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This Week's INDEPENDENT Thinker

There are laws that protect our citizens and there are laws that tromp on them needlessly.

Mark Miller owns a Toyota dealership in Salt Lake City, a city where there's never quite enough water.

The environmentally sensitive Miller built an elaborate rainwater collection system to wash new cars, assuming rain that fell on his dealership was there for the gathering.

How wrong, SLC law enforcement said as they charged Miller with unlawful diversion of rainwater, a violation of Utah's water rights.

Corporations now own 20 percent of our genetic code and can take our land for their financial benefit, but come on, rainwater?

Yes.



Eureka gets mugged – Volunteers plaster a wall along Main Street on April 30 with posters from John Rankine's MUGS project for the May Festival of the Arts. The public will have a chance to "enhance" the portraits of our local artists with colored markers in another event, Painted MUGS, scheduled for May 24.

PHOTO BY DAVID FRANK DEMPSEY

Council, Chamber oppose SWEPCO lines

NICKY BOYETTE

As a throng gathered in the city hall lobby Tuesday afternoon, Eureka Springs City Council convened a special meeting regarding a resolution in opposition to proposed routes for Southwestern Electric Power Company (SWEPCO) power lines near Eureka Springs.

Council waited while it was decided who, if anyone, wanted to speak, but eventually aldermen went ahead and assigned a number to the resolution and read it, which meant it passed.

Aldermen waited for a moment while it was being decided in the lobby who, if anyone, wanted to speak to council, but eventually the alderman went ahead and assigned a number to the resolution and read it, which meant it had passed.

Only then did two speakers from the crowd outside identify themselves. Roger Shepperd said he has been associated with Save the Ozarks, and he does not see a need from the high voltage line through the area. He claimed he had seen no indication for what SWEPCO intends to do with so much power. Berryville certainly does not need that much voltage. He said the project is not warranted and the end results will definitely impact tourism in this area.

At this point, alderman Terry McClung mentioned to Mayor Morris Pate he maybe should let the onlookers know council had already voted. Pate then announced council had voted to approve the resolution to great applause from the crowd.

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Glow big or glow home – Basin Park 8 p.m. Saturday

Two arrested on arson and theft charges; more charges, arrests pending

According to information recently released by the Carroll County Sheriff's Office, Darrell Allen and Tracy Matthews, both of the Eureka Springs area, were arrested in connection with an ongoing investigation and charged with arson, theft of property and receiving stolen property.

On April 4, CCSO Sgt. Daniel Klatt responded to a residential house fire at the residence of Terry and Vivian Thornton, 665 CR 2415, just outside Eureka Springs. During the course of the investigation, it was determined several items from the house had been removed from the residence and its exterior prior to the fire, including wheels and tires from cars parked at the residence, a 4-wheeler and a large amount of furnishings and collectables.

According to Klatt, the Thorntons

have a business in Oklahoma and were not at their local residence when the fire occurred.

Arson investigators with the Arkansas State Police and ATF were called in to further investigate the manner in which the fire started. Using a K-9, investigators were able to locate areas of the house believed to have traces of accelerants. Samples of those areas were taken and submitted to the Arkansas State Crime Lab for further testing.

On April 12, Klatt and other officers were following up on leads in an attempt to locate property taken from the nearby residence when they were led to the residence of Darrell Allen. When officers arrived, they observed what they believed to be wheels and tires off the two vehicles from the Thornton residence mounted to a truck and

trailer. The missing 4-wheeler was also discovered in the yard.

A search of the residence was made and several other items believed to belong to the Thorntons were recovered. As a result of this initial search and investigation, several more locations were searched and more property belonging to the Thorntons, as well as property belonging to several other victims of burglary and theft in Carroll, Barry and Stone Counties was located.

Allen and Matthews were charged with the Thornton burglary and fire, with several other charges pending. They are currently being detained in Carroll County Detention Center on \$150,000 bond each.

As many as 10 cases have been linked to Allen and Matthews in Carroll,

Barry and Stone Counties. In all, Klatt estimates approximately 200-plus items of evidence have been seized as a result of seven search warrants and several consensual searches. At this time the case remains active and ongoing, and more arrests are anticipated with more search warrants possible.

"This is definitely still an open investigation," Klatt said, "we are wading through hundreds of pages of documents and we should have more information to release soon."

At this time, all seized property has been linked to possible owners and those owners have been notified. Anyone who has recently purchased or received anything from Darrell Allen or Tracy Matthews is asked to contact Sgt. Klatt at the Carroll County Sheriff's Office (870) 423-2901.

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Documents indicate proposed power line could carry two 345 kV lines

BECKY GILLETTE

Save The Ozarks is opposed to what group members call an “energy superhighway,” a new 48-mile-long 345 kiloVolt (kV) transmission line STO alleges has little to do with the energy needs of Northwest Arkansas, and instead would facilitate the Southwest Electric Power Company (SWEPCO) selling power from its new \$1.8 billion Turk coal-fired power plant in south Arkansas. Documents filed with the Arkansas Public Service Commission (APSC) indicate the transmission line is being designed to hold two 345-kilovolt (kV) lines.

SWEPCO spokesman Peter H. Main confirmed that the single steel poles proposed to be used are designed with the capability to carry two 345-kV circuits, one on each side of the pole.

“This is called double-circuit capable,” Main said. “The proposed single-pole structure configuration was selected to minimize the physical and visual impact of the facilities. No additional right of way would be required for a second circuit. Our application at the APSC is for a single 345-kV circuit to be in service by 2016. There are no plans for a second 345-kV circuit.”

However, testimony by SWEPCO expert Brian A. Johnson in the case for an application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need from the APSC for the transmission line states: “The tangent structures will be capable of supporting two 345 kV circuits, however the line will be initially constructed and operated as a single circuit line. Larger angles and dead-end structures will support one circuit, so a second structure will be required for future double-circuit operation.”

Doug Stowe of Eureka Springs, whose property adjoining the city is within 75 feet of one proposed route, points out that Johnson said in his testimony “will be required.”

“This is an energy superhighway for SWEPCO, but it is not going to benefit us.”

Dr. Luis Contreras

“‘Will’ is a word for an intended future,” Stowe said. “‘Would’ is a word for a possible future. He says ‘will.’ How can anyone misinterpret their intentions? Would APSC approval be required for the second circuit, and would we have any chance of preventing it once the value of our properties had already been destroyed? Once APSC permission is granted for the right-of-way, they can add the second circuit whenever they want, and I doubt even the APSC could stop them.”

“This is an energy superhighway for SWEPCO, but it is not going to benefit us,” Dr. Luis Contreras said. “They are going to make us pay for it, but we don’t need the energy. The power is going to go to Missouri and other states. It is not for our needs.”

Main said the proposed transmission facilities are needed to provide increased reliability and overload relief in eastern Benton and Carroll Counties beginning in 2016. The facilities are part of the long-range transmission expansion plans recommended by the Southwest Power Pool (SPP).

Retired Greenpeace senior scientist Pat Costner said the application by SWEPCO doesn’t present current evidence of the need for increased power. She said SWEPCO said that SPP told them the line is needed, but since SWEPCO is a member of the SPP, it is in essence SWEPCO telling itself the new power line is needed.

Justification for the new power line came from studies done in 2007.

Carroll County’s population increased about nine percent between 2000 and 2010, from 25,357 in 2000 to 27,446 in 2010, according to the U.S. Census. Since then, population growth has leveled off with a gain of only 164 residents between 2010 and 2012, representing an increase of .6 percent.

SWEPCO’s new Turk coal plant opened in December 2012 after years of controversy and lawsuits. SWEPCO received a permit to build the Turk plant near Hope claiming it was needed to provide power to Arkansas. But in 2010, a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the Turk Plant was revoked by the Arkansas Court of Appeals.

SWEPCO then applied for a

permit as a merchant power plant, giving it permission to operate the portion of the plant owned by SWEPCO provided the power is not sold in Arkansas. Main said the Turk Plant is interconnected to the SWEPCO system through three high-voltage lines – one 345-kV line and two 138-kV lines – in the Texarkana area.

There are two electric providers in Carroll County: SWEPCO and Carroll Electric Cooperative Corp. (CECC). Contreras said when he spoke with CECC about need for the new power line he was told it was about trying to improve reliability.

“They have done that already, but have made the countryside look horrible from spraying herbicides,”

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Council details proposed town hall meeting

NICKY BOYETTE

Eureka Springs aldermen assembled Tuesday afternoon for a workshop to set up a town hall meeting for citizens' priorities for city council. At the April 2 workshop, council came up with its own priorities, but alderman James DeVito said this town hall meeting would be an opportunity for citizens to get questions answered and express desires for what they want to see in the city.

Alderman Terry McClung said council should give plenty of notice to citizenry before the event. He wants the town to know what items council chose to work on, but he said he also wants residents to "ask your questions or throw out other topics as more important."

DeVito said it is good to let the town know what council is up to.

Six priorities chosen by council at its April 2 workshop were:

- bathrooms at the North Main parking lot
- bridge on Mill Hollow Road
- attention to sewer/water systems, including adding flow meters to check losses of potable water
- new and more convenient ESFD substation
- tram situation at Transit
- dam at Black Bass Lake

Alderman David Mitchell said he found useful town hall protocol on the Internet. For example, how long do aldermen want the meeting to last?

"No more than two hours," DeVito answered.

"And there should be a moderator," Mitchell added. The group mentioned several possible choices and DeVito said he would approach a couple of them.

Mitchell asked who all should be on stage and DeVito suggested the mayor, city council, department heads and commission chairs. "It would be an opportunity to quell rumors and get information right from the source," he said.

DeVito said another issue would be time, so he suggested they stick mostly to their priorities and answer questions.

McClung wanted to publish explanations of council's priorities ahead of time and have the moderator read explanations at the beginning of the meeting.

Mitchell said he preferred instead of presentations by department heads, an open question and answer format, and encouraged the moderator to read a list of rules at the beginning of the meeting.

As for how to get input from the

audience, Mitchell asked if they should give audience members cards on which to write their questions or comments or have a microphone available.

DeVito said not everyone is comfortable speaking into a microphone, so cards would be easier.

He also suggested a way to poll the audience would be to give them sticky dots which they could place on charts in the lobby to indicate the projects they thought were most important.

DeVito said he would check with other restaurateurs to see if they would contribute appetizers for those who come. "Offer food and they will show up," he said.

Alderman Dee Purkepile asked if the mayor's office could facilitate setting up a link on the city's website to a page where citizens could post their comments and questions. McClung liked the idea because aldermen could get people's concerns ahead of time.

Diane Wilkerson, assistant to Mayor Morris Pate, said she thought they could and would check into it.

As for when, both McClung and DeVito gravitated toward at least late July or August, and the group tentatively settled on Monday, August 19, in the Auditorium if available, at a time to be determined.

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Jacqueline Wolven, executive director of ESDN, commented, "Our goal is to keep a steady focus on the district; that it remain vital, interesting and a great place to live, work and visit."

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SWEPCO's 'butterfly effect' could impact local, international coffee growers

BECKY GILLETTE

Could the butterfly effect come into play with the plans by the Southwest Electric Power Company (SWEPCO) to slash a 48-mile, 150 foot-wide corridor through the Ozarks for a new transmission line? The butterfly effect is the phenomenon where a minor change can result in a drastically different outcome in an area halfway across the world.

Mountain Bird Coffee and Tea Company is a small business near Beaver on Table Rock Lake, located near one of the proposed paths of a 345 kiloVolt (kV) transmission line SWEPCO wants to build from eastern Benton County across Carroll County to north of Berryville. Mountain Bird Coffee is a small batch coffee roaster that purchases coffee beans directly from farms in Central and South America who are part of the Rainforest Alliance that supports, through certification of farmers who support the environment, the paying of higher wages, housing for workers and community involvement to include medical care and education assistance.

The coffee growers are committed to no herbicide and pesticide use, and use renewable, non-polluting power.

Owner Steve Gassaway explains that not just his business, but the livelihood of the farmers he buys from is threatened by the proposed transmission line.

"Coffee beans are a cellulose product that is very susceptible to the outside environment," Gassaway said. "If it absorbs smells, it affects the taste. If there is a broadcast of herbicides out here, my coffee beans could be influenced. If SWEPCO uses chemicals, it will destroy my business. We are all about having a sustainable product that is not adulterated. Our customers demand it. Personally and financially, I can't afford to move my business. It would totally destroy Mountain Bird Coffee Company."

Being located so close to herbicide spraying, the possible tainting of his well water and the close proximity of a deforested swath could make Gassaway lose his Rainforest Alliance Certification.



"Our Rainforest Certified Coffees and operation have to be audited each year and the outside environment is instrumental to that certification," he said. "A multitude of customers throughout the U.S. rely on Mountain Bird Coffee Company. And it has devastating consequences for farmers we work with in Central and South America. We know each farmer personally. We know their children. Could these farmers find another customer for their coffee if Mountain Bird Coffee has to close because of proximity to the SWEPCO power line? Yes, but it would take time. And often small coffee growers live

on low incomes, so an upset in sales could have major consequences."

The Rainforest Alliance works to support small, sustainable coffee growers in an effort to prevent deforestation of the rainforest that has been referred to as "the lungs of the earth." The SWEPCO power line would cut down trees and other vegetation from between 800 to 1,000 acres of land.

Gassaway isn't just upset about the impacts to his business and the burden to farmers who supply his coffees, but how the line would affect neighbors. Many have high value homes on waterfront lots. Even if they aren't concerned about herbicide runoff, most bought their homes because of beautiful lake views and access.

"When friends visit they are overwhelmed by the beautiful lake views and serenity of the natural environment," Gassaway said. "One of my best friends has bought a swath of land near me where he planned to build a home. This proposed power line goes right through it."

"The value of property is gone if this thing goes through. Values will plummet on property people purchased for a premium. People could have trouble selling their homes. If property values go down, tax collections will go down. Carroll County could lose part of our tax base. We already have to fight for infrastructure dollars."

Gassaway said he totally agrees with Save The Ozarks, a citizen group opposing the new power line as unnecessary. "SWEPCO is a non-caring, profit-driven large corporation that just cares about bigger profits," Gassaway said. "I'm really upset about what they are trying to do, not just to Mountain Bird Coffee, but the entire area."

SWEPCO states that maintenance of the rights-of-way will be done with EPA-registered herbicides that are applied by licensed application contractors.

"The labels on these EPA-registered herbicides are the law," said SWEPCO spokesman Peter Main.

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HDC says No to metal awning for New Delhi

NICKY BOYETTE

John Wiley, owner of the New Delhi Cafe, represented his application to replace an old worn-out fabric awning with a galvanized metal one. He had mentioned this at the April 17 meeting, and commissioners discussed that guidelines say fabric awnings must be replaced with fabric, but they also considered whether there had been a metal awning there in the past. Wiley also mentioned a drip from an air conditioner above the awning as one of the reasons for its deterioration.

