



‘Old country boys’ defy state on fluoridation *Doing what the label says: ‘Do Not Swallow’*

BECKY GILLETTE

A hearing planned before the Arkansas Department of Health (ADH) in Little Rock Tuesday, June 2, to consider punitive action against the Madison County Regional Water District for failure to fluoridate its drinking water was postponed Monday afternoon.

All water districts with more than 5,000 customers in the state are required by state law to add fluoride to the water. A bill to remove that mandate passed the Arkansas House by a large margin this past session, but it failed to get out of a Senate committee chaired by fluoride proponent Sen. Cecile Bledsoe, whose son, Dr. Greg Bledsoe, is Arkansas Surgeon General.

The ADH said the hearing was postponed at the request of the Madison County Regional Water Board. Charles Whorton, president of that board, said

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This Week's INDEPENDENT Thinker

Obituaries are to notify the state of a person's death, and a story about that person's life.

But in Ghana, coffins tell the story. Eric Adjete Anang and his apprentices craft coffins to reflect the life, with all its triumphs and warts, of someone who died.

They make coffins shaped like pens (writers), soccer shoes (footballers), guitars, boats – whatever friends or family find happy and appropriate. Anang got his start by creating a fantasy airplane coffin for his grandmother who always wanted to fly, but never did. He wanted her to fly comfortably to her next life.

The works of art do wind up buried, but death takes on an artistic, celebratory feel when someone acknowledges the deceased with a special remembrance of who they were.



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Life imitates art imitates life – As painted water gushed down the Up Project Cash and Boardman Mural steps during the ribbon cutting on May 29, real water began to gush from the sky; but that didn't stop the big crowd of celebrants present for the ceremony from taking the first official trek down the stairs. At bottom, from left, are Steve Yip Vorbeck, Dick Titus, Zeek Taylor, Sandy Royce Martin and Damon Henke.

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CAPC

compliance strategy challenged

NICKY BOYETTE

At the May 27 workshop of the City Advertising and Promotion Commission, Joyce Roberts told commissioners she wanted to follow up on her request for accommodations for hearing-impaired individuals attending events at the Auditorium. She said she needed to know what the CAPC intended to do because she was under a time constraint for filing a complaint with the Justice Department.

Executive Director Mike Maloney told her they had researched what was required by the Americans with Disabilities Act and what equipment would bring them into compliance. He told her the CAPC had purchased 40 ADA-compliant top-of-the-line hearing-assistance devices and intends to mount a plaque in the lobby announcing availability of the equipment.

Maloney added they also spoke with Mayor Butch Berry to see about arranging for seating for those in wheelchairs.

He said the hearing-assistance devices would arrive during the week of June 1.

Roberts asked Maloney if he could get his money back. She asserted what he ordered was not top-of-the-line, and he should comply with what the deaf community wants.

Commissioner Damon Henke pointed out the equipment they ordered meets federal standards, but Roberts insisted it would not work with her disability. She stated those who are profoundly deaf would not benefit from these devices. She chided the commission for going to the industry for guidance rather than the deaf community.

Commissioner Robert Schmid replied the commission has not gotten requests like this one, and they want to get it right plus they are following federal law.

Maloney commented, "We made a conscientious effort to comply. We'll install these devices; if these don't work, we'll go to Plan B."

Roberts also mentioned people who cannot hear at all are not being served. They would need iPad-type devices with captioning so they can know what is being said or sung.

Technical Director Ron Sumner said they intend to comply with the latest ADA guidelines, and if guidelines state the commission needs to buy iPads, then they will consider it.

Schmid pointed out the commission already bought more equipment than he figures they will ever need, and Henke reiterated the CAPC indeed got what it needed to be compliant.

"You're not working with me," Roberts responded. "I'll file a complaint with the Justice Department and we'll let them decide."

Commissioner Ken Ketelsen was next in line to point out the commission was meeting the federal standard, and the commission would do more if it needed to.

Roberts said she went to a show there recently and sat in Row 3. She

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Planning delves into construction runoff

NICKY BOYETTE

Commissioner Pat Lujan commented at the May 26 Planning Commission meeting that residential construction reviews might not be in their purview, but commissioners can at least identify issues which they see are not being addressed.

Lujan pointed out that runoff onto nearby properties is being created by construction. Commissioner Steve Beacham said he saw a situation recently in which runoff continued not only onto the adjacent property but all the way down the hillside onto Main Street. His question was what could Planning do about it.

Lujan suggested they compile a list of concerns not being addressed presently in the city's residential

construction protocol and present it to council.

Commissioner Ed Leswig liked the idea of a list of what is missing in the construction review process, but stated Planning should go over the list with Building Inspector Bobby Ray first. "We should get his flavor, add it to the list, before we recommend action," Leswig commented.

Commissioner Melissa Greene remarked that excavation could cause more problems than construction. Leswig asked if the city has a grading permit, and Lujan said there is one but it is rarely issued, and they should add it to their list of concerns.

Leswig added the current checklist does not require a site survey before construction, which

Beacham claimed would solve many problems for property owners in town.

Lujan suggested commissioners look over the current residential construction protocol and bring suggestions for improving it to the next meeting.

Chair James Morris suggested they have a workshop and invite Ray, an alderman, and maybe someone from Public Works. The commission settled on having a workshop at 5 p.m. before the June 23 meeting.

Public hearing

Morris announced there would be a public hearing at 6 p.m., June 23, regarding rezoning 4 Armstrong from R-1 to C-1.

Next meeting will be Tuesday June 9, at 6 p.m.

Sunday at EUUF

All are welcome at the Eureka Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 17 Elk St., Sundays at 11 a.m. for a program followed by refreshments. On June 7 Chuck and Pattie Garrett, co-ministers of A Cup of Love, Feeding the Hungry, will speak on Hunger in Our Community. They serve free lunch in Eureka twice weekly and in two other communities each week.

Chuck will discuss the faces and challenges of food uncertainty. Please contribute by bringing disposable bowls, cups, napkins, utensils for the ministry.

It's also Salad Sunday – there'll be salads, bread, sweets, juice, wine and tea, along with great conversation. Bring something to share if you can! A bargain at \$4/adult, \$2/children, \$10 max/family. Childcare provided. Extra parking at Ermilio's Restaurant, 26 White Street.

Oh, deer! – Three volunteer firefighters from ESFD and a county deputy responded to a wreck on Rock House Road Saturday, May 30.

A truck hauling a trailer swerved to avoid a deer and rolled over down the steep ravine at Cedar Hill. The driver, Caleb Bomar of Eureka Springs, was unhurt and able to climb back to the road. The truck and trailer were both extensively damaged. If deer would only use crosswalks!

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Graze on delicious hors d'oeuvres created by talented chef/restaurateur, Linda Hager, in a garden party setting from 4 - 6 p.m. Wash it all down with special \$5 cocktails and feel good about getting your drink on, as every penny is "going to the dogs." Non-alcoholic drinks will also be available.

Munch and mingle while you gain awareness of

the many ways Good Shepherd serves the homeless and abandoned animals of Carroll County, including the low-cost spay/neuter clinic, the planned incorporation of the Berryville and Eureka Springs facilities on the Eureka Springs site ... and just what it takes to pull all of that off.

There will be mini-adoption onsite with adoption fees dropped to \$5 for the event. This includes shots and spay/neuter.

Your old buddies and perhaps your new BFF will be waiting for you at the Cottage Inn, 450 W. Van Buren (US 62W). The restaurant will remain open for dinner until 9 after the benefit for folks who want to stay and enjoy a great meal.

Berryville Library offers extended summer service hours

The Berryville Public Library has extended its hours of operation during the peak *Summer Reading* season. The season, which runs from June 1 - July 31, features numerous weekly programs and events for all ages.

During the two month period the library's hours of operation will be Monday - Thursday: 9 a.m. - 8 p.m., Friday: 9 a.m. - 6 p.m., Saturday: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Sunday: 1 - 5 p.m. The change in hours is effective immediately.

Salsa night at Aquarius Taqueria

Melonlight Dance Studio will be presenting salsa night at Aquarius on the first and third Thursday from June - Sept. You will learn the basics of salsa dancing, no partner or experience needed.

Beginner's classes are at 7:30 p.m. and there are \$5 drink specials. Swing class time has been changed to Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. at Melonlight.

Don't forget Trails Day June 6

Eureka Springs' Trails Committee is participating in American Hiking Society National Trails Day® with a daylong Eureka Springs trails event. At 9 a.m. June 6 there will be a guided hike at Black Bass Lake. Members of the Trails Committee will meet hikers at the foot of the dam. Be sure to wear sturdy shoes and bring water and bug spray.

