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This Week's INDEPENDENT Thinker

Charles Ramsey sounds like a rare individual but we suspect there are millions of people as good as he is living right here in North America.



Ramsey, a hard-working Cleveland dishwasher, was enjoying a McDonald's hamburger Monday night when he heard kicking and screaming coming from the house next door. He went over and said, "Can I help?"

A woman said she had been kidnapped, so Ramsey kicked the door in, got the woman and a child out, and called 911.

Turns out he rescued three women who had been held captive for 10 years.

When offered a reward Ramsey said, "No, I've got a job. Give the money to those women."



Rolling in the Jeep – Dale Hudson, 48, was extricated by Eureka Springs Fire Dept. Tuesday night after his 2002 Jeep flipped on US 62 at Oil Springs Rd. Responders speculated that Hudson was heading west, jerked right and overcorrected. He was taken to ESH where "blood was drawn" according to ESPD.

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Pryor supports alternate transmission line

BECKY GILLETTE

Opponents of a proposed new SWEPCO high voltage transmission line in Northwest Arkansas have been contacting and advocating others to contact elected officials from the local to the national level to oppose the new power line. So when a letter from U.S. Sen. Mark Pryor surfaced expressing support for a high voltage transmission line to transport wind power from the panhandles of Texas and Oklahoma through Arkansas to Kansas, it caused concern.

Contacted for comment, Pryor's office said it wanted to clarify that two transmission lines are being proposed. One has been proposed by Clean Line Energy Partners, which would run through Arkansas to Tennessee but go nowhere near

Eureka Springs. The other has been proposed by SWEPCO. This line could go through/near Eureka Springs, but would have no federal involvement.

"Transmission lines have the potential to create thousands of jobs and ensure our future energy security," Pryor said. "But the needs of Arkansans are my top priority. I will not allow them to build anything that would harm Arkansans' property or negatively impact our state."

A letter from Pryor to U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Secretary Steven Chu dated Nov. 15, 2011, states: "In order to harness the United States' vast renewable energy potential, the construction of new transmission lines is necessary to

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ArtRageous weather, eh?

CECC explains expansion; comments on SWEPCO

BECKY GILLETTE

SWEPCO states that the new proposed 48-mile Shipe Road to Kings River high voltage transmission line is needed to support growth in Northwest Arkansas and Southern Missouri. One of the larger power providers in the region, Carroll Electric Cooperative Corp. (CECC), has seen total electric consumption increase by 42 percent in the past decade, and by 19 percent since 2006, according to CECC spokesman Nancy Plagge.

Plagge said statistics for Carroll County are not readily available, nor are they alone germane to SWEPCO's project. Carroll County has only 27,512 people, which is greatly eclipsed by the 227,556 population of Benton County.

"It is Carroll Electric's understanding the Southwest Power Pool (SPP) ordered SWEPCO to build this line to improve bulk transmission service in northwest Arkansas and



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southwest Missouri," Plagge said. "Strengthening the bulk transmission grid preserves service reliability to more than one-half million residents in the region, including Carroll Electric's members."

Carroll Electric is not intervening in the proceedings before the Arkansas Public Service Commission (APSC) to determine if there is a need for the facility and, if a need is found, which of six alternative routes will be considered.

"Carroll Electric is not a party to the proceedings being held by the APSC and is not taking a position on any of the routes under consideration," Plagge said. "Ultimately, the APSC

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Solar shift requires high voltage lines?

HARRIE FARROW

On page one of its April 26, 1954 edition, *The New York Times* proclaimed that the first silicon solar cell, recently built by Bell Laboratories, was “the beginning of a new era, leading eventually to the realization of one of mankind’s most cherished dreams – the harnessing of the almost limitless energy of the sun for the uses of civilization.”

Now nearly 60 years later, as high voltage power lines are poised to go through some of the most beautiful natural areas of Northwest Arkansas, some wonder if the potential of solar isn’t long overdue.

According to spokesman, Peter Main, SWEPCO currently uses wind, but no solar generated electricity. Main said, “When we seek bids for renewable energy, we include wind, solar and other renewable resources. The most cost-effective resources for our customers have been wind farms in Oklahoma,

Kansas and Texas. SWEPCO currently purchases 469 megawatts of wind energy under multiple long-term power purchase agreements.”

The Associated Electric Cooperative, Inc., which provides electricity to Carroll Electric, also uses some wind power but does not use solar although their website says, “In early 2009, the department purchased solar panels as part of a pilot program to test small-scale solar power systems to determine if AECI might add them to their product offerings.”

According to Main, “Energy from solar farms would be transmitted over high voltage transmission lines,” thus not reducing their need.

Antelope Valley Solar Projects in California, one of the largest planned solar projects in the U.S. and projected to go online in 2015, will provide 579 megawatts of energy, enough to power approximately 400,000 homes and

offset the emissions equivalent of three million cars over 20 years. The Sierra Club endorses the project partially because panels are located near existing transmission lines, including a major substation, thus making it unnecessary to build new high-voltage power lines through undisturbed land.

However, when solar panels are installed by a business or institution, the power is being generated where it’s needed, and this type of solar installation is rapidly increasing due to decreasing costs of the materials. According to a report by the National Solar Energy Industries Association, between the second quarter of 2011 and the second quarter of 2012, the average price of a completed commercial photovoltaic solar system fell by nearly 14 percent, and “The economics of PV have become so attractive that many of the best managed corporations, which are synonymous with low cost and efficient

cy, are adopting solar energy on a massive scale across the U.S.”

The SEIA further reports that during the first half of 2012, non-residential PV systems came online an average of one every 72 minutes, and businesses as well as other large energy consumers like non-profits, schools and public agencies, are expected to add enough PV systems over the next five years “to replace seven retiring coal power plants.”

In regard to Arkansas being capable of benefiting from solar power, Joe Thomas, president and CEO of MAGE Solar USA, at a March 12 panel on solar energy opportunities in Little Rock, said if cloudy and cold Germany can lead the world in solar power use, then Arkansas “can do just as well in capturing sunlight and turning it into electricity or heat.”

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Comments pour in on SWEPCO issue

BECKY GILLETTE

Staff for the Arkansas Public Service Commission (APSC) has recommended public hearings on the proposed Southwestern Electric Energy Co. (SWEPCO) 48-mile, 345 kilovolt (kV) transmission line be held July 15 and 16 in Northwest Arkansas, and that a hearing on the evidence be held August 26-30 before the APSC in Little Rock.

That hearing date didn't sit well with Carroll County Justice of the Peace Dan Mumaugh, who lives on Pivot Rock Road in Eureka Springs. In a public comment on the proposed power line to the ARPSC, Mumaugh said: “I was unhappy to learn you will not hold a hearing, and thus not make a decision, regarding the 345 kV Shipe Road to Kings River power line route until ‘late summer’. Please, please, make this decision as soon as you can. Until you render a judgment regarding power line routing, people (many hundreds) must put extremely important, quality-of-life-affecting, and vital financial-related decisions on hold and many promising real estate sales/purchases are in the deep freeze. As important as it is, you must advance the schedule for this docket. If you cannot provide a final decision, could you, at the very least, narrow the choice or routes from six to two?”

“Please do not allow agitators in/around Eureka and Beaver, many of whom are not directly impacted by the project, to slow you down. Also, do not let the seeming nicety of administrative thoroughness prolong this truly difficult situation. It will be much better to make an informed and reasonable decision early on in this case, than to keep everyone that is presenting and/or potentially and directly affected by it waiting on a ‘late summer’ hearing and subsequent decision. Again, please do not allow the reliably and perpetually afflicted “anti-everything” crowd to delay this vital process. Please move docket 13-

041-U to the front of the line.”

Mumaugh said his home for sale on Pivot Rock Road has been taken off the market because of the SWEPCO proposals, and until a decision is made by the APSC, any real estate affected by the proposal is unlikely to sell.

“A thousand people are on tenterhooks on this thing,” Mumaugh said. “The sooner this is decided in accordance with the timeline, the better for everyone. People without the power line will get on with their lives, and those that get the power line will plan how to deal with it. I'm not for this project. I think it is terrible for everyone. But I want

the decision made and I don't want a group of people who are small and reliably opposed to everything delay the process. It would be a disservice to everyone. We need a decision.”

APSC Director John P. Bethel said advancing the schedule is unlikely.

“I don't anticipate this will be on a fast track because the APSC wants to make sure the parties have an opportunity to analyze the requests and prepare recommendations to the commission,” Bethel said. “The commission has not yet adopted the schedule proposed by staff, but I would anticipate a schedule along those lines because there is a lot of information to consider. I don't think the commission would want to make a decision without the opportunity to carefully consider the proposed routes and the need for the facility.”

Diane Murphy, Century 21 Woodland Real Estate, said there is no doubt that the power line controversy is a dark cloud over real estate sales. “It would deter almost any buyer from purchasing in any potentially impacted area,” Murphy said. “We have clients who purchased a place near one of the proposed routes just a few weeks before this information became public. One of their requirements in their property search was to not be near any large

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JOHN BETHEL

Growing smaller on Wall Street

BECKY GILLETTE

What is the true meaning of “green housing?” Is it a super energy efficient home made with pressed wood products from China or other distant places that is so tightly sealed it can result in toxic levels of indoor air pollution such as formaldehyde? Or is it something made from local materials milled at a local sawmill and built by a local carpenter?

If “local” and “healthy air” are high on the list, consider the unique log cabin assembled by Dave Marry in his backyard on Wall St. in Eureka Springs. The long-time carpenter has handcrafted a 400 sq.

ft. log cabin from native Arkansas pine milled in Carroll County with log walls joined together by dove-tailed joints cut by hand, double-pane windows, and a metal roof. Put together almost like Tinkertoys, Marry’s Thumbprint Log Cabin is for sale to be taken down and reassembled on the buyer’s land.

Building it in his backyard provides a prototype to show potential buyers and allows time for green logs to dry and shrink before chinking.

People who want a small, affordable home in the country for a vacation home or hunting cabin sometimes purchase a

portable building intended for use as a shed. But those buildings aren’t designed to be lived in, and might have problems with indoor air quality. The Thumbprint Log Cabin hardly has any nails, let alone pressed wood products like plywood and particleboard.

“This cabin is green because the construction materials are green,” Marry said. “Airtight houses built with a lot of plastic plus plywood and particle board that emits formaldehyde aren’t green. They are just energy efficient. It is like living in a big plastic bag. If you buy all your materials for a house at Lowe’s, the products come in from all over the world. But if you go to a local sawmill, you can’t get much more local than that.”

Marry cut the joints for the squared logs with a skill saw, chisel and grinder so they fit together. “It takes a lot of time, but it is fun,” said Marry, who has built and helped build a number of homes in his lifetime including his first house, a

six-sided log home in Canada, and a straw bale house he and his wife, Carrie, still own in Searcy County.

But how long lasting is the Thumbprint Log Cabin? These aren’t pressure treated with toxic wood preserving chemicals, after all. It is true that log cabins not built off the ground can have problems with rot. But properly elevated, log cabins can last a hundred years or longer. The oldest house in Arkansas, the Wolf House at Calico Rock, built in 1812, is still standing.

After the logs are dried and the cabin moved to its new home and gaps between the logs chinked, the logs will be coated with a preservative on the outside. There will be no need to add drywall inside. That would spoil the beautiful, natural log look.

The cabin is 200 sq. ft. downstairs with ladder stairs going up to a 200 sq. ft. loft. The porch planned outside will

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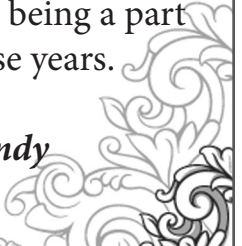
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SWEPCO responds to concerns about easements and EMFs

BECKY GILLETTE

Members of Save The Ozarks, a citizen group that has intervened to oppose the proposed SWEPCO Shippe Road to Kings River high voltage transmission line, have questions about how they will be compensated for their land if it is taken for the right-of-way of the project. Some were under the impression the right-of-way wouldn't be purchased outright, but that they would receive lease payments on a monthly basis.

SWEPCO spokesman Peter Main said right-of-way is secured through easement agreements with landowners and involves a one-time payment to the property owner.

"Under easement agreements, property owners retain ownership of the property with some limitations on the use of the land within the right-of-way," Main said. "Under the agreements, property owners could not place any permanent structures within the corridor

that would restrict complete access for maintenance of the line or right-of-way, or plant vegetation that would compromise safety and reliability of the line."

Main also responded to concerns that have been raised about the health impacts of people being exposed to electromagnetic fields (EMFs).

"EMFs occur in nature and wherever electricity flows," Main said. "Virtually all people in industrialized countries are exposed to EMFs most of the time. EMFs are produced by electric lines, household wiring, appliances and other electric equipment. Our society relies heavily on electricity.

"SWEPCO and our affiliated companies in the American Electric Power (AEP) system have followed worldwide scientific study and developments related to EMFs for decades. We have participated in EMF research through membership in trade associations. AEP was among

the sponsors of the U.S. Department of Energy \$45 million EMF Research and Public Information Dissemination (RAPID) Program which concluded that scientific evidence suggesting that EMF exposures pose any health risk is weak.

Main said scientific studies over the past several decades have explored the possibility of health effects from EMFs. While some of the studies have indicated some statistical associations between EMFs and certain health effects, the majority of research has found no such association.

"Significantly, laboratory research has not shown any causal relationship between EMF exposure and cancer, or any other adverse health effects," he said.

Luis Contreras, PhD, who did a presentation at a recent Save The Ozarks public meeting about EMF, said the concern is not only EMF, but especially Extremely Low Frequency (ELF) radiation. He said there is evidence that EMF can cause childhood leukemia and can interfere with pacemakers and cause defibrillators to malfunction.

"The health risks I have stated are real," Contreras said. "The problem is with the level of radiation and the type of radiation (ELF) of not one, but two 345,000 volt transmission lines. The comment that 'radiation is all around us' is not relevant and simply tries to ignore the facts."

Contreras said he would like to have a public debate with SWEPCO experts. "My data is from 2012 studies, not 17-year-old ideas," Contreras said. "Brad Bayliff's firm and other law firms have legal practices to defend people with implanted medical devices that malfunction due to magnetic radiation. The SWEPCO Extremely High Voltage (EHV) transmission lines will expose Arkansas to lawsuits that in the end will be paid by taxpayers."

Contreras said his health objections are not only about EMFs, but the loud constant noise, water contamination from herbicides on 800 acres of land, soil erosion, hot washing of the insulators with high pressure water and helicopters, pollution of the river with

herbicides, and the overall impact on the quality of life for people, pets and wildlife.

"The Environmental Impact Study (EIS) does not address concerns of the people, pets and wildlife that will live near the two 345,000 volt transmission lines," Contreras said. "It pretends that this is a rural area and that only crops may be impacted one time. The EIS, in addition, states that some birds will be killed by the lines and that this is unavoidable."

The ECHO (Eureka Christian Health Outreach) Board of Directors has recently filed a public comment with the Arkansas Public Service Commission opposing the power line project on six grounds: 1. There is no need for additional transmission capacity in our area. 2. Each of the selected routes will scar forever one of the most beautiful parts of the Ozarks. 3. Substantial health risks are possible with these high voltage lines. 4. Tourism would be adversely impacted. 5. Wildlife and the environment will be adversely impacted. 6. Other technologies, such as underground lines, should be considered.