Wiley came prepared with photos of metal awnings downtown and all around town. Commissioner Richard Grinnell asked what color Wiley planned to use, and Wiley said he wanted galvanized.

Commissioner Doug Breitling asked if Wiley would be willing to reduce the pitch to take away some of the view of the galvanized steel. Wiley answered he did not want to rebuild the awning. He said the metal would not be

very visible, and it is a common type of awning. Commissioner Allen pointed out there were metal components in other aspects of the building.

However, the vote on the application was 2-2, Breitling and Grinnell voting No.

Wiley again stated there are metal awnings all over town, but Grinnell reiterated the guidelines say awnings should be fabric. Breitling said they are bound to follow the guidelines regardless of other metal awnings in town.

Wiley said, "I'll just leave it like it is."

The following applications were approved unanimously:

- 29 White St. – extend porch roofline
- 11 & 15 Hale St. – repaint new colors; 11 Hale: replace siding; add decorative shingles
- 2 First St. – re-roof, new shingle color; add small saddle to back side of chimney
- 27 Elk St. – add exterior lattice panels for screening
- 52 Wall St. – convert carport into addition.

These two applications on the Consent Agenda were approved:

- 15 Spring – new paint colors
- 2 Armstrong – replace existing sign.

Consent Agenda items are Level I applications that the City Preservation Officer Glenna Booth believes to be in

accordance with the design guidelines.

Chair Dee Bright presented these six Administrative Approvals:

- 30 Crescent Dr. – repair tile roof using existing tile
- 12 Linwood – add gravel to existing driveway
- 16 Pine – repair front porch; repaint
- 11 Hale – re-roof
- 175 N. Main – re-roof
- 23 Elk St. – repaint

Administrative Approvals are applications for repair or for work involving no changes in materials or color and applications for changes in roofing color.

Next meeting will be Wednesday, May 15, at 6 p.m.

Students clean up on Earth Day

Students and staff of Eureka Springs Elementary went all out for Earth Day. The Elementary Student Council organized activities for all students in Pre K – 4th Grade and kicked off their new recycling program. Bottom picture: Student Council Members Naudia Lamar and Stella Rodda helped preschoolers Adam Hall, Georgia Allen, and Avery Darby plant their sunflower seeds. Top picture: Second grade students pick up trash along the street beside the playground as part of the Earth Day School Clean Up. Students were encouraged to bring in recyclable products that would have ended up in the landfill. Each class picked up trash on the school grounds and did a tremendous job. After the cleanup, each student planted a sunflower seed in a recycled milk carton and a few put theirs in the school garden. At the 21st Century After School Program, students worked on the new butterfly garden. The goal was for each student to understand how one person can impact the environment through the concepts of recycling, reusing and reducing waste.



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SWEPCO says GIS mapping failed in Eureka Springs area

BECKY GILLETTE

Can the Southwest Electric Power Company (SWEPCO) be trusted? That is a question members of Save the Ozarks (www.savetheozarks.org) are asking after learning that a significant number of landowners along the proposed routes of a 48-mile high voltage power line didn't receive notification until about April 22 while most landowners received notices early in the month.

Of the 40 landowners who didn't receive notices from SWEPCO until late April, 29 (72.5 percent) had mailing addresses in Eureka Springs, Save the Ozarks organizer Pat Costner said.

"According to SWEPCO, these landowners were not notified in a timely fashion because of a faulty Geographic Information Service (GIS) system," said Costner, a retired scientist. "A question for SWEPCO: How is it that their GIS system failed so spectacularly in the Eureka Springs area?"

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One of the landowners who received a late notice was Jeff Danos.

"It is fairly obvious that SWEPCO has spent very little time on the ground actually looking at these routes," Danos said. "They blame the late notice on faulty GIS mapping. This seems to suggest that they came up with these routes remotely, sitting in front of a computer screen. How accurate can they be, and how could they accurately assess the environmental impact?"

"It's unacceptable that a company seeking the power of eminent domain for a project be allowed to propose such vague routes. Several homeowners on my street [Pivot Rock Road] were 'inadvertently left off the list' until the last minute. These are visible homes in

a residential neighborhood on a paved road just outside of city limits, not some backwoods hard-to-find hunting cabin on a dirt road. If they had trouble identifying our homes on Pivot Rock Road that are so close to city limits, I can only imagine how many less accessible properties remain unidentified."

This isn't the first time SWEPCO has had problems identifying homes impacted in a project. In proceedings to build a 345 kV transmission line between Tontitown and Chambers Springs, SWEPCO blamed their miscount of affected properties on a typo.

In that case, SWEPCO stated the route they did not want to use had more affected homes on it, which was their justification for not using it. "But when the judge decided that they needed to use their second choice route after all, they suddenly revised the number of homes affected to be less," Danos said.

SWEPCO spokesman Peter Main said in the letter to landowners who were originally missed that SWEPCO apologized. "We said we would not oppose as untimely any intervention or limited appearance application that the forty landowners might file within thirty days of April 24, 2013, so that would be clear as the Arkansas Public Service Commission reviews any intervention or limited appearance applications," he said.

Richard Quick, who received his

notice late for property near Keels Creek, said although they were given 30 days from the date of the letter to comment, the oversight combined with major discrepancies in the project's Environmental Impact Statement leaves him with little confidence in SWEPCO.

"I have read almost all the way through their impact statement and there are so many glaring discrepancies," Quick said. "It is basically saying what they need to say in order to get what they want. They are passing over the huge impact on society and people whose land they are ready to take. They say their route avoids home sites, but how could they possibly know what people have planned for home sites?"

One route proposed would pass through property the Quicks own near Keels Creek and destroy the scenic site where the couple had planned to build.

"We have owned our property for four years and have used that time to manicure and beautify the grounds, clean up damage from the ice storm and study the drainage situation so we could determine where to build our house," Quick said. "Recently we decided on the perfect location as it has the best view of any spot on the property, only to learn that it is positioned directly under the path of one of SWEPCO's alternate routes. This line would destroy our favorite building site and completely devalue our land, as well as cause extreme emotional and mental trauma as we love our land and could not bear to see it defaced in this way. This SWEPCO project is our worst nightmare."



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BECKY GILLETTE

Tony Freeman, an airline pilot who lives outside Beaver, has lived in the area for 40 years. His property is near the preferred route for the proposed new

SWEPCO high voltage transmission line, and he fears much of what he values at his home could be destroyed.

“It is going to absolutely devastate my view,” Freeman said. “The power

line comes within three hundred feet. While the line doesn’t touch my property, I’m affected dramatically. It’s really upsetting.”

Freeman also has concerns about how the project could impact the most endangered animal species in the state, the fresh water mussel.

“While taking daily walks on the White River banks, my neighbors took notice of an odd little animal that we probably all have seen numerous times if we have spent any time at all on the local lakes and waterways,” Freeman said. “This animal is the fresh water mussel. The point of concern for us is that the fresh water mussel is the most endangered species in the state of Arkansas, and the second most endangered group of animals in North America.”

Freshwater mussels are an indication of superior water quality, and threats include erosion, development,

and sand and gravel mining, according to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Growing up in Eureka Springs, Freeman didn’t understand that the bald eagle could possibly be an endangered species as he observed thousands of them in the course of a year.

“We were quite fortunate, and still are today to live in an area where these majestic animals are so abundant,” Freeman said. “I say this to illustrate a point. The same is true with the White River mussel. I have observed these animals for as long as I can remember yet I have failed to truly take notice of them. You can find their discarded shells by the thousands along the banks of the White River. One only need look down into the water for a few minutes and you will see one at some point along the banks, yet they are the single most endangered species in the state. We live in an area where they dwell in abundance.”

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Independent establishes scholarship

In order to assist a student in paying expenses for post-secondary educational expenses, whether for tuition, fees, books or personal expenses, the *Eureka Springs Independent* has established a \$1000 scholarship open to all graduating Eureka Springs schools’ seniors.

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Technology or health – does it have to be a choice?

HARRIE FARROW

Currently proposed SWEPSCO power lines have made some Carroll County residents feel that technological development has suddenly encroached on our relatively unspoiled area. Many had similar reactions a couple of years ago when a cell phone tower was being erected in Eureka's historic district, and the likelihood of an ever growing number of cell towers in Carroll County seems inevitable.

According to the U.S Fish and Wildlife Services, which provides guidelines and documentation on wildlife impact for proposed cell phone towers, "Construction of communication towers... in the United States has been increasing at an estimated 6 to 8 percent annually since development of the cellular tele-

phone, and construction continues at a rate of approximately 1,000 towers per month. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) currently estimated the total number of towers at approximately 120,000."

Cell tower installers are required to follow guidelines regarding airspace, historical and tribal concerns, and impact to wildlife. Radiofrequency (RF) emission standards also have to be met. However, validity of the FCC's emissions standards, which were based on guidelines last updated in 1996, are increasingly coming under question. In fact, the FCC released a report in March 2013 of inquiry that "seeks to determine whether there is a basis to reevaluate the Commission's RF exposure limits and policies..."

Meanwhile, most conclusions regarding safety of cell towers in the U.S. are predicated on the idea that current guidelines put forth by the FCC protect our health. However, in an on-line article published in *Environmental Reviews* [ER] (November 5, 2010), "Biological Effects From Exposure to Electromagnetic Radiation Emitted by Cell Tower Base Stations and Other Antenna Arrays," by B. Blake Levitt and Henry Lai, points out "...no money has ever been appropriated by the industry in the U.S., or by any U.S. government agency, to study the potential health effects on people living near the infrastructure. The most recent research has all come from outside of the U.S."

The authors further explain that, "The current standards ...adopted by the U.S. FCC... are for whole-body exposures averaged over a short duration (minutes) and are based on results from short-term exposure studies, not for long-term, low-level exposures such as those experienced by people living or working near transmitting facilities."

The article relates in detail a number of studies that show correlations between cell towers and poor health. Results showed increased symptoms and complaints the closer a person lived

to a tower including, nausea, loss of appetite, visual disruptions, difficulty in moving, irritability, depressive tendencies, concentration difficulties, memory loss, dizziness, lower libido, headaches, sleep disruption, feelings of discomfort and skin problems.

The FCC does not acknowledge these studies, according to *ER*, because they have never been replicated. The authors conclude that "current guidelines are questionable in protecting the public from possible harmful effects of RFR [radio frequency radiation] exposure and the U.S. FCC should take steps to update their regulations by taking all recent research into consideration without waiting for replication that may never come because of the scarcity of research funding."

Ever mounting evidence that there is room to doubt the FCC emission standards is especially disturbing since Section 704 of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 dictates, in part, that as long as a cell tower's RF emissions complies with FCC regulations, a local or state agency cannot regulate the placement of the tower on the basis of any perceived health effects the emissions might have.

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SWEPCO County, Arkansas

Editor,

SWEPCO lied to the Arkansas Public Service Commission and the residents of Northwest Arkansas when they stated they do not have a high voltage transmission line, as large as they are proposing, in the state. There is one that runs from Flint Creek [Gentry, Ark.] to Springfield Mo., through Benton County. I personally have seen it many times.

This line is only the beginning of their invasion of our area. Once the first line is run, they will be back to run a second on our property and then they will start **new lines** in the eastern part of Carroll County from the Kings River station to connect to all parts east. By leasing the right-of-way from the property owners they can allow other utilities to use the same right-of-way, oil, gas, etc.

I believe the residents of eastern Carroll County need to wake up and join our fight against this invasion

because **they are next!**

This line could more easily be run through southern Missouri and the Mark Twain National Forest without disturbing our beautiful Natural State's tourist area and natural habitat.

I am concerned about eastern Carroll County landowners under the misconception they will not be affected by this.

Virginia Pozza

Health hazards serious concern

Editor,

The response to my presentation on "The Health Risks for People from Very High Voltage Transmission Lines" 4/19/13 at the Save the Ozarks meeting, ES Auditorium with over 100 people in attendance, made on behalf of SWEPCO by Charles F. Stevens, chairman of the National Research Council (NRC) on page 4 of the *ES Independent* 4/25/13, is biased, inconsistent and outdated. Stevens says that there is no human-health hazard and in the next line he admits that there is an increased

risk of childhood leukemia.

How many parents in the Ozarks are willing to risk the health of their children simply to give SWEPCO a new way to make a profit? Stevens uses data from 1996 (17 years old); my findings come from 2012 articles in the *International Journal of Cancer* and other recent scientific research.

As I stated at the meeting, these are facts based on state-of-the-art scientific data, not my personal opinion. The health risks are not only the Electromagnetic Field (EMF) and Extremely Low Frequency Radiation (ELF), but the quality of life of the humans, pets and wildlife living near the transmission lines, forever.

Let's not forget that SWEPCO will get paid by simply "wheeling" electrical power, moving electricity lightning fast, from point A to point B using extremely high voltage (EHV) lines (anything above 275,000 volts). As clearly stated in their application to APSC they plan not one but two 345,000 Volt lines. This is just the beginning.

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WEEK'S Top Tweets

@4029news --- Tyler Wilson drafted by Oakland Raiders

@trevso_electric --- Just saw the coolest magic trick! Ticketmaster turned a \$15 concert ticket into \$38.95

@RamblingMachine --- Everything is always funnier once you are not allowed to laugh.

@incrediblyRich --- My boss told me "Dress for the job you want, not the job you have" Am now in disciplinary meeting wearing my Batman costume.

@plemur --- I'd like to learn one of those clicking languages from Africa because I get the feeling my knees are trying to tell me something.

@kdn13 --- Spring makes every day feel like you're stuck in the office on a Friday afternoon.

@Zen_Moments --- The weak can never forgive. Forgiveness is the attribute of the strong. ~ Mahatma Gandhi

@FillWerrel --- Whenever someone calls me ugly, I get super sad and hug them, because I know how tough life is for the visually impaired.

@KKAITHani --- Didn't have internet on my phone for the past few hours. Finally graduated, got married, lost some weight, read 15 books and showered.

@CathyReisenwitz --- When marijuana activists Lindsey & Josh Rinehart returned from their hike, their kids had been taken by police.



Disruptive landlines...

Last week I got an email from a manufacturing company in South Attleboro, Mass., that I've done business with for over 35 years telling me that they are installing 1,200 solar panels on their buildings to cover 95 percent of their electrical power needs.

That kind of announcement frightens power companies. A report by the Edison Electric Institute in January 2013, "Disruptive Challenges: Financial Implications and Strategic Responses to a Changing Retail Electric Business" available online describes the threat of new technologies to the standard utility company's business model where they make power and sell it to captive consumers with prices and profits protected by state commissions like the Arkansas Public Service Commission.

There are three things happening quickly that are connected to future demand. The first is that our appliances, heat pumps, lighting and electronic products are rapidly becoming more efficient in their use of power.

