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This Week's INDEPENDENT Thinkers

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People of Eureka Springs, known for alpha-personalities, intelligence and a different way of looking at things, have banded together before to stop what they saw as a detriment to their way of life: a marina at the dam; a railroad through private land to benefit a few; a WalMart Express – intrusions they found wounding.

Some say they step on the toes of progress, but being active stewards of water, land, air and authenticity is what they do best.

Defending a way of life is never easy and rarely popular, but vital.

And all the rest has been practice for stopping this insidious SWEPCO line.



High hat – This hat worn by Willie Nelson at Farm Aid was modeled by the lovely Savannah Rodda, daughter of Kym and Ben Rodda, during the live hat auction at the Preservation Society's Sunday in the Park affair at the Crescent Hotel Conservatory on April 21. Highest bidder was Patty Barter of San Antonio, who scored the chapeau for \$175.

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SWEPCO plan slammed at council table

NICKY BOYETTE

Eureka Springs city council took on the SWEPCO transmission line controversy at Monday night's city council meeting. "The impact on some of our most treasured visual features cannot be overstated," alderman James DeVito said. He mentioned a proposed route for the 150-foot tall towers would make them visible from Spring Street, Thorncrown Chapel, Inspiration Point and Beaver Lake. "And that is just the visuals, not to mention the impact of herbicide-spraying. The fact that the line is not in city limits does not mean it won't affect us."

He went on to say the proposed northern route for the transmission lines showed "a callous disregard for the assets of the community."

DeVito was not only one with objections. Alderman David Mitchell said he was appalled when he heard of the idea. He said it is like the city is being raped. Mitchell urged council to pass a resolution supporting the Save the Ozarks group, a citizen-based coalition opposed to the SWEPCO plan.

Save the Ozarks was well represented during Public Comments. Doug Stowe said he had received notice from SWEPCO of the proposed line on April 2 because a tower will be erected very near his front porch. He agreed the proposal should concern everyone in the area. He said he learned the proposed line through the area would have a higher transmission capacity than the line used by the State of Maine

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May Day! May Day!

O'Reilly Auto Parts coming to town

NICKY BOYETTE

Wade Lininger appeared at the Tuesday night Planning Commission meeting representing an application for new construction by O'Reilly Auto Parts for 109 E. Van Buren, the corner of Wall Street and US.62.

Lininger explained he was ready to submit applications for a building permit pending approval of Planning. The 6535 sq. ft. building will have adequate parking, and Lininger assured commissioners some of the

asphalt behind the eventual footprint of the building will be replaced with grass.

Chair Beverly Blankenship pointed out the application satisfied Code requirements for setbacks, parking and other specs, and Lininger described his expectation for how traffic would flow off of and back onto US 62.

Vote to approve the application was unanimous.

Tree cut approved

Ken Kettinger appealed to the

Board of Zoning and Adjustment for permission to cut down an old maple tree with a 41-in. diameter at 179 N. Main.

Blankenship read a letter from Building Inspector Bobby Ray in which he stated Kettinger's tree had "seriously rotted" as much as 70 percent of the way through the trunk. He said it presented a safety hazard and should be removed before it causes damage.

Commissioner James Morris said

he was surprised the city issued a building permit with that tree still there. "It was really scary," he commented.

Vote to allow the tree cut was unanimous.

Also . . .

• Commissioner Ed Leswig moved to appoint Blankenship to approach city council on behalf of Planning for changes in the Code regarding front corner setbacks.

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

Possible precipitation postpones pasta party, procrastinators pleased

Now there's more time to prepare an awesome piece of Pasta Art for the Eureka Springs Downtown Network's Fun After 5! Spaghetti Circus in Basin Park. Due to impending wet weather on Friday, April 26, the Circus and Pasta Art Contest has been rescheduled for May

24. (There's nothing worse than limp noodles – unless it's raining marinara.)

The park will be packed, so be sure to bring your plain or colorful pasta jewelry, sculptures, pictures and more to Basin Park by 5 p.m. for a chance to win prizes in the following three age categories: 6 –

12, 13 – 17 and adult.

The contest, sponsored by the *Eureka Springs Independent*, only has one rule – the art must be made of pasta – any kind of pasta. It can be strung, hung, stuck together, glued onto a background and made to be viewed, worn or listed with

a real estate agent (if you want to go that big). No registration necessary, and there is no cost to enter. Simply arrive at 5 p.m. with your art. Tables will be provided, and judging will be completed at 5:30. A People's Choice award will also be given. Questions? Phone Gwen (479) 253-6101.

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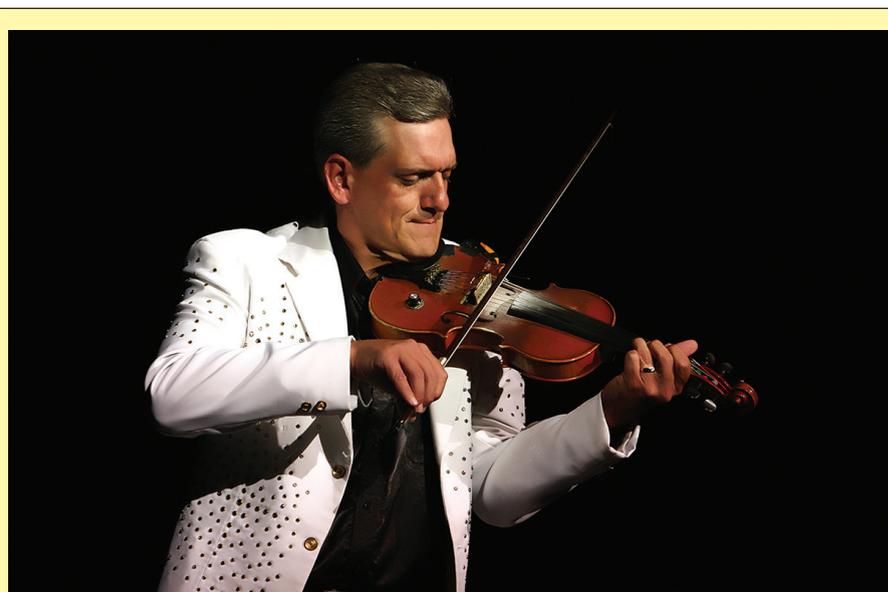
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Entertainer Joey Riley diagnosed with cancer

Joey Riley, once a member of the Warren Stokes Country Revue in Eureka Springs, was recently diagnosed with Stage IV colon cancer. Riley, 43, has no medical insurance; anyone wishing to help with medical costs can donate to "Benefit of Joey Riley" at Bank of Missouri, 800 Hwy. 248, Suite C, Branson, MO, 65616.

For more than two decades Riley, comedian and musician, was Mickey Gilley's comic sidekick. Most recently Riley had his own show as well as being part of the Clay Cooper Country Music Express in Branson.

Bonus plan scrapped at CAPC

NICKY BOYETTE

The City Advertising and Promotion Commission voted Wednesday afternoon to eliminate a bonus plan and in its place readjust Executive Director Mike Maloney's salary. Chair Charles Ragsdell disseminated a comparative staff salary chart for A&Ps around the state. Figures vary greatly because some commissions have only one part-time staff and others are much larger. What stood out to everyone was the disparity between what Maloney is paid versus his counterparts doing similar work.

"Mike is considerably underpaid compared to his predecessor," Ragsdell pointed out, and the chart showed he was one of the lowest paid directors in the state.

Part of the incentive for Maloney had been a bonus plan put in place by the commissioners before he was hired in 2011.

Commissioners have since soured on the bonus plan. "We have no good way to determine what a year-end bonus should be," stated commissioner Terry McClung. To boot, the commission is not able now to know what its financial situation will be at the end of the year.

Alderman James DeVito moved to eliminate the bonus plan for 2013 and Commissioner Bobbie Foster seconded

and the vote to approve the motion was unanimous.

New salary

Then commissioner James DeVito moved to increase Maloney's salary by \$1000 per month. Ragsdell asked Maloney his opinion, and he said his counterparts do what he does but make considerably more. Nevertheless he said he was inclined to stay.

DeVito said the extra \$1000 every month wouldn't affect the budget appreciably, and Maloney would still be getting less than his peers.

Foster was inclined to disagree. She said Maloney was doing a good job, but she said she was concerned with "the overall financial challenge of the city." She said it would be sending the wrong message to give Maloney a raise now. She said the commission should wait until the finances look better.

DeVito argued there would always be naysayers in this town, and he thinks the overall economy is improving.

"It's bad timing," Foster countered.

"It's a matter of being fair," DeVito said, and he thinks the community will acknowledge that the commission eliminated the bonus plan.

Foster still was worried about the message they were sending.

McClung said, "I'm also of the mind there has already been an increase and

I'm inclined to stay with that." McClung was referring to a seven percent increase for staff passed with the 2013 budget.

DeVito continued, "We still need to acknowledge we have the evidence in front of us how underpaid Mike is. It's a matter of being fair."

"The fair thing is to keep it like it is," McClung responded.

Vote on DeVito's motion to raise Maloney's salary by \$1000 per month was 4-2, Foster and McClung voting No.

Director's report

Maloney said there has been progress switching from Rockfish to Epic Online for care and maintenance of the website. "Epic has been above and beyond whereas Rockfish was either too busy or uninterested. We were a small fish for them."

Maloney also reported the mobile website should be up within 30-60 days. He said more than a third of the traffic to the site is from mobile devices. The analytics indicate 70 percent of those who visit the site go there with a purpose and look around.

Commissioners saw examples of the Regional Wayfinding signs that will be erected around town soon. Part of the design for the signs is borrowed from the architecture of Thorncrown Chapel.

The Arkansas Film Committee will visit in July. Maloney and others think Eureka Springs would be a good place for a movie.

Maloney informed the commissioners that a parade committee is reviewing parade protocol "so everyone is singing off the same sheet of music."

CAPC will be advertising heavily in Omaha and Dallas-Ft. Worth and maybe less in Wichita and Kansas City.

It looks like the Great Passion Play has sold out opening night Friday, May 3, according to Maloney. He said there has been a big push on Gospel Station Network mostly in Oklahoma, Kansas and Texas to get the word out about the reborn GPP. Randall Christy, president of the Gospel Station Network, spearheaded the effort to take over the Passion Play when it was on the brink of bankruptcy last December.

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

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Walk with the world on World Labyrinth Day May 4

Celebrate the fifth annual World Labyrinth Day (WLD) at the Retreat at Sky Ridge Resort's Turtle Moon Community labyrinth on Saturday May 4 at 1 p.m. WLD is an annual global event celebrating the



benefits of walking meditation sponsored by the International Labyrinth Society (ILS). ILS invites the world to 'Walk As One at 1' in an attempt to create a wave of peaceful energy moving around the planet.

Countries joining the celebration include the United States, Canada, England, France, Spain, New Zealand, China, South Africa, Australia, the Bahamas and many others.

The Turtle Moon Community labyrinth is open to the public free of charge every day at the Retreat at Sky Ridge resort, 637 County Road 111. Call (800) 242-3128 for details.

Opponents mobilize challenge to high-voltage transmission line

BECKY GILLETTE

Opponents of a proposed 48-mile-long, 150 ft. wide, 345 kilovolt (kV) power transmission line proposed by Southwest Electric Power Company (SWEPCO), that would run through the heart of Carroll County, drew 150 people to the Auditorium April 18 for the second public meeting of a new group called Save the Ozarks.

SWEPCO's proposal to take private property for a huge new power transmission corridor has stirred up a hornet's nest of opposition from residents concerned about destruction of the environment, blighting of scenic views, health impacts from herbicide spraying and electromagnetic fields, and reduced property values. Citizens along six potential paths for the power line given only a month from April 2 to respond are banding together to campaign against the power line.

SWEPCO said the proposed power line and Kings River Station would provide increased reliability and overload relief in eastern Benton County and Carroll County. SWEPCO said its proposed lines avoid going over homes and impacts to scenic and environmental resources.

The meeting commenced with Ilene Powell encouraging people to not only contact the Arkansas Public Service Commission to put in comments against the power line, but also contact local, state and federal elected officials.

"Send in emails telling people this project would create an economic domino effect that would harm the entire community," Powell said. "We need to

take action and demand action. Most important are handwritten letters. We need a big political and environmental outreach campaign."

Pat Costner, a retired senior scientist with Greenpeace with a background in physical and organic chemistry, said her 135 acres are directly in the path of four of the proposed routes.

She said citizens opposed to the power line "have accomplished an amazing amount in two weeks. We have done our best to get a communication network up and running. We have contact lists, a Facebook page and a website where people can find information and share what they are doing, what others are doing and what still needs to be done.

"We are scrambling to find out everything we can and get the best strategic advice we need," Costner said. "We have retained an attorney with extensive experience with APSC. He said our combined petition to intervene and petition for an extension will be filed. Pick up affidavits and have them signed and notarized if you want to be covered."

Affidavits can be notarized and mailed into the P.O. Box 142, Eureka Springs AR 72632.

Dr. Luis "Doc" Contreras spoke about health hazards of electromagnetic fields, first asking how many people in the audience know someone who has a pacemaker. Most people raised their hands. Contreras said pacemakers can be disrupted around high voltage transmission lines, which he also said can cause childhood leukemia.

"This is really scary stuff," Contreras said. "These are big-ass transmission lines, about the largest, most powerful lines they have. The high voltage creates strong magnetic fields and electrical interference. It is not safe for humans to be close to transmission

lines. There is also constant noise."

A National Research Council panel that analyzed 17 years of studies concluded in 1996 that electromagnetic radiation from power lines does not cause cancer, reproductive disease or behavioral health problems.

"The current body of evidence does not show that exposure to these fields presents a human-health hazard," Charles F. Stevens, chairman of the NRC panel said.

The panel said that while there is an increased risk of childhood leukemia in children living near high-voltage lines, there is no link between the electric radiation and the disease.

Jeff Danos, who designed the Save the Ozarks webpage, warned people that

SWEPCO is planning site visits soon. He said in other areas of the country, property owners have been threatened if they don't sign papers allowing a power company survey. He said people who signed then found out that the "survey" included their property being bulldozed. "Do not sign anything without talking to an attorney first," Danos said.

Another organizer, Roger Shepperd, said the opposition is going to focus on shortcomings in SWEPCO's Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

"If you look at the EIS, you realize what a shoddy piece of work it is," Shepperd said. "It is very one sided. It doesn't talk about the decline in property values. There is no mention of the health hazards of high voltage transmission lines. It is not a fair document and that is why we are intervening."

Mark Armstrong had concerns about the amount of herbicides that would be sprayed to maintain the power line right-of-way.

"This is going into the groundwater," Armstrong said. "We don't know the long-term effects of that. What does it

do to the wildlife? They have no voice. The effects just keep escalating. I know a couple of people looking for properties this week and when they heard about high voltage power lines, they turned around and said they would look elsewhere. There will be a massive effect from this. Businesses are worried about this."

Organizers said in addition to speaking to public officials and the APSC, the group also needs to raise a significant amount of money to pay legal fees. Donations to Save the Ozarks can be made at the First Community Bank in Eureka Springs or mailed to P.O. Box 142, Eureka Springs AR 72632.

One piece of cheering news to protesters is that Community and Environmental Defense Services (www.ceds.org), headed by Richard Klein, has agreed to provide support. Costner said that CEDS has a 90 percent win rate on issues they take on.

"All of us together are doing the best we can do to get this pulled together so we do not have this shoved down our throats," Costner said.

Glenn Crenshaw, a local Realtor, spoke about the negative impact to property values. He said one of the primary reasons people move to the area is the beautiful scenery. "Two things many people want when looking for real estate are mountain views and waterfront property," Crenshaw said. "Having a high voltage line running across the top of mountains isn't going to benefit anyone. I have had clients I'm taking to look at a house, and when they see a high voltage transmission line, they say, 'Stop, I don't even want to look at the property.' It is a constant issue. Even if property is just adjoining a power line, there will be a drop in value. The salability is going to diminish."

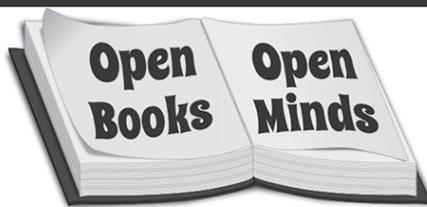
During public comments, artist Susan Morrison said she was angry that local officials, including County Judge Sam Barr and Mayor Morris Pate, knew about the project for months without saying anything.

"Why did the people who represent us know about it months ago and not tell us?" Morrison asked. "And we want to know why the piece of property in Berryville went for so much. They are

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– Dr. Luis "Doc" Contreras



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Owner blames 'super clog' on neglect

NICKY BOYETTE

The sewer misfortune at Sherwood Court backed up onto city council's agenda yet again. Brian Hostick, who owns Sherwood Court with his wife, Lil, called statements by Public Works Director Dwayne Allen "obtuse and unreliable" at Monday night's meeting.

Hostick said he had reported his sewer mishap earlier than Allen had indicated, but maybe Allen's staff had not told him. Hostick also said he had reviewed the records of Public Works and they seemed incomplete because he could find only three references to city lines being jetted in the past three years.

Regardless of record keeping, Hostick claimed the "super clog" which caused the sewage backup into his cottages was the result of neglect.

Alderman Dee Purkeypile said, "It seems like we're still in mystery mode." Allen told him there

were no indications the city did the jetting to cause the backup. Hostick found in his investigation that no one else jetted the area, and added that sewage backed up onto their lawn when that part of the line had been opened.

Purkeypile said he ran for council so he could address problems in the city's infrastructure, and this situation is a problem he wants fixed. He asked Allen what it would take for the city to remedy it.

Allen said Public Works could run another camera down the line and see where to dig, but he has little funding. He said there were other problem areas in town, also.

Alderman Dee Mitchell asked Allen if he had seen situations like this one not caused by jetting, and Allen answered, "Not like that."

Purkeypile asked again what it would take to fix the line at Sherwood Court, but Allen was not specific.

Purkeypile responded, "But this has happened three times at this site."

Alderman James DeVito suggested Purkeypile represent council and work with Allen and the Hosticks to find a solution because the conversation at the table was not expedient. Purkeypile agreed with the point about expediency, but claimed council needed to be aware.