At noon there will be a Ribbon Cutting/Trail Dedication at the new Spring Garden Trail across from Harmon Park. Park down near the Bark Park and follow balloons to the trailhead. Arvest Bank will provide lunch. Cyclists can enjoy a guided Mountain Bike Ride at Lake Leatherwood City Park at 3 p.m. Meet members of the Trails Committee at the Marina.

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

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Hammerschmidt honored at Buffalo

As bad weather threatened, a crowd of close to 100 people gathered along the Buffalo River on May 24 at the Ozark Campground pavilion to celebrate the accomplishments of late Congressman John Paul Hammerschmidt.

Hammerschmidt reached across the aisle to work with Democrats to fend off plans by the Corps of Engineers to dam the Buffalo River in two places. He then went on to establish the river as the country's first National River more than 40 years ago.

John Arthur Hammerschmidt was asked to say a few words about his father, and related that his dad would have been humbled by the event. He said that the area had special significance because, as a boy, his father and a cousin spent days at a time floating, fishing and camping between Ozark and Pruitt, often sleeping underneath the bridge.

He also quoted from a television broadcast during which his father was asked what advice he had for anyone thinking about a career in politics. "My dad said, 'You must have a heart for serving others. The only reason to go into politics is to serve the public to the best of your ability.' That was what my father's career was all about," Hammerschmidt said.

Following the informal service, which included original music by the duo Mockingbird, the Arkansas Canoe Club made several rafts available for those without boats who wished to participate in a tribute float from Ozark to Pruitt.

The memorial and tribute float were sponsored by a consortium of organizations including the Buffalo River Watershed Alliance, The National Parks Conservation Association, The Ozark Society, the Arkansas Canoe Club and the Ozark River Stewards; all of which thank those who came out to join them in spite of the threatening weather.

John Arthur Hammerschmidt, son of late Congressman John Paul Hammerschmidt addresses a group at the Buffalo River.

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Kids ages 10 – 18 can sign up for the Young Adult Summer Reading and Activity Program at the Eureka Springs Carnegie Library. This program will help kids escape the ordinary with special events such as a library lock-in and a chance for one lucky person to win \$100. More information is available at the library.

Join Saturday, June 6, from 3:30 – 5:30 p.m. where you will play *Real Life*, a customized version of the board game LIFE. Players will face many real life challenges as well as make their way through some rather unusual predicaments. Strap on your boots and pull out your bobby pins kids, because this isn't life, it's real life!

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Eureka Springs Preservation Society Awards – Ronnie Fanning of the Historic District Commission presents an award for outstanding stewardship of a historic commercial property to train conductor Travis Walls, right, who accepted on behalf of the Dortch family, owners of the Eureka Springs North Arkansas Railway.

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One is never enough – Eleanor Lux accepts the Historic District Commission award for "Outstanding Stewardship of Many Historic Properties" (at five addresses).

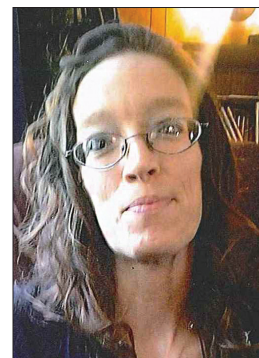


Blending in – Doug Breitling accepts the ESPS award for "New Construction That Blends with Historic Eureka Springs" for his owner's quarters at 58 Hillside.

DEPARTURE

Lashawna Ferrah York Jan. 23, 1977 – May 30, 2015

Lashawna Ferrah York of Berryville, Ark., was born Jan. 23, 1977 in LaGrange, Ga., a daughter of Jerome and Tina Cliff. She departed this life Saturday, May 30, 2015 in Berryville, at age 38.



Shawna was a member of Rock Springs Baptist Church. She was tender hearted, loving, caring, and always willing to help and lend a helping hand to those in need. She also loved animals.

On June 28, 1996, Shawna was united in marriage with Christopher York who survives her of the home. She is also survived by three daughters, Lilac Todd, Destiny York, and

Mercedes York all of Berryville, Ark.; one son, David Jerome York of Berryville; mother-in-law, Bertha York of Berryville; parents, Jerome and Tina Cliff of Georgia; grandmother, Nancy McMillan of Berryville; one sister, Teddy Combs of W. Va.; several other family members and friends.

Shawna was preceded in death by her father-in-law, David York.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, June 13, at Rock Springs Baptist Church with Rev. Acra Turner officiating. Cremation arrangements are under the direction of Nelson Funeral Service. Memorial donations may be made to the family to help with funeral expenses, c/o Chris York, 2806 CR 505, Berryville, Arkansas 72616. Online condolences may be sent to the family at nelsonfuneral.com. © Nelson Funeral Service, Inc. 2015

Old and beautiful

The Eureka Springs Historical Museum hosted an Open House featuring *Louis Freund and the Centennial Mural*, drawing a good crowd of preservationists, historians and the curious on May 28. The group also dedicated the recently rejuvenated Calif Spring Park, a joint project of the Eureka Springs Preservation Society and Eureka Springs Parks and Recreation Commission.

Guests also celebrated Freund's *Centennial Mural* and its most recent restoration funded by an Arkansas Heritage Month Grant from the Arkansas Dept. of Heritage to the Eureka Springs Preservation Society, who provided grant-matching funds.

Active historian/preservationist John Cross spoke of the 1979 *Eureka Springs*

Centennial, a turning point in recent Eureka Springs' history, and Cornerstone Bank presented a *Restoration Excellence Award* to the Preservation Society for spearheading the Centennial Mural Restoration.

ESPS presented Preservation Awards for Projects Completed in 2014, including: *Outstanding Restoration of a Residence*: Greg & Kathy Hughes, 212 Spring Street and Thomas & Judy Thorpe, 15 Kings Highway.

Outstanding Renovation of a Business, Bill King and John Rankine, 2 Pine Street. *Outstanding Preservation Craftsmanship*, Travis Holloway, Holloway Construction, Inc.

New Construction That Blends With Historic Eureka Springs: Douglas &

Beverly Breitling, 58 Hillside Avenue; Charles & Karen Plebanek, 34 Pine; and Carol Ryan, 36 Pine.

The Historic District Commission presented *Stewardship Awards* to honor those who have maintained and improved historic properties for many years. Honorees are: *Outstanding Stewardship of a Historic Residence*: Ernst & Constance Schrader, 8 Elk

Outstanding Stewardship of a Historic Commercial Property: The Dortch Family, Eureka Springs North Arkansas Railway, 299 N. Main

Outstanding Stewardship of a Historic Sacred Space: Eureka Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, Elk Street Church, 17 Elk

Outstanding Stewardship of Many Historic Properties: Eleanor Lux & Bob Wilson; 17 White, 18 White, 29 White, 33 Elk and 164 W. Van Buren

Outstanding Service to the Eureka Springs Historic District Commission was earlier presented to Richard Grinnell for 10 years on the commission, 2005-2015.



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What's a lawyer worth?

My new boss leaned back in her chair, cocked an eyebrow and squinted. “What should I bill your time at?” she asked. I had a small lump in my throat. I hadn’t thought about what I was worth as a new lawyer. “I was thinking about \$125 an hour,” came my reply. She shook her head. “Nah. Maybe 90 dollars. Not 125.” I had just gotten my first lesson in what my future clients would pay for a baby lawyer and how lawyers set their rates.

Recently, I have found myself asking that old question about what a lawyer’s time is worth. It has taken 25 years to get around to it, but now I have formed some strong opinions, and a better idea, of what a client should know and what they should ask before they agree to pay more than a particular lawyer is worth. But how can you know what a lawyer is worth any more than you can know what your plumber should charge?

Let’s face it, lawyers charge a lot of money for a lot of reasons. When a lawyer sets a fee, he or she is charging you for what it costs to run an office and pay staff, the electric bill and the phone. A lawyer will also tell you he or she charges for experience, the complexity of the case you have, and whether it will require him to go to trial. (Good trial lawyers charge a lot of money, but so do bad ones.)

A lawyer should be willing to take time to discuss your case. If he or she won’t spend time with you or tries to hurry you out of the office, find another lawyer. If it is a “routine” matter, he should tell you that. If it is a difficult case, he should know that, too.

When you pay a lawyer to do a “routine” matter he usually gives the case to his staff, who do much of the paperwork. He signs the papers and makes the phone calls.

You will be charged by the hour or a “flat fee.” Your lawyer may be efficient, charming and hard-working. Your lawyer may return your phone calls and keep you informed, or take your money and leave you in the dark. He may know how to try a case or he may have never stood before a jury or argued a case to a judge. What’s that worth? How can you know?

The answer isn’t simple, but neither is buying a car, hiring a plumber or an electrician. In every case you should ask some questions. Just because someone is a lawyer doesn’t mean they have the experience you need.

