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**new Upcoming Events**

**May 17th** - Pioneer Day at Queen Wilhelmina State Park.  Park is looking someone to

demonstrate muzzleloader shooting and fiber arts.  Call or e-mail, Yvonne Duvall at

the Park, [479-394-1364](tel:479-394-1364), [yvonne.duvall@arkansas.gov](https://www.tcworks.net/squirrelmail/src/compose.php?send_to=yvonne.duvall%40arkansas.gov)

**August 23rd** - Cultural Celebration at Lake Dardanelle State Park.  The keelboat has

been invited, so, we need a crew.  For more information on the event contact Sasha

Bowles at the Park, [479-890-7477](tel:479-890-7477), [sasha.bowles@arkansas.gov](https://www.tcworks.net/squirrelmail/src/compose.php?send_to=sasha.bowles%40arkansas.gov). To be a part of the

crew, call or e-mail Ed Williams, [501-944-0736](tel:501-944-0736), [ed\_laurine@juno.com](https://www.tcworks.net/squirrelmail/src/compose.php?send_to=ed_laurine%40juno.com).

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

If you know of any events that are not on our calendar of Upcoming Events, please send them to the Editor*.* Thanks!

**May 2014**

**10 – Spring Festival Days at HAM.** Call Glenn Cook   
[501-941-7917](tel:501-941-7917)

**15-18 – 2nd Saline Crossing Voo**, Benton, AR. Call Teresa Lafferty   
[501-247-6466](tel:501-247-6466)

**May 17 Pioneer Day @ Wilhelmina state park. Yvonne Duvall** [**479-394-1364**](tel:479-394-1364)

**July 2014**

**4 – 4th of July at HAM.** Call Glenn Cook [501-350-6640](tel:501-350-6640)

**17-20 – MOJAM/Bow Building Seminar/Campout**, Marshall, MO. Call James Thompson [501-247-6466](tel:501-247-6466). Modern camping allowed. Non-period clothing and equipment used.

**August 2014**

**9 – Ice Cream Social,** Carol's Porch. Call Carol Fritts   
[501-821-0121](tel:501-821-0121)

**Aug 23..Lake Dardenelle state Park, need Keel boat crew Sasha Bowles** [**479-890-7477**](tel:479-890-7477)

**30 – Bow Seminar,** Carol's Porch. Call Nonose [501-255-5801](tel:501-255-5801)/  
[501-247-6466](tel:501-247-6466)

**September 2014**

**2 – Crossett Event**. Call Ed Williams

**6 – EARA Picnic** at Cadron Call Glen Cook 501-941-7917/  
Teresa Lafferty 501-247-6466

**11-14 – Calico Rock Voo.** Call James Ross 870-368--2273

**18-21 –  Soggy Bottoms Voo.** Call Teresa Lafferty 501-247-6466

**25-28 – Cowboy Church Voo.** Call Jennifer Johnson  
 417-634-0132/Glenn Cook 501-941-7917

**October 2014**

**2 – Old Washington Home School Days.** Call Teresa Lafferty   
(501-247-6466)

**2-5 – Critter’s Voo**.FAULK, AR. Call Critter/Bobby

**9-12 – 3rd Annual Leslie Rendezvous**, Leslie, AR 9-12 Leslie Voo   
Call Glenn Cook 501-350-6640

**November 2014**

**1 – Searcy Pioneer Village.** Call Melinda LaFevers

**1 – Old Washington Fall Civil War Days.** Call Washington St. Pk.

**27–30 – Petit Jean Mountain Voo.** Petit Jean State Park. Call Glenn Cook 501-350-6640

**December 2014**

**7 – Christmas at HAM.** Sunday only. Call Glenn Cook 501-941-7917

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**FRONTIER MEDICINE**

Joyce Hetrick

Not only did our ancestors have to contend with the threat of deadly smallpox, there were many other “major diseases” and TB was one of the most feared. It was of course spread through contact with the mucus droplets of people coughing, but also by contact with some items they may have touched. There was also a similar disease to TB that could be passed on in the milk of a cow with it would cause infection in the bones and muscles. Though TB has more or less been knocked down so that we in the US no longer have to fear the effects, and it does respond to long term antibiotic therapy. Many p arts of the world find the disease still rampant. With many people coming into our country from these areas, physicians and health care workers are finding more and more cases. Before antibiotics, “consumption” as our ancestors called it, was generally a fatal diagnosis, though it might take years, even decades to kill the person. People became so thin they looked like concentration camp survivors and thus the term “consumption” was coined because the disease literally consumed the victim. In the 1800s physicians recommended warm dry climates, or moist tropical ones, or sea voyages, but only for men. Women with consumption were expected to stay home and play the “sick role” and yet keep up the arduous labor of keeping a home going. In the later part of the 19th century, there were sanatoriums, both private for those who could pay to be pampered while they died, and public ones, where the poor went to die.

 These institutions were horrible places. My grandfather’s brother died in such a place and I have letters that he wrote home that would make you cry (at least they did me.) The people in these institutions were very far away from family and friends, in a place where everyone was dying

While a continual cough might be the first signal that a person might have TB, as the disease progressed the victim would start to cough up blood, and in the end Hemorrhage from the lungs in a gush that usually killed them. Or sometimes there would be remissions for a time.

Of course like any disease, not everyone who was exposed to it contracted it, but the crowded living conditions, lack of a complete diet for 12 months of the year, continual child bearing in women, and hard physical labor for the males made the disease pick and choose and “kick’em when they’re down” It was not unusual for entire family groups to contract the disease. In the community here as I did my historical research on families, I found several families who lost all their children to the disease.

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