Mitchell said they should get back to the core issue of whether the city is liable, and Purkeypile agreed to be council's liaison working toward a solution, but did not want to leave the Hosticks hanging while no one knows what caused the problem.

"Negligence caused the problem," Lil Hostick replied. Brian Hostick added they were concerned for the whole town, not just their neighborhood.

Council agreed for Purkeypile and Allen to report back to council at the next meeting.



County Judge Sam Barr signs Proclamation with Don Wall, vice president; and Heath Cleary, adult coordinator of Carroll County Bible Reading Marathon committee, looking on.

Bible Reading Marathon event schedule set, more readers needed

The 4th Annual Carroll County Bible Reading Marathon begins Friday, April 26, with Come and Go Prayer from 6 – 9 p.m. on the Green Forest Square. Once readers begin on April 28, they won't stop until the entire Bible has been read aloud, ending on May 4.

As part of the Marathon, several events with noted guest speakers are taking place in Carroll County. On April 27, "The Awakening" Youth Rally will be held in the Berryville Community Center Banquet Hall.

Bible Reading opening ceremony is April 28, 3 – 4 p.m. Bible Reading will begin at 4 p.m. and end on Thursday, May 2 at 5:30 p.m. Readers are still needed for 15 minute blocks of time. Groups can also take a block. Please

call Deanna Palmer (870) 423-2048 to schedule time.

On May 2 people across the nation will gather to observe the 62nd Annual National Day of Prayer. In Carroll County there will be a Prayer Breakfast at Inn of the Ozarks in Eureka Springs at 6:30 a.m. At 5:30 p.m. the Bible Reading Marathon Closing Ceremony will be held on the Green Forest Square.

Following the ceremony, pastors and sponsors of the Bible Reading are invited to an Appreciation Dinner at the Trinity Free Will Baptist Church in Green Forest. For a complete schedule of speakers, events and times or to RSVP for the dinner, contact Rev. Bonnie Roediger (870) 350-0865 or visit www.cndpevent.org.

Prayer Force One tours area

Prayer Force One is a national Christian ministry seeking to unite Americans in prayer for their country. Prayer Force One is also the name of the ministry's flagship bus, which was converted by founder, former Oklahoma Senator, Ed Moore, to tour the United States promoting prayer for national revival. Moore and wife, Sandy, will be speaking in Eureka Springs, Berryville, Green Forest, and Holiday Island from April 26 through May 4 during their tour.

To get a copy of the complete list of dates, times and places where the bus and speakers will be, email mathguru@windstream.net.

Summer youth program sign-up open

The Berryville Community Center is offering a Summer Youth Program for ages 5 – 12 Mondays through Fridays from June 3 – August 16, 7:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. each day. Enrollment is limited and a deposit of \$65 per child is due at time of registration. Participants enjoy games, crafts, swimming, sports, skating and many other activities. Contact Berryville Community Center for more information, (870) 423-3139.

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Save the Ozarks hires top attorney to defy SWEPCO

BECKY GILLETTE

It has been described as a David and Goliath battle with property owners in Northwest Arkansas who are in the path of a proposed 48-mile, 345 kilovolt (kV) transmission line proposed by the Southwest Electric Power Company (SWEPCO) scrambling to protect their land from being clear cut and sprayed with herbicides for the line they say is unneeded and would destroy the environment, scenic views and property values.

Countering a wealthy corporation that can spend huge sums on campaign contributions and lobbying is an uphill battle. But opponents of the proposed \$116.7 million power transmission line have formed an organization, Save the Ozarks, which has hired an attorney from Heber Springs, Richard Mays, who has a successful track record in taking on SWEPCO.

SWEPCO has about 500,000 customers, and is a subsidiary of American Electric Power (AEP), the largest electricity generating utility in the country with net annual income estimated at \$1 billion. The organization Public Campaign says AEP pays more on lobbying than it does on federal taxes. "Between 2008 and 2010, AEP received a tax rebate of \$545 million and made \$5.899 billion in U.S. profits, meaning it paid a tax rate of minus nine percent," said Public Campaign.

SWEPCO has said the high voltage power line is needed to support growth in Carroll and Benton Counties. Opponents have challenged that the line is far larger than what is needed in the area and speculate SWEPCO really wants the line to sell electricity out of state from its new Turk coal-fired power plant in

southern Arkansas.

Mays successfully represented Sierra Club and Audubon in challenging the Turk plant. Mays argued that the plant wasn't needed because other existing power generation, including natural gas, was available to meet needs of customers and that SWEPCO had not adequately considered alternatives.

SWEPCO continued building the Turk plant, but in a 2011 settlement with Sierra Club and Audubon, SWEPCO agreed to shut down a dirty coal plant upwind of Arkansas in northeastern Texas, and provide 400 megawatts of new clean energy for the region. The settlement also put aside \$10 million for land conservation and energy-efficiency advocacy, and limits development of additional plants and transmission lines. The settlement ended a four-year high-profile public battle.

Sierra Club spokesman Glen Hooks said protecting Arkansans from coal pollution is a top priority.

In a press release, Sierra Club and Audubon recognized "the outstanding work and support of outside counsel, without whom this victory would not have been possible. Many thanks to Richard Mays [Mays & White, Heber Springs, Ark.], Ilan Levin [Environmental Integrity Project] and David Frederick of Austin, Texas."

Save the Ozarks representative Pat Costner said Mays will file a petition to extend the deadline for intervention in the Arkansas Public Service Commission (APSC) case for 90 days. The original deadline is May 2. Mays also filed a motion for Save the Ozarks to

intervene in proceedings before the APSC. Save the Ozarks is taking a position that the entire transmission line is not needed.

At a Save the Ozarks public meeting April 18, Costner agreed with earlier speakers who said the Environmental Impact Study for the proposed project is shoddy. Costner said she had looked at similar documents in other states and it was like the difference between reading a comic book and an encyclopedia. She also encouraged people to join Save the Ozarks even if they don't live near the proposed power line.

"This thing will affect many of you who may not live anywhere near it because it will affect the economy of the area," Costner said. "There is power in joining together. That is the message I would like to leave with you tonight. We invite you to join us because we have an excellent attorney. We want to stop this. Here in Arkansas, these things have traditionally not been questioned. It is time to question. It is time to challenge. It is time to say 'enough'. I've been involved in a lot of similar processes. We have a very strong case for everything we are asking for and our attorneys are optimistic."

There are six alternative routes under consideration for the proposed power line. Some neighborhood groups and at least one business have indicated they are hiring attorneys to intervene, but may focus on opposition to the route that goes through their property as opposed to attacking need for the line at all. Those groups have not yet made announcements regarding hiring of attorneys.

Prayer Force One arrives for brunch

The Arkansas Ladies of Faith Brunch will be held Tuesday, April 30, at the Best Western Eureka Inn Gazebo Restaurant at 10 a.m. Sandy Moore, founder of Prayer Force One Ministry and wife of Senator Ed Moore, is the featured speaker. The Prayer Force One bus will be available for tours

after the brunch. Join in for food, fun, door prizes, fellowship and a music performance by soloist Kay Inglett. For more information, visit www.ArkansasLadiesofFaith.webs.com or call Margo Pryor at (870) 423-9399 or Charlene Gates-Phillips at (479) 981-6388.

Get teed off for a good reason

The Eureka Springs Rotary Club holds its annual Golf Classic at the Holiday Island Clubhouse course Friday, May 3, beginning at 9 a.m. The tourney is played as a four-person scramble with men, women and mixed team. Tickets are \$45 for Holiday Island members, \$60 for non-members. Single golfers are encouraged to attend and will be placed on a team. Lunch will follow final round with awards and

door prizes. Proceeds fund Rotary Club scholarships for graduating seniors.

Plan to attend the pre-event silent auction, putting contest and wine and cheese Karaoke mixer Thursday, May 2, from 5:30 – 7 p.m. at the Clubhouse lounge. Tournament applications are available now at the HI Clubhouse. For details and registration information, visit www.EurekaRotaryClub.com or call Dave Baker at (479) 244-7295.

"Crescent Bride" marries Sunday, community invited

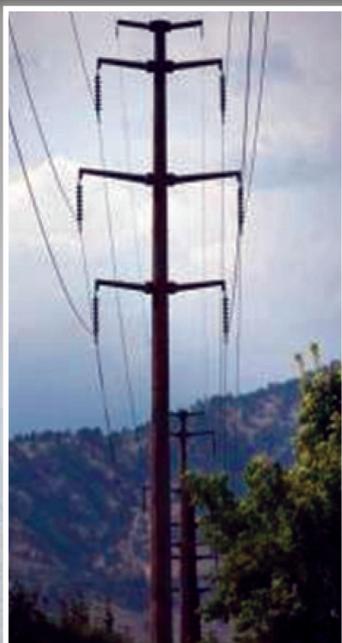
Any bride-to-be or someone who knows a bride-to-be who would like to see and enjoy a garden wedding and reception may do so this Sunday. On April 28 a young lady known only as "The Crescent Bride" will celebrate her nuptials at 3 p.m. in the Crescent Hotel Fountain Garden with a gala reception immediately following. Anyone interested in or involved in the wedding industry is invited to attend along with those who simply wish to experience a garden wedding event in order to recommend it to others.

A host of wedding professionals have collaborated to make this event one the community will be talking about. In addition to a bountiful spread provided by hotel sales and catering professionals for the reception, there will be area wedding vendors including Eventures Party Rentals, Hudson Photography, Finishing Touch Event Design, Rick's Bakery, Romance Diamond, I Do Wedding Gown and Tuxedo Rentals, Purdy Art Co., Eureka Flowers, Shannon's Custom Florals, Holiday Island Flowers, Musical Inspirations, 1905 Basin Park Hotel and New Moon Spa. "Minister Bill" Ott will officiate.

Those planning to attend "A Garden Wedding: Celebrating 'The Crescent Bride'" must RSVP by email no later than 5 p.m. Saturday, April 27, to thecrescentbride@gmail.com. Admission is free.

SAVE THE OZARKS

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County Judge apologizes; thought SWEPCO line 'no big deal'

NICKY BOYETTE

Justice of the Peace Lamont Richie told the Quorum Court Friday morning he has been confronted by numerous people regarding the proposed SWEPCO power line to be installed through the county. He called it disconcerting to learn that County Judge Sam Barr and mayors in the county knew about the line last autumn, but JPs are just now learning about it.

JP Ron Flake said he is "getting yelled at as well," and he agreed he wished he had known about this sooner. He added, though, it might not be the judge's task to tell the court about every meeting he has, but suggested that Barr could have informed the newspapers about it so they could have investigated. He said there is a very aroused populous objecting loudly because the system did not allow public input.

Barr apologized for not informing them, but said he did not expect it to be

a big deal.

JP Dan Mumaugh said he had been aware of the coming SWEPCO line because there will be three towers erected on his property. He agreed with the others that the county had minimal input.

CCSO needs additional dispatchers

Carroll County Sheriff Bob Grudek asked the court to pass an ordinance establishing two new dispatcher positions at the sheriff's department. He was asking for the City of Berryville to fund one and Green Forest the other.

JP Larry Swofford told the court he sponsored the ordinance because Grudek asked him to and he thought the situation needed discussion, but said this ordinance was not the solution.

Grudek explained when voters approved the half-cent sales tax that funds operation of the jail and central dispatch, they thought they were funding all dispatch operations in the

county. He pointed out 911 dispatch is separate from central dispatch, but county officials who are no longer involved made verbal commitments at the time that the sheriff's office would handle both even though the ballot title said only "central dispatch."

Grudek said his office also handles other unreimbursed administrative and prisoner duties for local authorities because there was a time it was just simpler to handle things this way. He said he can't afford to continue providing free services, and what he was asking for is not unreasonable.

JP Gaylon Riggs pointed out it is not just Green Forest and Berryville that use dispatch services, but all citizens in the county.

"If we should step up and pay more to run the sheriff's office, then we should do it," Mumaugh added.

Deputy Prosecutor Devon Closser pointed out the ordinance would have no legal effect because the county could not require cities to pay for these positions. She said the county is on the hook for central dispatch according to the vote.

Flake said this comes down to money. He claimed the sheriff could not pay his staff as well as the cities pay theirs. The sheriff is falling further and further behind, and the county is losing trained personnel. Grudek later noted he had just lost one deputy who left for a position that would pay him an additional \$20,000 per year, and another deputy is considering a similar offer.

Nevertheless, Flake said this ordinance was not the way to address this, although the court must find a way to get the sheriff more money.

Richie stated one obvious problem was the definition of central dispatch. He said the court brought this problem on itself, and agreed with Grudek that CCSO should not be providing services it is not paid for.

Flake said he agreed with Richie. He said the ballot title said "central dispatch," not 911. He commented the court must spend the tax the way it was written and voted on, and that is for central dispatch. "The sheriff should look at the services he provides," he

said.

Grudek told the court Baxter, Ark., had a similar situation, and when the sheriff had to cut his services, it affected not only local police but also other city services.

Mumaugh said they had all learned much, but it would not get resolved at that meeting. He suggested Barr, the sheriff and mayors should get together and bring the court a mutually agreed upon solution. Flake agreed with Mumaugh's sentiment.

Vote on the ordinance was 10-0 against, so it failed.

Committees at last

The court considered an ordinance to form a County Facilities and Properties Committee, a Public Water Development Committee and a Personnel Committee. Richie said he had added the Personnel Committee because of comments at the previous meeting.

Flake spoke up for eventually adding a Library Committee because there are issues on the horizon with the Berryville Library; in particular, the court needs to be aware of. He said there would be pressure to change the way the court disburses library money and the court needs to be educated.

He also advocated for an Airport Committee, and said he hoped there would be an ordinance soon setting up those committees.

Richie said there is already a Library Board and an Airport Commission, and he did not want to tread on them. He said the court should consider recommendations from those bodies.

JP John Reeve said he had been to Airport Commission meetings to stay informed, and JPs could do the same with the Library Board.

In the end, the vote was unanimous to pass the ordinance for the first three committees.

Also

- The court voted to appropriate \$76,877.11 from the Federal Emergency Management Agency toward the Road and Bridge Disaster Fund. This money covers damages in the county from previous years' weather events.

Next meeting will be Friday, May 17, at 10 a.m.



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School board votes in health insurance, votes out public comments

NICKY BOYETTE

The Eureka Springs school board voted at its April 18 meeting to reinstate health insurance for staff beginning July 1 and it also voted to remove Public Comments and Board member Comments from its agenda.

The district took away health insurance in 2011 when the Arkansas Department of Education (ADE) claimed excess local tax revenue above state-determined amount of \$6023 per student belonged to the state. More than \$800,000 was claimed by ADE, and the district had to adjust its budget accordingly. Health insurance for staff was one of the casualties.

Superintendent Curtis Turner, who came into the position after these circumstances, told the board his

recommendation would cost the district a maximum of \$415,526. Since some of the 120 staff eligible choose not to take the insurance, the actual number will be less.

Board member Gayla Wolfinbarger wanted to clear up that the district was reinstating only what staff had lost, and Turner said coverage would be similar, although co-pay amounts might be higher because insurance has changed during the interim.

The district will pay a base amount of \$288.56 per staff for staff only, not spouses or dependents.

Turner said, "This is a big investment but it is important to our employees."

No comment

At the end of the meeting, board

member Karen Gros moved, pursuant to recommendations from attorneys for the Arkansas School Board Association, to remove public and board member comments from the agenda. "The meeting is open to the public but it is not a public meeting," she said.

Vote to approve the motion was unanimous.

When asked following the meeting how the public can express its opinions, Gros said through phone calls to the district office or e-mails to board members.

Principals' reports

Cindy Holt, principal of the Middle School, was the only principal present and reported Elementary School principal Clare Lesieur was in Little Rock being inducted as president of the

Arkansas Association of Elementary Principals.

Holt said benchmark testing for students recently ended, and students took the challenge seriously. She added there would be basketball camp this summer, and next week there will be two track meets. The senior high district meet will be Friday, April 26.

Holt said one exciting event recently at the middle school was walking into Sharon Wesley's science class and seeing students enthralled with roller coasters they were constructing in conjunction with Linnea Koester's math class. She said she could see math and science everywhere. Holt acknowledged teachers by commenting, "You know

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Junior gardeners learn about birds

Junior Master Gardeners met Monday, April 8, in Berryville with 12 third and fourth graders; 6 fifth and sixth graders; guest and presenter, Dr. Sharon Sloan; master gardener volunteers Mary Knight, Faye Martin, Anita Engert, Sue and Sam Davis and Jennifer Hudspeth; and county agent Randy Forst.

After their garden maintenance chores, students heard a bird presentation by Dr. Sloan and received a copy of the AG&F booklet *Arkansas Birds*, which was used to discuss and help identify our native birds.

Sloan brought examples of different types of feeders for various birds, demonstrated how to set up an oriole feeder, and shared her knowledge and love of birding. She also played the students different bird songs from the free iBird app on her phone.



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Weekly rentals back on the calendar

NICKY BOYETTE

Alderman Joyce Zeller said at the April 22 city council meeting that angry citizens had told her it was against the law to have weekly rentals in the R-1 zone, yet property owners are getting away with it.

Beverly Blankenship, Chair of the Planning Commission, said there is a definition in Code that allows weekly rentals in R-1, but Code also says no tourist lodgings, which means no transient guests. Weekly rentals in R-1 should be allowed only in a landlord-renter relationship, and other situations should be cited.

Zeller said people are using private homes as tourist lodgings, and she wants it cleared up as to what is legal or illegal. It isn't fair, she said, to those who abide by the law.

City attorney Tim Weaver replied there are statutes that allow owners to be prosecuted for renting to transient guests. It is up to the city to document the illegal activities and pursue action.

He also pointed out it is not unusual for people in Arkansas to pay for rentals week to week because that is all they can afford. However, property owners are taking advantage of the situation to skirt City Code.

To prosecute, he said, the city should watch for how a property owner advertises, for example. "Where do renters come from? A judge wants to see clear evidence of violation of the law. A duck is a duck and not a chicken, and the law allows for only one of them. Regardless of the weekly rental statute, it is illegal to operate a tourist lodging where it is not allowed."

