



Doggie dive – Starkey Marina employee, Cody Lehr, goes for a dip with his water-loving dog, Georgia, not far behind. With warmer weather coming on and the lake so handy, who could resist?

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APSC limits Save The Ozarks to environmental issues

BECKY GILLETTE

Save The Ozarks, a citizen organization formed by residents concerned about a proposed SWEPCO high voltage transmission line, has been dealt a setback in STO's petition to intervene in proceedings before the Arkansas Public Service Commission. The APSC issued an order only allowing the group to have limited instead of full participation, ruling that the organization could represent environmental concerns, but not concerns of individual property owners.

"STO is not the owner of the members' properties," states a filing by APSC staff. "Therefore, STO has no standing on its own as a property owner whose land is being traversed. Additionally, representing both STO's interest as an environmental preservation organization and individual property owners' real property interests is or could be an inherent conflict.

"Staff therefore objects to STO's intervention to the extent that it is attempting to represent unidentified members' individual property interests in addition to STO's interest as an environmental

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This Week's INDEPENDENT Thinker

"I want to live a long time and be real healthy while I'm doing it," Birke Baehr said when he was 11.

Birke, now 14, is an internationally recognized speaker for sustainable food. He recently published his first book, *Birke on the Farm*, compiled from spending the last four years traveling around the U.S. and Italy meeting and talking with organic farmers.

When he was eight, Birke saw an online post about mercury contained in high fructose corn syrup. His mother explained what mercury and HFCS were, and Birke took it from there.

"We can change the way we eat one kid at a time," he said.



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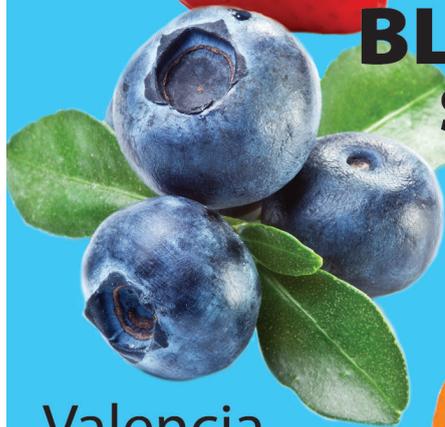
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Memorial Day weekend raises hopes for healthy summer season

BECKY GILLETTE

While ridership on the trolley was down from Memorial Day in 2012, some businesses in Eureka Springs saw record-breaking sales during the three-day weekend that kicks off the area's tourism season.

Fatima Treuer, owner of Pied Piper Pub and Inn and Cathouse Lounge, said from the Memorial Day start, it looks like everything is right on track for another good year.

"Realizing the potential, we put a little more effort into the Memorial Day Weekend and so we did a beer garden this year," Treuer said. "It was very successful."

Jack Moyer, vice president and general manager, Crescent and Basin Park Hotels, reported they had a very busy weekend at the hotels with seven weddings, many families and lots of ghost tour attendees.

"We remain optimistic that the summer season will be one of our strongest," Moyer said.

Best Western Inn of the Ozarks also reported a good weekend.

"If you don't do well on Memorial Day weekend, you might as well close up shop," Randy Wolfinbarger, manager of the Best Western Inn of the Ozarks, said. "We were pleased with the traffic on Memorial Day weekend. Room rentals were up from last year. We had wedding receptions, and a Eureka Springs Alumni Association event. We are different from the rest of

the community. We are group-oriented. One convention can make a difference for us. We don't normally flow with the rest of the community. Sometimes we will hit lows when no one else does and highs when no one else does."

Looking ahead to bookings for the summer, Wolfinbarger was cautious about projections. "There is concern," he said.

Decreased advertising to promote the city hasn't been helpful. The City Advertising and Promotion Commission has less money for advertising this year after going over budget by \$35,000 in 2012. CAPC revenues used for advertising are down this year linked to a rainy and abnormally cool spring that has impacted tourism visits. There has been nearly a 14 percent decrease in overnight stays, which impacts revenues for CAPC.

CAPC Director Mike Maloney said the amount of traffic in town Saturday of Labor Day weekend was "a really good problem to have."

"I was in town Saturday and I can't recall having more of a problem getting from Planer Hill to North Main because there were so many people in town," Maloney said. "It was a very robust weekend. I attended the North Main Music Park kickoff. The mayor said he didn't think there had ever been so many people at the North Main Park. Well over 100 people attended. We also had the Mustangs in town, which was great. They had super, super attendance. I would say overall this is one of the best weekends Eureka Springs has seen in a long time."

Maloney said when he tried to get rooms reserved for music acts, he discovered bookings for hotels and motels were very good. That was especially welcome because dismal weather earlier in May took a toll.

"We started out the month of May not that well with snow in Arkansas for the first time in recorded history," he said. "Then the weekend of the 17 and 18, we had terrible storms.



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Booked – Shelly Grogan processes Cheri White at the Eureka Springs Police Department June 3. The wheels of justice rolled on after White forgot to renew her vehicle tags, resulting in an arrest warrant being issued. See story for details.

Taking care of business can keep you out of jail

GWEN ETHEREDGE

Cheri White has about 600 good reasons not to let life get so busy that one forgets to renew their vehicle tags. That's the amount of dollars she could pay, in addition to already having had a warrant issued for her arrest and subsequently being booked at the ESPD, before things are fully squared with the law.

"It's a cautionary tale," White said, "and if it can keep someone else from putting things off, I'm happy to tell it."

The six-month saga began when White was stopped in January for expired vehicle tags and could not produce proof of insurance. A citation was issued and given to her at that time. White said she had insurance all along, but couldn't find the card when it was requested. "I didn't remember ever getting a renewal notice from the state and didn't realize my tags had expired. After I was ticketed, I took care of it at the personal property tax office and the state as soon as they were next open.

Then I went on my merry way thinking all was well," she said.

All was not well. A warrant was issued for White's arrest on Valentine's Day after she failed to appear in court as requested on the January citation.

White said she had been so flustered at her tags being expired and not being able to find her insurance card she didn't remember being told she had to appear in court, and thought she had been ticketed with a warning. She had taken the citation back to her desk at work to review, but it immediately got buried under paperwork. "I remember looking for it a couple of times during the next week because something kept bugging me about it, but we're in a high flow work load all day and it apparently got lost and tossed. As time passed I just forgot about it."

In February, when the arrest warrant was issued, White was supposed to have gotten a letter saying her license was suspended. "Had that happened,

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Thank You!

On Thursday evening, May 23rd, the city and the people of Eureka Springs once again opened their hearts to help out two ladies who, due to unfortunate health matters, needed help. The generosity of the event itself and the monies raised were both overwhelming and humbling.

Both of us are full of appreciation for all the thought, planning, hard work, support, help, and compassion from so many who made this evening such a success. Many thank yous to the planners, hosts, facility, donors, supporters, and participants. In other words, many thank yous to everyone who touched this event in any way!!

This event has given two grateful women many positive thoughts on which to focus; heart-warming reasons for which to survive. With deepest feelings that words fall way short in describing, we simply say thank you with our hearts, our souls, our very beings.

-Susan Chamberlain & RoAnna McDaniel

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INDEPENDENTNews

CECC threatens disabled vet over greenhouse

BECKY GILLETTE

Disabled Vietnam veteran Vela Giri and his wife, Francesca Garcia Giri, L.Ac, who operates the Flora Roja Community Acupuncture in Eureka Springs, have been anxiously waiting to see if their electricity will be turned off after receiving letters from Carroll Electric Cooperative Corp. (CECC) that stated electricity to their home in southern Carroll County would be disconnected unless they paid Carroll Electric \$2,213.34 by June 3 to move power poles over a plastic covered hoop greenhouse that has been on Giri's land for six years.

"I'm just trying to grow some vegetables here," said Giri. "When I built the plastic covered greenhouse on my existing garden site six years ago, I did not know I was in 'violation' of any right-of-way. I can't move the greenhouse. It is planted out. It is hammered into the ground. It is full of plants. There is nowhere else flat to put it."

Giri said that losing power would threaten not just the loss of the organic vegetables stored in a freezer, but his life.

"I feel it is a violation, especially the way they spoke with me and the threatening language with their letter," Giri said. "It is threatening my livelihood and my life. If I can't have electricity, there are a lot of things I can't do to take care of myself as a disabled veteran. And I need to grow my own food."

Giri first received a letter May 4 from CECC representative Joey Magnini, member services specialist, that said, "We have discovered a matter concerning your electric service that needs your attention. The greenhouse that was built under our power line has created a safety violation. We have staked a path to relocate the line. This will allow the line to be moved from above your building and maintain

property National Electric Safety Code Clearances and meet Carroll Electric Cooperative policy.

"The cost to relocate the line is \$2,213.34. This cost includes materials and labor. We must receive payment, in full, before we begin construction. The payment must be received by Carroll Electric no later than June 3, 2013, or the greenhouse must be moved out from under our line. If payment is not received

by the before mentioned date or the greenhouse is not moved, your service will be subject to disconnect."

The letter concludes with a phone number and case number to contact for more information. Giri said he called Magnini several times and got no response and then connected on June 17 with Magnini's supervisor, Randy Hooten. Hooten said he had instructed Magnini not to talk to Giri, but Hooten said he would help Giri resolve the issue.

"He said he would work with me on this," Giri said. "He said he had never gone this far with anyone, but would make it so I could pay an extended time or reduce the costs."

Giri said that Hooten sounded like he heard Giri's concern that he is on an \$850-per-month disability stipend and didn't have the \$2,213.20.

But then Giri received a certified mail from CECC attorneys in Fayetteville stating, "Your failure to either move the greenhouse or make arrangements for the payment of the sum to relocate the distribution line will cause your electric service to be terminated June 3, 2013. ...I will not debate this issue with you but if you fail to move the greenhouse or contact Carroll Electric to make arrangements for the payment of the cost of the relocation of the distribution line, you will find yourself without electric service Monday, June 3."

On May 31 he received a fax from the attorneys restating the threats, which

led him to fear his power was going to be turned off. On Tuesday, June 4, Giri spoke with Hooten again, who said that he wasn't aware of the letter from the attorneys and that CECC would try to cooperate with the Giris.

"We still have power," Giri said. "I hope they give me some time to work it out."

CECC spokesman Nancy Plagge said their privacy policy restricts her from sharing specific information about Giri's account.

"However, I can discuss our general policy procedures when a threat to public safety is discovered," she said. "The National Electric Safety Code (NESC) contains the basic provisions under specified conditions considered necessary for safeguarding the public, utility workers and other facilities or premises adjacent to electric facilities. When a structure does not meet NESC clearances, it threatens public safety. NESC violations created around Carroll Electric's facilities must be removed by the party responsible for creating the threat. If that party is a member of the Cooperative, we work earnestly and diligently with the member to restore compliance. This includes field visits, analysis of various options, explanations, and other communication to resolve the issue at the lowest possible cost to the member. Carroll Electric's legal counsel is not involved unless the member refuses to remove the threat or if they choose to involve their own legal counsel."

Plagge said it is important for members and the public in general to understand building structures near or under power lines or attaching anything to power poles is against the NESC and creates risks to the public, as well as to their line workers. "Carroll Electric has full-time employees dedicated to providing safety consultation services to any member of the cooperative," she said.

Giri said the line in question is a small feeder line that doesn't provide

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SWEPSCO public comments in Eureka Springs July 15

A public comment hearing on SWEPSCO's proposal to build a 48-mile-long high voltage transmission line from Shipe Road in Benton County to the Kings River in Carroll County has been scheduled for Monday, July 15 at the Inn of the Ozarks located at 207 W. Van Buren, Eureka Springs.

The hearing held by the Arkansas Public Service Commission will begin at 9 a.m. and continue throughout the day with a break for lunch from noon to 1 p.m., and recess at 4 p.m. The hearing will resume at 6 p.m. and

continue until 9 p.m., if necessary. If there are individuals present at the end of the day who have not been given an opportunity to comment and wish to do so, the hearing will be continued until Tuesday, July 16, with the same schedule.

The public hearing for Rogers is scheduled for Wednesday, July 7, at the Embassy Suites Northwest Arkansas located at 3303 Pinnacle Hills Parkway. This hearing also will begin at 9 a.m., continue with a break for lunch from noon to 1 p.m., and recess at 4 p.m.,

resuming at 6 p.m. and continuing to 9 p.m., if necessary. As with the hearing in Eureka Springs, if there are individuals present at the end of the day who have not been given an opportunity to comment and wish to do so, the hearing will be continue Thursday, July 18, with the same schedule.

The APSC order states that representatives of SWEPSCO shall be available at the hearing each day to meet with those who wish to make statements and to assist them in locating their property on SWEPSCO maps.

Administrative Law Judge Connie Griffin will preside over the public hearing. People who want to comment will be asked to sign up in advance. John P. Bethel, executive director of the APSC, said a court reporter would record comments which will be a part of the official record, just like comments made by email and by U.S. mail. Bethel said public comments would be considered by Griffin, who will be issuing an order in the case that will then be either accepted, modified or rejected by the three-member APSC.

HDC on a Yes roll

BECKY GILLETTE

It was all unanimous "yes" votes for items on the agenda of the Historic District Commission Wednesday night.

Approval was given to demolish a house at 11 Magnetic after hearing a report from city Building Inspector Bobby Ray that the roof has collapsed on part of the building, which also has extensive termite damage. Ray's assessment said the cost of repairing the structure was more than the value of the home, which he deemed a safety hazard.

- A new hard surface driveway was approved for the Picket Fence Shops at 143-151 W. Van Buren.

- At 152 W. Van Buren, new siding was approved on one side of house.

- AT&T was given permission to build a new equipment shed behind a

wooden fence at the cell tower at 5 Judah.

- The Lumberyard at 105 E. Van Buren had a permit renewed to build a patio and awning.

Additions to an ancillary building at 29 Elk St. were approved.