The second technological change is in storage of electricity. Batteries developed for the electric car are becoming more efficient, and if that trend continues, they could be used to store electricity generated off the grid from wind and solar. In fact, a recent TV ad from Nissan showed one of their electric cars powering a whole house.

The third important factor is that wind and solar energy devices are becoming much less expensive, even to the point that a small manufacturing company in Massachusetts can buy 1,200 of them and take firm steps away from dependence on the grid and still compete with China in the production of their goods.

The Edison Electric Institute Report on "Disruptive Challenges" compares their own industry to that of the telephone. It notes that as cell phone technology exploded in the marketplace, homeowners began abandoning their landlines, thus chipping away at the most secure profit sources for the telecom industry. This change took place over the course of fewer than 10 years, and experts warn that changes due to technology come at ever increasing rates.

As we look at our cell phone bills each month it may seem that the telecom industry does quite well. But the big concern for the power companies is revealed in the bottom line view for investors (not consumers). How well have telecom company stocks done in comparison to the Standard and Poor index for investors? Not well enough, it seems. The Edison Electric Institute notes that investors in telecoms have suffered because many consumers discovered that they could be happy without their landlines, and the EEI fears that consumers of electric power will soon discover exactly the same thing.

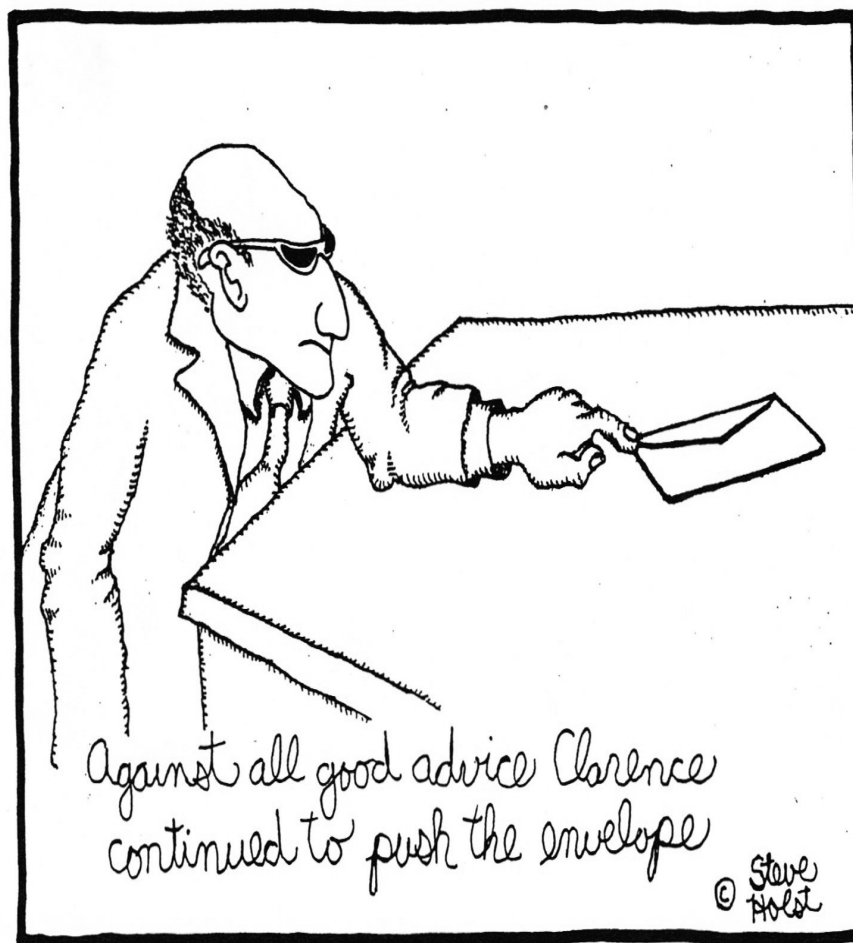
The Edison Electric Institute report on "Disruptive Challenges" suggests that wind, solar and off grid power opportunities will reduce demand, and prove to investors the one-hundred-year-old model of stringing massive power lines across the beautiful land to deliver dirty coal power to captive consumers may soon be obsolete. This would lead investors to abandon their investments in the power grid and search for more certain profits. If your bottom line is stock price, rather than customer service, this would be a scary notion indeed.

If a manufacturing company in cloudy Massachusetts can cut 95 percent of its power use, what would stop landowners in Carroll County from doing exactly the same thing? Once consumers realize they can safely and cost effectively take matters of electric generation into their own cleaner hands, thus reducing demand on the grid, unnecessary expansions of that grid like the 345 kV line proposed to bisect Carroll County will become a huge financial burden for power companies like SWEPCO that the few remaining customers will pay for (if they can) through exorbitant rates.

As we watch an inexplicable concrete fortress being built for Carroll Electric in Berryville, and as property owners across Benton, Madison and Carroll Counties feel outrage at the possible theft and destruction of our properties by SWEPCO, and as my wife and I contemplate severing our last remaining telephone land line, I wonder how power companies can be so out of touch and show so little concern for folks like us.

Join Save the Ozarks and bring some sanity and common sense to the matter of electric power in the Ozarks.

Doug Stowe



The Pursuit Of HAPPINESS

by Dan Krotz

Long ago I followed a romantic impulse and read a self-help book on to how to dance the Two Step. I might as well have tried to become a lingerie model by correspondence. Since then, I have come to know that the challenge of following any multi-step self-help program is always complicated, and well beyond the Two Step failure that I am.

Marcus Aurelius is one advice giver I am capable of understanding, and I read him with pleasure. His self-help book *Meditations* is a compendium of homely admonitions to keep your nose clean, and avoid politicians and other low company. He said, "Do not act as if you were going to live ten thousand years. Death hangs over you. While you live, be good." Marcus follows his own advice and avoids lots of boggy detail; he knew we don't have much time.

An old business partner, Abe Bemis, often said that the only things worth talking about (in order of importance) are God, sex, power and money. Interestingly enough, the great bulk of self-help books fall into one or more of those categories and, quixotically if not haphazardly, recommend strategies for attaining thinness, sexiness, wealth, sainthood, etc., that combine equal and simultaneous applications of both boldness and virtuousness. That is the point where things all fall apart since I can be bold, and I can be virtuous, but not at the same time.

Walker Percy, a favorite writer, wrote *Lost in the Cosmos: The Last Self-Help Book*. Before you race out to buy it, let me tell you that there is no help, self or otherwise, within its pages. It is, for Mr. Percy, an unexpectedly sour book that reports his doom, my doom, and your doom because of the meaninglessness of modern culture and our endorsement of it. For example, he recommends suicide, and not facetiously. He writes, "For the person who endlessly complains and thinks out loud about killing himself, I can only say, 'Life isn't for everyone.'"

Happily, Percy ignored his own advice and, through blind luck and hard work, died old and rich. Let's all shoot for that.

INDEPENDENT Constables On Patrol

APRIL 22

11:52 a.m. – Merchant reported a shoplifting event over the weekend.

1:45 p.m. – Person came to the station to report losing her driver's license and debit card.

2:48 p.m. – Tenant in an apartment complex reported someone has been dumping water inside her vehicle.

APRIL 23

10:21 a.m. – Caller reported a vehicle abandoned behind a local establishment. The windows were down and the steering column was broken. Constable determined the vehicle had not been stolen and it was parked on private property.

11:03 a.m. – Staff at the elementary school reported a parent picking up a child might have been intoxicated. Constable searched for the vehicle but did not encounter it.

12:17 p.m. – A trailer was parked too far out onto a street. Constable responded but no one was home.

2:08 p.m. – Passerby saw two small dogs on a road but responding constable did not encounter them.

4:02 p.m. – Someone apparently took some DVDs from the library. Constable gathered information.

9:08 p.m. – Witness saw someone throwing beer bottles out of a vehicle and wandering from lane to lane on the way from Berryville to Eureka Springs. 10:34 p.m. – Another driver reported being followed very closely by a vehicle with blue flickering lights. Constable made contact with the vehicle.

APRIL 24

2:46 a.m. – ESH asked for a constable to help with a patient.

8:51 p.m. – An assisted living facility asked for help with a resident who was out of control. Constable arrived and calmed things down.

8:51 p.m. – Dogs were running down a road and barking again. Constable found them and left a note for the owner to expect a visit from Animal Control.

8:57 p.m. – Central dispatch asked for a welfare check on an individual.

11:16 p.m. – Driver of a vehicle parked in a handicapped space was urged to relocate.

APRIL 25

1:22 p.m. – One vehicle rear-ended another on US 62. No injuries.

1:57 p.m. – Anonymous caller said three

teenagers, two boys and a girl, looked like they were going to try to take down a street sign. Constable found the sign to be okay and did not see any teenagers fitting the descriptions.

3:28 p.m. – A person had stopped traffic on US 62 so that a bunch of motorcycles could get out of a motel parking lot. Traffic was backed up about a half mile. Constable arrived to find the traffic flowing smoothly and no bikes anywhere to be seen.

5:01 p.m. – A group of people were trying to catch a small dog near Hwy. 23 N. It eventually ran up to a house and the rescuers went on their way.

APRIL 26

3:55 a.m. – Caller asked for a constable at her address as soon as possible. Constable arrived to find there was no emergency.

10:28 a.m. – Two large dogs were running in and out of traffic on Hwy. 23S. Animal Control captured them and took them to the pound.

4:41 p.m. – Driver reported he had been run off the road. He filed an accident report.

9:07 p.m. – Someone apparently stole items from a vehicle in a parking lot.

APRIL 27

2:05 a.m. – Motel employee reported a fight going on behind the building. The fight had subsided by the time a constable arrived, and the two combatants stayed separated for the rest of the evening.

2:35 a.m. – Wife reported her husband had left an address on Hwy. 23N headed toward downtown. She was concerned because of medication issues. Constables searched the area and did not find him, but stayed on the lookout. 3:41 p.m. – A daughter told ESPD her elderly blind father and his wife had split up a few days ago. The wife wanted to leave, so they packed up her things. The daughter said the wife is suddenly back and announcing she is there to stay. Daughter asked for a constable to speak with her.

10:14 p.m. – As a result of a traffic stop, constables arrested the driver for driving on a suspended license and no proof of insurance.

APRIL 28

2:03 a.m. – Constables on patrol found a door of the high school wide open. They checked the interior and

everything seemed to be okay, so they locked the door.

2:27 a.m. – Constable discovered a man sleeping in his vehicle in a parking lot. He told the constable he was just passing through and needed a rest. Constable sent him on his way.

10:30 a.m. – Family in Oklahoma reported the last known whereabouts of the father was in Eureka Springs, and they are very worried. Constables were on the lookout.

10:51 a.m. – Constable spoke with the owner of a trailer parked on a sidewalk for the past few days, and the owner moved it.

1:26 p.m. – Constable called for a tow truck to pick up a vehicle with several violations for non-payment.

1:45 p.m. – Central Dispatch reported a 911 hangup, and the constable who responded to the address found everything to be okay.

3:12 p.m. – Workers in a downtown parking lot reported a small car with

two dogs inside has been there since they started working. The windows are cracked, but the dogs are panting. Constable checked and found the dogs okay for the moment, but continued to check on their welfare.

5:24 p.m. – Constables checked on the welfare of a gentleman in Basin Park. He was okay.

6:08 p.m. – There was a motorcycle accident on a city street. ESPD and EMS responded.

APRIL 29

2:55 a.m. – Woman in an apartment said a man was knocking on her door and she fears it is her ex-husband. Constable arrived to find the ex-husband's vehicle on the premises, but he was nowhere to be found. Constable patrolled the area.

6:32 a.m. – The ex-husband returned and was knocking on the door again. Constable spoke with him and advised him to leave the property and not come back.

Detained doggie –

Animal control officer Jim Evans holds a very active and friendly male tan and white dog found on Planer Hill over the weekend. The dog is available for adoption or reclaiming at the Eureka Springs Police Department on Passion Play Road (479) 253-8666. He's got five days of grace. "Please tag your pets," Evans said. "It will save both you and them a lot of trouble."

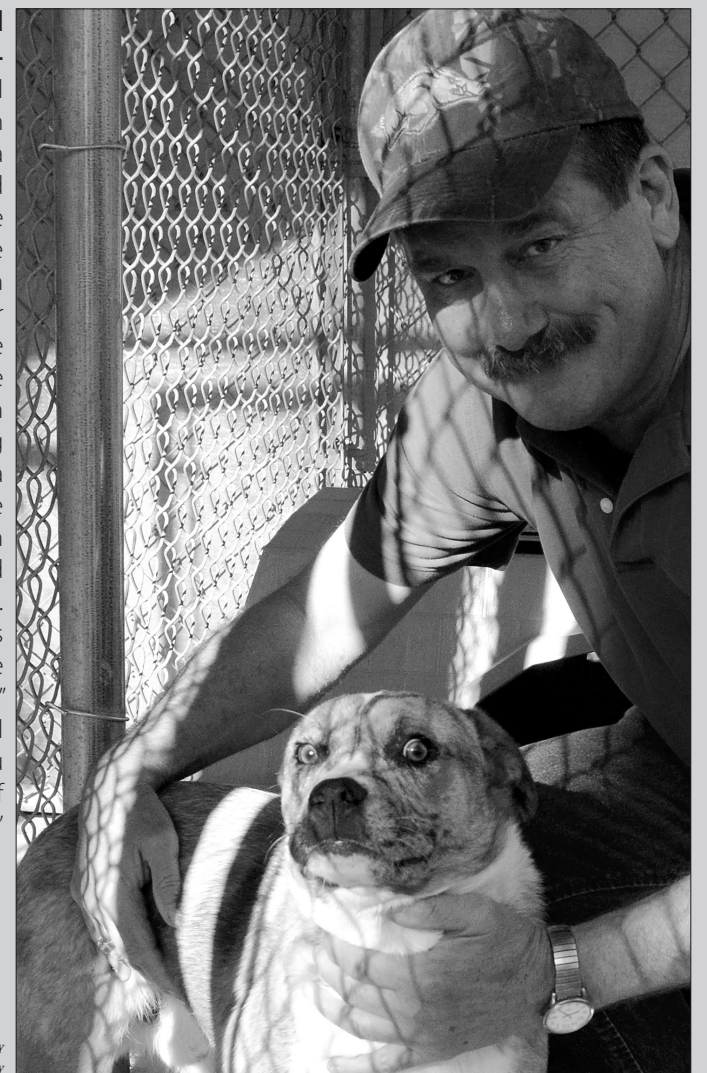


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DAVID FRANK DEMPSEY



Florida kids all aboard for local fun – Five students from the Bridges Montessori School in Stuart, Fla., along with their parents and two teachers, made the trek to the Writers' Colony at Dairy Hollow for a writing retreat April 26 – 28. The Florida students were joined by three aspiring writers from Clear Spring School. A train ride on Saturday morning replaced a rained-out horseback ride for the youngsters, who were accompanied by Mike Hancock, "Into the Wild" writing workshop teacher. The group also visited Turpentine Creek Wildlife Refuge and Onyx Cave, and a few went zip lining. What did they like the best? "Their favorite thing was just exploring the woods behind the colony," said Tracey Etelson, Head of Bridges Montessori School.

