



# Rates of Chronic Wasting Disease higher than anticipated

BECKY GILLETTE

After one elk and one deer in Newton County tested positive for Chronic Wasting Disease in February, expanded testing was done by the Arkansas Game & Fish Commission (AGF) of 49 deer and elk in the area with the expectation that the incidence of CWD would be about one percent. Of those tested, 19 tested positive for the disease giving a prevalence rate of nearly 39 percent. Testing was expanded and the most recent figures are that 50 deer and elk in the state have tested positive for CWD, with most of those not appearing to be ill. Brad Carner, chief of the AG&F’s wildlife management

division, called the findings “shocking. It is definitely way more prevalent and more widespread than we ever expected to see.”

Harvesting and testing that was initially near the Buffalo National River area has now been suspended, and instead AG&F is collecting road-kill and deer in poor condition in a 50-mile range covering 20 counties.

Cory Gray, AG&F deer program coordinator said they need the public’s help more than ever for this next phase of testing to get samples from any sick or dead deer reported throughout the state.

“Samples taken from road kills have a greater chance of testing positive than random samples from healthy animals,” Gray said. “The presence of CWD can only be determined within a day or two of the animal’s death, so we need the public to call in and report road-kill deer as soon as they see it.”

This second phase of testing will continue until at least May 20. Any person witnessing a sick or dead deer or elk should contact the AG&F’s radio room at (800) 482-9262. Operators are available 24/7.

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## This Week’s INDEPENDENT Thinkers

Patriarchal hoopla happens all over the world – even females born in our Land of the Free aren’t truly free. Ever watched a Republican debate?

Members of the matrilineal Khasi tribe, way up in the Himalayas of northeast India, have spent the last umpteen generations taking their daughters into the fields and forests and teaching them which plants are food, which are medicine, and which to leave alone. (BTW, some of that does happen in Carroll County.)

Despite pressure from conglomerates to practice 21<sup>st</sup> century farming methods, the women have kept their seeds separated, organic and regenerative, ensuring food for their neighborhoods for the next umpteen generations.

Khasi women, who own the land and rule the roost, leave all property to their daughters, with the youngest getting the most. Gosh, it all just seems so... so... holy? So Cherokee? Evolved? Practical?



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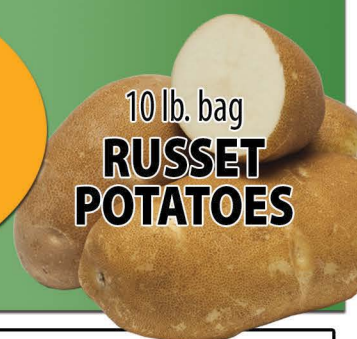
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CWD is a neurological disease that's part of transmissible spongiform encephalopathies. Once in a host's body, prions transform normal cellular protein into abnormal shapes that accumulate until the cell ceases to function. As the brains degenerate, infected animals lose weight, appetite, and develop insatiable thirst. They tend to stay away from herds, walk in patterns, carry their head low, salivate and grind their teeth.

Studies have shown that the disease can be spread both directly from animal-to-animal contact and indirectly through the soil or other surfaces. "The most common mode of transmission from an infected animal is believed to be through saliva, feces and possibly other body secretions," AG&F states.

Deer feeding is one way CWD can spread because it causes deer to congregate in one area. Eureka Springs banned deer feeding five years ago, and Police Chief Thomas Achord said he has touched base with all ESPD officers.

"They are aware of the feeding ordinance and will continue to look for any feeding activity and take appropriate action," Achord said. "They will also contact Game and Fish when a deer carcass is recovered from any accidents and a Game and Fish officer will come pick up the deer for testing. I have reaffirmed the need to keep an eye out for any symptomatic animals and make a report if any are found."

Ordinance 2123 makes deer feeding a misdemeanor that can be punished by a fine of \$100 for the first offense and \$200 for a second or subsequent offense, plus court costs.

Deer are the most active in the hours around dawn and dusk, but Achord said officers have seen a decline of deer in the city limits all hours of the day. He also said a biologist did a study of Eureka Springs's deer population conducting multiple day/night surveys to get a feel for current numbers. His findings were that the current herds inside or bordering the city limits were small and have reduced in size dramatically following the city's ban on deer feeding.

"He didn't indicate any sign of CWD or other diseases with the deer he observed," Achord said.

Duane Plumlee, a newspaper carrier for the *Arkansas Democrat Gazette*, often sees as many as 100 to 125 deer per day in Eureka Springs. He saw about 50 deer one recent morning, fewer than he normally sees.

"I have noticed I haven't seen as many," said Plumlee, who works from 1 a.m. to 4 a.m. delivering papers. "I don't know if it is the time of the year or disease or what. I do see less than when I started delivering papers. The deer I see are healthy. They don't look sick. But you know they are not very wild over here. Most of them just stand there and don't run."

The discovery of CWD in deer has some locals deciding not to eat venison anymore. While there is no proof that CWD can cross over into humans, it is very similar to bovine spongiform encephalopathy (mad cow disease) in cattle, and scrapie in sheep. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) states that foodborne transmission of mad cow disease to humans indicates the species barrier may not completely protect humans from animal prion diseases. It took as long as 15 years for people who ate brains and spinal cord tissues from cows infected with mad cow disease to develop Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease, which is usually fatal within six months.

CDC, Arkansas Department of Health and the World Health Organization recommend that people not consume meat from animals known to be infected with CWD. But most of the recently harvested deer that tested positive for CWD did not look sick.

AG&F said while research has shown that prions may be present in a wide variety of tissues and body fluids, including blood and muscle, they are most prevalent in the brain, eyes, spinal cord, lymph nodes, tonsils and spleen. Thus, it is recommended that hunters bone out harvested deer and elk in the field, and take extra precautions when handling organs where prions are most likely to accumulate.

Visit [www.agfc.com/cwd](http://www.agfc.com/cwd) for more information.



## Fluoride holdouts vow to take grievance to Supreme Court

BECKY GILLETTE

One of only two water districts left in the state that has refused to fluoridate water because of concerns about adverse health effects, the Ozark Mountain Regional Public Water Authority (OMRPWA), plans to appeal all the way to the Arkansas Supreme Court to prevent fluoridation opposed by 87 percent of their customers.

At a hearing last week in Little Rock between officials from OMRPWA and a three-member committee of the Arkansas Board of Health, was an order and notice concerning a proposed penalty to be levied against OMRPWA for failure to comply with 2011's Act 197. The Act mandates all water districts with more than 5,000 customers to add fluoride to public water.

Fluoride proponents say it helps prevent children from having cavities. Opponents point to numerous scientific studies that indicate harmful health effects including dental fluorosis and decreased I.Q. in children, thyroid problems in adults, and harm to diabetics and cancer patients. Studies have shown fluoridation chemicals are contaminated with lead, arsenic and aluminum.

"We appeared and explained why we do not believe Act 197 applies to this water authority because we are a wholesale distributor with eighteen customers," said Chris Lawson, an attorney with Friday, Eldridge and Clark in Fayetteville representing OMRPWA. "ACT 197 applies to water systems that supply water to 5,000 or more customers. We argue this act does not apply to us."

OMRPWA, which covers Boone,

*"ACT 197 applies to water systems that supply water to 5,000 or more customers. We argue this act does not apply to us."*

– Chris Lawson

Newton and Searcy Counties, was formed to remove fluoride from the water of individual water systems because of serious health problems. People went to the expense to form the district after being warned of the dangers of fluoride, which occurs naturally in that area. So the

different water system providers are now unhappy with the state telling them to put fluoride back in the water.

Lawson said they argued the application of Act 197 to a wholesale water distributor is unconstitutional because it is vague in its definition of various terms including parent system, consecutive system and water customers in general.

Andy Anderson, chairman of OMRPWA, testified about numerous complaints he received from the water authority's customers about the possibility of adding fluoride to the water supply. This information included studies

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## Additional instructor gliding into airport

NICKY BOYETTE

Carroll County Airport commission chair Chase Tressler announced at the March 30 meeting that a new flight instructor applied to work out of CCA, in addition to current flight instructor Harvey Cleveland. The first question from commissioners was what Cleveland thought about it.

"I am glad to get some help," Cleveland replied. His job as a test pilot took him to Atlanta and Alabama in the preceding days, and soon will have him working with the Jordanian Air Force for at least a week. All too often his CCA students must wait to have their next flight experience.

"It could be a full-time job," he told commissioners.

Tressler said the prospective new instructor, Cris Brayman, lives in Branson at the moment. Brayman is a retired Air Force pilot who logged 17,000 hours in military jets, the equivalent of flying non-stop for almost two years. He has also worked as a commercial pilot.

"He has flown everything but the space shuttle," quipped airport manager Michael Pfeifer.

Brayman told Tressler CCA was just the kind of airport he was looking for, and when he gets his own small aircraft he would lease hangar space. Brayman also asked Tressler about using the meeting room at CCA as a ground school for pilots. Commissioners were excited to have Brayman on the premises and approved his request

to use the meeting room for his classes.

Cleveland added he enjoys seeing the community come to CAA and have fun learning to fly. He said most of his students are looking more for the experience of soloing than actually getting a license, but some, including State Senator Bryan King, are looking to buy a plane and keep it at CCA.

### **SORTing it out**

Commissioners discussed again the ongoing relationship with the Carroll County Special Operation Rescue Team which houses equipment and holds meetings in a building on the far south end of CCA grounds. Tressler commented that commissioners were glad to have SORT on the property, but so far there had been no formal agreement signed regarding specific responsibilities for being on airport property. He was simply concerned about maintaining compliance with Federal Aviation Administration regulations about activities on the property, not the relationship with SORT.

Commissioner Morris Pate reported on his conversation with a SORT representative who agreed to handle future utility payments and other responsibilities associated with using the building as storage and meeting space while assuring SORT would not compromise CCA's compliance with FAA regulations.

Pate's report satisfied the concerns of commissioners.

### **Commissioner comments**

Commissioners Sandy Martin and Jason Tenant both commented on the positive momentum they are seeing and the encouraging feedback they have received regarding CCA. Pate pointed out not many airports can boast of two flight instructors like Cleveland and newcomer Brayman. They mentioned it speaks highly of CCA that both want to operate there and students are signing up for their services.

Cleveland added, "In all the airports I go to, none are comparable to this airport. There is always something missing. Here you have cheap gas, accommodating tie-downs, easy access to the facilities and more than one courtesy car."

"Onward and upward," Pate commented.

Next meeting will be Friday, April 15, at 12 p.m.

