebook, you can call Sue (580) 399-5887 to vote. The winner and two runner-ups will be notified on Friday, July 3 by 7 p.m. and will be crowned at 9:30 a.m. on July 4 just before the parade. The winners will ride in the parade.

But wait, there's more ...

The As American as Apple Pie Contest also has a Facebook page of its own. This contest will feature a live tasting and judging of the area's best apple pies. No Facebook voting here! Just bake your favorite apple pie and bring it to the contest July 4 for a chance

to win trophies. The pie contest will be held immediately after the parade at a place to be announced. So dust off that heirloom recipe or put a modern twist on apple pie and go to the pie contest Facebook page above to announce you'll be entering a pie.

Two more pages

On the 4th of July Decorated Bike Contest page, kids 7 - 15 are invited to decorate a bike to ride in the 4th of July parade. This year the rules have been loosened to include nonmotorized scooters and wheelchairs so every child will have a chance to have fun.

Kids can wear a costume if they wish. The first place prize for ages seven and under will be a bicycle donated by Arvest Bank, with trophies for 2nd and 3rd place winners. Adults are asked to walk with each child under seven.

In the 8 - 15 age category, the first place prize is a bicycle donated by Cornerstone Bank, with trophies for 2nd and 3rd place. Preregister now on the bike contest Facebook page above or call (580) 399-5887

And finally, there's a Eureka Springs 4th of July Parade page where you can also find links to the contest pages and keep up with upcoming 4th of July Parade news. After all, it's as American as apple pie.

Eureka Springs Chamber Mid-year meeting, Faces of Tourism & Trade Show

The Chamber of Commerce's Mid-Year Membership meeting On June 1 at the Inn of the Ozarks Convention Center will feature the annual Faces of Tourism photo shoot at 5:30 p.m. and a Tourism Trade Show at 4 p.m. with local and regional tourist-related businesses.

All are welcome to be in the photo. Please come in tourism-related attire (and props if applicable), or wear a red shirt to help showcase Eureka Springs in the Faces of Tourism photo. Anyone interested in participating in the Tourism Trade Show, or to confirm attendance for the photo, please email holly@ eurekaspringschamber.com (479) 253-8737.

The membership meeting will take place following the photo shoot. Members, key employees and those interested are invited to hear Interim Director Damon Henke present the work plan to complete 2015 and introduce developments crafted by the board for membership review.



XTERRA begins May 30 - rain or shine

Athletes are arriving to compete this weekend in the 10th Annual Eureka Springs XTERRA Festival; a two-day trail run, swimming and cycling competition at Lake Leatherwood. Eureka Springs hosts one of the most challenging races on the XTERRA America Tour, which may be raced individually or as a two or three person relay team.

Registration and packet pickup is 4 - 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday at FRESH Farm-to-Table, 179 N. Main. The 6-, 12and 24-kilometer Trail Runs begin at 8:15 a.m. Saturday on courses through various areas of the park. Off-road triathlons begin

The half-mile swim, 14.5-mile bike and 5.1 run legs begin Sunday, May 31 at

There is no rain date for the event, but courses may be modified for inclement weather.

Competitors may also register early on race days prior to the first events.

New this year is the XTERRA Eureka Springs Sport .5-mile swim / 7.25mile bike / 3.6-mile run for those looking to experience XTERRA for the first time or just want to have the same fun on a less demanding course. This event may only be raced individually and does not award XTERRA America Tour Series points.

For a complete schedule, course maps and details, registration times and information, prizes and more, see www. xterraeurekasprings.com, the Facebook page XTERRA Eureka Springs - Off-Road Triathlon and Trail Run or phone Kevin, (479) 372-4586.

Heart of Many Ways welcomes SGI-USA **Buddhists**

The Sanctuary at the Christian Science Church, 68 Mountain, will be open June 3 for meditation and prayer from 1 - 4 p.m. All are welcome from all faiths and spiritual paths. The Eureka SGI-USA Buddhists will be chanting and meditating from 3 - 4 p.m. for peace on earth and inner peace for all. For more information, call Amrit (479) 253-3165.

Tuesday meditation

An open weekly meditation group meets Tuesdays, 6 - 7 p.m., at the UU church building, 17 Elk St. There is a suggested \$2 love offering for use of church.

INDEPENDENT Art & Entertainment

Cantiga performs June 5

Cantiga's unique and magical music has delighted visitors to Renaissance Festivals across North America for some 30 years. The word cantiga means song in the language of King Alfonso the Wise, whose 13th-century Spanish court was a haven for Christian, Muslim and Jewish musicians.

Following that tradition, Cantiga is dedicated to the inclusive spirit of musical improvisation that has flourished among musicians in cultural crossroads throughout history. Come be transported from the 13th century to modern day improv with harp, flute and viola Friday, June 5, at 8 p.m. at the Unitarian church building, 17 Elk St. Tickets \$12 at the door.



Festival of Harps concert June 6

Martha Gay, harpist with the Renaissance group, Cantiga, will perform a matinee concert in which she'll share the experience of undertaking the pilgrimage of Santiago de Compostela with her

A benefit for the historical Christian Science Church building, the event will take place at 4 p.m. Saturday, June 6, in the church at 68 W. Mountain. Tickets are \$15 at the door or \$10 in advance at www. heartofmanyways.org, or by calling (479) 253-8252.

