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APSC staff ignores public opinion, favors approving AEP/SWEPCO application

BECKY GILLETTE

The American Electric Power (AEP)/Southwestern Electric Power Company (SWEPCO) application for a \$118 million high-voltage power line has generated about 6,000 public comments, nearly all opposed to the project. Transcripts from the Arkansas Public Service Commission (APSC) public hearings in Eureka Springs and Rogers totaled 1,166 pages – again with nearly all citizens opposing the 50-mile-long Shipe Road to Kings River power line.

The public comments appeared to have no impact on the staff of the APSC. In a legal brief filed Oct. 1, ASPC staff recommends that AEP/SWEPCO be given a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need (CECPN) for the project that would require a 150-foot-right of way for steel power poles that would tower 150-160 feet, running through some of the more scenic areas of the Ozarks.

"SWEPCO's CECPN Application filed on April 3, 2013, with supporting witnesses'

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Happy Camper – Nicole Eichor, left, wore a t-shirt that said "Happy Camper" to the KY3 TV live broadcast from the Queen Anne Mansion Tuesday night, but little did she know just how happy a camper she would be until her name was called by the KY3 crew in a drawing for a 60-inch television!

PHOTO BY MELANIE MYHRE

This Week's INDEPENDENT Thinker

In Gumi, South Korea, a seven and a half-mile strip of asphalt road was constructed with buried electric cables that power a passenger bus, and we're not kidding.

Most electric vehicles are required to stand still while recharging. But Korean researchers came up with batteries called "Shaped Magnetic Field in Resonance," where a battery coil on the bus turns electromagnetic fields under the road into electricity to power the bus.

The technology only recognizes vehicles capable of accepting the charge, so cars and scooters are not in danger of being exposed to anything weird.

Scientific accomplishment for practical use is always a marvel, but shaped magnetic field in resonance is pure poetry.



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That's Aud - Oktoberfest - Saturday 11-4.

AEP/SWEPCO pleads for "do-over" application for power project

BECKY GILLETTE

Opponents of the proposed American Electric Power (AEP)/ Southwestern Electric Power Company (SWEPCO) proposed high voltage



This orange cat, declawed and wearing a brown and orange collar, has been found near Inspiration Point. If you know her, please call (479) 253-8918.

transmission line have said for months that the company's application to the Arkansas Public Service Commission (APSC) for the project did not show a need for the project, and the application was woefully deficient in the Environmental Impact Study (EIS) and other key areas.

Save the Ozarks (STO) said a filing by AEP/SWEPCO this week that basically asks to redo their application is proof of what STO and other opponents have been saying all along.

"In the latest development in AEP/ SWEPCO's proposal to construct a 50-mile long, extra-high voltage transmission line across the Ozark Highlands, the investor-owned utility filed a new motion with the APSC on September 26," STO Director Pat Costner said. "This 'Motion to

Conform the Pleadings to the Proof' is a follow-up to a similar oral motion made during the last hour of the last day of the hearing in Little Rock. STO, the citizens' group at the center of what is now a region-wide public opposition to the project, objected to AEP/ SWEPCO's oral motion at the hearing and is expected to challenge this new motion in a response to be filed later this week."

Costner said with this motion, AEP/SWEPCO is asking for a post hoc amendment of the application they submitted for APSC approval - a doover of the statement of public need and reasons for the proposed project.

"In effect, this is AEP/SWEPCO's admission that STO's expert witness, Dr. Hyde Merrill, was correct in his assessment: the public need identified

in AEP/SWEPCO's application does not exist and, even if such a need did exist, the proposed project would not be required to meet it," Costner said. "SWEPCO is asking APSC to replace their now disproven statement of need with their witnesses' testimonies, which include a new needs study that allegedly establishes previously unidentified public needs that require the construction of a 50-mile long, 345-kilovolt transmission line and Kings River Station."

Costner said this new study was submitted in sur-surrebuttal (the end of a series of legal debates back and forth) so that STO has had no access, and indeed has been blocked from obtaining, the data and analysis the study is based on.

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Enjoy fall with an espresso drink from A la Carte at ONF!



EMS gets to snakebitten boy by boat

NICKY BOYETTE

A four year-old boy was bitten on the thumb by a baby copperhead while he was hiking with his family Monday afternoon on the Beacham Trail on the eastern side of Lake Leatherwood according to Parks Department Director Bruce Levine. The

boy's father killed the snake for identification, according to reports on the emergency scanner.

