



Human rights for human beings – The United States Supreme Court ruled 5-4 Wednesday morning that the Defense of Marriage Act, which defined marriage as only between one man and one woman, is unconstitutional. The ruling means same-sex married couples are eligible for the same federal benefits as those in opposite-sex marriages. An enthusiastic smattering of jubilant and involved supporters of the decision gathered in Basin Park to celebrate.

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Did SWEPCO target Carroll County?

BECKY GILLETTE

There are six routes SWEPCO has under consideration for the proposed 345 kV power line from Shipe Road in Benton County to near the Kings River north of Berryville. Opponents say the proposed line is four times larger than what is needed to serve the electrical needs of Carroll County, and that a shorter route to achieve the power upgrades through Bella Vista wasn't chosen because it is an elite, high-income community.

"We are a rural, low population, relatively low income county, so this really is an environmental justice issue," said Pat Costner, a retired Greenpeace senior scientist and spokesperson for the anti-transmission line group, Save The Ozarks. "Bella Vista would have been a more direct route. If there were more of us and we had a lot more money, we would not be facing this threat."

The Environmental Protection Agency states that environmental justice is the fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all people regardless of race, color, national origin or income with respect to the development, implementation and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies.

"EPA has this goal for all communities and persons across this nation," states the EPA website on

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This Week's INDEPENDENT Thinker

Who could it be but Wendy Davis?

The Texas state senator knew Republicans were going to pass another restrictive abortion law, sticking non-productive legislation into the lives of those who can, or not, give birth.

The only chance to prevent Dark Ages enslavement was a filibuster.

Davis took the podium and abided by the rules. She was to stand and talk only about abortion until the midnight deadline. No food, water or breaks for 11 hours.

She talked until 11:45 when she was told to stop, but the gallery crowd cheered for 15 minutes so the vote could not be taken. It's her gumption we admire, whatever her political leaning.

Makes us want a Don't Mess With Texas t-shirt.



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INDEPENDENTNews

Weekly rentals debated; second reading passes

NICKY BOYETTE

Eureka Springs City Council continues to wrestle with how to legislate a solution to the controversy of properties in the R-1 zone being rented for less than a month. While some consider it legitimate, others see it as sneaking through a legal loophole in which Arkansas law and Eureka Springs law seem to contradict each other.

Alderman Mickey Schneider was firmly opposed to proposed Ordinance 2184 which would prohibit weekly rentals in R-1 and impose a \$500 per day fine on property owners who rent for fewer than 31 days. Schneider's first objection was to the number of days mentioned in the ordinance because the calendar does not divide itself into equal months.

Alderman James DeVito pointed out the ordinance addresses only residential zones, not commercial. Schneider countered that commercial zones are not historic and visitors want to appreciate Victorians. Alderman Joyce Zeller pointed out the R-2 and R-3 zones have Victorians and tourist lodgings, and DeVito added there are Victorian properties in commercial zones available for monthly rental.

Schneider then asked, "Why are trying to end weekly rentals instead of giving them their own designation?"

Weaver responded that city council in the mid-'90s decided to restrict tourist lodgings in R-1 and require Conditional Use Permits in R-2 and R-3. The sentiment at the time stemmed from an effort to protect the integrity of neighborhoods.

Schneider then pointed out when larger families go on vacation, they look for a rental with a kitchen because they cannot afford to eat out every meal. She stated council is telling those families "too bad, we don't want you." And as for protecting neighborhoods, she sees that renting out a one-bedroom cottage is not disrupting the neighborhood.

"I have such a problem telling people who want to come here we don't have what you want," she said.

Alderman Terry McClung said he wants to make sure council has a list of the handful of properties in question before he will approve the third reading of the ordinance.

Alderman Dee Purkeypile said a logical and simpler solution would be to require these properties to have a CUP,

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Gavioli Chapel rezoning to go to council

NICKY BOYETTE

A hotly-debated topic at the Planning Commission meeting Tuesday was whether small entertainment venues should be added to the list of accepted uses for the C-3 zone. Ten individuals used their three minutes to describe a wide landscape of support and opposition to the topic.

Controversy arose because of the present use of the Gavioli Chapel, a historic stone building at 80 Mountain constructed in 1901 as a church. By the end of the 20th century, the building was sold to a private individual who used it mostly for weddings. In 2006 it was purchased by Marty and Elise Roenigk, owners of the Crescent Hotel. For the past two years it has been the venue for Intrigue Theater, a performance by illusionist Sean-Paul and his wife, Juliana Fay. Zoning for the building, though, has not kept pace with the changes, and small entertainment venues have not been added to the list of accepted uses in the C-3 zone.

Steve Beacham, a close neighbor of the chapel, said he liked the weddings there but objected to the rezoning, which he classified as spot zoning, to accommodate one business. Gwen Bennett agreed. She asked Planning to be careful and consider what is healthy for neighborhoods, not just this one but all over town. Cheryl Garrett agreed with Bennett, saying she lives directly west of Gavioli Chapel, and acknowledged she has enjoyed Intrigue Theater, but the problem is the location. She cited traffic issues in the residential area connected to performances even after midnight.

Ellen and Craig Cutting, who live nearby, opposed the zoning change. Ellen described their neighborhood as a "neighborhood in crisis," and said rezoning would add to the crisis. Craig said the city might as well throw away zoning laws if it rezones for this. He claimed cars parked at the chapel during performances prevent fire trucks from having access to a certain part of the neighborhood.

Jack Moyer, general manager of the Crescent Hotel and Gavioli Chapel, said, "It is my neighborhood also," and it was his intent to operate legally. He said keeping the building active would help prevent blight in the area, and claimed there was more inappropriate behavior in

the neighborhood when the chapel was not being used regularly.

Bill Ott, marketing director of the Crescent Hotel, liked the fact the neighborhood has this entertainment venue in walking distance. He said audiences are quiet and well-behaved, and visitors were apt to return to town because of entertainment venues like Gavioli Chapel. Barbara Gavron, an innkeeper, said the town was fortunate to have Intrigue Theater and problems being cited were manageable.

Keith Scales, who organizes shows for the Crescent, said it is not unusual for small theaters to be near residential zones, and Gavioli is ideal for this kind of theater. He sees White Street as a second locus for the town, and Gavioli could be an important feature in the unique flavor of the area.

Sean-Paul, the mentalist/illusionist who performs at the Gavioli, said, because of its intimacy, the venue is perfect for his shows. He observed the performances do not use loud music and audiences are usually quiet. He added he had not heard any concerns brought forward during the evening, but is available to discuss any issues.

Commissioner Denys Flaherty moved not to allow small entertainment venues in C-3 zones, and commissioner Ed Leswig pointed out the commission had already voted two weeks ago not to add small entertainment to the list of accepted uses, so no action was necessary. Chair Beverly Blankenship concurred, saying their business at that meeting was just to have the public hearing, and she would take their decision to council, who will make the final determination.

Body identified, case treated as violent crime

C.D. WHITE

Carroll County Sheriff Bob Grudek has released the identity of a woman found partly submerged at the water's edge of the Kings River June 18. The victim is Judy A. Lisle, 55, of County Road 4502 in Berryville.

Grudek told the *Independent* no further information could be released as the case is still under investigation. Lisle's body is currently at the Crime Lab in Little Rock pending autopsy.

Because the death was unattended and foul play is yet to be officially determined by the Crime Lab, "We have to treat it as a violent crime," Grudek said. Further details will be released when the official report is received.

Citizens, CDP fuse to study dam

NICKY BOYETTE

Interested citizens studying the dam at Black Bass Lake have struck a partnership with the Community Development Partnership, alderman Dee Purkeypile told city council at the June 24 meeting. They are looking to find funds, probably \$20,000–50,000, which could be used for a serious study of what to do next with the dam, and will consider repair options as well as decommissioning it. The group intends to form a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization which will set up a website and seek grant funds.

Alderman Terry McClung asked if there was a timeline for what happens next, and Purkeypile said, as far as the dam was concerned, "It could fail, but it appeared to be okay for now. A large rainfall or significant weather event might overtop it with dire consequences. In the meantime, people can still take advantage of the lake by sailing or paddling around it or fishing."

Purkeypile said once the group develops plans and options, they would assign costs and go from there. He will provide updates for council.

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Quorum Court acts to stabilize dispatch system

NICKY BOYETTE

"I don't know what the game is, but we don't want to play it," Berryville Mayor Tim McKinney said to the quorum court regarding a move by Sheriff Bob Grudek, who was not at the meeting, to apparently curtail dispatch services for parts of Carroll County. McKinney suggested the court reappropriate \$100,000 from the sheriff's budget and reassign the entire dispatching operation to the Eureka Springs Police Department.

"I will not allow Berryville officers to be out there blind," McKinney said.

McKinney's remarks were in response to letters Grudek sent to David Muniz, Berryville Chief of Police, and John Bailey, Green Forest Chief of Police, announcing after Oct. 1 his department would no longer enter dispatch information on warrants and stolen property into the Arkansas Crime Information Center (ACIC) for Berryville and Green Forest, nor run vehicle tags or record checks. Grudek's letter stated the sheriff's staff would continue to handle 911 calls. In a second letter, Grudek revoked

"We need him to clean house or we'll move everything to Eureka Springs. They did my dispatch for years with no problems."

— JP Jack Deaton, Holiday Island Fire Chief

an existing strategy for backing up deputies and replaced it with a more limited one.

Others at the June 21 quorum court were also alarmed.

"It appears the sheriff is taking away the purpose of central dispatch. It's frightening. I don't know what he is doing," Justice of the Peace Ron Flake said.

JP Larry Swofford told McKinney, "We're as upset as you are and we're going to do something. Central dispatch ought to cover everything. Wherever we fund it, we're only funding one. I've been quoted in the past as being down on the sheriff, and today suddenly I'm in the majority." He added that Grudek is putting his own deputies at risk.

Newest JP Gaylon Riggs agreed

the court must respond and he called it an emergency. "We appropriate the funds and we can dictate what it is spent on. We need to act quickly to clear up what central dispatch is." He also said Grudek has told the Quorum Court his departments are under budget, so financial distress cannot be the issue. He suggested the court pass an ordinance describing what central dispatch should do.

Deputy Prosecutor Devon Closser pointed out it might be difficult to describe completely what central dispatch is supposed to do, but asked what voters thought they were voting on when they approved a sales tax to fund dispatch. She said her understanding was voters thought central dispatch covered all calls to the sheriff, not just 911, and ultimately it is the sheriff's duty to handle those calls.

JP Lamont Richie said whatever they do, they should make it a long-term solution. He said clearing up the definition of central dispatch was his goal. He commented it is not efficient to have 911 separate from central dispatch.

"We need him to clean house or we'll move everything to Eureka Springs. They did my dispatch for years with no problems," said JP Jack Deaton, who is also the Holiday Island Fire Chief.

Flake suggested they set up a committee to go with Judge Sam Barr to talk to Grudek. He pointed out it is their duty to spend the jail tax money properly.

Barr agreed. "The only honorable thing to do is for me and the court to visit with the sheriff and discuss it with him," Barr told the court. He said if Grudek wants to give up ACIC, he would take it on. "I'll take it and do it very professionally," Barr added.

Flake said he wanted one unified centralized system with someone in charge, and asked Closser for her opinion. She suggested the cleanest way to handle things would be to set up an ordinance describing central dispatch and tie funding to it.

In the end, JP John Reeve moved to have Closser write an ordinance defining duties of central dispatch and present it to JPs and the sheriff before the July meeting.

Resolution opposing Blueway designation

Flake introduced a resolution opposing the designation and recognition of the White River and its watershed as a federal "Blueway." The Department of the Interior claims the National Blueways System "helps coordinate federal, state, and local partners to promote best practices, share information and resources, and encourage active and collaborative stewardship of rivers and their watersheds across the country."

Flake disagreed. He said the Memorandum of Understanding was vague and failed to mention how local authorities would be involved, and the designation could lead to having the entire county, including the Kings River and Osage Creek, fall under federal authority. He thought the process had been underpublicized and failed to involve local politicians.

Reeve said he had read that Sen. John Boozman (R-AR) thought too much confusion surrounded the concept and more information was needed before Arkansas should participate.

A member of the audience pointed out similar programs have worked to assist in local conservation efforts and suggested it be tabled until more information from advocates of Blueway was presented.

Flake countered that as a board member of the Kings River Partnership, he had not heard anything from the Department of Interior about this.

Richie said, regarding the resolution, he would be "embarrassed

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Eureka Springs Cemetery Commission will conduct its regularly scheduled meeting on July 11, 6:30 p.m., in the council room at city hall, 44 Spring Street.

Interviews for the cemetery groundskeeper position will also be conducted on this date at the same location at 4 p.m. prior to the meeting. Interviews will be conducted this date only.

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Basnett gets 30 years for theft ring and arson

NICKY BOYETTE

Richard Dean Basnett was sentenced June 20 to 30 years in state prison for charges related to the fire that burned the Pine Top Motel in Eureka Springs and an extensive theft ring that reached into three states.

Police Chief Earl Hyatt said ESPD Det. Brad Handley was investigating arson of the motel that burned Dec. 8, 2011. The Pine Top was next door to the 1876 Inn, and according to the Affidavit of Warrant, Basnett was the owner of the 1876 Inn.

Handley's investigation led him to Chet Johnson, manager of the 1876 Motel, and Johnson was able to identify Jason Sears whom he said worked for Basnett. With Johnson's help, Handley identified Sears as the person shown in a surveillance image taken during the burglary of tools from a shed at the Pine Top in November 2011. Handley also discovered Sears had been arrested for a burglary in Fayetteville.

Handley also realized Sears was the same individual he had encountered with a truck full of copper items and torches leaving the Victoria Inn the previous June. At that time, Sears said all the items belonged to Basnett, and Basnett confirmed the items were his.

The search for Sears led detectives to a residence in Green Forest where they encountered Eddie Arnold, boyfriend of the daughter of Sears' ex-girlfriend. Arnold told detectives Sears stole items for Basnett and admitted he had accompanied Sears more than once when Sears delivered stolen items to Basnett. Arnold also said he had seen some of the items stolen from the Pine Top in Sears' possession and he said those items had been taken to Basnett's residence in Tahlequah, Okla.

Then Arnold told Handley he had overheard Basnett offering to pay Sears to burn the Pine Top Motel.

A warrant was issued for Sears' arrest, and Taney County (MO) deputies and Branson police tracked him down in a tavern in southern Missouri.