Cinderella comes to the Aud

As part of its ongoing community outreach, Opera in the Ozarks brings to the city auditorium five Saturday performances of Cinderella, a short opera comprised of music from several composers, beginning June 6 at 2 p.m.

With dialogue by Ward, the costumed and staged performance features a cast of 15 Opera in the Ozarks artists. On June 6, there will also be a performance at Inspiration Point at 7 p.m.

Other Saturday performances at the Aud will be held June 13 and 27, and July 11 at 2 p.m. Admission is free for kids and \$10 adult - or \$5 with a register receipt from any Eureka Springs business or restaurant dated on show day.

Writers' Colony at Dairy Hollow offers three fellowships

The Writers' Colony at Dairy Hollow, 515 Spring, is offering three fellowships that include a two week stay and gourmet home cooked dinner five nights a week.

The My Time Fellowship is for writers with children under 18 living at home. Thanks to a grant from the Sustainable Arts Foundation this fellowship is designed to support parents who are also writers. My Time is not limited to a specific genre and the recipient does not need to be a published writer.

Inspiring Recovery is a fellowship for an emerging or established writer working on a nonfiction project concentrating on mental health issues, focusing particularly on recovery from and reconstructing aspects of a healthy life while living with mental health challenges.

The Moondancer Fellowship will be awarded to an emerging or established writer writing in any genre about an aspect of nature and the outdoors.

Each fellowship recipient has a private suite with writing space, private bath, bedroom and wireless Internet. Residents also share the camaraderie of other professional writers and artists when they want it, and a community kitchen stocked with the basics for breakfast and lunch.

Deadline for applications for all fellowships is June 30 and the residency must be completed by July 31, 2016. For information or application form, email director@ writerscolony.org, visit www.writerscolony. org, or call (479) 253-7444.

Family takes care of 'unfinished business' at funeral

The Judge is dead but he has unfinished business with his feuding family and a pompous preacher. "Lying in Judgment," by local playwright Tom Gorsuch, is a drama with a comically irreverent take on life, death, love, sex and religion. You'll discover things aren't always as they seem. (May not be suitable for young audiences.)

Joe Watts, Artistic Director of OZ-arks Drama Club, directs this Caldwell, Teresa Pelliccio DeVito, Mary Diehl, Jim Holt, Bryan Manire, take the stage Sunday, May 31. Jessie Rex and Joe Watts. The audience is invited to stay for a "talk-back" with the playwright, director and cast after the

show Sunday, May 31, 3 p.m., at the Unitarian

Universalist church building, 17 Elk Street.



staged reading featuring Carmen From left, Bryan Manire as Brother Bob, Joe Watts as the Judge and Teresa Pelliccio DeVito as the Judge's daughter, Melissa,

Tickets are \$5 cash at the door. Doors open at 2:30 p.m. Seating is limited and reservations are recommended. Email ahop222@gmail. com or call (479) 253-4008.

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Gemini Festival of Goodwill, World Invocation Day

This entire week is a preparation by the New Group of World Servers for the June full moon (Tuesday) & to welcome the Forces of Reconstruction, great outer planetary forces streaming into the Earth at the Gemini Solar Festival.

The Gemini Festival at the June full moon is called the Festival of Goodwill & World (Great) Invocation Day (recitation of the Great Invocation hourly around the world - the Great Invocation is the Mantram of Direction for humanity). During the (12 degrees) Gemini festival, the Wesak blessing of the Will-to-Good is released and radiated (Gemini distributes) to humanity. When the Will-to-Good is received humanity then is able

to radiate Goodwill to each other and to the Kingdoms.

The Gemini Festival is the 3rd of the Three Spring Festivals (triangle of Force) setting the spiritual template and resources for Earth for the rest of the year ('til next spring). This festival recognizes the true spirit of humanity – aspiring towards & seeking the Will of God, dedicated to Right Human Relation. At the full moon the Divine nature of humanity is recognized. Christ stands with humanity, Leader of His people, "the Eldest in a great family of brothers" (Romans VIII, 29.) Each year at the Gemini festival Christ preaches the last sermon of Buddha, His brother – a sermon calling forth human and spiritual unity, represented by an out flow of Love (work

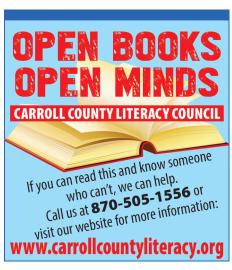
of the Christ) & Wisdom (work of the Buddha).

The Forces of Reconstruction stream in during the Festival, ushering in an era of pronounced creative activity, rebuilding the tangible world on new creative lines. This necessitates the total destruction of the old forms no longer useful for the new world era. The Forces of Reconstruction's task is to precipitate and bring into manifestation into the world that which the Forces of Restoration (Aries, new seed) and of Enlightenment (Taurus, anchoring the seed) have made possible. Everyone is invited. Join us everyone for this Festival of Goodwill by reciting the Great Invocation, the Mantram of Direction for Humanity.

