



Flaws could convince APSC to disallow transmission line

BECKY GILLETTE

The Arkansas Public Service Commission hearing on the proposed Shipe Road to King River 345 kilovolt (kV) transmission line lasted the entire week of Aug. 26-30 at the APSC building in Little Rock. A loyal crowd from Northwest Arkansas and Southwest Missouri sat in the hearing room as attorneys for Save the Ozarks (STO), Mick Harrison and Gregory Ferguson, and other opposing intervenors including Jeff Danos, presented case against the transmission line that opponents say does not meet a public need and would blight the environment and economy of the Ozarks.

Harrison spent hours in intense cross-examination of expert witnesses for American Electric Power (AEP)/Southwestern Electric Power Company (SWEPCO) and its allies. Harrison elicited many admissions from these witnesses that contradict or undermine assertions made in SWEPCO's application and Environmental Impact Statement. Jeff Danos of Eureka Springs, a *pro se* [in one's own behalf] intervenor, further drew out important information during his questioning of these same witnesses.

Expert witnesses for both sides submitted written testimonies – direct, rebuttal and subrebuttal – prior to the hearing. However, the hearing itself was the only opportunity for APSC's Administrative Law Judge Connie Griffin to hear witnesses defend their written testimonies. Attorneys for SWEPCO and its allies

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Jammin' with horses – Banjo players and a friendly horse joined a jam at Bear Mountain Log Cabins at the first official event of the International Banjo Rally on Wednesday, Aug. 28. Banjo jams and some shows were open to the public all weekend in Basin Park and to a packed house at the Inn of the Ozarks Convention Center.

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This Week's INDEPENDENT Thinker



Two months ago, Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg performed her supreme duty as a settler of disputes and interpreter of constitutional law. She was part of the landmark decision declaring the federal government must recognize that marriage rights would apply equally, no matter the gender of the partners. Legally married gay couples can now receive equal federal tax law benefits even if they live in one of 37 states where gay marriage is not recognized.

Last Saturday night, Ginsburg became the first justice to preside over a same sex marriage, and next month she'll do it again.

"People who love each other and want to live together should be able to enjoy the blessings and the strife in a marriage relationship," she said.

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Good weekend to rob a bank.

Acord's sold and under new management, now known as ... Acord's

C. D. WHITE

After 35 years in business, Jane and Woodie Acord closed the sale of their familiar home center on Hwy. 23S on Sept. 3 – but not much will change if new owners, Tracy and Jack Acord (no relation) have anything to say about it.

“We don’t even have to change the signs!” said a delighted Tracy. In fact, all four Acords are delighted with the transition and the ease with which it came together.

Woodie and Jane met Jack and Tracy after the younger Acords first began visiting the area around 2004, and got to know them over the years. “We were driving into town and saw the sign with our name on it,” Tracy commented, “and I said, ‘One day we’re going to own that store.’”

The new owners have been helping

Jane and Woodie out for a week or so, learning the ropes and meeting customers. Their roles reversed with the sale on Sept. 3, and Jane and Woodie are now “working” for Tracy and Jack (as volunteers) and plan to stay for a couple of months.

Tracy admitted they were going to appreciate the help. “Jack and I have been desk jockeys for so long, we’re not used to running around a store and being on our feet all day. These two run circles around us,” she laughed.

Jack and Tracy both retired from engineering careers, he with Eastman Chemical in Eastport, Tenn., and she from a company designing specifics for control valves for process lines – “steam, water, anything that runs through a pipe,” Tracy explained. “I’ve

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Passing on the suspenders – Woodie and Jane Acord with new owners Tracy and Jack Acord.

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Danos 'extraordinarily effective' at AEP/SWEPCO hearing

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Most intervenors opposed to the proposed 345 kilovolt (kV) transmission line from Shipe Road to the Kings River proposed by America Electric Power (AEP)/Southwestern Electric Power Company (SWEPCO) were represented by attorneys. Jeff and Christina Danos of Eureka Springs were not, and yet Jeff Danos was regarded by court watchers as one of the more active and effective intervenors in the case. Danos, who is not an attorney, is a self-employed web designer, Internet marketer, area and event promoter, digital artist, local historian and musician.

"I think Jeff was extraordinarily effective," Save The Ozarks (STO) Director Pat Costner said. "His performance at the Arkansas Public Service Commission (APSC) hearing this past week to consider AEP/SWEPCO's application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need (CECPN) was just superb. Jeff is an excellent researcher. He has the skills and intelligence to gather and distill information and put it to good use, which is exactly what he did. He was our best and strongest ally among all the other intervenors."

Danos has provided a summary of what he feels were the most important points revealed/confirmed during the hearing:

1) AEP/SWEPCO's application, as submitted, is incomplete. Several items required by state law were not contained in either the application or Environmental Impact Statement (EIS),

such as the economic impact on the local community and, of course, the lack of substantial notice within some of the counties that stand to be affected by the project. However, the judge didn't allow discussion of that last point since there is a current motion to dismiss pending on it. Also missing was consideration of karst terrain on constructability and cost, and any thorough visual aesthetics' analysis.

2) Some factors that could affect route viability and costs were not considered during the route evaluation process, such as constructability.

3) AEP/SWEPCO's witnesses' understanding of the project, its overall scope, and alleged need were quite different from what was presented by the Southern Power Pool (SPP), the regional transmission organization that gave the directive for AEP/SWEPCO to build the transmission line. AEP/SWEPCO insisted that this was only for local reliability, but SPP revealed a much broader-based regional plan. Neither organization seemed to think that the APSC should be concerned with validating the need, despite the fact that the letter "N" stands for Need in CECPN.

4) Entergy confirmed that interconnections would be required to make this work, but no application has thus far been submitted by Entergy to build those.

5) APSC staff witness Clark Cotten apparently did very little to validate information presented by SWEPCO in their application and EIS. He also failed to exhibit a comprehensive

understanding of the checklist of items clearly presented in Arkansas State Code required to be included with an application.

6) SPP admitted the need that was detailed in the Notice to Construct (NTC) is no longer an issue, and only other less severe contingencies (which were not included in the NTC) are now driving the project. In pre-filed testimony, STO expert witness Dr. Hyde Merrill proposed less costly, less impacting alternatives to solve the remaining contingencies, but "we weren't allowed to discuss them since SWEPCO/SPP did not cross-examine Merrill at the hearing."

7) SWEPCO has failed to properly address all the concerns presented by state and federal agencies with regard to the project, including concerns surrounding the project's proximity to Pea Ridge National Military Park.

8) SWEPCO attorneys appeared very confident (even smug) throughout the hearing, as if there were no chance of the project being denied. However, at

the very end of the hearing, SWEPCO's attorney made a last-minute motion that would allow them to supplement their original application with new information, after-the-fact. It's my belief that this is an attempt to belatedly correct the many deficiencies exposed during the hearing. Mick Harrison, STO's attorney, challenged this motion, and the judge asked for each attorney to put their arguments in writing so that she could consider them. Most of the laws in Arkansas State Code require that an application "include" such information at the time of filing, or that it must "accompany" the application. In my opinion, allowing SWEPCO to try and correct their application at this time would not be just, and would defeat the purpose of those laws.

Danos said overall, he feels the hearing went very well.

"I believe there is more than enough evidence on record that would justify a denial of the project in full by the commission, or if necessary, the court of appeals," Danos said.

Bereavement group hosts special speaker Sept. 7

The Bereavement Support Group for parents who have lost a child meets on the first Saturday of every month, 12 noon, at St. Elizabeth's Parish Center on Passion Play Rd. On Sept. 7, Jeanie Waters, a guest speaker from Harrison, will share the story of losing her son to a

prescription drug overdose.

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School board election looming

NICKY BOYETTE

Eureka Springs School District voters head to the polls Tuesday, Sept. 17, to decide who will sit on next year's board. Four positions up for a vote, but two are uncontested. Elected board members will be seated at the October meeting.

Position 1, a one-year term, is currently held by Chris McClung who is being challenged by write-in candidate Jack Muzio.

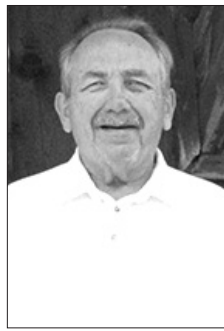
Chris McClung was chosen to fill a vacancy on the Board late last year. He previously served 1990-2002. He said it has been a fulfilling experience to be able to support the education system, and sees one of the challenges ahead incorporating new education mandates into day-to-day experiences at the schools. He said he is pleased with ideas he has heard from new superintendent David Kellogg, and looks forward to serving the district any way he can.

Jack Muzio was a teacher in Marin County, Calif., for many years. He also served as an administrator, coach and curriculum specialist, among other duties. After that, he ran a cafe in Eureka Springs. Now he is fully retired and said he has time to devote to school board issues. Two of his grandkids went through the entire Eureka Springs school system, so he has seen the district in action over the years. He said he would visit all the classrooms and see how to use his experience as a curriculum coordinator to support teachers.

Position 3, a two-year term, is currently held by Gayla Wolfinbarger,



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who is running unopposed.

She has lived here her whole life and attended local schools from Head Start through grade 12. Her grandmother was the first female school board member for the district. She obtained a Bachelor of Science in Education from the University of Arkansas, taught at Clear Spring School, then ran a business for 16 years. In October 2112, she was chosen to fill a vacant position on the board, and said she has enjoyed it more than she expected. "It is compelling and challenging to see the education system from the perspective of a boardmember," she said. Her goal is to be an advocate for the students. "It's about the kids," she said.

Position 5, a three-year term, currently held by Peggy Kjellaard, who is not running for re-election, has Debbie Davis running unopposed.

Davis served as principal of the Eureka Springs Elementary School 1996-2004. She then took on the job of principal at a bigger school in Springdale, and eventually went to the University of Arkansas where she has served as Director of the Academy of Excellence which provides training for

board members and superintendents throughout the school system. She said people encouraged her to run for the board, and it was her way of giving back to the district where her two kids got their education.

Position 6, a three-year term, is currently held by Karen Gros who is not running for re-election. Tom Freehling and Candace Spaulding are vying for the seat.

Tom Freehling recently spent three years on the school board during which time he was named an Outstanding Board Member by the Arkansas School Board Association. He taught at a technical college in Minnesota before coming to Eureka Springs. He said one of the challenges for the district is what to do with the old high school facility, which he said he hopes becomes a community-based facility. He also wants to ensure the school board is responsive to the public.

"If there are people with something on their minds, we need to hear about it." He also said the district must stay on top of technology advances in education


so teachers can use the best delivery methods available to give students many opportunities to learn.

Candace Spaulding has for the past year been a full-time K-12 substitute teacher in the Eureka Springs school district. She also participated in the 21st Century after school program. She said by working side-by-side with teachers she has gained insight to issues she can address. Two challenges she sees are figuring out what to do with the old high school property and getting the state to release funds still withheld after the settlement of the recent lawsuit. Spaulding said she wants to spend tax dollars in the best ways possible because "we're all in this together."

Board members Al Larson, Sam Kirk and Jason Morris are not up for election this year.

Early voting occurs at city hall. Voting on Sept. 17 takes place at St. Elizabeth's Church on Passion Play Road, 7:30 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.

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HISID commissioner arrested in Branson

Greg Davis, a Holiday Island Suburban Improvement District commissioner who won by four votes last December, was arrested August 25 in Branson, Mo., for third-degree domestic assault and second-degree property damage, both misdemeanors.

According to a report from Branson Police, Davis was at the Hilton Convention Center when he got into an argument with a woman he had a relationship with, Vicki Carson.

Davis is accused of bashing Carson's head into a bathroom wall and smashing her cell phone. He was arrested at 3:30 a.m.

Davis, who posted a \$7,500 bond, has been ordered to appear Sept. 30 at the Taney County Courthouse.

Parks takes a peek at disputed property

NICKY BOYETTE

Jim McAvoy gets to his home by driving down to the end of Amity Street, yet his address is on Chestnut Street. He has the only address on Chestnut, and there actually is no Chestnut Street. Two other platted streets also run right by his house and there is an unnamed alley nearby, but no one would see the opportunity for a roadway anywhere.

McAvoy has asked the Parks Commission for a vacation of parts of Hartman and McCune Sts. plus a piece of the unnamed alley. He has a survey that shows a piece of McCune was vacated already because the retaining wall next to his home was built on that portion of McCune St.

McAvoy has other surveys that give him confidence he knows where his boundary lines are. KJ Zumwalt is a neighbor whose surveys conflict with his, and therein lies the root of a longstanding boundary dispute and her objection to his vacation request.

The Parks Commission held its workshop at the site Monday evening to have all parties explain their versions of the property lines and see exactly what McAvoy was asking for.

McAvoy led the group down the side of a hill he claimed was Hartman Street, which just past his house was a ravine filled with years of fallen debris. It was nothing but a hillside to that point.

Commissioners and a few members of the Trails Committee took McAvoy's tour of the areas he wanted vacated, and he tried to interpret various maps and surveys.

At the top of the hill, however, Hartman Street is a 40 to 50-ft. grassy driveway of sorts, barely wide enough for a small pickup, between Zumwalt's fence and a grassy area. It continues as a seldom used or maintained space beyond that, but the space is usable as access along the back of Zumwalt's property and the adjoining one. At a spot beyond that, Zumwalt pointed to a large wooded expanse down a hillside with a seasonal spring called Moony Reservation.

McAvoy claims one of his surveys clearly shows Zumwalt has encroached on Hartman Street. Zumwalt disagrees, and



said if that part of Hartman were vacated, there would no longer be a buffer between their boundaries. Speaking of the short section of Hartman Street, she said, "We need that border, and I want to keep it that way."

After their exploring, the group regathered where the disputed section of Hartman meets with Amity to powwow and determine what would be next.

Trails Committee member Denton West said he had gone down the hill into what Zumwalt had called the Moony Reservation, and thought the gully would be a great trail site. The trail would start right across from the Historical Museum on Main Street and continue through the gully and on up the hillside to Amity. Losing the top part of Hartman would negate that possibility.

Leroy and Sally Gorrell own the property next to Zumwalt's, and the brambly part of Hartman beyond the disputed section runs right behind their property. Leroy asked one question: "How many feet of Hartman does he want vacated so the rest of Hartman cannot be accessed?"