If you don’t know the lawyer, ask how long they have been practicing. Ask if they have handled a case like yours and if so, how many. Don’t be afraid to ask for references and always ask how they are going to charge you. Always ask for a contract, called an Attorney-Client Agreement. When you consult with a lawyer, what you tell him is always considered confidential, but you don’t have a lawyer until you pay him and have a contract. And you should know that you can try to negotiate a better price. When you do that you may find that the lawyer is willing to give you different prices depending on how your case is resolved.

Finally, be a wise consumer. Shop around, get a second opinion about your case or a second quote. You could save yourself hundreds of dollars.

Kent Crow

Retreat at Sky Ridge does it again!

TripAdvisor.com awards 2015 Certificate of Excellence to Eureka Springs’ pet friendliest cabin resort

The Retreat at Sky Ridge received its fifth consecutive Certificate of Excellence from TripAdvisor based on the consistent high praise from its members.

“Obviously, we are very pleased with this recognition from TripAdvisor and our valued guests. We bought this business over six years ago and did not even have a listing with the service when we started. We’ve come a long way in a short time,” co-owner Cindy Studer said.

“Having the Sky Ridge Pavilion, the

largest event center in Eureka Springs West, and pet friendly cabins has really helped drive our business. But based on the guest comments we receive, I believe our dedication to excellent guest service has made the difference in our success,’ added co-owner Shannon Magee.

The Retreat at Sky Ridge, Sky Ridge Pavilion and the Turtle Moon community labyrinth are located at 637 County Road 111 near Beaver Lake and the White River. For details, visit www.RetreatAtSkyRidge.com.

TripAdvisor has 70 million members who post over 200 million reviews and opinions annually. The

company began issuing Certificate of Excellence awards five years ago to acknowledge those business owners who receive consistently favorable member ratings in their business category.

The Retreat at Sky Ridge and the Sky Ridge Pavilion in Eureka Springs West are owned and operated by Inn Nature Hospitality Inc., an Arkansas hospitality corporation. The retreat is a designated native bird refuge offering luxury cabin rentals, wedding/reception facilities and a community labyrinth amidst 130+ acres of ponds, creeks, forests and natural springs.



WEEK'S TopTweets

@dailyschmuck: Sometimes I feel like a semicolon. I don’t know where I belong.

@igotsmarts: Imagine a cell phone that’s hard wired to your wall and all you can do is talk on it.
@bradbroadus: My wife and I found each other on a dating website... 3 years after we got married. That was awkward.
@gracehelbig: It’s decided. If I have 3 kids they’re getting named Bed, Bath and Beyonce.

@meganamram: Does this optic nerve make me look?

@davedittell: Cried at the dentist today but at least they think it was because of them.

@cpinck: I have a love/hate relationship with mood swings.

@iamjudy: Do you before read your tweets even sending them?

@the sulk: Just bought a Ken doll. I don’t know what everybody’s talking about, you can’t read books on this thing.

@brendohare: The human body is 70% water and 30% land.

@donni: Ask your doctor if practicing medicine is right for him.

INDEPENDENT Editorial

Blame it on the moon

At some point we're all lunatics. It depends on what pushes our buttons ... and of course, there's the moon, that lunar instigator of all things irrational, pulling on our body's makeup of 50 – 75 percent tidal juices every month, making us a little nuts.

The dictionary definitions, to wit: "insanity; mental disorder; affected with periodic insanity dependent on the changes of the moon; extreme foolishness or an instance of it," don't offer much hope for escape from these periodic lapses of sensible behavior.

Ever wonder aloud why so much bizarre stuff happens in clusters and hear someone say, "Oh yeah, the full moon was that week?" And everyone nods knowingly.

Are we really such mental pushovers? Maybe. According to one of our favorite grazing patches, the Online Etymology Dictionary, the word lunatic or lunacy evolved in the late 13th Century "from Old French *lunatique*, *lunage* (insane), or directly from Late Latin *lunaticus* (moon-struck) from Latin *luna* (moon). Even in stodgy Old English the word *monseoc* (lunatic) literally meant (and sounds like) moon-sick. And of course, the Greeks had a word for it (unpronounceable of course) – *seleniazomai* (be epileptic), again from the word for moon, *selene*.

Surely our beloved U.S. politician, Theodore Roosevelt, had all this knowledge at hand (people learned a lot of worthless stuff not related to technology back in those days) when he apparently coined the phrase "lunatic fringe" around 1913.

Which bring us to us.

During those clear moments when the moon isn't playing with us, some folks around town have begun to wonder how certain things happened ... or didn't happen.

So, here are some candidates for the Top Ten Lunatic Moves list:

Wanting more cars and tourists than we can park or are willing to transport for free.

Banning circuses for the wrong reason when faced with facts contrary to the reason for the banning. And then thinking it's an example to the rest of the nation.

Allowing the Black Robe Regiment's brainwashed teenagers to run all over town trying to convince people about something based on arguments for issues they actually knew nothing about when questioned.

Watching reality TV and then acting like those people.

Being rude to customers and then complaining about not having any business.

Not supporting the county airport.

Not defying state law, and allowing fluoride.

Occasionally running people with creative ideas out of town.

And ... maybe this editorial. After all, the full moon is tonight, so don't blame us; we're moonstruck.

In fact, we're going to look for a copy of *Moonstruck* and stick it in the DVD player just to remind ourselves that moments of lunacy can have a happy ending after all. Like sticking it to the state and passing 2223 even though it totally disrupted life in the Eureka bubble for a while, going out on a limb to build a new school when the road wasn't wide enough for buses, and spending two whole years making a plan for the old school property to benefit the community.

Crazy, no?

~ CDW



The Pursuit Of HAPPINESS

by Dan Krotz

The Disciples of Christ, the smallest denomination among the seven Christian "Mainline Sisters," has been trying to go out of business for as long as anyone can remember. The biggest reason for failing to increase and expand market share, let alone maintain it, has been its willingness to accept any Christian for membership, including Bad Catholics such as myself.

The civil rights movement during the early '60s was especially bad for business. Nearly half of the denomination's churches left because they didn't want to worship with African Americans. Instead, they set up shop as Independent Contractors, but continued to maintain their tax-exempt 501(c)(3) status as non-profit corporations. One of these ICs operates right here in Eureka Springs.

More churches and members left when the denomination's governing body decided that women could serve as church leaders; and the deluge continued as LGBTs were allowed to be not only members in good standing, but church leaders as well. The Disciples' headquarters, located in Indianapolis, made the national news recently when it pulled a planned convention out of Indiana because Gov. Mike Pence signed legislation that patently discriminated against homosexuals.

The Disciples church I attend has about 80 members with 45, give or take a baker's dozen, who show up with any regularity. A few vague and frankly lackadaisical attempts to expand membership have been engaged over the years, but mostly we sit around and drink coffee, help each other out of life's jams, and grow up and old together. It is a family that, like all families, includes an odd duck or two. Quack.

A thousand years ago, I went to summer school at the University of Wisconsin. Outside Bascom Hall there's a plaque that reads, "Whatever may be the limitations which trammel inquiry elsewhere, [...in this place...] we should ever encourage that continual and fearless sifting and winnowing by which alone the truth can be found."

Every time someone worries about declining membership, I join in. But I also think about who we would be as a church, and as a congregation, without such sifting and winnowing... and decide that we're doing just fine.

INDEPENDENT Constables On Patrol

MAY 25

8:01 a.m. – Constable checked on a vendor in a restaurant to see if the permits were in order, and indeed they were. After further checking, the constable discovered there was a code violation and notified the vendor.

10:48 a.m. – Alarm was triggered at a residence near downtown. Constable on patrol found a back door unlocked. He secured the house, then locked the door as he left.

10:55 a.m. – Constable provided traffic control during a medical call at a place of business.

5:48 p.m. – Onlooker reported a male carrying a bag and a guitar had fallen down beside the guardrail on US 62. Constable responded and arrested the individual for public intoxication.

MAY 26

2:52 a.m. – Traffic stop resulted in the arrest of the driver for DWI, refusal to submit and speeding.

6:54 p.m. – Person claimed her purse was stolen out of her car.

8 p.m. – Wife told ESPD she wanted her husband removed from the premises. Constable explained to her what would be required to keep him away.

MAY 27

2:04 a.m. – Resident claimed there was a group of males in the middle of a neighborhood street being loud. They were gone before a constable arrived.

2:53 a.m. – Alarm at a restaurant on US 62 was tripped. Constable went to the scene but found the building secure.

7:32 a.m. – Concerned caller reported a raccoon wandering around on his property

appeared to be sick. Constable looked for but did not encounter the raccoon.

