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This Week's INDEPENDENT Thinker

Abercrombie & Fitch is a 121 year-old retailer that makes really hot clothes for really cool people. And they don't make anything over a size 10. Exclusionary? Yup. Their CEO said he only wanted good-looking, sexy people wearing his clothes.



Which is his right. But Greg Karber of somewhere in California didn't get

mad, he got even. Karber, a writer, went to thrift stores and bought all the A&F clothes he could find and handed them out to the homeless. Right or wrong, Karber threw a tomato in the face of what he saw as arrogance with a touch of bulimia.

And maybe he made both rich and poor look at A&F a little differently.



Up a creek – At least one citation was issued after a one-car, one-occupant wreck on at 229 North Main Street May 14. The driver, Raphael Troccoli of Eureka Springs, appeared to have been heading north when he lost control of the Toyota sedan and crashed into the rock-lined creek alongside the street. Troccoli appeared unhurt. Both retaining walls and the median were damaged. The Toyota was towed.

PHOTO BY DAVID FRANK DEMPSEY

Benton/Washington Co. cities oppose high voltage lines

'We wouldn't run extension cords across dance floors'

BECKY GILLETTE

Recreation in Benton County could take a huge hit from the proposed SWEPCO power line. Parks and the Razorback Regional Greenway, a 36-mile, non-motorized corridor from Bentonville to Fayetteville, would be greatly damaged by SWEPCO's proposed Shipe Road to Kings River 345 kV power line, the cities claim.

The City of Bentonville, which has filed to intervene in proceedings before the Arkansas Public Service Commission (APSC), said multiple properties owned by the city are in the path of the proposed routes. The proposed H route (the blue route) traverses the city's trail system including the Slaughter Pen Mountain Bike Trail System that consists of 19 miles of tracks used by thousands of bikers weekly.

"The facility has been featured in national mountain bike publications," the City of Bentonville's petition to intervene states. "In addition, the Bentonville Public School System utilizes the Slaughter Pen Trails as an educational component of physical education classes. The cutting of a clear swatch through this heavily wooded trail and public park would irreparably damage Bentonville's trails, making it impossible to maintain a trail suitable for public use as designed in that location, thereby destroying a critical link in the existing park and trails system, which is vital not only to the citizens of Bentonville but also to the entire region due to its widespread use and inclusion in the Razorback Greenway."

The city of Springdale also has intervened, expressing

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Hey, I'm flying a k-k-k-kkkkk ... uh oh. It hit the SWEPCO lines.

HDC approves new roof for downtown fire station

NICKY BOYETTE

Dennis Alexander, a roofer, represented the application for constructing a new roof on the downtown fire station at the May 15 Historic District Commission meeting. He told commissioners, "The roof is no longer tenable. It's in sad, sad condition."

The plan calls for changing the flat roof with three to six inches of gravel on it to a 3-in-12 pitched metal roof on rafters. Alexander said the color will be the same as the roof next door. The roof will also be raised to allow more room inside the building.

Vote was unanimous to approve the application.

John Wiley appeared before the commission again seeking approval of galvanized metal for the awning of the New Delhi. His previous application had been denied. He showed the commissioners photos of several other metal awnings downtown, and he stated, "It is not historically incorrect

to do what I propose." He said he was looking for an awning that would look neat and do the job. The vote to approve his application was 3-2, commissioners Doug Breitling and Richard Grinnell voting No, so the application was approved.

These applications were unanimously approved:

- 32 Owen – pave side driveway and drainage area
- 30 Owen – pave driveway and drainage area
- 34 Mountain – rear patio
- 19 Linwood – rear addition
- 42 Ridgeway – rear deck addition
- 22 Echols – new paint colors; remove handicap ramp and reconstruct front porch; repair soffit and eaves; reinforce carport side walls and apply new vinyl siding to match house; replace rear window with door; new rear deck
- 5 Center – pergola and fire pit

The following six applications on the Consent Agenda were approved:

- 212 Spring – new paint colors
- 32 Owen – new paint color
- 2 Prospect – new front screen door
- 2094 E. Van Buren – enclose pool pump with metal fence
- 207 W. Van Buren – replace existing signs
- 9 Howell – new paint colors

Consent Agenda items are Level I applications that the City Preservation Officer Glenna Booth believes to be in accordance with the design guidelines.

Chair Dee Bright presented five Administrative Approvals:

- 2 Prospect – repair/replace rotten

siding; repair wood window sills; repair front porch flooring; porch posts; repaint all except front trim; new gutters

- 11 Summit – repaint
- 19 Kingshighway – re-roof
- 32 Elk – re-roof
- 212 Spring – replace cement sidewalk; repair cement driveway

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

Next meeting will be Wednesday, June 5, at 6 p.m.

Public concern aired Wednesday night

BECKY GILLETTE

A panel of five people spoke to concerns about a proposed SWEPCO Shipe Road to Kings River high voltage power line at a public forum Wednesday night at the Auditorium.

Dr. Luis Contreras insisted there are "safer, sustainable and economic alternatives." Contreras said cost of the power line estimated at nearly \$117 million could actually be ten to 20 times that amount over the life of the line when it comes to repairs, maintenance, upgrades and lawsuits.

"Only SWEPCO and the lawyers profit," he said. "Our economy can't afford this."

Rick Bost, a firefighter for 27 years, spoke about the hazards of fires from high voltage power lines that can be hit by tornadoes, hurricanes and ice storms. He also said when the forests are clear-cut, often the debris is burned on-site to save money, creating fire hazards. When

lines come down for any reason and start a fire, it puts volunteer firefighters' lives at risk.

Bost showed videos from the Bastrop fire in Texas in caused by a tree hitting a power line. The fire – the largest in the history of the state – killed two people and destroyed 1,691 homes.

Professional nature photographer Edward Robison turned his lens on the beauty of the Ozarks, adding photo-shopped images of the power lines over photos he has taken of some of the most scenic areas among the different routes proposed by SWEPCO.

Crystal Ursin said she moved to the area for "peace and quiet, wildlife and wonderful people." The power line would run directly in front of her home. She showed videos of fluorescent lights planted in the soil that lighted up from the leakage of power from the high voltage lines. "Electromagnetic fields are real," Ursin said.

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Tyson on the trail, nose saves the day

On May 9, a four legged member of the Carroll County Sheriff's Department, a K-9 named Tyson, saved the day for a resident of Brighton Ridge Nursing Home who had wandered away from the facility on Hwy. 23S.

Eureka Springs Police and Fire Departments, along with Carroll County Special Operations Rescue Team (SORT), had been on scene searching for approximately 30 to 40 minutes before CCSO Cpl. D. J. Harlan and his K-9 partner, Tyson, arrived and continued to search for the resident.

According to a CCSO press release, Harlan met with nursing staff and gathered articles of clothing from the resident's room and allowed Tyson to smell them. Upon the command to search, Tyson immediately led Harlan to a back door of the facility and headed east out of the gated back yard, began searching the parking lot

area and then headed north along Hwy. 23 with his head to the ground. At one point Tyson stopped, picked his head up, and began scanning the wooded area in front of him.

At this point Harlan stopped the dog due to his tracking training, and said he believed the resident was in close proximity. As Harlan was returning Tyson to his patrol unit, he

got the news that the resident was indeed located about 15 – 25 yards from where he had Tyson stop.

The resident was returned to Brighton Ridge uninjured.

STO on White Street

– Save The Ozarks will have a table at 16 White Street from 4 – 10 p.m. on Friday, May 17, selling STO yard signs for a \$5 donation while supplies last. Save The Ozarks is anticipating another order of signs next week and will post on its website and Facebook page where they will be available. See SaveTheOzarks.org and Save The Ozarks on Facebook.



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SWEPCO still failing to notify property owners

BECKY GILLETTE

While representatives of SWEPCO met informally in late 2012 with Eureka Springs Mayor Morris Pate regarding the company's proposed routes for a new high voltage power line, the city has not received official notification of the project by registered mail as required by state regulations.

"We did not receive any registered mail notification from SWEPCO, nor were we ever served any papers by a legal process server," Pate said.

One of six proposed routes would run through a portion of Eureka Springs between the train station and the city sewer plant. As a property owner in the path, Eureka Springs should have been officially notified. Filings by SWEPCO

with the Arkansas Public Service Commission (APSC) indicate the city was sent official notification.

A number of landowners in the county also haven't been notified. This is in addition to 40 landowners, including 29 in the Eureka Springs area, who didn't receive notices from SWEPCO until late April instead of

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- Ilene Powell of STO

the first of April like most of the more than 800 property owners along the six routes under consideration. SWEPCO said landowners initially missed were not notified in a timely fashion because of a faulty Geographic Information Service (GIS) system

Members of Save The Ozarks (STO), a citizen group opposing the SWEPCO 345 kilovolt (kV) transmission line project as unnecessary, have been contacted by a number of additional landowners who are concerned they haven't received notification. STO is questioning SWEPCO's overall competence in this matter, if it really knows whether the project is needed and which routes are the best, when it missed the simple, but important, step of notifying people.

"With faulty GIS, we have landowners still not notified and landowners notified whose land is not traversed," Ilene Powell of STO said. "The APSC should challenge SWEPCO's list. Why are people required to prove who is allowed to join a petition to intervene in the proceedings when SWEPCO does not know who is and isn't directly affected themselves?"

People who live in the area could learn about the paths from news reports. But what about property owners from out of state? Roy Masters, who lives in Huntington Beach, Calif., owns 94 acres near Keels Creek that would be traversed by the high voltage power lines on the proposed path of one of the southern routes.

"One of the routes is going to go directly across my property," Masters said. "I didn't know anything was going on until my uncle [Gene Masters] called. I talked to a neighbor, Richard Quick, who said we should have received notifications by registered mail. We have not received anything. I've doubled checked with my wife. I don't know what their thought process was, if it was to intentionally bypass someone out of state. I'm flabbergasted they think they could pull that off. My dad lives in Florida, and has 40 acres affected. He hasn't been notified either."

Masters said he finds it interesting that Carroll County can find his address to send the property tax bill every year, but SWEPCO can't find any information when it comes to notifying him about something that could drastically impact the value of his property.

"This is a major corporation," Masters said. "Are you telling me they don't know the laws? They don't know how to get a copy of the tax rolls? I don't know how anybody could say that is a mistake. I could make a phone call from California and get the addresses of

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Taxi ordinance passes first reading

HARRIE FARROW

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Alderman David Mitchell said an ordinance would put controls on limos and give the ability for a taxi to have up to 18 passengers "I assume the city attorney has blessed this?"

"I wrote it," city attorney Tim Weaver answered.

Schneider then asked if a taxi stand was needed and Weaver responded that there was nothing about that in City Code. Alderman Dee Purkeypile said Abundant Taxi asked about a taxi pull over space, but further discussion ended when DeVito motioned to vote on the ordinance being assigned a number and having a first reading.

Mitchell asked about penalties if a limo violates the reservation requirement, and Weaver said it was a fine of

not less than \$10 or more than \$100, and that it would be up to the police department and could be handled with spot checks, stings, or responding to complaints. Alderman Terry McClung asked if it might be advantageous for council to set other fines since a \$100 fine might not be harsh enough to stop people from violating the ordinance.

Weaver explained that each offense and incident would be a separate fine and there would also be court costs.

The council approved a first reading of ordinance 2181, 6-0.

Carroll Electric an owner of cooperative supporting power line

BECKY GILLETTE

In a recent interview with the *Eureka Springs Independent*, Carroll Electric Cooperative Corp. (CECC) emphasized it is not intervening in the proceedings before the Arkansas Public Service Commission (APSC) regarding the proposal by SWEPCO to build a new high voltage transmission line across Carroll County.

However, the Arkansas Electric Cooperative Corp. (AECC) has intervened in proceedings to support SWEPCO's proposal. CECC is one of 17 rural electric cooperatives in the state that own AECC. CECC purchases its power through AECC.

"Carroll Electric is not a party to the proceedings being held by the APSC and is not taking a position on any of

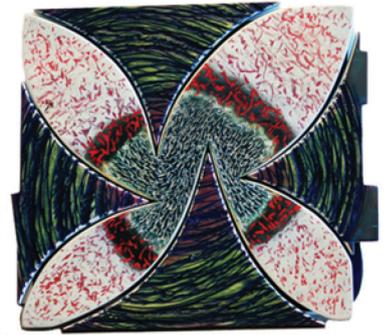
the routes under consideration," CECC spokeswoman Nancy Plagge said. "Ultimately, the APSC will determine the route. Carroll Electric recognizes the route the project will take is of great concern to everyone involved. We equally respect the interests of landowners affected by the route, as well as the difficult challenges routing this project ordered by SPP [Southern Power Pool] through such a growing and vibrant area poses to SWEPCO."

CECC is the largest of the rural cooperatives with 89,100 customers of the 490,000 members served by AECC.

In the petition to intervene, AECC states it is obligated to sell power to CECC and that the SWEPCO proposal will have a direct positive effect on AECC's ability to obtain adequate

transmission service to meet its obligation to deliver wholesale power to Carroll Electric.

"In 2012, AECC sold and delivered approximately 1,883,729 megawatts of wholesale power to Carroll Electric, whose load continues to experience significant growth," the petition to intervene states. "The project will provide AECC with the opportunity to add new delivery points to Carroll Electric along its path, thus providing greater reliability and possible energy savings through reduced system losses for Carroll Electric and its member/consumers. In particular, the project will improve reliability at AECC's 161-69 kV Osage Creek Substation, which serves approximately 25 percent of Carroll Electric's total load."



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Construction impacts could make area “like a war zone”

BECKY GILLETTE

The words *Esto Perpetua* engraved in the capstone above the entrance to Grotto Spring in Eureka Springs represent the belief at the time that water from this spring would flow forth forever. But the spring that once produced large amounts of water was disrupted, possibly by nearby road construction, and now only a trickle flows through this once productive spring.

“Just the smallest digging can potentially disturb a spring in karst terrain because it is so fragile,” Barbara Harmony, director of the National Water Center, said. “I am very concerned about the proposals by SWEPCO to put a high transmission power line through our fragile karst terrain. The extent of the drilling they propose to put in their transmission towers is very extreme. They could hit an underground stream that leads to a spring, and then that spring would stop flowing. You can easily lose a

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– Barbara Harmony, director of the National Water Center

spring by earth moving or blasting.”

Karst terrain refers to limestone formations below ground with channels that have been tunneled out by erosion. It results in an area rich with springs, caves and sinkholes. Harmony is concerned that both springs and caves could be destroyed, and that SWEPCO won't be able to tell from the surface how to avoid these special features.

Karst aquifers and caves are underground and out of sight, but certainly their water flow and quality are impacted by deforestation, excavation and fill, and herbicides. And it is in this underground world where rare and endangered cave species dwell.

“I just don't think they realize how fragile the karst is, and that there is no filtration with karst,” Harmony said.

SWEPCO spokesman Peter Main said, “Karst features will be an important factor in the project design and construction. For the approved route, structure locations will be selected after a careful survey that will specifically identify and avoid sinkholes or other karst features. Throughout the construction project, care will be taken.

“Our transmission project team and the engineering and environmental consulting firm that prepared our environmental impact study are experienced in working in Northwest Arkansas. Our consulting firm's experience with karst topography includes northwest Arkansas and other parts of the country.”

Pat Costner, a local retired scientist who is an internationally recognized authority on dioxins, has been investigating the process involved in setting 150-foot-tall power line poles.

“It's pretty horrendous, a process that causes extensive damage both short- and long-term,” Costner said. “It seems certain that many caves and springs in our area will be destroyed. During the process, our fragile karst terrain will be like a war zone.”

Costner, who works with the citizen group, Save The Ozarks, said the project would involve drilling holes for more than 300 single-pole towers that are 10 to 15 stories in height.

“For each pole, truck-mounted augers or tracked vehicles equipped with power augers would drill boreholes 7-10 feet in diameter and 30-40 feet deep, and site leveling would require bulldozers or front-end loaders,” said Costner, whose home property north of Eureka Springs is on the path of the preferred SWEPCO routes. “This process can be expected to disturb about 12,500 square feet on the surface and cause extensive damage

to sub-surface features such as caves, underground streams and springs. In some cases, reinforced concrete foundations may be necessary, requiring additional special trucks and equipment. The poles will be put in place by helicopters or heavy ground equipment. Perpetual access for trucks and other heavy equipment will be required for on-going maintenance of the line, poles and corridor.”

Another concern is the steep terrain. Combined with the karst geology, the terrain presents both hazards to actual destruction/construction activities and environmental problems during and forever after in the corridor. Experts are concerned the hollows are the uppermost parts of the watershed, and are particularly susceptible to erosion, blockage of springs and sedimentation.

Dr. Andrea J. Radwell, research assistant professor with the Department of Biological Sciences, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, said major concerns with regard to construction is the production of fine sediments that are known to impact benthic organisms, those found in the interstices of gravel bed streams.

