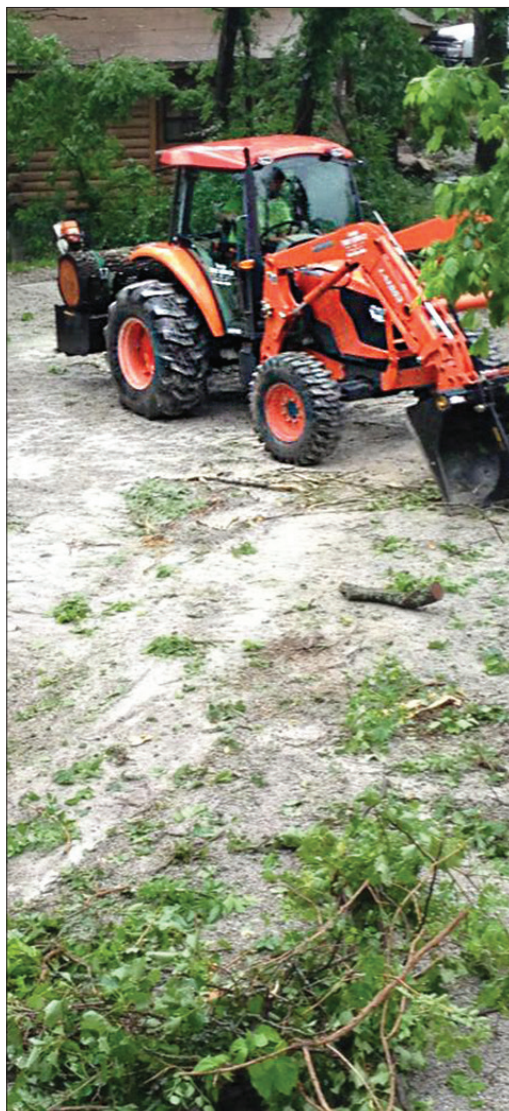




**Treeboys to the rescue** – A vortex had its way with numerous trees and trucks on W. Van Buren Monday night. Fanning's Tree Service was out at daybreak cleaning the parking lot at the *Independent* where downed trees and branches had both driveways blocked. Tree wizard Dean Fanning said his crew has another three weeks of work just with storm damage in Eureka Springs, Berryville, Holiday Island and Shell Knob.



## Quorum Court throws hats in opposition ring

NICKY BOYETTE

Fourteen Carroll County citizens addressed the Quorum Court at its May 17 meeting to express opposition to SWEPCO's proposed plan to clear a 48-mile swath 150-feet wide and erect towers for 345kV transmission lines through the county. Speakers implored the Justices of the Peace to join with them in opposing the plan by passing a resolution in opposition to SWEPCO's plan.

Dr. Luis Contreras claimed the estimated \$100 million construction cost of the project will be maybe one-tenth of the ultimate cost because of maintenance of the clear cut and costs of the lawsuits which are certain to follow. He also pointed out the "irreversible damage to the environment" for a project that citizens will be paying for but do not need.

"Why build it if we don't need it?" he asked.

Ilene Powell said, "I am reaching out to members of the Quorum Court to stand with those who oppose the SWEPCO plan." She said destruction of 800 acres

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### This Week's INDEPENDENT Thinkers

Voters deciding the risk isn't worth it rarely win. For the most part, when industry wants to bill a city on a continuous basis for what is good for corporate profit, they go ahead and do it. Citizens shrug and go on.

But in Portland, Ore., voters on Tuesday said No to fluoride being added to their water supply. Again.

Lobbyists were after Portland to add fluoride in 1954, 1962, 1978 and 2013 to "help prevent tooth decay." But voters



for the past 60 years bucked the system and said, "Huh-uh, we'll go ahead and teach our kids to brush and floss and eat healthy foods. Goodbye."

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## Gutierrez in custody after four-day manhunt

C.D. White

According to information released by the Carroll County Sheriff's Office, attempted murder suspect, Joe Anthony Gutierrez, aka Gustavo Cerreon-Cervantes, 27, of Green Forest turned himself in on May 19 after an extensive manhunt spanning counties in Arkansas and Missouri.

He faces official charges of Kidnapping, Criminal Attempt to Commit First Degree Murder, Domestic Battery in the Second Degree and Criminal Mischief in the First Degree, all felony offenses; Theft of Property, a Class A Misdemeanor, and Felony with Firearm.

The Affidavit of Warrant issued May 15 for his arrest recounts an incident on that day during which Gutierrez threatened an ex-girlfriend, Tabetta Jorns, 32, of Green Forest, allegedly hit her with a baseball bat and forced her into his car. The two ended up in the Red-X convenience store in Alpena where she tried to break free of him.

Statements by Jorns and the store clerk describing how Jorns tried to get away from Gutierrez were supported by the store's video surveillance tape. At one point the couple did leave the store with Gutierrez apparently pointing a gun at Jorns's stomach and forcing her into his car. As he went to the driver's side, Jorns ran back into the store. The tape shows Gutierrez firing two rounds in Jorns' direction through the store window before fleeing in a 2009 black

Scion. Jorns said Gutierrez had taken her cell phone and approximately \$299 in cash that she had on her person.

According to a release by Sgt. Daniel Klatt, the manhunt that ensued involved several man-hours from multiple agencies over the next few days. Klatt, who specializes in digital forensics for CCSO, used cell phone tracking, call logs and Google Earth to plot locations at which Gutierrez used the phone, trying to pinpoint his location. This and other methods eventually led to an exact location for Gutierrez in the Harrison area on May 19 and Boone County Sheriff's Office was notified.

About this time, Gutierrez made a call to CCSO saying he wanted "all of this to end" and agreed to turn himself in peacefully. Accompanied by a companion, Gutierrez returned to the Green Forest Police Department followed closely by Boone County Sheriff Mike Moore and deputies. Once Gutierrez arrived, Klatt and Chief John Bailey took him into custody without incident.

Gutierrez remains in CCDC on a \$1,000,000 bond.

## Memorial Day closing

The *Independent* office will be closed Monday, May 27 for Memorial Day.



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## Supe resigns; board gives speech a chance

NICKY BOYETTE

Eureka Springs School District Superintendent Curtis Turner announced his resignation, effective June 30, at the end of the May 16 school board meeting. He provided no details at the time, but it was subsequently learned Turner would be taking over the financially distressed Mineral Springs Saratoga School District near his hometown of Murfreesboro.

"We very much regret that Curtis will be moving on. He was great in his leadership role," board president Al Larson said.

Turner took over as interim superintendent in the middle of the 2011-2012 school year, and continued as superintendent this year. Turner inherited the task of shepherding construction of the new high school facility through to completion.

"This move is for family reasons, and I can't say enough good things about those I have worked with here," he stated.

### New strategy for public comments

The board sought middle ground regarding hearing public comments at school board meetings. At its April 18

*"We very much regret that Curtis will be moving on. He was great in his leadership role."*

— Board president Al Larson

meeting, the board voted to drop Public Report from the agenda. Board member Karen Gros said the board had no avenue to respond to comments made during the "open mic" format, so they wanted to find another way.

Jason Morris suggested anyone wishing to address the board could get a board sponsor and get on the agenda. That way, the board would know what the topic would be and could be prepared for a fuller discussion.

Larson said he "was not crazy about the sponsor concept," but he also acknowledged the board had isolated itself and he "was all in favor of dialogue."

Gros added the public should not expect the board to take action on everything discussed.

The board agreed that anyone with a desire to address the board should give notice to either the superintendent or board president by Friday of the week before the board meeting. The topic must be identified, and it will be up to the superintendent or board president to decide if the item makes it onto the agenda.

### After school program continues during July

Gary Andrews runs the federally-funded after school program called 21<sup>st</sup> Century Program, in its fourth year of a five-year grant. There are 103 similar programs during the school year around the state, but Andrews budgets for a month-long session in the summer as well.

He pointed out funds from the grant diminish each year, and this summer he will need to ask participating families to help offset the costs. This summer Andrews will ask \$5 per day per family which will pay for two meals and a snack for each child.

Andrews said the summer session will run from 8 a.m. – 5:30 p.m., July 1

– August 4.

The program has averaged 62 kids per day this year but some days had as many as low 80s. Andrews pointed out success of the program depends upon mostly teachers from elementary and middle schools who teach all day, then spend three more hours with the kids after school.

He added, "I'm not an educator; I'm just the old guy who fills out the forms." Elementary school principal Clare Lesieur was quick to point out Andrews is indeed an educator.

### Principals' reports

Lesieur told the board she and her teachers have been setting goals for next year, and the focus for them has been "the whole child." This summer she will represent Arkansas at the National Conference for Elementary School Principals in Maryland.

Cindy Holt, middle school principal, announced the sixth graders are preparing for Economics Day May 24, with an Economics Fair where students display and attempt to sell their own products. She also said Turner will offer some "brief words" at the eighth grade graduation Friday, May 31.

Kathy Lavender, high school principal, told the board Eureka Springs High School has been named Number 8 out of 347 high schools in the state. She mentioned success of students in Advanced Placement classes, but also told the board two student-athletes recently became state champions. Jake McClung won a gold medal in the 800-meter dash and Nathan Andress won the one-mile and two-mile races at the state meet at Ft. Smith Southside High School.

She said the school went through a lockdown which no one but she knew about ahead of time, and she was pleased with how students responded.

Lavender presented the district's Arkansas Comprehensive School Improvement Plan. She said money stayed basically the same as previously, although there was a \$950 drop in funding for English Language Learner programs. The board approved the ACSIP as presented.

Next meeting will be Thursday, June 20, at 5:30 p.m.

## United We Stand pre-rally and party May 26

In preparation for the June 22 "Rock the Nation Awake" festival at the Verizon Arena in Little Rock, one of the festival speakers, Christina Tobin of Free & Equal, will be at the Cathouse Lounge for a pre-rally party on May 26. Don't Stop Please! will provide music for this event presented by Smiling Pines.

Tobin is one of several noted speakers, music groups, authors and others who will appear in Little Rock speaking on civil liberties, election reform and citizen action topics. For background and more information on the festival, see [unitedwestandfest.com](http://unitedwestandfest.com).

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## Crow scolded for retaliation

NICKY BOYETTE

Circuit Court Judge Kent Crow has received Letters of Reprimand and Censure according to a May 17 press release from David Sachar, executive director of the Arkansas Judicial Discipline and Disability Commission (JDDC).

One of the cases involved actions Crow took to resolve what began as a traffic stop in Berryville. Public defender Beaux Allen held that there was a discrepancy in times logged by dispatch and the evidence at the scene. Judge Crow subsequently filed a complaint against Allen with the Supreme Court Committee on Professional Conduct regarding his serving as the Public Defender in Green Forest.

The press release states Crow has admitted to Sachar his actions could be viewed as retaliatory

considering timing of events.

Another case involved in the review focused on comments made by Crow to an attorney as their paths crossed before court.

The JDDC reprimanded Crow for his handling of the time discrepancy and investigating on his own in the Berryville case and for his comments to the attorney in the other case. The censure was for Crow's actions toward Allen.

Judicial canons cited as being transgressed were:

Canon 1: A judge shall uphold and promote the independence, integrity, and impartiality of the judiciary, and shall avoid impropriety and the appearance of impropriety.

Canon 2: A judge shall perform the duties of judicial office impartially, competently, and diligently.

In its conclusion, the Letters of Reprimand and

Censure stated Crow agreed with the reprimand and censure as appropriate sanctions. It goes on to say, "Your willingness to accept that your actions were in violation of the Code and commitment to be more aware of the issues listed above in the future, have led the JDDC to refrain from recommending a more serious sanction, public charges or a public disciplinary hearing in these two cases."

"Retaliating against complainants and witnesses is not appropriate judicial behavior and it affects the public's confidence in the judiciary. Your willingness to make admissions and your promise to avoid such behavior in the future negated a likely recommendation of suspension."

Crow is out of his office this week and did not comment. Allen had not responded to a telephone call as of press time.

## ESPS and HDC recognize preservation/stewardship efforts

C. D. White

Eureka Springs is fortunate to have many residents able and willing to preserve and protect the history of our town through care of its structures. Each year, a few of these folks are recognized and encouraged with recognition of their efforts.

On May 16, the Eureka Springs Preservation Society and the Historic District Commission met in tandem at the Grand Central Hotel May 16 for a short meeting and annual awards ceremony honoring those who continue to work to preserve and improve our historic district.

Preservation Society awards went to James & Teresa DeVito, 5 Center Street, for Improving a Site; Rachel and Ryan Brix, Percy's Pet Spa, 188 N. Main, for



Restoration of a Building for a Business and Michelle Taylor, 30 Owen, for a New Building That Blends With Historic Eureka Springs.

The owners at three addresses were given the award for Restoration

**Awards night** – Dee Bright presents Gary Boller with the Outstanding Preservation Society Member award during the Eureka Springs Preservation Society and Historic District Commission awards at the Grand Central Hotel May 16.

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of a Residence: Dan and Mary Hebert, 2 Howell; Bob and Sandra Blank, 8 Armstrong; and Wayne Franks and Michael Fultz, 172 Spring.

Lynn and Linda Bridwell of the Grand Central Hotel and Spa received

Special Recognition for an Ongoing Contribution to Preservation in Eureka Springs, and Gary Boller for being an Outstanding Eureka Springs Preservation Society Member. Suzanne Williams was recognized for Outstanding Service Through Historical Research.

The 2013 Stewardship Awards from the Historic District Commission were awarded to Marolyn Lenser, 7 Singleton, for Longtime Care of a Residential Property; Pat and Louise Mesa, 151 Spring, for Outstanding Stewardship of Commercial Property; United States Post Office, 101 Spring, for Outstanding Stewardship of Public Property; and Penn Memorial First Baptist Church, 100 Spring, for Outstanding Stewardship of Sacred Space.



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## National Parks Service, Arkansas Heritage cry 'foul' to SWEPCO routes

BECKY GILLETTE

State and federal agencies have written letters detailing concerns regarding the SWEPCO proposal to build a 48-mile-long high voltage transmission line between Shipe Road in Benton County and the Kings River in Carroll County.

The National Park Service (NPS) and the Department of Arkansas Heritage (DAH) have written letters objecting to not being consulted prior to SWEPCO developing routes that would harm historically and culturally significant properties. Some private landowners have also expressed shock that SWEPCO would consider putting the power line on such environmentally significant and scenic treasures as the White River below Inspiration Point.

A document filed by the SWEPCO states: "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."

The NPS has filed a letter stating it was not consulted by SWEPCO regarding proposed routes that could have far-reaching impacts to the scenery, and the natural and cultural resources of the Pea Ridge National Military Park.

"We are concerned that Route 33, SWEPCO's preferred route, as well as Route 62 would be sited only approximately 1,200 feet (or .2 miles) from the boundary of Pea Ridge National Military Park," said a letter from John C. Scott, superintendent of Pea Ridge Military Park. "Proposed 150-foot-tall towers would rise well above the area's tree canopy and likely be easily viewable from the visitor center and from numerous key overlooks within the park. As such, we are deeply concerned that these two routes may unacceptably impact park scenery, which at this point remains little changed from when the battle took place."

"Additionally, pursuant to the General Authorities Act of 1970, the park has identified nearby lands outside the boundary of the park in its 2006 General Management Plan for potential boundary adjustments. Many of these historically

significant lands are located just south of the current park boundary and would be crossed by Route 33 and 62. To better understand potential impacts to historic and natural resources within the park we have encouraged SWEPCO to work with us to prepare visual simulations from the visitor center and key overlooks within the park."

Scott said the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail could also be impacted by this project at a number of locations. The trail commemorates the forced removal of the Cherokee and other American Indian tribes from their homelands during 1838-1839, and subsequent relocation in eastern Oklahoma.

"The trail has great cultural significance to the Cherokee and other tribes," Scott said. "Finally, it appears that the site of the February 7, 1861 Battle of Little Sugar Creek, located roughly four miles south of Pea Ridge National Military Park, could also be impacted by both Routes 86 and 91. This parcel of land is the site of the first Civil War battle in the state of Arkansas."

The Arkansas Department of Parks and Tourism has expressed concerns about one of the alternatives, route 91. Although the alternative identified as route 91 is not a preferred choice at this time, the department recommended not giving this route consideration for the following reasons:

1. The route 91 alternative is planned along the north side of Eureka Springs. This city is a major tourist attraction area. Unsightly overhead lines would not be conducive to attracting visitors.

2. Eureka Springs has received funding for city trail development that is protected by a 6(f)(3) boundary that protects the federal investment in recreational lands being converted to other uses. Even if the lines do not cross any part of the trail, visibility would not be desirable.

3. Eureka Springs has also received funding for development of Lake Leatherwood Sports Complex. This part is also protected by a 6(f)(3) boundary.

4. Devil's Eyebrow Natural Area is also in the Eureka Springs area, and could

be negatively affected by the proposed overhead power lines.

The Department of Arkansas Heritage (DAH) has sent a letter stating that the cultural resources background research done for the project was inadequate. "No indication was given that the cultural resources files at our office were consulted," states a letter from Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer Frances McSwain. "No mention is made of visual impacts to historic properties. The proposed undertaking has a great potential to impact historic properties both directly through ground disturbance and indirectly through visual impacts. Both types of disturbances must be considered."


