



National Park Service disputes SWEPCO's version of 'aesthetic displeasure'

BECKY GILLETTE

American Electric Power (AEP)/Southwestern Electric Power Company (SWEPCO) has said the current preferred Route 33 doesn't have that much objection. But, in fact, many nearly 5,000 comments objecting to the project filed with the Arkansas Public Service Commission (APSC) opposed all the proposed routes.

And there is also a national treasure along Route 33 that the U.S. Department of Interior, National Park Service (NPS), said could be greatly harmed by the transmission line that would require clear cutting a 150 ft.-wide right-of-way for metal monopoles 150 ft. tall, three times higher than a standard utility pole.

NPS sent a letter of objections to impacts to the Pea Ridge National Military Park (PRNMP) in May, and in late August, NPS sent a 15-page letter detailing much broader concerns.

Doug Stowe, a member of the board of directors of Save The Ozarks, said the letter is a "scathing review" of the impact the transmission line would have on the park. Stowe said that AEP's stated corporate values are at odds with their actions such as the harm their preferred Route 33 would have on the PRNMP. Route 33 would run between the park and a significant historical area, the Little Sugar Creek Battlefield, which the PRNMP wants to add to the park.

AEP's corporate mission statement includes values such as "justice and fairness, doing the right thing at the right time, every time." Another value stated is citizenship, "developing a sense of community among all those they encounter." Stowe said it would be better citizenship to support the expansion of PRNMP rather than battle for its destruction.

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Heavy car-go –

Ever wonder why nobody sees all those expensive cars driving into town before events like the Crescent Classic Rally? How would you like to be a truck driver responsible for a \$30M cargo?

How much does it cost to fill a 300-gallon gas tank?

And what is this guy doing? Find out on p. 7.

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This Week's INDEPENDENT Thinkers

We've never had an entire country as independent thinkers. Until now.

Bolivian people have made it clear they will not support fast food, forcing closure of eight McDonald's restaurants. They are the first Latin American country that will not have Ronald McDonald enticing kids and workers to eat what is marketed as "fast fun food."

Bolivians said it wasn't because of the taste of hamburgers, it was because eating should involve growing or shopping carefully for food, Virgo-like hygiene, and love.

Consumers in Bolivia value the quality of what goes in their stomachs, and meal preparation time is a national code of behavior.



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No gum smackin' in the office.

Neighborhood theater may get CUP

NICKY BOYETTE

Alderman David Mitchell observed at city council Monday night that although the Planning Commission has made progress solving some issues raised recently by the Intrigue Theater moving into the Gavioli Chapel at 80 Mountain, there is more work to be done.

One positive step Mitchell pointed out is the proprietors of Intrigue Theater are working with neighbors to resolve problems the theater presents to the neighborhood. Nevertheless, some definitions in City Code are too vague to adequately address the problem.

City attorney Tim Weaver said Police Chief Earl Hyatt asked him about the situation because “not everyone is convinced there are not violations.” Weaver asserted there need to be changes in Code regarding the definition of a studio, and maybe other categories.

Alderman Terry McClung said it was great that folks in the neighborhood were trying to work things out, but he did not like bending rules to make someone happy. He maintained the proprietors “knew the law ahead of time, and it seems like a sneak around the backside.”

Mitchell pointed out there are time

restrictions for business hours in that zone which Intrigue Theater violates, yet when Weaver and Hyatt met they determined the theater was in compliance.

Chair of Planning, Beverly Blankenship, said aldermen had been correct on all issues they had raised, and suggested making Intimate Theater a conditional use in the C-3 zone. She said the trend in communities is for entertainment venues like small theaters to move away from strip malls and closer to neighborhoods, and she thought the possibilities of what Intimate Theater could provide would be good for the city.

She said the point of making intimate theater a conditional use was to allow input from a neighborhood before permitting an entertainment venue to move in.

Council voted unanimously to ask Weaver to draft an ordinance adding intimate theater as a conditional use for C-3.

Council approved first reading of an ordinance removing 80 Mountain from the list of buildings used for religious purposes in the R-1 zone, and voted to ask Weaver to draft an ordinance to rezone 80 Mountain to C-3.

Hungry kids at home – you can help

There are children in Eureka Springs schools who depend on school breakfast and lunch programs and do not get fed adequately at home on the weekends. Flint Street Fellowship hopes to help this situation with your support.

Starting this week, weekend food packs for 30 families will be provided for elementary school children to take home. Flint Street is expecting some financial help from the Eureka Springs Rotary Club, but immediate and ongoing help will be necessary to obtain supplies for the children’s food packs. This effort is being patterned after a much larger program in Berryville, which was started by Mercy Hospital in conjunction with Loaves and Fishes Food Bank.

According to Rachel Hyatt, elementary school counselor, some 10 percent of student population in the Eureka Springs Schools doesn’t get adequate nutrition at home for various reasons. You can help by sending in a donation or phoning Pat Kasner (479) 253-4945 to volunteer time or suggest ideas for donations. Donations of money for food/supplies may be sent to Flint Street Fellowship, P.O. Box 323, 72632, designated “Children’s Weekend Food Program.”



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Spring Street closing still contentious

NICKY BOYETTE

Two downtown merchants again used time in Public Comments during the Monday night city council meeting to oppose closing Spring Street for a street fair. Lyla Allison said it was hard enough for downtown merchants to make it without having vendors from out of town who do not pay rent or CAPC taxes here set up tents and booths on Spring Street. She said, "Eureka Springs is already a treasure

for thousands of visitors. The idea of a street fair is frightening." She said if the city wants to help local merchants it could reduce the CAPC tax.

Mel Shipley wanted to challenge the "fuzzy math" he said he heard from Sandy Martin of the Arts Council at a previous council meeting regarding the number of merchants who oppose the concept. He disseminated pages with names and addresses of downtown business owners who oppose closing

the street. Signatures were on the back side of the page.

When the item came up on the agenda, alderman David Mitchell asked city attorney Tim Weaver his opinion about who has the authority to close a city street.

Weaver said his research was incomplete, but so far he is not sure the street can be closed in any way, but he will report back at the Sept. 23 meeting.

Spring plants uprooted

Thieves struck Grotto Spring over the weekend and absconded with \$265 worth of plants.

According to Eureka Springs police, Parks gardener Pat Lujan called them Sunday morning to report that 11 hostas, valued at \$15 each; two box woods worth \$10 apiece; four potato vines estimated at \$5 each; and one large \$60 evergreen were stolen between 4 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. Sunday. Lujan is reviewing the surveillance video at Grotto Spring in hopes it captured the perpetrator(s). Anyone with possible leads is encouraged to call Eureka Springs Police at 253-8666.

Mandatory recycling now the law

NICKY BOYETTE

Council passed the third reading of Ordinance 2187 Monday night which makes it mandatory for restaurants and bars within city limits to recycle glass containers and cardboard. Alderman Mickey Schneider wanted the ordinance to include mandatory recycling of plastics and cans, also. She wanted to postpone voting until someone researched whether

Waste Management could also pick up plastics and cans.

Alderman James DeVito commented they could add those items later if it were possible, but they have this ordinance ready for its third vote. Alderman David Mitchell also said he was inclined to proceed with what they had in hand.

Vote to approve the third reading was 4-2, aldermen Dee Purkepile and Schneider voting No.

It's here – Jazz Eureka 2013! Weekend opens with big band dance in the park

Get jazzed about the weekend beginning Friday evening in Basin Spring Park from 7 – 9 p.m. at the Sunset Serenade with free music and a dance featuring the 18-piece Fayetteville Jazz Collective. Bring your dancing shoes for a great evening of entertainment and the most fun way to get exercise ever invented.



Music will fill Basin Spring Park again on Saturday from noon until 7 p.m.:

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3 p.m. – The Walter Savage Trio

And if you don't have them yet, get your tickets now for jazz-fusion band, SpyroGyra headlining in the auditorium at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 14 at 7:30 p.m. This is a top-notch show, not to be missed. Tickets range from \$20 to \$42.50 and can be purchased online at www.theauditorium.org.

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Planning commission at its fullest

NICKY BOYETTE

It was a rare and remarkable event for the Eureka Springs Planning Commission Tuesday evening – they convened with seven members at the table for the first time in memory. The full table efficiently dispatched two construction reviews and a vacation, plus they took a quick swim through the City Code book.

Ice house cometh

Bill Reed represented his application for demolishing an existing building at 106–118 E. Van Buren and constructing a pay parking lot and self-service ice vending unit. He told commissioners he has not been able to put a retail business in the building because it is in such disrepair. Therefore, his plan is to start over on the site.

He wants to demolish the existing building, bring in filler to level the site, and once the site has been paved, build a self-serve ice house and a pay parking lot with 30 spaces. He also plans to see if Transit wants to install a trolley stop at the location.

Chair Beverly Blankenship pointed out Reed's plan complies with setback and other Code requirements. Vote to approve the application was unanimous.

More treehouses sprouting up

Architect Butch Berry represented an application to build three additional units and an office at 275 N. Main, the site of All Seasons Treehouses, at the corner of North Main and Magnetic Road. Berry said one two-story unit with a deck would face Magnetic. All units will be at least three feet above ground

because the site is in a flood plain. The owners want to avoid paving unless necessary because the hard surface would hinder absorption of rainwater. The owners must also rehabilitate a retaining wall beside the creek.

Blankenship found no problems with Code compliance, and the vote to approve the project was unanimous.

Nut Street vacation

Butch Eichor brought his request for a vacation of a portion of Nut Street to the commission, saying the north end of the area he wants vacated abuts Clear Spring Reservation and the rest of it is surrounded by his property. Blankenship said, "When Planning considers vacation requests, we look to see if there would be an opportunity for a road there. We visited the site and it's a bluff."

Commissioner James Morris said it is a good idea for the city to get rid of anything it will never use, and he saw no reason for the city to keep this property.

Vote to recommend approval of Eichor's request was unanimous.

CUPs in R-1

Blankenship told commissioners council had put on its next agenda the topic of limiting Conditional Use Permits in the R-1 zone. She said it would be shortsighted to impose further restrictions, and Planning should recommend that council leave things as they are.

Morris added it is the job of Planning to consider CUP requests and make recommendations, even though council is the final arbiter, and recently has

voted contrary to the recommendation of Planning. He said he appreciates council's concern, but he does not see a problem on the horizon and he thinks council should let Planning do its job.

Other commissioners agreed and they voted unanimously for Blankenship to recommend that council leave the CUP list as it is.

A bit more

• Commissioner Ed Leswig suggested a simple change in the language in Code regarding home occupations that would remedy an issue the commissioners had noticed.

• At the previous meeting, commissioner Pat Lujan had brought to the table the question of whether

new residents moving to a property on Dairy Hollow Road could bring their cow with them. Blankenship said her research so far indicated no livestock is allowed there. The property already has a barn, and Lujan said previous owners had some kind of allowance for horses and livestock there, so Blankenship will take another walk through codes and records and report back.

• Blankenship reiterated there is no city ordinance preventing Lujan, a sitting Planning commissioner who gained employment in the Parks Department, from continuing as a Planning commissioner.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, Sept. 24, at 6 p.m.

CCRW Spaghetti Dinner supports clinic

Carroll County Republican Women and the Republican Committee are sponsoring a Spaghetti Dinner Friday, Sept. 13, with all proceeds going to support the Mission Clinic of Berryville. The clinic provides free medical attention for those in need.

Dinner will be served at St. Anne's Parish Hall at 614 S Main (62 E.), a half mile from the Berryville Square, and includes salad, spaghetti with or without meat sauce, beverage and dessert. Dinner will be served from 5 – 8 p.m. Take out is available. Tickets are \$7 for adults, \$4 for children. Please come support this worthy cause.

What's up at Flora Roja

Sign up now for one of these interesting classes coming up at Flora Roja Community Acupuncture, 119 Wall St., from 6 – 8 p.m. (479) 253-4968:

Saturday, Sept. 14 – *The Art of Canning* with Vela Giri

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Aud draws crowd to hearing recap

BECKY GILLETTE

"If truth and facts count, we won't let it hands down," said Save The Ozarks (STO) Director Pat Costner at a meeting held at the Aud Sept. 6 where people who attended the Arkansas Public Service Commission (APSC) hearing in Little Rock Aug. 26-30 gave a recap of the high points – and the most disappointing parts – of the hearing regarding American Electric Power (AEP)/Southwestern Electric Power Company (SWEPCO)'s application to build a 345-kilovolt (kV) transmission line from Shipe Road in Benton County to near the Kings River north of Berryville.

Costner said truth and facts don't always carry the day. But even if the APSC approves the project, opponents laid a firm groundwork for an appeal during the hearing. She spoke of the APSC's approval of a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need (CECPN) for the AEP/SWEPCO's Turk Coal Plant in Fulton despite a lack of need for the facility. That case was overturned by the Arkansas Court of Appeals and the Arkansas Supreme Court.

AEP/SWEPCO is also applying for a CECPN for the high voltage transmission line that opponents allege would have little benefit to residents of Arkansas, and instead is primarily designed to transport electricity out of state.

"If push comes to shove, there is ample strong case law to support a legal challenge if the APSC rules against us," Costner said.

She said one of the more important factors revealed is that AEP/SWEPCO failed to include constructability as one of their criteria for selecting routes. She said she recently read about a project in karst terrain where costs tripled from what they would have been in other terrain without the special karst features such as sinkholes, springs and caves. Costner said that means that the proposed \$116 million Shipe Road to Kings River Crossing transmission could end up costing customers three times that amount.

Costner encouraged people to talk to everyone they know about the

project, and continue to put in letters of opposition to APSC. A link to put in public comments can be found at www.savetheozarks.org.

Mike Bishop, executive director of the Eureka Springs Chamber of Commerce, said he was impressed and proud of the efforts put forth by those opposing the high voltage power line as unnecessary and harmful to the environment, property values and the local tourism economy. Bishop said attorneys opposing the project were well prepared and put forth a strong case.

"I don't think there is any question we proved our case," Bishop said. "I'm an optimist. I want to believe we have a great chance of this coming out in a positive way."

Bishop said he had never seen an issue where people in this area were so unified and willing to work to preserve the special environment and way of life of the Ozarks. He also encouraged people to continue to send in comments to the APSC opposing the project.

"It's not over yet," he said.

Doug Stowe, who has continued to oppose all routes even though the route through his property just north of Eureka Springs has been removed from consideration, said when this issue started there were a lot of skeptics who said, "you can't fight this." Stowe said the community came together to form STO, and stuck together in defense of the community.

"None of this could have happened without Pat Costner," Stowe said. "Pat and the legal team she assembled operated in a seamless manner. SWEPCO was just completely outclassed. STO's attorney Mick Harrison took their witnesses apart one by one. It was absolutely an amazing thing to watch."

Stowe said he thinks SWEPCO was unprepared to be so closely challenged on issues such as an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) that failed to address economic impact to the area and many other important factors.

"We are far more powerful than they ever thought we could be," Stowe said.

Jeff Danos, who represented himself and his wife, Christina, as intervenors

said he initially wasn't very optimistic, and thought perhaps the outcome had already been fixed. But he said AEP/SWEPCO was unprepared for what opponents brought to the table, and by the end of the week he was confident those opponents had done a fantastic job at establishing a case for denial of the project.

"They were sloppy with their application," Danos said. "Mick Harrison was persistent and asked specific questions that exposed deficiencies in their application and EIS. Although SWEPCO is 'the bad guy' here, I still felt sorry for their witnesses."

Danos said the cross examination showed many of the witnesses for AEP/SWEPCO didn't prepare the information in their testimony themselves and were ill prepared to defend the information in the studies.

The highlight of the week for Danos was recognizing that he and others who were not experts at power planning and transmission lines could look at applicable laws and see they had not been followed.

Danos said AEP/SWEPCO apparently realized at the end of the hearing that opponents had exposed a number of mistakes, and that AEP/SWEPCO attorney Matthews acknowledged those deficiencies by asking the administrative law judge if they could supplement their application. "We hope that isn't allowed," Danos said.