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# Locals involved in helping refugees

BECKY GILLETTE

Many people have watched the unfolding tragedy with nearly 467,000 people killed in Syria's civil war, with 6.6 million people internally displaced and another 4.8 million refugees outside of Syria, according to the United Nations.

Some refugees have been living in tents for years. The tents provide so little protection in cold weather that young refugee children freezing to death is not uncommon. As the five-year civil war drags on, many tents are falling apart.

It is a huge problem, but there is one organization in Northwest Arkansas making a difference in the lives of 1,500 people in the Al-Waleed Camp near the border with Turkey. Hamsa Kurth Newmark and Moshe Newmark of Fayetteville spoke Sunday in Eureka Springs about Bridge of Peace Syria.

"They do amazing stuff, just the two of them," said Penny Carroll, a Eureka Springs businesswoman and member of the Bridges of Peace Syria Board of Directors. Carroll helps the organization with taxes and other financial matters. "The work they do is very inspiring. That's why I got involved in helping them get 501(c)(3) tax exempt status."

Carroll said when they first started working in Syria in 2014, Bridge of Peace Syria worked on basic needs, including food, baby formula, blankets, coats, shoes and other essentials for the children. Next they built a well water

drinking system that uses gravity feed to deliver water to more than 20 tap stands throughout the camp. When the water was turned on, it was the first time some of the younger children had seen running water.

Recently they progressed from that to building one-room homes. So far they have built 14 concrete block homes, with a wood stove, for \$307 each.

"For a donation of \$307 donation, you can put someone in a house," Carroll said. "It just blows my mind that you can do that. I lay down in a house every night. I can't imagine having to sleep in a tent for years. It is so important for people to have walls around them, a place that is their own. Just having that sense of security by having a home is so basic."

Carroll appreciates that 100 percent of donations go to direct aid, as there are no administrative costs. Some big aid organizations pay high salaries to executives and for administrative costs. Carroll likes feeling every dime she contributes goes directly to help those in need.

Bridge of Peace was registered in 1987 as a non-profit tax-exempt humanitarian aid organization. It first responded in Nicaragua to help victims displaced by the Contra War. The organization helped with creating water systems, providing immunization clinics and building a school.

Currently, they are finishing construction work and furnishing the Bridge of Peace School that will serve three

refugee camps, Al-Waleed, Sahl Algaab and Gorba Watan. With a population of 3,800, it will serve initially as an education hub for approximately 120 children, allowing room to grow so hundreds more will be able attend.

Newmark said they feel frustrated the world has turned its head to Syria and failed to take action, like a no-fly zone, that could have prevented many civilian casualties.

"We do what we can," he said. "We focus on the positive. Hamsa and I traveled recently to Turkey to just a few miles from the border with Syria. We could hear bombs going off. It was very frightening just being there a short time, and it is something that the people of Syria face every day."

He said as much as the hearts of Americans go out to people killed in terrorist attacks in Paris, Brussels and San Bernardino, those kinds of things are happening to people in Syria every day.

Some people might wonder why they are building permanent homes and schools when it would seem the war should end sometime soon and people could return home. But years of war have destroyed many homes, schools and commercial districts.

"The reality is that these temporary camps need to become more permanent villages as there is no home for millions to return to," Moshe said.

Hamsa Kurth Newmark said each camp has a

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## Seeking artists to put art in the park

The Eureka Springs CAPC is seeking artists and art demonstrators for the 2016 May Festival of the Arts *Art in the Park* on Saturday, May 14 in Basin Spring Park. All artists are encouraged to apply.

Details and printable registration forms can be found at [www.eurekaspringsfestivalofthearts.com](http://www.eurekaspringsfestivalofthearts.com) or stop and pick up a form at the Eureka Springs CAPC office. Deadline for submissions is April 22 and space is limited.

For more information call Dori Thomas at (479) 253-7333 or [dthomas@eurekasprings.org](mailto:dthomas@eurekasprings.org).

## A conversation with God April 7 – 9

The Jerusalem Chapel, 935 Passion Play Road, will show *A Conversation with God* April 7 – 9 at 7:30 p.m. This show is a look into Lucifer's last conversation with God before he was cast out of heaven. RSVP is required and the event is free with donations accepted. The event may not be suitable for children under 18 years of age.

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2<sup>nd</sup> Place Male – David Joseph, Springdale, 40:44

Masters Male – Frank Arellano, Rogers, 42:40

Overall Female – Abrena Rine, Springdale, 42:56

2<sup>nd</sup> Place Female – Jacquelyn Griffin, Ozark, Mo., 46:52

Masters Female – Jennifer Overmeyer, Tulsa, Okla., 49:44

10K Female age group winners from Eureka Springs: Rachel Adams (2) and Heidi Kirk (3)

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## Watch party at Writers' Colony

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## Dana Cooper at Eureka House Concerts

Eureka House Concerts will present singer/songwriter Dana Cooper on Sunday, April 10. Cooper has performed on Austin City Limits, Mountain Stage and the Kerrville Folk Festival. Doors open at 5 and music starts at 6 p.m. For more information go to [eurekahouseconcerts.com](http://eurekahouseconcerts.com) or call (479) 244-0123.

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## Eleanor Lux a living treasure of Eureka Springs

Weaver and beader, jewelry maker and mixed media artist Eleanor Lux has been selected as the 2016 Arkansas Living Treasure. With 50 years of artistic accomplishments and teaching her craft to others she is now the third artist from Eureka Springs to receive this award. The Arkansas Living Treasure program recognizes an Arkansawyer who is outstanding in the creation of a traditional craft and has contributed to the preservation of the art form. Recipients are selected based on the quality of work, community outreach and overall contribution to the field of traditional crafts by an independent panel of craft and folk art professionals.

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## Celebration at Christview Ministries

Christview Ministries will launch its 12<sup>th</sup> year of ministry with a celebration Saturday, April 16, 1 – 4 p.m. at Christview Ministries Center, 992 County Road 309. All are invited for food, fellowship and music from 1 – 3 and a worship service from 3 – 4 p.m.

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## Raising the vibration

Rebekah Clark will lead the Eureka Springs Metaphysical Society meeting in a session of divine singing and sound meditation on Monday, April 11. No vocal experience is necessary. Chants and mantras from multiple traditions will be used. The gathering will be at 7 p.m. at the Heart of Many Ways, 68 Mountain Street. All are welcome.

## INDEPENDENTMail

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### Community Center should be about fitness

Editor,

Regarding the Community Center; I feel the possibility of a community center right in the heart of Eureka Springs is fantastic! I also feel they should keep it simple to start and if desired, based on funds and demand, add other things later. I really would like to see it begin with something that mimics a YMCA or the Berryville Community center, something that promotes health, wellness and community. You can charge membership fees to pay back loans just like the others do.

I would love it if it had an indoor pool, eucalyptus steam rooms and hot tubs or hydra-therapy pools, one in the girl's locker room, one in the boy's locker room. The indoor pool could be useful for its members, water aerobics, programs for swim lessons for kids and fitness for seniors, plus maybe the high school could have a swim team? It's nice to think I wouldn't have to drive to Berryville for indoor fitness or swimming if it's raining

out. It could also be a place for yoga class, dance class, karate and others, mostly for locals and members.

I like the first idea I read in the paper about the community center that suggested it being a hub for all the trails whether for biking or hiking and another playground for little kids, indoor would be nice. There isn't enough stuff for small children in this town and more kids are living here than before!

I feel if anyone wants more things like shops, (which we have plenty, some spaces are always for rent), why build new ones if the current places need filling? We don't need Wi-Fi hot spots under the same roof as the fitness and wellness area, to me that promotes sitting and creates an environmental disruption for wellness.

The idea of a community meeting place for various reasons is great but I feel should be under a separate roof from the fitness and wellness area for various reasons. Start out with a nice, basic community and fitness center, then as funds and demands rise, address those step by step!

**Dee Leach**

### Victorian Classic big success

Editor,

On behalf of the Rotary Club of Eureka Springs, we thank the following businesses for their sponsorship of the 34th Annual Victorian Classic 10K/2 Mile Races: The Best Western Inn of the Ozarks, Treehouse Cottages, Brighton Ridge, the 1886 Crescent & Basin Park Hotels, Eureka Market, Eureka Springs Transit, Eureka Sunset Cabins, Faith Christian Family Church, Cornerstone Bank, Community Bank, First National Bank, The Eureka, Little Portion Bakery and our media sponsors. Thank you to the local businesses that provided gift certificates for the awards: Best Western Eureka Inn, Crystal Dining Room, New Moon Spa and Rush Running.

We appreciate the City of Eureka Springs, our police and ambulance. Thank you for the many volunteers who helped with the Victorian Classic for a fun Eureka event in March! The proceeds will benefit Samaritan's Feet, a nonprofit international organization which will help provide shoes for children in our local community.

**ES Rotary**



## WEEK'S TopTweets

**@simonholland:** Imagine being 5 minutes from the end of the longest movie ever & it starts over because it forgot something. That's my kid telling a story.

**@redherringbear:** Making car payments

is the lease of my worries.

**@insouciantman:** Global warming is caused by uncool people.

**@weismanjake:** I don't know how to do my own taxes or understand how the stock market works, but definitely listen to my political opinions on everything.

**@tiffanyjmoore:** Do we still not know who let the dogs out?

**@cornonthegoblin:** A nationwide recall of the popular children's cereal Trix was issued today. "Just dump them out in your garden," said one long-eared FDA agent.

**@david8hughes:** Whenever I see a bear on a motorbike I'm like, "Good for you. You've not let the fact you can't be tattooed stop you from getting a bike."

**@relateable2u:** I take the "L" and "R" on my headphones way too seriously.

**@mikeleffingwell:** Shaving your head when you're going bald is the ultimate "You can't fire me. I quit."

**@eddiepepitone:** Twitter gives me this paranoid feeling that I am being followed.



## Local legislators' votes put health care on life support

A minority of senators and representatives in Arkansas, just 25 percent, could vote this month to end the Private Option Medicaid expansion in Arkansas that provides health insurance coverage for 267,000 low-income Arkansans. Sen. Bryan King [R-Green Forest] and Rep. Bob Ballinger [R-Hindsville] are among the biggest foes of the Private Option. These legislators, who got their salaries doubled due to passage of a convoluted constitutional amendment that was supposed to be about lobby reform, have promised to vote against the program because it adds too much to the federal deficit.

