

This week's Independent thinker

Sometimes we dream. For instance, what if we turned Washington, DC, into a National Park and made California the new seat of United States government?



California is cutting edge. There are more almond groves, honeybees, wine valleys, garlic farms, redwood forests, cliff-lined beaches, trendsetting artists, advanced thinkers, diversity, apples, Apple, convertibles, and sunshine than any 900-mile stretch of humanity, anywhere.

Its name translates loosely to "female leader." Sweet.

Since Congress has made sure their paychecks and healthcare continue whether their jobs do or not, we'll have keep paying them, but we don't have to rehire them. Or they could be Park rangers.

We'll just start over. California is already the sixth largest economy in the world, so if the other 49 states join up, it could rise to #3. Number 3 in the whole world isn't bad.

And California's motto is "Eureka."

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The unexpected... since 1964 – The sound of revved engines reverberated up and down Spring Street as Mustangs, old and new, cruised through downtown on Saturday afternoon. The parade ended just in time for an afternoon car wash. More photos on p.19.

PHOTO BY JEREMIAH ALVARADO

Tick-borne diseases are rampant, and have subtle distinctions

Editor's note: This is Part II of Faces of Lyme, telling stories of numerous people in or near Eureka Springs who have contracted tick-borne, particularly Lyme, disease, in the past 5-30 years. The Arkansas Department of Health denied that Lyme disease existed in the state, due to following strict definitions of the Centers for Disease Control. The ADH still claims Lyme is very rare, and that the state had less than one case per million people from between 2005-2014. There have been more cases than that in Eureka Springs, a city of fewer than 2,300, alone. The series profiles how residents managed to cope with tick-borne diseases despite barriers of getting proper diagnosis and treatment.

JOHN FULLER CROSS

The year was 1985, and I had been turkey hunting, working my horses, and being in the outdoors from sunup to sundown, which I have done since I was a boy. Our family doctor, Robert Etherington, had just

sold his business and his clinic building here to two young doctors, Dan Bell and Greg Kresse, and I had been assigned to Dr. Kresse.

I woke up one morning with a quite high fever, which is unusual for me, as I don't get sick. My brother's only daughter was getting married in Charleston, South Carolina, and I was supposed to be there, so I went, thinking the fever would go away. It did not, and after a few days of this fever, which had gone to 104°, I returned to Eureka Springs and went to see Dr. Kresse. He could make no diagnosis, so he sent me by ambulance to Washington Regional Medical Center to his old mentor, diagnostician Dr. Joe B. Hall (now deceased).

Dr. Hall made a number of tests, but he, too, could not come up with a diagnosis, except that it was a virus and was eating up my white blood cells, so I couldn't fight this infection. I was put into ICU with only family visits, and then I am sure after much

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Talking cannabis at the Crescent

On Thursday, June 8, Dr. Dan Bell will speak on medical marijuana at the Crescent Hotel at noon, presented by Rotary. All are welcome.

LYME DISEASE – CROSS continued from page 1 deliberation, Dr. Hall injected some type of liquid antibiotic intravenously into my system, and the strange thing was, I could immediately feel that it was working! When I began to recover, I asked the doctor why he had isolated me, and why I could be on the phone every day to my bank, running the operation there, with this 104° temperature. His answer was, "That's the way these viruses are - one minute you are talking to the bank and the next minute you're dead!" There were no marks on my body, but the doctor said it most probably was from a tick bite.

I spent five business days in the hospital, Monday through Friday of that week, and when I got home and gave the prescription to the pharmacist, he made a remark something like, "Boy that's the strongest antibiotic you can

give anybody without killing them."

Dr. Hall told me before I left the hospital that they had sent my blood to almost every diagnostic center in the country, and the only thing they came back with was it wasn't Lyme Disease. Rocky Mountain Spotted Tick Fever, or Tularemia, but they didn't know what it was, either! Some years later, it was diagnosed as, and is still called, Ehrlichiosis and it is fatal!

Since May was Tick-Borne Diseases Awareness Month, this old banker looks back and counts his blessings every day for that survival, and other reasons as well. Those five days in the hospital are the only time I have missed work at this bank in the 61 years I have worked here, and started my 62nd year the 3rd of January.

And now you know the rest of my

Recognizing Lyme early is key

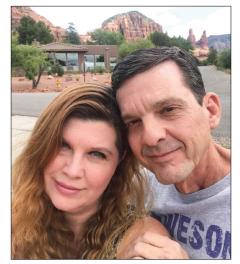
BECKY GILLETTE

Real estate agents Jeff and Lee Jeans, who moved to Sedona, Ariz., six years ago, both contracted Lyme disease while living in Eureka Springs. But they are two of the lucky ones who received timely treatment and prevented the disease from progressing.

"I got it in 2009 from a tick bite from working in the backyard of my home on Hillside," said Jeff Jeans. "My wife got it in 2010 from a tick bite while showing a rural property. Fortunately, we both caught it earlier enough and got the right kind of antibiotics that killed it. My wife said in 2010 a bunch of Eureka Springs real estate people caught Lyme disease because of showing properties."

The Jeans went to a local doctor who tested them for Lyme and followed the correct treatment procedures. However, they said the doctor doesn't want to be identified for fear of reprisals from the Arkansas Department of Health (ADH).

Jeans said he used to burn off ticks, which is not the right thing to do because it shoots the poison right into your body.



LEE and JEFF JEANS

"You should just pull them off," Jeans said. "When we went to the doctor, he said, 'It sounds like you might have Lyme disease, but I can't imagine it.' So we decided to run a test. He called back and confirmed I had Lyme disease. Then when Lee got Lyme disease, she also had the rash with lines that looked like a

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Lyme has residual effects

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Inger Svendsen is one of at least a dozen people in Eureka Springs who are living evidence of the fact that

Arkansas was wrong to deny the existence of Lyme disease in the state until earlier this year. Svendsen was diagnosed with Lyme disease 17 years ago.

"I got a tick bite out at our property in the country, and became very ill soon afterwards," Svendsen said. "I had several tick bites because we had bought property and were out in the woods a lot. Ticks were just a normal thing. I was aware of Lyme disease. My aunt from Connecticut had it. She had it reoccur. I had heard Lyme was making its way here and I was aware of the symptoms. But I didn't have the classic bullseye ring that is often an

indicator for Lyme disease. That is usually the first sign for the people who get it." When she became ill, she had given birth to her first

child three months earlier. At first, she thought she was just tired from being a new mom.

"What I first noticed is I was extremely fatigued," Svendsen said. "I couldn't even make a peanut butter sandwich, I was so tired. The next thing was migraines. Finally, I went to get up one morning and all of the joints

in my body hurt. I couldn't get up. That is when we went to the emergency room."

At the emergency room, they tested her for lupus

and other diseases and did sonograms of her heart. She said Dr. Craig Milam diagnosed her with Lyme disease based on the blood tests and started her on antibiotics.

"I was on antibiotics for eight weeks and the antibiotics were successful," she said. "It has not reoccurred."

While she has been healthy, there were consequences to catching Lyme disease.

"I do have some residual arthritis and I think it has had an effect on my heart," she said. "I've been very fortunate so far to keep it at bay. While it has not reoccurred, I understand it lives in my bloodstream and can

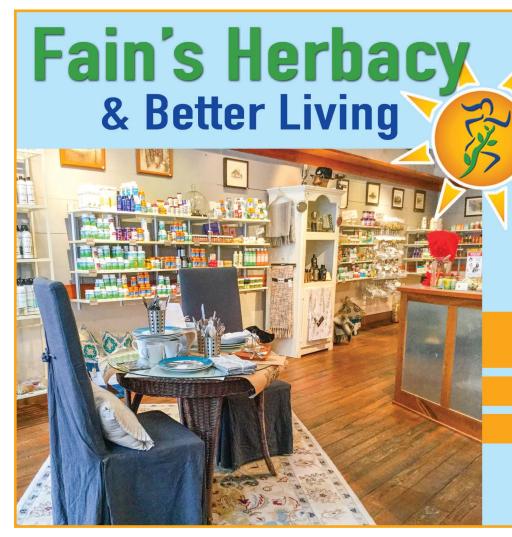
reoccur. I know several other people with Lyme disease here. I don't know anyone who has died of it, but it can kill you if it works its way to your heart and brain. I was fortunate that seventeen years later all I have is a little arthritis, predominantly on the right side of body. I was a dancer for 25 years, and can't do things like I used to. I just teach now."

Svendsen said she thinks it is sad that it has taken the public health agencies so long to admit the Lyme disease exists in the state, which has meant people who came down with it faced many barriers to getting properly treated. She said she was surprised at the naiveté of the Arkansas Department of Health for claiming Lyme was the only state in the country, other than Hawaii, that didn't have Lyme disease.

Taking a stroll through history

The Eureka Springs Historical Museum's 2nd annual 4th of July Birthday Stroll will be on Saturday and Sunday, June 1 and 2 from 5 - 8 p.m. Start at the Eureka Springs Community Center site and walk on Kingshighway to Vestal Cottage at 12 Summit Street and learn the history of residents who resided in Eureka Springs.

Tours leave the parking lot every 30 minutes, lasting one hour. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$5 for children 9 and under. Ticket price includes the stroll with birthday cake and ice cream at the end. Tickets are available for purchase at the Eureka Springs Historical Museum, 95 S. Main St. or online at eurekaspringshistoricalmuseum.org. Call (479) 253-9417.



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Symptoms of Lyme can be many and varied

BECKY GILLETTE

Leanne Wingrove was a jeweler and back-to-the-land homesteader living in

Erbie (near the Buffalo River) when she tested positive for Lyme disease in 1998.

"They didn't know much about it then," Wingrove said. "I went on a couple rounds of antibiotics, and was told I was well. But it got into my brain and central nervous system. It came back with a vengeance in 2010. I lost my ability to walk. I couldn't eat. I couldn't sleep. I had so many symptoms I **LEANNEWINGROVE** couldn't even name them all.