McSwain said they also disagree with the number of archeological sites reported by the SWEPCO environmental impact statement as numerous known archeological sites that may be impacted

were overlooked. McSwain's letter details properties along all six routes under consideration that would be impacted. The department "strongly recommends against Route 62 which the agency believes would negatively impact the Eureka Springs Historic District and would likely cause visual impact to Thorncrown Chapel."

The DAH also strongly recommends against route 33, the alternative preferred by SWEPCO, which the state said has potential to have both direct and visual impacts on the Pea Ridge battlefield.

"We are also concerned about the potential for visual impacts to other structures in the area, particularly Thorncrown Chapel," McSwain said. "The structure, designed by Arkansas architect E. Fay Jones, is listed on the National Register of Historic Properties with national significance."

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# INDEPENDENTNews

## Pilot poker run draws aces

NICKY BOYETTE

Sheila Evans, manager of the Carroll County Airport, told Airport commissioners at the May 16 meeting there might be as many as 70-75 planes flying in over the Memorial Day weekend because Carroll County Airport is now on the map for the annual Poker Run Fly-in. The event draws pilots from several states.

Pilots fly to five different airports and pick up a playing card. They also tour the local area and see the sights, and Evans said Carroll County is becoming more popular as pilots learn about the area. Eventually, the pilots gather at Gastons White River Resort near Lakeview, Ark., to see who has the best poker hand. The event is a benefit for Wounded Warriors and is organized by Mike Sizemore of Oklahoma.

Evans said as the event gains popularity, pilots from as far away as Arizona and New Mexico fly in and spend time in Carroll County.

"The tourist season is upon us," she said, citing the airport courtesy cars went out 23 times in the past month and would have been more except the three vehicles were already being used. She has even used her own vehicle to transport visiting pilots and their families to Eureka Springs. The vehicles are already reserved for upcoming weekends, and Abundant Taxi has been called in to help out when needed. "We stand out because of the service we provide," she said, adding that courtesy vehicles has increased air traffic dramatically.

### Hangar project moving along

Dan Clinton, contractor for Grimes Consulting Engineering of Little Rock, reported that the prep work for building new hangars is progressing. He also suggested applying to the Arkansas Department of Aeronautics in June for a 90/10 grant for \$100,000 to pay for paving. Chair Dave Teigen asked Justice of the Peace John Reeve if the Quorum Court might pick up the \$10,000 the commission would have to pay if they received the grant, and Reeve said it would be worth a try.

Clinton said he would have a draft of the plan ready by the next meeting. Commissioners voted unanimously to

pursue the grant.

Clinton also pointed out that people in the Federal Aeronautics Administration have discretionary funds available which could help the commission in its pursuit of extending the runway 500 feet. Evans stated, "We need the judge and county officials to show support, to show we're a cohesive unit. This airport is a benefit to this area, and we need to rally our supporters."

"A senator could make this happen," Clinton said, and commissioner Lonnie Clark reiterated the runway is "a tremendous issue for Carroll County because the potential is enormous."

### Low-flying aircraft

Teigen reported a recent event in which calls were made to the sheriff regarding an airplane allegedly flying low and "acting erratically" over Carroll County. Evans told the sheriff the airport has no control over what planes do after takeoff, but Evans and Teigen will meet again with CCSO to get signals straight.

Teigen said protocol calls for planes to stay at least 1000 ft. above congested areas and 500 ft. above non-congested areas and away from tall objects and structures.

### A little help from our friends

Teigen announced The Arkansas Department of Corrections has been searching for organizations that need labor because they have people who need to work off community service hours. "We've been looking for some labor, and here it is," Teigen said.

Evans added the worker pool

does not include hardened felons. She said the airport has a responsibility as a public entity to participate and give these trustees something productive to do. "It's a win-win" was her assessment. The commission voted unanimously to work with ADC.

### SORT

Tom Freehling represented Carroll County Special Operations Response Team (SORT) and asked commissioners if SORT equipment, including a boat and a bus equipped to handle disasters, could move back into a hangar at the airport where equipment had previously been stored. He said they are equipped to respond even in a mass casualty situation, but they need a place to house the equipment.

Clark said the airport should work with SORT, but asked if SORT could help with fixing the road near the hangar.

Reeve said County Judge Sam Barr has agreed to crown the road if the commission paid for the prep work. Teigen stated they should look beyond a Band-Aid approach, which crowning would be. Commissioner Ron Rupe called crowning "just shampooing a dead horse." Evans said it would be throwing good money after bad just to spread more gravel on the road.

Teigen agreed that the airport should work with SORT, and the commission voted unanimously to open channels for working with them, details to be worked out.

Next meeting will be Thursday, June 20, at noon at Carroll County Airport.

## Memorial Day hike

Memorial Day, May 27, the Holiday Island Hikers will meet at the Boesharts' home, 332 County Road 227, at 10 a.m. and hike County Road 227, Hwy. 187, across the Beaver Bridge, through the Beaver Campground, down the Beaver hiking trail (old railroad bed) and back to the house. It's level, easy and about three miles.

After the hike there will be a brat roast over an open fire at the home. Many have attended this event before, and all are welcome. Please bring a dish to share, lawn chairs and \$2.50 each to contribute toward the purchase of the meat, etc. Brats, buns, condiments, iced tea and lemonade will be provided.

Please RSVP by May 26, Sunday, if you plan to attend by emailing [Boeshart@earthlink.net](mailto:Boeshart@earthlink.net) or text or call (479) 244-5669. Those who signed up at the previous hike need not respond.



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# INDEPENDENTNews

## King, Ballinger respond to power line controversy

BECKY GILLETTE

Representatives of Carroll County in the state legislature said they are receiving calls and emails from constituents who have concerns about the proposed 48-mile-long SWEPCO high voltage transmission line.

"I'm concerned. I think it could be potentially devastating to the area," said Sen. Bryan King (R-Green Forest). "I've had multiple discussions with Public Service Commission Director John Bethel about where we go from here. I'm trying to help people with the intervention phase if they weren't properly notified that their property is along one of the proposed routes.

"The second thing I'm working on is to make sure there is a long enough public comment period. A lot of times when they don't have a long comment period, people aren't able to get their concerns out. I encourage people to get their concerns out. People don't need to think their voice doesn't matter."

King accepted a \$1,000 campaign contribution from SWEPCO, and a \$1,000 campaign contribution from its parent company, AEP. But in an interview with the *Independent*, King said he is a strong defender of private property rights.

"I'm a property rights guy, and I believe in that," King said. "There was a bill in this recent session that would have strengthened private property rights that I supported. This is something I thought was very important, that people's property rights should be protected. That is what our country is about."

King said he also has concerns about property owners receiving fair value for lands they have to give up for projects like a new power line.

"Sometimes people are not adequately compensated," he said.

King urged residents not to feel defeated and think the SWEPCO power line is a "done deal." He said first SWEPCO must prove that the power line is needed, and if that is proven, that they have chosen the most environmentally safe and respectful way to proceed.

Rep. Bob Ballinger (R-Hindsville) said when the issue first heated up, he was getting calls and an average of 40 emails per day about it. "It is probably the most important thing I've dealt with since the session ended," Ballinger said. "Tourists come to the area because it is beautiful. Look at the route below Inspiration Point. A power line there is not what people are coming to look at when they come to Northwest Arkansas. If more power lines come through, that isn't Arkansas the Natural State. There are legitimate issues we need to be concerned with."

Ballinger said if SWEPCO can't prove the line is needed, he would have to stand firmly against it.

"I have been visiting with the folks at SWEPCO, Carroll Electric and the Public Service Commission," Ballinger said. "If we need the power, and they can demonstrate it and show the infrastructure can't grow without more power, we have to figure out something. If that is the case, someone has to have power lines. If they can prove that, they need to prove the route they are choosing has the least amount of impact and that they are adequately compensating people whose property is being taken."

Ballinger has already talked to a couple who are leaving the area because of the power line threat. The couple doesn't even live on the preferred route.

"What I would say at this point is nobody knows what route it is going over," he said. "No one knows how people are going to be affected. One thing we do know is the legal system requires just compensation. Some people are being unrealistic and unreasonable, but for the most part people are passionately concerned and I don't blame them. I understand people's concerns. I don't blame them for being worried, but there is a process we can work through. There is a way to work it out. So what I would say is until we know the specifics of what route it will go over and how property owners will be compensated, don't get too upset about it."

Ballinger said many people prefer the SWEPCO alternative that goes up into Missouri. But he has been told SWEPCO doesn't consider that route feasible because it doesn't deliver power in Missouri and is unlikely to get regulatory approval there.

"It would be great if they chose the Missouri route," he said. "If we find the Missouri route is chosen, great. But it is like the southern routes. They looked at those as not really being legitimate considerations."

Ballinger also received campaign contributions from the electric utility industry including \$350 from SWEPCO and \$500 from the Arkansas Electric Cooperative.

### Humane Society appreciation party June 1

The Good Shepherd Humane Society's Annual Volunteer Appreciation Party will be held at the First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, 195 Huntsville Road (Hwy. 23 South), on Saturday, June 1, 1 – 3 p.m. Volunteers for the Good Shepherd during the last 12 months are encouraged to attend. Come join the festivities for an afternoon of fun, food, frivolity and fabulous door prizes. Please RSVP at [goodshepherdhumanesociety@yahoo.com](mailto:goodshepherdhumanesociety@yahoo.com) or on Facebook, "Good Shepherd Shelter – Doggie Shop."

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## Calif Spring gets re-design

NICKY BOYETTE

The Parks Commission voted Monday evening to approve slightly amended plans for redesigning the small Calif Spring area beside the Historical Museum on Main Street, but not all commissioners agreed with the plan.

Parks Director Bruce Levine had appeared before the Historic District Commission with the plans, and said the HDC had preferred he stick with materials already present at the site as much as possible. He is still discussing materials with Parks landscaper DonE Allen, who suggested using old brick pavers for the walkway through the proposed raised flower beds.

Chair Bill Featherstone commented he still wanted as much permeability as

possible in the design choices so that water runoff is not a problem. Other initial considerations were making the area off-limits to smokers and providing lighting, but commissioner Daniel Jackson strongly disagreed with the choice of materials. He insisted the design would look hodge-podge and out of context with the surrounding area.

Featherstone pointed out the design called for limestone features that would match features at the museum next door, as would the kind of rock being used for the flowerbeds. The HDC and Preservation Society had already given their blessings to the design.

Jackson still saw too many kinds of materials in the plan, and said he did not like the "style of rock-laying."

Featherstone and Levine responded that mixing materials can be done effectively, but Jackson held firm.

Levine said as long as he was supervising, the project would be tasteful. Vote to approve going forward with the plan was 4-1, Jackson voting No.

### Vacating a portion of Rock Street

Commissioner Rachel Brix represented her application for a vacation of a portion of Rock Street. She displayed charts, maps and large photos that answered commissioners' questions.

She had first appeared with the request in December, but Levine and commissioners decided to clarify the process for applying for a vacation, and the revisions have now been made.

She described the situation she and her husband, Ryan, face getting home up a steep and rocky unimproved city street that passes fewer than five feet from their front door. They must hire someone to grade it, and only one other person ever uses it. There is a wall that has fallen which they want to rebuild but it sits on Rock Street. The stairs to the front door sit on Rock Street. They own the property on the other side of the street, as well.

Commissioners voted 4-0, Brix recusing herself, to hold a public hearing on vacating a portion of Rock Street at the beginning of the June 17 meeting.

### Community center

Featherstone reported there have been no meetings regarding converting Building 300 of the old high school into a Community Center since the May 7 Parks workshop at the site. He said the Holiday

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Historic Preservation Officer Glenna Booth is shown presenting a Eureka Springs Historic District Commission award to Pat and Louise Mesa for Outstanding Stewardship of a Commercial Property for their home and business, Frog Fantasies, at 151 Spring St. The stone structure was built in 1892 as the home of master stonemason W. I. Sanford. The Mesas also owned and cared for several other historic structures in town including The Brownstone Inn at 75 Hillside and Elmwood House at 110 Spring St.



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## HISID says No to high lines

BECKY GILLETTE

The Holiday Island Suburban Improvement District (HISID) Board of Commissioners has added its name to the growing chorus of entities opposed to SWEPCO's proposed high voltage power lines. HISID voted unanimously Monday to have their district manager send a letter to the Arkansas Public Service Commission (APSC) opposing plans by SWEPCO to run a 345 kilovolt (kV) power line through Carroll County.

Making the motion was HISID commissioner Ken Brown, who cited problems with democratic governance of Carroll Electric Cooperation Corp. (CECC) as evidence of weak utility regulation in the state.

"Arkansas has one of the strongest Freedom of Information Acts in the country," Brown said. "And it seems to me also Arkansas has some of the

weakest governing rules of electric utilities."

Brown spoke about a member of the CECC gathering more than a thousand of signatures to run for election, and not being allowed on the ballot in 2011. Instead, only the candidate handpicked by the CECC board was allowed to run. "And now we come to SWEPCO wanting to build a power line through Carroll County," he said.

Brown said one of his colleagues said the purchase of land by SWEPCO for the Kings River Station near Berryville showed that this is a "done deal." Brown said they paid four times the going rate for the land. SWEPCO purchased 38.6 acres on Hwy. 143 early this year for \$600,000, or \$15,544 per acre, when pasture land normally sells for \$2,500 to \$4,000 per acre.

"Why did they buy the land

*"Arkansas has one of the strongest Freedom of Information Acts in the country. And it seems to me also Arkansas has some of the weakest governing rules of electric utilities."*

— HISID commissioner  
**Ken Brown**

before the Public Service Commission approved the power lines?" Brown said. "I guess they feel it can be done no matter what."

The lines don't cross Holiday Island's boundaries, but Brown said looking at 150-ft. tall power poles on the way to Holiday Island could have a chilling effect on people's interest in buying there. He added that people who buy in Holiday Island are very fond of Eureka Springs.

"We like Eureka Springs," Brown said. "We want to help them and the whole area. I want the board to write a letter to the Public Service Commission in opposition to the line going through. I don't think we need it. Experts in electric power say we don't need it. Industry in our area doesn't create enough demand for that type of power transmission in this area."

The HISID vote came after the board heard from Pat Costner, a founding member of Save the Ozarks, a citizen group formed to oppose the lines. Costner's 135 acres north of

Eureka Springs is in the path of four of SWEPCO's proposed six alternatives.

"Tourism is the second largest industry in Arkansas, and much of the tourism revenue is generated in Northwest Arkansas," Costner said. "People come to see its natural beauty. Construction of this power line involves clear cutting a 150-foot corridor, which is the width of a football field, and drilling bore holes seven to ten feet in diameter that are 30 to 40 feet deep. What will that do to the terrain here, not just surface, but subsurface? It will destroy streams and it will destroy caves underneath the holes."

Commissioner Bruce Larson asked if other routes would be as objectionable, and then answered that question stating he spent many years working in power supply services and could tell you that no one will want the line in their neighborhood.

"I'm in favor of supporting the community," Larson said.

### Update to treatment plant OK'd

The HISID board also passed an emergency resolution to seek funding and move ahead to make improvements to the wastewater treatment plant by building a new facility for drying sewage sludge prior to its disposal in a landfill. Dan Schrader, water and wastewater superintendent for HISID, said currently the district is falling behind more each week on drying the sludge outdoors.

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## United we stand

Editor,

I was disappointed to learn that Eureka Springs City Council passed a resolution opposing all proposed SWEPCO routes except for the southern route, the route on which I live. The southern route will destroy both the Kings River valley and Keels Creek valley, some of the most beautiful areas in Carroll County. There are already at least two major power lines running from east to west that mar Kings River valley. The proposed southern route would destroy it from the north to the south as well.

Does council really speak for the citizens of Eureka Springs?

My parents owned and operated a business serving the tourist industry for 20 years. They are now retired, but they host three large groups of tourists at their home each year. These groups sit out on our deck to enjoy the Kings River Valley. These same tourists stay in your motels, eat at your restaurants and shop in your stores. But they also love

to visit the lands that surround Eureka Springs. My parents have no financial incentive to entertain these tourists, but they do help keep them coming back to your town.

Do you really believe that those of us on the southern route through Carroll County don't support Eureka Springs with our dollars? I don't have to eat at your restaurants, but I do. I don't have to buy my groceries and other necessities in your stores, but I do. I don't have to shop in your gift shops, but I do. I don't have to promote Eureka Springs by word of mouth, but I do. Maybe I need to rethink this.

I would never entertain the thought of saying, "Go ahead, SWEPCO, and build your line through Eureka Springs, just don't mess with my part of the county." But that is exactly what the city council has done.

It appears that SWEPCO has achieved its objective. Divide and conquer. The Eureka Springs City Council seeks to divide us. SWEPCO seeks to conquer us. Please stand with us as we stand with you in opposition to

the SWEPCO power lines.

**Cindy Mock-Allen**

## It's just words

Editor,

Psychosomatic blindness, also called faith, is becoming more common or so it would seem. Perhaps it is because those with that particular affliction make the most noise and demand the most attention and respect, but perhaps they are not so many, just noisier and more unpleasant, therefore more noticeable.

This sad scourge is primarily caused by an inability to deal with the real world and so, in a childlike maneuver, the victim creates a comfortable cocoon of ignorance, denial and bliss around themselves, based on a god that loves only them... a veritable heaven into which they retreat from the terrors of reality.

Kill your babies? Marry your dog? From what kind of demented mind would such odd thoughts flow? From the mind of a Christian who is, sadly

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## WEEK'S Top Tweets

**@aedison** --- We've all been talking about your paranoia.

**@anylaurie16** --- I didn't actually read the article but I did leave it open on my browser for 30 min, so I think I'm qualified to weigh in.