The hearing revealed that the application is part of a much larger regional plan that will affect other areas of Arkansas. "If we win, our case will help those who will fight some of these other planned projects," Danos said. "We all banded together and as a result, I think SWEPCO is going to have to change the way they do business."

Michael Shah, an STO supporter, lauded the legal team put together for STO.

"It is unbelievable the quality of the attorneys Pat found for us," he said. "We got the right crew. This is not an emotional thing. This is a fairness thing."

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INDEPENDENTNews

CAPC to continue managing the Auditorium

NICKY BOYETTE

The City Advertising and Promotion Commission voted at the Sept. 11 meeting to continue managing the Auditorium through next year, with Executive Director Mike Maloney saying venue has seen a noticeable increase in activity over the past two years. “Schools and other local groups use it. Annual events like the Blues Weekend, the Folk Festival and JazzEureka use it, and outside promoters are beginning to bring musical acts to the historic building.” Maloney said it is poised to see even more growth.

Commissioner Terry McClung agreed with continuing to manage the facility but he wanted there to be a way to sell event tickets to walk-up customers. He said the recent Bluegrass Festival would have sold more tickets if there had been a booth to walk up to.

Chair Charles Ragsdell said it was not feasible to hire someone to man a ticket booth all the time, so an alternative would be to have a ticket outlet at a business or office in town. Maloney said the Transit Department offered the Planer Hill trolley depot as a ticket venue, and the Chamber of Commerce could be another. Finance Director Rick Bright said they also want to figure out a way to sell tickets in Basin Park.

When asked his opinion about the status and future of the Auditorium, Ragsdell echoed the recommendations made by Auditorium committees of the past: the Auditorium needs its own commission and revenue stream.

He said the CAPC spends about \$100,000 annually on managing the Auditorium, and it would never be able to make major renovations to the facility.

Ragsdell said \$100,000 would be freed up for advertising the city, which is the purpose of the CAPC, if the Auditorium had its own revenue stream. He is in favor of the CAPC continuing to operate the facility next year because the site is seeing an exciting resurgence. It draws first-time visitors to town and they return.

Commissioners voted to allow the contract to auto-renew.

Parks + CAPC = more trails brochures

Bill Featherstone, Chair of the Parks Commission, said Parks was asking for around \$1500 toward the cost of printing the second edition of the popular Parks trails brochure. To get the word about the trails in town, Parks created an attractive and informative brochure about the trails system and has distributed them extensively. Almost all of the first printing of the brochure has been distributed, so Parks was asking for money from marketing support funds toward the cost of printing the next 15,000 brochures, which should last through next year.

Featherstone said he had no doubt the trails system brings visitors to town, and these are not throwaway brochures. The quality is such that people keep them. He sees them as effective marketing tools. Parks is exploring whether it is worthwhile to distribute them even out of state to bring in outdoorsy out of state visitors.

Ragsdell said the commission could discuss the request at the Sept. 25 workshop, which will focus on next year's budget.

WoodSongs at the Folk Festival October 24–26

Ragsdell announced that Michael Johnathon, producer and host of *WoodSongs Old-Time Radio Hour*, who will record two shows in the Auditorium on Saturday evening of the festival, is bring-

ing singer-songwriter Michael Martin Murphy to Eureka Springs to perform during the WoodSongs taping. Murphy is known for *Geronimo's Cadillac* and *Wildfire*, but his recent interest has been Western songs.

Director's report

- Maloney said Eureka Springs should be proud of itself, as reports of tax collections by counties throughout the state show Carroll County is ranked #4 behind Pulaski, Benton and Garland Counties. Pulaski has the largest population base, Benton has three strong contributors, Garland has all things connected to Hot Springs, and Carroll has Eureka Springs.

- The eureka springs.org site had 32,249 visitors last month, and Maloney said analytics show there are beginning to be more return visitors. Moreover, those who go to the site tend to stay awhile and explore.

- The upcoming B.B. King concert at the Auditorium sold more than \$25,000 in tickets the first few hours. The event is Nov. 18, and Ragsdell suggested merchants downtown might consider staying open later that evening because there should quite a crowd in town.

- Planning for the Food & Wine Festival is gaining traction. The event will occur Nov. 7–10. A planning meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 18, 9 a.m., at Keels Creek Winery.

- Maloney acknowledged Teresa DeVito for her work in organizing the Eureka Springs Winter Film Festival. The event is scheduled for Jan. 23–25. She has already received some submissions.

- Springfield is getting a large dose of Eureka Springs. Maloney said a crew from Springfield TV station KOLR10 spent most of a week in town recently, and a crew from KY3, also of Springfield, is scheduled to be here Wednesday, Sept. 25.

- The focus for advertising lately has been cable ads in targeted areas of Tulsa, Springfield, Kansas City and Little Rock. He said the CAPC has spent less than expected on ads with continued good coverage.

Next workshop will be Sept. 25, 4 p.m., at the CAPC office and the next meeting will be Oct. 9, 6 p.m.

Chamber members – don't get scammed

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The Chamber has called this company and told them to stop making the fraudulent calls.

A classic hauling the classics

CD WHITE

Most of the year, Debbie and David “Beerman” Brewer live in what David calls a “Peterbilt motor home with a six-car garage.”

We caught up with them when their home and “garage” were in town for the Crescent Classic Rally and learned a little more about how they packed their “luggage compartment” for the trip. This time, it was filled with Ferraris and a Maserati.

Getting only 4½ miles to the gallon would mean a lot of refills on a long trip for the rest of us, but the Peterbilt compensates with a 300-gallon gas tank. Cost per fill-up: \$900 to \$1,000.

As a “heavy hauler,” the Brewers make a living transporting cars, and sometimes motorcycles, between car shows, museums and auctions across the country. They spend only a cumulative

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PHOTO BY CD WHITE

Home on the road –

David and Debbie Brewer outside their 85-ft. “Peterbilt motor home with a six-car garage.” The couple trucks millions of dollars worth of exquisite classic cars, and sometimes motorcycles, around the country all year – two classics in a classic hauling the classics.

CHANGING OF THE GUARD

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Council reinstates Lujan on Planning

NICKY BOYETTE

Eureka Springs City Council was able to rectify some confusions and reinstate Pat Lujan as a member of the Planning Commission at Monday night's meeting.

Alderman David Mitchell brought up that Lujan, who was on the Planning Commission, had recently gained employment with the Parks Department. Even though it appeared an ordinance allows a city employee to sit on Planning, misunderstandings around city hall led Lujan to

feel he should resign his seat.

Earlier this year, in an attempt to bolster membership on Planning, Council passed Ordinance No. 2179 that allowed Planning to be comprised of seven members which could include no more than two members who hold positions on other commissions or in city offices, but no more than one member can be from council.

Mitchell said he carefully reviewed the video of the previous proceedings

to make sure of what had been stated, and did not see that Lujan should have to resign his seat. As the situation was being discussed, Lujan entered the room and stood quietly at the back.

After a period of explanations, alderman Terry McClung firmly stated regarding the back and forth, "I don't like this. He can do both. Let's get it back to the way it was."

Mayor Morris Pate asked Lujan if he wanted to be back on Planning, and

he said, "Sure."

Pate said he would need an application in order to renominate him, and someone suggested using the previous application. Pate accepted that suggestion, confirmed with Lujan that he wanted to be reseated on Planning, then said, "You're in."

After a motion and the unanimous vote to approve his nomination, there was spontaneous applause in council chambers.

Hot wheels hit town

Eureka Springs was a cruising paradise for a few days last week as our "challenging" streets hosted the likes of Ferrari and Maserati at the Crescent Hotel Classic, more than 100 Model Ts at the Inn of the Ozarks and some 215 antique autos at Pine Mountain Village. No matter what time people were out and about, they could watch an entertaining parade all day, every day.

In one of their biggest shows, 215 cars registered for the Chamber of Commerce's 43rd Antique Auto Weekend Sept. 6 – 7. After tallying votes from individual contests and judging categories, the following trophies and awards were bestowed on proud car owners:

Mayor's Choice Award – Raymond Fritz, 1941 Willys Coupe

People's Choice Award – Dean Fanning, 1980 Jeep CJ-5

Farthest Traveled Award – Joe Lake from Henderson, Texas

Best Club Participation Award – Fort Smith Antique Automobile Club

Holiday Island Ambassador's Award – Steve York, 1933 Chrysler Royal 8 Coupe

"Best Of" awards included:

Best Engine – Betty Owens (Berryville), 1964 ½ Ford Mustang Convertible

Best Paint – Bob & Doris Houser, 1956 Ford F-150 Pickup

Best of Show – Raymond Fritz, 1941 Willys Coupe

Top 40 plaques were also given out for accumulation of total points in Exterior, Interior, Motor and Wheels judging categories and included Berryville residents Dean Fanning for his 1980 Jeep CJ-5 and Preston Owens, for his 1934 Chevy Coupe.



Best of Show – Raymond Fritz's 1941 Willys Coupe won top place at the 43rd Annual Antique Auto Festival Sept. 7. The Willys Americar was produced by Willys-Overland Motors from 1937 to 1942, as a sedan, coupe, station wagon or pickup truck. The coupe version is a popular hot rod choice.

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WCCAD considers a law in limbo

NICKY BOYETTE

At its September meeting on Tuesday, the Western Carroll County Ambulance District turned to Justice of the Peace Lamont Richie, who represents Eureka Springs on the Carroll County Quorum Court, for guidance on how to implement changes related to recent state legislation affecting how many commissioners can sit on its board.

A new law enacted by the legislature this year says the commission may have either three, four or five commissioners, and it sets the original terms in varied

lengths so that subsequent terms for the commission seats are staggered. After the original terms expire, all terms would be set at three years, thereby assuring a staggered turnover on the commission.

Richie told them right away the ordinance they are trying to address is inadequate. There already exists an ordinance which stipulates the board should have three commissioners, and he has found nothing in state law that says the board can amend that ordinance regardless of the new legislation. His opinion is the new legislation changes state law

but “there’s nothing in there about changing the enabling legislation.”

He said other provisions of the law should also have been addressed in the new legislation.

Richie has sought the opinion of deputy prosecutor Devon Goodman, and is waiting for her response.

After further discussion, the commission agreed they could go no further until Richie gets Goodman’s opinion.

Slow month for responders, and that’s a good thing

For all ambulance districts, July was a quiet month. Grassy Knob Fire Department had two calls and Inspiration Point had five. Holiday Island was down from 40 in July to 28 in August. Rural Eureka Springs responded only seven times. Mike Fitzpatrick, speaking for Rural Eureka, said another of the calls was to the Hogscald area, and response

time was longer than they want, but he noted they do not have a responder living near that area.

One or two others things

• In her WCCAD Alliance report, Lynn Palmer announced that Holiday Island Fire Chief Jack Deaton is offering EMR class beginning October 21. The class will be based on the Fire Academy curriculum. There are also monthly EMR classes in September at the Inspiration Point and the Grassy Knob Fire Department stations.

• Treasurer Ken Mills presented the first financial report for the district created on the recently-purchased computer and software, prodding Chair Joe McClung to say, “The hope is to be more consistent down the line.”

Next meeting will be Tuesday, Oct. 8, 4 p.m. at the Holiday Island Suburban Improvement District.

Get quackin’ – the WRWRDR is here!

The first annual White River Wild Rubber Duck Race takes to the water Saturday, Sept. 14, to benefit The Eureka Springs West Tourism Association (ESWTA) and their sponsorship beneficiary, Flint Street Fellowship and Food Bank.

No less than 1000 adopted ducks will be dropped into White River at Spider Creek for a race to the finish line at the White River Bridge at Riverview Resort and Country Store. Event begins at noon with music and children’s activities. At 3 p.m. ducks will be dropped in the river with the event concluding around 5 p.m.

Ducks can be adopted for \$5 donation each. The winning 10 ducks will earn their “adoptive parents” some fabulous prizes. Adopt your duck, or a flock of them (special rates available), today from any ESWTA member or sponsor – or online at www.eswhiteriverwildrubberduckrace.com.

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Thank You

It started on April 4. Becky Gillette did a story on property owners in Carroll County receiving notices from SWEPCO about their land being used for a \$117M power line that would stretch 48 miles, detonating smack dab through the middle of where we live.

Sucked the life out of us, it did. We were told that 800 (might as well be 8,000,000) acres would be impacted. We were told we had until May 2 to complain.

People in town picked up the paper, read the story, and tossed it back on the table into a puddle of coffee with cream and sugar. A newspaper with such bad news might as well be used to sop up the spillage of a morning's java jolt.

It took a few minutes for people to gather their thoughts and organize them into rage and rebellion. Coffee cups were refilled, conversation restarted, brain cells reactivated. This community became a unified resister to what the Occupy movement had started – defy those who beat you up and insist you pay for it. Resist those who have the manners of a hungry stallion. Violate plans that call for disturbing your way of life.

Thomas Jefferson wrote that when injustice becomes law, resistance becomes duty. People believed it. People acted on it. They were unprepared, uneducated in the ways of public utility companies, inexperienced in rolling in the deep with corporate America, and willing to rearrange their schedules to combat this idea, these companies. They knew if they waited for help it would not come.

So. Since that April 4 story there have been articles, letters, observations and opinions on how this corner of forgotten feels about people who don't live here deciding what's best for us. There have been more than 5,000 written protests. This one local issue was suddenly on television, in state papers, on blogs, tweeted, Facebooked and ignited into a wild and furious inferno.

People became allies with neighbors they never knew and didn't particularly want to. They unified themselves by themselves and for themselves, and it was stunning – people stopped feeling defeated and became an avalanche of vigor and brawn. They did research that had nothing to do with their training or interest. They, the people, found out that in order to be effective it was important to anticipate dire results but never accept them.

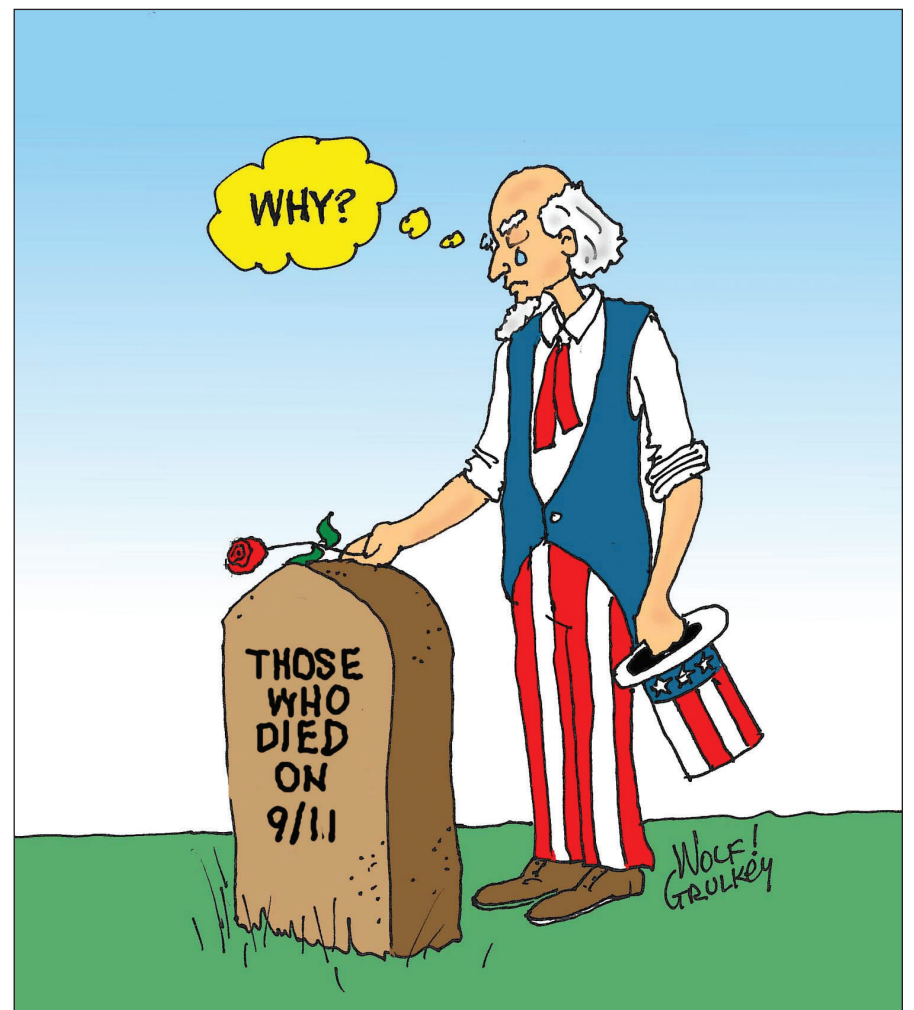
So. It's time for a soppy thank you note to every person who has read one sentence or one story and become an ally. It's time for a tribute to those who are hoping and wishing and assuming justice will prevail even if they feel they have done little.

