



Council moves to reduce bonded indebtedness

NICKY BOYETTE

The Eureka Springs City Council voted to authorize Stephens, Inc., bond underwriters, to proceed with the process of refunding two bonds issued in 2008 and 2010 and combining them. Bo Bittle of Stephens told aldermen the move would save as much as \$61,000 annually by lowering the interest rate and decreasing the principal. The biggest advantage, Bittle said, would be lowering the existing debt service.

Finance Director Lonnie Clark said he had studied extensively what Bittle was proposing, "and I think it is quite honestly the thing to do."

Alderman Bob Thomas was concerned that the near-term savings might be offset by increases after five years. He did not want council to pass along a financial albatross to the next council.

Clark replied the city would have less debt down the road and the costs of combining the bonds was reasonable.

Alderman Terry McClung asked Bittle how long the window of opportunity would be open for this transaction, and Bittle conjectured the deal would be safe through the summer though no one can predict for sure how interest rates will behave.

McClung then asked Bittle how this restructuring would position the city regarding issuance of another bond to pay for extending the sewer westward to accommodate possible construction of a new hospital. Bittle answered if council feels strongly there is a chance for the new hospital project, then council should wait to finalize combining the bonds and at the same time add financing for the sewer project.

"Do it all at once. You will save money," Bittle stated.

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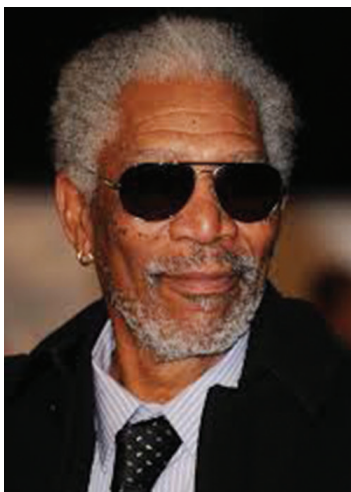
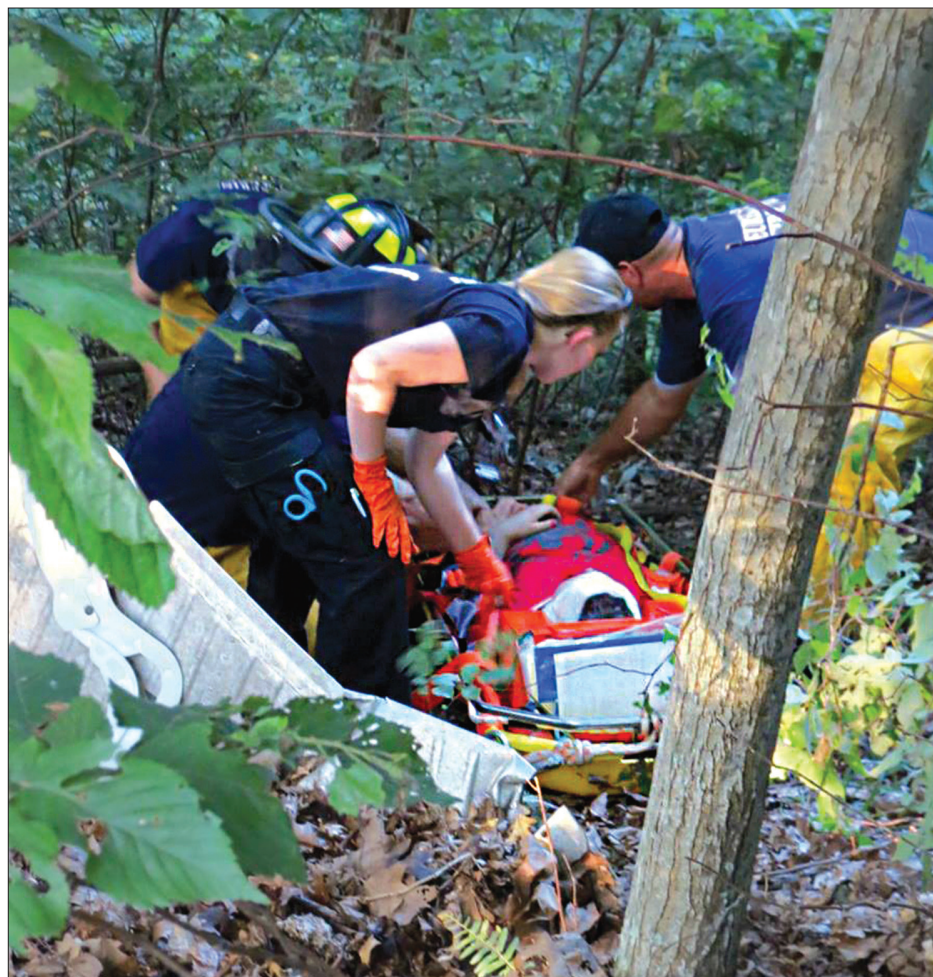


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Everybody knows of Morgan Freeman. He smokes pot, supports its legalization, is opposed to media always assuming those who get beat up by police are at fault, and in short, is an old millionaire who made enough money to never have to work again.

But he does. Freeman has 120-some acres of land in Mississippi and made the decision to plant it chock full of clover, lavender and magnolia trees, then stock it with 26 hives of honeybees.

"Bees are the foundation of vegetation," Freeman said. "They need our help. I simply feed them. They seem to understand what I'm doing. I've never been stung."



To the rescue – Area Fire & Rescue departments held a surprise ESFD-sponsored drill Sunday evening behind Quigley Castle on Hwy. 23S, where a small plane crash was staged. Retrieval teams had to first locate the crash scene by looking for smoke/fire and debris, then find and extricate passengers. Two medical rescue helicopters were also nearby. A short meeting followed the drill to get ideas for improving response. More photos on Facebook.

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Council to clarify Code for food truck vendors

NICKY BOYETTE

Alderman Terry McClung told city council Monday that the ordinance regarding peddlers and solicitors might need clarification. He said during the Memorial Day weekend, a food service truck opened for business in the parking lot of a restaurant that was closed at the time. McClung said according to his reading, City Code related to Outdoor Sales did not allow a free-standing food service truck to operate in the parking lot of an unrelated business.

Alderman Mickey Schneider pointed out the vendor in question had been OK'd by the health department, had a business license and permission from the owner of the property.

City Clerk Ann Armstrong added the vendor has complied by collecting CAPC taxes, procuring a lease agreement, getting cleared by the health department and agreeing to provide bench seating.

McClung still saw the situation as contrary to City Code, saying this situation was different from a purveyor extending business from inside the building into the parking lot.

City Attorney Tim Weaver agreed with McClung's assessment, and said wording of the ordinance could be altered to clarify the intent. He said cities usually limit food-vending trucks to particular areas so they do not become traffic hazards by stopping in front of businesses. He said council could create such a zone for food service trucks.

Alderman James DeVito agreed with McClung and Weaver that commerce being carried on in front of a business should be covered by the same business license. The situation that prompted the discussion was a violation of the peddling part of the ordinance, according to DeVito.

Mayor Butch Berry said the ordinance needed clarity, and DeVito moved to have Weaver look at it and report back with suggestions for clarifying the intent. Council approved the motion.

Looking for the gardens of the season

The Eureka Springs Garden Club is in search of the Gardens of the Season. They are looking for large or small front yards or easy access backyards or porches. All entries will be judged equally even if you have a very small or dedicated area.

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Head-on collision kills motorcyclist

A Coca-Cola truck vs. motorcycle collision Saturday, June 6, took the life of William (David) Stettenbenz, 42, of Eureka Springs. According to a police report filed by ESPD Officer Billy Floyd, the accident occurred near the intersection of US 62 and Rock House Road just after 4 p.m.

The semi driven by Basheer Dalati was proceeding west on 62 and failed to negotiate the right-hand curve. The vehicle crossed the double yellow, striking the motorcycle driven by Stettenbenz. The semi continued traveling to the left side of the roadway.

EMS arrived at the scene moments later and advised Floyd that Stettenbenz was deceased.

Dalati reported traveling around 45 mph and said he didn't realize the curve

was so sharp until it was too late. The accident report noted the driver did not seem to be impaired, but blood and alcohol tests were performed.

Both vehicles were towed from the scene. This is the second accident this spring involving a Coca-Cola semi on that curve.

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HDC approves 13 spruce up and repair requests

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Architect Tom Johnson told the Historic District Commission at its June 3 meeting that misinformation had been inadvertently given out at the May 20 meeting about his business. He said a comment was made that the company that had produced an architectural drawing displayed during the meeting was no longer in business. He said the drawing of the old high school property was one he had collaborated on, though additional sketching had been added. He said after the work on that drawing, he took an extended work break for health reasons, but is indeed still operating in the area.

Al Larson, who had made the comment at the previous meeting, submitted a letter to the commission in which he acknowledged his mistake and apologized to Johnson.