Chamber announces new board member, mobile website and Tourism Week

Biz community asked to wear red on May 8

Robert "Butch" Berry has been selected to fill the Board of Directors position left vacant by Col. Dan Mumaugh. Berry, a lifelong native of Carroll County and successful architect, has served as a City of Eureka Springs alderman and on the City Advertising and Promotion Commission. Berry was selected by board members at the March board meeting to serve out the remainder of Mumaugh's term.

The chamber's Technology Committee has unveiled a new mobile website. From any mobile device visitors can now find events, places to stay/eat/shop, special deals and more. The site will also search for a particular business and connect the user directly to it by phone. See the new feature at eurekaspringschamber.com, and phone the Chamber to get your business listed.

May 6 – 11 is National Tourism Week and Arkansas Tourism Week. Wednesday, May 8, is Tourism Day for Eureka Springs. All business people and employees are asked to wear red that day to make everyone aware of the importance of

tourism to the economy of Eureka Springs.

At 2 p.m. Mayor Pate will make an official Tourism Day Proclamation at the Chamber of Commerce Visitor Center in the Village at Pine Mountain on US 62E. Following the proclamation an official Eureka Springs Tourism photograph will be taken to be used by the Chamber and CAPC to promote tourism in Eureka Springs. Everyone is invited to participate by wearing red, or by wearing a costume or uniform that represents their respective business or attraction and meeting at the Visitor Center at 2 p.m..

For information on any of these activities call the Chamber office (479) 253-8737 or come by the Visitor Center.

May is Membership Month for the Chamber. Anyone wishing information on membership should contact Donna Shepard, Member Services and Special Events Coordinator at the Chamber. Put the professional staff and services of the Chamber to work for you for less than a dollar a day.

What's happening with May Arts?

A better question might be, what *isn't*? Everything from special events to exhibits, car shows, workshops and anything arts-related seems to be happening almost daily this month. There just isn't room in these pages for all of it, so be sure to pick up the *May Festival of the Arts Fun Guide* for everything you need to know and want to see. You can always check up on May Arts events at www.independentfunguide.com or www.eurekaspringsfestivalofthearts.com, too.

Arbor Day celebration rescheduled

The Arbor Day Celebration postponed last week will take place Friday, May 3, 11 a.m. at Cardinal Spring off Fuller Street on the west side of Harmon Park.

American Legion Post #9 Honor Guard will begin the celebration with a Flag Ceremony, after which Mayor Morris Pate will read the 2013 Arbor Day Proclamation.

The site of the celebration is near the Cardinal Spring Wetland Demonstration Project, funded by a grant from the Arkansas Forestry Commission. Elementary students from Clear Spring School will help plant trees for the project. Bruce Levine, project coordinator, will speak briefly, and an interpretative sign for the site, created by Sandy Martin and funded by a grant from the Upper White River Basin Foundation, Inc., will be unveiled.

All attending will be invited to walk the new Cardinal Spring Trail, led by Nathan Wilkerson who created the trail as his Eagle Scout project.

Light refreshments will be provided, and all are welcome to bring a picnic lunch and join the students after the celebration.

Trees and tees pay off for HI

Holiday Island earned its seventh Arbor Day Foundation Tree City USA designation for ongoing urban forest management efforts and meeting the organization's core standards requiring a strategic development program for community trees and urban forest management. To qualify, a city must meet four standards established by The Arbor Day Foundation and the National Association of State Foresters, including a tree board of management, tree care ordinances, forestry development program and Arbor Day recognition event.

Tree City USA community designations provide educational opportunities to highlight the value of tree resources, importance of sustainable tree management and community engagement. For more information, visit www.arborday.org.



Everyone's an art critic... Baby Beulah Schwerin had a brief moment at the opening reception of Richard Bloch's one-man show at The Space last Saturday night. Bloch, who is chef and owner of Autumn Breeze restaurant, took up painting seven months ago and had 40 plus canvasses on view.

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"Dutch Oven Basics" Workshop May 4

Camping season is upon us, and there's no excuse for limiting outdoor meals to hot dogs and sandwiches! Cooking in a Dutch oven has long been a tradition at Withrow Springs State Park – and it's not as hard as it looks.

Park Interpreter Natalie invites the

public to learn how to use the oven and then eat its delicious contents. Workshop begins at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 4. Cost is \$75 and includes a four-quart Lodge Dutch oven, recipes, tips and techniques. Contact Withrow Springs State Park for more information, (479) 559-2593.

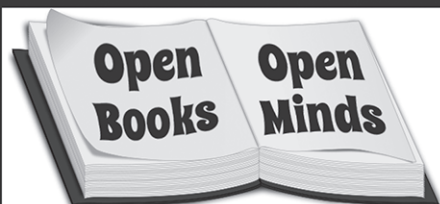
Sunday at UUF

May 5: Dr. Ted Morter, IV, a third generation chiropractor from Bentonville, will present "Heart vs. Head." Have you

ever had a gut feeling that turned out to be a powerful insight? In our fast paced world, we often ignore inner wisdom, but bridging our hearts and heads is easier than you might think!

All are welcome to join us at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Sundays at 17 Elk Street, 11 a.m., for a program followed by coffee and snacks. Childcare is provided. There is extra parking in Ermilio's Restaurant lot, 26 White Street.

May 5 is also Salad Sunday – salads, bread, sweets, juice, wine and tea, along with great conversation, is a bargain at \$4 adults, \$2 children (\$10 max per family). Bring something to share if you can. Contact (479) 253-0929, www.euuf.org for more info.



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Last chance to catch Springmeier

World famous author Fritz Springmeier (*Bloodlines of the Illuminati*) is in Eureka Springs for a book signing and lectures. His last lecture will be 7 – 10 p.m. at the Space, 2 Pine St., on May 2. Admission is \$5.

Birder weekend May 3 – 5

May 3 – 5 Devil's Den State Park is going to the birds! Come spend a day or the weekend enjoying the beautiful birds we have all around us. Activities will include five to seven bird walks, talks, observations, games, journaling and more each day; beginning at 1:30 p.m. on Friday and at 7 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Activities end around 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday and around 5 p.m. on Sunday.

On Sunday there will also be a visit by Lynn Sciumbato of Morning Star Wildlife Center and her feathered friends. For a full schedule of the fascinating activities planned, phone (479) 761-3325 x 205 or email terry.elder@arkansas.gov. Devil's Den State Park is on Hwy. 74 near West Fork (map at www.arkansasstateparks.com/devilsden/). Participation is free. Bring binoculars!

Dorjee, Cham dancer bring Dharma talk, demonstration May 3

Venerable Geshe Thupten Dorjee, spiritual leader of the ES Buddhist Study Group, will give a Dharma talk on compassion and meditation on Friday, May 3, at the church at 17 Elk Street. Accompanying Geshe Dorjee is Lama Karma, a Cham dancer from Bhutan, who will perform a dance considered a deep form of meditation with instruction on compassion for all sentient beings; representing the Buddha's teachings to overcome evil deeds in the world.

As always, Geshe Dorjee welcomes questions. This special event begins at 7 p.m. Although there is no charge, donations are gratefully accepted. For more information, call (479) 239-4546. See www.artibet.com for more details.

Relay for Life May 3

The Carroll County Relay for Life walk will be held May 3 at the Berryville High School Stadium, 6 p.m. – 6 a.m. Come support cancer survivors and caregivers in our community. For more information, email JOLAYO@arvest.com.

Chorale concessions cater to GSHS May 4

Treat yourself to the Ozark Chorale's Spring Concert on May 4 at 7:30 p.m. at the city auditorium and help the animals at GSHS. Proceeds from refreshment sales will be donated to the Good Shepherd Humane Society.

You can also donate to GSHS when you shop on Amazon! Simply go through the following link – www.fundinco.org/orghome.php?orgid=368 – to get to Amazon and a portion of your purchase will go to Good Shepherd. It's simple and doesn't cost an extra cent.

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Now – I’m writing this a few hours after wallpaper pasting 130 of some of our favorite artists to exterior walls around town. Well, not actually the artists themselves, but their 3x4 ft. portraits I snapped for the MUGS series in celebration of the Eureka Springs May Festival of the Arts.

And all it took was a crew of about 30 volunteers and 20 gallons of wallpaper paste I cooked up the night before.

Working fast and furious so the wallpaper paste did not dry out, we managed to slap these babies up in just over two hours. It was intense, at times chaotic, and the

most fun I’ve had with a group of people in some time, and I thank all who came out in support.

Special thanks go out to all our sponsors who made this happen and business owners who gave us the OK to use their walls as our blank canvas.

This is a very big weekend for May Fest. Saturday kicks off with the 2 p.m. Artrageous Parade and photographer and Creative Energy Project creator, Jeremy Mason McGraw, is the well-deserved choice for this year’s Grand Marshal.

Jeremy, however, is stumped as to what to wear in the parade and has left the task of dressing him to me.

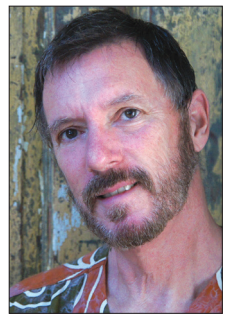
So if any of my dress-up friends have an Artrageous headpiece laying around the house – please contact me.

Artist Robert Norman, aka, Bob to friends, is a big bundle of talented energy. The painter/furniture maker/ and Drink and Draw head honcho has taken on SPHERES, the very ambitious and very large sculptural piece set in Basin Park. Bob’s been collecting fallen limbs – sanding, painting and holding “stick parties” for the past few months in prep for the giant sphere that has its official “ultra-violet lighting “in the park Saturday night. It’s an installation that only Robert Norman could pull off and combined with Angelo Yao and his merry band of drummers this will no doubt be a night to remember.

There is lots of stuff going on during the Saturday Night Gallery Strolls. I’m looking forward to seeing Carol Dickie’s work at Eureka Thyme, and to see what photographer Barbara Kerbox has going on at the Jewel Box. There is too much happening to mention everything in this column and recommend picking up a copy of the *Independent Fun Guide*, the official May Festival guide to all that’s going on this month.

If you happen to be reading this tonight, Barbara Kennedy and Robert Norman have separate opening receptions going on right now at the Cottage Inn and DeVito’s. Barbara and Bob are part of the Taste of Art – the Visual Feast series that pairs local artists with different restaurants around town.

See you on the street.



The MUGS are up.

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Carpenter at Iris May 4

Local jewelry artist, Judy Carpenter, will be featured at the May 4 Gallery Stroll at Iris at the Basin Park. Carpenter’s work embellishes fine stones and gems with gold and silver findings. She has also been creating a number of unique bugs from recycled silverware. Collected locally and regionally by art lovers, her work continues to bring acclaim. Stop by and meet Judy at the gallery from 1 – 4 and 6 – 9 p.m. Saturday.



Artists: apply now to be included in upcoming events

- Applications are now available for participation in the 8th annual Eureka Springs Studio Tour, September 26 – 28. The three-day Adventure into Art is open to visual artists who reside in western Carroll County (Eureka Springs/Holiday Island and the lake areas.) During the event, participating artists will open their working studio to the public. To download an application go to www.eukaspringsstudiotour.com.

- Applications are available for the Eureka Street Market that will take place on North Main Street in downtown Eureka Springs every 4th Friday and Saturday through October. Cost per space is \$45 for the two days (one-day vendors still need to pay full price). The market will feature art and fine crafts. For additional information/application, email outonmain@cox.net.

- Tahlequah, Oklahoma, will host the 4th Annual Arts on the Avenue, June 8 from and June 9. The event is free, open to the public, and will take place in historic downtown Tahlequah on Cherokee Capitol Square featuring jewelry, paintings, pottery, woodcarvings and sculptures, beadwork, baskets, and photography by Native and non-Native American artists from around the region. For additional information/artist entry application, visit www.ArtsontheAve.net or contact Andria Hummingbird at (918) 453-5728.

- Applications are available for the Village at Pine Mountain Third Annual Spring Arts & Crafts Show May 11 at Pine Mountain, US 62E. The show will feature all hand made items including jewelry, painting, woodcarving, crochet and more. Show hours will be from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Shops in the Village will be open during the show. For booth space/info, call Gayle Voiles at (479) 244-6907.

INDEPENDENTArt

ES artists featured in “suspenseful” show, reception May 3

Several Eureka Springs artists are being featured in May installations in downtown Bentonville at the Norberta Philbrook Gallery, 114 W. Central Avenue.

The gallery will suspend combined works of local and regional artists from their ceiling joists in a “Suspended Assemblage Collaborative: Necessity is Creativity’s Cousin” exhibit. Showcased are assemblages and mobiles from painters, architects, potters, photographers, collectors, conservationists and restorative and instrumental artisans.

There will be a reception on Friday, May 3, 6 – 8 p.m. Look for works by John Rankine, Melissa Garrison, Lorna Trigg Hirsch, Thomas Merritt, Julie Windler, Hunter Connor, Tim Logan, Raven Derge, Mark Rademacher, Dan Bowe and more. For more information, see www.norbertaphilbrookgallery.com, or phone (479) 876-8134.



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Student art benefits TCWR

Iris at the Basin Park proudly hosts an exhibit of student artwork for the 11th year. Art students from Eureka Springs and Berryville High Schools created art in support of the Turpentine Creek Wildlife Refuge this year. Art teachers Jessica Cummings of EHS and Sara Russell of BHS encouraged students to learn about the animals housed at Turpentine Creek, and their native habitats, and create a unique artistic impression from that knowledge. The results will be on display and for sale in the gallery during the May Fine Arts Festival. All proceeds will be donated to Turpentine Creek.



Robison hosts two photography workshops

Photographer Edward Robison of the Sacred Earth Gallery will conduct the following seminars in May: Ozark Waterfalls Photography Workshop, May 24, 25 at Sacred Earth Gallery. Cost is \$175. For information or to register, visit www.edwardcrobisoniii.com.

Digital Photography workshop will be held at the Eureka Springs School of the Arts, US 62W, May 28 – 31. Info for this workshop at www.ESSA-ART.org.

TheNATUREofEUREKA by Steven Foster

The Threatened Endangered Species Act

History gives us perspective. The last president to act like a liberal Democrat in the White House, the dishonorable Richard M. Nixon, declared in 1972 that conservation efforts were inadequate to prevent the extinction of species and asked the 93rd

Congress to develop legislation in response.

The Endangered Species Act (ESA) was created and signed into law on December 28, 1973. An “endangered” species is any organism that is in danger of extinction throughout all or a significant portion of its range and a “threatened” species is likely to become endangered in the foreseeable future. See the “Endangered Species Program” landing page at www.fws.gov/endangered/laws-policies, at the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (FWS), responsible for terrestrial and freshwater organisms. The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) is responsible for ocean organisms from seashells to whales.