**@prodigalsam** --- "If you don't have anything nice to say, say as much as you can." – the internet

**@NathanFillion** --- Yes it was my birthday. I'm going to start lying about my age, but say I'm older so people say how good I look for 47.

**@Cheeseboy22** --- A great joke to play on people in their 20s would be to replace the computers in a library with a card catalog.

**@Nicole\_Cliffe** --- Whoever thought "hey, it's hot, let's put a bunch of ice in that coffee and see what happens" should have a university named after him/her.

**@shinyunicorn** --- I blame Carrie Bradshaw for deluding me into believing one can make a career out of a talent for puns.

**@TheMissyBaker** --- I kinda feel sorry for men, they will never know how good it feels to take their bra off at the end of the day.

**@Zen\_Moments** --- Love is the energizing elixir of the universe, the cause and effect of all harmonies. ~ Rumi

**@Newnab** --- The difference one block makes when a tornado strikes.





## To bee or not to be

Ever take an easy bite out of perfectly ripe peach and wipe the juice off your chin with the back of your hand? How about cracking open a watermelon and scooping out a bite slightly bigger than you can eat without help from your fingers? That's the bite where you spit out the seeds and pop another wedge in after it. Then you get the best belch this side of a Coca-Cola.

Unless we figure out how to stop losing bees, we can kiss watermelon, onions, beets, strawberries, peppers, coffee, apples and about 100 more things we love adios.

A 20 percent loss in the bee population results in a 40 percent crop loss. So, would a 50 percent loss of bees mean a 100 percent loss of crops?

Crops and orchards and fields of wildflowers disappear without bees to pollinate them. Imagine Julie Andrews singing on a mountaintop with no edelweiss. Imagine a kid looking at you and saying, "Tell me again what the bees were like."

Almonds? We need those for laetrile and Amaretto. Almonds are more dependent on bees than the Pope is on Catholics.

Bees make honey and honey is the only food that never spoils. We have a friend in the south part of Carroll County who was bitten by a copperhead a couple of years ago and treated it solely with honey. She drank honey and cinnamon tea and applied a fresh compress of honey on the bite several times a day, day after day, until the swelling and blackness and pain simply vanished.

Colony collapse disorder: Where in the world did it come from? How can it be prevented? CCD is when bees became disoriented and never returned to their hives. They didn't just move away. They vanished. Their little bodies were never found.

One answer is that bees simply can't withstand the chemicals we spray on yards and golf courses to keep grass "perfect." It would be like us taking an inhaler of paraquat into our own lungs every few hours, then wondering why we have things that look like ping pong balls growing out of our armpits.

Another reason is bees need food, just as birds do. We have systematically destroyed bee food, which is flowers and plants, with commercial and residential developments. We spray, cut, rearrange, and annoy our food source, then are surprised when there's no food. To say nothing of catching birth defects, kidney disease and leukemia.

Of course, there is the electromagnetic field disruption, commonly referred to as a cell phone, but we are hesitant to give up the small, expensive, hot, plastic rectangle that people love to call us on so we can stop what we're doing and do what they want us to do.

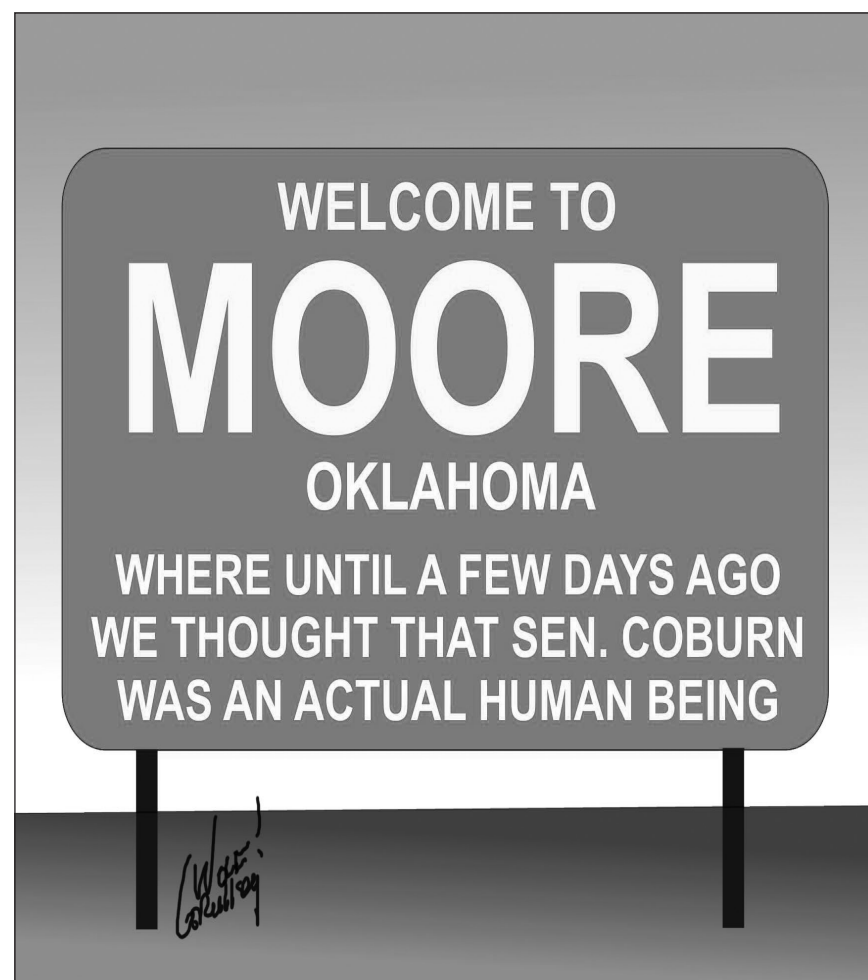
The thing is, if honeybees really disappear, and they do have a good start on it, humans and other animals will simply starve. Famine. No food. No oatmeal, no salsa.

Albert Einstein said, "If the bee disappears from the surface of the Earth, man will have no more than four years to live." What a guy, Einstein. He also said, "Only two things are infinite, the universe and human stupidity, and I'm not so sure about the former."

One of every three bites we take is a food that has been pollinated by bees. Laugh and say you'll just eat more steak, but there won't be any broccoli, potatoes, corn, blueberries, oranges, cocoa, kumquats or cantaloupe. Just steak. Hmmm, no, there won't be any steak, either, as the grass cows eat will go the way of the typewriter. Gone but not forgotten. Having a typewriter isn't a matter of life and death, but protecting bees is. Maybe we should protest.

Well, let's not be so hard on ourselves. There probably are things we can do besides protest. Like preventing high voltage transmission lines that kill bees.

Bees are cute on cereal boxes and honey labels, but what a shame to have those be the only bees we can maintain just because we refuse to take care of them the way they take care of us.



## The Pursuit Of HAPPINESS

by Dan Krotz

There is bad news from every corner of late. No matter where we look, grifters and confidence men abound. It is tempting to sink into the Slough of Despond, to craft and nurse a woeful cafard, and to marry misery at the break of every dawn. Yet, when times are tough, the tough get a good book and a cocktail. Sit on the porch, Honey, and get tough with one of these:

The most transcendent, exquisite first paragraph in American Literature appears in John Steinbeck's *Cannery Row*. A few pages later, Doc, the book's hero, drinks a Webster F. Street Lay-a-Way Plan. The Webster is made with 3 parts Chartreuse and 11 parts gin. Cheers, and read that first paragraph.

*Our Man in Havana*, James Wormold, drank Daiquiris made with 2 ounces of rum,  $\frac{3}{4}$  ounce of lime juice, and just a pinch off sugar. *The Godfather's* Fredo Corleone added a banana and a shot of Triple Sec. Your call on the fruit, but you can't go wrong with either Graham Greene, or Mario Puzo.

Sultry Vivian Sternwood, in Raymond Chandler's *The Big Sleep*, always ordered a Scotch Mist made with three ounces of Scotch over  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup of crushed ice. Phillip Marlow rejects Vivian in *The Big Sleep*, but accepts a Gin Gimlet – half lime juice and half gin – in *The Long Goodbye*.

While *On the Road*, Jack Kerouac's Sal and Dean meet a kindred spirit: "Dean and I had ended up with a colored guy called Walter who ordered drinks at the bar and had them lined up and said, 'Wine-spodioidi!' which was a shot of port wine, a shot of whisky, and a shot of port wine, 'Nice sweet jacket for all that bad whisky!' he yelled". Spodioidi will surely make a *Dharma Bum* out of you.

Lastly, meet Holly Golightly in *Breakfast at Tiffany's*. Truman Capote, her creator, was no stranger around a jar and often joined Holly in having a White Angel – two ounces of gin and two ounces of vodka – at the end of a trying day. As Holly and Truman both knew, we don't need SWEPCO to get lit up.



# INDEPENDENT Constables On Patrol

## MAY 13

2:43 p.m. – A semi was making a delivery on the Historic Loop, and a constable on patrol helped it get back to the highway.

5:12 p.m. – Pharmacy reported receiving a prescription obtained by fraud, and constables arrested the individual.

11:23 p.m. – Driver ran out of gas on US 62 west of town. He maneuvered off the roadway as much as possible and went to get more gas. Constable stayed at the scene until he returned.

## MAY 14

10:50 a.m. – Animal Control picked up three wandering canines and brought them to the kennel. Their owner later claimed them.

3:04 p.m. – Driver on North Main ran off the roadway and into a ditch.

3:33 p.m. – A person who had caused trouble at a bank last week showed up again. Bank personnel did not want the individual on the premises, so a constable arrived to inform him he was not allowed at the bank.

5:43 p.m. – Resident said she was walking her dogs when the neighbor's dogs attacked hers. Animal Control will follow up.

## MAY 16

8:39 a.m. – Witness reported a case of road rage between an individual and a delivery driver. The individual left the scene, but constable spoke with the witness and the delivery driver to find out what happened.

12:20 p.m. – Resident in an apartment reported dogs nearby had been barking for more than hour. Constable spoke with the manager who never heard any dogs barking.

12:25 p.m. – A woman wanted to file a report of stalking against her ex-husband. Constable learned the ex-husband had been to her place of business three weeks ago and was not violent. Constables advised her if he goes there again, let them know and they will tell him not to return.

## MAY 17

8:09 a.m. – Animal Control responded to a report of a dog wandering in a neighborhood for a few days. He spoke with the dog's owner and issued a warning regarding the leash ordinance.

12:59 p.m. – Passerby asked for a welfare check on a dog locked in a vehicle in a parking lot downtown. Constable and

Animal Control discovered the sun roof was open, windows were cracked and there was water for the dog. The animal did not show any signs of distress.

10:29 p.m. – Traffic stop resulted in the arrest of the driver for DWI, improper display, expired vehicle tags and obstructing traffic.

11:53 p.m. – Another traffic stop resulted in the arrest of the driver for DWI, refusal to submit, careless driving, speeding and driving on a suspended license.

## MAY 18

2:02 a.m. – Guest at a hotel reported two or three persons had been yelling and screaming in the hallway. Even though things had quieted down, she was still scared to walk down the hallway. Constable went to the scene, spoke with the two involved, and determined the situation was safe.

10:48 a.m. – Passerby was concerned cars waiting for a wedding might be parked in the roadway, but the constable discovered the vehicles were okay.

12:44 p.m. – Someone called with a concern for the welfare of a six-year old girl, but constable spoke with the girl's mother and things were okay.

1:58 p.m. – Motel personnel wanted a certain guest removed from the property. Constable arrived to find the guest was already waiting for a taxi.

3:49 p.m. – Constables arrested an individual on warrants out of Fayetteville and Gravette.

11:11 p.m. – Resident claimed a taxi turning around had hit her parked vehicle. Constable found a small dent and some paint transfer on the taxi, but the paint was not the color of the claimant's vehicle, which also did not show any damage. No report necessary.

11:17 p.m. – Guest at a motel said his wife was pushing him around and would not stop. Constables went to the scene, and the wife agreed to leave for the night.

11:23 p.m. – An employee was unable to find his key to lock up his place of business, so the owner asked ESPD for extra patrols through the night.

## MAY 19

2:54 a.m. – Co-owner of a business came to the station to file a complaint against the other co-owner. Complainant said the other party threw a full glass of water at him and the glass hit his head.

8:08 a.m. – Constable responded to a report of vandalism. Someone had keyed a vehicle in several places, and constable gathered the information.

9:37 a.m. – Caller told ESPD jewelry and other household items were missing from her home.

10:50 a.m. – There was a family dispute in a restaurant parking lot. A father and son had been arguing, and the son left with his grandfather for the day.

11:23 a.m. – Constable responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle in a parking lot, but he found nothing suspicious. It was just a vehicle with a For Sale sign on it.

11:44 a.m. – Constable checked out a vehicle supposedly abandoned near the Art Colony.

12:08 p.m. – Constable talked with the manager of an establishment about reports of loud music.

12:51 p.m. – A vehicle with flashers flashing parked in front of Basin Park for awhile, but a constable arrived and the vehicle was moved.

10 p.m. – Constable asked a bar to turn the music down.

10:09 p.m. – A motion alarm was triggered at a business, but the responding constable found everything to be secure.



**Surprise!** – Sue Hopkins reacts as she walks into a surprise retirement party thrown for her by the entire staff of Eureka Springs Hospital May 17. In her 30 years with ESH, Hopkins has accumulated an impressive list of titles and responsibilities including Social Worker, Swing Bed Coordinator for the hospital's recuperative program and Case Manager. She has been training her own replacement and will still be available for consultations. Sue said she's looking forward to a huge life change and a very active retirement.

PHOTO BY DAVID FRANK DEMPSEY

## Free USDA meals for children in Eureka Springs community

The Eureka Springs Elementary School is participating in the Summer Food Service Program sponsored by Arkansas DHS. Dates are Monday, June 3, thru Friday June 21, and again Monday, July 1, thru Friday, August 2.

Meals will be free to children 18 months to 18 years regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability. Meals will be provided Monday through Friday, except Thursday July 4, as follows: Breakfast 8 – 8:30 a.m., Lunch 11 – 11:30 a.m.

All children of the community are welcomed! If you have any questions please call (479) 253-1006.



## ESH ranks high, new hospital closer

NICKY BOYETTE

Monday's brief Hospital Commission meeting was primarily a conversation between commissioners and Chris Bariola, CEO of Eureka Springs Hospital. Bariola circulated a graph produced by the Arkansas Foundation for Medical Care that showed ESH as not only the number one-ranked hospital among 29 Critical Access Hospitals, but also the top-ranked hospital among 75 statewide. The data was collected from discharges from the third quarter of 2012.

Bariola said the data speaks to excellent compliance and patient service rather than volume of patients. He also mentioned three months ago he initiated compliance with the Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (HCAHPS) standardized survey of patients' perceptions of the hospital experience, and ESH so far is already at the 90 percent level. He said physician care, nurses, and food score high for ESH. A common complaint is the small facility is too noisy.

He said ESH now sports a new

portable X-ray machine, and the average emergency room stay is 112 minutes, which is within their 90–120 minute goal.

As for progress toward a new hospital, Bariola stated no site has been identified yet, but engineers have looked around, and, as he understands the situation, Rock Bordelon of Allegiance, the company that manages ESH, is willing to pay for the new facility. Details between attorneys for the commission and Allegiance still need to be worked out. He also said that Bordelon plans to attend the June

17 commission meeting.

"Sounds like we're closer than we've ever been, and that's exciting," Michael Merry, chair of the commission said. "Everybody will breathe a sigh of relief when the first shovelful of dirt is unearthed for the facility," he said.

### Other items

- Mayor Morris announced Suzanne Tourtelot had applied to sit on the commission.

- Commissioners approved the 2012 audit as presented by Merry.

Next meeting will be Monday, June 17, at 1 p.m., at ECHO clinic.

## High voltage lines spark resistance from rural fire departments

BECKY GILLETTE

The Board of Commissioners of the Inspiration Point Rural Fire Protection District and the Grassy Knob Volunteer Fire Association have written to the Arkansas Public Service Commission (APSC) to unanimously express strong opposition to the proposed Shipe Road-Kings River 345 kV electrical transmission line project.

"It is our belief and concern that the proposed electrical transmission line project would significantly increase the risk of wild land fires in our district, and in adjacent fire districts, both during the construction and operational phases of the project," states the Inspiration Point letter. "This increased risk would tax and deplete the limited resources of our departments and the forestry service, and greatly add to operational and equipment costs. Most of the fire departments in the area have limited resources for fighting wild land fires. The proposed routes for the project come very near populated areas, which would have numerous structures that need protecting. The routes also cross remote areas that would be difficult and costly to access."

Four of the proposed SWEPCO alternatives, including the company's preferred alternative, go through the Inspiration Point Fire District.

Fire department leaders are concerned that in addition to increasing costs and wear and tear on their equipment, the lines have potential to seriously diminish the property values in their fire protection district.

"Our district is composed largely of private homes and lodging for tourists that come to the area for its recreational opportunities and scenic beauty," the letter states. "We believe the proposed project will negatively affect the property values of the members of our district and seriously affect the income of our businesses. We

are very concerned that the project will also lead to residents leaving the area. All of these potential impacts could drastically reduce the fire district's ability to collect dues and raise the funds we need to provide fire protection and medical service to our residents.

