

# Rural water districts defy fluoridation

BECKY GILLETTE

Eureka Springs residents are facing a July 15 start date for fluoridation throughout the Carroll Boone Water District because despite opposition from customers in Eureka Springs, CBWD board members said they felt they had no choice but to comply with a mandate passed by the state legislature in 2011.

But several rural water districts in the state have flat out refused to add fluoride to their drinking water, including the Ozark Mountain Regional Public Water Authority.

“Our board is not intimidated by the health department,” Andy Anderson, chair of OMRPWA, said. “This is a non-paid position that takes up 80 percent of my time. If the health department has me removed, then I will devote all of that time to overturning Act 197 that mandated districts with more than 5,000 customers fluoridate. They are not going to shut me up if they cause me to lose my non-paying job.”

The OMRPWA, ironically, was formed in part to help rural water districts in the area with dangerously high levels of fluoride in groundwater. Anderson said to these districts,

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**Pride and joy** – On the heels of the Supreme Court’s Friday decision, marchers from Eureka Springs and Partners In Diversity showed up at the biggest Pride March ever in Fayetteville last weekend and were surprised to be greeted throughout the route with cheers, thumbs up and thanks for setting the model and being a leader in the fight for equal rights in Arkansas; and for giving Fayetteville courage in the upcoming fight for their own non-discrimination ordinance. Zeek Taylor, left, and Dick Titus, far right, hold the banner as Roxie Howard, center, provides a rainbow. *PHOTO BY JOHN RANKINE*

## This Week’s INDEPENDENT Thinkers

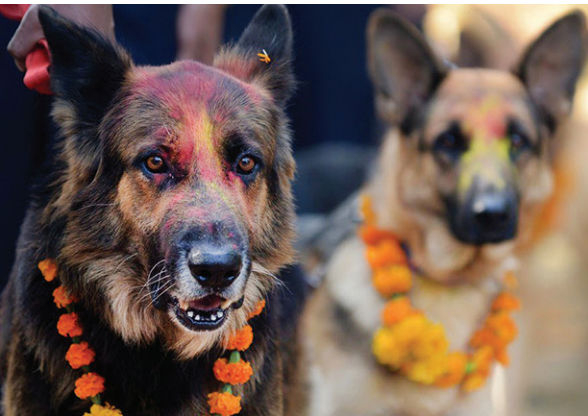


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Countries are known for different histories, beliefs, geographies and populations, and once in awhile one of them gives us a big shake. Nepal, the land of the Himalayas, Hindus and earthquakes, did it this time.

Nepal has a five-day festival of lights celebrated each year, and, so, who doesn’t? We go from Christmas to New Year’s, a non-stop western celebration of being together and making merry, but nothing like this.

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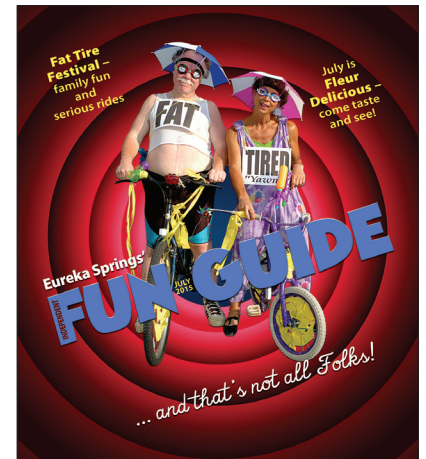
Executive Director Mike Maloney told the City Advertising and Promotion Commission staff on June 19 the *Lovin' Every Minute* show would be canceling its run at the Auditorium. The crew struck the set the following Monday. Maloney said he was told the show would try another venue, possibly a cruise ship.

When asked about the prospect of the CAPC getting paid the early closure fee of \$10,000 as stipulated in the contract, Finance Director Rick Bright said he expected producer Bob Nichols of SSK Entertainment would pay, and he has 30 days to comply.

Technical director Ron Sumner said he saw no long-term negative impact to the Auditorium as a result of the show, and their crew had added a couple of extra electrical circuits to the facility.

Chair Charles Ragsdell, however, stated the mounts for banners hanging outside the building had been affixed

incorrectly, and he was concerned there could be damage to the stonework of the exterior walls. He also said the CAPC had no knowledge banners would be hung in such a way, and the commission would never have approved of it.



### The Fun Guides are here!

Pick up the July edition of the *Independent Fun Guide* for a complete list of Fourth of July celebrations, a detailed schedule of the upcoming Fleur Delicious Weekend, Fat Tire Festival events and venues, all performances at Opera in the Ozarks – and much more.

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## SCOTUS preserves Affordable Care Act, legalizes marriage equality

### Local reactions

BECKY GILLETTE

During the last week of June the Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) preserved healthcare for millions of Americans in a ruling preserving the Affordable Care Act (ACA), then ruled that states could not ban gay marriage. The court also issued a ruling that guts the ability of the EPA to regulate greenhouse gas emissions from power plants in order to prevent what some see as the most pressing issue of modern times: combating climate change.

The ACA ruling could literally save lives.

"I'm thrilled they decided to continue with Obamacare because it has helped so many people and will continue to help people," said Charlisa Cato, who formerly worked to help people sign up for Obamacare. "That is huge. It touches the lives of many people we know, some who never had health insurance before. The next step is a single-payer system, but this is a good step."

The ACA ruling has received scant attention while the gay marriage decision has been top news across the country.

The marriage equality decision came June 26, and on Saturday Eureka Springs alderman Bob Thomas held up a welcome sign for couples getting marriage licenses at the courthouse. Some thought there might be a repeat of the situation about a year ago when gay marriage was briefly legal in the state, and more than a hundred gay people flocked to Eureka Springs to be married, only to have the legal status of their marriages brought into question when a stay on the ruling was put in place. Eureka Springs is the only city in the state to issue marriage licenses on Saturdays, and last Saturday two of 22 marriage licenses issued were for same sex couples.

Some people came to Eureka Saturday expecting a big celebration. But many of the members of the city's Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) community were in Fayetteville for a Gay Pride Parade that attracted an estimated 2,500 people.

"We had large group from Eureka that marched," local artist Zeek Taylor said. "The whole parade and day was celebratory. The parade stretched from one end of Dickson St. to the other and beyond."

Taylor said he watched the Supreme Court decision live, sweating it out second-by-second, anxious because of the impact the ruling would have on their lives.

"The moment I found out they came up with a decision for same sex equality, I cried," he said. "We were so relieved because we have been fighting this fight most of our lives. Dick and I have been together 44 years. We were the first same sex male couple to be married in Arkansas and in the South on May 10, 2014. Since then our marriage has been in limbo and because of that, this decision was very important. We wanted the same legal rights and protections as all married couples. We were relieved because of the legal implications."



Eureka Springs alderman Bob Thomas held out a welcome sign Saturday at the courthouse as marriage licenses were available for same sex couples as a result of a U.S. Supreme Court ruling the day before. But there was no mad rush for gay marriage. Only two of the 22 couples who received wedding licenses Saturday were same sex couples.

PHOTO BY BECKY GILLETTE

"There was a cloud that was lifted," said Marie Howard, 80, who has been with her partner, Trella Laughlin, for 35 years. "I was happy primarily not for myself, but the young kids who won't have to face the same discrimination as older people have experienced. We went to the Gay Pride Parade Saturday in Fayetteville. I've been in dozens of pride parades, but this was it. This was the big one. This one worked. It was fantastic."

Howard now feels like a full citizen, and is happy that if she dies before her wife, her wife will be able to collect Howard's Social Security benefits.

Sandy Martin, a leader in the recent voter referendum that upheld Eureka's anti-discrimination ordinance, said the victory is historic because equality is now the law of the land. But her excitement was tempered by the expected challenges from those who believe their religious rights should trump everything.

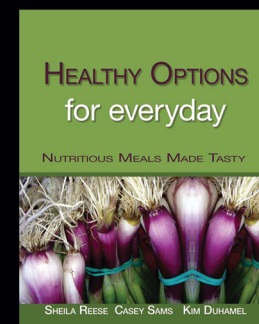
"They will try to gather enough states to sign on to the Convention of States with a goal to change the U.S. Constitution," Martin said. "I doubt that will happen, but I think there will be an attempt. Also, there is the movement of the American Reformation Project to organize sympathetic clergy to get involved in politics,

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## CCSO captures man suspected of assault and kidnapping

Berryville resident Jeffrey Earl Matlock, 30, was arrested June 27 by Carroll County Sheriff's Office deputies on allegations of numerous felonies after a day of twists, turns and local alerts, according to Chief Deputy Major George Frye.

CCSO deputies were called to Berryville Mercy Hospital shortly after noon last Saturday after receiving information that Charles Taylor of Eureka Springs had been assaulted. After being x-rayed and treated at Mercy, Taylor told deputies he agreed to drive Matlock, an acquaintance, to rural Urbanette, but was asked to stop on a gravel road so Matlock could smoke a cigarette. There Matlock allegedly hit Taylor in the back of the head with a pistol, tied him to a tree, and stole his car and about \$700 in cash. Taylor was able to free himself by cutting the rope with a rock, but it is unclear how he got to the

hospital.

An off-duty CCSO reserve deputy, on his way home from a volunteer shift, spotted Taylor's stolen Hyundai on CR 717 at about 2 p.m. Deputies searched the area and were unable to locate the suspect although they recovered the vehicle and other evidence.

After a Be On The Lookout was issued, citizens called in four sightings of the suspect wearing shorts, a cut off shirt, and no shoes. At 11:20 p.m., dispatch received a call for an ambulance to treat a subject who was injured, but could not say how he became injured.

Deputies responded to 1039 CR 737, south of Rule and not near Urbanette,

where resident Brian King told them the man in need of medical attention was inside. Deputies found Matlock in the bathroom, along with a bag of suspected methamphetamine and some marijuana.

Paramedics assessed Matlock and found him not in need of immediate treatment, so deputies escorted him to the Carroll County Detention Center where he was booked on charges of Aggravated Robbery, Aggravated Assault, Kidnapping, Terroristic Threatening, Theft, Fleeing, Possession of a Controlled Substance (2 counts), Possession of Firearm by Certain Persons, and a White Warrant – Parole Violation.