And I knew it was Lyme because I had the same symptoms as when I first contracted Lyme."

Wingrove lived far out in the country at the time.

"It was pretty rustic. I couldn't handle that lifestyle anymore," Wingrove said. "My family wanted me to move to a city, so I moved to Eureka Springs in

2010. When I first got here, I was pretty much bedridden. Lyme disease consumed my life. I couldn't drive. I couldn't read.

> I have six children, and the two youngest children were still in high school living with me. I couldn't get help in the medical field because I was told chronic Lyme doesn't exist, that it is a psychosomatic symptom of Lyme disease.

"I've been turned away from doctors. I've been turned away from emergency rooms. Two of my older kids dropped out of college to take care of me. It changed their lives, but

I am thankful to them. I did finally have to apply for disability because it was such a burden to my family."

She had tremors similar to those that accompany Parkinson's, as well as acute kidney failure and autistic symptoms.

"My symptoms were endless," Wingrove said. "If someone asked my name, I could remember it, but I couldn't get it out. There was a disconnect from the brain. I always told my kids it was a short wiring going on. I couldn't read because I couldn't remember the word I just read. The family wouldn't let me cook because they were afraid I was going to burn the house down."

One of the hardest parts was getting no medical help, even when she went in after shaking uncontrollably for hours.

"The biggest stress was I gave up on doctors because it made it worse," Wingrove said. "Doctors said they couldn't treat me for Lyme disease or they would lose their medical license because the insurance and pharmaceutical companies are dictating what doctors can treat and how they can treat it."

Although at the time Arkansas denied Lyme disease existed in the state, Wingrove won disability for chronic neurological Lyme.

"I had a very compassionate judge who knew something about Lyme himself," she said.

She said the issue is compounded by the fact that Lyme is a complex disease with a lot of other tick-borne disease coinfections

"People aren't just dealing with Lyme," Wingrove said. "I have four other co-infections that came along with that tick bite."

When she was so sick, Wingrove lost her income, so couldn't afford treatments. But she was determined that she wasn't going to be debilitated the rest of her life. She did a lot of research and started doing alternative treatments.

"I found things that really helped me," Wingrove said. "I am 98 percent over Lyme now, but it was a long hard

Wingrove did some herbal medicines, but really improved when she started using a controversial alternative treatment with a Rife machine, a harmonic radiowave device which is not FDA approved. It works by using radio frequencies to bust up and kill the Lyme spirochetes.

"Rifing, a total lifestyle and diet change, proper supplementation and daily detoxing is what turned it around for me," Wingrove said. "I'm able to drive, cook, and get out in my garden. I still have to stay on treatment. If I don't, I backslide very quickly."

Wingrove said the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the LYME DISEASE – WINGROVE continued on page 17







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Local woman re-infected with Lyme after 18 years

RONNA WICKERSHAM

BECKY GILLETTE

Ronna Wickersham, one of the owners of Granny's Place in Eureka Springs, usually has enough energy to work 12 to 20 hours a day. When she came down with Lyme's disease about 18 years ago, she still managed to work in the store,

but could do little else.

"I had the classic bullseye rash and extreme fatigue," Wickersham said. "It wiped out my energy for about a year. Before I had always had more energy than I knew what to do with. I worked at the shop in the day, but then went to home to bed until I got up to go to work the next day."

Wickersham is an advocate of natural medicine, but had learned that antibiotics must be taken very soon after the infection in order to be completely effective and, if not, you usually have to be on different antibiotics a long time. So, while the Lyme diagnosis was confirmed by testing done by a local healthcare provider, she instead turned to natural medicine. She used three different naturopathic treatments for a year and got well.

"My naturopathic doctor cured me," Wickersham said. "He is the most amazing doctor I have ever met. He has been taking care of me for thirty-five years. He has brought me back from death several times. He is always on the leading edge of naturopathic medicine. As far as I am concerned, he is the smartest man in the country. His cures work 99.9 percent of the time."

Wickersham said her doctor did not want to be identified in the newspaper article for fear of reprisals from the government health agencies that have, until earlier this year, denied that Lyme disease exists in Arkansas. But she is willing to give people who have Lyme disease his contact information if they contact her.

currently on a new medication that is inhaled through a facemask.

"Thank God there is something out there that is effective, easy to use, and it costs only \$120 to have it drop shipped to your home," Wickersham said. "That is what I'm

> going to try for this round. It is a new thing that my doctor brought in from another country. Other countries are more progressive than ours for natural healing."

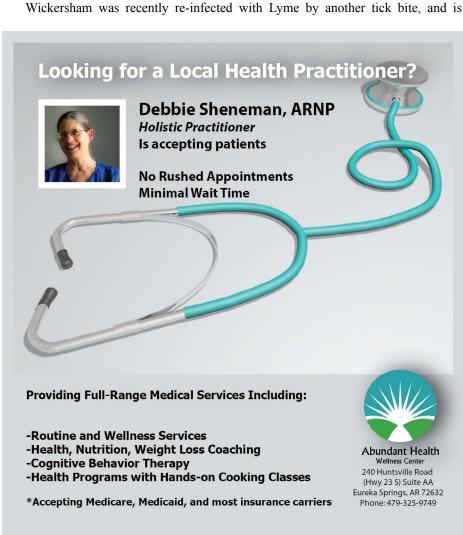
> Wickersham said it is ridiculous that it has taken the government so long to admit there is Lyme disease in the state. And she maintains is a total nonsense to still claim it is extremely rare in Arkansas.

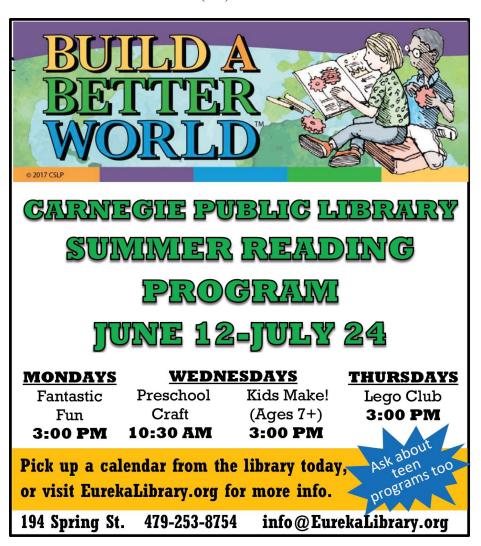
> "I have talked to at least thirteen people here who have contacted Lyme," Wickersham said. "I have a friend who committed suicide because it got into her brain. It got so bad with her that she killed herself. I get so mad when I hear how the Arkansas Department of Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have denied Lyme even exists here. I went to a VA doctor who said, 'No, you don't have Lyme disease. It is non-existent here.' That is total crap. It is out there and it is very real."

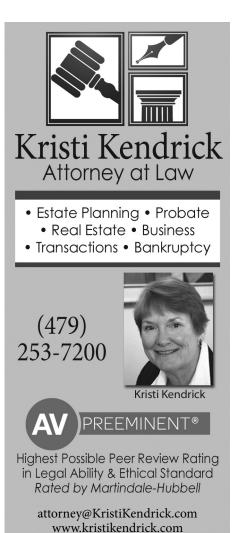
Contracting Lyme disease alone is scary because it is so dangerous. Wickersham said it is shocking when that is compounded by the public health authorities blocking people from getting proper treatment.

"When people get it, if they treat it quickly enough, they can knock it out before it does a whole lot of damage," Wickersham said. "Regular doctors treat with doxycycline, but that is only effective if you are treated within 48-72 hours. If you don't get treatment quickly enough, it lies dormant until the immune system is weak, and then it comes out and starts wreaking havoc again."

Wickersham can be reached at (479) 253-5032.







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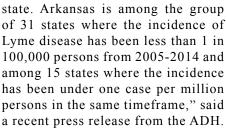
Recovery from tick diseases is a long haul

BECKY GILLETTE

there is Lyme disease in Arkansas the last state in the country other than Lee Jeans, both got Lyme disease

Hawaii to confirm that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Arkansas Department of Health (ADH) maintain that it is very rare in the state.

"Arkansas is in the low-incidence category based on geographical patterns of disease in the U.S., as well as past reports of the disease in the



That flies in the face of reports from hundreds of people in Arkansas,

including at least a dozen around tick diseases," she said. Even after finally admitting that Eureka Springs. How could it be so rare when one couple alone, Jeff and

> from tick bites a year apart? And it makes no sense, either, to Leanne Wingrove and Jeannie Feltmann, who were friends who lived near each other in the Buffalo River area when they contracted what they believe was Lyme disease decades ago.

> Both women did not receive the appropriate medical treatment at the

time, and became disabled because of severe health problems.

"There were no doctors who were really helpful," said Feltmann, a selfemployed fiber artist who believes she was first infected decades ago when she was a homesteader in Newton County and got hundreds of tick bites. "The only advice I could get was my mom told me to make out my will."

Feltmann said that according to the CDC, Arkansas is ground zero for ehrlichiosis. She wasn't initially tested for Lyme disease, but tested positive for ehrlichiosis in 2016 and Bartonella henslea (nicknamed cat scratch fever) in 1986. Feltmann later learned that her mother was prescribed DES while pregnant with the result that Feltmann was predisposed to tick illnesses and other illnesses such as multiple chemical sensitivities.

"I was down flat out a lot with what I think was a blend of different

In addition to extreme fatigue, Feltmann had bullseye rashes about a dozen times through the years. She had tremors, brain fog and a lump under her armpit that was removed. A local physician diagnosed her with fibromyalgia saying that was the only diagnosis that fit. Feltmann said some people who get Lyme are misdiagnosed with fibromyalgia, or other conditions like Parkinson's.