The consent agenda included the following:

- New sign at 53 Spring St.
- New sign at 276 Spring St.
- 5 Mountain – New paint colors, finish installing soffit & tuck-pointing at 5 Mountain St.

- New sign/directory at 179 N. Main

- New sign at 36 S. Main, add spindles to existing railing, 16 College St., and new paint colors for 185 N. Main.

The next meeting will be June 19, with level III applications due by June 6 and other levels due by June 13.

Second Weekend series kicks off with Brewer & Shipley

Eureka Springs' new Second Weekend event series kicks off with a free concert featuring American folk rock duo Brewer and Shipley on Saturday, June 8, from 5 – 7 p.m. at Basin Spring Park.

Singer-songwriters Mike Brewer and Tom Shipley are known for their

intricate guitar work, vocal harmonies and socially conscious lyrics which reflected the concerns of their generation of the 1960s and 1970s — especially the Vietnam War and the struggles for personal and political freedom. Their biggest hit was the song "One Toke Over the Line" in 1970.

HICC services

All are invited to come worship and praise the Lord, Sunday, June 9, 6 p.m., at the Holiday Island Community Church, 188 Stateline Drive. The HICC Praise Band will lead worship as we focus on the power of His name. There will be refreshments and fellowship afterwards. For more information, contact Debbie Cosens (479) 981-1881.

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Women/children's shelter needed and possible in Carroll County

HARRIE FARROW

Wildflowers Ministries in Eureka Springs is seeking funding to open a shelter for women and children victims of domestic violence. According to Robin Arnold, the Carroll County Prosecutor's Domestic Violence and

Sexual Assault Investigator, Carroll County has been, and continues to be, badly in need of safe haven for victims of domestic abuse.

Wildflowers Senior Pastor, Rocky Whitely, said the ministry has wanted to open a shelter for battered women

for the last two years, and said fundraisers have been held at the Ozark Mountain Hoe Down and Pine Mountain Jamboree and donation jars have been placed at various businesses – but so far just under \$19,000 of the \$300,000 needed has been raised.

Whitely is hopeful funding can be raised, and figures if every church and financial institution in the county donated \$1,000 Wildflowers would reach their goal. He said 100 percent of donations would go to open and support the proposed shelter. Wildflowers has never had a payroll and everyone from pastors to thrift store and food pantry workers, as well as “praise and worship” teams, have always been volunteers.

For the past 18 years the food pan-

try has been feeding about 100 families a month through Friday morning food distributions and also provides ingredients for complete Christmas and Thanksgiving dinners every year for as many as 150 people. Whitely, who claims he came to Carroll County from Texas after retiring because God told him to, said, “It’s all done for the Lord. He blessed us so much. We don’t know where the money has come from.”

Catch the Vision – a Safe House for Battered Women, would be supervised by the Wildflowers Ministries Board of Directors. Whitely said this is a “once in a lifetime opportunity,” as there is property available now with two houses and room to build

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Performers wanted for Renaissance festival

There will be a Eureka Springs Dragon Ridge Renaissance Festival meet and greet Sunday, June 23, 2 p.m. at Sky Ridge Pavilion, 637 County Road 111. Everyone is welcome to come help plan this event. There are

openings for cast, performers, vendors, and crew. Festival Date is Oct. 26 – 27. For more information contact RFFO/Dragon Ridge (479) 287-4583 or email dragonridgerenfestival@gmail.com.



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ESWTA opposed to SWEPCO

The Eureka Springs West Tourism Association (ESWTA), located in western Carroll County, Arkansas, is a professional organization whose purpose is to promote tourism and support the business health of our members. We represent over 50 businesses, all tourism-based, and have been in operation since 2000.

Eureka Springs West and the City of Eureka Springs are major contributors to tourism dollars in Northwest Arkansas, and Carroll County is typically the fifth or sixth largest contributor to the state tourism tax of 75 Arkansas counties.

It is our belief that the proposed SWEPCO 345 kV transmission line, which would traverse or be near the properties of ESWTA business members, would pose great economic hardship on these businesses and have a seriously detrimental impact on tourism in the general area by:

- Affecting the natural beauty of the White River, Beaver Lake and surrounding valleys and Ozark Mountains.

- Diminishing attractiveness of cultural and tourist attractions such as the Blue Spring Heritage Center, Inspiration Point Overlook, the Opera in the Ozarks at Inspiration Point and Thorncrown Chapel.

- Threatening ecological health of the White River, its fish and its watershed.

- Destroying irreplaceable scenic acres of forested habitat and creating a hugely scarred landscape.

- Harming additional natural features that create an extensive appeal for visitors to this area.

- Making our outdoor activities and lodging locations less attractive to tourists, thus reducing income to ESWTA members. Through business damage caused by this reduced tourism

and depreciation of property values, this power line would affect not only the local economy but would adversely affect that of the state and county as well.

Therefore, the Eureka Springs West Tourism Association strongly opposes

the construction of any SWEPCO high-voltage transmission line through Eureka Springs West and the City of Eureka Springs.

*Eureka Springs West Tourism Association Board of Directors
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REILLOT WESTON

Wakarusa's opening day Thursday started out with a *bang* of thunder followed by flashes of lightning and torrential downpours, not the best camping conditions. We arrived about two hours before the storms hit Eureka Springs and camped behind the tree line in a flat clearing.

We had waterproof boots, rain gear and elevated dry camping. We started our afternoon with Calxico, a group from the desert southwest with a great horn section. We saw our friends Mountain Sprout play Revival Tent to a much more diverse crowd than usual, and then on to see Dirtfoot, a great band from Shreveport that utilizes a banjo in a great rock and roll setting, not so plucky. Dirtfoot is one of my favorites and I would see them again after midnight Saturday.

Thursday evening brought Yonder Mountain String Band, Karl Denson's Tiny Universe, and The Black Crowes (who I grew up with) to Main Stage. The Robinson brothers have been playing since the early 1990s and it was a real treat to see them. They played some great songs; "Twice as Hard," "Jealous Again," and "Hard to Handle," as well as 20 years' worth of other excellent material. After 10 p.m. many of the shows are electronic music with emphasis on flashing lights and big bass. STS9 played a later show, one of the better acts utilizing these entertainment aspects, as well as The Motet until 2 a.m. Live musicianship is preferred to

button pushing, no matter what kind of show it is.

Friday morning after departing camp we encountered seas of mud. Oceans and seas and lakes of mud. Up past your Achilles tendon wet, soupy, sliding mud. I've never seen so much mud in my life. Dump trucks full of gravel, mulch, and plywood came down the hill in steady lines all morning. I've never seen so much mud. The sun came out and baked the top coat of mud and sunburned the unsuspecting festival goers.

I asked some musicians at our roundtable discussion: "What brought you to Mulberry Mountain?" SOJA responded, "...Created their own vibe. Opposite of a festival to just make money." Dispatch responded, "Everyone comes together... be in it. Be a part of it... really stoked on invitation." Dispatch took a hiatus for 10 years, began playing music again in late 2010, and rarely perform in the Midwest, much less the South. It was extraordinary to see them perform. Friday night brought performances from SOJA who played a song introduction with seven percussionists building up for about three minutes before releasing into a spectacular reggae dance party. Dispatch also performed Friday night with songs like "The General" and "Out Loud," crowd favorites. Then the rain swept in and shut things down. I hid in the truck with a snack.

Saturday brought the biggest

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True music fans Reillot Weston and Latigo Treuer of Eureka Springs didn't let mother nature dampen their fun at Wakarusa.

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Opera behind the scenes – setting the stage for success

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This year, three popular operas, (two comedies and a tragedy), plus a group of extraordinary singers and artistic staff will bring magic to the mountain at Inspiration Point from June 21 to July 19 with audience favorites *Madama Butterfly* by Puccini, *The Elixir of Love* by Donizetti, and Gilbert & Sullivan's *The Pirates of Penzance*. The four-week season includes 26 performances highlighting the exceptional voices of some of tomorrow's operatic stars supported by a gifted orchestra.

For 63 years OiO has been the training ground for serious young artists selected annually from national auditions. This year, more than 250 singers from 33 states tried out for the

coveted roles. Over the years, OiO has launched the careers of many talented singers who have gone on to perform in premier opera houses around the world.

Alums continue to sing the praises of OiO's program and what it has meant to their success in an operatic career.

Alumnus Mark Delavan, one of the premier baritones in opera today, is currently singing at the Met. "The total immersion into the operatic process at Opera in the Ozarks made it possible for me to do what I do today! The 'Point' really showed me what it is like to work in our profession," Delavan said.

Alumnus Chris Merritt, who has performed with the Metropolitan Opera, La Scala, Covent Garden, San Francisco Opera, Lyric Opera of Chicago and Santa Fe Opera, said "The invaluable education and musical experience I received from Opera in the Ozarks continues to help me even today as I sing at the world's great opera houses."

William Johns, another accomplished alumnus, affirmed, "Without Inspiration Point, my life would have taken an entirely different course." Johns has performed with the Metropolitan Opera, Musica Bayreuth, La Scala and Covent Garden.

But it's not just about the singers. Opera in the Ozarks staff members come from professional opera companies and outstanding college music faculties. They include independent specialists in areas such as stage combat, wigs and make-up, and master classes. The music staff numbers 22 with an orchestra of 26 professional symphony players and advanced college players.

Numbering 125, OiO Guild members are mainly from the surrounding area and assist in providing transportation, office help, fundraising, special events, scholarship funds, ushering at performances and help in beautifying the grounds as well as building stage sets.

For those who love drama, music and stage performance with lavish costumes, a night at the opera is just the ticket. To make that experience more enjoyable, here's a brief synopsis of this season's repertoire:

Madama Butterfly – A love that knows no boundaries goes horribly wrong in a fateful meeting of East and West. What begins as an idyllic liaison in an enchanting land of cherry

blossoms turns into the heartbreaking tragedy of an abandoned bride forced to make an excruciating decision.

The Elixir of Love – Donizetti's fanciful comic opera is vividly realized in the story of Dr. Dulcamara, a travelling charlatan who turns a provincial village topsy-turvy. Dulcamara convinces young swain Belcori to purchase a love potion, the better to win the heart of the winsome Adina. One wacky situation leads to another, culminating in a joyous ensemble number. The classic Italian opera gets a special Eureka Springs twist in this production, however.

The Pirates of Penzance – Mistakenly apprenticed to pirates by his partially deaf nursemaid, Ruth, young pirate apprentice Frederic has decided to leave the pirate life and heads for the shore. Frederic, who has never seen a woman besides Ruth, instantly falls in love with Mabel, one of the daughters of Major-General Stanley. Soon all the pirates arrive and want to marry the rest of Major-General Stanley's daughters. Several twists and turns ensue. All is well in the end when it is discovered the pirates have noble blood and would in fact be suitable husbands for Major-General Stanley's daughters.

Curtain time is 7:30 pm for all shows. The full performance schedule may be found at www.opera.org. Tickets (\$20 and \$25) may be purchased online or by phone (479) 253-8595.

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The production is offered free of charge for all children and \$10 for adults ... but even the tickets have a twist. Adult admission is only \$5 with proof of purchase from a local business or by showing a local hotel/motel room key, thanks to sponsorship by the Greater Eureka Springs Chamber of Commerce and the City Advertising Promotion Commission.

So gather the kids and introduce them to the fun and drama of opera. It's a wonderful entertainment value for a great price! Curtain time is 2 p.m. at the city auditorium.

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Takes two to tangle

Editor,

Congrats go to Rob Boaz, Carroll Electric's CEO. He made the annual members' meeting such a scary farce that a total of two out of 68,000 showed up for this year's event.

How he accomplished this was sheer genius. Early on he learned that people like to speak. If they can speak they show up. If they can't, what's the point? Then he sets up a security gauntlet that would impress the Secret Service.

Members go through three checkpoints, are searched for cell phones, and are eyed by hired security who have biceps the size of utility poles. He held the meeting at 10 a.m. on a Thursday before a holiday weekend (he'd like to have it on the Friday before the three-day weekend but fears board members wouldn't show). Then he holds the meeting in a rather dank livestock ring complete with bleacher seating. Finally, he puts on a mind-numbing dog and pony show that no

one would want to sit through again.

Carroll Electric's Spinstress Nancy Plagge sees the .000029 attendance rate as a positive sign. She cites members' pleasurable experiences weaving through the convoluted application process in order to avoid being sprayed with co-op poison. She left unsaid the giddiness we all feel over 12 percent higher electric bills or the happiness in our hearts that it only takes 25 years to receive our profit sharing checks.

Members are thrilled with the fortress being built in Berryville which will probably eat up any profit sharing for the next 25 years (but will probably get Mr. Boaz a large raise and a big new office when completed). And really, the posterior pain some members experienced in the Marcy Brewster screw job is all but gone. Yes, it's all good.

The really good news is that next year maybe zero members will show. That means no need to hire Black Ops. Instead, Mr. Boaz could hire extras to act as members.

W. Schumaker

P.S. If you get an uncontrollable urge to attend a members' meeting next year, I'm going to Crawford Electric co-op on I-44 near Cuba, Mo. I saw photos in their newsletter. It's on a Saturday afternoon so working people can attend. They pitch a big white tent, people mill around with plates of food, there is live music. The result of a real election is announced. Two members, who each got 13 other members to sign a petition, were on the ballot. One won, one lost. How weird is that?

New blood needed on board

Editor,

Carroll Electric "members" meeting this year saw two of us in the bleachers at the fairgrounds arena. With 20 or so directors and employees behind the bars in the arena, I could not see too well, but could hear. Others waited outside, because their names were not on the billing.

There was a security presence, but not like in the past. They still

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WEEK'S Top Tweets

@prodigalsam --- One fun way to describe Facebook is "imagine you are a mind reader in Walmart."

@Aspersionscast --- I drive everywhere but for some reason my shoes still wear out, it's like there's just no reward for laziness.