"So we will need a test case," Mitchell said.

Alderman James DeVito, though, said intent of the conversation was to protect neighborhoods, and allowing weekly rentals for whatever reason in residential neighborhoods still amounts to weekly turnover. He encouraged the conversation to go toward monthly rentals in R-1 and maybe even R-2.

Weaver said that was the direction the previous council had been headed, but the ordinance was shot down.

Blankenship explained that some property owners would have been

grandfathered in under the proposed ordinance last autumn, and many folks were outraged these owners would have been allowed to continue operating by sneaking through a loophole in the law.

DeVito answered if a person is operating illegally, the person would not be allowed to continue, and owners would need to document they are operating in accordance with City Code.

Weaver said his suggestion would be to reconsider the previously proposed ordinance but identify which property owners might be ushered forward. Let commercial districts handle the weekly rentals. He said a telling point would be where the owners are getting their renters, and if council wants to bring back the ordinance, cite violators.

Alderman Terry McClung suggested owners on the list would need to prove their cases or else be excluded.

Weaver said beyond sending letters to potential owners, council could hold

a public hearing to hear people state their cases.

DeVito moved to table the discussion until the next meeting so aldermen could study the previously attempted ordinance and accompanying list of properties being rented weekly.

Blankenship added, "I believe some properties need to be cited."

And all the rest

- Council confirmed Bobbie Foster to continue sitting on the City Advertising and Promotion Commission.

- Lany Ballance said in Public Comments that maintenance by emergency, referring to the recent sewer problem, is not working in this town. She said the mayor does not care because he does not own real estate here. She agreed with the ordinance allowing an alderman to sit on Planning.

Her research indicated not all those who

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First Earth Fest – April Bartlett holds her two-year-old daughter, Amillia, during a short break from setting up an info booth for the first Laughing Mountain Earth Fest in south Carroll County April 19. At left is Amillia's sister Alyssa Bartlett, 13. The four-day Earth Fest was held April 19-22 with workshops on everything from herb gardening to Shamanic improvisation. For more information on the work of Laughing Mountain, see www.laughingmountainearthfest.com.

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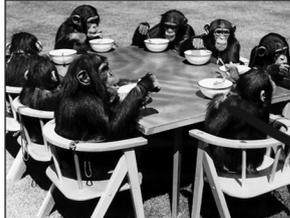
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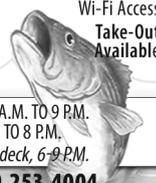


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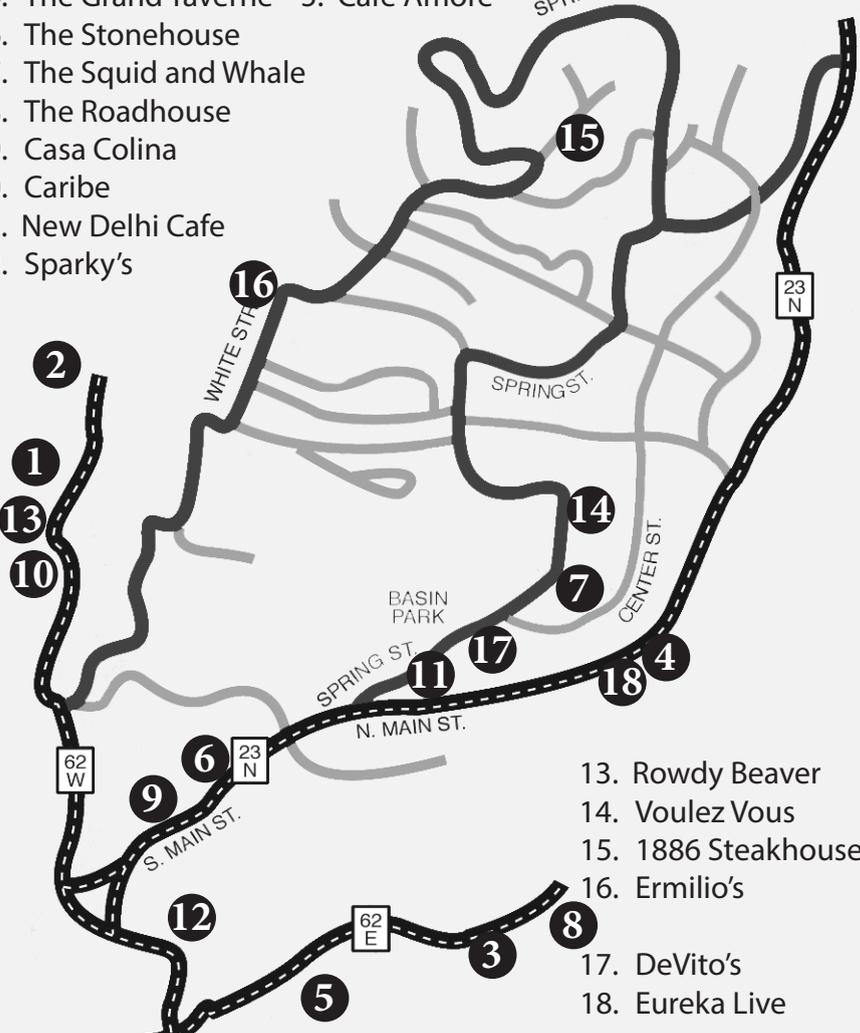
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Why isn't Corps involved with power line?

Editor,

We are property owners across the White River from one of the proposed routes of the power lines. We are in the tailwaters below Beaver Dam that have been massively flooded twice in the last five years. One of the proposed routes will wipe out all of the trees and natural habitat on the Corps of Engineers property, and private property across the river from us that was also flooded at that time.

This area is also nesting area for the bald eagles every winter with many feeding in front of our home. We cannot understand why the Corps of Engineers has not spoken out in opposition to these lines. They have strict regulations on property owners along the river to preserve the trout habitat but this will do much more damage. They have told us they cannot guarantee that they will not massively flood this area again, and if so the force of the water and the massive erosion caused will certainly be more than the power towers will be

able to withstand. Then what??

The engineering study was done before the floods took place in 2008 and 2011.

Virginia Pozza

Innocents pay price of stupidity

Editor,

I would like to reply to "Rights demand responsibility" 4/18/13. Derlyne, I'm truly sorry for the loss of your friend at such a tender young age. The loss of the life of a child is always tragic regardless of how it happens.

You stated, "My friend should have had parents who were responsible." You couldn't have been more right. Who leaves their 4 year-old and 2 year-old in the truck while they go inside somewhere? It doesn't matter how long you will be gone. They were really irresponsible to leave a loaded gun in the truck with kids.

A "license" that you speak so favorably of would not have saved this child. It doesn't take training to know you don't leave children unattended.

As a gun owner I do not "expect

total freedom from rules and regulations" and there is a "necessary age" to own a firearm. I agree you should have "training, intelligence and civil behavior" to handle firearms. That is why I trained my children from toddler age what a firearm is, that it is not a toy, and they are not to touch them without my approval. I taught them not to fear them but to respect them for what they are and what they can do.

You also stated, "It's too often that innocents pay the price for others who want their rights to do as they please." Innocents pay the price because of others' stupidity. My rights should not be infringed upon because of other peoples' neglect.

Keith Youngblood

City negligent in line repair

Editor,

We are writing this correspondence at the invitation of Brian and Lil Hostick, owners and operators of Sherwood Court Inn of Eureka Springs, in response to their request

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WEEK'S TopTweets

@TheNardvark --- I want transition lenses that turn black whenever someone starts talking to me.

@designersays --- Learning from your mistakes is the biggest mistake you can make. Carefully observe the stupidity of others and learn from theirs instead.

@goldengateblond --- If people had to spell something correctly before being allowed to criticize it, the internet would be a much more peaceful place.

@disastrous007 --- Jumping on a trampoline naked is an awesome way to see the past, present and future of your body.

@KARMI --- Websites that automatically play music are like strangers who try to talk to you on a plane.

@pastorjoe10 --- Benton County, Arkansas GOP Suggests Shooting Lawmakers Who Voted to Provide Health Care for Poor.....Dangerous words.

@fabienne --- "I have not failed. I've just found 10,000 ways that don't work." – Thomas Edison

@chrisguillebeau --- What if our "hearts went out" to each other every day and not just when tragedy occurs?

@knwanews --- Whoops! @AP, the Associated Press twitter account has been suspended after hackers tweeted false breaking news.

@marwilliamson --- Respect, honor and gratitude for the musical legacy of Richie Havens. May he rest in peace.



Save our livelihoods and neighborhoods

I believe most of us are aware of the proposed power line that would impact the city of Eureka Springs and Eureka Springs West on several of SWEPCO'S proposed routes. Some of our businesses would suffer direct impact because of the line itself; others would probably have their business incomes decline for related or secondary effects. Many of our non-business neighbors and friends' property would also be affected. The bottom line is that this power line would be a detriment to tourism and property values.

Of the six possible routes depicted on the SWEPCO map, two were just dismissed out-of-hand in the SWEPCO Environmental Impact Statement. Those were the outermost routes (north through Missouri and south of the Eureka Springs area). The remaining four routes all pass through Eureka Springs West and affect them intimately, marching along the White River bank below Inspiration Point, passing just to the north of Blue Spring, impacting Thorncrown Chapel, passing within view of Lake Leatherwood and much more. One of the alternate routes is within 500 ft. of the Passion Play, and nips the Eureka Springs cemetery. All these routes cross some of Arkansas' most beautiful land.

Since our local economy is based on tourism, we have to make a choice to defend our identity or ignore this and take the consequences later.

Whereas some city and county officials knew of this as early as November 2012, that knowledge was kept secret until property owners on the routes began receiving certified notification letters in early April.

There is a May 2 deadline for comments. Your help is sorely needed. Please note that one does not even need to live in Arkansas to write on-line comments or to send letters. So share this with friends and families, asking them to help *now*.

I am including two pictures; one of Inspiration Point with the proposed lines, the other of the White River Valley. [Pictures on p. 32]. This will be a monster-sized, high-voltage line carrying 345 kV, but built to add an equally-large second line. The sound of the lines will

be heard for quite a distance, especially the way it travels in our hills and town. Poles will be 150 ft. tall (the two-year construction period will involve cranes and possibly helicopters), and the clear-cut beneath will be 150 ft. wide, *plus* any hardwood trees whose canopy intrudes on the clear-cut.

To put it in perspective, how does the size of your home relate to a 150 ft. wide clear-cut? How many trees can reside within that space? How many Hwy. 62s would fit within 150 ft.?

The attached images were chosen because they are well-known landmarks and the river affects the livelihood of many people and is seen by many tourists who come to attend the Passion Play, shop and dine downtown or enjoy a sweet drive through quiet Eureka Springs countryside. You can imagine similar images anywhere along the proposed line.

We know the Arkansas Public Service Commission *does* read the comments we put on-line. If we are to stop this line from having a significant effect on our tourism business, just do the following:

1. Make on-line comments to the Arkansas Public Service Commission (APSC)
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Links below will make it easy for you to learn more:

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Go to Arkansas Public Service Commission www.apscservices.info/PublicCommentForm.asp?DocNum=13-041-U and fill in the form.

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Wanda Kertzman



The Pursuit of HAPPINESS

by Dan Krotz

Another one of our legislator-geniuses made the national news last week. Rep. Nate Bell, from Mena, sent out the following tweet on April 19: "I wonder how many Boston liberals spent the night cowering in their homes wishing they had an AR-15 with a hi-capacity magazine?"

Not too many, Nate. Your chances of becoming a victim of a violent crime in Little Rock is 1 in 67, against 1 in 113 in that Den of Liberality, Boston. I know it is hard to figure, but those unarmed Massachusetts socialists are, compared to Arkansans, thinner, healthier, better educated, less dependent on anti-depressant medications, make more money, are more monogamous, have fewer out of wedlock pregnancies and perform all of these miracles without benefit of hi-capacity magazines. They're safer in Boston than you are, Nate, when you've got your snout in the public trough down in Little Rock.

Personally, I'm getting tired of flat earth one note johnnies like you, Nate, defining the political center as a bit to the right of the Science Department at Bob Jones University. As a veteran, taxpayer, husband, father, church member and self-employed businessman who has always made money and who has never taken a dime of public assistance, I resent being called a Liberal just because I understand basic math, don't want my country torturing prisoners and fail to see the wisdom of turning my church into the OK Corral.

Frankly, your problem isn't Liberals. Your problem is how you define conservatism. To you, conservative means that national parks are turned into hog confinement factories, utility companies plow under decades and centuries of history, payday lenders steal from the poor, corporations pay workers as little as possible and support the transfer of billions of government dollars to a military industrial complex while simultaneously maintaining the inalienable right to bear arms against a government sponsored military industrial complex. Summarily, your modern conservative is defined as someone willing to do anything for money.

So no worries, Nate. Citizens from the home of John Adams, James Otis and Paul Revere can manage without your concern. And they certainly don't need your help.

INDEPENDENT Constables On Patrol

APRIL 15

12:48 a.m. – A boyfriend told ESPD he could not find his girlfriend. He said they got separated at a bar downtown. Responding constable talked to the bartender who said the couple left together when the girlfriend could not find her ID. However, the boyfriend returned without her, and after a few drinks, asked the bartender where his girlfriend was. He then went looking for her. Constable encountered the boyfriend near another establishment downtown and he informed the constable everything was okay.

10:15 a.m. – Animal Control captured a dog running loose in the cemetery. He advised the owner there would be a citation if the dog runs loose again.

10:33 a.m. – Customers left without paying for their meals at a restaurant.

10:53 a.m. – Motel clerk asked for constable assistance with an elderly female yelling for help in the parking lot. Constable spoke with her and things seemed to be okay.

APRIL 16

8:28 a.m. – Owner of a business accidentally set off the burglary alarm.

9:07 a.m. – Manager at an apartment complex reported illegal dumping at his trash container. The constable found the alleged dumper, and the two individuals called it a misunderstanding and they would work it out.

1:05 p.m. – Constable arrested a person for failure to appear on illegal camping charges.

6:41 p.m. – Animal Control picked up a stray animal at a place of business.

7:02 p.m. – Gas station attendant reported a gas drive-off. Constables watched for the vehicle.

8:13 p.m. – Resident thought an establishment downtown had its music turned up too loud. Constable asked the business to turn it down a notch.

APRIL 17

3:50 p.m. – A person mowing at the Lake Leatherwood Marina reported the mower had shot a rock into the window of a nearby vehicle. Constable filed a report.

5:32 p.m. – Central dispatch warned ESPD of a reportedly erratic driver on Hwy. 187. Constables kept an eye out for the vehicle.

APRIL 18

6:08 a.m. – A very large dog kept

trying to get into the elementary school whenever someone opened the door. Constable on patrol picked up the animal and took it to the pound.

10:10 a.m. – Someone discovered a lost wallet and gave it to a constable who put it in the lost and found.

11:39 a.m. – Resident reported property had been taken from her home. Constable gathered information at the scene.

1:51 p.m. – Individual reported receiving several harassing calls.

2:38 p.m. – A business downtown reported an item had been taken from the shop.

5:03 p.m. – Driver reported having been passed by a motorcycle being driven recklessly. Constable responded to the last known location of the motorcycle, but it was no longer there.

9:03 p.m. – Owner of the dog that had been trying to enter the elementary school came to retrieve his animal. Constable informed the owner of leash laws and warned him of a citation upon subsequent violations.

APRIL 19

3:26 p.m. – Caller asked to speak with a constable regarding events that had transpired between her and her ex.

8:07 p.m. – Resident of a mobile home park said an adult female threw a rock at his daughter. He asked for constable assistance.

8:46 p.m. – There was a one-vehicle accident on US 62 toward the western edge of town.

APRIL 20

4:16 a.m. – Central dispatch reported to ESPD a call from a hysterical person about her boyfriend and a possible drug overdose. She had said they were in a certain room at the Crescent Hotel, but responding constables and EMS personnel found the Crescent had no such room. Dispatch called the person back to learn she was at a motel in town, and responders went there. They checked out the individual and got him up and around and decided he was okay.

8:42 a.m. – A motel clerk reported suspicious activity in one of the rooms. Constable responded and gathered information.

10:29 a.m. – Downtown merchant reported problems with a couple who kept coming into the store.

11:35 a.m. – Sheriff's deputy picked up an individual on a warrant out of Eureka Springs for failure to appear.

12:45 p.m. – Witness said one vehicle sideswiped another on Spring Street. Constable spoke with owner of the alleged adverse vehicle and no report was needed yet.

1:53 p.m. – One vehicle rear-ended another on US 62, but there were no injuries.

5:38 p.m. – Merchant downtown caught a shoplifter, and a constable responded.

7:06 p.m. – Caller asked to speak with a constable regarding harassment and perhaps stalking.

APRIL 21

5:00 a.m. – Alarm company alerted ESPD to an intrusion alarm at a business. The constable who responded found the building to be secure. He waited for the keyholder, and they inspected the interior and things were okay. They found the sensor had fallen off the window.

8:55 a.m. – Constable called for a tow truck to pick up a vehicle parked not only in front of a No Parking sign but in the street as well.

11:45 a.m. – EMS requested a constable because an individual was falling down and grabbing his chest but refusing medical assistance. By the time the constable arrived, EMS had gotten the individual into the ambulance.

1:06 p.m. – Person discovered a knife stuck into an electrical box. Constable investigated and retrieved the knife.

1:39 p.m. – Resident reported someone in a vehicle was taking photos of her house. Her husband has a protection order against his sister, and the caller suspected it was the sister taking the photos. The photographer left going toward Holiday Island. Constables made extra patrols in the vicinity.

2:01 p.m. – Passerby found a wallet and a constable retrieved it.

4:52 p.m. – ESH reported an intoxicated person had left the premises on foot. Constables checked the area but did not encounter the individual.

6:06 p.m. – There was a motorcycle accident on US 62, and there were possible injuries.

6:16 p.m. – Person reported suspicious activity at a house where he had been working.