Parks Chair Bill Featherstone said it seemed there would need to be a survey done by a surveyor both McAvoy and Zumwalt agree on to resolve the boundary dispute because it would benefit everyone to know where Hartman Street is. However, Parks, he said, was there in

response to McAvoy's request for the vacation.

Commissioner Rachel Brix said commissioners were there to see if there is space for a trail to add to the trail system at some point in the future, not resolve the property dispute or the longstanding feud.

Consensus was the process will take them to the Oct. 21 meeting before there can be a public hearing on this issue.

Next regular meeting will be Monday, Sept. 16, at 6 p.m.

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INDEPENDENTNews

Sen. Pryor expresses “outrage” about AEP/SWEPCO transmission line

BECKY GILLETTE

U.S. Sen. Mark Pryor, having heard from a large number of constituents who are alarmed about the extra high voltage transmission line proposed by American Electric Power (AEP)/Southwestern Electric Power Company (SWEPCO), said that he shares “outrage” about the potential negative impacts of the project.

“Thanks for sharing your concerns with me about SWEPCO’s proposed transmission line,” Pryor said on his Facebook page August 23, just days before the hearing on the project began before the Arkansas Public Service Commission (APSC). “I want you to know I’ve been in contact with them, and that I’ve shared Arkansans’ outrage about the potential effects it could have on our environment and economy. As always, I’ll keep you updated as I continue to monitor this situation.”

Pryor sent a letter of concern to AEP/SWEPCO President and COO Venita McCellon-Allen.

“Hundreds of my constituents in Northwest Arkansas have recently contacted me regarding SWEPCO’s proposed construction of a new 345 kV transmission line between Shippe Road Station in Benton County and the proposed Kings River Station in Carroll County,” Pryor said in the letter to McCellon-Allen. “These Arkansans are rightfully concerned about the potential effects this power line will have on the environment, economy and tourism of Northwest Arkansas. Should this project be approved by the APSC, after justifying its public need, I request SWEPCO take all necessary actions to minimize the power line’s impact on the scenic beauty of Northwest Arkansas, to avoid residential and dense population areas,

and to traverse as few major roads and waterways as possible. I continue to closely monitor the developments of this issue.”

Save The Ozarks Director Pat Costner said she was appreciative Sen. Pryor has weighed in on issue and congratulated all state residents who wrote or called the senator.

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– U.S. Sen. Mark Pryor

“The people who contacted the senator should feel gratified that they were able to influence their elected representative,” Costner said. “People need to see these victories and wins, and acknowledge them. That is the basis of participative democracy.”

Another high voltage transmission line, but one that wouldn’t come near Eureka Springs, has Pryor’s support. Pryor has expressed support for the Plains & Eastern Clean Line high voltage 700 KV direct current transmission line that would carry wind power electricity generated in western Oklahoma, southwest Kansas, and the Texas Panhandle to Tennessee and other markets in the Mid-South and Southeast. The 700-mile long line would enter the state at Van Buren going northeast to Tennessee.

Pryor said that project has the potential to create thousands of jobs, and contracts worth \$100 million with General Cable of Malvern to supply 25 million feet of conductor for the project. In 2011 Pryor sent a letter to the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) supporting the project stating new transmission lines are necessary to transport clean power from typical rural resource-rich areas to more heavily populated urban areas with high demand.

Pryor urged the DOE to review the project quickly and give appropriate consideration to the Clean Line Energy application. The Arkansas Public

Service Commission (APSC) turned down the project, stating that it did not carry enough benefits for Arkansas to outweigh the harm.

In the letter to the DOE, Pryor said the needs of Arkansans are his top priority. “I will not allow them to build anything that would harm Arkansans’ property or negatively impact our state,” Pryor said.

Mikel Lolley, vice president of stewardship with the Treadwell Institute in Fayetteville, said he believes that Pryor coming out with his statement on the AEP/SWEPCO line is significant. Because of campaign contributions and lobbying, legislators rarely express concern regarding a significant request from a major utility cartel. Lolley said opponents of the power line have the best chance of influencing the decision if they can get elected public officials to oppose the project.

“It takes pressure from the elected public officials,” he said. “Then you are speaking the APSC language.”

Lolley also found Pryor’s letter somewhat contradictory.

“In reading between the lines of his letter, I find it curious his support for Clean Line Energy and their proposed transmission line across the northern quarter of the state,” Lolley said. “What is the difference if one route runs slightly north of Eureka and another runs slightly south? The net affect is that both ‘take’ lands from Arkansans for private/public partnerships to move electrons through the state, but the state has limited benefit or access to those electrons. Both have negative environmental impacts.”

Lolley said the Clean Line Energy transmission line passes right through a very sensitive environmental area – the most significant migratory flyway in North America that happens to be squeezed between Harrisburg and the Mississippi River.

“That is one of the foremost duck hunting places on the continental

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A friend in the business

C. D. WHITE

Charlisa Cato, Eureka's new In-Person-Assister Guide, is well aware of rising health care costs and concerns about medical insurance. "Over the years we have all seen people suffer and delay medical treatment due to financial concerns, or rack up really astronomical bills causing some to declare bankruptcy. As a result of the Affordable Care Act, the State of Arkansas has partnered with the federal government to create the Arkansas Healthcare Marketplace, which will offer affordable plans from several private insurance companies. The key word is *affordable*," Cato stressed.

But what, exactly is an In-Person-Assister Guide and what can he or she do for us? A Guide is the Arkansas Guide Organization's (AGO) local, go-to person who can help anyone navigate the state/federal partnered Insurance Marketplace.

Beginning Oct. 1, individuals, families and small businesses can compare, choose and enroll in high quality plans at the Marketplace, and, because details can get confusing, the AGO created a training program for individuals interested in becoming Guides and helping people in their area find and understand the best policy for them.

Cato stepped up and attended an intensive training at the community college in Harrison to become the local AGO Guide. "Having worked with insurance for the past 18 years with Dr. Jan Quint, I knew I had a good basic knowledge in the field and thought this would be a wonderful way to put my experience to use. Helping people understand and access truly affordable healthcare really appeals to me – not just as a job, but as a service to the community which has given so much to me in the 40 years I've lived here," she explained.

"I can help people with the process of exploring the various plans and then enrolling. I do not sell plans, nor make a commission. These plans are available to families, individuals under 65 years and small businesses. This will not affect those already enrolled in



CHARLISA CATO

Medicaid. Anyone who is not insured or is underinsured should certainly check this out," Cato noted.

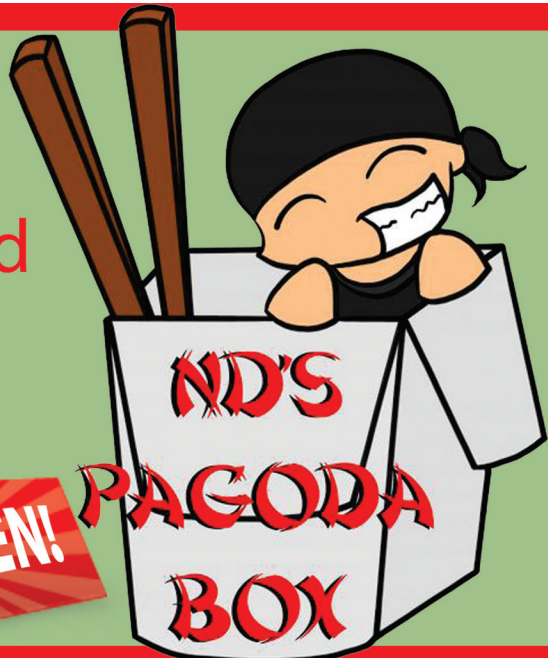
"There are some notable features available through the plans at the Healthcare Marketplace. All plans are based on household income and the premiums cannot be more than 9.5 percent of your income. Most families I know pay considerably more than that. Also, every plan will contain ten Essential Health Benefits, one of which is preventive services including annual wellness checks, mammograms and colonoscopies at no cost to the consumer."

There are two IPA Guides in Carroll County; Cato with AGO, and Collette Crawford with Boston Mountain Health. Their goal is to reach several thousand individuals and families in the county. Plans available through the Health Insurance Marketplace are approved and monitored by the Arkansas Insurance Department to ensure they offer the ten Essential Health Benefits mandated by the new law and pay the required amount of claims costs. Individuals enrolling in health plans through the new Marketplace may also be eligible for financial assistance to help pay their premiums.

During her training, Cato was impressed by some of the statistics she came across. "In Arkansas alone, the rate

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HDC – “we are not the enforcers”

NICKY BOYETTE

Historic District Commissioner Melissa Greene said at Wednesday night’s meeting she and other commissioners have received a spate of calls they feel are unfair.

Greene said callers disagreed with a recent decision by HDC to approve an application for work that had already been completed. Greene stated, “Regardless of the circumstances, we are not the enforcers. We consider applications

by following the guidelines.”

Chair Dee Bright said, “If there are complaints about perceived violations, take them to the Building Inspector or the mayor’s office.”

The following new applications were approved:

- 115-115 ½ W. Van Buren – remove existing sign base; replace with stonewall
- 58 Hillside – new retaining wall
- 1 Echols –rear fence
- 7 Kingshighway – rear pergola
- 3 Cross St – new fences
- 39 Benton St – new construction:

garage

- 11 Cliff – rebuild damaged gazebo.

Commissioner Doug Breitling recused himself from voting on 58 Hillside, and commissioner Susie Allen recused herself on 11 Cliff.

Four Consent Agenda items were also approved:

- 79 Spring – new paint colors
- 57 N Main – new sign
- 8 Drennon – new sign
- 247 N Main – new paint colors.

Consent Agenda items are Level I applications that the City

Preservation Officer Glenna Booth believes to be in accordance with the design guidelines.

Bright presented these six Administrative Approvals:

- 16 Eureka St – re-roof
- 143-151 W. Van Buren –re-pave side driveway
- 24 Pine – extension of COA
- 15 Howell – re-roof
- 37 N. Main – re-roof
- 8 College – re-roof

Next meeting will be Wednesday, Sept. 18, at 6 p.m.

Devoted and abandoned – Abandoning a domesticated animal in a rural setting with the justification that they will “fend for themselves” is unrealistic, and it may have been what happened to this devoted pet. This photo was taken on the sixth day this dog has been waiting in the same spot, apparently for its owner to come back. There’s a heart-shaped reflector on its blue collar.

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King steps up to oppose transmission line

BECKY GILLETTE

On Aug. 28, Arkansas Sen. Bryan King of Green Forest sent the following letter to the Arkansas Public Service Commission (APSC) expressing his strongest opposition yet to the proposed American Electric Power (AEP)/ Southwestern Electric Power Company (SWEPCO) 345 kilovolt (kV) transmission lines.

"Because the citizens affected have not had enough time study its potential impact, I am opposed to the construction of the new transmission lines between Shippe Road Station and a proposed Kings River Station," King wrote to the APSC. "The transmission lines will have an enormous impact on property values and on the local tourist economy and there has not been nearly enough time to adequately study the consequences of any decision by the Public Service Commission. Any decision of this magnitude should be based on facts, research and the best information available. At the rate this process is going, there certainly has not been time to make an informed decision, especially regarding an adequate study of the impact on the local economy and tourism.

"At heart, this is a property rights issue. Eminent

Eminent domain should never be invoked in a rash manner as the long-range consequences will be far-reaching and irreversible.

— Arkansas Sen. Bryan King of Green Forest

domain should never be invoked in a rash manner as the long-range consequences will be far-reaching and irreversible. Consequently, it is essential to study this proposal more carefully and thoughtfully, which means stretching the time frame in which it is being considered. Like many property owners in the affected area, I have concerns property values could be significantly affected and those affected may not be indemnified in full under the process of eminent domain. My concern is heightened even more so by the speed in which this proposal is going through the regulatory process.

"While I recognize SWEPCO's authority to apply for a permit to build the transmission lines, I hope your agency takes into consideration the need to protect the

area's economic viability, much of which is based on tourism. A final decision should be made only after much careful deliberation, and only after everyone affected has had ample time to study it thoroughly. Thank you for your time and attention in this matter."

Earlier King co signed a letter with Sen. Cecile Bledsoe, Chair of the Public Health, Welfare & Labor Committee of the Arkansas Senate, stating they have received feedback on this issue from numerous entities and are deeply concerned about outcomes should this application be approved. The letter requested that the issue be studied for a year.

APSC turned down the request to delay the proceeding, stating that timelines for applications are set by state code, and a one-year extension would not be allowed. The hearing on the powerline is currently in recess. Administrative Law Judge Connie Griffin will call for another hearing in Little Rock. Once the hearing is concluded, the judge is required to render a decision within 60 days of the end of the hearing in Little Rock that concluded Aug. 30. Her decision can be accepted, rejected or amended by the three-member APSC.

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The United States is chomping to retaliate against bad guys in Syria who were caught killing their own countrymen with chemical weapons. At least that's what we've been told. There were photos. They were odd; the dead did not look contorted, dismembered, discolored or frightened. They just looked dead.

No one admits to having ordered the killings, but no one has admitted to the previous 100,000 killings in Syria that were done more with missiles and rifles rather than with chemicals sprayed on people some powerful unnamed person just didn't like.

We are quick to say we'll talk with other countries' leaders, and at the same time we continue to send our enemies arms, money, training and personnel, always through a third country, like Croatia or Jordan – some country friendly to our interests.

We have bombed great cities and their people. Not just we, the United States, but all of humanity who have access to weapons of mass destruction. We have bombed great works of art, from the Berlin Herbarium to the stone mountainsides of Buddha in Tibet, similar to Mt. Rushmore. We have used nuclear weapons on entire cities, Hiroshima and Nagasaki, calling it an effective and necessary way to end violence. Our country even fought a war to end all wars.

We lean on politics and religion for our righteousness, but we know it all comes down to money, power and resources someone else has that we want. Why else would any of us get out of the chair, pick up the shotgun, walk out the door, start the truck and leave home? We want something we don't have and know how to get it. We do it because either we're mad or we just like to fight. No one beat down our door and threatened us.

War is mass murder. You can't have a war until there's enough killing to make someone bigger than you tell you to stop or they'll kill you.

Why did we let the Syrians kill 100,00 of their own and do nothing until last week when we put the back of our hands to our foreheads and shuddered, "Oh, they really can't do *this*." Why did we not help the Rwandans? Why did we not help the Cambodians? Was it because they had labor pools we were interested in keeping alive? Are oil, land and money worth the fight? Couldn't we just have our wars on Facebook? We know very well how to diminish people with words.