@DollyParton --- I hope people realize there is a brain underneath the hair and a heart underneath the boobs! 😊

@saraschaefer1 --- Gmail should have an alert that pops up before an email sends: "Are you sure you want to send this email with that many exclamation points?"

@morgan_murphy --- those fake living rooms at IKEA should have a couple in them trying to assemble IKEA furniture and fighting.

@GiuliaRozzi --- I don't know how to give another woman a tampon without treating it like a discreet drug deal.

@kristenschaaled --- If "Beauty is Pain" you can have it! I'll hang with the comfy trolls.

@meganamram --- There's no way to prove that all murders aren't just time travelers killing future Hilters.

@Zen_Moments

--- No human thing is of serious importance. ~ Plato

@jebcorliss

--- This woman's name is Dorothy Custer and for her 102 birthday did her first tandem BASE jump 😊 How rad is that 😊



Why are we starving ourselves?

A Christian TV prophet told Native Americans this week to repent for their ancestors' animism. For those who missed school that day, animism is a belief that animals, plants, thoughts and even objects possess a spiritual essence, commonly called a soul. Believing such a thing makes it a cinch to treat plants, animals and thoughts with care and respect.

The United States is by far the wealthiest country in the world, three trillion dollars ahead of second place and 11 trillion in front of third. Yet 25 percent of our population is in a "food insecure" household. That means one-quarter of our citizens, or one in every four people who live here, goes to work, school or bed hungry.

Canada? Nine percent. China? Eight percent.

Maybe television started this wave we can't quite surf. The average U.S. home has 2.9 TVs to entertain 238,000,000 viewers a day, and commercials eat up between 16 and 21 minutes per hour. With television commercials selling the same soft drinks, bacon burgers and pizza to everybody at once, their sales obviously soar. We'll do the math. That means a lot of people are salivating over pictures on a screen and hopping into their cars to go buy food that is nutritionally bankrupt because they think they are hungry. But they likely have no idea what true hunger is, nor do they know much about eating well. Our common denominator is what's in it for us, and once we eat the same stuff as everyone else, we are pretty much like everyone else, eating processed, tasteless food smothered in sauce.

We're not going to change that. We're too busy with other things, too busy to feed ourselves well. After all, there's GOP Senator Saxby Chambliss of Georgia, who said at a Senate Armed Services subcommittee hearing that military rapes could be blamed on servicemen's natural instincts. "Young folks coming into the service are anywhere from 17 to 23, and gee whiz, the hormone level created by nature sets in place the possibility for these types of things to occur." Time for some barbecue.

Men don't rape because of hormones, they do it because they're angry. They do it because they are enraged. Send convicted soldiers, sailors and marines to Ft. Leavenworth or Guantanamo or a military prison. They might not get raped themselves, but they should at least lie awake every night worrying that they might be.

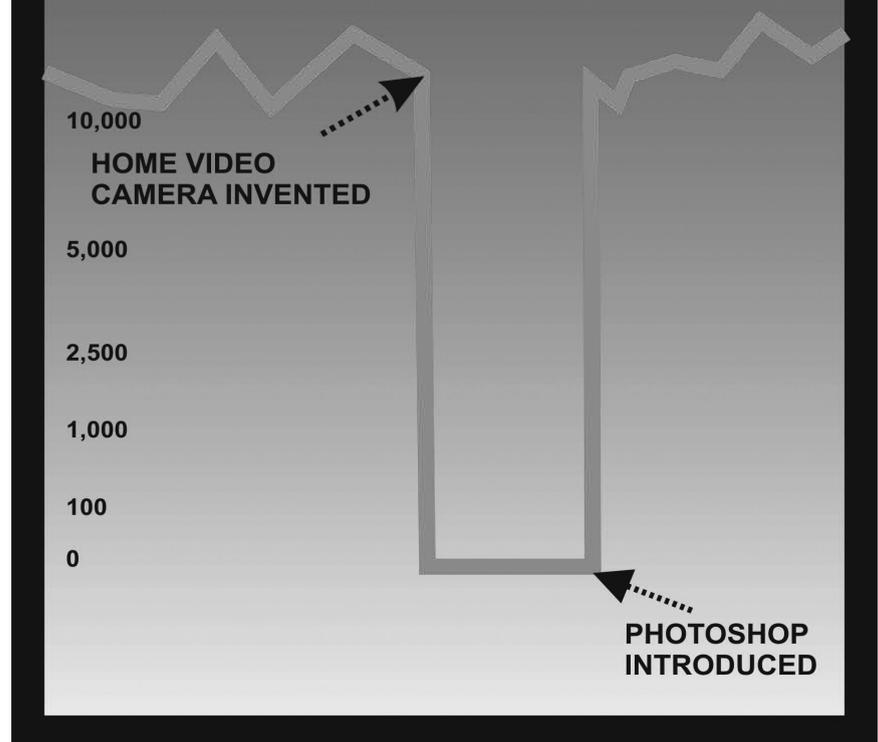
Isn't Chambliss the guy who ran against Max Cleland, the triple amputee Silver Star recipient from the Vietnam War, whom he accused of being unpatriotic and soft on national defense? Time for a cold brew.

Remember several weeks ago when the voters of South Carolina decided they would prefer that lynch, cheatin' Mark Sanford to represent them in the U.S. Congress rather than the smart woman who ran against him? Popcorn. With M&Ms.

An all male House Judiciary subcommittee, which is sort of important but not crazy important, decided Tuesday it was a good idea to have nationwide abortion restrictions. Tell you what – women have had abortions since two thousand seven hundred years before Jesus Christ himself showed up. (Who, by the way, didn't mention abortion.) Women will continue to have abortions no matter what preachers, politicians and men killing others in combat have to say about it. Abortion is one of the safest medical procedures one can endure, 14 times safer than childbirth. Morally? Does it matter? Are we here to watch over one another's morality? Goodness me, it seems we have our hands full dealing with leashless dogs and corporations that sell us food with no vitality that alters our cells and makes us sick, and female soldiers trying to serve their country without being subjected to unrepentant violence. BLT and a milkshake.

It just seems that when we take a good look at healthy food and happy people, we see a connection. Same as when we look at intolerant busy bodies who thrive on divulging bilge that has nothing to do with them and never will. Facebook and fries.

NUMBER OF BIG FOOT, UFO AND REPUBLICAN LEADER SIGHTINGS



The Pursuit of HAPPINESS

by Dan Krotz

Once a month a possum takes an early morning walk along the top rail of the privacy fence that goes around the back garden. My Jack Russell Terrier always (always) sees the possum and races over with murderous intent. She barks and barks and barks and repeatedly jumps five feet into the air – as high as she can – but just six inches shy of the now stone-like possum. This goes on for half an hour, or until Jack exhausts herself. Then she collapses, panting at the base of the fence, staring and snarling at the object of wrath for another half hour. Finally, I go get her and haul her away.

Possums are marsupials, which is the most interesting thing about them. Otherwise, they are uglier than sin, emit the stench of decayed meat when they play dead and, according to my vet, carry more fleas per square inch than any other animal in the world. They eat carrion, they eat garbage and they wreak havoc among my pear, apple and peach trees.

This is all by way of saying that newspaper publishers, editors, and work-a-day reporters and columnists know how Jack feels: they bark and bark and repeatedly jump into a vast, empty sky. It is often quite depressing. Meanwhile, the object of their wrath, whether it's Ol' Crash Ballinger, that Profile in Courage Mark Pryor, or your garden variety environmental terrorist, shamelessly plays possum until the people who care about facts and history exhaust themselves and are hauled away.

The irony of the muddle is that more often than not a majority of readers, and every No-Nothing, are rooting for the carrion eating, flea-ridden marsupial. To them, it tastes just like chicken. The real problem, they will tell you, is noisy elitist bias-afflicted Subaru-driving secular humanists. Shut up! they explain.

Yet hauled away or not, I can depend on my Jack Russell to always (always) keep a vigilant watch over the top rail of my fence. Just as we can all depend on a free press, and the publishers, editors, and work-a-day folks who keep it, not perfect, but free.

INDEPENDENT ConstablesOnPatrol

Dates and Times Unavailable

- Constable on patrol assisted in retrieving a cell phone accidentally dropped in a storm drain.
- Constable spoke with a person in reference to her ex-husband. No report necessary this time.
- Motel employee reported items retrieved from a room, including medications and car registration, did not match the name of the guest who had stayed there. Constable gathered the property.
- Caller told ESPD two vehicles were parked on a city street so no one could pass. They were gone when the constable arrived.
- Store clerk called in a rapidly escalating argument between a male and female in front of his store. The couple had departed by the time the constable arrived, and the clerk said the fight had been verbal only.
- Motion alarm was triggered at a business, but the constable found the area to be secure.
- Witness reported seeing two individuals walk across the roof of the downtown fire station and go into the window of the business next door. Constable went to the scene but did not find anyone in the building or anything out of place.
- Driver on his way into town on Hwy. 23 complained another car was driving very slow and would not let him pass. Constable encountered the very slow vehicle in town and discovered an elderly gentleman driver who was in no distress and certainly no hurry.
- Individual came to the station to report her six-foot tall purple homemade trailer had been stolen.
- Central dispatch advised customers left a restaurant without paying their bill. They drove away in a red sports car with no vehicle license. Authorities watched for the vehicle.
- Traffic stop resulted in the arrest of the driver for DWI and driving on a suspended license.
- Caller alerted ESPD to a possible domestic at an address in town. Constable arrived to find the argument had been verbal only, and the wife and children were leaving the domicile.
- Constable responded to traffic accident north of the city on Hwy. 23. Scene was out of city limits and deputies and first responders were already there, so the constable returned to town.
- Concerned observer saw an individual in a vehicle across from the hospital shining a laser pointer into a house. Constable went to the scene.
- ESFD asked for constable assistance in dealing with an irate person insisting on getting beyond the yellow tape (for downed power lines).
- Lawn maintenance personnel apparently broke a window accidentally, and a constable went to the location to get a report.
- Resident fired up her wood chipper at a fairly late hour. Constable asked her to keep the noise

down.

- A male walked up to the door of a residence and asked the resident for money for milk for his baby. Resident gave a description of the individual to ESPD. She said her brother had a similar experience with the same individual the week before in another neighborhood.
- Dogs were waiting on the porch when the resident arrived home, except they were not his dogs. Animal Control responded to the owner's address, and he was not at home but the person supposed to be taking care of the animals said he would remedy the situation.
- Driver backed a vehicle into another.
- Another vehicle got hit and the constable on patrol filed a report.
- Constables went to the scene of three individuals fighting almost in the middle of US 62. One of the pugilists was arrested for public intoxication and for a warrant out of Carroll County for failure to appear.
- ESPD learned a person walks through a location every morning at the same time drinking beer and leaving trash behind. ESPD will put on an extra patrol to watch for the person.
- Constable provided a welfare check and found the individual doing well.
- Complainant said an intoxicated male was trying to cause trouble in a restaurant. By the time a constable arrived, the person was already in a vehicle with acquaintances and they had a sober driver.
- Two constables responded to a disturbance between two females and three males screaming at each other in a motel parking lot. There had been a minor scuffle, but all the alleged screamers had already gone to their rooms for the night.
- Barking dogs were reportedly keeping a resident up a night. The constable who checked the area did not hear any barking. He gave the information to Animal Control for a followup.
- An ex-boyfriend told ESPD he was getting harassing text messages from his ex-girlfriend. Constable told the ex-girlfriend to have no more contact with the male.
- A different ex-boyfriend complained his ex-girlfriend was on his property and he wanted her to leave. Constables spoke with her and asked her to leave the premises.
- Resident heard two loud explosions in the direction of Hwy. 23 N. Constable surveyed the scene but did not hear anything or see anything extraordinary.
- Constable had to move a dead deer out of the roadway. Animal Control will follow up in the morning.

City council meeting Monday, June 10, 6 p.m.

Agenda

Commission, committee, authority reports and expired terms:

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

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

Hospital – Pos. 2 – vote on Suzanne Tourtelot

Parks

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

Cemetery

Public comments

Unfinished business

1. Town Hall meeting update – DeVito and Purkeypile
2. Ordinance No. 2181 – Jumbo cabs and Limousines – 3rd reading
3. Demolition by neglect workshop update – postponed until June – Mitchell and DeVito
4. Draft Ordinance re: Weekly rentals – McClung and Mitchell
5. Ordinance No. 2183 -- rezone 123 S. Main from R-1 to C-1 – 2nd reading
6. Commercial recycling of glass and cardboard – DeVito and Mitchell
7. Removal of 80 Mountain from list of buildings in R-1 used for religious purposes – Schneider and Mitchell
8. Permitted uses in C-3 – Schneider and Mitchell
9. Ordinance re: Removal of all front corner setbacks – DeVito and Schneider

New business

1. Taxi cab space or stand – Purkeypile and Zeller
2. Discussion of new business license category for tour vehicle with food – Mr. DeVito and Mr. Purkeypile

Council comments

Mayor's comments



Limber ladies – Berryville’s Rhythm House Studio of the Arts dancers perform “Rhythm in Rio” from their recital, Rhythm Around the World, at the Auditorium June 1. The show featured more than 20 dance numbers honoring countries all over the globe.

PHOTO BY DAVID FRANK DEMPSEY

Shutterbug – Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art volunteer photographer, André Ballestra, looks at photo gear from Bedford Camera and Video during the Mid-America Photography Symposium at Inn of the Ozarks June 1. Ballestra has done photography for the museum for five years, including the important years leading to the museum’s opening in November 2011.

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What SUP at the lake? – With scissors at the ready, Melody Elliott prepares to cut the ribbon kicking off her new business, SUP Outfitters, at Starkey Marina on Beaver Lake, June 4. Elliott hails from Hawaii where the sport of stand-up paddle boarding began. It’s now becoming a hit (and great workout) on lakes and rivers.

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Go East, Young Dog finds out-of-state adoptive homes online for rescued dogs. The non-profit took over the Berryville animal control facility a year ago and, so far, nearly 300 of its dogs have been placed in good homes in the northeast. The previous “high-kill” facility is now a “no-kill shelter” thanks to director Bill King, (full



Love at first sight.