Park bark – A nice grassy play area would sure beat this wood floor I slip and slide all over while chasing my ball! My name is Skeeter-Marie and I have news about what you can do to help fund the dog park – come to our garage sale April 27 and 28 at Tradewinds on 62 from 7 a.m. – 3 p.m. You can buy a brick for the memorial garden there, too! And watch for info about a “design our sign” contest coming in May. Call Rachel (479) 244-9151 for more info, and don't forget to “like” us on Facebook. The next dog park meeting is Wednesday, May 1, 6 p.m. at the library annex – see you there!

FOIA request reveals lack of communication between APSC and SWEPCO

BECKY GILLETTE

A Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request submitted by the *Eureka Springs Independent (ESI)* to the Arkansas Public Service Commission revealed that APSC had not been notified of the names and addresses of property owners contacted by the Southwest Electric Power Company (SWEPCO) along six routes being considered for a proposed 48-mile, 345 kilovolt (kV) transmission line running from near Centerton in Benton County to north of Berryville near the Kings River.

APSC also had not received copies of the notice sent to landowners.

The FOIA request sent to APSC Staff General Counsel Valerie F. Boyce April 11 requested copies of public records including all emails, letters, records of telephone calls, documents and reports received by APSC and its staff from SWEPCO and/or its legal and/or contracted representatives that involve SWEPCO's new transmission line application, a project listed as APSC Docket No. 13-041-U. Since they are already publicly accessible, any such records of the project posted online were not part of this request.

Initially Boyce wrote back that there were no public records that matched the request. The *ESI* responded by asking Boyce to confirm the following:

SWEPCO has not informed the Arkansas Public Service Commission of the identities of property owners to whom SWEPCO sent notification of their proposal or provided APSC with copies of such notices to APSC; and

APSC has neither sent nor received any emails, phone calls, faxes, text messages, letters or messages by other modes of communication related to the proposed SWEPCO project from or to SWEPCO.

"Yes, the response means that the Commission does not have any public records (other than the filed documents) which inform the Commission of the identity of the property owners and does not have copies of the notices; and that the Commission did not have any public records related to any communications listed by you," Boyce responded via e-mail.

"However, we now have some records in the form of emails concerning the docket which we did not have at the time I initially responded to you; as a courtesy, those emails are attached."

Those emails include one dated April 17 that was an extensive data request from ASPC to SWEPCO asking, among other things, for a list of landowners provided notice, a list of state agencies provided notice, and copies of the notice letters.

Pat Costner, an organizer of Save the Ozarks that has banded together to oppose the power line, said failure to provide information about the notice letters and landowners contacted violated the APSC guidelines. Those guidelines also require the company applying for a permit show that reasonable alternatives have been considered.

The ASPC data request to SWEPCO also includes the following information that appears to be required by law:

In accordance with A.C.A §23-18-511 (9) please provide the interstate benefits expected to be achieved by the proposed construction that is located in a national interest electric transmission corridor

In accordance with A.C.A §23-18-519 (9) please provide information how the energy efficiency of the major utility facility has been given significant weight in the decision making process.

Other data requests included the following:

Please provide any video of the proposed and alternate routes.

It appears that the Kings River Station is to be interconnected with two Entergy 161 kV transmission lines that currently exist in the area, the Berryville – Osage Creek and the Grandview – Osage Creek lines. Is this interconnection also to be completed in the same June 2016 time frame?

Are there any known future plans for interconnection or additional equipment to be installed in the Kings River Station that will require additional terminal positions? Please provide the locations of known future property developments that were considered in the routing of facilities described in the application.

Editor's note: Information obtained from a Freedom of Information Act request reveals that the Southwest Electric Power Company plans "terrestrial visits" to property along proposed routes for a 48-mile high voltage transmission line in mid-May. Save the Ozarks organizers have provided a sample letter to property owners along the proposed routes who are concerned about trespassing on their property by SWEPCO and its representatives.

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Re: SWEPCO's six routes filed in the Shipe Road to Kings River CECPN application and the terrestrial inspections set up for mid-May 2013

Dear Mr. Johnson,

Please be advised that as an owner of private property, where trespassing is not allowed, should you or anyone associated with the above referenced project wish to set up terrestrial inspections of said private property, written permission shall be required. We require minimum 30 business days advanced written notice to arrange such inspections. In addition, proper identification will be required and Hold Harmless Agreements must be signed by all entering the private property.

When we learned that you plan to conduct site visits on the properties for the purpose to condemn them for the Shipe/Kings line expansion, we felt that you have put us in a position to protect our property from trespassing with criminal intent. If you provide advance written permission to enter, formally request an appointment, sign the Hold Harmless and show proper ID, then we will make an appointment and allow an escorted entry to show you around our home and property and guide you to an understanding of its important features.

Thank you in advance for respecting our private lives and property. Our time and property is valuable to us, so please understand our concerns and request.

YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS HERE

CBWD says no hydrant sharing

NICKY BOYETTE

Dan Bowers, Carroll-Boone Water District attorney, said at the April 18 meeting, “The duty of the board is to take care of the assets of the district.” He found nothing in the law that allowed Grassy Knob Fire District to have its own access to CBWD water lines.

At the January 17 meeting, Chuck Olson of the GKFD requested a decommissioned CBWD hydrant on the line along Hwy. 116 be made available so Grassy Knob could use it in case of emergencies or training exercises. Bowers said the closest link in the law he found to this situation was to consider GKFD a quasi-governmental agency that could claim access for the health and safety of the community. Bowers called it “a very narrow window into permission.”

“The health department said they would not allow it,” added John Summers, plant manager of the Freeman-Raney water treatment plant on the shores of Beaver Lake.

Board Chair Jim Yates pointed out the law is explicit that use by Grassy Knob of the line would be for emergencies only, and the district cannot afford the risk of damage to the line. Board member Frank Brooks pointed out if GKFD happened to damage the line, they could not afford to repair it.

Board member Gene Chafin suggested a possible contractual agreement between the two entities as a way to allow use, but Yates insisted the district needs to restrict use of the line.

“It would be another risk we shouldn’t take,” Yates said, “and we owe it to our members to watch our lines.”

Board member Gene Bland suggested they could define emergency, but Yates simplified the issue by stating, “We need a policy nobody touches our hydrants but us.”

Bowers summed up sentiments into a motion that the district would not grant permission for any non-district personnel to use the district’s hydrants.

“We’ll need thick skin to do this,” Summers said.

Brooks continued to look for a compromise, but the board found none. The vote was unanimous to adopt the policy as Bowers had stated it.

Turbidity updating

Plant operator Rene Fonseca reported on equipment that will need to be replaced, acknowledging that turbidity meters at both plants are due. Parts are made in Germany and soon the company will stop making them. Valve accentuators also need attention. Yates said they should go ahead and spend the money, and vote was unanimous to purchase updated parts.

Audit

New office manager Cathy Klein reported the audit is still not completed. Yates said they should review the bid process for the audit and specify they need it completed by the end of January each year. He also wanted to see a reduction in the cost of the audit.

Klein said they are over budget partly because of increase in electricity costs but also because of annual water storage costs paid for in full during the first half of the year.

Yates observed budgets are always an example of lessons learned, and over time they learn to make better projections.

Five-year Master Plan update

Brad Hammond and Chris Hall of McGoodwin Williams & Yates, engineering consultants, reported demands in the system are reaching points where the district needs to start planning for improvements to the system to continue supplying water to customers efficiently. Harrison is the largest user in the system and they are at the extreme eastern end. Green Forest has increased its demand recently while Berryville’s use has decreased. The result is the largest users are furthest from the source. “Less demand on the front end of the transmission line causes pressure in the line to increase which in turn decreases the amount of water that can be flowed through the line,” Hall said. “Demands on the system have increased to the point the existing transmission system facilities may not be able to meet the growing needs of the system in the near future and that improvements are needed.”

The Board authorized consultants to do a Preliminary Engineering Report to analyze alternatives and recommend improvements to the district’s transmission capacity.

Next meeting will be Thursday, July 25, at 10 a.m.

GUESTatorial

Doing the math

Before the start of the Great Recession, the Southwest Power Pool (SPP) identified the need to increase transmission capacity in Carroll County, Arkansas, and issued a Notification to Construct on February 13, 2008. We’ve been kept in the dark until now of their plans, so I want to do some quick math.

Current electrical supply to Carroll County is carried by three major lines in the range of 115 kV to 161 kV. As a point of comparison, a 115 kV single line is capable of delivering 65 megawatts of power. Assuming those are already double circuit lines, and assuming all three are bringing power to us and not merely passing power on to other locations, you can see that what is now sufficient to meet our electric service needs in Carroll County adds up to under 260 megawatts.

Typical load delivery capacity of a single circuit 345 kV line is 400 MW. The AEP engineer Brian A. Johnson, in testimony to the Arkansas Public Service Commission, said the proposed line will later be upgraded to a double circuit line, the capacity of which would be in the range of 800 MW or more. It would quadruple the amount of electric power available in Carroll County and far exceed projected needs.

Further comparison: The highest voltage transmission system in Maine operates at 345,000 volts (345 kV). Central Main Power Company describes their 345 kV lines as the interstate highway system for electricity in Maine, a state with such abundant hydroelectric power that they export a great deal of it to Canada. What size line do they use for that? 345 kV.

If the Arkansas Highway Department were to plan a new interstate highway system through Carroll County, I am certain folks in the city of Eureka Springs and Carroll County would be up in arms over the unnecessary destruction proposed for our community. Purpose of an interstate is to allow folks to hurry by without stopping for tourism or enjoyment of our city, and the purpose of a 345 kV interstate for electricity is not to serve the needs of our community.

And so, SWEPCO has proposed a superhighway through the heart of Carroll County that will carry high voltage to where it can be sold other places even though that electricity will never be needed here.

There are costs we would be forced to pay anyway. In addition to the degradation of our beautiful hills and valleys, our electric rates will go up. SWEPCO admits that. Our property values will go down, not only for those whose property is taken and destroyed, but for those who’ve had their views of our beautiful hills ruined by outside greed.

Our hillsides and water will carry the burden of herbicides that will likely have an impact on our health and the health of folks downstream. Taxes for those whose lands are not devalued will have to go up to make up for the countywide decline of value of surrounding homes, farms and lands.

There is no reason for anyone in Eureka to sit this one out.

I urge the City Council and the Mayor of Eureka Springs to stand with landowners in fierce opposition to SWEPCO’s 345 kV expansion.

Doug Stowe

(Eds. Note – City council voted Monday night for alderman James DeVito and city attorney Tim Weaver and others to draft a resolution objecting to SWEPCO’s plan.)

EUREKA SPRINGS FLAG & GUARD TEAM - THE ROCKETTES



Front row, left to right: Brittany Griffith and Audrey Gilbeeath
Middle row: Leah Erskine, Breanna Bennett, Terra Winfrey, Ashley Garret. Back row: Kelly Crawford.

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Before the true Mayhem begins May 1 – this weekend, starting April 27, Richard Bloch has his first one-man show at The Space. It will be interesting to see what Richard, who is co-owner and chef at Autumn Breeze cooks up on canvas.

If his invitation is any indication (Richard shirtless with a rifle across his chest, lying atop a paint splattered canvas) it should be a very interesting show. Opening reception is this Saturday from 1 p.m. to 1 a.m. You gotta love those hours.

This week I will be up to my elbows in wallpaper paste, installing the large MUGS portraits on brick buildings around town for the Eureka Springs May Festival of the Arts. The very “serious” portraits

pay homage to many of our local artists and creative characters who inhabit our town.

There are more than a hundred portraits and I’ll need a team to help paste these portraits up. If you or your friends can volunteer a few hours of time, please arrive at the New Delhi on Main St., Tuesday, April 30 at 5 p.m.

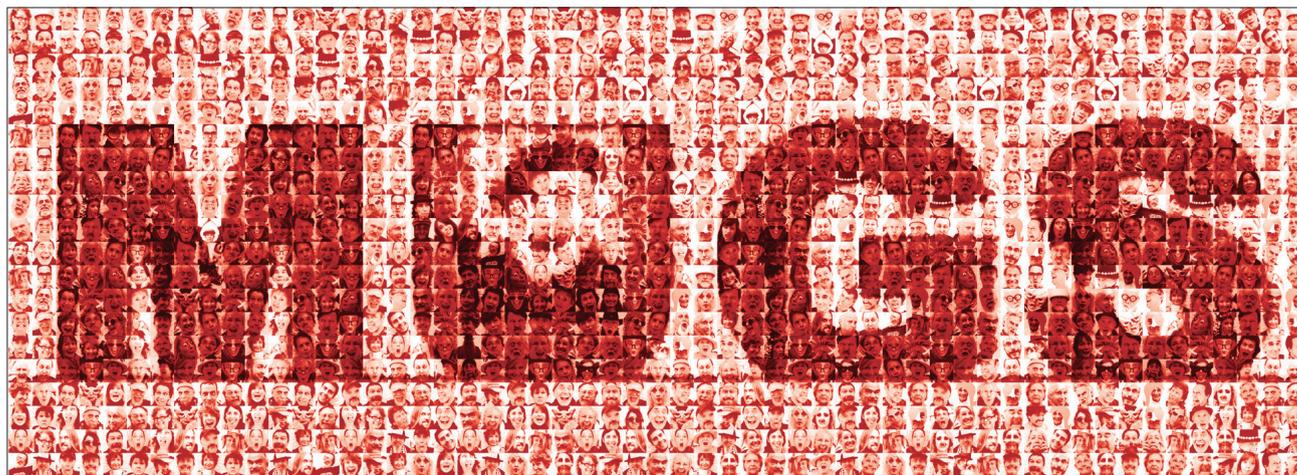
Wednesday, May 1, is the first big event to kick off the May festival. MUGS En Masse, another Creative Energy Project event, invites the public to celebrate our local creative talent. It’s also the debut of the MUGS poster that incorporates all the artist portraits and will be available for sale.

At the event, photographer Jeremy Mason

McGraw plans to capture a group image of the area’s artists. Hosted by the Queen Anne Mansion, it all starts at 4:30 p.m. I extend a personal invitation to Mayor Pate, our city council, and, of course, all artists, whether you participated in the MUGS portrait series or not, for this historic one-shot photo-op.

Working alongside extremely talented people is a whole lot of fun, and raises your game. Jeremy Mason McGraw and his Creative Energy Project has chosen two major projects that will garner a lot of attention to our little town in May. MUGS and Robert Norman’s SPHERES are two large installations designed to be public and interactive to its audience. The very funny promo videos for both events can be viewed at creativeenergyproject.com, and a new promo video featuring cameos from yours truly, Angelo Yao, Robert Norman, Sandy Martin, Mike Bishop, Zeek Taylor and many others is rumored to be out soon and guaranteed to make you LOL.

And speaking of talented people, congratulations to the Indy staff for putting out an outstanding FUN GUIDE for May. It’s the official publication for the Eureka Springs May Festival of the Arts and it’s informative, eye-catching and just plain FUN.



MUGS En Masse is the first May Festival of the Arts event at the Queen Anne Mansion May 1 at 4:30.

INDEPENDENTArt

Bloch at Space April 27

Recently, culinary artist Richard Bloch (Autumn Breeze Restaurant) was exposed to a painting by an artist he met and was inspired to try his hand. At first painting with sassafras sticks on t-shirts, using a drip method, he eventually began painting with brush on canvas. His work is in a large variety of styles, texture, color, mood and choice of subject.

During his life he has traveled through the Caribbean, Central America, Mexico and Europe being exposed to art as part of his travels.

All Blochs’ paintings have been done in the last twelve months. The public is invited to come enjoy them on Saturday, April 27, from 1 p.m. – 1 a.m. at The Space, 2 Pine Street – open late for all those who work night hours as Richard does. Reception for the artist is at 7 p.m.

For more info, phone J.R. Jones (479) 244 9192.



ArtRageous parade offers \$500 in prizes – sign up now!

Calling all floats, walkers, cars, dancers, musicians and folks who wanna’ have fun! If you haven’t put your application in for the ArtRageous Parade, do it by Friday! Prizes are \$300 for First, \$150 for Second and \$50 for Third Place entries.

Get your application at the Chamber of Commerce or on the official May Arts website: www.eurekaspringsfestivalofthearts.com. For more information, call Donna at The Chamber: (479) 253-8737. Be a part of the fun and sign up for the parade!

Kennedy studio opens, offers classes

Sweet Spring Studio, 123 Spring Street, is the new home of Barbara Kennedy Studio. In addition to showing her work there, Barbara will be teaching classes in drawing and painting. Classes will be small with lots of demos and individual attention. All ages and skill levels welcome. For more info, please call Barbara at 253-6652 or stop by the new studio.



Theater on the loop

The Gavioli Theatre at 80 Mountain on the upper historic loop now has almost-nightly entertainment to offer. One of the most fun is “**NOT REALLY A DOOR** Back from the dead – with baggage,” a one-hour, two-actress, jam-packed, keep-em-guessing supernatural murder-mystery-comedy-thriller written and directed by Keith Scales featuring Rebecca J. Becker and Teressa Rose Ezell.

Performances are 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. Book online at www.reserveeureka.com or phone 253-9766. \$15 (plus tax) adult, under 13 half-price.

Other shows at the Gavioli which can be booked on the site include:

EUREKA! Stories of the Springs: Wednesdays and Thursdays, 7:30 pm. – Meet the characters who people the history of the “Victorian village in the wilderness.”

MASTERMIND: Norman Baker Speaks: Mondays, 7:30 p.m. – Meet Norman Baker face to face and hear his story from his own point of view!



EZELL AND BECKER

You are Invited...



... to view *Recent Works* by Paula Jones through April 28 at the Main Stage Gallery, Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. See paulajonesart.com for more of her animals, abstracts, figurative and other works.

TheNATUREofEUREKA by Steven Foster

Seeds of irony

Reporting this week from a poolside veranda in tropical Brisbane, Australia. Please don't roll your eyes. I'm not having fun, I'm working. Being in Australia and looking around at the tropical vegetation gets me to thinking about where plants come from, and in a



N. I. Vavilov

twist of irony my thoughts turn to frozen Russia.

One of the presentations I was asked to do here was a retrospective on my botanical career. It turned out to be more about people than plants. My presentation included a picture of me with Ukrainian colleagues from the University of Poltava, Victor Samorodov and Sergey Pospelov, who came to visit in 1999 after attending a conference in Kansas City. On the drive down we stopped at the George Washington Carver National Monument in Diamond, Mo.