“Deposition of fine sediment has been shown to decrease both abundance and diversity of aquatic insect larvae and other small organisms critical to development of fish,” Radwell said. “I expect that the power company is prepared to say they will take every precaution to prevent sedimentation, but a project of that magnitude will inevitably produce sediment during construction since it will involve the removal of trees from a large swath of land.”

Radwell said herbicides used to maintain this treeless landscape would work their way through the karst and enter streams and rivers.

“While there are some studies that suggest at least some herbicides are not harmful to fauna, there are studies that have documented the ‘inert’ ingredients used to broadcast herbicides are harmful to invertebrates,” she said. “Even though concentrations of herbicides may be very low when they enter waterways, application will be in perpetuity.”

Remembering Randy

A Celebration of Life will be held for Randy Middleton on Sunday, May 19, at Lake Leatherwood, from noon til 3. (Signs will be posted). Rain date is June 2, 12-3.

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C. D. White

A man released from Carroll County Detention Center last Thursday afternoon was back in jail last Thursday afternoon, thanks to a confidential informant.

Jason Wayne Still, 32, of Eureka Springs, was in CCDC on charges of possession of a controlled substance and carrying a prohibited weapon when he bonded out last Thursday afternoon. Shortly after his release, according to Eureka Springs Police Chief Earl Hyatt, a confidential informant bought two ounces of marijuana from Still with \$480 in photocopied buy money.

The informant had called Det. Brad Handley on May 9 saying he arranged to make the buy from Still in a motel parking lot on US 62E. Still and Christy Strickland, of Eureka Springs, arrived in a vehicle driven by Jackie Aday, also of Eureka Springs. The informant entered the car and the buy was completed.

After the exchange, which was recorded on tape, the informant exited the vehicle and Handley directed ESPD Officer Shannon Hill, who was in another patrol unit, to give pursuit as Aday's vehicle headed west and turned in at Valley View Drive. Still jumped out of the vehicle and fled as

Officer Brian Jones gave chase. Still cut through a ravine and was apprehended on Shelton Drive by Hill after he had stopped Aday's vehicle on a felony traffic stop.

According to police report, as Hill came back to the suspect vehicle, Still began yelling to Handley that he was buying drugs for him. Handley said that was a lie, but Still insisted he was buying drugs for the police. When asked who, Still put his head down and was arrested.

Still was taken to Eureka Springs Hospital by Hill for bruising caused by a fall before Hill caught up with him, then taken to CCDC. A spokesman at the Carroll County Sheriff's Office said Still's bail had been set at \$75,000.

Inventory search of the suspect vehicle revealed a long survival knife and a magazine with photocopied prescriptions for Christy Strickland for methadone and oxycodone stuck in the pages. These were entered into evidence.

Further investigation of the photocopied prescriptions resulted in the May 13 arrest of Christy Strickland for obtaining prescription narcotics by fraud.

A report filed by Handley on May 13 states that

on May 9, Strickland had told Handley she had the original prescriptions from her doctor at Healing Arts Medical Center in Fayetteville and that Still had photographed them and had someone make good quality photocopies. She further stated Still and Aday were filling the prescriptions and selling the pills but she had nothing to do with it.

A representative of Healing Arts advised Handley on May 13 that there were several of the same prescription being filled between Fayetteville and Harrison, including one filled at Smith Pharmacy in Eureka Springs for Jason Still. The rep said it was identical to the one prescribed for Strickland.

Smith Pharmacy also contacted Handley that day and said a female had just brought in another prescription for Jason Still, which was exactly the same. When the subject came back to pick up the prescription for methadone, oxycodone and alprazolam, Sgt. Al Frost and Handley made contact with her. According to police report, she said Strickland had asked her to fill the prescriptions because she had a meeting with Handley and was buying the drugs for him to get out of trouble for selling marijuana. Strickland also told the female

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BOZA OKs variance; rezones S. Main property

NICKY BOYETTE

The Planning Commission served double duty Tuesday night, convening as the Board of Zoning and Adjustment (BOZA) to consider an application for a setback variance at 37 Mountain.

Architect Butch Berry represented the application, telling commissioners the lot was 40 ft.x50 ft. and he was asking for a five-ft. side setback whereas Code calls for ten feet. There are no architectural plans yet because sale of the property depends on approval of the setback variance. "We want to get the setbacks approved first and then develop the plans," Berry said.

Chair Beverly Blankenship pointed out all paperwork requirements were in order, and Code allows this type of dwelling in the R-1 zone.

Commissioner James Morris pointed out it is their obligation to consider adjustments to Code because "we don't want to leave a property

unusable for the owner, and other houses in the area already sit beyond the setbacks, so the request would fit with the neighborhood."

Commissioners voted unanimously to conditionally approve the variance contingent on subsequent approval of the site plan.

Rezoning along South Main

Patrick Brammer and his brother, John, own eight lots totaling 25,600 sq. ft. along South Main where Planer Hill descends toward downtown. They asked their property be rezoned from R-1 to C-1. The swath of land along that part of Main Street is R-1 except for a restaurant property and a hotel property.

Blankenship told commissioners that City Code outright permits B&Bs, churches, hotels, offices, restaurants, retail, even parking lots in C-1 zones. It was her concern that approving this would effectively create an isolated district contrary to the surrounding areas,

and it would be her recommendation they consider rezoning the entire swath of land along Planer Hill rather than rezone it piecemeal. She pointed out the Vision Plan for the city calls for a Green Space from US 62 all the way to downtown, but the city has never purchased the land to secure a Green Space.

Newly-seated commissioner Pat Lujan pointed out, "Most everything is commercial near there already."

Commissioner Melissa Greene agreed, "It should be C-1. No one is going to want to put a residence along that part of the street."

Commissioner James Morris said he was concerned with spot zoning although he thought the entire stretch should be rezoned. "There is a restaurant there, a hotel across the street, so I would like to see it zoned commercial," he said, yet suggested they study what it would take to rezone the whole area

instead of doing it piecemeal.

Blankenship agreed with the sentiment of commissioners but asked, "Is it right to pull a piece out of R-1? It seems like we would be granting a special privilege to an individual." She said it would take maybe two months of prep work before they could consider rezoning all of the R-1 section along Planer Hill.

Lujan again pointed out the area is already spot-zoned, and he didn't see why they shouldn't approve the request. Morris agreed, and added they would not be changing much if they voted to approve.

Blankenship acknowledged the point but added, "We shouldn't do wrong just because wrongs were done in the past."

The commission grappled for a moment with the consequences to the owners of denying the request versus

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Manhunt in Carroll County for attempted murder suspect

Carroll County Sheriff's Office issued a manhunt alert Wednesday afternoon for Joe Anthony Gutierrez, 25, of Green Forest. Gutierrez is

being sought in connection with an incident in Alpena early Wednesday morning where, according to a CCSO press release, Gutierrez had been at the home of an ex-girlfriend when, according to the victim, domestic violence accelerated.

The victim told CCSO deputies the two left her home and stopped at the Red-X in Alpena shortly before 1 a.m., and Gutierrez warned her not to "do anything stupid" as he locked her in the car and went into the store.

According to information from Capt. Alan Hoos, the victim got out of the car, went into the store and locked herself in the bathroom. Gutierrez "got access" to the bathroom and left

with the victim in tow. She got back into the car and as he was getting in the driver's side she again bolted and went back in the store.



GUTIERREZ

At this time, Gutierrez allegedly shot twice through the store window, missing the victim and the store clerk. Gutierrez, also known as Gustavo Cerreon-Cervantes, is Hispanic, 6'1", 250 lbs., last seen wearing a white t-shirt and brown shorts. He was driving a 2009 black Scion TC with chrome wheels, Arkansas license 926SOP. He is being sought for kidnapping and attempted murder, and considered armed and dangerous.

Information on his whereabouts can be called into 911 or (870) 423-7373. Callers can remain anonymous.

Eureka Springs Police Chief Earl Hyatt said, "Everybody is looking for him now."

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Rentals an issue at council table

HARRIE FARROW

Bob Jasinski spoke at the May 13 city council meeting asking why the law regarding weekly rentals wasn't being enforced. He said there are no legal grounds on the weekly rental, and that weekly rental people have engaged in blackmail. He mentioned mental distress, harassment and the filing of false police reports. Jasinski said if the city won't take care of it, he'll take them to court.

Alderman Joyce Zeller said it was a complicated issue she has been researching for two weeks and council needs to have a workshop. She also said that there should be a definition of "tourist lodging." Zeller explained that some people seem to believe 199 permits created a loophole for weekly rentals and there was a moratorium on 199s, which has since been lifted, but it needs to be put back in place until the issue is cleared up. Zeller said a person could get a Conditional Use

Permit (CUP) if they can show it won't damage the neighborhood, and neighborhoods need to be protected.

Alderman James DeVito said there is no loophole and people have just been pushing the issue, and people think 199 entitles them to something but it does not. He said it has already been determined that there are sufficient weekly rentals in C-1s. He suggested getting rid of weekly and do 30 days as had been agreed, and noted that the city does need more rental property. He added that enforcement is a problem.

Mitchell asked city attorney Tim Weaver if he thinks the law needs to change.

Weaver said there needs to be a more specific law and explained that it's illegal for R-1 and R-2 to rent to tourists, but who is a tourist and who is a temporary resident? He said it would take diligent effort to define the differences. Our police, he said, would have

to look at how things are being rented and to whom, and the city could prosecute if they are in an R-1 or R-2 and don't have a CUP.

Mitchell asked what it would take for enforcement of current law and Weaver replied "greater emphasis on punishment," and maybe what police are thinking is that the penalty is not great enough to justify the man hours.

Jasinski had said that license plates in lots of weekly rentals show there are tourists renting. He also said that the chief law enforcement is the mayor not the chief of police, and the mayor has a duty to see that ordinances are obeyed. "If the city cannot or will not enforce, then the law should be repealed," he said. Jasinsky said he filed six complaints and there is no loophole, there is ignorance of the law. "If it looks like a duck and walks like a duck and quacks like a duck then it's tourist lodging. Look at your own code, these people are playing a game with you,"

Jasinsky said.

Schneider said the ordinance looks decent but suggested 30 days or less be changed to 28 days. She also said that when someone has been running a business for 15 to 20 years, and all of the sudden they are told to quit, it's not right, and it's the city's fault if they were granted 199 licenses and the people should not be penalized.

"We don't have a big enough police force so some people get away with crimes; no way I'm going to have anything to do with allowing them to do this," DeVito said.

Schneider responded that she did not think it was criminal if people did not intend to break the law while trying to conduct business.

Zeller retorted that nobody with a B&B was not aware that this was illegal and that it was human nature to take advantage to get around the law. So many applied for 199, she said, because

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Why all the secrecy?

Editor,

I have always respected an electric power company's right to build power lines where they need them. I did not readily agree with my friend, Richard Quick, who was very concerned about one of the power company's plans. He told me that a new power line was planned to cross his property as well as my nephew's, Roy Masters, and mine. I agreed with him and joined the opposition of my friends in Eureka Springs and my friend Dick Kelsey, COO of the Passion Play, after I received more information.

I became concerned about possible damage to human, animal and plant life and the beauty of our views in the area. I was also concerned about their policies for routing the lines. One of the preferred routes would have crossed the dam of a pond on one of my subdivisions.

The pond is spring fed and is 25 ft. deep with large catfish in it. It didn't go dry during last year's record drought.

If they pay market value for the strip for the line what about the damage to the value of the remaining 40 acres in the subdivision? What about the value of the first large house already built? What about the value of other beautiful homes built on land I developed in the neighborhood? What about the value of mountain view property recently purchased on another one of my subdivisions?

I am concerned about the chemicals used to spray the right-of-way. Are they safe to use over my pond? Will my large catfish be safe to be eaten? What plant life will be destroyed? Why doesn't the electric company reveal their research on these questions?

Gene C. Masters, PhD

'We won't throw this in the trash bin' – but it won't count

Editor,

I tried to file a petition of limited appearance with the APSC on May 3,

the deadline, and was told that sending via USPS on that date, thus having May 3 postmarked on the envelope, would not be considered to be sent on time and thus I would have no opportunity to be part of the hearing. They did assure me that my petition would not be thrown in the trash bin, however.

The hearing will not be for another three or so months, so it is not like my postmarked envelope arriving on May 6 would have been holding up any hearing.

So my question is, why the IRS accepts the postmark rule but not the AR state government on filings or pleadings? Is it because the AR State government really does not want the citizens of this state to participate in state democratic proceedings especially when large utility companies like AEP are boasting about all the jobs they are creating and their coal is as clean as a whistle?

There is no mention of the massive amounts of herbicides that will be sprayed that will get into our water –

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WEEK'S Top Tweets

@sammyrhodes --- "Count your blessings. Then count them again." –OCD optimist

@itsWillyFerrell --- Twitter: The only place where you get excited

when a stranger follows you...

@redrabbit --- My personality test results came back. They're negative.

@RealMeganFox --- If the whole world smoked a joint at the same time, there would be world peace for at least two hours.

@tonyhawk --- If your kids are fighting in the backseat, is it wrong to make a hard turn so the instigator hits the door? Purely hypothetical, of course.

@Zen_Moments --- Small acts, when multiplied by millions of people, can transform the world. ~ Howard Zinn

@aguynamedkelly --- Some days, it feels like life sent me an email with all the instructions, but it went straight to Spam.

@LaurenConrad --- The woman next to me at the airport just told her son that "kids are over-rated"...I need to get my Mom a better Mother's Day present.

@kellyoxford --- Tom Cruise, Steve Carell, George Clooney and Denzel Washington are the same age as the Golden Girls were. Happy Sunday!

@embedub --- I imagine there's nothing more terrifying a woman can say to a man than, "Notice anything different?"



High wire act

We are getting older and yes we are losing our hearing, teeth, eyesight, memory, religion and maybe it's time to relinquish any supposed wisdom or special honor just because we've lived long enough to fall apart.

Or are we really as epic as we think we are?

Yeah, kinda. Carroll County citizens, with precious little support from state legislators or state media (other than laser beam columnists Mike Masterson and John Brummett) have taken the steer by the longhorns on this SWEPCO deal. People in our county have written thousands, maybe billions, of letters and emails to anyone they can think of in "authority," meaning the public service commission, politicians, electric company executives and each other.

The people we live around, even if we don't know them, have become friends who feel they are part of a justified movement. And they are.

Just in our little office we have had preachers, who normally wouldn't give us the time of day, walk in with genuine concern mapped all over their faces. Doctors have called. Insurance adjustors have sent emails. Realtors, retirees, scientists, veterans and veterinarians, have banded together in a mass of awe and anger that their dreams of harmony and health could be compromised by very few wealthy people who want to make a lot more money without taking any risk.

It reminds us of when Dow Chemical and Monsanto produced the herbicide Agent Orange to be loaded into B-52s and helicopters and sprayed on rich agricultural land, innocent farmers, moms and mathematicians and herbalists in a small country that was never a threat to this one.

Lots of stockholders got really rich. Lots of people got really dead.

The high voltage transmission line proposed through our county, or any county, is a health hazard to all we know and love. We are told the line will stretch across and up-and-down our country in preparation of anticipated needs. We are told that as consumers of electricity, we will get to pay for these steel tumors.

Wonder what it will cost to build the clinics to deal with our anticipated health issues?

We all know that in order to take care of a population, people need to be fed and educated. Nowhere were we taught that in order for a society to thrive, it must have a few people who make loads of investment money at the expense of others. Nowhere were we taught that in order for a civilization to flourish, people should obey corporate edicts.

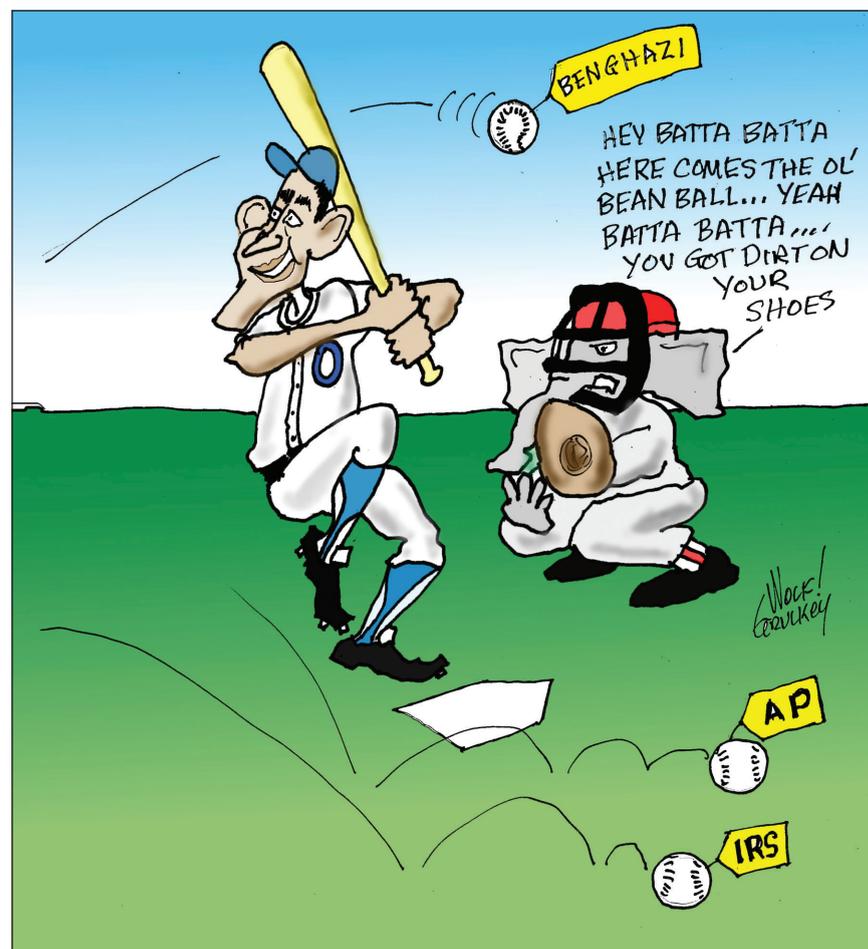
Electric companies are not in business to give the world light and music. We can do that on our own. They are in business to fatten portfolios, they just happen to be selling electricity. Is there anyone big enough to stop them from telling us to line up and behave and send them a bit more money whenever they get good and ready for some?