ARIES: Your daily life and agendas shift. For many months what has been internal – daily work, service and health – emerges into the light of day. New tasks and tools become available, new disciplines, structures, order and organization are revealed. You step out of a previous way of being into a new set of parameters that you initiate. Community calls you.

TAURUS: Expressing yourself becomes most important. You've had months to develop ideas, visions, plans and the architecture of the new world. The foundation

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has been formed in the etheric (template for form and matter). Gemini & Pisces live in this template. Join them. In the next year opportunities to create the next cycle

of life, the Art of Living, appear. Help is forthcoming.

GEMINI: This Gemini festival creates new foundations, creativity, a shift of dimensions, and a moving forward in your personal life. Everything that hasn't been resolved your now have the capabilities to face

squarely, resolve and complete. Everything, including daily contacts is reorganizing. Many years' experiences culminating. A blank canvas appears. You begin to draw.

CANCER: There's been much inward preparation the past nine. Soon begins several years of outward movement in a daily level. Change begins in your thoughts, habits. How you listen & hear others is also being restructured. Both expansion and contraction will be experience, affected by what you think. Greater life and all its beauty are revealed.

LEO: For the last fourteen years you've focused outwardly, developing interactions with others - a vital developmental stage. You've gathered information about people and the external world. Now you'll turn inward and that which was gathered (experiences and events) will be used to restructure who you will be in the future. Themes for the next few years will be creativity, contemplation, introspection and beauty.

VIRGO: You consider what is truly important. You begin to live with more love and a new state of values. But first you must know what your values are. Not simply things in form but also your spiritual, psychological and moral value system. Whatever obstructs discovery of your values is removed from your life. This is an important phase. You'll work hard to keep

things simple. Be economical too.

LIBRA: If aspects of your life, including your professional have shifted it's because new action, events, people, work

> and realities are about to appear. You are experiencing a time of things dissolving, of cleansing. clearing and completing. When parts of our lives are no longer useful for our growth and evolution, they dissolve away. There's a separation that needs

dissolving, too. Be of kindness

and courage.

SCORPIO: Integration is occurring. Of self-expression with the expressions of others. You're not an individual star shining bright and alone. This leads to loneliness. You must begin to shine as part of a group. You'll be required to see yourself as a cooperator, equal coworker, assuming new responsibilities, challenged, with demands on your time. The reality is this is what you've secretly hoped for. We succeed in the new world with a group. This is the secret of

SAGITTARIUS: Fourteen years ago you began a process of growth, the outcome being harvested now. Those years were preparatory to this time. The experiences have prepared well. You'll soon assume new and different responsibilities responding to your ambition and a call for leadership. Perhaps you're only half aware of this. Perhaps you don't care for leadership. Leadership leads to great(er) achievement. Lead with will and with love.

CAPRICORN: Your efforts are bearing fruit, a level of your life balancing, creativity and ambitions are stabilizing as you work and play with the rules of the game. However, you'll always be unusual, very unique, a bit of a revolutionary. Spirituality and religion will become more anchored along with new philosophical ideas. You balance well your private and public lives.

More tests appear. You will pass them. Plant lemon verbena.

AQUARIUS: Notice that possessions, resources, values, the ways you have been doing things - some of these are slowly disappearing. You're learning about what others value. You integrate into your life new constructive non-conflictual changes. You want to be in a position of not relying on others. You reflect upon your resources and vulnerabilities - a practical step into your future.

PISCES: You're realizing what you can and cannot do. You do your very best at every task, with every encounter, and in all relationships. This creates balance and poise when imbalance seems to dominate. In relationships, do not expect from others more than they can give. You're redefining yourself after years of struggle and preparation. Show gratitude to those who love you. Pay attention to your health. No sugars.

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Library expansion ribbon cutting June 4

The Eureka Springs Carnegie Library invites all to the grand opening of the South Room expansion at the library Annex, 192 Spring Street, Thursday, June 4, from 4 - 5:30 p.m. There will be a ribbon cutting at 4:30 p.m.

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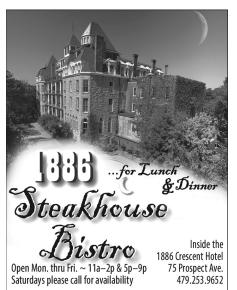


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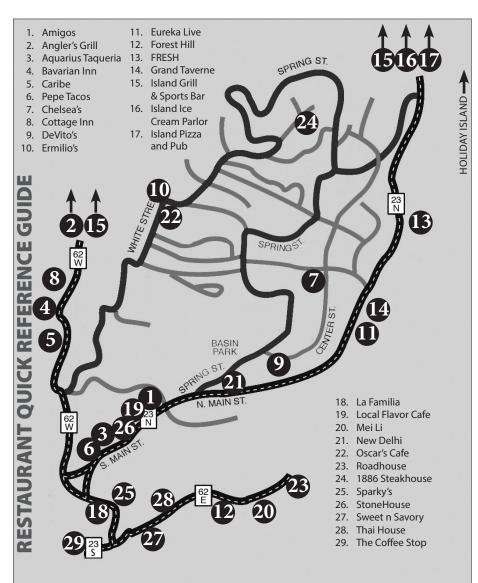
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Medicine Man Show heals ailments Friday at New Delhi, Catherine Reed serenades Balcony Thursday and Sunday

ureka Springs floods with great music and swells with talented songwriting. The Basin Park Hotel Balcony features live music every weekend, returning Catherine Reed to her familiar songwriter's stool this weekend Thursday and Sunday. If you're feeling feeble, head down to New Delhi for the Medicine Man Show to fill your dancing shoes' prescription of a great time; unlimited refills on music because it's plentiful.