Wars separate people. That doesn't mean we all have to be friends, but it does mean we don't have to kill those with whom we disagree.

We deal with effects of war rather than causes. We are not much interested in preventing war, because that would mean we wouldn't get rich. Are we muscular enough to declare war on money?

Why do we shy away from health care, elder care, childcare, happiness and togetherness? So we can have more stuff which we already know is not the concern of anyone who is dying? They never seem to look at you and say, "Gosh, I wish I had another \$452. Then I'd live." The dying, the ones who were spattered with chemicals, likely didn't think about money. They were doused with an odorless, colorless vapor. After it touched them, they had one minute to live. Not enough time to call anyone, walk anywhere, eat anything. One minute, of which all 60 seconds are spent gasping for air as the lungs shut down.

Why is that worse than being shot through the heart? It probably isn't. But our leaders are still sitting around huge oak tables wearing neckties demanding retribution, aching to go to war that our Secretary of State said the Arabs would pay for. Yes. That's what it's about.

And we know we've been pacifists all our lives we know war is big business and we know it is wrong, stupid, wasteful, criminal and we hate it.

We can only hope Eureka Springs is strong enough to simply prevent horrendous, ill-conceived power poles from being erected and sprayed with chemicals, because that spraying is a slow way of declaring war on ourselves.

MPB



The Pursuit Of HAPPINESS

by Dan Krotz

When I was a bookseller my main occupation was observing the picking up and putting down, the accepting and rejecting and – with any luck – the purchase of a book. This was a less passive activity than you might think since the bookseller's taste, pricing, organization and judgment is entirely in the mind of prospective readers. Feelings, good, bad and ugly are at stake. I assure you that life in the book trade is not for wimps.

Other variables contribute to the success or failure of a bookstore, such as the cultural literacy of a community, the number of people with disposable incomes, etc. One common characteristic is that buyers of books are curious people who are always looking for something, however ill-defined.

People also look for nothing. "Are you looking for a particular book?" I'd ask. "Nothing," they'd reply. So many people came in looking for nothing that I was tempted to publish a book titled *Nothing*. Then I could say, "You bet! Got a thousand copies. How many do you want?"

Actually, I liked the *Nothing* seekers pretty well. Mostly, these were folks who just liked books and bookstores. They'd walk in, pause for a moment, and listen intently; they were waiting for a book to speak to them, to hear a hundred voices all at once, or maybe just one persistent voice. It is not nothing they seek, but anything that speaks to their moment and place in time.

I was always happy when young people came into the shop. In his poems about innocence and experience, William Blake captured the rose and thorn essence of adolescent discovery. We value both innocence and experience, yet we necessarily lose one as we gain the other. Consequently, I admit to having felt a slight parent-like regret when a kid picked up Ann Sexton or Albert Camus – life is so much more joyful than that! Yet I also knew – and know – that becoming familiar with such depressive bores is a task that we have to complete before we gain enough life experience to confidently reject them. None of us is spared that sophomore year.

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Strength comes from support

Editor,

I truly appreciate and applaud everyone involved with STO and all they are doing to stop the power lines from coming through. However, after reading the article on the Aug. 15 appearance of Steve Womack's aides in Eureka Springs, I was to ask, where was everyone when I brought up this whole issue to Steve Womack at the Berryville meeting?

There were only about six of us wearing the t-shirts and only about 25 or so total turnout to ask Womack questions. After begging for his help for about 10 minutes, we spent about 15 minutes or so batting the issue back and forth.

After my "speech" as one irritated onlooker called it, Womack and his aides were very aware of all the issues concerning the power lines (especially

route 33) and Womack was getting backed into a corner. We could have done with some support.

My friend, Steve Campbell, finished what I started and Kit Sheppard helped out.

Womack is very aware of the issue, as right after the meeting in Berryville he requested further info from his aides and a meeting with SWEPCO (per an email that was forwarded at 9:08 p.m. that same night to our mayor of Beaver, Mary Hill).

I would be greatly surprised if Womack were to meet with any more representatives of STO, but I would love to see Ilene Powell or Pat Costner finish what a few of us started. They are very well informed and eloquent speakers and I urge them to stay on Womack's tail even if it is between his legs. As is Mark Pryor's.

Penny Sullivan

How vital is vitality?

Editor,

Well, I guess everyone's definition of a "vital need" is different, but when I think of a vital need (vital meaning essential, all-important, life-and-death) I think of water, protein, carbs, a toilet (I'm spoiled) and a place to sleep for 6 to 8 hours per 24 hour period.

When the Superintendent of Bentonville Schools, William Alan Poore, thinks of a vital need as he expressed recently on public comments to the APSC, he thinks of having a 345 kV transmission going through NWA, somewhere, anywhere, but *not* anywhere near his schools. If the 345 kV transmission line were truly a vital need (we would die without it) and I guess the young'uns would have to endure – better not so

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WEEK'S Top Tweets

@marebytes --- I'd have more respect for the weather man if he just got on camera & said "I have no idea, your guess is as good as mine-go outside & look"

@JohnLyonTweets --- Email subject line: "Your invited." Thanks, I'll bring an apostrophe and an e.

@Heather2Go --- Paying bills is fun and easy when you have a bottle of wine and a shredder.

@13spencer --- "Follow your dreams!" – someone born into money

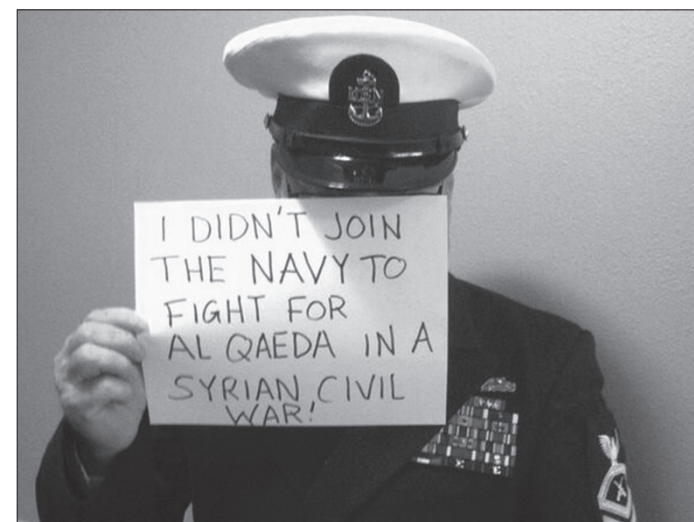
@SortaSarcastic --- Okay, you guys, I'm gonna distract Twitter with an internal server error. When I do, make a run for it and get your life back.

@JordanPeele --- I bet Eve bit that apple because she knew she was going to get a bunch of clothes out of it.

@jakefromstfarm3 --- An apple a day will keep anyone away if you throw it hard enough.

@Zen_Moments --- When the receiver is ready, the gift appears. ~ Dr. Chuck Spezzano

@Donna_Gallers --- How many politicians does it take to change a light bulb? None-they'll employ a maid and claim her wages on expenses.



@JuliaDavisNews --- Navy officer on Syria

Being watched – An anonymous lover of the arts left this mysterious note in the locked donation box at the Art Colony complex on N. Main with a donation of \$1,000, which new owners Allen Grummert and Dewayne Hathcoat discovered on Aug. 31. Grummert said the box had been up for two weeks and only about \$25 had been collected until this donation. For now the money is being saved to continue restoring the Colony and do some advertising. “Meanwhile it’s going great here,” Grummert said. “People are working again, we’re opening doors that were screwed shut, we’re hanging paintings we found between the buildings ... it’s alive!” Although the last space has been rented, the Colony is still keeping an eye out for an oil painter. And someone with a heart for the arts is keeping watch.



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Acuna-Sanchez hearing continued until November

NICKY BOYETTE

Circuit Judge David Klinger heard attorneys' motions in the Victor Acuna-Sanchez case in the Berryville courthouse Tuesday morning. Acuna-Sanchez is accused of murdering his ex-girlfriend, Laura Acevez, on December 31, 2012.

After hearing from attorneys, Klinger set the next hearing for Monday, Nov. 4, at 9 a.m., in the Berryville courthouse.

Klinger gave the defendant until Sept. 7 to file an amended motion to suppress evidence, and the State has until October 1 to respond.

Klinger also agreed to the defendant's motion to require investigative officers who worked the case to retain their notes and paperwork related to the case.

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INDEPENDENT Constables On Patrol

AUGUST 26

9:23 p.m. – A neighbor thought the music emanating from an establishment was way too loud. Constable on patrol agreed and got it turned down.

AUGUST 27

2:01 a.m. – Passerby reported a vehicle sitting in a street just east of downtown. Constable scoured the area but did not encounter a vehicle parked in the road.

3:48 a.m. – Female in an apartment on the western edge of town told ESPD there was a male in her apartment and he was not violent but he would not leave in spite of her repeated requests. Constable arrived and gave the male a ride to his vehicle and warned him not to return to the apartment or he would be arrested for trespassing.

1:50 p.m. – Driver saw an erratic driver westbound on US 62. Constable encountered the vehicle and spoke with the elderly driver.

2:32 p.m. – Constable cited a vehicle parked on a sidewalk in a neighborhood near downtown.

AUGUST 28

5:46 a.m. – Constable checked on three suspicious individuals and arrested one of them on a warrant out of Fayetteville.

1:23 p.m. – ESPD learned there was a truck heading toward town from the east with one taillight hanging out of its socket. Constable never saw such a truck in town.

6:56 p.m. – Vehicle parked on a road in a neighborhood south of town got dinged on the door. Constable took the information.

10:03 p.m. – Witness reported a group of people acting suspicious near a school campus. Constable on patrol checked the area but found no one.

AUGUST 29

9:29 a.m. – Constable responded to request of an apartment manager to witness an individual being told to leave and not come back. Constable warned the individual of the consequences of returning to the property.

11:04 a.m. – A black dog ran free as a bird in a neighborhood until a constable captured it and brought it to the kennel.

11:55 a.m. – Concerned citizen

reported a motor home trying to go where it ought not go, but the constable who responded did not encounter it.

3:01 p.m. – As a result of a traffic stop, the constable arrested the driver on multiple warrants out of Benton County and driving on a suspended license.

6:08 p.m. – Resident reported her neighbor had been binge-drinking for a week and was unresponsive. Constable and EMS responded to the address. They determined their services were not required.

AUGUST 30

3:01 p.m. – Business owner downtown thought an establishment had its music too loud again. Constable spoke with everyone involved.

9:18 p.m. – Driver headed toward town from the south was behind a reportedly erratic driver. Constable waited in town but never saw the erratic vehicle.

9:20 p.m. – ESPD heard about a motorcycle being driven erratically, but the constable did not see it.

AUGUST 31

12:06 a.m. – As a result of a traffic stop, constable arrested the driver on a Benton County warrant and for driving on a suspended license and possession of a controlled substance.

1:27 a.m. – A motorcycle crashed into a parked vehicle in a parking lot, and gas spilled all over the asphalt. ESPD, EMS and ESFD all responded. Constables arrested the cyclist for DWI and careless driving.

4:33 a.m. – Motorist suspected he was behind an intoxicated driver. Constable encountered the vehicle near downtown and learned the driver

could not remember where his motel was. Constable found out for him.

2:30 p.m. – There was a traffic accident on private property. Constable took a report.

3:16 p.m. – Merchants downtown picked up a small white dog with no collar. Constable retrieved the animal and reunited it with its owners.

7:56 p.m. – Camper was not happy about the music being too loud at a campground. Constable went to the scene and he was assured the volume would be adjusted.

9 p.m. – Person nearby thought the music was still too loud at the campground. Constable again responded and this time turned the music off.

9:02 p.m. – Someone stole a motorcycle parked downtown. Authorities were on the lookout and a constable took a report.

9:44 p.m. – Motel staff were having difficulties with a belligerent guest. Constable arrived at the scene to discover the guest and the motel staff had worked out their problems and then the guest left.

SEPTEMBER 1

12:38 p.m. – There was a motorcycle accident in a parking lot. No injuries.

2:18 p.m. – Motel personnel reported someone had left a gun in a room. Constable picked up the abandoned property.

2:57 p.m. – Vehicle was reportedly passing on a double yellow line on westbound US 62. Constable was unable to get to the location because of the heavy traffic.

5:58 p.m. – A vehicle appeared to be abandoned in a motel parking lot.

Constable responded and discovered who the owner was, and the owner moved the vehicle.

8:56 p.m. – Guest at a motel reported a theft from the room.

9:37 p.m. – It appeared to passersby that a person was passed out in a parked vehicle just off Hwy. 23S. Responding constable discovered the person was carsick.

11:20 p.m. – Traffic stop on a motorcycle resulted in the arrest of the driver for driving on a revoked license.

11:42 p.m. – Several persons suspected there was a domestic dispute in an apartment near downtown. Constables arrived and learned the argument was verbal only. The couple were advised to keep their noise down for the night.

SEPTEMBER 2

7:38 a.m. – Two dogs were apparently left outside all night, and they barked enough to keep neighbors awake. Constable found no one was at home, so he left a message for Animal Control for follow up.

11:12 a.m. – Constables were able to help a man find his girlfriend.

8:07 p.m. – Music at the same establishment was bothering nearby residents again. Constable found a way to get the volume knob adjusted.

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5:19 a.m. – Nurse at ESH told ESPD of a patient who came in with what appeared to be a gunshot wound in the lower left leg. He refused to give a name but wanted to be treated. The hospital refused treatment without more information so he left. His image was captured on camera, and ESH will forward the video to authorities.

Visit the Holy Land in March

Start putting savings aside now and join The Great Passion Play's Holy Land tour in Israel March 7 – 16, 2014. This tour is set apart from others in that it specializes exclusively in the actual locations where Jesus lived, taught and performed miracles. Because of connections in Israel, this tour can include many places other tourists don't get to go.

Tour guide, Dr. Gary Crossland, Gospels scholar and author of *The Merged Gospels* – the most literal translation and comparison between the English texts of the four Gospels – will be joined by Israeli guide, Mike Abu Libdeh, one of the only men licensed by the Israeli

government to go absolutely anywhere in the country.

Travel the very paths Jesus walked from His birth in Bethlehem, childhood in Nazareth and ministry in Galilee to the scene of His death, resurrection and ascension in Jerusalem. Take the trip as a vacation – or as a pilgrimage to the Holy Land that will stay with you forever.

