

Hog farm opponents fed up with bureaucratic apathy

BECKY GILLETTE

As evidence of environmental contamination leading to human and animal health problems mounts, local opponents of the C&H 6,500-head hog factory in the Buffalo National River (BNR) watershed are fed up with the failure of state and federal regulatory agencies, and Gov. Asa Hutchinson, to act to protect people, animals and \$57-million in annual tourism revenues from pathogens contained in hog waste in lagoons and spray fields.

On May 26 the Buffalo River Watershed Alliance (BRWA), the National Parks Conservation Association and other allies held a meeting in Eureka Springs to report on the increasing evidence about how the hog factory that employs only seven people is threatening the health of wildlife, area residents and the 1.4 million annual visitors to the BNR.

Geologist Dr. Van Brahana, who heads up a non-profit research project to access and document the water quality impacts of the hog factory, said studies have shown that groundwater in the area can move a 1,000 ft. or more per day. The flow is fast, contamination is easy and the flow direction is difficult to predict.

BRWA and other allies challenged an environmental assessment by federal agencies that found no significant environmental impacts from the facility. The feds approved loan guarantees for the hog factory that produces as much waste as a city of 35,000 people. BRWA and its allies challenged the EA, and a federal judge required the agencies to review that assessment. In that review, the agencies found that, "There is no evidence of karst." Brahana showed photos of the caves, sinkholes, rock formations and mapping that clearly prove the area is riddled with Swiss cheese-like rock formations that are distinct characteristics of karst.

Opponents find it shocking the federal agencies could deny a known fact that the area's geology

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Keeping the Natural State – Geologist Dr. Van Brahana spoke at Eureka Unitarian Universalist Fellowship about regulatory officials ignoring environmental consequences of the 6,500-head hog factory in Mount Judea, Newton County. Call Governor Asa Hutchinson to protect America's first national river from the CAFO less than six miles from the river at (501) 683-6438.

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The bridesmaid never broke stride as she ran, waded and swam to the gosling's rescue. After returning the baby goose to its mother, the bridesmaid was given an appreciative honk goodbye, and those are the weddings memories are made of.



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More music and art coming to the park

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easily allows ground contamination to impact underground water supplies that can surface later in the Buffalo National River and its tributaries. The waste could expose birds, fish and humans to dangerous levels of *e. coli* bacteria and spread nutrient pollution that can lead to oxygen deprivation, algae blooms, fish kills and other problems related to degraded water quality.

Brahana said concerns about health of animals and humans is increasing.

"There are multiple cases of illnesses," Brahana said. "But all our work is for naught. They are ignoring us. What the heck is going on? Politics has run amok. We have had a huge blowback from big ag. The Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality is not doing its job. It is up to us to do something about it. Getting rich by contaminating your neighbor's environment needs to quit."

Dane Schumacher, legal chair of the BRWA board of directors, said opponents have been disappointed that numerous letters and petitions to the governor, ADEQ, lawsuits, and major public advocacy campaigns have not been successful in stopping the hog waste problems.

"We are parked now," Schumacher said. "We have tried every option to get ADEQ to respond."

There is also now growing concern that electric resistivity studies have indicated there may be significant fracture and leakage underneath hog waste lagoons in the area. But a state-funded research group dominated by pro big agriculture representatives has refused to drill underneath the lagoons to assess if they are leaking. The BRWA opposes installation of liners for the lagoons until drilling is done.

While the primary concern is water contamination, air pollution is also a significant factor, Brahana said. Hog waste can be smelled for miles away, which also impacts the experience of visitors to the area.

Schumacher said concerns are growing because the C&H hog factory is now in the process of applying for an EPA Region 5 permit that, if approved,

would be permanent. The factory is also applying to extensively increase the number of acres where hog waste can be sprayed.

Members of the audience, some of whom were visibly angry and outraged at the degradation of what they consider a national treasure, questioned what else could be done since the "playing nice" strategies so far have failed to bear fruit.

"We are looking at every possible avenue," Schumacher said, indicating the civil nuisance lawsuits are underway by people who believe their health and property values have been harmed by the hog waste.

Pat Costner, a retired Greenpeace scientist, said that not just area residents, but the health and welfare of all visitors to the BNR are threatened by hog waste.

"I think the BRWA and the other organizations focusing on protecting the Buffalo have done an outstanding job giving this issue a high profile," Costner said. "They have had excellent legal strategies. But it is also clear that neither ADEQ nor the governor's office nor the regional EPA office have been responsible or responsive. It was obvious there were breaches of regulations by ADEQ, and the governor and the EPA regional office are next in line to be called out."

Costner and others said nothing short of a massive public protest could right the situation. Occupying the state capital was discussed.

Dr. Luis Contreras expressed frustration at the lack of progress, and said efforts should be focused on getting people to stop eating pork. Others spoke of a campaign to get Wal-Mart to stop selling factory-produced pork. But another member of the audience questioned how boycotting pork would work when the U.S. is exporting a lot of pork to China.

Earlier the BRWA had a letter writing campaign to the multinational company that was under contract to purchase pork from C&H. But Schumacher said the facility is no longer under Cargill, and is now owned by a Brazilian company.

To take action including opposing the facility new permit application, Schumacher directed people to the website for the BRNA <http://www.buffaloriveralliance.org/>.

Planning workshop grapples with codes and regs

MIKE ELLIS

Prior to the regular commission meeting on May 24, the Planning Commission held a workshop on code terminology, where Chair Steve Beacham outlined areas for consideration, including tourist lodging, a topic which became the focus of the following meeting.

After welcoming new commissioner Susan Harman, Beacham suggested the need for more specific regulations on tour homes. Commissioner Melissa Greene suggested hours of operation from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., extended to 8 p.m. on Saturdays and holidays.

Beacham said city codes do not mention RV parks, although there are two inside the city limits and part of one on Passion Play Road. He said code should include some definitions and limit further RV parks to the commercial corridor along U.S. 62 or Arkansas Hwy. 23 South.

Greene said an RV park might not be appropriate even in some parts of the commercial zone, but commissioner James Morris said it would be no worse than other permitted uses, such as a gas station.

With no guidelines in the codebook, Beacham said the commission would not be able to approve a new application. Other commissioners wondered if they could deny a new application under those circumstances.

Commissioners also noted the need for a definition of a campground. Tourist lodging includes hotels, motels, B&Bs, cabins, and more. Code even discusses boarding houses, although none operates currently. Regardless of specifics, all these constitute "a dwelling in which sleeping

accommodations are offered to transient guests." Beacham said although each type of lodging has its own regulations, they are all subsets of tourist lodging rather than distinct categories.

Discussion also covered weekly rentals. Beacham explained that five businesses are operating as weekly rentals, although no more permits will be granted. The owner of a weekly rental can offer it for less than the full weekly period, but cannot rent it to someone else during that week.

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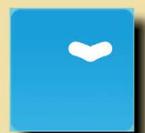
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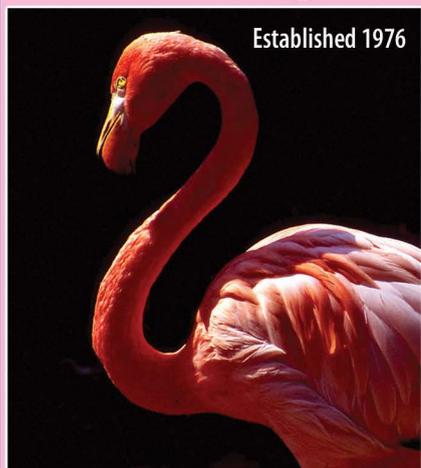
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Planning not swayed by new information

MIKE ELLIS

The Planning Commission devoted its entire May 24 meeting to reconsideration of a Conditional Use Permit for Gary Toub and Kathy Martone at 23 Elk St., and did not find sufficient reason to overturn their decision.

At a commission meeting April 12, with public comments critical of the CUP, commissioners denied the application. Toub and Martone took their case to the city council, and aldermen asked the Planning Commission to consider new evidence. Some of those who initially spoke or wrote in opposition have since endorsed the granting of the CUP, but others remained firm in their opposition.

Denise Ryan said she lives next door to the Toub/Martone property, and said they have plenty of off-street parking. After previously speaking in favor of the CUP, Ryan said she and her husband were harassed “by a few locals.” She added, “It’s the first time in twenty-five years that we’ve had full-time residents there.”

Susan Porter lives on Pine Street, and spoke against the permit. She said the ravine between her and Elk Street acts as a megaphone, and she said granting the permit would “chip away at neighborhoods.” She said she was appalled to receive a cease and desist order concerning her opposition to the permit.

Stevin Williams, attorney for Toub and Martone, explained he had sent out cease-and-desist letters “in response to a campaign of slander” that interfered with his clients’ ability to pursue a livelihood. He said the property had adequate off-street parking for both residents and guests, and he handed out additional letters of support.

In addressing the rule against granting a CUP for a “similar” business, Williams explained the differences between a B&B and other tourist lodging, including having the owner on site and serving food.

Toub followed Williams to the microphone, and pointed out

that the secluded guesthouse had been used as tourist lodging from 1989 to 2002. He described it as 850 sq. ft., built in a style similar to the main house. Toub attributed most of the opposition to owners or operators of tourist lodgings. Martone said they want to continue to restore their property, and having income from that property will help make that possible. “Our neighbors have rallied around us,” she said, and some have withdrawn their opposition.

Property owners within 200 ft. had received notice of the application, and had the opportunity to write a letter supporting or opposing the permit. Commissioners counted up the letters, and found 10 in favor and five opposed, out of 22 property owners notified. Harman noted that if more than 20 percent of neighbors opposed a permit, the commission would need a three-quarters majority to approve it.

Before calling for a vote, Chair Steve Beacham reminded commissioners they were not voting directly on issuing a CUP. They were asked to consider new information, and make a recommendation to city council. “It will be council’s decision what to do then,” he said. Beacham acknowledged that applicants would not cause parking or traffic issues, but considered the proposed B&B similar to the tourist lodging next door, and the 200-ft. rule protects neighborhoods. “Lodging is lodging, and it’s next to another lodging,” he said. “That’s my take.”

As chair, Beacham did not vote, but James Morris, Harman, and Tom Buford voted no, and all cited the 200-ft. rule as their determining factor. Harman also cited the 23 percent opposition as a factor in her decision.

During public comments, Porter asked Greene to recuse, based on comments she had made following the April 12 denial of the CUP. Greene later explained the circumstances, and asked the other commissioners for their opinion. They said a decision on recusal rested entirely with her, and she said she did not see a conflict that would require recusal.

Eureka loses fire chief to Holiday Island

CD WHITE

On June 14 Eureka Springs Fire Chief Randy Ates will say goodbye to the ESFD and report to Fire Chief Bob Clave the next day to assume assistant chief duties at Holiday Island. As far as filling his position in Eureka Springs, Ates said he has made a recommendation to Mayor Butch Berry, who will make a decision.

Ates cited health issues exacerbated by stress as a contributing factor for his resignation, and admits his move comes with some mixed feelings, but mostly good ones. “I feel like I’m abandoning my guys at a bad time, especially with frozen budget issues and the industry changes coming down the pike,” Ates said, “but everyone has been very understanding.”

Although now doing well after dealing with heart problems for several months, Ates had remained open to pursuing his career in a less stressful environment than the busy



Eureka Springs department can offer. When the position of assistant chief at Holiday Island became available, Clave offered it to him.

“I really needed to slow down, and I was offered some things I wanted as part of

my job so I was happy to accept,” Ates told the *Independent*. I’m really looking forward to having more personal time while still serving the community ... and I’m just up the road!”

CAPC lays it out on weddings

NICKY BOYETTE

Mike Maloney, executive director of the City Advertising and Promotion Commission, used the May 25 workshop to acquaint commissioners with what CAPC staff are doing to market Eureka Springs weddings. He had recently presented the same information to representatives of the local wedding industry at a meeting convened by the Chamber of Commerce where it was announced there will soon be a new Wedding Guide and a website called eureka-springs-weddings.com with a plethora of local information. There will be a link to this site on the eureka-springs.org site.

Commissioner Ken Ketelsen said many locals had said the CAPC does not push weddings, and suggested sending all of them an email clearly showing what the CAPC does.