PHOTO BY JOHN RANKINE

Go East Young Dog



disclosure – my partner) who, with Mayor Tim McKinney, convinced city council that the take-over would be win-win-win.

Believe it or not, there’s a shortage of adoptable dogs up north (New England, Pennsylvania, New York, Maryland, etc.), due to enforced spay/neuter laws and public consciousness – progressive Blue State thinking of adopting dogs through rescue organizations rather than purchasing pet shop puppy mill dogs. Veterinarian costs are also significantly less in the south, so adopters up north don’t usually flinch at the cost of a ready-to-go, healthy dog, even when the transportation fee and other rescue costs are added in.

Unfortunately, there’s no shortage of abandoned, abused and unwanted dogs here in our own backyard. Finding great homes for these critters is Go East Young Dog’s objective.

The organization now uses a professional transport company, but in the beginning days, Bill was doing much of the transporting of dogs himself. Last summer I accompanied him on a dog run – loading our big-ass van with 18 dogs and puppies and driving 40 hours straight, taking breaks only to feed, water, walk dogs and gas up, and stopping at designated drop-off points where new owners anxiously

awaited arrival of their new best friend.

It was an intense trip, one I don’t think I could do again, but one of the more rewarding experiences I’ve had. How moving to see the joy on the face of a little girl greeting her new puppy for the first time.

All this brings me to this Sunday’s “Grooming on a Sunday Afternoon” – Go East Young Dog’s first fundraiser at Keels Creek Winery from 2 til 7. Ten bucks gets you in with two glasses of wine. There will great food, music and a huge selection of art and services you can silently bid on. You and your dog can even get matching haircuts provided by one of our local, professional hairstylists and groomers, but you don’t have to bring your dog to join in the fun. I urge everyone to come out in support.

The Good Shepherd Humane Society, Diane Ferguson’s Unconditional Love Pet Rescue and Go East, Young Dog are three organizations dedicated to helping the voiceless. Because of them, Carroll County is now virtually a no-kill county.

I think Gandhi would be proud.

INDEPENDENTArt

ARTIFACTS welcomes ballerina

ARTIFACTS will hold a reception for their newest artist, Marina Bolchakova, Saturday, June 8, 6 – 9 p.m. during the Gallery Stroll. Formerly a dancer with the Bolshoi Ballet, Marina put away her ballet shoes to take up the paintbrush. Come welcome Marina at the gallery and see more at ARTIFACTS Gallery of American Art (artifactseureka.com).



Call to Artists – sign up now for Fall Studio Tour

The 8th annual Eureka Springs Studio Tour will be September 26 – 28, a three-day Adventure into Art. Visual artists who reside in western Carroll County (Eureka Springs/Holiday Island and the lake areas) and can open their working studio to the public for those

three days may apply to participate by visiting www.eukaspringsstudiotour.com to download an application.

If you have any questions, please contact Tour Coordinators Lorna or Craig Trigg Hirsch (479) 363-9402 or info@fireomearth.com

Stroll through a fantasy June 8 at Iris

Iris at the Basin Park welcomes a new Arkansas artist, Tracy Boyd of Harrison, for the Second Saturday Gallery Stroll, June 8. Tracy enjoys exploring artistic fantasy and has created some mythical creatures using polymer clay as her medium. Stop in and meet Tracy



during the Stroll from 1 – 4 and 6 – 9 p.m. at the gallery.

The 11th Annual Student Art Exhibit in support of the Turpentine Creek Wildlife Refuge also continues this week. On display and for sale are creative art works by

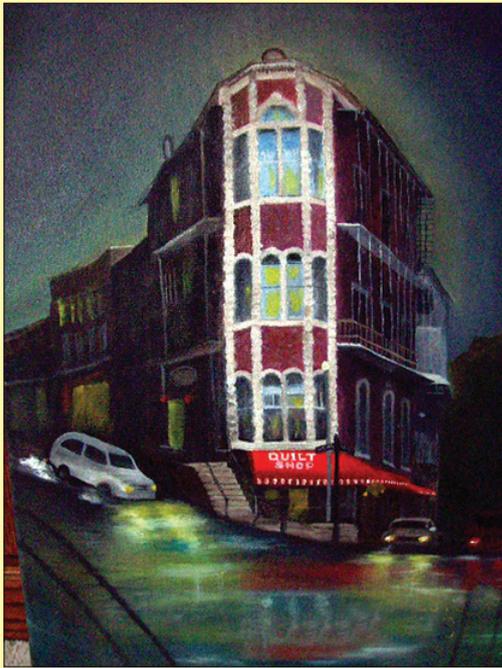
local high school art students.

Thyme for enchantment

Celebrate the fact we live in a land of enchantment during the June 8 Gallery Stroll as Eureka Thyme features Holiday Island

artist, Joyce Lenz, and her paintings of local scenes. This lovely artist will be on hand to meet you between 1 – 4 and 6 – 9 p.m. at 19 Spring Street.

Spend an enchanting evening strolling the streets while enjoying the art of Eureka. See www.EurekaThyme.com for more art or phone (479) 363-9600 for information.



JOYCE LENZ

Engage ... Create ... Transform at ESSA

ESSA's 2013 summer sessions are now on!

June 10 – 14

• Eureka Springs Master Painter Larry Mansker (www.larrymanskerstudio.com) comes to ESSA teaching “Oil and Acrylic Painting” with a focus on the elements of design in one-on-one instruction with his students.

• Danielle James (www.D-J-Metal.com), former student of Master Metalsmith, Robert Ebendorf, will teach students how to brighten metal art with lively color through “Powder Coating” in addition to exploring basic metal techniques.

June 17 – 21

• Give freshness and vitality to your



DAVID TRIPP

watercolors in David Tripp's (www.recollections54.com) “Plein Air Painting” workshop. Create quick, finished paintings working in the field around historic Eureka.

• If mud's your thing, check out Laurie Spencer's (www.lauriespencer.com) “Clay Whistle” workshop. Transform your artistic muse with the creation of organic sculptures' soothing clay whistles.

Register for these workshops online

now at www.ESSA-ART.org or by calling (479)-253-5384. Remember – the Student Studio Stroll is every Thursday from 4 – 5:30 p.m. and is open to anyone who would like to see student creations from each workshop.

TheNATUREofEUREKA by Steven Foster

In appreciation of prickly pear cactus

The eastern prickly pear cactus, *Opuntia humifusa* is a small, low-growing, wide-ranging native cactus found from Massachusetts to Florida, west to New Mexico, and northward through the Plains states. It is one among 200

species of *Opuntia* cacti, mostly native to western American deserts.

Our native prickly pear coming into bloom has yellow to orange flowers, sometimes red in the center. They have two types of spines – the familiar, long, sharp needle-like spines

as well as tufts of specialized tiny hair-like spines called glochids.

The flat chlorophyll-producing stems or “pads,” as well as the red fruits, are edible. But even if the prickly pear appears to be “spineless” watch out for the hair-like glochids. Those are the tiny spines that will get you.

Typically, glochids are avoided by peeling the pads or fruits, or singeing the hairs off by burning them. Collectively, prickly pear pads (and the plant) are also known as nopal, and the fruits or fruiting plants as “tuna” (no relation to the fish of the same name). One large prickly pear species, *Opuntia ficus-indica*, native to Mexico, was introduced throughout the world soon after their discovery. Nopal is the ancient Aztec name for prickly pear.

When Spaniards first arrived in Mexico, the Aztecs were already cultivating nopal

in orchards for production of the edible fruits. The first reference to nopal comes

from the oldest medical book from the Americas, *The Badianus Manuscript*, or Aztec Herbal of 1552. The word *nohpalli*, or nopal, is derived from the Latinization of the Aztec name *tlatocnochtli*. The milky juice from the cactus, mixed with other herbs, was combined with honey and egg yolk and used as an ointment to treat burns.

Opuntias were introduced into East Asia at an early date. The Chinese were quick to adopt nopal as a medicinal plant. The fresh pad of the cactus was cut longitudinally into two parts, and the inner pad was used as a dressing on abscesses.

In Italy and North Africa the flowers are used as a strong diuretic. In Mexican folk medicine the pads are used for diabetes, high cholesterol and obesity. Our gnarly prickly pears have more beauty than meets the eye.





Another Eureka Springs first – Larry Malone waits near his 1969 RallySport/SuperSport to line up for the parade at Pine Mountain Village during Eureka Springs' first-ever Camaro Show June 1. Malone recently retired to Rogers, Ark., after a 21-year career in the United States Marine Corps.

PHOTO BY DAVID FRANK DEMPSEY

Nature photography slide program

Nature photographer Mike Martin will present "Ozark Wildlife and Landscapes," Saturday, June 8, 2 p.m. at the Shiloh Museum of Ozark History. A photographer for more than 20 years, Martin's photos have been published by the New York City Parks and Recreation Department, the New York State Parks Department,

the California Parks Department and were featured on Cornell University's award-winning website, "All About Birds."

The Shiloh Museum is located at 118 W. Johnson Avenue in downtown Springdale. For more information, call (479) 750-8165 or visit shilohmuseum.org.

Same 'ol outside, brand new inside

Make time to visit the grand reopening of the Eureka Springs Historical Museum on Sunday, June 9, from 3 – 6 p.m. Major exhibit sponsors will be honored and there will be music by Hello Cello along with a visit from a historical figure from the past.

The Heritage Garden designed, planted and maintained by Carroll

County Master Gardeners, will also be open for viewing. Museum director, Steven Sinclair, and board members will be on hand to answer questions. Light refreshments will be served, and there is no admission charge.

At 3 p.m. the Chamber of Commerce will officiate a grand reopening ribbon cutting.



Rotary scholars – Seven students received \$1000 scholarships from the Eureka Springs Rotary Club at the Senior Awards Ceremony May 24. From left, front row, are Nathan Wilkerson, who will attend the University of Arkansas Walton School of Business, majoring in Business and Economics; Keegan Wilbur, Valedictorian, who will attend Rose-Hulman in Terre Haute, Indiana, majoring in Civil Engineering and Salutatorian Keaton Boardman, who will study Mechanical Engineering at the University of Arkansas-Fayetteville. From left, back row, are Kenya Boes, who plans to attend the University of Central Arkansas to study Linguistics and Social Service; Jazmin Urioste, who will major in Engineering at Arkansas Tech University and has been selected for the Arkansas Tech Cross Country team; Shelby Clark, who will major in Business at the University of Arkansas-Fayetteville and Annamarie Prevatte, who will attend the University of Arkansas-Fayetteville, for her degree in Education. Also pictured are Sheu Fang-Yu (Annie), Youth Exchange Student from Taiwan and Rotarians Mickey Finefield, Joanie Kratzer, Dave Baker and Marvin Peterson.



Practicing for the big one – Volunteer Ralph Cooper paints a new stripe at the entrance of the Great Passion Play June 4. Cooper said he's looking forward to painting the 65-foot Christ of the Ozarks statue sometime later this year.

PHOTO BY DAVID FRANK DEMPSEY

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

“What about Mary, Johnny? What do you have in mind for her?”

Susan wanted to know.

Mary entered the room and asked, “who’s talkin’ about me?”

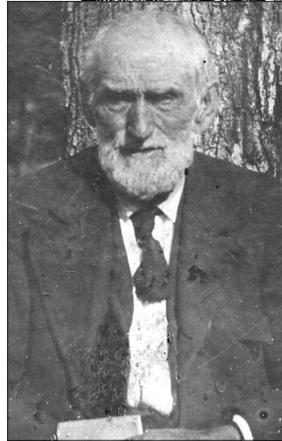
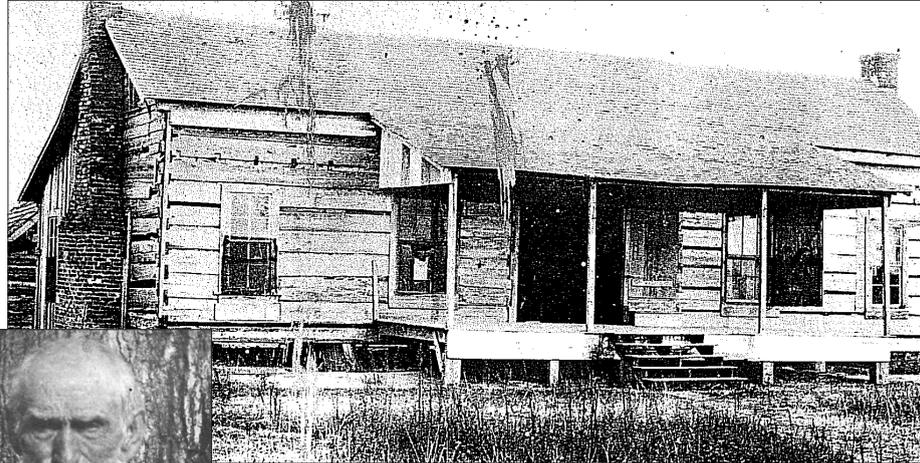
“I was,” her mother answered. “Your Pa is tryin’ to see that all of you children have land enough for a home or some kind of a business. I was just askin’ him what he had in mind for you.”

“Maybe it’s time I told you what I have got in mind for myself. Clabe wants to start a livery stable in Eureka Springs as soon as we get married. He has three horses of his own. His Pa will let him have three more to get started. There are a lot of people there that need to rent a team or even a saddle horse for a while. They say there are wealthy people that rent horses to ride out to Beaver. They eat their dinner out there at Mrs. Beaver’s hotel and ride back into Eureka Springs in the afternoon. A lot of people that come in there are wealthy and spend money like it was water. Clabe says he can make some money just by feedin’ and waterin’ horses for people who want their horses cared for while they look around and buy things in town. His Pa knows all about horses and he says Clabe can make good with a livery stable.”