We are two weeks from Wakarusa Music and Arts Festival at Mulberry Mountain June 4 –7. Featuring Ben Harper and the Innocent Criminals, Major Lazer, Thievery Corporation, and hundreds of others. Please join us! More details at www.wakarusa.

THURSDAY, MAY 28

BASIN PARK BALCONY – Catherine Reed, Singer/Songwriter, 5 p.m. GRAND TAVERNE - Jerry Yester, Grand Piano Dinner Music, 6:30 – 9:30

LEGENDS SALOON - StarSeed, Blues, 8 p.m.

FRIDAY, MAY 29

ALE HOUSE – *Elby*, Pianist, 6 - 9 p.m. **BASIN PARK BALCONY -**

Hogscalders, Folk, 12 p.m. and 5 p.m. BREWS - Dana Louise, Singer/ Songwriter, 7 p.m.

CATHOUSE LOUNGE – *Chris Harp*. Singer/Songwriter, 8 p.m.

CHELSEA'S - The Homewreckers, Folk, 9:30 p.m.

EUREKA LIVE! – DJ and Dancing, 9

GRAND TAVERNE - Arkansas Red, Amplified Acoustic Guitar Dinner Music, 6:30-9:30 p.m.

LEGENDS SALOON – DJ and Karaoke with Kara, 8 p.m. LE STICK - Pete "Rock" Maiella, Singer/Songwriter, 8 p.m. NEW DELHI - Medicine Man Show, Health Rock, 6 - 10 p.m.

PEPE TACOS AT CASA COLINA -*Jimmy Gyles on Strings*, 5 - 8 p.m. **ROWDY BEAVER - Lance Griffith** Band, Rock, 8 p.m.

ROWDY BEAVER DEN - Tightrope, Rock, 8 p.m.

THE STONE HOUSE - Jerry Yester, Artist's Choices

SATURDAY, MAY 30

BASIN PARK BALCONY – James White, Singer/Songwriter, 12 p.m. and 6

BREWS - Steve Jones and Chuck Onofrio, Singers/Songwriters, 7 p.m. CATHOUSE LOUNGE - Ryan Saunders, Singer/Songwriter, 8 p.m. CHELSEA'S - Sad Daddy, Americana, 9:30 p.m.

EUREKA LIVE! - DJ & Dancing, 9

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

LEGENDS SALOON - Ivan of the *Ozarks*, Singer/Songwriter, 4-7 p.m., Mark Shields and Good Company, Rock, 9 p.m.

NEW DELHI - Terri and the Executive, Rock, 6 – 10 p.m.



Catherine Reed plays at Basin Park Hotel Balcony Thursday and Sunday

PIG TRAIL HARLEY at Pine Mtn. Village, outdoors – **Handmade** Moments 12-3 p.m. ROWDY BEAVER - Rock 'N Loaded, Rock, 8 p.m. ROWDY BEAVER DEN - Tightrope, 1 - 5 p.m., 9 p.m.

SUNDAY, MAY 31

BASIN PARK BALCONY – Catherine Reed, Singer/Songwriter, 12 p.m. and 5

EUREKA LIVE - DJ, Dancing, and *Karaoke*, 7-11 p.m. PEPE TACOS AT CASA COLINA -

Jimmy Gyles on Strings, 12 - 3 p.m. ROWDY BEAVER DEN - Candy Lee, Americana, 1 - 5 p.m.

MONDAY, JUNE 1

CHELSEA'S - Sprungbilly, Bluegrass, 8 p.m.

TUESDAY, JUNE 2

CHELSEA'S - Open Mic

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3

CHELSEA'S - Black Out Boys, Rock, 9:30 p.m.



developers to see if anyone wanted to purchase part or all of the property, but the stumbling block for investors time after time has been the condition of B-100, the building nearest US 62 and most visible feature on the property.

Kellogg said early discussions did not include removal of B-100, but professionals they spoke with considered it "a negative value to the property" because of asbestos concerns and structural issues. The building no longer complies with building codes nor is it ADA-compliant. The roof is in its "post-life cycle," according to Kellogg, and the trusses are questionable. He added the HVAC also has run its course.

Murphy commented the committee wanted to create something of the highest benefit to the community, something vibrant that could create jobs and be an attraction to tourists as well. They settled on a plan in which B-100 would be razed and its footprint used to create a multiuse outdoor space for farmers' markets, concerts, a sculpture park or other outdoor activities where people gather. It could serve as the hub of the urban trail system.

She said the committee wanted to honor the history of the location by preserving the most visible corner wall as a tribute to graduates of the school. Their plan also would mark the existing hallways of the building with paved pathways traversing the same pattern.