Feltmann met up with her old friend, Leanne Wingrove, five years ago after Wingrove also moved to the Eureka Springs area. Wingrove suspected Feltmann had Lyme disease. Feltmann went to her doctor and was tested for Lyme, but had only two bars out of six bars on the test that CDC requires to be a positive for Lyme. Feltmann said the test criteria is far too stringent, and she believes that even two bars means you have chronic Lyme. But her doctor said he couldn't treat her for Lyme.

"He couldn't order too many tests for things the CDC says don't exist in Arkansas," Feltmann said.

Feltmann said she has been dealing with other tick-borne illnesses in addition to Lyme disease, and has what is known as Multiple Systemic Infectious Disease Syndrome.

Wingrove recommended treatment with a Rife machine, a harmonic radio device, in addition supplements and a complete regime for cleansing toxins that are created when the Lyme bacteria is killed off.

"It you kill too many at once you, LYME DISEASE – FELTMANN continued on page 17





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Lyme physically and emotionally devastating

BECKY GILLETTE

Regina Smith has paid a big price by physically and emotionally coming down with Lyme disease in 2007 on

Vaughn Street in Eureka Springs. The artist had to struggle to raise her twin daughters, who just turned 18. She had to give up traveling to art shows and was impoverished by the combination of not being able to work and needing medication extensive treatments.

"I used to do travel to do art shows, but I've had to stop everything I've ever

done because I'm not physically able to do it," said Smith, who has been to the emergency room 13 times in the past year. "I have felt like I was dying. And I can't make money like I used to and we are living in poverty. When you have chronic Lyme, it is very expensive to recover. I'm blessed to have such wonderful loving people in Eureka Springs including those at the Flint Street Fellowship food bank, I couldn't have done it without them."

Smith said she tested positive for Lyme disease by the Washington Regional Family Medical Clinic. A car wreck weakened her immune system, and brought on more severe health problems. She started shaking to the extreme. At one point, she believes she was misdiagnosed with Parkinson's. She hasn't been able to find the kind of medical help she wants.

"My local doctor pretty much fired me the last time I was in there because I was trying to do something holistic,"

Smith said. "Nobody can help me. I'm just thrown to the wolves and on my own to figure it out with no medical help. It is like doomsday when you

don't even have a doctor that can help you."

Smith said neurologist diagnosed her with a movement disorder, dystonia, because of her frequent tremors. That allowed her to get on disability. She has found medical marijuana helps her get through the day with some stability. CBD oil, which is legal in all 50 states now, also helps her.

Acupuncture, when she can afford it, gives her a couple of hours of stability. But the toll from constant shaking is hard on her.

"I feel like a lost soul," Smith said. "But I'm not willing to give up or give in. I've been making art lately. I'm just trying my best to hang in there."

She is encouraged that others with Lyme in the area have had success with a Rife machine. Another option might be to have a complete blood transfusion. And while she is disappointed it has taken Arkansas so long to admit there is Lyme disease here, that is a positive

"I thank God that Arkansas is stepping up," Smith said. "It will protect people in the future. I am working on going to the Mayo Clinic in Minnesota to recover and get my life back. I don't want to be sick any more. I know more than a dozen people here in Eureka Springs who have Lyme and many more elsewhere in state. The



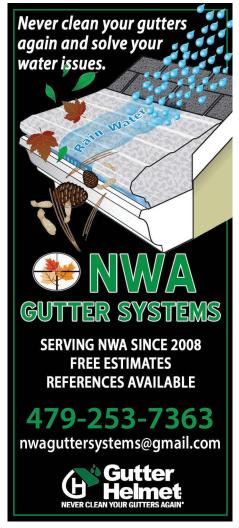
local public radio station did a story on me about two years ago, and I got a lot of calls from people with Lyme after

Lyme victims have been sharing information, but Smith is hopeful that a more formal Lyme support group will be formed.

"We are all trying to find out the same information and share with one another so we can feel a little better." Smith said. "There is one family I know just over the state line in Missouri that have four family members with it. The daughter just gave birth and they are worried the baby might have it."

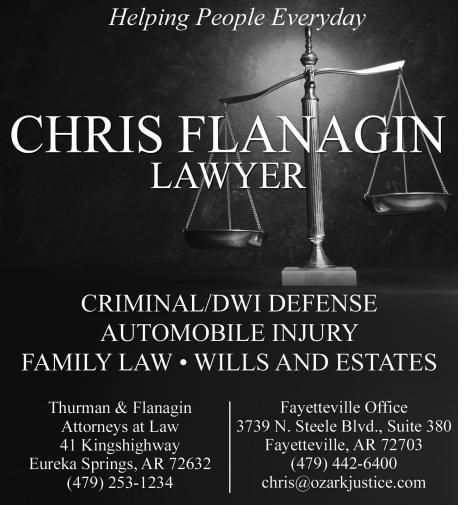
United we stand

Eureka Springs Indivisible will meet at Brews Taproom and coffeehouse on Monday June 12, at 6 p.m. Join to discuss current political issues and social causes.











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Finding inner peace through sound and movement

Rebekah Clark will lead the Eureka Springs Metaphysical Society meeting in a session of Divine Singing and Sound Meditation on Monday, June 12. No vocal experience is

necessary. Chants and mantras from multiple traditions will be used. The gathering will be at 7 p.m. at Heart of Many Ways, 68 Mountain. All are welcome.

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Leadership lacking

Au revoir. Paris.

decision "President Trump's to withdraw from the Paris climate agreement is the biggest failure of leadership in American history." So said Citizens" Climate Lobby's Executive Director, Mark Reynolds. I agree.

With the White House abdicating any responsibility for dealing with the clear and present danger of climate change, American governors and mayors, including those of Little Rock and Fayetteville, are courageously stepping up to maintain America's honor and fill the climate leadership gap.

The way is also clear for Congress to show some guts and act on curbing carbon emissions. Statements made by Arkansas' delegation, however, Congressional indicate that these Republicans still cling to an outdated mindset, erroneously believing that taking effective climate action, safeguarding family pocketbooks, and creating a healthy economy to be incompatible goals.

Au contraire, Citizens' Climate Lobby is advocating a 21st Century non-partisan, market-based solution that supports shifting from fossil fuels to green energy, encourages innovation, protects families, and stimulates job growth.

On Tuesday June 13 Citizens'

Climate Lobby volunteers will be visiting all 535 Congressional offices in Washington D.C. Eighteen Arkansans will be advocating with Boozman, Cotton, Crawford, Hill, Westerman, and Womack. I will be augmenting their efforts, calling in to Boozman, Cotton, and Womack's offices on Friday, June 9, voicing my support for effective climate action. Readers' calls would be appreciated. Merci!

Jan Schaper

Disregard of life

Editor,

Republicon Senator John US Boozman sold us out and sold his soul for \$149,930. I guess that's not considered a bad haul for a no-name senator from a backwater state. But a Judas he is, nonetheless. He sold out ours and his grandchildrens' futures for the paltry sum of less than 150 thousand dollars. That money will be spent in a heartbeat, but the damage done from his call to exit the Paris Climate Accord will reverberate for generations to come.

For a party so concerned with unborn babies, Republicons show callous disregard about the children already on the earth. With leadership from senators like Boozman; contaminated water, filthy air and a planet stripped bare for profit is our future.

Heck of a job, John Boozman. You are doing well for your overlords and masters, the Koch Brothers, et al. But to you, I say, if you value money over the life of our planet and all of us who live on it, you are a pathetic specimen of a man.

Sheri Hanson

Patch and paint dresses it up

Editor,

The Purple Flower extends heartfelt appreciation to our recent volunteers, Peg Adamson and her co-workers, Darla and Anna. From ceiling to floor, these dedicated women patched and painted our back room. Now we can move forward to decorate and utilize this extra space. Once completed, we will offer educational classes and emotional support groups.

They are Jolly Good Fellows that nobody can deny. Hip, Hip, Hooray! Patty Morris

All you need is love

Hey, Jesus People, how can you profess to be Christians while hating everyone in the LGBTO community and those who support them? If you don't like the LGBTQ community here in Eureka Springs, move! Love is love!

Judith Ulch



@envydatropic: I'm going to remember this night

forever! **Tequila:** You sure about that?

@tonyFan1420: How do dragons blow out candles? @piratedtweet: One day an iPhone is going to explode and Samsung users are going to be like, "Samsung has had this feature for years."

@davidlucas: My existential crisis is more meaningless

@twosapphiresblu: She told him she didn't need him anymore. He silently went through the kitchen tightening all the lids.

@johnlyontweets: Me: Hey, don't assume I'm dying alone. I might find someone, you don't know. Waiter: I asked if you were dining alone. Me: Oh, sorry. Yes. @HelloCullen: Ya'll keep making fun of millennials you gonna regret all those karate lessons you bought us. @vineyville: After dinner the other husbands and I retire to the garage and silently take turns climbing my new

@omeomusic: I once took a girl to Starbucks because I forgot her name.

@BGH70: 20% off everthi

INDEPENDENT Guestatorial

Kiss the frackers goodbye!

"Loyalty to the nation all the time, loyalty to the government when it deserves it." - Mark Twain

Welcome to the future, a place full of opportunities and threats. We have what is here today, the good, the bad, and the ugly. Don't look back, we've got work to do. Keep your mind wide open. You know the rules, care for our common home and the people in dire need. Clean air, clean water, safe food, and stable climate will improve our quality of life and protect the environment.

Endless growth is a delusion. We live in a finite world with an increasing population. Survival is not measured in billions of dollars or the number of weapons. We must seek perfection of character, live the way of truth, be faithful, respect others, endeavor, and refrain from violent behavior.

How did we get here?

The global climate emergency, with rising sea levels and extreme weather, is the result of decades of wars, energy overdevelopment, and using mountains, forests, and rivers as industrial resources. To show profits on a balance sheet, we have used oceans, rivers, and the atmosphere as sewers, ignoring simple rules of ecology: nature knows best, everything is connected, everything goes somewhere, and there is no free lunch.