Creation of the ESA led to emergence of what is now the second generation of biologists and ecologists who have spent much of their careers inventorying, studying, following and lobbying on behalf of biota threatened mostly by human activity. The iconic American bald eagle, for example, became one of the first

federally-listed endangered species. By 1963 there were fewer than 400 nesting pairs of bald eagles in the lower 48-states and by 2007, they had recovered to over 10,000 nesting pairs, leading to their removal from the federal endangered species list – a soaring success story.

Another early listing was for gray wolves. ESA protection for gray wolves nationwide will end shortly. Protection under ESA has greatly increased their numbers in the lower 48 states, leading to clashes between that predator and human predators, especially in Western states. In their infinite wisdom, a bipartisan proposal to remove ESA protection for gray wolves is part of the House and Senate legislative compromises on the federal budget. After all, landowners with guns have rights, too. Instead of biologists making decisions on recovery status, the decision is being made by Congressional bozos.

Plants are different. They don’t move across land boundaries. The only protection they are afforded under ESA is in consideration of federal projects on federal lands. They have no protection on private lands. If they get in the way of a federal project a decision on their fate will likely not be made by biologists, but instead by Congressional bozologists.



Furbish’s Lousewort *Pedicularis furbishiae*, a federally-listed endangered species that in 1974, famously scuttled the Dickey-Lincoln hydroelectric dam project on the upper St. John’s River, on the border between northern Maine and Canada.



MUGS en masse – Their individual MUGS are on posters plastered all over town but Eureka Springs' artists gathered one more time for a group MUG before a reception at Queen Anne Mansion Wednesday, May 1.

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Park Bark – Hi, my name is Fluffy. (It's really Sadie but I'm embarrassed to be wearing this ridiculous dress and hope I don't have to wear it in the new dog park.) All month during the May Festival of the Arts we're looking for someone to design the main sign for the dog park! Watch for details or go to Eureka Springs Dog Park on Facebook for contest info and how you can win \$100 and permanent recognition at the soon-to-be-built dog park. You can still purchase bricks for the memorial garden inside the park to honor a loved one while helping fund the park. Call Rachel (479) 244-9151 or Bill (479) 253-2658 for more info or check us out on Facebook. The next meeting is Wednesday, May 8, 6 p.m. at the library annex.

Only their hairdresser knows for sure

– The League of Extraordinary Actors presented the Robert Harling two-act play *Steel Magnolias* at Eureka Springs High School April 26 and 27. From left are Kyla Boardman, Cathrine Kappan, Mara Adams (seated), Samantha Chaney (standing), Kennedy Cash (seated) and Leah Erkin. The Friday play followed a Taste of the South dinner benefiting the Historical Museum. Preceding the play, Jerry RunnerSmith honored Ellen Guske for her donation of the new grand drapery for the ESHS theater stage.

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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.

Susan tactfully changed the subject by saying, “I think it’s nice of you, Mr. Clark, to ask Tom and Nancy to live with you until they can get a place of their own.”

“It’ll be a pleasure to have them, Sister Gaskins. Tom and I have lived all alone since his mother went to her reward years ago. It will be good to have a woman in the house again. God has been good to us.”

The family, all except Johnny, went to the church together. Reverend Clark delivered the well-prepared sermon, remembering that the marriage of his son would take place immediately following the services. He took his text on the sanctity of marriage.

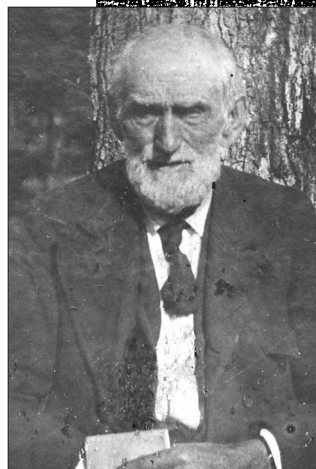
As soon as the sermon was over, the entire congregation went back to the Gaskins’ house to witness the wedding ceremony.

Nancy and Tom stood in the middle of the big room. Reverend Clark read the vows and when he asked the question, each answered solemnly, “I’ll endeavor so to do,” as was the custom. Reverend Clark pronounced them man and wife and offered a short prayer while they stood before him. Tom bashfully kissed his bride and the wedding was over.

Neighbor women hustled about, helping Susan with the serving of the food. Black coffee was poured from the big, black pot on the fire. There was much joking of the newly married pair. The young men threatened the usual riding the groom on a rail or tossing him into the nearby swimming hole. Such pranks were customary following a wedding and chivarri if the groom was not prepared with treats for the crowd.

During the afternoon, the young folks played parlor games and sang songs. They had prepared to leave early, each aware that they would be returning later after dark, for the chivarri, which was supposed to be a surprise to the newly married couple.

After the crowd had gone, Mary offered to help her mother with the dishes. Nancy and Tom walked out to the buggy with Reverend Clark. He



had brought his saddle horse tied to the back of the buggy, thus leaving the buggy for Tom and Nancy for their trip on the

following day.

After they had gone outside, Mary asked the question that she had wanted to ask her mother for the last two hours, “Ma, where did Pa go? I ain’t seen him since dinner.”

“He promised Nancy that he wouldn’t get drunk on her weddin’ day, at least here at the house. I think he felt the need of drinkin’ whiskey an’ jest went into town to get it. We all know your Pa. There ain’t no need to try to change him and I don’t know if I would want to, even if I could. He’ll spend the rest of the day drinkin’ rot-gut whiskey and braggin’ to his cronies about what a fine weddin’ he give his daughter. But your pa’s kind to us and he’s honest. I guess we just have to forget the drinkin’. We know that what can’t be cured must be endured.”

It was dark and the family had settled down to discuss the happenings of the day. Nobody mentioned the absence of the father. They discussed Nancy’s moving

into the Clark house at Golden.

“You’ll be lonesome ‘way over there, Nancy,” Mary suggested, “why don’t you both just stay here?”

“You are forgettin’ that I have got a brand new husband and will be learnin’ to take care of a house all by myself. I’ll not have time to get lonesome. Besides, it’s not clear across the world. We can come back for a visit when we want to. I think it’s you that will be lonesome after I am gone,” Nancy responded.

“From the way that young Clabe Ash looked at Mary today and tried to stay right by her side, somethin’ tells me that she ain’t a-goin’ to be lonesome very long if he can help it,” Susan teased.

The conversation was interrupted by shouts and loud noises from the outside. The chivarri was in progress. All the young people in the neighborhood, and some of the older ones, were circling the house. They yelled, blew on their hunting horns, rang bells, fired their muskets and blew whistles. Some of the boys, anticipating the chivarri in advance, had arranged a shot of black powder on the anvil out in the blacksmith shop behind the barn, to be lit and discharged at the proper time.

Someone always fired an anvil at Christmas time and at weddings. This

was a dual purpose for the extra noise.

After allowing the riotous noise to go on long enough for the crowd to make two or three trips around the house, Tom opened the door and yelled, “Come on in, boys, you’re a-scarin’ the dogs to death.”

“We’re comin’ in and if you ain’t got treats ready, you’re goin’ right down to th’ swimmin’ hole. It would be a shame to spoil your new weddin’ clothes but that’s the way it is.”

The jubilant crowd trooped into the house, many who had only left it a few hours before. To

the men, Tom passed the box of “two-fer” cigars, known thusly because they could be bought two for a nickel. Nancy passed the box of red and white striped peppermint candy to the ladies.

It was well past midnight when the crowd of well-wishers left for home. Jim had taken little Jimmy and gone home with Jack and Addie to spent the night, thus leaving Tom and Nancy with the privacy of the big room which held the two double beds.

Susan decided to go upstairs and sleep in Jim’s bed. She did not expect her husband to come home that night but if he did, he would join her up there. She mentioned that Little Jimmy would be having a good time playing with Jack and Addie’s children, Little John and Mary. Even though nothing was being said about the absence of the father that night, it was evident that it was on everybody’s mind.

Nancy mentioned it again, “We had a good time. I wish Pa had been here.” Her mother answered, “He could a-been here if he had wanted to. He’s havin’ a good time, too, in his own way. Probably down at the saloon in Eureka Springs a-braggin’ about Nancy’s fine weddin’ and maybe lightin’ his pipe with twenty dollar bills again. It would be just like him.”

Poets Northwest and LifeWriters' May meetings

Poets Northwest, a group for people interested in writing and sharing original poetry, will meet Saturday, May 4, 1 – 3 p.m. at the Shiloh Museum of Ozark History. For more information call (479) 756-5405 or visit shilohmuseum.org.

LifeWriters, people interested in writing their own stories or those of family and friends, will meet Mondays, May 6 and May 20, at 10 a.m. at the Shiloh Museum of Ozark History, 118 W. Johnson Avenue in downtown Springdale. For more information, call June Jefferson at (479) 790-2588 or visit shilohmuseum.org.

To your health

The Berryville Community Center is offering a unique series of free public seminars on health and well being during the month of May. Sessions will be twice every Tuesday in May, once from 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. with a repeat after work hours from 5 – 6 p.m. Each week will cover a different topic: Carbohydrate Challenges, Fats that Heal, The Power of Protein – and finishing with Champion Cofactors for Metabolism. Come learn how foods can be good medicine for health. Sessions will be presented by local research scientist, Noreen Watson.

The first of the series, Carbohydrates, focuses on how to reduce cravings, increase energy, manage diabetes and understand the different kinds of sweeteners on the market. For more info, phone (870) 423-3139.

ADEQ public meeting addresses hog factories May 8

Because of growing opposition to the hog factories proposed on the Buffalo National River, the Arkansas Dept. of Environmental Quality will hold a public meeting Wednesday, May 8, at 6 p.m. at the Carroll Electric Building on Route 7 in Jasper.

This is an opportunity to organize a group, show up in Jasper, and demand that the “general permits” be rescinded.

Herb Society meets May 9

The Herb Society of Northwest Arkansas will meet Thursday, May 9, 7 p.m., at the Shiloh Museum of Ozark History, 118 W. Johnson Avenue in Springdale. For more information, call Marci Vaughn at (479) 770-6080 or visit shilohmuseum.org.

Celebrating Earth and healing – Peace Mother Gita spoke on healing as a Mayan Shaman during last week's Eureka Springs Earth Festival at the Retreat at Sky Ridge. Shown are some of the beads and rattles Peace Mother uses during her healing sessions.

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Hogging the Buffalo

The Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality refuses to allow the public to speak or make presentations about a proposed hog plant near the Buffalo River at the upcoming meeting Wednesday, May 8, at 6 p.m. in Jasper.

Citizens opposed to licensure of a huge hog farm on a tributary of the Buffalo National

River are holding a People's Meeting at the Buffalo Theater on the Jasper town square at 4 p.m. that day. All who are opposed to the potential damage to the beautiful Buffalo are welcome to attend and make their voices heard.

Jasper is south of Harrison on Route 7. (Google map for directions.)

Highlander Boys Basketball fundraiser May 9

It's time to score for boys' basketball!

There will be a silent auction and dinner Thursday, May 9, at 6 p.m. in the Eureka Springs High School Cafeteria to raise money for the Highlander Boys' Basketball program.

Bring the entire family for a great meal and all-net deals on more than 100 items

donated by local business and individuals. Unbelievable bargains on local art, restaurant/massage/golf gift certificates, clothing, trips, services and much more are a slam-dunk.

Cost is only \$5 for dinner and auction admission! To donate auction items or for more information, call Coach Nolan Helder (479) 466-8011.

Writing Workshop May 11

“There Are Places I Remember,” a free writing workshop for people interested in preserving stories of homes, neighborhoods and businesses will be held Saturday, May 11, 10:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. at the Shiloh Museum of Ozark History, 118 W. Johnson Ave., Springdale. June Jefferson, who has facilitated memoir groups and writing classes for more than 20 years, leads the workshop. Refreshments provided. Participants may bring a sack lunch and picnic on museum grounds.

Donations to help cover costs of materials will be accepted. Preregistration is not required. For more information, email June Jefferson, jjjefferson@arkansasusa.com, or call (479) 790-2588.

Honor Mom with a float May 11

And we don’t mean root beer! Celebrate Mother’s Day weekend with a guided float on War Eagle Creek Saturday, May 11, and treat mom to spectacular scenery, amazing wildlife and recreational opportunities. Join park interpreter Natalie on an introductory 4.6 mile paddle down War Eagle Creek. Float includes boat rental, shuttle and guided tour. Pre-registration is required. Cost is \$30-canoe, \$20-kayak or \$10-bring your own boat. This activity is weather-dependent. Contact the park visitor center for more information (479) 559-2593 e-mail natalie.casey@arkansas.gov or visit www.arkansasstateparks.com.



Inspiration with a point – KJ Zumwalt and Ilene Powell show their opposition to SWEPCO power lines destroying local scenic attractions. Go to savetheozarks.org for more info.

Kids Fishing Day, bluegrass at Roaring River May 18

Fishing will be free all day for kids 15 and younger with up to 30 different classes for kids to participate in and lots of contests for prizes. The fun-for-kids (and adults!) event will be held at Roaring River State Park, 12716 Farm Road 2239 in Cassville, Mo., on Saturday, May 18 from 6:30 a.m. – 8:15 p.m.

The event is part of the National Kids to Parks Day and also includes a bluegrass stage with great

music and hilarious comedy from 10:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Come enjoy the sounds of Lonesome Road, Ozark Mountain Revival, the Baldknobbers, Possum Holler Fiddlers and Spur of the Moment Bluegrass band in addition to tons of activities for kids all day.

For information/directions, phone (417) 847-2539. For event details and schedule, contact Roaring River Hatchery (417) 847-2430.

DROPPING A Line by Robert Johnson

Most stripers are up river on Beaver Lake from Horseshoe Bend to as far as the White and War Eagle Arms. Water temps running 60 to 64° both on Beaver and the Holiday Island area.

Spawning temps for striped bass is 58 to 64°, white bass 53 to 63°, crappie 57 to 66°, walleye 45 to 55°, largemouth and smallmouth 65°, paddlefish 60°, catfish 80°. That means all fish listed except catfish and walleye are still full of eggs and heading or already at their spawning spots.

Walleye should be finished and people should start catching them close to Holiday Island and Beaver Town again. Look for the whites up the creek and river arms. We got a mess of them all the way up around Houseman and are getting good reports of them being caught around Spider Creek. Also look at Leatherwood, Butler Creek and pea gravel flats from Holiday Island up river and Day Use at the dam on the

Beaver Lake side.

Look for spoonbill on the riverside of the dam to the first boat launch, which is the only legal place to snag here close. Rig a surf rod with 30 lb. line, a 6 oz. weight and a big treble hook about 18 in. under and go to throwing and jerking. A lot of work but a lot of fun when you hook into a fish close to 100 lbs.