"The Board of Commissioners of the Inspiration Point Rural Fire Protection District strongly urges the Commissioners of the Arkansas Public Service Commission to deny SWEPCO's application."

Fire Chief Ed Thompson said obviously the terrain in the Inspiration Point Fire district is very rugged – that is one of the things makes so beautiful.

"The problem with fires in isolated areas is they are very difficult to get to," Thompson said. "A lot of times fire fighters have to hike in with backpacks carrying water and sprayers to try to get these fires under control. It is very taxing physically. Many of our volunteer fire fighters are not young. Hiking to put out a fire in remote areas is not something we have to do very often, and we are concerned we would have to do it a lot more during the construction phase of the power line and its life."

With SWEPCO having to clear a massive amount of trees and underbrush from the 150-foot-wide right of ways, normally the only practical way to handle the debris is to burn it. That can create hazards and extra work for volunteer firefighters. Thompson said some construction companies leave the fires burning at night. People can see fires better at night and call the volunteer fire department, which may be called out unnecessarily. Or, winds can pick up and spread the fire.

In addition to the normal hazards a firefighter has trying to put out a structure that is on fire, there are additional hazards for a wildfire in the woods.

**FIRE DEPTS.** continued on page 32



**Rotary Student of the Month** – is Jazmin Urioste, daughter of Leticia Urioste. This senior and 2013 class historian at Eureka Springs High School, will graduate 7th in her class with a 3.35 GPA. She has earned academic awards in Mathematics, Spanish and Science and was nominated to attend ASPA for Yearbook. She served as secretary and skills competitor for Future Business Leaders of America (2009 – 2013) and as secretary for the Rotary Interact Club. She is an avid volunteer, helping at the Good Shepherd Humane Society and Camp Barnabus, working at blood drives and volunteering at the Victorian Classic. Jazmin attended Rotary Youth Leadership Award Camp as a junior and returned her senior year as a Camp Counselor. She has been active in cross-country, track, basketball and volleyball, winning conference titles in the sports she has played. She works at Forest Hill Restaurant and Medical Park Pharmacy and will attend Arkansas Tech University to major in Engineering. She has already been accepted on their Cross Country Team. In her spare time Jazmin enjoys photography, running and mathematics.



## Three apply to replace Chair

NICKY BOYETTE

Chuck Olson, in his last meeting as Chair of the Western Carroll County Ambulance District, said at the Tuesday afternoon meeting a new Arkansas law might increase the number of commissioners from three to five.

Senate Bill 989, which Olson said had passed and would become law in mid-August, further defines the purpose of the district but also provides for either three or five commissioners. Olson said County Judge Sam Barr wanted five members, but it would be up to the Quorum Court to decide.

Also, Olson's term ends June 30, so the court must choose among applicants to fill his vacant seat. Justice of the Peace Jack Deaton said the court would go along with whomever the Ambulance District names, but they cannot pick anyone until the seat is vacant. So far, three people – Jim Simmons, Sam Ward and Marie Lee –

have submitted applications to fill Olson's seat.

### What to do about AEDs

Olson introduced the dilemma of what to do about Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) as they age beyond the possibility of being repaired by the manufacturers. He said the AEDs still work but they cannot find replacement parts.

Lynn Palmer of the Ambulance District Alliance had researched prices and deals on new and refurbished equipment, and Olson suggested they replace as needed and keep one or two extra, but they must watch expenses.

The question arose about having different kinds of AEDs and if it would be difficult for a responder in an emergency to figure out how to operate another kind of AED. Deaton said Holiday Island responders often carry two brands with them with no problems.

Mike Fitzpatrick of the Eureka Springs Fire Dept. pointed out keeping up-to-date with the AEDs will be an ongoing challenge, "so we should set aside a sack of money every year for replacing machines."

Olson suggested taking care of one department at a time for the sake of consistency.

Deaton remarked there are probably 40 AEDs out there in the district and guessed 30 of them have never been used, "but you never know if you'll need one today."

Palmer will continue her research for identifying the best deals for new ones and what to do with the old ones.

### Other items

- Holiday Island, Inspiration Point

and Grassy Knob all reported they are getting fewer calls after a busy early spring, whereas rural Eureka Springs has picked up considerably.

- Commissioner Joe McClung gave the financial report, and cautioned cash flow is tighter than it was a year ago.

- Ken Mills is still reviewing software and computers for the district so that going forward documents will be in the same format regardless of who is treasurer or secretary. McClung recommended they include Office Suite in the purchase and moved to allow Mills to purchase the software, laptop and printer they need. Vote was unanimous in its endorsement.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, July 16, at 4 p.m., at the Holiday Island Suburban Improvement District.

## High school lockdown drill a success

NICKY BOYETTE

Eureka Springs High School went through another lockdown drill last week, and Principal Kathy Lavender said only she and the Eureka Springs Police Department knew it was coming.

Lavender said this was not the first lockdown drill in the new facility and the new campus is much easier to lock down than the old campus, where students were spread out in three buildings with a wide space in between.

Teachers have been trained how to respond by ESPD, and they in turn train the students. Lavender said students

take these drills so seriously that some thought this one was the real thing.

She sounded the lockdown just as some students had begun lunch. Students in every part of the building instantly knew the best place to go from where they were – cafeteria, gym or hallway – and locked themselves in. Within 15 to 20 seconds, police entered the building and could not see or hear a student anywhere. Lavender said it was a fabulous response, and even though everyone is trained, they learn something from each exercise.

## Ladies of Faith brunch May 28

The Arkansas Ladies of Faith Brunch will be May 28 at the Gazebo Restaurant. Special guest speaker, Marsha Horn, has ministered with husband, Pastor Terry Horn, for more than 25 years in various ministries as well as conferences and seminars. They pastor Preparing the Way Ministries, a full-gospel church in Dallas.

Soloist Elaine Robinson of 2nd Generation and Brenda Coe of Cleft of the Rock Praisers will participate. Brunch is \$10 at the door. Ladies are encouraged to come enjoy a special time of fellowship. There will also be door prizes. Phone (870) 365-0004 or (479) 981-6388 or see [ArkansasLadiesofFaith.webs.com](http://ArkansasLadiesofFaith.webs.com) for more information.

## Alumni Game May 25, challenge made to senior high players

The ESHS Alumni Basketball Game and Bake Sale is Saturday, 2 p.m. at the high school gym. This is a fundraiser to help pay for basketball shoes next year, so please be there and support the Highlanders.

Bring the family and have a great night playing or watching. There will be concessions along with the bake sale. Admission for fans is \$5; cost to play is \$15. For more information, call Coach Nolan Helder (479) 466-8011.

If enough Senior High players show up, the Alumni might play against them – so if the basketball shoe fits (you guys know who you are) – the challenge is *on!*

## Keels Creek's Hausler appointed to Arkansas Wine Producers Council

Arkansas Gov. Mike Beebe has appointed one of Keels Creek's owners, Dr. Doug Hausler, to serve on the Arkansas Wine Producers Council for a term of three years. Doug will serve with Gary and Al Wiederkehr (Wiederkehr Wine Cellars), Paul Post (Post Familie Winery), Dr. Michael Post (Mount Bethel Winery), Joe David Rice (Arkansas Parks, Recreation and Tourism Commission) and Dr. Justin Morris (University of Arkansas).

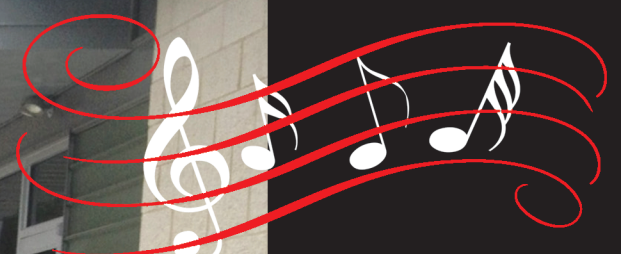
According to the Arkansas statutes, the Arkansas Wine Producers Council is composed of seven members, one of which is nominated from the Arkansas State Horticulture Society, one from the University of Arkansas, one from

the State Parks, Recreation and Travel Commission and four from the Arkansas Wine Producers Association. The Wine Producers Council promotes research concerning the production of wine grapes and manufacture of wine in Arkansas, and promotes and supports the Arkansas native wine industry.

Keels Creek Winery is in its eighth year of production in the Hills of Keels Creek near Eureka Springs. All grapes used in the production of wines are from their own vineyard, Lynn Gay's vineyard (Hindsville, Ark.) or Joe Bishop's Vineyard (Lowell, Ark.). For the last two years, the Winery has brought in 25 tons of grapes from the three vineyards to produce about 4000 gallons of wine.



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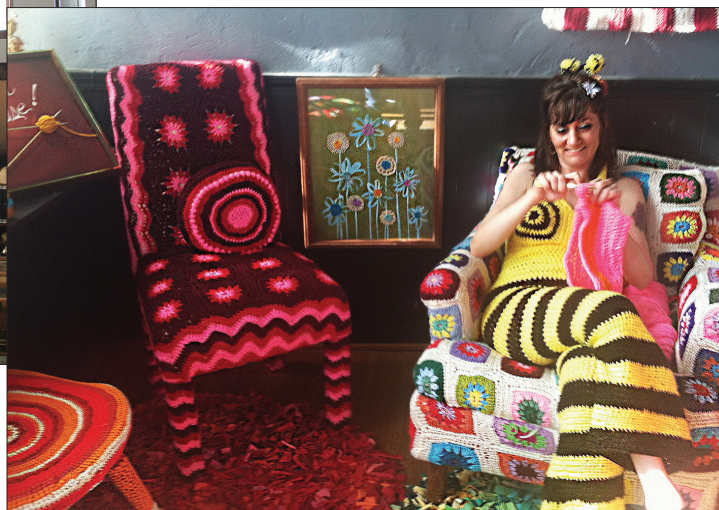
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Above, Ranaga Farbiarz in his home/studio working on his sound sculpture. Right, Gina Gallina in a crochet frenzy during the White Street Studio Walk.



**M**other Nature always has a way of putting life back in perspective. Everything seems trivial after something like Oklahoma hits. It's hard to write or even think about anything other than the deadly devastation and loss of innocent lives.

It's enough to make you want to spend the rest of your life huddled in the basement. But we don't. Life goes on.

Last week's White St. Studio Walk was a huge hit with more artists and people attending than I've seen in several years, and the one and only Gina Gallina stole the show. Yarn bombing is not a new concept, but Gina's crocheted installation inside Caitlin Cantele's home/studio was nothing short of brilliant. She also

found the perfect muse in fiddle player Blayne Theibaud, and Mark Wetzal, aka Sparky, who took Gina's 70's-style crocheted jumpsuits into the street. Crocheted madness at its best.

Between the vandals and this crazy weather it's hard to believe there are still MUGS posters up all over town, and this Friday we are inviting artists and the public to come out and enhance them. The MUGS Graffiti events starts at 3 p.m. in Basin Park, where magic markers generously donated by Raven Derge of Practical Magic Art Supply will be handed out to everyone. Here's your chance to add horns and a mustache to Julie Kahn Valentine. What could be more fun?

I visited Ranaga Farbiarz last week at his home studio where he was working on some final touches to his sound sculpture. The man who erected the world's biggest wind-chime has taken on designing an interactive sound sculpture park. Official opening is this Saturday at 2 p.m. in the North Main Park near the train station. You can also get a taste of Trout Fishing in America who will give a performance at the opening before their full concert at the AUD Saturday Night.

Congratulations to Ranaga and the Arts Council Chair, Sandy Martin who got funding and the ball rolling on this very cool project.

It's a busy May.

## INDEPENDENTArt

### Out on Main features Karen Isaacs at New Orleans Hotel

There will be an artist's reception and showing for Out on Main Gallery artist, Karena Isaacs, in the New Orleans Hotel lobby (63 Spring Street) May 25, 6 – 9 p.m. Meet the artist on Saturday and enjoy her latest work on display until May 21. Karena, a Harrison artist, who works in acrylic on canvas, says she likes "bright, textured metallic prints" and wants the viewer to be able to touch and feel the texture as well as experience the visual effect of her paintings.



### Myhre photography a gem in the Jewel Box

On the May 25 Gallery Walk, The Jewel Box will feature the photography of Melanie Myhre, whose photographic art brings realism to fantasy images found in natural settings. The landscapes she shoots are bathed in a mystic light adding another dimension to the scene. She also has been working on photo shoots for avant-garde fashion publications.



Meet the artist and see her work from 2 – 5 p.m. or at the reception from 6:30 – 9 p.m. at 40 Spring Street.



### Iris at the Basin features D.G. Womack, student art

Come enjoy the art of D.G. Womack, one of our area's outstanding artists, at Iris at the Basin Park during this Saturday's Galley Stroll. Her unique style, dubbed "three-dimensional Impressionism," has intrigued gallery patrons for years. D.G. will be in the gallery to greet visitors from 1 – 4 and 6 – 9 p.m. on Saturday, May 25. Stop in and find out more about her creative process and see her newest work.

Also, the 11th Annual Student Art Show continues, with all proceeds benefiting the Turpentine Creek Wildlife Refuge. Come enjoy the creative efforts of some of our young budding artists from Berryville and Eureka Springs High Schools.



## Starbirds timely and timeless at Thyme

Meet local artists Ken and Sandy Starbird at Eureka Thyme during the May 25 Saturday Gallery Stroll. The Starbirds have a fascinating body of new work including a collaborative piece named, “Mistress of the Lower Level of the Dark Wood,” because of its resemblance to the growth often seen at the base of trees in the deep forest.

“The contrasts between working with clay and fiber are stark,” Sandy pointed out. “Ken pours his heart into the work, relying on the clay body of earth and the moisture of air and then surrenders it to fire. I work with the softer elements, and all along have options to change where I am going, but I also know my work does not last forever ... it fades and perhaps becomes soft around the middle. Clay work endures. It may be found thousands of years later intact, the fingerprints of the one who formed it still visible. Perhaps clay and fiber together become a metaphor ...”

Meet this cool couple on Saturday between 1– 4 or 6 – 9 p.m. at Eureka Thyme, 19 Spring Street.



### Ozarkophone

– During Friday’s White Street Walk, Russell Harrison played the Ozarkophone made by Ranaga Farbiarz for the new Eureka Spring Music Park. The musical sculpture can be found from now on in the Music Park on N. Main, opening Saturday, May 25, at 2 p.m. Come and play!

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DAVID FRANK DEMPSEY



## TheNATUREofEUREKA by Steven Foster

### Nature unearthed

Nature amazes us with her diversity, intricacy and beauty. I experienced a diverse slice of nature exploration last week. First stop, the Lloyd Library and Museum in Cincinnati – one-stop shopping for nature and pharmacy literature dating to the late 1400s.

I barely had time during my short two days as a guest of the library to walk up and down endless rows in the closed stacks of 250,000 volumes. Quickly reading book spines; gingerly removing treasures from the shelves. Gently cradling them in my hands, flipping a few pages, I was awed as if shaking the hand

of the famed.

What to do in such a treasure trove with so little time? If I can’t shake their hands, why not read letters penned by the hand of Thomas Jefferson to a famous naturalist such as Francois André Michaux? Jefferson penned a letter to Michaux, the younger, on 14 December 1813, praising his publications.

F.A. Michaux (1770-1855) was the son of French botanist André Michaux (1746-1802). Father and son collected in the Americas on behalf of the French government, but funding evaporated during the French Revolution. The father was sent home, accused of spying for the French. In the early 20th century when the Lloyd Library purchased F. A. Michaux’s *North American Silva* (1817), the letter from Thomas Jefferson was a random surprise tucked between two pages.

I must admit, I do love exploring natural history in a climate-controlled environment.

Next stop, the Cincinnati Museum’s Center Edge of Appalachia

Preserve in Adams County, Ohio. Here, to conduct the first medicinal plant workshop in their Advanced Naturalists series, an intensive limited to 10 participants. The 16,000 acre nature preserve, 80 miles east of Cincinnati, features the extraordinary Eulett Nature Center with labs, classrooms, state-of-the art everything – a nature workshop instructor’s dream – immersion in nature with naturalists who taught me more than I taught them.

Then I came home Monday evening, and rather than exploring nature in a library or interpreting it in a workshop, nature reminded me who is in charge. Deep rolling thunder, vibrating big nature ruled. The walls rattled. The deep low tremors pulsed up into my bones from the balls of my feet. No different than a fly – me – just a small human in nature.





## Two Memorial Day observances May 27

• The Eureka Springs Cemetery Commission is hosting a Memorial Day Observance May 27, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. at the Eureka Springs Cemetery, US 62E. Music will be provided by recording artist and playwright, Beth Severe, of Eureka Springs and Country Music Hall of Fame artist, Rick Quincy of Branson, Mo., along with tributes and guest speakers.

Lunch will be provided. Please bring your own beverages and a lawn chair. The commission will provide soda and water at \$1 per item. Please come join us for a true observance of Memorial Day appropriate for the whole family. The public is invited to

attend free of charge.

• American Legion Post 9 of Eureka Springs Memorial Day service is Monday, 10 a.m. at the Post Home to honor 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. There will be a musical tribute by the Holiday Island Singers. All veterans and residents of Carroll County and surrounding area are invited to attend the service at Post 9 at the junction of Hwy. 23 and Hwy. 187, north of Eureka Springs.