While there we watched a video on Carver's life. There was a brief clip with George Washington Carver (1864-1943) shaking hands with Nikolai I. Vavilov (1887-1943). “Vavilov!” my colleagues exclaimed with excited smiles. Both Carver and Vavilov died in January 1943.

Every self-respecting Russian (or former Soviet scientist) knows the name of N.I. Vavilov. This January I happened to be speaking to a Russian audience on the 70th

anniversary of Vavilov's death. Just the fact that an American mentioned his name brought my audience to its feet with clapping and cheering.

Vavilov is to plant genetics what Charles Darwin is to evolution. He sleuthed the origin of cultivated plants in 60 countries and created the modern concept of “seed banks,” places where seeds and living tissue of animals are stored in cryogenic, nuclear-bomb proof storage facilities, safe for future generations should the world face calamity. These treasure troves store the earth's genetic wealth. It is the real-world stuff of science merging with the concept of Noah's Ark.

The world's first and oldest seed bank is the N.I. Vavilov All-Russian Scientific Research Institute of Plant Industry. Ironically, Vavilov fell out of favor with Stalin in 1940 and died three years later (from starvation) in the Soviet prison at Saratov, the town in which Vavilov was born.

During the 900-day Nazi siege of Leningrad (now St. Petersburg), Vavilov's colleagues died of starvation rather than eat the storehouse of edible seeds that they protected. So as you put seeds in the ground this spring, please ask yourself – where does this plant come from?





District reps gather – Officers of the Arkansas Hospital Auxiliary Association conduct their district meeting hosted by Eureka Springs Hospital Guild at the Inn of the Ozarks April 17. From left are Christy Blackshear from Rogers, Diane Winder from Siloam Springs, Darlene Tuohy from Mercy Northwest in Rogers, AHA President Sharon Huffmire from Mountain Home, Jerry Berley from Camden and Neta Stamps from Berryville.

PHOTO BY DAVID FRANK DEMPSEY



Plants in, leaves out – Carroll County Master Gardeners (front left), Alice McNeal, Mariellen Griffith and Michael Rissler worked at Eureka Springs Historical Museum's Heritage Garden on April 17. Karen Wall donated two hydrangeas that Michael transplanted; and a whopping 10 bags of leaves were collected.

Hey, that's hot! – James Denkin from Michigan uses an acetylene torch to add color to a dog he carved during the first day of the two-day Carving in the Ozarks Chainsaw Carving Festival April 19. King, from Washington State, is more experienced at carving salmon, but carved a black bass sculpture this year to better represent the Northwest Arkansas area. The festival was held behind Cornerstone Bank. The lot was crowded with carvers whose work was auctioned off on the last day.

PHOTO BY DAVID FRANK DEMPSEY



Sugar daddy – Representing three generations of candy makers, the Martin Greer family takes their positions behind the counter during the grand opening of Martin Greer's Candies in the Gaskin's Switch shopping center April 19. From left are Jeanette Greer, her sons Uriah Greer, 22, Joshua Greer, 12, and husband Martin Greer. Greer learned the art of making fine candies from his father, and recalled making 500 to 1000 pounds of candy each day for Silver Dollar City in the 1960s. The family also owns a candy shop in the Philippines, where Jeanette is from. Mr. Greer's art and cartoon strips add color and fun to the shop's walls.

PHOTO BY DAVID FRANK DEMPSEY

Get your bid in – Gregg and Linda Griffin look at a 1976 framed print by Max Elbo at Keels Creek Winery April 20. The Clear Spring Fling auction to benefit Clear Spring School featured work by Elsie Freund, Betty Maffei and other well-known area artists. Crafts and products from local businesses were also auctioned in the school fundraiser.

PHOTO BY DAVID FRANK DEMPSEY



Fame Came Late © is an **unpublished historical manuscript** written by Lida Wilson Pyles (1906-2000). It is the story as she was told about Eureka Springs bear hunter, John Gaskins. Pyles married into the Gaskins family in 1924.

Well, I don't like it anyway," Susan told him and added, "I guess we don't have to tell Tom and Nancy that you won the land in a poker game. Tom might not think it was fit and proper," Susan laughed at her little joke.

"Somethin' tells me that Tom ain't goin' to ask me no questions about how I got th' land. He's smart enough to not look a gift horse in the mouth."

"Do you think Jim will like the idea of a little store?" his mother asked.

"I think so. Jim's goin' to be a businessman, I can see that. He likes people and gets along with everybody. He's a shrewd trader. He can get into a business over there at Golden. It will give him a place to live and he can have the boy with him. I guess that's what we both want, ain't it, Susan?"

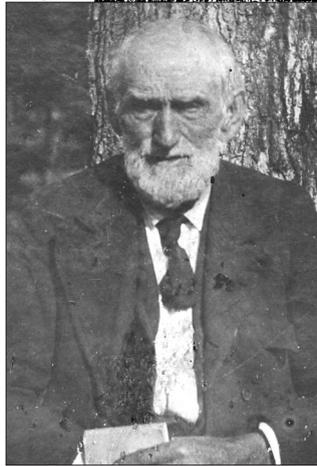
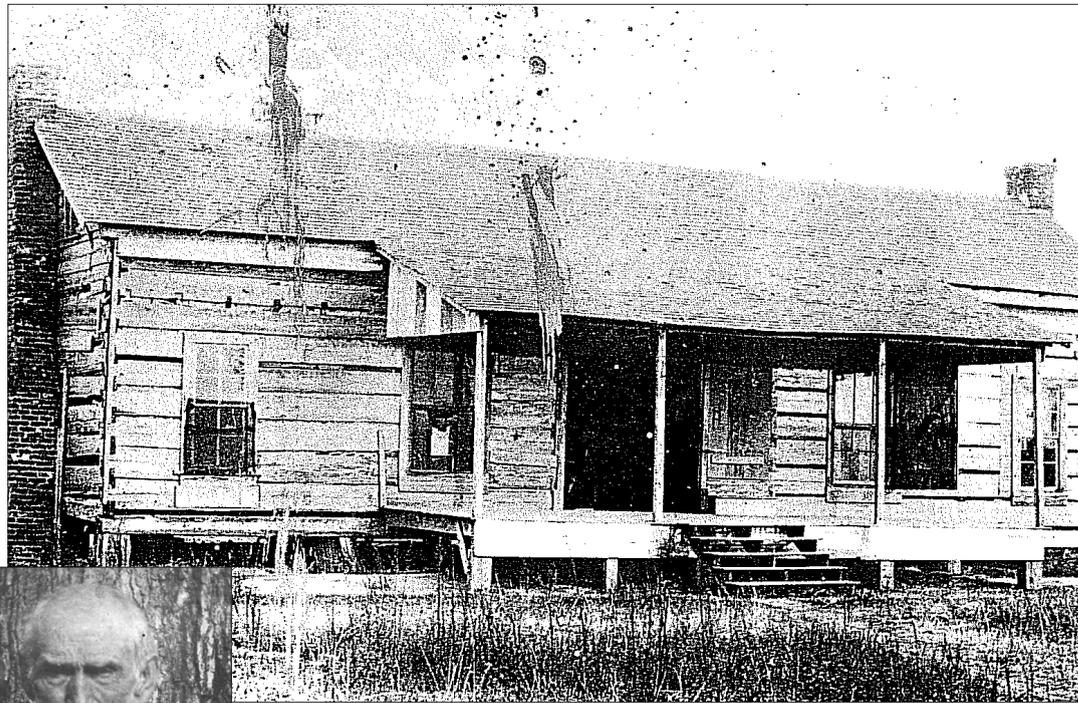
"I reckon so, even if I do hate to admit it. He's getting' too big a handful fer me."

The Gaskins house was shining clean. The kitchen was full of food prepared especially for the big day. Everybody had planned what they would wear and the neighbors for miles around had been invited to the wedding and not a Christmas dance.

Tom's father had been asked to perform the simple ceremony. It was decided the whole family would go to church that morning. The Reverend Clark would deliver the sermon, then the family would all return to the house for the ceremony.

"Your Pa ain't much of a church goer, Nancy. I think it would be better to have the weddin' right here at home. He's proud of this house, honey, and it's only proper that his girls be married in it. He would want to see you married but I don't think it would work to ask him to go to church to see it. He wouldn't go and it would jest spile the day fer everybody. Besides, that church ain't as nice as our house."

"I'm not arguin' with you, Ma. I think you're right. It's right that I be married in my own home. Tom thinks so,



too. But there's somethin' else that's been a-botherin' me, Ma. Do you suppose Pa'll get drunk at the weddin'?"

"I don't know, honey. I wouldn't make you no promises," Susan told her. At that point in the conversation, Johnny entered the room. "Make no promises about what, Susan? What does Nancy want you to promise her? Seems to me that she's got about everything she's asked for. What does she want now?"

Susan looked at her daughter and back to her husband. "I guess it's a good time to ask your Pa about the promise, honey. He's the one that will have to make it."

"Well, I was just askin' Ma if she thought you would get drunk on my weddin' day. You wouldn't, would you, Pa?" the girl begged.

"Well, I'll tell you one thing. I ain't expectin' to get drunk. But, I promise you this much. If I decide to celebrate by getting' a little wild, I'll go off somewhere else to do it. I won't shame you on your weddin' day. Is that promise enough fer you?"

"Yes, I reckon it is, Pa. I'd rather you would promise me that than to promise me you would stay sober and then break the promise. I know I can depend on you to do whatever you say you will. I hope you won't decide to start drinkin' at all but if you just have to do it, I'm glad you're goin' off some place else to do it and not spoil my wedding."

"You've got my word, honey. I'll not be drunk at your weddin' even if I decide to get drunker'n a skunk afterward."

Nancy's hair was washed and rolled on curlers made from strips cut from a tin baking powder can. Her new blue dress with mutton-ham sleeves, new shoes and new black cotton stockings were ready. Mary postponed donning her own new pink dress long enough to help the bride with dressing.

Susan busied herself with the last minute preparations for the meal. The long, sturdy table groaned under the weight of the food. There was a variety of meat – bear, venison, baked ham, along with chicken and turkey. Vegetables had been brought in from where they had been buried in the garden. Pickles and sauerkraut were brought from huge stone jars in the smokehouse. Desserts

were grape dumplings and fried apple pies.

"There just ain't no way I could bake enough pies for a crowd like that in a Dutch oven. It would take from now to Christmas next year," Susan remarked.

"Ma, some day I want you to get Pa to take you in to Eureka Springs and let you see that cook stove that Mrs. Hickman has got. It's got an oven built right in it. Maybe some day he will buy one like it for you."

"I'm sure I'll have a cook stove some day, Nancy, but we don't have to have a lot of

fancy things all at once. We've all got new calico dresses and new shoes. What else could we ask for?"

Everything was ready. Tom arrived in a buggy accompanied by his father. Tom was attired in his new suit made of lindsey from his mother's loom. His hair had been amply applied with bear grease and parted in the middle. He too, had a pair of store bought shoes.

Reverend Clark shook hands with the family and told Nancy's parents, "I'm right proud of Tom's choice. I'm glad he picked your daughter for a wife. I know you folks are God-fearin' people and that Nancy has been brought up right, though my son tells me that you, Mr. Gaskins, have not made your peace with God."

"I ain't had no trouble with God myself. We get along just fine," Gaskins interrupted. "I take care of my own without any help from anybody. I reckon that's about all God expects from me. I ain't a preacher, if that's what you're talkin' about. I reckon everybody can't be preachers. I'll leave that to you an' your son and I'll never tell you how to do it. I'll let you take care of your business and if you'll let me take care of mine, I reckon we'll get along just fine."

Hangars, gas going up at Carroll County Airport

NICKY BOYETTE

Dave Teigen, chair of the Carroll County Airport Commission, announced at the April 18 meeting the Arkansas Department of Aeronautics had awarded a \$300,000 grant to the commission for construction of an eight-bay hangar. The commission already has a match of \$100,000 toward the project, and construction is scheduled to begin in May.

Airport manager Sheila Evans said she had already leased five of the eight hangars at \$20,000 per year for ten years.

Dan Clinton of Grimes Consulting Engineering of Little Rock said the original bid of \$276,000 for the building might not still hold, so it is possible he will have to rebid the project. An additional item would be a gravel road for additional access, so he will stay in touch with Evans. Nevertheless, he is looking to start construction in May and the project should be completed within three months.

Clinton said without a contract in hand, a contractor cannot order the steel for the project, and delivery of steel would take six weeks, although prep work could be accomplished in the meantime.

Runway extension

“I am passionate about getting the runway extension,” commissioner Lonnie Clark said. He is referring to extending the runway approximately another 500 ft. for a total of 4000 ft. to accommodate more kinds of aircraft, including certain charter planes.

The commission discussed funding options and strategies, such as extending the runway at one end first and then the other. Clinton told them they would need a purpose and needs study to get any federal support for the project. The commission voted to authorize Clinton and Grimes Engineering to commence the purpose and needs study for the runway extension. He said he would have it completed by June 15.

Clark said everyone on the

commission would help him however they can.

Evans also suggested they have an Open House and invite County Judge Sam Barr and all three mayors and explain what a tremendous economic benefit it will be for the entire county when the runway reaches 4000 ft. and see what kind of support they can generate. She pointed out the Searcy Economic Development Fund gave support to their local airport.

Teigen said it was enlightening to learn other county airports in the state get support from their quorum courts. He had spoken with Eureka Springs business people recently to gauge support, and he was pleased they could see “the financial latitude this would bring to the area.”

Other construction

Clinton gave an extended timeline for other projects at the airport through 2016 and beyond, including French drains to direct excess water away from the runway, access design, runway

paving, taxiway rehab and apron rehab.

He also suggested they install the perimeter fence eight ft. inside the property line. They would avoid property line squabbles and tree cut issues with this strategy. With gates installed along the way, there would be access for mowing all the way to the property line. Commissioners voted to adopt this strategy.

Clark said they would not be getting any money from the Quorum Court for a new mower as they had hoped, so they will have to “do our poor boy stuff to make it work.” He suggested they look for ways to refurbish the equipment they have.

Price of gasoline

Evans said she recently purchased 3000 gallons of gasoline at \$4.43, and the cost was only \$70 less than the previous purchase of 4000 gallons of fuel. To her chagrin, she expects fuel costs to continue to rise.

Next meeting will be Thursday, May 16, at noon.

Bloodlines of the Illuminati author in Eureka Springs

World famous author Fritz Springmeier will visit Eureka Springs for a book signing and two lectures on May 2. Springmeier will speak on several topics including ideas for living a longer, healthier life, doing noble deeds and the story behind his seven-book series on the Illuminati.

Springmeier is a Christian missionary who spent eight years incarcerated as a political prisoner. He has lectured worldwide, and this is his first appearance in Arkansas. The book signing will be held at the Carnegie Library Annex at 1 p.m., followed by two lectures at The Space, 2 Pine St., from 2:30 – 5 p.m. and 7 – 10 p.m. Tickets are \$5.

Earth Festival wraps up Saturday

There's still time to take in a workshop or two during the Eureka Springs Earth Festival at the Retreat at Sky Ridge! See www.eurekaearthfestival.com for location, times and costs. Some events are free. The festival will run until the closing concert, potluck and drumming event on April 26 at 6 p.m.

HI Community Church anniversary open house

Holiday Island Community Church, 188 Stateline Drive, invites the community to celebrate its 20th Anniversary with an Open House May 1 from 4 – 8 p.m. Come join us for food, music and a presentation of Prayer Force One by Ed Moore. For more information, call (479) 253-8200.

Grace Lutheran rummage and bake sale April 26, 27

Grace Lutheran Church, 179 Holiday Island Drive in Holiday Island, will hold its annual Rummage and Bake Sale Friday, April 26, from 8 – 5 p.m. and Saturday from 8 a.m. – noon. They're on the official Yards and Yards of Yard Sales map, so be sure to pick one up at the Eureka Springs Chamber of Commerce and head on out early to choose from household items, furniture galore, electronics, clothes, crafts and much more. And don't miss the bake sale for a tempting variety of home baked goods, including sugar-free!

Sunday at UUF

April 28, 11 a.m. – Grant Mallet, visiting from Cape Cod, earned his masters degree from Union Theological Seminary in New York City. Through his interest in archeological findings regarding the Old Testament in Israel, he will point out some current thinking about actual events that lies behind some of the great “myths” in the Old Testament.

Please join us at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Sundays at 11 a.m., 17 Elk Street, for a program followed by coffee and snacks. Child care is provided. Extra parking at Ermilio's Restaurant lot, 26 White Street. (479) 253-0929, www.euuf.org.

At 4 p.m., Linda Evans, who participated in the 500 mile ride through the back roads of Arkansas talking to people about the dangers of 2,4,5-T being sprayed on Ozark land, will speak at a special session of the Fellowship. Her talk, *The Prison System in America*, will provide a glimpse of prisons you may not expect.

GPP hosts appreciation luncheons

The Great Passion Play's 2013 season begins Friday, May 3. To show their appreciation of the business community's support over the past several months, there will be an open house and complimentary barbeque lunch of smoked ribs, chicken, pork and all the trimmings in the Great Hall on the Passion Play grounds Wednesday May 1, from 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

On Saturday, May 4, at 1 p.m. there will be another luncheon for the Eureka Springs artists' community in conjunction with the appearance of noted inspirational artist, Jack E. Dawson, who will share his journey. Several of Dawson's paintings appear in the Sacred Art Center gallery.

In addition to a great lunch, everyone will get to tour the facility and see some \$200,000 worth of improvements made over the winter, get acquainted with the management and staff and receive new promotional brochures and schedules.

Since 1968 over 7.6 million people have seen the Great Passion Play, also home to the Sacred Arts Museum, Bible Museum and the Christ of the Ozarks Statue.

Those who plan on attending either luncheon please RSVP by calling (479) 253-8559, or email dkelsey@greatpassionplay.com.