Maybe so, maybe so. It's because of the people in Carroll, Benton and Washington Counties having a wall-eyed fit over a company insisting it has every right to shoplift our land for its pleasure. A company that hasn't done its homework well enough to answer our questions. A company that really doesn't give a hoot what we think about bullfrogs and kids and views and souls. And drinking water.

We do what we can on a local level to make things better. We recycle, conserve and protect our water, grow our food, loan equipment to each other, sharpen pencils, share Margaritas and think ARKANSAS – YARD SALE STATE should be on our license plates.

We might be losing our hearing and teeth, but if we want the Ozarks to know how much we love them, there's enough of us left to vigorously protect them.

Or we could leave the young'uns with the spoils of error.



The Pursuit of HAPPINESS

by Dan Krotz

There is a bit of conversation going on just now about whether our sexual orientation – gay, straight, befuddled – is hardwired from birth or a matter of choice. Science, that troublesome preoccupation of over-educated elites, falls on the side of hardwiring. Yet science, as we Arkansans surely know, must always be weighed against personal experience. So let us begin sharing how and when we chose our sexual orientation. When did you, bucko, decide to be a heterosexual?

Frankly, I'm having trouble identifying my exact moment. It is possible that it was in December, 1962, on seeing June Wilkinson – Miss December – in that month's *Playboy Magazine*. Ms. Wilkinson was my first naked woman, and my response was... palpable. Yet, palpable or not, I don't recall thinking "Oh yeah, I'm choosing to be a heterosexual." I do remember worrying how I was going to explain to my hopeful mother why my vocation as a priest was suddenly off.

But how about you? If you are a heterosexual, when did you decide to become one? Was it hard choice? Or easy? Or, did you just sort of slide into heterosexuality? Was there a point, a moment, when you tossed a coin into the air to help you decide to follow a heterosexual lifestyle – or some other lifestyle choice? Were there detours along the way?

It is possible that I had such a detour. I was watching *North by Northwest* and realized that Cary Grant was way better looking than Eva Marie Saint. Throughout the film Grant wears a gray suit tailored by Norton and Sons (London) and a Countess Mara tie. When he boarded the 20th Century Limited to Chicago I couldn't take my eyes off his suit, and vowed to own one. Sadly, I never have. But I've managed to buy several Countess Mara ties over the years; are these ties, and the hint of color they provide (along with my appreciation for Cary Grant), signs of toying with another sexual identity choice?

Gosh, it's difficult, isn't it? Choices ... choices ... how and when did you choose? Oh, hell. I guess we'll just have to make do with science.

INDEPENDENT Constables On Patrol

May 6

7:27 a.m. – Several calls came in about a dog running loose along US 62 just west of downtown. Animal control tried more than once to catch it but did not.

12:15 p.m. – Business owner reported a theft had occurred over the weekend.

12:54 p.m. – Someone apparently took a shopping cart from Harts and was seen pushing it in a parking lot farther up US 62. Constables on patrol did not encounter the person.

1:14 p.m. – Someone parked a vehicle in the middle of a street for two hours, but it was gone before a constable heard about it and responded.

4:19 p.m. – Employee of an establishment reported a cell phone was missing from the office.

7:03 p.m. – Constable followed and observed a reportedly reckless driver after he entered city limits but the driver presented no reason for being stopped while in the city limits.

May 7

4:03 a.m. – Alarm company reported a motion alarm had been set off, but the responding constable found the building to be secure.

10:34 a.m. – Individual told ESPD a friend had seen someone who looked a lot like her brother who has been missing since 2012. Detectives will follow up.

1:30 p.m. – Constable responded to report that money and a checkbook had been stolen from a business.

5:28 p.m. – A driver was reportedly driving erratically on Hwy. 23S headed toward town, but constables did not encounter the vehicle.

7:46 p.m. – There was a one-vehicle rollover accident on US 62 with driver trapped inside but no obvious injuries. EMS and constables responded to the scene.

May 8

7:54 a.m. – Constable did his duty regarding an injured armadillo near the elementary school.

9:46 a.m. – Constable assisted schoolchildren crossing Hwy. 23 near the train station.

10:54 a.m. – The business which had reported thefts over the weekend called to say there was video evidence of the event and an identification of the vehicle. Responding constable encountered the vehicle in a Eureka Springs parking lot and arrested the driver on an ESPD warrant for failure to appear and felony parole violation out of Benton County. Stolen merchandise was returned.

10:55 a.m. – Problem with the phone lines caused a 911 hangup call from a bank. Everything else was okay.

1:29 p.m. – Two dogs ran loose in a neighborhood south of town. Passerby alerted Animal Control to the name of the owner of the animals for follow-up.

1:30 p.m. – Constable delivered an emergency message to resident of a mobile home park.

May 9

1:32 p.m. – Constable arrested an individual on a

warrant for failure to pay fines.

4:09 p.m. – A father reported his two young sons might have left their backpacks at the Lake Leatherwood ball fields. He had been unable to find them.

5:02 p.m. – Person reported suspicious circumstances at Lake Leatherwood ball fields. He noticed a duffel bag lying near the restrooms, the door to the women's restroom was propped open by a rock, and a suspicious van was parked nearby. There was no one in the restroom but there were shorts and a pair of flip flops in the restroom.

6:17 p.m. – Staff at the elementary school reported a possibly intoxicated driver driving toward the western part of town. Constables did not encounter the vehicle.

8:34 p.m. – Guest at a tourist lodging told ESPD an individual was in her room and would not leave despite being asked. Constable arrived on the scene and the individual left with no problems.

10:44 p.m. – Care facility reported a resident had escaped. Constables, ESFD, EMS and the SORT team responded and found the individual.

May 10

2:46 a.m. – Central dispatch asked ESPD to assist a resident find the keys to his apartment.

9:40 a.m. – Constables provided traffic control during a medical call on the Historic Loop.

10:05 a.m. – A loose and unattended dog behind a business on US 62 eluded attempts to capture it.

10:42 a.m. – Someone damaged artwork downtown.

2:11 p.m. – Bank personnel asked constables to keep an eye on the bank after an irate customer said he would be coming in to close his accounts.

3:31 p.m. – A limping Beagle was seen hoofing it loose and unaccompanied in a neighborhood at the southern end of town. Animal Control watched for it.

4:13 p.m. – Caller told ESPD he had a hot check issue. He filed a report.

7:35 p.m. – Driver of a sports bike was reportedly revving his engine and making a racket downtown. Constables watched for the bike.

8:14 p.m. – Passerby reported doors were open at a closed business. The constable who checked found all doors closed and locked.

9:02 p.m. – A Pit bull puppy was running down Hwy. 23 South according to an observer. Constable watched for it.

10:46 p.m. – As a result of a traffic stop, the driver was arrested for DWI, refusal to submit, driving without a license, third degree endangering the welfare of a minor, no proof of insurance, no child restraint, no seat belt and driving left of center.

11:21 p.m. – Another traffic stop and another driver was arrested for DWI#2, failure to yield, driving on a suspended license, implied consent, drinking on a public highway, failure to appear for DWI, driving left of center.

May 11

12:36 a.m. – Person walking his dog along U.S. 62 saw one vehicle chasing another going eastbound at a high speed, but they soon came back going west toward town. Constables watched for the vehicles.

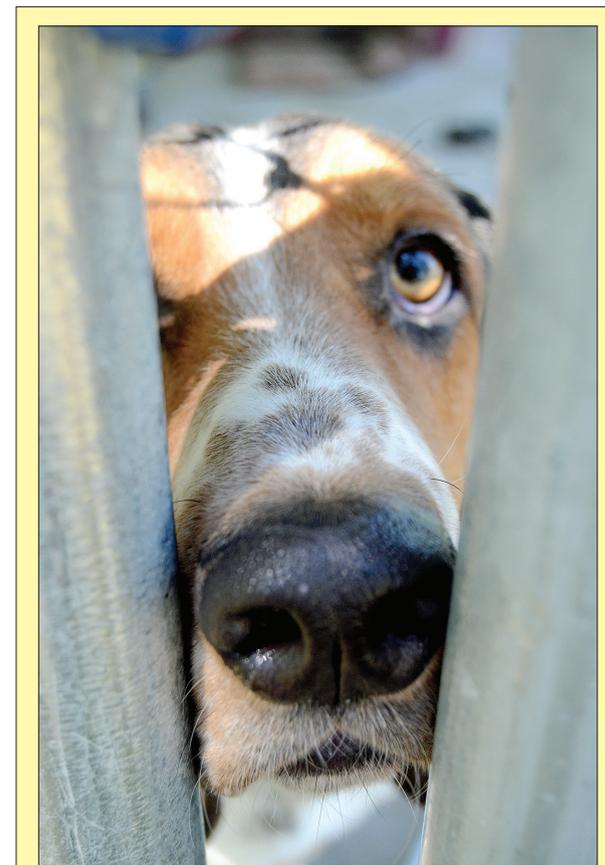
1:47 p.m. – Constable responded to noise complaints at an apartment complex and asked the late-night partiers to keep the noise down.

2:03 a.m. – Central dispatch advised a veterans' hotline had alerted them to a resident near downtown who had said he was going to hurt himself as he had done in the past. Constables went to the address and found the individual intoxicated but unhurt. He said he would stop drinking for the night and not hurt himself.

3:07 p.m. – Veterans' hotline again alerted authorities to the same address, this time concerned the individual might be suicidal. Constables and EMS responded, and the person was okay at the time.

11:03 p.m. – Employee at a bar/restaurant on US 62 reported a patron was attacking other employees because they would not serve her any more alcohol. The aggressor eventually went outside and sat in a ditch nearby where the responding constables arrested her for public intoxication and disorderly conduct. Employees at the business did not want to file charges.

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Hey, come get me – This friendly male Bassett hound was detained on May 11 near Lookout Lodge, 3098 E. Van Buren. He is available for adoption or reclaiming at the Eureka Springs Police Department at 147 Passion Play Road for the next five days.

PHOTO BY DAVID FRANK DEMPSEY

Family's retirement runs into power line interference

BECKY GILLETTE

Faith Pettit-Shah and Michael Shah met in Eureka Springs 37 years ago. Their two children were born in Eureka Springs, but the couple has spent most of their adult lives in Washington D.C., where they operated a jewelry business two blocks from the White House. About seven years ago on a visit, they found and fell in love with a farm near the Kings River and Keels Creek.

After buying the farm, the Shahs have been renovating a tiny, old farmhouse, building a new passive solar guesthouse, renovating an old dairy barn into a woodworking studio, planting trees and otherwise nurturing their homestead for retirement.

"We have spent seven years and half of our retirement money getting this ready so when we sold our business, we would have done what we needed to live here," Faith said.

Then, a month before the big move, they found out about a proposed SWEPCO high voltage power line near their property. When Faith learned about it, she quit her job and has been working full-time to stall and now prevent the entire project, using contacts in D.C., locally and elsewhere to raise awareness of the issues. The Shahs planned to be "sort of invisible" as they eased back into life in Eureka Springs. But they can't keep silent about the unwarranted mauling of pristine, vulnerable ecosystems they feel would wreck their retirement dreams.

"We were totally devastated by the news about this proposed power line," Faith said. "Our situation is not as dire as folks who are underneath a proposed route, but it is too close to us, ruining our most precious views. It is such an unbelievable invasion. If the southern route is chosen, there is no way for us to get out of the valley without coming too close to them every single day. Carroll Electric Cooperative Corp. just destroyed the sides of Rocky Top Road. We thought that was bad enough.

"We adore this place for the views. We walked the land for the proposed green route, and asked, 'Can we live with this?' We sure hope we don't have to. If we can stop it,

will fight for everyone."

The green line southern route very near the Shah's property (and through several friends' properties) is not SWEPCO's most direct or shortest; it is one of six routes under consideration. It parallels the blue route for a few miles towards the proposed Kings River Station transmission facility. With fierce opposition to the shorter northern routes, there are concerns this less populated route could be chosen instead. Faith was particularly alarmed when she read that a member of the Eureka Springs City Council actually commented that the green line might avoid the lines being viewed from many historic buildings of Eureka, and therefore might be a better option.

"I think SWEPCO took a Google map and said, 'Hey, there aren't a lot of people down there, let's put it there,'" Faith said. "There were so many challenges to this route, I question their sanity in thinking any routes are viable. Did anyone get out of a car to look or walk around? This area is mostly karst terrain. Where do they think the herbicides will go?"

"We are 100 percent on board with saving historic Eureka Springs and all the northern routes. We may not have a lot of manmade historic buildings, but we have beautiful, open, undisturbed fields, valleys, hollows and bald eagle flight paths. It would destroy so many views and cross many rivers and streams on all routes. There is no good route. The scariest part is that most folks out here still don't know about the imminent threat."

Like most people in the area, they moved to this area to get away. "If we do not stop this, it will be a domino effect and there won't be many 'aways' to get to anymore," Faith said.

Faith and Michael fear a defeatist attitude in the more rural areas. Michael is gradually going to neighbors, helping erect anti-SWEPCO signs, getting signatures and making folks aware of what could happen. "Everyone in town is up in arms, being vocal and proactive to work against the proposal," she said. "Farther out, we've heard: 'We

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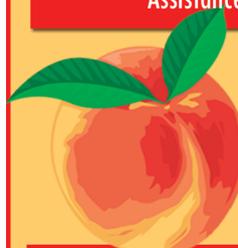


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Let the sun shine in your home

HARRIE FARROW

Although solar farms providing electricity to utilities may require the use of high voltage power lines, solar collectors installed on your home eliminate or reduce your impact on the overall need for such lines. Ready to become part of the solution?

A great place to start is rockygrove.com. Located near Kingston, Rocky Grove Sun Company (RGSC) has been in business since 1986 and claims to be the most experienced alternative energy company in Arkansas. The website has useful information about hooking up to solar and other alternative power. The company was founded on bringing power to remote locations in the Ozarks, and all of the businesses' employees live off grid. Founder, Jimis Damet, says Rocky Grove has hooked up at least 27 systems in the Eureka Springs area.

A study done for Eureka Springs in 2012 by the Climate Energy Environment Group found that "The City is about fifty percent shaded," which "limits the potential for solar installations in many locations." However the study noted that US 62, which runs along a ridge, allows "significant opportunity to take advantage of solar energy..."

Damet says, in regards to Eureka Springs, "We usually have to be the devil's advocate when comes to clearing trees to create an adequate solar window. We want customers' investments to pay off, so shadows need to be eliminated. Some types of grid tie like systems that use microinverters are more productive where shadows on the solar array are unavoidable. Damet also advises that, "If you live in the city limits you will have to get a permit to hook up a grid tie system."

For Eureka's Historic District Commission's (HDC) Guidelines on solar installations, go to the HDC page at city-of-eurekasprings.us.

Rocky Grove's site explains that off grid systems – those that do not connect to a power company – "offer a freedom like no other – being totally responsible for your energy diet is very rewarding and removes your home from the entanglement of coal or nuclear based power production." These systems include so-

lar panels, a bank of batteries, a charge controller and an inverter which changes the DC electricity to AC. RGSC's web site says an off grid system requires careful designing with a resident's expected energy consumption patterns taken into account.

With a grid tied solar energy system, which also requires an inverter, if the home uses more electricity than is produced by the solar panels, the extra power comes from the electric utility, and the customer is charged for what was used from the grid. If the solar panels produce more electricity than needed, the extra power is directed back out to the grid and customers are credited for this amount. This is referred to as net metering.

According to the Solar Energy Industries Association, on average, 20-40 percent of a solar energy system's output goes into the grid. Arkansas has offered net metering since 2002. To be eligible, customers must submit an interconnection agreement with the utility. Carroll Electric and SWEPCO have net metering information on their websites. Customers are responsible for costs associated with interconnecting the system and utilities also charge a net metering tariff.