The second building, B-200, could either be sold to an investor as possible office space or retained and leased, but either option would make it a revenue generator.

The third building, B-300, houses the gymnasium and other spaces which could be turned into recreation and classroom facilities, meeting spaces and a media center. It is also large enough to accommodate conference facilities, an asset currently missing in town. Murphy said the entire property would be considered a community center, but B-300 would serve a variety of needs for the community.

The concept would be that the city would own the property and the Parks Commission would operate it, but there would need to be grant funding. The committee spoke with potential grantors including the Northwest Arkansas Development District, the Economic Economic Development Arkansas USDA the Rural Commission, Development office and the Northwest Arkansas Council. Murphy said responses were "incredibly encouraging."

Commissioner Virgil Fowler

commented, "We're talking about taking down a historic feature... because somebody says the property is worth more with the building gone... it's because basically we can't come up with a different idea for where to put a concert venue and a playground in the middle of a rural community in the middle of the woods."

Murphy replied their task was to come up with a plan for the property and they have tried to put into motion what the community wanted. She said they did research and recognize the historic value of the property. However, they met obstacles at every turn because nobody considered rehabilitation of B-100 to be a worthwhile investment. She acknowledged that, in theory, "tens of millions of dollars could make it happen," but developers insisted rehabilitating it is simply not a viable option.

Commissioner Doug Breitling pointed out that HDC had given permission to the school district years ago to demolish the building when there was talk of building a new school on the same site. He toured the structure back then, and remembered thinking, "My God, we had kids in here."

Breitling remarked the building was not good for what it was designed for and it got worse over time. Absestos exacerbated the problems, not to mention the load-bearing glass block walls. He had other structural reservations and questioned how so many bad ideas could be put into one building.

"It's a miracle it has stood for as long as it has," Breitling commented.

Fowler was not convinced. "It's that in two and a half years, not a very long time, no one has come up with a better idea for the use of it."

Breitling responded that with the number of people who have looked at the situation, the ideas would have come.

Murphy stated that demolition would cost \$150,000-250,000, which would include asbestos abatement before razing.

Sandy Martin, representing the Community Development Partnership (CDP), then told the commission there have been discussions regarding disposition of the property that do not involve demolishing B-100. She said during the winter CDP applied to the National Endowment for the Arts for a planning grant, and stated she had informed the other committee of her efforts.

Martin said those she spoke with have said the asbestos problem and roofing concerns can be handled. "It will take some money," she admitted, but she is expecting to hear from NEA next month, and has spoken with other grant sources. With the grant money, Martin said they could bring

in advisors to develop plans for preserving the entire space which she said could include space for a culinary school and a satellite location for the Eureka Springs School of the Arts for children's classes, while maintaining the goal of creating a community center.

Al Larson, who has been a part of the ad hoc committee, responded that his committee has thousands of pages of documents from reputable architects and community planners supporting their concept. "We've done our homework," he said.

Jack Moyer, also part of the committee, reiterated they have spent two years working on their plan and representatives of state agencies visited the site and supported their concept. Also, an officer at the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program (AHPP) assured him the historic district status would not be jeopardized if

the building were removed.

Chair Dee Bright interjected the commission's protocol requires they first get a letter from Building Inspector Bobby Ray with his assessment of B-100. They would also need to visit the site themselves, and hope their representative from the AHPP would visit the site with them.

Murphy replied her committee is ready to implement their fundraising strategy, but they have held back because fundraising would be moot without a green light from the commission regarding demolition of B-100.

She asked if the commission needed engineering assessments to accompany their application for demolition, and Breitling said he saw engineering studies with the previous application, so they are available somewhere.

Bright said she would speak with her contact at the AHPP office.

A little help from our friends:

- *Carroll County Domestic Violence Hotline*: 1-844-247-3223 (844-24PEACE) is available 24/7. The Purple Flower Domestic Violence Resource and Support Center of Carroll County is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. 3 p.m. on North Springfield St. in Berryville. (479) 981-1676.
- *Grief Share* is a weekly seminar and support group for people who are grieving the death of someone close to them. Group meets in the library of the Holiday Island Community Church from 2-4 p.m. each Sunday. Contact Dale or Laura Nichols (479) 253-8925 or email lardellen@gmail.com for more information.
- 24-hour NWA Crisis Line for Women NWA Women's Shelter serving Carroll County "Empowering families to live free of violence." (800) 775-9011 www.nwaws.org
- Cup of Love free soup lunches Fridays from 9:30 a.m. 2 p.m. in front of Wildflower thrift shop (yellow building next to chapel) on US 62E. Cup of Love also provides soup lunches at Flint Street Fellowship Mondays and Wednesdays from 10 a.m. 2 p.m. (479) 363-4529
- Flint Street Fellowship food pantry, lunch, free clothing Pantry open 10 a.m. 2 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays. Free lunch Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. 12:30 p.m. Free clothes/shoes closet, books and household items. (479) 253-9491 or 253-4945. Leave donations in barrel at entrance if facility is closed.
- Wildflower food pantry, furniture bank and clothing Wildflower Chapel (US 62E) free food pantry 10:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m. on Fridays. Thrift store and used furniture bank (now in big blue barn only) Wednesday Saturday 10 a.m. 4 p.m. and Friday 1-6 p.m. Drop off donations Thursday Saturday 11 a.m. 3 p.m.
- *Celebrate Recovery* Soul Purpose Ministries, 801 S. Springfield, Green Forest, 6:30 p.m. each Wednesday. Potluck followed by 12-step Christ-centered meetings for those suffering from addiction, habit, hang-up or hurt.
- *No high school diploma?* Free GED classes in the Carnegie Library Annex every Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from 9 a.m. noon with study and tutoring for the GED test. Open to ages 18 and up. GED classes also in Berryville at Carroll County Center. Some open to ages 16 and 17 per educational requirements. For info: Nancy Wood (479) 981-0482, Carnegie Library (479) 253-8754, Carroll County Center (870) 423-4455). Offered by North Arkansas College with Carnegie Library support.
- *Coffee Break Al-Anon Family Group Women* Tuesdays, 9:45 a.m., Faith Christian Family Church, Hwy. 23S, (479) 363-9495.