It's interesting that there has really been no internal strife, no people saying, "Well, I don't know, I kinda like the idea of my land being commandeered by strangers so I won't have to be responsible for mowing so much." No one has said, "I hope they plant these unhappy steel swellings up and down our land so we can lose quality of life and property values all at once."

The people who have been on the front lines of this strife have put their own time and money on the table. People who have sat in the bleachers have put their own hesitance and thought into this. We all care and we all know it. The tadpoles and creeks and rocks and unborn care that life is being protected best we know how.

Listen. There's an event, a fundraiser, yes, but a morale raiser even more, this Sunday. Not everyone can be around a lot of people, not everyone wants to be asked questions or hugged or acknowledged or even seen. But this event, at Caribé this Sunday afternoon and evening, is for all who, whether they are a dollar short of a dime or unable to socialize, want to be counted as helping maintain a town, a county, a country and a planet. And here's the deal – if you donate one dollar, it becomes two dollars. Donations are doubled by anonymous benefactors who don't want to be around anyone either, but are contributing what they have.

So. Thanks. Everybody.



The Pursuit Of HAPPINESS

by Dan Krotz

I came home last week and told my wife I was going to buy a 1964 Karmann Ghia. You might have seen it; it is parked along highway 62 outside of Jim's Saloon. "It's an OHV air-cooled flat 4," I told her.

"Cool," she said. "Now let me open the portal to an entirely new reality for you."

After Brashear's delivered our new leather sofa, my wife had second thoughts. "It's too big for the room," she said. "And it's too brown. But I guess it will be okay."

"Well," I said. "Send it back. You don't have to settle; you should have what you want."

"Oh no," she cried. "You should have what you want! I *know* you had your heart set on leather!"

A simple man, I have set my heart on only two things, and one of them is meatloaf. The other is not a Karmann Ghia, nor is it a leather sofa. My wife knows this, yet optimistically hopes that I am a more complex and interesting person than I am. I am not, and *the result is always a failure to communicate*.

Which brings us to the Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Barack Obama. When people voted for then Senator Obama, it was with the belief that he was a more complex and interesting person than he is. Voters *knew* he had his heart set on peace. But, it turns out he is interested in only two things: winning elections, and maybe meatloaf. When he said he was going to end our war in the Mideast, what he really meant was that it is okay to kill people with bullets, bombs, bats, drones, or sorcery, but poison gas is a no-no. We've had a failure to communicate.

"As democracy is perfected," wrote H.L. Mencken, "the office of the President represents, more and more closely, the inner soul of the people. On some great and glorious day, the plain folks of the land will reach their heart's desire at last and the White House will be occupied by a downright fool and complete narcissistic moron."

Our new green sofa, BTW, is just fine.

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Dogged determination deserves better

Editor,

This is a follow up to my photo of
the dog sleeping by the Kings River
Bridge:

My neighbor and I walk frequently
in this area. We noticed the dog and tried
to approach her, but each time she fled.
Her behavior was odd and we suspected
she was deaf, which in fact, turned out
to be the case. Seeing dogs along the
road from time to time, we are never
sure of their status. She was wearing a
reflector tag and since she continued to
be in the same location for a couple of
days we became concerned. We have
continued to provide her with food and
water since then. We are relieved, as a
result of my photo that her owners have
been made aware of her location. So far,

even the owner has been unable to coax
her away from her hideaway.

The photo that was taken of her
was from a distance and of (what was
at that time) an unapproachable and
unknown Pit Bull. The six-day "delay"
in reporting the situation is due to the
time span until the *Independent* was
published. I did the best I could, given
the circumstances. Animal control was
not an option due to being outside city
limits and the Humane Society is not
able to pick up animals on a normal
basis.

I have been contacted and the
folks at the *Independent* have been
getting phone calls daily from people
wanting to help, and I am very thankful
so many people were touched by this
picture and have been so supportive.
But I find it disturbing that there are
also many comments of a negative and
condemning nature, uninformed at best,

rude and ignorant at worst.

But that is the way life is, some do
what they can to help and some find
fault with almost anything.

Diane Goodwin

Is peace unreasonable?

Editor,

I can only remember two decades
without war. The mid-fifties to the mid-
sixties of the last century, and maybe
that's why so many people want to relive
that era and then the Clinton years.

But in between, we have been
acting as if we are the world's security
police. Sticking our noses into regional
disputes where we have no business.
(The exception being the 911 attack.)
We have lost precious American lives
and treasure just to show off our military
might and get what we want.

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WEEK'S Top Tweets

@peterjames48 --- Birth
certificates need a popup dialog
box: "Are you SURE you want to
spell your kid's name that way?"

@abhorrent_wife --- Forget
about whether or not you have curves, real women have
brains.

@oculusmundi --- My moods don't just swing — they
bounce, pivot, recoil, rebound, oscillate, fluctuate and
occasionally pirouette.

@iphone420s --- I just realized there are more toes in the
world than people.

@matthewbaldwin --- New study suggests drinking coffee
is good for your health. Wait, I think we did good for your
health last time. Bad for your health, then.

@kelkulus --- Let's legalize all drugs so Americans will
finally learn the metric system.

@Jessicle --- Bragging about how much you receive in
alimony only demonstrates how much someone was willing
to pay to get rid of you.

@timbradley7 --- "Twerking" and "selfie" added to the
Oxford English Dictionary. "Future" and "Optimism" have been
removed.

@Zen_Moments --- How people treat you is their karma; how
you react is yours. ~ Qayne Dyer

@kelkulus --- Help your friends diet by replacing the light in
their fridge with an air horn.

@greenhouseenyt --- Labor Secretary Thomas Perez backs the
fast food strikes. Says no one who works full-time should live in
poverty.



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AEP/SWEPCO wants to redo application

NICKY BOYETTE

Imagine you lost a football game, but then asked officials if you could start over and play the game again using the knowledge gained in the first game. That is an analogy being made by members of Save The Ozarks (STO) who oppose a motion by American Electric Power (AEP)/Southwestern Electric Power Company (SWEPCO) to amend their application to the Arkansas Public Service Commission (APSC) of their proposal to build a high voltage transmission line from Shippe Road in Benton County to near the Kings River in Carroll County. AEP/SWEPCO made their request to amend in the last hour of the last day of a weeklong hearing before the APSC regarding an application for approval.

"They knew that they'd lost in the hearing, so they want a 'do-over,'" said Pat Costner, director of STO. "AEP/SWEPCO wants to amend their application to include newly-submitted testimony from their experts. This is testimony we've had little or no opportunity to review or rebut, and we haven't had access to the information their experts relied on in their new testimonies."

Administrative Law Judge Connie Griffin asked AEP/SWEPCO to submit a written motion to amend within 10 days. While the five-day hearing recessed on August 30, as of Sept. 10, AEP/SWEPCO had not filed its motion.

"Until they file their motion to amend, we can't respond to it," Costner said. "The judge has to see that motion and our response before she can rule on it. AEP/SWEPCO has apparently decided to wait until the last minute to file their motion to amend because that minimizes the amount of time we have to respond."

Costner gave a summary of the hearing, which has been continued, not closed. Matters still pending before the Judge Griffin include:

- Danos family. Motion to dismiss submitted Aug. 2, 2013 based on inadequate public notice as required by law.
- STO. Motion to dismiss or for

"They knew that they'd lost in the hearing, so they want a 'do-over.'"

– Pat Costner, director of STO

summary judgment, or in the alternative for continuance, submitted August 16.

- STO. Motion to compel responses to discovery requests, submitted August 16.

Costner outlined the next steps in the APSC proceedings:

- AEP/SWEPCO will submit in written form the motion to amend their application that they made orally in the last hour of the last day of the hearing in Little Rock.

- STO, Danos and other intervenors will submit responses to SWEPCO's motion to amend.

- Judge Griffin will issue an order calling for legal briefs on AEP/SWEPCO's motion to amend and possibly other issues.

- Legal briefs will be prepared and submitted by SWEPCO, STO, Danos and other intervenors.

- Judge Griffin may ask for oral arguments on some of the issues addressed in the legal briefs.

- Judge Griffin will close the hearing and issue her decision within 60 days or less.

- Judge Griffin will submit her decision as recommendations to the three commissioners of the APSC.

- The APSC Commissioners will consider Judge Griffin's recommendations, review the case and make their decision at their discretion.

If the APSC Commission decides to approve the project, STO is planning a legal challenge.

Septic systems culprits in contamination

NICKY BOYETTE

David Casaletto of Ozarks Water Watch and Jamie Froelich of the Parks Commission Springs Committee presented information to council Sept. 6 on the state of water in our area, with Froelich saying results of tests done by the Springs Committee show evidence of contamination probably from septic systems. Casaletto presented a slide show that demonstrated clearly the damage to groundwater systems, and eventually to rivers and lakes, that can occur from unmonitored septic systems.

He showed excerpts from an ordinance passed by Stone County, Mo., which requires septic tank inspection upon transfer of property. There are certain standards that must be met and penalties for violators. The ordinance allows for some exceptions, but intent was to prevent damage done to the environment by old, inadequate septic systems. There were skeptics to the idea at first, Casaletto said, but over time every one

of them has been convinced it was a good idea.

Before thanking Casaletto and Froelich for their presentation, alderman James DeVito said the city should adopt the idea.

Resolution on Black Bass Dam

Alderman Dee Purkeypile presented a resolution he had written setting up a specific line item in the city budget for monies the city receives for engineering assessments, repairs and maintenance of the dam at Black Bass Lake. He is creating two websites, blackbassdam.com and blackbassdam.org, to reach a broad base of support to collect funds. Vote to approve the resolution was unanimous.

Finishing touches

• Purkeypile said during Council Comments the city should take another look at the concept of erecting a city-owned parking garage downtown. He said he hears much discussion about parking difficulties and “a three- or four-story parking garage

would solve a lot of problems.”

• Council voted to approve Ruth Hager’s re-nomination to sit on Parks.

• Alderman David Mitchell moved to have a workshop to discuss the draft of a Clean City Nuisance ordinance. The draft came from his discussions with City Economic Development Coordinator Glenna Booth about issues related to neglected automobiles and buildings in town. Council voted to set up a workshop.

• Alderman Mickey Schneider reminded council that traditionally there is only one council meeting in November and one in December. Alderman Terry McClung suggested they might need two meetings in November because of pending budget discussions. He suggested Nov. 4 and 25, and council approved his motion.

Next council meeting will be Monday, Sept. 23, at 6 p.m.

INDEPENDENT Constables On Patrol

SEPTEMBER 3

1:01 p.m. – Person called ESPD to report fraudulent charges on his credit card, and the detective took a report.

1:46 p.m. – Driver noticed a van heading toward town from the north was crossing the centerline. The vehicle turned onto a city street, and the constable on patrol searched the north part of town but did not find the vehicle.

SEPTEMBER 4

2:25 a.m. – Staff at a tourist lodging asked for a constable to check on a guest who presented suspicious circumstances. Constable did not encounter the subject, and the staff decided they did not want to file a report.

7:45 a.m. – A westbound vehicle on US 62 reportedly passed on a double yellow line and continued traveling at a high rate of speed even after it got to town. Constable

stopped the vehicle and issued a verbal warning.

8:19 a.m. – Someone stole property out of a vehicle parked in a motel parking lot.

10:39 p.m. – Witness told ESPD of two females and a male screaming at each other outside a bar. Constable arrived at the scene and was told everything was okay. It was just a verbal disagreement between a bartender and her mother.

SEPTEMBER 5

10:37 p.m. – Eastbound vehicle was traveling only 15 mph through town. Constable on patrol went to investigate but did not encounter the vehicle.

SEPTEMBER 6

9:56 a.m. – Mother told ESPD she had tried with no luck for five days to communicate with her daughter. Information was given to constable for a welfare check.

11:48 a.m. – Eastbound motorcycle on US 62 was passing vehicles on the right side as it traveled through town. Constable saw the cycle but did not get an opportunity to stop it.

2:47 p.m. – There was a two-vehicle accident in a parking lot. No injuries.

4:27 p.m. – Driver reported she had run into the vehicle which had cut her off at a tight corner. Traffic was blocked and a constable responded.

6:56 p.m. – A female told police her grandfather had been choking her and there were witnesses. Constables went to the scene and determined the claims had been exaggerated.

11:05 p.m. – Constable responded

to complaint of loud music at an establishment, and he asked them to turn it down.

SEPTEMBER 7

5:13 a.m. – Constable made a traffic stop and arrested the driver for driving on a suspended license, fictitious vehicle license, and no insurance.

8:33 a.m. – Constable went to Harmon Park to check on a report about a campfire. The fire was out when he arrived.

9:19 a.m. – Semi got stuck near the hospital. Constable was able to reroute the driver back onto the highway.

2:26 p.m. – Vehicle backed into a motorcycle, and a constable filed a report.

3:42 p.m. – This time it was one vehicle backing into another in a parking lot.

3:55 p.m. – Witness claimed a vehicle was traveling at a very high rate of speed as it entered town from the south. Constable on patrol never encountered the vehicle.

8:59 p.m. – Driver burning rubber in a parking lot almost hit a motorcycle. Constable spoke with the rubber burner.

10:26 p.m. – Person said he needed to speak with a constable about someone harassing him on the phone.

11:19 p.m. – Motel employee reported an intoxicated female who was not a guest had entered the building and then had left on foot toward another lodging. Constable found the female and gave her a ride to the other lodging where her friends gathered her in.

SEPTEMBER 8

7:49 a.m. – Person at a church reported a

truck with a trailer was parked out front in a loading zone. ESPD was unable to find the owner, so a tow truck driver got a call.

9 a.m. – Many plants were taken from the landscaping at a spring. Parks Department will review its surveillance film.

12:17 p.m. – Vehicle owner gave ESPD a description of the vehicle that had hit hers on Friday night. She did not want to file a report.

2:19 p.m. – Animal Control and a constable responded to report of a small dog locked inside a vehicle downtown. The vehicle had already moved on before they arrived.

2:34 p.m. – ESPD got word of someone who had first stolen gas and was then seen driving recklessly eastbound on US 62. Also the vehicle had no license plate. Constables watched for but did not encounter the vehicle.

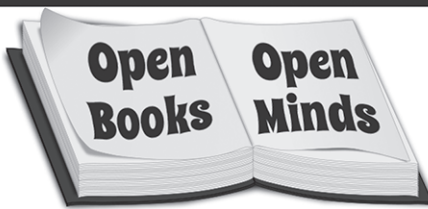
9:09 p.m. – Another vehicle was being driven recklessly according to a witness, and the constable on patrol never did see it.

9:32 p.m. – Passerby thought the back door of a restaurant might be open, but the responding constable found the building secure.

10:09 p.m. – Person told ESPD she needed to report an incident.

SEPTEMBER 9

12:26 a.m. – Employee of an establishment told ESPD someone had stolen his phone during the evening, and he thinks he knows who the culprit is. Victim came to station and spoke with a constable.



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Cajun fly-in high-flyin' success

NICKY BOYETTE

It was a sunny windless afternoon for the fourth Cajun Fly-in at the Carroll County Airport last Saturday. More than 40 planes representing four states flew in according to Dave Teigen, chair of the Airport Commission. A pilot from Lufkin, Texas, had the longest ride to get here. Also a crowd of 250 enjoyed alligator sausage and red beans and rice while viewing a variety of aircraft on display.