Matlock's bond was set at \$250,000.

## Chamber guide postage hits glitch

NICKY BOYETTE

City Advertising and Promotion commission chair Charles Ragsdell told commissioners at last Wednesday's workshop he would vote against renewing the current contract with the Chamber of Commerce for the CAPC to pay postage for mailing the *Visitors Guide* to whoever requests one. He said he sees the publication as a Chamber tool, not a CAPC product, because the mission of the CAPC is to promote the entire community, not just Chamber members.

He asked commissioners to review the contract in preparation for a discussion at an upcoming meeting. Commissioner Terry McClung asked why they should concern themselves with the contract at this point since it does not expire until 2018.

Ragsdell said he always looks to see that CAPC contracts are legal. He commented there are folks who question whether the CAPC is subsidizing direct competition to other local privately published guides.

Commissioner Damon Henke, interim director of the Chamber, said he is in the process of splitting the *Visitors Guide* into two smaller products because the current one has too much information for visitors who are already in town. He said the Chamber would try to produce a version that is more an itinerary guide.

Ragsdell said he would put the item on the next meeting agenda, along with a discussion of whether the CAPC needs a designated representative on the Chamber Board of Directors.

## Kerusso carrying licensed War Room products

Kerusso has announced a product line of officially licensed merchandise for the Kendrick Brothers' latest film, *War Room*, which releases August 28 from Sony Pictures Entertainment's TriStar Pictures. The new Kerusso line features three T-shirts, two caps, a mug and prayer pads.

The new products ship August 17 but can be seen online at [www.kerusso.com/warroom](http://www.kerusso.com/warroom). *War Room* marks the third Kendrick Brother's film for which Kerusso has produced officially licensed products with *Fireproof* and *Courageous* being the others. To learn more visit [WarRoomTheMovie.com](http://WarRoomTheMovie.com).

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## ADH engineer insists it's legal to add lead to drinking water

BECKY GILLETTE

When Eureka Springs alderman David Mitchell attended an Arkansas Dept. of Health (ADH) meeting in April to discuss the city's concerns about the mandate to add fluoride to drinking water, he cited state law that fluoridation opponents insist prohibits adding lead to drinking water. Mitchell provided the board with documentation of testing done on fluoridation chemicals sold by Prayon, the Belgian company providing fluoride to Carroll Boone Water District, showing lead, arsenic, barium and other pollutants.

State law for "Approved Chemicals, Materials, Equipment, and Processes" says all products are required to be lead free as determined through Section 1417 of the Safe Drinking Water Act.

As of June 29, neither Mitchell nor the city had received response from his presentation. But in response to an email, Jeffrey Stone, P.E., director of engineering for ADH, said that law only pertains to plumbing fixtures such as pipes, not fluoridation chemicals.

"The 'lead free' citation you provided refers to setting maximum lead content of components of water systems including brass and bronze components such as water meters, valves, etc.," Stone, who heads the ADH efforts to force water districts follow state mandate, wrote. "A reading of that law would be informative."

That section of the Safe Drinking Water Act does only deal with water system components, not fluoridation chemicals.

Stone also directed the *Eureka Springs Independent* to a fact sheet on fluoridation chemicals provided by the National Sanitation Foundation. Drinking water additives are not regulated by the federal government. NSF is a non-government organization that says on its website it certifies millions of products. NSF said manufacturers of fluoridation chemicals are inspected and products tested once per year.

The *International Journal of Occupational and Environmental Health* published that contaminant levels of lead, arsenic, barium and aluminum in fluoride additives could vary widely from batch to batch. The study concluded, "Such contaminant content creates a regulatory blind spot that jeopardizes any safe use of fluoride additives."

In addition to fluoridation chemicals that contain lead, Eureka Springs has a lot of older plumbing pipes and fixtures that may contain lead. Mitchell, who only last year found a section of lead pipe at his home that he replaced, said there is concern about fluoridation chemicals leaching lead out of the pipes since the chemicals are very acidic. Mitchell said the city is planning to do lead testing several places in town to determine if lead levels increase after fluoridation begins July 15.

Crystal Harvey, a resident of Hot Springs who has been active opposing mandate fluoride in Arkansas for 25 years, said it makes no sense to add lead to drinking water.

"I say the water operators are violating federal law and ADH is telling them that it's okay and the product is safe," Harvey said. "The Clean Water Act prohibits anyone from discharging pollutants, including lead, through a 'point source' into a water of the United States unless they have a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit."

"NPDES permits contain limits on what you can discharge, monitoring and reporting requirements, and other provisions to ensure that the discharge does not hurt water quality or people's health. When the water operator puts the lead-contaminated fluoridation chemical in the water, is it considered discharging through a 'point source' according to their definition? I say yes. Do water operators have a NPDES permit to dump lead in the water? No."

"I'm not picking on water operators, but they are discharging lead in already treated drinking water," Harvey said. "Ignorance of the law is no excuse in a court of law. Maybe if enough of them found out they are breaking a federal law, maybe they will refuse to dump it in. I don't think that the ADH can make them break federal law."

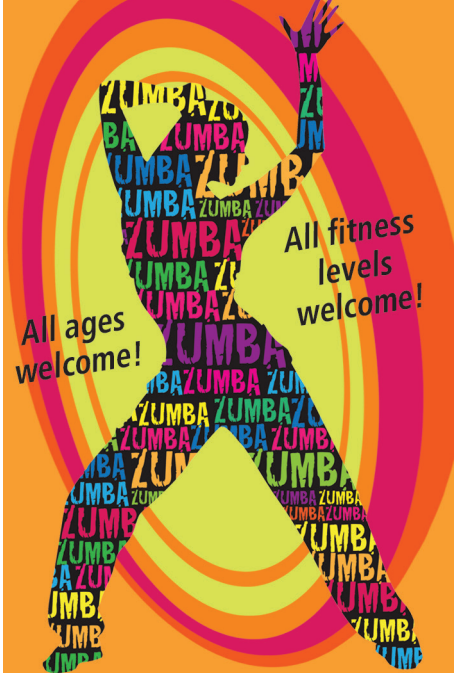
Whether adding lead to drinking water is legal under the CWA could hinge on the definition of "point source." The EPA defines a point source as a stationary location or fixed facility from which pollutants are discharged or emitted or any single, identifiable discharge point of pollution, such as a pipe, ditch, or smokestack.



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### CAPC chair wants to hand off Aud

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Chair Charles Ragsdell mentioned at the June 24 City Advertising and Promotion workshop the current contract with the city for management of the Auditorium stipulates a 90-day notice prior to the end of the year to alter or end the current contract. His point of view is the CAPC should turn the Auditorium back over to the city, and the best way to manage the facility would be to have an Auditorium Commission.

Maloney pointed out CAPC spends close to \$100,000 annually on the Auditorium without much of a return. He agreed an Auditorium Commission would be a “logical progression,” and a minimal tax, such as one-eighth of a cent, could support the maintenance and operation of

the facility. The new commission could also be in charge of scheduling the events.

Both Ragsdell and technical director Ron Sumner noted certain features of the building that need repair, and Ragsdell claimed the tax revenue mentioned by Maloney could within five years take care of the long list of deferred maintenance. He also insisted Maloney and CAPC staff should not be burdened with maintaining an old building when their job descriptions call for them to promote the city.

Former mayor Beau Satori said, “The city created the CAPC to handle the Auditorium, and that is how the citizens see it.”

Ragsdell said CAPC would be seeking input from staff and citizens before renewal time in early October.



**Daisy goes pink** – Holly Parker, of Eureka Springs, was the winner of a pink Daisy BB gun drawn from several entries at the Annual Bradley County Pink Tomato Festival in Warren, Ark. Parker's name was selected as part of a giveaway being conducted at the Southeast Arkansas Tea Party booth.

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## CAPC auditing procedures could tighten

NICKY BOYETTE

City Advertising and Promotion Finance Director Rick Bright, who said he is empowered to audit businesses that pay CAPC taxes, reported June 24 that he performs audits on businesses that do not pay regularly.

Commissioner Robert Schmid responded there are businesses that are not straightforward in their reporting in order to avoid paying the full amount owed to the CAPC. He suggested Bright audit 10 or 12 businesses a year. "It's about getting our money," he said.

Chair Charles Ragsdell agreed the commission should develop unbiased criteria that trigger audits in addition to performing a certain number of random audits. "This would incentivize accuracy and honesty," he said, adding they are bound by the authorizing ordinance to perform these audits.

Commissioner Terry McClung suggested commissioners get a copy of the ordinance to see what their obligation is.

Ragsdell asked Bright to bring audit criteria to the next meeting for discussion.

### Media monitoring

Executive Director Mike Maloney told commissioners he learned of CISION, a company that has figured out how to perform extensive monitoring of television, Internet and social media to measure the value of public relations. Maloney said Eureka Springs received a spike in media attention because of Ordinance 2223, and it would be useful to know the public relations value of the publicity. He said the CAPC needs measurable metrics to know if it is placing its press releases and ads effectively.

Maloney said he knows the CAPC does reach a wide spectrum because recently he was able to see that 25 viewers, from New York to Los Angeles, were looking at the euresprings.org website at the same time.

"We should seriously consider it," he said. "It would give us assurance we are investing our PR dollars well." He said the cost would be \$6600 per year or a

monthly pay plan.

Ragsdell suggested trying it for three to six months.

Maloney said he would get more information and report back.

### Other items

- Maloney also mentioned he has been working with Right Mind on ads which subtly communicate that Eureka Springs is a unique welcoming, diverse community.

- Ragsdell reported one of the performers at Blues Weekend received a parking ticket during the short time he unloaded his equipment at the Auditorium. He said it is "almost impossible" to load or unload given the tight limitations of the situation. "We need a workable solution," he said, and his goal is to secure "a true, proper loading zone."

McClung said he would talk with technical director Ron Sumner about possible solutions and take the issue to city council.

Next meeting will be Wednesday, July 8, at 6 p.m.