Maloney said ten percent of their marketing budget goes specifically to weddings in Eureka Springs, and he has considered increasing that. He said 25,000 online impressions are distributed each month in nearby states that direct a viewer to a 15-second video about local wedding opportunities. A click-through takes the viewer to more material or to the Chamber of Commerce wedding site. This means 300,000 impressions per year reverberate through the Internet to viewers interested in weddings.

Also, twice a year, CAPC can deliver a “major events” delivery of 200,000 impressions in a month. In May, the

focus was the May Festival of the Arts, but the blast could be to a list of folks looking for wedding information. Maloney said the CAPC gets a “big list” of specific and current information through *Arkansas Bride* magazine, and this information can be shared with the Chamber of Commerce for their outreach as well.

Geo-fencing

Maloney commented geofencing provides an opportunity to connect with smart phone and iPad devices in very specific areas and deliver short messages on any topic, such as the local wedding opportunities, with a clickthrough to the wedding section of the eureka-springs.org site.

Areas he typically targets are the five-mile radius around the University of Arkansas during home football games, around the Promenade in Rogers, around Crystal Bridges in Bentonville, around the entire city of Branson and around the Gilcrease Museum in Tulsa. Maloney plans to try selected zip codes near Oklahoma City, and commissioners suggested he target areas near Kansas City.

Maloney said he typically puts out 5000 impressions each month, and geofencing is usually considered a success if there are one to two percent clickthroughs to a specific landing page. Statistics show he has been averaging four to six percent. Maloney said Eureka Springs has so many niches to market – weddings, cycling, restaurants, autumn

colors – that the versatility of geofencing works well for Eureka Springs. For instance, he can geofence Fayetteville for one day to promote a specific events such as the Cate Brothers in Basin Park.

All the others

• CAPC also delivers an online newsletter each quarter, and there are no restrictions on how long it might be. It will be delivered to 50,000 selected persons, and at least once a year it will feature local weddings. The recipients can be selected by geography or demography.

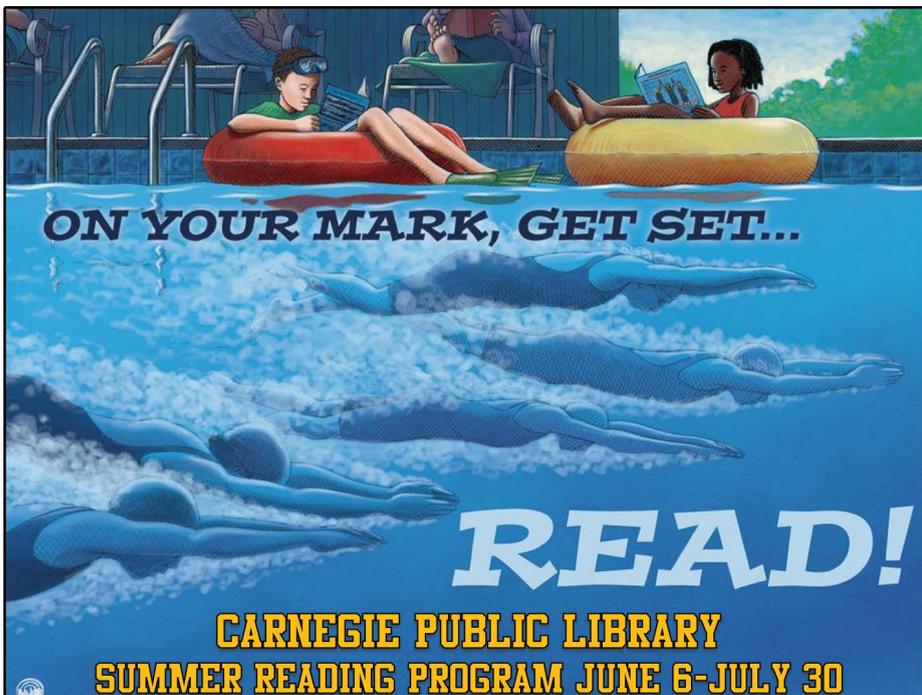
• Partnering with the Arkansas Education Television Network, the CAPC rotates different messages, including a 15-second wedding spot, on televisions in every county in the state. The spots air on “Antiques Roadshow,” “Saturday Mystery” and “Austin City Limits.”

• Five times weekly, the CAPC underwrites news on KUAF 91.3 FM in Fayetteville with a wedding ad.

• The CAPC places two full-page ads in *Arkansas Bride* in the spring/summer issue and the fall/winter issue. Maloney said leads of people interested in wedding information are generated, and those interested in these leads should call him at the CAPC office.

• The CAPC has ads on electronic billboards along I-49 in Rogers, on Walton Boulevard in Bentonville and along the Broken Arrow Expressway in Tulsa. The content

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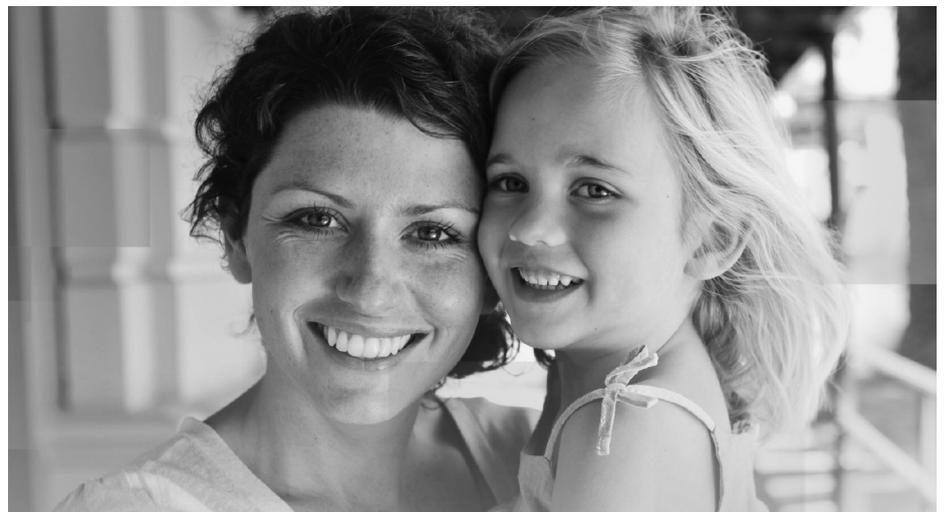
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Entrepreneurs showcase imagination

NICKY BOYETTE

Twenty-five aspiring entrepreneurs pitched a panoply of startup possibilities at the auditorium May 24 in hopes of winning one of two \$1000 prizes at the first G60 event in Eureka Springs. Each speaker had one minute to pitch ideas, and at the end the audience of 180-200 people voted Raymond Ulibarri as the People's Choice winner for his Creative Entertainment in Eureka Springs. The panel of judges chose Christi Brown for her cardiac workout product called FlexEhoop.

Jeff Amerine, founder and owner of Startup Junkie, an entrepreneurial consulting firm in Fayetteville, served as emcee, and said the goal of the G60 was community-building and community engagement – where “good things happen.” Each speaker’s 60 seconds could not include notes or slides, though some used props. Amerine said winners were decided by the quality of the business concept or idea.

“Fostering entrepreneurship is the lifeblood of the region,” Amerine said.



Jeff Amerine of Startup Junkie presents a winner's check to Raymond Ulibarri last Tuesday.

PHOTO BY NICKY BOYETTE

He remarked new ventures and small businesses create jobs, increase local tax revenue and improve the standard of living and quality of life.

Judges for the event were Elizabeth Kelley, president of Community First Bank; Tammy Thurow, president of the Eureka Springs Chamber of Commerce; Diane McClelland, senior vice-president and chief operating officer of Cornerstone Bank; and Eureka Springs Mayor Butch Berry.

The first pitch was for sophisticated financial software followed by an app that notifies authorities in an emergency. Eventual winner Christi Brown was third as she casually demonstrated her FlexEhoop, an easily portable cardio workout device she swirled like a hula hoop.

Then came pitches for locally bottled water, homemade hot sauce, and software for tracking price increases. One speaker promoted an app that matches seniors with caregivers. Another had a device which measures how much chickenfeed remains in a bin. There were high tech sports and exercise devices such as “the world’s first exercise smart machine.”

There were pitches for a “nanoliposome encapsulated healthy product” as well as for a device designed to treat depression. One presenter sells honey from Patagonian beekeepers and another wanted to provide free clothing for military families across the country.

There was an app for reducing the time patients wait at doctors’ offices and it even reschedules. Another person had a plan for publishing books by minorities and donating some of the proceeds to programs for kids. Another plugged his app that “connects you with things wherever you go.”

Another presenter was a grantwriter, and another, a marketer, claiming, “I make business beautiful.”

Raymond Ulibarri gave a theatrical, engaging pitch for Creative Entertainment in Eureka Springs, and evoked a hearty response from the audience. He also won their votes.

The four final projects included Profound Journeys – “a synergistic fusion of outdoor exploration;” a late-night television project; a comprehensive program for building confidence and skills of young photographers and aspiring models; and, finally, a marketplace called Greenhouse Sustainable focused on lowering the cost of sustainable goods.

Sandy Martin, chair of the Mayor’s Task Force on Economic Development, commented, “G60 is a great way to test and start an innovative business concept – and get paid \$1000! I was really happy about the response, the turnout and results. StartUp Junkie, our sponsors and our audience encouraged me to plan another one. It might become an annual event.”

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Bobcat fever: Know the signs and get help

KATHRYN LUCARIELLO

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These are the first symptoms of cytauxzoonosis, a deadly disease caused by the *cytauxzoon felis* protozoan parasite, spread by ticks that get it from bobcats. By the time symptoms show up, a domestic cat has already had the disease for several days. Known commonly as "bobcat fever," it can kill a domestic cat in as little as three days from the first symptoms. It killed one of ours last Fall. It is a painful disease and excruciating death.

Bobcat fever is rampant in the mid-South and Southeast and spreading to several surrounding states. It is considered an "emerging disease," although first diagnosed in 1976. Many owners in Carroll County have lost their cats to it.

Tick and flea preparations such as Frontline® do not prevent the parasite being passed, even though the tick may die once it ingests the drug. Also, you won't always see a tick on a cat that has been bitten. There is no known vaccine and no guarantee of immunity if the cat recovers.

"I've seen cats recover when there was no hope, I've seen cats relapse who have had it before, and I've seen cats who seemed to be doing well and recovering, then crash," Dr. Wes Rice, veterinarian at the Family Pet Vet in Berryville said.

In September 2015, our male tuxedo cat contracted the disease. Having had one



19-year-old cat miraculously survive it in 1998, we did not recognize the symptoms at first and did not think to tell the vet (not our regular vet) that we suspected bobcat fever, or they might have seen him sooner. Despite treatment, our tuxedo cat died in two days. We were heartbroken.

In late November 2015, our female calico showed symptoms, and at midnight we rushed her to the emergency clinic in Springdale. Although her blood sample did not show parasites, they started treatment, based on symptoms and blood counts. The 10-day protocol, called "A&A" (antibiotic and anti-parasitic), has shown a 60-percent recovery rate. We continued treatment at home and also gave her monolaurin, which is lauric acid derived from coconuts, and has been shown to be antibacterial, antifungal and anti-parasitic, although few studies have been done on it and none on bobcat fever specifically. Our cat was back to her old

self in four days.

However, if it was bobcat fever, her recovery did not convey immunity. On May 3 this year, she was diagnosed with the disease, and thus began an 11-day ordeal to save her life. Our vet started the A&A protocol, this time adding IV fluids and nutrients, and heparin to keep her blood from clotting.

We brought our cat to our vet's office during the day and took her home each night to monitor and administer the protocol as well as continue the monolaurin through the night, and we continued this pattern through her treatment. We also used healing energy work and prayer. She hardly ate, lost weight and became very weak, jaundiced, and had fluid in her lungs. The vet feared the worst.

"Usually by this point, they are nearing the end," he said. "If she starts to

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Not coming back

Editor,

We ended our three-day visit to your city on Monday, Memorial Day. It will be our third and last visit to Eureka Springs. The staff at the Brownstone Inn made us feel welcome. We spent several hundred dollars at your stores and restaurants, who also made us feel welcome.