Levine said the family must have called 911 because soon enough EMS arrived and rescuers motored across the lake in the park's five horsepower rescue boat. "The whole thing was

pretty lickety-split," Levine said of the emergency response. Rescuers rode with the boy back across the lake and drove him to a helicopter waiting at the

Levine said he heard the boy was transported to a hospital in Rogers.

There was no word on his condition.



GSHS hosts furry, fuzzy Fall Feline Frenzy Oct. 11

SANDRA OSTRANDER

Give a cat a chance at the Good Shepherd Animal Shelter Friday, Oct. 11, 6 – 8 p.m. during the Fall Feline Frenzy – a fun, festive, family-friendly fall activity your whole gang can enjoy. Due to a bumper crop of kittens and a plethora of strays, the shelter is crawling with cats of every size, age, shape and color imaginable – all in need of a good forever home.

More than 20 cats are being held in cages, something not normally done at the shelter. Some have been there for months waiting to go into general cat population in the community cat rooms or in Cat Alley, where special needs cats and cats that don't play well with others have their own room or a tolerable roommate. Some cats are in foster homes until there's room for them, not counting a waiting list of cats that can't

find homes.

The Fall Feline Frenzy is a community event sponsored by the Good Shepherd Humane Society to call attention to the plight of these homeless cats. If you've been thinking about adopting a cat, now's the time. Cats are loving, playful, funny, selfcleaning housemates that don't need to be taken for a walk... the purr-fect lowmaintenance pet.

There will be something to delight everyone at the Fall Feline Frenzy hot dogs and chips, games and an oldfashioned cakewalk featuring homebaked cakes and confections. There will also be home-baked goods for sale. Meanwhile, tour the facility and see changes that have been made and learn about changes to come.

For a \$1 donation, adopters can

even come to the shelter until others draw a Cat in the Hat Discount from 50 to 100 percent (with none less than 50 percent) off an adoption fee, good for both cat and dog adoptions. For those not choosing to draw a Cat in the Hat Discount, adoption fees are still a flat 50 percent off.

> Even if you're not considering adoption at this time, please support the shelter by coming out to enjoy this evening of fine furry family fun at the GSHS shelter, 6486 US 62E.



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Folk Festival Parade seeking entries

Throw on the coveralls, rosin up the bow and get a float or group together! Eureka Springs CAPC is taking applications for the 66th Annual Original Ozark Folk Festival Parade now.

Parade takes place Saturday, Oct. 26, at 2 p.m. through historic downtown. All area bands, groups, businesses and individuals are invited to come and join the fun. There is no entry fee. Old-time cars, tractors, horsedrawn wagons and floats with old-time crafters (like a quilting circle) and musicians especially welcome.

The internationally syndicated radio, TV and online broadcast of the WoodSongs Old-Time Radio Hour will be filming footage in addition to the Auditorium show with Michael Johnathon that evening.

Applications are available online at www.ozarkfolkfestival.com. Deadline for entries is Oct. 15. For more information call (479) 253-7333 or admin@eurekasprings.org.

Last trip to the sheepfold – outdoor drama closes

"It is with a

very heavy heart

that we make

this difficult

announcement.

We have

had an

incredible run."

- Gary and Pat Snadon

After Oct. 19 the flock of tourists drawn to visit the Ozark sites in Harold Bell Wright's book, Shepherd of the Hills, will have to find pastures other than the Shepherd of the Hills Outdoor Theater in which to graze.

After a 54-year run, the theater will close due to rising insurance and production costs, the new health care mandate and declining crowds. During its peak in the '70s and '80s The Shepherd of the Hills performed to more than 2,000 guests each night and most shows were sold out.

"It is with a very heavy heart that we make this difficult announcement." said Gary and Pat Snadon, owners of the park. "We have had an incredible run. Past or present, The Shepherd of the Hills cast is a family and we love you and we appreciate your investment in this incredible production."

The Shepherd of the Hills Homestead will still be preserved and

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Tours of Old Matt's Cabin, which is on the National Historic Registry, will be available during the summer months.