"I was so glad we had such a great local turnout," airport manager Sheila Evans said. "This year people came up and said they did not know what we had out here. Pilots are going to come in if you give them something to eat, and it was great to get the locals out here."

Commissioner Lester Ward echoed Evans' observation. He said, "It's good to see so many locals involved. Many people don't even know we're out here. The commission oversees it, but it's their airport. We want them to come out here and enjoy it." Teigen added the airport has a conference room for meetings that people are just learning about.

Evans said even though fewer planes came than she expected, this event meant more to her than previous ones because of the enthusiasm of the crowd.

The main entertainment for the crowd, besides Cajun cuisine, was the flour bomb event in which a pilot would take off with a "bombardier" on board, circle the airport and then fly in at about 100 feet over the runway. The bombardier would attempt to drop a sack of flour into an inner tube. Each bombardier got two attempts and careful measurements determined whose average distance from the inner tube was shortest. Bomber Heath Worley and pilot Perry Evans had the best average, though Connor Teigen had one toss that landed only 12 feet off target.

Parking space fees could triple

NICKY BOYETTE

On council's agenda Monday night was the second reading of proposed Ordinance No. 2189 increasing the rate for renting downtown city-owned parking spaces for special events from \$3 to \$9 per space per day. There are 86 spaces total. Council approved the ordinance on its first reading at the previous meeting.

During the public comments forum, both Charles (aka Rags) and Lori Ragsdell spoke in opposition to increasing the special events parking rate. Rags pointed out Hot Springs charges only \$2 per day for their blues festival, and Eureka Springs must remain competitive. Festivals like the Eureka Springs Blues Weekend generate revenue in all sectors of the community. Then speaking as a co-promoter of the Blues Weekend, Rags said parking fees take away from what he is able to donate to beneficiaries such as Turpentine Creek, Clear Spring School and the Blues Foundation.

He also said the increase would make it harder to recruit and retain volunteers as parking is hard enough as it is. "Volunteers don't want to work for parking meters. They want to work for the big cats and blues cats," he added.

He suggested council hold a workshop and consider all the ramifications and alternatives.

Lori pointed out special events bring people to town. She said the Blues Weekend each year brings new volunteers to town and they return. The event also pumps more than million dollars into the local economy. She said council should hear from other promoters and get more

information before making a decision.

First from council to speak on the subject was alderman Mickey Schneider. She said she favored an increase but she agreed with the points made by the Ragsdells. Schneider wanted to make distinctions between the kinds of promoters who rented spaces so that nonprofits would be exempted. City attorney Tim Weaver said her suggestion would be hard to enforce.

Diane Wilkerson, assistant to the mayor, reported the city received \$2010 last year from renting its spaces. There were 16 different events in which spaces were rented, but occasionally a renter did not even use the spaces.

Alderman James DeVito said he like the idea of a workshop. He pointed out the antique car crowd took up nearly 100 spaces downtown which led to a very quiet weekend for downtown merchants. He said the fee increase was "nickels and dimes compared to what merchants lost."

He suggested a fee increase in prime locations throughout the year. Regardless, he wanted to have fewer spaces lost to special events.

Alderman Terry McClung warned council not to send the wrong message to groups that rent spaces because they could go somewhere else.

"We would be biting the hand that feed us," alderman Joyce Zeller said. She thought the increase was not significant enough "to risk shooting ourselves in the foot."

Vote was unanimous to table the topic until after a workshop.

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Canine culture connects

Last week the *Independent* published a picture of a lost or abandoned (at the time nobody knew which) dog seen at Trigger Gap and posted it in the Sept. 5 album of that issue's photos on our website. To date, nearly 50,000 people have looked at the album, there have been close to 1,200 shares of the picture and nearly 400 comments have been posted pertaining to it.

We are still receiving daily phone calls, some from as far as N. Carolina, offering to take the dog or travel here to help find it. Online, concerned comments came from places as far flung as Alberta,

Canada. Most of the comments express concern, but some demonstrate outrage, both toward the owners and the person who took the picture.

This has been the largest response to any story or picture we have published, including those about the SWEPCO power line. Why the interest? Why the empathy?

An August 2013 study published online in *ScienceDaily* reports, "people have more empathy for battered puppies and full grown dogs than they do for some humans. Our results indicate a much more complex situation

with respect to the age and species of victims, with age being the more important component. The fact that adult human crime victims receive less empathy than do child, puppy, and full grown dog victims suggests that adult dogs are regarded as dependent and vulnerable not unlike their younger canine counterparts and kids."

Interestingly, researchers found that the difference in empathy for children versus puppies was statistically non-significant.

Or maybe there is a touch of learned helplessness involved. We may feel like

we can't really do anything about the rest of the world's troubles, the decisions our bosses make that affect us, or even about our own circumstances. But we can help a dog or a child suffering adverse circumstances.

Happily, the owners of this particular dog, who don't live in the area, have been found and will bring it home. It's deaf and still runs when approached; but until it's safely home kindhearted folks are keeping it fed, watered and looking out for it. Meanwhile, we humans continue to express the desire to help and protect the undefended. It's the best part of us.

INDEPENDENTArt

Designer handcrafts fine silver jewelry

Iris at the Basin Park is pleased to welcome local jewelry designer, Ginny Norris, to the Sept. 14 Gallery Stroll. A gallery favorite, Ginny designs and fabricates unique pendants and earrings from fine silver highlighted with 24k gold plated accents. She will be in the gallery from 1 – 4 and 6 – 9 p.m. Stop by and see her latest intriguing creations.



Eureka Thyme invites artists

Due to Eureka Thyme's featured artist, Maureen Dailey, selling almost all of her work before a scheduled show, owner Marsha Havens invites any Eureka Springs artist to visit the gallery and talk with guests about their work on Sept. 14. Stop by to visit and enjoy the casual, fun atmosphere of a gallery stroll in Eureka Springs. Visit from 6 – 9 p.m. for light refreshment and heavy appreciation at 19 Spring St. (479) 363-9600.

Characterization writing workshop Sept. 21

Characterization, a workshop taught by Jan Morrill, award-winning author of *The Red Kimono*, published this year by the University of Arkansas Press, will be held Sept. 21, 1 – 4 p.m., at The Garden Bistro on N. Main. Learn how to create multi-dimensional characters that come alive with personality, quirks, secrets, habits and senses to keep the reader turning the page for more.

Register online at villagewritingschool.com, email alisontaylorbrown@me.com or phone (479) 292-3665. Cost is \$25.

No junk in *this* trunk

The Jewel Box will feature an Ann Allen Trunk Show Sept. 14 during the Second-Saturday Gallery Stroll. Ann Allen jewelry is hand fabricated from sterling silver and embellished with gold, semiprecious stones, symbols and words of empowerment. Come see her collection of "jewelry with a message," with hand-

inscribed words and designs.

Ann will not be able to be present for the Stroll, but has sent a new selection of pieces to show including new necklaces, earrings, rings and several of her "Wonder Woman" cuff bracelets. Make your selection at the Jewel Box, open 10 a.m. – 9 p.m. at 40 Spring St. (479) 253-7828.

House Concerts are back – get season tix now



Eureka House Concerts is proud to announce its 9th season of concerts beginning Oct. 29 with Mary Flower. Season tickets and sponsorships are now available.

In addition to Mary Flower, this season's stellar line up includes Audrey Auld, Danny Schmidt and Carrie Elkins, John Elliott, Jon Vezner, John Flynn and Michael Reno Harrell.

Eureka House Concerts are a non-profit venue providing worldwide roots and folk music. Concerts are Sundays at the church building at 17 Elk Street. Doors open for a Meet and Greet potluck supper at 5 p.m. and music begins at 6.

Season tickets and sponsorships are only \$120 for all 7 shows. Tickets will be \$15 at the door. For dates/info about the musicians see eurekahouseconcerts.com, email npaddock@gmail.com or call (479) 244-0123.

STO benefit rocks with three (off the hook) auctions, good food and great music

You won't want to miss this evening of great food, epic music and three auctions on Sunday, Sept. 15, at Caribé. Doors open at 2:30 p.m. to view auction items.

Lots of excellent food is being donated by area restaurants and Save The Ozarks supporters. The first live auction will be held from 3 – 4 p.m. with a silent auction from 3 – 6 p.m. and another live auction from 5 – 7(ish).

Enjoy music by Maureen Alexander from 4 – 5 p.m. and music by Wolf and Gary C. with LeRoy Gorrell, Ron Sumner and Steve Bush beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Among the auction items is a chair made for the event by Robert Norman. The frame is made from magnolia gathered at Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art. It is Norman's first chair frame in his 18-year woodworking career made out of all magnolia, and may be the first chair ever made with sticks from the museum. The boards are pine recovered from an old chicken coop almost 18 years ago. Great Horned Owls are known for flying into chicken coops for an easy meal. It's fair to say this is a historical chair here and most certainly highly collectible.

Bidders can also vie for a private dinner for 8 with wine pairings. It's a *Power to the People* dinner party hosted by Case Dighero (director of culinary services at Crystal Bridges) and Dacre Whitaker – the "Food Guy" and the "Party Gal" – at the home of the highest bidder, valued at \$1200. Join Case and Dac for an evening of food, wine and shocking conversation as these two edible performers entertain you and seven of your closest friends with quick quips, electrifying



Owl bet I can raid your chicken coop – Bet you can't! STO is on the job protecting all us chickens in the electric co-op from being raided by corporate greed. This chair, made just for the event by Robert Norman, will be auctioned at the STO fundraiser on Sept. 15 along with other awesome items.

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cuisine and current affairs.

Or how about bed and breakfast for two in Saint Louis? It includes a behind the scenes tour at Saint Louis Zoo and/or trip to Shaw Nature Reserve to visit

prairies and wetlands filled with native plants and wildlife. Can be used anytime within two years.

Visit The Land That Time Forgot up close with a picnic lunch for up to four people provided by the Pangs. Includes kayaking or boating around Devils Eyebrow Natural Area, bird watching and hiking if time permits. No time limit on when you can go.

All this in addition to items donated by ESSA, Grand Central Hotel and Grand Taverne, Crescent Hotel, Basin Park Hotel, Vintage Cargo, Gryphon's Roost, Gaskins Cabin, Iris at the Basin, Practical Magic Art Supply, Eureka Thyme and Quicksilver. There will be art, jewelry, massages, dinners, wine, a one of a kind wood cabinet by Doug Stowe, exclusive watches from Shah Jewelry, a night's stay at Mount Victoria B&B and art by Mary Springer, Julie Kahn Valentine, Phyllis Moraga, Richard Quick, Robert Roman Norman, Frank Egan and Valerie Damon – to name a few, and donations are still coming in!

Cover charge is only \$10 per person. Thanks to a generous donation from two STO supporters, all money brought in for the benefit, and any other donation to STO received at any time, will be matched up to \$20,000 – including donations made through PayPal at www.savetheozarks.org, mailing a check to Save The Ozarks at PO Box 142, 72632 or making a deposit into the Save The Ozarks account at any Community First Bank branch (Eureka Springs, Berryville, Pea Ridge and Harrison).

Make plans now to attend and double your money for this important cause! Even if you can't attend, your donation to STO will be doubled.

INDEPENDENTArt

Iron horse art invited

It could be anything from a tie-dyed doo rag to a full sized sculpture, but if it has to do with motorcycles or motorcycling, you're invited to exhibit it in the Motorcycle Art Show and Sale Sept. 20 and 21, downstairs in the Gem at the auditorium.

Entries will be allowed up until Sept. 20 and can be in any format from paintings to hand-made objects, but must be motorcycle-related. This is also Bikes, Blues and BBQ Weekend, so exhibitors can be assured of an appreciative audience.

To apply to exhibit, email dwillkerson@cityofeurekasprings.org.

Poetluck Sept. 19

Writer-in-residence Leslee Becker will read from "Terrier, a" short story published in *The Kenyon Review*, at Poetluck Thursday, Sept. 19, at the Writers' Colony at Dairy Hollow.

Leslee grew up in the Adirondacks, and received her MFA Degree from the Iowa Writers' Workshop. Her story collection, *The Sincere Café*, won the Mid-List Press Fiction Prize and the Pirate's Alley Faulkner Society Award. Her stories have appeared in *The Atlantic*, *Ploughshares*, *The New England Review*, *Kenyon Review*, *Iowa Review* and elsewhere.

Her awards include a Wallace Stegner Fiction Fellowship at Stanford; James

Michener/Copernicus Society Award; Nimrod/ Katherine Anne Porter Fiction Prize, and the Moondance International Film Festival Award. She teaches at Colorado State University, and is currently working on a novel and another collection of short stories.

Local writers are welcome to read from their works for up to four minutes. Poetluck is always fun, always different and a great chance to hear some original works from some of the most creative people in Northwest Arkansas. Readings start after a pot luck dinner at 6:30 p.m., so bring a dish and some writing to share with other bookworms and fans of the written word at 515 Spring Street in Eureka Springs. Everyone is welcome.

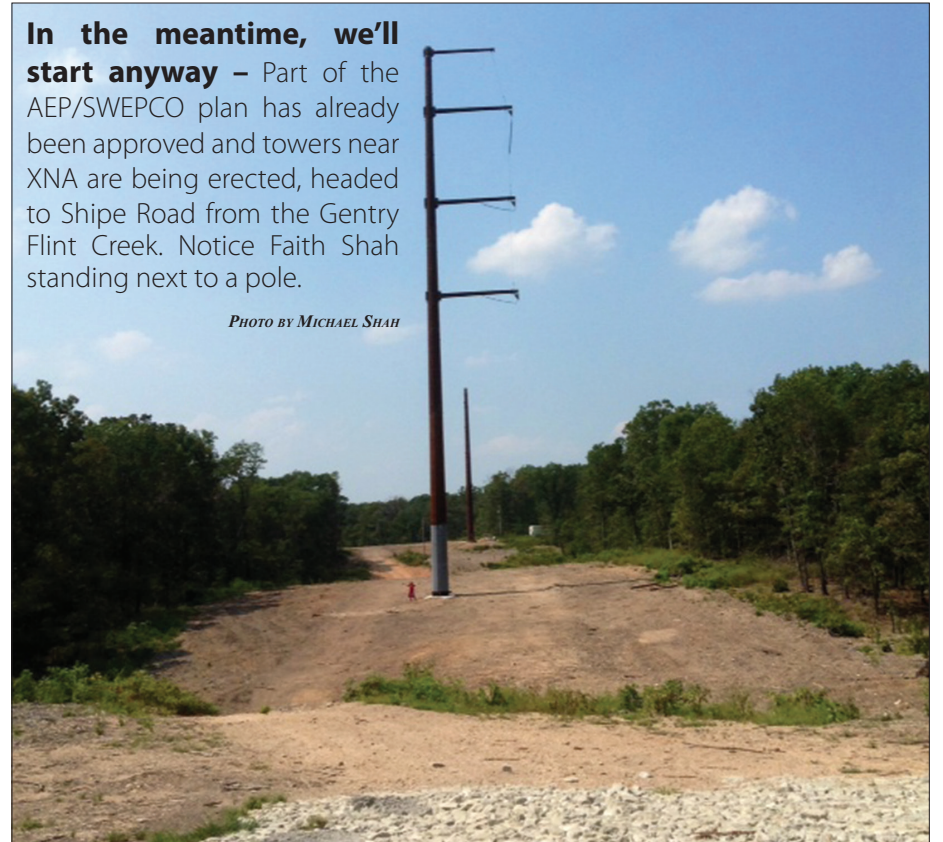


Cover art – Karen Pryor, CAPC sales director, presents local artist Jody Stephenson, right, with a copy of the *Group Travel Leader* which features Jody's painting, "Silent Night" on the cover. *Group Travel Leader* is published monthly, has a circulation of 20,000 and focuses on group travel around the country. Jody is co-owner of Studio 62 in Eureka Springs.