However, your city fathers failed. After feeding all the quarters and dimes and nickels we had into your *one arm bandits* (aka parking meters) in order to spend money in your town, we were given a parking ticket because I was unable to rush back to the car in time. I was 5 minutes late. You see, I am crippled and need assistance walking so I don't move as fast as I once did. (I did notice that there we're very few handicapped parking places per number of businesses *and no free off street parking*).

I did see your noise ordinance signs, which are a joke with loud motorcycles, their radios turned up full blast, day and night, that scare you half to death and you have your police ride around more concerned with a late parking meter. I paid my fine, but it is the last one and the last dollar we will spend in your city.

I have to ask you one question.... who won?

Come to Quincy, IL, a city of 40,000, for a visit. We have free off street and on street parking because we appreciate our customers who help our stores and city.

Michael Schuttler, Veteran

Random act of kindness

Editor,

After visiting your fine village, I was on my way home and had a flat tire. My roadside assistance wouldn't help me and

I couldn't reach any friends to help. I had parked at the U-Haul place just east of town, and Gary kindly came out and lent me his cell phone when my battery died. And when I couldn't get anyone to help me with my tire, he changed it for me! I really appreciated this kind act from a stranger.

Barbara A. LeRoy

Public right to know

Editor,

Thank you for exposing Marti Suchsland as the dangerous, gunwielding, extremist willing to kill any trans person she comes in contact with in a public bathroom. Her hate filled letter to the editor was balanced nicely with David Zimmermann's eloquent words that exposed the absurdity of the trans bathroom panic sweeping the country. I come from the school of "free speech for all" "don't kill the messenger" and "know thy enemy."

John Rankine

Accepting differences

Editor,

OMG! I can't believe that the great bathroom controversy is once again at center stage. In my lifetime, whenever there is a point-of-law dialogue about equality and acceptance of differences, the same old toilet-boogeyman paranoia kicks in!

The ERA, civil rights, gay rights, transgender rights – the alarmist rhetoric always goes something like this: "Oh no! I cannot possibly share a public facility with someone who is not exactly like me!" Whether the current issue is sex, race, sexual preference or gender identity, the inference is always the same – "these people" are not like me, therefore they are perverts who want to peep at me and fantasize and possibly attack me.

I'm not saying perverts don't exist. There's ample evidence in the news every day that they do. But they're certainly not identifiable by any of the above groupings. And they don't wear nametags that say, "Hi, I'm a pervert. Can I peek at your stuff?"

Actually, the odds are pretty good that there are well-disguised perverts amongst the group you've identified as "just like me." In fact, there may be one sitting in the bathroom stall next to you right now! If you want to be completely safe you should probably never use any public restroom, anywhere, any time, ever again.

Personally, my public restroom experiences have changed very little in sixty some years in spite of all the controversy. I go in, lock the door or stall, do my thing, wash my hands and leave. If the girl at the next mirror has an Adam's apple, who am I to criticize? I've noticed the last few years that if I don't keep plucking it, I have a bit of a mustache. I hope that sweet and compassionate lady Christian doesn't decide I'm transgender and kick the tar out of me!

Gloria Churchill

What you can do to prepare

Editor,

I thank the *Independent* and Dr. John House for the recent 4-part series on the State of the World and the threats we face here in Eureka Springs. The threats Dr. House described are a real, present, and certain danger.

What can we do to reduce the climate chaos? Two things: 1. Reduce your own carbon footprint. 2. Get everybody else to reduce theirs. Number 1 is pretty easy, so let's start with number 2. Support an energy policy that uses the free market to steer

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WEEK'S Top Tweets

@mattgallo123: Never underestimate an underachiever. We're capable of less than you think.

@LinajkReturns: It's never too early to get life size cardboard cutouts of yourself

made up for this year's Christmas presents.

@TimmyToes: My review of the sun: One star.

@JewelStaite: My workout class has a cancellation policy of \$15 if you cancel too late. Which means I just spent \$15 *not* to work out. I am my own hero.

@david8hughes: They need to make realistic commercials for beds & mattresses. The always show a couple, never a guy

with a dog asleep on his chest.

@hughlaurie: So many good jokes on twitter today. Comparatively few reliable strategies for achieving eternal life.

@jennyjohnsonHi5: I never wanna "touch base" with anyone but I type it in emails to sound business-y.

@lunchyprices: Not feeling great about how much scrolling down I have to do to get to my birth year.

@_blotty: "This is the greatest thing since sliced bread!" Sliced bread peeks around the corner, tears streaming, it was in the TV room & heard *everything*.

@meganamram: Before the Internet it was way harder to Google stuff.

Ridding Northwest Arkansas of rats

We feel sympathy for Gov. Asa Hutchinson whose private office next to the Governor's Mansion has suffered a rat infestation so bad the governor is unable to use the office. Major renovations removing walls, beams and insulation are necessary. A reporter who visited recently said although the rats have been killed, rat urine can still be smelled in the governor's private office.

Governor, we understand you not wanting to work in an office that stinks of rat urine, but how about waking up to the smell of pig poop if you live near the C&H hog factory located near the Buffalo National River? Despite a major public outcry, including many citizens writing to the governor and the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality, and despite costly citizen-funded legal challenges, the state has failed to protect the people and environment in the vicinity of the 6,500-head hog factory. In fact, the research group receiving state tax money that is supposed to be evaluating the impacts of the hog factory is so dominated by Big Ag interests that it has refused to allow drilling underneath the hog waste lagoons even with scientific evidence suggesting that the lagoons are leaking waste.

The governor gets major credit for being one of the very few Red State Republicans who has been successful helping low-income people have access to health insurance coverage through an expansion of the state's Medicaid program. Hutchinson deserves credit for calling a special session and using a unique legislative strategy to preserve not just health care coverage, but a huge positive impact on the state budget and the health of the state's hospitals and other healthcare providers.

Parallels can be drawn between the success keeping the Medicaid expansion and the battle against the hog factory near the Buffalo. It made no fiscal sense to turn down \$1 billion per year in federal money for the Medicaid expansion. And it makes no fiscal sense to allow one hog factory that employs only seven people to endanger the top outdoor recreational area in the Natural State responsible for 900 jobs, an estimated 1.4 million visitors per year and an economic impact of \$57 million.

While the governor gets the rats under control in his private office next to the mansion, how about thinking about

those in Northwest Arkansas who have to breathe in sickening fumes from the C&H hog factory? When it comes to protecting other's from animal wastes, the governor and the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality have been missing in action.

If you think rat urine stinks, try hog waste. Imagine not being able to open your windows or work outdoor because the smell turns your stomach. Or being unable to visit the cemetery where your ancestors are buried because the air is so foul. Or human and animal illnesses that weren't a problem before the hog factory surfacing causing great concern. Those are just some of the impacts believed to be linked to dumping millions of gallons of untreated hog waste in a karst area where the ground is riddled with holes that allow for quick transport of surface wastes to underground water supplies.

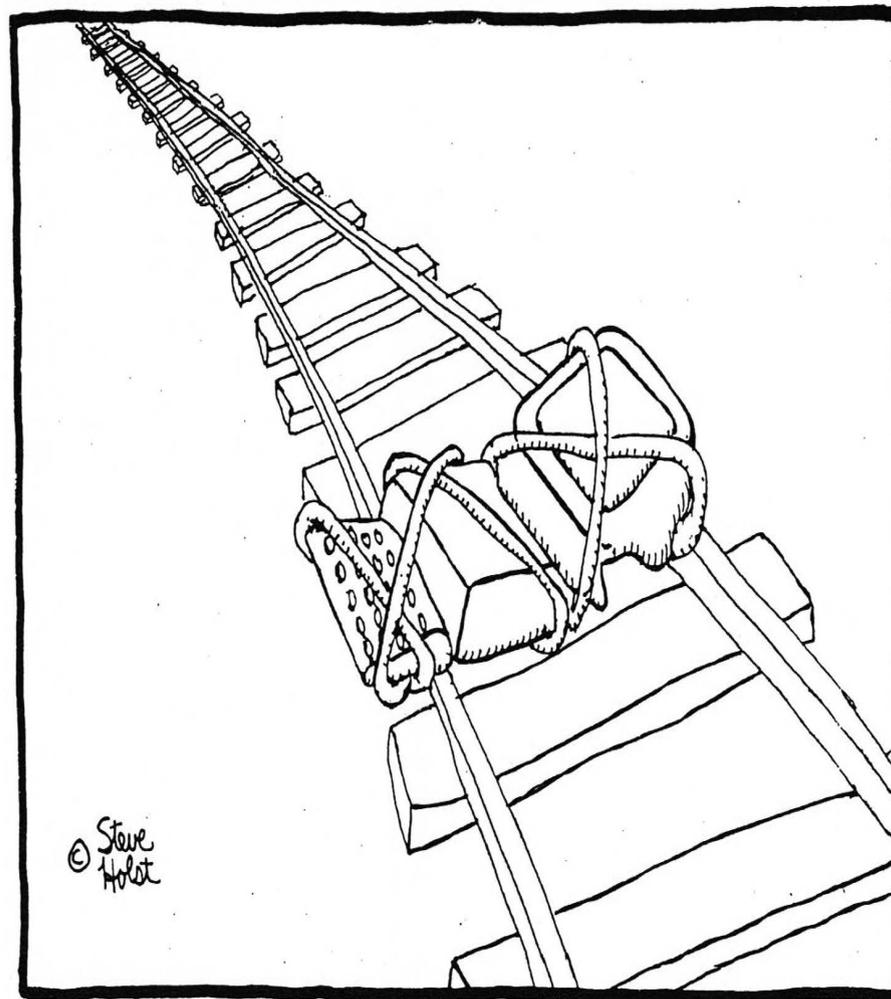
Recently, musicians from Still on the Hill, Kelly and Donna Mulhollan, who are doing a CD on the Buffalo National River, were hiking to the popular Sam's Throne overlook. But what was the awful

smell? It was the unmistakable stench of hog waste.

Like with the Medicaid expansion, it is ridiculous to put the area's jobs and tourism economy at risk because of one hog factory that employs only seven people. And since Arkansas ponied up more than \$125 million in incentives for the Big River steel mill (or the Big River steal, as some are calling it) that now appears doomed to failure because of a worldwide glut of steel and low prices, how about just buying out C&H and shutting it down? It would cost a pittance of what the state has invested in Big River steal.

Governor, good luck with kicking the rats out of your private office. Now how about killing some "rats" in Northwest Arkansas by protecting the people and tourism economy of Northwest Arkansas by putting pressure on the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality to shut down a hog factory permitted without public notice in violation of regulatory laws.

Becky Gillette



The Pursuit Of HAPPINESS

by Dan Krotz

When I was in school I took two Time and Motion Studies classes. T&M studies look at sequences of movements required to perform a task and the amount of time required to do so. Then, the observer recommends movements to eliminate, or more efficient ways to move, in order to save time.

One of the first T&M studies looked at how men loaded and unloaded boxcars and suggested different ways to perform the job. The upshot was quicker transport of goods. T&M made just about everything more efficient, including manufacturing assembly lines.

I've applied T&M in my business life, but I've mostly used it to organize the avalanche of pills I swallow every day, how I brush my teeth, and the order of steps to perform other routine tasks like making coffee and raking leaves.

It's a numbers based occupation. I always know how many people are in a room at any given time, how many birds are on the wire in the morning, and the speed elevators travel from one floor to the next. Speed is time and it can seem relative even if it isn't. For example, if you get on an elevator and hear The Cowsills, the elevator moves much slower than you expect. CSN&Y gets you between floors much faster.

One of my old friends, Gary Siebert, was a psychiatrist by day and, twice a year, a pheasant hunter. We were out in a cornfield one day when he tripped and fell into a water-filled pothole. You don't really want to be around a clumsy guy with a 12 gauge, but I politely held my counsel. It wasn't the first time he'd fallen, and the poor guy was wet from toe to tongue, and getting out of the pothole caused him to roll over a bunch of corn stalks and render them useless. "This acre will be half a bushel short when it gets picked," I said, innocently, and simply as a matter of observation.

"You have an Obsessive Compulsive Personality Disorder," he snapped, and stomped off into the ears.

"And you're all wet," I wish I'd said.