## Biz After Hours ... meet the new guys

Thursday, July 2 at 5 p.m. join the Business After Hours crowd at the Chamber of Commerce Visitor Information Center in The Village at Pine Mountain and see changes made to the Center, hear about new programs taking place and meet the new Chamber staff.

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### Wild hogs pose problem at cemetery

Editor,

It has come to my attention that there is a wild hog problem at the Eureka Springs Cemetery. My daughter works there as groundskeeper and has been attacked several times by a group of hogs residing in the abandoned acres in the corner of the cemetery. She is required to maintain that section as well as the public areas. When she approached her supervisor of the potential danger of the situation, she was advised to “make a sign” to warn the public of the possible danger. No concern was expressed for her welfare or safety... just make a sign.

I am outraged at the lack of concern on this matter and hope that attention will be forthcoming to resolve the issue, not just put a Bandaid on it.

*Ron Cappelletti*

### New deal a Square deal

Editor,

Last week was a historic seven days for the USA. The Supreme Court of the United States handed down new laws of the land that were far overdue.

Legal marriage for *all* was one great law. Now, one of the most powerful countries in the world joins most of the intellectually free

nations of the world in welcoming the sister/ brotherhood of humanity. Hurray!

SCOTUS also passed the second great law, the Affordable Care Act, (with some trimming). However, it is the law of the land, now, much to the rancor of our Republican Congress. And, hey, you folks who call it Obama-care, can now learn its correct name –the Affordable Care Act.

Maybe the GOPers will find ACA easier to swallow than giving our president’s name the credit. After all, when Franklin D. Roosevelt wrote the Social Security Act during the Great Depression, no one referred to it as Roosevelt-security. And no one would give up SSA, today, not even our “Richie-rich Republicans.” So, slide over you 1%-ers, and get used to all of our land having a real Square Deal.

*Enid B. Swartz*

### Two jobs done, more to do

Editor,

YES! Lesbians, gay men and straight allies are celebrating the Supremes’ decision to allow us to be human beings and legally marry. I considered myself married without their permission, but, still, it is a good thing, especially about the economic benefit to married couples.

However, I think we should beware of being complacent. There are way too many small towns, especially in states

like Mississippi, that refuse to issue licenses where young LGBT folks have dangerous experiences coming out and living proudly different; especially if they are people of color.

Thanks to all the folks – the city council and the YES on 2223 organizers – who helped Eureka stay a loving and compassionate town. And, thanks to you folks at the *Independent*, for journalistic integrity and investigative reporting.

There is still much more work to do: getting rid of racism, changing our flag, supporting workers especially in the poultry factories, creating higher paying jobs here in Eureka, and keeping fluoride out of city water. I could go on, but your readers know about the issues. We just need to work together to create a society we are proud of and that does not destroy Mother Earth.

*Trella Laughlin*

### There are types of Christians

Editor,

I thank Randall Christy, Philip Wilson and Mike Bishop for showing all of us the kind of Christians you really are. I have no doubt you have made Gerald L.K. Smith proud for being his living legacies.

Thank you again for showing your true faces.

*Alvin Byrd*



## WEEK’S TopTweets

**@capricecrane:** I believe what politicians say about as much as I believe the person who says, “I never got that text.”

**@swiftenhaal:** Roman numerals. What are they good IV?

**@donni:** I bet if I got one of those jumbo 16-slice toasters, people would finally take me seriously.

**@swiftenhaal:** On the bright side, smoking cigarettes reduces the risk of winning a marathon.

**@keplyq:** If you see someone crying, ask if it’s because of their haircut.

**@luckyshirt:** I can never remember whether or not I’m supposed to mess with Texas.

**@boring\_as\_heck:** Man arrested on charges of being nice, quiet guy. “I’m shocked, he always seemed like such a murderous asshole,” said a neighbor.

**@AaronFullerton:** What if Obama keeps the nuclear codes in a folder on his desktop called “Missile-aneous?”

**@TheThryll:** Went into an Adult Bookstore looking for books on time shares and Roth accounts. Sold out I guess.

**@sbellelauren:** I wonder if china has fancy plates called america



# INDEPENDENT Guestatorial

## Mass poisoning with no benefits

**F**orced fluoridation of water supplies quite easily is the most frustrating public health problem facing the U.S. It just sounds so improbable that our own government would be forcing water districts to add hazardous waste from the phosphate fertilizer industry to drinking water – waste that contains not just fluoride, but other toxins such as lead, arsenic and aluminum. Who would believe that? But even the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) admits on its website that most fluoridation chemicals are byproducts from phosphate fertilizer manufacturing.

For 70 years the dental community backed by big bucks from companies that profit selling fluoridated products has been able to make “fluoride” sound like a miracle drug that prevents poor kids from having tooth decay. There is now overwhelming evidence that Americans are being over-fluoridated because of the use of fluoride toothpaste, mouthwash and dental varnish, fluoride in drinking water, and heavy fluoride contamination in food from the use of fluorinated pesticides. It is also used as a stain and water repellent for fabrics and has non-stick applications for industry and the kitchen.

Despite the myriad ways this neurotoxin can accumulate in food and in people’s bodies, the dental PACs are still contributing enough to key legislators to force fluoridation on people like those in Eureka Springs who have fought against it for 30 years.

There is absolutely no doubt that too much fluoride is not healthy. Even our own fluoride-loving Arkansas Department of Health (ADH) that is coming down heavy on rural water districts whose brave and principled board members have thus far refused to fluoridate has in the past put some water districts under a mandate to lower fluoride levels.

In those 30 years that many local residents have spent large amounts of time and money fighting forced fluoridation, the case against fluoridation has mounted. Fluoride is neurotoxin. It harms the brain and many other organs in the body. Credible scientific studies have linked excess exposure to fluoride to lower IQs in children, Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder, thyroid problems, dementia and dental fluorosis. There is an epidemic of dental fluorosis in the country with the CDC reporting 41 percent of children showing signs of tooth damage from over fluoridation.

Now a new, comprehensive study by West Virginia University Rural Health Research Center shows it has all been for naught: fluoride added to the U.S. public water supplies has not reduced tooth decay. The study shows children in urban areas who are more exposed to fluoridated water and dental care have as many cavities as children in rural areas not on fluoridated water.

How sad a program that is supposed to benefit poor and minority children, instead is harming their brains along with their teeth. More affluent families can afford expensive water filters to remove the fluoride. Poor folks might not even know that they shouldn’t use fluoridated water to mix with baby formula.

Dental groups just can’t admit they have been wrong. They seem unable to evaluate the new evidence of the harm from fluoride and claim that dental fluorosis is just a “cosmetic” problem. Like not being able to smile because you are embarrassed about your teeth being stained and mottled is not a big deal to kids?

Fluoride is a persistent and non-degradable poison that accumulates in soil, plants, wildlife, and humans. It is not a miracle drug. And don’t think you’re safe just because you have enough money to buy an expensive water filter. Fluorinated pesticides are used even on organic foods like grapes and wines from California. Fluoride accumulates in bones, and bone meal – considered an organic fertilizer – can contain up to 1,000 ppm of fluoride.

If you find this news disturbing, don’t go out on your porch and sip some organic wine from California to relax. According to the Organic Consumers Association, organically-grown tea, and even grapes and wines from California, can contain far higher levels of fluorine than fluoridated water. Researchers at Fresno State found one six-ounce glass of California wine contains 3-9 ppm of fluoride, exposing the consumer to as much fluoride as 4-13 liters of typical municipal water.

Google “USDA study fluoride contamination in food” to see a long list of foods to avoid because they are high in fluoride. Then join up with the local group, Carroll Boone Citizens for Safe Drinking Water, to stop this madness.

*Becky Gillette*



## The Pursuit Of HAPPINESS

by Dan Krotz

**K**ate Lucariello has started an online group to discuss and seek definition for the meaning of “class.” So far, the discussion has focused on the varieties of social and economic class. That is not to say that the group overlooks the term “classy,” which is specific to the behavior of individuals who are altogether graceful in any circumstance. Cary Grant and Mariano Rivera come to mind when I think of “classy” people, but the group is really wondering if the old definitions of class have meaning in these pinchbeck and poly-synthetic times.

G.K. Chesterton, in *The Victorian Compromise*, is helpful. Chesterton writes that the Middle Ages were characterized by two classes, royalty and peasants. With the rise of commerce and trade, accelerated during the Victorian era, a merchant class emerged that was useful to royalty; they could borrow money from merchants, and merchants formed a well-defended wall between the royals and an increasingly rebellious underclass. Summarily, the upper crust hid their contempt for the grubby merchants and invited them to join their leisurely oppression of the poor. Charles Dickens was a close observer of the compromise.

We Americans are not immune from Victorian compromises. In 1860, wealthy land barons in Southern states convinced poor men to die in a war so that land barons might go on owning even poorer people. WWII and the New Deal provided a temporary respite, but here we are again, with nearly half of Americans believing that money from Wall Street Barons is going to trickle down to Green Forest, Arkansas, and all little towns, far and wide.

In 1974, Dick Cheney and Donald Rumsfeld learned about the Laffer Curve, an illustration of a Victorian era economic practice that was originated in the 14<sup>th</sup> century by an Arab scholar named Ibn Khaldun. Imagine: Republican economic policy started with a 14<sup>th</sup> century Muslim, and was popularized in the court of Queen Victoria.

We’ve fiddled around with this current day Victorian Compromise for 35 years now, and wages for workers have fallen in every year. What *this* compromise means is that Capitalists get capital, and the rest of us get the free market.





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# INDEPENDENT Constables On Patrol

## JUNE 22

10:43 a.m. – Motorist on Hwy. 23S reported four sport bikes passing dangerously on their way toward town. Constable stopped them and had a conversation.

11:12 a.m. – Individual claimed someone stole his guitar from his residence.

12:23 p.m. – Person told ESPD her ex-boyfriend was harassing her while she was working. Constable visited the ex-boyfriend and advised him to not return to the worksite.

6:21 p.m. – Resident asked to file a theft report because items had been taken from his coffee table while he was sleeping.

6:24 p.m. – Driver told ESPD he was headed east on US 62 when the vehicle behind him rear-ended him. He pulled over to exchange information but the offending motorist left the scene and continued east. Constable took a report.