The Eureka Springs Hospital Board has also filed an objection to the proposal.

Speak out on SWEPCO power lines May 17

Anyone who would like to address the next quorum court meeting on the matter of SWEPCO's transmission lines should be at the Carroll County Courthouse (Berryville) at 10 a.m. on Friday, May 17. Public comments are early in the agenda with a three-minute limit per speaker. QC member, Lamont Richie, will be sponsoring a resolution at that meeting.



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Conservation groups file notice of intent to sue over hog factory

BECKY GILLETTE

This week as people who oppose a 6,500-head industrial pig factory in the Buffalo National River (BNR) watershed were gearing up to attend a meeting Wednesday held by the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) in Jasper, several conservation groups filed a 60-day notice of intent to sue the U.S. Department of Agriculture regarding its Farm Service Agency's loan guarantee for the facility.

The C&H Hog Farms, under contract with Cargill, was originally permitted by ADEQ without notice to the BNR/National Park Service or local residents in the area. Since learning about the facility, there has been a groundswell of opposition that has resulted in the launch of the Buffalo River Watershed Alliance (BRWA) that states its mission is "to defeat this Confined Animal Feeding Operation

(CAFO) and seek policies that will build a wall around the Buffalo River Watershed. If we lose this, we lose a part of ourselves."

ADEQ has maintained it followed its rules for a general CAFO permit in allowing the facility. There has been concern it might be too late to do anything about a facility that has already been built, but Jack Stewart, spokesman for the Buffalo River Watershed Alliance, said they are hopeful it is not too late to have an impact.

"I think this in many ways is just the beginning, and we can never let down our guard in protecting our environment," Stewart said. "It is an ongoing struggle and we are hopeful we can force a second look at the whole issue. Our aim is to prevent this factory from going forward without a thorough examination of the consequences that could result in irreversible damage to one of

America's most treasured places."

Joining the Buffalo River Watershed Alliance in the legal action filed by Earthjustice are The Ozark Society and the National Parks Conservation Association. A combined press release from the groups states that animal waste from the factory farm could jeopardize

endangered species and contaminate America's first national river.

"The lack of adequate public notice is just one of a number of egregious failures on the part of the state and federal government to ensure that this facility will not have detrimental impacts on

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Local man steals magnolia

A surveillance video at Planter's Paradise revealed theft of a magnolia tree April 21, which was reported to Eureka Springs police. The son of the owner did his own detective work in finding the perpetrator.

Harley Hamby, whose mother, Gerri, owns the business located in the Harts parking lot, watched the video and saw a Chevrolet Corsica pull up and a man get out and help himself to the \$69.95 tree,

according to the police report.

On May 8, Harley saw the same vehicle driving east on E. Van Buren, got the license number and notified police who then spotted the vehicle parked at Dollar General.

When a man came out of the store and got in the car, Officer Brian Young and Det. Brad Handley approached him. The man was identified as Bryan D. Upton, 43, of Eureka Springs who had

an outstanding warrant here, one from Bella Vista and a parole violation. After he was arrested he called his girlfriend and advised her to return the magnolia tree, which she did.

Bryant's parole officer told ESPD that Bryant disappeared before a bed became available at the Arkansas Department of Corrections where he was to serve a sentence for a prior theft and DWI conviction.



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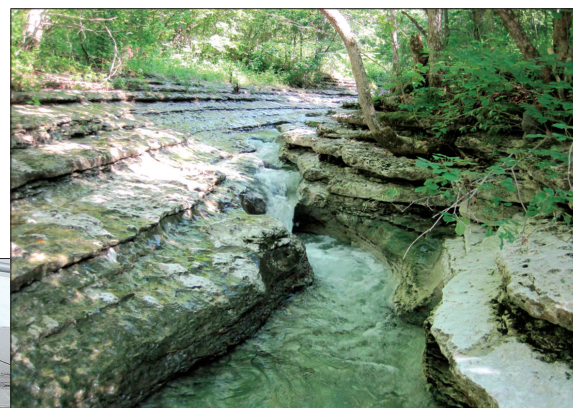
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Devil's Eyebrow Natural Area dedicated – Director of The Department of Arkansas Heritage, Martha Miller, speaks to some 150



people who braved Friday's cold, snowy weather to attend the dedication of the nearly 2,000-acre Devil's Eyebrow Natural Area near Gateway on May 3. The area is open to the public for wildlife observation, photography and hiking. The terrain features limestone bluffs, glades and riparian forests along with several small streams, the headwater arm of Indian Creek, three miles of undeveloped Beaver Lake shoreline and Trimble Mountain (1,720 feet above sea level). Obtained in cooperation with the Arkansas Field Office of The Nature Conservancy, Devil's Eyebrow hosts close to 600 documented

plant species, including 25 plants of state conservation concern and five that are globally rare. The area is frequented by wintering bald eagles and is the only known location in Arkansas for the rare black maple tree. The entrance to the site is on US 62 four tenths of a mile east of the Hwy. 37 intersection in Gateway. For more information see www.naturalheritage.com.

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Join HI Hikers for last three walks this season

All are welcome to join the Holiday Island Hikers Monday, May 13, for a three-mile easy walk at Bentonville Gardens/Crystal Bridges. Meet at the HI recreation center at 9 a.m. Call in your reservation for the Norman Rockwell Exhibit at (479) 418-5700. Eat at Crystal Bridges, and then do the tour at 1:30 p.m. Tickets are \$12.

Monday, May 20 another three-mile easy walk will take place at Lake Atalanta in Rogers. Meet at HI recreation center at 9 a.m.

On Monday, May 27 hikers will walk the Golden Gate Bridge at Beaver. Hike will begin at Rick and Darlene Boeshart's home at 10 a.m. There will be a potluck after the three-mile easy hike. A donation of \$2.50 is requested toward beverages, brats, buns and condiments. Call Darlene (479) 244-5669 if you plan to attend the picnic.

This will be the last hike until Monday, Sept. 30 for a "Walk the Hawk" kick-off to the 2013-14 hiking season. Phone Connie at (479) 981-2686 if you would like an email regarding the HI Hikers season in early September.



NGOs honor Pat Costner

A global network of more than 700 environmental non-governmental groups (NGOs) honored long-time Eureka Springs resident, Pat Costner, in Geneva, Switzerland on April 29. The International POPs [Persistent Organic Pollutants] Elimination Network presented a plaque saying, "IPEN honors and thanks Pat Costner for her commitment, passion and activism which have inspired, guided and strengthened a global movement for a toxics-free future." Scientists and NGO delegates spoke of Costner's many contributions to the global environmental movement during the past 30 years.

For the past seven years, Costner has served as the environmental NGO scientist in the Stockholm Convention's Expert Group revising and updating the "Dioxin Toolkit," the protocol used by participating countries in preparing national inventories to identify dioxin sources and estimate releases of these unintentional POPs.

Costner was in Geneva to attend



Looking out for us – Pat Costner shows off a plaque and banner awarded her by the International POPs Elimination Network on April 29 in Geneva, Switzerland.

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INDEPENDENTNews

“Jungle” Jack Hanna endorses TWCR, encourages tourists

Turpentine Creek Wildlife Refuge (TCWR) staff members were honored with a VIP back-stage visit with “Jungle” Jack Hanna, America’s favorite zookeeper and host of *Into the Wild*, prior to his May 3 appearance at the Walton Arts Center featuring a variety of animals from around the world.

During his two-hour show, Hanna, an active supporter of Turpentine Creek, encouraged his audience to visit Eureka Springs’ most popular attraction. “Turpentine Creek is one of the largest non-profit exotic cat sanctuaries in the US. I hope visitors and residents of Northwest Arkansas know how fortunate they are to have a facility of this caliber nearby, their donations and support are critical to providing care for 130 neglected and abandoned animals who now have lifetime homes there,” said Hanna. “Tanya Smith and her staff do a wonderful job and play an important educational role for thousands of refuge

visitors and local school children each year,” he added.

Hanna’s new TV show, *Jack Hanna’s Wild Countdown*, recently started airing Saturday mornings on ABC affiliates in addition to the popular *Into the Wilds* series featuring his wildlife adventure around the globe.

Smith, president and founder of Turpentine Creek Wildlife Refuge, said “I was really impressed Jack took almost two hours to sign autographs and pose for picture with the general audience after the show. It’s just another example of how dedicated he is to delivering his wildlife conservation message to everyone who takes time to listen.”

In addition to donations, TCWR needs volunteers and in-kind contributions for ongoing animal care and quality of life enrichment for all their animals. For details and donation information, visit www.turpentinecreek.org or call (479) 253-5841.



Heirlooms planted at Historical Museum – Carroll County Master Gardeners Linda Rogers, Karen Welch, Donna Sartoris and Mariellen Griffith (not pictured) worked at the Eureka Springs Heritage Museum Garden planting annuals and perennials. Five heirloom geranium plants (parents came from Thomas Jefferson’s home) were included in the plantings.

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Union of cooperation

Editor,

A few weeks ago, Jerry Landrum wrote an important letter to your paper. It dealt with the Carbon Fee and Divide proposal to help reduce CO₂ emissions into our atmosphere. Apparently, it took a rocket scientist to advance a realistic solution to this colossal and seriously dangerous problem of global warming. The proponent for the Fee and Divide idea is, in fact, employed by NASA climate expert James Hansen. His carbon fee proposal was presented to Congress by John Larson of Connecticut. It was simple and direct, 21 pages long. The corporate sanctioned Cap and Trade bill presented, supposedly to solve the same problem, ran to 1500 pages and really solves nothing but allows for increased profits for the multinational corporations.

Because I believe the Fee and Divide proposal is so powerful and important, I want to bring this up again to keep this idea alive locally.

The basic idea is simple. A fee is charged for all carbon extracted at the

production site – wellhead, mineshaft or entry point of import. This fee is collected and distributed equally to every legal resident of the U.S., one unit for each adult, ½ unit for each child up to two children per family. One hundred percent of the carbon fees collected are sent back to us each month divided equally as above. Those who use less carbon-based fuel now, because of poverty or conservation, will get back more money than they spend on increased fuel prices. Those who waste or use excessive fuel will pay more. And all subsidies to big energy corporations will be halted.

Fees will be distributed directly to the general population and, except for distribution, will not pass through any corporate/government hands. If the fee dividend comes directly to us, the corporate/government will not be able to nip away at it and dilute our rebate.

The corporate/government will fight this idea vigorously. It will take a strong and cooperative action by the 99 percent to get this idea passed. This will be a rare chance to directly see the class nature of our society and how only we,

the 99 percent, can protect ourselves from the continuing degradation of our common atmosphere/environment and our common well-being.

We must be able to reach across our social, racial and philosophical barriers to form a union of cooperation to save our beautiful, irreplaceable planet. In every way that you can think of, put forward your support for Fee and Divide.

Rand Cullen

Leave us be

Editor,

My family bought into “The Natural State” and it now appears like bait and switch because I don’t see much “natural” with behemoth projects like SWEPCO’s looming over NWA.

We have no plans to develop any houseless land that our family owns and this is the case with many owners in this area who own vacant lots or medium to large acreage for non-development purposes.

On April 30 a neighbor told me there would be a hearing, one person or maybe

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WEEK'S Top Tweets

@gracehelbig --- Are people in culinary school required to do dissertations?

@Zen_Moments --- Let them understand above all that the artist works from necessity. ~ Pablo Picasso

@SteveHely --- You don't have to text me to tell me you're running late. I know because you're not here.

@AnthonyDevito --- Once the lunch lady is properly armed, those kids will never make fun of the food again.

@DannyZuker --- Received definitive proof I'm going blind and senile this morning as I just attempted to pinch zoom the newspaper.

@AndyRichter --- HOW TO SURVIVE IN THE WILDERNESS: Call someone and have them come pick you up.

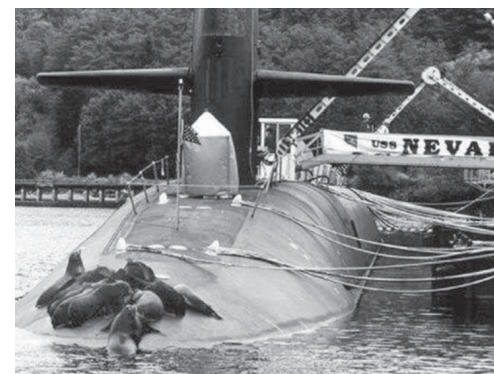
@danrivermama --- Didn't think my kid was ever going to sleep earlier. You would've thought the cops were here, the way she was resisting a rest.

@LukelsNotSexy --- Just walked into a parked car because I was reading twitter. Ow.

@Bouncerface --- “Too lazy to clean the house? There's a nap for that.”

@Gotham 3

--- Breaking News: A bunch of Rogue Marine Seals have taken over a US Submarine. Shocking.



Sloooooowww zarks

New cars have so much activity in the cockpit these days that driving becomes a dizzy afterthought. A driver can listen to anything from Brazilian soccer games, to operatic sopranos singing about marriage and suicide, to that old time religion.

There is so much accessible entertainment and electronic fussing in a state-of-the-art car that manufacturers should slap a sticker on the dashboard saying, "Let us know if we can make it any harder for you!"

Nuts, we thought that same thought when they took the car's starter off the floorboard and put it in our pockets for us to lose.

And so it is, with hog farms and steel mills and transmission lines and heftier parking fines, all things that were not an issue a year ago. Six months ago. Three months ago.

If a girl doesn't devote all 29 hours a day keeping the pace she might as well throw away her interest in texting, tweeting and wishing. Once we became attracted or adjusted to a speedo way of life, we craved newness and rarity while denying the irritability part. What else could we do? Hope for the past?

One hundred years ago we were an agitated yet peaceful people in Eureka Springs. We drank from the same cup at the springs. We shod the horses, weaved our clothes, smoked bear ribs, canned garden bounty and went to bed when it got dark. Some of us robbed banks and destroyed the forest, but others were tickled to open their eyes each morning and take a long look at where we lived.

Yes, it was we.

The Palace Hotel offered electric baths in the early 20th century. They were more like early tanning beds, with ultra-violet lamps inside metal cabinets on wooden stands where the bather reclined. Electric baths were the modern mania with the only side effects being skin burning and occasional electrocutions. Those who appreciated tanning endured the skin cancer of later life, but it took years for anyone to equate pleasure with danger. Just like today.

Our world was considered advanced with the harnessed power of electricity. Poles were erected, lines were strung, men had jobs and night became light. Electric light bulbs, 100 years ago, lasted for 1200 hours and were thought of as perfect until the advent of the Al Gore bulb, the ones that look like glass tornadoes. Al's bulbs were an environmentally curious invention that used one-fourth the power and lasted ten times longer than incandescent bulbs. They cost a bit more but we were willing to chance it until we discovered they gave off no heat, so it was futile to string one under the house to prevent arctic cold from freezing our water pipes.

We're still new at this electricity thing, and we haven't stopped long enough to consider what the world would be without it. It's likely we wouldn't be living in cities of millions. It's likely we wouldn't be recharging our cell phones. It's likely we wouldn't find the Golden Arches after dark.