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 1st and 3rd 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
- **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.
- **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.
- **Overeaters Anonymous** – Thursdays, 10:30 a.m. Barbara (479) 244-0371 • **Narcotics Anonymous** – Fridays, 5:30 p.m. (903) 278-5568. Meetings held at Eureka Springs Coffee Pot Group behind Land O’ Nod Victorian Inn.
- **Coffee Break Al-Anon Family Group Women** – Tuesdays, 9:45 a.m., Faith Christian Family Church, Hwy. 23S, (479) 363- 9495. • **Al-Anon Family Group (AFG)** – Sundays, 11:30 a.m., Mondays and Tuesdays 7 p.m. • **Eureka Springs Coffee Pot AA Groups** Monday – Saturday 12:30 p.m.; Sunday 10 a.m.; Sunday – Thursday, Saturday, 5:30 p.m.; Tuesday and Friday, 8 p.m. (479) 253-7956 • **Al-Anon** Wednesday, 5:30 p.m. Meetings held at Eureka Springs Coffee Pot Group behind Land O’ Nod Victorian Inn. All other meetings: See www.nwarkaa.org
- **St. Vincent De Paul Thrift Store** – First Tuesdays – provide assistance with medical help, utilities, clothing, emergency shelter, shoes, etc. Annual charity Christmas Gift & Food Program. Mon-Sat 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. 1844 Hwy. 62W Berryville.

INDEPENDENT ConstablesOnPatrol

MAY 23

8:38 a.m. – Staff at ESH asked for constable assistance because a violent patient was trying to leave during observation. He left before constables arrived.

MAY 24

1:51 a.m. – Individual was arrested for public intoxication.

10:44 a.m. – State trooper initiated a traffic stop and discovered two persons had ESPD warrants. Constable arrived to arrest one of them, and the trooper kept the other one on another warrant.

3:08 p.m. – A vehicle at a gas station was on fire. Constable and ESFD responded.

MAY 25

12:19 a.m. – A father told ESPD his son had been in an altercation and he feared the incident might escalate. The son told a constable the events occurred outside city limits and he would inform CCSO.

9:49 a.m. – A semi driver got his vehicle stuck on a tricky street downtown, and a constable orchestrated a successful extrication.

11:06 a.m. – Constables did not encounter a reportedly erratic driver.

4:00 p.m. – Driver backed a car into another one.

6:17 p.m. – Observer was concerned about the welfare of a dog which had been in a parked vehicle for awhile. Constable responded and found the vehicle, but there was no dog inside.

8:36 p.m. – Alarm rang out at a motel, but the constable and owners checked out the scene and found everything okay.

MAY 26

1:09 a.m. – Caller contended a male was harassing others downtown. Constable spoke with persons involved and resolved the situation.

9:39 a.m. – Traffic stop resulted in the arrest of the driver for two warrants out of Carroll County, one out of Harrison PD, possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, and speeding.

11:28 a.m. – Observer was suspicious of a person near a playground filled with kids. Turned out he was the groundskeeper.

5:16 p.m. – Witness reported a vehicle headed to town from the west was passing on double yellow lines. Constables never encountered the driver.

MAY 27

12:52 a.m. – A man in a hockey mask frightened pedestrians downtown. Constables arrested him for public intoxication.

3:24 a.m. – Individual told ESPD she was embroiled in a domestic dispute with her soon-to-be ex-husband. Constable intervened, and she left with a family member.

9:17 a.m. – Constable responded to a request by CCSO to pick up an individual who had been arrested on an ESPD warrant.

1:32 p.m. – Roofers witnessed two females breaking into a shed near a residence east of downtown. Constable went to the scene and gathered statements.

1:40 p.m. – Concerned observer reported a male possibly stalking a female in the downtown area. The male had allegedly been hiding in bushes and under stairs. Constable took information from the complainant located the suspect’s vehicle. It was towed for parking violations.

5:41 p.m. – A mother was feuding with her son and claimed he had destroyed their computer. Constables discussed the situation with the son. No charges were filed.

6:09 p.m. – A limb fell onto US 62 West, and a constable cleared it out of the way.

10:50 p.m. – Traffic stop resulted in the arrest of the driver for driving on a suspended license and no insurance.

11:06 p.m. – Constable responded to a noise complaint and asked the residents to moderate the racket.

11:34 p.m. – Resident in the eastern part of town heard noises behind his house, but the constable found nothing unusual back there.

MAY 28

12:10 a.m. – Clerk at a gas station told a constable about a suspicious vehicle involved in an incident earlier in the day. Constables watched for the vehicle.

8:42 a.m. – Someone stole a statue from a yard near downtown.

8:55 a.m. – A parked vehicle obstructed access to a fire hydrant, so the constable issued a citation.

9:56 a.m. – Central dispatch passed along a report of a vehicle sideways on US 62 at the western edge of town. The constable did not find any vehicle having difficulty.

12:12 p.m. – There was a two-vehicle accident on US 62 as it wends out of town toward the east. One vehicle briefly caught fire, but the flames were extinguished. No injuries.

2:09 p.m. – There was another two-vehicle accident on US 62 closer to the middle of town. No injuries.

2:10 p.m. – A loose dog was captured. The owner called ESPD looking for it and was connected with the rescuer.

4:22 p.m. – A mother told ESPD her son was following an intoxicated driver on US 62. Constables watched for the vehicle but never encountered it.

6:48 p.m. – A couple arrived at their home near downtown to find a young woman in their bathroom. She was apologetic but distraught, and left headed toward the top of the hill. Constables encountered her boyfriend first and later found her. The distraught wanderer was reunited with her boyfriend.

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The art of “That’s not Right” musical instruments

BECKY GILLETTE

Bob Gage, a carpenter who has lived in Eureka Springs off and on for 30 years starting in 1978, made his first musical instrument when he was eight years old and got into his grandfather’s garage to make a rubber band banjo. Through the years his fascination with making musical instruments from unusual materials has continued with one of his first and most remarkable pieces being a saxophone made from wood salvaged from a burn pile.

“I was in Michigan cleaning my mother’s backyard and left a pile of brush,” Gage said. “I went back a couple years later, cleaned up more, and lit the brush on fire. As it was burning, I looked down in the fire and saw what looked like a saxophone. I think it was a real old elderberry bush. I hung it on the wall and carried it around the country with me for fifteen years and called it art. Then about 15 years ago, I had a job with a rather trying customer. So I took it to work with me. Every time I got frustrated, I quit working on cabinets and worked on the saxophone. I directed all the frustration into the instrument and it worked out real well. When the job was over, the saxophone played. I decided to call it a wind wood saxophone because it sounded like a bull moose.”

He says he isn’t a musician except for playing his saxophone on occasion. He got to play it in Guatemala with British rock musician Pete Sears, who was with Jefferson Starship and did an album with Rod Stewart.

Gage also made a five-string, fretless banjo made from a ten-inch cooking pot, with a neck made from a piece of cedro (Guatemalan cedar) with a big knot in the middle.

“Pete was the first person to tune and play that banjo,” Gage said.



Gage has been “making sawdust” all his life, as he grew up in a lumberyard.

“When I was a kid, we didn’t have a lot of money and I enjoyed making my own stuff,” Gage said. “I also like making toys. I’ve been making toys as long as instruments. But I end up giving them away long before I can make any money off of them.”

While he has tinkered with making unusual artistic musical instruments for decades, now he has more time for his hobby. It has turned into what he calls the “That’s Not Right Instrument Company.” Everything is made out of non-standard materials, and most instruments are left-handed.

Sometimes the artistic drive takes over and he is surprised how it turns out.

“I go crazy,” Gage said. “Sometimes I look at stuff I made and wonder how I made it.”

The materials are found or repurposed. The lumber in the neck of his upright washtub bass is from a piece of ponderosa

pine he carried around from his teen years until it found its purpose. He used two washtubs sliced and fitted together to make the bass body, then punched holes shaped like dragons down the sides of washtubs for sound holes.

“I took the electronics out of a broken bass, and ended up with an upright, four-string electric washtub bass with LED lights inside that make the dragons light up,” Gage said. “It is one of my very favorite pieces. I have frequently made washtub basses for people including one with a mahogany pole with a carved violin scroll head. And then I’ve taken whiskey flasks and made violins out of them. I call them flaskolins.”

He also has made a full drum set made 100 percent from metal. It consists of washtubs, buckets, pails, and trashcans. He also combined a 12-gauge shotgun, an old aluminum pot, a dancing stick man, a mousetrap and a hammer to make a musical instrument.

“You can pluck the bass strings like a washtub,” Gage said. “When you tap the hammer, the mousetrap on the fish line makes the stickman dance and rattle his bells. That one is real fun.”

Right now he is working on what he calls a badrumjo. It is made from a broken drum and broken electric bass.

“Part of the fun is naming them,” he said. “The ideas just kind of come to me. I don’t try to force them. Sometimes I will start looking at something and start seeing an instrument. A lot of times I don’t know what it will sound or look like when done.”

Gage is now trying to build up enough collection of his musical instruments to start selling them. He also envisions putting together a “That’s Not Right Band” to be in the Ozark Folk Festival. He has enough pieces to do it.

TUNE IN AND KEEP UP!



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They came, they saw, they painted

C.D. WHITE

Boy howdy, did they! They came from around our region and from as far as Illinois, Florida, New Jersey, North Carolina, Minnesota and even Mexico City after learning there was a new Plein Air Festival in the very paintable Ozarks. They came alone, with family and with plein air groups. They painted dripping wet in high humidity under blazing sun one day and dripping wet under thundering skies and pouring rain the next. They even painted in the dark of night.

They painted all over Eureka Springs for four days and when they were finished we had a chance to see our town as they saw it.

Walking into the Inn of the Ozarks Convention Center on the evening of May 26 for the final awards show must have been for the artists like “the smell of greasepaint and the roar of the crowd” is for an actor. The slight, seductive aroma of oil paints fresh from the day’s paint-out could be detected just under the excited expectations in the air as plein air artists and the interested public gathered to view an exhibit worthy of Crystal Bridges and discover who won Best of Show.

The submitted art—oils, acrylics, pastels, watercolors—represented a daily painting (or

more) from each of the four days’ paint outs done by the 60-plus registered artists. Each evening a Purchase Prize of \$1,000 had been awarded for that day’s winning painting but the big juried prizes and People’s Choice were the hot ticket on Thursday.

The public was invited to watch the painters work around town all week as well as attend workshops and receptions.

Jinsheng Song, of Florida, winner of the first day’s Purchase Prize, has been on the plein air circuit for about 10 years and paints in all mediums. He passed through Eureka Springs a few years ago. “I thought at the time it would be a wonderful place to paint and wished I could come back and paint here,” he said. “I never forgot about it. Then a while ago I heard about this festival and that was it. I was coming!”

Roz Ramey, a watercolor artist from Tennessee who recently relocated to Bella Vista, heard about the festival from her plein air group. She’s just started painting in oils, and had a great time. “For a first year, this is a wonderful start,” she said.

Good for business

Thanks to members of Plein Air Painters of Eureka Springs and staff of Eureka Springs School of the Arts, the festival exceeded expectations and will be returning as an annual event, an announcement greeted by a

happy dance at the final awards show. Many more painters will be adding the Eureka Springs Plein Air Festival (ESPAfest) to their competition circuit, joining returning artists.

Director Peggy Kjelgaard and Maureen Alexander and staff at Eureka Springs School of the Arts along with Jody Stephenson, Ron Lutz and members of P.A.P.E.S. put in a lot of hard work to create and handle an event with a lot of moving parts, let alone multiple locations with registration and a pop-up art store at each. Each night ended with a reception and pop-up gallery at various Eureka establishments.

For a first-time-out effort, Kjelgaard said they expected maybe 20 painters and were surprised and delighted to end up with more than 60; and those were only the painters who registered to be in the competition. There were some who did not compete and others who only attended the workshops. She credits advertising nationally in *Plein Air Magazine* with bringing painters from far outside the region even on short notice.

Photos of the winning pictures can be seen at www.eureka-art.org and on the Eureka Springs School of the Arts or the Studio 62 Eureka Springs pages on Facebook.