7:53 p.m. – Central dispatch informed ESPD of a reportedly intoxicated driver who left a restaurant driving west on US 62. Constables never encountered the vehicle.

9:06 p.m. – Central dispatch again alerted constables to a reckless driver who had turned off US 62 onto Hwy. 23. Constable encountered the vehicle but did not see any reckless behavior.

9:30 p.m. – Another motorist on North Main reported a diesel truck following closely and flashing its lights. When the motorist stopped at a stop sign, the diesel pulled into a parking lot. Constables searched for but did not cross paths with the diesel.

## JUNE 23

12:25 p.m. – Individual reported her ex-boyfriend's mother had left messages at her place of work threatening bodily harm. Constable gathered information for a report.

1:15 p.m. – Observer in a neighborhood called in a vehicle parked in the same location for awhile with expired tags and flat tires. Constable red-tagged the vehicle.

2:30 p.m. – Constable filed a report on a broken window.

## JUNE 24

10:03 a.m. – Innkeeper reported surveillance video from the previous night recorded a male trying to break into her vehicle.

12:39 p.m. – Constable on patrol issued a citation for a vehicle parked precariously and obstructing traffic on a narrow street near downtown.

9:47 p.m. – ESPD notified Berryville PD of a pickup being driven erratically headed their way on US 62.

10:06 p.m. – People were setting off fireworks in city limits and constables told them to stop it.

## JUNE 25

4:46 a.m. – Attendant at a gas station reported a van parked suspiciously in the parking lot. Constable spoke with those in the vehicle who told him they were traveling and had stopped for a rest.

10:26 a.m. – Caller told ESPD he arrived home to find his wife deceased. Constable filed a report for an unattended death.

10:39 a.m. – Constable replaced the battery in a nonfunctioning meter downtown.

1:08 p.m. – Granddaughter asked for welfare check on her grandmother, who has not responded to phone calls. Constable went to grandma's house and found her doing well.

3:56 p.m. – Constables watched for a vehicle connected to an assault outside city limits but they never saw it in town.

5:40 p.m. – An anonymous tip came in that two persons with outstanding warrants in Kansas were staying in a local hotel. Constables researched the individuals and discovered they were not wanted after all.

6:16 p.m. – Constable watched for a truck supposedly being driven by an inebriated person. He never encountered the vehicle.

7:02 p.m. – Constable received a tip regarding an individual who had been breaking into cars around town.

7:19 p.m. – Constables watched for a truck reportedly stolen. Other nearby authorities were notified. Later the vehicle turned up and ESPD learned the situation was a misunderstanding.

## JUNE 26

2:13 a.m. – Witnesses reported seeing people take what appeared to be a tool case from a pickup parked in a motel parking lot and then head east on US 62 in a van. Constables did not encounter the vehicle.

8:22 a.m. – Motorcyclist turned over his vehicle on US 62 in the eastern part of town, and a constable filed a report.

9:03 a.m. – Caller claimed the side window of his motorcoach had been broken during the night.

11:02 a.m. – Person at a church south of town reported someone was loitering near the rear of the building in a suspicious manner. Constable checked the area but did not see the suspicious loiterer.

11:06 a.m. – Two individuals were engaged in a dispute, and one of them asked for constable intervention before the dispute escalated further. Constables spoke with them and determined their issue was a civil matter.

5:51 p.m. – ESPD got word of a vehicle being driven erratically in a neighborhood in the western part of town, but they never saw it.

## JUNE 27

11:30 a.m. – Innkeeper asked a constable what to do about a tenant who was not abiding by an agreement. Constable determined it was a civil matter.

3:01 p.m. – Constable on patrol noticed two males pushing each other outside a hotel. He stopped to check out the situation, and the men told him they would have a discussion instead.

5:20 p.m. – There was a two-vehicle accident on US 62 and both vehicles were towed.

5:23 p.m. – Constable responded to an altercation near downtown. The two disputants agreed not to press charges and apologized to each other.

## JUNE 28

12:13 a.m. – Individual near the edge of town reported hearing gunshots nearby. Constables scoured the area without finding the source of the shots but determined they would have come from outside city limits.

1:53 a.m. – Traffic stop resulted in the arrest of the driver for driving on a suspended license.

3:33 a.m. – Staff at a hotel alerted ESPD to a possibly intoxicated individual who had previously been booted off the property. Constable found the person and gave him a ride to a friend's house.

8:46 a.m. – Passerby noticed a vehicle with a dog inside was parked in a No Parking zone. Constable tracked down the owner who moved the car. The dog was not in distress.

9:49 a.m. – Motorist on Hwy. 23S called in a motorcyclist who was speeding, driving on both sides of the road and passing on the double yellow lines. The bike also had a bandanna covering the license plate. Constable came across the motorcycle on a side street but did not encounter the cyclist.

2:15 p.m. – Constable performed a welfare check on an individual who the previous day said she did not feel well. ESFD confirmed she had been taken via air ambulance to a hospital.

6:25 p.m. – Burglary alarm was triggered at a business downtown, but the constable found the building secure.

7:51 p.m. – Passerby noticed what appeared to be a male prying open the door of a building downtown. Constable learned the person was replacing the door.

9:26 p.m. – There was a fight involving two males and a female in a motel parking lot. Constables arrested one of the males for domestic battery and public intoxication.

10:11 p.m. – A resident above downtown complained a neighbor had the music turned up too loud. Constables arrived on the scene and agreed. They asked for a more moderate volume.



## Planning makes progress on construction review

NICKY BOYETTE

Before its regular June 23 meeting, the Planning Commission held a workshop on construction review with Mayor Butch Berry, alderman Terry McClung and Building Inspector Bobby Ray, continuing discussion about rainwater runoff carrying construction debris from one property to another or onto city streets.

Chair James Morris stated, "We're not looking at the 50-year flood but watching for construction projects that can cause unnecessary problems." He pointed out nowhere on the construction checklist does it mention runoff.

Ray commented some runoff issues are complex drainage puzzles, and a simple but useful strategy would be keeping culverts clear and unclogged.

Commissioner Steve Beacham commented there are other kinds of situations such as rainwater rushing down Spring Street to Pendergrass Corner. He considered the situation a health and safety issue.

Commissioner Pat Lujan mentioned Fayetteville requires a pre-construction plan for mitigating runoff, and

Ray pointed out Fayetteville has one person whose only job is doing pre-construction reviews. He added there would always be natural drainage down the city's hills.

Lujan responded that construction on the hillsides of Eureka Springs can change the slope of a lot, thereby altering runoff patterns. "Why aren't we telling people how to protect neighbors down below?" he asked, claiming Ray and contractors should be able to see ahead of time where problems could arise and implement a plan to mitigate them.

Lujan suggested planned plantings of groundcover and shrubs as one preventative. "There's a lot we should be doing," he said. "We create runoff pathways which weren't there before because we are not being proactive."

McClung insisted he remembered these measures were in City Code, but Lujan maintained the situations are not looked at in enough detail. He pointed out lots are selling in town now, so it is incumbent on the city to insist on pre-construction plans for the use of plantings, straw bales or netting as measures for attenuating erosion.

Berry said the ordinance looked good enough in his estimation, but grading during construction requires a civil engineer, so the contractor should get guidance from the engineer on erosion and runoff control.

Ray stated he was comfortable requiring netting and baling where they would be effective, and would also update the checklist.

Lujan replied if Ray could change the pre-construction checklist and procedures, then they have made progress.

Morris suggested they convene a follow-up workshop if necessary to assess updates to the review process.

### Public hearing on rezoning

Beth Martin Smith represented her application for rezoning 4 Armstrong from R-1 to C-1 during a Public Hearing at the onset of the regular Planning agenda. She told commissioners the house is one of the oldest on Armstrong and was a tourist lodging for many years. In 2001, the Conditional Use Permit (CUP) lapsed, but she wanted to return the house to use as a tourist lodging

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## Sycamore<sup>©</sup> – Chapter 18

*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

THERE WERE PERSISTENT, heavy rains throughout March, and fine, warm days with only an occasional light frost at night. People came out into the intermittent sunshine, gazed at the heaped gold of forsythia and the spreading fans of new strawberry leaves, and said: "It's a good growing year" – pretending to forget that, six times in seven, the hills were parched by mid-July. All over town, men were at work, hammering, painting, hewing away the vegetation that had been allowed, for years, to encroach on walls, flights of steps, foundations of lost houses, back lanes and disused streets. Wherever it could get a foothold, the forest had begun to repossess the area of the town. Young trees had sprung up and flourished in abandoned gardens where once houses had stood. Wild honeysuckle and trumpet vine had run rampant, reaching their tentacles into crannies, slipping between rocks and through walls, to penetrate other walls beyond. Now, brush-hooks were striking down these ranks of the invading wilderness, driving them back to the ragged edges of the town. But, on the slopes of North and South Mountains, the massive oaks and sycamores were left standing – pointed out with pride, these patches of wild, wooded hillside within the town. The trees, nourished by the seep of snow and rain through the

rich-rotted forest floor, thrust down strong, twisted roots in the earth, grappled with the tile sewers, and heaved and broke and strangled them, pushing their way into the underground streams that honeycombed the two mountains...

Doctor Totten broke the news at the monthly meeting of the commissioners, at Roger Knowles's house. "Five cases," he said, "in the last three days. It's time we took steps."

Colonel Blake set his cocktail glass down on a table, and his hand shook so that he spilled a little. "Five cases of dysentery don't constitute an epidemic. What d'you mean by *steps*, Gregory? He glared at his old friend, challenging him to broach the forbidden subject. "What steps?"

"Have the state health department test the springs, of course." Doctor Totten was imperturbable behind his cigar. "Condemn 'em, if they're contaminated."

This is going to be a battle royal, Roger thought. Walter, too, was sitting alertly on the edge of his chair. Agnes was in the kitchen.

The colonel sprang to his feet and began stamping up and down. "Water! You can't think of anything but water, Gregory... It's an obsession, sir! How d'you know they haven't been eatin' impure food? I'm no medico, but by God I know dysentery don't *always* come from drinkin' water! ... How

about those morels they're always gatherin', this time o' year? Pay no attention to where they're growin', either... You never thought o' *that*, did you?"