In other business, the commission approved this new application:

- 17 ½ Elk – replace fire-damaged, non-original windows

The commission approved these items on the Consent Agenda:

- 2 Hillside – new sign
- 61 N Main – new paint colors; new sign

- 9 Pine – new paint colors
- 16 Center – new sign
- 18 Spring – new paint colors
- 26 S. Main – new awning fabric color
- 55 Kingshighway – new paint colors

Consent Agenda items are Level I applications that the City Preservation Officer believes

to be in accordance with the Design Guidelines.

Chair Dee Bright presented these Administrative Approvals, which are applications for repair

or for work involving no changes in materials or color but include applications for changes in roofing color:

- 35 Kingshighway – general maintenance and repair

- 282 Spring – general maintenance and repair

- 24 Norris – re-roof

- 141 W. Van Buren – re-roof

- 69 S. Main – replace awning

- 47 Spring – re-roof, flat

- 26 White – re-roof, new color

- 4 Douglas – re-roof, same color

Next meeting will be Wednesday, June 17, at 6 p.m.

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Ordinance 2223 passed; now what?

NICKY BOYETTE

Alderman James DeVito commented at Monday night's city council meeting that the recent special election on Ordinance 2223 drew more voters than the 2012 general election, and with an overwhelming 72 percent approving the measure, council in his estimation has an obligation to continue what it started. He also noted state law taking effect in late July that will render the outcome of the election moot.

DeVito moved to have Mayor Butch Berry check with the Municipal League to see about filing an injunction to stop the state law from negating the local will of the people.

"It's about civil rights, which will end for some," he remarked noting that other cities are beginning to get on board with non-discrimination ordinances in some form or other. He said the state was trampling on the city's ability to govern its citizens.

City attorney Tim Weaver hesitantly commented that

if an injunction were filed, it might hold up the state law, but a state court might not issue an injunction. He agreed the Municipal League might have ideas for what to do next, but said their attorneys would probably look only at the "home rule" aspect of the case, not the non-discrimination feature of the law.

Vote was unanimous for Berry to speak with Municipal League attorneys to see what action council can take to keep Ordinance 2223 enforceable.

Cornerstone Bank's parking lot raises over \$35,000

Charles T. Cross, President and CEO of Cornerstone Bank, recently announced over \$35,448 was raised by local organizations, civic groups and non-profits in 2014 from donation of the local bank's Historic Downtown branch parking lot for fundraising.

This is the 25th year the bank has allowed non-profit and civic organizations the opportunity to raise money with parking proceeds. Approximately 90 groups began fundraising efforts in February running through mid-December.

HIFD golf tournament and fish fry

Hole-in-one could net a new car!

It's not too late to enjoy the Holiday Island Fire Department golf tournament. On Friday, June 12, the 9 Hole tournament, a four person team scramble, will start at 1 p.m. The public is invited to a community fish fry starting at 6 p.m. in the Holiday Island Clubhouse Ballroom. Arrive early to participate in the putting contest on the putting green, 4 – 6 p.m.

Come enjoy the fun, great food, live entertainment by the Roaring River Sound and bidding on the silent auction. Tickets \$11 at the door or \$10 if purchased in advance at the Pro Shop or Rec. Center.

An 18 Hole tournament, also a 4-person team scramble, will take place Saturday, June 13, with a shotgun start at 8 a.m. The tournament will feature a Hole-In-One contest

where someone could win a new Ford from Les Jacobs Ford in Cassville.

For more information or to secure a spot in either tournament call the Pro Shop (479) 253-9511. All proceeds benefit the Fire Department.

Permaculture Study Group June 13

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largest retail store in Eureka Springs.

Nelson and his wife, Susan, moved Nelson Leather to Eureka Springs from Fayetteville in 1975, then expanded to 34 Spring where it's been a magnet to shoppers wanting quality leather items and pocketknives for years.

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Bible Reading Marathon slated for Eureka

Bonnie Roediger, coordinator of the Carroll County Bible Reading Marathon, recently announced the 2016 Marathon would take place in Eureka Springs.

The 2015 event, held in Green Forest May 3 – 7, included 87 continuous hours of live Bible reading from Genesis to Revelation with more than 180 readers representing 30 area churches, eight businesses and four families. Not only did people come to listen to the Bible being read around the clock, but also at least 159 listeners as far away as Japan were tuned to the live streaming broadcast.

Roediger attributes the success of the marathon to volunteers who prayed, planned and participated in the event, and said the 2016 event in Eureka Springs would continue the vision of giving each city the opportunity to host the marathon for three years.

The 7th Annual Bible Reading Marathon will be held outdoors near the Great Hall at the Great Passion Play beginning May 1 and will end with the National Day of Prayer on Thursday, May 5.

The 6th Annual Bible Reading Marathon in Green Forest ended with

local Steve Boren singing an original song after the blowing of the shofar by Bob Perkins, Carroll County cabinet member and Arkansas State President of Gideon's International. Speaker Jennifer Palafox, President of Bible Pathways, related how Dr. John Hash, who began Bible Pathways (a daily devotional booklet) 40 years ago, started the Bible Reading Marathons on the Mount of Olives in 1991.

Anyone interested in planning, volunteering, reading aloud or having more information is welcome to call (870) 350-0865 or email 2roedrunners@gmail.com.

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Call to oppose fluoride

Editor,

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we will definitely be heard. It has become a national issue, and many states are taking fluoride out of their water. Let's be the town that does not want fluoride put into our drinking water. Please call...

Jasmine Stanley



WEEK'S TopTweets

@shelbyfero: Got disoriented and walked into the wrong classroom. Didn't want to look stupid so I just went ahead and switched majors.

@DDDBU: The worst part of a Halloween party with a bunch of techies is bobbing for apps.

@IGotsSmarts: People who don't understand what I'm trying to say are anti-semantics.

@gracehelbig: Are people in culinary school required to do dissertations?

@rolldiggity: "It's MY way, or that other way!" - Ultimatums before the invention of the highway

@goldengateblond: Whew. Thank you, warning label. I was

actually considering using my new floor lamp in the shower.

@jasonmustian: I'm just a regular guy, putting on my Capri pants 3/4 leg at a time.

@donni: Might buy a junkyard just to grow my own junk food.
@TheThryll: Tried explaining Twitter to my dad, but his "why would you want to do that?" argument was pretty bulletproof.

@meganamram: It's easy to be with my family because we have so much in common. Like, we all love to look at our phones!

@Elizasoul80_May 26: My phone just fell down a flight of stairs, but it's ok, it was in my pocket.

@JohnLyonTweets: Adam and Eve were the first people to agree to the Apple terms and conditions without reading them.

INDEPENDENT Editorial

Centerfold Men

Last week a magazine in our mailbox got our undivided attention – the cover story was on 2015's Powerful Men. "Men who effect change in their communities and in many cases the entire state," it gloated. The headline did not say Most Powerful, for which we thank the editor.

The men and the magazine are all from Arkansas, if not by birth at least by address. They were apparently chosen because the magazine saw them as "impactful." All were asked what their biggest accomplishment is, and answers ranged from finding a woman who would put up with them for 40 years to spearheading girls' softball from slow pitch to fast pitch. Each had a sense of accomplishment and a professionally taken photograph.

The best part of the article was it sent our minds off to Men of Eureka Springs. We grappled with Most Powerful, Most Influential, Most Effective, Most Likely to Have a Street Named After Him. We finally decided on Men We Would Most Want to Go Fishing With.

Our reasoning was that the strongest men we know are the ones who are comfortable, safe, genuine, helpful, and able to fend for themselves without causing problems or work for anyone else.

We eliminated those who rely on chicanery and bullying, or are full of self-congratulatory flattery, even though many of them are better known than the princes mentioned here. Well, you know, some men have all the components of manhood but seem to think that means they have entitlement. It's not as easy as you think to get on our list.

Zeekie Taylor has to be on. He knows everybody and leaves everybody alone unless they delight him, and even then, he's respectful. He has spent his life making life in Eureka Springs prettier, cheerier, and more welcoming, and his strength comes from his commitment to all that is art. He seems to think we all have an artist lurking inside us.

Rex Gustin. Always working, always providing, always dependable Rex. His mother loves him and so does everybody else. He's the guy you'd want to pick you up if you were stuck in Wyoming or Siberia during a late night blizzard, and he would. He would entertain you all the way home with the funny, true stories that make him unforgettable. He is the living definition of brother.

Tim Brown. He's kept the doors open at Chelsea's since we were all children. Chelsea's didn't evolve into an Irish poets/musicians/politicians/stonemasons/tourist bar on its own, it took this man who is as consistent and aware as his donkey that brays us awake at first light every morning in Busch. He is Best in New Jokes, and the most likely to make sure everybody's comfortable when an asteroid is coming at us.