Net metered systems are required to shut down when grid power fails, so unlike battery-based systems, a grid tie system won't function when utility company's service is out, unless a battery backup system is installed. However, this makes a grid tie system much more complicated.

Solar thermal systems make hot water that can also be used for space heating. RGSC's site says these systems approach 80 percent efficient – compared to 15 percent for solar photovoltaic panels. They are also much less expensive, and can have a payback period of less than years.

There is a federal tax credit for solar systems of 30% of cost. Though both principal residences and second homes qualify, rentals do not. You have 10 years to rollover the residential energy tax credit, filed on Form 5695.

EnergySage.com, funded by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), provides a one-stop shop for solar consumers to compare online sales quotes and,

according to the DOE, offers "...unprecedented levels of transparency into PV prices, as well as product and installer quality."

Solar-estimate.org provides estimates of a solar energy system costs, and financial analysis, as well as access to contractors, installers, and a directory of manufacturers and distributors.

Energy.gov's "small solar electric system's" page gives detailed, easy to understand, information on solar energy systems.

DOE recommends that before selecting a system you should evaluate your energy consumption patterns and try to reduce your electricity use. "By understanding your 'energy habits' and becoming more energy efficient, you can reduce the size of the PV system you'll need, lowering both your capital and operating costs."

DOE also advises that bids for solar projects should state the maximum generating capacity and an estimate of the amount of energy that the system will produce on an annual basis.

Energy.sourceguides.com provides a list of solar energy businesses.

This is an excellent time to go solar because, according to Damet, the cost of solar modules has dropped dramatically in the last four or years years, but seems to now be leveling out. Damet points out, "You can start small and add later with any kind of system. We always try to make systems that are expansion ready."

2013 Highlanders Alumni Game May 25

Bring the family and have a great night playing or watching the 2013 Eureka Springs Highlanders' alumni game Saturday, May 25, 2 p.m. at the high school gym.

There will be concessions and a bake sale. Admission for fans is \$5; cost to play is \$15. For more information, call Coach Nolan Helder (479) 466-8011.

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Owners of new business fear double impact from proposed power line project

BECKY GILLETTE

Eureka Springs is a place where unique things blossom. One of those things is Fresh Harvest, an extra virgin olive oil and aged balsamic vinegar gourmet shop with a tasting room popular with both locals and tourists.

But now the owners of the new business, Troy Johnson and Steve Ketchersid, are concerned about a double whammy from the proposed SWEPCO high voltage transmission lines: They fear it could harm their business by impacting tourism and devalue their home and enjoyment of their home in the Keels Creek and Kings River area.

“We just opened this business, and now SWEPCO is proposing to do things that are going to take away from the tourism of Eureka Springs and decrease land values,” Johnson said. “We bought a house here eight years ago and finally got to move here from Hayward, Calif., in June 2012. Then we’ve sunk everything we have into opening a business, Fresh Harvest, bringing world-class products here you could only get in major cities before. We bought four acres way out on a ridge, and now when you open our front door, you are going to see on the next ridge this massive, mega power line. It is just crazy. It is actually not crossing our land, but is proposed to go through our neighbors’ properties all along the ridge next to us.”

Eureka Springs generates significant sales tax revenues to the state, and Johnson questions why they would want to endanger that.

“It makes no sense to me,” he said. “Why they would even consider putting a power line in front of Inspiration Point? That doesn’t make any sense to me, either.”

Johnson said he also has concerns that SWEPCO ratepayers will be expected to foot the bill for the \$116.7 million project.

“Rates are going to go up for everyone involved,” he said. “To pay for something we don’t want that is going to hurt the environment and hurt tourism has really got us angry. We chose Eureka because we love Eureka Springs. We love the people



SWEPCO – Troy Johnson draws pairings of olive oils and balsamic vinegars for the daily samples at the gourmet shop Fresh Harvest. Johnson is concerned the proposed SWEPCO transmission lines will negatively affect his business as well as his home near the Kings River.

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and we love the Ozarks. At least fifty percent of our customer base is tourists, so we are concerned about this mega power line.”

Johnson said they couldn’t find justification for the project, which opponents have dubbed “the power line to nowhere.” And he would like to see SWEPCO seriously embrace alternatives such as renewable energy.

“Where we came from in the Bay Area, there is a lot of wind and solar power,” Johnson said. “It is a growing industry there, and it is providing more and more of the electrical needs of the area. I think that is an incredibly responsible approach rather than relying on the traditional coal plants. Solar used to be prohibitively expensive, but these days they are making the panels much more affordable. If SWEPCO would come to us and say, ‘We need this, and this is why we need this’, we could all sit down and talk about this. But it seems like decisions are made for us. We are paying the bills. We are paying the taxes. And we have no say so. They can come in, take your land, raise

your rates and basically they do whatever they want. They need to listen to their employers, the customers.”

Johnson’s partner, Steve Ketchersid, said the world has changed a lot since 2007 when studies were done that have been the justification for the new line.

“They should revisit studies and see if the need is still there,” Ketchersid said. “They need to cross all the T’s and dot all the I’s before deciding on something

that is truly not needed and will impact the environment in a negative way. They should also consider the use of alternative power such as windmills or solar. In the past few years with all the new technology coming out for green energy, it would behoove a public energy company to look again at the options. The current ways of generating electricity may become passé in coming years the way technology is moving. You don’t want to be stuck with old machines. Today’s machines will be antiques.”

Ketchersid said the uniqueness of Northwest Arkansas would be heavily disturbed by big changes like this. People like to visit places that are unspoiled, very pristine.

“I think Eureka Springs offers that,” he said. “Eureka offers a look into the past, and huge power lines coming over your head disturb that picturesque vision of Eureka Springs.”

A former banker, Ketchersid said he has no problem with SWEPCO making a reasonable rate of return. “SWEPCO is not in the business to be losing money, and stockholders would be offended if it lost money,” he said. “Certainly they deserve to make a profit, but I’m concerned about the percentage of the profit and who is actually benefiting from that, because obviously profits aren’t being put back into updating technologies. It sounds like putting the cart before the horse. Hopefully, the regulation process SWEPCO is going through will help them learn how to do business in a better way.”

Grandpa, come up here and hold me! Delphine Virginia Boyette slid right into life with 6 lbs. 8 ozs., packed into her 20-inch frame. She was born April 24, 6:23 a.m. in Portland, Ore., to Adam and Emilia Boyette. Delphine is the name of the hotel in the south of France where Adam and Emilia were staying when they got engaged. And grandpa, Independent reporter Nicky Boyette, will miss only one June city council meeting when he goes to Portland to meet his first grandchild.



Council approves Drennon Drive CUP

HARRIE FARROW

Planning commissioner and lodging owner, Melissa Greene, spoke to city council May 13 about the Conditional Use Permit (CUP) appeal for 8 Drennon Drive, saying she was neighbors for a few years with the applicants and their house was well maintained. She said that the CUP request should have passed, adding "The couple would do a good job. I'm not afraid of the competition." Greene concluded by

saying that when she looked at the 22 codes, the applicants met them all.

Pam Ensminger, applicant for the single unit B&B CUP, gave aldermen files with photos and other information. She spoke at length about how at the Planning Commission meeting there was only one neighbor within the 200 ft. zone requiring notification who protested granting the CUP. Ensminger said this neighbor's property is an empty lot with tall grass, although they own

a house further down the street which is for sale and sits vacant.

Ensminger said she understands her obligations to the city. She read letters from other neighbors, including one from Nancy Wines who said she'd known Pam for years she took good care of property, and one from Wayne Schmidt who said he'd known the Ensmingers for several years and that Pam's cooking alone could bring people here and that they'd be good promoters

for the town.

Planning Chair Beverly Blankenship explained the process the Planning Commission had to take in considering the CUP, and said a CUP does not have to be granted even if applicants meet all requirements.

Aldermen David Mitchell and Joyce Zeller said they had looked at the property and did not see how the CUP would be a problem. The CUP appeal was granted unanimously.

Council considers digitally archiving files

HARRIE FARROW

Ed Wells, who has been working on the city website, proposed at Monday night's council meeting to put city files in digital form and archive them. He said he would scan documents and put them on a secure server off location.

Wells proposed a two year contract at \$39,520

which he said equals \$9.50 an hour. He suggested adding a way to allow people to comment on the city website and that comments could be hidden or taken off if needed. He said he could set this up for \$180.

Alderman Joyce Zeller asked who would monitor comments and Wells said he figured someone in the city government.

Alderman David Mitchell said he thought digitalization of all city documents is vital for the future of the city, and he thought that \$39,000 was a "minuscule price."

Alderman James DeVito suggested a vote to have the availability of funds looked into and this was approved, 6-0.



Eureka Springs' favorite street pARTy Friday!

The 23rd Annual White Street Studio Walk is Friday, May 17, 4 – 10 p.m. Several local working artists will welcome the public into homes and studios to view their latest work, and will also be joined by more than 40 guest artists from the local area who will exhibit weaving, watercolors, jewelry, oils, pottery, stained glass and much more along the length of this artsy avenue.

Among the treats to be seen on White Street will be the work of 23-year show veterans and walk organizers – weaver Eleanor Lux, watercolorist Zeek Taylor and painter/sculptor Mary Springer.

Not only do visitors to White Street on the upper historic loop delight in experiencing a hidden Eureka Springs where they can visit with artists in their private spaces, they also get a sense of neighborhood in this primarily residential part of town; making it a real block party.

Don't miss one of Eureka's most popular events and all the color of art in a street fair atmosphere along with refreshments and music. Look for the turquoise flags identifying participating locations. The event is free to the public. For info, see eukaspringsfestivalofthearts.com or email zeek.taylor@cox.net.

Public Works to fix backup problem

HARRIE FARROW

Alderman Dee Purkeypille said he expected Public Works Director, Dwayne Allen, to be present at Monday's city council meeting to talk about the sewage backup at Sherwood Court. However, Allen was not there, so Purkeypille explained that a decision had been reached to replace 175 ft. of Glen Street and install a manhole at a cost of \$10-11,000.

Purkeypille said Allen told him ESPW had the money and he would make it a high priority.

Purkeypille said the next step would

be fixing problems on Avo Street which will be an even bigger project for next year. He said the budget is very small and every year something happens and they will have to look at a wastewater fee increase.

The owner of Sherwood Court, Lill Hostick said "I want to see this fixed. You say it tonight and we say great, but then you don't."

Purkeypille said if the council agrees then Allen will do it, and council voted 6-0 to have the work done on Glen Street as soon as possible.

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May 23, 5:30 p.m. at Clear Spring School, Dairy Hollow Rd.



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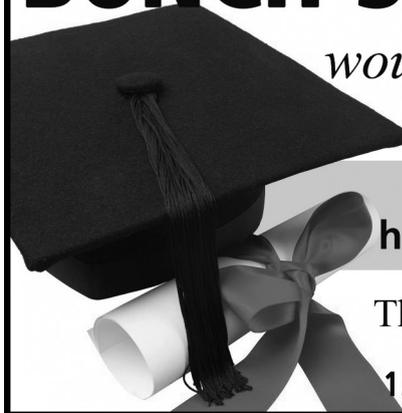
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Juggler Ethan Robison pays tribute to Rene Magritte during Saturday's Artrageous Parade.

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Apox on the vandal or vandals who decided it would be fun to tear down a whole bunch of MUGS posters last week. I do believe in Karma, I do believe in Karma.

Perfect weather made for a perfect, albeit brief, Artrageous Parade. Unfortunately due to last week's weather SNAFU many people, including our high school band, had re-scheduling conflicts.

Bravo to Edward and Ethan Robison, the father-son unicycle team whose green apple juggling homage to Magritte was brilliant, proving that talent and creativity can easily compete with size and big budgets.

Some fun stuff was on show during Saturday's Gallery Walk. Valerie Damon's dark, whimsical "Bone Creatures" displayed at Iris at the Basin Park were delightful. Jim Nelson's new work at Artifacts is worth the trip upstairs. Jim was handing out shots of Patron to patrons who voted for their favorite "title" on his latest wall sculpture. Doubtless, Zeek and I were not the only ones voting more than once.

Hundreds of people showed up for the re-lighting of the SPHERE in Basin Park Saturday night. Drumming, dancing, Angelo, Sparky and a crazy LED light show made it a Eureka night to remember. Congrats again to Robert Norman and Jeremy Mason McGraw.

This Friday is May's biggie event – the White Street Studio Walk. Local artists Zeek Taylor, Eleanor Lux, Mary Springer, John Willer and David Hussey all attended the Memphis College of Art – and, after

graduating, all made Eureka Springs home. And all, except Hussey, coincidentally ended up neighbors on White St.

Thus the birth of WSSW, now in its 23rd year – an event I've participated in, documented, poured wine for, or simply enjoyed as an art patron for the past 17 years. It really is the social event of the year, where you can run into people you like (or don't) whom you rarely see elsewhere. It's also a chance to see new work by local artists, some who exhibit only at this annual street fair.

Artists Cynthia Kresse, Charles Pierce and Denise Ryan have curated and organized the Bank on Art shows for the past three years. It's an opportunity for any local artist to have a piece of work on display at one of our three local banks for the month of May. Opening artist receptions are scheduled for Thursdays, but the public can view the artwork anytime during banking hours.

Books in Bloom is this Sunday and the weather, although "breezy" looks promising for the annual outdoor garden event. British repat Iris Simantel, who called Eureka Springs home for many years but returned to England a few years ago, will be at BIB plugging her award-winning book, *Far from the East End*, and her newly released *GI Bride*.

Another busy week of May events – see you on the street.

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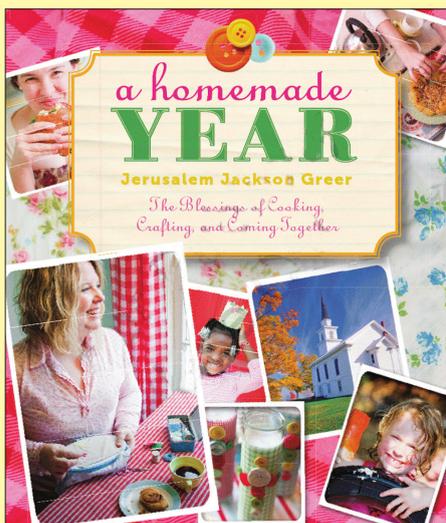
It's Thyme for a Homemade Year

Eureka Thyme will host author Jerusalem Jackson Greer to celebrate her new book, *A Homemade Year: The Blessings of Cooking, Crafting and Coming Together* on Friday, May 17. This gorgeously designed book is a guide to celebrating the rhythm of life's calendar of events and the Christian liturgical year, focusing on God's love in our lives.

Greer is a featured author at the annual Books in Bloom literary festival and a crafter, writer, former pastor, blogger, nest-fluffer, speaker and farm-gal wannabe. She lives with her husband and two sons in a 1940s cottage in Central Arkansas with an ever-changing rotation of pets, including a hen house full of heritage chickens and an English Sheep Dog mutt as they attempt to live a slower

version of modern life. She blogs about this and more at jerusalem.greer.com

Meet this delightful author from 5 – 8 p.m. on Friday, May 17, at Eureka Thyme, 19 Spring Street.



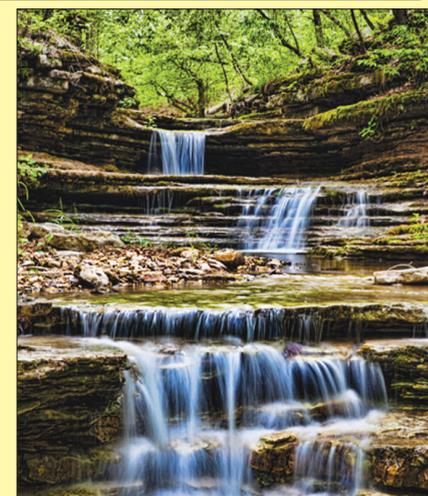
HI Theater Guild romp May 16 – 18

Don't miss the Holiday Island Theater Guild production of the melodrama, *Lily, the Virtuous Seamstress*. Performances are Friday, May 17, and Saturday, May 18, at 7:30 p.m. in the Ballroom of the Holiday Island Clubhouse.

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 is prohibited. Tickets are \$10. Phone (479) 981-6885 or (479) 253-5622.

Thompson at Eureka Thyme

Eureka Thyme will host local photographer, Randal Thompson, in a show celebrating the May Festival of the Arts with a debut of his photos of natural beauty in the Ozarks. Join us to meet Randal and see what he has in store for this year. Randal will be in the gallery from 1 – 4 p.m. and again from 6 – 9 p.m. on Saturday, May 18, at 19 Spring Street.