The rain has brought the water up good into the buck brush on the shoreline. Look for crappie for this is a good place for them to spawn. Bass will be making their beds soon in pea gravel also close to the shoreline.

On the Missouri side of Table Rock Lake up the Kings is still very good for whites, crappie, bass and walleye, and the mouth of Roaring River is giving better reports this week than last. Maybe next week might talk a little trout.

This is the best time of the year to get fish close to the shore so get a line wet and take a kid fishing.



Candi Seifert of Holiday Island with her first striper, close to 14 lbs., caught April 30.



Exposé – This old gag found a new audience at the MUGS gathering at the Queen Anne Mansion on May 1. A huge crowd partied on the mansion's grounds for an artists' reception and MUGS poster unveiling. Attending artists autographed the new MUGS poster picturing 130 local creatives during the first event of the May Fine Arts Festival. Locals and visitors to Eureka Springs will be exposing themselves to art all during May.

PHOTO BY C.D. WHITE

Readers and writers gather at the Crescent

Celebrating its eighth year, Books in Bloom 2013 will be held in the Conservatory and gardens at the Crescent Hotel, May 19, noon – 5 p.m. The free festival is a Carroll and Madison Public Library Foundation project dedicated to supporting six libraries in the two counties.

Thanks to sponsors and underwriting from The 1886 Crescent Hotel & Spa, Books in Bloom creates an intimate garden party celebration for writers and their readers. Speakers will include the *Longmire* series creator, Craig Johnson; Catherine Coulter; author James Grippando and R. Clifton Spargo, an award-winning writer whose latest work details the life of Scott and Zelda Fitzgerald.

Local and regional authors will also appear in the Reading Tent throughout the afternoon. See www.BooksinBloom.org for a complete listing of participants and event details.

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Shepperd added, “A big thank you.”

Ed McDaniel had signed up to speak, so Pate gave him his chance. He came to the microphone with Karen Brittain, who said she owns property she dearly loves on the White River, and her prospects are there will be a power line running through her view of the river and a tower in her back yard. She told council her friend had been planning to move to the area and had already applied for a job at Eureka Springs Hospital, but when news of the impending power line arrived, the friend pulled her application and decided to move somewhere else.

“It’s more than losing the eagles and geese,” McDaniel observed. He noted the view will be ruined for everyone, and property values along the river will plummet once the towers go up. He also pointed out several residents in his area did not get letters from SWEPCO warning them of the thirty-day notice period.

The Greater Eureka Springs Chamber of Commerce held a meeting April 23 where the board had invited SWEPCO officials External Affairs Manager Jeff Milford and Principal Communications Consultant Peter Main in order to get a better understanding of SWEPCO’s intentions regarding the high transmission power line.

According to Chamber President and CEO, Mike Bishop, following meeting, the Chamber board crafted and approved a position statement in keeping with their by-laws and Mission Statement saying they stand in opposition to “anything that would have a negative impact on the economy of Eureka Springs and quality of life.”

“We promise to use our resources to keep our members and the community informed to the best of our ability. It is highly recommended that all business owners, individuals and/or property owners who think they might be affected get educated and involved

immediately,” Bishop said. “Make your voice heard and your concerns known.”

According to the Chamber press release, there are four ways to participate in this process with the Arkansas Public Service Commission:

1. A party can intervene within 30 days after the application. This would allow full participation in the process. A party must have an attorney to be the intervener. They will be able to testify and cross-examine and will be subject to questioning themselves. One must apply for this status with the Public Service Commission and it will be the Commission’s determination if Full Intervener status is granted.

2. A party can have limited appearance status and must apply within 30 days of application. An attorney is not mandatory under this status, but is not forbidden. You will be able to voice your opinion and you will be subject to questioning by the Commission. One must apply for this status with the Public Service Commission and it will

be the Commission’s determination if Limited Appearance status is granted.

3. A party can write letters to the Public Service Commission, legislators, local public officials and any governmental organization.

4. A party can appear at the public hearing and speak during public comments portion.

To contact the Arkansas Public Service Commission, mail the Arkansas Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 400, Little Rock AR 72203, or log onto www.apscservices.info/publiccomment.asp.

Copies of the SWEPCO filing application with the Arkansas Public Service Commission, the SWEPCO Environmental Impact Study, and maps of the Proposed Transmission Line Routes are available at the Chamber Visitor Center. Contact information including the Arkansas Public Service Commission is also available. For more information contact the Chamber (479) 253-8737, or stop by.

Out-of-district school registration

Parents who would like to have children attend Eureka Springs Schools, but don't live in the school district, can apply using the Public School Choice 2013 Act. Go to the parent page on eukaspringsschools.k12.ar.us and complete the *school choice* form. This must be turned in to the School District Administration Building no later than June 1. If you have already applied for next school year, please complete the new form on the website. Contact Cathy Martinek at (479) 253-5999 with any questions.

School Lunch Menu

Thurs. May 2 – Hot dog on wheat bun, oven tots, celery and Ranch, fruit, Jello, milk

Fri. May 3 – Baked country ham, baked potato, steamed black-eyed peas, biscuit and honey, fruit, milk

Mon. May 6 – Cheeseburger on wheat bun, sandwich salad cup, sweet potato fries, fruit, milk

Tue. May 7 – Fish wedge, macaroni and cheese, steamed green peas, cole slaw, fruit, hush puppy, milk

Wed. May 8 – Taco salad with meat, cheese, shredded lettuce, and chopped tomato, salsa, refried beans, fruit, milk

Thur. May 9 – Chicken noodle soup, PBJ sandwich, veggies and Ranch, fruit, cookies, milk

Fri. May 10 – Chicken nuggets, creamed potatoes with gravy, tossed salad with Ranch, fruit, wheat roll, milk



Boarding house news – The Holiday Island Theater Guild is in full-time rehearsal for the melodrama, *Lily, the Virtuous Seamstress*. From left, villain J. Sedgewick Sludge (Curt Swartzlander), wealthy widow Mrs. Merriwellborn (Phyllis Williams), villain Merlin Skirmahorn (Bill Harris) and actress Trixie (Donna Harris) catch up on the news with Boarding House owner Jeremiah White (Mary Diehl).



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Three herb and botanical workshops May 11 and 12

Backyard Medicinals: Into the Wild with Steven Foster – Saturday, May 11, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. at the Fire Om Earth Retreat Center. An informational and explorative day with Steven Foster, renowned author of *Peterson field Guide to Medicinal Plants and Herbs* and *National Geographic's Desk Reference to Nature's Medicine*, will cover "The Forager's Seasons - Foraging and Wildcrafting," incorporating a hands-on walk in the woods with plant identification.

Bring a journal/notebook, camera and hiking boots. Cost is \$75. Bring your own bag lunch.

Plant Spirit Communications with Melissa Clare – Sunday, May 12, 10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Melissa Clare is a Plant Spirit Medicine practitioner and Fire Keeper in the Sacred Fire Community. She trained with Eliot Cowan, author of *Plant Spirit Medicine* and Shaman in Huichol tradition. Melissa is also influenced by the work of Dorothy McLean (*To Hear the Angels Sing* and the *Findhorn Garden Book*).

Participants should bring colored pencils, notebooks and a groundsheet or cushion to sit on. If weather is inclement, bring raingear. Fee: \$35. (Bring a bag lunch if you plan to stay for the Medicine Wheel session.)

Creating a Medicine Wheel Garden with Lorna Trigg – Sunday, May 12, 2:30 – 4:30 p.m. Create ceremony and connection with all our relations. Hands on and discussion: "What is a Medicine Wheel" and "How to use a Medicine Wheel." Lorna has been creating a Medicine Wheel Garden on the Fire Om Earth property holding plants that relate to the four directions and have healing properties, creating a type of outdoor sacred room – a healing space filled with good energies and favorite plants.

Also discussed will be "Ideas for Native Plant Medicine and Uses from Wise Elders of the Inca and Cherokee" and Lorna's own discoveries. Fee: \$35.

For registration and info go to www.fireomearth.com or email info@fireomearth.com.

Sign up for 2013 Chick-Fil-A Leadercast

The Berryville Chamber of Commerce will host the 2013 Chick-Fil-A Leadercast Webinar and business-networking luncheon Friday, May 10, 8 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., at the Berryville Community Center.

The event is broadcast live from Atlanta and simulcast into communities across the globe. Join more than 125,000 leaders from around the world to learn improved leadership skills and network with other leaders in the area.

Featured speakers include Jack Welch, Dr. Henry Cloud and David Allen – the best-selling author of *Getting Things Done*. For tickets, contact Berryville Chamber of Commerce (870) 423-3704.

Out of the Darkness Into the Light

Thursday's Aquarius Moon with Taurus Sun helps us see practically into the future with ideas that build the new culture and civilization based upon the needs of humanity. We realize we must construct the New Era Community.

Late **Thursday** night and into **Friday** Sun sextiles (harmonizes) Chiron. We seek ways to heal what hurts. **Friday** night and **Saturday**, Mercury sextiles Neptune. We speak of things not of this world or what takes us out of this world.

Saturday, Pisces moon, we need to be in warm bodies of water or dancing into the night.

Sunday is busy, the moon's void-of-course. Mercury opposite Saturn (Taurus/Scorpio). Previous beliefs and ways of thinking no longer serve us. The past is over. Mars trines Pluto (Taurus/Capricorn). Our trajectory (Mars)? Towards all that transforms. How? We are to identify as radiating the Light of Taurus - the light that uplifts and transforms. Bringing what's

hidden out of the darkness into the light. Without transformation we cannot enter the new world.

Mercury and Mars (Taurus) sextile Chiron (Pisces) **Tuesday** night. Recognizing humanity's need, we set about serving those needs. We understand humanity seeks the Path of Return. We make the Ways clear toward that Path. The moon enters Taurus. With north node (future direction) in Scorpio we know the Taurus new moon solar eclipse is soon. More endings.

ARIES: You find yourself interested in your possessions while observing what your habits are. You're also concerned with the crisis of the times. You know you have a strong will to get through any experiences, especially difficult ones. It will be good to ask your Soul what your life needs, what you want to be doing in the next five years, and where that will be. You must realize both your and humanity's needs. To initiate new realities.

TAURUS: It's important to not alienate others as you continue to research the needs of the future, preparing in all ways for that unexpected future. You can at times be impatient. This will eventually create unhappiness. You need to become more sensitive, have more tact and learn cooperation. Many people lag behind you mentally. Many people look to you for direction. A leader must have love along with leadership when giving direction. Open your heart more. Listen more.

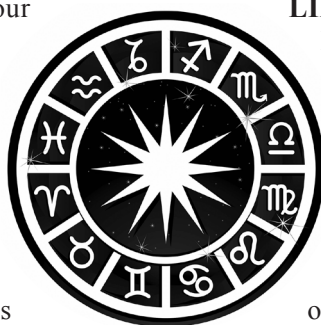
GEMINI: When we don't have clear goals we can feel worried by vague uncomfortable anxieties. We can feel our life is not orderly and not in control of our precious life. Perhaps you are experiencing this. It would be good to create small useful goals each morning. Make them simple so you can see the results. This small task focuses the mind, develops orderliness and confidence. Our lives are enriched. Saturn's task of structure.

CANCER: Do not continue to

worry. Instead, create your own path of creative endeavors and focus on that path without fear for self or family. Be loving, always, consciously. Attempt to praise and recognize the talents and gifts of others. Everyone is unique. Don't ration your feelings of care or your heart will close. Choose self-confidence, balance and happiness. Listen to the crickets, frogs and birds of the night.

LEO: Careful these days. You can take your responsibilities a bit too seriously and this can lead to a stressful inner environment. It is good to rely on others, giving them responsibilities. This provides you time and relaxation. Allow others to excel, let them know you value them. In this way you achieve all the control you seek and you are no longer vulnerable. There is more to you than ambitions. Family, gardens and home vivify your life of gold.

VIRGO: It's important to never have judgments, beliefs or opinions without deep research leading to actual facts. There must also be a precious compassion within your heart at all times. This will protect you from fear, from daily life pressures and aloneness. True communication does not include dogma. It has dialogue, curiosity and a Socratic way of asking question. This generates social grace that sensitizes everyone. Happiness follows.



LIBRA: Sometimes we Librans define our worth and values in relation to those we love and are close to. Then we find we must flee (run away), create a separation, seek solace in being alone to find ourselves again. To ask

what are our own values, needs, hopes and wishes? We try to establish self-worth and confidence on our own. We support others so much and so often, we don't know how to tend to ourselves. Patiently, begin to define your own goals. They are there. Hidden. Wrapped in gold.

SCORPIO: Do not hesitate to express your wishes to others. Do not try to hide them. Instead, begin conversations on how everyone you know expresses themselves and their needs. And that you want to learn how to do this, too. Safely. Often you don't express feelings, protecting yourself. As you should. However, you could also become alienated within those feelings. Who can you trust? What are your feelings today? ‘

SAGITTARIUS: It's time to stop worrying. To find the silver lining in all that you do. You will be, and you are always, all right, all the time. Even in difficulty. Like God is good, all the time. There's a "big picture". You're part of it. You're good and compassionate. Sometimes you're humble. Sometimes not. Rules, details and fears that you're not doing

things perfectly upset your balance. You're perfect and not perfect. They are the same. Imagination saves you.

CAPRICORN: Capricorns tend to be traditional, to present a face to the world that "everything's good." However, there are times when tradition isn't who you are – when you are unique, unusual. It's important to be unique. Always leaders must act differently, following the beat of a different set of drums (responsibilities). You're challenged to be part of a group while not relinquishing your distinctive identity. It's a test.

AQUARIUS: Notice your commitment and perseverance, moving you steadily towards achievement. Keep going with whatever you are doing while also continuing to outline goals. Goals change. Allow yourself to have foolish goals. Keep your eyes on the target. Tend to others especially those who never ask. Give and give. Give shelter. Be disciplined. Independence develops your authority. Happiness finds you.

PISCES: As your sensitivity becomes more acute, you see more into the essential nature of others. You wonder about your spiritual mission, life's adventure. You're in a relative time of luck, good things happening, good fortune. Not like a fortune cookie. But a time of unlimited opportunity and possibilities. Traveling is illuminating. Writings are accepted. Maintain values and ethics when challenged. When your gifts are not recognized, walk away. Other doors open.

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May Fine Arts gets off to a rousing and busy start this week. I can't possibly cover everything going on in this limited space so I'll just mention the parts in which the Aud and staff will be involved. For a comprehensive listing of the month's activities, pick up a copy of the *Independent Fun Guide* just about anywhere around town.

Saturday afternoon will have Angelo Yao's ensemble, OZAKWABA, performing in Basin Spring Park immediately following the 2 p.m. ArtRageous Parade. The Aud tie-in, you ask? Well, aside from providing the park's PA system, our multi-talented technical director Ron Sumner will be on stage delivering the driving bass line that gets everybody up and dancing.