## Community blood center drive May 28

Community Blood Center of the Ozarks (CBCO) has issued a Code Yellow All Negative Blood Types. Your donation is needed to help replenish the supply. It takes more than 275 donations every day to meet the needs of the thirty-eight area hospitals that use CBCO products. CBCO will be holding a drive Tuesday, May 28, 1 – 6 p.m. at the Inn of the Ozarks, U.S. 62 W.

CBCO needs your help to meet the growing need for blood in the Ozarks. Eligibility requirements include weighing at least 110 pounds, being in general good health and presenting required ID.

A single blood donation can save the lives of up to three people. For more information about this blood drive, check out [www.cbco.org](http://www.cbco.org) or call (800) 280-5337.

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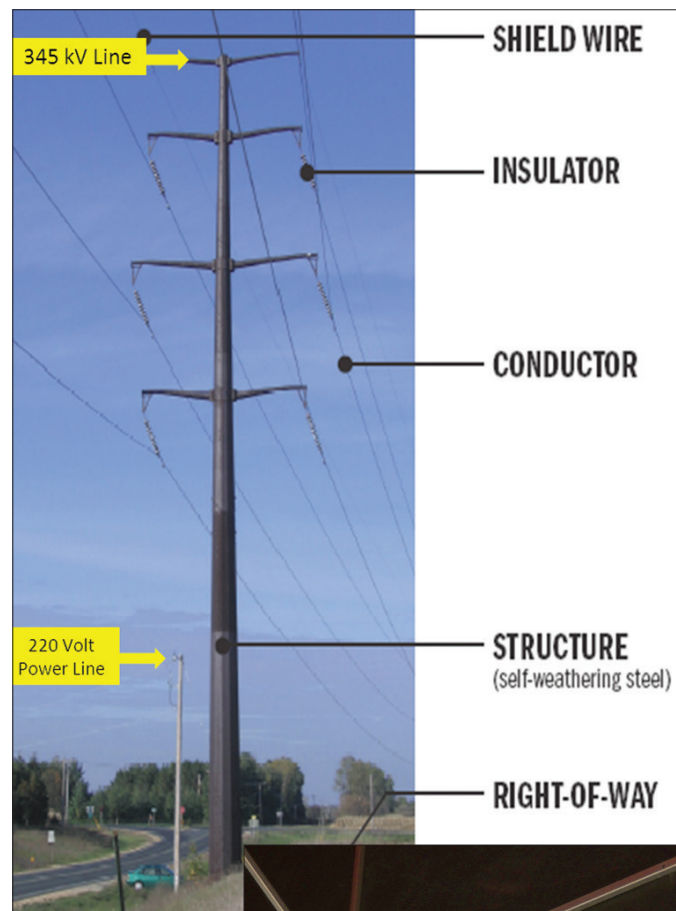
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### 345Kv Double Circuit Transmission Tower

– When you're just an ordinary 220v power pole like the one on the left, size does matter!

### STO signs available –

Save The Ozarks is accepting \$5 donations for individual yard signs now available at Caribe Restaurant, 309 West Van Buren (US 62W); DeVito's of Eureka Spring, 5 Center Street; Sweet Spring Antiques, 2 Pine Street and the UPS Store, 103 E. Van Buren (US 62E). For more information, go to [SaveTheOzarks.org](http://SaveTheOzarks.org) or Save The Ozarks on Facebook.





## Defense of Thorncrown Chapel from SWEPCO line goes viral

BECKY GILLETTE

Thorncrown Chapel, which won the American Institute of Architecture's Design of the Year Award for 1981 and the American Institute of Architecture's Design of the Decade Award for the 1980s, has many fans throughout the country. And now those people who have visited and been inspired by this magnificent glass chapel in the woods have responded by putting in nearly 4,000 comments to the Arkansas Public Service Comm. (APSC) opposing a SWEPCO high voltage power line nearby.

"The issue has gone viral," said Thorncrown Chapel Pastor Doug Reed. "What happened is that Jeff Danos, who built the website [www.savetheozarks.org](http://www.savetheozarks.org), wrote a letter to a large architectural website about the issue and included a letter from me. The chief editor there wrote an article about it, including pictures. The response from that alone is enormous. Hundreds and hundreds of people were writing in. It snowballed so other architectural sites and blogs began to run articles as well. It kind of went viral. It is very moving to us to have that much support."

Thorncrown Chapel, Inc., the American Institute of Architects and its Arkansas Chapter have filed a petition to intervene in proceedings before the APSC where SWEPCO is seeking permission to build the powerline. The petition to



intervene states, "Thorncrown Chapel is a setting and structure of unparalleled historical and architectural significance. Since the Chapel opened in 1980, over six million people have visited this woodland sanctuary."

Thorncrown Chapel is located approximately 1,000 ft. from the Route 91 (or Blue Route) alternate route identified by SWEPCO.

"Locating high voltage transmission facilities so near the Chapel would be extremely detrimental to and totally incompatible with the Chapel," the

petition states. "The proposed facilities would be harmful to Thorncrown both economically and aesthetically. The Institute and AIAArkansas have a direct and unique interest in this proceeding as the proposed Route 91 alternate route is directly at odds with efforts to preserve and protect architecturally significant structures for the architecture professions and the public's benefit."

Reed said that the 150-ft.-tall towers would basically "greet" people when they turned into Thorncrown Chapel.

"That is so opposite of what

Thorncrown is about, which is organic architecture tied to the environment in an extremely important way," Reed said. "E. Fay Jones was the architect, and the way he described it was like someone dropped a seed there and it grew up out of the ground. It has that strong a tie to its setting. If you harm the setting, you harm the building."

There is another building on the grounds, the Worship Center, that has similar design elements to the Thorncrown Chapel. At the bottom of the amphitheater-style seating there is a stage backed by a 50-ft.-tall window overlooking pristine forests. The tall high voltage towers would be highly visible from the window that now shows little that is man made.

"It would basically ruin the building," Reed said. "I don't know if anyone would want to use it with a view of a huge power line. We are also concerned about herbicides used to maintain the powerline. We are on a well out here. And we are concerned about noise. What we have heard from various sources is that these are very loud when you get that much power going through such enormous lines."

One silver lining in the outpouring of responses in support of Thorncrown is that it has been heartening that so many people have taken time to comment against the SWEPCO proposal.

"It is a shame to have something like this to see how much people appreciate you, but our whole staff has been greatly moved by this," Reed said.

## Stone and Steffens elected to Cornerstone Bank governing board

Charles T. Cross, President and CEO of Cornerstone Bank, has announced Mark Stone and Dale Steffens were recently elected to the local bank's governing board of directors at the annual stockholders' meeting.

Steffens, a Eureka Springs resident and recent retiree, joins the bank's board of directors with a wealth of experience in the telecommunications and engineering fields, having owned his own companies for numerous years. Steffens most recently served as Founder and Chief Executive Officer of TLC Envirotech, Inc. in Dallas, which manufactured and installed non-chemical water treatment systems for cooling towers. He graduated from



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Iowa Western Community College with a degree in Electronics Technology. He and his wife, Carol, have three sons and two daughters and are active members of the Grassy Knob community at Beaver Lake.

Stone, a Berryville resident, has

served on the bank's Berryville advisory board since 2008 and has assisted in that location's growth and success. Stone graduated from Arkansas Tech University in 1990 with a degree in Business and Economics. He is the co-owner of Nighthawk Custom Guns, Magnolia Village Apartments, AAA Access Mini Storage, Stone Properties, Stone Washed and Stone Ridge Farms, all located in Berryville.

Stone has four years' experience on the advisory board of Farm Credit Services and vast experience in the banking industry in the credit area through his professional career. Stone and his wife, Leah, have three children and are members of Kings River Church in Berryville.

## Sunday at UUF

May 26: Ron Dugger will speak on: "Seven Things You Can Do Every Day To Keep Yourself Healthy." Make your own list and bring it along to share with our Fellowship!

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



## Utilities fight legislation supporting renewable energy

HARRIE FARROW

Last month, Arkansas electric utilities, with help from Heartland Institute, a nonprofit known for denying climate change, once again successfully battled state legislation attempting to “promote and encourage development and use of the state’s renewable energy resources.”

House Bill 1390, which would have created the Arkansas Distributed Generation Act, died in the Joint Energy Committee when it failed to be seconded for a call to vote. The bill would have required that five percent of electric utilities’ energy portfolios come from renewable energy resources within the state.

The intent, in part, would have been to provide for increased consumer choice in obtaining electrical energy and encourage additional competition within the energy sector. The bill would have included regulating Feed in Tariff (FIT) policy. FIT refers to contracts made and rates paid when utilities buy power from renewable energy producers.

According to Frank Kelly of Arkansas Renewable Energy Association (AREA), HB 1390 represents the third attempt to present FIT to the legislature. He said a similar bill in 2009 had “active support from the governor and other state agencies including the Public Service Commission. Paul Suskie, a past chairman of the PSC spoke at length about how this would be beneficial for Arkansas and that the utilities’ arguments were not true.” However, Kelly said, the bill failed in a close energy committee vote.

“The governor basically said, don’t waste your time. The new crop of legislators are hopeless,” Kelly said.

According to Kelly, HB 1390’s sponsor, Warwick Sabin (D) “thought he had a long working relationship with Arkansas electric utility co-ops, but when he present-

ed the bill they shut him off and told him they were going to ‘kill’ the bill. He said they would not even discuss the bill with him.” Kelly said co-sponsor John Hutchison (R) “faced unrelenting pressure to take his name off the bill or else.” BHB

A story written by Alyssa Carducci and published on the internet site, news.heartland.org, claimed former CIA director/environmentalist, James Woolsey and former Colorado Gov. Mark Ritter planned to testify for the bill then decided not to: “...reports surfaced that Woolsey and Ritter confirmed to Sabin they would testify in favor of the bill and made travel arrangements to Little Rock for that purpose. After HB 1390 opponents confirmed that James Taylor, senior fellow for The Heartland Institute would testify against the bill, Woolsey and Ritter backed out on their plans.”

However, Woolsey’s assistant, Nancy Bonomo, told the *Independent* in an email that Woolsey “Never had plans to travel to Arkansas to testify.” Additionally, Sen. Sabin told the *Independent* that the Carducci article “was written by an organization that sent a representative to testify against HB1390. Heartland is not a news organization nor are they objective on this issue. They never interviewed me for their ‘article,’ so I never told them that James Woolsey would testify, and I have never had any contact with Mr. Woolsey’s office.” Furthermore, Craig Lewis, executive director of Clean Coalition said that, “Gov. Ritter did testify in Arkansas, as did I.”

Heartland Institute did not respond to requests to explain the discrepancies.

SWEPSCO Communications Consultant, Peter Main, said, “Neither SWEPSCO nor the other electric utilities in Arkansas were supportive of HB1390... a primary factor for that was a legal issue... wholesale sales prices can

only be set by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). Under current federal law, states may not independently set the price for a wholesale sale of electricity.”

Kelly said in response, “The Distributed Generation Act of 2013 expressly stated that the AR PSC would develop a program that would be in line with FERC requirements... while FIT policy could be developed that runs afoul of FERC, The Distributed Generation Act of 2013 would have met FERC requirements. We had direct input from the ARPSC to make sure our wording was right.”

Nancy Plagge, director of corporate communications for Carroll Electric said, “Carroll Electric relies on Arkansas Electric Cooperatives (AECC) to diagnose the legal, technical and regulatory elements of proposed legislation that affects power generation. Carroll Electric was only briefed on this bill, but it appears HB1390 would impose mandates on AECC which are outside of AECC’s control... imposing penalties on AECC for distributed generation resources not currently in the marketplace raises costs for all members.”

Sandra Byrd, AECC’s vice president of Member and Public Relations, who spoke to the energy commission against the bill, did not return calls.

A document Kelly put together to promote the bill said, “The language in this Bill insures that electric rates will not be negatively impacted and in fact the policy this Bill puts in place will attract significant economic development.”

The document further stated, “Utilities currently have a monopolistic control over where our power comes from. This Bill opens the market to consumer choice, innovation and competition.”

## You *are* what you eat!

### Eurekans invited to join global March Against Monsanto

Fayetteville’s global March Against Monsanto will take place May 25, 2 p.m., at the Town Center, 15 W. Mountain, according to organizer, Tami Monroe Canal.

Eureka Springs area residents are invited to join the march to raise awareness on the growing urgency to get GMO foods labeled or banned in the US, as they have been in 64 other countries. The march will start at the World Peace Fountain at Fayetteville’s Town Center and will feature a rally with guest speakers before a march to the Federal building and back.

Speakers will highlight Monsanto’s domination of our country’s food supply

and their introduction of hazardous GMOs (genetically modified organisms) into seed crops and animal feed. Information will be available on how to shop GMO-free, ways to help create food security in your neighborhood, ideas on gardening and much more.

The global March Against Monsanto is taking place in more than 39 countries and hundreds of cities around the world. Teresa Chard, one of the event organizers, stated, “This is the one issue facing our country that affects absolutely *everyone*; our parents, friends, kids, grandkids and their grandkids. We were the country responsible for introducing these toxins

into the world’s food supply but we shouldn’t be the last country to stand up against the ignorance of the ramifications of GMOs. We’ve let it go on far too long. The time to stop it is now.”

Citizens are marching because Monsanto’s products are harmful to people and the planet, including exclusive patenting rights over seeds and genetic makeup, specifically GMOs, engineered from the DNA of different species of plant, animal, bacterial and viral genes. Monsanto’s genetically modified foods can lead to serious health conditions such as development of cancer tumors, infertility and birth defects. Monsanto’s Roundup

weed killer can be linked to these same health issues and to Parkinson’s disease. Evidence also indicates that residues of “glyphosate,” the chief ingredient in Roundup, which is sprayed over millions of acres of crops, has been found in our food and in our bodies, as well as causing colony collapse among the world’s bee population.

For more information, contact Teresa Chard (479) 456-2650 or email [tlcchard@yahoo.com](mailto:tlcchard@yahoo.com). See [www.march-against-monsanto.com](http://www.march-against-monsanto.com) for the full March Against Monsanto mission statement and find the local group on Facebook at “March Against Monsanto Fayetteville.”



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

“Well, I was just a-thinkin’ that when Mary gets married and with Dode spendin’ most of his time in Eureka Springs, we’re goin’ to be by ourselves most of the time. You could have some time to visit with th’ neighbors if you wanted to. There’s people over there livin’ not more than a half a mile apart. It’s close enough that I could walk into town when I want to. It’s in walkin’ distance of the schoolhouse over there. They hold meetin’ there ever Sunday. It would be a easier life fer both of us, Susan. I wish you would think about it a little before you make up your mind,” he coaxed.

“I promise you that I’ll think about it, Johnny, but I’ve got a better idea. Why don’t you take me over there and let me look around and see what I think about it?” Then as an afterthought, she added, “I ain’t never been over there ‘cept the day we buried our Sammy. I don’t even know what the country is like over there.”

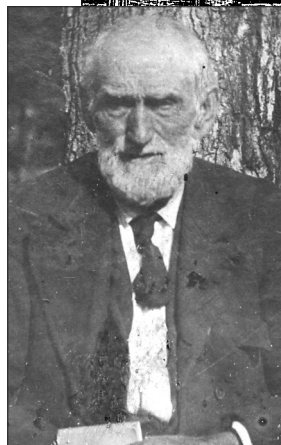
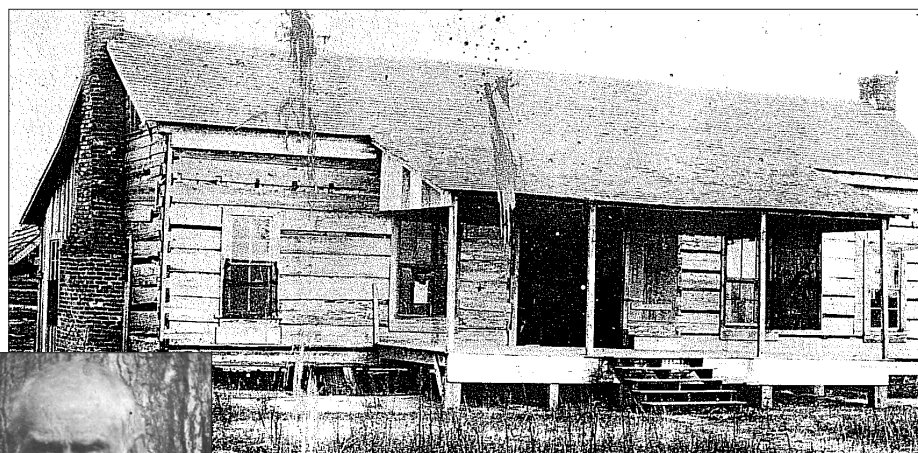
“It’s a bargain, Susan. We’ll go the first pretty day. Seems like it has rained fer a week.” Johnny leaned back in his chair and spit a stream of tobacco juice into the fire. Susan went about her kitchen chores and the subject was closed for the time being.

The next day promised to be fair and they decided to make the trip. Mary wanted to go along. They would look for the best place to build a new house and would also have some time to visit Sam’s grave. It was almost noon when their wagon came into the wide space of farm land which had been divided by the railroad. They could hear the whistle of the freight train as it made its way from Beaver on its regular run to Eureka Springs. The whistle sounded loud and clear in the mountain air.

Johnny pulled his team to the side of the dirt road and attempted to quiet them as they trembled in fear as the screaming engine puffed past them.

“I don’t blame the horses for bein’ scared,” Mary announced. “I’m almost scared, myself. What a noise.”