For costs and more information call Pilgrim Tours (800) 322-0788, phone Gary Crossland (405) 227-8243 and see more online about the "Merged Gospels Holy Land Tour," including a video, at www.greatpassionplay.org.



Denied cross exam – Expert witness for Save The Ozarks, Dr. Hyde Merrill, left, confers with STO attorney Mick Harrison during a hearing before the Arkansas Public Service Commission in Little Rock Friday, Aug. 30. Merrill, along with other STO expert witnesses, was denied cross-examination as part of SWEPCO's legal strategy.

PHOTO BY DAVID FRANK DEMPSEY

STO public meeting Sept. 6 – confidence strengthened

Save the Ozarks will hold a public meeting in the Auditorium at 6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 6. A number of STO officers, members and supporters who attended last week's hearing before the Arkansas Public Service Commission (APSC) on SWEPCO's proposal will offer brief personal accounts of the hearing. A question and answer period will follow.

The hearing, which took place at the APSC Building in Little Rock,

began on Monday, August 26, and was continued, not closed, at the end of the day Friday, August 30. It is anticipated the Administrative Law Judge will issue an order this week requiring attorneys for SWEPCO and STO to file legal briefs, and perhaps hear oral arguments.

STO anticipates holding a second public meeting later this month with attorney Mick Harrison as the featured speaker.

“Signs” of the (Biblical) times

The Great Passion Play is presenting a Sign Language Weekend on Friday and Saturday, Sept. 13 and 14, for the benefit of the hearing impaired. Interpreters will be present in front of a section of the audience so The Greatest Story Ever Told can be seen in a way never experienced before.

Please spread the word to hearing impaired friends and neighbors about this special weekend. Even for those with perfect hearing, watching the beautiful art of sign language adds a deeper dimension and understanding to the spoken word.

Tickets for those who are hearing impaired are available at half price. For seating, costs and more information see www.greatpassionplay.org.

Join us for an Artist Reception with Local Artist **RON LUTZ** showcasing his “Foundations” collection of Traditional Photographic Prints



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Grab a spoon and slurp down a taste of cultural cuisine ladled from the gene pool in which we've all been swimming. Maybe you'll be able to pick your name out in the alphabet noodles or maybe you'll just pick out the chunks of meat and attempt to feed the vegetables to the dog. In any case, we'll try to give you something socially relevant to chew on every week.

They don't call it "the remote" for nothing, part II

“How can you put on a meaningful drama or documentary that is adult, incisive, probing, when every fifteen minutes the proceedings are interrupted by twelve dancing rabbits singing about toilet paper?” ~ Rod Serling, speech at Ithaca College (NY), quoted in *Reader's Digest*, 1982

Ah, 1982, the good old days. Wonder how *Twilight Zone* creator Serling would feel about being interrupted every five to seven minutes?

Armed with a stopwatch, we actually checked this out during a couple of prime time television shows. Open

with three to five minutes of program to get the audience hooked, break for five to seven minutes of commercials (numbering six to ten), back to program for seven minutes followed by an equal amount of time for commercials, and so on. Max number of commercials at one time: 13. Max sequential minutes of program: 8. Timed length of actual story line: 20 to 35 minutes in a 60-minute period.

On each break our attention (if any is being paid) is directed in rapid succession from one mini program of 15 to 60 seconds to another, each demanding an emotional or action

response to consider, watch, buy, vote for, switch to, phone, visit, rescue or support disparate products or entities. Built-in attention deficit disorder, anyone?

Don't know if they still do it, but the Brits had it right some time ago. All the commercials were aired at the top of the hour and the viewer was left to give full, uninterrupted attention to an entire drama or program. The closest we get to that is various PBS programming.

And books.

Try to get one in before the fall season begins with a whole new spate of commercial delivery vehicles

(disguised as TV series) formulated to get into your wallets and dumb your sensibilities.

“In a very real way, television is the new mythos. It defines the world, reinterprets it. The seasons do not change because Persephone goes underground. They change because new episodes air, because sweeps week demands conflagrations and ritual deaths. The television series rises slowly, arcs, descends into hiatus, and rises again with the bright, burning autumn.”

~ Catherynne M. Valente, *Chicks Dig Time Lords: A Celebration of Doctor Who by the Women Who Love It*

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Get vocal about the holidays

The Ozarks Chorale begins rehearsals for its 19th holiday concert season with registration and first practice Tuesday, Sept. 10, 6:30 p.m. at the Eureka Springs United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, Hwy. 23S. All local singers are invited to participate, no auditions required. The Chorale rehearses every Tuesday evening at the Eureka Springs Middle School cafeteria and performs concerts at area venues. Willing to practice and love to sing? This is the group to join!

Cycling in art

The Norberta Philbrook Gallery and the Pressroom are showing a month long collaborative exhibition celebrating cycling and cyclists in September: The Art of Cycling. The show includes works by Zeek Taylor, JoeRay Kelley, Eddie Love, Hunter Connor, Missy Kara Kazam, Jeremy Mason McGraw and Gina Rosa Galina – Yarn Bomber Extraordinaire.

There will be a public reception for the artists Tuesday, Sept. 17, 6 – 8 p.m. at the Pressroom, 121 W. Central Ave. in Bentonville. The exhibition will accompany the Slaughter Pen Jam & Music Festival, a three-day event including races, stunt exhibitions, music and more. For details regarding this event phone (479) 876-8134.



Casting call for HI Theater

The Holiday Island Theater Guild is holding auditions for its upcoming play, a French farce entitled *The Ladies Man*, to be presented Nov. 7, 8 and 9. Auditions will be held Sunday, Sept. 8, at 4 p.m. and Monday, Sept. 9, at 7 p.m. in Room A of the Holiday Island

clubhouse. Returning director, Elise Buchman, is looking for four men and four women who are “quite the characters.” Participants need not have acting experience and need not live in Holiday Island. For more information, contact Ron Huibregtse (479) 253-7766.

Ed Stilley celebrated at WAC



The Walton Arts Center's Joy Pratt Markham Gallery features True Faith, True Light: The Folk Instruments of Ed Stilley, an exhibition celebrating the vision of one of the great folk artists of our time, Ed Stilley from Hogscald Holler Homestead in Northwest Arkansas. The exhibit features a collection of instruments Stilley created over a 25-year span. Each is comprised of rough sawn wood scraps along with hidden treasures such as door springs, saw blades, pot lids, metal pipes and chainsaw sprockets

found inside the base.

Featured in addition to the instruments are photographs of Stilley at his workshop and home by Flip Puthoff, photographs and X-ray images by Tim Hawley detailing the instruments, and portraits of some of those who received the gift of an Ed Stilley guitar. Included in the exhibition is a display devoted to Stilley's tools and working process.

The exhibit runs until Nov. 1 at WAC, 495 West Dickson in Fayetteville.

INDEPENDENTArt

ARTifacts features two on gallery stroll



Get acquainted with artists Diana Smith and Janice Matthews-Gordon from 6 – 9 p.m. during the September Gallery Stroll at ARTifacts Gallery of American Art, 37 Spring Street, upstairs. Phone (479) 363-6660 or see www.artifactseureka.com for more information.

Rosenzweig Biennial Exhibition seeking entries

Entries are being accepted until Sept. 13 for the Irene Rosenzweig 2013 Biennial Exhibition Nov. 14 – Dec. 30 at The Arts and Science Center for Southeast Arkansas, 701 Main Street, Pine Bluff. Artists must be 18 years or older and reside in Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Texas or Missouri. Artwork in all traditional art forms will be accepted, including paintings, original prints, fiber art, ceramics, sculpture and photography. No video, performance, or installation works. Only original works by the entering artist will be accepted; no reproductions.

Entries must have been completed within the past three years and must be framed and/or ready for display. Awards include: Best in Show: \$1,000 and three \$100 prizes. Up to \$2,000 may be available for artwork purchased for the ASC Permanent Collection. For entry info and form, Google “Irene Rosenzweig 2013 Biennial Exhibition.”

Opportunity for ES nature artists

The Horizon LakeView Restaurant on Mundell Road, Beaver Lake, is seeking art by Eureka Springs artists to hang and sell. Artists will receive 100 percent of proceeds from sales. The restaurant owners “would like to bring the outdoors in, since we are all about the view.” Desired subject matter includes animals, landscapes, waterfalls and anything from nature. Call Jenny Pile (479) 253-3722 or the restaurant (479) 253-5525.



It's Thyme to see what Maureen Dailey's been up to

Maureen Dailey wants us to see what she's been doing when not answering her phone. She's been busy creating new sculptural pieces of found objects and other treasures, and has added ceramic work to her creations. Come meet her at the debut of her new series, *Conscious Botanicals*, Sept. 14 at Eureka Thyme, 19 Spring Street, from 1 – 4 p.m. and 6 – 9 p.m.

Artists, photogs and decorative crafters – contest deadline Sept. 9

Artists may submit entries through Sept. 9 to have work included in a juried exhibition at the 57th Grand Prairie Festival of the Arts. Categories include: visual arts, photography and decorative arts. Prizes will be awarded in various categories.

Selected entries will be on display

during the Festival, Sept. 27 – 29, at the Grand Prairie Center on the PCCUA-Stuttgart Campus in Stuttgart. For information, contact Arts Center of the Grand Prairie, Charles Law - Director, (870) 673-1781 or email arts001@centurytel.net.

Get out there and start shooting!

Eureka Springs Winter Film Fest seeks diverse, expressive, and passionate films that inspire, enlighten and entertain from independent filmmakers of all ages.

The 2014 Winter Film Fest, to be held Jan. 23 – 25 in the city auditorium, aspires to promote and encourage independent filmmakers of all ages, and celebrates the art of filmmaking in the community and beyond.

Categories include drama, comedy,



documentary, art film and animation. Length can be from 5 to 30 minutes. Film should be DVD format, NTSC, 16:9 or 4:3. The following ratings will be accepted: G, PG, PG13, R or NC17. Films must have been shot and produced in 2013. Submission deadline is Dec. 31.

For details and entry form, visit www.eurekaspringswinterfilmfest.com or call Teresa DeVito (479) 363-8185. A signed entry form and \$25 entry fee must be received by Dec. 31.

Rankine digs deeper

Local artist John Rankine's photo series, *Beneath the Surface*, will be on display at the Stone House during the month of Sept. An opening/artist reception will be Friday, Sept. 6, from 6 – 9 p.m. at the wine bar, 89 S. Main. All are welcome. The Stone House is open Thursday through Sunday from 1 – 10 p.m. for your socializing and viewing pleasure.



Caribe hosts STO Fun(d)raiser with “epic night of music”

Join STO members and the community for an afternoon and evening of socializing and great music for an important cause on Sunday, Sept. 15, at Caribé Restaurante y Cantina, US 62W. The event includes two live auctions, so prepare to take home something special.

Doors will open at 2:30 p.m. for public viewing of the auction items. The first live auction will be held from 3 – 4 p.m. with a second from 5 – 7(ish). Adding to the Eureka ambience, Maureen Alexander provides music from 4 – 5 p.m. followed by Wolf and Gary with LeRoy Gorrell, Ron Sumner and Steve Bush at 7:30 p.m. Don't miss this epic night with off-the-hook music for a mere \$10 per person cover!

Anyone who would like to help with the auction/benefit or who has something to donate, please email info@savetheozarks.org. Check out www.SaveTheOzarks.org or Save The Ozarks on Facebook for updates and more information.



Interns graduate – On August 28, 13 college seniors “graduated” from their six-month internship program at Turpentine Creek Wildlife Refuge with tear-filled remembrances. “This was the toughest experience of my life, but I wouldn’t trade my time here for anything,” was a frequent refrain throughout the celebration. TCWR introduced the internship program for college seniors studying animal related sciences in 1998. Interns live on site for six months and receive hands-on experience in wildlife refuge operations including animal care and enrichment, maintenance, habitat construction and visitor education. The program has “graduated” more than 300 interns now employed by leading zoos, vet clinics and wildlife sanctuaries around the world. Tanya Smith, refuge co-founder and president, commented, “The good news – we have so many improvement and expansion projects right now, we need more help. The bad news – this unique education opportunity is so popular, we have to turn down 90 percent of applicants.”

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TheNATUREofEUREKA by Steven Foster



Late summer rosinweeds

We have a perfect combination of moderate weather and rare abundant rain in the first half of August to provide a brilliant show of late summer wildflowers – plants taking advantage of the opportunity to ramp-up their reproductive potential. Nature takes advantage of an opportunity.

This is your opportunity to pay attention to late summer wildflowers and get to know a few of them. One plant group that is bold and showy now is the genus *Silphium*, including cup-plant *Silphium perfoliatum*, compass plant *Silphium laciniatum*, and prairie-dock *Silphium terebinthinaceum*. Forget doing a Google search on the generic word “Silphium” as the main items that will pop-up are references to an unrelated and extinct plant used as a contraceptive in the ancient world, known to the Greeks as silphion and the Romans as silphium.

Our native *Silphium* species have yellow sunflower-like blooms up to 5 in. across. Individual plants can stretch to over 7 ft. tall. Cup-plant (*Silphium perfoliatum*), which grows in moist soils, has bright green succulent angled stems with opposite leaves, fused at the base (perfoliate) to form a distinctive cup around the

stem.

Compass plant (*Silphium laciniatum*) has large, rough, deeply-divided leaves up to 18

in. long, which orient themselves on a north-south axis so that the edge of the leaf is toward the sun. This adaptation minimizes exposure to bright sunlight and probably serves to help conserve moisture in the dry prairie and glade habitats in which it thrives. Prairie-dock (*Silphium terebinthinaceum*), also a resident of glades and prairies, has very large, broad dock-like, 2-ft. long leaves at the bases of the plant. These rough leaves are loaded with a resinous essential oil with a strong fragrance of turpentine (as suggested by the species name).

Silphiums are sometimes collectively known as “rosinweeds” as the broken stems of the three species above exude a resinous, highly aromatic, sticky goo. This resin was used by various native peoples of the prairies for a wide range of purposes. You have all seen these plants as they grow along the roadsides on all highways leading in and out of Eureka Springs. The key to recognizing them is knowing their leaves.



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.