8:53 a.m. – Constable repaired a faulty change machine downtown.

9:02 a.m. – Guest at a tourist lodging claimed money had been taken from her wallet.

10:08 a.m. – Parking meter reportedly did not register all the change inserted by a patron. Constable checked it out and repaired the meter.

4:13 p.m. – Two men were fighting in the north part of town. Constable spoke with the apparent victim who did not want to press charges.

MAY 28

8:27 a.m. – Another downtown parking meter needed repairing.

12:48 p.m. – Constable filed a report regarding harassing communications.

2:05 p.m. – Witness reported a male walking toward the north part of town seemed to be ill. Constable did not encounter the individual.

2:42 p.m. – Uneasy onlooker reported a vehicle had been parked behind a bank for awhile, and the people in it occasionally got out and danced around. Constable went to see for himself, and the people told him they were letting their cat relieve itself while they waited for a friend.

MAY 29

5:08 a.m. – Resident in the western part of town reported someone tried to break into her house.

12:09 p.m. – Worried person asked for a welfare check on a mother at a tourist lodging. The concerned person suspected the daughter of the mother might be stealing pain medication and abusing the mother. Constable spoke with everyone involved and determined things were okay.

12:34 p.m. – Hotel staff reported an attempted break-in that was recorded on surveillance video. Constable responded.

2:54 p.m. – Individual asked to speak with a constable regarding being harassed by people calling in requests for welfare checks. She called back later and said she would handle it herself.

2:58 p.m. – A husband in Texas asked ESPD to check on his wife because she was supposed to be on her way to see

him and he has not been able to make contact with her. Constable checked but did not encounter the wife or her vehicle. The husband called back later to say he had finally made contact with the wife.

3:36 p.m. – There was a fender bender in a parking lot downtown.

4:06 p.m. – Arkansas State Police asked for a welfare check at an address in the western side of town. Constables went there but no one was at home.

6:37 p.m. – Business owner downtown reported items had been taken from in front of his business.

6:58 p.m. – Observer warned of a possibly intoxicated driver headed north on Main Street. Constable waited for the vehicle but did not see it.

11:54 p.m. – Traffic stop resulted in an arrest for public intoxication, possession of drug paraphernalia and on a warrant from CCSO.

MAY 30

3:52 a.m. – Customer allegedly stole beer from a convenience store.

4:46 a.m. – Alarm rang out at a business on US 62, but the constable found the building was secure.

11:21 a.m. – Individual filed a report regarding theft of his medication out of his vehicle.

12:56 p.m. – A mother told ESPD her daughter's vehicle got a flat tire on her way home from work and asked if a constable could assist her. Constable responded but the daughter's vehicle was already gone.

3:14 p.m. – Constable responded to take a report from someone whose dog had been shot.

9:25 p.m. – Person claimed someone had thrown fruit from a downtown balcony onto his vehicle parked below.

MAY 31

1:37 a.m. – Traffic stop resulted in the arrest of the driver for DWI and speeding.

10:53 a.m. – Constable issued a citation for parking in a No Parking zone.

12:11 p.m. – Neighbor complained the music at a nearby establishment was too loud. The constable agreed and asked the proprietor to turn it down.

1:06 p.m. – Innkeeper claimed a tenant stole tools from him. Constable filed a report.

A little help from our friends:

• **Carroll County Domestic Violence Hotline:** 1-844-247-3223 (844-24PEACE) is available 24/7. The Purple Flower Domestic Violence Resource and Support Center of Carroll County is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. on North Springfield St. in Berryville. (479) 981-1676.

• **Grief Share** is a weekly seminar and support group for people who are grieving the death of someone close to them. Group meets in the library of the Holiday Island Community Church from 2 – 4 p.m. each Sunday. Contact Dale or Laura Nichols (479) 253-8925 or email lardellen@gmail.com for more information.

• **24-hour NWA Crisis Line for Women** – NWA Women's Shelter serving Carroll County – "Empowering families to live free of violence." (800) 775-9011 www.nwaws.org

• **Cup of Love free soup lunches** – Fridays from 9:30 a.m. 2 p.m. in front of Wildflower thrift shop (yellow building next to chapel) on US 62E. Cup of Love also provides soup lunches at Flint Street Fellowship Mondays and Wednesdays from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. (479) 363-4529

• **Flint Street Fellowship food pantry, lunch, free clothing** – Pantry open 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays. Free lunch Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Free clothes/shoes closet, books and household items. (479) 253-9491 or 253-4945. Leave donations in barrel at entrance if facility is closed.

• **Wildflower food pantry, furniture bank and clothing** – Wildflower Chapel (US 62E) free food pantry 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. on Fridays. Thrift store and used furniture bank (now in big blue barn only) Wednesday – Saturday 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. and Friday 1 – 6 p.m. Drop off donations Thursday – Saturday 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

• **Celebrate Recovery** – Soul Purpose Ministries, 801 S. Springfield, Green Forest, 6:30 p.m. each Wednesday. Potluck followed by 12-step Christ-centered meetings for those suffering from addiction, habit, hang-up or hurt.

• **No high school diploma?** Free GED classes in the Carnegie Library Annex every Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from 9 a.m. - noon with study and tutoring for the GED test. Open to ages 18 and up. GED classes also in Berryville at Carroll County Center. Some open to ages 16 and 17 per educational requirements. For info: Nancy Wood (479) 981-0482, Carnegie Library (479) 253-8754, Carroll County Center (870) 423-4455). Offered by North Arkansas College with Carnegie Library support.

• **Coffee Break Al-Anon Family Group Women** – Tuesdays, 9:45 a.m., Faith Christian Family Church, Hwy. 23S, (479) 363- 9495.

Meetings at Coffee Pot Club:

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

Fish fry and auction

The First Southern Baptist Church of Holiday Island will be holding a fish fry and auction on Saturday, June 13 from 4 – 7 p.m. Some items up for auction include Tiffany lamps, toys, bedroom suite, craft items and more. For more information call the church at (479) 253-6711.

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



CONSTANCE
WAGNER

The world of Willy May lay all about her, and she moved through it, ponderous and abstracted. She walked between the frames, sheets of glass beneath which green leaves showed, moist and wavering, and beside the mulched borders where the rosebushes were still mounded up. Thin, pyramidal junipers stood propped against the shattering wind. Spruces were wrapped in burlap cloaks to save them from the scorching onslaught of sunlight magnified through ice. She walked slowly past the bulb garden where pendant snowdrops and one blue hyacinth bloomed amongst hundreds of pale, emergent spears: tulips and daffodils, scillas and crocuses, mounting sunward with an infinitely slow movement. If you sat here, day by day, night by night, she thought, surely, after a while, you would see them grow. You would be able to catch with your eye the upward motion, the unfolding of leaves, the violent breaking of buds.

Thought was to her an unfamiliar process. She could recall vaguely a time when she had thought a little. It was a time when her world had been peopled by human beings – not many, but a few; her parents, a smaller brother to be kept from harm, two or three other children close at hand. Now, of these figures

living or dead, she retained only tenuous impressions, in which past and present time were strangely telescoped, and there was no continuity. In the days when she had lived with people, there had been hurting and confusion. It was better here. It was safe – except for Floyd. Of all those outside, only he had still the power to reach across the frontier and strike at her heart. Floyd alone had not receded into the alien landscape of a country not her own. As alive and inescapable as he had ever been, he still invaded her peace. Always the high-school boy, vain in his college-cut suits, his loud ties, his hair oiled sleek to his skull – as she had first seen him, so he remained. Younger than she (a thing he would not let her forget), and tiny beside her largeness. Could he never forgive her for *that*, either? But she had always liked small things, had longed to encompass them. Perhaps that was why, from the first moment that she laid eyes on him, she had known the consuming need to make him hers.

Back there, working in the bank, she was watching always through the grilled window to catch a passing glimpse of him in the square (with other sportily dressed high-school boys, perhaps, wisecracking outside the drugstore or the pool-hall, bouncing with his quick, jaunty step alongside the sidewalk, his

coat lapels gay with “I-should-worry” buttons, or little lanterns that said: “I’m afraid to go home in the dark.” She had watched while he besieged such disparate strongholds as the rigid virginity of Hortense Winchfield, whose father was one of the solidier merchants of the town, and Anna Belle Braithwaite, who was known to be generous with her lush beauty. She had realized that he was a negligible quantity in the town’s evaluation, but that had never mattered. If he came into the bank and tossed her a flippant greeting, she glowed with her secret happiness for the rest of the day. When, at rare intervals, he condescended to take her into the long, dark tunnel at the end of which blurred figures jerked grotesquely on a screen, and there, in a mood of trifling experimentation, to clasp her warm hand in his nervous little claw, or to explore the plenitude of her bosom within its pink camisole – then she would return to the cottage in Beetree Lane and lie prone across her bed, awake and ecstatic through the long night hours, embracing the memory of his touch.