“You’d get used to it if you lived in hearin’ of it every day,” her father explained.



They drove the wagon up the hill to the graveyard. Grass and weeds had started to grow on the grave. They stood in silence for a few minutes. Johnny stooped to pull away some of

the taller grasses.

“Johnny, couldn’t you find somebody to make some kind of a marker for it?” Susan asked. “Just anything with his name on it. It looks like we had forgot him, jest layin’ there with nothin’ to mark the spot where we put him.”

“Yes, I know a man in Eureka that does some stone cuttin’. He works on some of the new buildin’s there. I’ll talk to him about it. I’m sure he could come up with somethin’.”

As they walked down the hill from the graveyard, he pointed to a grove of trees. “Right there, Susan is where I had thought of buildin’ a house. Don’t you think it’s a pretty place?”

“Yes, I do and I reckon I would like it jest fine but I want you to know I’m not complainin’ about the house I’ve got. It suits me jest fine, but I think it’s pretty over here and if you want to make the change it’s all right with me. I guess it’ll take a little gettin’ used to. Hearin’ trains all the time and havin’ neighbors so close you can almost holler at ‘em. I guess there is young folks around here too that would be good fer Mary.”

“Ma, you’re forgetting something. Remember that I’m goin’ to get married and the weddin’ will probably be before Pa could get a new house built over here. Like as not I won’t be livin’ in the new

house here at all,” Mary reminded her mother.

“I guess I was tryin’ to forget it, honey. I hate to think about the time when both of my girls will be gone from home but I know you’re right.”

The long trip back home was over and they were telling Jim and Little Jimmy all about it. Susan brought up the practical side of the matter of moving.

“Johnny, just how do you expect to make a livin’ over at Gaskins Switch? There ain’t no bears over there. What would you do?”

There ain’t no bears anywhere anymore. I guess I’ve seen to that myself and I’m proud of it. I’ve got it all figured out. Th’ most of the land I own has got a

lot of timber on it. I’ll have it all cut off and sell it. Then, after the land is cleared, I’ll sell it fer farm land. It will sell fer money after it is cleared. I’ll have the money for the land and the timber. If I manage it, Susan, we’ll have money enough to live on fer the rest of our days. I won’t have to hunt bears an’ you won’t have to make a garden ‘cept jest for whatever you want to do fer yourself. I ain’t so keen on sellin’ garden stuff as a lot of the folks around here.”

“You think of everything, Johnny. Here I am a-wonderin’ how you’re goin’ to make a livin’ and you have got it all figured out all ready. You’re a smart man, Johnny Gaskins.”

“A man has got to be smart if he makes a livin’ fer his family, Susan,” he told her.

“I agree with you, Johnny, an’ don’t start tellin’ me that the time will come when everybody will be educated. I’ve been a-listenin’ to you tell me that the time will come fer a lot of things, but I ain’t so sure about that. There ain’t never goin’ to be school houses close enough so that everybody can send their children to school,” Susan predicted.

“Maybe we won’t live long enough to see it, Susan but you mark my word, the time is comin’.”

### Been fishin’

– Landen Saylor, left, and brother, Jaydon, show off a catch of trout during their first visit to the White River below Beaver Dam on May 18. In the background the boys’ grandfather, Paul Downey, beams with pride. They were fishing with Downey’s sister, Charlotte Downey, former owner of the Dam Store and (obvious) expert on fishing the waters of Northwest Arkansas.

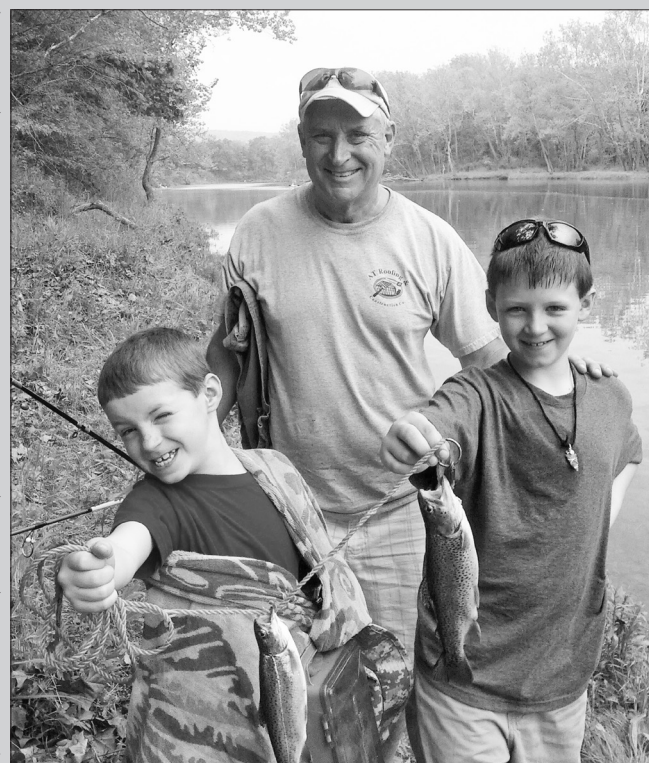


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of Carroll County environment would set up a catastrophic domino effect that will touch everyone. Once the towers are erected, tax collections will shrivel up as fewer people come here for a getaway. "It would be unconscionable to let it go forward without fighting. You've had time to educate yourselves, so how can you not join us?"

Geraldine Hanby, whose property will be bisected by one of the proposed routes, claimed not only will the organic status of her property be compromised against her will, but "the most beautiful landscape you will ever see will be violated by this project." She claimed springs and waterways on the route would be contaminated by electromagnetic fields surrounding the lines.

Mike Bishop, executive director of the Eureka Springs Chamber of Commerce, spoke up regarding the negative impact on the tourism industry in Eureka Springs, and asked the court to consider how broadly the whole county will suffer as a consequence.

Roger Shepperd pointed out the environmental impact study supporting SWEPCO's design is seriously flawed and nothing was mentioned in the report about economic or health repercussions. Not only did the report contain errors, Shepperd said, but notification was haphazard because not all property owners were notified. The company that stands on a flawed EIR and did not notify all the property owners to be directly affected wants to inflict permanent damage to pristine Carroll County real estate. He concluded, "Look around the edges. Should we sign up for haphazard work by SWEPCO? I don't think so!"

James DeVito, Eureka Springs alderman, said SWEPCO has a negligent attitude toward Arkansas. He said, "They want to put lots of money into a useless project, and they don't care about the effects on people. SWEPCO has nothing to lose because we'll pay for it."

He held up a full-page photo from a newspaper that showed scenery near Eureka Springs. "We won't be on the cover of anything anymore if this project goes through. We've got a lot to lose here."

Mark Armstrong said he could live anywhere in Europe or America but he chose Carroll County because of its beauty. He claimed the project is ridiculous because it is based on erroneous data. He told the court, "This area is a lovely little



Standing room only at the Friday's Quorum Court meeting. Justices of the Peace passed a resolution opposing SWEPCO high transmission power lines.

secret. Don't let this happen."

Glenn Crenshaw, Realtor, said, "Give me a reason a project we get not a dime from is a good idea." He predicted property values would plummet as soon as the clear cut begins. He pointed out very educated people have studied the proposal and are against it. He asked the court "to preserve our legacy."

Doug Stowe commented SWEPCO still has not touched a boot on the ground along the proposed routes to see the proximity to farms and homes. He called the idea "completely unreasonable and irrational." He said the public needs to pull the plug on SWEPCO.

Graham Robinson described hikers in the pristine Ozark forests walking upon a clear cut maintained by pesticides with the power poles all in a row holding up the humming transmission lines – there not for the good of the citizens but for more profit for SWEPCO.

Justices of the Peace got their chances to speak, and JP John Reeve said he was not comfortable totally opposing the SWEPCO plan until he had heard SWEPCO speak and answer questions. Reeve said there were several agencies involved in planning the project and they cannot all be scoundrels. He wanted to hear SWEPCO representatives explain whether Carroll County really needs the power. He moved to table the issue until the court could hear from SWEPCO.

In the vote on Reeve's motion, JPs Jack Deaton, Don McNeely, Joe Mills, Dan Mumaugh, Matt Phillips, Lamont

Richie and Gaylon Riggs voted No, so it failed.

Mumaugh then said he supported the comments by those who had spoken earlier. He suggested SWEPCO could at least use existing rights-of-way. He said he did not co-sponsor the resolution because, as an independent JP representing the people, he has a conflict of interest. He said if the plan goes through as proposed, it might "wipe me out." He said he wanted to see the Quorum Court go on record as opposing the project, but he did not have great hope the plan could be stopped. He said there are powerful forces at play that created "this terrible, impending project."

Richie said his entire time in Carroll County has been involved in the tourism industry. Tourists come here for several reasons, but they enjoy it here because it is beautiful. If the project goes through, "SWEPCO will be able to take your property through eminent domain," he said. "Can you imagine what it will look like if the power lines go through Inspiration Point?"

He asked the question, "Who wants to buy land in the country with a 150-foot herbicide-sprayed swath cut right through it?" He said he strongly opposed the project in its entirety.

JP Larry Swofford said he had voted to table the issue, but he would vote to support the resolution because he stands for property owner rights. "The people said we need to stick together and I believe in that," he commented.

JP Ron Flake said he thought the resolution was a waste of time, but he agreed "we should stick together. In the spirit of togetherness, I am going to oppose the project. I agree with the claims the study was flawed and we need to try to send a message."

Deaton added, "If there's a need for this project, there's bound to be a better way."

Richie insisted, "The price for so-called progress is more than any benefit, and I refuse to bow down to what is being called progress."

Mumaugh made the final observation by stating, "Don't fall into the argument that this power is for us. It will go where the power grid takes it, but it's not for us. It's important we understand what we're up against and fight it as hard as we can fight it."

When it was time to vote, JP Reeve abstained but the other ten JPs voted to approve the resolution in opposition to SWEPCO's project, and they were greeted with generous applause from citizens in attendance.

#### Other business

- The court approved the second and third readings of an ordinance creating three committees, County Facilities and Property, Public Water Development and Personnel.

- Considering an ordinance to create a County Finance Committee and a County Library Committee, Flake said committees are essential for finding ways to spend the county's money efficiently. He said there are difficult issues coming before the court and JPs must keep abreast of the facts, with committees the only way they can stay informed. The vote was unanimous to approve the first reading of the ordinance.

- Sheriff Bob Grudek told the court recently one of his drug dogs assisted in finding an elderly person who had wandered away from her care facility. He also said his department has undergone much turnover in the past year, and he continues to look for ways to save money, such as getting costs of inmate transfers paid for.

Grudek also agreed with those who had spoken against the SWEPCO plan.

- Mumaugh, who retired from the court after the meeting, noted his appreciation for those he had worked with while on the court, and JPs commented on Mumaugh's exemplary public service.

Next meeting will be Friday, June 21, at 10 a.m.



## May Arts Grand Finale Weekend

May Festival of the Arts' final weekend is jammed packed with events and another *first* for Eureka Springs – the grand opening of the Eureka Springs Music Park, an interactive sound sculpture experience.

The weekend schedule for Friday/Saturday, May 24/25, includes:

- May 24 – Painted MUGS: 3 p.m., Basin Park. For all of May, the art community has been making silly faces from the posters on the walls of downtown. Now you get to make them more silly. Join John Rankine in the park at 3 p.m. to receive special colored markers you can use to paint the MUGS plastered all over town. Markers available first come/first serve.

- May 25 – Basin Park Artrageous Art Fair: 11 a.m. – 8 p.m.

- Eureka Springs Music Park Grand Opening: Events begin at 2 p.m. at the N. Main Park/Parking Lot with an opening dedication, demonstration of interactive musical sculptures by creator Ranaga Farbiarz, a special concert by Trout Fishing In America, special guest performers and an invitation to play the musical sculptures.

- Concert with Trout Fishing In America, 7 p.m. at the Aud.

### The Music Park

The Eureka Springs Music Park is a

blend of music, art and nature with sound sculptures nestled in a natural acoustic setting. The centerpiece is a 20 ft. long chime arbor called GPAC (Give Peace a Chance). The second piece, Ranagophone, made from the scrap ends of The World's Largest Wind Chime, is a six-piece pentatonically-tuned slit-drum sculpture that pays homage to Stonehenge. Finally, Ozarkophone is made of weatherproof pressure treated pine for extra durability and sound performance. The xylophone-like structure creates a sonic counterpoint to the metallic sounds of the other instruments.

The unique aspect of the Eureka Springs Music Park is the harmonic tuning of three instruments to one another. All are made primarily of found and repurposed materials and can be played by the public



either by hand or with the soft mallets provided.

One of the earliest forms of sound sculptures dates back to prehistoric times in the form of wind chimes constructed of bone, wood, bamboo, stone or shells. They were played by the wind and thought to be used to ward off evil spirits. Outdoor musical sculptures gained popularity in the U.S. during the 1930s. The unique sound of chimes and wood is a way of shaping the atmosphere of the natural environment.

The Music Park is a public art project of the Eureka Springs Arts Council and the City of Eureka Springs; and more exciting additions to the park can be expected in Phases 2 and 3. Funding for the project was provided in part by The Arkansas Arts Council and Department of Arkansas Heritage.

### Trout Fishing in America

Trout Fishing in America is the

musical duo of Keith Grimwood (upright bass, Clevinger bass, bass guitar, vocals) and Ezra Idlet (acoustic guitar, electric guitar, banjo, vocals). The popular duo performs folk rock and fun, engaging children's music. They took their name from the novel *Trout Fishing in America* by Richard Brautigan.

Grimwood attended the University of Houston and played in the Houston Symphony Orchestra after graduation, whereas Idlet left a college basketball team to pursue rock and roll. The two met while performing together in the Houston-based folk-rock band Wheatfield, later renamed St. Elmo's Fire. Grimwood and Idlet formed Trout Fishing in America on the streets of Santa Cruz, California in 1979. After many years in Houston, Texas, the duo moved to the Prairie Grove, Arkansas area in 1992.

Their song, "When I Was a Dinosaur," became a favorite of Dr. Demento, who played it frequently on his radio program. Trout Fishing in America has received much critical recognition for both family and adult music, including three National Indie Awards, numerous Parents Choice awards and four Grammy Award nominations in the Best Musical Album for Children category. Trout Fishing in America has also written two children's books with accompanying CDs.

## DROPPING A Line by Robert Johnson

Amanda Burkitt with a nice Beaver Lake hybrid striper caught May 21 off a plainer board with big shad 20 ft. behind with no weight running in eight feet of water. Stripers, whites and hybrids are moving out of the river and back our way.

We are going out of the dam now here near Eureka and catching most our fish from the dam to Prairie Creek. The river got up into the 70s. The spawn is over which brings them closer to home with temps running closer to 68°. We are also getting a good top water bite on Zara Spooks and big redfins. The flats are where to start looking. Sunrise and sunsets are a real turn on.

Holiday Island water temp is about 68° with crappie on the shoreline in the brush. Big perch

moving shallow, too. The white bass spawn is pretty well over too, but this high water could bring some late spawners still in Butler and Leatherwood Creeks. Also look for them off the flats near Holiday Island and Beavertown. Green bass are also in the shallow water. Look for gravel, stumps and nest. Make them mad and they will hit.

Was up Kings also and it is hot enough to swim. We got 78° temps Sunday with bass and crappie in six to eight feet of water. Spring is great fishing. Please respect all out there this holiday weekend especially the small craft. With gas prices so high a lot of people are getting on the water in kayaks and canoes. A big wake is not good on them so let's keep our eyes open and take a kid, wife, girlfriend or dog fishing and enjoy the start of another summer.





## Bringing Together All That Has Been Separated

The New Group of World Servers has been holding in safeguarding the Wesak blessing (the Will-to-Good for humanity) since the last full moon in April (Wesak). At Friday's full moon lunar eclipse (an outer reality disappears), the Gemini Festival of Humanity and Goodwill (and World Invocation Day), this blessing will be dispersed to humanity for the purpose of creating Goodwill and Right Relations throughout the world. It's a vital and important solar festival, working with the Forces of Reconstruction who appear in times of need to help humanity "restore

the Ancient Mysteries and the original Plan on Earth," hidden and obscured by the Forces of Materialism.

The full moon occurs in the evening and into the night. Beforehand, the Gemini's planetary rulers (intermediaries), Mercury (messenger) and Venus (synthesizing dualities) unite in Gemini (19 degrees). It's a most auspicious festival, for Gemini (along with Pisces, the saving force and Venus) "bring together all that has been separated."

During the festival, the Sun and moon (on each side of the Earth), receiving the Light of

Gemini (Interplaying Light beams revealing all that opposes), bathe the Earth in Gemini light (Ray 2, Love/Wisdom) that harmonizes all that opposes. Then a prayer goes out into the world from the New Group of World Servers.

*"Let our sustained, daily, meditative, group, Ashramic, rhythmic efforts, radiated to humanity, be the seed of synthesis, the force that binds together all that has been separated." Join us everyone in this prayer, and in reciting the Great Invocation, during the Festival. They uplift and transform humanity.*

**ARIES:** You are cheerful these days, feeling companionship with others. You talk a lot about what's interesting to you finding great value exchanging information and ideas. Be sure to listen as well to others. Provide them time to think, to share with and to trust you. You're attracted to things witty and entertaining. You may be called to harmonize conflicts, bring diplomacy to the table. You're learning.