During an interview in the Taney County jail, Sears told Handley Basnett had offered to pay him \$10,000 plus a

pickup if he burned the Pine Top. Sears offered knowledge of the fire only the arsonist would have known.

Sears also recounted details of how he had accompanied and abetted Basnett in a string of thefts involving truck tailgates, zero-radius turn tractors and many other items. Hyatt said the theft ring was extensive and items had been stolen from Mountain Home through northwest Arkansas and southern Missouri into Oklahoma.

Detectives recovered some of the items at the 1876 Inn, and others were found at Basnett's Tahlequah residence. According to another Affidavit of Warrant, Det. Thomas Achord of ESPD stated, "One of the Cherokee County (OK) deputies had pulled a photo off of Basnett's son's Facebook page. It was of Basnett's garage. In the photo were two Kubota zero turn mowers. They were the same model numbers that were taken from Berryville Equipment." In a subsequent search, authorities found the mowers in two storage sheds.

Arnold also told investigators he had acted as a lookout during the theft of truck tailgates. Another unnamed individual told Oklahoma authorities he knew Basnett's son, Devin Ashling, who had helped Ashling hide several truck tailgates in a storage shed. He remembered seeing "Berryville Ford" on the tailgates. He said Ashling sold the tailgates on e-Bay.

Charges against Basnett included ten felony charges and a misdemeanor. Hyatt said in the interest of saving taxpayer dollars for further investigation and trial time, attorneys worked a deal to get 62-year old Basnett off the street by dropping some of the charges in return for guilty pleas to Solicitation to Commit Arson, Class B felony, and Theft of Property, Class B felony. He is also classified as a Habitual Felon, which reduces his chances of getting out early. He faces 360 months in prison, and upon his release, he will be liable for fines and restitution totaling \$11,299.

Hyatt said, "Basnett will be lucky to get out in less than ten years, which seems like a light sentence when you consider all the charges we had against him. Arkansas has a lenient release program, but it is what we have."

Hyatt said Sears and Arnold have not been tried yet.

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AARP Driver Safety Class July 13

There will be a four-hour Driver Safety Class for those 55 and over at Holiday Island Fire Station #1, Holiday Island Drive, on Saturday, July 13 from 8:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. This will be the only class offered until late fall.

Cost for AARP members in \$12, and \$14 for non-members. Class is limited to 25 participants. To register, phone Nick Roster (479) 253-2434.

Super Science Fridays for kids: Trees, and Habitat is Where it's At

June 28: Carnegie Library's Summer Reading Program will host a free Science and Nature class about trees Friday, July 28, 3 p.m. in the Library Annex. Children of all ages are welcome to come and practice identifying some of the common trees in the area by taking a close look at leaves and other characteristics through fun games and hands-on activities. The class will be taught by Lilia Beattie, VP of Curriculum for the NWA Master Naturalists.

July 5: Natalie Casey with Hobbs State Park is bringing in another Super Science Friday on July 5 as a part of the *Dig into Reading* Summer Reading Program. The topic will be where animals live and how they store water and food.

Habitat Is Where It's At will be at the Green Forest Public Library at 10 a.m., Berryville Public Library at 1 p.m. and Eureka Springs Carnegie Public Library at 3 p.m. All programs are free of charge and open to all ages. For more information visit Facebook, www.carrollmadisonlibraries.org, or call Berryville (870) 423-2323 or Eureka Springs (479) 253-8754.

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INDEPENDENTNews

Contentious CUP approved

NICKY BOYETTE

The first Planning Commission agenda of the summer contained three hot items, and it seemed like half the town showed up Tuesday evening with opinions.

Two public hearings consumed the first hour of the meeting. The first one was the public's chance to comment on a request by Joe and Dani Joy for a Conditional Use Permit for a one-unit bed and breakfast at 30 King Street. Mr. Joy represented the request, and told commissioners he had been renting a guest cottage behind the main house already, much to the dismay of some citizens who have accused the Joys of acting illegally. He said they applied for a CUP to assuage any doubts they were acting in accordance with the law.

Joy also addressed the issue of the cottage in question being given a separate address by Building Inspector Bobby Ray. He read a letter from Ray that stated he found the structure to be separate from the main domicile with its own electrical meter. Ray also said Fire Chief Rhys Williams claimed the

cottage would be easier to identify in an emergency with a separate address.

Joy's attorney, Matt Bishop, told commissioners he advised the Joys they did not need a CUP, but they proceeded over his legal advice because "they wanted to keep their good name." He pointed out the city would have more controls over the property if a CUP were granted than it does now.

Lee Pohl, who owns a nearby apartment house, said the Joys were deserving of approval and he was in favor of this kind of activity in the neighborhood. Bob Jasinky, however, said it was ironic Pohl supported Joy because Pohl had been "my biggest opponent" when Jasinky had pursued his own B&B, not far away, a few years previous. He also claimed the Joys are violating the 200-ft. rule which prohibits approval of a B&B if it is within 200 feet of another one in the R-1 zone, and questioned whether there were adequate parking at the site.

Alderman Mickey Schneider stated, "The whole town is sick of this." She said once a tenant signs a landlord-tenant

contract, the person becomes a resident so the issue of transiency becomes moot.

Susane Gruning had concerns that the Joys were circumventing the law, but also claimed in a phone call Joy had "muscle" her to approve the application, so she was opposed. Susan Misavage similarly opposed the request for reasons related to the application and because she claimed Joy had threatened her because her husband, Bob Jasinsky, has been so outspoken in opposition to the Joys' operation.

Chair Beverly Blankenship read five letters from neighbors in support of the application and said the application met the requirements in Code. She read the list of items they must consider, such as parking, lighting, drainage and opinions of nearby property owners, and she also read what City Code requires for an address change. Commissioners found no problems with any requirements except that commissioner James Morris offered a suggestion to make the parking easier for the guests.

The vote to approve the CUP was 5-1, Blankenship voting No.

Soda Pop Drink & Draw June 28

Friday, June 28, 12 noon – 2 p.m. the Eureka Springs Public Library will host a Soda Pop Drink & Draw for grades 5 – 12. Local artist, Robert Norman, will be on hand to inspire and encourage kids to create their own painted masterpieces

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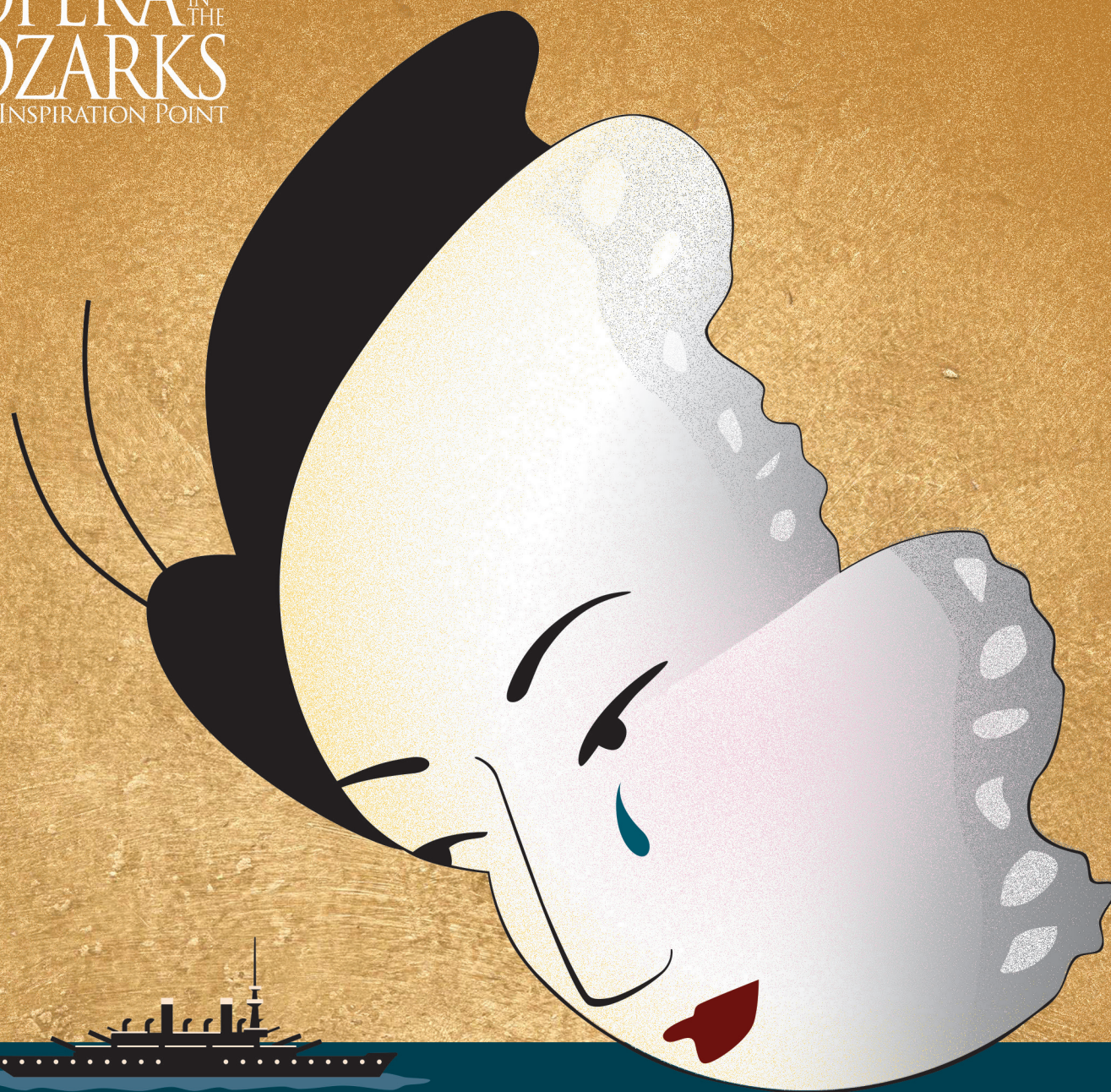
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Council requests more recycling participation

NICKY BOYETTE

At Monday night's city council meeting, alderman James DeVito advocated mandatory recycling of glass and cardboard by all restaurants and bars in town, and moved to have city attorney Tim Weaver draft an ordinance to that effect.

Alderman Dee Purkeypile balked at the mandatory nature of the proposal, suggesting the first outreach should be a flyer encouraging more recycling.

Alderman Mickey Schneider questioned how the law would be policed.

DeVito responded Eureka Springs was the first city in the state to have a recycling program and is known for being green. Landfills are only getting fuller, and it is not if, but when, Eureka Springs will fill its landfill. He said Harrison and Mountain Home are already facing the expensive prospect of trying to find new landfill locations.

Purkeypile still maintained the

city should not impose fines for not recycling. He asked why bars do not recycle, saying they "should be educated." He pointed out some glass, particularly colored glass, makes it to the landfill anyway because recycling end-users do not reuse all glass.

Alderman David Mitchell agreed with the recycling effort but also questioned the mandatory aspect because it would be difficult to enforce.

Schneider said if the city or waste company provided bins the restaurants and bars might be more likely to

participate, and alderman Joyce Zeller commented businesses would get involved if the cost of trash pickup were tied to how much they recycle.

DeVito finished by commenting the issue would certainly catch everyone's attention if the city were trying to find a new landfill location.

Vote on DeVito's motion was 3-3, Schneider, Purkeypile and McClung voting No. Mayor Morris Pate cast the fourth Yes vote to approve the motion, saying it would be worthwhile to see the proposed ordinance.

Holiday Island Community Church Grief Share

The Holiday Island Community Church (188 Stateline Drive) invite those who have lost a loved one or close friend to a 13-week grief recovery program, Grief Share, beginning June 30 from 2 – 4 p.m. in the library located in the basement of the Fellowship Hall. Whether your loss was recent or some time ago, this program will minister to you. You may join the class at any time. A workbook for \$15 is required. If you would like to take this journey to recovery, call Dale Nichols (479) 253-8925 or email lardellen@gmail.com.



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Fore! fathers – Fresh Harvest in Eureka Springs sponsored the team of (left to right) Greg Davis, Shan Hanna, Mark Kane and Tyler Kane for the 11th Annual Holiday Island Fire Department Golf Tournament on June 21. The Fresh Harvest team took top honors winning the golf tournament. Each member of the Fresh Harvest team also won the Long Drive contest in his respective division. The Holiday Island Fire Department Golf Tournament is a charitable event fostering athletic teamwork and community spirit to help raise money for the Holiday Island Fire Department.



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Planning denies vacation approval

NICKY BOYETTE

Rachel Brix represented a request to have the portion of Rock Street from Mill Hollow Road to the end of their property vacated. She presented the Planning Commission with a thorough, detailed defense of their request at Tuesday night's meeting, pointing out her application had been complete and all affected property owners had been properly notified. She said Rock Street, an unmaintained city easement, runs fewer than six feet from their front door. It is the only legal access to their home, and she and her husband must pay to have it graded annually.

Brix said many years ago there had been a house farther up what once was a dirt street, but her understanding was the house burned down, and when her present home was built to replace it, the street beyond their dwelling fell into disuse and is no longer functional for vehicle traffic.

She said the owners of Marble Flats, an undeveloped tract farther up and on the other side of what is designated as Rock Street, have been the only neighbors to complain. Brix said Marble Flats property is for sale and she is unaware of any plans for development of the property. She said she and her husband would never prevent the Marble Flats people from having access along Rock Street, although there were other access points to the Marble Flats tract.

Brix acknowledged the Parks Commission had denied their request for a vacation because Parks wants to eventually establish a segment of their urban trail system through the property. She pointed out, however, the guidelines

Parks set up for establishing trails are at odds with their situation on several points. For one thing, the easement intersects their property and Parks guidelines state trails should be established along the edges of property to avoid disturbing residents.

Parks Director Bruce Levine admitted the site is certainly not ideal, but only a short portion of the trail would traverse the Brixes property.

Commissioner James Morris did not buy Levine's point. He said the explanation did not make sense, and it would be to the city's benefit to get rid of that portion of an unmaintained easement the Brixes want to take care of.

Three of the Marble Flats owners were present along with their attorney Wade Williams, and commissioner Melissa Greene asked what they needed Rock Street for. Williams replied, "It depends on the ultimate use." He avoided a direct answer by asking if the vacation was in the real interest of the city.