Purchase Prize Awards

- Day 1: Crescent Hotel and Gardens Paint Out: Jinsheng Song; Lutz, Fla.
- Day 2: Beaver Bridge/Rogue’s Castle Paint Out: Spencer Meagher; Mount Vernon, Ill.
- Day 3: Beaver Lake Bluffs Area Paint Out: Nyle Gordon; Ethel, Mo.
- Day 4: Historical Eureka Springs Paint Out: Nyle Gordon, “Eureka Springs Historical Museum”

Final Awards

Judges: Lloyd Kelly and Carl Petering

- Best in Show: Nyle Gordon; Ethel, Mo., “Crescent Hotel”
- 1st Place: Gil Adams; Tulsa, Okla., “Outdoor Bathers”
- 2nd Place: Julie Gowing Hayes; Bella Vista, “Afternoon at Hidden Lake”
- 3rd Place: Richard Stephens; Hot Springs, “River’s Edge”
- Honorable Mention: Octavio Logo; Fayetteville, “Point of View”
- Honorable Mention: Tim Breaux; Ozark, Mo., “Eureka Nights”
- People’s Choice: John Willer, Eureka Springs
- People’s Choice: Richard Stephens, Hot Springs

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yowl, that will be the sign she’s dying, and we’ll have to put her down. But as long as she’s fighting I won’t give up on her.” And neither did we. Her fever stayed up, which was a good sign, he said, and he kept it within a helpful but not dangerous range.

Bit by bit, against all odds, our cat began to improve. Her energy returned, slowly. By May 14, she took her last medication, and she was eating and drinking again.

The vet told us, “I’ve never treated a cat with this for this long and had it survive.”

We cannot prove it, but we think everything we and the vet did, the treatments—medical, herbal, energy work and prayer—and bringing our cat home at night—all worked together to save her life. There is no guarantee that this would work with another cat, as every cat and every case is different.

We hope our cat has immunity now, but we don’t know that. We are taking

measures to prevent a recurrence.

The biggest advice we would give cat owners, based on our experience, is that if you see symptoms of lethargy and not eating, even one day of them, get your cat to the vet right away and tell them you suspect bobcat fever. Time is of the essence.

We can’t thank Dr. Rice and his wonderful staff enough for their dedication, caring and expertise in treating this horrible disease and not giving up on our cat. We also thank the Berryville Veterinary Clinic for groundbreaking work in saving our cat in 1998, and all the vets in Carroll County for continued dedication. And especially want to thank Dr. Jim Fain of Eureka Springs for bringing monolaurin to the attention of the community.

We are happy to be a resource for anyone dealing with this tragic disease and will share what we know and specifically what we did to treat our cat. Feel free to email us at klucariello@gmail.com or call (479) 253-6211.



Hmmm – Painter Jody Stephenson’s well-trained eyes are scanning a potential People’s Choice pick during the closing juried show and awards reception on May 26 at Inn of the Ozarks. *PHOTO BY CHERI WHITE*

Get the most from Social Security

BECKY GILLETTE

Some people eagerly await turning age 62 so they can apply for Social Security benefits. Yet delaying retirement to either your full retirement age (65 and above depending upon when you were born) or up to 70 years old can make a huge difference in the amount of Social Security benefits you receive over your lifetime.

Sheryl Garrett, CFP, founder of the Garrett Financial Network, spoke about getting the most from Social Security at a Financial Independence Day discussion group at the church at 17 Elk Street on May 22. Garrett said deciding when to take Social Security benefits it may be one of the most important financial decisions of your life.

Waiting as long as you can reap larger benefits is particularly helpful if you live a long life.

“If you wait to your full Social Security retirement age, your check will be 33 percent higher than if you start receiving benefits at age 62,” Garrett said. “It is 76 percent higher if you can wait until you are 70. A lot of people don’t have the choice and need the money earlier. And if you die at a younger age, then starting benefits early was the right thing to do. But if you have healthy lifestyle habits and come from a family where people are long lived, it doesn’t make sense to start Social Security early if you can possibly avoid it.”

Depending on when you were born, each year you delay taking Social Security can result in a 5.5 to 8 percent higher payment. Certainly that is a higher rate of return than you can make on interest on savings in a bank.

Garrett said while no one knows for certain their “expiration date,” one resource for calculating that is The Living to 100 Life Expectancy Calculator (www.

livingto100.com), which uses researched medical and scientific data in order to estimate how long you will live. The calculator asks 40 questions related to your health and family history, and takes about 10 minutes to complete.

If you start Social Security before your full retirement age and continue working, you can lose a dollar in Social Security benefits for each \$2 you make above \$15,720.

If you start getting Social Security benefits and then change your mind in the first 12 months because you have enough other income coming in, you can pay back the benefits received and wait to reapply later when your benefit amount will be higher.

Garrett recommends the book, *A Social Security Owner’s Manual* by Jim Blankenship. The 4th edition of the book includes updates from the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2015 that impact Social Security benefits.

Blankenship said many people find upon filing income tax returns that a portion of their Social Security benefits are taxable, often up to 85 percent.

“It’s also often a surprise that since the benefit is taxable there hasn’t been enough tax withheld from other sources throughout the year – which not only requires you to pay up come April 15, but it can also cause a penalty for underpayment of tax to be applied,” Blankenship wrote. “There are ways to deal with this situation. It’s not required for you to withhold tax from each and every source of income. As long as you have enough tax withheld or timely estimated payments are made, it doesn’t matter the source of the money paid in.”

Some people may choose to retire at the earliest age because of lack of faith that Social Security will continue

to be able to make payments as baby boomers retire – and as generally people are living longer – putting more of a strain on the system.

“There is no Social Security trust fund to pay benefits,” Garrett said. “Social Security is based on the general ability to tax people in the entire country. People think Social Security is guarantee, but it is not. It is a benefit that you paid taxes for.”

Garrett said changes are expected in the next 20 years to deal with the demographics of large numbers of baby boomers retiring. Some changes expected are increasing the age you can first receive benefit from 62, increasing the age of full retirement, including means testing so people with higher incomes won’t receive benefits, higher taxes on Social Security benefits, and possibly a 25 percent decrease in Social Security benefits.

There are concerns about the economic health of the U.S., which is closely tied to the world economy, which is showing signs of distress. But Garrett said when planning when to take Social Security, all you can do is go off the current rules.

“I think the world is in serious crisis, but we have to live with the current system,” she said. “You have to plan for how rules are today.”

More information is available at ssa.gov, including access to your earning records and estimated benefits at different ages of retirement.

Future meetings of the Financial Independence Group are planned at 9:30 a.m. at the church at 17 Elk St. June 5, June 19 and June 26. The program based on the book *What Your Financial Advisor Isn’t Telling You* by Liz Davidson is free of charge.

New trail at Leatherwood

The Trails Committee in conjunction with the Carroll County Branch of the Ozark Off Road Cyclists has built a new section of trail at Lake Leatherwood. The trail is suitable for new hikers and beginner mountain biking. Access to the trail is from the Leatherwood Ballfields.

The ribbon will be cut on National Trails Day on Saturday, June 4. Members of the Trails Committee will be manning the Community First grill at the ballfields with burgers, hotdogs, chips and cookies. Parks Director Justin Huss will join for a guided tour of the new trail.

Going down to the river

The Kings River Watershed Partnership will hold its Carroll County river cleanup on Saturday June 4. If you would like to join us, meet at the Grandview Bridge at 8 a.m. For more information go to kingsriverwatershed.org or call (870) 654-4134.

Sunday at EUUF

Peg Adamson will discuss the different influences that have combined to form her spiritual outlook on life at 11 a.m. on June 5 at the Eureka Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 17 Elk Street.

Join after the service for salads, breads, beverages and sweets. \$5 per person and proceeds go to charity. Childcare is provided and there is extra parking at Ermilio’s.

Quiet meditation and reading

The Eureka Springs Buddhist Study Group will gather for 30 minutes of meditation followed by reading and discussion on Thursday, June 2 at 4 p.m. at Heart of Many Ways, 68 Mountain Street. All are welcome.

Going from mild to wild with romance

USA Today best-selling author Laura Parker Castoro will be at The Writers’ Colony at Dairy Hollow on Saturday, June 11 from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. to give tips on how to write smart, sassy and compelling romance.

To register go to www.writerscolony.org or call (479) 253-7444.



Permaculture Study Group Saturday

The Northwest Permaculture Study Group will meet on Saturday, June 4 at the home of Jane and Richard Pillé, 70 CR 278. The meeting will be held from 10 a.m. – noon. For questions call (479) 253-4062.

Mining at the past

Historical fiction writer Marian Szczepanski will share research skills and techniques at the Writers' Colony on June 18. She will start with an overview of the nine-year research process for her novel *Playing St. Barbara*, then the focus will redirect to participants' individual projects, challenges and questions.

Marian holds an MFA in fiction from Warren Wilson College and has won awards for short fiction and magazine feature writing. This workshop is one of four celebrating the spirit of Scotland in the Ozarks. The workshop will be from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. with an hour for lunch. The fee is \$50 and must be paid in advance to guarantee a seat. Call (479) 253-7444, email director@writerscolony.org or go to www.writerscolony.org to register.

A 137th birthday perambulation

Join for the *Eureka Springs Happy Birthday Stroll* history walk on July 3 from 10 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. The walk will focus on Spring Street with a historical character featured outside each home, giving a brief summary of the significance of the home pertaining to the history of Eureka Springs.

The walk will start at the Eureka Springs Carnegie Library and end at the Fuller House on Spring Street. Tickets are \$25 and include a history stroll ticket and a boxed chicken dinner at the end of the tour. Tickets may be purchased online at www.eurekaspringshistoricalmuseum.org or at 95 S. Main Street. Call (479) 253-9417.

Code Yellow Alert for O Positive and O Negative blood types

The next Community Blood Center of the Ozarks blood drive will be at the Holiday Island Elks Lodge, 4 Parkcliff Drive on Monday, June 6 from 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. Each donation will be awarded LifePoints as a part of CBCO's donor rewards program. LifePoints may be redeemed online for a variety of gift

cards or points may be assigned to other meaningful causes or charities.

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

Interpreting scripture at Metafizzies

The June 6 meeting of the Eureka Springs Metaphysical Society will feature Stephen Foster continuing his discussion on metaphysical interpretation of the New Testament. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. at Heart of Many Ways, 68 Mountain Street. All are welcome.

EARLY DAYS at Eureka Springs[©] – 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 Eight: Later Schools

Later schools to me means the Lamar. I am sure of my dates now. The first year there was 1885-86, my first teacher, Miss Watson; the first room was the front room on the ground floor. Our playground was a large vacant square west of the school building enclosed by it and Mrs. Corr's Boarding House, which abutted at right angles at the rear of the Lamar. West Mountain Street ran along the north side of the lot and Kings Highway on the west (we didn't call it that then). Of course we also played in both streets, and in a vacant lot south of Mrs. Corr's. Across the street from the Lamar was Haman's grocery store; below the schoolhouse, opposite the end of White Street was the St. Louis House where the Pulliam family were at that time living; below that was the Lindell Hotel.

The room was a large one and I think at that time every teacher must teach several grades. It was that year that I was in the room but not in the class with James Bradley, Abbie Carroll, Rosa Conway and others I don't recall.

The next year up there was really significant. There had never, so far as I know, been any system in our schools. But this year – 1886-87 – we had a superintendent,

Mr. LeRoy Bates. I have a little enrollment card that he signed. Our class was small, an overflow from upstairs, I think, where T. Omar Tucker, Mrs. Frank Carroll's brother, taught. A larger class for which there was not room downstairs, was put upstairs, and we were downstairs with a large group of younger children. And once again Miss Lulu Reese was our teacher.

The desks in our room faced away from the street; the teacher's desk was at a distance from the front door. In the room above the arrangement was just the reverse. The rear of our room was furnished with long wooden benches, such as we were accustomed to using. But there were three or four rows of patent desks in the front of the room. Our class filled one of the rows, the one on the east, next to a shelf which had been left from the time when a store had been there. But the shelf served very well for a bookcase. All of our class who had, or could procure, books in addition to our textbooks, were asked to bring them. Miss Reese must have supplied most of them. There were not many, but we made good use of them. Our history textbook was Swinton's, a very brief history of the United States. These supplementary books were much

fuller in narrative and richer in footnotes than Swinton, especially Barnes. Miss Reese permitted us to go at will to the shelf to secure books to find readings parallel to our assignment in Swinton. We were studying the Revolutionary War.