“A lot of people are doin’ things they never heard of before, Mary. The time is a-comin’ when we are goin’ to see a lot more of it. The train brings folks in every day with women wearin’ hats and carryin’ parasols. There’s men wearin’ neckties that ain’t even goin’ to church. There’s gamblers and fancy women comin’ to Eureka Springs every day,” Gaskins said.

“I’m glad you go to town so often, Pa,” Mary told him. “You always come back with the most excitin’ news.”

“Well, I’ll tell you somethin’ that will curl your hair. I hear there’s a woman come to town that hates likker worse than the Devil hates Holy Water. She goes around with a hatchet in her hands and smashes the bars in the saloons. They say she hates tobacker,



too. I ain’t never met up with her and I guess it’s jest as well. I don’t go ‘round meddlin’ in other peoples’ business an’ I don’t like fer them to butt into

mine. If I was a saloonkeeper and she come a-sayshayin’ into my place with her hatchet, I’d throw her out to th’ dogs,” Johnny boasted.

“I can just see you doin’ that, Pa,” Mary teased. “I ain’t never seen you get rough with women folks in my whole life. I don’t think you ever could.”

“Well, maybe not, but you ain’t never seen one of ‘em pour my whiskey out or try to take my chawin’ tobacker or my pipe out of my mouth, either,” Gaskins insisted.

“What’s the lady’s name, Pa?” Mary asked.

“They say her name is Carry Nation and so far as I know, she ain’t no lady, at least she ain’t what I would call a lady.”

“Johnny, you’re allus tellin’ us what will happen some day,” Susan interrupted. “Now, I’m goin’ to tell you what I think will happen some day. Somethin’ tells me that the day will come when it will be against the law to sell whiskey at all. That there will be women that have got enough guts to stand up and do somethin’ about it. I hope I live to see that day,” Susan commented.

“There ain’t nothin’ in the Eternal Hell that women can do about anything unless they could vote...” He paused and thought for a minute before he

finished what he had started to say, “an’ the thought has just come to me that maybe some day, they will do just that. That’s one thing I shore don’t want to see. I hope I don’t live that long.”

“Never mind about what’s goin’ to happen that far into the future,” Mary brought them back to the present. “Tell me about givin’ all of us enough land for a home. Are you really goin’ to do it, Pa?” she asked.

“Shore, I’m goin’ to do it. I’ve all ready done it for some of you. I ain’t got no favorites among my children. If I do it for one, I’ll do it for all. If you an’ Clabe want to live in Eureka Springs an’ he wants to run a livery stable, I’ll help you all I can,” the father promised.

“Thank you, Pa. I’ll tell him about it and he can talk to you about picking out a location for it.”

“Whoa there, girl,” her father answered. “If I am goin’ to give you some land, I’ll give you what I want

to give you. I’ll say where it is located myself. I’m still the stud rooster around here,” Gaskins said, trying to exhibit authority while he showed pleasure in what he was doing for his children.

“Thank you, Pa. I’m sure anything you can do to help us get started will make Clabe happy.”

Gaskins walked out to get his horse. The dogs waited and whined their complaint at being excluded from the trip, then walked back to their favorite place behind the smoke house.

“Ma, have you seen how much Pa has got done on the house over at Gaskins Switch? What kind of a house will it be and will it be as fancy as this one?” Mary asked her mother.

“No. I ain’t seen it yet, but I can tell you now that it’s goin’ to be plenty fancy. It’ll be bigger than this one. The logs will all be hewed and chinked with a lime mixture that will be white and pretty between the logs. He’s a-goin’ to buy a cook stove. We’re goin’ to have factory-made beds to sleep on. The windows will be big and made out of glass. He’s havin’ a well dug right in the back yard so we won’t have to carry water from a spring. I’ll tell you honey, we’re goin’ to live like city folks. I don’t know if I’ll ever get used to it or not. There’s somethin’ else, too. The floors will be made of pine and smooth as floors can be,” Susan explained.

“I’m almost sorry I won’t be livin’ in it myself,” Mary answered.

Are you helping your immune system? Find out June 11

Join D’Coda from the Herbal Coaching Community/School of Herbalism for a workshop on Building a Strong Immune System, June 11, 6 – 8 p.m. Topics covered include, *How the Body Defends Against Infection, Understanding Your Immune System, Allergies & Asthma, How Immune-Support Herbs Alter The Immune System and Which Are Most Effective* and *Tips on Rebooting the Immune System*.

Fee is \$25 pre-registered or \$35 at the door. (Limited class size, reserve your spot.)

Private consultations with D’Coda are available June 12 for \$40 or \$25 plus 15 Sepals if scheduled before June 9. Email herbalcoachingcommunity@gmail.com for more information or to schedule.

Contact Flora Roja Community Acupuncture (479) 253-4968, 119 Wall St., or visit Floraroja.com online for more information about community acupuncture, the herbal apothecary and future classes and workshops.

Gemini New Moon – Let Instability Do Its Work

We are moving toward Summer solstice. Friday is complex with multiple interactions and interchanges between the moon and planets Mercury, Venus, Saturn and Neptune.

Saturday is the last new moon (18 degrees Gemini) before summer. “*Let instability do its work*” is the Gemini personality-building keynote explaining the unpredictable changes, constant vicissitudes, lack of stability, structure, cohesion and unity among humanity, countries and nations. Instability has purpose, creating awareness that harmony is needed. Understanding Gemini’s

personality keynote is important when encountering instability, conflict and chaos.

Humanity works under the influence of Mercury, Ray 4. Mercury is the Star of Conflict (purposefully). Ray 4 is Harmony emerging from Conflict and Chaos. Humanity learns through conflict and chaos. Not understanding its purpose (a call to create harmony), we continue with conflicts. The result is a state of suffering. Humanity then learns through suffering. When we are aware of the need for harmony, seeking to instill harmony (the Will-to-Good, the Will-to-Love) through Goodwill, the Soul (our compass) then begins to direct our

daily lives (personality). The Soul is the Star of Harmony.

What is written in these introductions is the relationship between heaven and earth, spirit and matter, personality and Soul. The shifts and planets occurring now illustrate the end of one age (Pisces) and the beginning of our new age (Aquarius). Where mainstream media has nothing to say, these introductions describe influences that are bringing that new age forth, not only influencing it but completely supporting the building and creation of the new culture and civilization. We will build it through the conflict and chaos seeking Harmony.

ARIES: You want to learn more, to communicate with intelligence. You’re curious, seek sensation and variety, instinctively cheerful and carefree. You’re restless, want to be with humanity, yet feel a bit distanced. You want to interact, walk neighborhoods, talk to siblings, be active, gather information, ponder upon and share it. You have errands to do, people to contact, letters (emails) to write. Observe yourself.

TAURUS: All you want is a bit of peace and quiet, a place of repose, comfort and peacefulness. Your need is to unwind and begin to heal old pains. You need to be out in the sun, in the gardens, tending to the soil, the plants, the grasses and the devas. You also must tend seriously to things financial concerning resources. You’re slow when it comes to cleaning and disposing of material possessions. Yet this must be done soon.

GEMINI: You deeply want to begin anew. You don’t know where or how. You feel a pioneering impulse; you’re ready, willing and filled with enthusiasm. However, there are so many avenues available, choosing can be difficult. Making the choice, each day, with dedication to stand under the Light of the Will-to-Good, helps in making Right Choice. This is a challenge for you. Steadfastness. Just begin.

CANCER: Things are a bit dreamy. You feel sensitive and compassionate. Your imagination seems in full force, filled with visualizations. There seems

to be no boundaries. Everything seems to blend together, creating very interesting situations. Details are unavailable at this time. Things are just too mystical with spiritual developments occurring everywhere. It’s time for a retreat into the garden of joy.

LEO: Sometimes you just have to break the rules. Sometimes the need for freedom makes the old rules awkward and difficult. Sometimes you must express your independence and uniqueness. It’s good to find a group that recognizes, admires, applauds and supports your individuality. You need activity, more people around, more of the world in order to have a sense of well-being. You need everything bright and beautiful.

VIRGO: You sense a greater need for more planning, order and structure. So the future can unfold according to your needs. You feel limited at time by time. Sometimes you feel you haven’t done enough. You want to feel successful and to succeed. This is most important. And so you become more resourceful, are careful of time and energy and the right use of resources. You are serious and productive. You thrive.

LIBRA: It’s important to search out the truth concerning all decisions, activities and choices in your life up till now. This is because previous ways of life will

soon become tiring. You seek a new vision in life with new goals, new ways of interactions. It’s important to also think about Right Relations with everyone in the family. New visions for the future are an adventure for you. You will find your emotional needs changing. This comes subtly. Forgiveness liberates you.

SCORPIO: You hide a very vital part of yourself until you feel a sense of trust. You hide elation and sorry, desires, emotions, likes and dislikes, passion and pain. Some understand you, many don’t. When the moon enters Scorpio each month, you are urged to go even more undercover, to retreat into a place of solitude where you assess fears and inhibitions. Brooding is your second nature. Brooding is a good thing. It fosters revelation and helps bring visions into materialization.

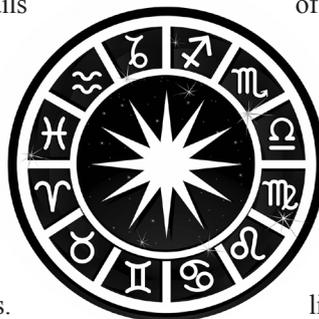
SAGITTARIUS: Creating harmonious interactions with everyone, externally and internally (how we act, what we feel) is important. This means internally having the intention for Goodwill, which creates Right Relations. Experiencing this from the heart creates a deep love and intelligent activity in all of your environments and interactions. This type of activity creates diplomacy and the peace everyone seeks. Although you can see both sides, choose from Goodwill.

Direction follows.

CAPRICORN: Our body is different with different states of consciousness. A new book by Deepak Chopra may be of interest to you. *Brotherhood, Destiny, Dharma and the American Dream*. We learn (and thus teach) to be accountable for our actions so those actions aren’t repeated in the future. We learn about our role in society, a most important task for Capricorns. We learn to protect the kingdoms. It is our destiny. You are already a leader. Now, more so.

AQUARIUS: The book cited in Capricorn is for you, too, for Aquarians (part of the New Group of World Servers) are responsible for humanity’s evolution by bringing the future into the present, a major building block of the new culture and civilization. In between this profound task you need variety of experiences and light-hearted interactions to soothe restlessness and need for contact. Contact releases love. Make intentional contact.

PISCES: You need quiet places, peaceful environments, a sense of belonging providing solace and safety. With these conditions met you’re able to heal wounds, accomplish your unique spiritual and worldly tasks, discover feelings, hopes & aspirations that direct your life and motivate your specific ability to serve. Balance each day with gratitude and the awareness that your needs must come before assisting in the needs of others.



Marksmanship courses offered June 22, 23

Project Appleseed, a marksmanship training project sponsored by the White River Valley Sportsmen's Association, Inc. (wrsvsa.com) will be held June 22 – 23 on the association property at 407 CR 2197, Berryville (64 acres of property 3.1 miles north of Grandview).

There will be clinics focusing on Rifle Marksmanship Skills, Six Steps to Firing the Shot, Natural Point of Aim and Sling Use along with shot analysis, inches, minutes and clicks, sight adjustment and range estimation along with the history of the beginning of the American Revolutionary War.

Project Appleseed is the sole project of the Revolutionary War Veterans Association (RWVA), a 501(c)(3) organization. Founded in 2006, Project

Appleseed and its volunteers are committed to bringing traditional rifle marksmanship skills and the story of April 19, 1775, to every American.

This is a non-political organization. No current politics will be discussed at this family-friendly event. No previous training is required and registrants may shoot any rifle from 22-caliber up.

Guest speakers and certified marksmanship instructors present a fun, yet challenging atmosphere the whole family can enjoy. Attendees will spend their time learning rifle safety, the fundamentals of marksmanship and will hear true stories and events of America's first day, April 19, 1775 – the day marksmanship made history and our heritage began.

There will also be active duty military, LEO,

elected officials and Revolutionary War re-enactors. See event info on the website for more info, including directions and start times. Rifles and ammunition are not supplied.

Preregistration cost is \$80 per weekend. One-day events and other special events may differ. Cost for women is \$40, under 21 is \$20. Space is limited, and events fill quickly. To preregister, learn more and to reserve your spot on the firing line, please visit www.appleseedinfo.org, or phone (479) 253-8223.

More events will be held throughout the year. Check the web site for locations and dates. Contact Dorothy at (479) 253-8223, send a PM to Mother Cobbler on the Appleseed forum or email tranqcabins@cs.com.

Adult Sunday School study begins June 16

The adult Sunday School class of First United Methodist Church begins an eight-week study of Homosexuality and the Bible on June 16 from Reconciling Ministries of the United Methodist Church. The study guide can be downloaded and printed at www.rmnetwork.org/claiming-the-promise-an-ecumenical-welcoming-bible-study-on-homosexuality-leader-guide.

The study begins at 11:15 a.m. in the fellowship hall following worship. All are invited, especially our LGBT brothers and sisters, for an honest, timely and relevant study. For information, phone (479) 981-1680.

OM sweet OM

The Center For Soulful Living Community will host a slide show and discussion about the OM Sanctuary, a naturally landscaped meditation park and walking trail in Eureka Springs on Monday, June 10, 7–9 p.m., downstairs in the Christian Science building at 68 West Mountain St. For more information on the Eureka Springs Metaphysical Society and its presentations, contact Ronnie Young (479) 253-5065 or email bullhead1954@yahoo.com.

Discount rabies shots June 15

The Good Shepherd Humane Society will host a rabies clinic from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. Saturday, June 15, downstairs at the Berryville Doggie Shop on US 62 next to the Lucky Dragon. Rabies vaccinations are only \$8. Micro chipping will also be available for \$15. Cost for both together is \$20.

All pets must be on a leash or in a carrier. There is plenty of parking available.