The economic mindset is driven by gross domestic product, an aggregate monetary measure of economic output dating back to the 1930s, based on consumption. GDP ignores what ordinary people treasure: freedom of choice, health, equality, trust, respect, honesty, and everything else America stands for.

Reducing greenhouse gases

Killing whales to light a lamp seems barbaric. Before 1850, whale oil was big business with storage tanks and distribution systems. In 1860, drilling holes in the ground to make kerosene from petroleum at low cost saved the whales. The transition was smooth, the world was not running out of whales. Sunlight and wind will save life on Earth.

The unstoppable transition from burning fossil fuels is already in process, driven by smart cities, private companies, climate organizations, and individuals. Consumers make the final choice and do more with less.

Survival will be measured with the Annual Greenhouse Gas Index. Urgent action is needed. Last week. the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration said 2016 had the second-biggest jump in atmospheric carbon dioxide on record; the heating effect of greenhouses gases in the atmosphere increased by 2.5 percent last year. We are headed the wrong way.

Arkansas opportunities and threats

Forests and farming soil are nature's way to sequester emissions. We need to plant more trees and preserve what we have. Foresters need to stay out of the woods. We need more carbon in the soil and less in the atmosphere. Regenerative agriculture and land use incorporate traditional and indigenous best practices of organic farming, animal husbandry, and environmental conservation.

Arkansas has year-round sunlight and open spaces for residential, community, and utility solar systems. According to Duane Highley, president and CEO of Arkansas Electric Cooperatives, one megawatt of solar energy is added every 36 minutes in the U.S., equivalent to twenty-four

600-megawatt power plants per year. And that is only the beginning.

Electric co-ops and AECC Today's Power, Inc., are making great progress with solar fields, creating hundreds of jobs in East Camden and Benton. Solar power lowers the high cost of peak demand energy. Co-ops love sunlight!

Stopping emissions and pollution

To stop fracking and shale crude exports, Diamond and other pipelines must go. Crude prices below \$50 per barrel are a threat to the U.S. financial system. Private companies' use of Homeland Security resources and heavily armed military mercenaries used in Iraq and Afghanistan to stop nonviolent peaceful water protectors, must stop. Biofuels and other products made from trees must stop. Pine Bluff Wood pellet mills and China's new Sun Bio mill in Clark County are on the list.

Survival

First Nations must be protected and respected, they know the secrets for survival. Planting sacred tobacco on the path of the Diamond pipeline is a brilliant project in Oklahoma.

Dr. Luis Contreras



Pursuit Of HAPPINESS

by Dan Krotz

onald Trump may be among all things a blessing. Scales have been removed from our eyes: institutions are naked in the public square, and he's showing us that unregulated free market capitalism means more to our politicians than Democracy. Everything is for sale.

The Donald has taught us that we're a nation where hefty numbers of residents are enjoyably addicted to despair and incapable of distinguishing between reality and reality TV. The only pain that matters is their pain, and it's your fault that they feel it. These life experiences have prepared them to know everything there is to know about science, Constitutional law, civics, history, race relations, and how you ought to live your

Trump's shown us that a plurality of Christian church leaders and followers will forgive anyone except people who follow and apply the Sermon on the Mount to their daily lives and civic expectations. Operationally, these churches have become indistinguishable from fast food franchises where members enjoy a limitless calendar of holidays from basic standards of morality and decency. Best of all, members get to hate both the sin and the sinner.

He's taught us there are sizable numbers of Americans incapable of embarrassment. These fortunate souls see a turd floating in a punch bowl and call it a Popsicle. They agree that the 1,000,000 German cars made annually in the US are bad cars because they're made by very bad – very, very bad – Germans. And we've learned that the Rule of Law depends on who pays for it.

The most obvious of Trump's blessings, however, is showing us that the Democratic Party has built a wall – a great wall, a fantastic, super-duper wall - to defend against competence, relevance, and meaning. Instead of investigating Trump and Russia! Russia! - gosh, they sound just like Republicans shouting Benghazi! Benghazi! -Democrats should stop taking money from special interest groups, discover rural America, stop supporting endless unwinnable wars, and start promoting alternative policies and agendas that benefit people instead of their corporate masters. They can begin by campaigning to end corporate health care insurance subsidies and for a single-payer health care system.

DNC Chair Tom Perez, tear down that

A little help from our friends:

- *Good Shepherd Humane Society* monthly board meetings are held the 4th Wednesday of each month at 1 p.m. at LeStick Nouveau Restaurant, 63 Spring St. All are welcome.
- Carroll County Domestic Violence Hotline: 1-844-247-3223 (844-24PEACE) is available 24/7. The Purple Flower Domestic Violence Resource and Support Center is open Tuesdays and Thursday from 10 a.m. -3 p.m. at 109 W. Church Ave. in Berryville. (479) 981-1676.
- 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
- *A Cup of Love Ministry* Feeding the Hungry Located at 4032 E. Van Buren, Hwy 62. Serving Soup Monday-Friday 10 a.m. 4 p.m. Sunday Service 10:30 a.m. Noon potluck following. Wednesday Bible Study 5:30 6:30 p.m. Friday Food Pantry 10 a.m. 2 p.m. Caring for our community, spirit, soul, and body. (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 Country Hardware. One-dollar store in the yellow building open Tuesday Saturday from 10 a.m. 4 p.m. Thrift store, furniture bank in big blue barn behind chapel open Friday and Saturday from 10:30 a.m. 4 p.m. Donation drop offs by the blue barn only.
- *Recorded Teachings and Meditation Monday* Recorded Rinpocne teachings at 5:30 p.m. on Mondays followed by meditation at 6 p.m. Call Alece at (479) 244-6841 or Gary at (479) 2444-6840.
- *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.
- *Grief Share* A Bible-based, 13-week program fro those who have lost a loved one will begin on Sunday, Feb. 12 from 2 4 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. You may join at anytime.
- 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) 981-1686. 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.
- *St. James' Community Suppers* Held Sunday from 5 6:30 p.m. Meals provided by local restaurants and are free to all. St. James' Episcopal Church is located at 86 Prospect Avenue on the historic loop and meals are served in the undercroft.
- *Support Group* for those with **Parkinson's** and their caregivers, first Wednesday of each month, ECHO Community Room at 10 a.m. For questions email Sally at sarahg@arkansas.net or call (479) 9810-1587. Next meeting Dec. 7.
- *Echo Thrift Stores and Clinic* The Clinic is open 2^{nd} and 4^{th} Thursday of the month for appointments open 1-4 p.m. Open every Tuesday/Thursday to assess needs and to make appointments. Free services are offered to those without insurance or if insurance does not cover them. The Thrift Store is open Monday-Saturday from 9-5 p.m. Clinic number: (479) 253-5547. Thrift Store number: (479) 253-5888.
- Heart of Many Ways Open Sanctuary Wednesdays 1 4 p.m. A Sacred Space open for silent prayer, meditation, spiritual reading or simply for soaking in the silence of a quiet place. People of all faiths, spiritual paths, or individual spiritual expressions are welcomed. 68 Mountain St. Enter up the front stairs to the left. Call Amrit at 253-3165 or email oeema@mail.com.

Here's a fun Father's Day plan

Eureka Springs Blues Weekend and Turpentine Creek Wildlife Refuge will host seasoned award winning blues artists and blues newcomers with events hosted in Eureka Springs June 15-18 and at TCWR on June 17 and 18.

June 18 is also the Turpentine Creek's annual membership meeting and Father's Day picnic. All are invited to join the picnic but only card-carrying members can participate in the membership meeting, which starts at noon. Picnic is from 1-5 p.m.

For more information about Blues Weekend go to www.eurekaspringsblues.com. For more information on TCWR and the membership program go to www.turpentinecreek.org.

INDEPENDENT

ConstablesOnPatrol

May 30

12:23 p.m. – Constable on patrol checked on complaint of someone bothering people in Basin Patk, but did not encounter the culprit.

12:34 p.m. – Constable provided traffic assistance when a large vehicle got stuck in a narrow intersection near downtown.

7:05 p.m. – Bar owner asked for assistance removing a patron from the premises. Constable told her to leave and not come back. She returned to the premises as soon as the constable left, so the constable returned and arrested her.

7:30 p.m. – Concerned caller reported what might have been gunshots downtown. Constable found no source for the noise.

10:03 p.m. — Central dispatch alerted ESPD to a 911 call from just east of downtown. A male was allegedly beating up someone and a female was hiding in the woods. Constable found the female and escorted her back to her hotel.

May 31

10:53 p.m. – Motion alarm was triggered at a business downtown. Constable found the place secure.

June 1

3:38 p.m. – Several inebriated individuals were causing a disturbance at a tourist lodging. One person was arrested for DWI and various traffic offenses.

10:23 p.m. – Same alarm at the same store rang out again. Constable found the building secure.

June 2

12:10 a.m. – Person receiving harassing texts asked for constable assistance.

2:54 a.m. – Person downtown reported possibly intoxicated people yelling. Constable checked the location and did not see or hear any yellers.

3:23 a.m. – Another complaint came in about people at a different location yelling. Constable encountered a couple

that claimed they were only a block from home. Constable urged them to get home and stay there.

June 3

8:15 a.m. – Pickup truck blocked access to a fire hydrant in a neighborhood. Constable asked the owner to move the truck.

2:13 p.m. – Traffic stop resulted in the arrest of the driver for driving on a suspended license.

10:40 p.m. – Alarm sounded at a business on North Main. Constable found everything was okay.

June 4

12:01 a.m. – Constable assisted an innkeeper with a guest problem.