This could be one of the worst decisions ever made in Arkansas politics. Not only would this throw 267,000 state residents under the bus with no way to get subsidized healthcare, it would endanger many of our hospitals, clinics and the nurses and doctors who work for them. That's what has happened in surrounding states that didn't expand Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act/Obamacare.

Ballinger said the Private Option is a perfect example of crony capitalism and that millions are going to CEOs of insurance companies rather than directly to healthcare. For sure, Arkansas would have been better off with a straight Medicaid expansion that cut out the middleman. But Republicans refused to do that, and instead wanted private companies involved.

Is Arkansas really going to let a handful of legislators send \$1 billion per year in economic impact back to Washington D.C. from one of the poorest states in the U.S.? The government isn't going to miss the money. Over half the discretionary spending in the U.S. – nearly \$500 billion in 2015 – goes to military operations. As Dr. John House said, there would be plenty of money left for providing healthcare for Americans if we stopped bombing the hell out of people in other countries.

So far there has been no state match required to get the federal money. Republican Governor Asa Hutchinson has proposed reforms and cutting waste from the state's traditional Medicaid program in order to make up the five percent match needed in 2017. Basically that would mean no extra state funds would be needed. If the program is ended, Hutchinson said it would result in a \$100 million budget hole in the state.

There could be a domino effect from ending this program. Oklahoma, which refused the Medicaid expansion, just announced it is cutting reimbursement rates paid to 46,000 Medicaid providers by 25 percent. Imagine running any business, and suddenly your income is cut by 25 percent.

Dropping the Private Option would be a great economic injustice. Higher income people would still be able to purchase subsidized healthcare, but most of the lower income people currently covered would get no help at all. Hospitals in the state would be forced to going back to writing off millions per year in uncompensated care.

Small rural hospitals, in particular, struggle with profitability. If the Eureka Springs Hospital closes as a result, we lose a local hospital with an emergency room that is one of the biggest employers in town paying some of the highest salaries.

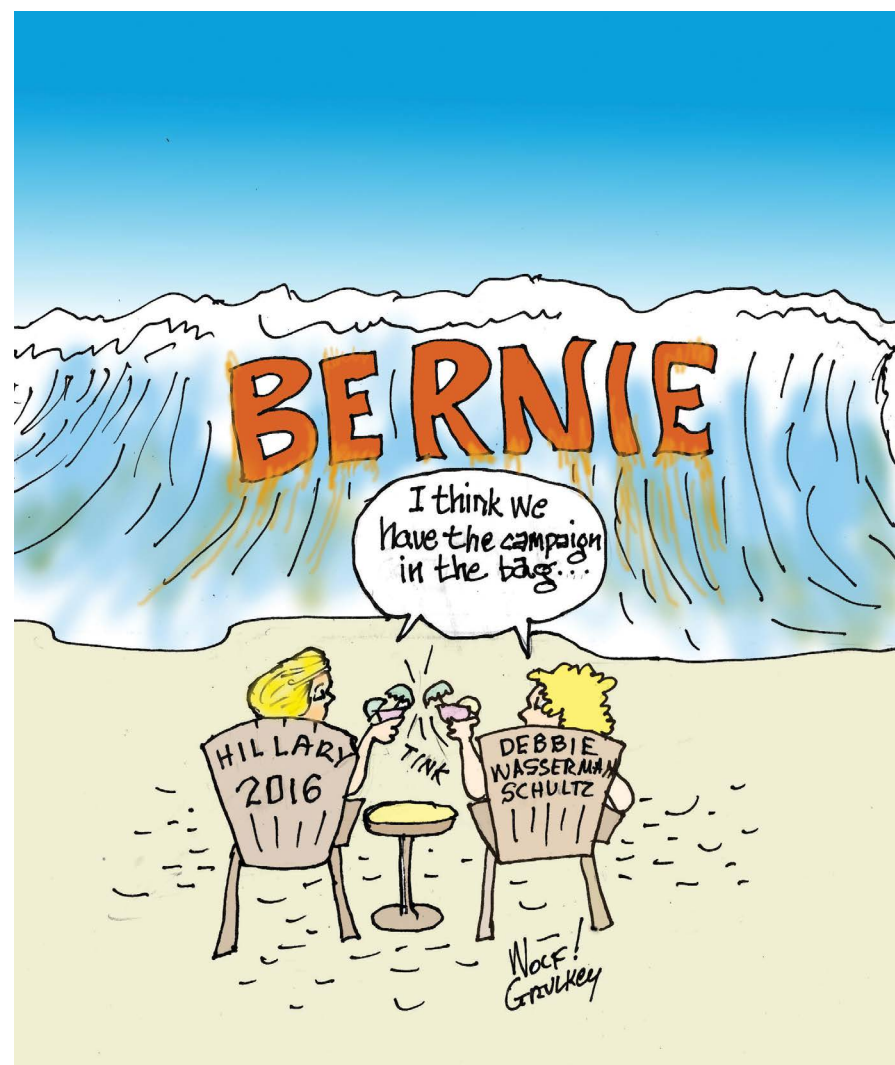
If the Private Option is dropped, people will die as a result. Hospitals will struggle, and some small hospitals like Eureka's could close. Healthcare practitioners will take a big hit in income.

Many Eurekans work more than one job during the season to make it through the winter. The Private Option was the first time many got health insurance. In some cases, it has even allowed people to go back to work.

But now King and Ballinger want to dump these folks off insurance, and put our hospitals and clinics in jeopardy of closing. Even if there is no love for their fellow citizens, what about the economic impact? The Arkansas Hospital Association said even with the state match, there is a net benefit to the state budget of \$757 million from 2017 to 2021 from keeping the Private Option.

We'd tell you to talk to Ballinger and King, who recently accepted a free trip to Florida for meeting with a group that opposes the Private Option. But there seems to be little doubt they are ready to let others suffer so they can pride themselves on being anti-Obamacare – while keeping health insurance and doubled legislative salaries themselves.

Becky Gillette



## The Pursuit Of HAPPINESS

by Dan Krotz

A young friend with a young family asked for ideas about how to engage the future. He said, "I'm curious how others predict, plan, or invest in their personal future." As Geezers the world over are quick to do, I offered a Four Point Plan for Perfection that included such homilies as "only work half days, but control when those 12 hours are scheduled."

That point, along with the other unheralded three, are all variations on acetous old Max Weber's admonition to work, save, and deny the flesh, and while they lack a certain *joie de vi* and depict an old mule harnessed to a turnstile – accurately, I suppose – they've worked well enough (for me).

Along these lines, another friend asked me just yesterday if he should accept a job running the regional division of the church denomination we belong to. He is, summarily, an old fashioned Social Justice Christian-Warrior with an impeccable education from a highly regarded theological seminary; he was asking if he should take on the management of a quickly devolving region of small town southern churches filled with a plurality of elderly, secret Baptists who openly lust for a Ted Cruz presidency. I told him that unless he was St. Paul, or insane, he ought to stay in suburban Seattle and enjoy the twilight of his career among kindred and progressive spirits.

Both of these rich opportunities to Know All and See All, which I am embarrassed to say I seized with some alacrity, met with a rather indignant silence. I shouldn't have been surprised: advice is mostly autobiography, and when it isn't, it's often just an ad for your highly personal brand of vice: work-addiction vs. fiddle-dee-dee, piety vs. joyfulness... yadda yadda yadda.

Clearly, advice is rarely needed, and more rarely taken. It is a wonder then that it is ever asked for, or more wonder, that it is given. As a concluding unscientific postscript, perhaps we should follow Charles Bukowski's example and "drink more, screw around more, and smoke 'em if you got 'em." Or not. The bottom line is that you've got to walk in your own shoes. Enjoy the walk. Or not.



## 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. at 103 West Church St. in Berryville. (479) 981-1676. The Purple Flower will also have free and confidential Domestic Violence Empowerment Support Group on every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the Month at the Berryville Community Center from 6 – 7:30 p.m.
- **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](http://www.nwaws.org)
- **Cup of Love free soup lunches** – Cup of Love provides soup lunches at Flint Street Fellowship Mondays and Wednesdays from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. and at First Baptist (Penn) Church on Fridays, 11 a.m. – 1 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.
- **Wildflowers one-dollar, furniture barn/thrift store** US 62E across from Hill County Hardware. One-dollar store in the yellow building every Friday from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Thrift store, furniture bank in big blue barn behind the chapel open Wednesdays – Saturdays from 10:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. Donation drop offs Thursday – Saturday between 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. Healing and delivery outreach in chapel Saturdays at 7:30 p.m.
- **Shamatha and Tonglen meditations Monday** – A meditation group will meet every Monday at 6:30 p.m. to focus on Shamatha, learning how to focus to achieve peace of mind, and Tonglen, a practice of love and compassion on all beings. The meetings will alternate these two practices so that one is the focus on each Monday with coffee and tea afterward. Call Alece at (479) 244-6841 or Gary at (479) 244-6840.
- **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.
- **Coffee Break Al-Anon Family Group Women** – Tuesdays, 9:45 a.m., Faith Christian Family Church, Hwy. 23S, (479) 363- 9495.
- **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: Kathy Remenar (417) 342-8498, Carnegie Library (479) 253-8754, Carroll County Center (870) 423-4455). Offered by North Arkansas College with Carnegie Library support.
- **Grief Share**, A Bible-based, 13-week program for those who have lost a loved one will begin on Sunday, Feb. 21 from 1 – 3 p.m. at Faith Bible Church, Suite C, 3 Parkcliff Drive, Holiday Island. Share with others experiencing similar circumstances in an informal, confidential setting. Call (479) 253-8925 or email [lardellen@gmail.com](mailto:lardellen@gmail.com).
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# INDEPENDENT ConstablesOnPatrol

## MARCH 28

8:38 a.m. – Staff at a care facility requested a constable to file a report on alleged abuse.  
3:19 p.m. – Individual filed a report regarding an incident which occurred during school traffic.  
5:54 p.m. – Central dispatch reported a domestic dispute at a motel but the caller offered no details. Constables went to the site, and no one there divulged information, either.  
6:14 p.m. – Employee told ESPD he had parked in a spot which he mistakenly thought was for his place of business, and his vehicle had been vandalized. After speaking with a constable, he chose not to file a report but instead handle the matter himself.  
6:28 p.m. – Individual came to the station to file a harassment report about an incident at work but decided instead to just keep the report on file but not make charges.  
7:43 p.m. – Central Dispatch advised ESPD of suspicious activities in the Black Bass Lake area. Constables went to the scene to make a report.  
10:29 p.m. – A customer refused to leave the premises of a gas station when asked to. Constable who responded broke the news to the patron he was no longer welcome on the premises.