"I thought of it." The doctor spoke wearily. "I can't prove it's the water. Not till it's tested... That little two-year-old of Elmer Pringle's," he added, "died early this morning. Doctor Glover diagnosed the trouble as infant diarrhea."

"There you are!" the colonel cried in triumph.

"Where?" asked the doctor, a patient cynic.

Colonel Blake came to a halt in front of Roger's chair. "I put it up to you, Roger. This – this new faction in town would like nothin' better than to pin a false-alarmist tag on you. On all of us, for that matter." He harrumphed a little, as Mrs. Knowles, who had come to the door, stood looking from one to another of the four men, then edged into the room, silent and listening.

"Look at it like this," the colonel went on hotly. "Whichever way the cat jumps, it's going to look bad. If they report that our water's safe, we'll have made fools of ourselves for bringing the matter up at all. If it's polluted, they'll play up the angle that, as commissioners, we shouldn't have allowed it to happen. Make this public now," he cried, "and we're playin' right into Jaffray's

hand!"

The doctor asked blandly: "Where do *you* stand, Roger?" There was a sardonic glint in his eye.

Always pinning you down, wasn't he? "Can't say offhand, Greg. There's ramifications, as Laertes says." He turned to Agnes. "Five cases of dysentery in town. Greg thinks we should have the springs tested. A nasty break – with all these new people coming in – a really big tourist season in sight, for the first time in years –"

She crossed the room to sit beside him, and said: "I think it would be a mistake to raise an alarm just at this time. You know how panicky people get over a thing like that. Anyone with sense would know better than to drink the spring water anyway, after these rains."

Doctor Totten sat up with a jerk, spilling cigar ash down the front of his vest. "Agnes," he said heavily, "if this town's *got* a health commissioner, I'm it. And I insist that samples of water from every one of the springs be sent to Little Rock at once, for analysis. Meanwhile, chlorinate the springs. Furthermore, I insist that a warning notice be printed in Thursday's paper."



A crowd much larger than expected showed up when the Holiday Island Chamber of Commerce sponsored a Southern BBQ dinner with live music, door prizes and a silent auction in the Holiday Island Clubhouse Ballroom to help fund the 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks. There was also a golf tournament in conjunction with the evening's events.

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Judy Kelly isn't sure the potato salad is going to make it to the end of the crowd.

Jim Sexton placed his painting up for bid in the silent auction.

Jim and Joan Hirnisey in high spirits



**Bikers' bounty** – Tom Taylor, left, and Jay Stephens of the Vulcan Bagger Assoc. help move loads of food and backpacks the motorcycle riders donated to the Back Our Kids program. Some 200 Kawasaki Vulcan riders were in town for a national meeting and wanted to give something back to the community. The riders also collected \$3200 amongst them for the Flint Street Food Pantry. May all your rides be great ones, gents! *PHOTO BY JAY VRECENAK*



**Barn (fund) raising** - Friends of the Barn (Holiday Island) sponsored a potluck and evening of entertainment and door prizes to benefit the Barn Fund. It was a great night of fun with entertainer Catherine Reed and David Burks, who accompanied her on guitar. *PHOTO BY JAY VRECENAK*





Eureka Springs School of the Arts hosted a successful Youth Art Week June 22 – 26 with students creating work in various mediums in several workshops.

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Carrie Siegfried-Haase, top, shows Anika Hendrickson her way around the polishing wheel during the Magic of Metal class.

Anna-Claire Hudgins in Denise Ryan's painting class



Jack Berryhill at work in Donna Doss's Clay Sculpture class



The expanded Small Metal studio



Janie Matthews in Denise Ryan's Acrylic Painting class

Max Bushaw shows his creations



Charles Fredrick and his Cartooning class: From left, sitting, Rosie Matthews and Maranda Waltin; standing, Peter Unwer, Lola Bushaw and Garrett Rascon.



Jackson Hudgins, age 6, with his clay pieces





## The Elder

When out on the road, I have an eye on the highway and one eye on the roadside, looking for what's in bloom. Returning from vacation a couple of weeks ago, driving in northwest Tennessee then crossing on the other side of the Mississippi in the Missouri bootheel, I couldn't help but notice elders blooming all along the roadside.



Our common native elder (*Sambucus canadensis*) is a highly variable gangly shrub, with its broad clusters of white to yellowish flowers blooming over about a month's period. I was struck by the fact that 25 miles either side of the Mississippi River flowering specimens of this ubiquitous shrub were mostly all blooming at the same time, had compact flowerheads clustered at

the top of the plant and most of the plants seemed to be about six feet tall. If ever I were to develop a commercial planting of elderberries, I would want to collect elders growing along the Mississippi to propagate and promote these traits. The uniform blooming, relatively small compact size, made me think that whatever adaptations had induced these genetic characteristics make it a good candidate for developing an elderberry orchard.

The genus *Sambucus* has about nine species worldwide, and our *S. canadensis* and the widespread European *S. nigra* have been widely used in folk medicine. In Great Britain, elderberry ranks just behind docks, nettles and dandelions as one of the more important folk remedies through history, imbued with magico-religious traits since ancient times.

All parts of the plant have been used, though fresh plant parts are considered potentially toxic. Drying or heating the flowers and fruits seems to render them safe. Traditionally the bruised leaves, steeped in hot water have been used to expel insects



from grape vines, and perhaps worth investigating. The dried flowers made into a tea, depending upon strength will induce sweating (used to treat colds) or induce vomiting. This time of year, flowerheads can be dipped in batter and fried-up as a wild treat. Pickled unopened flower buds are a traditional substitute for capers. The berry-like fruits are made into wine, jellies (though pectin must be added), elixirs, extracts and other preparations.

Today, based on research conducted by Israeli scientists about 30 years ago, elderberry extracts and syrups are widely available in dietary supplement products to prevent or reduce upper respiratory trace infections during the cold and flu season.

The common, widespread and mostly neglected common elder should capture more attention than just a roadside glance.

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it makes no sense to add fluoride when they were previously mandated by the health department to reduce toxic levels of fluoride.

"We had several systems that were under an administrative order because of fluoride contamination," Anderson said. "That is when I first started looking at the health problems fluoride causes. The state said we had to reduce fluoride levels, so we had 18 smaller water districts band together to get water out of the lake without fluoride. Then the state comes back and says, 'Well, you have to put fluoride in your water because you provide water to more than 5,000 customers.'"

The Arkansas Department of Health (ADH), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and dental groups tout fluoridation as a way to prevent cavities in children. Opponents have concerns about the increasing body of scientific evidence that links fluoridation to decreased IQs and ADHD in children, thyroid problems and dementia.

In June, representatives from ADH attended an OMRPWA board meeting, and representatives from 17 of the 18 entities stood in solidarity against fluoridation. Some threatened to drop out and go back on their wells if they are forced to fluoridate. Others said they wouldn't pay their water bills if

they get unwanted chemical contamination.

"Not a one of these 18 entities want anything to do with it," Anderson said. "They have been told over and over the dangers of fluoride, and now that it has been mandated by the legislature, it is now a good thing?"

OMRPWA has appealed to Gov. Asa Hutchinson to remove the district from the fluoride mandate on grounds that the authority is treated by the health department as 18 individual entities for everything else, such as monitoring and reporting activities.

"But when it comes to fluoride, they want to call us one district," Anderson said. "Before we joined together to get fluoride free water, none of the water districts served more than 5,000 people. So none would have been affected by the mandate."

Another reason the district opposes the mandate is cost. While a grant from Delta Dental Foundation is paying for the equipment, that doesn't cover the cost of chemicals and monitoring. The OMRPWA is financially troubled, Anderson said, and currently having to do major repairs because heavy rainfall damaged pipelines.

"Financially, we are not stable because of all of those issues," Anderson said. "We asked the health department for a six-month delay and then revisit the issue, and they agreed to that. They have never encountered as many objections as

they have encountered here."

There are concerns that if these districts located in the Buffalo River watershed are forced to fluoridate, most of the fluoride will end up in the Buffalo River where there are concerns about it damaging aquatic life. Reviews of scientific literature published on PubMed.gov indicate "fluoride toxicity to aquatic invertebrates and fishes increases with increasing fluoride concentration, exposure time and water temperature."

"About 99.95 percent of our water is not consumed by people," Anderson said. "It is all flushed down the drain and goes into the Buffalo River. I don't know why the environmental people aren't involved in this. In Madison County, 85 percent of the water is used in poultry industry. The fluoride is going into the meat of birds. While some meat is sold locally, a lot goes to foreign countries. One of these countries that has banned fluoride will wake up someday and say, 'We aren't going to buy this meat with fluoride in it.' Chicken producers need to be up in arms about this."

Anderson said new reports are coming out all the time about the buildup of fluoride in food, and the harm over fluoridation is doing to health. CDC studies have shown 41 percent of children in the U.S. have teeth damaged by too much fluoride causing dental fluorosis.

Anderson said he believes one of the

reasons U.S. residents have some of the worst health of any first world country is because of 70 years of fluoridation. But he said it is a difficult battle to fight because so much money is behind fluoridation as a convenient way for the phosphate fertilizer industry to get paid for selling toxic waste rather than having to pay to treat it.

"People should know the truth, that fluoride being put in water is not pharmaceutical fluoride, but an industrial waste byproduct," Anderson said. "This isn't natural fluoride, which is calcium fluoride, but sodium fluoride that is very caustic. You can't store it in a container made out of concrete, metal or glass. It eats concrete, metal and glass. Anything that caustic should not go in our water. The other thing is it damages the equipment so you are going pay to repair equipment regularly. It is a hazardous material. You must wear hazmat suits to deal with it."

Anderson, in an email to opponents of fluoridation in Eureka Springs, said it is unfortunate that the CBWD and other large water districts agreed to fluoridate even though they didn't want to.

"If some of the larger systems had stuck together, we could have easily reversed course," he said. "We have only four systems in the state that have not knuckled under. Marion County, Madison County, Watson Chapel, and us."