Doggie day care will be provided for your fur-legged friends should you decide to stay and shop. Please make safeguarding your pet a priority and take advantage of this low-cost opportunity.

DROPPING A Line by Robert Johnson

Arkansas's Free Fishing Weekend is noon Friday, June 7 to midnight Sunday June 9 for residents and non-residents, no fishing licenses or trout stamp needed.

Wayne Ducote from Edmond, Okla., came down this week to try for stripers on Beaver Lake and got a nice striper, hybrid, smallmouth bass and some white bass we couldn't get in the picture.

Water temps on the lake this week are still running about 72° with most stripers and hybrids that were caught between the dam area to Point 8 are now on our end of the lake. Look for a good top water bite early and late in the day, then as the sun gets high add a little weight on your bait rods to get them down to 30 ft. as the fish go deeper. Five to seven in. shad seem to

be working best. Best lures when on top are the Zara Spook or Redfin. One oz. rattletails and big white bucktail jigs work well when going deeper, or troll umbrella rigs.

Here at Holiday Island the water temp is also running about 72° with white bass off the flats from the Island to Beaver. Crappies are still in the shoreline brush spawning. Walleye are being found off the flats and inside river bends where the water drops from 10 to 20 plus feet.

Trolling two in. flicker shad and Hot 'n Tots put a few of all in our boat this week along with a few spotted bass.

Well that's all for this week for I have to get ready for another bait run. Good luck out there and take a kid fishing for better luck. Be safe.



Vine Brothers downtown all weekend

The Americana and gypsy swing duo of mandolinist Joe Credit III and guitarist Greg Bucking are the Vine Brothers. *Low Rent* is their debut album released in 2012 and has earned them airplay on over 100 stations. According to

thevinebrothers.com “Beginning in January 2011 during Kansas City’s Snowpocalypse, two weeks of nonstop writing, recording, mixing, snow, beer, rum, tobacco, and other various elements produced a trove of recordings which became the heart of

what is now *Low Rent*.” The Vine Brothers play twice on Saturday – Rowdy Beaver Den from 1–5 p.m. and Chelsea’s at 9 p.m., and on Sunday evening from 5–9 p.m. at New Delhi Café. Don’t miss this pure acoustic sound.

Blues Fest Opener at Barefoot Ballroom

Thursday, June 13, kicks off Eureka Springs Blues Weekend with the powerhouse blues band Victor Wainwright and the WildRoots. This is swinging, rock-n-rollin’ blues led by the “Piana from Savannah” who sings with a whiskey-soaked voice that matches his talent on the ivories. One of the tightest bands on Beale Street, this is fun music that will make you get up and dance, and might as well kick off your shoes since you will be at the Barefoot Ballroom. Doors open at 8 p.m. and the show starts at 9 p.m. Our celebration of the blues continues June 13–16. See next week’s *Independent* for the full Blues Weekend schedule.

Folk-rock duo Brewer & Shipley will perform in Basin Park on Saturday, June 8 at 5 p.m. Remember “One Toke Over The Line?”

FRIDAY – JUNE 7

- **BALCONY RESTAURANT** *Hogscalders*, 12–3 p.m. and 6–9 p.m.
- **CHASERS BAR & GRILL** *Newton County Revival*
- **CHELSEA’S** *Honkey Suckle*, 9 p.m.
- **EUREKA LIVE!** DJ & Dancing
- **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** *Blue Moon*, 9 p.m. – 1 a.m.
- **LUMBERYARD RESTAURANT & SALOON** DJ Karaoke, 8 p.m.
- **NEW DELHI CAFÉ** *Dime Tripp*, 1:30–5:30 p.m., *Mountain Sprout*, 6:30–10:30 p.m.
- **PIED PIPER CATHOUSE LOUNGE** *Josh Jennings Band*, 8–midnight
- **ROWDY BEAVER** *Isayah’s All Stars*, 8 p.m. – midnight
- **ROWDY BEAVER DEN** *Nickelsun*, 9 p.m. – 1 a.m.
- **SQUID & WHALE PUB STARROY**, 9 p.m.
- **THE BLARNEY STONE** Live Music
- **VOULEZ-VOUS** *Iron Mike*

Norton, 9 p.m.

- **302 ON THE SQUARE (Berryville)** *Berryville Hootenanny* – An Acoustic Jam – All Welcome, 7–9 p.m.

SATURDAY – JUNE 8

- **BALCONY RESTAURANT** *Chris Diablo*, 7 p.m.
- **BASIN PARK** *Brewer and Shipley*, 5–7 p.m.
- **CHASERS BAR & GRILL** *Ozark Thunder*
- **CHELSEA’S** *Mark Summer Band*, 4–7 p.m., *Vine Brothers*, 9 p.m.
- **EUREKA LIVE!** DJ & Dancing
- **EUREKA PARADISE** DJ and Dance Music
- **GRAND TAVERNE** *Jerry Yester Grand Piano Dinner Music*, 6:30–9:30 p.m.
- **JACK’S PLACE** *Blew Reed & the Flatheads*, 9 p.m. – 1 a.m.
- **LUMBERYARD RESTAURANT & SALOON** DJ Karaoke, 8 p.m.
- **NEW DELHI CAFÉ** *Foley’s Band*, 1–5 p.m., *Mountain Sprout*, 6:30–10:30 p.m.
- **PIED PIPER CATHOUSE LOUNGE** *Josh Jennings Band*, 8–midnight
- **ROWDY BEAVER** *RockHouse*, 8:30 p.m. – 12:30 a.m.
- **ROWDY BEAVER DEN** *Vine*

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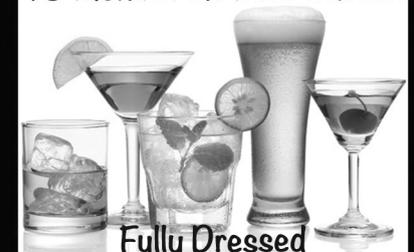


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SUNDAY – JUNE 9

• BALCONY RESTAURANT

Staymore, 12–3 p.m., *Jeff Lee*, 5 p.m.

• CHELSEA'S *Chucky Waggs*, 6–9 p.m.

• LUMBERYARD RESTAURANT

& SALOON Free Texas Hold 'Em Tournament *with prizes*, 6 p.m.

• NEW DELHI CAFÉ *James White Trio*, 12–3 p.m., *Vine Brothers*, 5–9 p.m.

• ROWDY BEAVER DEN

Isayah's All Stars Duo, 1–5 p.m.

• SQUID & WHALE PUB *The Travel Guide + Japanese Game Show*, *Rock, Geebo, Mung twist*

MONDAY – JUNE 10

• CHASERS BAR & GRILL *Bike Night with Tessa*, 7 p.m.

• CHELSEA'S *SpringBilly*, 9 p.m.

• SQUID & WHALE PUB

Disaster Piece Theater

• VOULEZ-VOUS *Locals Night*

TUESDAY – JUNE 11

• 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 – JUNE 12

• CHASERS BAR & GRILL *Beer Pong*

• CHELSEA'S *Handmade Moments*, 9 p.m. *Drink & Draw*

• NEW DELHI CAFÉ *Open Jam*

• PIED PIPER CATHOUSE LOUNGE *Wheat Wednesday Draft Beer Specials*

• ROWDY BEAVER *Wine Wednesday*

• SQUID & WHALE PUB *Pickled*

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THURSDAY – JUNE 13

BLUES FEST BEGINS!

• BAREFOOT BALLROOM–
BASIN PARK HOTEL *Victor*

Wainwright & The Wildroots, 9 p.m.

• BASIN PARK BANDSHELL

Jones Van Jones, 12 p.m.; *Nathan A*, 1:30 p.m.; *Isayah's AllStars*, 3 p.m.; *Brick Fields*, 4:30 p.m.

• CHASERS BAR & GRILL *Taco & Tequila Night*

• CHELSEA'S *Baby Jason with Earl & Them*, 9 p.m.

• GRAND TAVERNE *Jerry Yester Grand Piano Dinner Music*, 6:30–9:30 p.m.

• JACK'S PLACE *Karaoke w/ DJ Goose*, 8 p.m. – midnight

• LUMBERYARD RESTAURANT & SALOON *DJ Karaoke*

• NEW DELHI CAFÉ *Randy Beach*, 6:30–10:30

• SQUID & WHALE PUB *Lil' Slim Night*

• 302 ON THE SQUARE

(Berryville) *Monastary Dogs*, 6–8 p.m.



VICTOR WAINWRIGHT & THE WILDROOTS – Kicking off **Eureka Springs Blues Weekend** at The Barefoot Ballroom, Basin Park Hotel on Thursday, June 13. Doors open at 8 p.m., show starts at 9 p.m.

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Lights, camera ... you!

You've posted on YouTube, now show your stuff off to a live audience at the newly-created Five Minute Film Fest on June 28 in Basin Spring Park. Entries are now being accepted!

Eureka Springs Downtown Network (ESDN) is looking for your five-minute film as part of the ESDN Fun After 5! series, so grab the camera, phone or create one on a computer. All ages are welcome to submit a film, but it must be no longer than five minutes. All family-friendly genres are accepted, and there is no theme.

Everyone who submits a film gets treated to a red carpet experience along with his or her cast and crew. Through a partnership with EurekaSpringsChannel.com, interviews with film "celebrities" will be shown online.

Starting at 5 p.m. the Fun After 5! Five Minute Film Festival will also feature filmmaking sessions with ESDN and Edward Robison, who will work with festival attendees to create stop action films. There will also be activities and fun for all ages while waiting for the submitted films to be shown after dusk.

Three films will be selected for top honors, and there will also be an audience choice. Judges will be announced prior to the festival.

Submission period ends June 20. Find entry forms at eureka Springs downtown.com/film-fest/. Films must be no longer than five minutes, including credits, and must be received no later than 5 p.m. June 20. All submissions must be complete. No works in progress will be accepted.

All films must be made by residents of Arkansas. Final approval of films shown during the festival will be at the discretion of ESDN.

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crowds and some of the best bands too; Rebellion, The Coup (politically minded hip hop from the mid-1990s), Shovels and Rope, Gogol Bordello and Widespread Panic. Gogol Bordello features Eugene Hutz from Ukraine, a charismatic and spell binding performer of gypsy punk. Impossible to not dance along, and utterly unforgettable in style, feel and music.

Widespread Panic played about 25 songs over nearly three hours and was the highlight of the festival. Closer to their 30th anniversary they left everyone thoroughly satisfied with their impeccable outdoor performance. Some of their more dedicated fans were ecstatic while discussing the set lists.

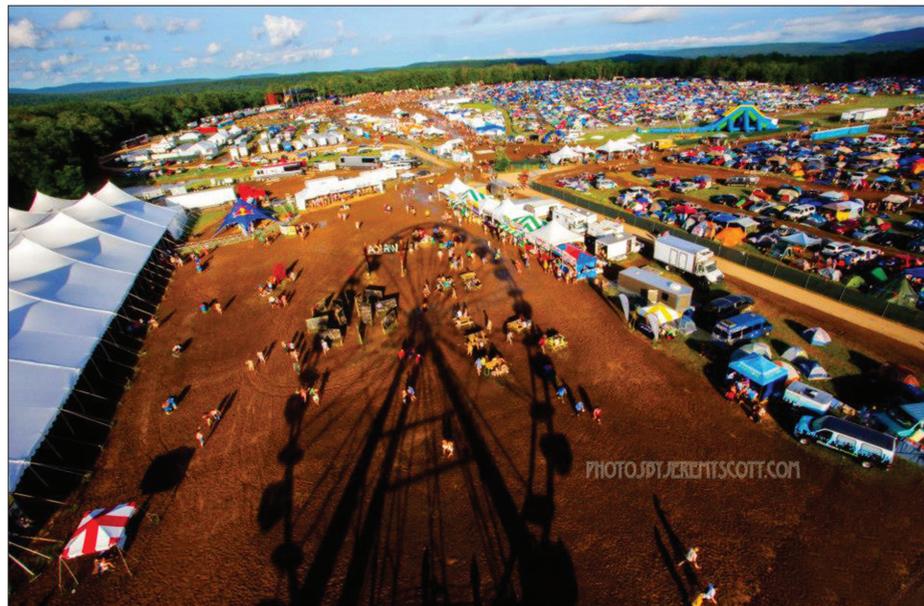
Saturday night ended with some zingers! Umphrey's McGee and Dirtfoot. While walking from Widespread Panic, I separated from my friends and went to see Dirtfoot playing at Backwood's Stage. They performed at our own Cathouse Beer Garden on St. Patrick's Day. At Wakarusa they played some exciting new songs I haven't experienced that improve on their eclectic sound. Saturday there was no rain.

Sunday, fourth and final day. I visited the Ice Cold Fatty campsite and we displayed our schadenfreud without haste to anyone trying to escape the mud pits. A nice boy from Texas was

offering \$50 tow jobs but some were reticent. They believed in their expert front-wheel drive operation skills and were disgusted by our behavior. After one successful escape I meandered back to the festival grounds for The Green, a great reggae outfit. A little later I witnessed Icona Pop, a female duo from Sweden, something else those two! Their song "I Love It" has been a MTV fave and it was intriguing to see it live in a big muddy tent.

Rebellion, an on the rise reggae outfit played songs such as "Closer I Get" and "Good Vibes." Their second set of the festival on Sunday afternoon was a great midtempo, hazy, skanking affair with everyone bobbing their heads along with them grooves. Asked, "Why reggae?" and their bassist responded, "Timeless sound, also known as World Music."

If you're in Europe this summer they can be found at Glastonbury Festival with 180,000 others. Sunday night's headliner was Snoop Lion, aka Snoop Dogg. His set was a DJ'd affair of his career-spanning hits remixed to highlight verses and hooks from those tracks. He cruised in about 19 minutes before his performance and we cruised out after we heard a Katy Perry remix. What a fantastic finish hearing Snoop's unmistakable croon over the loudspeakers in the Ozark Mountains of Franklin County.