## MARCH 29

10:02 a.m. – A big black dog ran loose on Main Street. Animal Control captured it and took it to the kennel to await its owner’s arrival.  
7:34 p.m. – Constables responded to the scene of a male pointing a gun at someone else.  
8:04 p.m. – Constable stopped an allegedly erratic driver and determined the driver was okay.  
11:46 p.m. – Alarm at a business on US 62 was somehow triggered, but the constable found the building secure.

## MARCH 30

11:17 a.m. – Dog ran unleashed in the western part of town. Animal Control could not find it, but a resident in the vicinity later caught it and brought it to the kennel.  
1:58 p.m. – Constable provided agency assistance by arresting an individual on a warrant out of Sherwood PD.

## APRIL 1

4:14 p.m. – Clerk at a gas station alerted ESPD to an inebriated person attempting to drive. Constable called for a taxi.  
8:44 p.m. – Someone vandalized a car in a parking lot.  
8:50 p.m. – Concerned observer called in an abandoned vehicle on North Main Street. Constable discovered the vehicle was not abandoned but broken down, and it was not impeding traffic.  
10:37 p.m. – Gas station attendant told ESPD a person in a vehicle in the parking lot might be

passed out. Constable determined the person was sober but the car was having difficulties. Constable encouraged the driver to move along.

## APRIL 2

1:09 a.m. – Individual in Basin Park was arrested for public intoxication.  
10:33 a.m. – Landlord came to the station to speak with a constable about a tenant. Landlord filled out a statement.  
11:35 a.m. – Parking meter downtown was not operating properly. Constable went to the scene and spoke with complainant.  
12:20 p.m. – Constable took a report regarding credit card fraud.  
1:15 p.m. – Dog owner claimed another dog bit his dog in the dog park.  
3:38 p.m. – Resident near downtown reported a break-in. Constables ran extra patrols in the vicinity.  
4:24 p.m. – Motorist parked in a loading zone downtown longer than 15 minutes. Motorist and constable were able to resolve the situation in less than 15 minutes.  
8:34 p.m. – As a result of a disturbance, constable arrested an individual on a warrant out of Springdale PD.  
11:21 p.m. – Motel staff reported a ruckus in one of the rooms. Constable determined there were no physical injuries and the parties went separate ways for the night.

## APRIL 3

12:12 a.m. – Employee at a gas station reportedly triggered the ATM alarm by accident while mopping.  
12:21 a.m. – Innkeeper claimed guests had twice ignored his requests they moderate their hubbub. They complied when a constable made the same request.  
12:25 a.m. – Patrons who had taken a taxi to a bar told the bartender the taxi driver was very intoxicated. Constables searched for but did not encounter the taxi.  
12:55 a.m. – Staff at a care facility reported a suspicious vehicle circling in the parking lot. Constables looked for it but did not find it.  
1:00 a.m. – Traffic stop resulted in the arrest of the driver for DWI #3, driving left of center and implied consent. A passenger was arrested for public intoxication.  
2:40 p.m. – On US 62 on the west side of town, a semi reportedly sideswiped two parked vehicles.  
8:35 p.m. – A father had not heard from his daughter in a while and asked for a welfare check. Constable complied and spoke with the mother and daughter.

## APRIL 4

12:54 a.m. – Resident complained someone had followed him and was driving by his residence. Constable who spoke with both parties learned the incident began with an argument earlier. They agreed to go their separate ways.



## False strategies on climate change

A national report card by Climate Central, [www.StatesAtRisk.org](http://www.StatesAtRisk.org), describes the actions each of the 50 states are taking to prepare for climate threats. Years of wildfires, droughts, and concerns with rising sea levels are undeniable.

Arkansas, away from the coast and seemingly safe, is at the bottom of the list. This a black eye on the Natural State but the ranking is not surprising. Blessing a pig factory on the Buffalo National River, two of the largest wood pellet mills, and offering millions in public funds to host the first Chinese fluff mill is reckless behavior by the Arkansas Department of Environment Quality, the Arkansas Economic Development Council, and the Arkansas Forestry Commission.

Climate change is a worldwide threat, the U.S. is falling behind, and the world is watching. Arkansas has a role to play, this is a race against time. Faced with extreme floods, droughts, wildfires and extreme heat, we need to oppose false climate strategies.

Be wary of those who profit from projects treating people and nature as commodities, who delay investments in infrastructure and oppose distributed solar energy and offshore wind solutions.

### Denial

Denial comes in many ways – it is not true; if it's bad news I don't want to know; there is nothing we can do; it may happen to others but not here, and even "We are in God's hands." No, there are no magical solutions to man-made climate change.

If you have a copy of *The Greatest Hoax: How the Global Warming*

*Conspiracy Threatens Your Future* by James Inhofe, you may be in denial.

A smart choice is to learn as much as you can on climate. *Storms of My Grandchildren: The Truth about the Coming Climate Catastrophe and Our Last Chance to Save Humanity*, by James Hansen and published in 2009, is a seminal book on climate change. It tells the story of the struggle to deliver an urgent message by a brave and honest scientist, witnessing a catastrophic event. Hansen's arguments have been validated over the last seven years.

### Deception

When in doubt "follow the money." The Butler Hollow project was an eye opener. The U.S. Forest Service, like other federal agencies, uses words with peculiar meanings. When USFS says, "The forest restoration project is to improve the health of the forest and prevent wildfires," what they really mean is "we need funds from timber sales." For details, please read Josh Schlossberg's March 22, 2016, "New Conservationists Push for Logging to Prevent Wildfires," TheBiomassMonitor.org, where he explains why biomass exports are the reason for firing up the chainsaws, and "fire borrowing" using USFS District funds to buy ineffective aerial fire-fighting equipment.

On February 17, 2016, the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture announced \$40 million for projects to "restore forests and reduce wildfire threats" through partnerships between public agencies and private landowners. "That's how conservation should work," said Robert Bonnie,

USDA's Undersecretary of Natural Resources and Environment.

A 2016 forest-restoration project in the Ozark-St. Francis and Ouachita National Forests is included, for the new wood pellet mills. The Nature Conservancy and other conservation groups seeking commercial use of national forests, partner with USFS providing funds to get projects approved.

### Detachment

Seeing others as different from us, and treating nature as a resource, is a convenient way to justify destructive behavior.

### Despair

Anguish and worry lead to defeat, man-made extinction. But there is hope if we use a compassionate, inclusive worldview. "There would be nothing to frighten you if you refused to be afraid."

– MAHATMA GANDHI

### Call for action

We must care about other life, and through caring we will bring about our own salvation. There is hope if we act on solutions driving sustainable behavior, ones that empower people while treating the earth sustainably. Natural solutions are needed for man-made climate change. "You may never know what results come from your actions. But if you do nothing, there will be no results." – GANDHI

Please join us for a two-hour workshop, "Surviving Climate Change: With Pope Francis's encyclical, *Laudato Si'*," Saturday, April 23, 10 a.m., at the ECHO Clinic.

**Dr. Luis Contreras**

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### The Bear & Barber turns a stropping 1! –

Cameron DeNoewer hosted a festive party March 30 at The Bear & Barber. Customers dropped by to celebrate and check out the artwork from local artists and photographers that line the wall of the barbershop.

PHOTO BY JAY VRECEANAK







Instinct and information

Internet headlines, stories and social media may spark an idea. In such a complex world, a simple message can be a welcome source of inspiration, but when it comes to consuming wild foods, one should approach the subject with cautious attention to detail. For example, you might hear that “fiddleheads” or “fern fronds” are a delicious spring delicacy. That’s a fine idea, assuming that you are getting your news from upstate New York or New England, where Ostrich Fern (*Matteuccia struthiopteris*) is an abundant edible fiddlehead. But that’s not what we have here in the Ozarks.

The fact is, most of the fern fronds in the Ozarks are only marginally palatable, if not toxic. Edible and palatable, remember, are two different concepts. Preparation is always important, too. Most fern fronds are covered with irritating hairs or scales, which must be rubbed or scraped off the fiddleheads before cooking. Then, depending on the

fern species, one would want to boil them in one to three pots of water (pouring off the water each time) in an attempt to leach out unpleasant and mostly unknown compounds, before stir-frying them in a little butter. Safely consuming fiddleheads assumes: 1) The fronds are cooked and not fresh; 2) You know how to properly prepare them. 3) You are certain of the identity and safety of what you are consuming, and 4) You don’t believe everything you read on the Internet.

I hike the Beacham Trail around Lake Leatherwood several times a week. Now the vegetation is changing on a daily basis. In Hyde Hollow, it is quite obvious that wild hogs have rooted up nearly every edible tuber. It looks like someone took a rototiller through the entire riparian habitat. Prominently contrasting that destruction now are plaited leafy greens that look like perfect wild pig lettuce. These are the attractive



succulent leaves of False Hellebore (*Veratrum woodii*), a member of the lily family, with deadly toxic heart-palpitating alkaloids. The leaves are sharply burning if nibbled, hence the wild pigs avoid them either by trial-and-error or collective instinct. The plant rarely flowers, though can produce spectacular six-foot tall fronds of maroon flowers.

The Internet dilutes our collective instinct by bombarding our brains with bits, bytes, and bites of information without nuanced context. My overly-informed nature instinct takes heed of the wild hogs’ “observation” that all that looks like lettuce is not lettuce. Before you take a bite out of wild plants, do a bit more research.

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# EARLY DAYS at Eureka Springs<sup>©</sup> – by Nellie Alice Mills, 1949

*Early Days at Eureka Springs Arkansas 1880-1892*, a memoir of Nellie Alice Mills whose family moved here in two covered wagons from Oswego, Kansas, was written in 1949, relying on memory. In her second book, *Other Days at Eureka Springs*, written in 1950, she went through old records she had kept. The family home was built on the west side of Leatherwood, “about a hundred yards beyond the mouth of Magnetic Hollow, opposite Cold Spring, which supplied us, and all our neighbors, with water.”

## Part Five – Early Schools

During our school at the Cary Building we often played under the south end of the Footbridge, which was over a very deep gulch; why was the bridge torn away and never rebuilt? It was a unique feature of the town. The north end reached Spring Street just below where the Sweet Spring now is; the Spring was not always there. We children sometimes scrambled down to the bottom of the gulch, and up on the other side as far as a place below and to the west of the north end of the bridge, where we drank water from a spout called the Sweet Spring. Some time later excavations were made on the upper side of Spring Street and the source of the water tapped in a better and more picturesque place.