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## Outside in

Enjoy an Outsider Art exhibit during the month of July at Brews on the corner of Spring and Pine, and come meet the artists Thursday, July 2 from 5 – 8 p.m. at the opening reception.

Outsider Art can be described as art produced by self-taught artists who are not necessarily part of the artistic establishment. Work by Eureka Springs artists Katy Guetziuff, Regina Smith, Ambur Rockell, Russell Harrison, Jonathan K. Bell, Josh Clark and Teresa Pelliccio DeVito will be on exhibit, along with an original piece from the late, great Julie Traxler.

## Old World Marionette puppets visit library

### *Week long activities for midsummer fun*

On Thursday, July 2 at 3 p.m. come beat the heat with free popcorn and a showing of *Despicable Me*, rated PG. The library will be closed Friday and Saturday, July 3 and 4, for Independence Day.

The week of July 6 starts off with strings attached! The Elsenpeter Marionette Puppets combine fantasy and old-fashioned storytelling at the Eureka Springs Carnegie Public Library Monday at 3 p.m.

Tuesday afternoon at 3 p.m. is Lego Club where the construction of Gotham Springs will continue and later the evening will wind up with Pajama Storytime for the little ones at 7 p.m. Wednesday morning at 10:30 a.m. will be Preschool Craft & Story Hour for books, songs, games, crafts and snacks.

Thursday July 9 at 3 p.m. enjoy more free popcorn and continue last week's adventure with a showing of *Despicable Me 2*, rated PG. Make plans to attend Saturday Crafterday on July 11 at 3 p.m. for an all-new Superhero craft. All programs are free and intended for children and families with no pre-registration. For more information contact or visit the library at 194 Spring Street, call (479) 253-8754 or go to [EurekaLibrary.org](http://EurekaLibrary.org).



## Catch your muse at ESSA



Enjoy the fun of learning or improving an artistic skill this summer.

The July 6 – 10 workshops at Eureka Springs School of the arts feature Mary Springer's popular Life Drawing class, Basic Beading with Edwige Denyszyn, Beginning Metalsmithing-Jewelry with Judy Lee Carpenter and Imaginative Drawings on Clay with Miki Glasser. (Sorry, Les Brandt's Woodturning workshop has been filled.)

During her three-day workshop July 8 – 10 (9 a.m. – 4 p.m.), Edwige Denyszyn will teach a new beading technique each day, starting with Peyote, Square stitch, Right Angle Weave, Herringbone and Netting. A small project for each technique will be completed. Edwige has been beading since the early 1990s, creating her own designs from the beginning and teaching and showing her work.

Miki Glasser's five-day class (10 a.m. – 4 p.m.) will focus on expanding your imaginative repertoire using clay. Learn mishima (carving into clay) and sgraffito (slip is painted on and carved into, revealing clay beneath) techniques on unfired forms as well as underglaze washes on fired pieces. Basic wheel throwing and drawing will be covered, and hand built or wheel thrown porcelain will be fired. In this workshop, you'll gain an understanding of how to create narrative imagery on the surface of your work and come away with a small body of completed work.

Miki has shown recently at The Contemporary Art Center of New Orleans and the Ogden Museum of Southern Art. [www.mikiglasserart.com](http://www.mikiglasserart.com)

Register now at [www.essa-art.org](http://www.essa-art.org) or by calling (479) 253-5384 and reserve a space before these workshops also fill up!

## Call for entries in annual art exhibit

The Holiday Island Association of the Arts Art Guild is calling for entries for the 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Art Exhibit and Sale August 25 – 30.

Categories for entries are: Works on paper, works on canvas or fabric, mixed media and photography. An artist may submit up to three entries for each category.

Entries for the Holiday Island Directory Cover are in a separate exhibit and will be judged by viewers' choice.

All entries must be received no later

than Friday, August 15 to guarantee entry into the exhibit. Entries may not have been entered in a prior HI Arts Guild show. Members of the Holiday Island Association of the Arts - Art Guild pay \$25 for up to three entries in each category and non-members pay \$35.

Membership fee is \$12 a year and you do not need to live in Holiday Island to become a member. For more information on regulations or to receive an entry form contact Mariellen Griffith at [mgriffith@aol.com](mailto:mgriffith@aol.com).



## We Hold These Truths to Be Self-Evident

**S**aturday, July 4th, is the 239th birthday of the United States commemorating the signing of the Declaration of Independence (the U.S. astrology chart has Aquarius moon – freedom for its people, by its people). Cancer, a liberating and initiating sign, is the “gate” where Spirit enters matter. Cancer receives and distributes Ray 3 (Divine Intelligence) and Ray 7 (new rules, new rhythms & archetypes, new free nation under God). Cancer represents an intelligent freethinking humanity that can and must create Right Economics for the world. This means a

Policy of Sharing, an opportunity for the U.S. when Venus (money, resources, possessions, etc.) retrogrades July and August in Leo (the heart of the matter).

The United States has a unique spiritual task for the world – to lead humanity within and towards the Light, accomplished by its people who must first awaken to this task, learn discrimination, be directed by the Soul to assume the Herculean task of spiritual world leadership.

Let us review the first words of our Constitution. “We the People of the United States, in Order to form

a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.” Let us (re)form that union together. Especially as the secret TPP has passed, which is destroying humanity’s freedoms. Note: The following is a review of the spiritual tasks for each sign. Read all the signs. They all apply to everyone.

**ARIES:** Your task in the upcoming times is to initiate the new culture and civilization, create communities that sustain large groups of people, gather groups of like-minds together to follow the initiating steps you create. You then hand the tasks over to those who can build and sustain your ideas. You must understand the importance of this work. You are, on spiritual levels, Mercury, the messenger.  
**TAURUS:** What others (only a few) have initiated in creating the new world, you are to study, refine and essentially stabilize. You often present and offer these ideas to the larger world. Many are asleep. Experiment with them in your like-

minded group. You are to sustain the new reality and prepare for seven generations to come. You are Vulcan, Forging lead into gold.

**GEMINI:** You learn about life giving, sustainable principles for humanity – ideas most are unaware of yet. But humanity is actually seeking them. Being brilliant, mercurial and curious, you must first incorporate these principles into your life and distribute them. You’re to do this with patience, intelligence, scientific thought and love. You’re Venus, synthesizing all dualities.

**CANCER:** You’re to nurture new ideas, allow them to enter your world, using your resources for research. You’re to also tend to those bringing the new information forth. Through you, the birth of a new culture and civilization comes forth. You’re to open the gates so impressions for a new world can come through. The entire world is your family. You work with Neptune, the dissolver, the refiner, the Soul.

**LEO:** You’re to use the new information creatively, always seeking ways that assist the kingdoms (mineral, plant, animal, human). You’re a leader, a king or queen, the artist. People listen to you because you carry the heart of the Sun’s magnetism. You’re to create new sustaining projects. These give you greater self-identity. Later you lovingly offer your gifts to humanity, the world disciple. You are the Sun, the life-giving force. Recite the Gayatri (Hymn to the Sun) daily.

**VIRGO:** Always you hold a new state of consciousness, a new world. After reaching personality integration, you are able to bring forth the new materiality, which is the Sharing Principle. It will be your task to organize it into a structure

understandable by humanity. The time is soon, though not yet. Study how humanity is to be fed. You, Ceres, are the moon hiding Vulcan. Water and soil are your gold.

**LIBRA:** You’re to bring forth justice, taking the blindfold off Lady Justice. She holds the scales. You work with Gemini and Cancer creating economic stability humanity will need as the old economic structures dissolve. You are to help humanity understand their true identity and create relationships where none existed. You

establish Right Human Relations. You’re Uranus, where the new rhythms, archetypes, culture and civilization originates.

**SCORPIO:** Your task is to first pass the nine tests of Mars; to realize you’re in a constant cycle of life, death, regeneration, and transformation. You’re the phoenix rising from the ashes, the disciple in the Temple of Wisdom (learning astrology). You prepare for the upcoming changes that will at first distress and then regenerate suffering humanity. You will be one of the teachers during the upcoming time. You are Mars, Lord of Aspiration.

**SAGITTARIUS:** You’re to “lead the way” by offering new goals to humanity, moving us toward a sharing society. You’re the professor, teaching ancient (yet future) philosophies to those seeking the new culture and civilization, new ways of thinking which bring order and organization to the new world. First you need education in these things yourself. How will you learn? You are Earth, the Mother and the Holy Spirit all in one.

**CAPRICORN:** You know how to climb mountains. The Constitution of Man/Mind

is a mountain, the biblical Jacob’s Ladder, angels climbing up (toward Spirit) and down (into matter). Humanity, in matter for eighteen million years, is seeking the Path of Return. You will teach humanity what are appropriate shoes, clothes, foods and climbing gear to ascend the mountain, become the Initiate and reach for the Sun. You are to consider yourself a unicorn and Saturn, the Teacher of Time.

**AQUARIUS:** Your tasks, future oriented yet also for the present, are many. You’re to build a space ship, geodesic dome and an Arc – environments to grow fish (tilapia), vegetables, fruits and medicinals. You’re to create community, a template of how humanity will need to live. You’re to offer yourself as everyone’s friend. You love humanity. From a distance. You work with Jupiter, which is love from the heart of the Sun.

**PISCES:** Your task is to build temples of study where everyone can be re-educated, their minds and hearts uplifted through understanding prayer, meditation and invocation. You’re to teach the “little ones” (seekers), offer festivals of Light and unite heaven and earth through the study of the stars, planets and Sun (astrology). You’re to work with Aquarius until the communities are built and offer the Mantram of Direction (Great Invocation) to the world. You are Pluto, the transformer with Purpose & the Plan.