“Grandpa,” I began, “Mrs. Johnson told me that if there is a ghost over at my house, it is the ghost of Aunt Till Gaskins. She told me that Uncle Bill had moved Aunt Till into that house against her will. That she wanted to go home to her own house for the rest of her life. Do you know anything about that story?” I asked.

Grandpa tapped his cane on the floor and said, “Yeah, I’ve heard it but I don’t know if it is true or not and I don’t like to tell things when I don’t know what I’m talking about.”

“How did you hear the story?” I urged.

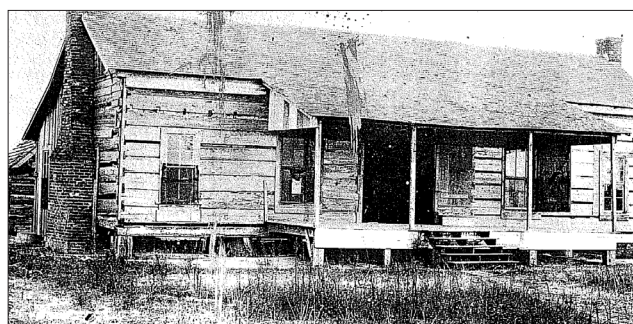
“Well, brother Bill was a sort of a scalawag. He done a lot of drinkin’ and a lot of gamblin’, too, they tell me. I heard that he gambled his home away and lost it in a poker game. His wife, Tillie, was sick a good bit of the time. I think she had a cancer somewhere. Anyway, he didn’t want to tell her what he had done so he made up a lie to tell her. Told her that he was goin’ to have a lot of work done on the house and that he thought it would be better if they moved down into the other one, the one where you lived for awhile. He promised her that when her own house was remodeled, they would move back into it. He was countin’ on her not livin’ that long and sure enough, she didn’t. They tell me that she begged to go home as long as she lived, but to tell you the truth, homey, I don’t know if that tale is true or not. I was not there myself.”

“Didn’t she know she had signed the deed to her own house?” I asked trying to make sense of the story.

“Women didn’t sign no deeds back then,” he told me. “Deeds and things like that was men’s business. They allus took care of it.”

I could make a mental picture of Aunt Till, whom I had never seen, living in a house where she did not want to live and begging to go home. That agreed with the same story Mrs. Johnson had told me when she had tried to explain the eerie things that had happened at my house. “It is Aunt Till Gaskins wantin’ to go home.”

I had to agree with Grandpa and Mrs. Johnson that it was possible it was the ghost of Aunt Till “wantin’ to go home.” I firmly wished she had gone and not disturbed my house during the time I lived



in it.

It is well to record here that at the time this is being written, more than sixty years later, that house is still being haunted and that the mystery has never been solved.

Book Two, Chapter 5

Put Me Over There With Her

During the first four years of our marriage, several changes were made in our lives. The first one being the birth of our baby daughter, Nina Jean, on November 9, 1925. She was the pride of the whole family. Mama was always sure that she was “too smart” and warned me that when children were too smart they would not live to reach adulthood. Looking back now I know that Mama’s predictions were a little haywire or that she was not as smart as her grandmother thought she was. Anyway, she is still with us.

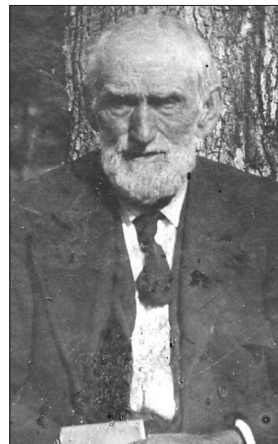
It was April 1928 and I was expecting another baby.

Aunt Susie Balding had come down from Joplin to visit for a few days and was spending most of her time over at Grandma’s with her and Uncle John.

Nobody had realized that Grandma’s health was any worse than usual. We were all aware that even though she did not remember her exact age, she must be in her late nineties. Aware that she could not be with us much longer, everybody did all they could for her.

Aunt Susie awoke one morning with a strange feeling of “silence.” She went to her mother’s bed and found she had died in her sleep. Alarmed and not knowing what to do first, she ran outside and called to Mr. Wolf that her mother was dead.

Mr. Wolf, an old hermit who lived alone across the hollow from Grandma’s house, immediately went to the Pyles home with the sad news. Emery had taken



his mother outside and told her what had happened. He went to Grandma’s house with her and then was on his way after me. He did not want the sad job of telling Grandpa what had happened. As usual, when anything unpleasant had to be done, Emery elected me to do it. I was never quite sure if in some strange way he was punishing me for marrying his brother or if he just thought I was the more dependable one of the family.

I walked the mile up the hill with him. He took Nina Jean out to see the little chickens while I broke the sad news to Grandpa. He was still sitting in his chair by the stove and wondering where Mary had gone.

I sat down by him, inquired about how he was feeling and commented on the spring day. Then I knew I could not delay the telling of the bad news, and not being sure of just how the old man was going to accept it, I said, “Well, Grandpa, I’ve got some bad news this morning. I have to tell you, Grandma left us last night.”

I held my breath while I waited. Would he break down the stoic composure that he always maintained? Would he want to talk about the past? Would he say nothing?

I did not have to wait long for his reaction. He tapped his cane against the floor between his feet and said, “Well, if she’s gone to hell, I can’t help it. She had a hundred years to prepare in.”

Got your ducks in a row?

The first ever White River Wild Rubber Duck Race is coming up Sept. 14 and there’s only one week left to adopt a flock of ducks to enter in the race. Up to 1,000 rubber ducks will be set afloat on the White River at Spider Creek for a race to the finish at the White River Bridge at Riverview Resort and Country Store.

The first ten to arrive will win fabulous prizes worth hundreds of dollars. The Grand Prize includes two nights at Sugar Ridge Resort; a sightseeing tour; tickets to Blue Spring, Pine Mountain Theater and Turpentine Creek; dinner for two at the Angler; chocolates from Greer Candies; and round trip shuttle for two from Eureka West Shuttles.

Second to tenth place winners receive everything from lodging packages to boat rentals, massages, \$50 gift certificates to Castle Antiques and the Velvet Otter, dinners for two, guided fishing trips, scuba exploration, horseback rides and attraction tickets.

Special bride and groom ducks will compete to win a complete wedding package for up to 35 people including a wedding at Blue Spring, music, flowers, wedding cake, two nights in Can-U-Canoe’s Honeymoon Cottage, dinner for two, a float trip and tickets to Pine Mountain Theater.

Winners will be announced at the Duck Race Awards ceremony around 4 p.m. at the finish line. Winners not present will be notified by phone. Proceeds from the event will benefit Eureka Springs West Tourism Association and their sponsorship beneficiary, the Flint Street Food Bank.

Ducks may be “adopted” for \$5 each from ESWTA members or at the Riverview Country Store. Duck adoption applications must be received by Sept. 12. Adopt yours online at www.eswhiteriverwildrubberduckrace.com. Otherwise, ducks will be available onsite until 2 p.m. the day of the race. For more information call Duck Central (479) 244-0171. Be sure to ask about flock rates.

Rosh Hashanah (New Year) & Virgo New Moon Festival

On **Thursday** two festivals occur – the Virgo new moon festival (13 Virgo, Mercury in Virgo) and the first day of Rosh Hashanah ('til Sept. 6), the Jewish New Year (High Holy Days, Days of Awe). The blowing of the shofar (ram's horn) begins 10 days of asking (and offering) forgiveness, ending in Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement.

Let matter reign is the personality-building keynote for Virgo new moon. Matter (the word)

originates from the Latin *mater* (mother). Virgo is deeply connected to matter and form life. For many lifetimes, as we build the personality vehicle, we are unaware of the Soul. Eventually when life experiences have built a strong personality, we call out for a new reality. And the Soul appears.

Virgo is the Three Madonnas – Eve (mental, Tree of Knowledge), Isis (emotional, veiled), Mary holding the Holy Child (the Soul [Holy Child] has

entered the physical plane). During Rosh Hashanah, we ask for and provide forgiveness for any personality behaviors that created separation with others. When forgiveness occurs the Soul's light is able to penetrate into and direct the personality. When we forgive, our names are inscribed in the Book of Life. Shanah Tovah (Happy New Year), everyone. We pass bowls filled with apples dipped in honey wishing everyone a sweet year.

ARIES: Diplomacy and friendships become most important. As you seek one-on-one interactions, your mind offers you thoughts like negotiate, collaborate, understand the other side as well as your own. You will be asked to choose. You will seek to be rational. At times you will go back and forth, unable to choose. Seeking peace between you and others, you will not jump to conclusions. You'll be challenged to accommodate. You do it.

TAURUS: Making list, clearing the surrounding archeological digs of papers, tending to daily health, paying bills, making schedules – all are part of your work this month. You must concentrate on not dissipating your energy. You might just have a half-day's worth to work with. The rest of the day needs to be for rest and care of the body. You will want to learn something new, detailed, perhaps a bit obscure. You seek efficiency and comprehension. You find it.

GEMINI: You're attempting to express yourself in creative and powerful ways – ideas, thinking, conversations, humor, writing, art, children, playfulness and romance. You may feel like taking risks, competing with others, participating in mental games – things stimulating spontaneity and pride of accomplishment. You seek the company of intelligent thinkers and artists. From these you are able to reflect upon and discover your own creative self-identity.

CANCER: There's a certain solitude available at this time giving you time to concentrate and focus on personal matters, family, the past and loved ones.

You're able to be rational and open-minded. You share memories about home and family. You take measures to bring about a greater state of healing. You're preparing for something in the near future. You now have time to prepare adequately without interruption. You share revelations and impressions and beauties from the garden.

LEO: You have a newly discovered ability with words, more curiosity and the ability to accomplish more tasks than usual. Short trips, emails, errands, visits, discovering new neighborhoods, chatting with family and friends accelerate, happening all at once. Then you feel scattered and overwhelmed with information overload. This is Mercury providing new stimulus, introducing new projects, making different connections. You might feel restless. Run up and down the road a bit.

VIRGO: Be careful with money, finances, income and outflow. Be rational, practical and know all the details of your financial picture. Consider ways of increase, investing with careful calculations. Tend carefully to possessions, discovering their value. Mercury helps us gain all that is new through communication – writing, editing, publishing, etc. Concentrate on whatever interests you and whatever you value. Build a little architectural folly in your backyard.

LIBRA: Things are private these days

and you're concerned with many issues from the past. You're quiet and don't speak much, standing behind veils that allow you to concentrate, contemplate and meditate on your worth, resources and purpose. You examine past behaviors and attitudes. The use of your creative imagination helps you change the past, which then changes the present/future.

What would you want to change? Think on these things in quiet solitude.

SCORPIO: It will be important to be listened to by those you trust because you will be having thoughts and ideas – unusual, surprising, revelatory and inventive – that surprise you. We're told by great teachers to record impressions and dreams. Because over time, reviewing them, we will see a progression of ideas needed for our future direction. It's also important to share impressions, ideas and dreams with others. Then their purpose is anchored in your life.

SAGITTARIUS: You may need, more than usual, to communicate professional business matters. Know your voice has authority and you are seen as the responsible one who accomplishes all tasks. Your words reach many for they have power and influence. You may be asked for information and direction. Your professional opinion matters. You think about your standing in the world. You are not frivolous at this time. It's good now to develop your next career and professional goals.

Never worry.

CAPRICORN: Your mind is filled with imaginations, with visions, great ideas and ideals. You seek to expand your knowledge through study and/or travel. It's important to find perspective now concerning family life, relationships and friends. It's important to realize the greater picture and not only the small one based upon desire. Remember the virtue of *ahimsa*, of doing no harm in any way. Remember to cherish everyone close to you, to create no fear in them, to establish trust and safekeeping. This is your test. You are the steward

AQUARIUS: As you move about in the world, in the masses of humanity, you're able to sense and intuit the many vicissitudes and hidden realities of humanity's daily life. Being quite sensitive, you attempt to be more rational and logical. Both create an intimacy – heart to heart from you to others. Begin conversations on topics that are difficult to communicate. Discuss money, finances, power, sharing and intimacy. Create the new dialogues that will shape humanity's future.

PISCES: In all matters you're able to assess the needs of everyone, be inclusive, always entertaining opposing views. Your purpose is to harmonize all realities. There are groups trained to do this work. They are called The Harmonizers. As you attempt to communicate through the chaos and conflicts of daily life, you're called to reach the next level of harmony. This is inner work. Apply it to every situation. You become the ambassador, the diplomat. The savior.



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ESGBG set to launch

MICHAEL WALSH

Focused on preserving and promoting Eureka Springs' reputation as a gay-friendly travel destination, the new Eureka Springs Gay Business Guild will host a kickoff party and membership drive Sept. 16, from 6 – 8 p.m. at the Voulez-Vous Lounge, 63A Spring Street.

Membership applications for gay-owned and gay-friendly businesses and individuals will be available at the event or from John Jarrett at Fusion Squared, 84 Spring St.

Possibly the first of its kind in Arkansas, the new Guild is patterned after similar East and West coast organizations that have for decades made such places as Key West, Fla., Provincetown, Mass.

and Palm Springs, Calif., popular destinations with lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender vacationers.

"Most large cities also have a gay business guild or a gay chamber of commerce these days," Jarrett said. "There is growing competition for that lucrative travel market and, for the sake of our local economy, we need to make sure Eureka Springs continues to get its share. Working collectively as a guild is an efficient and cost-effective way of doing that."

The guild, he said, plans to establish working relationships with regional and national LGBT organizations, other local business associations and with local, state and national tourism agencies.

Based on positive responses from two community meetings last spring, Jarrett formed a

steering committee to create the framework for the new not-for-profit business group. He was joined in the effort by Lamont Richie of Quicksilver Gallery, Leslie Meeker and Kelly Breslau of The Fine Art of Romance and Voulez-Vous, Paul Aulgur of Mountain Eclectic, Cody Steussy of Abundant Taxi and Ken Riley of Texaco Bungalow.

Eureka Springs has an estimated 60 gay-owned businesses and dozens of others that are gay-friendly; including restaurants, nightclubs, art galleries, antique stores, boutiques, gift shops, B&Bs and hotels. Diversity Weekends in April, August and November attract thousands of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender visitors each year.

NOTES from the HOLLOW by Steve Weems

Excluding the federal government, the largest landowner in Carroll County is the Nature Conservancy. For years The Nature Conservancy of Arkansas had recognized many threats to the rivers of the Ozarks, and analysis determined that the most important river to protect was our own Kings River. In 2010, the Nature Conservancy purchased seven miles of the Kings River and established the Kings River Preserve. It has been called a crown jewel of the Conservancy's work in the state.