Later in the evening, we'll be splitting our staff



(I say *staff* because it sounds more impressive than *Ron & I*) between providing the audio and lighting services for the grand Sphere unveiling in the park and the Ozarks Chorale's performance in the Aud. Music in the Park continues for the next two Saturdays with the Richard Bruton Quartet on the 11th and Eureka's own Swing and a Miss on the 18th.

On May 12 and 13 we'll have back-to-back shows in the Aud with John Two-Hawks' annual Mother's

Day show Sunday afternoon followed by the Berryville High School Choir's Spring concert Monday evening.

Saturday the 25th brings us two performances from the ever-popular Trout Fishing In America. First, a free afternoon performance to inaugurate the new art and music space on North Main followed by a 7 p.m. concert performance in the Aud. For times, details and ticket information (where applicable) for all of these shows, just go to either theaud.org or independentfunguide.com.

As summer rolls on, look for more exciting park performances from Hog Town Hot Club, Brewer & Shipley, The Cate Brothers and more.



New take on steak – Local chef Karen Gros (center) joined forces with Troy Johnson (far right) of Fresh Harvest on April 25 in a cooking demonstration for members of the Arkansas Cattlewomen's Association who were meeting in Berryville. Gros's dishes, created with Fresh Harvest's olive oils and balsamic vinegars, included Balsamic Broccoli & Bacon Salad, Slow Roasted Beet Salad with Balsamic Vinaigrette, Hot Chocolate Steak (marinated in organic cayenne pepper olive oil and dark chocolate balsamic) and fresh French baguette bread baked by Clear Spring School student, Hendrik Pot. Gros also demonstrated a French onion slicing technique and how to make mayonnaise. Gros offers cooking classes in her home and hosts culinary trips to France. See www.cuisinekaren.com.



The Sphere is here! – Cody Miles from Fanning Tree Service uses a bucket truck to lift artist Robert Norman's Sphere into Basin Park where it will be on display from May 4 until the end of the May Festival of the Arts. The Sphere will be lighted with black lights from without and LED lights from within.

PHOTO BY DAVID FRANK DEMPSEY

'Tis the season –

Fire fighters responded to one of multiple brush fires that may have been intentionally set Tuesday evening, April 30, on Bluebird Hill near US 62 east of Eureka Springs. Off and on dry conditions so far this year have seen a rash of brush fires around the area.



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Seth Freeman at Squid & Whale

Seth Freeman has been coaxing sweet sounds from the guitar since he was four years old. Touring the U.S., Canada and Europe over the past eight years, he has shared the stage with Michael Burks, Devon Allman, Black Oak Arkansas and Blind Boys of Alabama. Performing his own brand of blues, soul and rock he plays a smoking guitar, drums, bass, lap steel, piano, mandolin, weissenborn and dobro. He has a soft, soothing voice that makes you listen closely. Hear him at Squid & Whale on Saturday, May 4 at 9 p.m. Peter Read of *Nightflying Magazine* had this to say about Seth "He's one of those few who is destined to great things, and all you have to do is see him play to get what I'm talking about. Check him out while you can still see him locally."

Opening at the Squid & Whale on Saturday at 6 p.m. is Little Zero, a.k.a. Roger Tipton, who will perform Americana music that seems born in the Ozarks. You may have heard him

with Gone Was Here, a three-piece jam band from Conway. Roger is a talented guitarist/vocalist whose music will take you back home to the holler.

FRIDAY – MAY 3

- **BALCONY RESTAURANT** *Hogscalders*, 6–9 p.m.
- **CHASERS BAR & GRILL** *Kevin Upshaw and One Night Stand*
- **CHELSEA'S** *Biscuit Grabbers*, 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** *Shaky Ground*, 9 p.m. – close
- **LUMBERYARD RESTAURANT & SALOON** DJ Karaoke, 8 p.m.
- **NEW DELHI CAFÉ** *Kevin Riddle*, 2–5 p.m., *Electric Rag Band*,

6:30–10:30 p.m.

- **PIED PIPER CATHOUSE LOUNGE** *Lance Daniels*, 8–midnight
- **ROWDY BEAVER** *Isayah and the All Stars*, 8 p.m.
- **ROWDY BEAVER DEN** *Chris & Lolly*, 9 p.m.
- **SQUID & WHALE PUB** *Slam Boxx, Rock*
- **VOULEZ-VOUS** *KC's Downtown Underground Burlesque*, 8:30 p.m.
- **302 ON THE SQUARE** (Berryville) *Berryville Hootenanny* – An Acoustic Jam – All Welcome, 7–9 p.m.

SATURDAY – MAY 4

- **BALCONY RESTAURANT** *James White*, 12–3 p.m.
- **CHASERS BAR & GRILL** *Kevin Upshaw and One Night Stand* and *Lingerie Contest*
- **CHELSEA'S** *Don't Stop Please!*, 9 p.m.
- **EUREKA LIVE!** DJ & Dancing
- **EUREKA PARADISE** DJ and Dancing
- **GRAND TAVERNE** *Jerry Yester* *Grand Piano Dinner Music*, 6:30–9:30 p.m.
- **JACK'S PLACE** *The Famous High-Tops*, 9 p.m. – closing
- **LUMBERYARD RESTAURANT**



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Mike Blackwell, 6:30 – 10:30 p.m.,
• PIED PIPER CATHOUSE
LOUNGE *Matt Reeves*, 1–4 p.m.,
Lance Daniels, 8–midnight
• ROWDY BEAVER *Left of Center*, 8 p.m.
• ROWDY BEAVER DEN
Philbilly, 1–5 p.m., *Third Degree*, 9 p.m.
• SQUID & WHALE PUB *Lil' Zero*, 6 p.m., *Seth Freeman*, 9 p.m.
• VOULEZ-VOUS *KC's Downtown Underground Burlesque*, 8:30 p.m.

SUNDAY – MAY 5

• BALCONY RESTAURANT *Jeff Lee*, 12–3 p.m.
• CHASERS *Ozark Thunder*, 5 p.m.
• CHELSEA'S *BlackOut Boys*, 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 *James Whitefield*, 12–3 p.m.
• ROWDY BEAVER Free pool
• ROWDY BEAVER DEN *Cooter & Friends*, 1–5 p.m. *Cinco de May Party!*
• SQUID & WHALE PUB *Cinco de Mayo*, beer & food specials
MONDAY – MAY 6
• CHASERS BAR & GRILL Pool Tournament, 7 p.m.
• CHELSEA'S *SpringBilly*, 9 p.m.
• SQUID & WHALE PUB Disaster Piece Theater

TUESDAY – MAY 7

• 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 8

• CHASERS BAR & GRILL Beer Pong
• CHELSEA'S *BlackOut Boys*,

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 9
• 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.

• JACK'S PLACE Karaoke with *DJ Goose*, 8 p.m. – midnight
• LUMBERYARD RESTAURANT & SALOON Taco and Margarita Night, Ladies Night–Happy Hour all night
• NEW DELHI CAFÉ Fashion Swap, 5–8 p.m.
• SQUID & WHALE PUB *Open Mic Musical Smackdown with BLOODY BUDDY and friends*
• 302 ON THE SQUARE (Berryville) *Monastary Dogs*, 6–8 p.m.

Two free classes: “email” and “getting it done”

The Eureka Springs Downtown Network – your Main Street organization – is offering two free classes in partnership with Cornerstone Bank at the Financial Center.

Thursday, May 3 – learn all about *Email Marketing* from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. On Tuesday, May 7 – find out *How to Get it Done* from 9:20 – 10:20 a.m. at Cornerstone Bank, 152 E. Van Buren. The one-hour classes are part of the free Entrepreneur Development Series sponsored by ESDN and Cornerstone Bank. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Explore new cave area at open house May 7

A ribbon cutting and open house will be held by the Eureka Springs Chamber of Commerce and Eureka Springs West Tourism Association on Tuesday, May 7, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. at War Eagle Cavern on Beaver Lake. Guided tours will be available and a barbecue dinner will be served.

Take Hwy. 23S and follow signs to War Eagle Cavern. Don't miss the opportunity to preview a new area of the cave that has never before been seen by the public! For more info, call the Eureka Springs Chamber (479) 253-8737.

Kids' Day at Farmers' Market, May 7

Tuesday, May 7, Eureka Springs Farmers Market will celebrate Kids' Day. The Eureka Springs Elementary School will be taking a field trip to the market to experience buying fresh food from local producers. If a head of lettuce doesn't excite them, Turpentine Creek Wildlife Refuge will also be there to entertain the children along with a Kid's Art Show on the Rainforest, face painting, tattoos and a cooking demo

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Run, baby, run – There are cheetahs, antelope, quarter horses and two Eureka Springs track and field scampers who are gaining on them. Nathan Andress won First Place Gold in the 1 and 2 mile races at the state championships, and Jake McClung brought home the Gold in the 800 meter run.



Sweet victory – Relay runner Jake McClung enjoys a breather after a mad dash and dive. McClung was the final runner for the Highlanders and was 50 to 75 yards behind Decatur runner Carlos Ocampo. He caught Ocampo and established a 10-yard lead until the home stretch when Ocampo rallied and appeared to be passing. Approximately 10 feet from the finish line McClung started to fall but was able to dive through the finish line, beating Ocampo by inches. The Highlanders won the 3200-meter boys' relay event in the District 4-2A Track and Field meet April 26.

PHOTOS BY DAVID FRANK DEMPSEY

Beginner's skill – The Lady Highlanders' Abbey Moore (below) clears the final hurdle to take first place in the girls' 100 meter hurdles event in the District 4-2A Track and Field meet at Eureka Springs High School April 26. Moore had never competed in hurdles race before.

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SWEPCO – MTN. BIRD continued from page 5

“If the label states not to use in areas that are sensitive such as streams, ponds, lakes, rivers, we must follow the label. An example would be leaving buffers to sensitive areas.”

A question has come up whether the company would use helicopters to spray the herbicides. Main said in Arkansas,

“virtually all their selective herbicide work” is ground application.

“Our company and contract personnel normally contact property owners in person or with door hanger cards prior to vegetation management activities on their properties and will visit with landowners if they have concerns,” Main said.

SWEPCO – MUSSELS continued from page 9

Freeman said the White River mussel is a living filter. It dwells in silt and mud and eats impurities. It is a living, breathing indicator of the basic health of the waters it lives in. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service refers to freshwater mussels as “the canaries of the deep,” and states the greatest threats to the fresh water mussel family include erosion from building projects and ingestion of herbicides.

If the “canaries of the deep” are harmed by construction erosion and herbicide runoff, the same contaminants could impact drinking water supplies for a large portion of Northwest Arkansas. The Arkansas Department of Health has sent out notices to 13 public water systems notifying them of proposed routes that cross the Beaver Lake Watershed.

“Beaver Lake is a drinking water source for much of Northwest Arkansas,” the ADH letter states. “Every effort should be taken to prevent any sediment from construction run-

off from entering Beaver Lake and its tributaries before, during or after construction. Many drinking water transmission mains exist on or near the proposed routes. Any utility in question should be contacted prior to construction.”

Freeman said when very steep hillsides are denuded of trees and other vegetation, then sprayed with herbicides to prevent re-growth, the bare ground is susceptible to erosion, especially during heavy rainfall.

“When the ground is bare, it will absolutely erode more rapidly,” he said. “The power company may or may not plant ground cover to control erosion. No matter what, they irreversibly alter the runoff.”

Rene Fonseca, a water operator for the Carroll Boone Water District, said spraying chemicals on the land has the potential to adversely impact water quality not just for people drinking it, but also for all manner of living creatures. He added that CBWD does not test the drinking water for herbicides.

CELL TOWERS continued from page 10

Still, local agencies can regulate placement of towers based on non-health related matters. For example, some municipalities have zoning regulations that require cell phone tower installers to show they have sought out potentially less invasive locations, such as industrial or commercial areas, and require any cell tower proposed in a residential zone be subject to an alternative sites analysis.

Amanda Waldroupe’s online article, “What to Do if a Cell Tower is Proposed in Your Neighborhood,” (*Neighborhood Notes* February 8, 2011), quotes consultant Kirk Ranzetta, who says applications by wireless companies “are not always full or not always as accurate as they probably should be.”

If holes are found in the application, Ranzetta suggests neighbors file a

notice of objection to the FCC, and says the FCC is legally required to respond to the objection. Waldroupe’s article also says that people or organizations with a “demonstrated interest in the process” can become consulting parties listed on the FCC application.

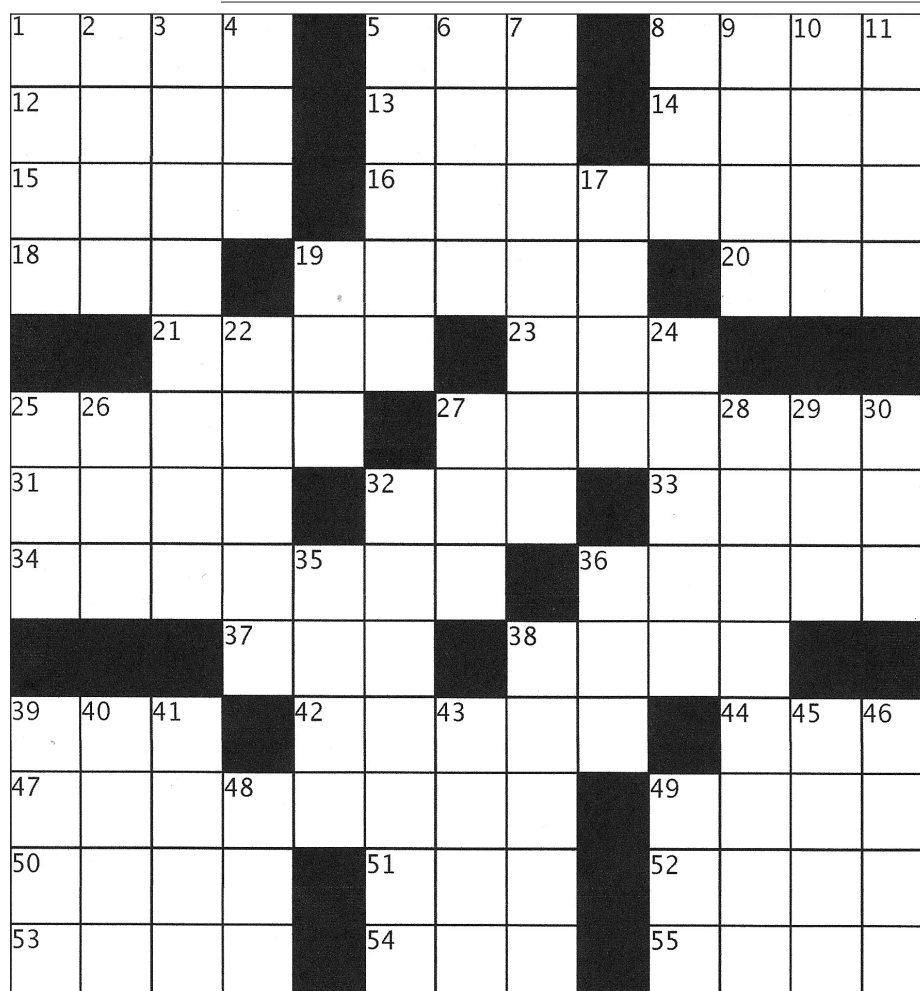
Regarding FCC emission standards, anti cell phone tower attorneys, Campanelli & Associates, say, “Your Right to Petition guarantees your right to contact your state and federal elected officials, if you so choose, to demand that the Telecommunications Act be changed so that it not prohibit local governments from considering the potential adverse health impact of Cell Tower RF emissions. You also have the right to join with the growing number of groups, across the country, who are organizing for that very purpose.”