Larry Evans. Either you know him or know about him. Or you don't, but wish you did. He is able to remember all of Tim Brown's jokes, he can and will fix anything that doesn't involve a computer, and we've never heard a woman have anything but praise for him. That's because he genuinely likes women. He'll be the last person voted off the island.

Philip Wilson, surprise, surprise. We are unlikely to ever agree philosophically, politically or theologically with Pastor Wilson, but we will say that during and after the recent election on Ordinance 2223, he had the grace of a true gentleman. The man has a good handshake, looks you in the eye when he speaks, pays his bills on time, and is a beekeeper, for which we have the highest praise.

Randy Wolfenbarger. Everyone who lives here or has visited during the throes of an ice storm knows that Randy is all about keeping people safe, warm and fed in an emergency. We know of no other hotel anywhere that consistently extends use of its facilities to those in need, even when it's a whole town without power. He is also a behind-the-scenes kind of guy who we're glad was appointed to the Arkansas State Parks Recreation and Travel Commission.

These guys could have some flaws, but either no one knows what they are or won't speak of them. We prefer to think of them as all ours and are glad they make the rest of us look good.

And don't even get us started on the women. They might take up all 24 of our pages.

Mary Pat Boian



The Pursuit Of HAPPINESS

by Dan Krotz

A consolation of growing older, at least for men, is the expanding pool of attractive and interesting women. Adolescent boys are rarely capable of entertaining lascivious, let alone even casual thought, about women over the age of twenty-five; women over thirty never cross their consciousness, no matter what Hollywood fictions like *The Summer of '42* might suggest. Ben Franklin, that wisest of Americans, tersely summarized what boys don't know and most smart men do: "In the night all cats are gray."

I suppose such musings, Father Franklin's and mine, lack an evolving (modern) sensibility, but a pretty woman in new shoes shines like a good deed in a grumpy world, and hearts and minds will go where they will go. One is allowed to walk in the garden, and enjoy the garden, without picking the daises.

I am especially fond of produce markets, a place where women, as the poet Byron wrote, are "... not old, nor young, nor at the years/Which certain people call a certain age,/ Which yet the most uncertain age appears..." and who are intent on thumping melons, inhaling the ambergris of new potatoes, and measuring the worthiness of dug and bundled carrots. It is a pleasure, not in the least guilty, to observe the sapience and know-how of these experienced, discerning, and comely buyers of roughage.

You might be thinking, "Damn, there's an old perv standing next to the lettuce." Go ahead. You will only remind me of Mother Gonzaga, a Sister of Notre Dame, who dedicated her entire life to warning me against "occasions of sin." There are some people, like Mother Gun, who generate within themselves an asperity that nothing can sweeten. Be that way if you want to.

Meanwhile, the Eureka Springs Farmers' Market is open Tuesday and Thursday mornings at Pine Mountain Village. The Holiday Island Farmers' Market is open on Friday mornings near the entrance gate to the Island. And the Berryville Farmers' Market is open Saturday mornings in the parking lot next to the Community Center. I encourage you to go. You will find women of a certain age, occasions of sin, and pretty good roughage.



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INDEPENDENT Constables On Patrol

JUNE 1

8:32 a.m. – Report came in to ESPD of a truck parked on a neighborhood street making it difficult to drive through. Constable drove through the area with no problem and did not see the offending truck.

9:05 a.m. – Constable on patrol responded to an accident downtown.

1:54 p.m. – Concerned onlooker reported a domestic disturbance between her neighbor and the neighbor's ex-boyfriend. Caller said she would take her neighbor to ESH for her injuries. Constable spoke with the victim at ESH and filed a report.

2:02 p.m. – Central dispatch asked for constable assistance for a trooper who had made a traffic stop at the western edge of town.

3:25 p.m. – Individual from the earlier domestic disturbance was arrested for domestic battery.

3:37 p.m. – Female reported receiving harassing communications, and constable explained the process for getting a protection order.

5:18 p.m. – Constable helped a semi driver escape a downtown parking predicament.

9:59 p.m. – Homeowner claimed during his absence the previous night, some of his daughter's friends took items from his property.

JUNE 2

5:13 a.m. – Fayetteville resident told ESPD her friend, who lives somewhere in Eureka Springs, had posted "Somebody please help" on Facebook. Constables were not able to find the individual.

12:42 p.m. – Witness called in a fight going on between two males in a neighborhood. Constable responded, but one of the brawlers had fled the scene. Report was taken.

7:02 p.m. – Constable responded to a domestic dispute just east of downtown. The incident was verbal only, and disputants left the scene together.

JUNE 3

5:39 a.m. – Resident walking her dog noticed a male curled up asleep alongside a street. Constable interrupted the slumber, and the sleeper claimed he had been on his way home but got tired so he stopped for a nap.

6:27 a.m. – Constable responded to a vehicle broken down alongside Hwy. 23 North. The driver called a tow truck.

12:27 p.m. – Vehicle owner filed a report because someone had apparently caused damage to the vehicle trying to break in during the night.

6:18 p.m. – Constable arrested an individual on an outstanding warrant.

JUNE 4

8:54 a.m. – Concerned observer reported someone camping behind a house near downtown. The camper told the constable who responded he would pack up and leave town.

9:34 a.m. – Constable was called to the courthouse to arrest an intoxicated person for contempt of court.

6:18 p.m. – Constable on patrol gathered information on a home invasion.

JUNE 5

5:53 p.m. – Constable assisted a deputy until other deputies arrived.

6:28 p.m. – Constables watched for but did not encounter an erratic driver headed toward town from the west.

7:45 p.m. – There was a two-car accident on US 62 west of downtown. Both vehicles were towed and one driver was arrested for DWI.

JUNE 6

12:41 a.m. – There was a domestic dispute at a tourist lodging. Constable arrived to help settle the issue.

1:03 a.m. – An inebriated individual was causing a scene at a bar downtown. Constables arrested him for public intoxication and disorderly conduct.

5:01 a.m. – A deer was hit by a vehicle on US 62 toward the eastern edge of town. Constable had to dispatch the animal, and Public Works cleaned up.

9:43 a.m. – Customer at a business on North Main backed her vehicle into the stone wall. Vehicle sustained damage but the wall escaped unscathed. Driver did not want a report.

9:51 a.m. – Person told ESPD he and his buddy had engaged in an argument which escalated until he got hit in the face. Constable spoke to both parties and neither wanted to file charges.

10:14 a.m. – Surveillance camera at a business recorded a person illegally

dumping items on the property. Constable recognized the dumper and advised him to reclaim his items from the site. The dumper complied.

4:18 p.m. – Constable responded to an accident at the intersection of US 62 and CR 302.

JUNE 7

12:18 a.m. – Traffic stop resulted in the arrest of the driver for DWI.

12:47 a.m. – Another traffic stop and another driver arrested for DWI and careless driving.

12:48 a.m. – A daughter asked for a welfare check on her mother whom she claimed lived in Eureka Springs but did not know an address. The daughter said the mother has cancer and she has not heard from her in awhile. Constable could not find anything about the mother in the system and told the daughter ESPD could perform a welfare check if it had more information.

7:30 a.m. – Motel manager reported yelling and screaming from one of the rooms. Constable learned the dispute had been verbal only.

11:48 a.m. – A different motel manager reported a break-in. Constables located the suspect and arrested him for battery and on an outstanding Washington County warrant.

6:28 p.m. – Alarm company reported an alarm had been tripped at a business on Hwy. 23 South, but the constable found the building secure.

11:51 p.m. – Central dispatch alerted ESPD to two female runaways, ages 12 and 13, headed toward town on Hwy. 23. One of their fathers later picked them up and no assistance was needed.

JUNE 8

5:46 a.m. – Someone ran over a cat on a street in the western side of town, and Public Works was called to retrieve it.

Fur goodness' sake, raise the WOOF!

Tails wag for a cause Sunday, June 14, at the Cottage Inn's Cocktail Hour Benefit for the Good Shepherd Humane Shelter. Admission is a \$10 suggested donation with 100 percent of the evening's proceeds going to Good Shepherd.

Chef/restaurateur, Linda Hager, invites you to feast on her delicious hors d'oeuvres and special \$5 cocktails in a garden party setting from 4 - 6 p.m. Non-alcoholic drinks will also be available. Every penny is "going to the dogs."

Come learn how Good Shepherd saves and serves the homeless and abandoned animals of Carroll County with a low-cost spay/neuter clinic, the planned incorporation of the Berryville facilities into the Eureka Springs site and more.

There will be a mini-adoption onsite with fees dropped to \$5. This includes shots and spay/neuter. The Cottage Inn, 450 W. Van Buren (US 62W) will remain open for dinner until 9 after the benefit for folks who want to stay and enjoy a great meal.