The preserve is so large because the previous landowner spent decades building the property, which eventually encompassed 15 different

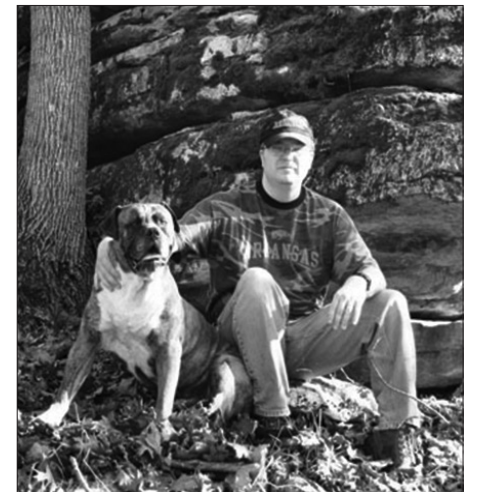
farms along the Kings River. One of the farms now owned by the Conservancy is my great-grandfather Southerland's 600-acres located primarily in the Mason Bend near Trigger Gap.

Tim Snell is the Associate State Director of Water Resources for the Nature Conservancy of Arkansas and has been instrumental in the preservation and management of the Kings River Preserve. Talking with him, he said that the seven-mile stretch purchased is nearly pristine and there are many reasons to keep it that way. The preserve not only provides habitat for several rare species and a wilderness quality float location, but the Kings River feeds Table Rock

Lake that provides drinking water to dozens of communities.

Soil erosion along the river is a major cause of water quality degradation, especially during flooding. There has been progress stabilizing the riverbanks with a multitude of advanced methods, including the planting of 40,000 additional trees. The Nature Conservancy has an extensive cadre of scientists, specialists and technical advisors who have provided expertise to improve the river corridor meandering through the Kings River Preserve.

There is always talk of eco friendly tourism in Eureka Springs and it doesn't get any greener than



this. If you get a chance, call a river outfitter and see for yourself.

The bluffs and otters and trophy small mouth bass are impressive, but what amazes me are those giant crawdads found only in the Ozarks. Did you know they can get nearly a foot long?

PASSAGES

Larry DeWayne Martin, August 22, 1939 – August 28, 2013

Larry DeWayne Martin was born August 22, 1939 in the Mississippi River town of Muscatine, Iowa, the son of Donald and Virginia (Hagens) Martin.

Larry served in the United States Army stationed in Greenland. He was a driver for Greyhound Lines for 30 years. In 1996 he and his wife, Judy, retired to Eureka Springs. He served on the Eureka Springs Police Department as a traffic control officer for 17 years.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Barbara Hudson; and stepson, Robert Turner.

He is survived by his wife Judy; his daughter, Ginger (Bill) Murray of Orion, Illinois; a sister, Janet Wagg of Burlington, Iowa; three beautiful granddaughters, five great grandchildren, four nieces and three nephews.

Visitation will be Friday, Sept. 6, from 9 – 10 a.m. at the Nelsons Chapel of the Springs. Memorial service at 10 a.m. Service arrangements were made with Nelson Funeral Service.

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



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Oak, Arkansas calling themselves The Knowbody Else. Starting with a stolen P.A. system from the Monette, Ark., High School, an antic that earned them a 26 year (later suspended) sentence to Tucker Prison Farm, the six musicians would sign a record deal in 1970 and rename themselves Black Oak Arkansas. The rest is raunch and roll history, with ten charting

albums in the '70s. This rock psycho-boogie band is still playing the music they love and the entire band will be back Halloween night at The Blarney Stone, tickets are on sale now. BOA has a new album titled "Back Thar N Over Yonder" with an October release date, don't miss the preview this Saturday night at 8:30 p.m.

FRIDAY – SEPTEMBER 6

- **BALCONY RESTAURANT**
Hogscalders, 12 p.m. & 6 p.m.
- **BLARNEY STONE** *SX Rex*, 8:30 p.m.
- **CHASERS BAR & GRILL** *JAB the Band*
- **CHELSEA'S** *The Rebellion*, 9 p.m.
- **EUREKA LIVE!** DJ & Dancing
- **EUREKA PARADISE** DJ and Dancing, Ladies Night
- **GRAND TAVERNE** *Arkansas Red* Guitar, 6:30–9:30 p.m.
- **JACK'S PLACE** *Karaoke with DJ Goose*, 9 p.m.
- **LEGENDS SALOON** DJ Karaoke, 8 p.m.
- **NEW DELHI** *Kevin Riddle*,

- 1–5 p.m., *Foley's Van*, 6:30–10:30 p.m.
- **PIED PIPER CATHOUSE LOUNGE** *Matt Reeves*, 8 p.m. – midnight
- **ROWDY BEAVER** *Karaoke with Tiny*, 7:30 p.m.
- **ROWDY BEAVER DEN** *Bottlerocket*, 9 p.m. – 1 a.m.
- **SQUID & WHALE PUB** *SPiNRaD*, 9 p.m.
- **THE STONE HOUSE** *Jerry Yester*, 6:30–9:30 p.m.
- **VOULEZ-VOUS** *Soul Track Mind*, 9 p.m.

SATURDAY – SEPTEMBER 7

- **BALCONY RESTAURANT** *Matt King*, 12 p.m.
- **BASIN PARK** *Drumming in the*

- Park*, 6 p.m.
- **BLARNEY STONE** *Jim Dandy & Ricky Lee Reynolds*, 8:30 p.m.
- **CHASERS BAR & GRILL** *Kickin' Kountry*
- **CHELSEA'S** *Centerfuze*, 9 p.m.
- **EUREKA LIVE!** DJ & Dancing
- **EUREKA PARADISE** DJ & Dancing
- **GRAND TAVERNE** *Jerry Yester Grand Piano Dinner Music*, 6:30–9:30 p.m.
- **JACK'S PLACE** *Az Is*, 9 p.m.
- **LEGENDS SALOON** DJ Karaoke, 8 p.m.
- **NEW DELHI CAFÉ** *Magic Mule*, 1–5 p.m., *Mike & Grady*, 6:30 – 10:30 p.m.
- **PIED PIPER CATHOUSE LOUNGE** *Matt Reeves*, 8 p.m. – midnight
- **ROWDY BEAVER** *Another Fine Mess*, 7:30 p.m.
- **ROWDY BEAVER DEN** *The Reeves Brothers*, 1–5 p.m., *Muddy River*, 9 p.m. – 1 a.m.
- **SQUID & WHALE PUB** *Budda's Groove Shoes*, 9 p.m.
- **THE STONE HOUSE** *Handmade Moments*, 6–9 p.m.
- **VOULEZ-VOUS** *Soul Track Mind*, 9 p.m.

SUNDAY – SEPTEMBER 8

- **BALCONY RESTAURANT** *Jeff*

- Lee*, 12 p.m., *Chris Diablo*, 5 p.m.
- **BLARNEY STONE** NFL Game Day–We Have Every Game, Open Mic, 9 p.m.
- **CHELSEA'S** *Pearl Brick*, 7:30 p.m.
- **LEGENDS SALOON** Free Texas Hold 'Em Tournament *with prizes*, 6 p.m.
- **NEW DELHI CAFÉ** *James White Trio*, 1–4 p.m.
- **ROWDY BEAVER DEN** Live Music, 1–5 p.m.
- **SQUID & WHALE PUB** Local Talent Showcase

MONDAY – SEPTEMBER 9

- **BLARNEY STONE** Monday Night Football
- **CHASERS BAR & GRILL** Bike Night with *Jesse Dean*, 7 p.m., Pool Tournament, 7 p.m.
- **CHELSEA'S** *SpringBilly*, 9 p.m.
- **SQUID & WHALE PUB** Disaster Piece Theater
- **VOULEZ-VOUS** Locals Night

TUESDAY – SEPTEMBER 11

- **BLARNEY STONE** Game Night–Xbox on HD projector
- **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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• **CHASERS BAR & GRILL** Beer Pong

• **CHELSEA'S** *Slaughter Daughter*, 9 p.m.

• **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 with *Sweetwater Gypsies*

THURSDAY – SEPTEMBER 13

• **BALCONY RESTAURANT** *Maureen Alexander*, 5 p.m.

• **BLARNEY STONE** Thursday Night Football

• **CHASERS BAR & GRILL** Taco & Tequila Night

• **CHELSEA'S** *EmCee Glossy*, 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

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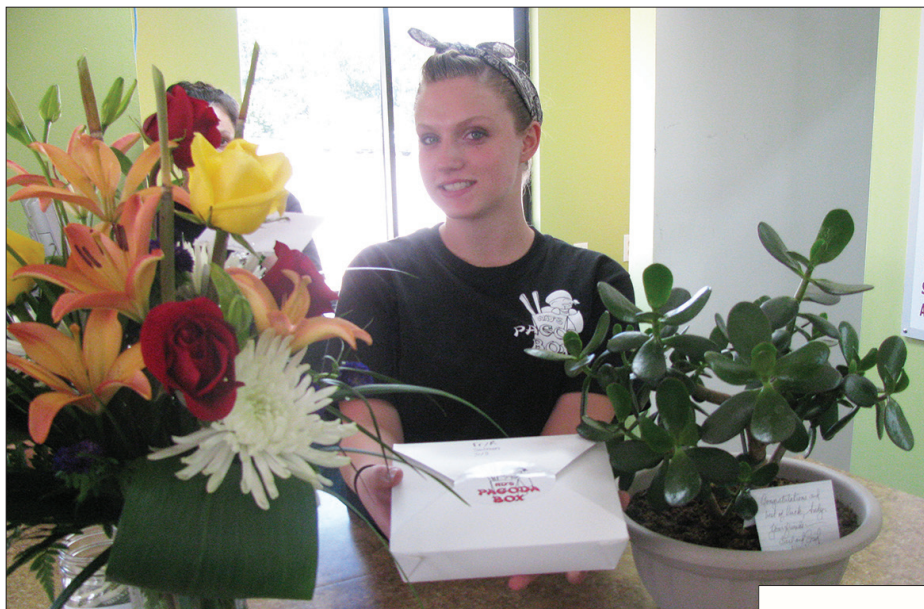
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Box to go – ND's Pagoda Box on Van Buren (next to Hart's) opened with no fanfare last week and still had a steady stream of customers hungry for Asian fast food with flair. A visit on Aug. 29 found a cheerful crew, both kitchen and front-of-house, excited to be working in a spanking new space with an interesting concept. There are some dining booths, but most of the orders – cooked in the open so you can watch – are takeout. Pagoda boxes come with lots of delicious choices. If she's working that day, Maddi Summers, above, will explain them for you expertly. "It's nice to have a job I can be proud of," she said. Open 11 a.m. – 9 or 10 p.m., 3 p.m. on Sunday. For call-in orders: (479) 253-7577.

Highlanders Cross Country Boys win – The Highlanders Boys team won 1st place in the 1A-3A Division at Shiloh Christian School Saturday, August 31. From left are Robert Lefever; Juan Luis Palacios; Alex Cisneros; Nathan Andres' 1st place; Reggie Sanchez, 10th place; Jake McClung; 3rd place; Ryan Sanchez; 4th place; Mathew McClung; 8th place; Dalton Kesner and Nick Walker (front).



Park Bark – I'm Zipper and I'm nosin' around to see what's waggin' with the dog park. On Monday, Sept. 9 at noon—the dog park people will be staking out fence post spots at Harmon Park and could use your help! They'll also be having a fundraiser in Basin Park Saturday, Oct. 19, from 12 – 8 p.m. and need volunteers to help sell doggie stuff. If you make anything related to us canines, we want handmade creations to sell as well. Call Rachel (479) 244-9151 for more info or check out Eureka Springs Dog Park on Facebook. The next meeting is Wednesday, Sept. 25 at the library annex.



DROPPING A Line by Robert Johnson

On September 1 Ricky and Stephanie Myers from Oklahoma City came to visit our little city and do some striper fishing on Beaver Lake during the holiday weekend. Looks like they will be eating fish for a while. Sorry about no report last week but was out of town and missed the deadline. When got back in the Internet world it was too late.

Beaver Lake water temps are back up to 85 and stripers are still being caught close to 40 ft. deep. With these warm water temps we have massive schools of baitfish all around the dam area to Starkey's Marina. The deeper water on our end of the lake also has the coldest water this time of year since we are about 200 ft. deep at the dam. We're using shad to catch our fish but you could do good also with perch or big brood shiners. You can get the shiners at Beaver Dam Store or Barnet's Bait and Pawn in Gateway.

You can get the bluegill in the lake with a worm. You'll need 2 – 4 oz. weights to get them down and move

slow. Find the bait and the fish will be close.

Here at Holiday Island water temps are about 83. We had a trip a couple days ago and did pretty good with some crappie up to 14 inches in Leatherwood Creek within 100 yds. of the docks on minnows set on slip floats from 8 – 12 ft. deep. Got some bass and big perch to add to the mix.

Bass can still be caught on top early and late in the day. After the sun gets higher, go with deeper crankbaits or spinner baits. If you like to jig, try jigging off the bottom for deeper bass and walleye. On both lakes look for your fish holding in the deeper water off the points and river bends.

Fishing can be a little tough with these warm water temps but they still have to eat. The way I see it, my brain is bigger than his and if putting frisky bait in front of his head won't work, hit him in the head with that 4 oz. sinker.

By the end of this month we will be in the low 70s and all fish will be closer to the top and feeding hard to



fatten up for winter. I have been on the water over 50 days now since July 4 but now the calendar book has a lot of open days for the rest of the year. All of us who have worked in Eureka know we have three weeks of a slow time coming, then comes October. Eureka good, fishing good.

Ham it up Sept. 12 & 19

Interested in ham radio. The Little Switzerland Amateur Radio Club will meet at noon at the Wild Hog BBQ, 3 Park Cliff Drive, in Holiday Island for lunch and monthly meeting. On

Thursday, Sept. 19, the Club will meet in the Berryville Mercy Hospital meeting room at 6:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served. For more information email patriciadean@cox.net.



Time warp – Karl and Judy Leaton from Waverly, Kan., brought their 1926 Model T Roadster to the National Model T Tour for the second time. Henry Ford would be amazed to see Karl taking a cell phone call while sitting in his “Tin Lizzy.” Close to 115 Model Ts are in town this weekend.