Chair Beverly Blankenship followed by stating commissioners should consider where the city might grow in the future. Greene said she understood points on both sides, but she wanted to find a satisfactory resolution, and Blankenship replied, "It won't be easy." Whatever they decide, she said, they are only passing their recommendation along to council.

Leswig then moved to recommend against approving the request for the vacation. The vote was 3-2, Morris and Greene voting No and Lujan recusing himself as an interested party.

Planning approvals and tidbits

- Commissioners unanimously

approved construction of a swimming pool, putting green and bocce ball courts on the Queen Anne Mansion property.

- Also approved was removal of the carport at Chelsea's at 10 Mountain and construction of a new carport with a two-story steel and concrete deck on top of the carport. Contractor Travis Holloway said the establishment would move all smoking outside to the decks so families could eat meals inside.

- Leswig pointed out City Code for multi-family dwellings does not require a business license, a certificate of occupancy or inspections. He drafted an ordinance that would provide for closer monitoring. Blankenship suggested they review the revised definitions contained in the proposed ordinance before they vote on it.

- Blankenship told commissioners the document defining land vacating procedures continues to grow, and Leswig suggested they drive a stake through it before it gets larger. Blankenship pointed

out, for example, there is no provision that would limit how many times a person could apply for a vacation or how often. She asked commissioners to study the document one more time and bring suggestions back to the next meeting.

- Five properties were approved to be on the list of legally-non-conforming weekly rentals: 18 Nut, 18 Hale, 30 King, 23 Fairmount, and 9 and 10 Singleton.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, July 9, at 6 p.m.

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Council frets about weeds

NICKY BOYETTE

Alderman David Mitchell told city council Monday night he has heard from visitors the city is looking “weed-infested, cluttered and tired.” He said his concern was about guest relations as the city relies on tourists. “So what are we doing when weeds clutter walkways?” he asked.

Mitchell said the city needs to

take a serious look through the eyes of tourists and put on the best show possible. He challenged civic groups to work together to tidy up the town.

Aldermen James DeVito and Mickey Schneider agreed. Schneider said she has seen town much worse and much better, but she would love to see a “Beautify Eureka Springs” kind of group spring into action.

DeVito pointed out the Downtown Network organizes a yearly cleanup, adding that this year has been rainier than usual, so weeds are bound to grow.

Alderman Terry McClung said council could pass a resolution reinforcing the concept of sprucing up the town. “You know, clean up or get out,” he suggested. Alderman Dee Purkepile acknowledged the efforts of

Pat Lujan who maintains a city-owned area near his home and encouraged others to emulate this example. Purkepile said autumn or winter might be better for taking on cluttered areas because of the chigger and tick menace.

Mayor Morris Pate announced a large church group from Warren will be in town in July, and one of their missions is to clean up certain areas downtown.

Runway extension gets airtime again

NICKY BOYETTE

Commissioner Lonnie Clark again pushed forward his determination to find federal funds to get the Carroll County Airport runway extended to at least 4000 ft. He suggested at the June meeting of the Carroll County Airport Commission they “get in a positive mode” and begin getting local and state politicians to help them find federal dollars to pay for the project. The 75-ft. wide runway presently is 3554 ft.

Clark said it is time to talk face-to-face with whoever can help get the project done. The ultimate goal would be to talk to Ed Agnew, Manager of the Arkansas/Oklahoma Airports Development Office of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), and Clark said Agnew knows where to find discretionary funds in his administration.

Advisor Dan Clinton, an engineer who is managing construction of new hangars at the airport, told commissioners, “Lonnie has hit on something you ought to do.” He cautioned them, however, not to go forward without a complete needs and purposes statement that he is preparing.

Clinton said getting to 4000 ft. would be incredibly important because small jets could land in Berryville. He added, referring to politics at the FAA, “There is real jump when they hear from a congressman.” He suggested they enroll a representative from Tyson’s when they begin talking to local congressmen.

Airport manager Sheila Evans said she gets calls all the time from pilots asking when the runway is going to reach 4000 ft. She lent courtesy cars 46 times in May, and sometimes it was for two businessmen who were in town for only two hours. Once, a Tyson contractor brought the vehicle back after only 45 minutes before he was in the air again. She said some days she has reservations for the courtesy vehicles stacked up all day, and it is not just for day trips to Eureka Springs anymore.

Evans said her fuel sales in April totaled \$9006, but in May sales increased to \$13,372 and June sales will be even higher, another example of increased traffic at the airport and need for extending the runway.

Chair Dave Teigen agreed with Clark a conversation with Agnew would be an important step, and he said would make the trip to Agnew’s Ft. Worth office once they have local politicians on board supporting the project.

Hangars and fences

Clinton gave Sept. 1 as a suggested completion date for new hangars. He said he has no control over delivery of hangar materials, for example, but the grant from the Arkansas Department of Aeronautics has been secured so ordering materials and pouring the concrete slab can commence.

Clark pointed out the commission must prove they have

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One small step ...

Editor,

As I stood with some sisters and brothers in Basin Park on June 26 to celebrate The Supremes' decisions (well, at least five of them) that finally caught up to our society's changes and the need for justice for lesbian and gay couples, some film folks were making a commercial for advertising Eureka.

I said to one of the women crew members, "Isn't it strange that no 'official' entity in Eureka ever makes any commercial including lesbian and gay culture in our town that has many gay businesses and a high number of 'queers'?"

She responded, "If it were up to me, I would include you."

OK, so who is it up to? Why doesn't the Chamber, the advertising group, *et al.*, include us in advertising that "diversity" means lesbians and gays, too, and that we are an important part of our town? The mayor was sitting on the wall, observing the filming. I guess he does not know that lesbian and gay culture is a part of the

town he is supposed to represent.

Personally, I do not care *what* The Supremes decree (obviously it does make a difference, but...) since I have been proudly a lesbian since birth in 1937 without their permission and without much support. The U.S. is becoming more and more a fascist state, but this little nod in the direction of Marriage Equality is better than saying we have no rights.

As the saying goes, "No one is free until everyone is free!" And that includes voting rights, economic equality and the end to racism in all its forms. Lesbians and gays should be a strong part of a progressive movement to change the world; not just celebrate this small step.

Trella Laughlin

Scikotics leave more than they take

Editor,

The Scion car club, called Scikotics, graced Eureka Springs this past weekend with their cute and snazzy cars and entertained us with a parade on Saturday night. It was obvious they enjoy their

automobiles very much. They also enjoyed Eureka Springs very much for the third year in a row, and to show their appreciation, they donated two carloads of food to Flint Street Fellowship Food Pantry.

We were amazed at the amount of food they collected among members who were here from many different states. It was a very timely donation for us at Flint Street as we have been having continuing high numbers of folks coming in for food assistance this Spring. We are extremely grateful for the generosity and goodwill of the Scikotics and look forward to their return next year.

Pat Kasner

Help is here when help is needed

Editor,

I thank everyone for making Randy's memorial so special.

His parents, Don and Pat Middleton, for all their love and support through this sad and difficult time.

To Pat Matsukis, my rock, for her
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WEEK'S Top Tweets

@kaz474 --- Some people seem to take the question "how stupid can you be?" as a personal challenge.

@TaranKillam --- Having kids means you'll have a lot of interrupted conversa—

@lecalabara --- Why do people ask "What were you thinking?" Obviously I was thinking I was going to get away with it and not have to explain.

@mountainlex --- I'm always surprised when heavily tattooed couples have a baby and it comes out blank.

@blondediva11 --- Smoking is one of the leading causes of statistics.

@Zen_Moments --- Mirth is God's medicine. Everybody ought to bathe in it. ~ Henry Ward Beecher

@iMikosnyc --- What doesn't kill you was only practicing.

@Michael_Erhart --- I've always wondered what I'm saying when I meow back at my cats.

@BradBroaddus --- I knew that psychic wasn't legit when she let me write a check.

@Earth_Post --- Super moon ~ Calgary, Canada



Feds or no feds... attempting to have it both ways

In an article on the front page of Sunday's *Joplin Globe* (June 23, 2013), SWEPCO spokesman Peter Main noted that the 345 kV line cutting through Northwest Arkansas was mandated by the Southwest Power Pool on behalf of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. When they want us to know how badly they want it built and how powerless we're supposed to feel to stop it, they point to a federal agency, in effect saying, "They are making us do this to you."

But when it comes to the necessary work on preparing an adequate and conclusive Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), federal involvement is nowhere in sight, or at least SWEPCO would have you think so. If the feds were involved, SWEPCO would have been required to present an environmental assessment that met standards set by federal law under the National Environmental Policy Act.

In their Environmental Impact Statement presented to the APSC on April 3 just after the first set of letters to local landowners were sent, SWEPCO noted: "This EIS has been prepared in accordance with the APSC requirements and while it contains many of the analyses normally included in a document prepared under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), it has not been prepared for use by a federal agency."

Anyone with an understanding of NEPA rules and regulations and how they are applied immediately finds the EIS offered by SWEPCO to be deficient on every front. One quick example is that a NEPA EIS must consider a range of alternatives to the plan offered, including alternatives that would of necessity be performed by persons or corporations other than the applicant. The only alternatives presented in SWEPCO's EIS for the Shipe Road-Kings River 345 kV power line were to either do nothing or choose one of six proposed routes.

When I saw that one of their proposed routes would traverse hillsides in plain view of Spring Street, while the EIS had claimed that the routes would not be visible from any known overlooks, I knew that the EIS was deeply flawed and its methodology had completely ignored NEPA standards.

So, I have to ask, plain and simple: what is this Shipe to Kings River project, SWEPCO? Is this a project mandated by FERC and one that must of necessity follow NEPA standards? Or is this just something you want to do to us for reasons of your own? Is it your idea to wreck our lands, destroy our views, diminish the value of our properties, damn the quality of our lives and cripple our tourist economy?

In a letter to Frances McSwain, Department of Arkansas Heritage, SWEPCO project engineer Steven G. Thornhill wrote in response to their many concerns, "... there is currently no federal nexus resulting from the involvement of a federal agency in this project." But, if this is a project mandated by FERC or by the Southwest Power Pool on FERC's behalf, SWEPCO has a whole lot of explaining to do and they should start by coming completely clean with us.

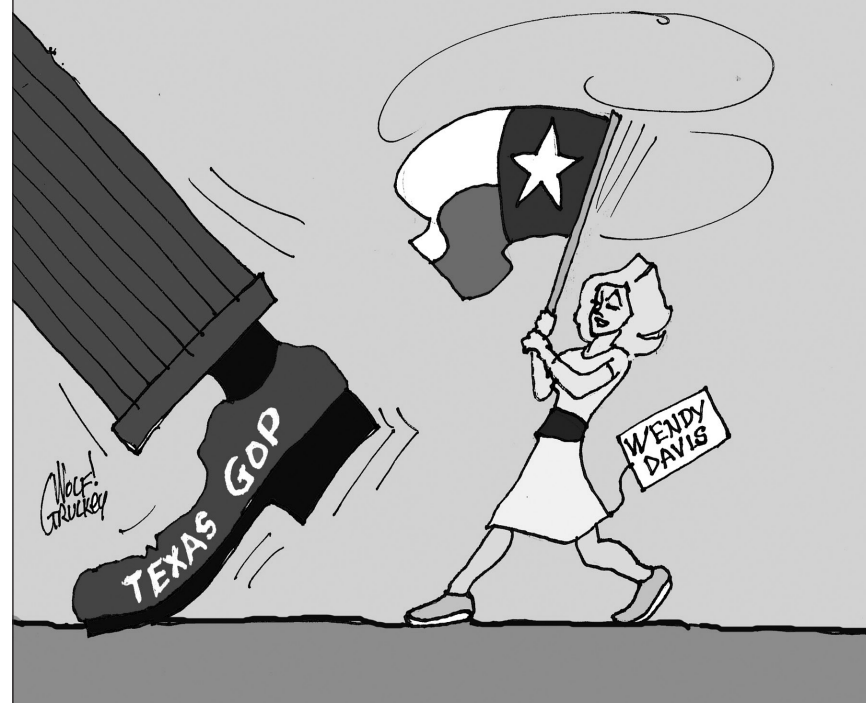
Instead, they filed a motion for a protective order of non-disclosure with the APSC to keep their assessment of need out of public view.

Knowing that their project was going to wreak havoc on our community, one would have thought that even if the project were truly necessary, they would have insisted that the Environmental Impact Statement meet the highest possible standards. NEPA, even. Instead, they gave us short shrift, short notice and have earned no friends in the process.

Doug Stowe

Don't mess with Texas Women!

(wearing a back brace means you have a backbone)



The Pursuit Of HAPPINESS

by Dan Krotz

There are two sayings that seem to go together, or at least they ought to. The first is "God made the country, man made the city and the devil made the small town." The second is, "Wherever you go, there you are." Tennyson is probably the father of the first saying; Buckaroo Banzai owns the second.

The first grimly summarizes how evil and banality are more noticeable in small places because of our proximity to them: we can't hide, and the pathways upon which we run are short, squat, and well-traveled; cases of arrested development playing dress-up on heavily financed noise machines – for example – are more noticeable on small town streets because their incidence in traffic is far greater than in cities, or in the wide, wide world generally.

Contrarily, goodness and originality are also more evident in small towns. Those who intentionally seek out such fairer gauges, who are willing to be rocked out of the daily torpor by seeing and feeling Good, will see and feel better. At least, according to Buckaroo Banzai, they think they feel better, and they like what they see more.

The occasion for these thoughts was a trip to Holiday Island, for which I have some affection. This is mostly because it puts me in mind of John Cheever's fictional small town, Shady Hill, where nearly everyone drinks too much, is erotically taut and, is more frequently than not, a dollar short. Yet, amid this commonness, I find a skinny, bemused man playing ragtime on a piano with his windows open in ardent invitation to the widow next door, "X" finally giving himself permission to slip the bonds of propriety and soul kiss the mailman, and "Y," shaking off decades of doubt, is revealed to herself as fragrant and shapely as an apple.

Luckily, the devil is a spectacular loser who is utterly dependent on the power we give him; he withers and shakes if not fed. Where we go hardly matters, and what we do there hardly matters, but how we think and feel about "our place" is really at the heart of the matter.

INDEPENDENT Constables On Patrol

JUNE 17

2:50 p.m. – A car stalled on Planer Hill.
4:45 p.m. – There was a one-vehicle accident on Hwy. 23S. No injuries.