Sycamore, written by Constance Wagner and published in 1950 by Alfred A. Knopf, is the story of a sophisticated New York girl who marries a boy from Arkansas. The Wagners and their daughter lived in Eureka Springs while the novel was written. In addition to five novels, Constance Wagner wrote numerous articles and stories published in *The New Yorker*, *Atlantic Monthly* and *Collier's*.



CONSTANCE
WAGNER

“Poor Floyd,” she chanted. “Poor Floyd –” She stooped beside a frame, lifted the glass, and with a knife reaped handfuls of hardy leaves and dropped them into the basket on her arm.

He got home at about six, coming in from the garage by the kitchen door, not bothering to wipe his feet, leaving the figures of heels and soles mud-printed on the linoleum – a circumstance so time-hallowed in Willy May’s life that she simply reached for the gray mop behind the door and erased the dirt behind him, without thought.

“Dinner ready?” he asked. This, too, was his habitual greeting, thrown out in an accusatory manner as if he expected that she would have nothing for him to eat.

“All ready,” she said, standing over the steaming stove. “I’ll have it right on.”

He went through the house shedding his hat and coat as he went – the long, black overcoat that matched his other city clothes, for he disdained to get himself up in the casual jackets, wool shirts, and boots that were worn by most of the men in town. He was jealous of his status as a white-collar worker, and made certain that there should be no mistaking his standing. He was one of the few men in Sycamore who never appeared without a necktie...

He returned, washed and combed, to

the kitchen and sat down at the table without looking at his wife. She set a plate in front of him – two golden-crust pork chops attended by vegetables – and removed a napkin from the hot biscuits. Then she served herself and sat down across the table from him. He made away with the first chop wordlessly, jaws champing over the swift demolition of food. He picked up the bone and tore the last scraps of fat from it, his eyes, meanwhile, darting rapidly over the table, over his plate, as if her were concerned with the problem of what to attack next.

“Greens,” he said, laying down the polished hog’s-rib, his glance arrested by the mound of cooked leaves in from of him. “Early for greens, ain’t it?”

“Yes,” she said. “They’re out of the cold frame.”

He tasted them critically. “Not enough vinegar,” he said. “You never do get enough vinegar in ‘em.”

She pushed the cruet toward him over the checkerboard cloth. He doused the greens with vinegar, raised his head abruptly to meet her eyes. “What are you sitting there staring at me like that for?” he cried out against her. “Done nothing but stare, last five minutes –”

She said absently: “I didn’t mean to... Is it freezing yet?”

It wasn’t, he told her. “Weather man says colder again tomorrow, though.”

The ground will be soft in the rose bed, she was thinking. Good, soft earth, dug four feet deep – last year, wasn’t it?

“Eat the greens,” she said crooningly as if she were speaking to a child. “They’re good for you, this time of year.”

On Tuesday nights, the Rotary Club met for dinner. On these occasions, the otherwise-unused dining-room of the Jefferson Davis was opened, and the men sat at a u-shaped combination of three long tables, and were served by the ladies of one or another church. A considerable rivalry had sprung up among the four denominational groups that took turns serving what old Mrs. Preston always called “the Rotarary Club.” The Baptist ladies eavesdropped shamelessly from the kitchen, in hopes of hearing their pies extolled above the pies of the Presbyterians, Methodists, or Campbellites, and this competitive spirit resulted in excellent food for the gentlemen, and menus that became progressively richer and more elaborate. Gathered at one end of the long, empty room, with its rococo paneling now fusty with age and neglect, they loaded up on roast duck and candied yams, quail, venison, and wild rice, great slabs of devil’s-food cake under

snowdrifts of boiled frosting, till they were so replete, by the end of it, that their songs rose with a certain breathlessness and fell back weakly from the high ceiling.

Tonight a state representative was on hand, from Little Rock, to expatiate on the growth and future of Arkansas in the field of industry. Labor, he pointed out, had given very little trouble in Arkansas. There was every reason for Northern capital to avail itself of this happy circumstance, and Northern capital was beginning to do so. He spoke of natural resources, enumerated mineral deposits, tossed off a vague but provocative allusion to uranium. Everyone applauded loudly, and looked at one another, a little dazzled by the bright dream. Colonel Blake delivered some optimistic remarks about the radioactive waters of Sycamore, and hinted that, before long, they might be bottled and sold nationwide. “Nation-wide,” had recently become his favorite phrase. Whenever he opened his mouth, it was to cast a net of fancy over the map of the United States and draw it deftly toward Sycamore.

NOTES from the HOLLOW

by Steve Weems

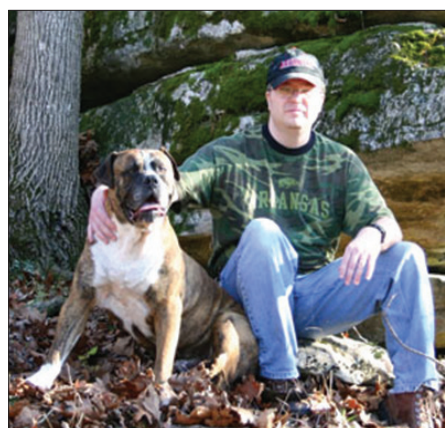
Lately, I’ve been thinking a lot about trees. I do that sometimes. What triggered it this time was a trip to the track behind the Eureka Springs Elementary School. A man stopped me to ask if I had ever seen a chinquapin tree. To be honest, I couldn’t remember if I’d ever seen one or not, but I’ve heard about them all my life. The man showed me one growing in the edge of the woods that skirt the track’s parking lot. He gave me details about the once ubiquitous Ozark Chinquapins and how they were wiped out by blight, similar to what happened to chestnut trees. This led me to thinking about trees and the local forest.

Trees have always been important to the western side of Carroll County. I believe that the beauty of our forested

hills still help bring in tourists and the cutting of firewood and sawmilling still employ several on a part-time basis. Once upon a time though, this area was part of the largest white oak forest in the world. For decades, millions of trees were cut for stave bolts (for barrel making) and railroad ties.

The 1870 Federal Census was the last census taken before the founding of Eureka Springs and the tourism industry we now take for granted. Timber was king. If you skim down the occupations listed for the approximately 1,200 locals on this side of the Kings River, you’ll see many lumber jobs and ancillary occupations such as blacksmiths, teamsters and farriers.

All of this thinking of trees led to the



memory of a conversation I had with a lady in town years ago. She asked how I could be a tree hugger when my family had cleared more trees than any other family in the history of Eureka Springs. I don’t think that she was correct on either point, but I do like trees. There is a good reason why I don’t live out on the treeless plains or tundra. But, as much as I am fascinated by trees, I still burn them in the woodstove every winter.

The Butler Hollow Project at EUUF

On Sunday, June 14 at the Eureka Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, Dr. Luis Contreras will present current mitigation strategies and changes to the US Forest Service plans to use prescribed fires and herbicides, for decades, at Butler Hollow and build roads for commercial loggers.

Their plan would allow multiple prescribed fires on 14,400 acres – 75 percent of the Forest. These fires, in combination with commercial logging and road construction throughout the forest will impact water quality and flooding patterns north of Eureka Springs as well as in Missouri. Service is at 11 a.m. followed by refreshments. Childcare is provided.

INDEPENDENTLens

Home and the range – The Holiday Island Art Guild got a personal tour of JD & Cathy Harris's unique home and workshop hand-built entirely of recycled materials. Cathy's crystal pieces and JD's metal sculptures adorning the property on Hwy. 23N are for sale. (479) 253-2090. *PHOTOS BY JAY VRECENAK*



[above] Carol McGowen, Jim Sexton and Bridget Bob Shupp check out the massive copper range hood in the eat-in kitchen.



[at left] DJ explains how he built the portholed shower with plenty of seating. Above him is the lift he uses by means of the yellow rope and pulleys to hoist himself up to the loft.



Rescued – EMS responders located and transported survivors of a mock small plane crash to waiting helicopters and ambulances on June 7. Area responders and volunteers made the rescue demonstration as authentic as possible, creating a valuable learning experience.

Find more pics of Eureka Springs' busy week on our Facebook page!

Happy trails – The new ADA-compatible Spring Garden Loop trail was christened on National Trails Day, June 6, by a crowd of supporters and volunteers once the rain stopped and Mayor Butch Berry cut the ribbon at the new trailhead. There were also events at Lake Leatherwood and a celebration at Brews at the end of the day. **PHOTOS BY JAY VRECEK**



From left, Joan and Dorothy Guertin, Judy Montgomery and Butch Berry hit the trail.



Amanda Haley and Rusty Duling share a couple of umbrellas.



Mark Minton walks his "dogs," fresh from the Arvest cooker to provide lunch on the trail.