Later, when Floyd’s casual curiosity had led him even further, and when she was indubitably pregnant, she had borne his grudging offer of marriage

as submissively as she bore every other aspect of him. Though such wisdom as she had was never of a worldly sort, even she perceived dimly his motivation: not the “common decency” that might be expected of some men under the circumstances, but a sheer, physical fear of her brother, and behind that, a certain mean yearning toward the prestige of the Perrys, who had already virtually adopted Roger into the clan. So even that knowledge had carried no weight with Willy May. She had known intuitively that she need never expect love from him, but only a demeaning collusion of bodies – known that she might not have had even that, if it had not been for his itch to move in the best circles, to attach himself like a cocklebur to the fringes of power and greatness. There was no pride in her. After her body had yielded up its bitter harvest of dead children, one after another, Floyd became dearer even than before, and possessed her heart as a sevenfold child, the sum of the still-born. She asked only that he be there, close, where her unwanted love could shelter him.

NOTES from the HOLLOW

by Steve Weems

Alex Weems was born a farm boy in the green hills of east Tennessee. During the Civil War, he lied about his age and joined the Union Army at 14 years old. His cavalry unit was embroiled in three years of combat in several different states. Records indicate that Alex’s lifetime of poor health was linked to his time in the army. After the war, he returned to farming and married his sweetheart, Margaret. Times were hard in Tennessee, so the family moved several times, ending up in Salem, Kansas, near the Nebraska border.

The harsh winter weather on the plains was difficult for Alex. The Weems family lived there when the Great Schoolhouse Blizzard of 1888 hit. The storm was especially destructive because

the weather had been mild and many were caught unprepared. It is reported that hundreds became lost in whiteout conditions and froze to death, including many children who had been released from school just as the blizzard hit.

At the age of 42, Alex was declared an invalid by the War Department. Life continued, though, and not for the best. Alex and Margaret’s oldest son James died and was buried at Salem.

More than ready to leave this area of Kansas that had held so much difficulty, Alex got a break. A man by the name of Horton traveling through the area stopped and met Alex Weems and they got to talking. The man had an 80-acre farm on Keels Creek in Carroll County, Arkansas. The Ozarks must



have sounded like the hills of Alex’s childhood. He traded his farm in Kansas for the farm near Eureka Springs, sight unseen.

Alex and Margaret and their eight children travelled to Arkansas and settled into life on Keels Creek. Two more children were added to the crowded household and the older ones attended the Concord School. They later married into local families. Alex sold the farm to France Johnson in 1911 and the family moved to town.

Alex and Margaret are buried in the Eureka Springs Cemetery.

Shadow puppets down at the library

The Eureka Springs Carnegie Public Library will feature Matt Sandbank and his zany shadow puppets to open this year’s Summer Reading Program on Monday, June 8 at 4 p.m. The Wild Goose Chase Theater will entertain and delight with poetry and puppetry.

This program is free and appropriate for all ages. Go to the library to join their summer reading club, set your reading goal and pick up a book bag. The first 80 kids to join will receive a free t-shirt. Go to EurekaLibrary.org to find a detailed calendar of events. For more information call the library at (479) 253-8754 or email info@eurekalibrary.org.



Opera, anyone? – New Opera in the Ozarks Executive Director, Nancy Preis, was on hand at the Chamber Trade Show to meet and greet locals and talk about this year's opera. When you see her, ask about that bassoon reed necklace she's wearing!

PHOTOS BY CD WHITE

Digital frontier – Alex Harber of Harber Digital Solution showed up at the Chamber's mini Trade Show June 1 with items printed on a 3-D printer. Those little red and white pieces in front of him are prototypes of a part Ron Lutz needs for his car. Just one more tweak ...



Big n' little – Mark Wayne Beers, left, and Gordon Weathers discuss their respective shows. Mark says he has the smallest show in town – himself – at the Gaskins Switch Theater, and Gordon represents the largest, Lovin' Every Minute.



Swap meet – Kent Butler of the Great Passion Play and Errol Severe of Silver Wings Field trade stories at the Mini Trade Show.



Loving it – L. Kai Robert's film, EUREKA! the Art of Being, was screened at Crystal Bridges on May 27. Many of the artists featured in the film were on hand for a reception and later shared some big love with L. Kai (at left).

PHOTO BY ANGELA ROBERT



Now open – Mark Wayne Beers performed a free show for Chamber members and the community in his new cabaret-style Gaskins Switch Theater after the Open House and Ribbon Cutting last week.

PHOTO BY CD WHITE



Cookie peddler – Top left, Jane Tucker celebrated the UP Project mural ribbon cutting by passing through the crowd offering a plate of colorful cookies (nicely protected from the rain). C'mon, Damon Henke, have another!

Going down? – Above, a celebratory crowd gathered despite the rain, waiting to descend the steps of the Cash-Boardman Mural after a bit of a soggy ribbon cutting.

Yellow duckies – As the Shaw family ducked under an awning, Dick Titus, left, and Zeek Taylor ducked into their yellow raingear as the showers began at the Up Project mural ribbon cutting May 29.

PHOTOS BY JAY VRECENAK

Paper Mulberry

Park your car under a fruiting mulberry tree at this time of year and you may find yourself, like the birds, paying attention to the fruit. Likely the birds enjoy it more than you do. I have a mulberry (*Morus rubra*)

at the edge of my sidewalk, peppering my car and front steps with the black fruits. I started paying closer attention to mulberry trees and noticed that some of them on Spring Street, especially around the new Paul Daniel Gallery,



had much fuzzier leaves and no fruits. Those trees are not mulberries of the genus *Morus*, they are paper mulberry trees (*Broussonetia papyrifera*), a completely different tree. Male and female flowers are on separate trees and it appears all of the trees in Eureka Springs are male.

Paper mulberry is believed to be of Chinese origin, but is found throughout Asia and South Pacific islands. It was introduced into England by Peter Collinson in 1751 and arrived in the United States in 1784 in the collection of William Hamilton at Woodlands, near Philadelphia. The tree is considered weedy. It is fast-growing from suckers, not particularly attractive and found in every state.

Introduced into Japan from China about 600 A.D., by 800 A.D., Japanese artisans had developed processes to make fine paper from the bark of branches of the first year's growth. This is why the tree is called paper mulberry. Over 300 families in Japan still make fine hand-made papers from the bark of

the tree. Machine-made papers are also available. Washi, traditional Japanese paper, is made from several plants, among them the kozo (the paper mulberry), which is called kozogami. The strong paper is sometimes described as more akin to cloth than paper.

When Europeans first sailed to South Pacific islands, the Polynesian inhabitants were clothed in brilliant white tapa cloth. Tapa cloth is also made from the paper mulberry tree. Sir Everard Home described the process from Tonga in an 1847 issue of *Curtis's Botanical Magazine*. Sheets of the cloth were glued together with starch from the taro plant. He described one sheet that was 120 ft. wide and two miles long! When finished, it was laid out on the ground and a feast of celebration followed.

Eureka artists looking for new materials to work with might want to explore some of our non-native weeds, trees included.



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Monday he hadn't decided yet whether to attend the hearing Tuesday morning before receiving word the hearing was postponed.

"I'm 91 years old, and I don't breathe very good," Whorton said. "It is a four-hour drive to Little Rock, and I didn't want to be convicted because we didn't agree to sign a contract with Delta Dental Foundation (DDF) for fluoridation equipment. We are just a bunch of old country boys up here, and we only have two customers: city and rural water. Both are against putting fluoride in the water. Our county judge and quorum court asked the governor to add overturning the fluoride mandate during the recent special session of the legislature."

Districts that have not made progress to fluoridate face fines of \$500 per week, a major concern for cash-strapped water districts including the Ozark Mountain Regional Public Water Authority serving Boone, Newton and Searcy counties. That district has had fluoridation postponed while suffering financial setbacks from major customers not paying their water bills, but is now also facing disciplinary action from ADH.

Whorton said their board refused to sign a contract with DDF because their customers have concerns about negative health effects from putting fluoride

chemicals in their water.

"We want to do what our people want," Whorton said. "There is going to be a bill to remove the mandate again. It is a controversial thing."

Whorton finds it contradictory that warnings about fluoride on toothpaste tubes say, "Do not swallow," yet the ADH is forcing districts to add fluoride to drinking water.

Another district that has failed to fluoridate, Watson Chapel Water Association in Pine Bluff, was scheduled to appear before the Board of Health on Tuesday, as well. Jeffrey Stone, P.E., ADH engineering manager, said Watson Chapel had requested a two-month extension in meeting the fluoride mandate, which was granted Monday.