There were, I think, eleven in our class. The girls were Carrie Hawley, Minnie and Nellie Mills, Hettie DeBois, and perhaps Nina Poynter; the boys were Wylie Johnston, Ed Linzee, Will and Fuller Spruill, and I am not sure of the others. It might have been Curtis Everman and Silas Hays, who were in school about that time.

Our history and geography were of absorbing interest. Miss Reese employed methods that I copied later when I taught.

The next year our class went upstairs and had many more members. As always the room was full. We had a man teacher, and although we liked him, I cannot remember his name. Miss Stubblefield was there in his place before long.

The most exciting subject that year was history. We were studying the Civil War. And how we did fight it over! Ed Linzee led the Southern forces, Newt Miller, the Northern. (I have Newt Miller's signature as a visitor at our Exposition.) In class there was no hot discussion; Miss



Stubblefield would not have permitted that; but at intermissions a great deal was said. That I knew, at that time, very little history, did not keep me quiet. A queer thing about it was that, at that time our father who had fought in a Michigan regiment, often met a few veterans of the "late unpleasantness," men on both sides, who swapped their war experiences in most friendly fashion, even to jokes such as this by one southern soldier, who said: "We were outnumbered, but we surely made those Yankees run; they didn't catch us, though." And when one man related an encounter he had had hand-to-hand with a solitary enemy, a man present said, "I remember that very well. I was the enemy you met."

Preserving Butler Hollow

“The forest calls the rain, here it comes again putting out the flames, soothing all this burning” – S. Porter

Many people in the Ozarks were deeply disappointed. Ignoring the climate emergency and hundreds of public comments, USFS wants to restore hot arid bare glades on 3,600 acres of Butler Hollow, build miles of logging roads to sell timber, and use prescribed fires for decades at a high frequency to avoid herbicides. This is Phase I of the original 2015 plan to restore 18,000 acres to what old books describe as pre-European conditions. With bulldozers tearing the forest, the Hollow will never be the same again. So much for restoration! Flames and smoke will go wherever the wind blows.

Why would the Ava Missouri Forest Service ignore failed attempts to restore glades on 350 acres of Chute Ridge, and the resulting wildfire destroying private land?

The climate disruption, a clear and present emergency, and severe flash floods downstream on Butler Creek can't be ignored. There are simple ways to avoid destruction and preserve the Hollow:

1. Postpone the decision until 2020

Ranger Bill Nightingale, the Forest Supervisor for the Mark Twain National Forest with more than 20 years of experience with USFS, can choose to wait for the results from a giant experiment underway at the Tyson Research Center, Washington University in St. Louis. The 2,000-acre outdoor laboratory for ecosystem studies is looking for new ways to restore degraded glade habitats, based on experimental science.

Here are some of the avoidable unnecessary and predictable threats:

1. Residents of the Hollow threatened

with wildfires and long-term wood smoke lethal health hazards.

2. Lost tourist revenues from visitors to Roaring River and the Hollow.

3. Severe floods along Butler Creek threatening the Railway Winery, Beaver, Holiday Island and Eureka Springs.

4. Table Rock Lake, a vital resource for Arkansas and Missouri managed by the US Army Corps of Engineers, would be contaminated by Butler Creek flash floods.

Nightingale will review opposing comments on the Draft Decision, sent to his attention by July 8, 2016. This is the last opportunity to raise your voice and protect your family.

2. New Forest ethics to preserve the Hollow

Forest ethics have evolved from using forests as free resources to

preserving them as ecological treasures. In 1905, with abundant forests, Chief Gifford Pinchot said forests should be used for “the greatest good for the greatest number of people, for the longest time.” Conservation thinking was: use natural areas anyway you want to, as long as you leave some for future generations. Preservation ethic is “forests have spiritual value and should be preserved, as is, rather than have resources extracted from them.”

Today, forests are our best hope for survival. We need to preserve forests with great care and respect, secure them from vandals, arsonists, and illegal loggers. Neighborhood forest watch teams are part of the solution. Additional rangers may be needed to provide survival skill training, ecology awareness, and other

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TheNATUREofEUREKA by Steven Foster



Poison What?

“You know what that bundle of plants in your arms is called?” I asked a t-shirt clad young man who was clearing brush next to the Eureka Springs *Independent* office. “It’s poison ivy,” I said.

“You’re kidding,” he replied. “Nope, poison ivy,” I confirmed.

To me, the surprise was that here was a local kid, who grew-up hunting, fishing and camping, yet he didn’t know what poison ivy looks like.

Poison ivy is called *Toxicodendron radicans* (formerly known as *Rhus radicans*). Here in the Ozarks we have poison ivy, as well as a variant sometimes called poison oak (*Toxicodendron pubescens*, *T. toxicarium*, *Rhus toxicodendron*, *Plantus infinitifolius*). Really, you probably don’t want to get close enough to the two to discern the difference. The names “poison ivy” and “poison oak” are used indiscriminately to refer to the infinite variation in size, leaf shape, teeth shape, hairiness, and habit varying from ground creeper to thinly-disguised upright shrub to climbing liana that can reach 150 ft. up into a tall tree. Give it an opportunity, and it will grow. In Arkansas we do not have poison sumac (*Toxicodendron vernix*).

The genus *Toxicodendron* is comprised by about 20 species in the cashew family (Anacardiaceae) found in North America and eastern Asia. In fact, our common poison ivy is the most widespread species in the entire family occurring throughout eastern North America as well as Japan and China. It is highly variable, further divided by botanists into nine subspecies.

It was given the name poison ivy in the early 1600s by Captain John Smith (1580-1631) of Jamestown, Virginia, fame who observed that it differed little in appearance from English “yvie,” and stated that it “causeth rednesse, itchyng, and finally blysters,” but goes away on its own.

Highly variable in form and habit, poison ivy is the best known of all poisonous plants in North America. Fifty percent of the population is allergic to the plant, which causes, painful, irritating contact dermatitis. All plant parts (especially the sap) contain irritant, non-volatile, phenolic substances referred to as urushiol or toxicodendrol. Found in resin canals, the oily mixture is released when the plant is bruised, even slightly. The toxins can bind to skin proteins, resulting in the typical reaction many people experience.

The Ozarks is at the center of genetic evolutionary diversity for poison ivy, which from a practical standpoint means that endless variation is inevitable. Get to know poison ivy in all its variation. No two plants look exactly alike.



Gemini – a Line of Light Beams Displaying Duality

Saturday night is the Gemini new moon festival. “*Let instability do its work,*” is the keynote. All the vicissitudes, confusions and instabilities in our lives have purpose – our eventual seeking of balance and harmony. Gemini (sign, person, month) is a playful and fun sign. The “tricksters” of the zodiac. Moving one way, then another, then disappearing without notice.

Gemini always signifies “two.” Two minds, two columns (Twin Towers, Masonic columns), two hands, two brothers/sisters, etc., each offering two realities. Gemini points out the relationship between them. Pondering these words, we begin to understand Gemini people. We see them doing their spiritual task (job). Each sign has a task and purpose. We especially experience

duality during the month of Gemini.

The major sign of relatedness, Gemini must connect two seemingly unrelated ideas, realities, people, events. Often Gemini will introduce two people and disappear, their work of relating things complete. Geminis step out of the picture and into their next task of relating things.

Gemini works with Mercury – to

gather information, distribute, share, create new awareness. Building the Rainbow Bridge. Sometimes Mercury offers much information. Then Venus (Gemini Soul ruler) steps in. Venus balances, synthesizes, unifies, eases us into new realities with grace and beauty. Our God is from Venus. Bees, wheat, corn and ants (communities) are also from Venus. Venus is Earth’s elder sister.

ARIES: The month ahead sees you working towards and within your sense of values. If you don’t actually know your values, then observe yourself – actions, focus, communication. Note you’re slower than usual, caring for what you love (and value) with extra care. You see your ambition, the acquiring of possessions, your impatience or impulsiveness. Your senses are more alive. You eat more. You’re taking on the sturdy and consistent virtues of Taurus. A good thing!

TAURUS: You have Vulcan’s volcanic ability to forge lead into gold. Having so many abilities, you learn to share a few. Sharing is new to you. You research the causes of things. Some call this studying conspiracy theories. But actually, those theories often end up to be true. You’re more energetic, active, forceful and even, at times, overly assertive (shocking!). Rarely are you this way. It’s the planet Mars (the 9 tests) retrograde, playing havoc in your opposite sign of Scorpio!

GEMINI: You’ve become more like a Pisces. Meaning? More sensitive, more in tune, reluctant to push the river, a sense of otherworldliness, walking a different path. You’re working more in secret, can be blamed for things you didn’t do, there’s an intuition that the past is somehow merging with the present. For a while everything becomes more private. Dreams (day & night) appear, imagination is sparked, creativity comes alive. Music (more of it), please!

CANCER: It’s most important to ponder upon the word “cooperation” and consider how you impact those around you. With new and emerging thoughts and ideas, you may be inclined to talk over others, attempt to dominate. Sometimes this is needed. However, it’s best to work with team effort toward a group goal. It’s also important to create daily agendas, schedules and plans. They will be your future’s purpose, context and protection.

LEO: You’re the leader, the voice everyone hears, the one everyone looks to, hopes to be, learns from, emulates. Your accomplishments are recognized. This pleases you. I have written before that for a Leo to evolve others must see, recognize and praise their efforts, gifts and abilities. Praise is how Leos more fully identify themselves as creative. Say, “*I AM because I create (and you see it).*” All of this occurs. You’re grateful.

VIRGO: A hunger for expansion, for newness, adventure, a restlessness that won’t

accept no for an answer overtake you. Your life actually does need expansion, new studies, new people, new experiences. All this energy propels you into travel, new interests, new books along with opinions leading to disagreements, arguments and discourses. Stay away from gambling, speculation or things illegal. Read, study and walk neighborhoods daily.

LIBRA: Careful with projecting anger and/or suppressed passion (from long ago to present) toward others, especially ones close to you. You may be unaware of this. Be aware of issues concerning joint money and resources, conflicts and crisis concerning differently learned values. Careful with communication. You may suffer from others’ harshness. Or your own. Home is where all transformations take place. Guard yourself and loved ones, carefully. Attend church or temple. Pray.

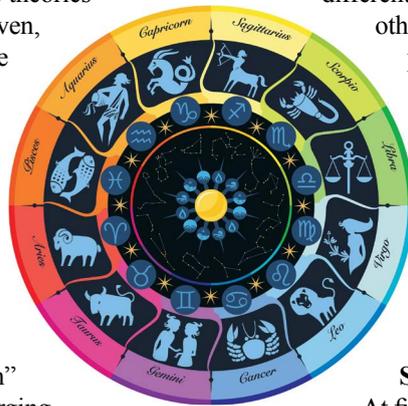
SCORPIO: Everything may feel personally challenging. A great wave of change is washing over you. Let’s understand about conflict. Any conflict experienced means harmony, in shadow form, is hidden within the conflict. Harmony seeking to emerge. Scorpios are ruled by a star in the Big Dipper called Ray 4 – Harmony Through Conflict. Know this is, and will be, your state of mind and experience. Seeking harmony is your sign’s task. Everyone watches and imitates you. You’re Hercules.

SAGITTARIUS: It’s possible you feel restricted with Saturn in Sag. At first it can feel like obstacles have come a way of life. Saturn, however, is the new Teacher. He informs us of disciplines, daily life rituals that need to be rhythmic. He teaches us restraint, Right Timing. Right Direction and Right Thinking. Saturn teaches us to take care of ourselves with right priorities. Don’t dispute anything (mostly yourself). Recite silent Ohms. “*Laughter is a meditation,*” says Alan Watts.

CAPRICORN: You would like the youtube Alan Watts laughter video for Sag. Laughing dispels any sense of doom or overwhelm you may be feeling. With Pluto in Capricorn, deep thoughts and feelings can take over one’s life. Laughter helps. Tend to loved ones, especially your partner (first). The result will be more play, pleasure and sleep. Do you need new items in your home? Research now. Purchase what’s needed after Mars turns direct (beginning of July).

AQUARIUS: Are you feeling the need for protection and for security? Be clear, organized and shield your money, finances and resources. Keep track of monies coming in and going out. It’s possible you could feel lost or confused around money. Unexpected events could occur. So stay awake, aware and alert. Continue to tell friends and family of your needs. If issues from the past emerge, talk with someone about them. Perhaps you’re asking, “*Where is my home?*” Talk about this.