Combined chambers event May 2

A Business After Hours event for both the Eureka Springs Chamber of Commerce and the Holiday Island Chamber of Commerce will be held Thursday, May 2, 5:30 - 7 p.m. at the Holiday Island Clubhouse at the intersection of Holiday Island Drive and Country Club Drive.

This event is being held in conjunction with the Eureka Springs Rotary Wine and Cheese party kicking off the annual Golf Tournament, so chamber members should identify themselves at the door in order to receive a complimentary ticket to participate in the silent auction and other events.

Chamber members will gather at 6 p.m. for a special "door prize" giveaway. For more information phone (479) 253-8737.



Fresh harvest for GSHS – From left, Nan Johnson (with Patches), Evon Derby (with Snowball), Janice Durbin, Michael Ripoll (with Butch), Steve Ketchersid and Amanda Vansickle appreciate the tasty donation of \$1000 from Fresh Harvest.

Fresh Harvest donates \$1000 to GSHS

The work of the Good Shepherd Humane Shelter was given a \$1000 boost from Fresh Harvest on April 17. The money was raised on April 8 during a "We Olive Cats and Dogs" fundraiser at the Fresh Harvest Tasting Room in Pine Mountain Village. The event featured local musicians, raffles, a ring toss game and complimentary snacks incorporating Fresh Harvest products. Blood Orange (olive oil) chocolate brownies were made and donated by the TLC Bakery and Italian pastry puffs were made and donated by Cravings Bakery. Fresh Harvest also donated snacks and a percentage of the income on every bottle of olive oil and balsamic sold during the packed event.

DROPPINGA Line by Robert Johnson

April 20 at Holiday Island the white bass are still coming in and full of eggs, along with crappie and bass. Start looking in Leatherwood Creek, Butler Creek, Beaver and upriver. Whites needed some current to get things going and this rain was a good one. Troll till you find them then start working them with a rooster tail, swimbaits and crankbaits.

You might come into a big school of spotted bass doing this, and get a few trout from Beaver upriver. We should still get a good spawn, just late due to all these cool fronts. Temps still running 58 to 60°.

Start looking for crappie and bluegill in the shoreline brush when we warm back up. Try minnows and jigs for the crappie, and worms under a float for the bluegill. With an \$11 Border License you can fish Kings River or out of Eagle Rock Area. Kings warms the fastest so they had a head start but we're catching up. The mouth of Roaring River out of Eagle Rock can

turn on, too.

Beaver Lake temps running 58° to 60°, too. Most the stripers are still wanting to go up the White and War Eagle arms to spawn, but are being held back and feeding on the flats early and late in the day from the Prairie Creek area all the way up to Point 12.

Did hear from one of the FLW guys that he got into some stripers in Big Clifty up here on our end of Beaver and it's about time for the day use side of Beaver Dam to turn on for whites off the shoreline. Throw 2–3 in. lures that will get some distance on 12 lb. line just in case you get into a striper because a few will be around.

Fishing this end of Beaver this time of year look for stripers off the points and in deep coves from the dam to Point 5, Big Clifty, Little Clifty and Indian Creek. Troll or drag live bait on planer boards and balloons to get away from the boat, for these fish will

go shallow now and are boat shy.

Shad and brood shiners will both work this time of year as the stripers are feeding on smaller bait now.

Get a line wet and remember to take a kid fishing.



PASSAGES

Eugene V. Lovelace, Jr., Jan. 18, 1957 – April 21, 2013

Eugene V. Lovelace, Jr., of Berryville, Ark., was born January 18, 1957 in Martinez, Calif., a son of Eugene Victor

and Edith Imogene (Choat) Lovelace, Sr. He departed this life Sunday, April 21, in Berryville, at age 56.

Memorial services will be held at a later date. Memorial Donations may be made Nelson Funeral Service, POB

311, Berryville, AR 72616. Online condolences may be sent to the family at nelsonfuneral.com.



HUTCHISON

Gordon Keith "Sweetie" Hutchison, Jr., Oct. 18, 1963 – April 16, 2013

Gordon Keith "Sweetie" Hutchison, Jr. was born on October 18, 1963 in Nashville, Tenn., to Gordon and Sharon Hutchison. He died April 16 in Bastrop, La., surrounded by family and friends.

Raised in Bastrop, Keith was an active outdoorsman. Between hunting, his love for the river and maintaining his garden, he truly appreciated nature for all it had to offer. After

moving to Eureka Springs, Ark., he quickly gained the name "Louisiana Keith" for his southern accent and loving personality.

Keith was preceded in death by his mother, Sharon Todd Hutchison. He is survived by two sons, Gordon Keith Hutchison, III and wife of McKinney, Texas, and Kevin Todd Hutchison and wife of Bastrop; a daughter, Amber Harris of

Bastrop; father, Gordon Keith Hutchison, Sr. of Tulsa, Okla.; a brother, Ronnie Hutchison of Tulsa; a sister, Debra Hutchison of Tulsa; two cousins, Chris Richardson and Rodney Riles; two grandchildren, Asher and Liam Hutchison; four nieces, one nephew and a host of extended family and friends.

A Celebration of Life will be held in Eureka Springs at a later date.

John Russell Ratliff, March 1, 1929 – April 25, 2013

John Russell Ratliff, of Beaver, Ark., was born March 1, 1929 in Fender, Ark. He was the son of Luke Ratliff and Mary Alma (Sits) and Dan Kaffka. He departed this life Thursday, April 18 at the Circle of Life Hospice House in Bentonville at age 84.

An honored veteran, he proudly served his country in the United States Air Force for 30 years during the Cuban Missile Crisis and the Korean and Vietnam Wars. Always willing to help his fellow veterans, after retirement he served as the Carroll County Veteran's



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John was a member of the Holiday Island Baptist Church, the Masonic Lodge, the American Legion and the Rotary Club. He owned and operated Wardrobe Cleaners in Eureka Springs for 11 years and served as Mayor of Beaver for 12 years. He was instrumental in the establishment of Beaver Park on Table Rock Lake.

Working relentlessly with the Corps of Engineers, he secured the necessary support to properly maintain the Little Golden Gate Bridge. Through all the years of hard work and help from many

volunteers he was pleased to witness accomplishment of his mission.

On June 25, 1948, John was united in marriage with Elizabeth (Meier) who survives him of the home. He is also survived by one son, John "JR" Ratliff and wife, Robyn, of Eureka Springs; four daughters, Debbie and husband, James Willbanks of Bentonville, Ark.; Mary Ambrose and fiancé Jose Galindo of Holiday Island, Ark.; Patty and husband, Tom Marler; Cindy Ratliff; Tina and husband, Homer Johnson, and adopted son and daughter, Nitz and Kim Eiler, all of Eureka Springs; 12 grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren.

His father, Luke Ratliff, and mother

and stepfather, Mary Alma and Dan Kaffka, preceded him in death.

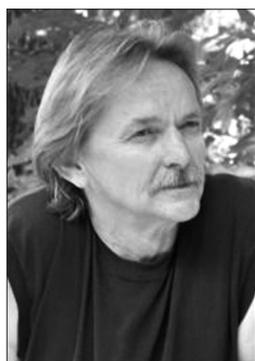
Memorial service will be at 1 p.m., Saturday, April 27, at the American Legion Post #9, at the junction of Hwys. 23N and 187, Eureka Springs. Cremation arrangements are under direction of Nelson Funeral Service. The family requests in lieu of flowers, memorial donations be made to the Holiday Island Baptist Church, 14 Stateline Drive, Holiday Island, AR 72631; American Legion Post #9, 2546 Mundell Road, Eureka Springs, AR 72631; or Circle of Life Hospice, 901 Jones Road, Springdale, AR 72762. Online condolences may be sent to the family at nelsonfuneral.com.

Terry Allen Thornton, May 27, 1953 – April 22, 2013

Terry Allen Thornton lost his seven year battle with cancer on April 22. He was born on May 27, 1953 in Casa Grande, Ariz., to Jimmy and Betty (Smart) Thornton.

He was the youngest of four boys. Shortly after he was born, the family moved to Shafter, Calif., where he attended school. He met Cammie Lamirand, who became his first wife and they moved to Bakersfield together and had three children.

Terry worked for over 13 years at Cawelo Water District, east of Shafter. In the early 1990s they moved to Shawnee,



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Okla. Terry eventually went to work for the city of Midwest City, Okla. His first marriage ended, and then he met his soul mate, Vivian Jay, in 1997.

Together they were able to start several successful businesses and had the last 16 years together. He had a lifelong passion for working on cars and motorcycles.

In 2001 they discovered Eureka Springs, Arkansas.

They loved the town so much they created a beautiful home there where all of the bike family came up every Memorial Day weekend from all over during the last seven years.

He was preceded in death by his father, Jimmy Thornton; mother, Betty Odom; step-father, Jim Odom; oldest brother, Michael Thornton; and grandparents, Jesse and Ethel Thornton and Dan and Ruth Smart.

He is survived by Vivian Thornton of the home. Older brothers, Steven Thornton and wife, Barbara, of Bakersfield, Calif., and David Thornton and wife, Beverly, of Shafter, Calif.; kids and grandkids, William Thornton; Valerie and husband, Joe Lehenbauer; and Carrie Thornton all of Tecumseh, Okla.; Stephen Thomas of Helena, Okla.; Crystal Rose of the home; Carmie Shae Chazel of Seminole, Okla.; Jeff and Caroline Adams, Paige Adams, Payton Adams and Preston Thornton all

of Sandy Valley, Nev.; Zachary Thornton and Tonya Thornton both of Shawnee, Okla.; numerous nieces and nephews; and numerous adopted Bar Family. He had so many adopted kids and Bar, Bike and Eureka Springs family too numerous to list.

Visitation will be from 6 – 9 p.m. Friday, April 26, and from 8:30 a.m. until service time Saturday, April 27 at Nelson's Chapel of the Springs. Funeral service will be at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, April 27 at Nelson's Chapel of the Springs. Interment will be in the Eureka Springs Cemetery under the direction of Nelson Funeral Service, Inc. Online condolences may be sent to the family at nelsonfuneral.com.

PASSAGES

Dorothy Tanton, Oct. 15, 1923 – April 16, 2013

Dorothy Tanton, having faithfully served her Lord Jesus Christ on Earth, is now rejoicing in His presence in heaven. She was born October 15, 1923 in Highland Park, Mich., a daughter of Stanley, Sr. and Ennana (Rainey) Rice. She was a resident of Eureka Springs for 26 years where she was a homemaker and attended the Lone Star Bible Church.

She departed this life Tuesday, April 16, in

Eureka Springs at the age of 89. On February 1, 1947 she was united in marriage with the love of her life, Jason Thomas Tanton, who survives her. She is also survived by her son, Lanny and wife, Ruth Ann Tanton, of Austin, Texas; daughter, Rhonda Lee Tanton of Eureka Springs; grandchildren, Jason Tanton II and Justin Tanton of Austin, Texas, and several nieces and nephews and a host of other family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents and brother, Stanley Rice, Jr.

Memorial services will be 2:30 p.m., Sunday, April 21, at the Lone Star Bible Church. Service arrangements were made with Nelson Funeral Service. Memorial donations may be sent to the Lone Star Bible Church, Hwy. 23 South, Eureka Springs, AR 72632. Online condolences may be sent to the family at nelsonfuneral.com.



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HI cleanup April 27

It's time to do some outdoor spring cleaning! Saturday, April 27, marks the Holiday Island Homeowners Association's biannual roadside and shoreline cleanup – and you're invited. Roadside cleanup volunteers meet at the Holiday Island Clubhouse north parking lot at 9 a.m. to receive assignments; shoreline cleanup volunteers meet at the Island beach parking lot (first right after crossing the bridge) at 9 a.m. A picnic lunch will be provided for all volunteers around 11:30 a.m. at the Recreation Center Pavilion. For info, email hensonar@cox.net.

Two headed for 2013 Arkansas Governor's School

Two students from Eureka Springs High School have been selected to attend the 2013 Arkansas Governor's School: Manon Gros, daughter of Patrice and Karen Gros, for Natural Science and Mara Adams, daughter of Stan and Avis Adams, for Drama.

Selection for Governor's School is based on a combination of ability and interest, and is highly competitive. The six-week intensive program is in its 34th year. More information about the program including past curriculum, speakers, and films may be found on the AGS web site www.hendrix.edu/ags.



High Wind Act – James Louis (l.) and Kristen Phillips labor aboard *Anahi* to protect her lead against Jimmie White and his mates on *Jaded* during round two of Beaver Lake Sailing Club's Spring 2013 regatta Sunday. Alas, *Jaded* went on to win both races, thus taking the lead in the best-of-eight series that continues May 5. Read all about it in the *Independent*.

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to send electricity to Canada. He called it “an interstate highway of electricity” which would carry more power than our area needs. Not only that, a proposed second line would be even larger.

Stowe called on council to express the city's disapproval of the plan.

Four other speakers who shared his sentiments followed. Patricia Helwig pointed out herbicides would be sprayed in perpetuity along the clear-cut swath. She was dismayed she was given only 30 days to file a complaint when Judge Sam Barr and Mayor Morris Pate knew about the proposal last autumn. She claimed the boilerplate documents from SWEPCO did not represent good

science, and property values along the path will plummet. When properties lose value, she pointed out, the city will collect less tax revenue, so how will the city pay for its schools and city services?

Eileen Powell, Glenn Crenshaw and Jeff Danos also objected to the SWEPCO plan. Powell noted 800 acres of the Ozarks would be contaminated by SWEPCO herbicides. She said, “It is unconscionable not to fight the transmission line.”

Crenshaw, a Realtor, also noted the impact on property values, and said visitors do not come here to see transmission lines.

Danos also asked council to take a stand. He said there would be a tower

every 800 ft. for 50 miles, and property owners do not want the line across their property. He asked council not to look the other way but take a stand against the “SWEPCO disaster.”

Alderman Joyce Zeller asked what was SWEPCO's justification for the proposal. DeVito said SWEPCO proposed several routes, and “three of them are in our neighborhood.”

Helwig added that among criteria for deciding where to put the line, beauty was lower on the list than “cheap.” Also the company used flyovers and no feet on the land during the planning. A priority was whether or not a piece of land was used for grazing.

Alderman Terry McClung said

it sounded like a cop-out to him the federal government has no say in this matter, and he would support Mitchell's idea of a resolution from council.

Zeller objected to the “callous attitude” of choosing the route just because cows are not grazing on the land. She said people come here to see the scenery, and this project will destroy the view.

Alderman Dee Purkeypile moved to have DeVito serve as a council liaison to work with city attorney Tim Weaver and any interested citizens to draft a resolution stating council's objection to SWEPCO's plan. DeVito agreed to serve as liaison and vote on the motion was unanimous.

Full Moon in the Wesak Valley

Thursday is the Buddha Full Moon Taurus Wesak Festival. A great legend says that at the time of the full moon the great “Knowers of Divinity” gather from the many worlds to greet the Buddha who, once a year, at the exact time of the April full moon and for eight minutes afterward, streams into Earth a blessing from Shambhalla, home of our God, Sanat Kumara, Regent from Venus.

The blessing transmits Divine Will, Purpose, Love and Wisdom to humanity. Buddha (Wisdom)

and Christ (Love) work in unison during this festival. More than 2000 years ago the Buddha brought light to the East while the Christ brought Love/Wisdom to the West. These two Brothers continue to work together serving humanity, particularly during the Wesak festival.

At the very moment of the moon, to the words of the Great Invocation, the energy body of the Buddha slowly precipitates down to a level very close to the physical plane. A powerful vibration is

felt in the crowd. The Will and Love of the Father is sent forth, fusing and blending Earth’s kingdoms. All “waters of life” are blessed, the world awakens; light rises over the horizon and hovers above the crowd. It is the Great Lord Buddha bringing a blessing to the world. This is the supreme spiritual moment of the entire year. And now we begin the three days of Safeguarding. Here is a YouTube on the Wesak Festival in a valley in the Himalayas. www.youtube.com/watch?v=0t0Uo97O-00

ARIES: You feel content and “at home” while simultaneously feeling restless for something more. Perhaps it’s money and resources, or having specific values and financial security. You want to enjoy what you have while also living a simple life. An interesting interaction takes place. You find you relate well to those in a position of helping you financially. Be sure to maintain the highest integrity.

TAURUS: It’s important to tend to your energy and health. Eat protein every couple of hours to maintain balanced energy. Allow your heart direct you to the heart of all that matters. It’s important to seek more pleasure than usual, to display more romance and to pay attention to how you’re “seen” in the public. Good manners, a beautiful appearance, a sense of cooperation. All add to a magnetic appeal that all successful teachers possess.

GEMINI: It’s good for you to be somewhat in seclusion, hibernation, a state of privacy, behind closed doors, expressing your affection quietly, reading mysteries, seeking to understand codes and secrets. It is a time of endings, a time of change. Sadness and wistfulness, longings, loneliness and aloneness could be felt. One ponders the past. It is also a time of great music and art and a time for you to be creative.

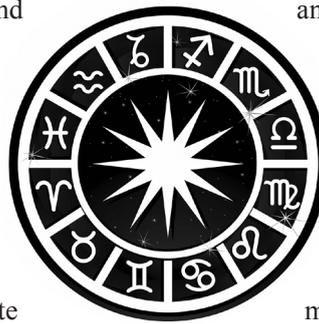
CANCER: You seek harmonious friendships and relationships that are social, group-oriented, meeting with frequency. Sharing your interests with

others makes you happy and less isolated. You sense we are in a time frame when a great cycle has come to a close. You call others to have a depth and intimacy, Right Relations and Goodwill. You know we will need these to create the future.

LEO: People recognize your charm and your ability to assume leadership. Every ability and gift you possess is coming forth in your work place. Make lists of your professional goals. Ambition is good. You will need to balance work responsibilities with home and family needs. Group socializing is good for you at this time. Groups expand your ability to think, gather and share ideas and information. Something or someone “turns your head.”

VIRGO: Routine is not for you at this time. Instead you’re attracted to things exotic, far away, foreign, colorful and unique. These bring forth your spirit. You express yourself better with the unusual. It’s good to travel now. Perhaps to the Wesak Valley. Whatever you discuss, whatever information you bring forth, people listen. Look for and enjoy all things artistic. You recognize their value.