Meanwhile, at CBWD

The Carroll Boone Water District has complied with the mandate and initially planned to begin fluoridation early this year, but problems with equipment have delayed the start date to July 15. The CBWD board said despite heavy opposition to fluoridation in Eureka Springs, which has consistently voted against it, board members felt they had to comply with the law.

A month ago, Eureka Springs alderman David Mitchell did a presentation to the ADH alleging that the state is violating

its own law forbidding adding lead to drinking water by forcing the CBWD to fluoridate because the chemicals contain contaminants including lead, barium, aluminum and arsenic.

Stone said he wasn't aware of a state law prohibiting adding lead to drinking water, and that fluoridation chemicals are tested and safe. However, ADH regulations published online state that all products are required to be 'lead free' as determined through Section 1417 of the Safe Drinking Water Act.

Districts that have been holdouts against fluoridation could face sanctions.

One issue is most of the water produced in rural districts goes to livestock. "We produce somewhere between 80 and 90 million gallons of water per month, but maybe not even five percent is consumed by humans," Whorton said. "We have 500-foot chicken houses all over the place. Chickens don't need fluoride."

Fluoride in food

"Chickens don't have teeth," said Crystal Harvey of Hot Springs, who has worked against water fluoridation in Arkansas for more than 25 years. "So why in the world are they fluoridating the chickens? When chickens drink fluoridated water, fluoride accumulates in their bones. When the chickens are deboned, it

contaminates the meat with bone fragments loaded with fluoride. Our poor little kids eating chicken nuggets are getting far too much fluoride, and fluoride contamination in our food is part of the reason why 41 percent of American teenagers are being overdosed with fluoride leading to dental fluorosis and Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder."

Rates of ADHD in the U.S. have been skyrocketing, and currently about 11 percent of children are diagnosed with ADHD, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Studies have also linked fluoridation to lower IQs in children.

On March 15, 2015, the U.S. EPA proposed withdrawing the use of sulfuryl fluoride as a pesticide for food storage, concluding that the legal residue limits on food no longer meets the safety standard under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act.

Take action

Secure Arkansas, a statewide group opposed to fluoridation, asks people to call Ateca Williams, director of constituent services for Gov. Asa Hutchinson, (501) 682-9632, and ask the governor to tell the ADH not to prosecute the very few water districts that have done what their customers want.



"AUDITION" BY DIANA HARVEY

Art in Opera Exhibition

The annual Art in Opera Exhibition will take place June 19 – July 17 at Opera of the Ozarks, 11631 Hwy 62 West. Works by twenty local artists will represent an appreciation of Opera in the Ozarks, delight in the artistry in opera and expressions of this season's selections *La Traviata*, *La Cenerentola* and *The Tales of Hoffmann*. The art will be exhibited nightly for opera goers and the exhibition will run concurrent with the opera performances for the 63rd year of Opera in the Ozarks.

Works will be on view during performance times (prior to performance, intermission and immediately after). Call (479) 253-8595 to reserve your seat.

Festival of Harps concert June 6

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

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

Call for artists' submissions

ANA Regional Juried Art Exhibition

The Artists of Northwest Arkansas is calling artists for the 21st annual ANA Regional Juried Art Exhibition. This is a regional competition is hosted by the Artists of Northwest Arkansas to support the work of artists in Arkansas, Kansas, Oklahoma and Missouri and the primary goal of the show is to acknowledge, promote and encourage artists in multiple media and disciplines.

The award's judge is Shannon Dillard Mitchell who is currently the Consulting Curator for Tyson Foods, Inc. Headquarters and an Independent Exhibition Curator and Fine Art Consultant. General application fee is \$50 and membership application is \$40 for up to three images per application. Additional imaged are \$10 with a limit of five total images.

Entries will be made through an online submission process. See www.juriedartservices.com for a full prospectus and guidelines for how to enter your application online or contact Shawna Elliott at shelllott5@yahoo.com.

Heart of America Artist Association

The Heart of America Artist Association has issued a call to artists for the 2015 Illinois River Salon, a premier regional show that gives artists an opportunity to have their work displayed briefly at Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art in Bentonville.

The show is judged this year by a Curator of Crystal Bridges, Chad Alligood. The prizes will be valued at around \$10,00 this year with Best of Show receiving \$2,500. Go to hoaaa.wordpress.com for more information.

Celebrate America Show

The Palette Art League in Yellville is calling artists for submissions for their *Celebrate America Show*. During the month of July the league will display works that celebrate America by offering a tribute to the flag and what it symbolizes. Entries may be two or three dimensions, photography and/or creative writing. For more details and an entry form go to www.paletteartleague.org or call (870) 656-2057.

Cinderella comes to the Aud

Beginning June 6, Opera in the Ozarks brings to the city auditorium five Saturday performances of *Cinderella*, a short opera comprised of music from several composers with dialogue by David Ward. The costumed and staged performance features a cast of 15 Opera in the Ozarks artists, and is great family entertainment. Curtain goes up at 2 p.m.

Saturday performances at the Aud will be held June 13 and 27, and July 11 at 2 p.m. Admission is free for kids and \$10 adult – or \$5 adult with a register receipt or proof of purchase from any Eureka Springs business or restaurant. On June 6, there will also be a *Cinderella* short performance at Inspiration Point at 7 p.m.

Women Artists Retreat

The Women Artists Retreat will take place September 17 – 10 and will be hosted by the Ozark Regional Arts Council. The retreat will be at Stone Creek Ranch near Mountain Home and will include instruction workshops in painting and photography.

This year's instructors are Cathy Demko teaching plein air in oil, Lisa Eldridge in studio in watercolor and Bill Barksdale in photography.

For more information contact Deborah Lively at (870) 706-9117 or ozarkregionalartscouncil@gmail.com.

Rummaging through art at ESSA

The Eureka Springs School of the Arts (ESSA) will hold an art rummage sale June 6 on the ESSA campus. Sale items will include marked down arts and craft materials with sales benefitting the school. Donations of art related materials will be accepted anytime before 3 p.m. on June 5.

ESSA's operating hours are 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. For more information call (479) 253-5384.



Upcoming art show at Brews

Women's Work, a group show involving 15 local women, will be up for the month of June at Brews. Susan Morrison, Phyllis Moraga, Carol Saari, Raven Derge, Teressa Pelliccio DeVito, Sherry Young, Zoi Young, Barbara Kennedy, Jana Robison, Cynthia Kresse, Mary Springer, Janet Alexander, Mariellen Griffith, Paula Tyndale and Cindy Arsaga have each contributed work for the exhibit.

An opening reception will be held Thursday, June 4 from 5 – 8 p.m. All are invited to attend. Brews is located at the corner of Spring and Pine Street across from the E.S. post office.

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Radiating the Will-to-Good – Becoming Goodwill in Humanity

The first three days (Wednesday, Thursday, Friday) after the Gemini festival of Goodwill, the New Group of World Servers and women & men of Goodwill radiate the Will-to-Good to Earth and humanity. This, along with the Forces of Reconstruction, uplifts, transforms and gives humanity hope that there is a great and better life ahead. These also inform humanity that it is humanity itself that must gather the commitment, courage and sense of community to build a new world in the new Aquarian Age, under new rules. To create, in fact,

the new Sharing Society based entirely upon Goodwill. Therefore Wednesday, Thursday and Friday we radiate the Will-to-Good to humanity. When humanity receives and senses this Will-to-Good it becomes Goodwill within humanity. The NGWS stand between humanity and the Hierarchy (inner spiritual government) with many intermediary and mediating tasks to do. We can only do them together as a group.

Friday, Venus guarding and guiding the day, is very complex with multiple interactions between all planets

circling the Sun. Sun/Pluto means a very demanding day, filled with questions and mysteries. Mars/Jupiter creates an expansion of desire, aspiration, arrows flying toward the Light. Venus trine Saturn brings structures forth that provide beauty, unity and synthesis. Venus enters Leo and love is everywhere from the heart of everyone. This love, a creative activity hidden then revealed, is the result of “making contact.” Next month Venus retrogrades in Leo with Venus in Leo through October 9. This is our last week of Mercury retrograde before entering its shadow.

ARIES: You wonder these days what your true values and ideals are, for they foreshadow and portend the future. You ponder upon your circle of friends. Are they like-minded? Are you comfortable with them? Friends are important for support and nurturing. In the coming months you re-evaluate and re-examine who your friends are and why. You will also assess your importance to them. Through communication you deepen the spiritual basis that holds everyone together. Or separates.