5:31 p.m. – Caller asked a constable to stand by while he retrieved his belongings from a campground.

6:48 p.m. – A key to the shed at the cemetery was missing. Complainant said she would buy a new lock and key.
9:20 p.m. – Driver told ESPD he had followed a wayward vehicle all the way from Berryville. Constables watched for but did not encounter the vehicle.

JUNE 18

12:26 a.m. – Alarm company alerted ESPD to an alarm going off at an establishment. Constable who responded found everything secure.

10:39 a.m. – A vehicle in the cemetery had trouble navigating a turn and damaged a headstone by knocking it over.

11:54 a.m. – There was a vehicle accident near the courthouse.

12:30 p.m. – Observer thought she heard a gunshot from the direction of a restaurant on US 62 and then a vehicle speeding away. Constable responded to the vicinity but he found no indications there had been gunfire in the area.

JUNE 19

9:15 a.m. – Caller reported there was a male passed out in her pickup, and she wanted him removed. Responding constable gave the individual a ride to a friend's house for the night.

9:15 a.m. – EMS reported a vehicle-motorcycle accident on US 62. The cyclist sustained injuries.

12:12 p.m. – Clerk at a liquor store said an individual attempted to purchase merchandise with what appeared to be a bad check. When he tried to call his manager, the individual grabbed the merchandise, bolted and drove away in his truck. Constables watched for the truck but did not encounter it. Other businesses were warned of the individual.

12:23 p.m. – Person came to the station to report identity theft. Review of her credit report indicated someone in another state had used her social security number to apply for credit.

12:56 p.m. – Resident said her neighbor had disturbed her landscaping and was

representing himself as her property manager. Constable went to the scene and spoke with all parties.

8:44 p.m. – Caller from a campground reported 6–8 persons fighting. Constable responded, and things seemed to have calmed when two vehicles attempted to leave. Constable made a traffic stop and arrested one of the drivers for DWI.

9:46 p.m. – Constables responded to report of an individual walking along swatting the air. Constables arrived after he had knocked on the caller's door. He told them he was headed home for the night.

JUNE 20

8:48 a.m. – Constable took a report on a lost or stolen weapon.

6:09 p.m. – One driver witnessed another driver hit a sign. Constable responded.

7:04 p.m. – A mother asked for a welfare check on her daughter because her phone calls kept going to voice mail. Constable tried to make contact but no one was at the address.

8:17 p.m. – Passerby saw a kid burning something near a business. Before a constable could get there, the kid extinguished the fire.

JUNE 21

1:51 a.m. – A nurse at ESH reported two people wandering around the parking lot in a suspicious manner. They told the constable they lived nearby and were just walking around.

2:08 a.m. – Caller claimed there was a fight in a motel parking lot. She said a vehicle pulled in, a woman got out and started breaking things and fighting people. Caller said the fight might also be going on in a nearby restaurant parking lot. One constable made a traffic stop on a vehicle matching the description, and the woman in the vehicle said there had been an argument but nothing physical. A witness at the motel told another constable he had been there for more than a half hour and he had not seen any fighting. Report was unfounded.

10:37 a.m. – Animal Control captured a loose and unattended dog. He identified the owner by the tags and returned the animal to the owner with a warning about local leash laws.

12:18 p.m. – The trolley sideswiped a parked vehicle.

9:21 p.m. – A guest caused problems at a hotel. Constables responded and arrested the individual.

JUNE 22

12:07 a.m. – Constable arrested an individual for public intoxication and sleeping in public.

12:35 a.m. – As a result of a traffic stop, the driver was arrested for a warrant out of Boone County for failure to pay fines.

1:47 a.m. – Passerby thought it was suspicious for several vehicles to be gathered near the drive-through at a bank. Constable discovered they were paper delivery people.

5:36 a.m. – Resident reported during the night someone had taken out his mailbox and several plants, probably a hit and run driver.

5:00 p.m. – A hotel guest spoke with a constable about a dispute with the hotel manager.

5:04 p.m. – There was a traffic accident in a parking lot.

7:15 p.m. – A Bassett hound was collected near a restaurant and delivered to the kennel.

10:46 p.m. – Gas station attendant was concerned about kids hanging out near his business. They left on their own just as a constable arrived.

JUNE 23

6:06 a.m. – Central dispatch told ESPD about a young male lying in a roadway. He was breathing but unresponsive. EMS took him to ESH because he was severely intoxicated.

10:44 a.m. – A motel guest reported her wallet had been stolen.

1:45 p.m. – Eyewitness reported a possibly intoxicated driver on US 62 who pulled into a liquor store. Constable responded to the scene, but the vehicle was no longer there. He forwarded information to county authorities.

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12:12 a.m. – Resident told ESPD she heard what sounded like a car had exploded but there was no fire. Constable went to the scene and learned a vehicle had run into a parked car. The constable called EMS for the driver, and EMS took him to ESH to get checked out. When he was released, the constable arrested him for DWI and careless and prohibited driving.

Wild Goose Chase Theater flies in for July 1 performance

Matt Sandbank, founder of the Wild Goose Chase Theater, brings his shadow, hand, foam, and found puppetry to Carroll County Libraries on Monday, July 1. Based in Nashville, Tenn., Wild Goose Chase Theater tours nationally, teaching and delighting audiences with its quirky humor, madcap storytelling and hand-crafted puppets. The show begins in Green Forest at 10 a.m., followed by Berryville at 1 p.m. and Eureka Springs at 4 p.m.

Audience participation and interactive puppetry make this program one not to miss. This appearance is part of the *Dig into Reading* Summer Reading Program. All performances are free and open to all ages. For further information visit the library websites at www.carrollcountylibraries.org or contact the Green Forest Public Library (870) 438-6700, Berryville Public Library (870) 423-2323 or the Eureka Springs Carnegie Public Library (479) 253-8754.

Kids – last call to enter bike decoration contest

Eureka Springs' 4th of July Parade, sponsored by American Legion Post 9, will step off from in front to the library Thursday, July 4 at 2 p.m. An important part of the parade is a decorated bike contest for kids. There will be two age groups: 7 and under and 8 to 15. Arvest Bank Eureka is donating a brand new bike to the winner of each age group and there will be trophies for 2nd and 3rd place winners in both groups. Those under 7 must have an adult with them, and all ages are free to walk bikes down the steepest part of Spring. Dress in costume if you can! Line up is at 1 p.m.

The theme this year is, "Celebrating the Freedom to Be." We are celebrating all our rights and freedoms, so come join us! There's still room for more floats, decorated vehicles, riders and walkers. Call Sue (580) 399-5887 or Jack (479) 253-2519 for more info.

Freedom of choice hampered by SWEPCO

BECKY GILLETTE

Ilene Powell was born in New Orleans and spent the first 50 years of her life there, working for many years in the real estate industry. But after the home of Powell and her partner, Mark Armstrong, was flooded when the levees broke in Hurricane Katrina, they decided to look for a new home away from the hurricane zone.

Since Armstrong does international sales and marketing that involves travel around the world, their search for a new home was confined to anywhere in the world. When they visited Northwest Arkansas, they fell in love with the area for its beauty and cultural offerings such as the fine restaurants, art galleries and frequent festivals that are a hallmark of Eureka Springs.

The couple bought 100 acres near Wolf Ridge above the White River, cleared a home site with a panoramic view, and built a two-story log cabin, a greenhouse and a chicken coop.

"We researched close to four years before we decided to come to this area," said Armstrong, a native of England and naturalized citizen. "We chose a completely different way of life than living in a big city. Living in the American countryside was a dream ever since I read *Old Yeller* as a child. We felt like pioneers, breaking ground here and creating a build space for the house. We decided to come here because of its gorgeous natural beauty. It is becoming more and more difficult to find what we have here. When you see a bald eagle fly by when you are drinking a cup of tea in morning, you can't put it in money terms. It is so iconically America."

In his travels, Armstrong has often seen the consequences of uncontrolled development. He recently returned from a trip to Lima, Peru, where there has been indiscriminate expansion and air pollution is thick.

"There is something very special here in Northwest Arkansas and it needs to be preserved," he said. "There is not a lot of this kind of environment left in the world. Why would anyone think of destroying it?"

The couple received two letters from



SWEPCO in early April notifying them that their property, which is steep and prone to erosion, is on proposed routes for a 345 kilovolt transmission line with huge monopole towers 150 ft. tall, taller than SWEPCO said is needed to preserve electric reliability in the region. The proposal has caused widespread alarm for hundreds of property owners.

"We're just one couple, but there are so many people like us who have come here for the same reason," Armstrong said. "So many people are just petrified of what the line could do to their property. You get in your twilight years and this happens. You don't recover from it emotionally or, sadly, economically."

Armstrong worked hard to become a citizen. But since SWEPCO announced its plans, they have been questioning whether their rights as American citizens are being violated.

"What happened to the rights of the individual?" Armstrong asks. "Where is our right to pursue happiness? This is like a breach of the Constitution. The government is stomping on our property rights. This has caused tremendous

stress on all the people who are facing destruction of their property by SWEPCO for a power line for which they have given no proof is needed. We are trying to make a living and now, all of the sudden, we have to devote a great deal of time, attention and money to this travesty. And why? It is devastating to us, devastating to the area and devastating to the local economy.

"There is a total lack of transparency in this. They say the information about why they have to do this is confidential. This is just corporate greed. Everything they have said so far doesn't hold up to scrutiny. No one has been able to give actual facts about why this is needed. What really saddens me is I don't see the Arkansas Public Service Commission (APSC) really doing anything to protect the public interest. Everything I'm seeing is that the APSC is in the pocket of the utility company. How is this a commission that serves the public?"

After Katrina, the couple waged a stressful five-year battle with their insurance company to receive fair payment for their home losses. They

experienced firsthand the uneven playing field between the consumer and a huge insurance company.

Now it is *deja vu*. They consider the loss of their home in flooding after Katrina a manmade disaster because of the incompetence of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers building inadequate levees. Now they feel they are facing losing their home again to a second manmade disaster.

"It was stressful and difficult to clean out everything in our home in New Orleans, like photographs, family heirlooms and artwork, and put it on the curb for a dump truck to haul away," Powell said. "To start over here, come so far, and have our home at risk again is almost unimaginable. Once again, we have to fight another big conglomerate that has the means to do whatever it wants. In their arrogance they think they can just come in and bulldoze us down."

Powell believes SWEPCO thought the project wasn't going to be challenged. She is particularly annoyed at the response to a letter she sent to SWEPCO

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A telltale sign you are a card-carrying tree hugger is if you have a favorite tree or trees you can identify in town. (If you have pet names for them, then you might want to seek help.) My all-time, nameless fave has to be the red buckeye that sits in front of the post office on Spring St.

It's also directly across from my store where for several years I've witnessed its beauty in all of its seasonal glory.

The red buckeye acquires its leaves in early spring, blooms red flowers in May and produces a hard nut in the fall. Our post office variety is unique in that it has a long, very established lower limb that horizontally juts more than eight feet across.

Visitors and locals have always had a fascination with this tree. The long lower limb is a prime spot for a seated photo-op and is used as a stepladder to gain access to the top nut bearing branches.

Come fall it is always a race to see who will gather the most fallen fruit – John Mitchell almost always the decided winner.

A few years ago Eureka Springs matriarch Helen Harrison came into my store with a handful of buckeyes. "These are considered very good luck – I think you need two," she said. I keep one on top of my cash register, the other in my pants pocket.

I admit I have a certain attachment to this particular tree and have been known to be a little over protective

– scolding children for jumping and swinging on it and chastising grown-ups for shaking it too hard for the nuts to fall.

So it came as quite a shock when I spotted two men, one with chainsaw in hand gathered around my buckeye. In an instant they removed the magnificent lower limb. 30-plus years of growth gone in eight seconds.

I have to assume that word got back to the post master that a lunatic had accosted them for cutting off the limb because when I went in to inquire an hour later why he had allowed a Eureka Springs landmark to be cut down, he was very much on the defensive. To paraphrase – "This is federal property and we don't have to abide by city's rules, the lower limb was a safety hazard and it was difficult to mow underneath. End of conversation."

While I probably owe the postmaster an apology for the only two words I said to him in response, I don't understand this American need to manicure everything in sight.

And just for the record, I was not endorsing illegal drug use for teenagers in last week's column, but I do think there are certain people that could use a little magic (mushroom) in their lives.



INDEPENDENTArt

36th Ozark Quilt Fair

Entries are now being accepted for the 35th Ozark Quilt Fair, Saturday, Sept. 14 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the Shiloh Museum of Ozark History. Quilters and quilt lovers are invited to display new and antique quilts for show and sale on the museum grounds. Cash prize Viewer's Choice awards will be given for first, second, and third place winners in both new and antique quilt categories.

The Shiloh Museum is located at the corner of Johnson and Main in downtown Springdale. For an entry form or for more information, call 750-8165 or visit shilohmuseum.org.

Call to artists – signed up yet?

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 may apply to participate by visiting www.eurekaspringsstudiotour.com to download an application.

Contact tour coordinators Lorna or Craig Trigg Hirsch (479) 363-9402 or email info@fireomearth.com with any questions.

ADVENTURE INTO ART
September 26 - 28



**EUREKA SPRINGS ARTISTS
Studio Tour**

Unlock a great painting

Hallmark Cards award-winning artist, Todd Williams, will teach "The 7 Keys to Unlocking a Great Painting" at the Painter's Palette in Berryville from July 11 – 13. Williams holds a Fine Arts degree from the Kansas City Art Institute and his work has been exhibited at several museums. In 2012 he won First Place in the Plein Air Salon Competition, in 2010 the "Founders Award" from the American Impressionist Society and in 2009 an "Award of Excellence" at the National OPA Exhibition in Santa Fe, New Mexico. He has also been featured in several arts magazines.

Williams' three-day workshop will feature lecture, slide presentations and demonstrations. Students will create their own work and focus on transferring what they see in nature to their canvas while learning to capture the emotion and mood of the subject.

For workshop costs and a full schedule of classes stop by the Painter's Palette Art School and Fine Art Supply at 201 Public Sq., Berryville or visit www.painterspalletteartschool.com. Email Lynne at lynne@painterspalletteartschool.com or call (479) 586-4868 with any questions.

Free art classes for children and teens at Carnegie Library

The library is offering free art classes by author and illustrator K. Michael Crawford on Saturday, June 29. There will be two sessions with a free pizza lunch in between. The first session, intended for ages 7 and up, is from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. The second session, for ages 11 and up, is 1 – 3 p.m. The classes will be held in the library Annex at 192 Springs St. and supplies will be provided.