LIBRA: Finances, resources and considering what’s of value in your life are on your mind. You learn about values and resources from close friends



and partners. Something very deep and intimate is healing a wound within you. From the care and constancy of another you are beginning to understand love. Finding harmony through intimacy you’re more able to share more your spiritual self. This depth of feeling and realization is unexpected.

SCORPIO: Allow others to give you special attention. Although uncomfortable for you, it’s wise to recognize that others love you. Here’s a statement of gratitude, a response to praise that everyone learns to say at the Findhorn Community - “I’m so glad you noticed.” Say this when you’re given praise and recognition. Watch as people laugh in response. You will laugh, too. It’s so truthful to say this. Tell yourself you can adapt more and more.

SAGITTARIUS: Here’s the Wesak challenge for you directly from the Buddha. To establish harmony at work with all co-workers, creating Right Relations that have integrity and truth. To have social activities centered around work. To associate happiness and pleasure with work. To help others create a cooperative spirit. Your deepest and highest level of success comes when you use your talents to create balance and harmony in all endeavors. And when you appreciate, recognize and praise others. Without hesitation. Always.

CAPRICORN: This is a greatly expressive time for you. What you can and perhaps are already expressing is love coupled with playfulness and a little drama. Drama is good if it’s done well with humor. You’re capable of expressing more love and appreciation to close relationships and with children. When you love more, you attract more (love and everything else). You stand in the light of this love. It makes you beautiful. It’s actually fun!

AQUARIUS: Something important is occurring with your home. Perhaps you’re moving or simply staying home more, unable to leave for it’s most comfortable and safe there. You’re concerned with the art and aesthetics of home, the amount of space you have, if the atmosphere is peaceful and stable, kind and loving. Some Aquarians may build a dwelling outside their homes – under a tree, a fire pit alongside, seeking to be in-tune with nature, able to see the stars at night.

PISCES: Many people think Pisces are always a bit dreamy. But actually Pisces has another side. It’s very analytical and mathematical. Very potent with power and purpose. Very intelligent and filled with thoughts and plans that can save the world. Pisces finds value in the exchange of ideas, especially if they contain humor, wit, things literary, theatrical and artistic and especially if the art of diplomacy is apparent. It’s important to talk truthfully with siblings. They will understand.

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I'm writing this in the Aud office in the midst of the annual check of our fire alarm system. Inspection requires the testing of every pull station, every smoke detector and every heat sensor scattered around and throughout the building. Each time a component is tested, klaxons and strobe lights go off. Conducive to a coherent train of thought? Not so much. Please pardon me if there seem to be some jumps in continuity. Frequent readers should be used to irregularities in the flow of logical thinking – that part is perfectly normal and no cause for alarm. Or strobes.

Our winter hiatus is winding down and we're preparing for another busy season. We've already had a few soft openings with the juggling show earlier this month (which, by the way, was an incredible show complete with the promised Wonderment), the Save The Ozarks Meeting, and the Springtime in the Ozarks convention which just wrapped up last Saturday. It was great to see 800+ people in the Aud last Friday and Saturday nights. Felt like the old days.

We've got a lot in store as our part of May



free but donations gladly accepted.

Saturday the 25th brings us another highlight to cap off the month. Trout Fishing In America will be in town to perform twice. The first show will be a short (and FREE) afternoon set to inaugurate the art and music space being developed on North Main. At 7 p.m. the lads will take the stage at the Auditorium for a full concert production. Advance tickets will go on sale at 8 a.m. this Saturday through the Aud's website at www.theaud.org. Reserved seating will be available at \$20 for Orchestra seating and \$15 for Balcony. Tickets will also be available at the Auditorium's box office on the day of show for \$25 Orchestra and \$20 Balcony.

There's lots more to tell you about in the coming months including six performances by Opera in the Ozarks and a concert in August by John Michael Talbot. Stay tuned.

Festival of the Arts. Starting on Saturday the 4th, we'll be hosting the Ozarks Chorale's Spring Singfest at 7:30 p.m. Artistic Director Beth Withey always leads this talented group through an entertaining program. Tickets are \$10 for adults and students with ID are free.

Sunday the 12th brings another perennial favorite, John Two-Hawks' Mother's Day concert. The show starts at 2 p.m.; tickets are only \$12 and, as always, Moms are free. For more info or tickets call (479) 253-5826 or go to www.johntwohawks.com.

Monday the 13th we'll be presenting the Berryville High School choir's program "Stage and Screen – The Voice of BHS Spring Concert" at 7 p.m. Admission is

Garden Club plant sale May 4

The Eureka Springs Garden club will hold a Plant Sale Saturday, May 4, 8 a.m. – noon in the Pine Mountain Village parking lot near Grandma's Beans & Cornbread. All proceeds used to beautify the gardens of Eureka Springs. Contact Mary Hill (479) 253-7078 for details.

Don't miss the boat!

Beginning May 1, "Welcome aboard!" will once again be heard from Captains Jay and Marianne Viator as the Belle of the Ozarks begins its 24th season of Beaver Lake cruises. The captains have years of experience on the crystal clear water, and tell interesting stories that delight passengers as they view miles of panoramic shoreline.

Daily departures are 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. (Closed Thursdays) from Starkey Park on Mundell Road. There are group rates for 20 – 50 passengers, and cruises run through October 31. An onboard lunch is available.

For reservations phone (479) 253-6200. Check out the many points of educational and fun interest on the cruise at www.estc.net/belle.

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not playing by the rules."

Morrison was referring to SWEPCO paying \$600,000 for 38.6 acres of pastureland on Hwy. 143 for a proposed Kings River Station at the end of the transmission line. A real estate expert said pastureland in the county normally sells for from \$2,500 to \$4,000 per acre. SWEPCO paid \$15,544 per acre.

Kaye Glover, who lives on Passion Play Rd., said she lost "the bulk of her life" due to exposure to herbicides 20 years ago in an area of Louisiana known for high toxic releases. She came to Eureka very frail and has been healing in the clean environment.

"I searched for a healthy place to live," Glover said. "This is absolutely the best groundwater on the continent. I needed a place to walk and talk and not be ill all the time."

Glover said she talked to Carroll Electric Cooperative Corp. (CECC) about not spraying herbicides near her, and now

SWEPCO opposition –

Greenpeace International senior scientist (retired), Pat Costner, announces plans for attorney Richard Mays to file a petition to extend the deadline for Arkansas Public Services Commission decision to allow construction of a 345 kiloVolt power line that would cut through Carroll County. Costner and other members of Save the Ozarks spoke against the power line before an audience of approximately 150 people at the Auditorium April 19.

PHOTO BY DAVID FRANK DEMPSEY



she faces a similar threat from SWPECO. She said she isn't the only one at risk, and that other people, including children with neurological problems, can be adversely impacted by herbicides.

Also speaking in opposition was a representative from the Great Passion

Play, although GPP Executive Director Randall Christy did say they had not yet been approached by SWEPCO. "I understand that one optional route might cross the northern part of the Passion Play property," Christy told *ES Independent* photographer David

Dempsey. "We have not taken an official stand on this."

Steven Campbell, a veteran, said power companies usually mix several types of herbicides together resulting in "a chemical cocktail that is carcinogenic and mutagenic. When they mix this stuff together, it is not approved. When they rinse cans and it goes into our ground, it ends up in our drinking water."

Dave Spencer, who has been active opposing herbicide spraying by CECC, affirmed that herbicides are registered, but not approved by the EPA.

The area's karst geography has eroded limestone formations that create sinkholes, springs and caves, making it particularly vulnerable to water pollution, according to geologist Dr. James Helwig. "If you have a letter from SWEPCO and you have springs or a sinkhole, we need to know about this," Helwig said. "File information about your property on the Save the Ozarks Facebook page."

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by Gwen Etheredge

Doghouse Daddies at New Delhi Café

Good news for lovers of the blues! The Doghouse Daddies out of Kansas City are returning to New Delhi Café this weekend. This quartet of musicians who have years of experience among them will impress you with old school blues sounds that will have you spinning to the music like Bill Morlan spins his upright bass. Bill Morlan takes front and center and his lead vocals are a wonderful surprise – that deep gravelly voice moans the blues like none other, and his onstage presence is irresistible. Neil Nolan will blow you away on the tenor and alto saxophone, and just when you think he can't wow you any more he will pull out his harmonica. Greg Schaberg is the drum slayer that they call "The Mechanic." Brandon Skeens on guitar is the youngest member but makes up for that with blazing hot solos.

The Doghouse Daddies play a mix of originals and obscure covers, such as "Baby's in the Big House" by Rick Vito

and "Sounds like KC to me," an original. Morlan explained the band's objective to the *Salina Journal*: "We want people to enjoy what's going on and be drawn into it," he said. "We all love to do this, and by now, we really know how to make a spectacle of ourselves." This is one spectacle you don't want to miss at New Delhi Café, Friday and Saturday from 6:30 – 10:30 p.m.

FRIDAY – APRIL 26

- BALCONY RESTAURANT *Hogscalders*, 6–9 p.m.
- CHASERS BAR & GRILL *The Ariels*
- CHELSEA'S *Isayah Wayford*, 9 p.m.
- EUREKA LIVE! DJ & Dancing
- EUREKA PARADISE DJ and Dancing
- EUREKA STONEHOUSE *Jerry Yester*, 5–8 p.m.
- GRAND TAVERNE *Arkansas Red* Guitar, 6:30–9:30 p.m.

- JACK'S PLACE *Blind Driver*, 8 p.m. – midnight
 - LUMBERYARD RESTAURANT & SALOON DJ Karaoke, 8 p.m.
 - NEW DELHI CAFÉ *Doghouse Daddies*, 6:30–10:30 p.m.
 - PIED PIPER CATHOUSE LOUNGE *Deep Fried Squirell*, 8–midnight
 - ROWDY BEAVER *Ground Rattlers*, 8 p.m.
 - ROWDY BEAVER DEN *Jesse Dean*, 9 p.m.
 - SQUID & WHALE PUB *Dayton Water, Intense 12-String Guitar*
 - VOULEZ-VOUS *Sean Calvin and The Dirty Truth*, 9 p.m.
 - 302 ON THE SQUARE (Berryville) *Berryville Hootenanny – An Acoustic Jam – All Welcome*, 7–9 p.m.
- ### SATURDAY – APRIL 27
- BALCONY RESTAURANT *Jeff Lee*, 12–3 p.m., *Maureen Alexander*, 6–9 p.m.



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 - EUREKA PARADISE DJ and Dancing
 - GRAND TAVERNE *Jerry Yester Grand Piano Dinner Music*, 6:30-9:30 p.m.
 - JACK'S PLACE *Thundercrow*, 9 p.m. - 1 a.m.
 - LUMBERYARD RESTAURANT & SALOON DJ Karaoke, 8 p.m.
 - NEW DELHI CAFÉ *Dave Singleton*, 1-5 p.m., *Doghouse Daddies*, 6:30 - 10:30 p.m.,
 - PIED PIPER CATHOUSE LOUNGE *Deep Fried Squirell*, 8-midnight
 - ROWDY BEAVER *RockHouse*, 8 p.m.
 - ROWDY BEAVER DEN *Jon Dooley*, 1-5 p.m., *Pieces of Dreams*, 9 p.m.
 - SQUID & WHALE PUB *Dayton Water, Intense 12-String Guitar*
 - VOULEZ-VOUS *Sean Calvin and The Dirty Truth*, 9 p.m.
- SUNDAY - APRIL 28**
- BALCONY RESTAURANT *James White*, 12-3 p.m.
 - CHELSEA'S *Chucky Waggs*, 6-10 p.m.
 - EUREKA LIVE! Customer Appreciation Night, 5 p.m.-close
 - JACK'S PLACE Locals Open Jam, 5 p.m.
 - LUMBERYARD RESTAURANT & SALOON Free Texas Hold 'Em Tournament *with prizes*, 6 p.m.
 - NEW DELHI CAFÉ *Skinny Gypsies*, 1-5 p.m.
 - ROWDY BEAVER Free pool
 - ROWDY BEAVER DEN *House Burners*, 1-5 p.m.

- SQUID & WHALE PUB "Local Kine" *Local Talent Showcase*
- MONDAY - APRIL 29**
- CHASERS BAR & GRILL Pool Tournament, 7 p.m.
 - CHELSEA'S *Spring Billy*, 9 p.m.
 - SQUID & WHALE PUB Disaster Piece Theater
- TUESDAY - APRIL 30**
- CHASERS BAR & GRILL Dart Tournament
 - CHELSEA'S Open Mic
 - LUMBERYARD RESTAURANT & SALOON Pool Tournament, 6:30 p.m.
 - ROWDY BEAVER Hospitality Night
 - SQUID & WHALE PUB Taco Tuesday \$3 Margaritas til 6 p.m.
- WEDNESDAY - MAY 1**
- CHASERS BAR & GRILL Beer Pong
 - CHELSEA'S Drink & Draw, 9 p.m.
 - NEW DELHI CAFÉ Open Jam
 - PIED PIPER CATHOUSE LOUNGE Wheat Wednesday *Draft Beer Specials*
 - ROWDY BEAVER Wine Wednesday
 - SQUID & WHALE PUB Pickled Porpoise Revue
- THURSDAY - MAY 2**
- CHASERS BAR & GRILL Taco & Tequila Night
 - CHELSEA'S Jazz Night, 9 p.m.
 - GRAND TAVERNE *Jerry Yester Grand Piano Dinner Music*, 6:30-9:30 p.m.
 - LUMBERYARD RESTAURANT & SALOON Taco and Margarita Night, Ladies Night-Happy Hour all night
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Spring into music May 2

The Eureka Springs School music program's Annual Spring Concert will bring joyful harmonies at 7 p.m., May 2 in the High School Auditorium. The middle and high school bands and choir will perform; and there will be featured solos and duets. Enjoy their free show and let the young musicians of Eureka Springs know they are supported!

A reception in the cafeteria will follow the performance.

May 4 party won't stop at parade

Keep the party going! That's the motto of the Eureka Springs Downtown Network Main Street Program this year. Immediately following the ArtRageous parade in Eureka Springs on May 4, ESDN will host *Party in the Park* in Basin Park with music by Ozakwaba, shopping vouchers, prizes for the best ArtRageous costumes, raffles, face painting, childrens' art experiences and more until 5 p.m.

But, wait. There's more! Rejoin the party at 7 p.m. for Drumming in the Park and the unveiling of the Eureka Springs Chamber of Commerce Community Sphere as part of the Creative Energy Project. After the lighting of the Sphere plan to dance and drum the night away until 10 p.m. in UV splendor with glow paint, glow sticks and LED lights.

Lighted costumes are encouraged and prizes will be awarded to the best. Get your glow on and be part of the event. Event and prizes are sponsored by ESDN, Eureka Springs Chamber of Commerce, Brashears, Local Flavor Cafe, Caribé, DeVito's, New Delhi Café, The Grand Central Hotel, Spring Street Candle, The Fine Art of Romance, The Basin Park Hotel and Voulez Vous Lounge.

For more information email director@eurekaspringsdowntown.com or phone (479) 244-5074.

INDEPENDENT Sports and School

Mixed bag for Highlanders, Hustlers, Hornets

On April 22 the Eureka Springs Lady Highlander softball team took on the Hartford Hustlers in a double header at Van Pelt Stadium. Game one started with the Hustlers scoring 13 runs in the top of the first inning. The Highlanders rallied after the first inning and fought hard, bringing the score to 20-7 at the end. A dramatic play by Abbey Moore, when she stole home in a run-down, bolstered spirits before the second game began.

Game two was an intense five innings, the Highlanders were fired up and ready to win. In this short first season the team has developed the skills to pull off a successful triple play and are gaining confidence in stealing bases. Lots of base hits and smart base runner coaching led the girls to a 16-11 victory.

The team made it to the second round of the state district tournaments on April 24, beating the Decatur Bulldogs 12-11. The second game ended in a loss to the Hackett Hornets.



Swing batter, batter – Eureka Springs Lady Highlander Jordan Moyer sets her stance and is ready to swing in a double header against Hartford.

ESH boys' basketball fundraiser May 9

Bring the entire family for a great meal and great deals on more than 100 items donated by local businesses and individuals at the Eureka Springs High School boys' basketball Silent Auction and Dinner fundraiser on May 9, 6 p.m., in the high school cafeteria.

Bid for unbelievable deals on local art, restaurant gift certificates, massage gift certificates, golf certificates, clothing, trips, services and much more. Cost is only \$5 for dinner and auction admission! To donate or for information, call Coach Nolan Helder at (479) 466-8011.



Go, Sarah! – Sarah Andress's father cheers her on from the sideline as Sarah and her teammates compete in a cold rain to win the District Track and Field 800 meter girls' relay in Eureka Springs April 23. The Lady Highlanders' time was 13 minutes 7.5 seconds.

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Grade A students – Top picture: these studious 5th and 6th grade Eureka Springs Middle School students received all As and Bs during the 3rd nine weeks of classes. Bottom picture: not to be outdone, these 7th and 8th grade students also received all A and B grades.



Register for Rotary Golf Classic

The Eureka Springs Rotary Club holds its annual Golf Classic at the Holiday Island Clubhouse course Friday, May 3, at 9 a.m. utilizing a four-person scramble format with men, women and mixed team. Tickets are \$45 for Holiday Island members, \$60 for non-members and single golfers are encouraged to attend. Lunch will follow final round with awards and door prizes.

Plan to attend the pre-event silent auction, putting contest, and wine and cheese Karaoke mixer Thursday, May 2, from 5:30 – 7 p.m. at the Clubhouse lounge. Proceeds fund Rotary Club scholarships for graduating seniors. Tournament applications are available now at the HI Clubhouse. For details and registration information, visit www.EurekaRotaryClub.com or call Dave Baker at (479) 244-7295.

Eureka Springs Kindergarten Registration 'Meet and Greet'

Eureka Springs Kindergarten registration date for the 2013-2014 school year will be Monday, May 6, 3:30 – 5 p.m. at Eureka Springs Elementary School. To enroll, your child must be 5 years of age on or before August 1.