Angels cut ribbon – Friends and representatives from the Greater Eureka Springs Chamber of Commerce help new owners Dana Novak and Patricia Wilson of Angels of Eureka cut the official red ribbon during their Grand Opening. The serenity and memorial gift shop is located at 9 N. Main in Eureka Springs and is dedicated to supporting local and national charities for children and trauma victims.



Drumming up some fun – Diane Gonzalez watches other drummers during a rhythm change in a drumming session at Basin Park Saturday, June 1. About 25 drummers drew a crowd of more than 100 listeners and dancers for the rhythm session.

PHOTO BY DAVID FRANK DEMPSEY



Edgewood is open – Representatives and members of the Greater Eureka Springs Chamber of Commerce helped Edgewood Manor Bed & Breakfast Inn's new owners cut the official red ribbon and celebrate the Inn's Grand Opening at 27 Paxos. Pictured from left are Dale Bishop, Toni Rose, Christan Anderson, owners Cathi Dixon and Robert Hotchkiss cutting the ribbon, Kim McGee, Debbie Coleman and Mike Bishop.

Appreciation – Merritt Taylor, 11, watches two large dogs, Max and Rudy, enjoy being guests at the table (yes, the black and white one is sitting) during the Good Shepherd Humane Shelter's Volunteer Appreciation Party Saturday, June 1.



Goin' fishin' (anyway!)

– Tuesday morning rain notwithstanding, James Jones, left, Lance Clinkscale and Jeff Passmore set out in search of hungry fish on Lake Leatherwood. The three traveled from Little Rock or a little relaxation and weren't going to let rain or indifferent fish detour them.

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I had a little oopsie at the Aud last Saturday. Like most of the city's employees, I wear several hats peripherally related to the primary job description. One of those hats could best be described as Building Engineer/Janitor.

So, anyway, Saturday morning found me down at the Aud getting ready for that evening's Rhythm House dance recital. Once the group was well established in rehearsal, I took a few moments to catch up on some maintenance issues; in this case replacing several dead batteries in emergency lighting fixtures. The first two were a piece of cake. Take out two screws, open the housing, unplug old battery, plug in new one, and put it all back together.

The third one was the charm. Or, more accurately, the bad mojo evil cursed antithesis thereof. In this one, the normally sealed lead acid battery had ruptured and leaked all over the inside of the fixture housing but, insidiously, gave no outward indication of the threat lurking within. When I opened it, the puddled acid dripped out. And caught me square in the left eye.

You'd be surprised at how rapidly you can get



down off a ladder, find your way across the lobby to the handicapped restroom with your eyes clenched shut, and plunge your face into as much running water as possible all while in some considerable discomfort. "In some considerable discomfort" in this context meaning "Oh dear god I'll need to learn some new expletives to describe this."

After flushing for about ten minutes, I decided a trip to the ER was in order. I had no more stepped out the door when Jim Swiggart passed by, saw that I was in distress and gave me a ride to the hospital. Thank you, sir.

The experience at the ES hospital is a subject for yet another discussion altogether.

So, a trip to WRMC and consultation with a doctor who actually examined my eye and confirmed an acid-etched cornea with seriously inflamed lids and tear duct. Treatment with ophthalmic antibiotics, some pain medication, and some time (that's the hard part) promise good odds of recovery with minimal permanent impairment. In the meantime, I can be glad that I'm not reliant on stereoscopic vision to hunt down prey in order to survive.

Now, as to the other possible interpretation of this column's heading – I'm somewhat gratified that most folks recognized last week's offering for the satire it was intended to be. I hope it will also be remembered as a cautionary tale. It wasn't all that long ago that there was serious discussion around the council table of mothballing the auditorium. Those thoughts – and their proponents – are still out there. Unless there's a serious turnaround in local support, these proposals may yet gain traction.

Calling all ham-sters

Little Switzerland Amateur Radio Club will meet Thursday, June 13, at noon at the Pizza Hut on US 62 in Eureka Springs for lunch, monthly meeting and a picture presentation of the work done at our repeater site.

Thursday, June 20, at 6:30 p.m., the Little Switzerland Amateur Radio Club will meet in the Berryville Mercy Hospital meeting room for a picture presentation of the work done at our repeater site. Refreshments will be served.

For more information contact patriciadean@cox.net.

3rd Annual Military Heroes Benefit Ride June 22

The 3rd Annual Military Heroes Benefit Ride invites you to join in a scenic ride through Northwest Arkansas and Southern Missouri (helmet required), on June 22 to honor our local military families.

Entry fee is \$20 per rider at www.OperationRenewal.org or \$25 per rider at the event. Registration is 9 – 9:30 a.m. and cost includes breakfast and lunch.

The ride will take place from 9:45 a.m. – 1:45 p.m., starting from Wallis and Witcher VFW Post 3031, 11160 N. Old Wire Rd. in Rogers, Ark., and ending at the Eureka Springs Chamber of Commerce. For more information, phone Ron (479) 935-1986 or email rdillbert@operationrenewal.org.

PASSAGES

Floyd Carroll Evans, Dec. 26, 1957 – June 4, 2013

Floyd Carroll Evans, a resident of Huntsville, Arkansas, was born December 26, 1957 in Eureka Springs, a son of Louie Charles and Lela Dean (Ash) Evans. He departed this life Tuesday, June 4, 2013, in Huntsville at age 55 with his family and friends by his side.

Floyd attended the Green Forest Cowboy Church in Green Forest and was involved with several rodeo and local softball organizations. He owned and operated Evans Construction and Excavation Company from 1976-2005. During this time he built several motels in Eureka Springs and Branson. He was also a cattle rancher and poultry farmer.

He loved to hunt, team rope and be with family and friends. He was a man full of life and love. People



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were drawn to him and he always gave back to his friends in need. He had a giving heart and donated a lot of time and work to help others.

He is survived by two daughters, Macy Evans, Washington Court House, Ohio; Tammy and husband, Charlie Hood, Berryville, Ark.; and one son, Travis and wife, JoBeth Evans, of Huntsville; two grandchildren, Jerrod and Jaden Hood of Berryville; three sisters, Judy and husband, Bill Worley Berryville; Karen Donaldson, Berryville; and Shirley and husband, Don Calhoun, Springdale, Ark.; nephew Shannon and wife, Jessica Evans of Cave Springs, Ark.; also by a very special friend, Shelly Evans and her two daughters, Fallon Curry and Morgan

Ursery and a host of other relatives and friends.

He is preceded by his parents; six brothers, Troy Evans, Gary "Bear" Evans, Lonnie Evans, Lloyd Evans, Lee Vie Evans and L.C. Evans; and two sisters, Louise Standlee and Lena Sue Evans.

Funeral service was June 6 at the Charles M. Nelson Memorial Chapel in Berryville with Rev. Billy McCall and Rev. Billy Williams officiating. Interment will follow the service in the Berryville Memorial Cemetery under the direction of Nelson Funeral Service.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Heart Association Processing Center POB 1653 Topeka, KS 66601 or the Green Forest Cowboy Church Building Fund POB 883 Green Forest, AR 72638. Online condolences may be sent to the family at nelsonfuneral.com.

June 9 at UUF

Justin Easter will present the second installment of "Crop Circles," about his journey to England to discover the mystery behind these beautiful works of art. All are welcome at the Eureka Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 17 Elk Street. Please join us Sundays at 11 a.m. for a program followed by coffee and snacks. Childcare is provided. Extra parking at Ermilio's Restaurant lot, 26 White Street.

Intro to Genealogy program at Carnegie Library

A free introduction to a genealogy program, sponsored by the Friends of the Eureka Springs Carnegie Library, will be held Tuesday, June 18, 7 – 8 p.m. in the Friends Room at the library annex, 194 Spring Street. Sean Franklin, former support representative of online genealogy site, Ancestry.Com, will give the presentation. A question and answer period will follow.

Friends of the Carnegie Library plan to host several more in-depth workshops if there is an interest. For further information phone (479) 253-8754.

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It transitioned into Memorial Day weekend and we had wonderful weather. It was really good. That is a good omen for the summer season. We will have a strong summer season. We get so many return visitors. There is a lot to do. Our attractions are ramped up nicely."

Maloney said there are more things to do here such as the new Ozark Mountain Zipline, the North Main Music Park and the Pig Trail Kart 'n Golf.

"Obviously, Turpentine Creek is a great attractor," Maloney said. "Merchants have good, unique merchandise. That is another thing that contributes to the success of our town. You have to take your hat off to

retailers. They have been creative in their buying. They offer things you just don't find in big box stores. It is a great opportunity to showcase something unique to the region."

The number of people riding trolleys in Eureka Springs Memorial Day weekend was down this year compared to 2012. However, tram tours were up, as was parking at the Transit Center on US 62.

"Because of the weather, March, April and most of May have not been kind to us for general ridership on the trolley," Ken "Smitty" Smith said. "When the weather is bad, people don't come to town. The heat doesn't bother us that much, but extreme weather like we've had is hard on the transit system."

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I would have responded immediately to ask why," White said. But the letter never arrived and her license was not suspended.

She was approached on June 1 by ESPD and was shocked to hear there was a warrant for her arrest. She was allowed to turn herself in on June 2 and was booked and fingerprinted. "This is totally my own fault, and I can't tell you how creepy it feels to look at a piece of paper with my picture on it that says 'Prisoner Intake Form' at the top."

Bond was set at \$600 and waived until her next court appearance. "I'll remember to be there this time," White said. "It's a lesson in paying closer attention to responsibilities outside of work and not letting things

slide. Anyone out there who has something like this pending, my advice is to get on it right now."

Bond amounts for violations raised

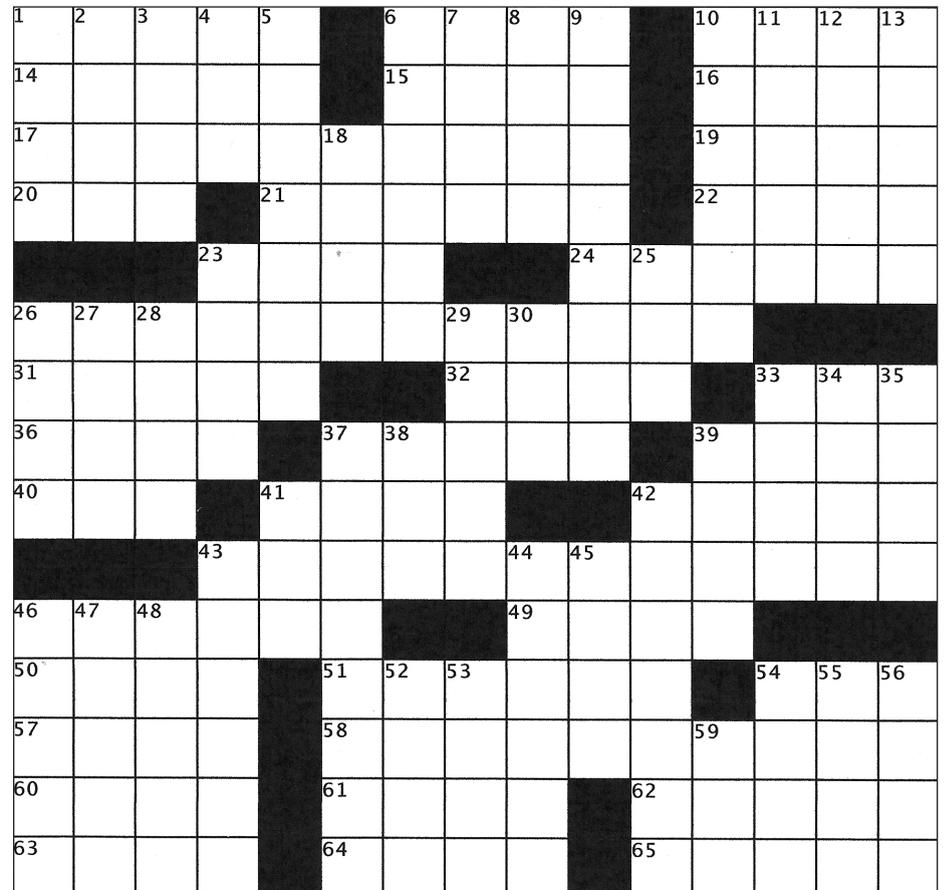
The Eureka Springs Police Department has posted a Public Notice that the State of Arkansas has raised the bond amount on a No Seat Belt citation to \$50, and has also raised the bond on a No Proof of Insurance citation, when proof is provided after the fact, to \$50. The state has also raised the court fee on all time pays, regardless of when they were started, to \$10.



INDEPENDENT Crossword

by Chuck Levering

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| ACROSS | | 46. Out of the country | 18. Swiss river |
| 1. Failed to do | 6. Hemp or flax fiber | 49. Toward the mouth | 25. Consumed |
| 10. Pornography | 14. Basket making twig | 50. A small combo | 26. Foretell, in Inverness |
| 15. Chills and fever | 16. Bell sound | 51. A do over | 27. Prod |
| 17. Taking someone's works as your own | 19. Destroy | 54. Some cars wear this | 28. Spherical hammer head |
| 20. Moray, e.g. | 21. Forty winks | 57. Raise up | 29. Alternate or second |
| 22. Really enjoying | 23. Golfer's shout | 58. The process of boiling | 30. Sticky stuff |
| 24. Elopement tool | 26. Do more than required | 60. Fit to work | 33. Notoriety |
| 31. Primp | 32. Carry | 61. Only | 34. Of the ear |
| 33. Watch pocket | 36. Old | 62. Perspire | 35. Crooked |
| 37. Lake on California-Nevada border | 39. Diminish | 63. A clairvoyant | 37. Fertilize the crop |
| 40. Night, poetically | 41. Tetherball fixture | 64. Fit of pique | 38. Pub quaff |
| 42. Street urchin | 43. Fastidious | 65. Too many to count | 39. Poet |
| DOWN | | 41. Myanmar money | 42. Ashy |
| 1. Opium, e.g. | 2. Tiny landmass | 43. An owl | 44. Jewelry setting |
| 3. Old phones had one | 4. Not pos. | 45. One type of exam | 46. Book of maps |
| 5. Minuteman's hat | 6. Trade | 47. Payola | 48. Long gun |
| 7. Not for | 8. Capital of Elam | 52. Black | 53. Hungarian sheepdog |
| 9. Pattern | 10. Walk with long steps | 54. Coffin stand | 55. Highway |
| 11. Small pile | 12. Get together as one | 56. Pay to play | 59. Required to tango |
| 13. Highest male voice | | | |

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preservation organization.