PISCES: Work slowly each day on physical tasks. Order and organize all environments. Create greater efficiency. Ponder upon your true wants and needs. Soon ideas from the Mind of God come forth. Observe communication becoming kind, easy and loving. This is Mercury in Taurus. Mars on the other hand will soon push things forward. You will want to travel. Tend to hands and feet. Sew, draw and paint. Use your heart to make order. Neptune in Pisces.



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people toward solutions. The best proposal is the carbon fee and dividend as put forward by CitizensClimateLobby.org. Fees are placed on carbon pollution, and like magic, pollution turns into money that all comes back to households in the form of monthly dividends. Economic studies have shown jobs and economic benefits at both state and national levels as pollution levels drop.

OK, back to Number 1, your own footprint. Many of

the preparations for the coming chaos Dr. House suggested can also reduce your carbon footprint. For example, the small solar system he recommends to run the well pump can also run lights, fans, tools, efficient refrigeration, and even a small AC. It can reduce or eliminate your electric bill.

My best information is that a well-placed solar panel pays for the footprint of its manufacture and installation in a year or two and is cleaner than our utility power by a factor of 10 to 20.

Grid-tied solar power is a great way to lower both your

bill and your carbon footprint. Off-grid solar is a great way to reduce your footprint, avoid the bill entirely, and be ready for whatever.

Come visit me at the Farmers' Market. I'm there every week and have been for years, offering free consultation regarding footprint reduction, preparedness and clean renewable energy. Join my facebook groups Eureka! Power & Light, ESClimate, NWA Permaculture Study Group, or give me a call at (479) 244-0377.

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Bust out the flip flops! If you need some wholesome entertainment head to Chelsea's Friday for the Whole Famn Damily's multiple harmonies and instrument exchanging, all celebrating highs and woes in song. Saturday, Ozark Traveler Corey Danley makes one Eureka stop at Brews to share musings from the road.

THURSDAY, JUNE 2

BALCONY RESTAURANT –
Catherine Reed, Singer/Songwriter, 5 p.m.
EUREKA LIVE! – *Green Screen Karaoke*, 9 p.m.
GRAND TAVERNE – *Jerry Yester*, Grand Piano Dinner Music, 6:30 p.m.
LEGENDS SALOON – *Another Turn*, Rock, 8 p.m.

FRIDAY, JUNE 3

BALCONY RESTAURANT –

Catherine Reed, Singer/Songwriter, 12 p.m., *Michael Dimitri*, Singer/Songwriter, 5 p.m.

BASIN PARK – *Drumming in the Park*, 6 p.m.

CHELSEA'S – *Whole Famn Damily*, Americana, 9 p.m.

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

GRAND TAVERNE – *Arkansas Red*, Guitar Dinner Music, 6:30 p.m.

LEGENDS SALOON – *Awesome Possum Entertainment*, 9 p.m.

ROWDY BEAVER – *2 Dog 2 Karaoke*, 7:30 p.m.

ROWDY BEAVER DEN – *Kirk Brown Trio*, Rock, 9 p.m.

STONE HOUSE – *Jerry Yester*, Singer/Songwriter, 5 p.m.

SATURDAY, JUNE 4

BALCONY RESTAURANT – *James White*, Singer/Songwriter, 12 p.m.

BREWS – *The Ozark Traveler (Corey Danley)*, Americana, 7 p.m.

CATHOUSE LOUNGE – *Jimmy Wayne Garrett*, Singer/Songwriter, 8 p.m.

CHELSEA'S – *Bramhall Brothers*, Rock, 9 p.m.

EUREKA LIVE! – *DJ & Dancing*, 9 p.m.

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

LEGENDS SALOON – *Another Turn*, Rock, 9 p.m.

LE STICK – *Pete Maiella*, Singer/Songwriter, 7 p.m.

ROWDY BEAVER – *Steve Moeller Band*, Rock, 7:30 p.m.

ROWDY BEAVER DEN – *Dorrian Cross*, Rock, 1 – 5 p.m., *Jason Kinney Band*, Rock, 9 p.m.

SUNDAY, JUNE 5

BALCONY RESTAURANT – *Mike Gruning*, Singer/Songwriter, 12 p.m., *Melissa Carper*, Singer/Songwriter, 5 p.m.



The Whole Famn Damily plays at Chelsea's Friday, June 3.

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A friend who moved from Eureka Springs to Bentonville, then back to Eureka said, “Bentonville has the money, Eureka Springs has the soul.” There was plenty of soul on display during the May Festival of the Arts. Not to take anything away from Bentonville,

whose billion-dollar museum and high art hotel I’m grateful for, but the differences between the two cities are dramatically clear.

We can’t possibly compete in the big buck arena against Alice and the Walton empire, but what we lack in money, we

make up for in a cast of creative characters, for whom dollar signs are clearly not life’s motivator.

Our treasures are our people – artists and progressive thinkers who understand community and what it takes to be fully engaged in our tiny town.

Recently anointed “2016 Arkansas Living Treasure” Eleanor Lux is just one of the jewels in our crown. Zeek Taylor, Mary Springer, Valerie Damon, Doug Stowe, Jean Elderwind, Beth Withey, Peggy Kjelgaard, Sandy Martin, Pat Costner, Jacqui Froelich, Mark Wetzel, Gina Gallina, Bryan Manire, Becky Gillette, KJ Zumwalt, Lucilla Garrett and Ilene Powell are just a handful of the many who actively give back to the community.

Where else in Arkansas, or for that matter the country, could a town of 2,000 successfully take on a corporate giant like SWEPCO or win a landslide anti-discrimination initiative against hate and intolerance?

A new generation of leaders who “get” this town and are putting down roots include young families like the Danoses, Brandts and Schwerins, bringing Zombie Crawls, activism, spirituality, art and food to the table.

Edward and Jana Robison and their

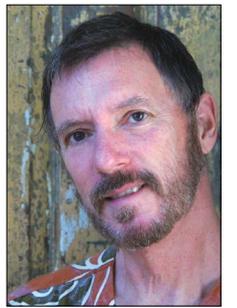
multi-talented son, Ethan, are a great gift and creative force in the community. Young individuals like DJ James, Katrina Pumphrey,

Mackenzie Doss, Melanie Naumann, the Melonlight kids – Ray, Emma and Maggie – are carrying on our creative traditions.

Thanks to many of these folks, it actually felt like an art festival last month. The CAPC-sponsored “On My Morning Walk” and “Art of Crochet” interactive events in Basin Park were a huge hit. Add a successful Artrageous Parade, drumming in the park, White Street Studio Walk, Books In Bloom, the Artmobile and other private-sector events, and we created something to be proud of.

Congratulation to ESSA for sponsoring the first Plein Air festival, where 60 artists from across the country came for four days of intense painting in and around our beautiful town. The work was outstanding and seeing all the paintings showcased together was a reminder of why we live here and why people want to visit.

Soul – it’s one of the few things you can’t buy at Walmart.



Plein old judging – ESSA executive director Peggy Kjelgaard (pointing) prepares for the judging event held at Brews last Wednesday during the Plein Air Festival. Also pictured are volunteers Jill Slane, Linda Lewis and ESSA staff member Maureen Alexander. PHOTO BY JOHN RANKINE

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services to reconnect with the forest.

The Mark Twain is an ecological treasure capturing and storing 2.5 million tons of carbon dioxide per year, releasing fresh oxygen, collecting, filtering and storing rainwater, providing shade and habitat for

wildlife, and protecting people from severe floods and storms.

Carbon fees should be paid by polluters to forest owners based on the size and conditions of the forests. With these long-term revenues, USFS would have sufficient resources to fight West Coast wildfires.

3. Virtual Glades

One of the more amusing facts about glades is their hidden location within the forest with no walking trails. If the glades are restored with no eyes to see them are the glades real? Like the Hanging Gardens of Babylon, one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World, whose

location is unknown, there are many mythical and mysterious treasures. The Hollow glades could be fictional. Local artists can create beautiful imaginary pictures, write songs, and tell stories of the virtual glades.

Praying for wisdom and survival.

Dr. Luis Contreras

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p.m.
CHELSEA’S – Los Roscoes, Blues, 1

p.m.
EUREKA LIVE! – Green Screen

Karaoke, 7 p.m.
ROWDY BEAVER DEN – Candy Lee,
Rock, 1 – 5 p.m.

MONDAY, JUNE 6

CHELSEA’S – Sprungbilly, Bluegrass,
9 p.m.

TUESDAY, JUNE 7

CATHOUSE LOUNGE – Los Roscoes,
Blues, 5 p.m.
CHELSEA’S – Open Mic, 9 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8

CHELSEA’S – Brian Martin, Singer/
Songwriter, 7 p.m.

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by Dorothy, as
a new Eureka
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Ingehart is at
the podium.

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Shelby Diane Miley Oct.10, 2003 – May 24, 2016

Shelby Diane Miley of Eureka Springs, Ark., was born October 10, 2003 in Gulfport, Miss., to John and Jennifer Lopardo. She departed this life Tuesday, May 24, 2016 in Eureka Springs at the young age of 12 years old.



Williams of Gulfport, Miss.; grandparents, Mike and Cindie Lopardo of Joplin, Mo.; Papa Joe Necaie of Kilm, Miss.; Uncle Dennis and Aunt Angelia Cruthirds of Gulfport, Miss.; Great Aunt Teresa Williams of Gulfport, Miss.; many great aunts and uncles, cousins, adopted family, friends, teachers and the many others who only met her briefly, but remember

her beautiful smile. Shelby had the biggest, most tender heart of anyone we knew. She loved beyond measure and stood up for those who couldn't stand up for themselves. Shelby's little life was not easy from the beginning, being born six weeks early, and struggling to breathe she spent nine days in the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit.

Shelby excelled through life until just after her 7th birthday when she was diagnosed with a lifetime of finger pricks and insulin shots. She took it all in stride and smiled, yet it took a great toll. It made her different, when all she ever wanted was to fit in, yet she was born to stand out.

Shelby left many broken hearts when she left this life to be with her family in heaven; her mommy and daddy, Jennifer and John Lopardo; her older brother and sister, Dyllan and Destiny Miley of Eureka Springs, Ark.; her Great Memaw Syble

Shelby had many family members to greet her at heavens gates, "Papa" Ronnie Walter Cruthirds, Sr., and "Meme" Sherry Diane Cruthirds Necaie, to name a few of the many generations before her.

Funeral service was May 28 at First Christian Church, Eureka Springs, Ark., with Chaplin Gary Martin officiating. Arrangements under the direction of Nelson Funeral Service.

Memorial donations may be made to the Shelby Miley Memorial Fund at any Cornerstone Bank location or at her GoFundme.com Shelby (Cruthirds) Miley account. Online condolences may be sent to the family at nelsonfuneral.com. © Nelson Funeral Service, Inc. 2016

Maleckyj Memorial Service

There will be a gathering of friends and colleagues of Erica Maleckyj, on Friday, June 3, 11 a.m., at the First Christian Church on Passion Play Rd. Erica, a nurse who moved to Eureka Springs in 1970, died May 29, 2015.

Robert Quinn Sullivan March 14, 1954 – May 29, 2016

Robert Quinn Sullivan, 62, of Berryville, Ark., opened his eyes in heaven on May 29, 2016. Robert was founder and sole proprietor of Berryville Electric. He was born in Hartsville, South Carolina, on March 14, 1954.

"I hired Robert as my construction manager when I first moved to town eighteen years ago," said longtime friend Joel Taylor. "We spent five days a week together on the road, in hotels, working all the time. He was humble and a stand-up guy. He is one of the handful of friends you can count on your fingers. He never needed anything, he just gave it. He had the ultimate family. And I never heard him cuss."

Robert is survived by his wife, Lynda Sullivan; children Greg Goodwin and wife, Kelly; Tony Goodwin; Celeste Sullivan, and Rainey Sullivan Yeager and husband, Ernie. Robert's grandchildren are Samantha, Nora, Mandi, Maggie, Jacob, Charlie, Kodee, Lukas, Isabella, Tyler, Ernie, and Sullivan; great-grandchildren are Audrey, Theodore, Bralan, Bailey and Laila. He is also survived by brothers and sisters Willie Sullivan, Linda Rabon, Tom Sullivan, Ricky Sullivan and Frankie Sullivan, nieces and nephews, extended family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, William Randolph and Bonnie Bell Sullivan; brother Earl Sullivan; sister Sophia Bryson and niece Samantha Sullivan.