Inspiration Tower Vigilante and the ZipRider Extreme will be open yearround. The popular car show, Shepherd's Summer Super Cruise, will also go as scheduled. November During and December the popular Trail Lights Drive-Thru and Christmas on the Trail Chuckwagon Dinner Show will operate as usual.

The Shepherd of the Hills was published in 1907

after Wright wandered into the Ozark hills headed for better weather for his ailing health. When a flooded White River stopped his progress, he came upon a modest homestead owned by John and Anna Ross and was so enamored with the people he began compiling notes for a book. The Shepherd of the Hills, based on real events, was an instant success and the first book in US history to sell more than one million copies. Readers began flocking into the Ozark hills to see the

maintained as a historical landmark. places Wright so eloquently described. John and Anna Ross had become Old Matt and Aunt Mollie in Wright's story, and Old Matt's Cabin became an instant

tourist attraction.

Elizabeth McDaniels, a wealthy banker's daughter from Springfield, Mo., "Miss Lizzie," as she was known, loved the book and eventually lived in Old Matt's Cabin for a time before having her home moved Springfield from to an area of the homestead not far from the cabin. Recognizing public's love of the story and interest in the history, she

staged the first reenactments of The Shepherd of the Hills on the lawn of Old Matt's Cabin in the early 1920s. Upon her death she willed the entire homestead to the Branson Civic League.

Some years later, Dr. Bruce and Mary Trimble purchased the homestead and opened Old Matt's Barn to the public as a gift shop in 1946, and in 1949 constructed a wooden tower on Inspiration Point. Trimble dreamed of an amphitheater carved into the wooded hillside near Old Matt's grist mill, but died in 1957 before his dream could be realized. The Trimbles' son. Mark. had left the area and later returned, originally intending to "clean up and sell the homestead." However, fate had other plans, and soon it was Mark who was making big plans for the future.

In 1966 Mark knew he either had to "go all the way in or get out." That year the theater ran an aggressive television ad campaign and made a quantum leap in attendance. Gary Snadon, who had played the role of the villainous Wash Gibbs for three seasons before leaving to pursue other opportunities in Branson, jumped at the chance to buy when Mark Trimble called in 1985 to say he had decided to sell the homestead.

The Shepherd of the Hills ends its days as a truly family-run operation – Snadon is involved in its daily operation, his wife, Pat, is the design force behind the popular Trail of Lights Christmas experience, and their youngest daughter, Sharena is the marketing director.

Through the years many changes and additions have been made to the historic homestead, but the simplicity and integrity of Wright's story remains the same. The production will be presented six nights a week at 7:30 p.m. until Oct. 19. For more information visit www.theshepherdofthehills.com, or see "The Shepherd of the Hills" on Facebook for comments and public reaction.

Tales from the past include notable names, new stories

Reserve tickets now for the all-new, 5th Annual "Voices from Eureka's Silent City" living history tours on Friday and Saturday evenings, Oct. 18, 19, 25 and 26. This year costumed actors will relate musically themed stories about the Original Ozark Folk Festival and band performances at the city bandshell and auditorium, along with dances and performances by some musicians who were both nationally and locally renowned.

Actors in period costumes will portray Joe Parkhill: Okemah (Kim) Morrell and her father, John Wynn; Perry Mark, Adolph and Augusta Kukler; Claude Fuller; John Phillip Sousa; and Ida Bently, whose tragic love story adds a bit of drama to the evening.

The "Silent City's" new voices will be heard during guided tours through the Eureka Springs City Cemetery beginning at 5:30 p.m. Tours leave every 20 minutes thereafter until 8:30 p.m. Parking is not available at the cemetery, but plenty of convenient free parking may be found at the former Victoria Inn parking lot on US 62 E, with free shuttle service to the cemetery

Tickets are available at all Cornerstone Bank locations, the Eureka Springs Chamber of Commerce and at the Historical Museum at 95 south Main. For more info, call the museum at (479) 253-9417 or email info@ eurekaspringshistoricalmuseum.org.

New IP rescue pumper makes its debut

MARGY THOMPSON

The Inspiration Point Fire Department procured a Pierce Manufacturing rescue pumper recently, and although not new, the truck has very low mileage and is in excellent condition. It's capable of pumping 1,500 gallons per minute, twice the ability of the truck it's replacing, and carries 800 gallons of water. It's powered by a 400 hp Cummins engine, powerful enough to navigate the steep hills in the IP district. Equipped with an automatic transmission, it also has four-wheel drive, a great asset in the area with unimproved gravel roads.