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In the meantime, we'll start anyway – Part of the AEP/SWEPCO plan has already been approved and towers near XNA are being erected, headed to Shipe Road from the Gentry Flint Creek. Notice Faith Shah standing next to a pole.

PHOTO BY MICHAEL SHAH



TheNATUREofEUREKA by Steven Foster



Aleppo Pine, *Pinus halepensis*

Somewhere Near East of Middle

Welcome to Jordan, a country of ancient human experience, an arid land begging humans to bow to greater forces of nature simply to survive in a world of haunting beauty with little water or obvious food sources. Humans have survived and adapted to such arid environments for thousands of years, although few understand the meaning of desert.

Food is a gift to be shared. Water the most precious resource to be kept clean. The sun and wind demand appropriate raiment (and Western clothes are not it).

Olive trees abound, pistachios are a surprise of the landscape, and almonds flourish – not only those improved cultivated varieties we've come to rely upon from far-off lands – but their wild relatives, the fount of genetic survival. Civilization – if we have reached a moment where we as humans can call ourselves civilized – began to form here.

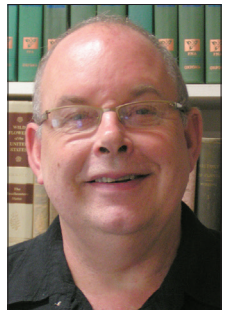
This morning (Monday) here in the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, I met an extraordinary environmental visionary who sees this land as a hotbed of biodiversity. Intimidating titles are disarmed in the presence of the unassuming, gracious, HRH Princess Basma bint Ali. An ambassador of Planet Earth, she has inspired a generation of

women and young people in the Middle East and globally to bring attention to biodiversity, environmental and sustainability issues. She was the first Arab woman named a *TIME* magazine "Hero for the Planet" (1998), a United Nations Environmental Forum Global 500 Laureate, and on and on the list goes. The accolades are simply a result of service. She likes to have her fingers in the soil.

Geographically, Jordan is about the size of the Ozarks yet Jordan has greater botanical biological diversity, with more than 2,500 plant species. It is located at the convergence of Europe, Africa and Asia, which is reflected in the plant diversity.

Since 2005, Princess Basma has worked to honor that diversity as founder of the Royal Botanic Garden of Jordan. It is not a display garden, per se, but a place where earth-friendly design, preservation of native plants and ecosystems, plus environmental learning, converge on a foundation honoring local tradition and wisdom while understanding biodiversity from a firm scientific footing.

There's something almost Biblical about this place. I came to advise. I'm here to listen. See <http://royalbotanicgarden.org>



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.

July 19, 1928 brought our son, Carlos Dale. He was a fine addition to the family and the delight of Nina Jean. She adored the baby brother and never got over the idea that he was her special property. She never tired of doing things for him and they never showed any sibling rivalry. All during their lives, they have enjoyed a closeness that exists between very few brothers and sisters.

At that time Prohibition was still the law of the land and crime connected with the sale and use of liquor ran rampant throughout the country. The Great Depression was beginning to show its ugly head.

In August of 1929, when Dale was a year old, the factory where Elba worked burned to the ground.

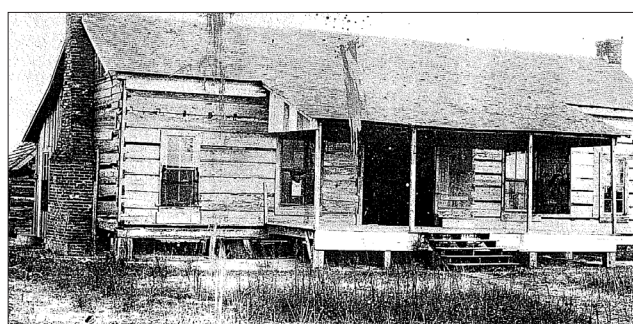
Elba went to work on the bridge gang for the old M&NA Railroad and was gone two weeks at a time. I managed alone with the two little ones.

Then, in the following spring, Ed Wilhite started a small factory there near his home and Elba went to work for him in order to be at home more.

It was the first of February in 1930 that Mama came down to my house and told me, "Lida, I wish you would come up to the house and see what you think about Pa. I'm afraid he is sick. He did not get up at all this morning."

I immediately dressed the children and accompanied her back home. I did not want to frighten her, but knew that if Grandpa had failed to get up, he was indeed sick.

I found him still in bed. He seemed to have difficulty talking and breathing.



I started making onion poultices for his chest and hoping I could keep things under control until Elba came home from work. It was five miles to a doctor. The family had never had a telephone simply because they had never thought they needed one. Doctors in those days made house calls, treated their patients at home, and seldom if ever found hospitalization necessary.

Getting a car or any kind of vehicle up the hill to the Pyles' house was almost impossible. People who wanted to go there simply left their cars at the bottom of the hill or down at Elk Ranch and walked the mile to the house. It was almost impossible to get a doctor to make that trip.

Elba went into town to consult with Dr. Webb about Grandpa. The doctor assumed that it was a cold or a case of the flu. He sent him some medicine that seemed to neither help nor harm him. Mama was scared to death to stay alone with him during the day while Papa was at work.

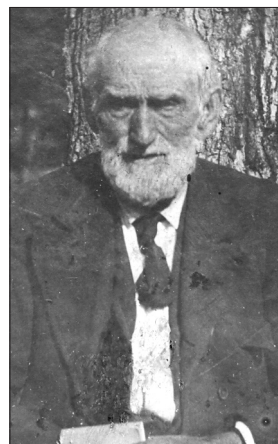
Emery was not working, but seemed to always be gone from the house on some pretext or other, leaving Mama alone with Grandpa. It was decided that it would be better if I just stayed there

with the family instead of trying to take the two little ones back and forth between the two places. Besides, Grandpa had decided that none of the others seemed to be as expert in giving him his medicine as I was. Even though I had absolutely no nurse's training and very little experience with any kind of illness, I stayed. After all, he was my grandpa, too.

Grandpa grew progressively worse day by day. For two weeks we did what we could for him, all aware that it was not going to be enough. Elba's sister, Ida, worried because she could not get up there to visit him. She was expecting her third child. The little girl, Estelene, was born a week before Grandpa died.

We had all stayed up, lost sleep and worried until we needed help. Neighbors were kind and hoped things would soon be better for us, but that climb up a mile long hill deterred them from visiting.

After two weeks of the vigil at Grandpa's bedside had gone by, Mama said to me one morning, "Lida, this is one time I would like to see Slick Jim. He would be so much help to us and he is so good where there is sickness."



"I don't suppose anybody knows where he is," I answered.

"Law no, honey, nobody ever knows where that man is. He just comes when he feels like it and leaves the same way. But I sure do wish he was here."

At ten o'clock that morning Slick Jim stepped in at the door with no word of where he had been, how long he expected to stay, or if he had heard of Grandpa's illness. He was just there.

With Slick there, we could work out some sort of schedule or system for the chores around the place. At the top of the list of course, was Grandpa. Someone would sit by his bed at all times. Mama took over the care of my children so I would have more time to help with Grandpa. Slick cut the firewood, did a lot of the cooking and even the laundry which was done out in the yard with a tub and washboard. Water was drawn in a bucket with a rope from a 50-foot well.

Slick and I together could manage to have a hot meal waiting when Papa and Elba came home from work in the evening.

Slick was what was known as being "moon-eyed." He could not see very well after dark. He always went to bed early. Papa, who had lost a leg in an accident several years ago and wore a wooden one, was always tired when evening came. He, too, liked to go to bed early. It was arranged for Elba and me so sit up until midnight, then we would wake Slick and Emery to take our places with Grandpa and we would go to bed until morning. We went to bed but slept very little, as they always called me to get up to give Grandpa's medicine.

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All the King's Horses & All the King's Men

This is a potent week leading up to Wednesday, Sept. 18 when a Yod, Finger (Will, Direction) of God (sextile and two inconjuncts) points to the Gemini rising and Uranus of the United States' chart.

We're standing at a gateway of the new world, the new age, the new civilization's new ideas and culture. Saturn in Scorpio offers us opportunities to reorient from the solar plexus (separations) to the heart (unity), and to bring about the needed changes

leading to the Path of Return.

Each moment seems to be a point of crisis leading to this reorientation. Saturn asks, "Will we remain within the Matrix of deception, illusion and materialism or will we be triumphant warriors, 'emerging from the battle triumphant?'" Mercury tells us it is the use of our imaginations and visualizations, our working with groups creating communities and cooperatives that will save us. Scorpio and Mercury are the first keys.

The second key is Libra, sign of the Right Use of Money, reorienting us to the new Sharing Economy. Before the new can emerge, the previous/present state of affairs must, like Humpty Dumpty, fall down and "all the king's horses and men" won't be able to put the economy back together again. It's important to follow news events during this week leading up to, during and after the 18th. Our house of cards is crumbling providing us an opportunity to build anew. We build first with our imaginations.

ARIES: It's important to begin to share resources. This will bring a deep and abiding healing and revitalization to all you have and consider of value. It's important to have a dialogue, one of many, concerning what you and others share and value in common. Deep intimate communications creating "new conversations." Our futures depend upon this. Even if emotions flare up, choose to stay with the conflict until the new harmony is achieved.

TAURUS: Tend carefully to your partner(s), both intimate(s) and work relationships. It's also important you ask to be recognized more in close relationships. Know that everyone is willing to do more, to be more committed, to love more. Sometimes people need to be asked. Then everyone can adapt to the new needs – negotiation and peacefulness emerge. For a time, 'til the next needs come forth. You'll recognize them.

GEMINI: Each day you must have harmonious environments, relations with others, order and organization, beauty and sociability. Everyone likes you because you always bring forth a sense of pleasure, a spirit of teamwork, humor, tactfulness and an inner sense of joy. You're clever with words; you enjoy (mentor) cooperation and collaboration. People recognize these gifts and want to emulate them. Careful that you understand this. Maintain purity.

CANCER: Everything seems to have heightened drama. All the kingdoms around you seem a bit more dramatic.

They're calling you to play, to rest, to put problems aside and love a bit more. Relations with children bring forth your creative self-expression. No matter how old we are, we're always children to someone, somewhere, sometime. Fun is child's play. Have fun.

LEO: You realize how deeply you love home and family. When you enter your home and interact with family (people, animals, birds, plants, stars, etc.) you become more gentle, caring and receptive. For several weeks you remember the good things about your childhood. Nostalgia will seem to rule your days and nights. You attempt to create the peace, stability, beauty and consistency sought as a child. The wounds carried from childhood find healing in the home created now.

VIRGO: People think you're quite intelligent, cheerful a good conversationalist. It's important to communicate with others, seeking what interests and is of value to them. This way you discover like-minded others you can trust and communicate with. Diplomacy is also most important. You may be called to use all your mediating skills to sort out conflicts and help bring forth harmony. You're of benefit to many.

LIBRA: It's hoped you can get rest and relaxation, acquire feelings of being safe and at home, have security and enjoyment – simple pleasures that

you value. And along the way, clarity concerning financial matters. Love is stable and good at this time. Be sure to express how you value those who love you. Make them comfortable, be kind with them and offer yourself unconditionally. We hope your recent suffering and sadness ceases

SCORPIO: Allow yourself everything you want and need. Allow your inner self to emerge a bit more, the side of you often hidden and protected. Allow for more cooperation and agreeability. Even if feeling restricted and alone, the path

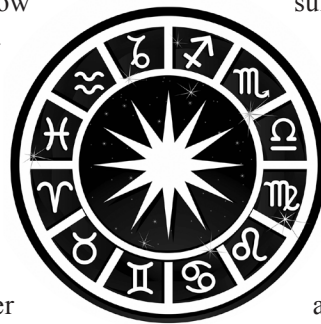
to the future is filled with joy, a quality of the Soul. Tend to your appearance with care. How you look and feel each day determine the magnetic field of attractiveness surrounding you. You're always magnetic, a power to understand.

SAGITTARIUS: It's good to hibernate sometimes, to step behind veils of privacy in order to revitalize, refresh, renew and restore your sense of self in relation to the world. You may discover secrets, doors previously closed to you opening, whispers of things unseen from other realms. You may sense secrets everywhere, something ending and you experience a certain pensive wistfulness. Are you having a secret liaison? Or wanting to? **CAPRICORN:** Sharing your interests with others socially makes you happy. Peacefulness and loving kindness

are more important to you now than anything else. Some people think you're rather detached. Others see your passion. You're both. The best of friends see all of you and never judge. They think you're perfect, finding your sense of responsibility and authority as likable qualities. What are your social and work ambitions? When you're ready you will offer all your gifts and qualities to the world.

AQUARIUS: Careful when you're out and about that you're not surprised or shocked. Careful with exercise and with communication with others. Find those who care for you and ask them for help. You're generous and expansive always. Things foreign, places far away intrigue you. Routine doesn't feel right. You need change, emotional release, a bit of a crisis. Travelers find you interesting, attractive and cultured. Romance now is with someone completely different.

PISCES: Maintain deep intimate connections with those close to you. Hold your friends and those you feel safe with close so they can release their pain – a wound that has occurred over lifetimes. Allowing their release assists them in moving forward into new endeavors. You offer them a service, freedom and liberation. Everything's rather intense now. Memories of the past are flooding the world. To be washed away forever. Emotions from the center of our heart like the rising of the water from the center of the Earth. The rock bursts open. Waters of life pour out.



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Silver Wings Chapel Grand Opening – a bit of a mystery

The public is invited to the grand opening of the Silver Wings Chapel at the Aviation Cadet Museum on Onyx Cave Road (542 CR 2073) Saturday, Sept. 21, at 1 p.m. This will be the first showing of *Meet the Master*, a \$25,000 project that's staying under wraps until the Grand Opening. If crowds require, there will be another showing at 3 p.m.

Owner Errol Severe describes the chapel as a "regular military chapel" but will say no more. Both inside and outside of the building are being prepared for the grand reveal.

After the opening date, showings will be available throughout the year at 3 p.m. for an admission charge with advance reservations

required, so be sure not to miss the Sept. 21 free showing of what Severe calls "*something unique and inspiring, done in a way that has never been done before!*"

Bring family and friends – all are most welcome! For more information, phone (479) 253-5008.

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The letter from Michael T. Regions, regional director of the NPS, said the NPS believes that the AEP/SWEPSCO Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and its process for evaluating impacts fails to adequately consider the national significance of a federally designated unit of the NPS that has been preserved for future generations of Americans to enjoy.

"Members of Save The Ozarks have been saying similar things about the faulty EIS for months," Stowe said. "It was obvious from day one that AEP/SWEPSCO submitted a boiler plate EIS instead of an analysis and planned to get away with it. Without the opposition of concerned citizens of Northwest Arkansas, the hearing would be over and AEP/SWEPSCO would be chopping away at Arkansas forests."

The NPS disagrees with AEP/SWEPSCO's statement in a June 10, 2013, letter, that Route 33 will "not traverse the planned additions to the park."

"The construction of such a large transmission line along either Routes 33 or 62 would degrade critical battlefield lands outside the park that were identified in the 2006 General Management Plan (GMP) for a possible boundary adjustment," the letter from Regions states. "The presence of a large transmission line within these historically significant lands would create a physical scenic barrier between the main battlefield within the Park and the 'Detached Area' of the park intended to protect a portion of the Union trenches

related to the battle."

In other words, the power line would permanently stand as a barrier between two parts of the battlefield.

The NPS said the APSC has seven factors for considering transmission line applications. According to SWEPSCO's June 10 letter, the park and other historic areas were considered under both the environmental criterion and in the man-made uses criterion. There is no explanation, however, as to why the park and other historic properties were not also considered under the "Aesthetic Displeasure" criterion.