Remember how quiet it was for four days after Sept. 11, 2001 because no airplanes were allowed to fly over our country? Imagine how quiet our planet would be without electricity and the commerce that relies on it.

Sorry to be such agitators, but if that means being lumped in with apparently everyone who lives in 72632, consider us agitators. Doing our dandiest to prevent others from absconding with our health and land – corporations that (who) have no intention of actually buying our land and paying taxes on it.

Electric companies are experienced with compromising our health while denying responsibility of health care. Seems kind of not quite fair, doesn't it?

We know some things. We know better than to think we can get through this adventure on Earth by eating a four-leaf clover and a horseshoe. We know when we see blobs of color in a thunderstorm, it's special, we're special. We know time and chance happen to all of us. We know football is called a game but it's really a sport, and there is a difference.

And we know the value of living slow and dying whenever.



The Pursuit Of HAPPINESS

by Dan Krotz

I was in the hospital when George Jones died. A nurse, sniffing, came into my room to adjust a tube embedded in my jewel box. Her sniffing turned to tears during the period of adjustment – I had also begun to cry – and I assumed her grief was sympathetic, empathetic in origin. "It's okay," I said. "I'll be fine."

"Everything isn't about you, sir," she huffed, yanked. "George Jones died today! I loved him!" Then she wailed in the manner of a Syrian widow, began to sing *I Stopped Loving Her Today*, and twirled the tube in time; I howled in time: mollified, she ceased her ministrations. "You *do* understand," she said. I nodded, wept quietly.

I spent the balance of time in hospital jail wary of all personnel and escaped without further incident. At home, I Google-d "George Jones" and discovered that he was an esteemed country music singer and an extraordinary drunkard. I am intimately familiar with drunkards both ordinary and extraordinary, but admit to knowing nothing about country music. A bad thing for someone commenting on popular culture, a particularly shameless thing really, for one living in the rural South. Deflated feel I. Reform I will.

Firmly in confessional mode now, let me also admit to not knowing that Jones had been married to a woman named Tammy Wynette. Tammy evidently sang a song entitled D-I-V-O-R-C-E to much popular acclaim, thereby assuring her own place in the pantheon of CW music, and that the 66 percent of her fans who will ultimately D-I-V-O-R-C-E are able to both know and spell their circumstances. That deserves a little R-E-S-P-E-C-T, wouldn't you say?

Last night, I downloaded *I Stopped Loving Her Today* and listened intently. I confidently say that it is purely true that the sound made by ripping a catheter out of your Johnson is authentically replicated in the tune in question. When it came to capturing the hum of suffering, to communicating the existential angst of life on a lawnmower, or to the futility of eluding one's rendezvous' with trains, mamas or catheters, George Jones was a genius.

INDEPENDENT Constables On Patrol

APRIL 29

10:23 a.m. – Unattended dog reportedly ran loose on US 62 west of town. Constable on patrol searched for but did not encounter it.

1:58 p.m. – A woman claimed someone was dumping water into her car but constable discovered the complainant's sunroof was stuck open and the seal on one of the doors was also leaky.

2:09 p.m. – There was a hit-and-run accident in a downtown parking lot.

3:44 p.m. – Witness reported a motorcycle driver being reckless on his way into town from the south, but the constable who monitored him in town saw his driving to be just fine.

8:53 p.m. – Central dispatch asked for assistance in watching for a particular vehicle coming into town from the south. Constable watched for but did not encounter the vehicle.

APRIL 30

11:20 a.m. – Realtor discovered a home for sale had been broken into.

2:09 p.m. – One resident of an apartment complex reported her neighbor is throwing trash and glass into the parking lot.

MAY 1

9:17 a.m. – A small dog was running loose on US 62. Animal Control was unable to catch it, and he thought the dog had been dumped there and might have been nursing puppies recently.

12:15 p.m. – Individual asked to file a report on harassing communications. She called later to say she did not want to press charges.

12:17 p.m. – Someone ran into a vehicle in a neighborhood and left the scene.

1:01 p.m. – Two dogs were locked in a vehicle that had the sunroof open. Animal Control gave the dogs some water and stayed close by so he could talk with the owners.

4:51 p.m. – Dump truck ran out of gas near the intersection of US 62 and Hwy. 23S. It was almost out of the roadway, and someone was on the way with more fuel.

4:53 p.m. – There was a verbal disagreement in a parking lot downtown. Everything got worked out.

5:23 p.m. – A reportedly intoxicated driver had an accident while on a street near downtown.

9:14 p.m. – Burglar alarm rang at a business uptown. Constable responded.

11:58 p.m. – Constables arrested an individual for public intoxication.

MAY 2

10:58 a.m. – Constable tried but was unable to catch a loose and unattended dog. A neighbor offered the address of the owner and Animal Control will follow up.

12:44 p.m. – Caller told ESPD he had been hit by his ex-wife on Sunday, and he wanted to file a report.

2:15 p.m. – Constable arrested an individual for knowingly furnishing a minor with alcohol.

MAY 3

9:58 a.m. – Merchants on US 62 alerted ESPD to an elderly gentleman who seemed disoriented. Constables searched for but did not locate his vehicle.

5:20 p.m. – There was a two-vehicle accident on US 62.

11:24 p.m. – Constable stopped a vehicle going very slow on

US 62. He discovered the driver was okay, just elderly.

MAY 4

5:57 p.m. – Shop owner reported someone hit her vehicle and drove away. Constable gathered information.

8:50 p.m. – A motel employee told ESPD that an individual had shown up a few times in the last month, and something weird always happened while he was there. Constable made contact with the individual.

10:57 p.m. – Male called to report he was at a bar, and his ex-girlfriend was also there. He has a protection order against her. She left before the constable arrived.

11:24 p.m. – State police arrested a male for DWI, but the trooper told ESPD the individual had two dogs in the vehicle. ESPD took the dogs to the pound, and the trooper brought the individual to the station for booking for DWI and reckless driving.

MAY 5

12:44 a.m. – A girlfriend allegedly attacked her boyfriend. Constables arrived and spoke with both parties. The woman's father came to take her away for the night.

2:36 a.m. – A Benton County sheriff's unit was in the parking lot of a local bar with several apparently intoxicated patrons and reported the circumstance to ESPD. One individual was arrested for public intoxication.

11:35 a.m. – A noise complaint came from a neighborhood. The responding constable thought the noise was within acceptable limits.

12:57 p.m. – Another loud music complaint from the same person, and this time the constable did not hear any music at all.

3 p.m. – A bank employee set off an alarm, but everything was okay.

5:05 p.m. – Restaurant employee accidentally tripped an alarm.

7:39 p.m. – There was an accident in a parking lot. No injuries.

10:23 p.m. – A care facility reported a suspicious male lying in their parking lot. He told the responding constable he was waiting for a ride.

Lap cat needs new lap

– This sweet four-year-old calico kitty's elderly owner can't take her to assisted living and she needs a new indoor home. She's DECLAWED, spayed and has had her yearly physical and all vaccinations. She comes with her own bowls, crate, litter box and more. If interested, phone Dee at (479) 244-5130.



City Council Agenda

Monday, May 13, 6 p.m.

Commission, committee, authority reports and expired terms

Planning – Pos. 1 – vacant – expires 7/1/14. Pos. 3 – vacant – expires 7/1/13. Pos. 4 – Jim Morris – expired 7/1/12. Pos. 5 – Melissa Greene – expired 1/1/13.

CAPC – Pos. 2 – vacant – expires 6/30/14

Hospital – Pos. 2 – vacant – expires 6/1/14

Parks

HDC – Pos. 1 – vacant – expired 11/30/12

Cemetery

Public Comments

Unfinished business:

1. Sherwood Court's sewer problem –Purkeypile and DeVito
2. Town Hall meeting update –DeVito and Purkeypile
3. Limousine ordinance – DeVito and Schneider
4. Demolition by neglect workshop update –Mitchell and DeVito
5. Ordinance No. 2180 – Parking Lot Regulations – 2nd reading
6. Bicycle racks downtown – update – Mayor Pate

New business:

1. Discussion of raising Council salaries – postponed until November
2. Taxi ordinance with "jumbo cabs" –DeVito and Schneider
3. Discussion of weekly rentals –Zeller and DeVito
4. Appeal for Conditional Use Permit for one-unit B&B – Ensminger
5. 1st quarter financials – A.C.A. 14-43-506
6. Ed Well's proposal for digitizing paper documents – Mayor Pate

City council comments

Mayor's comments

Electric monopolies have a unique business model: The more they spend, the more they make

The ice storm of 2009 left hundreds of thousands of people in Arkansas without power. During the storm, one tree that borders my yard on a public street below me leaned over, but didn't fall. It is lopsided, and leaning into the power line. About once a year since the storm I have contacted SWEPCO to ask them about trimming the tree going over the power line so it is less hazardous.

A couple of times SWEPCO contractors have come to look at the tree, and said, "We will get to you later when we are working in Eureka Springs." Then they never show up. About a year ago I got a call for a customer satisfaction survey asking me how satisfied I was with my electric service. Electric companies routinely do this type of "survey" in order to increase rates as some public service commissions will give utilities a financial bonus for high customer service rankings. Of course, that means often the "questions" are designed to elicit a high ranking.

I don't like being tricked into answers that will increase my rates, especially by a company that continues to ignore the most serious challenge facing the Earth – climate change caused largely by burning fossil fuels. SWEPCO built the huge new highly polluting coal-fired Turk power plant in southern Arkansas, even though the power was not needed for Arkansas, because of existing natural gas generating plants that pollute far less.

In a stunning display of being "too big to have to abide by the same laws as the rest of us," SWEPCO continued to build the plant even after a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the \$2-billion Turk Plant was revoked by the Arkansas Court of Appeals in 2010. In December, the Turk plant started belching noxious fumes including deadly sulfur dioxide, nitrogen oxide and mercury.

SWEPCO discovered a loophole in Arkansas law that permits operation of the plant provided the power is not sold in Arkansas, except for 12 percent of the dirty coal owned by the Arkansas Electric Cooperation Association, which continues to love dirty coal and denies there is any connection between burning fossil fuels and climate change. The fact that the polar ice caps have melted faster in past 20 years than in the past 10,000 years is just a coincidence.

In the SWEPCO survey, I rated them low because of the lack of response on the hazardous tree, in addition to building the Turk coal plant that can burn 9,000 tons of coal per day,

3,285,000 tons per year. As a result, I did get a call back from the SWEPCO contractor who said, "Oh, I remember you. We forgot about that tree. We'll get to you soon."

The tree just grows more into the line.

Now we have SWEPCO trying to rush through permission to make more than \$117 million off its captive ratepayers by building a new transmission line, allegedly to improve reliability and meet demand for electricity in Northwest Arkansas and into Missouri. Plans for this were made back when growth was going gangbusters before the Great Recession, and opponents of the new power line that would draw a huge, ugly scar across some of the Natural State's most beautiful views and most vulnerable environments are finding no concrete evidence for the need for this new "energy superhighway."

Is it just a coincidence that the Turk Power Plant started operation in December? I don't think so. SWEPCO now has a lot of dirty coal fired power to sell, and needs bigger transmission lines to sell more.

If SWEPCO was really concerned with service reliability, why has it not removed this tree hazard? If someone is injured or killed one day by this tree falling, SWEPCO could be liable for a large lawsuit settlement.

But the sad fact is electric monopolies like SWEPCO are a unique business model. If they did get hit with a million dollar settlement for not removing a known hazard, they would just pass along that cost to their ratepayers – AND MAKE A PROFIT ON IT.

SWEPCO is guaranteed a return on equity of 10.2 percent. Monopolies are unlike any other business in the country. Other businesses only survive by controlling expenses. Monopolies have a vested interest in spending like there is no tomorrow.

Monopolies get paid more the more they spend and are guaranteed a high rate of return. This has led again and again to utilities over estimating the need for new power plants, office buildings and power transmission lines. A retired Highway Patrolman I knew who worked for utility deregulation once told me: "A power company would rather spend a \$1 for a pencil than 5 cents."

SWEPCO is saddling its ratepayers with projects in the hundreds of millions. But when it comes to simple thing like following trimming a tree hanging over power lines, SWEPCO seems to not be uninterested. Must not be enough money in it.

County assessments due May 31

Carroll County personal or business personal property taxes can be paid without penalty before the deadline – May 31.

Commercial personal property assessment forms can be downloaded or personal property can be assessed online at <http://co.carroll.ar.us>.

Sunday at UUF

May 12: Sharon Spurlin will help celebrate Mother's Day with a talk on "Reflections and Favorite Stories of Motherhood." She will also invite Fellowship participants to share favorite stories about mothers or being a mother.

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

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A tisket a tasket

— Jane Tucker weaves the bottom pieces of square basket with a herringbone pattern in ESSA's basket weaving class Friday, May 3, taught by Billy Owens of Owens Oak Baskets. The strips are all white oak cut by Owens. The split oak apple basket in the foreground was made by Tucker on the first day of the class Thursday. For information on other ESSA classes see www.ESSA-ART.org.

PHOTO BY DAVID FRANK DEMPSEY

Condoleezza Rice featured speaker May 10

The Chick-fil-A Leadercast Webinar at the Berryville Community Center on May 10 will also be web streamed into cities all over the world from the live event in Atlanta. Condoleezza Rice is the featured speaker along with John Maxwell, Coach K and Andy Stanley along with several others.

Come hear the country's top speakers and network with area business representatives, educators, medical and church affiliates. There will also be great door prizes including a stay at Big Cedar Lodge, Dogwood Canyon tickets, a quilt from Memory Lane Shop and more. Phone (870) 423-3704 for tickets. Ticket price is \$75 or \$65 for ten or more. Enjoy a nice lunch and a day you won't soon forget.

Plant sale rescheduled

The Master Gardeners of Carroll County plant sale postponed on May 4 will be held at 9 a.m. Friday, May 10, at Cornerstone Bank on West Trimble in Berryville and from 8 a.m. –1 p.m. Saturday, May 11, at the Community First Bank, West Trimble in Berryville.

There will be more than 600 plants for sale, including geraniums, hot pink and lavender pink; blanket flowers, burgundy and apricot; butterfly bushes, black knight; coral bells, purple palace; salvia, rose; cone flowers; dragon wing begonias; vegetables and herbs plus many other types of flowers and shrubs.

New schedule for postponed art events

Believe it or not, there's still time to sign up for the ArtRageous Parade, now scheduled for 2 p.m. Saturday, May 11. Ride, walk, dance or roller skate your way to a cash prize! The parade after-party will be from 3 – 5 p.m. in Basin Park. Go to mayfestivalofthearts.com to sign up.

Eureka Springs High School Student Art Panels will be unveiled at the Art Wall in the parking lot across from the New Delhi at 10 a.m. They're fabulous – don't miss 'em.

From 12 – 2 p.m. the CAPC is sponsoring a jazz quartet in Basin Park.

The Sphere relighting and party will begin at 7:30 p.m. in Basin Park, after which drumming with Angelo will pick up the luminous beat. Come celebrate the arts in Eureka Springs!

Sign design contest offers \$100 prize

Create a sign and logo for the new dog park and you may win \$100 and permanent recognition at the soon-to-be-built park. A sign does not need to be constructed for the contest, just provide a sketch/drawing of your idea to scale (final allowable size will be 12 sq. ft.) for Eureka Springs Dog Park and a description of permanent material/s you intend to use (non-electric); and also submit a logo idea for advertising and promotion (sketch only). The Eureka Springs Dog Park Advisory Committee will choose the winner.