A celebration of life will be Thursday, June 2, at 2 p.m. at Soul Purpose Ministries in Green Forest.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, please make donations to His House Foundation at www.HisHouseFound.org.

Faith Christian Family Church



I attended the 10 a.m. services at Faith Christian Family Church, 157 Huntsville Road, Eureka Springs, and this attractive, spacious, well-maintained church was built in 1985 and has been recently remodeled. Its motto is, "Big enough to serve you, small enough to know you."

Approximately 80 people attended the service. It was a multi-generational group comprised of families with small children, some late-stage teenagers and twenty-somethings, and couples ranging in age from 40 to 70+. A few Hispanic people attended, along with a lone Black guy.

It was a friendly group; more than a dozen people greeted me when I came in, and they responsibly attended to the usual Who What and Where courtship afforded first-time visitors. During a "say howdy" session at the beginning of services – which lasted eight minutes – another half-dozen people came up to me, and in the friendliest possible manner, observed me make several excruciatingly painful stabs at small talk. Introverts will need to brace themselves for the experience.

I was unable to find anything on the church website, or at the church itself, which identified a denominational affiliation. However, a Bible passage (Mark 11: 22-24) quoted by Kenneth Hagin – founder of Kenneth Hagin Ministries, and the RHEMA Bible Training College – was prominently displayed during the service. Hagin was, as is his son Kenneth Wayne Hagin, an emphatically Charismatic and Evangelical preacher who celebrated "spirit-led" services emphasizing call and response participation, personal testimony, outward expressions of feelings and emotions, and acoustic guitars and drums to accompany congregational singing.

The pastor of Faith Christian Family Church, Gary Kruzan, is a graduate of RHEMA Bible Training College, and fully embraced the Charismatic and Evangelical preaching style during his 31-minute sermon. The sermon was punctuated with "amens" and clapping, etc., by members. Prior to the sermon, Pastor Kruzan proposed spending five minutes to talk about the importance of tithing – he took 12 – and by a heartfelt and quite moving personal testimony by a woman healed of Parkinson's Disease.

Pastor Kruzan's sermon was titled "No Reason to Struggle." Its basic premise is that we are still living – today – under God's covenant with Abraham, as delineated in Genesis 12-17. Summarily, God unconditionally promises to make Abraham and his descendants healthy, wealthy, and wise. If you are a true follower of Jesus Christ and follow Him in faith, you are a true descendant of Abraham and will unconditionally benefit from the covenant. As Kruzan, preached, "Jesus is our defense attorney. As long as we believe in Him we need nothing else. We don't have to be moved by scary things because Jesus protects us; as long as we believe, nothing can make us afraid."

Kruzan delivered this message rather marvelously. Rather than stand behind a pulpit, he confidently walked among the members and talked to them directly. His manner was conversational, engaging, humorous at times, but always focused on how faith liberates one from worry, anxiety, and fear. "Faith," he said, "means you can swing over hell on a cornstalk and spit in the devil's eye!" I thought that was pretty good.

Perhaps the most telling thing about what kind of place Faith Christian is was the irony of my finding an old King James Bible – with a busted binding and loose pages – in the pew where I sat and in the midst of a church, wired to within an inch of its life. The Bible said that we could expect to hear an old time, Full Gospel message. The 6'x12' electronic screen at the front of the church, which played a deafening commercial before services began – and a Count-Down-Clock – said that that old time message would be accompanied by the most dreadful sort of contemporary Christian music. It was played well, and the members seemed to love it, but if you're a traditional old-school or Mainline Protestant, well... my goodness.

My experience at Faith Christian Family Church was good. I was glad I went. I enjoyed and was edified by Pastor Kruzan's sermon. The church is pretty and the folks who attended it seemed comfortable and happy to be there. If you are open to a highly emotional and personal worship experience and are looking for a church home, Faith Christian is well worth checking out.



This week thought I would show you that we also have big other big fish around here besides just stripers. Local angler Ginger Fink caught this trout without a guide, just a friend with a boat, a worm and 4-pound line. Nice 7-pound rainbow for the wall, especially on 4-pound line.

The way I rig a worm for trout is making a leader with a sliding worm weight above the leader. This way you can cast farther and the fish won't feel the weight when he picks up the bait. You can just let it sit on the bottom or drift this if they're generating. You can do this with a swivel, which takes 3 knots or do like I do with a sliding sinker and a rubber band.

1. Slide on the sinker 2. Tie on your hook. 3. Wrap a #32 rubber band around line under the sinker, then through the gap and cinch tight. Cut off the two tag ends leaving about 1/8 in. to grab and cinch tighter if you need to. If you break off, just slide the sinker up with the rubber band to whatever length you want, leader, and tie on another hook.

Always get rubber band wet before

sliding. Light line does seem to cut rubber band more than on my 20-pound striper rods, but it's a thick fix getting two rods rigged with 1 rubber band at a cost of 78 cents per 100 at Walmart.

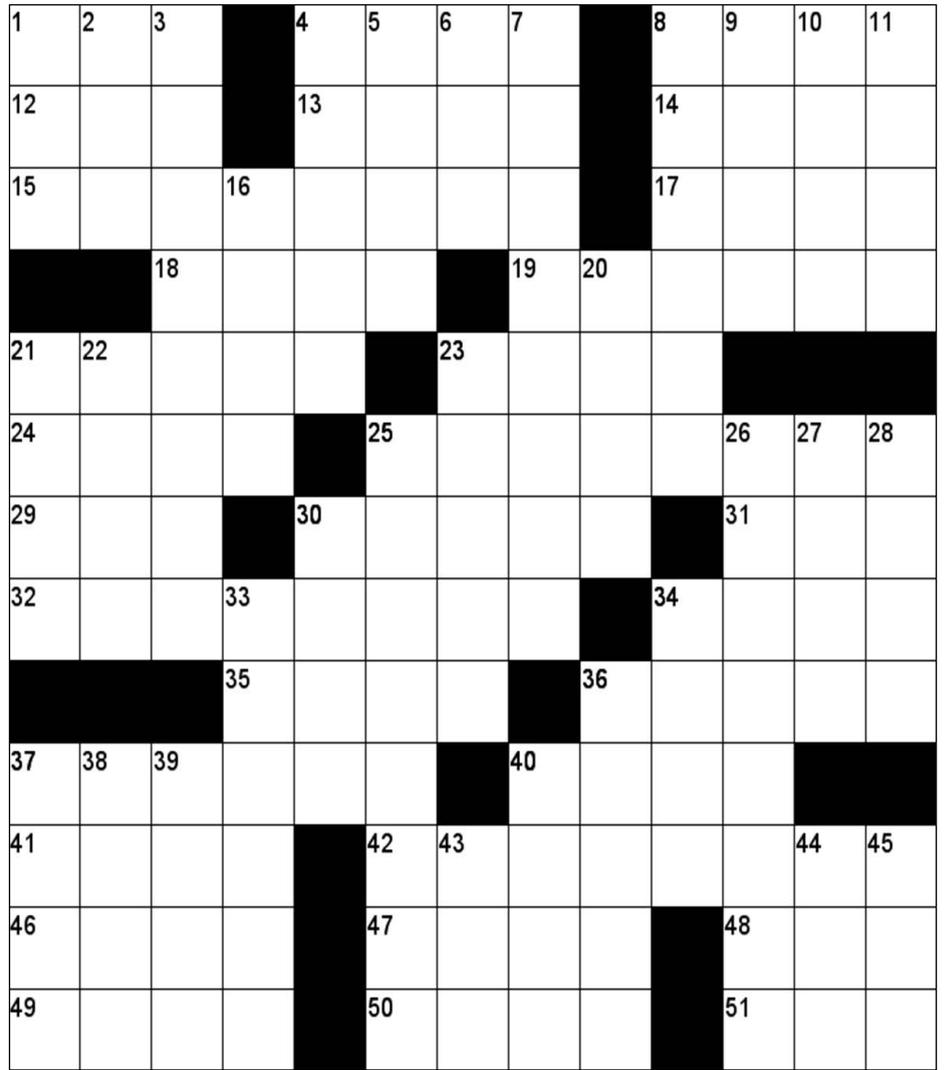
Now tfor the worm, he really needs to flat off the bottom. You can do this on a night crawler by shooting air into his collar or adding Powerbait or a piece of miniature marshmallow to the tip of the hook. I like the marshmallows because I eat most and they taste better than Powerbait.

Now for the report. All our warm water fish are being caught from the shoreline to 18 ft. deep. Stripers on Beaver Lake are still being caught with no weights in water from 6 – 40 feet off the main flats with the water temps getting close to 72°.

Best places to look now is the dam area, the mouth of Indian creek to the Starkey Marina area and from the Point 5 area across the mouths of both Big and Little Clifty Creek arms to the Rocky Branch area.

Well good luck and enjoy these cool mornings with the fish.

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- ACROSS**
- 1. Cash's "My name is _____. How do you do?"
 - 4. Stir up
 - 8. Ivan was a terrible one
 - 12. Practice or belief
 - 13. Yemen seaport
 - 14. Sign of holiness
 - 15. Nantucket conveyance
 - 17. Outdated oath
 - 18. U.S. Navy elite
 - 19. Pay no attention to
 - 21. "He ____ a chance."
 - 23. Portico
 - 24. Storage rental space
 - 25. Sun room
 - 29. Gun an engine
 - 30. Land rich
 - 31. Vineyard producing high quality wine
 - 32. Metal pincers
 - 34. Make better
 - 35. Lots
 - 36. Twinned crystal
 - 37. Greek goddess
 - 40. Annual county event
 - 41. Beck's or Corona
 - 42. Having the top down
 - 46. Boast
 - 47. Small Hawaiian bird
 - 48. Gorilla relative
 - 49. Initial chips
 - 50. Earthen cooking pot
 - 51. "Son of" in Scotland
 - 20. Prod
 - 21. Academy Award winner John of *Kiss of the Spider Woman*
 - 22. Once again
 - 23. Popular board game
 - 25. Plot, outline
 - 26. "I scream, you scream, we all scream for _____"
 - 27. River between Europe and Asia
 - 28. Offspring of a jack and a mare
 - 30. Islamic call to prayer
 - 33. Come forth
 - 34. Type of roof damage
 - 36. Criminal clique
 - 37. "Knowing me, knowing you" group
 - 38. Sea bird
 - 39. Gun, slangily
 - 40. Yard bird
 - 43. Lubricant
 - 44. Mineral spring
 - 45. Dry wine
- DOWN**
- 1. Sib of bro
 - 2. Olympic chant
 - 3. Power to expel heat
 - 4. Capital of Morocco
 - 5. Person regarded with blind admiration
 - 6. Meadow
 - 7. Ensures a claim
 - 8. Ball of the thumb
 - 9. Palm starch for making pudding
 - 10. Winglike
 - 11. Galloped
 - 16. Gave temporary use

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PROBATE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
MARY EVELYN SEWARD, Deceased
NO. 08W-PR 2016 -28

Name of decedent: Mary Evelyn Seward

Last known address: 19 CR 2281, Eureka
Springs, AR 72632

Date of death: July 2, 2015

On May 23, 2016, an affidavit for collection of small estate by distributee was filed with respect to the estate of Mary Evelyn Seward, deceased, with the probate clerk of the circuit court of Carroll County, Arkansas, under Ark. Code Ann. § 28-41-101.

All persons having claims against the estate must exhibit them, properly verified, to the distributee or his or her attorney within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice or they shall be forever barred and precluded from any benefit in the estate.

The name, mailing address, and telephone number of the distributee or the distributee's attorney is: Kristine B. Kendrick, Attorney at Law, 105A W. Van Buren, Eureka Springs, AR 72632.

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HKP – It was good seeing you at the P. Lodge. Waited at the pool at the HIE until 10 P.M. You were a no-show. Waited around to have breakfast with you. You were a no-show. Still waiting on my sea shells. They are a no-show.

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I will be donating a portion of my commissions to the community center project until July 1st. "I love my little town!"