The letter states the NPS has contacted the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) regarding the project's need for compliance with Section 106 under the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), as amended. "Specifically, we are working with them to understand the permit areas that the USACE will consider for the six routes, and the potential permits the USACE may be issuing under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act and Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act," Regions said. "Based on our initial review of the proposed routes, it appears that all routes will impact waters of the United States and require a permit from the USACE. The issuance of these permits by the USACE is considered a 'federal undertaking' under NHPA and would require the responsible party to take into account effects of the proposed actions on historic properties. We will be working closely with the USACE regarding its determination on the Area of Potential Effect for NHPA

Section 106 compliance, which should include the entire area that will be directly and indirectly affected by the proposed undertaking."

Regions said the park is an iconic, federally-designated Civil War battlefield that warrants careful consideration. The 4,300-acre park is one of the more important and best-preserved Civil War battlefields in the U.S. and attracts visitors from all across the country and around the world. The park commemorates the site of the March 1862 battle that resulted in Missouri staying under Union control. Nearly 26,000 soldiers fought in the battle, with more than 1,000 Union casualties and 2,000 Confederate casualties.

Regions said that park is important for cultural tourism, receiving about 132,000 visitors annually with \$6.1 million in spending supporting 96 jobs. "These economic benefits could be diminished if inappropriately sited transmission lines were built adjacent to the park boundary and across this largely intact historic landscape," he said.

Other objections include:

- NPS policy calls for protecting park scenery and avoiding impairment.

- Segments of Routes 33 and 62 cross the Potential National Register Boundary for the Pea Ridge Battlefield that has been identified by the American Battlefield Protection Program.

- Multiple routes could impact the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail, which is absent from the EIS. The Trail was designated by Congress in 1987 and commemorates the relocation of the

Cherokee people from their homeland in the southeastern United States to the Indian Territory in present day Oklahoma.

The letter states that the AEP/SWEPSCO and Burns & McDonnell's analysis and EIS should have included a full analysis of potential impacts to the park. "This oversight is extremely concerning to the NPS," Regions said. "Enjoying views of a historic landscape is central to understanding the context for the battle that took place. At the park, the panoramic views from east and west overlooks face south and encompass most of the actual battlefield and lands to the south of the current U.S. highway 62. A transmission line along either Route 33 or 62 would likely be visible well above the tree canopy just outside the park boundary, adding a clearly modern linear intrusion into the current relatively pristine view from those overlooks, a jarring disruption to that historic scene. Visitors to the Park Visitor Center would also likely be able to view the transmission line built nearby. This impact would likely create an 'aesthetic displeasure' for many park visitors.

"The SWEPSCO's EIS section 3.3.4 Visual Character neglects to mention any viewshed concerns which would likely impact the integrity of the park. In fact, the section states that 'there are no designated scenic areas or view sheds in the study area.' We consider this a major oversight that fails to consider the importance of one of the country's most intact Civil War-era landscapes that is only partially protected within the park."

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We don't need the power."

His wife, Faith Shah, said a low point of the hearing for her was hearing people who don't live here and some who have never spent time here claim that there would be no adverse impacts to the environment, the beauty of the area or the economy.

Photographer Richard Quick said part of the reason he took time to attend that hearing was to show that the

people impacted are human beings. "I tried to make it human for them to see this is land we love and care about, and don't intend to let go of easily," Quick said.

Quick found the low point the fact that STO's expert witnesses were not cross-examined by AEP/SWEPSCO or other proponents of the project. He said while he knows the written testimony of STO experts goes into the transcript, that is different than hearing the important issues discussed during the hearing.

Garfield attorney Lori Bennett said it was clear the

AEP/SWEPSCO witnesses didn't do their homework.

"You stood up and opposed evil," she said. "Evil is what they are trying to do."

Eureka Springs alderman James DeVito said the low point for him was seeing other intervenors like Wal-Mart cut deals to move the line, and the high point was the riveting cross-examination by Harrison. He said that cross examination showed that AEP/SWEPSCO was shoddy and unprepared, and likened their EIS to a high school student taking a term paper off the Internet.

Jazz Eureka 2013 starts Friday at 7 p.m. in Basin Park with the 18-piece Fayetteville Jazz Collective performing a sunset serenade. Wear your dancing boots, it's nearly impossible to sit still while listening to the swing jazz of the big band

era. The sound of the brass section accompanied by flawless percussion even while improvising in the jazz tradition is amazing. Founded in 2009, FJC members are all musicians active in the Northwest Arkansas area, and with their combined experience they put

on a show that will impress even the harshest critic. The free music in Basin Park continues on Saturday and Sunday, see BASIN PARK in the schedule below for performance times. Headlining this jazz event is Spryo Gyra at the Aud on Saturday at 7:30 p.m.

Gaskins Switch members at Caribé

Save the Ozarks is having a fund-raising event at KJ's Caribé Restaurant + Cantina on Sunday, Sept. 15. Along with live and silent auctions, some awesome live music is planned. Maureen Alexander starts at 4 p.m., from the band Swing and a Miss. She is one of Eureka's finest sirens. Members of the '70s band Gaskins Switch, formed in Eureka Springs, will take the stage at 7:30 p.m. for a reunion of sorts. Four of the original band members, Gary C. Albritton (guitar); Wolf Grulkey (banjo, fiddle, cello); LeRoy Gorrell (harmonica) and Ron Sumner (bass) will be joined by Steve Bush (guitar, banjo) with Pat Griffith mixing the sound. Included in the setlist are original

Gaskins Switch songs such as "Eternal Boogie" and "Photographs." Also on the list is a LeRoy Gorrell original "Arkansas Stone Farmer." Don't miss this rare performance by some of Eureka's own.

FRIDAY – SEPTEMBER 13

- **BALCONY RESTAURANT** *Hogscalders*, 12 p.m.
- **BASIN PARK** *Fayetteville Jazz Collective*, 7–9 p.m.
- **BLARNEY STONE** *Hiser Brothers*, 8:30 p.m.
- **CHASERS BAR & GRILL** *Terri & the Executives*
- **CHELSEA'S** *Deep Fried Squirrel*, 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** *Craig & Hank*, 12–4 p.m., *Richard Bruton*, 6:30–10:30 p.m.
- **PIED PIPER CATHOUSE LOUNGE** *Tyler Gregory*, 8 p.m. – midnight
- **ROWDY BEAVER** *Karaoke with Tiny*, 7:30 p.m.
- **ROWDY BEAVER DEN** *Matt Reeves Band*, 9 p.m. – 1 a.m.
- **SQUID & WHALE PUB** *Fox Trot Uniform*, 9 p.m.
- **THE STONE HOUSE** *Jerry Yester*, 6:30–9:30 p.m.
- **VOULEZ-VOUS** *Lilly Bee & the Pollinators*, 9 p.m.

SATURDAY – SEPTEMBER 14

- **AUDITORIUM** *Spyro Gyra*, 7:30 p.m.
- **BALCONY RESTAURANT** *Chris Diablo*, 6 p.m.
- **BASIN PARK** *Alan Gibson & First Line*, 12 p.m., *Richard Bruton Quintet*, 1:30 p.m., *Walter Savage Trio*, 3 p.m., *NSU Jazz Sextet*, 4:30 p.m.
- **BLARNEY STONE** *Brick Fields & The Chosen Ones*, 8:30 p.m.
- **CHASERS BAR & GRILL** *Rideshy*
- **CHELSEA'S** *JT Huff*, 4–7 p.m., *Hutch & the Coy Dog Fiasco*, 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** *Just Sayin'*, 9 p.m.
- **LEGENDS SALOON** DJ Karaoke, 8 p.m.
- **NEW DELHI CAFÉ** *Johnny & Friends*, 12–4 p.m., *Belladonna*, 6:30 – 10:30 p.m.
- **PIED PIPER CATHOUSE LOUNGE** *Tyler Gregory*, 8 p.m. – midnight
- **ROWDY BEAVER** *One Way Road*, 7:30 p.m.
- **ROWDY BEAVER DEN** *Home Grown Hippies*, 1–5 p.m., *Matt Reeves Band*, 9 p.m. – 1 a.m.
- **SMILING BROOK CAFÉ** *Handmade Moments*, 4–7 p.m. – BYOB
- **SQUID & WHALE PUB** *Strange Deranger*, 9 p.m.
- **THE STONE HOUSE** *Genna & Jesse*, 6–9 p.m.
- **VOULEZ-VOUS** *Lilly Bee & the Pollinators*, 9 p.m.

SUNDAY – SEPTEMBER 15

- **BALCONY RESTAURANT** *James White*, 5 p.m.
- **BASIN PARK** *Missouri State Jazz Band*, 1 p.m.
- **BLARNEY STONE** NFL Game Day–We Have Every Game, Open Mic, 9 p.m.

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- **CARIBE** *Maureen Alexander,*
4 p.m., *Wolf & Gary & Friends*, 7:30
p.m.
- **CHELSEA'S** *Tebo Brujos*, 7:30
p.m.
- **LEGENDS SALOON** Free Texas
Hold 'Em Tournament *with prizes*, 6
p.m.
- **NEW DELHI CAFÉ** *Johnny*
& Friends, 3–7 p.m.
- **ROWDY BEAVER DEN** Live
Music, 1–5 p.m.
- **SQUID & WHALE PUB** Local
Talent Showcase
- **THE STONE HOUSE** *Genna &*
Jesse, 6–9 p.m.

MONDAY – SEPTEMBER 16

- **BLARNEY STONE** Monday Night
Football
- **CHASERS BAR & GRILL** Bike
Night with *Jesse Dean*, 7 p.m., Pool
Tournament, 7 p.m.
- **CHELSEA'S** *Spring Billy*, 9 p.m.
- **NEW DELHI CAFÉ** *Craig &*
Hank, 4–8 p.m.
- **SQUID & WHALE PUB** Disaster
Piece Theater
- **VOULEZ-VOUS** Locals Night

TUESDAY – SEPTEMBER 17

- **BLARNEY STONE** Jessica's
Birthday Party–'80s theme with best
dressed cash prize
- **CHASERS BAR & GRILL** Dart
Tournament
- **CHELSEA'S** Open Mic
- **LEGENDS SALOON** Pool
Tournament, 6:30 p.m.
- **ROWDY BEAVER** Hospitality

Night

WEDNESDAY – SEPTEMBER 18

- **CHASERS BAR & GRILL** Beer
Pong
- **CHELSEA'S** *Shawn James &*
the Shape Shifters, 9 p.m.
- **NEW DELHI CAFÉ** Open Jam
- **PIED PIPER CATHOUSE**
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- **ROWDY BEAVER** Wine
Wednesday
- **SQUID & WHALE PUB** Ladies
Night & Pie Social with *Sweetwater*
Gypsies

THURSDAY – SEPTEMBER 19

- **BALCONY RESTAURANT**
Maureen Alexander, 5 p.m.
- **BLARNEY STONE** *Slam Boxx*
- **CHASERS BAR & GRILL** Taco &
Tequila Night
- **CHELSEA'S** *Dead Soldiers*,
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
- **NEW DELHI CAFÉ** *Blue*
Moon, 5–9 p.m.
- **SQUID & WHALE PUB** *Open*
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Support group on hiatus

The Bereavement Support Group for parents who have lost a child will no longer meet on the 1st Saturday of the Month at the St. Elizabeth Parish Center on Passion Play Road. Watch for information on the Group resuming in the coming months. For information or questions please phone Linda (479) 253-1229.

Oktoberfest – a good time is brewing

Break out the lederhosen and join the Eureka Springs Rotary Club for the first-ever Oktoberfest on Oct. 5. Sample the finest local micro-brews, craft and seasonal beers in our quaint little European-like village. Breweries and distributors represented are Core Brewery and Distilling Company, McBride Distributors and Mother's.

The big party's right downtown on Main Street between the courthouse and the auditorium from 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. In addition to bratwurst and pretzels, several food vendors – Cajun Lunch Box, Ice Tea Spot, Candy Man, Deep South BBQ and Nomad Natural Plate – will offer a wide variety of food and fun. Polka music will fill the air all day, with the Zibert Band from Arma, Kan., playing from 1 – 4 p.m.

Admittance of \$15 gets a spot in the beer garden where you can sample all the fine brews. For just \$5 more you can sample them in a commemorative mug to take from tap to tap. It's also Corvette Weekend, so come enjoy the colorful cars and turning leaves in Eureka Springs – where there's always a party going on.

A portion of Oktoberfest proceeds will benefit Operation Food for Hungry Kids, providing nutrition for local children in need. Special sponsor, Brighton Ridge, helped underwrite Oktoberfest 2013.

Mmmm – spaghetti and secret sauce

It's spaghetti dinner time in Holiday Island. Monday, Sept. 23, from 4:30 – 7 p.m. the Holiday Island Presbyterian Church will serve its annual spaghetti dinner in the Holiday Island Clubhouse ballroom.

The chefs, once again, will be making their delicious, secret recipe meat sauce (vegetarian available). Along with spaghetti, salad and garlic bread, a number of beverages are included. For dessert, there will be the biggest variety of homemade cakes imaginable. Take out is also available.

Proceeds from this event will be divided between two organizations serving Carroll County residents: Meals on Wheels, whose volunteers deliver hot, nourishing meals to people who are homebound; and CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate), whose volunteers speak for abused and neglected children in court.

Please come for socializing and some great food and learn about these important groups. Tickets are available from any HI Presbyterian Church member and at the door. Cost is \$9 adult, free for children under six.

Fiddlers and famous BBQ in Shell Knob

If you're headed north of the border this weekend, the Central Crossing Senior Center in Shell Knob is having its Annual Rock-A-Thon Saturday, Sept. 14, from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. with Possum Holler Fiddlers performing from 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Jim Fohn's Famous Bar-B-Q (mentioned on the Tonight Show) will be served from 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Adults \$6 and children under 12, \$3. Desserts are only \$1 – and don't miss the Annual Pie Auction at noon! There will be a silent auction from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. All proceeds go to support the Senior Center.

Want to be a "rock" star? Decorate and bring your own rocker and rock from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. to raise money for the Center. If you don't have a rocker, they have one for you. For more information, phone (417) 858-9728.

NOTES from the HOLLOW by Steve Weems

After we bought our place down in the hollow, I found a "Bill Clinton for Congress" bumper sticker stuck to a barrel in an outbuilding. Back in 1974, he ran for the House of Representatives in this district against the popular incumbent, John Paul Hammerschmidt, and lost by only a few thousand votes. Not bad for a 28 year-old lifetime student and law professor.

I saw Bill Clinton twice in Carroll County before he left Arkansas for greener pastures. In 1984, I skipped school and attended the famous "Super Cow Clinic" in Green Forest with Grandpa Jack McCall. The place was overrun with politicians, including Bill Clinton campaigning for reelection as governor. His opponent that year was businessman Woody Freeman, the clear favorite among old cattlemen and farmers.

One of the contests at the cattle show was the always popular buffalo chip throwing contest. The announcer asked the governor to come up and give it a try. When Bill demurred, the announcer started ribbing the governor pretty good. So Bill stepped forward, chose a buffalo chip and let it fly. It didn't hardly go anywhere at all. Some in the watching crowd let their displeasure be known. The opponent in the governor's race eagerly came forward and threw the buffalo chip like he was a professional. The crowd cheered.

A big attraction at the "Super Cow" was the free barbecue lunch. There was a long line waiting to get their plates filled and Bill Clinton started at the end and worked his way up the line shaking hands and talking to people. The governor just wasn't in his element that day. When he was near us, I saw that he was pale,

sweating and clearly nervous. He did look Grandpa in the eye, though, as he shook his hand and then he came to me. Excited to meet the Governor of Arkansas, I stuck out my hand. Well, Bill studied my face, apparently noting that I was not yet of voting age and withdrew his hand before it touched mine and moved on down the line looking like he wished he could get out of Green Forest, Arkansas.

The last time I saw Bill Clinton, I was driving east on Highway 62 from Eureka. I knew Bill was around for something or another, so when I came up behind one of those Lee Iacocca K-car specials with an Arkansas government license plate, I wasn't too surprised to see the governor in the car. I was a bit surprised that he was alone. I followed him into Berryville and he turned onto Highway 21/221 north. I've always wondered where the governor



was going.