Free the gnomes June 13! – Don't miss the "free the gnomes" sale Saturday from 12 – 8 p.m. at the Art Colony on N. Main. Come meet Stephen Feilbach as he finishes finding homes for gnomes in Eureka. Gnomegedon, the mass exodus of the gnomes, will take place shortly after the sale as Stephen departs to save gnomes around the country. But you can still find him at Gnome Nation on Facebook or at www.Stephenfeilbach.com. **PHOTO BY JAY VRECEK**



At the end of a long day, Connie Featherstone, left, Elizabeth Kelley and Jay Ertel were waiting across from the celebration at Brews with supper from Community First Bank.



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Outstanding – The Dortch family were unable to accept their Outstanding Stewardship of a Historic Commercial Property Award on May 28, so a special presentation was made to them at the Eureka Springs & North Arkansas Railway depot. Dee Bright (right) presents the certificate to Mary Jane Dortch and her sons, Robert and David, on behalf of the Preservation Society.

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Will she get the prince?

Don't miss this fun retelling of *Cinderella* in a short opera with music from several different composers. It's a delightful matinee show at 2 p.m. on Saturdays June 13 and 27 in the auditorium.

The show features 15 singers from the current Opera in the Ozarks performers and will delight the whole family. Admission is free for children, and adult tickets are only \$5 with proof of purchase (i.e. receipt) from any business in Eureka Springs.


Pottery artists' reception June 12

The Eureka Springs Historical Museum, 95 S. Main, invites the public to a reception Friday, June 12, 2 – 4 p.m. to honor the artists represented in an exhibit honoring the long tradition of pottery production in this area.

The exhibit ranges from Native American-made objects of local clay to contemporary pottery, both functional and decorative, made locally over the

last 90 years.

Display pieces from the museum's collection and loans from individual artists include work by David Zimmermann, Elsie Freund, Catherine Osterhage and Charlie Stehm along with work by Gary Eagan and four of his former apprentices: Steve Beacham, Karen Foster, Sally Williams Gorrell and Jane Tucker.



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Mercury Direct, Neptune Retrograde, Flag Day, Pax Cultura

Thursday, June 11, Mercury is stationary direct at 4 degrees Gemini at 3:33 p.m. West Coast time. Numbers are important... the foundation of the universe both literally and symbolically. Mercury remains in its retrograde shadow until June 27. We proceed slowly into the world during Mercury's shadow period. Gradually we assimilate new information, the previous information organized through the retrograde. Someday humanity will understand the order and organization offered by retrogrades. When humanity awakens to the greater (heavenly timetable) realities. Now, most of humanity, is learning about emotions, polarized in desire – the

astral field. There is beauty, color and dappled light in the astral. However, there is much more to discover beyond the astral/emotions. There's the mind/Mind.

Friday, early morning around midnight, Neptune turns stationary retrograde. As Gemini (Ray 2, Love/Wisdom) stations direct, Neptune (Ray 6, hope, vision) retrogrades in the great timepiece we call the heavens. Neptune begins at 10 Pisces, retrogrades to 7 Pisces, completing the retrograde Nov. 7, Feast Day of the Sacred Heart of Christ. Neptune, with its three-pronged trident, is the Christed waters (Aquarian World Teacher's Teachings). These are the "waters of life for thirsty humanity." Waters of the Soul, the 5th

Kingdom. Humanity is the 4th Kingdom seeking the 5th Kingdom, the Path of Return.

Sunday is Flag Day. Flags, unrecognized art forms, represent the spirit of the people in each nation, country and state. There is a famous "flag" by painter Nicholas Roerich representing unity through art and culture. Called the **Banner of Peace**, Roerich wrote that the cultural values within every nation and country unite humanity (Pax Cultura – Peace Through Culture). If we created a flag of our values and culture and the spirit within each of us, what would that flag look like? This would be an art project in our Esoteric Astrological Institute/College.

ARIES: Everything's new again. Visiting both the past and future you're encouraged to be more spontaneous and radical than usual. Off you go to places unknown and unusual where things occur and friends appear and communication happens and travel (short distance), too, and then you become more creative than usual and this stays around for a while. Then the tests appear. Stay attuned.

TAURUS: Often you don't where your money is, where it's coming from or when, and you think you should be more

careful and for a moment you are (with money, finances and resources). And really you have more than you think you do, but you're holding onto things that could be used for other purposes. You talk some about money. But usually you're silent. That's lonely. And your relationship needs tending, too.

GEMINI: Usually you speak in paradoxes, displaying duality, in metaphor or with humor and sometimes people don't understand either your message (its meaning) or your humor. Many don't know you. But during this Gemini time something happens. Your heart opens for moments and we hear you speaking heart-felt words of what you love, how you feel, what you need and whom you're missing. We're listening carefully.

CANCER: It can be a time of either deep spiritual insights and midnight dreams or days of confusion, bewilderment, puzzlement, mystification and uncertainty. Both can be interesting with the latter more uncomfortable yet providing great insights. You offer needed information to family. This allows them to organize their lives better so they better navigate into the future. No matter the circumstances you're the "good enough" (excellent) parent.

LEO: Perhaps you're seeking new people to in your life. Perhaps you're being asked to join and/or speak to groups, offering them vital information collected and experienced over years concerning your gifts of caring for one or more kingdoms (land, soil, minerals, plants, animals, bees, humans, angels). Be aware that when you offer give of yourself to others, including resources, more resources are available. Venus enters your sign. Love happens.

VIRGO: Your life in the world becomes internally and externally busy. You need energy to meet demands made by Mars holding hands with Mercury, your ruler. Self-reliance, self-confidence and personal achievements will emerge in the coming weeks. Revelations appear if you identify yourself with the qualities of Ceres, the harvest maiden, tending to nature, planting wheat and corn, honeysuckle and poppies.

LIBRA: It's a good time to plan a trip, one of several, actually. Think about what you need to be more effective at work. Many variables show up in your work world, many dualities, this and that, here and there. Be aware and stand in the middle. Soon you may be encountering a past situation. Be ethical at work; allow nothing to interfere with this. At home make more time for rest. In relationship, be the eternal flame.

SCORPIO: Again you wonder what your goals are, what you would like in the future, what friends would be good for you, and what objectives you want accomplished in the near future. Whenever there's an opportunity to be with others step into that group, radiate your special mysterious charm and see what occurs. Whatever you desire appears. It's an interesting situation. But you must discern between wants and needs first.

SAGITTARIUS: Professionally you've been finishing up previous contacts, agendas and plans. At time you felt restricted, seeing no open road ahead. Other times, elated. Now a new impulse of energy comes forward. You may be asked to accomplish special tasks, something important is offered or appears and there's a possibility of a power play

acted out by another towards you. Don't play the game. Be inspired by beauty instead. And children.

CAPRICORN: As you consider new projects and acts of creativity, the work seems to be emphasized at home and in daily life. You remember gathering family and friends together, planning dinners and outings and cultural experiences. You're good at this, tirelessly working toward educating and enlightening others. You want some things different now. You remember you're in a state of transformation. Stay in the garden.

AQUARIUS: For a while to come ideas concerning pleasure, happiness, fun and good times will be important, especially with relationships. You know everyone and everyone knows you – everyone's an acquaintance. That's the Aquarian task, to know all of humanity. It's important to be in touch with children. Listening to them, communicating with them eases your heart. We're all children no matter our age. All children need listening to.

PISCES: Multiple events occur in your life at this time; upheavals, windfalls, joy, disappointment, stability, instability, wounds hurting and healing. You may be upset with a partner or those close to you. Relationships are conflictual for a time, partners having different needs. Communication with family is important. There's a very important decision to be made. Both sides are equal. Both have equal needs. You must choose.

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THURSDAY, JUNE 11

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

CHELSEA'S – *The Camptown Ladies*, Americana, 9:30 p.m.

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

LEGENDS SALOON – *StarSeed*, Blues, 8 p.m.

NEW DELHI – *Stand Up Karaoke with DJ Jesse Dean*, 6 – 10 p.m.

FRIDAY, JUNE 12

BASIN PARK BALCONY – *Hawgscalders*, Folk, 12 and 5 p.m.

BREWS – *Brian Martin*, Americana, 7 – 10 p.m.

CATHOUSE LOUNGE – *Opal Agafia*, Americana, 8 p.m.

CHELSEA'S – *Jimmy Wayne Garrett*, R and B, 9:30 p.m.

EUREKA LIVE! – *DJ and Dancing*, 9 p.m.

GRAND TAVERNE – *Arkansas Red*, Amplified Acoustic Guitar Dinner Music,

Jimmy D. Lane plays 2nd Saturday in Basin Park
Saturday, June 13 at 6 p.m.



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 – *Shannon Holt Band*, Blues, 6 – 10 p.m.

PEPE TACOS AT CASA COLINA – *Jimmy Gyles on Strings*, 5 – 8 p.m.

ROWDY BEAVER – *BOSS Karaoke*, 8 p.m.

ROWDY BEAVER DEN – *Jason Kinney Band*, Rock, 9 p.m.