TAURUS: Long held dreams, hidden and perhaps buried for years emerge,

lighting the way toward your future and a new possible profession. It may be the right time for new training and study in a new field of endeavor. You assess your needs, family need and the needs of humanity (a triangle). Combining the three mean makes you a world server. Everyone needs to help in creating the new emerging sharing society. You will lead.

GEMINI: You constantly seek information leading to knowledge and wisdom – your spiritual task. Assessing all you’ve learned, an integration process occurs. What would you like to pursue (learn) now? Previous beliefs and ideas are becoming useless. As you encounter new ideas and philosophies you’re to uncover what you already know, blending them. This expands your creativity, which helps people love more.

CANCER: In daily life you often think of loved ones who have passed on, feeling they left you behind. The reality is they’re always working nearby. Talk with them from the heart. They hear you. How is your monetary situation? You begin to use resources creating a future different than the past. What hopes do you hold deep within that you don’t share with others. Begin to.

LEO: It’s good to review relationships (past and present), seeking the truth of how you communicate(d), your moods, and what you offer(ed) others. Always cultivate a depth of connection, heart to heart, for this releases greater love. Recognize your growth through relationships. Ask if you long ago expected too much, created illusions, were defensive and demanding? Rewrite these relationships with forgiveness and understanding. Then you (and others) are free.

VIRGO: It’s good to be especially careful with health. You can be extra sensitive.

See food as medicine. Create balance by eating all foods (organic), prepared in all ways. Some people follow diets for religious reasons, ignoring what the body needs. We serve the devic presences in the body when we eat correctly. Begin to make flavored waters w/ fresh fruits and veggies. They purify, clarify and light up the body.

LIBRA: You feel independent these days, knowing that balance comes from inner poise, prayer and serving others’ needs. Careful with communication. You may be sounding (and/or feeling) extra stern, withdrawn and separate with and from others. If you have children, tend to them with extra care. Creativity, art, long distance travel, friends and beautiful places are your refuge. Nurture the artist within. Grow flowers.

SCORPIO: Are you feeling strange and subtle changes within? You inner self as well as your home needs tender loving care. Our homes are psychological fortresses. When we change, they change, and those changes disassemble our sense of security and safety. A garden needs to be planted wherever you are. Call forth Ceres, the mother, to offer you comfort and care. Attempt to make home and self beautiful. Beauty sustains you in this time of change.

SAGITTARIUS: Outer success seems less important these days. You question and evaluate you life in spiritual terms. You ponder upon inner fulfillment wondering what’s been unreal and a masquerade. Spiritual dimensions, perhaps not apparent, are all around you. At times you want to withdraw, find peace, drop into deeper dimensions, classify your knowledge, and make new plans for the future. Jupiter (expansion) is your guide.

CAPRICORN: You tend and care for the resources you have. You become Ceres, the mother, to all finances and resources in your environment. You want to ensure your future, and financial security is a focus and goal. Remember to work within a budget each week and month, detailing how your money is spent, what you must have and what you can do without. You will feel a sense of order and organization. Assess your gifts, talents, what you love. These are where future resources will emerge.

AQUARIUS: You review who you think you are as a person and who you are with others. Do they synchronize? Attempt to be aware of present resources and how you’re handling them, including finances. Are they dwindling? Or not appearing? Has there been a change? Do not feel confused by the changes. Consider how community life would assist you, bringing forth your gifts. Cultivate compassion.

PISCES: Assess your life experiences, accomplishments and learnings. Make this into a book. Take time to focus upon yourself. Find places of quiet and solitude. Establish yourself there and notice your thoughts centering on beginnings and endings. Notice your needs. Not wants but needs. Notice previous endeavors seem no longer important. You seek a clarifying sense of independence and direction in the world. You seek your own home and garden.




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Wakarusa 2015, Drumming in the Park Saturday, Whiskey Mendez Sunday at New Delhi

Many wonderful live music events this lovely weekend – the Strawberry Full Moon brings sweet musings from Johai Kafa at the Cathouse Friday, Headley Lamar slick jams at Legends Saturday, and Whiskey Mendez blends musical flavors Sunday afternoon at New Delhi. Drumming in the Park keeps the rhythm going for hours Saturday and if you need to get out of town head to Ozark, Arkansas, for Wakarusa 2015! No shortage of fun and love all weekend long.

Wakarusa is a music and camping festival held about 80 miles south of Eureka Springs featuring four days of live music, art and good food! Ben Harper and the Innocent Criminals, STS9, Portugal, The Man, and many others until late Sunday. Wakarusa.com for details.



Carrie Nation and the Speakeasy play Chelsea's Saturday, June 6.

THURSDAY, JUNE 4

BASIN PARK BALCONY – *Catherine Reed*, Singer/Songwriter, 5 p.m.
GRAND TAVERNE – *Jerry Yester*, Grand Piano Dinner Music, 6:30 – 9:30 p.m.
LEGENDS SALOON – *StarSeed*, Blues, 8 p.m.
NEW DELHI – *Stand Up Karaoke with Jesse James*, 8 p.m.

FRIDAY, JUNE 5

ALE HOUSE – *Elby*, Pianist, 6 – 9 p.m.
BASIN PARK BALCONY – *Hawgscalders*, Americana, 12 and 6 p.m.
CATHOUSE LOUNGE – *Johai Kafa*, Folk, 8 p.m.
CHELSEA'S – *JD and the Mudhounds*, Blues, 9:30 p.m.
EUREKA LIVE! – *DJ and Dancing*, 9 p.m.
GRAND TAVERNE – *Arkansas Red*, Amplified Acoustic Guitar Dinner Music,

6:30 – 9:30 p.m.
LEGENDS SALOON – *DJ and Karaoke with Kara*, 8 p.m.
LE STICK – *Pete "Rock" Maiella*, Singer/Songwriter, 8 p.m.
PEPE TACOS AT CASA COLINA – *Jimmy Gyles on Strings*, 5 – 8 p.m.
ROWDY BEAVER – *Christine DeMeo Band*, Rock, 8 p.m.
ROWDY BEAVER DEN – *Downday Duo*, Rock, 9 p.m.
THE STONE HOUSE – *Jerry Yester*, Artist's Choices

SATURDAY, JUNE 6

BASIN PARK – *Drumming in the Park*, 6 p.m.
BASIN PARK BALCONY – *James White*, Americana, 12 p.m.
BREWS – *National Trail Day Celebration*, 5 p.m.
CATHOUSE LOUNGE – *Septembers*

End, Americana, 8 p.m.
CHELSEA'S – *Carrie Nation and the Speakeasy*, Americana, 9:30 p.m.
EUREKA LIVE! – *DJ & Dancing*, 9 p.m.
GRAND TAVERNE – *Jerry Yester*, Grand Piano Dinner Music, 6:30 – 9:30 p.m.
LEGENDS SALOON – *Headley Lamar*, Americana, 9 p.m.
NEW DELHI – *Blew Reed and the Flatheads*, Blues, 6 – 10 p.m.
PINE MOUNTAIN VILLAGE MINI AMP – *Jesse Dean and Left of Center*, Rock, 12 – 3 p.m.
ROWDY BEAVER – *Against the Grain*, Rock, 8 p.m.
ROWDY BEAVER DEN – *Christine DeMeo*, Singer/Songwriter, 1 – 5 p.m., *Christine DeMeo Band*, Rock, 9 p.m.

SUNDAY, JUNE 7

BASIN PARK BALCONY – *Jeff Lee*, Singer/Songwriter, 12 p.m., *Michael Demitri*, Singer/Songwriter, 5 p.m.
EUREKA LIVE – *DJ, Dancing, and Karaoke*, 7 – 11 p.m.
NEW DELHI – *Whiskey Mendez*, Americana, 12 – 4 p.m.
PEPE TACOS AT CASA COLINA – *Jimmy Gyles on Strings*, 12 – 3 p.m.
ROWDY BEAVER DEN – *Rockey Don Jones*, Singer/Songwriter, 1 – 5 p.m.

MONDAY, JUNE 8

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

TUESDAY, JUNE 9

CHELSEA'S – *Open Mic*
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10
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June bugs – Yep, it's June, and the June bugs are out right on time! June Owen and June Hegedus flew in for the Chamber of Commerce mini Trade Show and Membership Meeting on June 1, all dressed in their 'tourist-related' garb for the Faces of Tourism photo shoot.

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Red ribbon roofer – Quality Assurance Roofing owners Erica & Anthony Bray (center) welcomed community members including (from left) Terri Brockelman, Charlene Gates-Phillips, Holly White, Adam White, LaVonne St. Clair, Judy Wilks, Monte Taft, Suzanne Kline and Billie Sullivan at the company's open house and ribbon cutting May 27.