A couple of years ago on a whim, I sent a copy of my book to Bill Clinton's New York office and received a very nice reply. That more than made up for him not shaking my hand that miserable day in Green Forest. Like him or not, excluding Johnny Cash, Bill Clinton would certainly be considered our greatest native son.

DROPPING A Line by Robert Johnson

Sept 8th was a good day for Ross and Rachel Kauj who came all the way from Weatherford, Okla., to Eureka for their honeymoon and to fish. That's the way to start a marriage. We pulled in five good stripers. Big fish was 25 lbs. Boy, look at those seats. Think since trips have slowed down a bit I'll get them done this week.

Beaver Lake water temps are running about 84°. Have to get below 28 ft. to get in the cooler water. Were still catching our fish close to 40 ft. deep in 50 – 70 foot water. Stripers are still being caught in the dam area but we got these fish a little more south due the pressure that was put on them Labor Day weekend. Fishing with wake board boats doing cycles around do not mix well. But it is over and we are back on fish. Most the bait and fish are in the main channel, off the bends and flats. The dam area, Points 3, 4, 5 and 6 are all good places to start.

Here at Holiday Island water temps are running 82° to 83°. Still catching crappie 8 – 12 ft. deep from Leatherwood to Butler Creek. They are holding in the deeper brush and trees close to the creek mouths.

Bass are shallow early off the flats, then deeper as the sun gets higher. Walleye are liking to hold near the deep trees and flats around the Island. Troll deep crank bait right off the edge of the flats. Or jig a jig off the flats and in the trees. Tip the jig with a night crawler or minnow for better luck. To make a kid happy, fish a worm 3 – 4 feet near shoreline brush for perch and bluegill.

Some fishermen can be very nice people. Some can be very helpful. I am very grateful to have known



one guy who was both. He was the one guy who I knew would come and get me when I let my boat float off. We all loved and will miss you, Chuck Levering.

For the better part of five decades I've considered the performing arts a spiritual refuge from the vagaries of everyday life. My involvement in theater and music production has enabled me to make a pretty good living insulated from the corporate conformity that seems to suck the life out of people. It has also allowed me the company of like-minded individuals who see the arts as a calling rather than just a mere job.

From top-tier stars to high school drama clubs, there is an underlying love of performance and the enrichment it can bring to an audience and, just as important, to the performer himself. Working in theater – whether as a performer or as a techie – connects one to a long, rich history stretching back to well before the ancient Greeks. It's a community with strong bonds, traditions and a great deal of pride in the work we do.

Just as this sense of community ties those of us working here all together, so, too, does the physical presence of the theater itself. Not to get too lofty, there is a sense of being acolytes in the sanctuary of the arts. OK,



that was probably too lofty but you get my point. It was precisely this sense of sanctuary that made last week's revelation so bitterly disappointing. Just as there would be a sense of outrage at the desecration of a church, we are currently trying to reconcile our feelings towards whoever sullied our refuge.

If you've been to the Aud any time in the last six months or so, you may have noticed a framed Willie Nelson poster on display behind the concessions counter. On loan from Cap'n Don McGuire, the poster was from Willie's 2005 performance at the Aud and had been signed by Willie and inscribed to a lady named Jan.

Paradise Lost

Last Friday evening, after the Save The Ozarks meeting, Don asked to get the poster back. It seems that Jan is now terminally ill and wanted to surround herself with some of the good memories of her life.



The poster was missing. We combed the building from top to bottom, checking every closet, nook, and cranny in a vain search. We were forced to accept the fact that it was not mislaid but had, in fact, vanished.

The sense of violation, the guilt of having failed in our responsibility to Don to protect his property, and the rude awakening that not all share our sense of the sanctity of the theater have seriously darkened our mood.

Eureka Springs had seemed a place where one could get away from a world requiring ubiquitous video surveillance, burglar bars, card access and all the other accoutrements of what passes for modern civilization.

Apparently, no longer.

"Eureka Springs School District" is Lions' Club topic

David Kellogg will be guest speaker at the Lions Club meeting Tuesday, Sept. 24, at noon at Forest Hill Restaurant. His topic will be "The Eureka Springs School District."

Kellogg currently serves as Superintendent of the Eureka Springs School District, and was formerly superintendent of the Cossatot River School District. He also served as School Improvement Consultant within the framework of the Southern

Regional Education Board. Some of his past educational accomplishments include overseeing the construction of a \$15,000,000 dollar high school and facilitating the consolidation of the Van-Cove and Wickes School Districts.

The recently-formed Eureka Springs/Holiday Island Lions Club welcomes new members. Please feel free to join them for this or any meeting on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at noon at Forest

Hill Restaurant.

"We Serve" is the Lions motto, and programs include sight conservation, hearing and speech conservation,

diabetes awareness, youth outreach, international relations, environmental issues and others. Contact Dan Ellis (479) 981-9551 for more info.



Crunch time – Jennifer Cross of Eureka Springs was unable to avoid a Mitsubishi driven by Victor Ray of Eureka Springs when it pulled out in front of her on Sept. 9 on US 62W. Cross's Suburban sustained significant damage to the front end. Ray was transported to Eureka Springs Hospital from the scene. No charges were filed.

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CALL OR DROP BY FOR A TOUR



Park mark – The Dog Park committee met for about two hours on Sept. 9 to mark all the fence posts and take measurements for the dog park at Harmon Park. Carol Martin, left, and Jan Grinnell man the markers.

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one or two months each year in a home without wheels in Tulsa. The rest of their time is spent in the Peterbilt on the road or parked at the site to which they’ve hauled a cargo of expensive rides.

But it’s not lacking for comfort. The cab of their classic 1970 Peterbilt includes a bathroom with shower, kitchen sink, cupboards, microwave, BBQ grill, a sleeping area with double bed and satellite reception on a large television screen. Compact, but comfortable, and complete with two also-compact Yorkies who love to travel. Then there’s the six-car “garage” ...

“Nobody ever asks how these cars get to town,” Debbie said. “Most people assume the owners drive their cars in, but they usually either don’t have time or don’t want to risk the car sustaining damage on the road. Owners fly in for the shows or auctions and fly out again, and we transport the cars.”

The cars. Like the \$7.5M 1928 Mercedes Benz Torpedo Roadster, one of only three ever built, or the Ferrari NART Spyder that brought in \$27M at a charity auction. When no cars are being hauled, there’s room for 23 motorcycles. Even Roy Rogers’ Magnum 45 Honda and Elvis Presley’s Honda have been among the classics hauled by the Brewers.

David’s most precious cargo to date was a group of cars worth \$30M. Does he get nervous driving these beauties around? Not any more. He and Debbie each have upwards of 30 years’ experience driving transports, and have their system down to a science to assure each vehicle is secure

and protected.

What most people wouldn’t guess is that it can take an entire day to load the vehicles because it has to be done in a way that maximizes safety for the cars and correctly balances weight in the two-story trailer. A hydraulic lift system allows three cars to be carried toward the top of the trailer and three below.

“The hardest cars to figure out are the big cars like Packards and Duesenbergs,” David explained. “It’s like a puzzle.”

Low racing cars, like the Ferrari, can’t even be driven up the ramp like a normal car, but have to be maneuvered, sometimes inch by inch, using shims and boards to build up the ramp so the car body doesn’t scrape the ground while at an angle, until the car is up on the flat part of the ramp.

Some haulers work alone, which can mean getting in and out of the car dozens of times to make ramp adjustments until the car gets to a safe place to drive in. But with their expert team of two, Debbie can inch the car along while David adjusts the ramps.

The first car they loaded was a racing model, complete with cage and bars inside, so Debbie had to do some inching of her own just to get behind the wheel. Once the car was loaded, she had to get out with only inches between the car and the side of the trailer. “You have to be part monkey to do this job,” she said.

Sometimes the first car goes on the bottom, sometimes the top, and cars get shifted back and forth, up and down,



Truck stop – Due to our unique “landscape,” trucks hauling Ferraris to the Crescent Classic Rally were not able to park near the event site, so the ESPD set them up in the old Victoria Inn parking lot. This 80-ft. rig, driven by Paul Bell of Western Hauling, has just finished loading for the trip home.

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What goes in

– can take a long time to get there. Low slung cars may scrape the ground, so David uses shims, boards and chocks and adjusts ramps as Debbie inches the car along. Depending on size and shape of the cars, it can take an entire day to load the trailer – three cars upstairs, three down.



PHOTO BY CD WHITE

until it all fits. Then a plastic protector is fastened across the bottom of the lift to keep anything from draining or falling onto the cars below.

Some inexperienced haulers may put a plastic cover around the lower cars, but David doesn’t even want to chance having plastic rub on the road dirt that may be on the car and causing even the tiniest scratch. This kind of care is probably why word of mouth has made them one of the more popular haulers on the circuit.

The stop in Eureka Springs was the first time in their years of hauling the Brewers actually got to participate in an event. They readily accepted when one of their Ferrari clients offered a 300-mile rally ride. “A lot of people don’t know the capabilities of their car, so they don’t push it,” Debbie told us. “But this guy comes to

drive! He’s an awesome driver.”

“He drove the hell out of that car,” David agreed. “We were taking those 10 mph switchbacks at 40 and moving a lot faster than motorcycles do on the Pig Trail. It was like a high performance Go-Kart.”

As independent drivers, the Brewers make their own schedule and have about 50 regular customers in addition to jobs that come to them by word of mouth. They’ve already been booked to come back to Eureka Springs next year, and business seems to be booming with no end of high-end autos to transport.

David had a wry observation on that point: “The rich get richer, and the po’ get back in the truck.”

(See the Peterbilt “living room” and more on Facebook in our ESI photo album, “A Classic Hauling the Classics.”)

James Reginald Wilson, Jr., March 26, 1948 – August 24, 2013

James Reginald Wilson, Jr. passed away August 24 in Fayetteville, Arkansas. He was a retired master electrician and an avid beekeeper.

He is survived by his wife, Sandy; sons, James Randall “Randy” Wilson and wife, Robin and Paul Michael “Mike” Wilson and wife Amy; daughter, Renee Wilson Hohler and husband,

Carl, and Shannon Michelle Kelly.

Seven grandchildren, Nilean and Jessica Godwin; Drew Graham-Wilson and Kaylyn; Victoria “Tori” and Alyssa Noel Wilson; Garrett and Grant Hohler. One great-grandchild, Carson James Graham-Wilson; brothers Robert and Paul Raymond Wilson; and sisters, Peggy Ross, Bonnie Richard

and Myrtle Seal; numerous nieces and nephews. Jim was preceded in death by his parents.

He was a Navy Veteran who served in Vietnam on river patrol boats and was originally from Baton Rouge. In lieu of flowers the family is requesting donations to the Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758517, Topeka

KS 66675, donation form is on the Website, www.woundedwarriorproject.org/Donate or to his church, Holiday Island Baptist Church, P.O. Box 3129, Holiday Island, Ark. Please sign the online guestbook at www.sealefuneral.com.

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. Phil 4:13.

Helen Irene Hull Maples, May 24, 1925 – Sept. 1, 2013



MAPLES

Helen Irene Hull Maples' spirit was freed of earthly cares September 1, 2013 to join her beloved husband, Gene Price Maples; her dear parents, Parley and Charlotte Powers (Barth) Hull; her brother, J.A. Hull; an infant brother; and infant sister, Elizabeth all of whom preceded her.

Born May 24, 1925 at home, Helen spent almost of her life in and around Berryville, graduating from Berryville High School in 1942. She worked at Beck's 5 & 10 before taking the position of clerk for the Berryville Water &

Sewer Department and becoming City Treasurer of Berryville. Helen retired after 42 years as City Treasure in 1991. She was a member of the Municipal League, American Legion Auxiliary, Berryville High School Alumni Association, and Valley View Baptist Church.

On February 4, 1950, Helen was united in marriage with Gene Price Maples. Family and friends were most important to Helen and Gene, and they enjoyed traveling and photographing the people and places visited leaving behind a large library of photo memories.

Survivors include nieces Patricia Hull Pennington (Joe S.) of Jacksonville, Ark., and Cynthia Hull Rose Ware of Springfield, Mo.; grand nephews Stacy Scott Pennington (Dr. Katherine Lambert) of Memphis, Tenn., and Dr. Jaymie Hull Pennington (April) of

Little Rock; grand nieces Tamara Rose Isreal Nunley (Jay) of Davis, Okla.; Amber Rose Kisting (Thomas) of Springfield, Mo. Great grand nephews and nieces Jacob, Ethan and Hayley Pennington of Little Rock, Ark.; Miranda and Lauryn Kisting of Springfield, Mo.

Services were at the Charles M. Nelson Memorial Chapel in Berryville with Pastor Alan Brown officiating. Interment followed in the Berryville Memorial Park Cemetery under the direction of Nelson Funeral Service.

In lieu of flowers the family requests that memorials may be given to the Parkinson's Disease Foundation, 1359 Broadway, Suite 1509, New York, NY 10018 or the Michael J. Fox Foundation at www.michaeljfox.org/donations. Online condolences may be sent to the family at nelsonfuneral.com.

John Burris, Sept. 4, 1923 – Sept. 4, 2013

John Burris of Eureka Springs was born September 4, 1923 in Wewoka, Okla., son of Sam and Dicie Burris. He departed this life on September 4, on his 90th birthday.

John served as a corporal in the U.S. Army during WWII, in Germany and across five other countries. He worked as an oil field driller and later as a life insurance agent, receiving several awards during his career. John also

drove a school bus for ten years and was an active member of First Assembly of God Church of Eureka Springs.

John is survived by his wife, VaDella Rider Burris, of the home; children, Cheryl and husband, Al Houser, of Tulsa, Okla.; David Burris of Holiday Island, Ark.; Janna and husband, Ron Hobbs, of Branson, Mo.; Dawne and husband, Ray Crochet, of Birmingham, Ala.; brother, Don Burris of Oklahoma City; 10

grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren from Alabama, Arkansas, California, Oklahoma, and North Carolina.

Grandson, Ryan Hobbs, is serving in the U.S. Navy in Afghanistan.

John was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Harvey Lee Burris; and sisters, Iva Weston and Dot Williams. Visitation will be 5 – 7 p.m., Friday, Sept. 13, at the Nelsons Chapel of the Springs. Funeral will be 10 a.m.,

Saturday, Sept. 14, at First Assembly of God Church, Eureka Springs with Rev. William Hughart and Rev. Charles Reed officiating.

Interment at the Eureka Springs Cemetery under the direction of Nelson Funeral Service. Memorials may be sent Gideon's International, POB 362, Berryville, AR 72616. Condolences may be sent to the family at nelsonfuneral.com.

Norbert George Bialka, April 8, 1939 – Sept. 4, 2013



BIALKA

Norbert George Bialka of Eureka Springs was born April 8, 1939 in St. Cloud, Minn., son of Leonard and Matilda (Shrom) Bialke, departed this life Sept. 4, in Bentonville, Arkansas, at age 74.

Norbert was a member of the St. Elizabeth Catholic Church. He enjoyed RC toys, model airplanes, shooting guns, boating, fishing, camping and vegetable gardening. He worked in general maintenance at Green Acres Lodge.

On August 15, 1958, Norbert was united in marriage with Geraldine Mae (Sheppard) Bialka who survives him of the home. He is also survived by one son, Louis James Bialka and Julie Blum of Grandview, Ark.; three daughters, Gloria Anne and husband, Jeffroy Agresto, of Eureka Springs; Catherine Mae and husband, David Chaffee, of Balsam Lake, Wis.; and

Gail Lynn and husband, Larry Wolfe, of Cassville, Mo.; one brother, Don Bialke and wife, Eileen, of Big Lake, Minn.; grandchildren Norbert Bialka III, Rebecca Bialka, Kandice Chaffee, Samantha Chaffee, Amanda Wolfe, Samantha Bialka, Nick Wolfe, Ryan Ramberg, Jamie Ramberg and Matthew Bialka; one step-grandchild, Brady Kruse; nine great-grandchildren; numerous other relatives and a host of friends.

Norbert was preceded in death by his parents, Leonard and Matilda Bialke and one son, Norbert George Bialka II.