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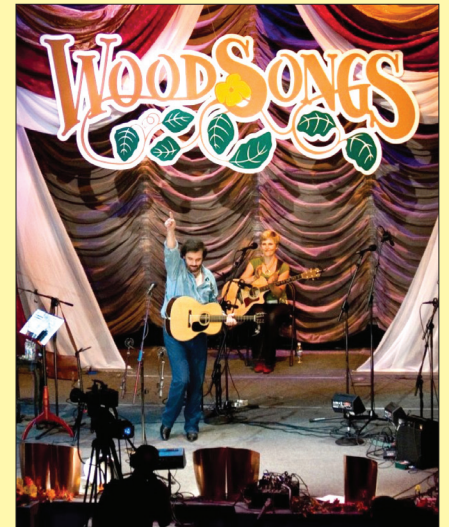
Tickets now available for WoodSongs – last call to perform on the broadcast

The internationally syndicated radio, TV and online broadcast of the *WoodSongs Old-Time Radio Hour* is coming to Eureka Springs for a special double broadcast taping at The Aud on Saturday, Oct. 26, as part of the Ozark Folk Festival.

Don’t miss your chance to take the stage and be part of the worldwide broadcast. Deadline to enter is Sunday, Sept. 15. Send your disc and information today to “CAPC, Attn. WoodSongs Radio Hour, PO Box 522, Eureka Springs 72632” or phone (479) 253-7333 for more information.

In addition to performers, fans can be part of the two shows, one hour each, taped in one evening. One will spotlight artists from across Arkansas and The Ozarks, the second will feature the legendary Michael Martin Murphy (*Wildfire*, *Carolina In The Pines*).

Folksinger Michael Johnathon started the WoodSongs broadcast twelve years ago in a tiny studio with one radio affiliate and barely 15 people in the audience. Today, his WoodSongs Old-Time Radio Hour airs on 509 radio stations worldwide



plus American Forces Radio in 173 nations. The radio show is also a TV series on public television, airing in over 91 million USA TV homes.

“Arkansas is rich with passionate, brilliant musicians and this is a wonderful chance for the audience to celebrate their hometown musicians worldwide. Plus Eureka Springs is an incredibly beautiful, historic and fun town,” Johnathon said.

Tickets are available at www.theaud.org or by phone (479) 253-7333 ext.15.

AUDacious by Ray Dilfield

I had another one of *those conversations* with a guest this weekend. Much like many others I’ve had with various folks over the years. Just goes to prove to me once again that there’s a great number of people who just don’t understand how the music business in general, and the concert promotion business in particular, really work.

Like many others, this person had a personal, if tenuous, connection to someone in a major artist’s organization who they felt would be perfect to put on a show in Eureka Springs. They urge me to give the person a call and invite them because, invariably, “*The band looooves Eureka Springs and has always wanted to play here.*”

My first clue here is the use of the word “invite.” It indicates to me that there’s some sort of perception that bands travel around like merry gypsies awaiting only an invitation to come play somewhere and pass the hat, whether literally or by selling tickets. In fact, when I explained this weekend that we just didn’t have



the budget to book any more acts, the response was a genuinely incredulous, “*You mean you have to pay them to come here and make money?*”

Well, yeah. That’s how they make their money. Once an artist gets past the traveling troubadour, one-man show stage, it’s pretty hard to make ends meet playing for the door at house concerts or living off of a tip jar. It’s an unfortunate fact of life that once past that level, music becomes an industry that has a lot more overhead than seems evident from the outside.

When you hear that so-and-so gets \$50k for a

I have to smile



show, don’t assume it all goes into his pocket. Agent and management company take a percentage right off the top. He’s gotta pay the band. And the crew. Plus per diem for all the above. If they’re flying between dates, they’ve got 12 or so plane tickets (priced

flying lately?) plus excess baggage fees for instruments and such. Save money with a tour bus? How’s a lease of \$2500/week plus fuel (priced diesel lately?) plus driver fit the budget? Guess he’ll need an accountant too, to keep track of it all.

Concert promotion is about as speculative a business as it gets. Artists are rarely willing to bet their expenses against ticket sales income and usually command a set fee for their performances, leaving the speculation to promoters. It’s up to the promoter to book a salable act and then make sure to actually sell the tickets.

Eureka Springs
City Council

Monday, Sept. 9, 6 p.m.

Commission, committee, authority
reports and expired terms:

Planning – Pos. 3 – vacant – expires
7/1/16. Pos. 4 – Jim Morris – expired
7/1/12. Pos. 5 – Melissa Greene –
expired 1/1/13

CAPC – Pos. 2 – vacant – expires
6/30/14. Pos. 4 – vacant – expires
6/30/16

Hospital – Pos. 1 – Anna Ahlman –
expired 6/1/13

Parks – Pos. 2 – Ruth Hager – expired
5/1/13

HDC

Cemetery – Pos. 4 – vacant -- expires
2/15/14

Public comments:

Unfinished business:

1. Ordinance No. 2187
Commercial recycling of
glass and cardboard – 3rd
reading
2. Ordinance No. 2189 Increase
parking rate for special events
– 2nd reading
3. Clarification of authority to
close Spring St. –Schneider
and Mitchell

New business:

1. Schedule workshop date for
“Clean City” – Mitchell and
Purkeypille
2. Ozarks Water Watch –
presentation by David
Casaletto – Mayor Pate
3. Rezone 80 Mountain to C-3
and remove from R-1 list of
buildings used for religious
purposes – Mitchell and
Schneider
4. Definition of “intimate
theater” –Mitchell and
Schneider
5. Update on Black Bass Dam –
Purkeypille and McClung
6. Set dates for November
council meetings –Schneider
and Mitchell
7. Group Tour franchise –
Mayor Pate
8. Resolution for support of
airport extension – Mayor
Pate

Council comments

Mayor’s comments



Step right up –

The carnival midway
at the Carroll County
Fair offered a chance
to Win, Win, Win on
Thursday, Aug. 29.
Below, Corinna Green
of Eureka Springs tries
her hand at the ball
toss and wins a stuffed
Rastafarian monkey.

PHOTOS BY GWEN ETHEREDGE



A bounty of beauty – Anna Blach, center, was
named Miss Carroll County during the Carroll County
Fair last week. Second Runner-up was Audrey
Gilbreath, left, and First Runner-up was Kaylin Snow.

PHOTO BY LARRY PLUMLEE



Junior Miss – Junior high student, Clair Watson,
center, was crowned Junior Miss Carroll County at the
Carroll County Fair Aug. 28. At left is First Runner-up,
Kaileigh Snyder with Second Runner-up, Anna Brooke
Dalton at right.

PHOTO BY LARRY PLUMLEE

chose not to question STO's witnesses. Under APSC's rules, this maneuver had the effect of silencing STO's witnesses in the hearing.

STO Director Pat Costner said the decision not to cross-examine STO's expert witnesses was disconcerting.

"It was a very smart, but not entirely unexpected tactic on their part," Costner said. "I suspect they were planning this from the beginning. It was disappointing. Did it weaken our case? Not appreciably. It would have been preferable for the judge to have heard our witnesses speak and for our attorney to have elicited and clarified more issues with the experts. But we still have the written testimony of our expert witnesses, who were very effective, especially our needs expert, Dr. Hyde Merrill, who fairly well decimated their basis of need."

Costner said the evidence AEP/SWEP

CO submitted for the hearing and the responses of their expert witnesses during cross-examination has further strengthened STO's confidence that APSC will not approve this proposal.

While disappointed that the mountains of testimony by STO experts was not aired in open court, STO believes written testimonies of its witnesses provides convincing evidence that the AEP/SWEP

CO application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need (CECPN) should be denied.

"The hearing in Little Rock before the commission went very well from STO's perspective," Harrison said. "Persuasive evidence was presented demonstrating that the proposed extra high voltage 345 kV line is not needed to solve any real reliability problem or need for more electric power."

Harrison said the information gleaned from the hearing showed that AEP/SWEP

CO first decided to do the project, and then worked on coming up with a rationalization for the project that would cost in the range of \$117 million – generating millions in profit for the company from construction of the line and potentially more millions from being able to sell power out of state. Many opponents of the project contend the 12 percent guaranteed return on investment for the transmission line is the real reason AEP/SWEPCO wants the line.

Harrison said AEP/SWEP

CO and SPP witnesses admitted that a number of key factors have not been studied including the nature and extent of


Jeff Danos addresses the court at the public service hearing last week.

impacts on sensitive karst ecosystems, the increased cost of construction in karst terrain, and adverse economic impacts on local communities such as Eureka Springs, including negative impacts on tourism.

"All these factors are required by Arkansas law to be evaluated in the environmental impact statement and the application submitted to the APSC for the CECPN," Harrison said.

Another important factor demonstrated at the hearing is that a number of environmental permits have not yet been obtained by AEP/SWEP

CO that Arkansas law requires in order for the commission to consider whether the adverse environmental impacts from the proposed power line would be acceptable.

"It should also be noted that three of the six proposed routes were withdrawn by AEP/SWEP

CO before the hearing in the face of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' refusal to grant permission for the line to cross its properties on those routes," Harrison said. "Of the remaining three routes (33, 108 and 109), the commission's staff electrical engineer testified that he was not willing to conclude that either Route 108 or Route 109 was reasonable. That leaves Route 33, which suffers from all legal defects just noted. Also, the Arkansas Parks and Tourism Commission submitted a letter to the commission stating its strong objection to that route, as did the federal Department of Interior National Park Service because of impact to the Pea Ridge National Military Park."

Harrison said for all of these reasons and more, STO believes the commission

should reject the extra high voltage power line on the grounds that it is both unneeded and unacceptably harmful to the environment and the local economy.

Alderman James DeVito, an STO witness who attended the hearing, said overall he came away with the impression AEP/SWEP

CO was unprepared and negligent in their preparation.

"It became obvious as Mick, the STO attorney, grilled SWEP

CO officers and their expert witnesses that they were deficient in their application," DeVito said. "Some items like the EIS were lifted from other projects. For a subsidiary of the largest power company in America, AEP, SWEPCO came across as amateurs."

One significant concern of opponents of the power line is the intention of AEP/SWEP

CO to spray herbicides to kill vegetation in the right-of-way. Doug Stowe, a witness for STO who attended the hearing in Little Rock, said testimony by AEP Project Manager Brian Johnson indicated that landowners would be allowed to maintain the right-of-way at their own expense if they did not want AEP/SWEPCO to do it. However, AEP's vegetation management plan includes the use of herbicides.

Stowe said not only did AEP/SWEP

CO fail to address the overall adverse economic impacts required by law, they neglected to include analysis of the economic impact on local communities. He also said there was little original analysis of areas under consideration.

"If you read the application for the Flint Creek to Ship

es Road project and

compare it to the application for the Ship

es Road to Kings River power line project, you will find the exact same text simply copied from one application to the other," Stowe said. "Cut and paste are not the same thing as analysis, and so SWEPCO did not meet the statutory requirement of the application process. Will the APSC allow a proposal to go forward that has not met the statutory requirements of the Arkansas State law? We hope not."

Clark Cotten, a senior electrical engineer for APSC, testified he had done nothing to double check the work done by Burns McDonald in preparation of the EIS. Stowe said it became clear in questioning that Cotten was way out of his depth in providing recommendations to the APSC on the project.

"Cotten did not asked others on staff to help him with the review," Stowe said. "State law allows the APSC to hire outside consultants when necessary to evaluate concerns beyond the capability or expertise of staff. This is a case in which they should have hired outside expertise to evaluate a variety of concerns, including the environment, a matter in which Cotten is not qualified, and economic impact, a matter in which Cotten is not qualified."

Michael Shah, another Eureka who attended the hearing, said the testimony was clear that there is no power need for this voltage in Carroll or Madison counties. "All parties on the utility side have agreed that a suitable back-up of the current system would be to add another 161kV line if it were ever needed," Shah said. "Everyone also acknowledged that population growth and new household utility customer numbers are down slightly in the last year and last five years."

Shah said the purposes of these proposed lines are to bolster the present energy portfolios of the AEP/SWEP

CO, Southern Power Pool, SWEPCO, the Arkansas Association of Electric Cooperatives and Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO).

"The members of these organizations have all their costs paid for by their customers and they have all been allowed profits after all these expenses of 10 to 12.4 percent," Shah said. "The more power transmission lines and substations they construct, the more money they make."

On the first day of the hearing, Jamie Harvey of Pineville, Mo., told the judge her property in Missouri was traversed by Route 109, but SWEP

CO had not notified her. She presented affidavits from 15 of her neighbors who were also not notified.

Volunteers sought for cancer study

The American Cancer Society is partnering locally with Hope Cancer Resources, Fayetteville Public Library, Mercy Family YMCA and the Jones Family Center For Non-profits at St. Mary's for the Cancer Prevention Study-3.

The third study in a series over the last 60 years, this has the potential to be our greatest gift to the next generation in the area of cancer prevention and early detection. As part of a national study of 300,000 people the Society is seeking to enroll 250-500 individuals in Northwest Arkansas during the week of September 17 – 20.

Those eligible to enroll must be between the ages of 30-65, never have had a cancer diagnosis and are willing to be part of a long-term study. To enroll, go to www.cps3nwar.org and register for a specific appointment time. At the

appointment, individuals can get in and out in 15-20 minutes.

The third study of its kind, CPS3, seeks to help find answers and links to our lifestyle and cancer. Where we live, what we eat and what we do does affect us long term. It is imperative that we find answers today to continue to save lives tomorrow.

What's expected? Attend enrollment appointment – fill out short survey, measurements and give blood sample similar to what you give for lab work. Complete surveys every two

years or so when they mail them.

Appointment dates and locations: Sept. 17, Hope Cancer Resources, Springdale, 9 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.; Sept. 18, Fayetteville Public Library, 2 – 6:30 p.m.; Sept. 19, Mercy Family YMCA, Rogers, 9 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.; Sept. 20, Center For Non-Profits at St. Mary's, Rogers, 9 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

This study is a great opportunity to see your donations invested locally in the people of Northwest Arkansas. For details, call the ACS office (479) 246-0002.