THE STONE HOUSE – *Jerry Yester*, Artist's Choices

SATURDAY, JUNE 13

BASIN PARK BALCONY – *Crosstown Richard*, Singer/Songwriter, 12 p.m.

BASIN PARK – *Jimmy D. Lane*, Blues, 6 p.m.

BREWS – *Melissa Carper with Rebecca Patek*, 7 – 10 p.m.

CATHOUSE LOUNGE – *Adam Johnston*, Rock, 8 p.m.

CHELSEA'S – *Chucky Waggs and Company of Raggs*, Americana, 9:30 p.m.

EUREKA LIVE! – *DJ & Dancing*, 9 p.m.

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

LEGENDS SALOON – *JAB the Band*, Rock, 9 p.m.

NEW DELHI – *Pete and Dave*, Singers/Songwriters, 6 – 10 p.m.

ROWDY BEAVER – *Steve Moeller Band*, Rock, 8 p.m.

ROWDY BEAVER DEN – *Rockey Don Jones*, 1 – 5 p.m., *Blew Reed and the Flatheads*, Blues, 9 p.m.

SUNDAY, JUNE 14

BASIN PARK BALCONY – *Jeff Lee*, Americana, *Michael Demitri*, Singer/Songwriter, 5 p.m.

CHELSEA'S – *Pearl Brick*, Folk, 7:30 p.m.

EUREKA LIVE – *DJ, Dancing, and Karaoke*, 7 – 11 p.m.

NEW DELHI – *The Drifter Kings*, Americana, 1 – 5 p.m.

PEPE TACOS AT CASA COLINA – *Jimmy Gyles on Strings*, 12 – 3 p.m.

ROWDY BEAVER DEN – *Outlaw Hippies*, Rock, 1 – 5 p.m.

MONDAY, JUNE 15

CHELSEA'S – *Sprungbilly*, Bluegrass, 8 p.m.

TUESDAY, JUNE 16

CHELSEA'S – *Open Mic*

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17

CHELSEA'S – *Rebecca Patek Experience*, Americana, 9:30 p.m.

LEGENDS SALOON – *Open Mic with Jerry Jones*, 9 p.m.

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

I had mixed feelings about your perspective on the Christian tradition of Purity Balls in your last column. With recent headlines of sexual abuse in the Duggar home I'm more confused and troubled. I considered them a beacon of Christian family life. How can it be wrong to raise our children with strong Christian morals about sex? Must we settle for secular teachings alone?

The issue is not whether to teach your children Christian versus secular morals about sex. The two are not mutually exclusive. Both approaches should teach real information about sexual development, sexual desire, sexual boundaries and healthy sexual decision-making through self-responsibility.

What is at issue however, is the common yet disastrously dangerous belief that deviancy cannot come calling in my camp. No one is immune. All families are fallible. No group is spared.

Blindly adhering to religious doctrine or authoritatively insulating one's family against evil through isolation will never protect against the ills of humanity. Sexuality is of course not an ill, but it's certainly ripe for deviancy.

Deviancy does not equal differentness. Human sexuality is grounded in differentness – in sexual identity, sexual expression, sexual interests, preferences and practices. While many would choose to qualify some differences as “right” and others as “wrong,” this again is not the issue.

Heterosexuality and homosexuality, for example, are not polar opposites. They each serve equally to anchor one end of the sexual expression continuum. A continuum in which each human finds a *different* point that fits naturally for them.

One person is not sexually deviant because they are turned on by latex as opposed to lace. These are simply different interests. One person is not deviant because they prefer same sex partners and another is not “normal” because they prefer opposite sex partners. They are simply different.

Sexual behavior becomes deviant when it is victimizing. Deviancy occurs when one person subjects another to sexual activity for which consent has not or cannot be granted.

While the Duggars assumedly

maintained a Christian home, they did not maintain a safe home. Their children were isolated and

dangerously uninformed about human sexuality. Those adhering to a Duggar-style Christian doctrine would do well to stop throwing stones in other camps due to their differentness. This might allow them the capacity to mind their own camps with vigilance and avoid unsuspected dangers.

By casting stones based upon our prejudices we not only declare our ignorance, we also blindly open our own camps to the insidiousness of human evil.



Bartimaeus performance at HICC

Nick and Lucy Della Valle, gifted in biblical storytelling and theater, will bring an eyewitness account of the Messiah's last days on earth told 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.

Break the crochet boundaries!

Throw out the patterns and join the fiber art revolution at ESSA. Learn to make yarn art using free-style crochet in classes with expert, Gina Gallina.

There's still space to sign up for personal instruction in this fun, three-day class from June 15 – 17. Start with learning basic chains and granny squares; then jump off the deep end using math instead of patterns and watch what happens. Learn to control tension and how to use correct hook

sizes and different types of yarns. And let the yarn-bombing begin!

Gina has been crocheting since she was eight and is now at the forefront of a crochet revolution, turning crochet into wearables and whimsical art. Classes are 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. in a comfy, cool studio at Eureka Springs School of the Arts, US 62W.

To sign up and for more details see www.essa-art.org or phone (479) 253-5384 today!

Community Meditation offered

The Centering Prayer Group of the Eureka St. James Church will offer silent meditation in the Heart of Many Ways Sanctuary on Wednesday, June 17 from 1 – 2 p.m. for peace on Earth and inner peace for all. The Red Tent Sisters will follow from 3- 4 p.m., sharing songs and chants for peace in honor of the Divine Feminine. People of all faiths and spiritual paths are welcome.

The Heart of Many Ways Sanctuary is located at 69 Mountain St. For more information call Amrit at (479) 253-3165.

Margo Pryor to speak at Ladies of Faith luncheon

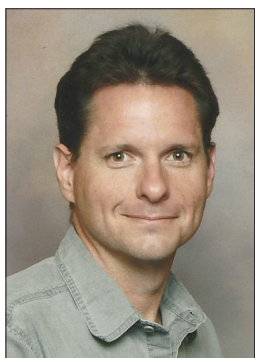
The Harrison Ladies of Faith June Luncheon will be Thursday, June 18 at 11 a.m. at the Quality Inn Convention Center in Harrison. Special speaker will be Margo Pryor and soloist is Charlene Gates-Phillips.

Price is \$10 per person with awesome door prizes, meal and vendor ministry tables. To make reservations call (870) 365-0004 or (479) 981-6388 or online at www.HarrisonLadiesofFaith.webs.com by June 16.

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

DEPARTURES

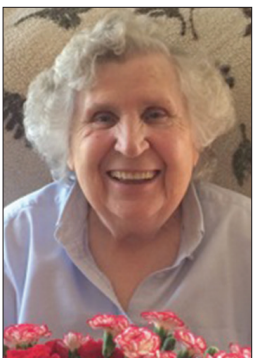


David Jacob Wilson Feb. 8, 1966 – May 26, 2015

Our beloved David Jacob Wilson was a gentle soul. He was born Feb. 8, 1966 in Dallas, Texas, and departed this world on May 26 after living 31 years in the beautiful Ozarks. He was loved and cherished by his siblings – Rebecca Stein, Robert Kalp (deceased), Victoria Vale, Jon Kalp, Tim Jacob, Angela Carlsen, Christina Floyd, his mother Constance Wilson, and many nieces and nephews.

David enjoyed hunting and fishing, the outdoors, and spent many hours birdwatching. He had a strong belief in protecting our planet and building strong bonds with family and loved ones. He was a very special man and his presence will be missed way more than he would ever believe. He was loved, he is loved and he will be loved forever.

Erica Maleckyj June 5, 1934 – May 29, 2015



Anyone who met Erica Maleckyj quickly learned she was not a native Arkansan. Her accent came from birth in Grunweide, East Prussia. Growing up in war-torn Germany, she experienced huge challenges that shaped her personality. Their family dairy factory was destroyed, and her father's death under Soviet Occupation developed her character and tender caregiving spirit.

She escaped East Germany after completing nurse's training. She met and married Mystyslaw Maleckyj in Vienna, Austria, where she gave birth to her first daughter, Lydia, before emigrating to the U.S. in 1957. Soon after, Anna was born in Chicago where Erica worked as a nurse.

After her husband's sudden death in 1967, she became a naturalized American citizen. Proudly adopting her new country, she never lost her German-ness – ask anyone who ever savored her potato salad – yum!

Ever the strong survivor, she continued her journey as a single mother with two daughters, looking and praying for a new location to grow roots and experience peace. God so wonderfully led her to Eureka Springs in 1970 where she enjoyed her home in the valley for 45 years.

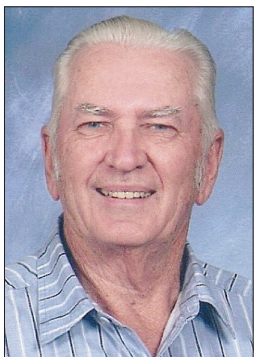
Those years were rich and full with being able to practice her nursing vocation, glass blowing, mentoring young and old through Pioneer Girls and fellowship-filled Bible studies. No one stayed a stranger for long. If you had a need and she could meet it, she would, or she would find a way for you.