Send submissions and/or questions to Rachel at rachelmrbrix@yahoo.com, to Bill at mrantiq50s@yahoo.com or mail to PO Box 131, Eureka Springs, AR 72632 Attn: Dog Park Sign Contest.

Submissions will be accepted throughout May – deadline is May 31 at 5 p.m. The winner will be announced in June.

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Last week's freakish weather was the star and start of this year's May Festival of the Arts. Even the successful and very fun May 1 MUGS en Masse outdoor reception at the Queen Anne Mansion was full of dramatic tension as several large thunderheads formed directly above us. As artists were quickly herded into the courtyard for the group photo-op, I overheard more than one comment about a single bolt of lightening wiping out the major chunk of our creative community.



Needless to say, and to the chagrin of some, we are all still here.

Big thanks to Steve, Lata and the Queen Anne staff for going all out and hosting one of the finest parties Eureka has seen in years.

We were not so lucky this past weekend, as May Fest events got cancelled because of foul weather. The Artrageous Parade, the drumming in the park and the official ultra-violet lighting of the SPHERE are all rescheduled for this Saturday.

Not even Jesus could save the day as the much-anticipated Friday re-opening of the Great Passion Play was postponed to the following day due to snow. Yes snow – and record cold temperatures in May. I was one of the skeptics who said, “snow in May, no way,” especially after the Weather Channel's false gloom and doom predictions for our little town all winter long.

Rather than keep the SPHERE wrapped up in black plastic for another week, Creative Energy Project producer Jeremy Mason McGraw and SPHERE creator Robert Norman decided to unveil and light the spinning sculpture in Basin Park Saturday

night anyway.

Despite its “official” cancellation, SPHERE devotees came out in full force to see what the infamous Stick Man had created. The oohs and aahs were telling as a genuine and rare sense of awe came over the gathered crowd. Bravo, Mr. Norman.

So this Saturday we are going to do it right with a frenzied drumming in the park, hundreds of LED lights combined with the energy of locals and a few hundred tourists.

I know it's not painted Harleys, but could we get our “Who doesn't like electricity?” mayor and our city council (with the exception of alderman DeVito, who actually supports the arts and artists in the community) to attend at least one art event this May? It's a little embarrassing to have a mayor who heads the “Mayor's Art Council” who has never been spotted at a single art event in this town. This is the May Festival of the Arts, a month long celebration now in its 26th year. We need everyone's support.

P.S. As I was checking the MUGS portraits to see how they held up in last week's snow and rain, I noticed a few portraits already enhanced with magic markers. I so do appreciate the enthusiasm but hope everyone will hold out for the official Graffiti event May 24.

And the MUGS poster is available in galleries around town and at my store, Sweet Spring Antiques.

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Carol Dickie at Eureka Thyme May 11

Meet artist Carol Dickie on May 11 during the 2nd May Gallery Stroll. Carol is a Signature Member of the National Watercolor Association and has paintings at the Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art Gift Shop. Enjoy some of her new paintings and the first in a series of limited edition prints in this special show. Carol is releasing two prints per year on 100% cotton rag paper, using archival inks with acid-free packaging. Released this year will be two new paintings, “Buffalo Blues” and “Afternoon Moon.” Immerse your senses in Carol's abstract naturalism with brilliant colors and stunning shadows. Meet Carol between the hours of 1 – 4 p.m. and again from 6 – 9 p.m. at Eureka Thyme, 19 Spring Street.



AFTERNOON MOON
BY CAROL DICKIE

Ray demonstration at Jewel Box May 11

The Jewel Box hosts Johnny Ray as he demonstrates painting skills he developed over the past 30 years. His crisp details, strong colors and devotion to realism are exhibited in his collection of prints depicting architecture, wildlife and fire fighting scenes. Meet the artist from 2 – 5 p.m. and again at the reception from 6:30 – 9 p.m., 40 Spring Street.

Fantasy & Imagination at Iris

Valerie Hubbard Damon will be the featured artist for the May 11 Gallery Stroll at Iris at the Basin Park, introducing 15 new ‘bone’ creatures, dolls and rocking horses. This visionary's imagination has soared to a higher level of fantasy in this new art. Valerie will be signing books and prints as well as sharing stories from 1 – 4 and 6 – 9 p.m. Be sure to stop in and see her new work.



MM Kent workshop registration open

Artist MM Kent will instruct a four-day oil and/or acrylic painting workshop at ESSA May 28 – 31. Using live models, he will focus on figure painting using impressionistic style conveying the beauty of the subject. Kent, in his 27th year as an oil painter, balances his work with landscapes, still life and figure painting. He is a member of the Fayetteville Underground and demonstrates plein air at the Fayetteville Farmers' Market on a regular basis. He has shown paintings in 14 states and won top prizes in several national competitions. See samples of Kent's work at www.wingsandroots.com. Register for this and other workshops at www.essa-art.org.



SLIPPERS BY MM KENT

Short story workshop sign-up open

Sanderia Faye-Smith is teaching a Community Writing Program workshop on *Crafting the Short Story* at the Writers' Colony at Dairy Hollow Monday, May 20, from 1 – 4 p.m. Students will work with writing prompts and begin a short story during class. Smith is a PhD candidate and professor in the School of Arts and Humanities at the University of Texas, Dallas. She received an MFA in Creative Writing/Fiction from Arizona State University, and taught English Composition for The United States Navy (PACE) through Central Texas College.

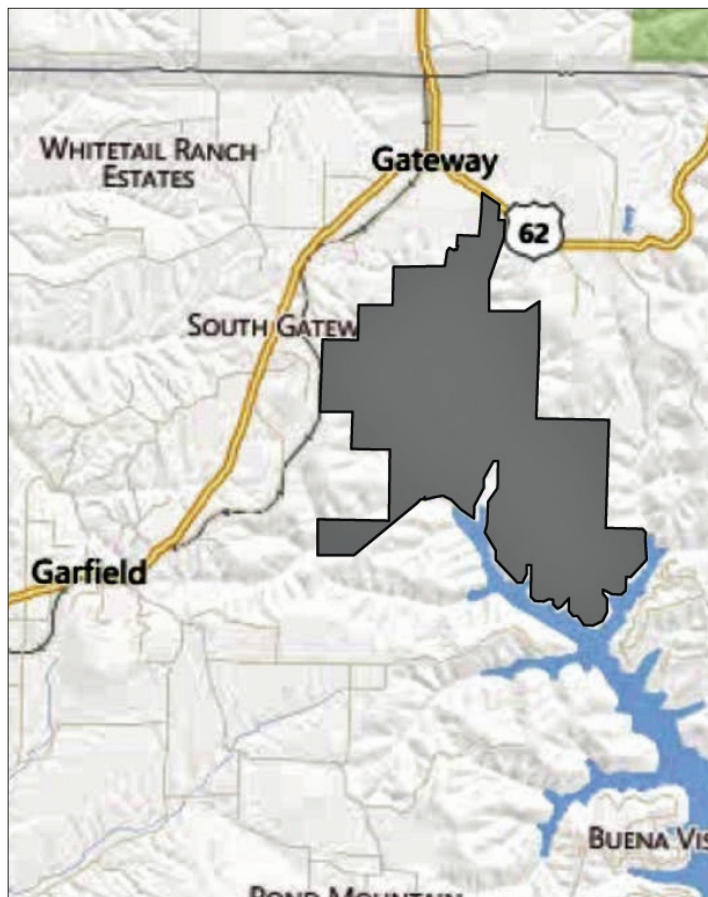


An excerpt from her forthcoming novel, *Mourning Bench*, appeared in *Mythium Literary Journal*, and in *Arsnick: The Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee in Arkansas*, by Jennifer Wallach and John Kirk. This led to her moderating the grassroots panel for the Arkansas Civil Rights Symposium during the Freedom Riders 50th Anniversary.

Pre-registration is required. Fee is \$25, payable on registration. For more information, see www.writerscolony.org. To register, call Linda Caldwell, WCDH director (479) 253-7444 or email director@writerscolony.org.

TheNATUREofEUREKA by Steven Foster

The devil's in the details



The Frisco Railroad surveyed land near Garfield in 1880 intent on putting in the track that runs through the town today. Pioneer residents were greatly interested in exactly where the railroad would traverse through their neighborhood. One settler, Archibald "Uncle Arch" Blansett is quoted as saying, "Build a railroad right through these mountains? You can't do it man; you can't do it. You might as well try to build a railroad on the Devil's eyebrow as to undertake to build one in such a place." (Quoted by Erwin Fink, 1957 in *The Benton County Pioneer*).

The railroad was built and the name stuck. "Devil's Eyebrow" is now part of our Arkansas heritage – a property dedicated last Friday in a cold, rare May snowstorm. Located in northeast Benton County (entrance on the left about a half-mile before Gateway this side of U.S. 62) it is now and forever known as the Devil's Eyebrow Natural Area.

The property includes 1,375 acres of deeply dissected, steep slopes encompassing the headwaters of Indian Creek, the bluffs known as the Devil's Eyebrow, Trimble Mountain and three miles of undeveloped shoreline along Beaver Lake.

It is the 71st property owned by the Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission. The Commission

has one of the greater behind-the-scenes impacts on preserving, conserving and documenting Arkansas's natural history.

It employs several field biologists who know the state's flora and fauna better than any other scientists.

The Devil's Eyebrow Natural Area, typical of most commission properties, is something you have to know about to find. Most commission natural areas are not parks in the recreational sense. The vast majority do not have marked, developed trails, but usually have a sign near a small parking area at an access entrance. Overnight camping is not allowed.

These are special properties preserved for their unusual geological features or biodiversity. Devil's Eyebrow Natural Area has it all. For decades, it has been a destination for botanists. More than 600 plant species, including several rare species, live there, notably, several northern plant species disjunct from their normal ranges, reaching their southern limits in this little slice of protected Ozark paradise.

See the Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission Website for more information.





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Goose steps – This five-day-old gosling makes a beeline for a red earthworm snack at Blue Spring as Darcy Huffman watches. The gosling was the lone survivor after predators killed its mother near her nest by the spring. The gosling became imprinted with human parents and follows people everywhere while father goose sits on an empty nest.

PHOTO BY DAVID FRANK DEMPSEY

Derby race – ESPD Chief Earl Hyatt and Mayor Morris Pate give Camden Boardman and Jordan Clark some last minute pointers before the fourth grade derby race sponsored by the Eureka Springs Police Department on May 6. Winner was Sadie Antonie.

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King would be proud –

Members of the King Gladden family (from left), Elizabeth Wing, Adam Wing, Alex Gladden, Grace Gladden Nance, Will Gladden, Kirk Dupps (who made the presentation), Crystal Gladden Wing, Noah Wing and Caroline Wing gather around a plaque honoring King's effort to preserve the area at the Devil's Eyebrow Natural Area dedication.

PHOTO BY BEAU ZAR SATORI



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.

It was more than a year after Nancy's wedding. Johnny and Susan sat out in the springtime breeze and talked about what was uppermost in their minds, the fact that Clabe Ash had asked their permission for him and Mary to marry. They had given it.

The farmers in the hills were planting their crops. Many who had previously planted only corn and cane for their own use and hay crops for the feeding of their animals, were now planting more vegetables. Farmers, with the help of their wives and children were planting vegetables. Plots, which had once lain fallow or had been used for pastureland were now being converted to vegetables.

Men who had never known the art of selling anything were loading their wagons with seasonable vegetables, hauling them into Eureka Springs, peddling them from door to door. Eager housewives bought them direct from the wagons when they stopped at their doors.

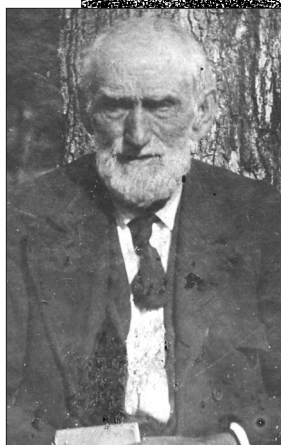
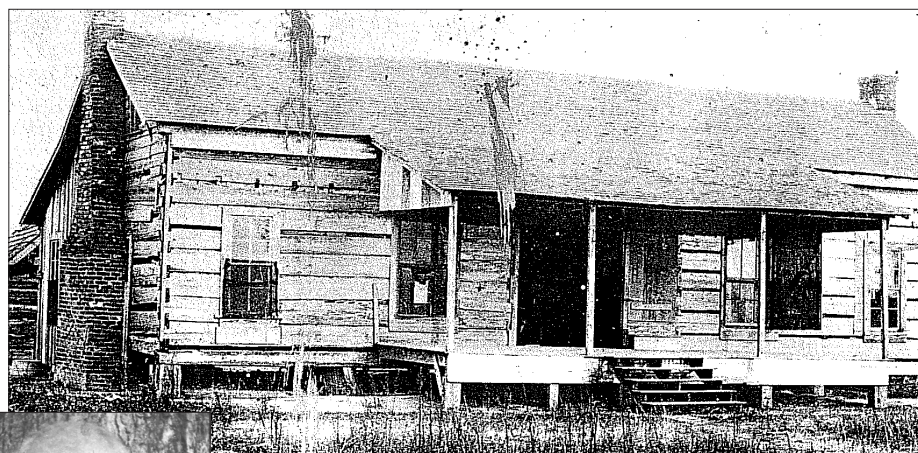
Johnny Gaskins had tried it, too, but it was not for him.

"I'm used to givin' away what I don't need to folks that do. I ain't got the heart to go around chargin' folks for things they need an' I got plenty of. It don't seem right to me. I don't know what th' world is comin' to."

Bears were getting more scarce all the time, since they had been outnumbered by people in the hills. Since the coming of the railroad, many men had found gainful employment in making and selling railroad ties. Timberlands were being cleared of oak for making ties. The locust, cedar and a few other types of timber were being cut into fence posts, hauled to Gaskins Switch and loaded onto waiting flat cars, where they were shipped to Kansas and other markets.

Johnny could see there was money to be made in the timber business. He owned land in various parts of two counties. He felt the time had come to make some changes in his lifestyle. He made arrangements with timber cutters to cut his on a sharing basis.

Soon the sounds of saws and axes rang throughout the woods. Wagons were



coming and going from the woods to the railroad switch. Since Jimmy had returned for his sister's wedding, he had not mentioned leaving home again.

"There's plenty of work for you around here,"

his father had told him. "An' besides that, your Ma needs you to help with th' boy. He's getting' big enough to be of some help if anybody could get him to do it. Maybe you can get him interested in doin' something besides sweet-talkin' your Ma into doin' anything he wants her to do. Jim, that boy ain't a-goin' to be worth a hilla' beans if you don't get hold of him."

It was on a trip to Eureka Springs, accompanied by his son, that Jim Gaskins met a man who was interested in something different. Something the hills produced in abundance. Roots and herbs for medicinal purposes.

Doc Hughes, as he was known to his friends, knew every herb that grew in the hill country and more that that, he knew what illness they cured. He would pay well for such roots and herbs when delivered to his small frame building in Eureka Springs. Yellow root, ginseng, seneca, black root, poke root and many others growing wild in the woods were being sold for more money than some men were making by cutting ties.