“Should STO be granted intervener status, Staff requests that intervention by STO be limited to furthering the entity’s mission of environmental conservation and protection.”

“As indicated in order #4, STO is not allowed to represent individual interests,” said John P. Bethel, executive director of the APSC. “Staff argued to the administrative law judge that the organization Save The Ozarks’ stated purpose is to protect the environment, and not to represent individual landowners. After that decision, some landowners who were involved with STO have jointly petitioned to intervene. The intervention deadline has passed.”

Pat Costner, a founding member of STO whose solar-powered homestead is in the path of four of SWEPCO’s proposed routes, questioned whether there is precedent for this type of order preventing citizens linking together to be represented by an attorney. Costner said most residents don’t have the financial resources to hire an attorney for lengthy and expensive proceedings like this, and that is why they banded together.

“What was the purpose of their limiting our participation?” Costner asks. “What is their objective?”

STO attorney Richard Mays met with APSC staff to discuss STO being blocked from being able to represent the interests of property owners. He filed a motion May 30 for clarification that STO “can participate fully for the purposes of discovery, presentation of evidence, examination and cross-examination

“What was the purpose of their limiting our participation? What is their objective?”

– Pat Costner

of witnesses and argument insofar as such matters related to the effect of SWEPCO’s proposed projects... STO requests clarification as to whether the potential impact of SWEPCO’s proposed project and facilities upon the property of STO’s individual members may be referenced by STO as part of the effect of such project and facilities upon the general environment.

“STO also requests that the Order be clarified to specify that STO’s participation in this includes presentation of evidence, examination and cross-examination of witnesses and arguments on the issues of public need and necessity for the proposed project and facilities, economic issues and all other issues that will arise in this matter in addition to those affecting the environment. Such clarification at this time will avoid potential time-consuming argument during future proceedings in this matter with other parties who may read Order # 4 more narrowly.”

Mays said he is not as concerned about the scope of the order as he was upon first seeing it. “But it is ambiguous, and we need a clarification,” Mays said.

“Assuming that the hearing officer interprets it as I hope she does, I think we will be all right.”

Bethel said there is nothing in the order preventing STO from fully participating in arguments regarding the need for the transmission line. But when asked if STO could also talk about impacts to tourism, the economy and the potential decline in property values for land on or near the route, Bethel said that would be decided by the administrative law judge hearing the case.

STO has taken a different path than some other groups intervening that have limited their objections to particular routes, and not challenging the need for the line. STO is objecting to the project in its entirety, claiming that it is not needed. Only after the APSC rules that a project is needed does it proceed to determine the best route for the project.

“The staff of the commission has the responsibility to consider the public interest and look and see if the application has satisfied statutory requirements for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need,” Bethel said. “If there is a

need for the facility, then the commission determines whether the preferred route is more reasonable or if one of the other routes might be more reasonable. It could recommend some combination of the segments. Recommendations are based on the evidence.”

Bethel said there is nothing in Order #4 that prevents STO from talking about the need for the project. All direct testimony, exhibits or documentary evidence are to be filed by interveners by June 28, with rebuttals by SWEPCO due by July 19. Public hearings are scheduled July 15 at the Inn of the Ozarks in Eureka Springs and July 17 at the Embassy Suites Northwest Arkansas in Rogers.

Costner said interveners are being required to submit their entire case before the APSC holds public hearings. “That’s unheard of,” Costner said.

Bethel said there would be substantial opportunities after the public hearing for interveners to make additional filings in rebuttal testimony, and even as late as the evidentiary hearing before the administrative law judge that begins Aug. 26 there would be opportunity for public comment if someone’s concerns had not yet been heard.

The hearing before Administrative Law Judge Connie Griffin that begins Aug. 26 is expected to last several days. Griffin will review the case and then issue an order, which can be accepted, modified or rejected by the three-member APSC appointed by the governor. If the APSC doesn’t issue an order within 30 days, the decision goes into effect.

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power to his house, but supplies a few neighbors. The line runs along the only flat part of his property suitable for a greenhouse. He isn’t sure why there is sudden urgency about the matter when the greenhouse has been in place for six years. He believes he may have attracted the attention of CECC when he installed a water wheel for generating electricity about a year ago. The water wheel is connected to the grid with net metering so Giri is credited with electricity generated by water.

“I did install a water wheel and

I guess that got their attention when I did that,” Giri said. “This year they come around with threats. It seems to me there is a connection there. For the amount of money they want to move the power lines, I could install solar voltaic panels to produce my own power.

“They are supposed to be a cooperative, I’m supposed to be a member, and that is how they treat us,” he said. “They don’t return calls. And with all the money they have, it is ridiculous that they are threatening my life and my livelihood for something that is not even harming them. It is just

a regulation.”

CECC has been under fire from members for not operating like a cooperative and showing a lack of democratic governance through things like making rules so restrictive that members can’t nominate someone to run for the board of directors. In 2011 Marcie Brewster had more than 1,000 signatures nominating her, and was not allowed on the ballot.

In previous years large numbers of protesters showed up at CECC annual meetings upset with the lack of democratic governance and widespread

herbicide spraying on rights-of-way. At the 2012 meeting no members were allowed to speak, members were searched for weapons and there was a large police presence. This year only two members showed up to the annual meeting.

There was only one candidate running in the election, one selected by the board.

CECC CEO Rob Boaz made a reported \$419,673 in 2010. Since January CECC rates to residential customers have increased about ten percent.



Bee colony collapse – due to diet?

Bees – along with wasps, flies, and butterflies – pollinate the world’s flowering plants. Grasses, including corn and wheat, use the wind for pollination. Even tomatoes can do this.

Originally from Asia, domesticated honeybees are only 1 of 20,000 bee species, and were not present in the Americas until brought over by settlers to join the 4,000 wild species already living here. Wild bees, such as bumblebees, mason bees, carpenter bees, plumber bees (just kidding), and other solitary bees are better pollinators as they visit more flowers and so distribute more pollen than honeybees.

Wild bees generally don’t make hives and don’t store honey. Most live in the ground, in holes in wood, or in hollow twigs. Although wild bees were once responsible for all pollination on this continent, the monoculture system has removed much of their habitat and food sources by cultivating large swaths of land. When the almond trees in California come into bloom honeybees are shipped by semi-trailers from around the country to pollinate the flowers.

It’s been in the news for a decade that honeybee colonies have been dying off. While there is still reasonable doubt to the causes, a lack of diversity in

their diet may be leading to observed weakened immune systems. Research has shown that a pesticide class called neonicotinoids is not immediately lethal, but may be the cause of Colony Collapse Disorder. Continued exposure may be causing many problems in bees – such as not being able to find their way to their food sources or back home. Last month the European Union took precaution and banned neonicotinoid pesticides.

Neonicotinoids are rarely used at home except for fleas and ticks on dogs. However, they are applied on most corn, canola and soybeans and also used on cotton, potatoes, apples and vegetables.

It is a systemic pesticide taken up into plant tissues (including flowers) and may persist for years in soil. Bees are most likely to become affected through accumulation of pesticides in their honey.

Somehow citizens of the richest nation on earth can’t afford to eat clean food. Here’s a tip from the capitalist king, Warren Buffett: “It’s better to buy a wonderful business at a fair price than a fair business at a wonderful price.” This can be applied to virtually every area of life.

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checked our I.D.s and our purses. No wonder none of the other 80,000 or so “members” attended their own meeting!

We weren’t allowed to say anything, either. After repeating what they’d done for about 15 minutes, it was all over!

Spokeswoman Nancy Plagge explained that there had been “threats to employees” in the past and they would not tolerate it!

Directors were recycled again and the lone candidate “won.” If I weren’t so old, I’d be tempted to “jump through the hoops” to apply for the very well-paying job myself. Right now “members” have no voice. We really need some “new blood” on the Board of Directors, I think.

Mrs. Gene Lichti

Buyer beware

Editor,

Years ago, when my parents bought my older brother his first car, they gave him a Ford Falcon which was a great gift at the time. It was fairly spiffy and performed well.

When it was time for me to get a vehicle, my dad, as was the typical mode of operation for 1960s’ dads back in those days, simply called up the Ford dealership that his father and his grandfather had always dealt with and told them to send over a new Falcon.

Unfortunately for my father and for me, the newly developed Mustang had just arrived for the first time on the showroom floor.

My father never thought to ask me what I wanted; he never thought about the opinions of my brother or mother; it never occurred to him that – if he shopped around - there might be something newer, more advanced and more appropriate for a teen available. He simply exercised the power he had.

School Board, you have the legal right to hire any Superintendent you want but you do not have the moral right to the attitude and arrogance of a ‘60s dad.

The Arkansas School Boards Association refers to the search for a new superintendent as “a weighty, time-consuming undertaking.” Don’t shirk your duty. Make an informed decision. Actively listen to what the various community groups want and need. Take the time to “kick the tires” on any “new models” that might be available.

Ultimately, a Falcon might be the best choice for this district; but, you might decide after a proper search that we need a Mustang. Either way, it is the “open, honest, fair and impartial” process that matters.

Robert E. Thomas

An alternative to injustice

Editor,

I prefer looking at life through the lens of metaphysics. I strive to see what situations are really saying, rather than what I’ve become accustomed to

thinking. For instance, what is home?

Home is safety, love, comfort, etc. So when events happen which seem senseless or destructive, I examine what is really going on. A hog farm being built in a pristine area of peace and beauty seems a travesty that couldn’t happen with our present state of evolved consciousness. But it has. What does that stand for? Greed, impurity, neglect, lack of love.

Then we have an electric company wanting to build huge transmission lines in the name of helping us. Do we really need this? It’s hard to tell because the powers that be tell us what they want us to know, in the interest of getting their way.

When I look at the bullying attitude taken by many corporations, I see not only greed and the desire for more and more of everything, but fear: Fear of change. There is a fear of moving forward with clean fuel, innovative ways of providing for our needs, and other Jetson-like ways of living. A few people’s desire to control our food supply and energy sources has created a world which bears little resemblance to the dreams of our childhood.

There are many ways to help by active resistance to these events. One avenue I’ve been led to follow is supporting locally-grown organic food production and not eating any GMO foods.

Seeing situations through a spiritual outlook opens avenues for us to facilitate change that may not be

thought of if we become embroiled in passionate fighting against these entities. Mother Teresa told us that she would not march against war, but would march for peace. I hope you’ll join me in supporting alternatives to injustice and disharmonious activity.

I ask everyone to support Save the Ozarks by sending them money. It’s necessary to hire attorneys and expert witnesses. We have a great group of people working toward keeping our forests and vistas pure, but they need our help. Please send donations to: Save the Ozarks, P. O. Box 142, Eureka Springs, AR 72632

Marsha Havens

Orange crush of signs

Editor,

I hope all you folks who haven’t bought your “Orange Slash SWEPCO” signs get them while they last. I know the UPS store has them, but look at the *Save the Ozarks* website at www.savetheozarks.org for the other locations or ask around. Each sign is \$5 and comes with its own stand. Even if you are off the beaten track, posting the signs tells your neighbors you’re concerned and have their backs.

Wouldn’t it be great to see a sign outside everyone’s home or business, especially when the SWEPCO reps come to town? A sea of orange could be blinding.

Enid B. Swartz

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two dorms. The location, he says, is in a well-secluded area with rough terrain that “will be very hard if not impossible for the abuser to find.” There would also be a live-in law officer only seconds away if needed; and there are many people willing to volunteer when the shelter opens – a basic staff ready to go.

Much of the funding would be used to pay off the property mortgage. They are keeping the option open of finding a less expensive place.

The dream is to offer safety for women and children escaping from an abuser, but beyond that to provide counseling, help with job placement, aid in finding a good attorney and offer prayer and help with getting a new start in life free of abuse.

The ministry is nondenominational. “We accept everyone; we are all God’s children. There is no judgment, no discrimination,” Whitley said. The ministry, which has put homeless people up in motels and paid utilities for the needy in the winter, has never turned anyone away, according to Whitley who cites Isaiah 58 which supplicates to the feed hungry, shelter the homeless and clothe the poor.

Arnold said there is a need for a domestic violence shelter in Carroll County because victims in the county usually have little choice but to return to their offenders. Sometimes victims can go to another county’s shelter, but often these are full and even when they are not, there are numerous problems associated with housing abuse victims in a city up to 90 minutes away. Children are uprooted from schools they attend, and women are too far from their jobs. These factors, according to

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Arnold, are often cited as a reason for not seeking protection.

Transportation is also a big issue. Carroll County, Arnold said, does not have the resources to transport victims. Other counties sometimes provide transportation, but there are other complications with housing women and children far from their homes.

She said annually there are approximately 100 domestic abuse cases prosecuted by the state in Carroll County, not including misdemeanor cases prosecuted by Carroll County cities, or domestic violence cases that never reach the courts.

The county has many repeat victims – including recent murder victim, Laura Aceves – and having no local shelter exacerbates the problem. “In most cases the victims recant when the offender is on his or her own ‘good behavior’ and the offender vows to never do this again,” Arnold said. “The victims then do not want to testify, which makes the case more difficult to prosecute. With a shelter in this community, investigators would be able to meet with victims before they leave and obtain all statements and photos necessary to prosecute.” But if victims move to another county, “Then we lose contact with them and have no witness for their case.”

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