For more information contact the Eureka Springs Carnegie Public Library at (479) 253-8754 or info@eurekalibrary.org.

Grand Illuminary –

Eureka Springs Preservation Society has named DonE Allen the Grand Luminary for Grand Illumination 2013. He will be honored June 30, 8 – 9 p.m. at kickoff party at the Crescent Hotel on the East lawn for all the great work he does keeping our parks beautiful. Come celebrate with DonE and watch Glo-Loons take to the sky!

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Fleur Delicious kicks off at WCDH

“Samplings and Sips” will liven up the Writers’ Colony at Dairy Hollow on the first day of Fleur Delicious, Tuesday, July 9. Chef Rob Nelson of Tusk & Trotter American Brasserie in Bentonville will team up with Margie Roelands of Raimondo Family Winery from 5 – 7 p.m.

Chef Rob will pair French appetizers with Raimondo’s finest reds and whites. Raimondo wines, olive oils and balsamic vinegars will also be available for sale.

Tickets are \$15 and must be reserved and paid in advance by calling (479) 253-7444 or email director@writerscolony.org. The Writers’ Colony is located at 515 Spring Street.

TheNATUREofEUREKA by Steven Foster

Chiggers suck

Chiggers don’t actually suck, that’s just a colloquial verb humans use to describe their feelings about chiggers. I’ve been a victim not only of chigger bites, but chigger misinformation, believing that they burrowed into my skin, laying

eggs, and the baby larvae were eating me for dinner. Only partly correct. The adults don’t bite. The females don’t lay eggs in your skin, but the larvae do eat you for lunch.

What are these little annoying buggers? The well-adapted little

creatures are members of the genus *Eutrombicula*. There are several species in Arkansas. They are not insects, but related to spiders – eight legged critters, kin to ticks, actually a type of mite.

Reddish or orange adult chiggers are tiny. The period at the end of this sentence is about the size of an adult chigger, as noted in an excellent article by Tom Cwynar on the Missouri Department of Conservation website (just Google “chigger life cycle”). You don’t have to worry about the adults. The bright-orange, larvae – 80 percent smaller than an adult chigger, are the annoying culprits.

They are so small you can’t see them with the naked eye. These tiny larvae climb to the top of a blade of grass awaiting you to brush by so they can hitch a ride. Once on your skin they slowly lumber around seeking your softest most tender private parts, usually at a hair follicle or pore in which the littler suckers

can enjoy your flesh. Contrary to popular belief, chiggers don’t suck. No, they

have tiny little mouth parts called chelicerae with which they scoop out a little hole, then inject saliva with proteolytic enzymes which liquefies your flesh. Your immune system reacts by walling off the area with a tiny hard tube known as a stylostome, which oozes chigger goo. For the chigger, that structure serves as a straw. Once engorged, the tiny larva drops off.

The good news is that humans are a lousy host for chiggers, because we scratch, and presumably bathe. Only a few chigger larvae on our skin actually get the opportunity to feed. We may have dozens, hundreds or even thousands of chiggers hitching a ride on us. The best cure: take a shower and vigorously brush the skin once you come back from the outdoors. And don’t drop your dirty clothes on the floor next to your bed...





Say No, No, No! – Eddie Silver, owner of Luigi's, has donated two billboards on Passion Play Road to promote the message of Save the Ozarks, a grassroots citizens' group opposing proposed SWEP CO high voltage transmission lines. Also donating a billboard is Ken Wingate, Wingate Outdoor Advertising, whose sign is located near the intersection of Hwys. 62 and 23 close to the Barn Shoppes antique store.

PHOTO BY DAVID FRANK DEMPSEY

Tourists of the Month – Gary and Joan Adams from Vilonia pose with Mayor Morris Pate next to their 1934 Ford coupe. The couple were in town early on June 26 to participate in an Arkansas Parks and Tourism promotional video featuring Eureka Springs.

PHOTO BY GWEN ETHEREDGE



Swepghetti dinner – DeVito's, 5 Center St., will host a spaghetti dinner fundraiser for Save The Ozarks on Wednesday, July 17, from 5 – 9 p.m. Choose from Spaghetti with Marinara (\$10) or Spaghetti and Meatballs (\$12), salad and bread included. Cost for children 12 and under is \$5 and \$6 respectively. No other menu items available except for dessert and full bar at additional cost. For more information, call (479) 253-6807. Reservations must be made for parties of 5 or more.

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

The new house boasted of a chimney built by a stonemason named Hatcher from Eureka Springs. It was in one end of the house and lacked one feature that the old one had possessed, the bar for holding the cooking pots.

"We don't need to be doin' any cookin' in here," Johnny explained to Susan. "We've got a cook stove in the kitchen. You can throwaway that old Dutch oven and bake your grub in the oven that is built right into the stove."

"I'll not throw it away," Susan told him. "I'll put it out in the yard and put water in it for the chickens. It'll make a good chicken trough."

The loom on which Susan had woven cloth for the family's use had been stored in the smoke house. Susan had not planned to weave any more cloth but had other plans in mind for which she would need it. She had decided to weave some carpets for her floors as soon as the moving chore was finished. When she told Mary of her plans for a carpet she met with a little opposition.

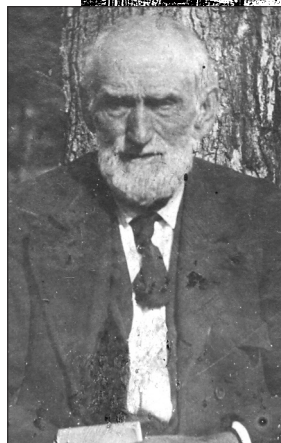
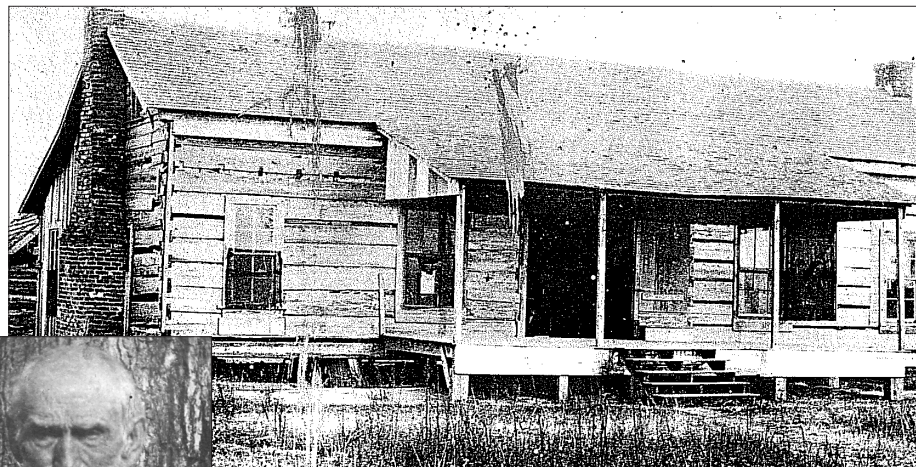
"Oh no, Ma. Not yet. Let's have a dance or two before you cover these floors with carpets. At least one," she begged. "We ain't had a dance since me and Clabe got married. Tom Clark spoiled that one by makin' Nancy go home with him before the dancin' started."

"Now, Mary," her mother scolded. "Don't be too hard on Tom. That's the way he believes. We can't all see things alike. Nancy knew all about that when she married him."

"Yes, I know she did but her eyes was full of stardust then. I'm afraid that when the new wears off, she will still want to dance once in a while and Tom will not like it. He's an old stick in the mud. That's all I've got to say about it," Mary grumbled.

"Well, that's enough to say anyway," Susan told her and added, "if we should decide to have a dance, Nancy couldn't come anyway. The baby is due before long."

"Maybe it's just as well," Mary decided. "The baby will be a good



excuse for Tom keeping her at home. I'm glad I'm not married to Tom Clark."

"So am I," her mother teased. "You couldn't both be married to him."

"Well, thank goodness for that," Mary agreed. After Mary had spent a few days helping her mother with the moving, she went back to her own home in Eureka Springs where Clabe had started his new livery stable business. The new house seemed empty, even with all its new finery.

Susan had tried to keep busy but missed the lively chatter of her daughter. She missed Nancy when she had left the nest but Mary's going had been different. She was the last one and it hurt. She tried not to let her feelings show to Johnny. He, too, seemed to miss Mary more than he had missed Nancy. Susan knew it was for the same reason; Mary was the last to go.

By the time spring came again, Johnny was ready to tell his wife about the idea that had been nagging at him for several months. "Susan, I've been thinkin' about somethin'," he began.

"You're allus thinkin' about somethin'," she answered. "What kind of a bee have you got in your bonnet this time? Don't you dare tell me that you are goin' to build another house. 'Cause if you do, I swear I won't listen to a word of it. I'm satisfied with this one. I want to live in it 'til I die. An' when th' time comes fer me to die, I

want to die in it," Susan argued.

"That's jest what I was a-thinkin' about, Susan. Not about buildin' another house, but about dyin'. I keep a-thinkin' that the time is a-comin' when people won't even know how we lived in our generation. I want to write a book about our times."

"Write a book?" Susan gasped. "Why, Johnny Gaskins, you can't even write your name! How in the world could you even think about writin' a book?"

"I couldn't write it myself, Susan. I know that, but I could tell it all to somebody that could set it down on paper. I'd like to leave somethin' fer my grandchildren and all th' other young'uns that would like to know about my bear-huntin' days. Surely somebody would like to know about all the things I have done."

"I'm sure they will, Johnny. And if you do it, don't forget to tell them all the things you have done to help people. That it was you that helped to get schools, a church and even the railroad in here. It was you that helped to find the Basin Spring in what is a town now."

"Yeah, I reckon I can kinda' throw all that in fer good measure," he told her. "But mostly, I want to tell about the bear huntin' days. That's the most important thing. At least, to me it is. I'm not lookin' fer fame. I jest want folks to know that I helped to clear the bears out of this country and make it safe for their children. That's all I am, Susan. Just a bear hunter without any bears to hunt any more," he added wistfully.

That same week Johnny found a young man in Eureka Springs who was "educated." He had come to Eureka Springs hoping the water would improve his health. He was very short on money and was happy to accept Gaskins' offer to stay in the Gaskins' home. In exchange for the use of his "book-learnin'," he would have three meals a day of Susan's good cookin' and a roof over his head while the book was being written.

During his stay at their home, the water for his drinking purposes was hauled from Eureka Springs to Gaskins Switch in a wagon. It was under these conditions that Johnny Gaskins began to write his memoirs.

Judges announced for July 3 bartender contest

Fleur Delicious Weekend Bartender Contest starts at 5 p.m. Wednesday, July 3, at Caribé, US 62W. One drink entry per contestant may be made with any Ciroc Vodka. Please contact Caribe to sign up if you plan to compete.

Judging the libations this year will be artist extraordinaire and man of the year, Zeek Taylor; Rhonda Baber Crone, author of *Local Flavor of NWA Cookbook for Hunger Awareness* and writer for the *City Wire* and Glazers Distributors' own Heron Bruhin representing Ciroc Vodka.

There is a \$5 cover for guests to taste the cocktails and vote for People's Choice. Everyone is invited to attend the competition and party. Come taste and vote for the best Ciroc Vodka cocktail created by the bartenders, witness the competition and give our bartenders love and appreciation.

For more information and updates, see www.FleurDeliciousWeekend.com and Fleur Delicious Weekend Eureka Springs, AR on Facebook.

Venus Enters Leo, the Luminous Creative Mind

Venus enters Leo Thursday. Everyone's creativity, all different, awakens the next 30 days. We'll be bold and expressive with feelings. Dramatic, too. In personal relationships we seek out our favorite people. Leo is the sign that needs appreciation, recognition and praise in order to evolve. We will either praise others or seek others to praise and recognize us.

On the Soul level, Venus in Leo praises

everyone. As Leo is the sign of children, we see everyone as a child of God, a love object to be cherished. Leo and Venus receive and distribute Ray 5 – the luminous mind. This is the scientist, the mind filled with revelations leading to the new sciences (the ancient sciences, awaiting discovery).

With Venus in Leo (both Ray 5), our mind unveils the spiritual (hidden) potential in all

relationships. We understand Rumi; everyone becomes the Beloved. We are in the month of Cancer now, sign of the mother. Both Jupiter and Mercury (retro) are in Cancer. Together they offer us deep insights concerning family, childhood, parents, unexpressed needs and the state of nurturance in our lives. We're focused inward. Let us realize this about others, too. Respecting them. Doing no harm - *Ahimsa* (in Sanskrit).

ARIES: Recognize your many and various goals this year. You've climbed the ladder to a pinnacle of success in order to reach those goals. You have become over time very compelling. Notice your new authority – finer tuned, more responsible and aware of the importance to serve others. These are great accomplishments although they are experienced as challenges. You've done well. Continue on. For the new culture and civilization must be built now. The Mercury retro will help.

TAURUS: Always you demonstrate your true self as an illumined leader and teacher during these times of change and transformation, creating crisis, stress and strain. Actively pursuing a "call," you barely have time for other realities. Continue contacting those sharing your concern for humanity's future. You will use your resources to help the family of humanity in the challenging times ahead. Consider and research aquaponics – gardening with the growing of fish.

GEMINI: Offer praise and recognition for everything in your life. You're blessed with the creative gift of communication. Each of us has a group around us whose purpose is to help us grow, transform, achieve, evolve and grow even more. We contract with family and friends before birth to act in ways that helps us move forward spiritually. Because we don't remember (the contract) this often feels difficult. Nonetheless, thank them – heart to heart.

CANCER: You feel your spiritual work takes you away from family. And

then family needs take you away from spiritual work. Your task is to balance the two. The more difficult this is, the greater the Initiation (more expansive fields of awareness). Do you have visions for a different future? Or have you given up? It's important for your increased new self-identity to share all visions and dreams for you are to enrich and offer ideas to others.

LEO: Your life has taken on dimensions and realities, questions and responsibilities that at times seem overwhelming. So much to do, so many thoughts, so many in need. You're compassionate and sensitive to Earth's kingdoms. You find communication at this time difficult, tangled and filled with sadness. There's a Vesta light within you. You need to create a Vesta box filled with treasures that define you, an artifact, a found-object of self.