My next term was again at the Nixon Building with Mrs. Gibbons as my teacher. She was the only teacher there that term; it may have been a subscription school. Mrs. Gibbons had always been among the teachers in that locality, but, although she was our neighbor at home, that was the first time she had been my teacher.

Our third school on Spring Street was about halfway between the Nixon Building and the Cary. Miss Lulu Reese

was my teacher in a room opening on the street. Mrs. Gibbons taught on the floor above. There was a room somewhere near where Mr. John Bassey taught; Flossie Charles was in his room. I knew Flossie as an “Elocutionist.” She took part in medal contests. She was in Miss Anderson’s room in the Cary Building where the teacher had the picture of her pupils in a group at the Harding Spring.

It was there in that school that I first knew Carrie Hawley. It was a cold, icy spell in the winter; groups of school children were making merry sliding on the ice in that vacant lot north of our schoolrooms. No one enjoyed that sliding more than Carrie – sliding not on sleds, but on shoes. The coasting would have been fine on the sidewalk down Short Street but someone had scattered ashes there. We children thought it was a mean thing to do; I think now it was a very wise safety measure.

We had school for a very short time in an old building that was on the site between West Mountain Street and Owen Street where the Penn Memorial church was later built. I remember little of that school, not even who was my teacher. I was in an upper room looking out on

Spring Street. From the front window I would watch the boys playing ball and shinny in the street and I could gaze across to the steep slopes on East Mountain. Gertie Rippetoe and Charlotte Clayton were in school there. I do not remember ever seeing Charlotte in the Public School at any other place.

The deep tones of that old firebell carried far. We could hear it distinctly down on North Main Street, usually in the dead of night. I did not see any of those early fires which caused such a great havoc. I know the date of one of them was November 1888. We were attending school at the old Lamar then, but we sometimes went up Main Street to Mountain Street to Spring Street and then up Owen Street, which has an easier grade than West Mountain. The morning after that great fire we went that way to better inspect the ruins left by the fire. The blaze had swept from near the old brick bank building across from the Perry house. The Hotel Silver, the Hancock House, and a number of business houses were completely destroyed. There must have been a hardware store in the path of the flames: we saw stacks of window panes, the glass all melted and stuck



together in blocks.

There were other schools in other parts of town of which I knew little. I heard my older sisters talk about them. Minnie once attended a school somewhere on Main Street beyond where Spring Street joins it. Mrs. Gibbons was the teacher. Two girls at the school were Esmerelda and Amberzine Hill. Ettie had attended a school somewhere uptown. I think it was near the Landaker House. The teacher was Mrs. Jack. Nannette True, Rose Prigmore and Mabel – later Mrs. Mabel Weymouth – were girls of that school.

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showing adverse health effects, and communications opposing fluoridation from retail water customers in various towns in the area.

After the hearing, a three-member committee of the Board of Health retired into executive session and voted to uphold recommendations of the staff that the water authority was not in compliance with Act 197. The next step is for the full Board of Health to hear arguments at its next quarterly meeting in late July.

If, as expected, the vote goes against them again, OMRPWA plans to appeal to the Circuit Court of Newton County for relief.

“I hope we can make some progress,” Lawson said. “If we don’t receive relief there, we would appeal to the Arkansas Supreme Court. We are committed to exhausting every appeal.”

Jeannie Burlsworth, chair of Secure

Arkansas, a statewide group that has lobbied against the fluoride mandate, said no one in the area wants fluoridation.

“Some of the rural communities have vowed to not pay their bills, go back on well water or go to another water source if they are forced to drink poison,” Burlsworth, who attended the hearing, said. “Nobody in that area feels there should be a fluoride mandate. It is absolutely ridiculous the expense that Ozark Mountain is going to incur on having to get an attorney. They will incur thousands and thousands of dollars in expenses that need not be spent.”

Act 197 passed the legislature after Delta Dental Foundation offered to pay the costs of fluoridation equipment. But if districts don’t follow the contract with DDF, they have to repay the money. At the hearing in Little Rock, OMRPWA asked why they have to take money from DDF for a project they don’t want.

Burlsworth said another point

brought out at the meeting is where Anderson lives, Diamond City, the water system has only two children. She said it is a retirement community with a lot of elderly people who could be harmed by fluoride in the water.

The other fluoride district holdout is Madison County Regional Water District (MCRWD). Rudy Box, water operator with that district, said they had a hearing before the Board of Health in November 2015 where a penalty was recommended against them. The district appealed that decision to the Board of Health and then had another hearing in January that upheld that finding.

“Now we have appealed it to the Madison County District Court and are waiting for an answer on our appeal,” Box said. “We will hold out as long as we can. There are just two districts left in the state that haven’t fluoridated.”

Box said he brought it to the attention of the Board of Health that at most,

only about 109,000 gallons per year are consumed by children supposedly benefited by fluoridated water. He said it makes no sense to add fluoride to all 1.2 billion gallons produced at the plant in a year when so little goes to the targeted population.

“It is not a good thing just if you look at it from the financial viewpoint,” he said. “We would be better off with children brushing with fluoridated toothpaste or getting topical applications in the dentist office. But the Board of Health is not interested in any of the arguments against fluoridation. Their opinion is it has been made law and we are going to do it.”

Residents of Eureka Springs fought fluoridation for 30 years, and the city voted it down twice. But fluoride opponents were unable to convince the Carroll Boone Water District to not fluoridate. The board said it felt it had no choice but to follow the law. Fluoridation began in mid-summer of 2015.



# A Month of SUNDAYS

by Dan Krotz

There is a 10 a.m. church service every Sunday morning at Chelsea's Cafe and Bar down on Mountain Street. I haven't attended services there (yet) because I've judged it as that commonest example of bringing Jesus "to the people." In this case, I'm guessing, to folks who feel more comfortable in saloons on Sunday morning than sitting in a church pew next to someone wearing one of those lamentable Lutheran sweaters decorated with reindeer.

There's a lot of this going around these days. You can't turn sideways without hearing about some sort of Cowboy Church popping up, and there's more chance of a banjo player getting a paying gig in a church than anywhere else. Whether these are actual churches, or just an arm of the entertainment industry, is anyone's guess.

The argument for such "outreach ministries" is strong. Christ, for instance, avoided the places run by Pharisees and Sadducees, and lived and worked among the bikers, outcasts, and sinners of the day. And, taking the Letters of St. Paul

to heart, there is a growing incidence of people gathering in private homes to worship, and to celebrate the Good News. What happens at Chelsea's on Sunday morning may eloquently and simply be First Century Christianity in action.

Our most fundamentally and yet understated of Christian writers, Walker Percy, wrote in *The Moviegoer* that, "The search [for meaning] is what anyone would undertake if he were not sunk in the everydayness of his own life. To become aware of the possibility of the search is to be onto something. Not to be onto something is to be in despair." Percy has described how religion is – whether lovingly embraced or guiltily rejected – that most accessible of destinations in the search for meaning in our otherwise non-reflective and increasingly despairing culture. If the choice is between despair and Jesus, Jesus is a good bet.

The question then is, where do you place your bet? Lately, it hasn't been in mainline Christian denominations, and bets aren't being placed by younger Americans, either. The *2014 Landscape*

*Study*, by the Pew Research Center, documented a significant increase in the number of the religiously unaffiliated, mostly Millennials (people born after 1980). Among this group, slightly less than half believe in God with certainty, and only a quarter or so attend church on a weekly basis. Their Boomer parents are more like their Silent Generation grandparents: 70% believe in God with absolute certainty, and more than half attend a church service regularly.

People *have* been making small bets on the Mormons, the Assemblies of God, and the Seventh Day Adventists, each showing an uptick of about 2% in membership over the past 10 years. What is curious, or at least interesting about these three denominations, is that each is a particularly American invention; they were born in the USA and have no connection to the Protestant Reformation. Every other Christian denomination, except for Roman Catholics – who benefit from immigration – show a loss in membership, especially mainline denominations.

Bricks and mortar churches are working hard to reverse the trend – they have always worked hard – but it's impossible to know if they can reverse the demographic tidal wave coming at them. Historically, they've served as essential treads in the fabric of civic life, and were reliable sources for hearing the great music, discussing the big ideas, and finding meaning within the everydayness of life. If they are still that reliable source, I suppose, is in the eye of the beholder; I continue to be hopeful about their chances, but admit that swimming against the growing number of sour end-timers is tough.

Christian activists, particularly those with a political agenda, describe these trends as a result of the "War on Christians," but that seems too easy. There are more than 160 Christian Churches in Carroll County – one for every 165 people – and only about 12 gas stations and one place to buy better socks. If there's a war on anything, it's more likely to be on convenience stores and socks.

## Potluck at the Holiday Island Barn

*Friends of the Historic Holiday Island Barn* will have a potluck on Sunday, April 10 at the Barn beginning at 1 p.m. and a meal at 1:30 p.m. A short meeting will be held afterward to discuss a proposed patio. Lonnie Nichols and others will provide entertainment.

Bring a dish to share, and contributions to the barn fund and musicians are appreciated. All are welcome. For more information contact Ken Brown at (479) 253-8934 or Susan Smith at (479) 253-5163.

## Harping on Spring

Harpist Brenda Bowen Cox and cellist Carol Widder will play a concert at The Heart of Many Ways, 68 West Mountain St. on April 17 at 3 p.m. Their duo named *Great Soft Day* will be the first of two concerts offered as part of

this year's Festival of Harps, a springtime fundraiser for the Heart of Many Ways church building. There is a \$15 suggested donation at the door. For more information go to [www.heartofmanyways.org](http://www.heartofmanyways.org) or call (479) 253-8252.

## Fly casting workshop at Hobbs

Those who wish to learn the basics of tossing a line should attend the Fly Casting 101 workshop at Hobbs State Park – Conservation Area visitor center on Sunday, April 17 from noon – 4 p.m. Participants will learn four basic casts, basic types of flies, how to cast and "play" the flies in the water and other important information.

Sallyann Brown, who teaches the workshop, is a past recipient of the "Woman of the Year" and the "Federation of Fly Fishers Educator of the Year" awards from the Federation of Fly Fishers, Inc. All equipment will be provided.

Minimum age is 12 years and the cost is \$35 per person + tax. Class size is limited to 15. Reservation and pre-payment required. Call (479) 789-5000.



**Good crowd at HIAG** – Joanna Springer Hanna, owner of Crescent Moon Beads, spoke to more than two dozen Holiday Island Art Guild members at the Gallery at SunFest. She brought samples of different works and talked about her evolution as an artist, teacher, and shop owner.