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DROPPING A Line

by Robert Johnson

Well, it's been a slow week with all the rain and high water. Not a lot of people getting out. We had one trip here this week and caught a few spotted bass on top water with a popper.

Crappie were hiding on us but we did get one still with eggs, so look near the shoreline for most fish still. Thing is, they all like the brush and we've sure got a lot of it, so hit it with all you got.

Beaver Lake stripers are being caught between the dam area and Rocky Branch on top water plugs and big shad and shiners down about 25 ft. Look early in the day and in the evenings. They are feeding off the flats and in the bigger creek arms.

Well, I do have a trip on Beaver Monday, which is also my deadline, so hopefully we have a good day and I can get a pic in to go with this. If not, go fish anyway and maybe one of us will get some big fish pics.

[Later that same day...]

Here it is! Dean Akey caught this big old striper and we landed some nice catfish and a big white bass Monday



morning. The fish seem kind of lost with the floodgates open, but it should get back to normal when they slow the flow.

Enjoy the spring, looks like we've got some dry days at last.

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Charles Graham at HICC

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June 8 Metafizzies meeting

Rebekah Clark will lead the Eureka Springs Metaphysical Society meeting in a session of divine singing and sound meditation on Monday, June 8, at 7 p.m. No vocal experience is necessary. The singing will be led in a call and response style. Chants and mantras from multiple traditions will be used. The meeting will be at the Heart of Many Ways in the Christian Science Church at 68 Mountain Street. All are welcome.

INDEPENDENT Crossword

by ESI staff

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ACROSS

1. Largest of all antelopes
6. Weeps heavily
10. Little old Chevy
14. Strictness, rigidity
15. Makes a light bulb go off?
16. Escape route
17. Steam bath
18. Skillful and quick
19. Type of physical therapy
20. Perilous
23. Cambodian money
24. Fraternity, Kappa Delta

25. Fuss with
27. Scottish basket-hilted sword
32. World's longest river
33. European lute
34. Pains' partner
36. Goads
39. Sandwich alternative
41. King who was a madman
43. Hub of a wheel
44. Long-tailed primate
46. Was broadcast
48. Vietnamese holiday
49. LSD, commonly
51. And so forth

53. Out of one's mind
56. Edible South American tuber
57. O'Keeffe creation
58. Speaking position
64. Assault, blitz
66. Greek god of war
67. Stage whisper
68. Italian hot spot
69. Piddling amount
70. Cut through
71. Ownership paper
72. Transmit
73. Varnish resin

DOWN

1. Long ago
2. Story teller
3. Shivering fit
4. Based on the number nine
5. Old Greek coin
6. "Who's ____ are you on?"
7. Czech river that flows to the Baltic Sea
8. Cause to become confused
9. GM sporty compact car
10. Dog doc
11. Provoke, annoy
12. Third letter of Hebrew alphabet
13. Make amends

21. Moonshine
22. Spoke
26. Blueprint
27. Loose hood
28. Fish decoy
29. Unbreakable
30. Flightless bird, similar to an ostrich
31. Really odd
35. Alphabetize, say
37. At any time
38. Bristlelike structure
40. Hockey disk
42. Home furnishings
45. Cambodian money
47. Die
50. Nighttime entertainment
52. Part of a graduate's costume
53. Revealed the soul, say
54. Talk emphatically
55. Small stones on a slope
59. Bird with a forked tail
60. Employed
61. Where queens live
62. Citation of author previously mentioned
63. Scope or meter leader
65. A root beer was named after him

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Holiday Island Fire Department golf tournament and fish fry

The Holiday Island Fire Department invites all to come out, June 8 – 13 for their 13th annual golf tournament. The department will hold its annual Longest Drive Contest, sponsored by Ball & Prier Tire Co. and Hankook Tire, to kick off the week. Qualifying rounds run Monday – Thursday, June 8 – 11 from 4 – 6 p.m. with the finals on Thursday at 5:30 p.m. On Friday, June 12, the 9 Hole tournament, a four person team scramble, will start at 1 p.m.

Friday night the public is invited to a community fish fry starting at 6 p.m. in the Holiday Island Clubhouse Ballroom. Arrive early to participate in the putting contest on the putting green, 4 – 6 p.m. Come enjoy the fun, great food, live

entertainment by the Roaring River Sound and bidding on the silent auction. Tickets are \$11 at the door or \$10 if purchased in advance at the Pro Shop or Rec. Center.

An 18 Hole tournament, also a 4 person team scramble, will take place Saturday, June 13 with a shotgun start at 8 a.m. Entry forms for both golf tournaments are available at the Holiday Island Pro Shop. The 18 Hole tournament will feature a Hole-In-One contest where someone could win a new Ford from Les Jacobs Ford in Cassville.

For more information about any of the week's events or to secure your spot in either tournament call the Pro Shop at (479) 253-9511. All proceeds benefit the Fire Department.

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said she heard noise but not always what was said. "We can bring in the Justice Department," she remarked.

Maloney again replied, "We'll install the new system and we hope it works. If not, we'll see what's next."

Here comes Santa Claus

Jackie Wolven, Director of the Eureka Springs Downtown Network (ESDN), told commissioners she is planning for Christmas. She claimed there are visitors who will travel from town to town just to take in the Christmas lights and decorations, and, in her estimation, the Eureka Springs display has lagged recently.

She said she would talk to the Quorum Court to see if the county would pay for lighting up the courthouse, and Maloney said he would accompany her. She also said she would pursue getting the Flatiron Building adorned and aglow, and she wanted the city to put lights on the trolleys.

"It matters to see the town lit up! It's a big deal!" she contended.

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Other items

Commissioners engaged in a spirited discussion regarding how to incorporate input from the community into their marketing strategy. Points on which they concurred was input from sectors of the public was important yet often conflicting, and striking a middle path to benefit the whole community was a challenge they intend to pursue.

Next meeting will be Wednesday, June 10, at 6 p.m.

Cynthia Kresse featured at Norberta Philbrook Gallery

The Norberta Philbrook Gallery will feature the art of noted pastel artist Cynthia Kresse during June. Cynthia received her Master of Arts in Medical Illustration from the University of Texas Southwestern in Dallas. Her work has been selected for multiple competitive exhibits including The Delta Exhibit,

a juried regional exhibit held at the Arkansas Arts Center, Arkansas's *Forty Women Over Forty, Prints, Drawings, and Photographs*, and *National Biennial Exhibition*.

Go to norbertaphilbrookgallery@gmail.com or call (479) 363-6703 for more information.

P.A.P.E.S welcoming painters

Plein Air Painters of Eureka Springs (P.A.P.E.S) is welcoming all painters to painting sessions running from 8 a.m. – 10 a.m. each Wednesday. There are no fees and breakfast at Myrtie Mae's will follow each session.

For a complete 2015 painting schedule or more information go to www.studio62eurekasprings.com or call Jody Stephenson and Ron Lutz at (479) 363-9209.

Don't miss Cantiga June 5

Cantiga's unique and magical music has delighted visitors to Renaissance Festivals across North America for some thirty years. The group is dedicated to the inclusive spirit of musical improvisation that has flourished among musicians in

cultural crossroads throughout history. Come be transported from the 13th century to modern day improv with harp, flute and viola Friday, June 5, 8 p.m. at the Unitarian church building, 17 Elk St. Tickets \$12 at the door.

Everybody's "Lovin it"

More than 600 residents and area employees attended Steve Kinworthy's *Lovin' Every Minute* over the past two weeks. Due in part to community outpouring of support, the complimentary shows have been extended through Saturday, June 6.

"We knew the cast is one of the most talented you will find anywhere," said Producer and Director Bob Nichols, "but you never really know how the production will be received until its open and I, along with the cast, have been overwhelmed by the amazing feedback we're receiving from visitors to Eureka Springs and locals."

Performances are Tuesday – Saturday at 7:30 p.m. at the auditorium. More info via (866) 927-4282 or www.LovinEureka.com.

Elaine Blanchard leads 3 day storytelling retreat

Actress, teacher and writer Elaine Blanchard will lead a 3 day storytelling retreat at the Writers' Colony at Dairy Hollow, July 24 – 26. The retreat begins Friday at 6 p.m. with an introduction and getting acquainted with the storytelling group. Workshops fill the day on Saturday, from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m., lunch then back to work from 2:30 – 5 p.m. Participants will dig into their memories and use their imaginations to put together stories that gleam like gold.

Workshop fee is \$150. Register by calling Linda Caldwell at The Writers' Colony at (479) 253-744 or email director@writerscolony.org. Registration deadline is July 15 at 10 p.m.

There are a few suites available at the Writers' Colony or if two or more want to come together, check out vacation rental cottages at www.Eurekazen.com. More information upon request when you register for the retreat.

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