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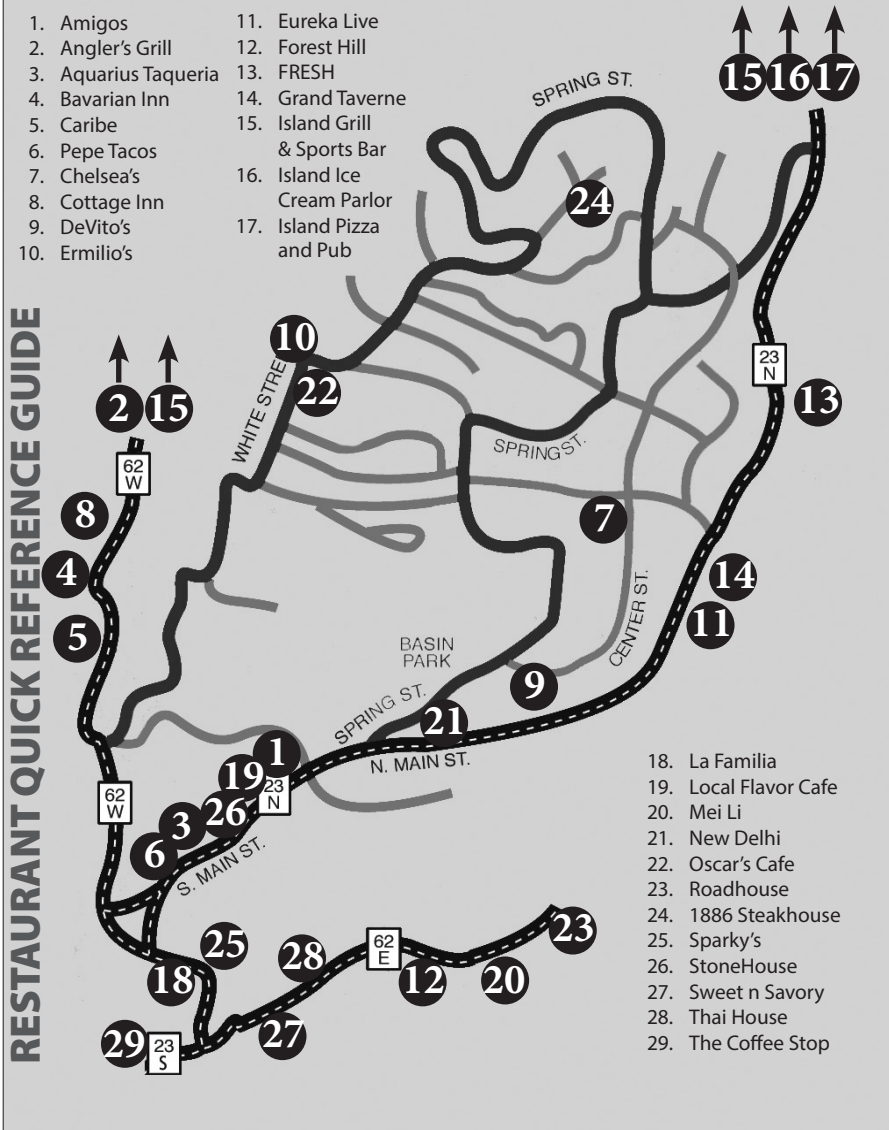
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It's firecracker time everyone! Let's light up the sky. Polyester Robots display their malleable space rock at Cathouse Friday and the multi-rhythm party Drumming in the Park Saturday evening at 6 p.m. All ages welcome and the drums will get you ready for fireworks displays. Elisha Israel and AZ One play funky reggae in the Cathouse Beer garden Saturday afternoon and Chelsea's at 9:30 p.m.

### THURSDAY, JULY 2

**BASIN PARK BALCONY** – *Brady Parker*, Singer/Songwriter, 5 p.m.

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

**LEGENDS SALOON** – *Toy*, Rock, 8 p.m.

### FRIDAY, JULY 3

**BASIN PARK BALCONY** – *Hawgscalders*, Folk, 12 and 6 p.m.  
**CATHOUSE LOUNGE AND BEER GARDEN** – *Septembers End*, Rock, 2 – 6 p.m. (BG), *Jimmy Wayne Garrett*, Rock, 6 – 10 p.m. (BG), *Polyester Robots*, Space Rock, 8 p.m. (Inside)  
**CHELSEA'S** – *Septembers End*, Rock, 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*,



Magnolia Brown play Cathouse Beer Garden Saturday, July 4 at noon

Singer/Songwriter, 8 p.m.

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

**ROWDY BEAVER** – *Austin Cobb Band*, Rock, 8 p.m.

**ROWDY BEAVER DEN** – *Leather and Lace Trio*, Rock, 9 p.m.

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

### SATURDAY, JULY 4

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

**CATHOUSE LOUNGE AND BEER GARDEN** – *Magnolia Brown*, Americana, 12 – 4 p.m. (BG), *Elisha Israel and AZ One*, Reggae, 4 – 8 p.m. (BG), *JD and the Mudhounds*, Blues, 8 p.m. (BG), *Opal Agafia*, Singer/Songwriter, 8 p.m., (Inside)  
**CHELSEA'S** – *Elisha Israel and AZ One*, Reggae, 9:30 p.m.

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### SUNDAY, JULY 5

**BASIN PARK BALCONY** – *Catherine Reed*, Singer/Songwriter, 12 p.m., *Michael Dimitri*, Singer/Songwriter, 5 p.m.

**BREWS** – *Cards Against Humanity/ Board Games*

**CHELSEA'S** – *Johai Kafa*, Folk, 7:30 p.m.

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

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

**ROWDY BEAVER DEN** – *The Lark and the Loon*, Folk, 1 – 5 p.m.

### MONDAY, JULY 6

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

### TUESDAY, JULY 7

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**Eureka Springs' Birthday Party**, 12 Noon, Basin Park. Eureka Springs Historical

Museum invites the public to celebrate the founding our great town with Voices from the Silent City, activities and birthday cake!

**Open House & Furryworks**, 12 Noon – 4 p.m., Good Shepherd Animal Shelter, US 62E. GSHS's 4<sup>th</sup> annual Open House Celebration is an afternoon of fun, food and games for the whole family. Adoption of

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**14<sup>th</sup> Annual Fireworks display at Ventris Trails End**, dusk, south of marker 8 on Beaver Lake, look for the banners. Fireworks are choreographed to music and best seen by boat as they are projected toward Beaver Lake to reflect off the water. See [beaverlakeresorts.com](http://beaverlakeresorts.com) for map and details or call (479) 359-3497.

## EUUF Skypes July 5

A Skype meeting with Maija Lang (Wallace) will be held Sunday, July 5 at the Eureka Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 17 Elk St. Maija is completing her Masters in International Development in Paris, France, and will be share her experiences living and working on four different continents.

Service is at 11 a.m. and childcare will be provided. After the service join for Salad Sunday where there will be salads, bread, sweets, juice and great conversation. Bring something to share if you can. Cost is \$4 for adults, \$2 for children and \$10 max/family. Childcare provided. Extra parking at Ermilio's, 26 White St.

## Vacation Bible School begins

From July 6 – 10, the Holiday Island Community Church, 188 Stateline Drive, will be transformed into a bustling Jerusalem Marketplace. Here ages 4 – 12 will experience what it was like to be in a biblical marketplace where Jesus walked. Join the fun from 8:30 – 11:30 a.m. each day to be a part of an unforgettable journey back in time. For more information call (479) 253-8200 or register at [www.hicchurch.com](http://www.hicchurch.com).

## Register now for Berryville Restoration Project event

The Berryville Restoration Project, a 501(c)3 non profit, will hold a fundraising event Tuesday, July 14, from 6 – 9 p.m. at Painter's Palette, 201 Public Square in Berryville.

Join Lynne Crow of Painter's Palette who will help you design on canvas your own, personalized version of the Berryville Restoration Project logo created for BPR by Randy Rust capturing the historical

Berryville Square.

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**Backpackin'** – Members of the Vulcan (Kawasaki) Riders Assoc. (VRA) and Vulcan Baggers Assoc. (VRB) from around the U.S. rallied at Inn of the Ozarks last week and donated food, backpacks and a check for \$3200 to Pat Kasner of Flint St Food Bank for the Back Our Kids weekend food program. From left are Michael Oldfield, national VP, VRA; Jay Stephens, national VP, VBA; Pat Kasner of Flint Street Food Bank; Kindra Coatney, Inn of the Ozarks social media mgr.; and Randy Young, Illinois VRA president. *PHOTO BY JAY VRECEK*

## Meditation and discussion July 2

The Eureka Springs Buddhist Study Group will gather for 30 minutes of meditation followed by reading and discussion of *Atisha's Lamp for the Path*

on July 2 at 4 p.m. at the Heart of Many Ways in the Christian Science Church at 68 Mountain Street. Anyone is welcome to attend.

## July 6 Metafizzies meeting

The July 6 meeting of the Eureka Springs Metaphysical Society will feature videos on the scientific evidence for reincarnation. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. at Heart of Many Ways in the Christian Science Church at 68 Mountain Street. All are welcome.

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- **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](mailto: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](http://www.nwaws.org)

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- **Eureka Springs Meditation Group** All are welcome for meditation and teachings every Tuesday from 6 – 7 p.m. at 17 Elk St. in the UU Church building. Come any Tuesday for 20 minutes of meditation followed by a

10-minute break and teachings from various traditions.

- **Wildflowers one-dollar, furniture barn/thrift store** US 62E across from Hill County Hardware. One-dollar store in the yellow building every Friday from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Thrift store, furniture bank in big blue barn behind the chapel open Wednesdays – Saturdays from 10:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. Donation drop offs Thursday – Saturday between 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. Healing and delivery outreach in chapel Saturdays at 7:30 p.m.

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

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

**Meetings at Coffee Pot Club:**

- **Alateen** – Sundays, 10:15 – 11:15 a.m. Email [alateen1st@gmx.com](mailto:alateen1st@gmx.com) or phone (479) 981-9977
- **Overeaters Anonymous** – Thursdays, 10:30 a.m. Barbara (479) 244-0371
- **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](http://www.nwarkaa.org)



# DEPARTURE

## Sandy Davidson Goodier 1945 – 2015

On June 25, 2015, the world lost a remarkable human being, Sandy Davidson Goodier. She died unexpectedly in her home. She leaves behind a legion of friends and family who loved her unconditionally, her loving husband, Rick Goodier, and her grandson, Jacob, of the home. Sandy's four children, Tracy, Clint, Heidi and Ben, all live in Texas. She would boast of her 12 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Sandy was passionate about people. A caring human being, she was actively involved in her community. Among her life's adventures, highlights were a sabbatical cruise around Florida with her husband, Rick, in *Granny's Rocker*, their small sailboat, and a pilgrimage to India with Russill Paul.