Meetings at Coffee Pot Club:

• Alateen — Sundays, 10:15 — 11:15 a.m. Email alateen1st@gmx.com or phone (479) 981-9977 • Overeaters Anonymous — Thursdays, 10:30 a.m. Barbara (479) 244-0070 • Narcotics Anonymous — Fridays, 5:30 p.m. (903) 278-5568 • Al-Anon Family Group (AFG) — Sundays, 11:30 a.m., Mondays and Tuesdays 7 p.m. • Eureka Springs Coffee Pot AA Groups Monday — Saturday 12:30 p.m.; Sunday 10 a.m.; Sunday — Thursday, Saturday, 5:30 p.m.; Tuesday and Friday, 8 p.m. (479) 253-7956 • Al-Anon Wednesday, 5:30 p.m. All other meetings: See www.nwarkaa.org

When the sirens sound, it's serious

In a release dated May 21, Major George Frye of the Carroll County Sheriff's Office stressed that citizen safety is of utmost importance, and outlined the use of weather "We will activate outdoor sirens to warn of impending hazardous weather conditions. We recognize that the overuse of sirens results in people ignoring them when sounded. The CCSO wants all to understand that the activation of outdoor sirens means that everyone should immediately seek shelter from the hazardous weather conditions that presently exist.

"The National Weather Service makes no recommendation when to activate outdoor warning sirens. CCSO Central Dispatch will activate outdoor sirens under these conditions:

- · Tornado Warning issued for our area, or a confirmed tornado in the area.
- · Severe Thunderstorm Warning with winds of 70-mph or greater, or golf ball sized hail

"Central Dispatch will give as much notice as possible to KTHS radio prior to activating the sirens, so that warning information can be broadcast locally. Central Dispatch will also notify KTHS Radio prior to any testing of the system."

New Spirits of the Basin tour

offers a fun Spirits of the Basin tour where patrons will get a taste of both spirits: booze and the specters of the century-old hotel. The guided tour begins rooftop on the 1905 Skyline deck and takes patrons on a descent through the hotel's eight floors amid tales of the famous and infamous guests and innkeepers of the Basin Park.

The tour ends in the cave upon which the hotel was constructed; and where

The 1905 Basin Park Hotel now bootleg whiskey was dispensed. Patrons of adult beverage age will get to sip some of the "sauce" that inspired the raucous raves and ransacking raids made by state and local law enforcement in the past.

> Tours are available Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights at 8 p.m. and Friday and Saturday nights at both 6:30 and 8:30 p.m. Tickets available at the front desk or online at ReserveEureka.

Historical Museum hosts pottery exhibit

Coming up June 1 at the Eureka Springs Historical Museum is an exhibit honoring the long tradition of pottery production in the area, from Native American objects made from local clays for centuries to contemporary pottery. For the last 90 years functional and decorative pottery has been produced by individual artists and small studios in Eureka Springs and marketed locally and nationally.

One of our first artisans was Charlie Stehm, local craftsmen and entrepreneur. In the mid-1920s he founded Ozark Pottery and began producing a line he called Ozark Skag. Since that time there

have been many pottery studios in Eureka Springs; one of the longest running being Spring Street Pottery founded in 1970 by master potter Gary Eagan. His fine highfire porcelain pieces are in collections worldwide. Eagan passed away in 2011.

The exhibit, opening June 1, will feature pieces from the museum's collections and loans from individual artists including David Zimmermann, Elsie Freund, Catherine Osterhage and Charlie Stehm. Also, work by Gary Eagan and four of his former apprentices, Steve Beacham, Karen Foster, Sally Williams Gorrell and Jane Tucker will be on display at the museum, 85 S. Main.

Woodward Memorial Music Series presents Charles Graham

The Holiday Island Community Church hosts Charles Graham Sunday, June 7, at 4:30 p.m. Graham's music ministry has taken him worldwide to Europe, South America, Africa and Israel. He has recorded six gospel albums and his music in concert includes contemporary tunes and old favorites.