1:01 a.m. – Trespassers on a property in the west part of town prompted a response by constables. One person was arrested for criminal trespass and on an outstanding warrant for theft by receiving. Another person was arrested for criminal trespass and on an outstanding warrant for failure to pay fines. A third person was arrested for criminal trespass and possession of drug paraphernalia.

8:11 p.m. – Several callers told ESPD an intoxicated individual was throwing bottles onto a roadway downtown. Constable arrested her for public intoxication.

June 5

1:51 a.m. — A transient person was found sleeping in the laundry room of an apartment building. The person was gone before the constable arrived, and the manager locked the laundry room door.

11:25 a.m. – There was a two-vehicle accident downtown. No injuries.

2:36 p.m. – A young female was playing harmonica and dancing around in front of a business on Main Street. Caller was concerned for her welfare, but the constable found her to be okay.

3:59 p.m. – Someone damaged property at a tourist lodging.

How to identify unknown plants in the garden without asking Steven Foster

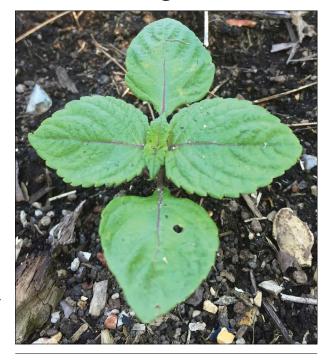
NICKY BOYETTE

Herein lies an adventure into the wild kingdom. Some gardens are organized and maintained to a degree not found in nature with nothing anywhere not specifically ordained to be there. Other gardens allow the surprises of nature, the globetrotters and volunteers that nestle in alongside radishes and tomato plants, and they are welcome as long as they keep their distances because a gardener might find a delightful new plant has chosen this garden.

When garden plants go to seed, seedlings will sprout in unexpected places. Kale, cilantro, mustard and arugula, for example, will reseed themselves if the gardener allows it, and they are recognizable when they suddenly appear.

But what if a newcomer moves in? The tomato bed is planted, carefully cultivated, watched over with pious devotion, and along with the few volunteer red mustards and marigolds that pop up, there appears a smattering of what look like tiny basil sprouts here and there. There was no basil there in the past to leave seeds behind. We are scientists, and we want to know who is the new one in the garden.

The adventure begins. Most scientists will have learned by eighth grade a little sprout with two leaves is a dicotyledon. These first leaves eventually fade, so the scientist must wait to see the first true leaves. The initial lesson learned is squatting there day after day and staring with great enthusiasm apparently does not hasten plant growth. After awhile, the little round cotyledons give way to a pair of new leaves and then another pair at the next node, so the scientist now has useful data for



identification.

There are thousands of sites online for identifying plants, and some are useful. Most will help identify a flower, but the research at hand is about a young plant two or three months shy of flowering. It barely has its second pair of leaves, so the online guides will ask about the shape of a leaf, the leaf arrangement, the leaf margin and the parts of the leaf. Quickly the gardener faces new terms like petiole, sessile, reniform and hastate.

The Plant Identification Guide from the Illinois

Department of Natural Resources states, "There are over 50 terms to describe the shape of a leaf." Using the helpful guide at the site, the enterprising investigator determines the plant in question has a simple cordate (heart-shaped) leaf with a winged petiole. The petiole is the stalk connecting the leaf to the stem, and on the plant in question the stalk is accompanied by blade (leaf) tissue, thereby making it winged. Leaves connected directly to the stem are sessile. A scientist is always ready to learn new language.

The leaf margin, or edge, is an identifier as well. Is the edge smooth or wavy or toothed? And if toothed, are the teeth rounded, pointed or sawtoothed? The focus of our study has sawtoothed margins.

With online sources at the ready, the investigator can search for "simple cordate serrated leaf with winged petiole" just to see what happens.

What happens is 1.08 seconds later, about 82,000 results appear for perusal. Some are encyclopedias and some are long lists that include every plant with leaves matching any of the search terms. There are sites with botany textbooks, possibly historic and valuable, for sale, and others that focus on trees only. The Yale School of Forestry has an excellent site with 15 colorful pages for identifying herbaceous plants but none even closely resembles the target of our research.

What becomes obvious as the researcher pores over site after site is how infinitely creative nature is in its leaf shapes, but so far none of the photos resembles the leaf on hand. Is it possible the scientist has dozens of the rarest plant in all of botany sprouting on a rocky hillside?

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DEPARTURE

Christopher Koger July 5, 1969 – April 23, 2017

Christopher Koger was born in Los Angeles and moved to Eureka Springs in 1975. He was a student of Clear Spring School and a 1988 graduate of ESHS. He passed away in Atlanta, Georgia, at age 47.

From the age of 6, "Christo" was a "Eureka kid." With his pals, he explored the streets of Eureka Springs and the terrain of the Ozarks with equal exuberance. He rappelled, spelunked, hiked, floated the rivers, jumped off the bluffs of Beaver Lake and swam in Lake Leatherwood. Chris marched in Eureka parades, attended countless community potlucks, was a cast member in the Passion Play, frequented the Berryville cinema and enjoyed Eureka friends of all ages. His school days were constructive and social, overseen by a host of adept instructors. Chris played basketball and was a Boy Scout

who later became an assistant Scout leader. He attended U of A in Fayetteville.

An Army vet, Chris participated in "Operation Just Cause," the 1989 U.S. invasion of Panama.

Despite an unassuming charm and effortless generosity, Chris relished a challenge. With characteristic wry humor, he took the Mensa test "just to see if he could pass it," and he did. As a fashion-conscious teen, Chris declared that he would never be a "computer nerd." As an adult, however, his natural abilities prevailed and he forged a career in the IT sector. In the 1990s, he headed a team contracted by MCI to design and build network security systems internationally. At the time of his death, Chris was employed by the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs in Atlanta as a network engineer.

Sensitive and insightful with a gentle, loving spirit, Christopher Koger will be missed, loved and remembered always and forever by those who knew and loved him. He treasured his family and is survived by his wife, Ingrid, and two daughters whom he loved dearly, Evelyn and Savanna, ages 13 and 11, of Atlanta; his Mom, Elaine Van Natta of Eureka Springs; brother, Tim Freeman of Fayetteville; step-dad, Clarke Freeman of Eureka Springs. He is already greatly missed by his aunts, Michelle Cook Holloran of Beaver, Ark.; Deborah Van Natta of Salt Lake City; Julia Freeman Bingham of Hindsville, Ark.; his uncles, Randy Cook of Springfield, Mo., and Burton Freeman of Rogers, Ark., and his Bingham and Freeman cousins, Billy, Sally, Jennifer and Susan. Chris was preceded in death by his father, Gary L. Koger.



ARTAttack by John Rankine

In last week's Art Attack column I Liquestioned the timing of the restoration of the WWI memorial during the May Festival of the Arts, where the scaffolding (even while moved to the side) did nothing for the festival ambience in Basin Park.

Contrary to a couple of private comments, I am neither anti-Dough Boy nor an unpatriotic #&*(a), but it does raise the topic of art restoration, or Eureka Springs' lack of interest or concern in

protecting its public art.

The Dough Boy restoration was funded by a \$5,000 state grant that was matched by the Eureka Springs Preservation Society. Bravo.

If we are to invest in public art, there needs to be in place a commitment or endowment that includes funds to take care of the art over time. It is not the responsibility of the artist, unless specified in the purchase contract.



Which brings me to the Art Wall, the former "Artery," taken over by the Eureka Springs Arts Council in 2011 and seemingly abandoned.

The Artery - the once vibrant collection of 8x4 ft. art panels that lined the 50 ft. stretch of concrete wall in the Basin Bathhouse parking lot and showcased a plethora of local talent, has become an embarrassment to the city and its art community.

While there are still some excellent works on view, the majority of panels are now rotted, faded or falling down, turning Artery founder Charlotte Buchanan's stunning vision into an eyesore.

I can only imagine what visitors thought who saw the May festival banner with the Trumponian tagline "World Class Art" and who then put money in the meters to park in front of the Art Wall.

Wasn't the plan to rotate the panels every two years? Not every six.

I'm not sure what phase the music park on North Main is in, but Phase

The Art Wall is scheduled to have new panels put up with help from Eureka Springs high school art students sometime in the summer of 2017.

looking pretty tacky. When checked out mid- April, there were broken instruments, signage on the ground and not a



single implement to play any of the art.

Jim Wallace's large metal Blue Heron that was cruelly vandalized when installed in Grotto Spring, now has a home on the Planer Hill parking lot and is in need of repair.

The same can be said for Robert Norman's "Sphere" created specifically for the May Festival in 2013. It sits on the second tier of the parking lot and could use another protective coat of varnish before the hand painted messages completely patina away.

Planer Hill is the perfect spot for a sculpture garden. It seems to have already organically grown that way. Let's make the already beautifully landscaped parking lot into an arts destination by investing in more local art and find permanent homes for works like Janet Alexander and John Stalling's Four Season's mobiles or Yard Art winner David Pettit's "10 Zen Chairs "

And let's find ways to keep that art preserved.

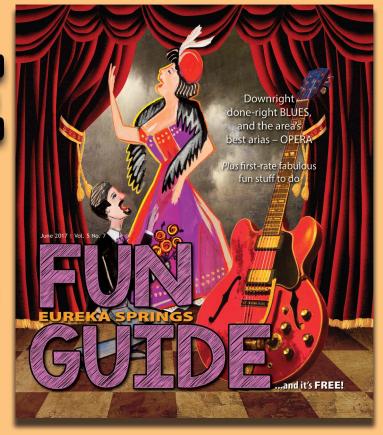
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Turtle news from Turtle Island

NICKY BOYETTE

Tiny turtles are too cute, so people without much forethought bring them home as pets and put them in terrariums. However, there are reasons turtles do not make endearing pets. For one thing, they might outlive their keepers. Fifty years is

not uncommon, and turtle expert Ben Zoltak claims there are 200-year old box turtles in the wild. Zoltak also points out turtles might carry salmonella, and sale of turtles less than four inches long was banned in 1975 for this reason.