OZARK WATERFALLS BY RANDAL THOMPSON

INDEPENDENTArt

ESSA Presents *Art In The Park For Kids* during May Fest

The Eureka Springs School of the Arts will have an interactive tent at Basin Spring Park on Saturday, May 25, 11 a.m. – 6 p.m., where kids (of all ages) can have their faces painted and help create a canvas to be exhibited at Community First Bank. Local artist, Julie Kahn Valentine, will be on hand to mentor the kids, and Wendi La Fey will do magical face painting. Pack up the kids and head to Basin Spring Park for a fun family outing!



Peggy Kjølgaard, ESSA director, helps out at last year's interactive tent.

Catch a "hot" demo May 18 at The Jewel Box



The Jewel Box will feature the work of David Rush who creates paintings on copper sheet with a blowtorch. His masterful blending of fire, air, earth and water results in art that shimmers with vibrant color and movement. Come meet David and watch him demonstrate this unique art form from 2 – 5 p.m. and again from 6:30 – 9 p.m. at the Jewel Box, 40 Spring Street.

Lots to see at Tinmaker May 18

Tinmaker & Glitz will host a show and reception for their exhibiting artists on May 18 from 11 a.m. – 6 p.m., including the Gallery Walk.

Come meet the artists and enjoy the abstracts of Jay Vrecenak, photography of Steve Wood, birthday boards by Melony Watts, body part lamps and furniture by Sue Glave, sugar skulls by Jeffery Smith, tin art by Daniel Larmay, watercolors by Weston Bryant, paintings

by Mariellen Griffith and preview *Living Life Inside Out* by author Barb Kampbell,

Signed copies of Mariellen Griffith's book, *Journey in Nature, Haiku and Photographic Expression* will be available from 3 – 6 p.m.

Come feast your eyes on art and tantalize your taste buds at the refreshment table at Tinmaker and Glitz, 45 ½ Spring Street!

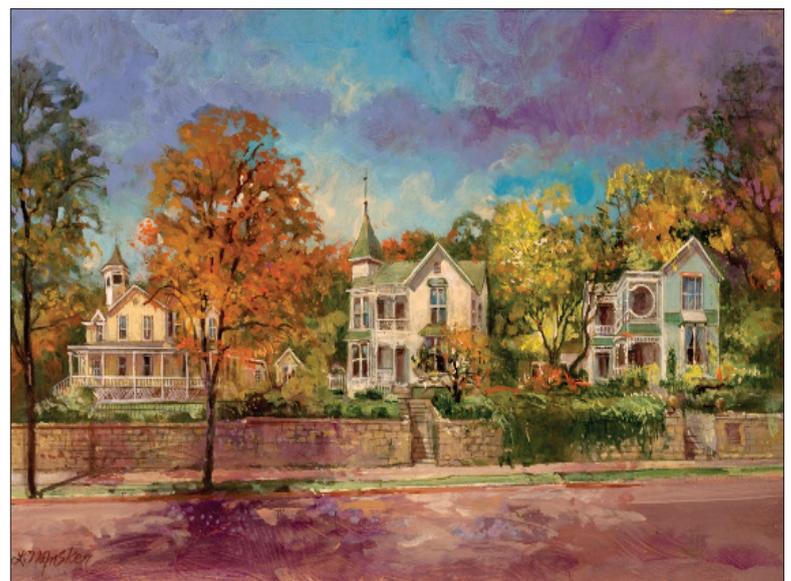
Be the first to create in ESSA's new clay studio May 28 – June 1

Be among the first to try out the new slab roller and 9 cu. ft. kiln in ESSA's new clay studio sponsored by Cornerstone Bank. During a new, five-day workshop with instructor Susy Seigele, the group will learn to make tiles and help build a new ceramic wall for the studio.

Students will take home a matching signature tile and experience the satisfaction of leaving a personal creation with ESSA. Register for this workshop online at www.ESSA-ART.org or by calling (479) 253-5384.



TILE WORK BY SUSY SIEGELE



Mansker at Iris May 18

Artist Larry Mansker and his newest paintings from Scenes of Eureka Springs will be featured at Iris at the Basin Park's Saturday Gallery Stroll from 1 – 4 and 6 – 9 p.m., May 18. Larry is a member of the Plein Air Painters of Eureka Springs and has been documenting local architecture, gardens and springs. Both original paintings and prints will be on display. Come and enjoy.

... And don't forget to see the work of local school art students on exhibit and for sale during May!

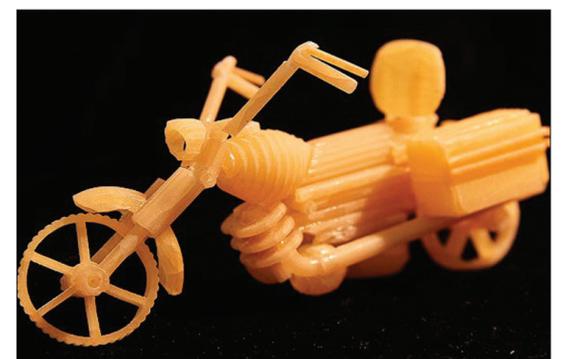
Books bloom on May 19!

One of the most anticipated local events for book lovers and writers, the 8th Annual Books in Bloom Literary Festival, is coming up Sunday, May 19, from noon – 5 p.m. in the Crescent Hotel Conservatory and Gardens.

Don't miss an afternoon of entertaining authors' talks, readings and book signings. Meet and talk with some of your favorite authors including Catherine Coulter, Craig Johnson, James Grippando, R. Clifton Spargo and many others. The event is free and sponsored in part by a grant from the Arkansas Humanities Council and the Department of Arkansas Heritage.

See booksinbloom.org for a complete list of speakers and times.

Meals as wheels – Get your Pasta Art ready for the Spaghetti Circus during Fun After 5! in Basin Park Saturday, May 24. There will be prizes for ages 6 to adult. Just bring your glued, strung, painted or otherwise manipulated pasta to the park by 5 p.m. for judging at 5:30 p.m. No cost to enter. Display tables will be provided.



302 on the Square closing is only rumor

Apparently the false rumor claiming the 302 Restaurant in the Grand View Hotel on the Berryville Square has closed is still on the loose. The popular restaurant is definitely open and serving excellent food at great prices.

When you're in Berryville stop in for

lunch or come in for dinner. On Friday nights, you can dine to the tunes of live music at the weekly hootenanny. Your patronage will also help build an art center and school in the historic Grand View! Stop by and learn the details.

Devil's Den State Park, May 17 - 19 "Think Like a Mountain" Conservation Weekend

Special speaker Terry Mitchell will talk on "Caves" Friday, May 17, 8:30 p.m. in the amphitheater. There will be special programs and activities for all ages on Saturday, May 18, beginning at 9 a.m. Special speaker at 4 p.m. on Saturday will be herpetologist Brad Birchfield who will talk on "Snakes and their Benefit to the Ecosystem." See live specimens from his collection, including some of our state's venomous ones.

"Reflections Under the Stars" at the

amphitheater begins at 7 p.m. on Saturday and includes sampling of Dutch oven cobbler and a special evening activity where contestants will compete for a free two-day camping pass.

Spend the day or the weekend and enjoy a time of family fun and adventure celebrating our mountains and the legacy of early conservationists such as Aldo Leopold, John Muir and well-known Arkansans. For more information contact the park or Terry Elder at (479) 761-3325.



Park Bark – Hey, mom, we're ready – when ya' takin' us to the dog park? We're Jack and Polka Dot and we heard about the sign design contest. Wish we could enter but without thumbs it's kinda hard to make art. But I bet someone would be tail-waggin' happy to enter and win \$100 and have her/his very own sign as a permanent fixture at our park! De"tails" are on Facebook (Eureka Springs Dog Park). Treats? Did someone say treats? Check out the dog park's booth in Basin Park on May 25 and pick up some munchies for you and your dog and buy a brick, too! It makes a nice gift for that special someone in your life. Watch for info on our Yappy Hour at Eureka Live coming soon! Call Rachel 244-9151 or Bill 253-2658 for more info or "like" us on Facebook!

TheNATUREofEUREKA by Steven Foster

What is that honeysuckle?

Birders have it easy. In North America, north of Mexico, there are a mere 914 species of wild birds. In the naturalist pecking order, birders often seem have a holier-than-thou attitude. There's more plant species in Carroll County than birds

in North America. Plant people have to work harder than birders to identify species of interest and remember their names.

Each year I see this shrub that is obviously a honeysuckle – the birder's equivalent of I know it's a warbler, but

which one? It's very common in Eureka Springs and blooming now.

Finally, I took the time to identify it. The shrub now blooming at the edges of our yards, with honeysuckle flowers in pairs at the leaf axils (the leaves opposite) is Amur honeysuckle (*Lonicera maackii*). Count it among our woody weeds.

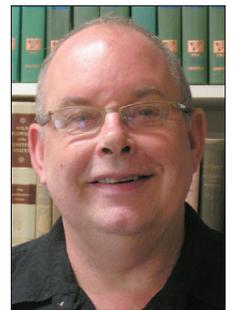
It hails from Asia, native to much of China, Korea and the Russian Far East. In Japan it is an endangered native plant. Here in North America it is an invasive alien, introduced into horticulture in the 1880s. It competes with native plants for habitat and provides rodents cover, increasing their populations. It is browsed by deer increasing their food supply and numbers; increasing ticks hosted by them; in turn increasing the incidence of human disease for which ticks are vectors.

Hints of its possible usefulness are found on scholarly Chinese websites, which only

include journal article titles in English. The flowers bloom before Japanese

honeysuckle (*Lonicera japonica*), extracts of the buds that are a cold and flu remedy found in every pharmacy in China, called jin-yin-hua. It appears that flowers of Amur and Japanese honeysuckle have similar chemistry, hence Amur honeysuckle may be used as a substitute. Under the name phan-ma'i-bru, it is used in 1.8 percent of traditional Tibetan medicine prescriptions, but for what, I know not.

Our Amur honeysuckle is *Lonicera maackii* var. *erubescens*. How does it spread? Birds eat the translucent red fruits, dispersing the seeds. This is not a problem in China. When the Maoists came to power over 60 years ago, one of their first acts of public welfare was to use a chemical arsenal to eliminate the three scourges – flies, rats, and birds. Birders take note. Human activity has a cultural perspective.



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.

“Jest a few, Pa. I wanted to see if he would catch us at it before I put very many in.”

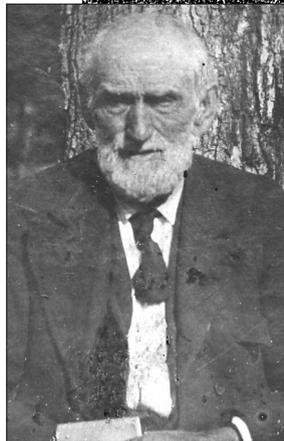
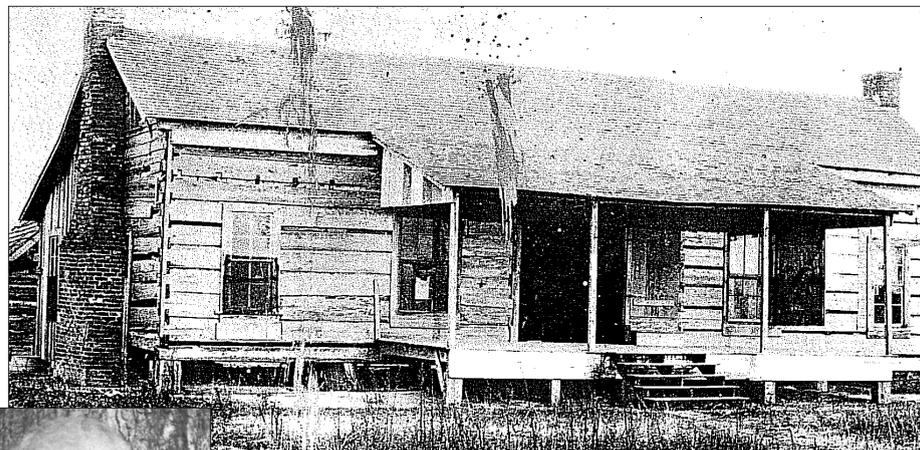
“Don’t you dare say ‘us’ when you are talkin’ about a dirty trick like that. I had nothin’ to do with it and you know it. That was your own idea an’ I’m takin’ you to see Doc Hughes today. You’re goin’ to tell him yourself what you have done. Then, I’m goin’ to pay him fer whatever he thinks is right fer what you have all ready done. Then I’ll keep that much of your share of the root money until you have paid fer what you have done. Don’t ever make me ashamed of you again, Jimmy. I think that knowin’ that you could be dishonest is about the only thing that could make me sorry I ever had you.”

The boy hung his head, looked sorry indeed, and accompanied his father to see Doc Hughes. After the due confession and apology was made, Jimmy went about his play while the two men discussed the happening.

“That’s a smart boy, Mr. Gaskins. Very few kids his age could have figured that trick out. He could have made a lot of money selling buckshot for the price of senna roots,” he laughed.

“It is not a laughing matter with me, Doc. I’m ashamed of the boy’s actions and if that’s what it takes to be smart I’d rather he was dim-witted. I don’t like ‘mean smart’ and don’t you be tellin’ him what a smart trick he pulled.”

Jim Gaskins lay awake far into the night wondering if the episode with his son would be the last one of its kind. Would the boy grow up to be dishonest?



If dishonesty was an inherited trait, where did it come from? Certainly not from the Gaskins side of his family. Rosa Beck, Little Jimmy’s mother, was from an honest family, too.

He pushed away another thought that nagged at him. Jim and Little Jimmy were on one of their long trips to the woods when Johnny Gaskins sat down to the long table to drink his second cup of strong black coffee and have a little talk with Susan.

“Susan, I’ve been a-thinkin’ on somethin’ that I want to talk to you about. You can see that Jim an’ the boy are hittin’ it off pretty good together. I think it’s time they got out on their own. We’re not gettin’ any younger. Mary will be gettin’ married purty soon. The way Dode keeps lookin’ at that little Mollie Hatcher lets me know that there’s

another weddin’ comin’ up before long. We both need to take it a little easier. I told you I was tradin’ fer that piece of land over at Golden. I’ve already give a part of it to Tom and Nancy. I’ve still got the part that’s got the little buildin’ on it. It would make a fine store buildin’ an’ a place to live, too. Jim likes people an’ he has got a good business head on his shoulders. He could buy and sell furs, roots and things. If I can get that thing settled, I’ve got some plans fer me an’ you.”

“What kind of plans, Johnny?” Susan asked. “I don’t know that I need any plans made fer me. I’m a-doin’ all right just the way things are. The kids are about to all leave. I’ve got room enough for my loom and spinnin’ wheel. I’m learnin’ Mary to spin an’ weave. Jest what else could we want?” Susan asked.

“I’m a-lookin’ further ahead than tomorrer,” her husband answered as he crushed a piece of dry tobacco plant and filled his pipe. “You probably hadn’t thought about it, Susan, but the times a-comin’ ain’t a-goin’ to want cloth

wove on a loom. They’re goin’ to buy factory-wove cloth. You know that after we bought the calico in Eureka Springs fer dresses fer th’ weddin’ that you an th’ girls have about quit wearin’ clothes made out of anything else. The time is a-comin’ when people won’t know what a loom is.”

“You may be right, Johnny, but sometimes you scare me with all this talk about th’ time a-comin’. You sound like a fortune-teller,” she chided.

“Well, you can mark my word,” he answered. “The time is a-comin’ when people ain’t a-goin’ to live like they do now. There’s goin’ to be some changes made around here. The new railroad a-comin’ has changed a lot of things.”

“You’re jest a-sayin’ that because you know you had somethin’ to do with bringin’ it here,” his wife accused. “Well, never mind about that. That don’t have nothin’ to do with what I wanted to talk to you about, or maybe it does,” he continued. “Well, get on with it. What’s on your mind?” Susan asked. “Well, it’s like this. I was over to Gaskins Switch last week. I’m right proud of that place, it bearin’ the Gaskins name an’ all. I was a-thinkin’ that maybe we ort to sellout everything here an’ move over there. What would you think about that, Susan?”

“How could I know what I would think about somethin’ I ain’t never heard of?” Susan asked and continued, “You know I ain’t never thought about livin’ any place but here, for the rest of my life. We’ve got this nice house that any woman in her right mind would like to live in. What would we want to move to Gaskins Switch for?”

Whet your whistle at firehouse barbecue May 18

All are welcome at the Inspiration Point Fire Department on Saturday, May 18, for mouth-watering chopped brisket sandwiches and all the fixin’s at the Annual Firehouse Barbecue. Come when you’re hungry ‘cause food will be served from 11:30 a.m. – 6 p.m. at the Main Station, 31 Ozark Automotive Road, a scenic drive out US 62 E just past Inspiration Point.

The menu of chopped brisket sandwiches,

homemade potato salad, homemade baked beans, iced tea and a cookie is served up for only \$8 adults and \$6 for children. Soft drinks will be available for a small charge. IPFD will also be selling chances for a 32” flat screen TV at \$5 per ticket. The winning ticket will be drawn at 5:30 p.m., and holder need not be present to win.