Jim Gaskins was familiar with all growing things. Here might be something he could do and at the same time, get his son interested in going along. At least it

would be a chance for them to be together. It would be worth a try.

The father and son team talked with Doc Hughes for hours at a time. They learned the going prices of herbs they had been familiar with all their lives, as well as others, which up to this time had been worthless in the eyes of natives who walked among them, unaware of their medicinal value, or that they were marketable.

Jim and Little Jimmy foraged the woods together, gathering herbs for their newly found market. Doc Hughes gratefully accepted each batch as they were delivered to him, weighing them on the small hand scale and paying them a handsome price for each pound. The roots had to be thoroughly dried before he could ship them to market in Kansas City. He offered a better price per pound for dried roots than when they were green and fresh from the soil.

Soon Jim and Jimmy were spending about three days each week digging the roots, and two more taking them down to the creek and washing them free of dirt and mud. Then they were placed out on a board in the sun for the drying process.

It was during that time that Jim Gaskins discovered his son doing something that, for the first time in his life, made him ashamed of him. After taking a nap and resting one afternoon, he walked down to the creek to see what Jimmy was doing that kept him so long among the drying roots. There, he witnessed Jimmy, with the use of a pegging awl, making small holes in the roots and inserting buckshot into the opening left by the sharp point of the instrument.

"Jimmy, what in the world are you

doing?" he called to the surprised boy, who had not been aware of his father's approach.

"Well, I am just a-tryin' somethin'." I figured that if I put a lot of these buck shot into these holes, they will swivel up when they dry and then Doc Hughes will never know that they are weighin' a lot more than they would without the shot in 'em. That way, we're getting' paid a pretty good price a pound for buck shot. See Pa, I thought of it all by myself."

The boy waited for his father's approval.

"Jimmy, I'm ashamed of you. That is not honest. There are a lot of people in this world that are not honest, but none was give to wear th' name of Gaskins. Remember that. That name was give to me by my Pa and I gave it to you. It's an honest name. Let's keep it that way. Now tell me, have you been puttin' buckshot in any of the roots that we have all ready sold to Doc Hughes?"

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Park bark – Hi, I'm Chester and I have lots to bark about. To help celebrate the May Festival of the Arts the dog park people are looking for someone to design the main sign for the dog park! 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. Contest ends May 31. And don't forget to bring your dog out to Basin Park on May 25 and check out the bake sale. There will be yummy people treats and dog treats, too (of course). Plus you'll be able to buy a brick for the memorial garden inside the park to commemorate all your furry friends. Call Rachel at 244-9151 or Bill at 253-2658 for more info or check us out on Facebook. The next dog park meeting is on Wednesday, May 15 at 6 p.m. at the library annex – and you're invited to come share your insights and suggestions. Get your tail waggin' and help us get that park built!

Honey, I brought dinner

– Okay, you don't have to go with a macaroni bodice and cherry tomato necklace, just remember to get your pasta art together for Fun After 5!'s Spaghetti Circus and the *Independent's* Pasta Art contest in Basin Park at 5 p.m., May 24. There will be Pasta Art contest prizes for kids and adults. No need to register, just bring your art to Basin Park by 5 for judging at 5:30 p.m. For more information, phone Gwen at 253-6101.



Poetluck May 16 is a double header

Writers in Residence Reggie Scott Young and Jen Nipps will read at Poetluck Thursday, May 16, at the Writers' Colony at Dairy Hollow. Young is a member of the English faculty at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette and member of the Macondo Writers' Workshop in San Antonio. A prolific author and teacher, he was named to the list of One Hundred Significant Illinois Poets and has published several poetry chapbooks, numerous academic books and essays in addition to poems, stories and works of creative nonfiction. His book of poetry, *The River Bluesville*, will appear in 2014.

Jen Nipps is a long-time Colony supporter, prolific author and Oklahoma resident. She will read from her latest book, *80 Creativity Tips*. Everyone is welcome, and local writers can read from their work for up to four minutes. The evening starts with a potluck dinner at 6:30 p.m. at the Writers' Colony, 515 Spring Street. Please join in and bring a dish to share.

Pine Mountain Theater benefit for two women of courage May 23

As many know, RoAnna McDaniel and Susan Chamberlain, both leaders in our community for years, have had a tough battle with medical issues over the past year.

They are winning the battle and their future is bright, but with the fight comes escalating medical bills making the challenge for daily existence almost impossible. So, in typical Eureka Springs fashion, the community is invited to rally for an evening of great music, fun, fellowship and to raise money for Ro and Susan.

Plan to be in the audience Thursday, May 23, at 7:30 p.m. at the Pine

Mountain Theater. The show is free, but donations will be accepted with all proceeds going to these two ladies. This also gives everyone a chance to preview the new 2013 Pine Mountain Show and see old friends while helping these two women of courage!

More information on activities for the evening will be coming soon, but mark your calendar now and start spreading the word. Invite your friends, challenge them to collect donations and plan to attend. It will be a lot of fun and hopefully raise a lot of money for Ro and Susan. For more information call The Pine Mountain Theater (479) 253-9156

GSHS membership meeting May 16

The annual Good Shepherd Membership Meeting will be held Thursday, May 16, at 6 p.m. in the Pine Room at the Inn of the Ozarks. All members are urged to attend. Snacks will be served.

Stand up and paddle May 21!

SUP (Stand up and Paddle) Outfitters will have a ribbon-cutting event May 21, 4:30 p.m. at Starkey Marina. The public is invited, and those who wish may bring shorts and swimsuits to participate in standup

paddle boarding.

There will be refreshments and door prizes. Don't miss this opportunity to see (and experience) this fun outdoor water activity. For more information, phone (479) 244-7380.

Festival Explores the Magic of Books

Have you found yourself so immersed in a book that it feels as if you've been transported? Or spent a few hours being whipsawed by a plot with more twists and turns than the Pig Trail? Ever felt a pang of loss when you arrived at the end of a story and had to part ways with characters that had come to seem like friends? And then, have you ever asked yourself, "How did the author do that?"

How authors do what they do, what inspires them, and how they learned to spin ideas, images and dialogue into words that leap off the page ... those are the kinds of things readers want to know. Since 2005, Books in Bloom is one place people have been finding those answers, and this year is no exception. Make plans now to join fellow readers and favorite authors at Books in Bloom on May 19 from Noon – 5 p.m. at the Crescent Hotel.

From its elegant setting in the gardens and Conservatory of the historic hotel, Books in Bloom invites readers to step into a world apart. The free festival is a project of the Carroll and Madison Public Library Foundation, a volunteer organization dedicated to supporting the efforts of the six libraries that make up the two-county system. Creating an event smaller and more intimate than the multi-day festivals held in Little Rock and elsewhere, Books in Bloom co-chairs, Lin Wellford and Jean Elderwind have focused on filling one Sunday afternoon each May with a veritable buffet of literary delights.

This year's speakers include Craig Johnson, creator of the *Longmire* series that has been spun off into a television show; Catherine Coulter, one of the grand dames of contemporary fiction; James Grippando, author of ten faced-paced thrillers; and R. Clifton Spargo, an award winning writer whose latest work details the life of Zelda Fitzgerald. In addition, there is an exciting lineup of local and regional authors who will offer readings throughout the afternoon.

Complete presentation and reading schedule handouts will be available onsite, or visit www.BooksinBloom.org now for a complete listing of times and participants.



HI Theater Guild romp begins May 16

The Holiday Island Theater Guild is set to premier their production of the melodrama, *Lily, the Virtuous Seamstress*, written by Alice McDonald with music and lyrics by Carol Zadnik, and directed by Elise Buchman. A dinner theater is scheduled for Thursday, May 16 (limited tickets available), and non-dinner theater performances for Friday, May 17, and Saturday, May 18, at 7:30 p.m. All performances will be held in the Ballroom of the Holiday Island Clubhouse.

The musical play promises to be one of the most hilarious productions put on by this veteran group of actors.

Debuting on the Holiday Island Stage are Clare Roy Thompson from Clear Spring School and Brian Byerley of Holiday Island.

The audience will be encouraged to cheer the hero (Byerley) as he falls in love with Lily (Thompson) and boo the villains (Curt Swartzlander and Bill Harris) while they scheme their way into Mrs. Merriwellborn's fortune. Throwing of vegetables, however, is prohibited.

Tickets are \$10 for Friday and Saturday; dinner theater on Thursday night is \$27.50. Phone (479) 981-6885 or (479) 253-5622 for tickets.

DROPPING A Line by Robert Johnson

What's this, a carp? Well it's worthy of a picture and a story at 14.5 pounds and caught on a Rooster tail with 6 lb. line while fishing for white bass. Mike Holbrook from KC got this one in near Beaver before cold air came back in on us. Mrs. Holbrook talked us into releasing it because she did not want to cook it. Can't say I blame her. By the way, carp are rated in the top 10 as fresh water fighting fish.

Most our warm water fish here at Holiday Island want some sun, two to three days of it then another warm rain, not cold, and all will pick up again. Water temps are back down to 58-59°. Should be back into the low 60s in a few days, then fish that have not laid their eggs will get back to it.

Look for crappie in shoreline brush, walleye and whites off the river bends, flats and gravel bars from Holiday Island to as far up the river as you can get.

Leatherwood Creek and the humps around the Island can produce, too. Look for black bass chasing bait on the flats.

Beaver Lake water temps are about the same, with most stripers being caught up in the White and War Eagle arms laying eggs and feeding. Smaller shad and brood shiners are still the best bait with little or no weights.

For trout, small Rooster tails, spoons and countdown Rapalas can catch them. A worm on the shank of your hook with power bait or a small marshmallow covering the rest, fished off the bottom, works well. I use a sliding worm weight held up about 16 in. above the hook with a swivel or rubber band so line slides through weight and your trout won't feel it when picking up your hook. This will work drift fishing the gravel flats or bank fishing below the dam.

Well good luck and take a kid fishing.



Make mom's day with music

Thank mom for all she does by taking her to John Two-Hawks' annual Mothers' Day concert on May 12, 2 p.m., at the city auditorium. The concert opens with the Afro-Disiacs to put mom in a happy groove. Two-Hawks will debut new music from his *Beautiful World* CD with guest musicians Van Adams and Wil Brown.



There will be free chair massages for moms thanks to Northwest Arkansas School of Massage, and the City Advertising and Promotion Commission will honor all mothers with carnations.

Admission is free to all mothers. For other tickets and info call (479) 253-5826 or visit www.johntwohawks.com.

WCDH teacher honored

— Laura Parker Castoro, a Writers' Colony at Dairy Hollow creative writing teacher, WCDH past president and board director, received two awards at The Romantic Times Annual Convention recently in Kansas City, Mo. She was honored with the Legend of Romance award and the Romance Pioneer Award for Forging the Way for Romance since 1980. Castoro's published writing career spans 31 years — so far. She has published 39 books with major publishing houses in genres including historical and contemporary romance, romantic suspense, westerns, sagas, contemporary African American fiction, and most recently women's fiction. Castoro is the current president of Novelists, Inc. She created WCDH's Community Writing Program in 2004. For more about her work, visit www.lauracastoro.com.



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transport clean power from typical rural resource-rich areas to more heavily populated urban areas with high demand. Construction of these transmission lines will create thousands of temporary and permanent jobs, reduce pollution caused by harmful emissions, and improve the security and diversity of America's energy supply through a free market approach."

Pryor said that Section 1222

of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 authorizes the DOE and Southwestern Power Administration to enter into partnerships with the private sector to expand the nation's transmission system and promote renewable energy development.

Pryor urges the Secretary of Energy to complete its review of this project quickly and give appropriate consideration to Clean Line Energy Partner's 1222 application.

"Clean Line recently partnered with General Cable in Malvern, Ark., to supply the 25 million feet of conductor for the Plains & Eastern Clean Line transmission project," Pryor's letter states. "Depending on the cost of materials, this order could be worth \$100 million or more, with almost half of the conductor being used in Arkansas. In addition, other companies such as Nordex, LM Windpower and Beckman Volmer

have spent millions on factories in Arkansas to supply the wind business in the United States.

"Arkansas can continue to be a leader in job development for the wind industry if new transmission lines are built to unlock this domestic resource. I look forward to our continued work together to create jobs, move us toward energy independence and develop energy solutions that improve the environment," Pryor said.

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will determine the route. Carroll Electric recognizes the route the project will take is of great concern to everyone involved. We equally respect the interests of landowners affected by the route, as well as the difficult challenges routing this project ordered by SPP through such a growing and vibrant area poses to SWEPCO."

Plagge said it is the role of SPP to determine the need for transmission improvements in compliance with regulations from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and the North American Electric Reliability Corporation. SWEPCO has submitted information from SPP to the APSC, and SPP has filed a motion to intervene in the case.

When asked about whether energy conservation and use of renewable energy could negate the need for the highly controversial new power line, Plagge said Carroll Electric has been preaching energy efficiency and conservation since the oil embargo of the 1970s. She said the company offers free energy audits, free building leakage tests, free energy efficiency seminars and a partnership with Energy Star. Federal and state

efficiency rebates are promoted when available.

"Yet our demands continue to rise as new accounts connect to the system," Plagge said. Questions have been raised about the size of the tall buildings under construction at the CECC headquarters in Berryville. Plagge said the headquarters buildings in Berryville had been bursting at the seams for a number of years, which posed an interesting question for the board of directors. Should the headquarters remain in Carroll County, its roots, or be relocated to Benton County where 60 percent of its customers are located?

"In 2008, the board directed management to begin plans for expanding the Berryville headquarters warehouse and office facilities, leaving one of Carroll County's largest employers and property taxpayers in Carroll County," Plagge said. "The original headquarters building was built in 1973 with the vision it would meet the cooperative's needs for the next 30 years. That was 40 years ago. This same vision is being applied to the expansion of the Berryville facilities."

Plagge said record low interest loans are funding the expansion, materials and construction prices continue to be affordable, the buildings are engineered

to be extremely energy efficient by utilizing geothermal technology, and local contractors have been used keeping many Carroll County residents employed.

"The final phase of Carroll Electric's expansion will include a reopening of the community room with state-of-the-art multi-media technology," Plagge said. "Providing this facility to the general public was an important factor to the board of directors in deciding to keep the headquarters facility in Berryville. The cooperative is privileged to help Carroll County continue to grow."

This past year CECC ended the year with just over 89,100 consumers and purchased a total of 1.88 billion kilowatt hours from the Arkansas Electric Cooperation Corp. for their members.

Plagge did not answer questions about the tall concrete structure at the new complex that has only one large opening at the top. People have questioned what the tower is for. A source who has looked at the drawings of the expansion at the headquarters said the structure listed is an elevator shaft, and that a building will be built around the tower, although elevator shafts normally have openings on each floor.



Main Street on Center – A group of citizens met with President of Main Street America, Patrice Frey, for lunch at DeVito's on May 3. From left, Jack Moyer, Morris Pate, Charles Templeton, Samantha Evans, director of Main Street Arkansas, Jackie Wolven, director of ESDN, Sandra Templeton, Frey, and Mike Bishop, President, Chamber of Commerce. Eureka Springs is celebrating the city's designation as a Main Street America community.