In addition to the truck's firefighting capabilities, it has a rescue-style body, which results in significantly more compartment storage space than a regular pumper. This will allow the department to carry all rescue equipment on one vehicle,

including Jaws of Life extrication tools for freeing entrapped patients, ropes and a basket stretcher for recovering patients from ravines, flotation and water rescue equipment, and equipment and material for cleaning small fluid spills resulting from traffic accidents. The truck is equipped with a 6,000-watt diesel powered generator that can power lighting, as well as any other rescue tools.

Come see and take pictures of the new truck at our First Chili Cook-off and Bake Sale fundraiser at Station 1 on Friday, Nov. 8 at 5 p.m.

Station 1 is on US 62W, midway between Eureka Springs School of the Arts and Opera of the Ozarks. \$5 will get you a bowl of gourmet chili and combread with iced tea. Homemade desserts will also be available for purchase whether by the single serving or the entire cake or pie.



Ol' 1851 (some call her "Baby") gets prepped for hose testing at Inspiration Point Fire Station 1. Helping hands, from left to right, are Sam Ward, Bill Brown, Robert Norman, Gene Chapman, Jim Simmons and Austin Kennedy.







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New recycling law takes effect next week

NICKY BOYETTE

The new ordinance making recycling of cardboard and glass bottles mandatory for restaurants and bars in the Eureka Springs city limits takes effect Oct. 8. So how will the new law affect Carroll County Solid Waste Authority, the people who pick up the recycling?

"The more the merrier," stated Gary Gray, facility manager at the Eureka Springs Recycle Center. "We like it when people recycle. It's what keeps us here."

Gray said they have a "pay-asyou-throw system, so the smaller you make your trash, the cheaper it is for the customer." Cardboard and glass bottles comprise the largest volume of recyclables, so smart business owners know to sort the recyclables out of the trash.

"Ninety percent of downtown is doing it anyway," he said. The few new pickups will be easy to accommodate because "we're already out there picking it up."

Also, Gray commented that businesses have always had the opportunity to recycle cans and plastics if they chose to.

Gray said CCSWA recycled more than four million pounds of recyclable materials last year, and one million of that was cardboard. This material comes from all over Carroll County. CCSWA offers services to Holiday Island as well, and there are drop off locations in Berryville and Green Forest.

Gray said many folks do not know the recycling center in Eureka Springs accepts some household hazardous wastes and electronics. Hazardous materials would include paint, motor oil, batteries and many chemicals products. The CCSWA website has useful information about how to recycle household hazardous wastes and a list of what they accept.

Electronics such as old computer monitors and televisions will be accepted. Commercial customers will need to pay a fee.

Refrigerators, freezers and air conditioners also go to the Eureka Springs facility.

Gray commented they are one of the few recyclers in the state who never stopped accepting glass bottles. In fact, they sell their glass to Ripple Glass in Kansas City, which turns recycled bottles into the brown beer bottles for Boulevard Brewing. They also make fiberglass insulation from old bottles.

All newsprint, magazines and office paper go to an end-recycler who transforms the waste into blown-in insulation.

Gray pointed out that Eureka Springs, even with its relatively small population, is a recycling leader for the state, and they do it with only four workers on site plus the office staff. They are very low-tech, he said, so they can save on equipment purchases and maintenance.

See carrollcountysolidwaste.com for guidance on what to bring in and on recycling in general. If you still have questions, phone (479) 253-2727.

Youth rally at Frist Christian Oct. 5

The "One Way Up To Christ" Youth Rally will be presented by Four Corners Ministry on Saturday, Oct. 5, at the first Christian Church on Passion Play Road from 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. The event is free, although donations will be accepted to cover costs. There will be a concession stand.

Speakers are former Kansas senator, Dick Kelsey; author Kirstin

Cooper and youth pastor Josh Caldwell from Harvest Assembly of God. Music will be provided by Tony Dee, Flight to Light from Huntsville and trombonist Jared Rilev.

There will also be presentations including illusionist Mike Sharp and a drama by New Day Church of Eureka Springs. Activities are planned throughout the day. Phone (870) 505-4541 with any questions.