For more information, please email Margy Thompson at ipnews@ip-fire.org.

Think you can stand on the water? Come try it!

There will be a Chamber of Commerce ribbon cutting and standup paddle boarding opportunity at SUP Outfitters on May 21 at 4:30 p.m. at Starkey Marina. Bring or wear your shorts and swimsuits and have some merriment on the water with this fun, new-to-the-area sport.

Meet SUP owner, Melody, who is excited to introduce the Hawaiian-born sport of stand up paddle boarding to Northwest Arkansas. It’s the fastest growing water sport and is now moving to the lakes and rivers. For more information, call Melody (479) 244-7380 or see sup-outfitters.com.

concern about the impacts to the Razorback Regional Greenway which links together dozens of popular community destinations including six downtown areas, three major hospitals, 23 schools, the University of Arkansas campus, the corporate headquarters of Wal-Mart, JB Hunt and Tyson Foods, arts and entertainment venues, shopping areas, historic sites, parks, playground and residential areas. The portion of the Razorback Regional Greenway in conflict with proposed route 108 is scheduled to begin construction in June and be completed by late 2013 or early 2014.

Springdale's application to intervene states that route 108 would also have an adverse impact on the Rabbit Foot Lodge, once owned by U.S. Congressman and Senator J. William Fulbright, which is on the National Register of Historic Properties.

Springdale has concerns that route 108, if selected, would not only interfere with the city's use and enjoyment of its property, but diminish economic and aesthetic value of the city's land, cause significant health and safety concerns, and interfere with the economic and aesthetic value of the city's land. Springdale's petition to intervene expresses concerns about the impact that clear cutting, construction and erection of power lines would have on the ecological balance and quality of Springdale Lake and surrounding areas.

Smaller towns along the proposed routes also have numerous objections. The town of Garfield, in comments opposing the power line, states that SWEPCO's preferred route for the transmission line would have a detrimental impact on the health, economic and business well-being and future development of their town.

"What first should be noticed is that the proposed route directly bisects

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Garfield," the objection states. "The route is not a necessity of design, only a chosen route best serving the economic interests of SWEPCO, without regard to the negative impacts upon our community."

Garfield states that the transmission lines would be located within several hundred feet of Garfield Elementary, and that there are major concerns about children spending their days in close proximity to high power transmission lines and their radiation fields.

"As a note of emphasis, the query, 'Negative Effect on Human from High Voltage Transmission Lines,' brought over 6,100,000 results from a Bing search," the letter signed by Mayor Laura Hamilton states. "Additionally, these proposed transmission lines will cut a swath directly through our residential areas including our largest residential subdivision, as well as traversing through prime commercial areas including our intended future commercial areas that will border the new relocation route of Highway 62. Our local real estate professionals have informed us that there are very substantial reductions in property values from close proximity to such high voltage transmission lines, and

that many buyers will not even consider purchasing homes or businesses located within the areas surrounding these lines. Overall property devaluation could range from 20 to 100 percent, depending on the types and uses of properties, and on the prospective purchasers."

The letter pleads with the APSC to dismiss the route from consideration, stating, "We believe our healthy, growing small community has a right to remain healthy, grow and thrive and that utility corridors need to go around and be out of the center. Just as we do not run extension cords across dance floors we see there have been serious omissions of design principal in the layout of route 33, and are asking for your help mitigating these errors."

Gateway has also filed a petition to intervene in the proceedings stating that route 33 would cut through the Town of Gateway and dissect the town park used by local residents for exercise, family events and corporate gatherings. Legal title to the park property has a restriction that "precludes its conversion to other than public recreation/conservation use without the consent of the U.S. Secretary of the Interior."

"Constructing a power line through this public park is prohibited, absent a valid permit, contract, or other written agreement with the U.S. Dept. of Interior," the petition to intervene states.

Gateway objected to the fact that no one with SWEPCO met with town officials to discuss the project prior to delivery of the notice by registered mail. Gateway's petition to intervene said the power line would discourage businesses from locating on the US highway 62 corridor, thereby causing economic harm to Gateway from the loss of real property tax revenue and business license revenue. Gateway said the project would discourage tourism by ruining its small town appeal, and present unnecessary safety and health

hazards. It states that by placing transmission lines so near the highway, SWEPCO is inviting more car accidents and risking power outages.

Gateway also objects to the use of herbicides for right-of-way maintenance, which the city fears could seep into Beaver Lake, the primary source of potable water for Northwest Arkansas.

The City of Cave Springs has also filed a petition to intervene stating the city is concerned about potential environmental impacts, potential health and safety risks, and the potential adverse impacts on both residents and businesses.

Another major intervener in Benton County is the Wal-Mart Real Estate Business Trust, which has expressed concerns the interests of Wal-Mart may be adversely impacted by construction and generation of the proposed power lines.

Private property owners in Benton County also have numerous concerns. Larry Vendevoir of Bentonville has submitted a public comment that the proposed route 33 goes over the top of his personal residence and would halt any future development of his Creekstone Subdivision, "the only approved gated subdivision in Bentonville. This is years in the planning, years of work and millions of dollars that would be in jeopardy."

Shawn Holland of Bentonville said he and his wife just started construction of their dream home April 10 on land they had spent years searching for, wanting to give their kids a place to have space and enjoy wildlife. "I beg you to never consider the route 108," he said. "If you do, please know that you will have taken away every inch of my dream. Not even a little piece of this land will be left since it is 300 feet wide in the same direction that power lines are planned to run through."

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everyone there."

Master said he bought the property because of its natural beauty and family ties. His father was raised in the area. He planned to retire on the property, and maybe develop a few homes.

"I just can't get my mind around this project," Masters said. "I'm all for technology and innovation that makes

people's lives better, but Southern Missouri and North Arkansas don't have a lot of industry. The area does have amazing beauty. Once that is gone, it is gone. It isn't like you can undo something like that.

"Maybe I've been on the West Coast too long. Everything is so regulated here. It seems SWEPCO is skipping a lot of requirements to get this done.

I'm just amazed. I don't know who is running this, but I am appalled at the whole thing. I am absolutely opposed to them coming across my property. I'll fight that tooth and nail."

Landowners are supposed to be notified by registered mail, and then are allowed 30 days to respond to intervene. SWEPCO agreed to an extended deadline for intervention for the 40

property owners it missed notifying earlier. Any parties intervening must be represented by an attorney.

Staff for the APSC has recommended public hearings on the proposed transmission line be held in 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.

Officials proclaim Historic Preservation Month

Carroll County Judge, Sam L. Barr; Berryville Mayor, Tim McKinney and Eureka Springs Mayor, Morris R. Pate are among 116 officials in 58 counties who have declared May as Historic Preservation Month.

The proclamations note that historic preservation is an effective tool for managing growth, revitalizing neighborhoods, fostering local pride and maintaining community character while enhancing livability; and that historic preservation is relevant for communities across the nation, both urban and rural, and for Americans of all ages, walks of life and ethnic backgrounds.

Noting that “See! Save! Celebrate!” is the theme for National Preservation Month 2013 and “Saving Our Heritage: Arkansas’s Historic Structures” is the theme for Arkansas Heritage Month, co-sponsored by Carroll County, Berryville, Eureka Springs, the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program, the Department of Arkansas Heritage and the National Trust for Historic Preservation, officials called upon constituents to join fellow citizens across the United States in recognizing and participating in the special observance.

For a list of Carroll County’s National Register properties, see arkansaspreservation.com.

American Legion Memorial Day service May 27

Eureka Springs American Legion Post 9 will hold its Annual Memorial Day service Monday, May 27, 10 a.m., at the Post Home to honor the service men and women who made the supreme sacrifice for their country. Featured speaker will be Dick Kelsey, Executive Director and Chief Operations Officer of the Great Passion Play.

Musical tribute will be performed by the Holiday Island Singers. All veterans and residents of Carroll County and surrounding areas are invited to attend. Post 9 is located at the junction of Hwy. 23 and Hwy. 187 north of Eureka Springs. For more information, email ozarkjim2@webtv.net.



Farewell match – Eureka Springs High School graduating seniors pose with their coaches during an after-season Alumni vs. Highlanders soccer match at Lake Leatherwood May 14. Standing from left are Coach Daniel Moose, Schuyler Daniel Worley and Jesse Bush. Front row from left are Keaton Boardman, Nathan Wilkerson and Coach Mike “Shreya” Smith. The seniors aren’t the only ones leaving after this season – Coach Shreya is retiring after teaching and coaching soccer for Eureka Springs youth for more than two decades. Highlander boys won, 6–2; Lady Highlanders trumped Alumni 1–0.

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DROPPING A Line by Robert Johnson

Beaver Lake and here at Holiday Island water temps are running around 64°. Low 50s up river from Beavertown due to a lot of water being released out from the dam. White bass are about done with the spawn and moving back towards Holiday Island from the river. Look for walleye around the Island, too.

Crappie and Bass are moving into the shoreline. Look for the bass building nests in the gravel in about 4 to 6 feet of water in the creeks and coves, and look for crappie in the brush in two to five ft. of water – a jig or minnow should catch them.

Beaver Lake striped bass are still hitting on top upriver from Horseshoe Bend to War Eagle Marina now, but by next week they should be done with their spawn, too, and moving closer to Rocky Branch seeking cooler water, a few are already being caught along with whites around the dam and Indian Creek

area. Shad and brood shiners are still the best bait along with big top water plugs for stripers and smaller lures for the whites.

If you’re a shoreline fisherman, trout can always be caught below the dam or you might want to check out Lake Leatherwood which has a good population of bass, crappie, catfish and big red ear. Red ears are getting ready to build nests in the shallows. Crickets and worms will catch them. They might even have a small boat or paddleboat you can rent if you want to get on the water. You do have to pay \$3 or so to fish here but it could be worth it.

Trips were kind of slow this week due to the weather so my pic for the week was a tossup of four guys with 20 whites, or Bell, who Striper fished with me one day this week. With nine bait rods to watch I know she has this

one covered.

I think winter is finally over so get a line wet and take a dog fishing.



Herbal Care for Men workshop May 21

Join D'Coda, from The Herbal Coaching Community – School of Herbalism, at Flora Roja on May 21 from 6 – 8 p.m. for a workshop on Herbal Care for Men. Topics covered will include herbs for “down there,” gender differences in health and disease, prostate issues, herbs to support strength training/sports and herbs that help ward off baldness.

Fee for the class: (Limited class size, please reserve a spot) is \$25 for those who pre-register or \$30 at the door.

Private consultations are available with D'Coda on May 22 by appointment only. Email herbalcoachingcommunity@gmail.com before May 19 to schedule or for more information. Cost for private consult is \$40 or \$25 plus 15 Sepals.

Class will be at Flora Roja Community Acupuncture, 119 Wall St. (479) 253-4968. For more information on community acupuncture, the herbal apothecary or other classes, stop in or visit online at Floraroja.com.



presenters and guests gathered around the new informational sign.

Trees for all ages – The Arbor Day Celebration Ceremony at the Cardinal Spring Wetland Demonstration Project included students from Clear Spring School. Shown here,

Arbor Day celebrated in new rain garden

Eureka Springs' Arbor Day Celebration was held Tuesday, May 14 in the new Cardinal Spring Rain Garden in Harmon Park. The site is near the Cardinal Spring Wetland Demonstration Project, funded by a grant from the Arkansas Forestry Commission.

The celebration included a Flag Ceremony by the Honor Guard of American Legion Post 9, a reading of the 2013 Arbor Day Proclamation from Mayor Pate and a talk about the rain garden by Bruce Levine, project coordinator. David Casaletto, Director of Ozarks Water Watch, spoke about his organization, which funded an interpretative sign for the site and rain garden brochure.

Elementary and middle school students from Clear Spring School helped plant two trees in the wetlands area and joined Nathan Wilkerson a hike

on the new Cardinal Spring Trail, which he created as his Eagle Scout project. Eureka Springs Tree City Committee provided light refreshments, and students were given books and CDs created by the Illinois Watershed Project.

Eureka Springs is celebrating 31 years as a Tree City USA, making this community the oldest Tree City USA in Arkansas. Eureka Springs has also received the prestigious Growth Award five times for providing the highest level of tree care and education.

Arbor Day was first observed in 1872 with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska. It is now a holiday observed throughout the nation and world as a day to remember that trees are a vital component of the infrastructure of our community and provide many environmental and economic benefits.

Community Shred Day May 22

Don't have a shredder? No problem, just bring all your sensitive recycling or confidential documents to Cornerstone Bank between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Wednesday, May 22. Shredding will take place until 1 p.m. or the truck is full.

There is no need to remove staples or paper clips and paper can be left in and shredded with manila folders. Paper must be removed from binders,

however. Items that *cannot* be shredded are binders, cardboard, plastics, hard drives and computer discs.

Suggested donation is \$10 a box, with all proceeds going to Eureka Springs American Legion Post 9 Honor Guard. The Guard provides a memorial funeral service to honor veterans at the request of their family.

All shredded paper will be recycled into new paper products.

Benefit for RoAnna and Susan May 23

There will be a benefit show for RoAnna McDaniel and Susan Chamberlain on Thursday, May 23 at 7:30 p.m. at the Pine Mountain Theater in Pine Mountain Village. Come help raise funds for medical expenses for these two leaders in our community.

The show is free, but donations will be accepted with all proceeds going to RoAnna and Susan. This gives everyone a chance to preview the new Pine Mountain Show, see old friends and help these two women of courage.

Invite your friends, challenge them to collect donations and plan to attend. For more information on the evening's activities call The Pine Mountain Theater (479) 253-9156.



Paper Odyssey folds (for now) – Sara and Tony Knight show off some fine papers they're selling, along with everything else in the store, at 50 percent off during their going-out-of-business sale at Paper Odyssey, 63 North Main. The Knights estimate the shop will be closed by early June due to the building being sold, but they plan to open at a later date in another location. It's a perfect chance to get good scrapbooking, rubber stamping and other art supplies at a great discount before they're all sold out.

PHOTO BY DAVID FRANK DEMPSEY

Music with wings – John Two-Hawks gave mothers and their families a musical treat on Mothers' Day with a special concert at the city auditorium including gorgeous, ever-changing visual backgrounds. Two-Hawks' concert also featured the Afro-Disacs and guest musicians Van Adams and Wil Brown. Moms were also treated to chair massages and carnations from the CAPC.

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Link up, word up and save the Ozarks

Save The Ozarks (STO) will hold a community vigil and symbolic response to the proposed SWEPCO project at 6 p.m. Thursday, May 23, at Basin Park. This is an opportunity for the entire community to give its symbolic response and stand in solidarity to fight for our family, friends and neighbors.

STO is asking people to write notes of support to affected property owners and notes of opposition to SWEPCO on their arms, hands or palms as KJ Zumwalt and Ilene Powell did in the photo above. Face painters

are invited to help assist in writing the messages.

Afro-Disiacs will be performing at 7 p.m. and will invite everyone to join in on "Raise Your Voice." A candlelight vigil will take place at 8 p.m.

The idea is inspired by a group that started "Dear World" after Hurricane Katrina to send photographic love notes to New Orleans, where people know what it's like to nearly lose everything but your voice.

For more information, go to www.SaveTheOzarks.org or Save The Ozarks on Facebook.



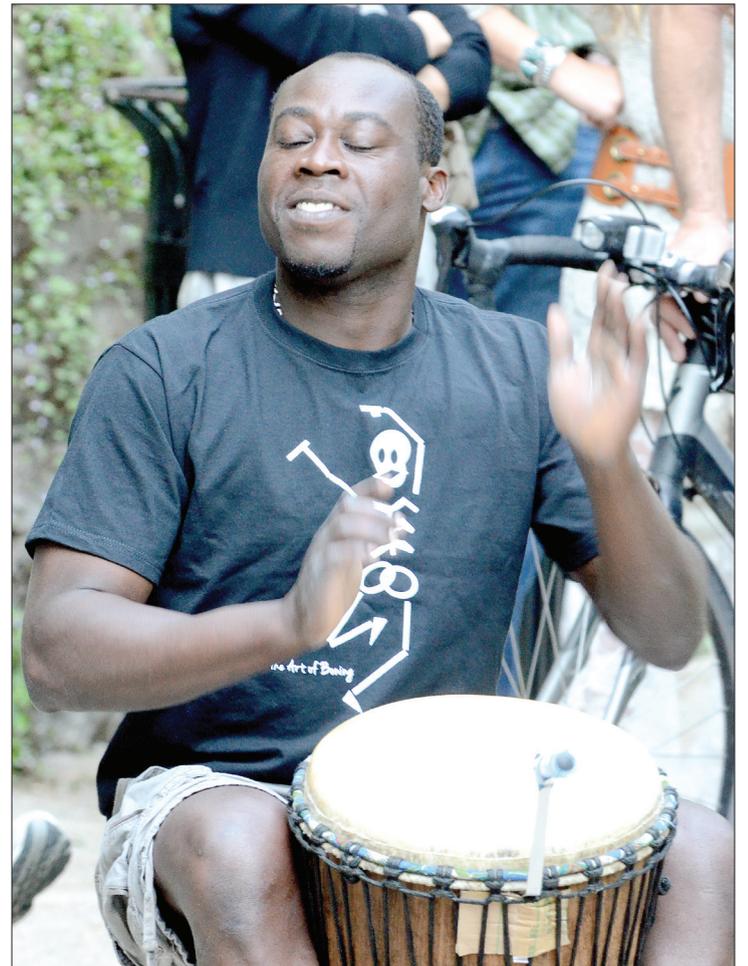
Fire in the hole – Eureka Springs Fire Department is keeping the undergrowth from becoming a hazard once the summer heat settles in.