Celebrate Arkansas Heritage Month May 16 with preservation/stewardship awards

The Eureka Springs Preservation Society and Eureka Springs Historic District Commission invite the public to celebrate *35 Years of Historic Preservation in Eureka Springs* (1987 – 2013) and *Arkansas Heritage Month: Saving our Heritage—Arkansas' Historic Structures* on Thursday, May 16, 6 p.m. at the Grand Central Hotel, 37 N. Main.

The ESPS and HDC have joined forces to present the program, which will include ESPS awards for historic preservation projects completed in 2012 and HCD awards for long-term stewardship of historic properties. The awards ceremony will begin after a brief annual meeting of the Preservation Society.

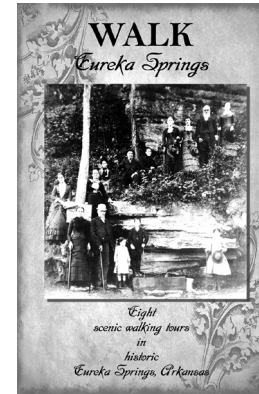
Local architect. Robert “Butch” Berry, will present “Historic Structures of Eureka Springs.” The new book, *Walk Eureka Springs: Eight scenic walking*

tours, produced with a grant from the Department of Arkansas Heritage, will be introduced and copies will be available to those attending.

The Community Development Partnership received funds for *Eureka Springs' Historic Street Vignettes*, a set of mini-documentaries centered around the fifteen interpretative signs on Main and Spring Streets. These will be previewed later this month.

The public is invited to share in this appreciation for those who have contributed their time and resources to making Eureka Springs a Nationally Significant Historic District on the U.S. National Register of Historic Places. Refreshments will be served.

For more information, please contact Glenna Booth, 253-9703 or Dee Bright, 253-9582.



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power lines. And now, though the lines won't cross their property, they're being faced with huge power lines nearby and in their sight line. We've had other clients in the path ask if they should sell quickly but, obviously, that's not a solution, as any potential impact needs to be disclosed.

“We just need to keep fighting the entire project to protect everyone,” Murphy said.

State law requires that first the APSC determine if there is a need for the proposed project. Then, if a need is found, the APSC determines the most reasonable route. Bethel said the APSC would evaluate the evidence before making a decision in writing that is likely to come about a month after the hearing. By law, the decision must be rendered within 60 days of the hearing.

As of this week, nearly 4,000 comments had been made on the proposal on the website for the APSC, the vast majority of them opposing the project. Bethel said the large number of public comment would be

taken into consideration.

Opponents have stated they were under the impression that APSC said concerns of individual landowners would not be taken into consideration.

“The impact on the affected landowners is a consideration that will be a factor in deciding the proper route for the facility,” Bethel said. “That is part of the consideration, the impact on property along the proposed route. That will be evaluated.”

Bethel said written comments would carry the same weight as comments made at public hearings.

Some cases before the APSC generate a lot of comment, and others don't. “This one has,” he said.

The APSC has three commission members, all attorneys, who will make the decision. In addition to considering public comments, a number of entities have filed to intervene in the proceedings including the local group Save The Ozarks. Carroll County and the City of Eureka Springs have passed resolutions opposing the power line proposals, but have not intervened. Cities elsewhere on the route who have intervened include Cave Springs, Bentonville, Garfield,

Gateway and Springdale.

Asked why Eureka Springs didn't intervene, Mayor Morris Pate said, “The city council made that collective decision when they passed the resolution on Monday night's council meeting... their decision should be sufficient!”

“As a city, we do not have the resources to prove or disprove whether the SWEPCO line is needed or not,” alderman James DeVito said. “Since none of the proposed routes cross city property our position is very limited in any criticism as to where SWEPCO wants to place their lines.”

However, a check of the city limits line shows a portion of the Eureka Spring railroad yard is included in the city limits. One of the routes for the proposed power line runs between the train station and the sewer plant. Opponents have stated that the 150 ft. tall transmission line would be visible from Spring Street and locations on North Main.

The resolution passed by the Eureka Springs City Council doesn't discuss need for the line, and states that the city opposes the new power line “in

the Eureka Springs area.”

Doug Stowe, who lives near the route that would pass between the train station and the city's sewer plant, said it isn't just people whose land is taken for the transmission line who would be affected.

“The route runs just north of the city limits,” he said. “It would be clearly visible from the city limits. It is crazy in all this that the only ones SWEPCO and the APSC assume will face damages from their unnecessary line expansion are the landowners, when in actual fact, all property owners will face loss of value of their homes and properties, higher taxes and higher utility rates. Those whose properties are near the lines but are not crossed by them will get no compensation for the loss of beauty and the loss of quality of life that results from them. For example, the line proposed on my property would run right along the property line shared with my neighbors to the south. They will have these 150-foot tall towers dwarfing their home, maintenance helicopters buzzing over their heads and get absolutely nothing in compensation for their loss.”

Solar Eclipse – Something Essential Disappears

Thursday is a Taurus new moon solar eclipse. Eclipses tell us something has come to an end, having reached its completion. The Sun (solar logos), hidden at solar eclipses, is the source of our essential life energy. When the Sun's light (life essence) is hidden, something essential within our life becomes hidden, too. And disappears. Eclipse effects last six months – three months prior and three months after. Venus enters Gemini Thursday. Venus unites,

blends and harmonizes dualities. Venus takes conflicts and uplifts them into creative expressions.

Sunday is Mother's Day. Let us honor, respect and acknowledge her with compassion. Motherhood is a difficult initiation.

Sunday is also Shavuot, celebrating the giving Ten Commandments (Aries Age Laws, Torah) to Moses on Mt. Sinai (which suddenly blossomed with flowers, making the Jewish people a "nation

committed to serving God." Shavuot is also an agricultural holiday, the barley harvest, celebrating the first fruits of spring.

Mercury enters Gemini Wednesday. It's a lively position for Mercury, filled with intelligent possibilities, information gathering, inventiveness, grace of speech and manners, agreeing with everyone, keen perception, harmonizing all things into an active and radiant unity! Mercury builds the Rainbow Bridge.

ARIES: The solar eclipse brings a focus on resources and finances and asks the question "what is of value to you?" It's good to increase savings and use resources for future security. Not only money. But using resources to create a future lifestyle that reflects a simple, more community and cooperative way of life that includes many people. Keep a watchful eye on assets. Increase tithing to those in need. Define your material, emotional, mental and spiritual values.

TAURUS: There continues to be an expansion of personal identity, self-esteem and self-recognition. It's good to make a list with many columns such as strengths, gifts, abilities, likes, dislikes, hopes, wishes and visions. Each day write words that describe you in each column. During this time new potentials and opportunities for self-expression will come forth providing you with more self-confidence, expanding your horizons. Where do you want to relocate?

GEMINI: A spiritual and psychological expansion is occurring. Others could think you've become psychic or intuitive. Dreams may have increased. Record all dreams in a journal. Over time, dreams relay a message and each dream is one part of that message. If fears and/or desires emerge unexpectedly, allow them also to tell you their story. During this time what's been hidden for years emerges out of the darkness into the light. You are that light.

CANCER: You are concerned always with family matters. Now you become concerned for the larger family called humanity. Interested in society, groups and organizations you observe how

groups significantly help grow values in the lives of others. You are very charitable. However, this charity must first be extended to the self. You are a humanitarian, offering selfless service always. You know humanity is good. You are good.

LEO: You have been thinking about your career, your work and position in the world. Internally you appreciate public recognition. You also are somewhat shy at times. It's important to acknowledge your determination and aspiration to advance and move forward into the world of your goals. You seek something in form and matter that lets you know your efforts are not in vain. And that you are deserving and successful. That your visions are real. You are all of these. Even your visions.

VIRGO: Your mind has turned to questions of ethics, religion, morality and the philosophical. It would be good to acquire and actually read a book from the Philosophical Research Society (Los Feliz Blvd., Hollywood) by Manly P. Hall, *The Secret Teachings of all Ages*. You are seeking a foundation and sense of spiritual structure, personal direction and guidance for a life well lived. Study, travel, culture and spiritual practices all lead to wisdom and truth. And real love.

LIBRA: It's important to share all that you have. First with family – your first community. Then with those closest to you. Sharing creates



a depth of psychological well-being. It accelerates spiritual evolution and development. All levels of assets must be shared – material resources (physical), emotional and mental. Then your inner spiritual self. In the new world to come only those who understand that we

are to create the new Sharing Society will survive. Will you share?

SCORPIO: Personal (close) interactions are important at this time. We are in relationships (intimate, friend, business, partners, parents, etc.) in order to learn. Everyone is incomplete in themselves. Everyone needs others to help create a sense of duality, of otherness in our lives. Only in otherness can we see ourselves. Reflecting the other, we emerge. This may be a paradox to some. In reality it means everything's a relationship and everything and everyone is in relationship to everything and everyone else. Scorpions learn harmony through conflict through relationships.

SAGITTARIUS: It's important to maintain your focus on health and continue to do so. Including nutritional, exercise, sleep, pure water, vitamins, minerals and prayer. For those who are very concerned with health an excellent resource is the work of herbalist Stephen Buhner. It's also important to maintain psychological balance and to make sure the work-related environment is one of harmony, cooperation and collaboration. All of these deeply

affect health. We are to be of service to ourselves first.

CAPRICORN: Expressing oneself with real affection can be a deeply creative activity. It's important to express words that create a deep joy within both yourself and those listening. It's important that you help develop self-esteem in those around you. Provide them with real tasks that bring forth their gifts. This cultivates within everyone a happiness, sense of place and an inner feeling of specialness. And brings forth balance. These are essential for everyone. You're the leader.

AQUARIUS: Home and foundation, security and comfort, family relationships and right location – all important factors in your thinking and sense of suitable daily life. There will be changes and adjustments that will occur or already have. You will see the need for improvements concerning everything mentioned above. It will also be essential to consider your emotional and nurturing needs and tend to those for your well-being. Care for your self first.

PISCES: Timing and rhythm are important. There are times and seasons for different events in our lives. If we "push the river" we can drown. If we wait for right timing, then everything falls into place. Sometimes we are the solution, sometimes the problem. We breathe in and breathe out. A life-rhythm. In the rhythm of study and learning there comes a time of sharing what one has learned. This is your position now. Many wait, listen and learn from you.

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We made our weekend plans but, apparently, Mother Nature didn't get the memo. So now we get to try an instant replay of the big May Fine Arts kickoff weekend. With any luck, it'll go off a little better this time.

The day's festivities will begin at 10 a.m. with unveiling of the Eureka Springs High School Student Art Panels at the First St. Art Wall. Come out and see where our next generation of artists will be coming from.

Saturday in the park (I'm pretty sure it's not the 4th of July) will start off at noon with a performance by the Richard Bruton Quartet. Richard, a planet-class saxophonist, will be accompanied by some of the region's best jazz musicians. If you caught his performance during last year's Jazz Eureka Weekend, you'll know this return engagement should not be missed.

At 2 p.m. the ArtRageous parade will step off from the library and wind its way down Spring St. Always one of



the year's more entertaining parades, rumor has it that this year's edition will be pushing the envelope even further. Don't know if it will be valid by the time you read this but as I write, parade entries are still being accepted. Look for more information at www.eurekaspringsfestivalofhearts.com.

After the parade, the Eureka Springs Downtown Network will be sponsoring a parade after-party from 3-5 (-ish) in the park featuring music from Eureka's own Angelo Yao and his band, Ozakwaba.

At 8 p.m. the brilliant folks of the Creative Energy

Project will have their official dedication and ceremonial (re)lighting of the Sphere. If you haven't been out to see it yet, Saturday will be the time to do so. Wear your best

DayGlo colors, get in line for the free face painting and make a party of it.

There will also be drumming in the park but at this point there's some confusion as to whether it will be before the Sphere ceremony or after. What the heck – it's an all-day party in the park. Why not both?

Now that our hubris has again been fully displayed, I guess we can count on hail the size of canned hams and a plague of flesh-eating zombie locusts.

BTW – don't forget John Two-Hawks in the Aud Sunday at 2. And be sure to do something nice for Mom.



New Subway – Surrounded by family, friends and Eureka Springs Chamber of Commerce members, Susan West cuts a grand opening ribbon at the new Subway on East Van Buren on May 2. Flanking Susan

on the right is husband, Randy West. At her left are son, Jason, and Randy's brother, Phil. The Wests currently own 47 Subways including the older, smaller Subway a block away that was closed to make way for the new store. Check out the new automated ordering screen at the drive-thru!



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DAVID FRANK DEMPSEY

Tourism day – People representing just about every kind of tourism business showed up in character at Pine Mountain Village to hear Mayor Morris Pate proclaim Eureka Springs as a participant in National Tourism Week May 4 – 12. According to the proclamation, Eureka Springs had 753,000 visitors contributing \$1.2 million in tax revenues to the city.

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Three-point whiz – Dalton Johnson is among dozens of Eureka Springs student athletes to be recognized for their achievements at the annual Eureka Springs Highlanders Athletic Awards Night at Inn of the Ozarks Tuesday, May 7. Among his awards Johnson was lauded for having 111 three-point shots for the season – the fourth most in state history in all categories.

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Carper Family croons to Eureka Springs

The Carper Family, out of Austin, has a country swing sound that combines three-part harmonies beautifully with old-time foot-stomping picking. The band, which came together in 2010 in Lady Bird Johnson's favorite music and Mexican food town, earned the 2012 Independent Music Award for Best Country Album with their debut album "Back When." From the same album they have been nominated for Best Americana song "Cold, Dark and Lonely" for the 2013 awards.

Melissa 'Daddy' Carper is the upright bass player and main songwriter of this family, she began studying classical bass at the age of ten. Having lived here before Austin, she considers Eureka Springs home. "I'm going to try and get Gina Gallina on stage with us for a few songs," she said of the Chelsea's talent booker. Beth Chrisman on the fiddle and vocals, is well known for her sit in and studio work. Jenn Miori, from Texas, learned guitar and harmony

from her parents. Her first band, the Corn Ponies, was an important part of the Austin music scene.

"Old Fashioned Gal" is the next effort by these talented musicians, a full length album to be released May 28. It can be pre-ordered at www.carperfamilyband.com. To hear some of these new songs, come out to the show at Chelsea's on Friday, May 10 at 9 p.m. This will be a non-smoking show. Carper says "Gotta Have My Baby Back," an old Floyd Tillman number that Jenn will take the lead on, is one of her personal favorites from the new album.

The Carper Family will return to Northwest Arkansas for the Fayetteville Roots Festival, August 22-25, might as well see them here and now.

"The Carper Family isn't a family by blood, though they sing like one. The three are talented instrumentalists and vocalists who play

bluegrass, old-time country and swing in a style that recalls the tight acoustic ensembles of the 1920s and '30s but with exquisitely tight three-part vocals and original material. The result is a sound that's both old and new, a fresh recasting of music that combines the emotional directness of their musical forebears with contemporary subjects."