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## The morel mushrooms the better

The Greater Eureka Springs Chamber of Commerce will present the Eureka Springs Morel Mushroom Festival on April 16 at Pine Mountain Village from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

There will be seminars on mushrooming from 9 – 11 a.m. with topics:

- Intro to Mycology – A study of biology concerned with fungi. Learn how to identify types of fungi, learn where they grow and the types of soil and trees that types of fungi like.

- Safety Guidelines – Learn what you need before heading out into the woods.
- Ethical Foraging – Learn to observe proper etiquette while hunting morels.
- Proper cleaning and cooking of morels

There will be a morel mushroom hunt at 1 p.m. with prizes being awarded for the most morels found, largest morel and the strangest looking morel. Other contests will include best morel joke, poem, song and more. Silver Dollar City will provide the prizes.

The event is free to the public. If you would like to participate in the guided mushroom hunt the cost is \$5. Remember to wear boots, gloves, etc. For more information about the event, booth space and sponsorships contact Chris Rodgers at (479) 253-8737.

## Jam session and sing along at the Library Annex

Bring your instrument – acoustic, non-acoustic or voice at the Library Annex at Tuesday, April 19 from 7 – 10 p.m. Each person is encouraged to lead a song whether it be traditional, popular, original or improv with works or instrumental. Everyone is free to join and play along.

## Sprucing up the Island

The Holiday Island Hospitality Association will hold the semi-annual roadside cleanup on Saturday, April 23. Volunteers will meet at the Holiday Island Clubhouse north parking lot at 9 a.m. and will receive road assignments and supplies. A picnic lunch will be provided for all volunteers at approximately 11:30 a.m. at the Recreation Center Pavilion and there will be no rain date. To volunteer call Ben Helmer at (479) 244-0482.

## Light and sound teaching

MasterPath Seeker Meeting will be held April 23 with an introductory talk and video of *Soul's Divine Journey and The Ancient Teachings of Light and Sound Techniques*. The meeting is open to all seekers and those wanting to know more about MasterPath and Light and Sound teachings. The meeting will be at the Fayetteville Public Library, 401 W. Mountain St. Doors open at 12:30 p.m. All are welcome.

## Goddess Gala April 12

The Goddess Gala/Merlin Foundation Fundraiser will be Tuesday, April 12 at the Basin Park Hotel Ballroom from 6 – 11 p.m. Events include a raffle, drumming, blessings, potluck feast and dancing. Costumes are encouraged.

Advanced tickets are \$14, \$20 at the door. Proceeds will benefit the Merlin Foundation's work with abused children. Tickets are available at Gazebo Books, Annies at the New Orleans, Eureka Market or Valerie Damon. This is a women only event. For more information go to [www.GoddessGala.com](http://www.GoddessGala.com).

## ArtRageous Parade seeks applicants

The May Festival of the Arts annual ArtRageous parade is Saturday, May 7 at 5 p.m. Organizers are seeking applicants to participate to make the 2016 parade totally ArtRageous!

The parade is open to everyone and everything – floats, cars, walkers, musicians, dancers, animals, groups, vans, bikes, drummers, kids and adults.

Parade applications are available at the CAPC office, 121 East Van Buren, Suite 3B or may be printed online at [eurekaspringsfestivalofhearts.com](http://eurekaspringsfestivalofhearts.com). Return your submission by April 22. For more information contact the CAPC at (479) 253-7333.

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## Aries New Moon – Supporting the Endeavors of the Serving Ones

The appearances of a full moon or the pale crescent moon inform us that a new or full moon festival is about to occur. These are special times when a great inflow of Light streams into the Earth, affecting humanity and the kingdoms. There is a new moon early morning Thursday, April 7 (18 degrees Aries). Around the world, the New Group of World Servers (NGWS, esotericists) meditate during new & full moon times (festivals).

At new moon times the meditation is to strengthen and support the work & endeavors of the NGWS everywhere. The NGWS is dedicated to the establishment of Goodwill in all of humanity. As the new light streams into the Earth, the NGWS receive and distribute the light to humanity. We concentrate and ponder upon how the Plan of Betterment & of Goodwill can anchor and manifest in the world.

Aries is especially good at this anchoring and manifesting. Aries

distributes Rays 1 & 7. Ray 1, the Will, Plan & Purpose of God. This Aries light is a searchlight seeking to anchor itself in the world. Ray 7, anchoring a new rhythm, new archetypes for a new world. As the Will to Good (God) streams into the world, it becomes Goodwill within humanity.

There is an ancient esoteric equation – “Intentions for Goodwill become Right Human Relations which establish the first processes of Peace in the world.” And so

we begin at this Aries new moon time, strengthening the hands and arms of the NGWS. We join them. We recognize world need. We become devoted to enriching the quality of life, in all the kingdoms, everywhere. Often the NGWS are unrecognized. Their (our) keynotes are the welfare of all living things, understanding the planetary and cosmic relationships (astrology) and the power of Goodwill, which brings about real change. Join us, everyone.

**ARIES:** It's most important to think about manners, being tactful and intentions for Right Relations instead of what we are taught – the usual competitiveness, lack of kindness, judgments, headstrongness and aggressiveness. Have conscious intentions to bring forth diplomacy. Allow your endeavors and daily activities to create spiritual resources that serve others. As you make all things new, make them harmonious, too.

**TAURUS:** Your subconscious comes to life and all your assertive abilities go into hiding. In the deepest parts of yourself you become brave. You may remember things from the past that created worry or anxiety. Tend to your body and nervous system with care, choosing foods that calm and lessen inflammation (warm turmeric milk at night). A spiritual presence enters your life. You are asked to be kinder.

**GEMINI:** You might find groups of people seeking to visit, chat, discuss ideas, inviting you to a group. You might meet new people, join a group or organization that attracts the sociable part of yourself. Some relationships may fall away, to later reform themselves into better and closer friendships. Or the relationships have completed their purpose. Whatever your goals, the stars support you moving from here to there. Friends help you recognize and value yourself more.

**CANCER:** You wonder about how you present yourself in public. You want to be remembered. If you're usually a bit shy, this will eventually disappear. The world is your stage for a while, and there's a push to establish yourself, work hard and be the best you can be. You become the very best with determination and drive. Be impulsive, trust yourself, and shed your shell so others can know you better. Share more.

**LEO:** You find yourself setting deep goals, considering far distant travels. Your interests in philosophy, religion, education and expanding your horizons appear in dreams and visions. This is a good time for Leos. You're optimistic and vitalized because you know in the days ahead you'll be blazing a trail into the wide adventurous unknown. Visualization and aspiration are your guides.

**VIRGO:** Find and read Jung's *Memories, Dreams and Reflections* and also his *Red Book*. One or the other during this month. To look at, study and even draw symbols in the books that attract you. So you can anchor new archetypes that energize your life. They release the most positive dimensions of your personality and Soul. There will be a seeking for redemption and the way will be revealed in dreams.

**LIBRA:** Although not quite aware of this, you're quite brave in your daily life.

Others recognize this. You recognize bravery in others because it rests within you like a shadow. You have a great sense of justice and seek, most of the time, peace and harmony. However, there are times when anger takes hold and you lose your way. For a long time. Like a rainstorm cleansing and clearing the air. Love more, no matter what.

**SCORPIO:** Scorpio is about discipleship all the time. Discipleship is about service, serving others, after knowing how to serve the self. Ask yourself, “What is my service and what and whom do I serve?” Am I tending to my health and duties with care? Do I practice Right Relations with all my relationships, with all kingdoms? Do I hold myself and others in high regard? Am

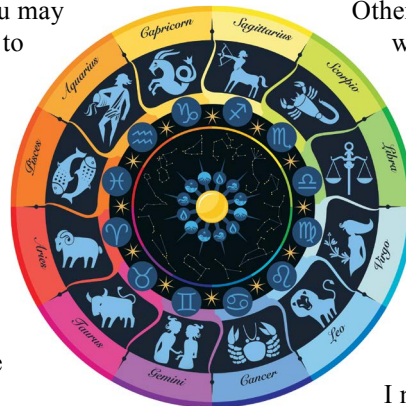
I non-judgmental? We ponder upon these things.

**SAGITTARIUS:** Most important at this time is your creative self-expression, creative aspiration, the supreme effort of distinguishing yourself from all others. Are you seeking something romantic, attempting to have children or pursuing entertainment, fun, pleasure, well-being and happiness? You can be fun these days. Sometimes you're dreamy with romantic ideals. Call upon Venus for help.

**CAPRICORN:** There is focus of light and an anchoring at the foundation of your life. Thoughts of childhood, psychological roots, how you were nurtured, how you learned to nurture come into focus. You're fiercely protective of your family. Kindness, love, nurturing of self and others heal all wounds from the past. Tend to all things within the home but especially within the garden. The devas want to speak with you.

**AQUARIUS:** Notice if thinking accelerates and ideas race through your mind. Writing, communication, speech, connections, making contacts, all become very important to you. Try not to lose patience with those slower than you. You're as quick as lightning. Hardly anyone can keep up. Be grateful for everything in your life. Even for what you feel you don't have yet.

**PISCES:** A new sense of self-identity is forming along with a new state of values. You become more conscious of daily life. There's a need to dispose, give away, sell, and generally release much of what you have. You will find yourself with a suitcase or two, a laptop, phone, books, some things from mother. Within the year you'll be on your way. So this present time is significant. Guard everything. Go where needed. Prayer heals and directs.



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democratic structure similar to a city council that makes major decisions, and social justice permeates all the work. For example, camp leaders decide which families should get homes, with priority going to widows with children as they have a much harder time surviving than families with mothers and fathers.

The organization has a project manager the Newmarks describes as amazing. The manager directs work with other

skilled workers in the camp to operate the water system and build homes and schools. While food, clothing and shelter are highest on the list of priorities for refugees, the Newmarks said education is also critical as children who don't learn how to read and write are ripe for recruitment by radical fundamentalist terror groups.

Within a week, the school will open. Many of the children haven't been to school in five years, and younger children never at all. Girls will be allowed to attend school. There will be two male and two female teachers for about

120 students. The school is being powered by solar energy.

Bridges of Peace Syria will hold a fundraiser in Fayetteville Sunday, April 10 from 2 to 5 p.m. at Teatro Scarpino. There will be a silent auction of windbells, magic lanterns and a potpourri of pottery by John Ward. Admission is \$5.