PHOTO BY JOHN RANKINE



Cocktails for a Cause went to the dogs – ESDN held their monthly Cocktails for a Cause at Eureka Paradise to celebrate and raise funds for the Eureka Springs Dog Park. The event raised \$404 to be split between the two groups.

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Can't beat this – Angelo Yao, a driving force behind the town's open drumming sessions, sets the beat for the first performance of the evening at Basin Park Saturday, May 11. The drumming session was part of an awesome gathering of UV-lit players, dancers and rhythm that took place after dusk to celebrate the Sphere re-lighting and installation of several mini-spheres for the May Festival of the Arts.

PHOTO BY DAVID FRANK DEMPSEY

So sleep (Pralaya) does not overtake us

Sunday is Pentecost, a festival of the Holy Spirit (Ray 3 of Divine Intelligence). Pentecost is the name given to the descent of the Holy Spirit as tongues of fire appearing above the heads of Christ's (Piscean World Teacher) disciples (students) in an upper room (plane of the Mind). Pentecost is not a simple bible story. It's an actual experience for each individual as the Light of the Soul begins to direct the personality with spiritual gifts and virtues – wisdom, understanding (all ideas, all hearts), knowledge and Right Judgment (directing the intellect), wonder, fortitude/courage and respect/reverence (directing

our willingness to serve).

These seven gifts are represented as doves in medieval art and texts.

This is a critical week in terms of the world's ongoing crisis. **Monday** is the third (of seven) Uranus square Pluto transit. Uranus calls us to revolution and Pluto demands transformation.

Both must occur within and outside of us (in the world). Steadily, as these two trans (beyond)-personal planets square over the course of three years (till 2015) we will be challenged to create the new world based upon the new Aquarian Laws & Principles. If we

cannot, a long deep sleep (pralaya) will overtake us.

Tuesday, Venus is 15 Gemini (it's occultation of the Sun degree and of the ongoing false flags created to distract humanity from its purpose and tasks). There is deep occult symbolism occurring between the Forces of Light and the Forces of Dark. Although we may not understand, let us determinedly and intentionally stand on the side of the Forces of Light, making that choice so sleep does not overtake us. We prepare this week for the Gemini solar festival, full moon lunar eclipse (something in form disappears), Festival of Humanity (May 24).

ARIES: More and more, over time and well into the future you become devoted to home and family. You realize the first community in our lives is family. You realize you must be strong and dutiful and that you have obligations you're determined to fulfill. You are developing an exceptional level of responsibility. And becoming practical and efficient, which the world needs.

TAURUS: You tell everyone you're more comfortable at home. You focus research upon growth and prosperity. You learn how to share. Deeply connected with the earth, it's important to discover, study about and plant medicinal herbs for the future. Your healing abilities are directly connected to Earth's natural gifts. You are to manifest the coming new world through thought and visualization and understanding natural medicinals.

GEMINI: You ask the questions and seek out the answers, and within each answer you find even more questions. This is good. It's Socratic. Only from questions do we make discoveries. Only through questions do we acquire knowledge, which leads to wisdom, the Raincloud of Knowable Things. When there is a sense of limitation, slow down to clarify and organize thoughts.

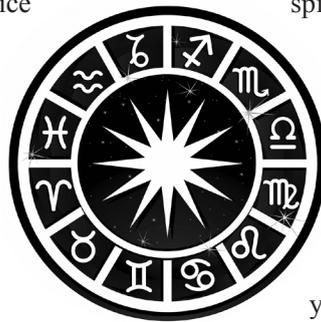
CANCER: You are like Hestia, keeper of the Sacred Flame. You, like she, tend the hearth with devotion, conservation, dedication and nurturance. Aware or not,

you're committed to service and serving others. Therefore you carry the spiritual task of caring for humanity. You are courageous and brave, capable of healing yourself with knowledge and wisdom after deep study and research.

LEO: You are like a priest or priestess, able to be one with all energies, seen and unseen and realities not yet in manifestation. You're able to heal others if your heart desires it. You have the gift of leadership to share. It's important always with leadership to also have the will-to-good, the will-to-love and the will to have boundaries if needed. Boundaries protect you and others when appropriate.

VIRGO: You understand chaos and creation, for they are one. You understand beginnings and endings and that rules must change at different developmental stages. You know about karma, a word often misunderstood. It means we all return together in one family and friend circle for the purpose of helping one another, even if it feels strict and difficult. Devoted to humanitarian (Aquarian) ideals, you allow everyone freedom.

LIBRA: Dedicated to achieving outward success, nothing keeps you from attaining that goal. You sense a



spiritual destiny to fulfill.

Therefore you are able to be disciplined, structured and hard working. Many Librans desire to be of service in the healing field to bring hope and balance to humanity. You align yourself with a Higher

Power for direction. Never be harsh with yourself or another.

SCORPIO: Passion, truth and justice are what you know and live by. Even if it doesn't seem that way to others. It's a very high code of conduct. While always seeking a higher connection in the spiritual world you also simultaneously understand and experience the underbelly of Earthly physical life. It's a conundrum and a paradox, difficult to explain. Knowing there's never an end to this journey it's good to consider yourself as triumphant. A warrior.

SAGITTARIUS: There's been with all "archers" (the true name of Sag) a deep healing of the self through creating a balance and moderation in all things. There has been a deepening of trust; a greater ability to be "present" with others, realizing offering the gift of self is the greatest healing. This has allowed great creative energies of regeneration to flow through your life. We see you have been guarding the

sacred flame of renewal.

CAPRICORN: Over the months you've recognized the need for diplomacy and compromise, two Soul qualities that work together. Thus you've been the messenger in all partnerships. Offering this gift has taught others how to work with concern for the other while also balancing self-needs. You have taught many the Art of Cooperation. A bit of caution. Do not compare yourself to others. Because then intimacy fades.

AQUARIUS: You can be serious, focused and driven (at times). You have a sense of duty to humanity. But sometimes you also can be impatient with needs, vicissitudes and life's difficulties of others. You can have exacting standards and this veils from you the goodness of others. Allow yourself to laugh and play and have fun. Allow yourself to know everything everyone's doing is their very best.

PISCES: You're always of service, always creative. It's important for your work to have spiritual and humanitarian significance. You have great love and enthusiasm (easily misunderstood in the world). You're romantic and courageous. All your life force goes into your work. Find, cultivate and stand in gardens. They help you carry the Virgo energy gestating new realities for humanity. You hold the light leading to the path of tomorrow.

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We had an interesting visit at the Auditorium last week. A couple of gentlemen from the Municipal League were in town. Their job is to inspect various city-owned properties to assess values and estimated replacement costs so municipalities can make sure they're carrying adequate insurance coverage.

These guys work out of North Little Rock and spend most of their time traveling the state evaluating city halls, fire stations, jails, public works garages, bus barns and the like. Mostly modern, concrete slab, steel-framed, metal sided, flat-roofed architectural generica.

I got the distinct impression that Eureka Springs had shaken their expectations. They were positively in awe of the Aud and there wasn't a corner, nook or cranny of the building they weren't anxious to explore.

After giving them a brief history lesson – how the Aud was built into and spanning a ravine; financed by bonds issued not long before Black Friday; a brief



roster of performers from John Philip Sousa to Ray Charles; and more – we plunged into a guided tour of everything from the footings below the basement level to the attic and roof. They marveled at the 18 in. thick limestone load-bearing exterior walls.

Ceiling trusses in the attic were adjudged to be of “the Eiffel Tower school of ironwork.” They were astonished by the 50 ft. steel I-beams supporting the main floor and were deeply impressed imagining how they had been transported to Eureka Springs and installed across the ravine using 1920's-era technology. After some discussion, we decided there probably were mules involved at some point.

The assessment they eventually produce

will focus entirely on the building and its mechanical equipment – the HVAC systems, plumbing fixtures and so on. Over and above that value, we'll have

to account for the added replacement costs of furnishings, draperies, theater seating, office furniture and computers, alarm systems, kitchen equipment and inventory, and a far from inconsiderable amount to cover the theatrical technical equipment: piano, sound, lighting, rigging, softgoods and much more. We expect the final reckoning will only serve to confirm what we already knew: the old girl is priceless.

Amusing postscript: As they were leaving, one of them mentioned the crooked light fixture above the West side emergency exit and said it was a perfect metaphor for the Aud and all of Eureka Springs in general – classic, classy and just the right amount of off-center funk. Some people get it.



McGraw and MUG

– Grand Marshal Jeremy McGraw is followed closely by his mugshot as the May Festival of the Arts ArtRageous Parade winds its way down Spring Street May 11.

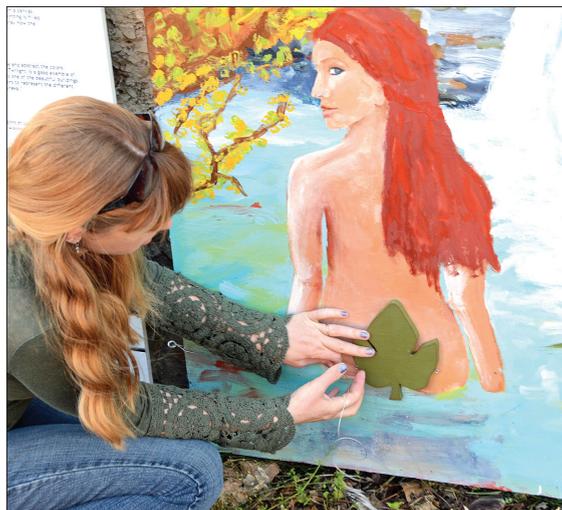
GOP Dinner – U.S.

Congressman Steve Womack speaks before an audience of about 100 at the annual Carroll County Republicans' Lincoln-Reagan Day Dinner at the Inn of the Ozarks May 10. Womack, a retired Arkansas Army National Guard Colonel, served as Mayor of Rogers, Ark., for 12 years before being elected to the U.S. House of Representatives where he serves on the Appropriations Committee.



Excuse me, butt

– Art teacher Jessica Cummings adds a modest fig leaf to part of Shelby Lynn Clark's painting “Lady in the Spring” at the Art Wall in downtown Eureka Springs May 11 in preparation for the Student Art Wall unveiling. Clark is a high school senior and one of seven student artists to have their work displayed.



Flutterby –

Wendi La Fey looks ready to fly away during the May Festival of the Arts' ArtRageous Parade May 11. The colorful parade lasted about half an hour to the delight of locals and visitors lining the streets.

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DAVID FRANK DEMPSEY

Hip hop party at Squid & Whale

The Squid & Whale can always be counted on to bring some fresh sound to our town and Saturday night's line-up of hip-hop artists fits the bill perfectly. The evening will start off at 6 p.m. with Dee from Skillet Lickers, an amazing voice that can switch genres and make it look easy. Enjoy her music while you appreciate the genuine art of Regina Smith, part of the May Festival of the Arts Saturday Gallery stroll, starting at 7 p.m.

At 9 p.m. the stage will be turned over to the dope team of hip-hop artists who are making this the last stop on a Midwest tour. Ecid is the headliner and kamikaze visionary who has an all or nothing approach to every aspect of his work and life. He raps with poetic simplicity and humor about life in this world. He is accompanied by a line-up of up and coming rap/hip-hop artists including The Abnorm, Huey P Nuisance, Grotesk, I-r NeKo, Prhym8,

Second Hand King and Smar-T Jones. According to urbandictionary.com to "drop bombs" means to spit a flawless, unbreakable flow of lyrics onto the mic, you don't want to miss that. Admission is \$5 in advance and \$7 at the door. Call or visit Squid & Whale, 479-253-7147 to purchase an advance ticket.

When you leave the Squid, take a left up the stairs to Jack's Place and wish Chad Emmert, one of Eureka's best bluesmen, a Happy Birthday!

FRIDAY - MAY 17

- **BALCONY RESTAURANT** *Hogscalders*, 12-3 p.m. and 6-9 p.m.
- **CHASERS BAR & GRILL** *Blue Moon*
- **CHELSEA'S** *Ice Cold Fatty*, 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** *Ground Rattlers*, 9 p.m. - close
- **LUMBERYARD RESTAURANT & SALOON** DJ Karaoke, 8 p.m.
- **NEW DELHI CAFÉ** *Gone*

- Was Here*, 6:30-10:30 p.m.
- **PIED PIPER CATHOUSE LOUNGE** *Little Buffalo River Band*, 8-midnight
- **ROWDY BEAVER** *Matt Reeves Band*, 8 p.m.
- **ROWDY BEAVER DEN** *Muddy Rivers*, 9 p.m.
- **SQUID & WHALE PUB** *Method*



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- **VOULEZ-VOUS** *Brenda Meyer Band, Memphis Style Soul, 9 p.m.*
- **302 ON THE SQUARE** (Berryville) Berryville Hootenanny – An Acoustic Jam – All Welcome, 7–9 p.m.

SATURDAY – MAY 18

- **BALCONY RESTAURANT** *Jeff Lee, 12–3 p.m., Chris Diablo, 6–9 p.m.*
- **CHASERS BAR & GRILL** *Live Music*
- **CHELSEA'S** *Blue Moon, 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** *Beneath the Surface, 9 p.m. – closing Celebrate Chad Emmert's Birthday!!*
- **LUMBERYARD RESTAURANT & SALOON** *Moonshine Mafia, 8 p.m.*
- **NEW DELHI CAFÉ** *Swingin' Be-Bops, 1–4 p.m., Gone Was Here, 6:30 – 10:30 p.m.*
- **PIED PIPER CATHOUSE LOUNGE** *Little Buffalo River Band, 8–midnight*
- **ROWDY BEAVER** *Diana and the Heartbeats, 8 p.m.*
- **ROWDY BEAVER DEN** *Jon Dooley, 1–5 p.m., Ground Rattlers, 9 p.m.*
- **SQUID & WHALE PUB** *Skillet Licker Dee, 6 p.m., Indie/Hip Hop Tour–Ecid, SmarT Jones, Second Hand King and others*
- **VOULEZ-VOUS** *Brenda Meyer Band, Memphis Style Soul, 9 p.m.*

SUNDAY – MAY 19

- **BALCONY RESTAURANT** *Shawn Porter, 12–3 p.m., James White, 6–9 p.m.*
- **CHELSEA'S** *Victor & Penny, 6–10 p.m.*
- **EUREKA LIVE!** *Customer Appreciation Night, 5 p.m.–close*
- **JACK'S PLACE** *Locals Open Jam, 5 p.m.*
- **LUMBERYARD RESTAURANT & SALOON** *Free Texas Hold 'Em Tournament with prizes, 6 p.m.*
- **NEW DELHI CAFÉ** *James White Trio, 12–3 p.m., Effron White, 4–7 p.m.*
- **ROWDY BEAVER** *Free pool*
- **ROWDY BEAVER DEN** *House Burners, 1–5 p.m.*
- **SQUID & WHALE PUB** *Local Kine – Talen Show Case*

MONDAY – MAY 20

- **CHASERS BAR & GRILL** *Bike Night, Tessa, 7–10 p.m.*
- **CHELSEA'S** *Spring Billy, 9 p.m.*
- **SQUID & WHALE PUB** *Disaster Piece Theater*

TUESDAY – MAY 21

- **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 23

- **CHASERS BAR & GRILL** *Beer Pong*
- **CHELSEA'S** *Skinny Gypsies, 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 24

- **BALCONY RESTAURANT** *Maureen Alexander, 6–9 p.m.,*
- **CHASERS BAR & GRILL** *Taco & Tequila Night*
- **CHELSEA'S** *Jazz Night, 9 p.m.*
- **GRAND TAVERNE** *Jerry Yester Grand Piano Dinner Music, 6:30–9:30 p.m.*
- **JACK'S PLACE** *Karaoke with DJ Goose, 8 p.m. – midnight*
- **LUMBERYARD RESTAURANT & SALOON** *Beer Pong Tournament, Taco and Margarita Night,*
- **SQUID & WHALE PUB** *Open Mic Musical Smackdown with BLOODY BUDDY and friends*
- **302 ON THE SQUARE** (Berryville) *Monastary Dogs, 6–8 p.m.*

War Eagle Mill has new manager

War Eagle Mill owner, Elise Roenigk, has chosen Tammy Bennett, an eight-year employee, to become general manager of both the Mill and Granary operations as of June 1.