Men's fellowship breakfasts begin Sept. 9

The monthly Holiday Island Community Church Men's Fellowship Breakfast begin Monday, Sept. 9, with breakfast at 8 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall (188 Stateline Drive) followed by a guest speaker at 9 a.m. This year's speakers are a diverse group, including Rep. Bob Ballinger on Sept. 9 and Dick Kelsey, Director of the Great Passion Play, on Oct. 7. For more info, phone Duane Kriesel (479) 244-6422.

Last call for quilts

New and/or antique quilts may be entered for show and sale until Sept. 11 for the 36th Ozark Quilt Fair, Saturday, Sept. 14, from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the Shiloh Museum of Ozark History. Cash prize Viewer's Choice awards will be given for first, second and third place winners in both categories. Entry forms are available at shilohmuseum.org.

The fair, sponsored by Arvest Bank, is free and open to the public. Working Class Grass will provide musical entertainment from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. at the Shiloh Museum grounds, 118 W. Johnson Ave. in downtown Springdale. For more information, call (479) 750-8165.

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never had anything in my hand that was only fifteen cents," she said, referring to some of the small items available at Acord's. "Most of the valves I handled at work were more like fifteen thousand dollars."

Moving to Eureka Springs had been in Jack and Tracy's plans for a number of years, but their house in Eastport sat on the market for four years until just this year when Jack's retirement points had accumulated. "We had just decided to come anyway, and then we got an offer on the house," Tracy said.

"This has kind of been a 'God thing' all around," Jane added. "Jack and Tracy came to us a couple of years ago asking if our business was for sale, but we weren't ready then."

And when they were ready, so were the other Acords.

"We've not looked back," Tracy said. "We've had this goal for a long time. I didn't sleep at all for a few nights before the closing."

The "new" Acords moved into a home on Beaver Lake near Hillspeak in August. "The strongest draw for me was the small mountain town atmosphere and the total quality of life here," Tracy

noted. And, I'm a huge architecture buff. These buildings sing to me."

The new owners also each seem to be attracted to the same part of the home center business as Woodie and Jane. "This is a tinkerer's paradise," Woodie said, expressing his love for the hardware side of the business. Jane, on the other hand, is happy with her job on the home decorating side.

"He's at one end and I'm on the other," Jane said from her desk, pointing across the store to the hardware section. Although working in the same building, they don't have cause to interact much on the business level during the day. "So," Jane said, referring with humor to when they completely retire, "there may be a ... period of adjustment."

Adjustments at the store, however, should be minimal. "Being an engineer, I love to solve problems," Jack noted. He will be in his element on the "Woodie" side of the store, while Tracy's desire is to help customers who aren't comfortable with decorating put something together that will make their home their dream space.

Both Tracy and Jack want to carry on the Acord's legacy and take it to the next level, possibly expanding

contracting services and adding bath and kitchen remodeling. "We want to do something Woodie and Jane can be proud of," Tracy said.

"I'm a little sad about leaving," Woodie admitted. "I'll miss not seeing as many people. We've met great people, and that's the blessing of being in a business like this." Both Woodie and Jane will especially miss their long-time associates, Darren Ledbetter and Lisha Hobbs, who will remain behind to serve the community as usual, still working for the Acords – just different Acords.

"I've kidded Jane that when they retire, we'll put them next door in Brighton Ridge so we can just wheel them over here," Lisha said. Tracy and Jack had the same idea. "But of course, they can always come up here and dabble in it any time," Jack said.

Jane said other people have been interested in buying the business, but didn't seem to have a heart for the community. "Jack and Tracy want to be a part of the community, and for that reason I don't think we could find anyone better to hand it over to," Jane said.

And on the subject of a smooth transition, all four Acords are in one accord.

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of adult obesity is over 30 percent," she said. "Especially surprising to me is the risk and consequences of obesity in children. Their risk of asthma is 30 percent and they are 200 percent more likely to develop multiple sclerosis. That is certainly an incentive for families to enroll! I encourage anyone interested in quality healthcare insurance coverage to come and hear about this new way of shopping and comparing plans. It

is really exciting that Arkansans have this option for affordable healthcare."

Cato will be speaking about the Affordable Care Act and the new Arkansas Healthcare Marketplace on Wednesday, Sept. 11, 6:30 p.m. at Flora Roja Community Acupuncture, 119 Wall St. The public is invited to come learn about these new opportunities for affordable health care.

For more information email AGOGuide1@gmail.com or phone Charlisa Cato (479) 253-0943.

Okay, Ma, you old peacenik,
I suppose you think we shouldn't get involved in Syria and should just stand by and let another dictator get away with mass slaughter of his people. Doesn't seem very compassionate. Sometimes war is necessary.

Hawkish Dove

Dear Conflicted Bird,

War is not the answer. Since Day One, war has only caused human misery. There's got to be a better way.

If Ma ran the world, the people at the top would pay the price for causing human suffering. The world might consider targeted assassinations as the alternative to war.

Here's Ma's proposal: Before anyone assumes a national leadership position anywhere in the world they would be required to have a locator chip implanted in them. As long as they rule in a just way and don't contribute to human suffering, they are free to enjoy the power, prestige and privileges that come with leadership. But if power goes to their heads and they act barbarically, BOOM! they are eliminated by a drone strike.

Those unwilling to have the chip implanted would be tracked by the best technology available, to make sure they're always aware there's a target on their back if they behave badly.

SWEPCO – PRYOR continued from page 6

U.S. and huge economic tourism for Northeast Arkansas," Lolley said. "This is why we need to see the big picture and statewide that these proposed lines (all three of them as Entergy is also planning a 500 kV line) are a 'taking' of land. We need to get property rights folks across the state up in arms about private out-of-state corporations – AEP, Entergy and Clean Line – transporting electrons thru the state to our neighbors at a profit the corporations, but not for the people of Arkansas."

Lolley said state residents need to join together and say these kinds of transmission line project "are not okay in my back yard, not in my neighbors in Northeast Arkansas' back yard, and not in anyone's back yard if it is a 'taking' of private lands by private

Sentences would be imposed by a global tribunal, with representatives from all cultures. A super majority vote would be required to convict, but no one would have veto power.

It's always the leaders who cause suffering; innocent people or soldier pawns pay the price. Under the Ma plan, the tables would turn. Knowing they'd be targeted by a drone if they crossed internationally established standards of humanity would be an excellent deterrent to bad behavior by evil, narcissistic leaders.

Ah, if only Ma ran the world.

Ma

Dear Ma,

I read that our US Senator, John Boozman, is against the Equal Rights Amendment because he believes if women are equal they will have more abortions. Huh?

Former Chattel

Dear FC,

Ma's sure the senator would be happy to grant equal rights to zygotes. Womenfolk, however, are much better off pregnant and in the kitchen. Don't try to find logic, your head might explode.

Ma believes Florynce R. Kennedy was correct: "If men could get pregnant, abortion would be a sacrament."

Ma

corporations for private profit and no long term benefit for Arkansas."

"If our elected officials and/or state agency via political appointment by politicians roll over on this and allow this, then the sovereign State of Arkansas is in collusion with private enterprise and that is immoral, unethical and potentially illegal, un-American, and just plain dead wrong," Lolley said.

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healthy over death.

I have to question where Mr. Poore gets his information? SWEPCO press releases, maybe? If they are vital, Mr. Poore, suck it up and let them shine in your playgrounds and campuses. After all, we'll die without them – right?

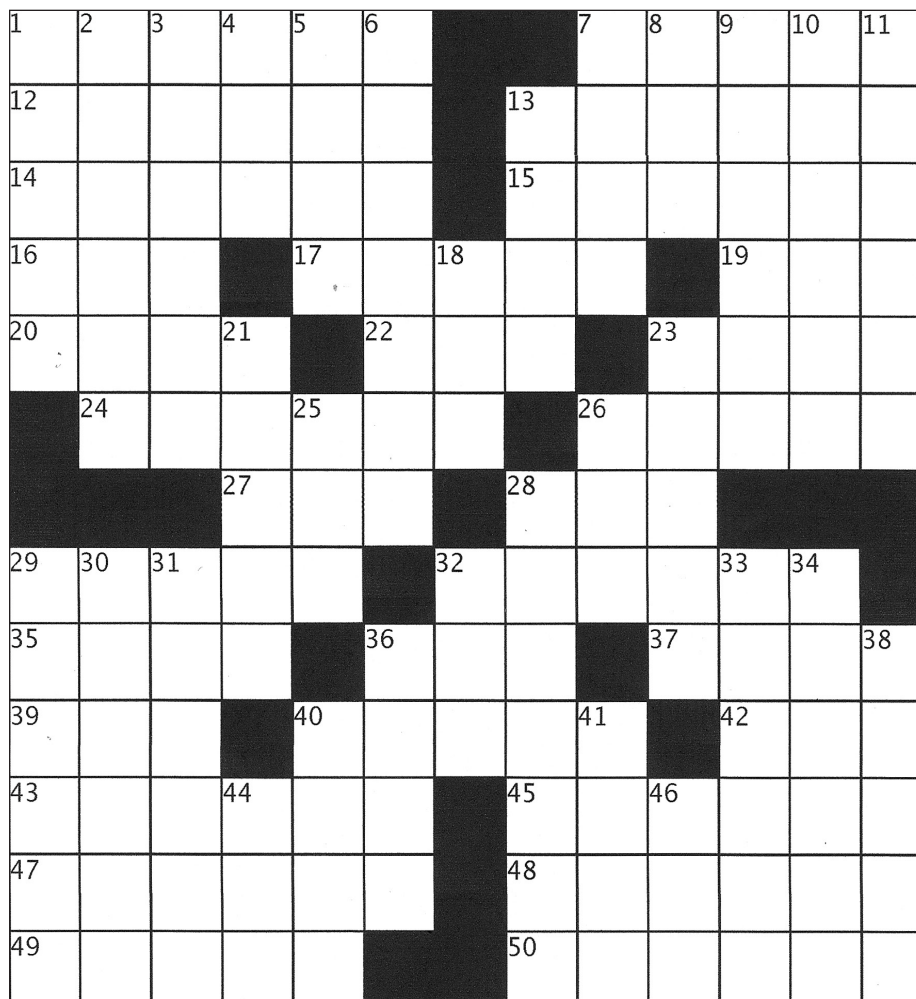
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INDEPENDENT Crossword

by Chuck Levering

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ACROSS

- Southern holly
- Shrub fence
- Descendant of same male ancestor
- Slovakian money
- Organ protrusion; rupture
- Weirder
- Single
- Game of chance with dice
- Young fox
- Poems of praise
- Immature newt
- What gears do, ideally
- Nearly
- Long-faced and big-toothed
- Do something
- Pasture
- Toyota model
- Persian musical instrument, similar to

dulcimer

- Unite securely; fuse
- Bear baby
- Pig fare
- Reverance
- Lacking zest
- Water closet
- I-beam is one
- Fall
- Steep slope or cliff
- Yoked
- Poor
- Church leaders

DOWN

- A search engine
- Things to do
- Wind off the film
- God of the woods
- Ear related
- Closest
- Weeds
- To be human means you'll do this

- Small antelope that lives in the rain forest
- Quartz-like rocks
- Crude
- Maintained
- To the rear
- Intelligent
- Castle protectors
- South American edible tuber
- Roosters' mate
- Plant with lips
- Danish cape
- Not sensible
- Stab
- Dine
- Lighten up
- Boarder
- Gripe
- Small bodies of water
- Extremely
- Formal combat between two over honor
- Adam, to Abel
- Just a little

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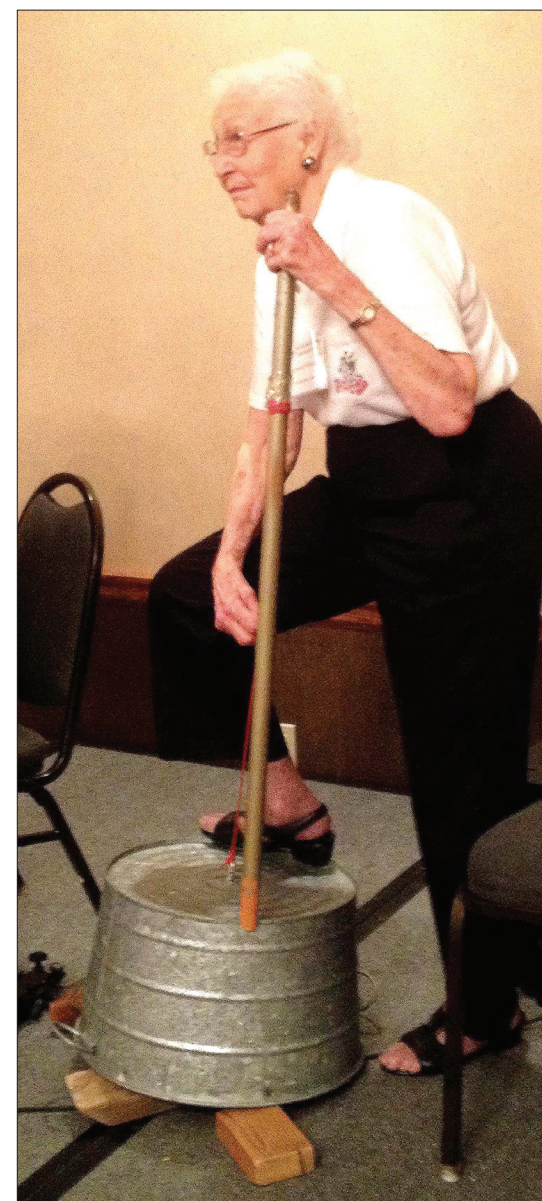
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No vampires here – Eureka Frank Egan won the Carroll County Fair's Horticulture Grand Champion Award for his beautiful garlic. Egan, who farms biodynamically, is USDA Organic and Certified Naturally Grown and says he uses the Albrecht Ideal Soil Model for his success. When asked what's next, Egan said "the state fair, of course." Egan also won a blue ribbon for his striking white acorn squash and a monetary award for both. Restaurateur James DeVito, of DeVito's restaurant, commented, "In 30 years of the restaurant business, it was the best garlic I have ever worked with." (And it will come in handy around Halloween, no doubt.)

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Perky plucker – Lorrain Holland, 92, of Fayetteville, plays tub bass with the Off The Street Band. Lorrain's late husband, Urban Holland, along with Don Gilbrech, started the Banjo Rally in 1975 as "The Mid America Banjo Convention." The Rally was held at the Crescent Hotel for many years before moving to the Inn of the Ozarks Convention Center.



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