"Forgiveness is divine, but never pay full price for late pizza."

- Michaelangelo, Teenage **Mutant Ninja Turtles**

Also turtles require more space than one might expect. A typical terrarium is not nearly large enough for turtles that have grown past their cute baby size. A common turtle pet is the red-eared slider, and it will grow to nine inches long and require 90 gallons of terrarium space. In addition, red-eared sliders are very invasive to the environment if released back into the wild. A chelonian owner must be willing to provide not only fruits and vegetables, but insects, worms and small rodents for the pet. Plus there is the expense of adequate setup just to begin turtle-keeping, and someone needs to clean the tank.

Turtle soup

Many cultures throughout history have used turtle flesh as food and the carapaces and plastrons in traditional medicines. Some species are extinct probably because hungry humans can outrun turtles and tortoises. Natives of the Grand Cayman Island enjoy turtles in their cuisine to the point of nearly exhausting wild populations, so enterprising locals resorted to sea turtle ranching to satisfy demand and replenish the wild stock.

Turtle plastrons apparently have an important place in Traditional Chinese Medicine because statistics indicate the port of Taiwan imports hundreds of tons of plastrons annually. There must be a demand. In 2011, the Tortoise and Freshwater Turtle Specialist Group reported 60 turtle species are headed toward extinction because of habitat destruction but primarily because of "harvesting for consumption and the pet trade."

The report indicated species in

Asia are most endangered followed closely by five kinds on the island of Madagascar. Entrepreneurs in China have attempted to provide for the demand by establishing more than a thousand turtle farms in China, but they are not the only ones. By 2007,

> Louisiana had 60 turtle farms that produced 10,000,000 turtles a year, and more farms were subsequently licensed. The Concordia Turtle Farm is in Wildsville, La., and its website claims it is "the world's largest commercial producer of

salmonella-free farm-raised turtles."

Cities in Oklahoma with turtle farms include Tulsa, Holdenville, Spaulding and Wewoka. A Woodward, Okla., turtle rancher sends 8000 healthy turtles monthly to a 285-acre turtle ranch in Florida, and says he could sell more.

World Turtle Day

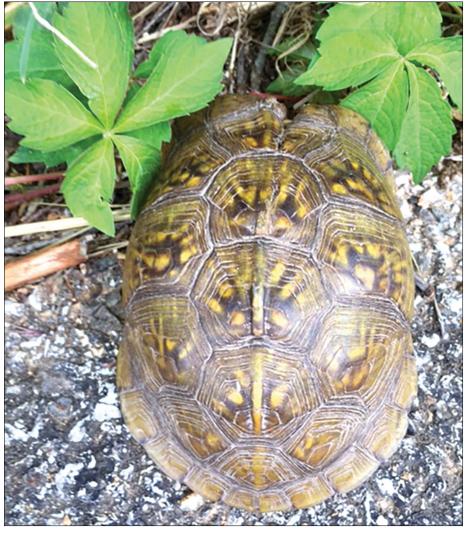
May 23 was the 17th World Turtle Day, sponsored by American Tortoise Rescue (ATR), a nonprofit agency established "for the protection of all species of tortoise and turtle." ATR discourages having turtles as pets, of course, and recommends when encountering one on a road to pick it up by its sides and move it out of danger in the direction it was headed.

Legendary turtles

Long before the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles, chelonians the world over captured our imagination. Aesop's tortoise outraced the hare. Myths from India, China as well as from the Iroquois refer to the World Turtle supporting the world, and for ancient Chinese the Black Turtle was one of the "Four Fabulous Animals" along with the Azure Dragon, the Vermilion Bird and the White Tiger. African fairy tales depicted the tortoise as the cleverest animal, and ancient Egyptian amulets represented turtles as a life-defending entity. Indigenous Americans called North America "Turtle Island."

Wisdom has been associated with throughout mythology. chelonians Therefore, it is no surprise Michaelangelo, one of the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles, taught us, "Forgiveness is divine, but never pay full price for late pizza."







LLCP tax up for renewal in June 13 election

Over the last four years, a 1/8 cent sales tax has provided ongoing major capital improvements at Lake Leatherwood City Park. The tax collected represents 12.5 cents on every \$100 spent. Nearly half a million dollars have been collected for Leatherwood City Park capital improvements, which also leveraged project matching funds from the Arkansas Game & Fish Commission and the Arkansas State Parks Commission for nearly \$175,000.

This funding allowed the road to

be paved (with a matching grant from the AG&F), campgrounds upgraded, Wi-fi installed, acquisition of canoes and kayaks, marina improvements, and progress toward the conversion of existing facilities to upgraded ADA stan-

The funding allowed the Parks and Recreation Commission (with matching fund from the Arkansas State Parks Commission) to build a new state-ofthe-art playground at Leatherwood Park and purchase dozens of new picnic tables. Cabins have been stabilized, new windows installed, and split-level HVAC units that allow for winter rental of cabins starting next year. Improved parking and buried utility lines add to safety and environmental stabilization.

The iconic WPA-built Leatherwood Dam is in need of major repairs, sewer infrastructure needs to be modernized, and the lake and creek need to be dredged to make Lake Leatherwood a perfect place to swim. Control of invasive species and improving flood management are also part of the Master Plan.

The Leatherwood Improvement tax is up for renewal on Tuesday, June 13. The Parks and Recreation Commission receives no funding from the City budget.

Registered Eureka Springs voters can early vote at the downtown courthouse Tuesday, June 6 through Monday, June 12, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., or on Tuesday, June 13, at St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church on Passion Play Rd. from 7:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.

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target. I had a low-grade fever, headache, lower back pain. Lee said when she had, it was like a bad menstrual cycle."

The Jeans were treated with a strong antibiotic and developed no further problems associated with the infection.

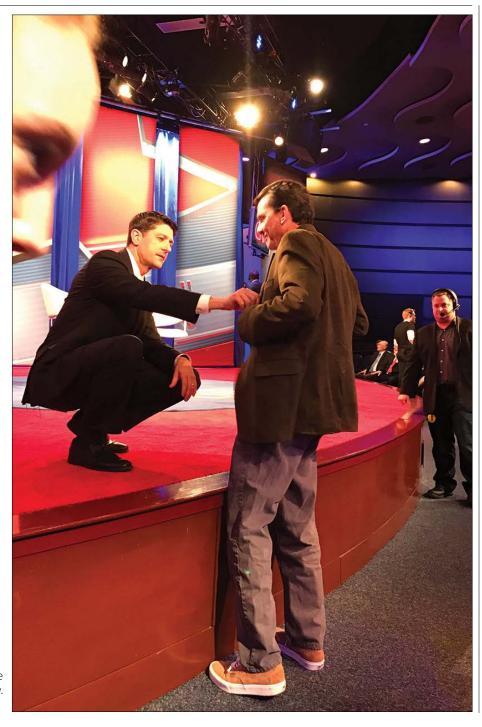
The ADH and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have denied for decades that Lyme disease exists in Arkansas. But Jeans said people in Eureka Springs have known that Lyme is here.

"They need to improve the coordination between the doctors and the health department on reporting cases of Lyme disease and other diseases," said Jeans. "That is pretty obvious. There needs to be a better standardized procedure for reporting Lyme and other tick diseases, and doctors don't need to fear losing their medical license if they report it."

A former candidate for mayor in Eureka Springs. Jeans was on CNN recently defending the Affordable Care Act to Rep. Paul Ryan, especially for people like him who are cancer survivors. Jeans is unlikely to be able to get healthcare coverage if Republicans are successful in overturning the ACA requirement that insurance companies provide coverage to those with pre-existing conditions.

"They need to stop the threat of taking away people's healthcare when they are afflicted by serious life-threatening conditions," Jeans said. "It is frightening when you have something like Lyme disease or are a cancer survivor, and you turn on the TV and they are talking about taking away your healthcare."

> Jeff Jeans (r.) with Speaker of the House Paul Ryan at a town hall in January.





Mastering nature here at home

When: Tuesday, June 13 1-3 p.m. Where: Eureka Springs Carnegie Public Library, 194 Spring St., Community Meeting Room

What: The Northwest Arkansas Master Naturalists will hold meeting next Tuesday acknowledging individuals in the area who have become Certified Master Naturalists through the Master Naturalists' extensive training program. The meeting, led by Katherine Becker, will explore setting up a satellite group of ESMN to provide activities, education, training programs and volunteer opportunities.

Everyone is invited.

For more information contact Steven Foster sfoster@stevenfoster. com or (479) 981-2136.

Friday, June 9, is the full moon and the 3rd Spring Solar Festival of 2017. This Gemini Solar Festival has many names – Festival of Humanity, Festival of Goodwill, of Unification & of Humanity and World Invocation Day. The new and full moon days are esoteric (spiritual) holy days. At present the world's many religions have different holy days.

However, "In the future world, humanity everywhere will keep the same holy days. This will unite spiritual efforts and resources and voice a united spiritual Invocation. Each year humanity will participate together in three great Festivals – the

Festival of Easter (Aries), of Wesak (Taurus) and the Festival of Goodwill (Gemini)."

The Festival of Goodwill calls to the Spirit of Humanity everywhere to have Right Relations with all the kingdoms (mineral, plant, animal, human, spirit). The Gemini Festival acknowledges the Divine nature and inherent intelligence of humanity, stating that "all minds are created equal."

The blessings of Wesak (Taurus) are distributed to humanity on this day through the Light of Gemini. A great tide of Love flows around and into the Earth. This light brings forth Goodwill, Right conditions

and harmony, unifying Heaven and Earth. A synthesis occurs between whatever is opposed and/or separated. Everything becomes One again. Goodwill is the keynote, the "touchstone that can transform the world." Intentions for Goodwill create Right Human Relations which creates Peace in our world... it is the only Way.