Please bring the following items: Proof of address, your child's immunization records (immunizations are required to be *complete or in process* at the time of child's registration for kindergarten), your child's social security card, proof of birthdate (state birth certificate) and proof of a physical before starting school.

If you are unable to attend this registration please contact the elementary school secretary, (479) 253-8704, in order to schedule a registration appointment as soon as possible.

We encourage early enrollment and look forward to visiting with you!

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apply get a chance to be considered and council should not be so picky about with whom it stacks commissions.

- Pate announced SWEPCO was closing its office in town, and he presented a resolution that would allow SWEPCO to rent the bottom of the Public Works building for \$100 per month. This would enable the city to continue having the SWEPCO representative available for quick response. Otherwise, the rep would have to work out of a vehicle or drive over from Rogers. Pate said there is a public purpose for keeping the rep in town. Vote to approve the resolution was unanimous.

- Council approved the second and third readings of the ordinance allowing people serving in other city positions, but no more than one alderman at a time, to serve on Planning.

- Alderman David Mitchell reported the recent workshop on demolition on neglect focused on preserving homes

before they get to a point of dilapidation and finding actionable options for those beyond rehabilitation. He is working with Economic Development Coordinator Glenna Booth to clean up the previous ordinance, and results of their work might require another council workshop before reaching the council agenda.

- Pate announced Denton West had volunteered to build bicycle racks to be installed in the downtown area, and added that West would like to place them himself.

Alderman Terry McClung said he remembered council had approved placing racks near the post office and city hall. Mayor Morris Pate added the Historic District Commission might also have to be involved, and said he would speak with West to get racks in place.

- Council passed the first reading of an update to the ordinance regulating city-owned parking lots.

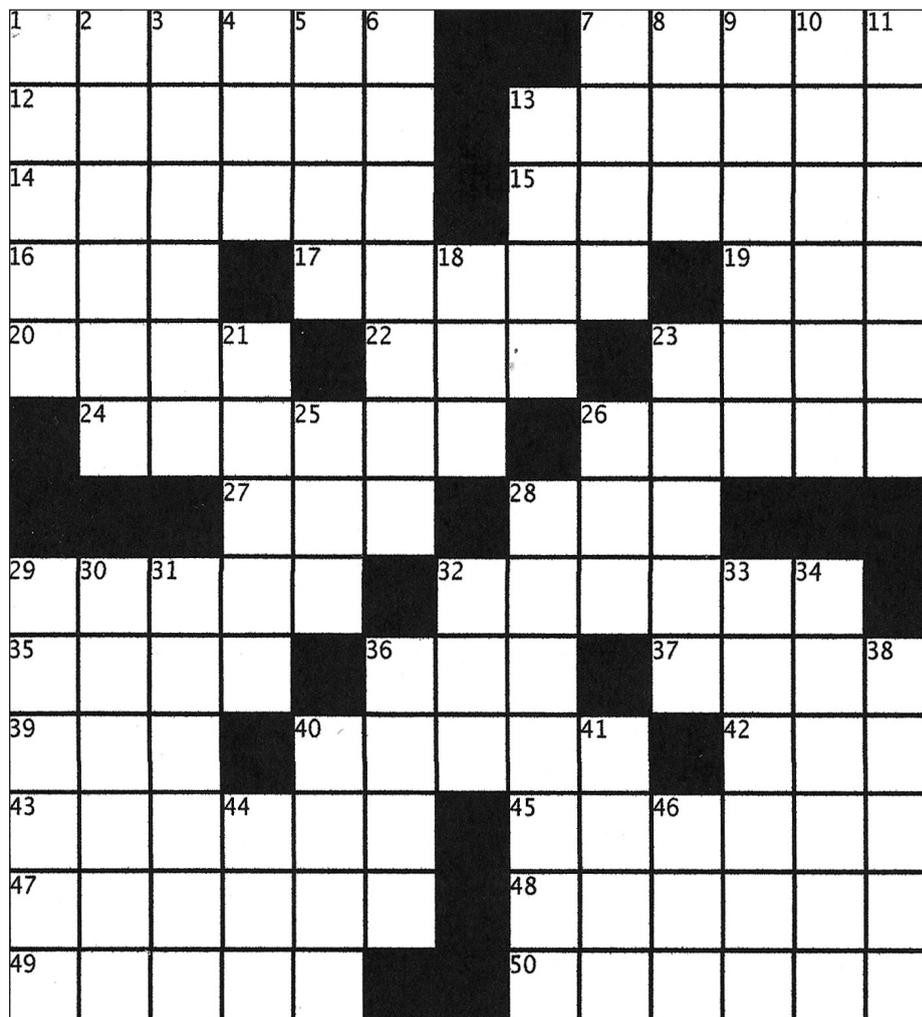
Next meeting will be Monday, May 13, at 6 p.m.



INDEPENDENT Crossword

by Chuck Levering

Solution on page 35



ACROSS

- Exit; escape route
- Ginseng sibling
- Study of eggs
- Zodiac twin
- Hereditary
- Pasture
- Prepared to propose
- Oolong or Earl Grey
- Edible variety of taro
- Make a stab at
- Obtains
- Whine
- In the center of
- Evil
- A long way off
- Gave up
- Strategy
- Affirm positively
- Hole puncher
- Circular earring
- Forbid

DOWN

- Bald bird
- Avaricious
- Open porch; hotel chain
- A judge of Israel
- Submerge
- Canonized
- Terse word
- Priestly garment
- Cheered

- White herons
- One with succession rights to a throne
- Greasy
- It's human to do this
- Old three-handed card game
- Circumference
- Irate
- British raincoat
- Sickle shaped (*Bot.*)
- Beach cabin
- Got away from
- From the beginning (*Latin*)
- Twice one
- Treat with iodine
- Armor for the elbow
- A diva's solo
- Equals
- Lose color
- A boat's spine
- Arrest
- Carmine

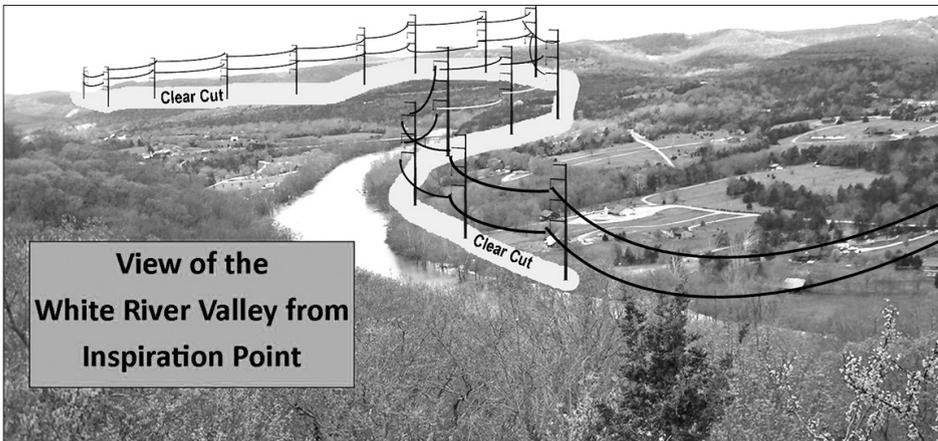


Celebrating our springs

The public is invited to *Celebrate the Springs* of Eureka Springs April 27 and 28. Come alone or with a group to Crescent Spring on Saturday April 27 at 9 a.m. and join friends and community members in a processional and springs blessing event.

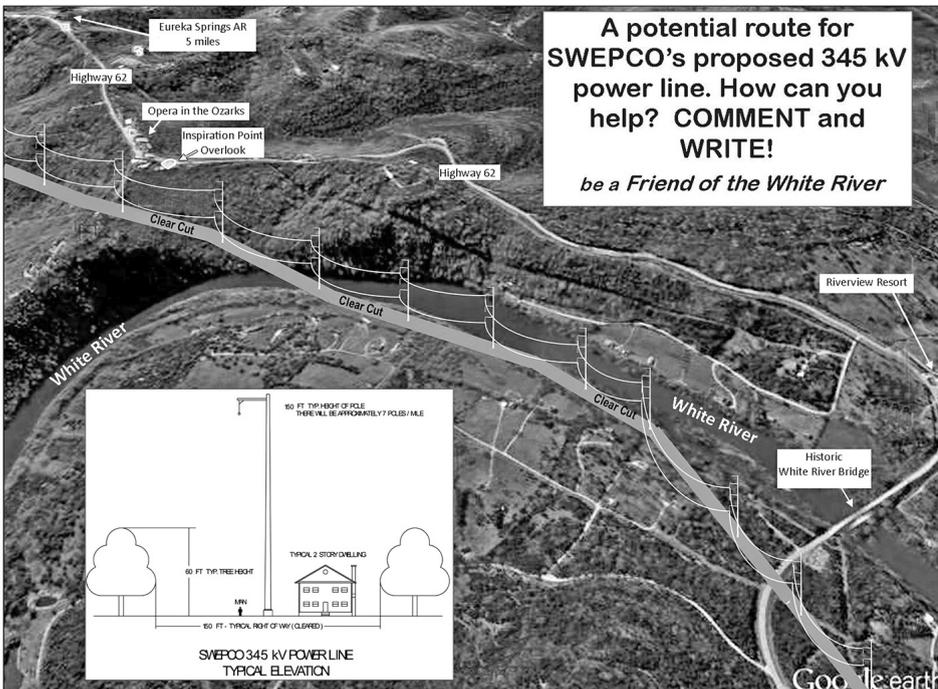
At 1 p.m. take in *Rain Gardens for Springs*, a rain garden how-to workshop given by Dr. Delia Haak and Becky Roark of the Illinois Watershed Partnership at the Writers' Colony at Dairy Hollow, 515 Spring. At 2 p.m., there will be a hands-on *Rain Garden Planting* with Roark at Harmon Park.

Sunday, April 28, take an educational *Springs Walk* with Springs committee member and geologist Jim Helwig, PhD, beginning at 9 a.m. at Harmon Park. All events are free and there is free parking in Harmon Park. For information/reservations contact the Parks Office (479) 253-2866.



Visual clutter – Inspiration Point won't be very inspiring if the proposed power line takes this route.

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Historical Museum gets Rotary assist – From left, John Inglehart, Mary Flood, Phyllis McGuire, Rod McGuire, Michelle Gann, Mark Mallett, Carol Friesen, Sara Armellini, Dave Baker, Nicole Crawford, Tanya Smith and Dave Teigen gather around the latest museum “exhibit” – a check for \$1,000 donated by the Rotary Club. Each year, Rotary members contribute the profits from their Victorian Classic event to a local charity. Rotary currently sponsors the fire exhibit in the Eureka Springs Historical Museum.

First impressions – Scott Sudduth from the Arkansas Hospitality Association talks about the damage that can be done by a single instance of rudeness to a customer during a Chamber of Commerce-sponsored workshop at the Eureka Inn April 18.

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ESDN takes the Big Easy – Members of the ESDN Board of Directors visited New Orleans for the National Main Street Conference April 14-17 to represent Eureka Springs. Jacqueline Wolven, executive director, was a session speaker during the conference. From left: Jack Moyer, Rachael Moyer, Jacqueline Wolven, Leslie Meeker and Amanda Hale.



NPR wants your “Tales from Eureka”

Who among us doesn't have one? Perhaps it's time to tell your favorite Eureka tale on NPR's *Tales from the South*.

The Writers' Colony at Dairy Hollow is partnering with *Tales from the South* to do a live broadcast featuring only Eureka Springs stories. The program will be distributed nationally on public radio via KUAR in Little Rock, and internationally via satellite. The stories must be based in Eureka and told from personal experience.

Tales creator and producer, Paula Morell, will conduct a Community Writing Program workshop on

Sunday, May 5, at 1 p.m. at The Writers' Colony, 515 Spring Street, to teach participants how to write their true tale for the show and how to present it on radio. She will also discuss the story submission process. Cost for the workshop is \$25.

Once stories are selected for broadcast, Morell will work with local storytellers to prepare for the live broadcast with an audience of locals on Sunday, June 16, from Caribé.

The *Tales from the South: Eureka Stories* NPR program, sponsored by the *Eureka Springs Independent*,

is all about stories, music and ideas connecting people to people through personal experiences, history, traditions and philosophy. Stories may stimulate ideas and memories from the audience and may provide insight into the community, our history and our cultural evolution.

Workshop pre-registration is required. Email director@writerscolony.org or call Linda Caldwell (479) 253-7444. This project is supported in part by a grant from the Arkansas Humanities Council and the National Endowment for the Humanities.

From the **GROUNDUP** by Andrew Schwerin

It's too early and too late to plant tomatoes

The tomato is the most popular vegetable grown in home gardens and sold at farmers' markets. The wild tomato grows in tropical climates as a perennial vine along the ground. Like most of our vegetables, we have to manipulate its growth for a successful crop in a temperate climate. I used to think temperate meant a moderate climate, now I'm sure it means we can get Canada's cold moods or the South's sultry temper at any time.

To give the tomato a head start during the spring, seedlings are grown or bought. A good tomato seedling

will be stocky, have many leaves, and a slight purple coloring in the stem that shows good sugar storage. We supplement the natural greenhouse light in March with grow lights in the morning and evening so seedlings don't get leggy. We bring trays outside on nice sunny days. A daily breeze or "brushing" helps the stems strengthen.

Tomato plants, flowers and fruits do not handle temperatures below 50° well. Last year with our heat wave I bought seedlings to plant March 29 as mine were not yet ready. This year on April 25 it's not yet time to put my overgrown tomato plants out.

If daytime temperatures are over 94° or night temps over 68°, tomato pollen becomes sterile and there will be few or deformed fruit. In 2011 any plantings later than April were unlikely to set many fruit before the heat wave came.

Although it's too early, I did put out a bed of overgrown tomato seedlings last weekend. We put up little hoops, perforated plastic and two woven row covers at night. This adds about 10 to 15 degrees protection. My strategy this year is to do multiple plantings of determinate types. Determinates are bushier and will bear a large flush of

tomatoes at one time. If I plant a bed of these every three weeks between now and early June I'm likely to hit that week of proper tomato weather.

To summarize, tomatoes grow best in the tropics. Here, we protect with greenhouses, high tunnels and row covers for those cold spring nights so plants are reaching maturity before the summer heat hits. This year, this weekend looks like a safe bet to plant outside, preferably with some protection in case of cool nights.



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for homeowners in their neighborhood to share their experiences regarding the unfortunate sewer situation in and around the area of their inn.

We own the duplex at 30 Nova Street, directly across the street from the Hosticks' inn. We purchased this property in 2006. Since that time, we have had numerous problems with sewage backing up into the units several times each year. We have attempted to remedy this with ongoing maintenance including replacing sewer pipes on the property.

During the last episode, in approximately mid-February, having exhausted all other available options aimed at solving this, we had the outside line leading to the main replaced. The

plumber met with the building official, Bobby Ray, and purchased a permit for the work to be done.

Public Works employees were on site when the street was breached and the line dug up and the main exposed. The main line was clogged with roots, nearly completely obstructing the flow of effluent from our building. The city's solution was to replace one approximately three-foot section of pipe where our tap entered the main.

Since 2006 we have spent thousands of dollars in an attempt to keep sewage flowing out of our building, with very limited success due to the fact that the city's main sewage lines in that area are filled with roots and debris, a fact the Public Works director, Dwayne Allen, should be well aware of if he is

performing functions of his job which our tax dollars are paying for.

This is a public health hazard and we feel the city is negligent in that it has not satisfactorily remedied this and continues to attempt to place blame on various homeowners in the area for problems caused by city lines.

Charlie Wurmnest and Lany Ballance

Spend \$\$ on stopping SWEPCO

Editor,

The Great Passion Play was saved from permanent closure last year, which is a good thing for many travelers to Eureka Springs. The folks who now own the GPP have found someone to pay the bill for lighting

the Christ of the Ozarks and many volunteers to clean up the GPP site. This is all well and good. However, now GPP wants to raise money to pay for repainting the statue. They say it will cost approximately \$25,000. I wonder when the GPP owners are going to pay for these extra expenditures out of their own pockets?

It seems to me that if \$25,000 is raised by our citizens, it would be much better spent on stopping SWEPCO from destroying our beautiful Ozark countryside than painting a statue to watch over electric towers that are taller than it and polluting rivers beneath it.

Remember, once you've put paint on a graven image, you still have a graven image. Now, there's a *Revelation* I can believe.

Enid B. Swartz

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you're doing a good job when kids want to be involved in science and math activities." She said students arranged with other teachers to stay in the class an extra period.

Holt said she would be sending both teachers to the STEM conference in St. Louis May 15 –18. STEM is the acronym used by the National Science Teachers Association for Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics.

Turner reported that the high school SkillsUSA team participated in the state competition in Hot Springs, and three members, Cheyanne Pierce, Brittany Tapia and Logan Redding, will be going on to national competition in Kansas City June 24 – 28.

Other items

- The board voted to allow Turner to move forward with the purchase of a new 77-passenger school bus. He said it has been at least two years since the district got a new one, and some of the older ones are becoming more valuable as parts for the others in the fleet. Board member Peggy Kjelgaard said, "We need to get a new one in the rotation. It's a safety issue."

- Parent Jamie Gregg again spoke to the need for the district to step up its commitment toward English language learners in the schools. "I sincerely hope the board will seek counsel of ADE in setting up a quality program," Gregg said, adding that Tracy Ledesma, designated ELL liaison, does the best she can but is primarily the high school librarian. He encouraged the board to make Eureka Springs a model program for smaller school districts.

Gregg also warned the board if they "try to paper over" the situation, he would carry on and take the matter to the federal level.

- After executive session, Turner recommended the board accept the resignations of Katrina Pumphrey and Becky Sisco and the hiring of three substitute teachers as the only changes to the district staff roster. The vote was 6-1 to approve the recommendation, with president Al Larson voting No.

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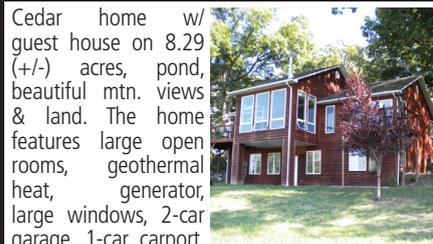
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