For more information about Bridges of Peace Syria, call (479) 530-7468, email [bridgeofpeacesyria@gmail.com](mailto:bridgeofpeacesyria@gmail.com), or visit the website [www.bridgeofpeacesyria.wordpress.com](http://www.bridgeofpeacesyria.wordpress.com) or the Facebook [bridgeofpeacesyria](https://www.facebook.com/bridgeofpeacesyria).



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**THURSDAY, APRIL 7**  
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**FRIDAY, APRIL 8**  
**BALCONY RESTAURANT** – *Steve  
Jones*, Singer/Songwriter, 5 p.m.  
**CHELSEA'S** – *Jennifer Westwood and  
the Handsome Devils*, Blues, 9 p.m.  
**EUREKA LIVE!** – *DJ and Dancing*, 9  
p.m.  
**GRAND TAVERNE** – *Arkansas Red*,  
Amplified Acoustic Guitar Dinner Music,  
6:30 – 9:30 p.m.  
**LEGENDS SALOON** – *DJ Karaoke  
with Stan*, 8 p.m.  
**NEW DELHI** – *Terri and the  
Executives*, Rock, 6 – 10 p.m.  
**ROWDY BEAVER** – *2 Dog 2 Karaoke*,  
7:30 p.m.

**ROWDY BEAVER DEN** – *Septembers  
End Duo*, Rock, 8 p.m.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 9**  
**BALCONY RESTAURANT** – *Pearl  
Brick*, Singer/Songwriter, 12 and 6 p.m.  
**BASIN PARK** – *John Hammond*,  
Blues, 5 p.m.

**BREWS** – *Hana Zara*, Singer/  
Songwriter, 7 p.m.  
**CATHOUSE LOUNGE** – *Joe Mack*,  
Singer/Songwriter, 8 p.m.  
**CHELSEA'S** – *Opal Agafia and the  
Sweet Nothings*, Album Release Party,  
9 p.m.

**INDY SOUL** continued on next page



Jennifer Westwood and the Handsome Devils play Chelsea's Friday, April 8.

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**SATURDAY, APRIL 9  
6-9 P.M.**  
*Joe Mack*

**TUESDAY, APRIL 12  
5-7 P.M.**  
*Los Roscoes*



# Fifth annual Cats at the Castle fundraiser

All are invited to join on April 23 at Castle Rogue's Manor for a fundraiser benefit for Turpentine Creek Wildlife Refuge at 7 p.m.

Tickets are available at [TurpentineCreek.org](http://TurpentineCreek.org) for \$110 per person. Tickets are open to all and price includes a full bar for those over 21, open seating indoors and outdoors, food stations, silent and live auctions and music by Brick Fields.

As an added bonus Tigers in America has offered to 50% match any donation made at the Cats at the Castle event above \$200.

**INDY SOUL** continued from previous page

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

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

**LEGENDS SALOON – Headley Lamar,** Rock (Ridge), 9 p.m.

**NEW DELHI – Cori Jay,** Singer/Songwriter, 6 – 10 p.m.

**ROWDY BEAVER – Septembers End,** Rock, 7:30 p.m.

**ROWDY BEAVER DEN – John Harwood,** Singer/Songwriter, 12 – 4 p.m., **Jimmy Wayne Garrett and the Liberty Bell Rhythm Band,** Rock, 8 p.m.

## SUNDAY, APRIL 10

**BALCONY RESTAURANT – Michael Dimitri,** Singer/Songwriter, 12 p.m.

**EUREKA LIVE – Green Screen Karaoke,** 7 p.m.

**NEW DELHI – Tony Alvarez,** Folk, 12 – 4 p.m.

**ROWDY BEAVER DEN – Michael Tisdale Duo,** Folk, 12 – 4 p.m.

## MONDAY, APRIL 11

**CHELSEA'S – Sprungbilly,** Bluegrass, 9 p.m.

## TUESDAY, APRIL 12

**CATHOUSE LOUNGE – Los Roscoes,** Folk, 5 p.m.

**CHELSEA'S – Open Mic**

## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13

**BREWS – Trivia Night,** 6:30 p.m.

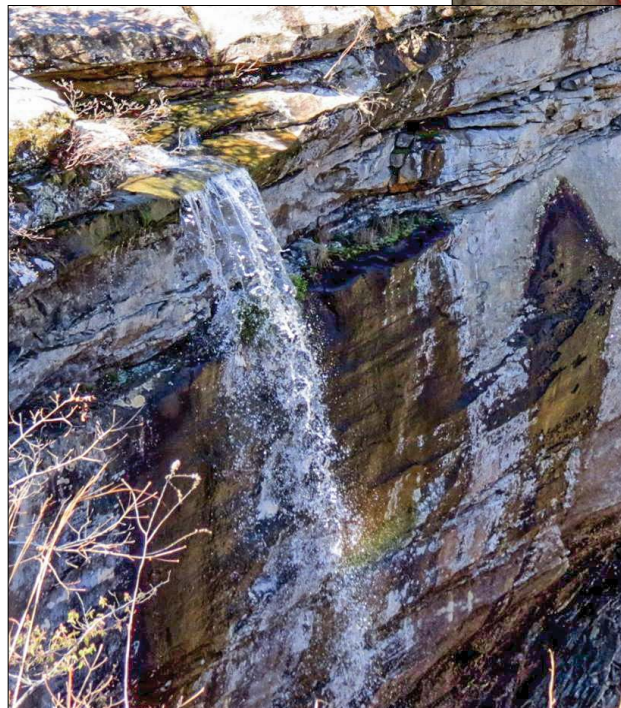
**CHELSEA'S – Charity Ann,** Singer/Songwriter, 9 p.m.

**Ozarks Chorale receives grant** – A \$1,000 Lifelong Learning grant from the Arkansas Arts Council was given to The Ozarks Chorale. The grant helps support artistic development in the community. The Chorale is preparing for its upcoming concert on May 14. Pictured: (l-r) Ellen Stephenson (Arkansas Artist in Education), Beth Withey (artistic director) and Paul Gandy (president).

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**A stroll through the Ozarks** – Two-dozen hikers took the ride from Hart's to Sweden Creek Natural Area on Monday. Sweden Creek drops into a hollow to create the 8<sup>th</sup> largest waterfall in Arkansas. Photographer Jay Vrecenak captured a shot of the waterfall for all to enjoy.

PHOTO BY JAY VRECENAK



## Elks Lodge honor students

– Dallas Galyen (pictured with Dr. Brown of the Elk's Lodge) and Oscar Mendez are the Elk's Lodge Students of the Quarter. These students were nominated by staff based on dedication to academics and athletics, volunteerism in their community, and overall character.

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## Cash in on your clutter

The springtime Yards & Yards of Yard Sales will take place on Friday and Saturday, April 29 – 30 from 7 a.m. – 3 p.m. at locations citywide. Now is the time to clean out your clutter and put some cash in your pocket. Make the most of your efforts by signing up and getting your name in the official YYYS Map distributed throughout town on the weekend of the sale.

Stop by the Visitor Information Center at Pine Mountain Village and pay \$15 to mark your spot on the map and get your YYYS permit sign. The signup deadline to ensure there is space on the map for you is noon on Monday, April 25. Once the map is available it will be online, in local businesses and at the Visitor Information Center. If you are interested in having a yard sale but do not have a yard or live too far out, there are a limited number of spaces available in the grassy area between the Visitor Information Center and Hwy 62/East Van Buren.

For more information call (479) 253-8737 or email [holly@eurekaspringschamber.com](mailto:holly@eurekaspringschamber.com) and find Yards & Yards of Yard Sales of Eureka Springs on Facebook. For advertisement and coupon opportunities email [terri@eurekaspringschamber.com](mailto:terri@eurekaspringschamber.com).



The artist of the month at Cornerstone Bank in Holiday Island is Steve Shogren. Stop by to see his photographs and how they communicate a love of his adopted home place, the Arkansas Ozarks.

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**Saw music?** It has been said that just about anything can be used to make music, but a handsaw usually used to cut wood? The music from this handsaw played by Catherine Curtis accompanied by her husband, Barry Curtis, on the piano at a church service Sunday in Eureka delighted the audience both for its novelty and haunting melody. PHOTO BY BECKY GILLETTE





## Arvest banking on Flint Street

Arvest Bank has partnered with Flint Street Fellowship for Arvest's 1 Million Meals initiative, which challenges bank associates, customers and community members to participate in fundraising efforts and nonperishable food drives to fight hunger.

All donations received will go to Flint Street Fellowship to provide meals to local families. Meals, nonperishable food items or monetary donations may be dropped off at the Arvest branch in Eureka Springs or by calling (866) 952-9523. For more information about 1 Million meals, go to [arvest.com/millionmeals](http://arvest.com/millionmeals).

## Serving the birdie

The Eureka Badminton Club has been playing several years, every Wednesday, at 5:30 p.m. at the E.S. middle school gym. All serious adult players are invited for an hour or two of exercise and aerobic fun. There is no cost and there are extra racquets.

## Workshop in recognition of Earth Day

Arkansas Interfaith Power & Light will present a two-hour workshop, *Surviving Climate Change: With Pope Francis' encyclical, Laudato Si*. The public discussion from 10 a.m. – noon on Saturday, April 23 and will be at ECHO, 4004 East Van Buren. Dr. Donnal Walter

will share reflections on the encyclical as a personal and collective guide for people of all faiths in surviving the environmental, economic and social crises facing our planet and us.

Admission is free and all are welcome.

## DEPARTURES

### Shirley Jean (Johnson) Brown Dec. 8, 1950 – March 28, 2016



Shirley Jean (Johnson) Brown, a resident of Berryville, Ark., was born Dec. 8, 1950 in Independence, Mo., a daughter of J. Floyd and Evelyn Mae (Quigley) Johnson. She departed this life Monday, March 28, 2016 in Berryville, at age 65.

Shirley was a great believer in God and believed that He can be seen in the beauty of the nature that surrounds us. She was a loving mother and grandmother. An avid gardener and naturalist, Shirley enjoyed sharing her vast knowledge of native flora and fauna. Shirley worked for the Area Agency on Aging as a

home health aide. She was able to provide care for her mother for over 10 years. One of Shirley's greatest joys was spending time with and helping care for her grandchildren.

She is survived by her two daughters, Lisa Renae Lundeen of Rogers, Ark., and Susan Marie Lundeen of Fayetteville, Ark. She is also survived by her sister, Karen Lee Johnson of Warrensburg, Mo.; four grandchildren, Jordan Lundeen, Aidan Douglas, Raena Douglas and Kaleb Craig; one nephew, Michael Johnson, and two nieces Elise Johnson and Erica Johnson-Walters, and several other relatives and a host of friends and loved ones.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Memorial services will be held at Shirley's home at 121 Caddie Street Berryville between 2 and 6 p.m. for Potluck and Gathering with Eulogy ceremony at 3 p.m., Saturday, April 9, 2016. Memorial donations may be made to Lisa Lundeen, 1528 Forest Drive, Rogers, Arkansas 72756 in memory of Shirley Johnson-Brown.