All around the world on this day, people are reciting the Great Invocation, the Great Mantram of Direction for Humanity. Here is Eleanor Roosevelt reciting the Great Invocation at the Gemini Festival, World Invocation Day, June 1952. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dt61ZSduoR4

ARIES: Identifying as creative generates a sense of goodwill. Creativity calls you to initiate new endeavors that respond to all the changes coming your way in terms of work, relationships and how you're recognized. Everything is not what we think it is. Observe the world with poise. Tend to health with a focus on proper digestion (probiotics, enzymes, green foods, etc.) and raised vitality.

TAURUS: Home sustains your relationship. There's much to be done at home. What is the larger picture concerning your life, geography, relationships, partnerships? Careful working in the hot sun. You may not be absorbing enough water. Maintain adequate electrolytes each day. Something challenges you, calling you to consider other realities. Perhaps it's your health. Read the Medical Medium's books.

GEMINI: Mercury, your planetary messenger, is in Taurus, calling for illuminating communications with others. A line of light beams from Sirius streams directly into your heart, unifying polarities, calling you to love (Ray 2) more. Then the twelve petals of your heart open and new revelations come forth. Study Venus, land, soil, gardens, greenhouses, communities and

neighborhoods.

CANCER: Communication may feel hidden away behind veils. You may have a sore throat. You may feel frustration. Those around you may be acting out those feelings for you. There's a situation

with money. Whatever you give opens a gate to receiving. Always what we give is returned tenfold – a cosmic law. Is there a wound or hurt occurring? Are your feet painful? Do you feel limited in some way? This will pass.

LEO: After too much time with groups you will seek to retreat.
Sitting amidst your Sun are remembrances and emotions from

the past calling you to a state of healing and liberating forgiveness. Gratitude follows forgiveness. It's important to value every person, event and occurrence in our lives. When we do so, a vital life force flows forth and all restrictions and obstructions disappear.

VIRGO: Enter into any new endeavors slowly; resting along the way so your

physical body, emotions and mind can get used to new rhythms and realities. You are in a state of change and reorientation. New values and resources emerge from deep contemplation and considerations. A new

18-month cycle is beginning. Are you considering a restructuring of

your home environments?

LIBRA: You move from being in the world and serving there to the needed comforts of home, attempting adequate time for both. Deep emotions (Pluto) call you home while a sense of wanderlust calls you to travel. Both are of comfort. Daily life seems

veiled, yet happy, with realities ever-shifting. At times, you're called in four different directions. Only the Angels of the Four Directions are consistent. Ask them to accompany you.

SCORPIO: Try to be charitable when communicating about other people's lives, choices and resources. Maintain ethics and kindness within the many variations of reality. Your values have shifted. This is good. Home becomes a place where you seek comfort from the past. A wound seems to come out of nowhere. A return to spiritual resources would help. A return to prayer, to Mass, to church are needed in times of reorientation.

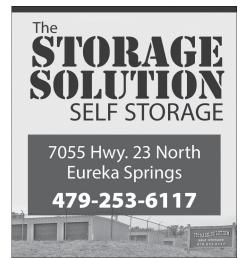
SAGITTARIUS: It is good to focus on the value and quality of all your life experiences. You want to have comfort and ease with money and resources. Questions appear concerning what you most value. Create a list of values – personal, political, work, education, profession, people. What is of value in terms of relationships and communication? And why? Your "other" self is in need of being discovered.

CAPRICORN: An illumination, a fruition, a completion and then a new beginning occurs at the full moon. Do you (like Libra) feel stretched upon a cross, called in four directions? It feels very difficult. Acknowledge all four realities. Place an angel at each of the four directions. Stand at the center of the cross and willingly, intelligently and lovingly work from there. The angels speak these words: purity, dedication, love and service. They are potencies (powers) to work with. Just for you.

AQUARIUS: Careful with money. Keep track of it. Neptune's afoot. Be extra careful with communication. Use words to help and praise others. Kind words nurture you. Careful driving. Stay focused. Each day seems filled with responsibilities, tasks and errands in order to create comfort and nurturance. Attempt to be less strict and more conciliatory. People will listen more to you with depth and concern when you are kind(er).

PISCES: You sense a new level of work will appear soon, a transition into a greater world. It awakens new states of self-identity and the ability to work with and serve others in greater capacities. The world seeks education and nurturing. You have the qualities needed. However, you feel a great tension and unease of not being in the right place. Yet you must continue forward. Something changes soon. Bravely, mindfully carry on.

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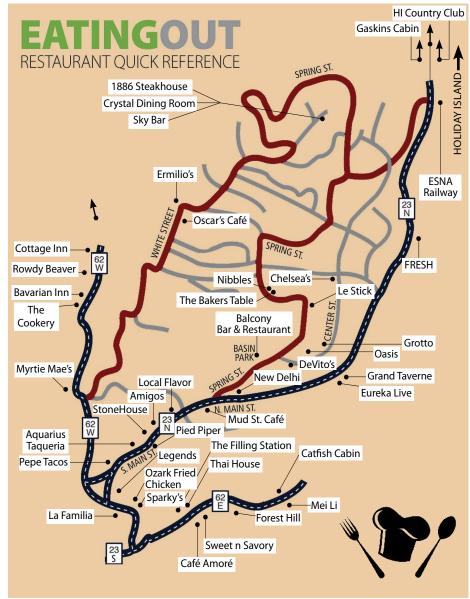












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Arkansas Department of Health have let down people in Arkansas horribly by refusing to admit there is Lyme here until earlier this year.

"I believe there is a coverup going on because they didn't want to hurt tourism in Arkansas," Wingrove said. "And there is a lot of information out there about the government using it in biological weapons experiments. I believe that may be why information about Lyme disease has been suppressed in the U.S., period. And I think Arkansas is probably afraid to deal with it because of the masses of people who have it and the great financial burden it would be to test and treat them."

Lack of proper treatment cost Wingrove dearly.

"I lost my homestead," she said. "My husband walked out on me after a year and half of disability. He

couldn't handle the stress. We were financially destroyed. Every day I was in crisis having emergency seizures and excruciating pain. I couldn't be involved in my two younger children's schooling."

She still has good and bad days after seven years of treating Lyme. But she has also made time to help other people with Lyme disease, including her friend Jeannie Feltmann.

"She was already doing a lot of good things like detoxing, but I recommended the Rife machine," Wingrove said. "Within six months, the improvement Jeannie was incredible. She was here the other day, and we are reveling that we are doing better. People in town started seeing me getting better. I have other friends in town who have Lyme. They are also making progress. I try to help anyone who has this."

Wingrove can be reached at (479) 244-5557.

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can get toxins that harm the liver," Feltmann said. "If you don't detox, you will be very unhappy. Detox is like the worst hangover. I drink a gallon of water spread through the day."

She is grateful that while not fully recovered, she is not a sick as she used to be.

"It is five years since Leeanne helped me start to get well," said Feltmann, who lives off grid near Eureka Springs. "I thought I would be dead in that amount of time the way it was going. The tremors were so bad I used to not be able to drive. Now I almost never have tremors."

Her advice to others with chronic Lyme disease is to consider the Rife machine, herbal supplements and get on detox right away so you don't have to be permanently disabled.



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NDEPENDENT **News**



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

My wife and I enjoy traveling and love our visits to Eureka Springs. When we travel our relationship feels completely different. Is it my imagination or is hotel sex really better than sex at home?

Tt's not your imagination. Hotel sex is the hottest! LEureka Springs is one of many top-notch destinations for couples needing to rev up their romance. The art and architecture alone are aesthetically pleasing, even arousing depending upon where you've ventured. The laid-back and friendly ambiance encourages couples to let loose, indulge and play.

The key word is Play. Sex is play. Pair that playfulness with the luxury of a hotel room and the passion ignites. Hotel getaways can inspire partners to Up-the-Sexy, relax and enjoy. Hotel rooms are designed to engage our five senses with sensuality in mind.

I mean, what's not to love? Ambient lighting, the ambrosia of candles, seductive tunes in the background,

luxurious linens adorning a lavishly large bed, designer cocktails, fine dining... is it just me or is it getting hot in here?

If you're not convinced that a hedonistic hotel romp isn't the hottest thing ever, there's actually research to prove it. Scientists found that the novelty of a hotel room increases the transmission of dopamine in the brain, the neurotransmitter responsible for pleasure, excitement and sexual arousal.

Maintaining a boisterous bedroom at home is easily impeded by anxiety, stress and distraction. Bill paying, kids crying, family photos abounding, dogs barking, neighbors mowing are just a few of the daily culprits.

If your sex-life is languishing, a hotel overnight might be just the fix. Keep in mind you're packing for play so don't forget the birth control, blindfold, lingerie and favored novelties.

If salacious summer sex is your desire, why not change things up a bit? Throw in some erotic literature, satin restraints, a paddle, some sexy panties ouvert (or none at all), even a steamy costume or two.

A hotel stay offers the perfect opportunity for erotic role play. Why not arrive separately? Saunter to the bar, take a seat



beside that tall dark stranger and let the flirtation begin. Your play is limited only by your imagination.

Hotel overnights are one of the most common "assignments" sex therapists recommend for couples. Consider yourself assigned. You're welcome.

Questions? Email leslie@esindependent.com. Leslie Meeker, M.A., L.P.C., is a psychotherapist who has specialized in relational and sex therapy, sexual compulsivity and sexual trauma for the past 17 years, after receiving extensive training in human sexuality at the Masters and Johnson Institute in St. Louis, Mo.