— Madison Searle
Texas Music Magazine

FRIDAY – MAY 10

- **BALCONY RESTAURANT**
Hogscalders, 6–9 p.m.
- **CHASERS BAR & GRILL**

Karaoke with Tiny

- **CHELSEA'S** *The Carper Family*, 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** *Blue Moon*, 9 p.m. – close
- **LUMBERYARD RESTAURANT & SALOON** DJ Karaoke, 8 p.m.
- **NEW DELHI CAFÉ** *Kevin Riddle*, 2–5 p.m., *Dank Dynasty*, 6:30–10:30 p.m.



Don't miss **The Carper Family** at **Chelsea's** on Friday, May 10 – 9 p.m.

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- **ROWDY BEAVER** *Rowdy Beaver Babes Show*, 8 p.m.
- **ROWDY BEAVER DEN** *Mark Shields & Good Company*, 9 p.m.
- **SQUID & WHALE PUB** *Walker & the Texas Dangers with Whiskey Dick*, Metal-Neck Country
- **VOULEZ-VOUS** *Nathan Bryce and Loaded Dice*, 9 p.m.
- **302 ON THE SQUARE** (Berryville) *Berryville Hootenanny – An Acoustic Jam – All Welcome*, 7–9 p.m.

SATURDAY – MAY 11

- **BALCONY RESTAURANT** *James White*, 12–3 p.m.
- **CHASERS BAR & GRILL** *Ozark Thunder*
- **CHELSEA'S** *Rumblejetts*, 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** *Blue Moon*, 9 p.m. – closing
- **LUMBERYARD RESTAURANT & SALOON** DJ Karaoke, 8 p.m.
- **NEW DELHI CAFÉ** *Magic Mule*, 12–4 p.m., *Skinny Gypsies*, 6:30–10:30 p.m.,
- **PIED PIPER BEER GARDEN** *SpringBilly & The Funner Brothers*, 7–10 p.m.
- **PIED PIPER CATHOUSE LOUNGE** *Drink & Draw at 6 p.m., Chooch*, 8–midnight
- **ROWDY BEAVER** *One Way Road*, 8 p.m.
- **ROWDY BEAVER DEN** *Cooter & Friends*, 1–5 p.m., *Strange Derangers*, 9 p.m.

- **SQUID & WHALE PUB** *The Great Scotts with Damn Arkansan*, Indie Rock
- **VOULEZ-VOUS** *Nathan Bryce and Loaded Dice*, 9 p.m.

SUNDAY – MAY 12

- **BALCONY RESTAURANT** *Jeff Lee*, 12–3 p.m.
- **CHELSEA'S** *Dime Tripp*, 5 p.m.
- **CHELSEA'S** *Happy Mother's Day*
- **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** *House Burners*, 1–5 p.m.
- **SQUID & WHALE PUB** *Cinco de Mayo*, beer & food specials

MONDAY – MAY 13

- **CHASERS BAR & GRILL** *Pool Tournament*, 7 p.m.
- **CHELSEA'S** *SpringBilly*, 9 p.m.
- **SQUID & WHALE PUB** *Disaster Piece Theater*

TUESDAY – MAY 14

- **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 15

- **CHASERS BAR & GRILL** *Beer Pong*
- **CHELSEA'S** *Myshkin*, 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 16

- **CHASERS BAR & GRILL** *Taco & Tequila Night*
- **CHELSEA'S** *Club 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*
- **SQUID & WHALE PUB** *Open Mic Musical Smackdown with BLOODY BUDDY and friends*
- **302 ON THE SQUARE** (Berryville) *Monastary Dogs*, 6–8 p.m.

Singing in signs

The Holiday Island Community Church Ladies Fellowship will have their annual salad luncheon on May 20, 10 a.m., at the Fellowship Hall, 188 Stateline Drive in Holiday Island. The Ladies Signing Team of Eureka Springs will entertain with inspirational music enhanced with sign language. Bring your favorite salad to share. For more info, contact Mary Lou Martin (479) 253-9398.

Adult/youth scholarship bowling league forming

Two-member bowling teams consisting of one youth under 18 and a parent, grandparent, aunt, uncle or adult friend are invited to enjoy league bowling at the Berryville Bowling Center on Sundays from June 9 through August 18.

Fees are \$15 per week, including \$10 for bowling and \$5 for the Youth Scholarship Fund. Start time is 2 p.m. and there will be 10 minutes of warm up bowling prior to league play, which lasts one and a half to two hours.

Sign up now by calling the Berryville Bowling Center (870) 423-5818 or come by to register a team.

Annual Rotary Party in the Park May 25 at Holiday Island

The Holiday Island Rotary Club will hold its 3rd Annual Party in the Park Saturday, May 25, 4–8 p.m., in Veterans' Park at Holiday Island. The event is open to the public and tickets are \$8 from any HI Rotary member or at Cornerstone Bank in Holiday Island or Arvest Bank in Eureka Springs.

There will be a Memorial Day ceremony by Holiday Island American Legion Post 36 at 4:45 p.m. followed by a meal of pulled pork with sides and live music from Swing and a Miss from 5–8 p.m.

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Go with the glow – Russell Harrison spins the Sphere on its axis after its unveiling and lighting in Basin Park Saturday, May 4. The Sphere was created by artist Robert Norman with help from locals and visitors who wrote and drew on 1,000 or so painted sticks Norman attached. A drumming session and Sphere Ultraviolet party planned for the unveiling were postponed until 7 p.m. Saturday, May 11, due to rain. The Sphere will remain in Basin Park through the May Festival of the Arts and may be installed in Lake Leatherwood Park after that. Seven smaller spheres were commissioned by local businesses and talented volunteers have been working with Norman to build their own unique take on the Sphere theme. One new mini Sphere will be installed in the park every day until May 11.

PHOTO BY DAVID FRANK DEMPSEY



He is risen – The resurrected Jesus (Kent Butler) leaves the tomb with the keys to the Kingdom on the third day after his crucifixion in the Great Passion Play Saturday, May 4. Postponed one day because of heavy rain on Friday, the Passion Play opened for the season with free admittance for Carroll County residents. Heavy overcast gave way to a clear sky full of stars early in the play – perhaps a good omen for the iconic show still synonymous with Eureka Springs in the minds of many.

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Is that a ... wait ... no ... huh? – It started out as a plump chartreuse caterpillar, but now it's a hummingbird moth looking for nectar in a pincushion flower at Riverview Resort near the White River west of Eureka Springs. "Hummingbird moth" is the colloquial name for the Common Clearwing, one of the sphinx moth family. Unlike other moths, this behemoth by comparison flies in the daytime. They can hover in flight, and the wings create a soft buzzing, also like a hummingbird. It takes some luck to see one, but they're usually spotted near flowers in full nectar, so keep an eye out.

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Mercy scholarship winners – Mercy Auxiliary-Berryville has awarded 2013 scholarships of \$1000 each to two Berryville High School students. Micaela Motzko plans to study at the University of Central Arkansas in Conway and enter the field of physical therapy. Morgan Ursery plans to attend Northwest Arkansas Community College in Bentonville this summer and the University of Arkansas this fall to pursue a nursing degree to become a nurse practitioner. The Mercy Auxiliary scholarships are open to all Carroll County graduating seniors. From left, Micaela Motzko; MAB President, Anita Spearman; Morgan Ursery and MAB President Elect, Joy Flake.

TCWR staff educates students at market

Turpentine Creek Wildlife Refuge (TCWR) staff members will be on hand to meet secondary school students from Eureka Springs at the Farmers' Market on Tuesday, May 21, from 8 a.m. to noon to answer students' questions and sell merchandise to raise funds for animal care. There will also

be a TCWR exhibit.

TCWR needs donations, volunteers and in-kind contributions for ongoing animal care and quality of life enrichment for all their animals. For details and donation information, visit www.turpentinecreek.org or call (479) 253-5841.

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the exceptional natural resources of the Buffalo River watershed," the groups said.

Marianne Engelman Lado, an attorney with Earthjustice, the law firm representing the groups, said the letter sent Tuesday is a notice to the Department of Agriculture that its Farm Service Agency failed to undertake the consultation required to ensure that endangered species are not harmed by this facility. The notice gives the agency 60 days to respond to complaints before further legal action is considered.

"This factory farm will produce massive quantities of waste just six miles from the Buffalo River, and that waste will be spread on land right next to one of the Buffalo's major tributaries," said Emily Jones, senior program manager, Southeast Region at National Parks Conservation Association. "We are talking about one of the most beautiful areas in the country. To think that our government would allow this hog factory in the watershed without examining its impacts is unconscionable."

There are already five other swine farms in the Buffalo River watershed, but C&H Hog Farms is by far the largest. The owners plan to spread the estimated two million gallons of waste produced annually by the C&H facility on 17 fields totaling 630 acres. Eleven fields are adjacent to Big Creek, a large tributary of the BNR.

Robert Cross, president of the Ozark Society, said the hog factory is the greatest threat to the Buffalo River since the Corps of Engineer's dam proposal that was thwarted 50 years ago.

"The porous limestone and karst that underlies all the soil in the

Mt. Judea region provides a direct passageway for leakage from the waste holding ponds and for untreated recharge from the waste application fields to reach the groundwater and thus Big Creek and the Buffalo River," Cross said. "The risk for contamination of the Buffalo River is unacceptably high."

Stewart said a large turnout was expected for the ADEQ hearing Wednesday in Jasper with people planning to carpool from Eureka Springs, Fayetteville and Little Rock.

"We think the turnout is going to be very large," Stewart said. "The important thing is that we requested the opportunity to represent our views on May 8 at the ADEQ meeting, and we were turned down. The public will not be allowed to give comment. That is why we decided we would have a meeting before the ADEQ meeting to give people the opportunity to learn more about the situation."

That meeting was scheduled at 4 p.m. at the Buffalo Theater on the Jasper Square.

There is a lot of reason to be proud of the BNR, according to the groups opposing the hog factory.

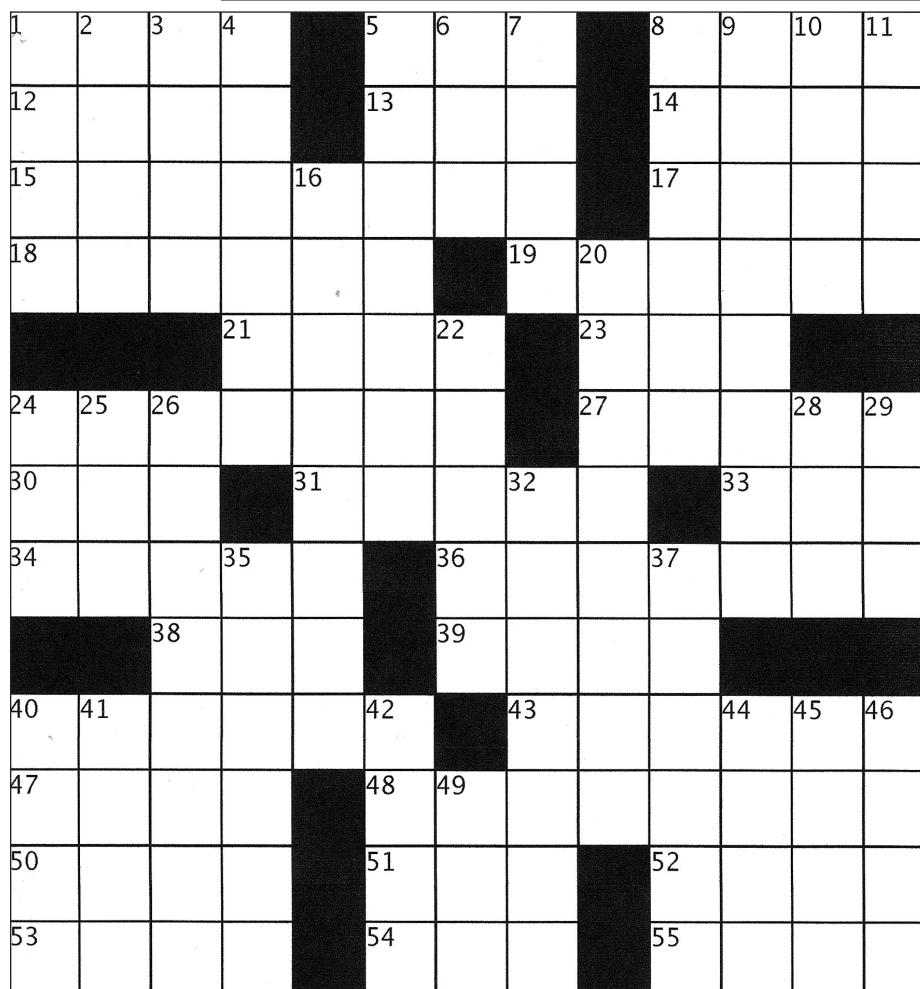
"Designated in 1972 by President Richard Nixon as America's first national river, the BNR travels freely for 135 miles and is one of the few remaining undammed rivers in the lower 48 states," the groups state. "The river watershed is home to over 300 species of fish, insects, freshwater mussels and aquatic plants, including the endangered snuffbox mussel, the endangered Gray bat, and the endangered Indiana bat. A popular camping, canoeing and fishing destination, the Buffalo National River attracts more than one million visitors a year."



INDEPENDENT Crossword

by Chuck Levering

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ACROSS

1. State of depression
5. In the past
8. Extinct, flightless bird
12. S-shaped molding
13. Female bovine
14. Tied
15. German shepherd (*Brit.*)
17. Bluish green duck
18. Oracle
19. Marked with surgery reminders
21. Task or burden
23. Goal
24. Sequin; stud with stars
27. Get away from
30. Ale dispenser
31. Shoestrings
33. Folding bed
34. Excuse
36. Windpipe
38. Unwelcome noise
39. Chapter of the Koran

40. A spray or sprinkle
43. Deceive
47. Arm extension
48. Testing procedure
50. Formerly
51. Seine
52. Antiquated
53. Jury member
54. Copy
55. Units of a tennis match

DOWN

1. Beer head
2. Not pretty
3. Loch ____ monster
4. Actor Diane
5. Spine; needlelike part
6. African antelope; Indian coastal city
7. Has title to
8. Fine point
9. Excessive amount (two words)
10. Greatly valued
11. Just one
16. Prickly or stinging sensation
20. Town between Tel Aviv and Haifa
22. Religious groups
24. Hot spot
25. Monetary unit of Afghanistan
26. Conformity; compliance
28. Female rabbit
29. Airport posting
32. Well-educated
35. Watcher of winged creatures
37. Ari's girlfriend, soprano Maria ____
40. Small store
41. Sheet of glass
42. Sicilian spouter
44. Prod
45. Song for two
46. Finishes
49. Agt.



The Eureka Springs Middle and High School music departments gave their first performance in the new high school auditorium last Thursday. Performing in the spring concert were the 6th grade band, 7th and 8th grade band, high school band and high school choir with group performances, solo and ensembles. Pictured above, the 7th and 8th grade and high school band perform *Looney Tunes on Parade*.