**TAURUS:** No matter what others say about their life needs, especially relationships, you feel comforted and at home with your own environment and life choices. If others are restless, simply listen and carry on with your chores. You seek financial security, comfort and enjoyment primarily. Not everyone seeks these things. A partner may not. Careful to relate kindly with others. Consciously learn the art of cooperation.

**GEMINI:** It's difficult to say no to yourself about anything desired at this time. You seek things that are pleasant, fun-loving and playful. If you're not, then you must begin or you will lose this time to seriousness that is not appropriate. Pay attention to your appearance. Make yourself handsome and beautiful each day. Allow your heart to show no matter what the situation. And don't hide from vulnerabilities. Be real (not clever). Real is more attractive.

**CANCER:** It's a time of reclusiveness – like white polar bears during hibernation – hiding away at home tending to life

needs, hoping not to be interrupted from your focus and concentration.

Sometimes you experience very personal and private longings – feelings you don't share with others. You miss someone very deeply. You don't share that, either. Sometimes you cry. Sometimes you're lonely. Then it passes. Angels are around.

**LEO:** It's time to form friendships with others who contribute harmony to your life. It's time to be part of a group (or several) where you meet people to share your life with, people with your same ideas, values and interests, people you can laugh with and form close associations. Your need for these is important and should you enter groups they would embrace you, finding you charming and a stable peace maker.

**VIRGO:** Your qualities of responsibility, tending to details, able to organize and order things in disarray are deeply appreciated. Social opportunities open up when you exhibit excellent managerial skills. It's important to wear good shoes for climbing the ladder socially and professionally – it can be hard on the soles of your feet. It can be hard on your Soul, too, if you're not focused deeply and primarily on serving others. You have artistic talent. Use it expressively.

**LIBRA:** Are you feeling rather unsatisfied? Do you feel that after this next

project you must make a major change? Routine things become difficult.

Your eyes seek far horizons, cultures and people far away. Your spirit's a bit eccentric and exotic. You're charming when out in the world traveling and when romance is involved. You're generous with those you love. Let the exotic in you guide you toward

the arts, dance, theatre, travel and things unusual. It will make you happy.

**SCORPIO:** It's a good time to consider finances. This includes legacies from family, which includes the values taught you as a child – a deep and intimate subject. Know that you are beautiful and wonderful and not alone and every step in your life has developed your values that reach beyond childhood. All relationships are intensified now. You seek depth with those you love, harmonizing all differences. You also study family origins.

**SAGITTARIUS:** You're happiest with one-on-one relationships more than in groups or with acquaintances. It's important for you to be close to the ones who love you, providing them with praise and recognition, gratitude and acknowledgement of their presence in your life. Should there be any relationships of difficulty this is a valuable time to create a bridge of harmony, from you to them. You're the peacemaker here.

**CAPRICORN:** Wherever you are,

with everyone, it's important to establish harmony in the environment and Right Relations with family, relatives and with co-workers. Everything seems to revolve around and between family and around work. You're best when working in cooperation with others at this time. Whatever group or team you're in charge of, create aspects of harmony. Teach them (and know yourself) intentions of Goodwill create Right Relations. And this brings peace to all involved.

**AQUARIUS:** This is a time of creative expression, the building of aesthetic forms in all of the arts. Whatever your creative self-expression, this is an auspicious time to bring forth your inner gifts. Instead of allowing corporate structures to create realities around us, Aquarians are called to bring forth the many different possible futures so humanity can have a template to work from. Love affairs, children, cheerfulness and lightheartedness all come into play. And appreciation of all relationships.

**PISCES:** You survey your home considering ways to make it more nurturing, more beautiful, more comforting. You think about your family wanting to care and serve them better. You value the art and aesthetics of architecturally designed homes and seek to employ their ideas. Especially natural pools and landscaping. Creating a peaceful, consistent, stable atmosphere is your task. Notice the small pleasures of each day.







**It's all in the timing** – Harts had no idea of the irony after Monday night's storm.

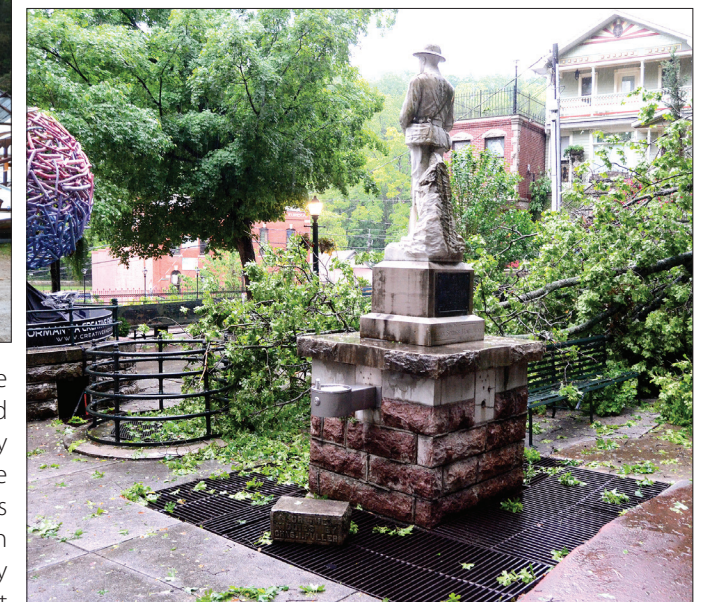
PHOTO BY KAREN PRYOR

**Goliath goes down** – A giant oak was toppled on Judah Street by high winds Monday night. Besides wind damage around the area, portions of Carroll County, including Eureka Springs, were without power until Tuesday mid-morning.

PHOTO BY DAVID FRANK DEMPSEY

**I'll huff and I'll puff** – and the Big Bad Wolf wind blew away the roof and much of the contents of Don Turnock's studio in Busch Monday night. Don is a contractor for a company that builds remote-controlled airplanes, hence the balsa wood scattered about.

PHOTO BY ERIC STUDER



**Soldiering on** – The statue of the World War One Doughboy received damage from high winds that tore through Carroll County Monday evening, but managed to stand his ground among fallen trees in Basin Park.

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**Book 'em, Danno** – ESPD Det. Brad Handley, left, presses Det. Thomas Achord's fingers onto the department's new digital fingerprint scanner. The \$16,000 system was purchased in part with \$14,000 donated from the estate of the late Ellen Arvilla Lena Guske, who moved to the area in 1982 after her retirement from Illinois Bell Telephone Company. The new system sends fingerprints directly into the worldwide Automated Fingerprint Identification System for computer-expedited matching with millions of other prints in a matter of hours, saving days of waiting for fingerprints to travel by mail. The system can also scan latent prints lifted from a crime scene, speeding up investigations and helping identify potential criminals. It will also make hard copies of fingerprints via a laser printer.

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**Shredding for dollars** – Members of the Walker-Wilson American Legion Post #9 raised more than \$1300 with assistance from Cornerstone Bank and a Shred-it Mobile Paper Shredding and Recycling truck from Little Rock shredding documents and papers May 22. People showed up from as far away as Rogers. From left are Larry Schoenhofer, Jim Weatherford, Ferguson Stewart, Carmen Caldwell, Jack Baker, Marvin Negelein and Tanner Ward.

PHOTO BY DAVID FRANK DEMPSEY



# Jackie Don Loe with the Barflies at Jack's Place

The Barflies from Dallas only come to Eureka Springs twice a year so you don't want to miss this performance at Jack's Place, 37 Spring Street, on Friday and Saturday night. James Curtis, Papa Fly, is the force behind (literally, from the drum set) this versatile band that has members all over the country who join them onstage to share blues love. Mr. D joins this set on bass, along with Mike Johnson on tenor, alto sax and flute and Clark Moore on tenor and baritone sax. On guitar is Jackie Don Loe, a versatile and talented player who will make you wonder where a fair redhead gets so much soul. He's been perfecting the blues for more than 20 years, with regular gigs where he is often joined by a Who's Who list of talent like Lou Hampton and Bobby Patterson. Every week he hosts "The Sunday Blues Happening" and "Soul Revue" in Dallas and for years hosted "Blues

Jam" at the legendary Hole in the Wall. His big personality, soulful vocals and the things he can do with that guitar set him apart from the crowd.

## Sunday Music at Roadhouse with Old Bridge Rhythm Band

Roadhouse Restaurant, Hwy 62 one mile east of Passion Play Road, is hosting an evening of music on Sunday, May 26 from 5 – 8 p.m. This is a celebration of Americana Roots music with Chris Puente and Old Bridge Rhythm Band. A fun act that has acoustic guitar, washtub bass, harmonica, fiddle, mandolin and musical saw added to Puente's haunting vocals will make this a night of foot-stomping good times. There is a rumor that local fiddler Chuck Onofrio, fresh off tour with Hank Williams III, may

sit in for a few songs. Don't miss this rare event at Roadhouse.

### FRIDAY – MAY 24

- **BALCONY RESTAURANT**  
*Hogscalders*, 12–3 p.m. and 6–9 p.m.
- **CHASERS BAR & GRILL**  
*Karaoke with Tiny*
- **CHELSEA'S** *Black Out Boys*, 9 p.m.
- **EUREKA LIVE!** DJ & Dancing,  
*For the Boys Drag Event with Felicia Blackheart*, 9 p.m.
- **EUREKA PARADISE** DJ and Dancing, Ladies Night
- **EUREKA STONEHOUSE** *Jerry Yester*, 5–8 p.m.
- **GRAND TAVERNE** *Arkansas*

- Red Guitar*, 6:30–9:30 p.m.
- **JACK'S PLACE** *Barflies*, 9 p.m. – close
- **LUMBERYARD RESTAURANT & SALOON** DJ Karaoke, 8 p.m.
- **NEW DELHI CAFÉ** *Magic Mule*, 1–5 p.m., *Handmade Moments*, 6:30–10:30 p.m.
- **PIED PIPER CATHOUSE LOUNGE** *Dorian Cross Band*, 8–midnight
- **ROWDY BEAVER** *Left of Center*, 8 p.m.
- **ROWDY BEAVER DEN** *Terri & Brett*, 9 p.m.
- **SQUID & WHALE PUB** *Afro-Disiacs, Jazz, Funk*



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- **VOULEZ-VOUS** *Third Degree, Hard Rock'n Blues*, 9 p.m.
- **302 ON THE SQUARE** (Berryville) Berryville Hootenanny – An Acoustic Jam – All Welcome, 7–9 p.m.

#### **SATURDAY – MAY 25**

- **BALCONY RESTAURANT** *James White*, 12–3 p.m., *Chris Diablo*, 6–9 p.m.
- **CHASERS BAR & GRILL** *Live Music*
- **CHELSEA'S** *Tyler Gregory & Chucky Waggs*, 9 p.m.
- **EUREKA LIVE!** DJ & Dancing, *Don't Ask Do Tell Drag Event w/ Felicia Blackheart*, 9 p.m.
- **EUREKA PARADISE** *Ozark Thunder*
- **GRAND TAVERNE** *Jerry Yester Grand Piano Dinner Music*, 6:30–9:30 p.m.
- **JACK'S PLACE** *Barflies*, 9 p.m. – close
- **LUMBERYARD RESTAURANT & SALOON** *The Dirty Roots*, 9 p.m.
- **NEW DELHI CAFÉ** *Black Out Boys*, 12–4 p.m., *Afro-Disiacs*, 6:30 – 10:30 p.m.

- **PIED PIPER CATHOUSE LOUNGE** *Southwind*, 1–5 p.m., *Shaky Ground*, 7–11 p.m.
- **ROWDY BEAVER** *Terri & the Executives*, 8 p.m.
- **ROWDY BEAVER DEN** *Bellyups*, 1–5 p.m., *Isayah's All Stars Duo*, 9 p.m.
- **SQUID & WHALE PUB** *Allied Saints, Blues from KC*
- **VOULEZ-VOUS** *Third Degree, Hard Rock'n Blues*, 9 p.m.

#### **SUNDAY – MAY 26**

- **BALCONY RESTAURANT** *Staymore*, 12–3 p.m., *Logan Brothers*, 5 p.m.
- **CHELSEA'S** *Skinny Gypsies*, 6–10 p.m.
- **JACK'S PLACE** *Blue Moon*
- **LUMBERYARD RESTAURANT & SALOON** Free Texas Hold 'Em Tournament *with prizes*, 6 p.m.
- **NEW DELHI CAFÉ** *James White Trio*, 12–3 p.m., *Afro-Disiacs*, 4–8 p.m.
- **PIED PIPER CATHOUSE LOUNGE** *Shaky Ground*, 1–5 p.m., *Southwind*, 7–11 p.m.
- **ROWDY BEAVER** *Terri & the Executives*, 8:30 p.m.

- **ROWDY BEAVER DEN** *John Silva*, 1–5 p.m., *Blew Reed & the Flatheads*, 9 p.m.
- **SQUID & WHALE PUB** *Slam Boxx, Rock*
- **VOULEZ-VOUS** *Sneaky Pete, Soul Rockin Blues*, 8 p.m.

#### **MONDAY – MAY 27**

- **CHASERS BAR & GRILL** Pool Tournament, 7 p.m.
- **CHELSEA'S** *SpringBilly*, 9 p.m.
- **SQUID & WHALE PUB** Disaster Piece Theater
- **VOULEZ-VOUS** *Sneaky Pete, Soul Rockin Blues*, 8 p.m.

#### **TUESDAY – MAY 28**

- **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 29**

- **CHASERS BAR & GRILL** Beer Pong
- **CHELSEA'S** *Rachel Brooke*,

- 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 30**

- **BALCONY RESTAURANT** *Maureen Alexander*, 5 p.m.,
- **CHASERS BAR & GRILL** Taco & Tequila Night
- **CHELSEA'S** DJ Night with *McGlossy*, 9 p.m.
- **GRAND TAVERNE** *Jerry Yester Grand Piano Dinner Music*, 6:30–9:30 p.m.
- **JACK'S PLACE** *Chris Lager Band*, 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.

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**Artsy Friday** – Debbie Clarke and artist Julie Kahn Valentine interact with the crowd and have some fun while displaying their art during White Street Walk Friday, May 17.

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**SRO at Books in Bloom** – Fans and readers crowded the Conservatory and gardens at the Crescent Hotel to meet and hear favorite authors May 19. Above, Catherine Coulter, well-known author of FBI thrillers and historical romances signs books after keeping the crowd in rapt attention. Another favorite speaker was Craig Johnson, author of the *Longmire* series. The AETN TV series from his books is in its second season beginning May 27. Check local listings for this excellent show.

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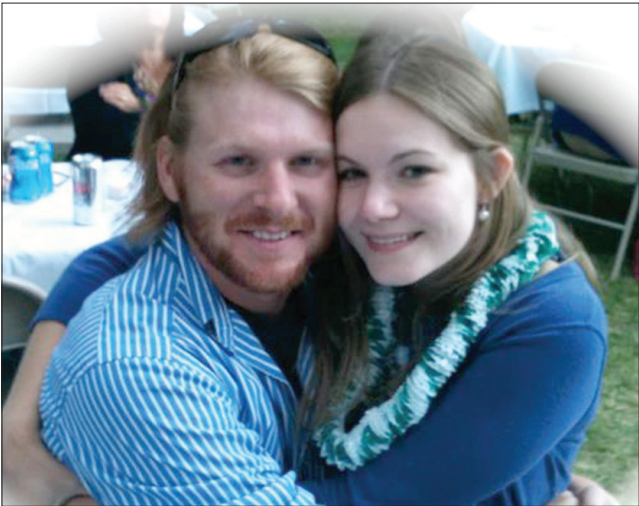
**Don't Look Back:** The crew on Eureka Springs' unofficial yacht, *Anahí*, look back as they lead the fleet during one of the final races of Beaver Lake Sailing Club's 2013 Spring Series. Alas, their efforts on Sunday were not enough to win the series away from Jimmie White and his intrepid crew aboard *Jaded*. Now that the spring series is in the logbook, skipper Dan Bennett (foreground), Deven and Kristen Phillips,



Katrina Pumphrey, James Louis and Mark Francis will have to spit the brackish taste of defeat from their mouths and prepare for the grueling test of boats and crew known as the Dave Durst Memorial Regatta, June 8 and 9. Read all about it in the *Independent*.

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**Engaged grad** – Olivia Katherine Wallace, graduate of Clear Spring School ('06) and Hendrix College ('10) graduated from the Starr King School for the Ministry with a Masters in Social Change degree on May 23. Commencement will take place at Mt. Diablo Unitarian Universalist Church in Walnut Creek, Calif. She is the daughter of Jim Wallace of Eureka Springs and Laura Waters of Istanbul, Turkey. Olivia is engaged to Brandon Loren Meadows, Senior Technician for Non-Destructive Testing Mistras Group of CA and the son of Tim Meadows and Dana Jividen and the stepson of Randy Jividen of Kenova, WV. They will be married July 6 in Kuttawa, Ky.



One of Gina Gallina's crocheted tree sculptures at the corner of Spring and Pine St. Spot these lovely wraps all around town.

PHOTO BY JOHN RANKINE

**Firehouse BBQ big success** – Margy Thompson chops barbecued brisket from Knucklehead's for the Inspiration Point Fire Department's fundraising BBQ Saturday. Margy is the wife of Fire Chief Ed Thompson. The event drew a huge crowd, including dozens of Mazda Miata drivers who drove out for BBQ before returning for their parade through Eureka Springs later in the evening.