Diagnosed with late stage breast cancer over a year ago, few people in the community were made aware. This was at her request – not wanting to be treated differently and change the focus of attention from others to her.

Last year we celebrated Erica's 80th birthday with her community of family and friends invited to an ice cream social. This was her memorial! So *many* of you came, called and sent cards. She was delighted. And this is how she wanted to be remembered.

Latter years saw her advocating for the Samaritan's Purse Shoebox Outreach. If you feel led to honor her touch on your life, please make your contributions to that ministry.

Proverbs 31 speaks of our mother – please read it if you're not familiar – aspire to it if you have breath: "Her children rise and call her blessed; many women do noble things but you surpass them all. Charm is deceptive and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised!"



Leonard "Harlan" Johnson June 4, 2015

Leonard "Harlan" Johnson, 87, was born in Magazine, Ark. He passed away on June 4, 2015 while residing at Green Acres Care Facility in Holiday Island, Ark.

Harlan grew up in Oklahoma where he was the third of six children born to Albert "Sidney" and Bessie Johnson. He served in the Navy in 1945-46 on the Fleet Tugboat *USS Abnaki*, then moved to California to join the fire service. Harlan retired after a long career from the Fountain Valley Fire Department as a Captain. He lived in St. George, Utah, until his parents passed, and then moved to Berryville, Ark. where he was active in the Southern Heights Baptist Church.

Harlan is preceded in death by his brother, Dale Johnson of Imperial Beach, Calif.; sister, Alberta Miller of Arcadia, Okla.; and is survived by sisters Susie Spradling of Arcadia, Okla., and Priscilla Wallace of Perry, Okla., and brother, Harold Johnson of Buena Park, Calif. He is also survived by his ex-wife and friend, Betty Johnson of Eureka Springs, Ark.; daughter, Diane Denghausen of Costa Mesa, Calif. and son, Dr. James Johnson of Irvine, Calif.; and four grandchildren.

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Sizzling summer salsa

Melonlight Dance and Aquarius Taqueria are hosting Salsa Night all summer long on the first and third Thursdays at Aquarius, 91 S. Main, with a beginner's salsa dance class at 7:30 p.m. for \$5 and all are welcome.

Learn a hot dance and cool off with food and drink specials. Next Salsa Night is Thursday June 18. Come on out and join the Salsa Team!

Civil War marker dedication

The Holiday Island Civil War Group will host the dedication of a Civil War Sesquicentennial Marker on Saturday, June 20 at 1 p.m. at the one lane bridge on Highway 187 in Elk Ranch.

The marker commemorates the action of the 1st Arkansas Cavalry (US) in and around Carroll County. The marker highlights a guerilla skirmish that took place at Skelton Farm on April 13, 1863.

Samuel Gaskins' mother, Susan Gaskins, portrayed by Sondra Torchia will share remarks about the skirmish. Carolyn Green will retell the tale of the action that took place on the site. Please park in the designated parking area, and bring your own chair if you wish.

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McClung then observed that for the city to get the rates it needs to finance the sewer project, Allegiance, the company considering building a new hospital, needs to move forward so the city will know what it needs to do.

Alderman David Mitchell asserted council should approve a resolution that starts the process for combining the bonds, and urged Mayor Butch Berry to use council's action as leverage to prompt a response from Allegiance. Mitchell moved for council to approve Resolution #662 authorizing Stephens to start the process regarding the bonds subject to approval by council. Vote was unanimous.

Insomniacs only

Josh Bass told council during Public Comments that he works part-time for the Great Passion Play and part-time in Branson. He does not have a residence here, and recently he was tired after work and tried to sleep in his van. Local police informed him of the local ordinance forbidding sleeping in public, though Bass did not receive a citation. He said the city does not have a hostel, and he cannot afford a motel room every night. He suggested the city look into finding a solution for persons like himself, such as a designated camping spot at Lake Leatherwood. He said he is not deviant and does not want to break the law and could even move here if he had the chance. However, he said he was made to feel like someone who does not belong here.

Other items

- Council unanimously approved Tom Buford to sit on the Planning Commission.

- Council also voted to reseat Fergie Stewart and Bill Featherstone to the Parks Commission. Both votes were 5-0-1, Mitchell voting Present.

Next meeting will be Monday, June 22, at 6 p.m.



Had a good weekend on Beaver. Here’s a pic of John and Jeff Norak who came down from Chicago to try for some Beaver Lake stripers. The big fish was 41 inches at about 32 pounds.

We caught stripers from the surface to 25 ft. deep on shad from 4 – 11 inches. That sun warmed up the water temp to about 78° so most stripers will be from the dam to Rocky Branch for the rest of the summer, holding off the flats.

Well, here at Holiday Island it’s a different story since the floodgates were open, we’re pretty high and warm. Water temp has jumped up to 83°. Look for crappie going back to the deeper brush. Bass are on the grassy points.

We had a hard day here Sunday so decided to just put on worms to get a mess of bluegill on floats about 4 ft. deep so they could at least have fish for dinner.

I have another trip here the day before this comes out that we just might go to Lake Leatherwood until things get a little settled here.

Well, got to get to the bank now. Take a kid fishing or swimming, water’s plenty warm enough now. Robert Johnson. Johnson Guide Service. www.fishofexcellence.com (479) 253-2258.

Fur is flying June 20

The 2nd annual Fur FUN-Fest trots into the open lot at 3200 E. Van Buren on Saturday, June 20 from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Take in live music, games and pig out on delicious food. Craft booths will be set up for you shopping pleasure and this event offers fun for all ages including an inflatable bouncing house. Admission is free and includes the live entertainment. Purchase tickets to pay for food and games.

A rabies clinic will be offered for your pets and you can save even more when you bundled rabies, boosters and microchips. Rabies clinic runs from 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. and shot pricing starts at \$10. Also a mini-adoption booth will feature cheap adoption fees that include all shots and spay/neuter.

Pets on leashes are welcome so enjoy the carnival atmosphere at this family friendly event.

Creating emotional balance with aromatherapy

Come and learn how essential oils can offer emotional balance and well being on Wednesday, June 24 at Flora Roja Community Acupuncture & Apothecary, 119 Wall, at 6 p.m. with Heather Atwell. Cost is \$15 per person. Call to reserve your spot at (479) 253-4968.

by ESI staff

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10. Animal skin

14. Skating jump and twist

15. Belittle someone

16. Assert openly

17. One-legged jean?

18. Horse with patches

19. Try again

20. Puts up

22. Certain kitchen implements

24. One of parallel lines

25. Mountain nymph

26. What to put up when you're ready to land

29. Rubbish

33. Weep

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40. Put down

42. Delete

43. Throw up

44. 5 o'clock might be time for one

47. Stitch

48. Nickname for particular small dog breed (var.)

49. Mine access

51. City close to Brussels

55. Knock it off and desist

59. Major component of fertilizer

61. Famous Danish watch company

62. Money of Ghana

63. Music of the final movement

65. Obey

66. Scandinavian capital

67. Influence

68. "Stick 'em up or ____!"

69. British submachine gun

70. Groups of cows or sheep

71. A Boy Scout would do a good one

23. Dry channel

27. Yemeni port

28. Circular tent

30. Duty or responsibility

31. Warm Japanese alcohol

32. Killed

33. Eagle's nail

34. Destruction of forest for timber

35. Expression of fear or surprise

37. Engine rotator

38. Lost, totally lost

39. Take care of

41. Benevolent gift

45. Spring month in Jewish calendar

46. Dog bane

50. Worked or played together, with up

52. Coniferous tree with resin that yields turpentine

53. Took without permission

54. High male voice

56. Coordinated

57. Feeling or perception

58. Over with

59. Where to find eggs

60. A mind like this is the devil's workshop

61. Excessive imbibers

62. Corps.

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Potluck at the barn

The Holiday Island Friends of the Historic Barn will host a potluck on Sunday, June 28. Festivities begin at the barn at 1 p.m. and the public is invited, just bring a potluck dish to pass. Meal starts at 1:30 p.m. with iced tea and water available. Eureka Springs entertainer Catherine Reed will provide vocal and guitar selections from 2 – 4 p.m. Donations for the barn and entertainer would be appreciated.

Contact Roger Hill at (479) 253-2405 or Susan Smith at (479) 253-5136 if you have any questions.

Get your shakers ready

The 2015 Fleur Delicious Weekend Ciroc Vodka Bartender Competition at KJ's Caribé Restaurante y Cantina takes place on Wednesday, July 1 at 5:30 p.m.