Bennett, 37, grew up in Lowell, Ark., and worked at the Wal-Mart Information Systems Division for seven years before coming to the Mill in 2005. She has served in a variety of positions at War Eagle Mill and, for the past year, has served as the Chief Operating Officer.

“We have spent the past year making necessary changes for the Mill to grow as both a tourism destination and a key producer of certified organic grains and mixes nationally,” Elise Roenigk said. “Tammy is the natural choice to continue the momentum.”

Sandy Wright and Johnice Cross will continue as consultants under their new company, HawkPlay. Wright will work with Marketing Director Liz Kapsner to guide the company's growth and consult with Bennett on operations, while Cross will focus on ongoing production capacity and financial health.

War Eagle Mill has been *Rising Above the Daily Grind* Since 1832, grinding fresh, organic, whole grain daily. War Eagle Mill is located at 11045 War Eagle Road about 30 minutes south of Eureka Springs. For more information on the mill, call (866) 492-7324 or visit wareaglemill.com.

Don't forget to register kids for Summer Youth Program

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

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Berryville Ice Cream Social & 5K June 15 – sign up today!

The 28th Annual Berryville Ice Cream Social, 5K and One-Mile Run Corporate Challenge will be Saturday, June 15 at 8 a.m. on the historic Berryville Square. Packets for the event will be distributed the week of the race or may be picked up June 13 and 14 at Mercy Hospital in Berryville.

If your business is interested in taking the challenge to promote a healthier lifestyle, contact race director Kathy Estrem at (870) 423-5230, (870) 654-6565 or the Berryville Chamber of Commerce Office at (870) 423-3704.

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they knew it was the only chance. She said that one cannot grandfather in someone doing something illegally.

Alderman Terry McClung said perhaps it would solve the problem if you just “open it up to everything” and remarked that years ago when town was full, “you could put up a tent and rent it.”

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can’t do anything about it. It is coming.’ People feel they don’t have a say.

“We believe a groundswell of awareness can defeat the entire proposal, and build a template for other communities who will face this in the future. I tell all my friends who are not local, but enjoy visiting beautiful places, ‘You are next. If they can do it here, they can take your property too’.

“The pain and suffering everyone is experiencing ... this is not good,” Faith said. “I feel bad for everyone near it, the families with children and the defenseless animals. I recently read about the Supreme Court of Minnesota ruling in favor of dairy farmers whose cows produced less milk and suffered pain from high voltage leakage. You can’t tell me that the lines don’t have an effect on the health of people. I take a hard line stance. Just because we need to improve the future grid isn’t good enough justification for the exposure to the risks from electromagnetic fields. Heck, every other person we meet is going solar. Where is the need? We need smarter, cleaner ways of delivering electricity. Coal burning is Neanderthal.”

Opponents suspect the bottom line driving the project isn’t the need to strengthen the grid, but a case of a big corporation and its Wall Street bankers

DeVito said the identity of Eureka Springs is at stake “if we sell our selves like a cheap hooker on the street.”

Mitchell said it was too costly already for people who work here to live here, and it’s already becoming a community of second homes.

DeVito’s move to table the issue until the next meeting was approved 6-0.

making three or four percent additional profit off the backs of people who won’t even use the power.

“That is the despicable part,” Faith said. “It is going through us, not to us.”

About 4,000 comments opposing the power line had been posted by mid-May to the Arkansas Public Service Commission website. Faith said opponents are aiming for 10,000 comments and praying that will help.

Power companies have profits guaranteed by the government, so utilities don’t sink or swim like a regular business. Michael questions why people were not notified when plans were first made for the new transmission line back in 2007, and strongly objects that there really is no proven need.

“Who would have approved 345kV, and possibly double, transmission lines when the power is not being used in the area they are going through?” he asks. “I did some obvious reading about the Wall Street firms that invest in SWEPCO and it is business as usual, very self serving. When you follow the money, you have to ask who ends up making the money and who is at risk? Those are the questions behind what route or why there should be any route at all. It might be a good investment for Wall Street, but is it a good investment for the SWEPCO ratepayers who will have to pay for it?”



Ooops – First responders to this accident on Armstrong St. are extricating Mickey Box of Berryville after his white pickup rolled over on Armstrong St. Wednesday night, May 15. He appeared unhurt and was taken to Eureka Springs Hospital by EMS to be checked out.

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McTeachers earn McCheck

– Middle School teachers and staff worked on McTeacher Night at McDonald’s on April 17 from 4 – 8 p.m. greeting customers and helping deliver food at the drive through and counter. McDonald’s manager, Bill Stocker, presents a check to middle school principal, Cindy Holt, for a portion of the night’s proceeds.



Bids for basketball – Avery Walker, 13, left, and Justin Lemme, 12, prepare silent auction bid forms before the annual Boys Basketball Fundraising Dinner and Silent Auction at Eureka Springs High School May 9. The event brought in \$3000, which will pay for all the summer camps. Coach Nolan Helder expressed his thanks to parents and players who worked and



to community and businesses who came and donated. The Highlanders Boys Basketball Team can’t wait to make everyone even more proud this upcoming season. Come cheer them in the new gym starting October 22.

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DAVID FRANK DEMPSEY



Smooth – From left, Adams Collins, Johnny Arredando, Jim Greeson, Richard Bruton and Ron Sumner play smooth jazz at Basin Park before the start of the ArtRageous Parade May 11.

Wingin' it – Dancing Dilynn makes magic with a scarf while dancing in Spring Street during the Artrageous Parade Saturday.

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Soaring art – Artist Johnny Ray displays 15 original pieces of his art including a large canvas of mating eagles at The Jewel Box during last Saturday's Gallery Walk May 11. Ray demonstrated his painting techniques in the shop after the ArtRageous Parade.



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lakes, rivers, streams from two utility companies – Carroll and SWEPCO as well as the *jobs* that will be lost and property taxes that will be lowered when all of us are left with rooms and tables that are harder to fill, and forget about those who would have come to retire here so they could enjoy their remaining years with clean air and water. Forget about that.

Susan Pang

Leave us in peace

Dear APSC and SWEPCO,

A letter from the Department of Arkansas Heritage dated April 30, 2013 found the Environmental Impact Statement on the SWEPCO power line project to be grossly inadequate. They noted that each proposed route but the one in Missouri would be destructive of important Arkansas cultural, economic and historic resources that had been overlooked in SWEPCO's haste to foist this project upon us.

In a response dated May 9, 2013, the SWEPCO project manager Stephen G. Thornhill first noted that the laws that apply to other public utilities in Arkansas do not apply to SWEPCO.

Secondly, he notes, where there are major concerns, SWEPCO can simply move its right-of-way and 150 ft. tall poles onto adjacent properties if necessary to avoid areas of particular concern as they come up.

I have to marvel at the arrogance of this company. How much notice will they give landowners who to this date have received no notice and had assumed their own property to be safe from SWEPCO's path of destruction?

Mr. Thornhill notes: "At this stage of the project, access to private property was not available, nor is it practicable to obtain access and conduct an on-the-ground survey for cultural resources for hundreds of miles of project alternatives." When will SWEPCO come down to earth and actually examine what they intend to destroy? How can they reasonably ask the Arkansas Public Service Commission to decide on routes when each is already proven to be deeply flawed?

In the meantime, this project is extremely costly for the communities it threatens. Here in Eureka Springs, real estate sales are already suffering. Home construction is being put aside

as landowners wait to know whether they are safe in proceeding with their investment or whether they'll face the ugliness of massive landlines and need to pull up stakes.

This whole project is ill-conceived and should be abandoned, if not by SWEPCO, then by the APSC.

I ask in this open letter that SWEPCO acknowledge their gross error in proposing this project, withdraw their proposal to the APSC, let us get back to the enjoyment of our properties and go away and leave us in peace.

Doug Stowe

Stand united

Editor,

Just because it looks like Eureka Springs may have swept SWEPCO from its front porch doesn't mean we are through with them yet. We must keep the pressure on SWEPCO from all of NW Arkansas. But it would be even better yet to rid all of Arkansas from SWEPCO'S encroachment.

We must keep on fighting for our neighbors south of us, who have been mentioned by council as a good choice for the SWEPCO lines. The

council needs to understand that's why SWEPCO gave us four or five choices. They wanted to set neighbor against neighbor. It's called "SWEPCO and conquer." The southern route may not have historic Eureka in its path or Thorncrown Chapel, but it has valuable private property and scenic vistas that need to be saved for Arkansas' future.

Please don't throw our southern neighbors under the bus just because we have a lot of valuable history in our backyard. Keep the pressure up, keep donating to *Save the Ozarks*. Get those orange "SWEPCO Slash" signs for your yard and/or business. If we lie back on our heels, they'll come at us again. The fight against Walmart and rural water were just "training days" for this monster.

Enid B. Swartz

From the coach's pen

Editor,

Thanks to all our parents and players and administrators and teachers and fans and community members and donors who helped make our Highlander Boys Basketball Silent Auction and Dinner Fundraiser a great success.

Nolan Helder



Eat food, not too much, mostly plants

Low fat, low carb, vitamins, fiber, gluten free, vegetarian, lycopene, antioxidants. We have more diets and scientific information given to us than any other food culture in the world, yet many of our chronic diseases can be traced to our unhealthy diets.

This title comes from Michael Pollan, who wrote *In Defense of Food* to explain this phrase. When he says “eat food” the emphasis is on food, as opposed to edible food-like substances. Here are his rules in choosing what to eat.

1. Don't eat anything your great-grandmother wouldn't recognize as

food. This includes yogurt tubes or anything with ingredients you can't pronounce.

2. Don't eat anything with more than five ingredients.

3. Real food is around the perimeter of the grocery store, so stay out of the middle.

4. Don't eat anything that won't eventually rot (there are exceptions, like honey).

5. Don't eat to fullness.

6. Enjoy meals at home, around a table, with other people. Keep the TV off.

7. Don't buy food where you buy your gas.

Simply, eat more vegetables. Even eating conventionally grown vegetables is healthier than not eating fresh vegetables altogether. Focus the diet on having vegetables of different colors in each meal. Fruits are a great snack. Avoid processed foods – pre-made foods and especially fried foods and sweets. Filling half your diet with fruits and vegetables, eat moderate quantities of other *real* foods.

Vitamin water is sugar water with pretty colors. Supplements are mostly unnecessary with a healthy diet. Yogurt is mostly sugar. Frozen vegetables are good. Even if it comes in a box that says

Healthy or Natural or Organic doesn't mean it is healthy for you to eat.

Meals cooked at home are likely to be healthier.

Michael's new book, *Cooked*, begins simply: “Cooking is probably the most important thing you can do to improve your diet. What matters most is not any particular nutrient, or even any particular food: it's the act of cooking itself. People who cook eat a healthier diet... it is also daily creativity, it's economic and it's a link to the natural world.”

PASSAGES

Jason Lee Polan, April 5, 1941 – May 4, 2013

Jason Lee Polan, 72, passed away May 4 at Green Acres Lodge – his former residence being Victoria Woods Senior Community in Eureka Springs, where he had been living for the last five years.

He was born April 5, 1941, in Houston, Texas, and lived most of his life in Dallas.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Alice McCown Polan and Lee Roy Polan. He is survived by brothers Don and Roger Polan of Dallas, nephew Matthew Polan of Dallas, niece Emily Polan Randle of San Antonio, and

several cousins.

Jason was a graduate of Highland Park High School and Southern Methodist University, where he was a member of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity. It was during these years that he made many lifelong friends. Jason was a true entrepreneur, achieving success as a real estate developer and restaurateur.

He will be remembered for his independent spirit, sense of



POLAN

adventure, love of art, zest for life and quest for fine cuisine.

Jason had a very sweet and poignant recent five years while making his home in Eureka Springs. In this village of diversity, friends old and new touched his life in a manner of care and nurture he was not able to experience in Dallas. He came here with advancing

a massive heart attack – at peace in the knowledge that he was loved and attended.

Eureka Springs and its eclectic community lifestyle was where he wanted to be. We were fortunate to enjoy his company and stories of his fascinating life. His generosity was one trait he will be remembered for by many.

A memorial celebration of his life will be scheduled at a later date. Memorials may be sent to Good Shepherd Humane Society, 6486 Hwy. 62E, Eureka Springs, AR 72632.

Bryan Lawrence Stoppel, Jan. 14, 1961 – May 8, 2013



STOPPEL

Bryan Lawrence Stoppel, a resident of Eureka Springs, passed away May 8 at the age of 52. He was born January 14, 1961 in Eureka Springs, a son of Manfred Lawrence and Mary Louise (Hull) Stoppel.

Bryan received his Bachelor's degree from the College of the Ozarks, and was a member of the Rock Springs Baptist Church. He loved music and his dogs. Bryan spent a lot of time reading his Bible and seeking Christ. He was a ghost tour guide at the Crescent Hotel in Eureka Springs before his retirement.

He is survived by mother, Mary Louise

Stoppel of Eureka Springs; two sisters, Venita and husband, Vernon Summers of Berryville; Cheryl and husband, Richard Hattenhauer of Berryville; five brothers, Billy Ray Stoppel of Bentonville; Ronald Lee Stoppel of Little Rock; Dennis Gene and wife, Susan Stoppel of Rogers; David and wife, Jackie Stoppel of Berryville; Arthur Dale and wife, Vanessa Stoppel of Eureka Springs; several nieces and nephews and a host of family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his father.

Visitation was May 13 at the Nelsons

Chapel of the Springs. Funeral service was May 14 at the Nelsons Chapel of the Springs with Rev. Tim Garrison officiating. Interment followed at the Oak Hill Cemetery under the direction of Nelson Funeral Service.

Memorial donations may be made to the Rock Springs Baptist Church, 1898 CR 211, Eureka Springs, AR 72632 or Carroll County Relay for Life, First National Bank of Green Forest, c/o Tiffany Ball, POB 272, Berryville, AR 72616. Online condolences may be sent to the family at nelsonfuneral.com.

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subject she was getting the pills for her incarcerated boyfriend.

Handley asked the pharmacy to fill the three bottles with aspirin, labeled as if they were the prescriptions, and gave them to the female subject, who was supposed to meet Strickland at Tad's Quick Stop. At Tad's, Handley observed the subject walk the prescriptions to Strickland, who put them under the seat of her car. At this point Handley approached and ordered Strickland out of the car. She said she was getting the pills to trade for meth so she could get a drug buy lined up for Handley. He told her that was a lie and placed her under arrest. She was taken to CCDC to await a

bond hearing.

Both Strickland and Still have had multiple arrests on drug-related charges.

Investigation revealed the same prescriptions were duplicated with different names and dates and had been filled at numerous places. ESPD Chief Earl Hyatt anticipates more warrants from the Fayetteville PD for prescription fraud, and said large amounts of forged prescriptions had been found in Aday's car. "This is absolutely out of control," Hyatt told the *Independent*, speaking of the rampant practice of forging and filling controlled substance prescriptions at multiple places across the area. "We keep fighting it because people keep dying from it," he said.

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May 12

1:11 a.m. – Entertainment establishment downtown reported one patron had head-butted another and was causing trouble. The troublemaker left, and constables spoke with the victim. He refused treatment, did not want to file charges, and only wanted a taxi ride home. Constables watched for the other individual.

10:53 a.m. – Resident near downtown discovered bones in her yard. Constable and Animal Control determined they were deer bones.

11:26 a.m. – Animal Control did not encounter a dog observed running amok on N. Main.

12:03 p.m. – Weekend visitor from Baxter County reported a male subject had been harassing her. Constables advised her to get a protection order from her county, but in the meantime, they would respond again and insist he leave and not come back if the

harassment recurred.

12:45 p.m. – Animal Control arrived to find the owner of a loose and unattended dog was already retrieving his miscreant pet. He had not realized the animal was loose.

1:08 p.m. – A German Shepherd was loping about the grounds of the Eureka Springs Cemetery. Animal Control returned the animal to its owner with a citation because he had already been warned.

5:46 p.m. – Businessperson reported the deposits were missing. Constable collected information for a report.

6:35 p.m. – Juvenile called in a domestic dispute between his mother and stepfather. He said his mother had beaten up the stepfather and trashed the house. There were two other siblings present. Constables arrived to find the juvenile who had called had run away because the mother said she was taking his computer away from him. He was found at a nearby house. Constables questioned the combatants about the incident and arrested the mother for third degree domestic battery.

8:17 p.m. – Observer saw a dog running free along Hwy. 23 South on the warm spring evening. Constable did not see the animal and Animal Control will follow up.

May 13

12:19 a.m. – Earwitness reported a couple yelling and screaming as though they were fighting. Constable on patrol discovered the couple was just arguing very loudly but nothing physical had occurred.

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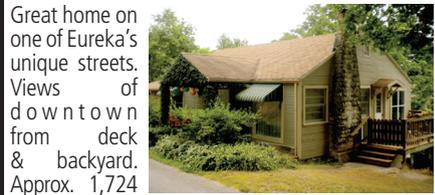
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