VIRGO: An extraordinary creativity is building within. Perhaps you consider yourself not especially creative. This year many creative ideas will appear in your mind. You're being impressed from spiritual realms to bring your artist self forth through collecting things, gardening, painting, constructing something. You are the water-bearer. Create a waterfall. Set crystals in bowls in the water and sun. They become generators of light. Observe the light beams created.

LIBRA: Thoughts from the past determine actions within your present/

future. Are you living in the past and/or functioning under the ideas from the past? Read Gemini to understand spiritual contracts. Have the intention to always radiate Goodwill and love to everyone you encounter out in the world. As you work in your field of endeavor, visualize a light of light radiating from your heart. This light will assist you in communicating during this Mercury retro time when communication might feel difficult.

SCORPIO: Communication remains internal during the next three weeks. However it's best to try and communicate your thoughts to those you trust, to those who listen carefully, respond appropriately, and maintain a quiet silence as you speak. Allowing others to understand you strengthens your sense of being in the world. During this time you may consider the state of justice in our world, you may research and consider travel, take up a deep level of study and search out a path to follow.

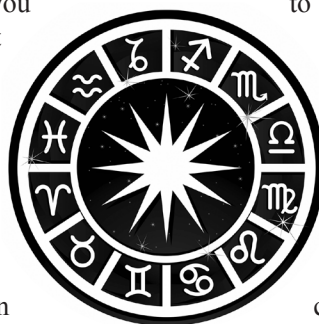
SAGITTARIUS: A new world stage is preparing itself for you. Sagittarians are publishers, world travelers, philosophers on mountaintops. They are adventurous warriors creating shadows others stand in. You continue to stand at the very edge of change. However, that change is still in preparation. There are several transformations the Archer must still experience. Maintain your present direction and state of being.

Doors open, the seasons come and go, the grass keeps growing, the rain falls. You continue forward, too.

CAPRICORN: Inner impressions are informing you to take time alone and rest. You need to reorient, re-evaluate and then simply just unwind from your many states of responsibility. Observing your communication abilities with others, always using care and compassion, we award your standards applied to all areas of life. Now you are to relax and rejuvenate before your next tasks appear. In personal relationships there may be misunderstandings. Listen quietly. Ask questions.

AQUARIUS: Realities in life begin with hopes, wishes, dreams and imagination. Form and matter are shaped by what we imagine until one day our dreams become concrete events and experiences. Attempt to clarify what's important to you, what you want to pursue, and who you want to be in the years to come. Sometimes this is difficult. Some of us live only in the moment. But within each moment is a future vision. It's captured by defining it.

PISCES: You might have had plans for the immediate future. They may change. There is a collaboration occurring with you and others. Pursuing this will bring about a synthesis that will take you far into the future, into a world very different than now. Understand the present planetary changes. "Seek to serve and not exact due service. Seek to heal not hurt." But at times you are hurting which deepens compassion for your particular and immediate tasks.



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DROPPING A Line

by Robert Johnson

We will let the pictures tell the story. Top picture is Kope and Kayden Young from New Mexico who came down to camp and fish in Beaver town with dad Bill Young, grandpa and a couple uncles June 19. They caught a nice walleye, some white and black bass all on minnows, Hot 'n Tots and flicker shad off the flats.

Second pic is one of the striped bass caught by Andrew Lint on June 22 dragging shad on Beaver Lake near Point 5. We caught most fish about 24 ft. deep in 40 to 60 foot water. Stripers are also being caught from the dam to the Point 7 area. Shad are still the best bait, with a few fish being caught on top early and trolling deep divers later in the day.

Both lakes' water temps are running about 81° so the bite is early with some guys starting to catch a few fish at night, also. Well, that's it for now. Good luck and enjoy the summer safe.



Vacation Bible School registration open

There's adventure around every turn as the Kingdom Chronicles comes to the Holiday Island Community Church, 188 Stateline Drive, from July 15 – 19, 8:30 – 11:30 a.m., filled with fun and excitement for kids ages 5 – 12. Come learn the truth of God's word and enjoy songs, crafts, games, goodies and dramas.

Register at www.hicchurch.com or call Bev Lough (479) 253-6069 or Debbie Cosens at (479) 981-1881.

Concert features OiO orchestra July 15

Holiday Island Community Church, 188 Stateline Drive, will once again present the Woodward Memorial Concert Series featuring The Opera of the Ozarks orchestra with ensembles and soloists on July 15 at 7:30 p.m. This is the fifth year to feature this orchestra, a favorite of music lovers. The concert is free, with a good will offering accepted.

For more information contact Jackie Phillips (479) 253-7365.

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environmental justice. "It will be achieved when everyone enjoys the same degree of protection from environmental and health hazards and equal access to the decision-making process to have a healthy environment in which to live, learn and work."

Carroll County's population in 2011 was 27,533 with 72 percent of the population rural. Benton County's population in 2011 was 222,924 with 41 percent rural. The estimated median household income in 2009 in Carroll County was \$32,818 compared to \$48,764 in Benton County. The average per capita income in Bella Vista located north of Bentonville near the Missouri border was \$55,170 in 2009 compared to an average of \$20,970 in Eureka Springs.

Home values also show a gap with the average home in Carroll County valued at \$119,521 compared to the average home value of Benton County of \$153,400.

SWEPCO spokesman Peter Main said line routing options within Bella Vista were very limited given the relative density of existing homes in this area, as well as congestion and existing land uses

along the I-540 corridor.

"A cursory inspection of the routing maps clearly shows that moving the proposed route (33) or the top three alternate routes (86, 62, 91) further north into Bella Vista would lengthen those routes," Main said. "Potential route crossing points along I-540/US71 were limited to the presently less developed area between Bentonville and Bella Vista, or north into Missouri (route 109) or further south (route 108)."

Environmental justice is a consideration that has been raised by the EPA Region VII office regarding the route least preferred by SWEPCO that would run through southern Missouri near the state line.

"The EPA Region VII office pointed out the impact to low income people in Missouri should be considered," Costner said. "The Missouri counties just north of us are very similar to Carroll County in this regard."

In a letter dated Sept. 18, 2012, Region VI EPA said of the area under consideration in Missouri that, "As the study area includes portions of these Missouri counties with low income populations, we encourage you to

identify and minimize any impacts to this project disproportionately placed on this population."

The letter also said the three counties within the study area include some sensitive and unique aquatic resources that could be negatively affected by activities associated with the transmission line. "Multiple crossing of these special

or unique waters should be avoided or minimized," the letter states.

The proposed routes in Carroll County would cross the White and King's rivers multiple times, raising concerns about construction impacts and maintenance activities including spraying herbicides on rights-of-way that could drain into the rivers.



The Squid & Whale has a double dose of rock for you this weekend. Friday and Saturday Ragdoll (all the way from Australia) will play from 7–9 p.m. and Blackwater will take the stage around 9:30 p.m. This is rock-n-roll the way you remember it—heavy metal guitar, aggressive drumming and soulful vocals.

Ragdoll is first up and this Aussie three piece is all head-banging, guitar genius fun. One of Perth's hottest bands, the trio consists of Ryan Rafferty on lead vocals and bass, Leon Todd on guitar and Cam Barrett on drums. Fresh off a gig opening for Brett Michaels in Fort Worth, Ragdoll is on their second tour of the Midwest, promoting their recently released five track EP *Here Today*. Ragdoll's goal is

to take their inspirational genres of Classic Rock, Hard Rock and Progressive Rock and transform them into a new sound that revitalizes traditional rock. Great music is great music no matter where it comes from as long as it is played with heart and soul and listened to with open ears and minds... This is the Ragdoll philosophy. Leslie Phillips of *The Rockpit* had this to say.....“Sometimes you get that feeling that you are hearing something that could be rather important. Something that could just explode. After hearing Ragdoll's fist EP (Ragdoll Rock) I thought that I had heard something that had a lot of promise, but hearing *Here Today* I am absolutely convinced that this band from Perth, Western Australia is destined for much bigger things.”

Blackwater is your second dose of rock and this Fayetteville band always packs the house when they play their own brand of Hard Southern Rock. This fearless foursome puts on a high-energy show with a big-venue concert feel. With G. Ford on vocals, Tracy Baily on guitar, Ferg on bass and Eric Reed on drums there is no shortage of raw talent. Blackwater will be showcasing some new tunes in Eureka and also the following weekend when opening for Black Stone Cherry, Hinder and Lynyrd Skynyrd at Black Oak Amp on July 5.

There will be a meet and greet along with a possible jam session at the Matterhorn Towers pool on Saturday, June 19 at 6 p.m., come meet the members of Blackwater and Ragdoll.

FRIDAY – JUNE 28

- **BALCONY RESTAURANT**
Hogscalders, 12 p.m. & 6 p.m.
- **CHASERS BAR & GRILL** *Left of Center*
- **CHELSEA'S** *Chucky Waggs*, 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** *Mark Shields & Good Company*, 9 p.m. – 1 a.m.
- **LEGENDS SALOON** DJ Karaoke
- **NEW DELHI** *Foley's Band*, 6:30–10:30 p.m.

- **PIED PIPER CATHOUSE LOUNGE** *Tebo Brujos*, 8–midnight
- **ROWDY BEAVER** *Terri & the Executives*, 8 p.m. – midnight
- **ROWDY BEAVER DEN** *Muddy Rivers*, 9 p.m. – 1 a.m.
- **SQUID & WHALE PUB** *Ragdoll*, 7 p.m., *Blackwater*, 9:30 p.m. *Face Melting Rock*
- **THE BLARNEY STONE** Live Jam
- **VOULEZ-VOUS** *BellaDonna*, 9 p.m.

- p.m.
- **JACK'S PLACE** *Mark Shields & Good Company*, 9 p.m. – 1 a.m.
- **LEGENDS SALOON** *Slam Boxx*
- **NEW DELHI CAFÉ** *Magic Mule*, 1–5 p.m., *The Electric Rag Band*, 6:30 – 10:30 p.m.
- **PIED PIPER CATHOUSE LOUNGE** *Tebo Brujo*, 8 p.m. – midnight
- **ROWDY BEAVER** *Terri & the Executives*, 8 p.m. – midnight
- **ROWDY BEAVER DEN** *Philbilly*, 1–5 p.m., *Third Degree*, 9 p.m. – 1 a.m.
- **SQUID & WHALE PUB** *Ragdoll*, 7 p.m., *Blackwater*, 9:30 p.m. *Face Melting Rock*
- **THE BLARNEY STONE** Live Jam
- **VOULEZ-VOUS** *BellaDonna*, 9 p.m.

SATURDAY – JUNE 29

- **BALCONY RESTAURANT** *Jeff Lee*, 12 p.m., *Chris Diablo*, 6 p.m.
- **CHASERS BAR & GRILL** *Bad Jack Wicked*
- **CHELSEA'S** *Trash Can Bandits with Shawn James*, 9 p.m.
- **EUREKA LIVE!** DJ & Dancing
- **EUREKA PARADISE** *Blind Driver*
- **GRAND TAVERNE** *Jerry Yester* Grand Piano Dinner Music, 6:30–9:30

SUNDAY – JUNE 30

- **BALCONY RESTAURANT** *Staymore*, 12 p.m., *Stephen Emery*,

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- **ROWDY BEAVER DEN** *Terri & Brett*, 1–5 p.m.

MONDAY – JULY 1

- **CHASERS BAR & GRILL** Bike Night with *Jesse Dean*, 7 p.m.
- **CHELSEA'S** *Spring Billy*, 9 p.m.
- **SQUID & WHALE PUB** *Stitched Up Heart*, Hard Rock/Metal
- **VOULEZ-VOUS** Locals Night

TUESDAY – JULY 2

- **CHASERS BAR & GRILL** Dart Tournament
- **CHELSEA'S** Open Mic
- **LEGENDS SALOON** Pool Tournament, 6:30 p.m.
- **ROWDY BEAVER** Hospitality Night
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WEDNESDAY – JULY 3

- **CHASERS BAR & GRILL** Beer Pong
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- **NEW DELHI CAFÉ** Open Jam
- **PIED PIPER CATHOUSE LOUNGE** Wheat Wednesday Draft Beer Specials
- **ROWDY BEAVER** Wine Wednesday
- **SQUID & WHALE PUB** Ladies Night & Pie Social

THURSDAY – JULY 4

- **BALCONY RESTAURANT** *Maureen Alexander*, 5 p.m.
- **CHASERS BAR & GRILL** Taco & Tequila Night
- **CHELSEA'S** Club Night with *McGlossy*, 9 p.m.
- **EUREKA PARADISE** Free pool
- **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
- **LEGENDS SALOON** DJ Karaoke
- **SQUID & WHALE PUB** Open Mic Musical Smackdown with *BLOODY BUDDY*, Action Painting with *Regina Smith*, 7–9 p.m.
- **VOULEZ-VOUS** Open Mic Night



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Where is the AG when a utility decides to snatch private property?

Since SWEPCO announced plans for a high-voltage transmission line that would run through environmentally sensitive areas of Northwest Arkansas, people have been scrambling to protect investment in homes at risk from the line that would decimate property values and quality of life.

Americans pride themselves on property rights and democracy, but there seems to be a shocking lack of protections for property owners. Property owners were alerted to this potential taking of their land in early April when they were given 30 days to respond to the filing before the Arkansas Public Service Commission (APSC). Property owners have had to hire attorneys for such cases, which can run into tens or even hundreds of thousands of dollars. A lot of property owners didn't receive notice until a month later and some still haven't been notified.

What SWEPCO's proposal has revealed is a system that has been rigged. We are talking about a monopoly power company guaranteed profits on every dime it spends. People don't have a choice where to buy their electricity, so the power company has captive customers. SWEPCO appears to have taken the political process captive, as well.

I haven't found a single SWEPCO customer in Carroll County in favor of this proposal, yet the ratepayers will have to pay SWEPCO's attorneys. At the same time, people opposing the project have to dig deep into their savings to fight this really bad project.

Who is supposed to represent the people when a wealthy utility decides to take their property? Interests of the people are supposed to be represented by the Attorney General's office. So, people fighting for their homes have contacted Arkansas Attorney General Dustin McDaniel. His response has been that he thinks the power line is a grand idea.

The AG has told property owners that he is "charged by law to advocate for policies that keep electric rates low while maintaining reliable electric

service." Yet rates will go up with this \$118 million transmission line, and people fear a big impact on tourism. The Arkansas Tourism Commission has called the proposal "almost beyond comprehension."