Any local bartenders wanting to participate need to arrive no later than 5 p.m. to register. Competitors need to bring one pre-made gallon of their cocktail which will be poured into shot glasses for audience participation for People's Choice. Also bring ingredients, garnishes and serving glasses to make four of your cocktails during the competition for Judges' choice. Creativity and presentation are part of the judging.

LeRoy Gorrell will emcee the competition. Judges are Cne' Breau, Dusty Warren Duling, Gina Rose Gallina and John Rankine. For more information go to www.FleurDeliciousWeekend.com or Fleur Delicious Weekend Eureka Springs, AR on Facebook.

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The Nelsons opened their first shop in one room at 84 Spring, where he made most of the leather goods – hand-tooled belts, purses and hats. In 1985, they moved to 34 Spring and started selling high-end leather goods from other artists and small craft companies.

In 1995, Jim and Susan opened Crazy Bone right across the street from Nelson's Leather, where they sold ceramics, glass and jewelry bought at specialty markets and American Craft Council shows. That store took off like gangbusters, with inventory geared to avant-garde shoppers looking for something they could unexpectedly find in Eureka Springs while simply meandering down Spring Street. It was at Crazy Bone where Life is Good products became so popular the Nelsons opened a store exclusively for them.

There's more. After all that, the couple made the utterly normal business decision to open Jim's art gallery upstairs, and it too, is wildly successful,

showcasing his curvature woodwork featuring form *and* function. Chairs, easels, tables, desks and even coasters never looked so bright with the stamp of individuality endearing to collectors and those who simply want elegance and whimsy in their own homes or studios. Jim carves, paints, waxes and assembles hand-selected wood from a family run sawmill in Oklahoma into art that says something while you use it.

Now the Nelsons have consolidated his three stores under one, cool, comfortable, shopper friendly roof where locals can get exactly what they've come to expect in high quality clothing and gifts for themselves. But it's the travelers who haven't seen this transformation of the last 40 years who score the best – walk into an atrium, choose your shop. Menswear, watches, hysterical greeting cards, sunglasses, canes, whips and flasks, hand-tooled one-of-a-kind cowboy boots and the socks to go with – all in separate shops tucked together with plenty of variety, styles and sizes, and a super-friendly staff who can answer questions about art, leather, Eureka history and best bets for lunch.

Nelsons, right on the aorta of Eureka Springs at 37 Spring, celebrates its Grand Opening June 13, and even that will be one-of-a-kind when staff will put a hand in the hat and draw the name of the lucky person who wins a \$1000 shopping spree. It costs nothing to enter, and you know what they say, you can't hit a homerun unless you go up to bat, which sounds like something avid St. Louis Cardinals fan Jim Nelson would say.

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Grassy Knob VFD ice cream social, community fair

The Auxiliary of the Grassy Knob Volunteer Fire Department's annual ice cream social to celebrate 38 years of service will be on Saturday, June 20 from noon – 4 p.m. at the Grassy Knob Community Center, 12037 Hwy. 187. There is no charge although donations will be accepted.

The GKVFD is also celebrating its tenth year of participation in the National Fire Prevention Associations' "Firewise Community" program. The fair will include special activities on fire safety and prevention, new equipment and children's activities.

Bring your kids and camera to take pictures as they assist a fireman spraying water from the hose or sitting with him in a fire truck. A special thanks goes to the dedicated volunteer fire fighters, EMR and traffic directors. For further information visit Grassy Knob's Facebook page or contact (479) 253-1054.

Annual membership picnic, blues festival and Father's Day all in one

Turpentine Creek will hold its first annual membership picnic on Father's Day, Sunday, June 21. The event will feature live music, a wrap up to the weeklong Eureka Springs Blues Festival which runs from Saturday, June 13 – 21.

Acts appearing at Turpentine Creek will include the Brick Fields Gospel Brunch, Lucious Spiller, The Noah Wotherspoon Band and an All-Star Jam. Music will start at noon. Food vendors will be on site, beer will also be available. In addition to food and great music the picnic will include a giant

inflatable bouncy house for kids.

Admission to the event is free for members and \$5 for non-members. Members also have access to the refuge during the event. Normal admission rates apply to non-members.

For more information on this event call Turpentine Creek Wildlife Refuge at (479) 253-5841. For details on the Blues Festival go to www.eurekaspringsblues.com or email info@EurekaSpringsBlues.com. To get membership to Turpentine Creek Wildlife Refuge go to turpentinecreek.org/memberships-2.

Family Day at Inspiration Point

Head out for a fun Family Day at Opera in the Ozarks on Sunday, June 21, and tour the facilities at the opera's mountainside venue at Inspiration Point on US 62W.

As part of Opera in the Ozarks' 65th Anniversary Season, Family Day is an opportunity for everyone to experience first-hand what goes into the making of a fully staged opera production. Children and families will tour backstage, meet the artists and learn about costumes and makeup.

The fun begins at 2 p.m., followed by a special performance at 3 p.m. This event is free and open to the public. See www.opera.org for a full schedule of the season's performances June 19 – July 17.



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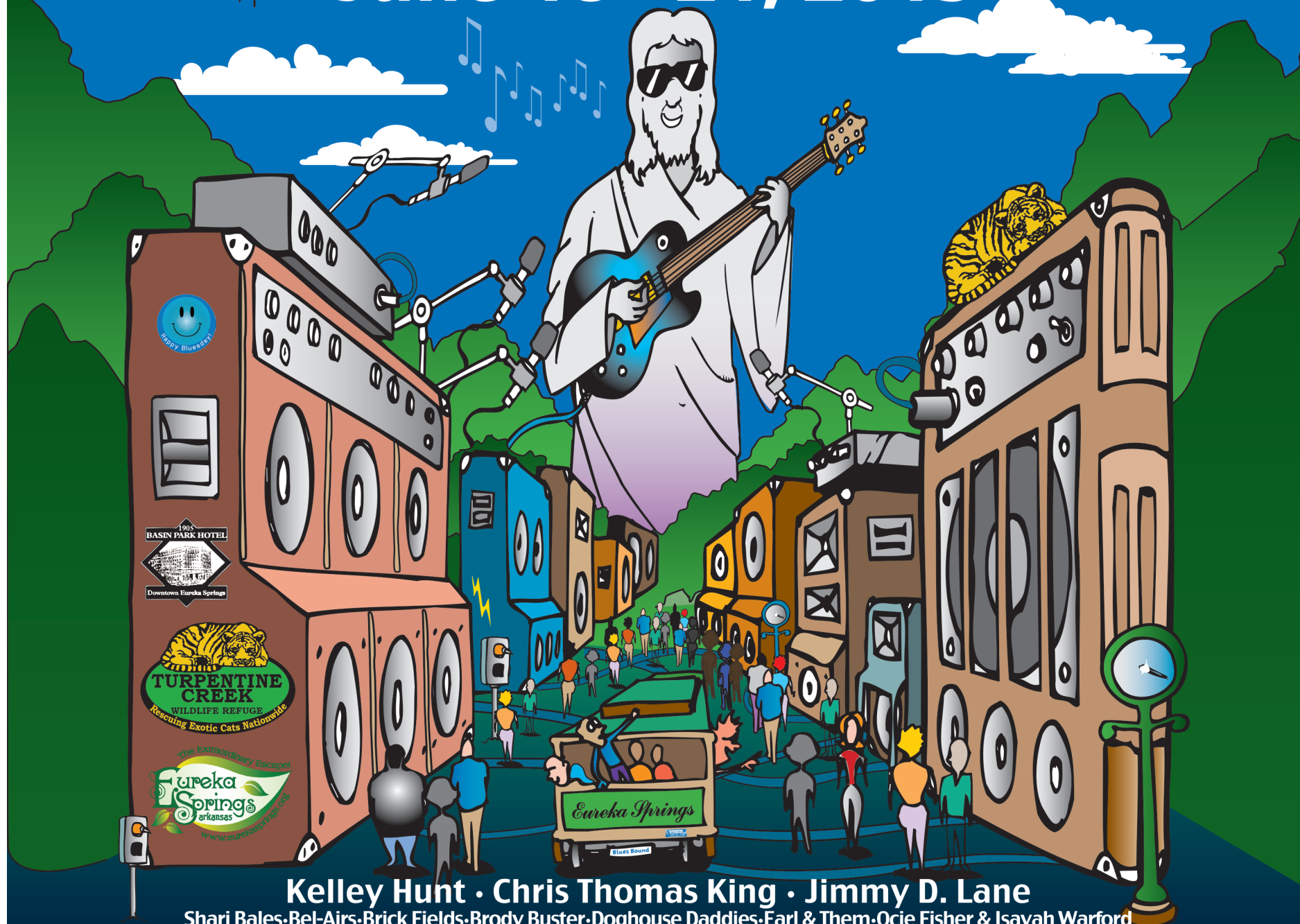
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