INDEPENDENT Crossword

by Chuck Levering

Solution on page 35



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|-----------------------------|---|----------------------------|
| ACROSS | friend or foe | 11. Fuse together |
| 1. An utter failure | 42. Chilling | 17. Tall tale |
| 5. Valuable rock | 44. Mont Blanc is one | 19. Purpose |
| 8. Again | 47. New product test | 22. Abalone or sea ear |
| 12. Currency of Italy | 49. Peter, Paul, Mary or Larry, Moe and Curly | 24. Long stories |
| 13. Place to crash | 50. Train units | 25. You sit to get one |
| 14. Site of Aswan Dam | 51. Lyrical poem | 26. Wyo. neighbor |
| 15. Very dry | 52. Walk in water | 27. Dove call |
| 16. Hurtful, hostile | 53. Colors | 28. Casino game |
| 18. Ball supporter | 54. Carmine | 29. “___ Got A Secret” |
| 19. Oneness | 55. Smallest unit of an element | 30. Chinese New Year |
| 20. Finale | | 32. Ruler of Japan |
| 21. Sometimes it runs | | 35. Rod’s companion |
| 23. Not yours, mine or ours | | 36. Even Steven |
| 25. One cubic decimeter | DOWN | 38. Penalized for speeding |
| 27. Live together | 1. Accomplishment | 39. Hankering |
| 31. First lady’s mate? | 2. Attractant | 40. German housewife |
| 32. Two or more eras | 3. Asian | 41. Discharge |
| 33. Donated | 4. Pea’s home | 43. Inconsiderate |
| 34. Sicilian capital | 5. State as an opinion | 45. Italian resort |
| 36. Musically silent | 6. Wife of a Rajah | 46. Romantic recitation |
| 37. Agt. | 7. Newspaper issue | 48. Onager |
| 38. Public treasury | 8. A black cuckoo | 49. Howard Hughes’ airline |
| 39. Military I.D. of | 9. Pleasant, agreeable | |
| | 10. Vivacity, verve | |

Summer History Camps for kids registration open

Registration is underway for Shiloh Museum's summer history camps for kids. Two sessions are offered:

"Shiloh in Wonderland" is June 10 – 14, 9 a.m. – noon, for ages 6 – 9. Each day's activities are based on themes from Lewis Carroll's classic novel, *Alice in Wonderland*. Explore Victorian history through games, crafts, and refreshments. Each day campers will also prepare a delicious treat. Cost is \$60 for

members (family membership required) and \$85 for non-members.

"Sense-sational History Camp" is June 24 – 28, 10 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., for ages 9 – 12. Each day, explore one of the five senses through history, science and technology. Activities include making a compass, zoetrope, sun print, bath bomb, lip balm and traditional local foods; and learning about the invention and innovations of sound and vision machines. Campers

should bring lunch Monday – Thursday. An Ozark feast will be held Friday. Cost is \$65 for members (family membership required) and \$90 for non-members.

Space is limited for both camps; preregistration and payment is required. The registration deadline is May 31. The Shiloh Museum is located at 118 W. Johnson Avenue in Springdale. For more information, call (479) 750-8165 or visit shilohmuseum.org.

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Mr. Stevens says nothing about the constant noise of the EHV lines, the bald eagles and migratory birds that will be disturbed from nesting and fishing on the White River and documented malfunctions of cardiac pacemakers and defibrillators (one of our friends has both).

The legal exposure for Arkansas Public Service Commission and Arkansas taxpayers who will pay the bills is real and huge. Have they not heard of tort lawyers? I have a February 2013 testimony that illustrates legal evidence of the financial risks to taxpayers.

I challenge Mr. Stevens to come to Eureka Springs and have a public debate with me at the Auditorium and meet people who will be directly affected by the SWECO transmission lines, as soon as he is available. I will invite Brad Bayliff, an expert Texas attorney whose law firm specializes in defending people from health effects of HV and EHV transmission lines.

Dr. Luis Contreras, PhD

Teach, teach your children well

Editor,

Out of all the argument, all of the print, there are two points that should be brought to the table. First, our children. Have they come up in the meetings? Do we have the ability to make decisions on their behalf? Wanting what is best for our children and doing what is best seem to be two different things. We continue down this capitalist road making one bad decision after another. We do not have to sell our souls and their future to put food on the table. It is very sad and

very hard to explain to Dylan.

Second, we do have the power to choose different, reusable energy! There are many different options these days that might be cheaper than you think. By not choosing them we are keeping the power in these horrible companies' hands. They have proved over and over they only care about one thing. I'll give you a hint, it is not children.

Landowners, hit the web, do the math. For the sake of all of our kids!

Harry Cook

Infrastructure needs attention

Editor,

At the meeting of 4/22/13, city council members and the Public Works director implied there are no municipal funds available to maintain/repair sewer lines.

According to the ES 2013 budget, total funds budgeted for the police department, fire/EMS department, office of the mayor and police retirement fund amounts to approximately \$2.5 million.

In contrast, line 23-5514 (Maintenance-Sewer Line Replacement) has \$0 (yes, zero dollars) budgeted.

In addition, funds apparently will be or have been allocated to construct a "tourist toilet" at the North Main Parking lot.

Apparently, providing peripheral toilets for tourists trumps the need for residents and businesses/lodging establishments to be able to reliably flush their toilets. Our tax dollars at work.

In a city that is 133 years old, with antiquated and decaying sewer lines, sewerage infrastructure maintenance/upgrade obviously *should* be a priority, a crucial issue. In this city, obviously

it is not.

Many folks who possess any foresight at all will avoid investing in a town that does not invest in its own vital and essential infrastructure. *Caveat emptor*.

To those who invested in real estate in this town prior to its recent alarming decline, you have my condolences.

Lany Ballance

War of words

Editor,

Dani Joy's use of the phrase "war on women" [4/18/13] gives the appearance that anyone who is against funding abortion hates women and wants to hurt them. I don't know if she really believes this, or if she is just using strong and offensive words to stir up emotions. If we were really to take care of what we've got, we would not want to fund any organization that deliberately takes the innocent lives.

Her ideas are that we all should be responsible for care and upbringing of every child, teenager and adult ever born. What about people who aren't born because of thousands of abortions performed every day, Dani, who took care of them?

Dani claims that by defunding Planned Parenthood, high school programs teaching safe sex and prevention of disease will no longer be available and the Arkansas pregnancy rate will increase. If a woman does not understand safe sex, sexual disease prevention and how babies are made by the age of 20, then no amount of funding is going to set her straight.

This so called "war on women" is just a phrase used to condone the murder of innocent unborn babies because women and men are irresponsible, and once they've had their fun they are

too selfish to pay the full price of their actions.

You may say I have no heart for the children who will be deprived of medical screening and preschool training because of lack of funding. Help is always available for children. I have no problem with helping someone get out of bad situations... I've been on both sides, but I do have a problem with people thinking the government (our taxes) should provide a continual support system for those that are too lazy/immature to take care of themselves, and I'm not speaking about those who are totally incapable of taking care of themselves.

You can call it a war on women, but I call it a war on innocent unborn babies. Yes, there's a war all right... between good and evil. Even so Lord, come quickly...

Kevin B. Thompson

Keep paying it forward

Editor,

A sincere thank you to all that showed support and love to Keith Hutchison. Special thanks to the *Eureka Springs Independent*, Geographics and Kate Wicker, Community First Bank, Robert Roman Norman, Nate Huff & Chelsea's, Dawn Sexton, Heather Sexton, Granny's, Harts, Booze Brothers, Alpine Liquor, Tad's, StoneHouse, Pied Piper, Quicker Liquor and Bunch's.

Because Eureka is a kind and caring community, we quickly raised a little over \$2,000 that was utilized by Keith's family to assist in memorial costs. In the spirit of Keith Hutchison, "do something kind for someone every day."

Eileen Kelley

From the **GROUNDUP** by Andrew Schwerin

Meek and mighty mycelium teach true progress

Generally I think of our vegetable plants as individual entities. We have 390 mature lettuce heads in a bed right now. There are red heads and green heads, leaf lettuce and butterhead lettuce. But underground, these lettuce heads are becoming one organism.

Fungi are the key to this. Little brittle threads of fungal mycelium grow through the soil, forming webs of hair-like filaments. These fungi thread through the rhizosphere into roots of the lettuce plants, taking in some of the lettuce's sugars, and in return extending and enhancing the root system of all plants to scavenge the soil's nutrients. If you rake your leaves in the spring, or dig through mulch in your garden or flowerbeds, you might notice these whitish threads of growth on the dark

underside – that's the fungal mycelium.

Practically, lettuce has such a short growth period it doesn't tend to become one organism. Where this phenomena has really matured is in old growth forests. A community of organisms has reached its apex not when it has attained its largest state, but when it has reached a stable condition. With a consistent supply of nutrients, the soil matter, microbes and plants reach a steady state of harmony in nutrient recycling.

The mycelium in these old growth forests are huge – one in Oregon is possibly the largest organism on Earth with more mass than any whale. It covers 2,200 acres. So imagine these threads growing over most of every square inch in a forest and dozens of feet deep. These threads transport soil nutrients and water from above and

below and throughout a vast network of fungus and trees spanning thousands of acres. If one tree would change the chemical structure in its roots, this change could be read throughout the forest.

We do see some mycelium here too, especially reaping the benefits in these cool, wet springs. Yep... morels are the fruiting bodies of the mycelium that emerge from underground.

Fungi are still quite valuable in the garden. Whereas the bacteria in the soil are skilled at processing decaying green matter and turning nitrogen into forms available to plants, fungi are able to break down more woody carbon forms of material like tree leaves or straw mulch or even entire tree logs.

Humankind has made much progress through civilization since

prehistoric times. This has given the human population and our lives more stability. History

shows true progress is not found in the relentless pursuit of technology or infrastructure or cheap food or political power, but these blind faiths instead create an internal collapse of a society. True progress is reaching a steady state of balance with our needs and tools and resources to support our population within the scope of our environment's greater balance.

Until we can stand under the mycelium, we must humble ourselves to being lesser than the simple workings of dirt, and give honor and respect to those things which have been alive much longer than we have.



PASSAGES

Jeannie Mitchell, Sept. 29, 1951 – April 16, 2013

Jeannie Mitchell of Holiday Island passed away peacefully in Fayetteville, Ark., on April 16 after a battle with cancer. She was 61.



MITCHELL

She was born September 29, 1951 in Newton, Kan., to Marvin and Eleanor (Stanbrough) Goertz. She was raised in Wichita, Kan., and graduated from Wichita Heights High School in 1969. She attended Kansas University and Wichita State University, majoring in English Journalism.

Jeannie met and married Dale Mitchell September 1, 1979 in a little church in Hamilton, Kan., where his parents had been married. She worked and had her own exercise business until 1985 when her first son, Tyler, was born in Wichita. She became a homemaker and devoted her energy to her family.

She moved to Springfield, Mo., in 1985 after falling in love with the Ozarks. Her second son, Parker, was born in Springfield in 1988.

She visited Holiday Island in 1987 and bought a

lot, hoping to retire there. While living in Aurora, Mo., and getting closer to Holiday Island, she worked for the newspaper as a reporter and special features writer. She really enjoyed talking to people and was very good at writing.

Moving to Holiday Island in 1997 her dream was fulfilled. Raising her two boys and helping her husband start a small business became her passion. She loved growing plants and arranging flowers. She enjoyed searching and studying the scriptures looking for truth. She had a network of friends and resources on the Internet and was the go-to person for information. She will be missed by many with her parting salutation, "Sleep with Angels."

Jeannie is survived by her husband, Dale, of the home; son, Tyler of Holiday Island; Parker and daughter-in-law, Janey, of Bella Vista; mother and stepfather, Eleanor and Roy Williams; brother, Gary and wife, Melva, of Valley Center, Kan.

Celebration of Life Services will be 2:15 p.m., Friday, May 10, at the Holiday Island Community Church. Cremation arrangements were made with Nelson Funeral Service. Online condolences may be sent to the family at nelsonfuneral.com.

Mildred Krebbs, April 29, 1923 – April 30, 2013

Mildred Krebbs of Eureka Springs, was born April 29, 1923 in Vaiden, Miss., a daughter of Graver and Norma (Linn) Clark. She departed this life in Holiday Island at the age of 90.



KREBBS

Mildred was an antique dealer who owned and operated an antique shop.

She is survived by one son, Phillip Krebbs of Eureka Springs and several other loved ones and friends.

On June 17, 1941, Mildred was united in marriage with Theodore "Ted" Austin Krebbs who preceded her in death.

Visitation is from 1 – 2 p.m. May 3, at Nelson's Chapel of the Springs in Eureka Springs followed by the funeral service with Rev. Joel E. Haire officiating.

Interment will be in the Eureka Springs Cemetery under the direction of Nelson Funeral Service. Online condolences may be sent to the family at nelsonfuneral.com.

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Contreras said. "In the past couple of years when power has been down because of storms, typically it is fixed within a few hours. There is no one asking for additional demand. There are no businesses stopped from coming into the area because of insufficient power."

Monopoly electric power companies are different from other businesses in that the more money they spend, the more they make. Power companies get paid a certain percent return, set by public service commissions, on every dollar spent.

Contreras speculates that SWEPCO's proposed new power line is more motivated by making profits than with improving electrical service.

Another issue is that property owners won't get a lump sum for the land taken for the power line right-of-way.

"Property owners would get a check each month for leasing in a perpetual mode," Contreras said. "That land belongs to the power company, but they don't buy it. They just lease it."

More than just people directly in the path of the line are potentially impacted because even being adjacent to a large power transmission line can lower property values by 25 percent or more, said representatives from Save the Ozarks, a citizen group opposing the new power line as unnecessary. Even people nowhere near the line might end up with higher property taxes, as land taken for utility right-of-way isn't subject to paying county property taxes. With property along the route devalued, tax money has to be made up by increasing taxes in the rest of the county.

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