Sandy visited Eureka Springs in early 1986, and so fell in love that she returned to Texas only long enough to collect her belongings and emigrate.

Her vocation in life to help others was fulfilled by her service as a registered nurse/midwife. She delivered many babies in Texas and many more here in Arkansas, both at home and in Eureka Springs Hospital.

Sandy searched throughout her life for spiritual values and experiences. She discovered great worth in her relationship with Rev. Edie Bird, Vicar of St. James Episcopal Church. Later, she took hand with Sufi Murshid Sherif Baba of the Rifa'i-Marufi Order, and Murshid Khabir Kitz of the Heartsong Retreat Center, and became grounded in the path of Sufism.

Though her life contracted after a serious auto accident in 2005, she never relinquished being an advocate for those in need. Generous and caring for all, she leaves a legacy of humor, love and compassion.

She will be remembered at a celebration at the Walnut Grange in Berryville on Saturday, August 8, 2015. Come and remember Sandy with music, food, drinks and tears. Contact: [iremembersandy@gmail.com](mailto:iremembersandy@gmail.com)



**Message received** – Rochelle Bales takes a break from getting relocated and functioning in Cravings Bakery's new location next to Harts. The official Grand Opening celebration is yet to be announced. Meanwhile, the public is invited to drop by and do exactly what the sign says.



PHOTO BY JAY VRECENAK

## Hams meet July 11

The Little Switzerland Amateur Radio Club will meet Saturday, July 11 at 4 p.m. The meeting will be held at the physicians building at the Mercy Hospital in Berryville. Anyone with an interest in amateur radio is welcome.

For current information on locations of each meeting or additional information go to [lsarc.us](http://lsarc.us) or contact [gmjar@outlook.com](mailto:gmjar@outlook.com).

## Help fight drug abuse with the Elks

The Holiday Island Elks Lodge 1042 will hold a BBQ Saturday, July 11 to raise money to fund its Drug Awareness Program from 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. on the Cornerstone Bank parking lot near the Holiday Island entrance. The cost is \$5 for a burger or brat, chips and a soft drink or ice tea.

Every year in conjunction with the Red Ribbon program a group of Holiday Island Elks visit the 5<sup>th</sup> graders in our area and present a three-part Drug Awareness program.

Each class watches a video entitled *The Drug Monster* which points out the real dangers of illegal drugs. The class is given a brief talk encouraging them to never begin using drugs and are asked to create a poster that show the dangers of starting to use drugs.

The 5<sup>th</sup> graders are given a packet of information supplied by the Elks National Office. The proceeds from the BBQ will be used to purchase the packets, rulers, pencils and pens that each child receives as part of the program.

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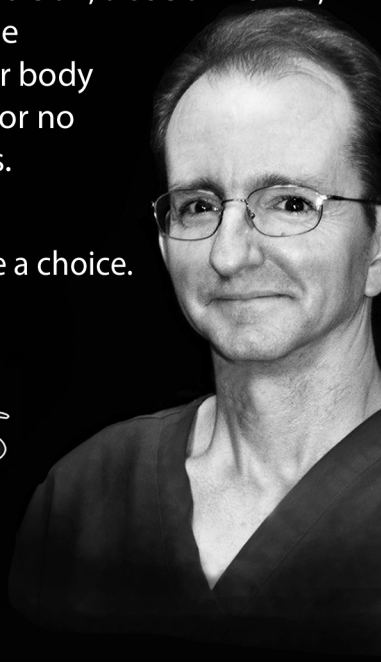
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groom them to run for office so they can change state and U.S. constitutions to theocracies and to make same-sex marriage illegal. So much for separation of church and state.”

Lamont Richie-Roberson, a Justice of the Peace who represents Eureka Springs on the Carroll County Quorum Court, shares concerns about religious freedom laws used to promote discrimination against LGBTs by the private sector in employment, housing and public accommodations.

“In Arkansas, even without the religious freedom law passed earlier this year, LGBTs can be fired, can be denied service in public accommodations and can be denied access to housing just because of their sexual orientation or gender identity,” Richie-Roberson said. “People often are

surprised by this, but it is not illegal for a private business to discriminate against gays and lesbians because the legislature has never given LGBTs protections against such discrimination, as has been the case for race, skin color, gender, religious affiliation or nationality.”

On July 22, Act 137 passed by the Arkansas Legislature goes into effect, prohibiting local governments from extending civil rights protections to LGBTs, which could render the city's non-discrimination ordinance moot.

On June 22, Eureka Springs City Council refused to file an injunction to stop Act 137, citing financial concerns. Council had voted in a non-discrimination ordinance before the state passed Act 137, and voters approved the ordinance by a landslide 72 percent in May.



# DROPPING A Line

by Robert Johnson

This week got a pic of little Ivy with a nice 21-inch smallmouth bass caught on Beaver Lake last Friday on a big 7-inch bass. We did catch a few stripers this week but nothing over 10 pounds. Had a fishing buddy who got a 32 pounder on a perch.

If you don't have shad, perch can get their attention sometimes. Most what I've seen are down about 28 ft. deep in the cooler water. Top water plugs can still get you one early. Best places to look now are from the dam to the Rocky Branch area. We have been finding a lot of crawdads in all the bass species, so maybe a crawdad would be good to try.

Here at Holiday Island water is high

with bass holding tight to it. Spinner baits, crankbaits and top water baits can all work. Crappie are about 8 – 12 feet deep near brush.

I didn't get to Lake Leatherwood last week but have two trips there this week and will be looking for the crappie again starting about 6 – 7 ft. deep above the grass in the deeper water close to shore. Might even get some catfish and bass again.

Well, that's it for this week. Please be respectful and safe on the water this week so we can all enjoy the 4th. Have a great Holiday.

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by ESI staff Solution on page 23

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- ACROSS**

1. Wading bird  
5. Sanctimonious religious talk  
9. Swiftly  
14. Climbing plant  
15. Lyric poems  
16. Castrated rooster  
17. Peruvian native  
18. Woman in charge  
20. Self-esteem  
21. Men in charge  
22. Black mark for a Scout  
24. Marine animal that sticks to rocks  
28. People who live on an isle off the British coast  
29. Mongolian desert  
31. Nighttime stop  
32. Quantity of medicine  
33. Three-masted sailing ship  
34. Word in contrast to what was already said  
35. Shop for cars  
36. More polite  
37. Insignificant  
38. Giant Manning  
39. Unsteady, askew  
40. Bus coins or tokens  
41. Part of a play  
42. Therefore  
43. Midwest
- communications company  
44. Set of computer buttons  
46. Express in rhyme  
49. Science of human settlements  
52. Pigeon talk  
53. Caring  
56. Douglas or Captain  
57. The underworld  
58. Surrounded by  
59. Rim  
60. Unmoving  
61. George Eliot's first novel, *Adam \_\_\_\_\_*  
62. Sense, perceive
- Down**

1. Covered in climbing plants  
2. Period devoted to indulgence  
3. Disadvantage, inconvenience  
4. Ocean  
5. Mingle, like musical parts  
6. Modify, adjust  
7. Hawaiian goose  
8. Russian despot  
9. Sharp, sarcastic  
10. Analyze a sentence  
11. Mimic  
12. Corps.
13. Innuendo has three  
19. Peanut  
21. Sea eagle  
23. Effortless  
25. Destruction of freedom  
26. Harden, toughen  
27. Poker entry fee  
29. Nocturnal lizard  
30. Submit to  
32. Sweetly, softly in music  
33. Hwy. sign regarding deer or pedestrians  
35. Bird bill  
36. Native of Finland or Sweden. Or Denmark. Or Norway.  
37. Religious get-together for Catholics  
39. Least strong  
40. Pelts  
43. Ebb  
45. First pope  
46. Radiant, brilliant  
47. Hammer into shape  
48. Rube  
50. Plunge a knife into  
51. 12:15 p.m. Or 12:15 a.m.  
53. Beta Kappa lead-in  
54. Took off in a hurry  
55. Long poem  
56. Another name for cannibals



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because “the home was meant to be shared.”

Her plan is to rent it as a single home. It sleeps up to seven, and she said she has been told there is a need in town for rentals of this kind.

She pointed out the property abuts a C-1 area, and the house is “a gem of Eureka Springs,” but she cannot afford to keep it without renting it to visitors.

Rick Bright, who with his wife, Dee, owns the property across the street, told commissioners he was not opposed to the property being used as a tourist lodging, but was opposed to rezoning. He suggested Martin Smith instead apply for a CUP.

During the commission’s discussion of the application, commissioner Melissa Greene read six letters supporting the application. Chair James Morris pointed out if the commission approved the rezoning, Martin Smith could use property as any of the allowable uses in a C-1 zone including opening a restaurant, and there are no parking restrictions in Code for C-1 properties. He said Planning must be careful about rezoning a single piece of property, and the applicant has other options.

Greene suggested Martin Smith could apply for a CUP, and Lujan echoed

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Greene’s sentiments.

Beacham added a concern for Planning is not Martin Smith. “It is the next owner we worry about,” he commented, because subsequent owners might have plans deleterious to the neighborhood.

Commissioners voted unanimously not to approve the application to rezone the property, and encouraged Martin Smith to apply for a CUP.

New construction review

Jason Kisic, pastor of Calvary Chapel, represented his application for new construction for a church building on Passion Play Road. He said he intended to create a “rustic industrial” look to the front of the metal building with sides that blend in with the landscape.

He said nine trees, at least two of which are dead, must be removed because they would be too close to the building, but there are plenty of trees remaining on their 13.5 acres. He also pointed out there is ample parking on the property.

Commissioner Ed Leswig pointed out City Code calls for metal buildings to have a wooden façade on the front, and Kisic said he would comply with that stipulation.

Commissioners approved Kisic’s application unanimously.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, July 14, at 6 p.m.



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