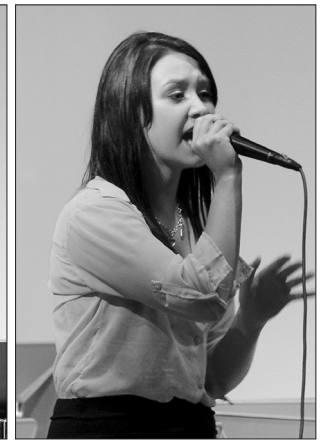
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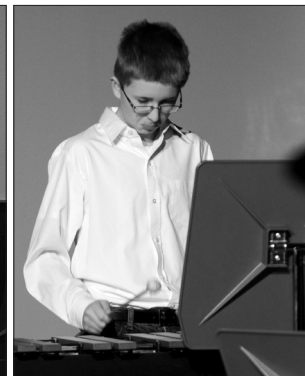
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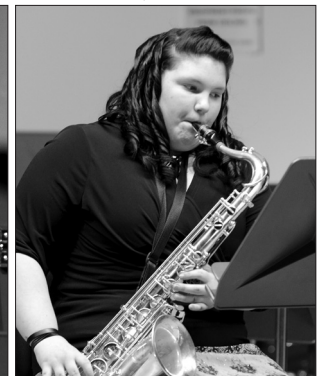
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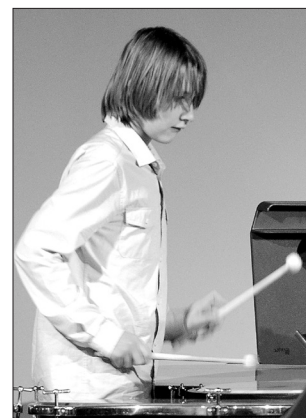
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Emilee Chirhart



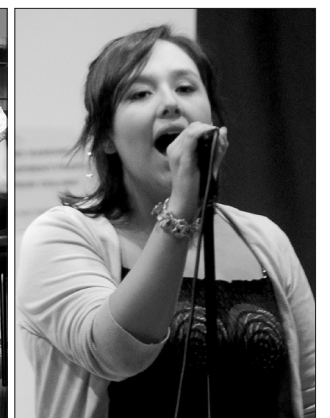
Sara Bloch, Jordan Henley, Bayla Osborne and Gabi Bloch perform *Flintstones*



Simon Larson



Rachel Adams and Emma Rorick



Leah Erskine

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two in the subdivision got the notice and went to the meeting. Hardly anyone there considered the magnitude of the project and where it is. A scant few really know about it (the full impact) because very few notices actually sent out and 3-4 weeks to get the public involved is hardly enough. It seems that someone is trying to railroad this through before anyone even realizes it.

Most people in this area are conservation-types and follow sustainable lifestyles and don't use much electric power, have wood burning stoves and fire pits (from branches and trees already fallen), wells and generators and don't want monstrous

cell phone towers and power lines to look at. Many residents own many acres, own alternative energy sources to some extent, and will be the first to switch to solar when the time is right.

The infrastructure being proposed will be irrelevant and already is, as it is merely transmitting to somewhere else and carving a swath that will scar our land for what – a big town for factory somewhere else?

Susan Pang
Garfield, Ark.

Queen Anne supports the arts

Editor,
MUGS en Masse: A Group Portrait

of Eureka Springs Artists took place on the grounds of the Queen Anne Mansion Private Residence Club on May 1. We were delighted to provide the setting and reception for this once-in-a-lifetime event.

Many thanks are due to Jeremy Mason McGraw and John Rankine for organizing and producing the portrait project and providing MUGS posters hung throughout Eureka Springs during the May Festival of the Arts. The Creative Energy Projects have been a wonderful addition to the May Festival of the Arts and are a great asset to the community.

Thank you also to the generous

group of restaurants that donated the fantastic food: Simply Scrumptious Tearoom, Local Flavor, De Vito's, KJ's Caribe, Cravings by Rochelle, Autumn Breeze, Pied Piper Pub and TLC Bakery. You all helped make the reception a stellar event.

Thank you to Melodye Purdy, who came to interview the artists for the Eureka Springs Channel; the interviews can be viewed at www.eurekaspringschannel.com along with several other Creative Energy Project interviews.

We were privileged to share the Queen Anne with such a great group of talented people.

Beth Kikoen

Tailoring tales for broadcast



Storytellers gathered Sunday at The Writers' Colony at Dairy Hollow to learn how to tailor their tales for broadcast at a Community Writing Program workshop conducted by Paula Morell (center, above), creator of the National Public Radio series, *Tales from the South*.

Morell taught participants how to write true stories for the weekly show, how to present them on radio and how to submit their tales for consideration. She is collaborating with WCDH to produce the *Tales from the South: Eureka Stories* program. Once the stories are selected for broadcast, she'll work with the local storytellers to prepare them for a live broadcast.

Morell will be back in town on Sunday, June 16, to broadcast the show from Caribé Restaurant. The show will be open to the public. Morell has won numerous regional, national and international awards for her work and created *Tales* in 2005 to showcase southern-style storytelling. She and her husband, Jason, own the Starving Artist Café in Little Rock, where the show's broadcast hub is located. *Tales from the South* is distributed nationally on public radio and internationally via satellite.

From the **GROUNDUP** by Andrew Schwerin

Simple measures yield simple pleasures

Last weekend Madeleine and Beulah and I went up to Jefferson City to visit her family and pick up farm supplies. West of Jefferson City is Morgan County, an area predominately settled by Swiss Mennonites.

On a paved ribbon of county road winding through rolling hills it's still common to encounter horse and buggies. There were many simple homesteads along the road with market gardens of about a quarter acre or less, full ponds, a fair bit of cattle including dairy, and a few sheep. Through the

countryside, past the farm supply store, greenhouses, plant nurseries, the sewing home and the country general store, I went to Morgan County Seeds.

From packets of 25 tomato seeds and 50 lb. bags of kelp meal or heirloom corn seed to \$7,000 motorized packing tables, Morgan County Seeds has almost all the equipment and supplies a small-to-large scale vegetable grower needs. Among seed trays, kaolin clay and organic rice hulls I did buy 60 tomato seedlings as I may have planted my tomato plants too early this year!

The next stop was Zimmerman's Welding to load a high tunnel kit on the trailer. Built of steel and plastic, the hoop house is almost 3,000 sq. ft. of growing space. It's similar to a greenhouse but not heated by fuel; instead the airspace and soil is heated by the sun with the plastic retaining heat inside for the nighttime.

The high tunnel provides an alternative to shipping vegetables from California. The plastic manufacturing is equivalent to the fuel load of a tank of gas, but will last five years to provide seasonal

extension of fresh, local vegetables. We can't use the high tunnel to grow tomatoes in

January, but we can get tomatoes through frosts and late snowfalls. It also works very well for growing hardy greens throughout the winter.

There was a sign at Zimmerman's Welding that stated, "Faults are like buggy wheels. We see the wobbly wheel of the buggy in front of us but are blind to our own."



PASSAGE

Ronald James Newburn, July 2, 1946 – May 2, 2013

Ronald James Newburn, of Eureka Springs, passed away May 2, 2013 at the age of 66. He was born July 2, 1946 in Plattsmouth, Neb., a son of James Warren and Mary Eva Benedict Newburn.

He was a woodworker, craftsman, janitor, mechanic, plumber and truly a jack of all trades. He attended the Faith Christian Family Church, and was a member of the Plattsmouth AERIE 365 fraternal order of Eagles.

On December 7, 1968 he was united in marriage with Nancy Ann Catron who survives him of the

home. He is also survived by daughter, Tami Mazzota of Florida; son, Donald Newburn and wife, RaeAnne, of Eureka Springs; daughter, Carey Newburn Snow of Eureka Springs; brother, Art Newburn of Plattsmouth, Neb.; eight grandchildren, Jay Jr., Paige, Chaz, Karley, Cynthia, Alicia, Terra and Makayla; mother, Eva Krings of Plattsmouth, Neb.; several nieces and nephews and a host of family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his father; two brothers, Dale and Gary Newburn; grandchildren Cody Boatright and Casey Boatright; and Donnie

Newburn, Jr.

Visitation was May 7 at the Charles M. Nelson Memorial Chapel and funeral was May 8 with Rev. Marvin Peterson officiating. Interment will follow the service in the Rockhouse Cemetery under the direction of Nelson Funeral Service. Memorial donations may be made to the American Heart Association, Memorial or Tribute Processing Center, POB 1653, Topeka, KS 66601 or the notvt.org.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at nelsonfuneral.com.

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Index,” a study published by *The Electricity Journal*, Arkansas ranked 7th in “states that would benefit from solar deployment solely for purposes of self-sufficiency.” Arkansas’s rank was sixth for “states that would benefit from solar deployment through generating and exporting energy to other states.” The report also says that for states to maximize benefits from solar generation, they will “need to figure out how to successfully export significant quantities to other states, which may require investing in infrastructure.”

According to the Natural Resources Defense Council, Arkansas “remains in the small minority of states without a renewable portfolio standard, which would drive investment in... renewable energy development by requiring utilities to generate or purchase an increasing portion of their electricity from renewable sources.”

According to Main, SWEPCO is able to take advantage of a federal Pro-

duction Tax Credit (PTC) that provides wind project owners an income tax credit for production of electricity from utility-scale wind turbines. This program is not available for solar.

Ted Terry, field coordinator at Georgia Solar Utility Incorporated, said the reason solar hasn’t taken off more with energy utilities is in part because Americans are still in the process of shifting the way we think about solar. He said 25 percent of Americans believe solar works and that’s “nearing the tipping point where people will start to demand it and utilities will respond.”

Meanwhile the Federal Department of Energy launched the SunShot Initiative in 2011, which is “a collaborative national initiative to make solar energy cost competitive with other forms of energy by the end of the decade. Reducing the installed cost of solar energy systems by about 75 percent will drive widespread, large-scale adoption of this renewable energy technology and restore U.S. leadership in the global clean energy race.”

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be nearly as spacious at 150 square feet. Marry thinks the porches are particularly important as they allow people to sit in the shade while enjoying the outdoors. If it were his log cabin in the woods, he would add a big porch on the back, as well.

“I like small houses with big porches,” Marry said. “Being outside makes you happier and healthier. Back in the 1950s, in the summer kids would sleep out on the porch. Now they are down in the family room playing on the computer.”

Marry plans to offer the log cabin assembled on the buyer’s lot for about \$14,000. That compares to about \$10,000

for portable sheds that some people are using as vacation or hunting cabins, or even homes, in some cases. Marry’s price includes being wired for electricity.

As for energy efficiency, Marry said the small size of the structure would make it relatively cheap to heat and cool. He and his wife lived in a log cabin in Canada where it used to get down to -40°, so he doesn’t consider it a huge challenge to heat a cabin with wood in Arkansas.

“We stayed plenty warm in Canada as cold as it was up there,” Marry said. “Besides, a vacation cabin is more likely to be used during the warm months.”

Besides being as cute a little cabin in the woods as anyone can imagine, another advantage of the Thumbprint Cabin is trading in the local economy.

“We don’t manufacture anything in this country anymore,” Marry said. “We need to buy local when we can.” He is also an advocate of small houses.

“Everyone is building bigger and bigger houses instead of smaller houses,” Marry said. “Small houses don’t have 300 amp fuse boxes and four central heating and cooling units. We wouldn’t need new transmission lines like SWEPCO is proposing if more people were happy with small houses. Give the money you could save on heating and cooling to the doggie shop instead.”

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Rare combination of home & mountain views on your private 2.5 acre paradise. Fabulous mountain views from you decks or charming living areas. Loads of amenities & eureka style. A rare opportunity to own a perfect hideaway or income producing rental. Minutes from historic Eureka Springs, dining & entertainment district. Own a piece of paradise. For a private preview give me a call. **\$129,900.**
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1800's shotgun-style farmhouse nestled on private wooded acreage offers end of road privacy and endless possibilities. Double parlor, front and back covered porches, upper balcony, garden space and old barn. Hidden gem waiting to be uncovered. **\$149,900.**
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This home boasts an open living/dining area that has a gas burning fireplace. With the split floor plan, provides privacy. A great deck for entertaining and a fenced back yard. 2 car garage. Utility laundry room. Close to all Holiday Island amenities. **\$135,000.**
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Charming cozy cottage nestled on 2.565 acres of spectacular mountain views. Your Perfect Ozark hideaway, nitely rental or permanent home. Loaded with charm & amenities and minutes from historic downtown Eureka Springs and Holiday Island. Exemplary of everything that the Ozarks has to offer. A must see property! **\$129,900.**
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Great home on one of Eureka's unique streets. Views of downtown from deck & backyard. Approx. 1,724 sq. ft. 2 bed/2 bath, 2 car garage with additional parking pad. PLUS additional 1 bed/1 bath & workshop, both with separate entrances. Fireplace, Jacuzzi bath, eat in kitchen and lots of storage. This is a MUST SEE! **\$153,000.**
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OWNER FINANCING




This 5,000 SQ FT building on 1 acre offer an incredible opportunity to house several different business ventures or as a unique home. Additional unfinished building also on property. Conveniently located minutes from the Hwy 62 & Hwy 235 junction. **OWNER FINANCING AVAILABLE! \$169,900.**
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One of Eureka's best business locations, offering a rare opportunity of living quarters and business. The building offers all the charm of Eureka. Successfully being run as a unique retail shop, but has endless possibilities. Call Al for a private viewing and details. **\$272,000.**
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Here's an opportunity to own your own office space that is light & bright with a nice floor plan. A great location for your business venture that has plenty of parking for the public. Handicap accessible. Property is available for lease @ \$1,500 per month (1 year lease minimum). **\$190,000.**
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Just minutes to Beaver Lake & close to town. 2 Levels 3 bedroom /2 bath, huge family room & bonus room. Radiant heated floors on 3 zones. Great privacy on 11.71 acres. Large yard with fenced garden area & fenced backyard. Driveway + parking area large enough for boat or RV. **\$210,000.**
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NEW



The perfect marriage of home & lake. This geo Dome Home & fab guest house are nestled on pristinely landscaped grounds & gardens with million dollar views. Multi leveled decks surround this home, and invite the Ozarks into your living areas. The home has been immaculately maintained with attention to detail and quality. Amenities too numerous to list. **\$369,900.**
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REDUCED



MOVE IN READY! Great 2 bedroom 1.5 bath home comes furnished. Open living/dining, galley kitchen & bonus family room. Wood burning fireplace, big deck, covered porch, full basement....call today! **\$120,000, \$117,500.**
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NEW



This prime retail building located right on historic Spring St. is waiting for you! This building boasts a prime retail location PLUS a nitely unit (with separate entrance) on 2nd floor. Off-street parking, balcony in front & back with views. A great opportunity to have a home & business. **\$490,500.**
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Fantastic home and cottage or a great business opportunity. Nestled on Hwy 62 with great white river valley views from rear decks and high traffic visibility. Two individual homes offer multiple use possibilities or that quiet get away family compound. 1457 sq ft house and 910 sq ft cottage each hosting 2 bedrooms and 1 bath in each dwelling. Check it out at roadsidehaven.com. **\$189,900**
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Nestled in the heart of historic downtown. Beautiful wrap-around porch and luscious gardens hidden behind stone walls. Recently renovated with attention to details. 2 oversized bedrooms, hardwood floors, bright and airy. Off-street parking and much more. **\$194,900. OWNER FINANCING.**
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NEW



Charming home has hardwood floors in the open living & dining space, the adjacent kitchen with its pass through makes the "cook" part of the party. Split floor plan for sleeping provides privacy. Extra storage in the carport, under the house. Nice front yard. Enjoy the tree house feeling of the big back deck surrounded by nature. **\$69,900.**
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