The state office holder who is supposed to be looking out for the little guy has a vested interest in swallowing the whole SWEPCO plan hook, line and sinker. That's because he has accepted numerous campaign contributions from the utility industry.

"Yes, the Attorney General, his opponents for the office, and the AG's predecessors have accepted contributions from utility companies," McDaniel's spokesman, Aaron Sadler, said. "It is neither illegal nor unethical to do so. His record of standing up for ratepayers is exemplary and has resulted in more than \$800 million in ratepayer savings since he became Attorney General."

"As our letters to concerned citizens have explained, state law prohibits the AG from representing private citizens. In utility matters, the AG is required by law to represent the collective interests of Arkansas utility ratepayers. Citizens who would like to change that law should contact legislators."

The problem with contacting legislators is they also routinely accept large campaign contributions from the utility industry. The parent company of SWEPCO, AEP, alone donated more than \$41,400 to Arkansas lawmakers in 2010.

This isn't the first time McDaniel has provided little help on issues of great importance to the public. The Arkansas Court of Appeals found in the SWEPCO's Turk Power Plant case that the AG's office did not represent public interest. In the Hempstead County Hunting Club lawsuit against the APSC and SWEPCO, the ruling states "the Office of the Attorney General acquiesced to the CECPN (Certification of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need)

proceeding, thus abdicating its responsibility to protect the interests of the people of this state. The Consumer Utilities Rate Advocacy Division within the Office of the Attorney General, more commonly referred to as CURAD... participation as a party in the CECPN proceeding was almost non-existent."

I poked around at some of McDaniel's campaign contributions for his campaign for governor (dropped after revelations of his infidelity). There were about 20 contributions from the utility industry, primarily Entergy.

Gunner Delay, who ran against McDaniel in 2006, refused to take campaign contributions from utilities and said he would work to pass a law restricting utility contributions to

AG candidates.

"The reason I have chosen not to accept utility money as a candidate for this office boils down to one word: ethics," Delay said. "The rules of professional conduct that govern attorneys in the private practice of law make it unethical for an attorney to receive compensation from an opposing party. Since Arkansas law makes it clear that there is supposed to be an adversarial relationship between the AG's office and regulated utilities, accepting contributions from public utilities creates an inherent conflict of interest. It is obvious that my opponent is trying to sell the office of AG to those interests he is required to oppose."

Any more questions about why our AG is missing in action on the biggest issue of invasion of private property rights to ever hit Northwest Arkansas?

Becky Gillette



Arkansas Attorney General
Dustin McDaniel



Park Bark – I'm Dazzle, and I'm just tickled about Community First Bank ... they gave the dog park \$2000 as a match for the Committee selling that much in brick sales! Two paws up for Community First Bank. *Thank you!* Also a big tail wag for Eureka Live where you can have some "ales for tails" at Happy Hour – Doggie Style, Wed., July 24 from 6 – 9 p.m. ... and you can come along on a leash. If your owners can donate something for the silent auction at this event, call Rachel or Bill. The dog park committee is still looking for entries for the sign design contest ... deadline is June 30. Check Facebook for details and you could win \$100 and permanent recognition at the soon-to-be-built dog park. Call Rachel (479) 244-9151 or Bill (479) 253-2658 for info. The next meeting is Wed., July 10 (location TBA).



Ahoy, mateys – Darren Drone from Sherwood, Ark., as the wonderfully-inept pirate king, drew rounds laughter and applause while extolling the pleasures of the pirate life in song on *The Pirates of Penzance* opening night at Inspiration Point Fine Arts Colony June 22.

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Opera talk – General Director of Inspiration Point Fine Arts Colony, Jim Swiggart, holds up a print of the program guide cover for the 63rd annual Opera in the Ozarks season during an Opera Talk on June 21. The season would start a few minutes later with *Madama Butterfly*. The singers standing, from left, are Bille Bruley, Coretta Smith and Steven Tompkins.

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So fa, so good – From left, Lea Padgett, Susan Brashears, Annabelle Padgett, 4, and Daniel Padgett try out a new sofa in the Brashears showroom. Lea Padgett won Brashears' \$5,000 Facebook Living Room Makeover contest but then asked to donate her prize to a Moore, Okla., tornado victim. Brashears discovered mattresses were more needed and partnered with a vendor to supply \$11,000 worth of mattresses to Moore – then rewarded Lea's generosity with a new sofa.

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Riding for honor and fun – Cindy Stroud tries to catch a water balloon she tossed over a suspended rope while riding on the back of Butch Gehrer's motorcycle at Pine Mountain Village June 22. The balloon toss was held at the finish of the 3rd Annual Military Heroes Benefit Ride from Rogers to Eureka Springs. The sponsoring organization, Operation Renewal, offers support to military families whose loved ones are deployed overseas. Operation Renewal is soon to be rechristened as Military Families First, according to organizer Ron Dilbert.

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Not exactly a vacation but we've got a bit of a breather coming up. Oh, we've still got a few Opera performances, a public meeting or two, and a bunch of chores to do before August but, after a fairly busy Spring which seemed to run right into Blues, we're ready for a little catching up.

Our color scrollers are finally operational. We had them up and running for their debut performances during Blues and were delighted with the improved lighting looks they enabled. Having 10 fixtures do the same job previously requiring more than 30 certainly opens up some options. As soon as some replacement heat shields are installed, that project can move to the Completed pile.

Now Ron has purchased six moving lights (intelligent programmable fixtures) through his production company, which will spend a lot of their time adding to the Aud's lighting capabilities. We'll be working on getting them installed over the next few weeks. At more than 50 pounds apiece, the rigging aspects will require some care.



Our new HVAC units seem to be more than up to the task of keeping the place cool for large crowds in our early summer heat. Even the Saturday afternoon Blues show was perfectly comfortable indoors. We've already seen the savings on the heating side of the cycle; now that summer's here we can get a feel for the cooling efficiency.

The gas company's already come out and swapped our meter for a much smaller one because we're using so much less than last year. Now, it's about time to check or replace the filters. Hopefully, that's a less perilous task than replacing emergency lighting batteries.

Then there's the hundreds of little things –

cleaning, straightening, tightening, touching-up, &/or gluing down – that tend to get deferred when one's in the thick of things. A loose armrest

here, some separating cove molding there. A loose door handle upstairs, a cracked floorboard down. Always something. We're even scheduled to get the bathrooms' tile steam cleaned.

All to get ready for a busy late Summer and Fall. Things will kick back off August 8 with John Michael Talbot, followed by the Bluegrass Festival running August 15-17 with Jesse McReynolds leading the Aud show on the 17th.

Jazz Eureka returns in September with tentative plans for a Big Band Twilight Dance in Basin Spring Park on the 13th and this year's headliner Aud show on the 14th – Spyro Gyra.

Throw in the talent coming along for Folk and it looks like it's going to be an interesting several months.



Songs and Spaghetti – Father Shaun Wesley talks with Judy Finkeldei and Judy Wellinghoff as Finkeldei carries away another empty spaghetti sauce bowl at St. Elizabeth's Parish Center Friday, June 21. Father Shaun's Spaghetti Dinner was held to raise money for repairs to the roof of St. Elizabeth's historic church and bell tower. About 150 people were expected and more than 300 showed up. Fr. Shaun got standing ovations after he sang tunes ranging from "Unchained Melody" to "Bring Him Back" from *Les Miz* and "Nessun Dorma" from *Turandot*. (Worth the ticket price!)



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Scrummy! – Charleen McCain, top right, must think Fr. Shaun's Spaghetti Dinner is simply scrumptious. The packed-house dinner served more than 300 and brought in approximately \$3000 toward roof repair at Saint Elizabeth Church. The silent auction garnered \$2000 for the installation of a new commercial dishwasher at the parish center.

PHOTO BY C. D. WHITE



Nature's way – This abandoned textbook was left propped up at the old Eureka Springs High School. Before long, Mom Nature added to our "American Vision" by blowing in leaves and trash, including the words ... "created just for you" on a fast food wrapper; leaving a red, white and blue tableau commenting on our care of the planet.

PHOTO BY C. D. WHITE



which comes with its own rules and must be approved by Planning.

Alderman David Mitchell stated, “I’m going with our attorney’s opinion on how to solve this,” which would be to approve Ordinance 2184. He also pointed out they are grappling with only three or four properties, a small pool which would be non-transferable so the issue would die out in time if council approved Weaver’s ordinance.

DeVito moved to approve the second reading of the ordinance, and the vote was 4-2, Schneider and Purkepile voting No.

In other business,

- Council also approved the third reading of Ordinance 2183 which rezones 123 S. Main from R-1 to C-1.
- The second reading of Ordinance 2185 which removes front corner setbacks received unanimous approval.
- Aldermen voted 5-0-1, Schneider voting Present, to approve establishing a separate license fee for limousines.
- Mayor Morris Pate brought up the

possibility of Eureka Springs purchasing .58 acres of land which contains a city sewage lift station. The property is across Ridgeview Road from the Victoria Inn. Council voted to authorize Pate to look into potential environmental issues related to the lift station.

• Schneider announced during the Council Comments forum, “I’ve had it with what’s going on with regard to the weeklies,” referring to rentals. She said she had been verbally attacked, “and the straw that broke the camel’s back has happened.” As she was preparing to continue, Pate her to proceed with caution. Weaver also told her elected officials inherit a standard of conduct by which they should abide and he also urged her not to put herself in jeopardy. He said if she believes a crime has been committed, she should report it to the police.

Schneider responded she was disgusted with citizens using the Public Comments forum as their own soapbox.

Next meeting will be Monday, July 8, at 6 p.m.

stating that the couple wouldn’t allow trespassing. SWEPCO replied they would not be coming on their property until the route was chosen.

“SWEPCO didn’t say, ‘If the project is approved’,” she said. “They said when the route was chosen. That just screams arrogance. They aren’t just trying to destroy our environment, but also our property values and our finances. It takes a mental toll.

“We made a conscious decision to move here. We could have gone anywhere in the world, and we chose this area to build our dream house to end our days here. We didn’t think it could possibly be taken from us. After Katrina you could recover and renew. This is worse than Katrina because that line, if built, will be there the rest of our lives.”

After Katrina, Powell volunteered for three years on the Citizens Road Home Action Team, which acted as advocates for people who needed help with government paperwork and insurance claims. Now she has stepped up to take a lead role with Save The Ozarks, the citizen group that has banded together to oppose the SWEPCO transmission lines. She is also co-founder of Fleur Delicious, a Eureka food and wine festival, and is burning the midnight oil working on

Fleur Delicious and SWEPCO at the same time.

“Not everyone has the experience, time, energy or physical health to wage a battle like this,” she said. “SWEPCO counts on people to be worn down. We had to create awareness with our public meetings, our Facebook page, yard signs and other efforts. We have worked to publicize SWEPCO’s faulty GIS studies that resulted in not contacting every landowner. We have an obligation to educate people and help people through this. There is moral obligation to our neighbors and community to fight a morally corrupt corporation.”

The couple believe that right will prevail in the SWEPCO battle, in large part because of the remarkable way people have come together to oppose the project.

“Disasters of this magnitude do not discriminate, which is why everyone has to be afforded a voice and be heard,” Powell said.

Armstrong said what amazed him after Katrina is that it wasn’t the government that brought New Orleans back. “It was the people,” he said. “Once again we are seeing that American spirit coming together in fighting this large corporate machine ready to trample all over us.”

PUBLIC NOTICE

Arkansas Public Service Commission Public Comment Hearings

Shipe Road-Kings River 345-kV Transmission Project Proposed by Southwestern Electric Power Company

The Arkansas Public Service Commission has set public comment hearings in Docket No. 13-041-U. The purpose of these hearings is to allow any interested person or entity to offer public comments on the matters before the Commission in Docket No. 13-041-U. Hearings will be held in two locations:

Eureka Springs Monday, July 15, 2013

*Inn of the Ozarks, 207 W. Van Buren, Eureka Springs, AR
9 a.m. to 12 noon; 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.; and 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.*

If there are individuals present at the close of the Monday hearing who have not had an opportunity to comment and wish to do so, the hearing will recommence on Tuesday, July 16, at 9:00 a.m.

Pursuant to Order No. 8 of Docket 13-041-U, if there are no individuals present at the close of the Monday hearing who wish to make comments, no hearing will be held on Tuesday, July 16.

Rogers Wednesday July 17, 2013

The Embassy Suites, 3303 Pinnacle Hills Parkway, Rogers, AR; 9 a.m. to 12 noon; 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.; and 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

If there are individuals present at the end of the day Wednesday who have not had an opportunity to comment and wish to do so, the hearing will recommence on Thursday, July 18, at 9:00 a.m.

Pursuant to Order No. 8 of Docket 13-041-U, if there are no individuals present at the close of the Wednesday hearing who wish to make comments, no hearing will be held on Thursday, July 18.

In addition, an evidentiary hearing, including a public comment opportunity, is scheduled to begin Monday, Aug. 26, 2013, 9:30 a.m., in the Hearing Room, APSC Building, 1000 Center St. Little Rock, AR 72201. During the public comment portion of the hearing, the Administrative Law Judge will only hear new comments from those individuals who had not previously provided comments in Eureka Springs or Rogers.

Southwestern Electric Power Company (SWEPCO) has filed an application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need (CECPN) for the construction, ownership, operation and maintenance of a 345-kV transmission line between the Shipe Road Station in Benton County and the proposed Kings River Station in Carroll County. Routes proposed for this transmission line are to be located in Benton and Carroll Counties, Arkansas, or alternately, Washington and Madison Counties, Arkansas, and McDonald and Barry Counties, Missouri. The application in Docket No. 13-041-U was filed April 3, 2013.

Where to celebrate Independence Day *Fireworks and fun in all directions*

In town: July 4 – Celebrate the 4th in America's Downtown – Eureka Springs – starting at 2 p.m. with an old fashioned parade including a decorated bike contest for kids. "Celebrating Our Right to Be" will wind through the lower historic loop so make your way to Basin Park before then for the best seats. See "Eureka Springs 4th of July Parade" on Facebook if you'd like to join in!

The 4th of July party continues in Basin Spring Park with live music, games and crafts for the whole family until 5 p.m. There will be a Cupcake Walk at 3 p.m. sponsored by Out on Main, a Water Balloon Toss contest at 3:30 sponsored by Gift Corner, a Shopping Voucher Giveaway at 4 p.m., crafts with the Eureka Springs Preservation Society at 4:30 along with a Watermelon Seed Spitting Contest sponsored by Cornerstone Bank. There will also be bubbles, sidewalk chalk, live music and more!