All are welcome to come hear and meet Charles. There will be a reception following in the Cook Center Fellowship building next door. A free will love offering will be taken. To learn more about Charles go to www.charlesgrahamministry.com. For more information call Bill Branum at (479) 981-0153.

DEPARTURES



Katherine Louise "Katye" Wyatt Sept. 9, 1917 - May 22, 2015

of Holiday Island, Ark., was born Sept. 9, 1917, in Winnsboro, La., a daughter of Vinko and Francis Polancic. She departed this life Friday, May 22, 2015 in Holiday Island, at age 97. Katve was of the Methodist faith and was a member of the Shrine Ladies.

She is survived by daughter, Mary K. and husband, Billy J. Hughes, of Berryville, Ark.;

Katherine Louise "Katye" Wyatt, a resident son, James Marvin Taylor and wife, Jeanett, of Fort Worth, Texas; 12 grandchildren; six greatgrandchildren; six great-great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews; and a host of friends and loved ones.

On February 27, 1938, Katve was united in marriage with Travis Daniel Wyatt who preceded her in death. She was also preceded by her parents, five brothers, one sister, and two step-sisters.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, May 29, at the First United Methodist Church in Berryville with Pastor Kenny Lee officiating. Cremation arrangements are under the direction of Nelson Funeral Service. Memorial donations may be made to the charity of your choice. Online condolences may be sent to the family at nelsonfuneral.com. © Nelson Funeral Service, Inc. 2015

Annella Lowell Baker March 10, 1923 – May 19, 2015

Annella Lowell Baker, 92, was born March 10, 1923 in



Shawnee, Okla., to Warren Alva and Oma Pearl Scar Lowell and died May 19, 2015 in Enid, Okla.

She grew up in Muskogee and graduated from Muskogee High School in 1941, and attended Phillips University.

On March 14, 1944, Annella married Vernon R. Baker in Muskogee. Her husband preceded her in death on Feb.1, 1998.

In 1972, the Bakers moved to Eureka Springs, Ark., and established a tourist attraction, The Castle and Museum at Inspiration Point. After 20 years in the tourist business, they sold their business at auction and returned to Enid.

Annella was a longtime member of Central Christian Church, a Deacon and charter member of the Sooner Sunday School class. The Bakers were part of a nine-member team who went on a two month church sponsored lay mission trip to Venezuela. She was a member of the Junior Welfare League, Enid Lioness Club, Gamma Study Club, Enid Fine Arts Club, Daughters of the American Revolution, St. Mary's Volunteers and an active member of Phillips University organizations.

The Bakers sponsored two students to Phillips University from the British Isles. Dr. and Mrs. Baker and Dr. and Mrs. Cecil Williams organized and began Phillips University Science Camp near Monte Vista, Colo., in 1950.

Annella was a homemaker and proud of her family of four sons and their spouses: Vernon, Jr. and Patti of Siloam

Springs, Ark., Lowell and Holly of Tulsa, Okla., James and Carolyn of Aurora, Colo., Walter and Barbara of Enid, Okla., eight grandchildren, 10 great grandchildren, and a brother and his wife, Dr. James R. Lowell and Laura Belle of Dallas, Texas.

The family appreciates the effort of Annella's caretaker, Catherine Fair. The family requests no food or flowers. Memorials in her memory may be made to Central Christian Church or donor's choice. Condolences may be made online at Brown-Cummings .com or nelsonfuneral.com.

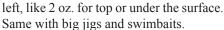
Memorial service will be 11A.M. on Saturday, June 6, 2015 in the Central Christian Church with Rev. Don Johnson officiating under direction of Brown-Cummings Funeral Home. After cremation, the cremains will be taken to Colorado and buried next to her husband of 54 years in the San Juan Mountains.

DROPPINGA Line

by Robert Johnson

hought I would give you a pic of some lures that will catch stripers. For the top, big redfins worked slow where they just make a V wake like a snake. Big Zara Spooks twitchin' on top to walk the dog, right and left.

Chuggers jerkin' straight in fast to spit water and make some Rattle noise. traps bigger than chrome, one in pic on far bottom



Well, the east wind was not good to us this week. We did catch fish here at Holiday Island and Beaver, but got no pics. We were catching stripers with no weights, but after my trip Saturday we marked big fish on graph 18 – 25 ft. deep, so told a buddy who was fishing Sunday and he pulled nine stripers with big fish weighing in at 28 pounds. Most stripers are still being caught between the Dam and Rocky Branch area.



Here at Holiday Island, most fish are moving in and out in 3 - 12 ft. of water depending on the weather. Water temps dropped back down to around 68° with the cold fronts last week. They don't like the fronts, but they do like the cool water especially with winds from the south or west, which are on the way.

That's it for this week, hope you all stayed dry over the holiday weekend. Robert Johnson. Johnson Guide Service. www.fishofexcellence. com (479) 253-2258.

Bartimaeus coming to Holiday Island Community Church

Nick and Lucy Della Valle, gifted in biblical storytelling and theater, will bring an eyewitness account of the Messiah's last days on earth through the life of Bartimaeus. Come see and hear this powerful presentation on June 14 at 4:30 p.m. at the Holiday Island Community Church, 188 Stateline Drive. For more information call (479) 253-8200.