Visitation was Sept. 10 at St. Elizabeth Catholic Church with the funeral following and Fr. Kevin Atunzu officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Nelson Funeral Service. Cremation followed service, inurnment of cremains will be in the Catholic Cemetery, Hinckley, Minn.

Memorial donations to St. Elizabeth Catholic Church, 30 Crescent Drive, Eureka Springs, Arkansas 72632. Online condolences sent to family at nelsonfuneral.com.

Overseas research is topic for genealogy group

Free genealogy workshops sponsored by the Friends of the Carnegie Public Library continue in the Library Annex at 192B Spring Street. Thursday, Sept. 19, at 6 p.m., group member Olin Karch will discuss how he researched his Swedish ancestry and give general tips on overseas searching.

The group is asking for other suggested topics to be covered at future meetings. Anyone interested in genealogy research is welcome to attend. For further information, please contact the library at (479) 253-8754 or info@eurekalibrary.org.

Call for old photos – really old photos

If a picture is worth a thousand words, then a book coming out about the 1886 Crescent Hotel should be priceless – with a little help from generous townspeople.

Local resident, Rachael Moyer, is looking for old photographs appropriate for use in *1886 Crescent Hotel*, a pictorial history to be published by Arcadia Publishing in its *Images of America* series.

The importance of family collections cannot be overemphasized. Vintage photographs become increasingly fragile and by scanning and reproducing them in a book, they become available for all to see.

Anyone having photographs to be considered for *1886 Crescent Hotel* should email Rachael at 1886crescenthotelbook@gmail.com or phone (870) 421-5350.

AskMAopinion

askma@esindependent.com

Dear You,

Assassinations? Really, Ma? That's your solution to oppression? Maybe you need to rethink that one.

Sure, it would be great if we could just lop off the head of a monster without impacting everything below. But power vacuums lead to even more turmoil, war and suffering. Sometimes a ruthless dictator is the best of the evils. There are unintended consequences to any action.

Care to re-opine, Ma?

Realist

Dear Realist,

Perhaps Ma was a bit naïve and shortsighted; a knee-jerk opinion from watching history continually repeating

– oppressive regimes causing human misery. Why are benevolent dictators so scarce?

As the Arab Spring turns to winter, there is a case to be made for strong-arm tyrants governing in order to keep peace. Say what you will about Saddam or Mubarak (or Tito), but when they ruled, their people thought twice about getting uppity and challenging authority. Take away the strongman and all hell breaks loose.

Democracy and Fundamentalism don't mix, not here or the Middle East. Foreign policy aimed at creating popularly elected governments where the majority are religious fundamentalists is a recipe for oppression and civil war. Democracy needs minority protections, a concept

contrary to fundamentalist belief.

Perhaps the best policy for The West is to disentangle from the Middle East, where 14th century fundamentalism appears to be on the rise and our involvement only seems to exacerbate problems. Our only interest there – at least since The Crusades ended – is oil. A focus on weaning from oil should be a top priority.

Ma has decided not to try to run the world after all; so complicated; starting to get a migraine. Too bad, Ma would have been very benevolent.

Ma

Dear Ma,

As a progressive who fears the major setbacks we'll face if another

seat on the Supreme Court goes conservative, I was horrified when Ruth Bader Ginsburg announced she's not planning to retire. With our closely divided electorate, it's quite possible our next president could be a Republican. Ma, don't you think it's imperative that Obama name Ginsburg's successor?

Lefty

Dear Lefty,

As much as Ma loves Justice Ginsburg, she should plan to retire after two more court terms, to ensure she's replaced by a liberal and that all her good work has not been for naught. There is life after being a Supreme, just ask Miss Ross.

Ma

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We have always been able to talk our allies into collusion with us. However, we can't even get the English to budge on this Syrian plan. That should tell our government something.

I would like to end my life with peace. I would also like my grandchildren to know what it is like not to be fighting a war.

How is that unreasonable?

Enid B. Swartz

Speed causes flats

Editor,

In reference to Mayor Pate's statement, "The Beaver bridge is a landmark that must not be missed," I totally agree. I would ask the mayor to please remind all the bikers who regularly come through Beaver (and all the new ones who will be inspired by his endorsement of our bridge and little town), that protocol dictates only

three-to-four riders at one time cross the bridge.

In the past one of our leading citizens who lives above our bridge has had to go down and remind riders not to "hog" the bridge. It is a one lane bridge and you need to wait your turn.

Riders have been known to hold up traffic using cell phones to communicate and allow up to 30 riders to cross uninterrupted. Not cool, and extremely rude.

Also, the speed limit over the bridge and continuing up the hill heading towards Hwy. 62 is only 10 mph for two reasons. Going over 10 mph shakes loose the bolts on the planks of the bridge. They come loose, start pulling out of the wood and you have a punctured tire. So for bike riders and auto drivers alike, if you go over 10 mph on the bridge, you deserve a flat tire.

We are a quiet community and you

are driving less than 20 feet from our front doors going up or down the hill. Would you like it if I raced past your front door doing three or four times the speed limit?

Otherwise, welcome to town. Wave as you pass my house, I always wave at responsible riders. If you hear me yell at you to slow down then it is for your own safety on Hwy. 187.

Penny L. Sullivan

This was America

Editor,

I think that while we wait for the APSC's decision, we might ask STO supporters to consider asking their reps to support HR2692 Save America's Pollinators Act of 2013. Birds, bees, bats and aquatic life being harmed by ever more powerful pesticides coming out, and specifically we want them to suspend "neonic pesticides" that are so

harmful that one-tenth of a corn kernel will kill a bird, for example.

Many migrating birds stop in cornfields and are already plummeting in numbers, and now they are asking to produce something even stronger. The more environmentally friendly the EPA becomes, the better for us all.

On another note, the settlers from England and all other countries came here so they could buy land and escape feudalism. Does our government not see that this is a form of feudalism? We buy the land at full price, work the land, set up a business or what have you and then the APSC allows companies like SWEPCO to take it through eminent domain and then we still pay the taxes, our land is scarred and we would get a lot less money for it if we can sell at all.

We are stuck. We don't have another America to go to. This was supposed to be it.

Susan Pang

PASSAGE

Chuck Levering, June 28, 1939 – Sept. 6, 2013

It was with heavy hearts but love and admiration we said thank you to Chuck Levering Friday morning.

Chuck made the best pie crust ever. Ever! Pot pies, fruit pies, Christmas pies, it didn't matter, he had that crust-making down.

He was born June 28, 1939 in Wildwood, New Jersey, the son of Wharton Milton Levering and Ruth Elizabeth (Breakall) Levering.

He joined the Air Force on Jan. 6, 1958 and spent 21 years teaching life support, sometimes called survival training, to pilots.

Chuck married Pamela Rebecca Cross on July 12, 1968 in Tampa, Fla. She was with Chuck when he died at home after a hard fought match with lung cancer.

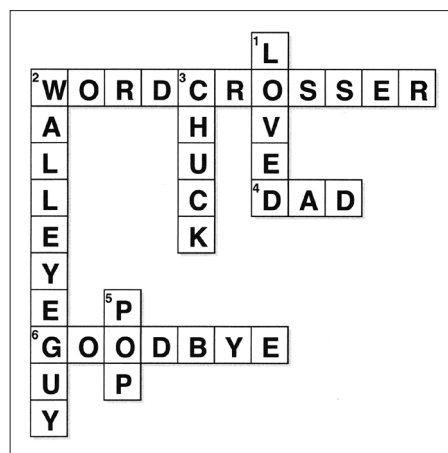
After Chuck's retirement from the Air Force he was a bus mechanic for the Cabot (Ark.) school system, an upholsterer, and he built and flew remote control airplanes. He was a deer hunter, and wood and leather worker whose talent was fine enough for craft shows that he and Pam would travel to in search of doing things interesting and fun.

One thing he did better than make pie crusts was fish. His last trip on a boat a couple of weeks ago filled him with sheer joy, just being on the water wondering how the walleye were going to react to losing their sparring partner. Probably the way we are reacting to losing our Crossword Puzzle guy. It just won't be the same.

Whatever he did he did well, but who he was is why we will miss him. Always funny, always upbeat, but still subtle and shy, Chuck Levering lit up the room, the dock, the party, the heart. Many people are nice, but Chuck was good.

He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Pam, and two children, Wayne Charles and his partner, Karen Koch of West Fork; and Gwen Etheredge of Eureka Springs; and two grandchildren, Allen and Hanna Etheredge, both students at Eureka Springs High School; and his sister, Harriette Ekey and her husband, Robert, and their children, Robert, Beth and Adrienne, all of New Jersey.

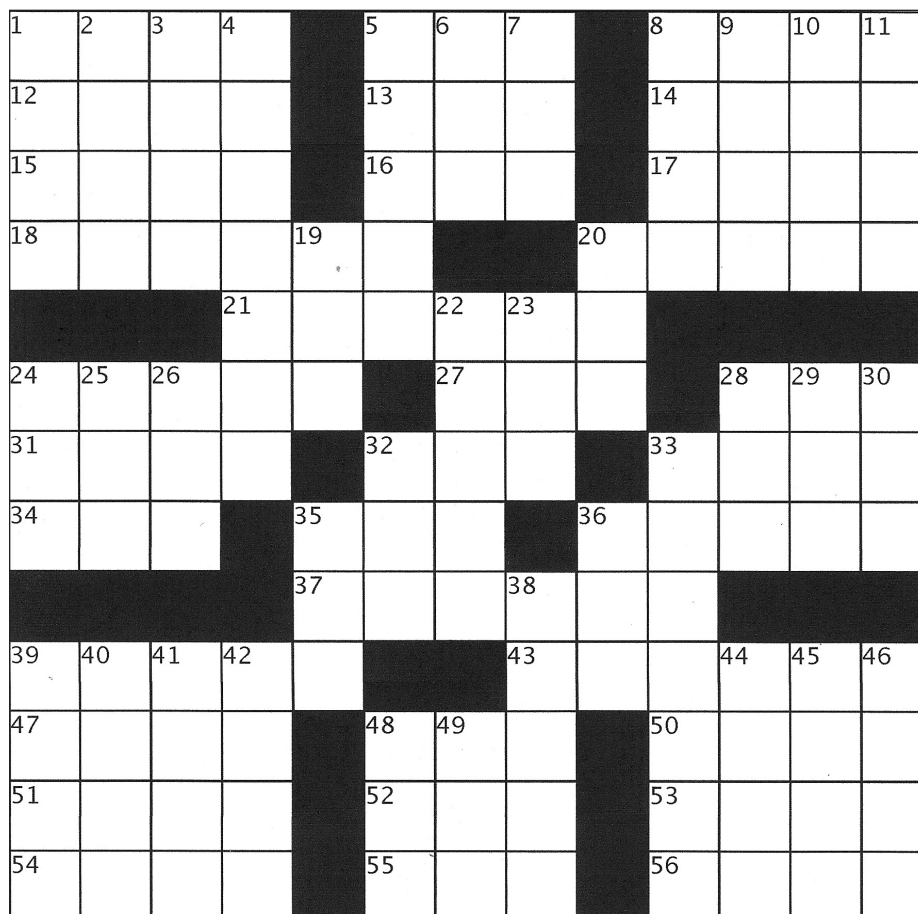
Chuck did not want the sadness that comes with a memorial service, so his fishing buddies are having a fish fry Saturday, Sept. 14, at the Levering home on Holiday Island. Friends of Chuck and Pam's are welcome. 4 o'clock.



INDEPENDENT Crossword

by Chuck Levering

Solution on page 31



ACROSS

- Dark reddish brown
- Teheran is its capital
- Mountain in Crete and Arkansas
- Whet
- Collective defense organization
- Corn throwaway
- Press
- Droop; slump
- Senseless
- Originating in the mind
- Glasses
- Future fish
- Lard
- Greek musical instrument
- Wok
- Make over
- Synthetic garnet
- Samuel's teacher
- Disoriented

- Swastika
- Corrupt morally
- Keeness; sharpness
- Stand
- National police force
- On the quiet side
- Not working
- A jug handle
- Prevaricator
- An equal
- Reason for an event
- Channel island east of Guernsey

DOWN

- Bowlers' targets
- Russian river
- Roman censor and writer
- Declare or utter
- Market corner
- Fuss or trouble
- Fairy queen in Romeo and Juliet
- In front of a calf
- Toolkit for oracle
- Soon
- Trait carrier
- Lettuce variety
- Cool down
- Track
- Positively charged atom
- Tricky
- Burmese money
- Work unit
- Shriner's hat
- Wood shaping tool
- Yoyo, top, etc.
- Wood prefix
- Rites
- Young newt
- M.D.
- An enchanted being
- Trek
- Helper
- Small parcel of land
- Never (poetic)
- Mother of Romulus & Remus
- Rend
- Sudden, quick thrust
- Not many
- Scrooge's exclamation

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Peaches, tomatoes, shiitake mushrooms, peppers, cucumbers, meat, bread and more at **EUREKA SPRINGS FARMERS' MARKET.** Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 7 a.m. to noon at Pine Mountain Village.

To place a classified, email classifieds@esindependent.com

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BREAD – Sourdough Organic Local – **IVAN'S ART BREADS – THURSDAY** Eureka Springs Farmers' Market featuring Rustic Italian, German Rye, Bialys and 'Gotcha Focaccia' at the Saturday White Street Market. Tuesday is Fresh, Hot Pizza Day at 11 a.m., call ahead or take your chances. (479) 244-7112, bread.loveureka.com or Ivan@lovEureka.com

YARD SALES

BUSCH YARD SALES: Neighborhood yard sales Fri. – Sat., Sept. 13 and 14 in Busch. 9 miles west of Eureka Springs on 62 West. Many sales to offer collectibles, vintage and lots of misc. household goodies. Watch for signs.

OUTDOOR SPORTING

SUP OUTFITTER is **THE** Stand Up Paddleboarding for Beaver Lake, Starkey Marina. Rentals, lessons, eco tours and sales. **Happy Paddling** (479) 244-7380

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MERCHANDISE FOR SALE

DERKSEN PORTABLE BUILDINGS for sale or rent-to-own. Hwy 62 West, across from WalMart, Berryville. No deposit or credit check. Free delivery. (870) 423-1414.

HELP WANTED

NEED A NON-SMOKER to water/pick garden twice a week. (479) 244-0390

INTERVIEWING TEENAGERS 13 AND UP for weekend work as our top of the steps person. Must be outgoing and able to talk with people. Base pay + commission. Call (580) 399-5887 and I will meet you at the shop for an interview!

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RENTAL PROPERTIES

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Taking a closer look at our community



Roadsters – Ronald and Brenda Wood of Benton, Ark., were happy to talk about their 1913 midnight blue Model T Roadster on its 100th birthday. With its original paint, kerosene parking lights, wooden wheels, acetylene tank to make carbide gas (to light the headlights) and a top speed of 40, it's a classic beauty. Not many people know the first Model Ts came in a rainbow of bright colors. It was only years later Henry Ford went to all black cars to save money. Did you know they were painted with a mop? Want to see where they put the gas and how they measure the tank without a gas gauge, how they know if the engine is running hot and how they increase speed without a gas pedal? See the Model T photo album on the *Independent's* Facebook page – and be amazed.

PHOTO BY CD WHITE

Jeepers creepers

– Dean Fanning crept into the winning spot with his 1980 CJ-5 Jeep to win a 1st place plaque in the People's Choice category at the 43rd Annual Antique Automobile Festival. He also got a plaque for ranking in the Top 40 category. "It blew me away," a proud Fanning said.



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Doggie Detention –

This blue heeler mix was picked up August 7 near Hwy. 235 and US 62. If you know where his home is, or would like to take him to yours please call (479) 253-8666.

BENEFIT FOR



PHOTO BY RICHARD QUICK

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2013

LIVE AUCTION - 3 to 4

SILENT AUCTION - 3 to 6

LIVE AUCTION - 5 to 7ish

MAUREEN ALEXANDER MUSIC - 4 to 5

WOLF & GARY & FRIENDS - 7:30

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