South of town: July 4 – Bring the family and your own fireworks to set off (or buy some onsite) at the 16th

Annual Independence Day Fireworks celebration at Turpentine Creek Wildlife Refuge. Come play from 6 p.m. to midnight and enjoy an awesome fireworks display, concessions and live entertainment featuring the Skillet Lickers. The refuge requests a per-car donation, which can be applied to a 2013 Family Membership Pass at the refuge. Details at www.turpentinecreek.org, (479) 253-3790,

North of town: July 3, 4 – A two-day Independence Day celebration at the Holiday Island Recreation Center begins on Wednesday, *July 3* with a pool party and cookout with live music from 7 – 9 p.m. Advance tickets available from (479) 253-9890. On *July 4*, free activities start at 2 p.m. at The Barn with entertainment, vendors, food, drinks, games for all ages and a pulled pork dinner from 4:30 – 7:30 at the Barn. Tickets for dinner available at the Holiday Island info center or Recreation Center. Fireworks start around dusk on the Island. For more information phone (479) 253-7700.

East of town: Fire on the Mountain July 4 – After

50 years, a magnificent fireworks show will once again be seen for miles around erupting from the top of Saunders Heights in Berryville. Park at Walmart, at the fairgrounds on Hwy. 21 or at the ballpark on the 62 Spur for a good view. (Old South BBQ will be available at the fairgrounds in the afternoon. If there is anything you'd like to special order, call them at (479) 238-5520.) KTHS radio (107.1 FM) will simulcast music as the fireworks go off shortly after dark, so come have a tailgate party picnic and watch the show!

West of town: July 5 – Double your pleasure and do it again! The 12th Annual Fireworks display at Ventris Trails End Resort is one of the largest firework displays in NW Arkansas, and begins about 9:15 p.m. Fireworks are choreographed to music and are best be seen by boat just south of marker 8 on Beaver Lake (just look for the banners) near Garfield. Landlubbers can watch too ... go to www.beaverlakeresorts.com and click "Fireworks Display" at the very bottom for details and land directions or phone (479) 359-3912 or 3497.

Come commit murder in Eureka Springs ... or find out who did

Mystery lovers will once again be in for a thrilling Murder Mystery Weekend, not just to enjoy, but to participate in a clue-filled, sleuthing weekend July 26 – 27. The 1884 Bridgeford House Bed and Breakfast Inn and the 1881 Crescent Cottage Inn are presenting "The Sure Pop Oil Well Scandal," an exciting Bed and Breakfast Murder Mystery.

The event includes a two night stay at either inn,

a cocktail party/reception to kick-off the weekend, full gourmet breakfast each morning, breakfast dessert gathering for more clues, around-town clue hunt and a buffet dinner to expose the murderer!

Come join the party and you could be Lois Price, Rusty Fossat, or Bill O. Reitz, some of the colorful mystery characters.

"Our oil well mystery story is based on an actual

incident in Eureka Springs; and having a murder mystery based on historic events makes for such an intriguing weekend! Greed, lies and treachery rear their ugly heads...what could be more fun?" Sam Feldman, 1884 Bridgeford House Innkeeper, said.

For more information, phone (888) 567-2422 toll free, (800) 223-3246 or visit www.bridgefordhouse.com and www.1881crescentcottageinn.com.

From the GROUNDUP

by Andrew Schwerin

Global hearsay



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Quinoa has become a popular grain, especially among vegetarians as it provides a more complete protein than other grains. It is grown in Peru, Bolivia and Ecuador. As demand has rocketed in developed countries, the price has tripled and made quinoa unaffordable to

the farmers who grow it. Now Bolivian farmers live on the cheaper processed food from the US while we pay to have their staple food shipped to us.

Besides being used in vegetable oils, animal feeds, plastics and many other industries, soybeans can be made into soy milk, tofu and a variety of fake-meat products popular with beginner vegetarians. Although there is certainly an excess of meat consumption in developed countries, pasture-based animal husbandry is generally a sustainable endeavor. The quarter billion tons of soybeans produced each year in the United States, Brazil and

Argentina require extensive cleared and tilled land, capital investment, marketing, plus synthetic chemicals, pesticides and herbicides.

One of the modern fads is coconut water. The coconut meat has long been processed for its milk, oil and fiber; now the three big soda companies have expanded their beverage offerings of "Diluted Corn Syrup with Bubbles in Aluminum Cans" and "Tap Water in a Plastic Bottle" to include coconut water (97 percent water) shipped from the tropics in a Tetrapak. On a small scale, coconut trees are much more sustainable than soybean fields, but

this is what one farmer in the Philippines has to say: "Whether they want coconut meat, or meat and water, we get paid the same."

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Sunday at UUF

On June 30, Unitarian Universalist members who attended the U.U. General Assembly will give a report. All are welcome Sundays at 11 a.m. at 17 Elk St. for a program followed by coffee and snacks. Childcare is provided. Extra parking at Ermilio's Restaurant lot, 26 White Street. For more information, (479) 253-0929 or www.euuf.org.

Dog training course begins July 9

It's time for Fido to get some manners. Veteran trainer Joan Guertin's quiet, gentle, common sense approach to dog training has influenced trainers all across the U.S., Australia and Brazil. Now a resident of Eureka Springs, Joan is offering classes through the Berryville Parks and Recreation Department.

Her six-week course will be held at the Berryville Community Center every Tuesday evening at 6:30 p.m. beginning July 9 and concluding August 13. Preregistration at the BCC is required and the course fee is payable at that time.

The course outline is: Week 1: No dog, orientation and explanation of hand signals and verbal commands. Weeks 2 – 6: Instruction with dog begins and complete course handouts will be available. Dogs must be 5 months or older. Children can be the handler if accompanied by a parent. Private lessons will be available for puppies younger than five months.

For preregistration and course cost, phone Berryville Community Center (870) 423-3139.

Cool off at Grassy Knob's Ice Cream Social

The Grassy Knob Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary invites the community to their annual ice cream social, Sunday, July 7, from 12 noon – 4 p.m. at the Grassy Knob Community Center, 12037 Highway 187. There is no charge, although donations are welcomed.

Sponsors include Ice Cream Delights, Hart's Family Center of Eureka Springs and Wal-Mart of Berryville and Rogers. The Auxiliary thanks the community and sponsors for their continued support. For further information contact (479) 253-1054.

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spent the grant funds before they can be reimbursed, so he suggested getting approval from the Quorum Court for acquiring a short-term construction loan. Commissioners unanimously approved his motion to request the loan.

Clinton said he would present a modified plan for building perimeter fences at the airport at the July meeting. He does not want the airport to have to alter the approach to the runway for aircraft nor add lighting to the fence design, so he intends to construct fencing one section at a time.

Traffic control

Clark said vehicle traffic not related to the airport is slowly eroding the surface of the taxiway. The problem is vehicles for nearby businesses, including large trucks, use the taxiway because it is more convenient and less pockmarked than nearby county roads.

He said the airport is county property paid for by federal and county money, and it is the commission's obligation to do what is best for the airport. He moved to stop all automobile traffic on the taxiway other than vehicles going to or coming from an aircraft or a hangar.

Teigen added there already is a sign stating "Aircraft only beyond this point," but people customarily use the taxiway as just another road. He also stated the airport has the authority to levy fines for violations on airport property.

Commissioner Ron Rupe seconded Clark's motion, and the vote to approve it was unanimous. Teigen followed by stating they should notify everyone affected by their action in writing even though the rule already exists.

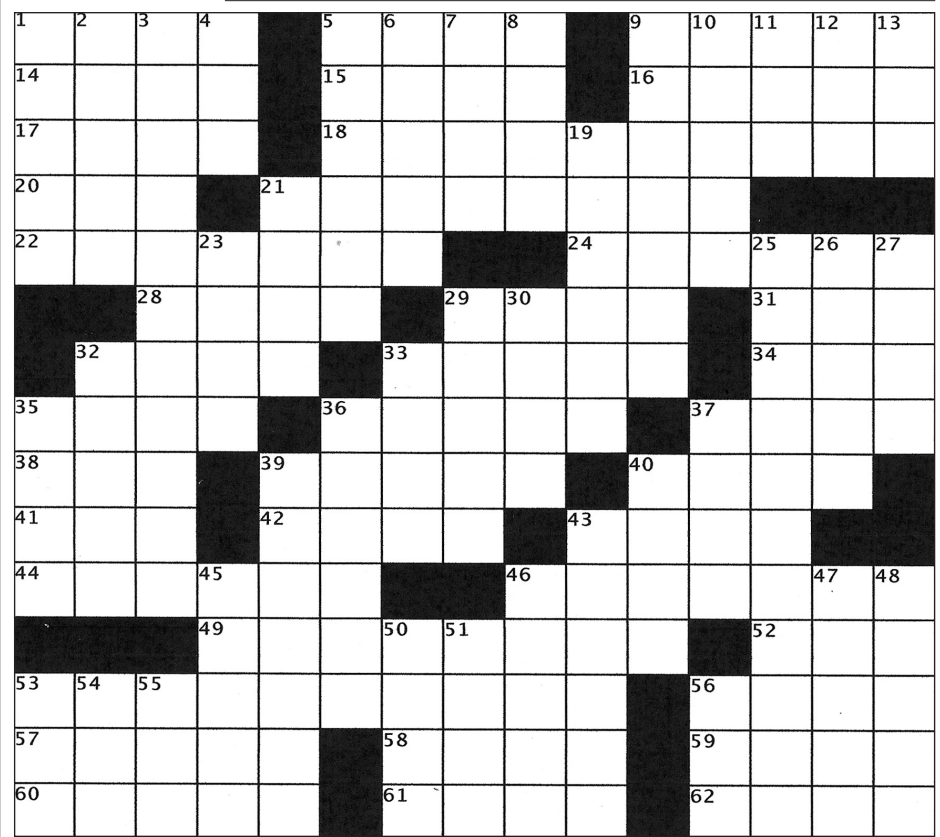
Next meeting will be Thursday, July 18, at 12 p.m. at the Carroll County Airport.



INDEPENDENT Crossword

by Chuck Levering

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ACROSS

- 1. Russian log house
- 5. Sail support
- 9. V-formation fliers
- 14. Deceiver
- 15. Dueling sword
- 16. Brother of Moses
- 17. Choice word
- 18. Sin against
- 20. Trod the boards
- 21. Smallest one
- 22. Bun hairstyle
- 24. Goddess of war
- 28. Put down
- 29. Non-speaking actor
- 31. Delivery vehicle
- 32. Over supply
- 33. Bishop's deputy
- 34. Paintings, e.g.
- 35. A clairvoyant
- 36. Material from flax
- 37. Leg joint
- 38. Too
- 39. Fixes
- 40. ____ to riches
- 41. India's hippie haven
- 42. Lyric poems
- 43. Wide river valley
- 44. Adage

- 46. Lengthy account
- 49. White grape variety
- 52. Not well
- 53. Send home
- 56. Street name for heroin
- 57. Muse of lyric poetry
- 58. Entice
- 59. Syllabic Japanese
- 60. Ashier
- 61. River in Poland
- 62. Lotion additive

DOWN

- 1. Part of the hip
- 2. Nothing
- 3. July 14 French holiday
- 4. Be alive
- 5. System
- 6. Cooks' cover-up
- 7. Char
- 8. Camp abode
- 9. Life of the party
- 10. Third rock from the sun
- 11. Before
- 12. Help, at sea
- 13. Printers' measurements

- 19. Gob or tar
- 21. Fit of pique
- 23. Drought resistant pea
- 25. Zealous in advocacy
- 26. Nostrils
- 27. Pay to play
- 29. Tends to
- 30. Finishes the cake
- 32. Birthplace of Columbus
- 33. Tropical vine
- 35. Droops
- 36. Log book
- 37. Wife of Shiva
- 39. First steel-clad ship
- 40. Sturdy wool fiber
- 43. Thin wood covering
- 45. Really angry
- 46. Bishop's headdress (*Brit.*)
- 47. Large grassy plain
- 48. Pond seaweed
- 50. Place to store fodder
- 51. Extol
- 53. Agt.
- 54. Important historical period
- 55. Mate
- 56. Jamaican music, pre-reggae

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to put my name to anything this incendiary.” He said it indicated no communication efforts at all, and nothing he has seen is about more government control.

Vote was 5-4, Deaton, Richie, Riggs and JP Matt Phillips voting No, in favor of the resolution opposing the Blueway designation, so the resolution passed.

Library
Jean Elderwind, director of the Eureka Springs Carnegie Library, spoke on behalf of an appropriation ordinance that would redistribute \$5000 from carryover of each of the three libraries to another line item in each budget for the purchase of more eBooks.

Vote to approve the ordinance was unanimous.
A separate ordinance for changing

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a part-time position at the Green Forest Library into a full-time position was tabled until the next meeting.

Also
• JPs approved the second and third readings of an ordinance establishing a Finance Committee and a Library Committee.

• Barr announced committee assignments:
Public Water Development – Ron Flake, Don McNeely, John Reeve
Personnel – Jack Deaton, Matt Phillips, Joe Mills

County Facilities – Lamont Richie, John Reeve, Gaylon Riggs
Budget – Jack Deaton, John Howerton, Ron Flake

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Next meeting will be Friday, July 19, at 10 a.m.

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shoulder to lean on and for her help without which I couldn't have done any of this. For her beautiful words and thoughts. You are the best. Randy depended on you and now I know why he could.

To my son Eric and his family. I love you all.

A special thank you to my best friends Nancy, Antonio, Piper and Darcy for being there for me day and night.

Kay Middleton

SWEPCO'S PLAN IS "...BEYOND COMPREHENSION"

Richard Davies, Executive Director, Arkansas Department of Parks and Tourism

SWEPCO's immoral plan to destroy our economy and environment is NOT a done deal. If we act together, we will stop it with a permanent injunction to ensure this deadly threat to our community never happens again. We have a clear choice before July 15.

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Arkansas Game & Fish Commission
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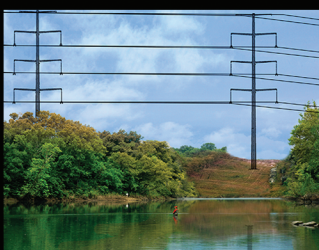
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