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known for its beautiful gardens. Now her children are grown, and her son, Harley, helps with the businesses.

In addition to her greenhouse, she has cold frames that bring her up to about 5,000 sq. ft. in growing capacity. She offers all types of vegetables, herbs and flowering plants in the spring, and has added strawberries, raspberries, blackberries and grapes.

"We do all the different types of flowers from geraniums to marigolds," she said. "We chose plants that are Proven Winners Plants, which are varieties that have been tested and proven to be superior."

Hamby's greenhouse also contains her own orchard. She grows her own oranges, key limes, lemons, bananas, figs and berries. On her 40-acre farm, she also has a flock of chickens and eight free-range goats.

The work requires long hours and a great deal of stamina.

"We start to grow product for the new year the first or second week in January," she said. "Once I begin that endeavor, I'm on the clock seven days a week, take cuttings, sowing seeds, splitting and dividing perennials. Once you step in the game, you don't get out until the heat of July and August. And that is when I do most of the commercial landscape business."

The big trend today is people want easy-care gardens.

"Most everyone today says 'I want low or no maintenance'," said Hamby, who also does tree care and Arkansas native stone

You might think that this woman who apparently eats, breathes and dreams plant would list plants as her number one passion. You would be wrong.

"The love of my life is singing and songwriting," Hamby said. "I'm working with Fred Tackett (Little Feat). I really love music, and wish I had more time for it."

INDEPENDENT Crossword

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ACROSS

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- 5. American humor magazine founded in 1952
- 8. Dag nab it!
- 12. Sheltered side of the ship
- 13. This could be up your
- 14. Slide uncontrollably (var.)
- 15. Groups within a larger group
- 17. Scrabble piece
- 18. Crooked
- 19. Thermodynamic temperature equal to Celsius
- 21. Police informer (Brit.)
- 23. "Peek-a-boo, I you"
- 24. Tribal chief
- 27. Pointed part of a fork
- 30. Receptacle for coffee or ashes
- 31. Think out loud
- 33. Signed document acknowledging a debt
- 34. Large country home

- 36. Teaching staff
- 38. Practical application
- 39. Environmental activist
- Brokovich
- 40. Large meteor
- 43. Move swiftly and uncontrolled
- 47. Prevaricator
- 48. "Silent Cal" of American politics
- 50. Pro foe
- 51. Dashboard dial on standard shift vehicles
- 52. Irish hearth fuel
- 53. Squeaks out a living
- 54. Where Springsteen was 29. Male born
- 55. Terminations

Down

- 1. Earth goddess (var.)
- 2. Ailments
- 3. Fishing rod necessity
- 4. Insist
- 5. Trespasser catcher
- 6. Behave

- 7. Table with drawers
- 8. Man who looked after the horses at an inn (var.)
- 9. Cooking and medicinal

liquid

- 10. Sheepdog with long thick coat
- 11. Looked at
- 16. Infatuated
- 20. Type of Modelo beer
- 22. Can be carried in your pocket except on an airplane
- 24. Low sound a bee makes
- 25. Distinct period of time
- 26. Having rings, like a raccoon
- 28. "guilty"
- 32. Stupor after too many drugs
- 35. Egyptian god of the afterlife
- 37. Not quite ready to eat
- 40. Bluish-black (Scot.)
- 41. Pig talk
- 42. Light beige
- 44. Well-known garden
- 45. Holy Cow!
- 46. They hang from basketball rims
- 49. Picture-taking events

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sobbed, feeling that something irreplaceable had been taken from her. She ran wildly over the rocky ground, tore open the back door, and stumbled through the kitchen, the living-room, and into Walter's study where the gunracks hung along one wall. With her hands shaking, she pulled down the twenty-two rifle that Walter had given her, and rushed with it into the yard.

The dog was still standing over the dead squirrel, the white plume draggled now, soiled with blood. Scornful, indifferent to

LOVIN' EVERY MINUTE continued from page 8

Other stars of the show include Adriane Csikós, who as a production singer for Carnival Cruise Lines for 11 years traveled to 35 different countries. The native of Kansas has performed in dozens of different stage shows.

Another performer who was well received is Alexander James, British host and entertainer who has performed around the world in musical productions including Grease, Little Shop of Horrors, and Sweeney Todd. He has also been involved in television and radio as a host in America and England. He was most recently the host of the show, The World Traveler, on the

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her, he stood as motionless as the target on the bluff, and she knew that she could hit him between the eyes, as she had hit the bull's-eye of the target. She braced the rifle against her shoulder and got the sights on the hated dog-face. Then, suddenly, she let the rifle drop.

"What am I doing?" she asked aloud, and looked around dazedly at the forlorn garden and the gaunt, bare rock. A dry sob rose in her throat, and she sat down, shivering, on the doorstep. It was some time before she could gather enough strength to creep back into the house and shut the door behind her.

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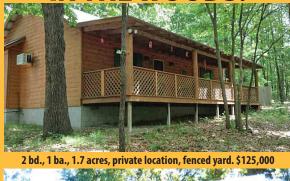
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