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as most Christians are, preoccupied with torture, death and carnage, especially when it might be happening to someone else, someone they are afraid of, someone who is different.

They would like you to believe that only a Christian can be a good person or do good deeds. That only a Christian can find true love or even be able to sort out right from wrong... only they know these things because their god has told them in their Book of Magic Incantations and Made Up History.

They would have you believe that in the roughly 100,000 years of human history and 10,000 years of recorded history only their supernatural being is the real one and all the rest, the thousands upon thousands of gods, demons, demigods and angels invented by men to explain their fears and give them respite from the terrible darkness, have all been false.

Nothing in their claims of magic specialty are original, all their particular signs and portents have occurred before in countless other religions' announcements of a god coming to Earth, yet only theirs is the true god. No proof, no evidence, no lightning bolts, no visitations, no booming voice in the sky... nothing, just words that beg for belief.

Rick Burry

## Mayor proud of storm responders

Editor,

I thank the department heads, city employees and volunteers for giving your all during the recent crisis period when so many people were depending on our services. The disastrous wind conditions were a trial for everyone with trees down. They were blocking streets and caused power outages throughout the city.

Your efforts were crucial to the success of keeping the city operating during this time. I feel that it could not have been successful without your involvement. Please accept my personal gratitude.

Your continued support and dedication to our community will maintain the safety and welfare of our citizens and visitors.

Mayor Morris R. Pate

## It's all just songs

Editor,

The crane fly (or mosquito hawk, as it's more commonly known) has an interesting function. Its larvae hatch in soggy soil, adding untold amounts of

good things to the ground as it moves through its short life cycle. It turns into a delicate flying insect with interesting aspects, one which is it looks like a giant mosquito. For this reason, it is feared.

From the smallest amoeba to the largest corporation, everything has a function. Just as the crane fly emerges to eat mosquitos for a couple of weeks before its demise, every entity has a function with a goal to fulfill. But hidden within these purposes, these overall focuses, there are offshoots of mutual benefit that occur. This insect brings aeration and nutrients to the soil and facilitates the lessening of pesky mosquitoes.

I see similarities between insects and entities of service. If one sector of our town is being being highlighted, this serves as an advocate for the whole, inclusive of each and every person and business. When the Crescent Hotel promotes an event, we all are benefited. Every time you tell a friend about an aspect of Eureka Springs, we all are benefited. The Chamber, the CAPC, the Downtown Network – these are examples of entities which represent all of us, whether we are “members” of these pockets of promotion or not. If we choose to become active participants in one or more groups, then the circle of goodness becomes firmer, with the reciprocity of working together.

Let's step outside habitual thought and notice that what blesses one blesses all. I know many of you enjoy my Pollyanna attitude and like to poke fun at it, so I'll beat you to it! Yes, I would like to hold hands and sing Kumbyah!

Marsha Havens

## Giving credit where it's due

Editor,

As we fight against SWEPCO's plan to push a 345 kV line through Carroll County, I also express thanks for those SWEPCO and Carroll Electric employees who work diligently under difficult circumstances to make certain power is restored following storms like that of Monday night.

These folks show real courage and represent the best of what we might hope from our fellow man. I sincerely hope that they know that our beef with SWEPCO has absolutely nothing to do with them.

Doug Stowe



# INDEPENDENT Crossword

by Chuck Levering

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### ACROSS

- Without purpose
- Relative
- Center of Newtons
- What carpet layers figure
- Room within a harem
- Head or back pang
- Slime or oozy dirt
- Behave imperiously
- Geishas' sash
- Lore
- Observe
- Ship building wood
- Excavate
- 1<sup>st</sup> Prime Minister of India
- Current styles
- Eighth Jewish month
- Opener
- Shrek or Fiona
- Held in high esteem
- Dull-witted person
- Old cloth
- Horseback or water

### game

- Accomplished
- Intestinal
- Rate of speed
- Pastoral poet
- Bog; muck
- The sheltered side
- No, in Scotland
- Soon
- For fear that
- Rev an engine
- Abnormal body sac

### DOWN

- Othello's villain
- Defeat soundly
- Having a yolk
- Shoot the breeze
- Film maker
- False God
- Christening observance
- Rooter
- Finishes a cake
- Clarified butter

- Arid
- Goddess of fertility
- Greek "T"
- Dropping a fly ball
- Evil spirit
- Pen point
- Ogle
- Nourished
- Humiliation; shame
- Killer whale
- Born
- Bowling
- Colorado ski resort
- Vet
- Eucharistic plate
- Rotary phone feature
- At leisure
- Re-colors
- Jacobs' twin (Genesis)
- Paid players
- Seize; take hold of (Archaic)
- Rent or lease
- British raincoat





I've spent a lot of the last week doing mathematical gymnastics. We've got a limited budget to work with but at the same time we're trying to get the biggest names we can afford in the hopes of attracting people to town. After all, that is our primary mission.

Sad to say, we've learned the hard way we can't count solely on the town to support our offerings. Short of a free-admission cage match between Geekfest's villain *du jour* and several of Turpentine Creek's crankier lions, I sometimes feel like I no longer have any idea what it would take to draw a local crowd.

In much the same way that many of our high-end restaurants cater almost exclusively to the tourist trade, so too will we have to adopt the same business model in order to provide the level of entertainment that we're being called on to present. I seriously doubt that many of our local restaurateurs lose too much sleep over their neighbors not being able to afford that



\$45 NY Strip.

But... just as restaurants have value-priced menu options, so do we. We can establish tiered ticket prices analogous to a restaurant's range from prime Angus to ground chuck. Prime seats can command prime prices; back of the balcony can be the PB&J kid's meal. Here's where the gymnastics come in.

Say we need to net X number of dollars to cover our costs. How best do we subdivide the seating and what range of price points will accomplish that goal? And, just to add another variable to the calculus, what constitutes a reasonable expectation of the

sales volume within each category?

If we make the side sections of the Orchestra cheaper than the center sections, will they sell out and leave big gaps in the center? Should we have priced the side sections higher and/or the center sections lower? What constitutes a reasonable differential between the prices for the center sections and the balcony?

Should the front of the balcony be priced higher than the rear? If so, by how much? Juggling all these variables can fill up a fairly busy spreadsheet with any number of options. And it still comes down to our collective best guess.

Sure, there will always be those slam-dunk, guaranteed sell-out-at-any-price acts out there. The days of the Commission putting up \$100K for one of them are over, though.

**HISID** continued from page 10

said facilities for drying the sludge were removed from a 2007 sewage plant renovation because the costs of the entire project exceeded the \$4.7 million cap on sewage improvements needed to meet phosphorus limits in discharged wastewater.

"There wasn't enough money to finance everything," Richards said.

The board heard a presentation outlining alternatives for drying the sludge before proceeding to approve a resolution to proceed with engineering plans, financing arrangements and regulatory applications for a \$537,000 project including new building for drying sludge inside with belt filter equipment. With a loan available at three percent, costs are estimated at \$35,900 per year.

Commissioner Linda Groves asked if the current lawsuit challenging the legality of HISID's methods of accessing fees to pay for operation of the district could impact financing. Richards asked, "Are you paying your bills on time? Do you intend to continue to pay your bills on time?" He said it was an issue that could come up, but could be dealt with.

The HISID board also heard from Bill Brown, a former commissioner reporting for the Solution Committee that is looking into ideas to help with the lawsuit. Brown said alternatives could include levying a tax if the lawsuit concludes the collection of assessments is illegal. Other alternatives include incorporating as a city or changing state law so the way HISID operates is legal.

### New contract with CCSO

The HISID board also approved a new contract for law enforcement services provided by the Carroll County Sheriff's Office for a full-time deputy. Previously HISID had a contract for two deputies at a cost of \$83,000 per year. The offer for the extension is one deputy for \$62,000 with Sheriff Bob

Grudek stating the difference was in the past the cost was just for salaries – not the cost of the patrol car.

"The vehicle is very expensive," Grudek said.

The board approved the contract and also offered the deputy a \$250 per month housing allowance if he decides to live in Holiday Island.

### GOVT. AGENCIES continued from page 5

McSwain said Route 91 also passes near Thorncrown Chapel, and would likely cause a visual impact to the property. Proposed Route 91 has potential to cause visual impacts on seven cultural resources, including the Eureka Springs Historical District.

DAH recommends a northern Route 109 that parallels the state line

with Missouri as the route with the least harm to cultural resources, and Route 108, a route that is laid out south of Beaver Lake, as the second least damaging alternative. SWEPCO has listed Route 109 as their last choice of the six routes because of the difficulties of getting permits in Missouri, a state where SWEPCO doesn't provide service.

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"We all see stories of firefighters who get trapped because the wind changes, but there are other concerns like trip/fall hazards in rugged terrain," he said. "Snakebites are a worry because snakes are trying to get out of the fire and they aren't in any good mood. Another significant hazard when working along a high voltage power line is electrocution. You walk into the smoke, and you can become a conductor. It is hazardous working around the electricity. We are a

lot of times working with water, which is another conductor hazard."

The Grassy Knob Volunteer Fire Association has similar concerns. Fire Chief Robert E. McVey said in a letter to the APSC that in their area transmission lines could be hit by tornados and most certainly, ice storms.

"Downed lines cause a fire hazard that we as a small volunteer fire department are ill-equipped to handle," McVey said. "It also creates a great risk for forest fires that can lead to structures being

lost in addition to possible injuries to the firefighters. As a retirement community, most of my firefighters are quite elderly and not in the greatest of health. This gives me cause for great concern."

Presently, their fire engines and water tankers are not four-wheel drive capable, which means when a fire erupts along the line, they will not be able to access it.

McVey said folks who retired here for the beauty of the forest would suffer severe property devaluation should they

be within sight of such transmission lines, which could affect voluntary submission of dues to the fire department.

"Our area attracts quite a bit of tourism trade for the beauty," McVey said. "Many cabins, motels and bed and breakfast units depend on the income from this trade. A transmission line cut would be disastrous to this trade, as well as decrease property values. The Grassy Knob Volunteer Fire Association Board urges the APSC to deny SWEPCO's application."





## Our lower selves

For the last century modern society has been waging a war on germs. Instinctively we have a gut feeling for what is healthy; but combinations of desires, fear, poor science, cheapness and cultural influences persuade us to ignore these instincts. Researchers are now showing us something about ourselves that we once took for granted, and have now turned against.

As the counting begins, we find that for every cell belonging to our human body, there are 10 cells belonging to resident microbes – or germs. That is, we are only partially human, but mostly “houses” for colonies and worlds of bacteria. Most of this microbiome lives in our gut, but also on our skin and in our mouth.

At birth, germ-free babies receive some of their mother’s microbes and over the next three years acquire an adult population of germs. The rising trend of asthma and allergies in kids could be a result of poorly developing gut microbes during the early years. Breast milk contains oligosaccharides (complex carbs) that a small child is not developed enough to digest.

Then why are they there? Turns out these are a favorite food for one particular bacterium in an infant’s

guts, and it’s a healthy one – so when it’s fed well by breast milk it can outcompete other bacteria which may not be so harmless to a baby.

We are seeing that the Western diet has a much lower biodiversity in the gut than other cultures – if we’ve learned anything yet it’s that diversity is a sign of health and stability. Our “hyperhygienic, mass-produced, highly processed and calorie-dense foods” are digested by our upper tract for the body’s absorption – but fail to feed our microbial populations further down the digestive stream. When the microbes are unhealthy they can have a direct impact on our health – influencing our moods and desires, causing inflammation and allowing unhealthy microbes to colonize the gut.

As researchers learn more about the gut’s microbial populations they are hesitant to make any final conclusions, but many have changed their lifestyles: fewer antibiotics, more dirt, fewer processed foods and more fermented foods like sauerkraut.



## PASSAGES

### **Robert Marcus (Mark) Payne, Jr.,** March 30, 1962 – May 15, 2013

Robert Marcus (Mark) Payne, Jr., 51, went home to our heavenly father on May 15.

He was born to Shirley Ann and Robert Marcus Payne, Sr., on March 30, 1962 in Harrison, Ark. He was united in marriage to Sandra (Sandy) Kay Lambeth on October 28, 1989 at Lake

Leatherwood in Eureka Springs.

Mark worked as a carpenter for many years and owned his own wood working business. He was a volunteer for search and rescue in both Arkansas and Missouri, and in his youth was an assistant Boy Scout leader.

He is survived by his wife Sandy;

sister Debra Gunnels; brother Michael Payne; mother-in-law Mary Lambeth; two sisters-in-law Theresa Sanders and Jeffery, and Christie Moore and husband, Gary; seven nephews, two nieces and a number of other family and friends.

Memorial services will be held at 3 p.m. Monday, May 27, in Gorman-

Scharph Brentwood Chapel in Springfield, Mo., with Fr. Thomas E. Reidy officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Robert Mark Payne Memorial Fund c/o Community First Bank, 107 W. Van Buren, Eureka Springs, AR 72632.

### **Betty Sue (Hall) Hinson,** Feb. 9, 1937 – May 18, 2013

Betty Sue (Hall) Hinson of Eureka Springs, small but incredibly tough, passed away on May 18, after a long illness. She was born February 9, 1937 in Newcastle Community in St. Francis County, Ark., to Elbert and Beulah Hall.

She attended Forrest City Public Schools, graduating from Forrest City High School in 1955. An excellent student, she received a scholarship to attend Arkansas College (now Lyon College) and graduated in 1959 with a BA in History and a minor in music. She also received her master’s degree in Special Education from the University of Central Arkansas and completed academic doctoral work through the University of Arkansas. She served on the cheerleading squad and sang opera

in college productions. In 1957 she represented Forrest City in the Miss Arkansas pageant in Hot Springs.

She married William G. Hinson on May 30, 1959 and began a 50-plus year career in marriage. Later in 1959 she began her 50-year professional career in education teaching history at Springdale High School. After a brief stint in Dallas, Texas, she returned to Arkansas in 1964 and resumed her teaching career with the Pulaski County Special School District, teaching the first Special Education class in that district. In 1986 she retired for the first time as the Director of Special Education for the Pulaski County School District.

In 1988 she returned to teaching and special education at Wynne High School

at the urging of her brother, the school principal. In 1996 she retired again and in 1998 moved to lovely Eureka Springs where she “wanted to retire.” Soon after moving into a cottage in the quaint downtown, she began substitute teaching and eventually taught special education, conducted testing and handled other administrative duties for the Eureka Springs schools. She consulted with the schools on a regular basis until 2009.

Her husband William Guy Hinson of Eureka Springs, daughter Mary Suzanne Reed of Berlin, Germany, son-in-law Barry Reed, beloved hounds Baby Girl and Bo of Eureka Springs and two sisters, Pauline Morgan of Wynne, Ark., and Louise Young of Byhalia, Miss., survive Betty. Her parents, sister, JoAnn Hall

McLeod, brother Roy Hall, son William Roy Hinson and grandson Christopher William Hinson preceded her in death.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nelson Funeral Service in Berryville, Ark. Friends may make memorials to Arkansas Children’s Hospital in Little Rock ([www.archildrens.org](http://www.archildrens.org)) or to the American Cancer Society ([www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org)). The family welcomes all friends to a family visitation on Friday, May 24 from 4 – 6 p.m. at the Hinson home at 1242 CR 102, Eureka Springs, AR 72632. The family will hold a memorial service at a future date with a graveside service at Forrest Park Cemetery in Forrest City, Ark. Online condolences may be sent to the family at [nelsonfuneral.com](http://nelsonfuneral.com).



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Island Rotary Club liked the idea because driving to Eureka Springs would be more convenient than going to Berryville.

Commissioner Draxie Rogers said she hears people want a place for kids and seniors, and she has not heard anyone against the idea.

Featherstone acknowledged the biggest challenge would be installing a swimming pool or aquatic center as people have requested.

### Fun for bikers

Featherstone told commissioners that David Renko, a member of the Trails Committee and a representative of the Flat Tire Festival, would be interested in building a permanent ramp as part of the

bike trail at Lake Leatherwood City Park. Featherstone said the project would not cost Parks anything.

The point of the project, Levine said, is to replace the existing cobbled-together version which must be recobbled every year.

He also stated there was some urgency to the issue since Renko and his group need to get to work on it.

Commissioner Ruth Hager followed, "It's important to get this done," and commissioner Ferguson Stewart moved to allow the ramp to be built. Everybody agreed.

### Director's report

• Levine reported Parks received \$40,000 from an 80-20 grant from the Arkansas Highway Department for building a handicapped-accessible trail paralleling Spring Street.

• A public hearing on the city trails system will occur Tuesday, May 29, 6 p.m., at the Inn of the Ozarks Convention Center.

• Parks paid \$2000 for a 2004 Jeep in great shape except for the transmission. Even with that cost, Levine said the total expense will be about what they budgeted.

Next workshop will be Tuesday, June 4, at 6 p.m. at Harmon Park, and the next meeting will be Monday, June 17, at 6 p.m.

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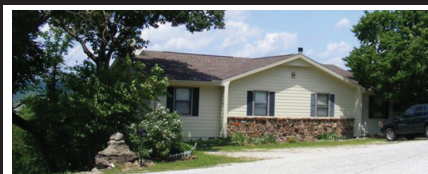


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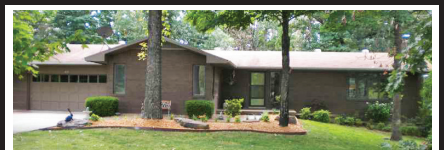
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