Cremation arrangements are under the direction of Nelson Funeral Service, Inc. Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.nelsonfuneral.com](http://www.nelsonfuneral.com). © Nelson Funeral Service, Inc. 2016

### Michael Wayne Anderson Jan. 16, 1976 – April 2, 2016

Michael Wayne Anderson of Eureka Springs, Ark., was born January 16, 1976 in Fort Wainwright, Alaska, a son of Jackie Dale and Barbara Jean (Crow) Anderson. He departed this life Saturday, April 2, 2016 in Fayetteville, Ark., at age 40.

He is survived by three daughters, Amber M.E. Fairchild of Eureka Springs, Ark.; Madison Michelle Pahaka of Reed, Mo.; and Sierra Sky Horton of Tulsa,

Okla. He is also survived by his mother, Barbara Jean Anderson of Holland, Mass.; two sisters, Gloria Jean Anderson of Eureka Springs, Ark.; Della May White of Harrison, Ark., and fiancé, Cassie Nelson of Eureka Springs, Ark.; several friends, family and loved ones.

He was preceded in death by his father, Jackie Dale Anderson, and grandparents, Sid and Lonora Anderson.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, April 13, at Nelson's Chapel of the Springs, Eureka Springs, Ark., under the direction of Nelson Funeral Service, Inc.

Memorial donations for Michael Wayne Anderson may be made to Barbara Anderson at any First National Bank of North Arkansas location. Online condolences may be sent to the family at [nelsonfuneral.com](http://nelsonfuneral.com). © Nelson Funeral Service, Inc. 2016



### Jaqueline "Jackie" Babcock July 16, 1923 – April 6, 2016

Jaqueline "Jackie" Babcock of Holiday, Ark., was born July 16, 1923 in Raytown, Mo., a daughter of Dewey and Maude Irene (Pitts) Young. She departed this life Wednesday, April 6, 2016 in Fayetteville, Ark., at age 92.

"Jackie" as she was known to everyone, grew up in Denver, Colo., graduated from Campion Academy and married her high school sweetheart. Her husband's career as a professor of English brought them to Michigan State University, East Lansing, Mich., where she raised her children. She was awarded both a Bachelor's and Master's in Art and Home Economics at

MSU. Upon her husband Mert's retirement, they migrated to Holiday Island, Ark., where she became an established real estate broker until her own retirement 20 years ago. Jackie was a tenacious Christian, leaving behind a legacy of good works and dear friends.

She is survived by her two children, Collin Babcock and wife, Kathleen McCune; daughter, Maudine Perkins and spouse, Michael; one grandson, Cailean Babcock; and four step-grandsons, Sean, Colin, Ryan and Patrick McKenzie, and a host of friends and loved ones.

Jackie was united in marriage to her devoted husband, Clarence Merton Babcock, who preceded her in death. She was also preceded by her parents, two brothers and a sister.

Memorial services will be held at 12 p.m., Saturday, April 16, 2016 at the First Southern Baptist Church on Dove Circle, Holiday Island, Arkansas.

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# DROPPING A Line

by Robert Johnson



Mike Golden came down from North Dakota on March 29 to visit Eureka Springs, and since then he's felt what it's like to have a striper on. He wanted his girlfriend to have that experience, too. It was a rough, windy day but we found some whites, then a couple of good stripers made it to the boat.

We're still catching good fish from this end of the lake from Point 4 to Point 7. Stripers are also being caught between Hwy. 12 to Monte Ne near Rogers.

We got ours on six-inch shad down about 18 ft. with just 1/4 oz. weights. So they are getting closer to the surface every day now. We found water temps running from 52° to 54° both on Beaver and here at Holiday Island.

Here at the Island we found crappie out in the middle of Leatherwood Creek by the marina, and some small male white bass in the back waiting on the

bigger females to show up. It won't be long, just a little more warm rain and days and most of our warm water fish will be ready to spawn.

Crappie will move into the shoreline brush, which they are already checking out on the warmer afternoons. The walleye are about done with their spawn and being caught up the tailwaters from Houseman Access to the Spider Creek area. We do better on them here when the spawn is over and they come back to hang around the flats off the Island from mid-April through the summer. A jig tipped with a minnow catching most.

Well, I better go for this week. Most the warm water fish spawn between 58° and 64°, which is only a couple weeks away. Enjoy the sun, we've got lots coming.

Robert Johnson fishofexcellence.com (479) 253-2258

# INDEPENDENT Crossword

by Mike Boian with extensive help from his wife, Ann

Solution on page 23

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1. Bamboo luminary  
5. Johnny Paycheck suggestion  
10. Temporary attitude  
14. Fleur de lis  
15. Petty point  
16. Sherlock Holmes helper  
17. Corner, as the market  
19. Putt target  
20. In love with  
21. Contracts for a house  
23. Before  
24. Commotion  
25. 8 bits  
27. Steel type  
32. Harry & David specialty  
33. Bisect  
34. Swab  
35. Eastwood's *The Good, the Bad and the* \_\_\_\_\_  
36. Misrepresent  
37. Judge's garment  
38. Movie location  
39. Recite prescribed liturgical prayers  
40. Apportioned  
41. Series of risers  
43. Affirm
- DOWN**  
1. Noon or thereabout  
2. Atomic No. 26  
3. Edible sea urchin  
4. Equality of measure  
5. Movie music  
6. Healthy  
7. Roman poet  
8. Namely  
9. Basket weaving, sometimes  
10. Black tourmaline  
11. Temple sanctuary
- ACROSS**  
44. Quilter's stuffing material  
45. What Fido did to my homework  
46. Dressage training venue  
49. Sam Malone's profession  
54. Operator  
55. Lots of lots  
57. Type of basil  
58. Type of tube  
59. Group of grand scale poems  
60. Small wildcat  
61. Bank account  
62. Car mar
- DOWN**  
12. Emerald \_\_\_\_\_  
13. Aids used in beginning baseball  
18. Minute openings  
22. Queue  
24. NaCl plus H<sub>2</sub>O  
25. Sire  
26. Famous 1945 venue  
27. "New Year of Trees" month  
28. Legends  
29. Drama 101 lesson  
30. Habitually temperate  
31. Rushed  
32. Cat  
36. One-celled organisms  
37. Backed up  
39. Transvestite dress  
40. Places king in danger  
42. Spain and Portugal  
45. Deflect, avoid  
46. Silent  
47. Pale  
48. In proximity  
49. Converts hide to leather  
50. Sheltered  
51. Scruff  
52. College near Windsor  
53. All the \_\_\_\_\_ (others)  
56. Print widths

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Support local non-profits on April 7

18 locally led Carroll County nonprofits will be participating in ArkansasGives Day on April 7, a 12-hour online giving event from Arkansas Community Foundation. From 8 a.m. – 8 p.m. you can donate to nonprofits through ArkansasGives.org.

Locally-led Carroll County nonprofits participating in this year’s ArkansasGives Day include: Berryville Restoration Project, Bible Reading Ministry International, Christview Ministries, Clear Spring School, Eureka Springs Community Center Foundation, Eureka Springs School

of the Arts, Flint Street Fellowship, Loaves & Fishes Food Bank of the Ozarks, Mid-America Mission Inc. Woodland Bible Camp, Opera in the Ozarks at Inspiration Point, Soul Purpose Ministries: The Jeremiah House, the Carroll and Madison Public Library Foundation, The Cradle, The Learning Center of North Arkansas, The Rainbow Covenant, The Writers’ Colony at Dairy Hollow, Turpentine Creek Wildlife Refuge, and Village Writing School.

For more information email carrollcounty@arcf.org.

Workshop in recognition of Earth Day

Arkansas Interfaith Power & Light will present a two-hour workshop, *Surviving Climate Change: With Pope Francis’ encyclical, Laudato Si*. The public discussion from 10 a.m. – noon on Saturday, April 23 and will be at ECHO, 4004 East Van Buren. Dr. Donnal Walter

will share reflections on the encyclical as a personal and collective guide for people of all faiths in surviving the environmental, economic and social crises facing our planet and us.

Admission is free and all are welcome.

Haircuts benefit plants

The 2<sup>nd</sup> annual fundraiser benefitting ESDN’s Native Plant Garden Project at Spa 1905 will be April 18 from 3 – 6 p.m. Enjoy \$10 - \$15 hair cuts, massages/spa services, bake sale, silent auction and amazing door prizes.

National Day of Prayer at the Great Passion Play

The Western Carroll County Ministerial Association is sponsoring a National Day of Prayer event on Thursday, May 5 in the Great Hall of the Great Passion Play. A full breakfast buffet opens at 6:30 a.m. and the program begins at 7. The keynote speaker is State Representative Bob Ballinger and local Christians will lead praise music.

Tickets are available at the Kerusso Christian Outlet at 105 Passion Play Road. Kerusso’s is open Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. Tickets are \$12.50 each and you can sponsor a table of 8 for \$100. Checks are payable to WCCMA. For more information contact Pastor John Wallace of Faith Bible Church in Holiday Island at (479) 363-6636.

Book study at St. James Episcopal Church

The next Blue Skies Book Study at St. James Episcopal Church is Tuesday, May 24 in the Undercroft from 5 – 6:30 p.m. The book selection is *Wearing God: Clothing, Laughter Fire, and Other Overlooked Ways of Meeting*

*God* by Rev. Lauren F. Winner. The book is available at the Eureka Springs Carnegie Public Library. The meeting will be led by Joanna E.S. Campbell. All are welcome. For more information ccall (479) 253-8610.

Eureka Springs Al-Anon Family Group ongoing meetings

Eureka Springs Al-Anon Family Group is a support group for the friends and families of alcoholics, whether the alcoholic is still drinking or not. ESAFG has changed and added meeting times. Meetings are held at the Coffee Pot Club at the corner of Huntsville Road and Stadium Road, behind the Land O’ Nod Inn.

Weekly Meetings:

- Sunday Alateen meeting has been discontinued
- Sunday at 11:30 a.m.
- Monday at 7 p.m.
- Wednesday evening at 5:30 p.m.
- Thursday at 5:30 p.m.

For more information about other Al-Anon groups in Arkansas go to ar.al-anon.alateen.org.






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