Los Roscoes blues at Farmers' Market Thursdays, Dance! Dance! At Event Eureka Saturday

os Roscoes – the local blues group that's been playing early Tuesday evenings at the Cathouse, and filling it, now play to vegetables and those who love them. They start morning gigs at Eureka Springs Farmers' Market on Kingshighway on Thursdays at 9 a.m. David Blankenship is our own personal BB King, so shop, stomp and be among others who do. Nuttin' betta than honey and blues. Saturday night, at Event Eureka located between Spring and Center Sts. above the Grotto, hosts a birthday dance party with DJ Muffin until the late hours. Put your "Hans" together for an epic evening.

THURSDAY, JUNE 8

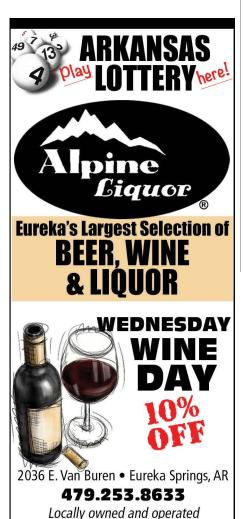
BALCONY RESTAURANT -

Catherine Reed, Singer/Songwriter, 5

CATHOUSE LOUNGE – Jimmy Wayne Garrett, Singer/Songwriter, 6

FARMERS' MARKET - Los Roscoes, Blues, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

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



FRIDAY, JUNE 9

BALCONY RESTAURANT – Steve

Jones, Singer/Songwriter, 12 p.m., Jeff Lee, Folk, 5 p.m.

BREWS - Jessamyn Orchard, Alternative Folk, 7 p.m.

CATHOUSE LOUNGE - Los Roscoes, Blues, 8 p.m.

CHELSEA'S – Sad Daddy, Americana, 9:30 p.m.

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

LEGENDS SALOON - DJ and Karaoke with Stan, 8 p.m.

NEW DELHI – Blind Driver, Americana, 6 p.m.

ROWDY BEAVER - 2 Dog 2 Karaoke,

ROWDY BEAVER DEN - Tightrope, Rock, 9 p.m.

SATURDAY, JUNE 10

BALCONY RESTAURANT – Steve

Jones, Singer/Songwriter, 12 p.m., Michael Dimitri, Singer/Songwriter, 6

BREWS - Dan Lovoie, Singer/ Songwriter, 7 p.m.

CATHOUSE LOUNGE - Frisco Cemetery, Rock, 8 p.m.

CHELSEA'S - Buddy Shute and the



Los Roscoes play Tuesday evenings at Cathouse Lounge and Thursday mornings at Eureka Springs Farmers' Market.

Motivators, Blues, 9:30 p.m. **EVENT EUREKA – Dance! Dance!** With DJ Muffin, 9 p.m.

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

LEGENDS SALOON - Hedley Lamar, Rock Ridge, 9 p.m.

LE STICK - Pete Maiella, Singer/ Songwriter, 7 - 9 p.m.

NEW DELHI - Vibe Tribe, Rock, 6 -10 p.m.

ROWDY BEAVER - Double Clutch, Rock, 7 p.m.

ROWDY BEAVER DEN - Tightrope,

Rock, 1 –5 p.m., 9 p.m.

SUNDAY, JUNE 11

BALCONY RESTAURANT -

Catherine Reed, Singer/Songwriter, 12 and 5 p.m.

BREWS - Trivia Night, 7 p.m. NEW DELHI – Melissa Carper and Friends, Americana, 12 p.m.

ROWDY BEAVER DEN - Dorrian Cross, Rock, 9 p.m.

MONDAY, JUNE 12

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

TUESDAY, JUNE 13

CATHOUSE LOUNGE - Los Roscoes, vBlues, 5 p.m.

CHELSEA'S - Open Mic, 9 p.m. **ROWDY BEAVER DEN – Shawbee** Karaoke, 9 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14

BREWS – Anita Jay, Singer/Songwriter,

CATHOUSE LOUNGE - Jimmy Wayne Garrett, Singer/Songwriter, 6 p.m. **ROWDY BEAVER DEN - Karaoke** with Stan, 8 p.m.



DROPPINGA Line by Robert Johnson



Tere's local angler and dog groomer Here's local angler and dog ground Susie Wilson with her brother, Tim Smith, holding a nice striper from Beaver Lake she caught Saturday morning on a 6-in. gizzard shad down about 20 feet near Point 5.

Stripers are still being caught on top water lures and bait early morning and late evening. Then after the sun gets high, it is best to add weight to get below that 20 ft. mark, and switch that top water lure over to a jig or spoon, or go to trolling deep diving crankbaits.

Looks like the mud is gone on both lakes now with the bass, perch and crappie all up close to the trees. Thing is, we've got water around trees everywhere so we're still doing our light tackle Table Rock trips out of Lake Leatherwood.

Well, that's all I've got for this week. Weather looks good without much rain in the forecast this weekend, so get out and enjoy our beautiful Ozarks waters and take a kid fishing.

Johnson Guide Service WWW. fishofexcellence.com (479) 253-2258

Silent meditation, reading and discussion

The Eureka Springs Buddhist Study Group will gather for 30 minutes of meditation followed by reading and discussion on Thursday, June 8 at 4 p.m. at Heart of Many Ways, 68 Mountain. All are welcome.

Herbs to help life

and Apothecary will be holding *Plant* for all your life cycles on Saturday, June Allies for Women's Cycles presented by

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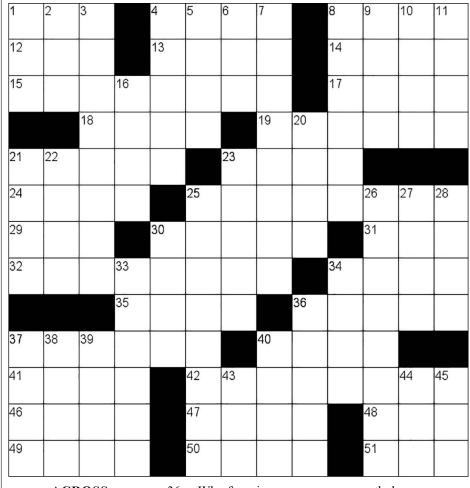
Bible Study begins at HICC

a.m. every Friday in the lower level of are welcome to join.

Frank Wicks will begin a new the Fellowship Hall at Holiday Island Bible Study on June 9 on the book of Community Church, 188 Stateline Jeremiah. The study will begin at 10 Drive and run an hour each week. All

INDEPENDENT Crossword

by Mike Boian with extensive help from his wife, Ann



ACROSS

- Think outside the
- Water conveyor
- Circular course or

motion

- 12. Tropical American cuckoo
- 13. Capital of Yemen
- Mideast potentate
- 15. Inhabitants
- Contact points for a kiss
- 18. Notable December date, for short 19. Voice with a sore
- throat 21. Relating to bees
- 23. Parched
- Line formed by 24. abutting edges
- 25. Ceylon, today
- Electrically charged atom
- 30. Golf events
- Slippery fish 31.
- Shape with corners 32.
- President between Tyler and Taylor
- 35. Wear out

- 36. Wharf or pier
- Universe
- 40. Truck weight without cargo
- Understand
- Connoisseurs
- Delays a hockey game
- Old Italian moolah
- High anger
- Period of penitence
- Holler
- Cheshire or alley

DOWN

- Old food gone
- 2. Single
- Chinese city in Henan province
- Cantor of a synagogue (var.)
- Long poems
- 100th part of a yen
- Cherish as sacred
- Endangered
- Ethiopian baboon
- Earliest being in Scandinavian

mythology

Tears

Gaelic 11.

10.

- Officiating priest of a mosque
- Type of paintings
- Largest continent
- Unskilled laborer
- Sharp mountain ridge
- In small numbers
- Modern; recent
- Salmon baby
- Heavy drinker, slang
- Hodgepodge;
- mixture 33. Very best
- Site of Machu Picchu
- Primitive shelter in **SW** United States
- Gather into loops 37.
- Some time in the past
- British light submachine gun
- Rotate
- Strawberry rhubarb is one
- Special period in history
- Matching pair

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Another research opportunity is using a plant identification app available for smartphones. The app called myGardenAnswers allows the curious researcher to take a photo of the suspect plant and compares it to the thousands of photos in its library. How clever and modern! The comparisons it offered included Irish potatoes, pigeon berries, spinach, echinacea, deutziam, wild yams and pigweed... not even close.

It did suggest the mint family, however, and this newcomer is very similar in appearance to mints. The leaves have a mildly sweet herby fragrance, like if chervil mixed with key limes and fennel. The midrib in purplish-red at least halfway through the middle of each leaf, and the blade (leafy part) is rippled with smaller veins between the primary veins.

Though the plants are distributed throughout the hillside, one garden bed seems to be the ground zero origination point where a parent might have been. One year ago in that bed another newcomer appeared and, being different and unknown, seemed like it should stay and reveal itself. It also smelled herby like oregano but had long, skinny leaves, or as the scientist has learned – simple entire linear leaves with winged petioles and smooth margins. It did have a wonderfully exotic flower, and noted plant expert, author, and Eureka Springs boy, Steven Foster identified it as Monarda punctata, or spotted beebalm. Also growing in the vicinity are patches of M. russeliana. An inquisitive scientist might wonder if the newcomer might be another monarda.

Foster's Herbal Renaissance tells us there are 12 monarda species in North America, but the description of M. didyma makes it the leading candidate to be the hearty newcomer. The good news would be it has brilliant, exotic flowers in shades of red. The flip side is it's a clumpforming perennial that colonizes an area in the wild by sending root runners all about, a less attractive feature for specimens in a home garden. Hummingbirds like the pretty red flowers and the leaves make a good tea, but the colonizing habit sounds troublesome, flowers will not show until mid-summer, and our specimen might be something else anyway.

So far, a search through the online literature has surpassed cursory and approaches diligent, but has yet to name the newcomer for sure. Much has been learned about plant structure, names of parts and the incredible variety of leaf shapes, but without a flower, the result of the search is the same – ask Steven Foster.

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