American Indian history expert to speak Oct. 16

Dr. Duane King, executive of the Cherokee people from their director of the Gilcrease Museum in Tulsa, will present "Museum Objects from the Cherokee Removal Period," Wednesday, Oct.16, at noon at the Shiloh Museum of Ozark History. Commonly known as the Trail of Tears, the Cherokee Removal Period refers to the forced removal

homelands in the southeastern United States to present-day Oklahoma in 1838 and 1839.

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



Highlander hoops preview

NICKY BOYETTE

Coach Brian Rambo said he feels pretty confident about prospects for the Highlander senior boys basketball team this year. Josh Premeau and Tanner Alee, two valuable senior starters from last year's squad, are graduated and gone, but Rambo can still rely on Dalton Johnson for sharpshooting, Jake McClung for ball handling and leadership, and Trevor Lemme for battle-tested inside presence again this

Rambo also acknowledged "super sophs," Matt McClung, Oscar Mendez, Dylan Lawrence and Jacob Holloway, whom he expects to be ready for the 2013-14 season.

New to the team are Ryan and Reggie Sanchez who moved back to the area from Bentonville. Ryan is a senior, Reggie a sophomore.

Different this year will be team depth, Rambo said. "The Highlanders might be the smallest in the conference, but they are quick and fast and will pose match-up difficulties for opponents." Other than Holloway coming off the bench at 6'5", no other Scot tops 6'1".

Jamie Green is the coach of the girls' teams this year, and has three returning starters - Samantha Mueller, Abbey Moore and Haley Comstock -

whom Green calls her nucleus. Green said the seniors are supposed to help the younger players fit in and know their roles. She also has three experienced juniors in Thalia Colvin, Hayden Mayfield and Taylor Little.

Green said she would throw everyone, including freshmen, "into the fire. We want to do it the right way by developing everyone from the start. I don't care if we turn the ball over at first as long as we make defensive stops. We'll score eventually."

Green said the players are gaining an improvement mentality, and one way to improve performances in a game is getting better at the hustle plays. "Starting strong is one thing, but our players are learning to finish strong," she said.

The Red and White intrasquad games will be on Friday, Oct. 11. The girls will play their game at 6 p.m. after which there will be a three-point shooting contest, a raffle, and the school will announce the winner of the Highlander mascot contest. Admission is free.

The first games of the regular season will be Oct. 22 at home against Omaha. Junior boys' game will begin at 5 p.m. followed by the senior girls and senior boys.

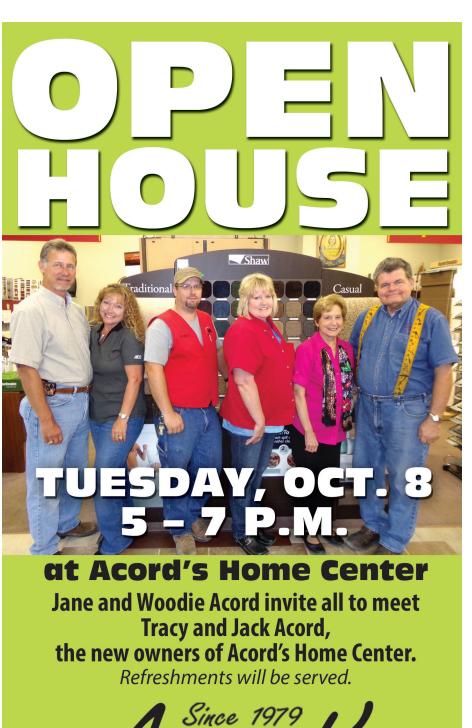
Highlanders' Red/White game kicks off season

Come meet the 2013-2014 Eureka Springs Highlanders senior high basketball teams at the Red/White Game Friday, Oct. 11. The teams will kick off their season with a scrimmage, and the winner of the 2013-2014 mascot contest will be announced.

Activities begin at 5 p.m. at the Highlander Arena, 2 Lake Lucerne Road. Admission is free. There will be free hot dogs, shooting contests and a raffle. Lady Highlanders play at 6 p.m. with the boys immediately following.

Open house and meet/greet Oct. 8

Jane and Woodie Acord invite their friends and community to come meet Tracy and Jack Acord, new owners of Acord's Home Center on Tuesday, Oct. 8 from 5 – 7 p.m. at Acord's Home Center, Hwy. 23S. Refreshments will be served. Stop by and greet one set of Acords and meet another!





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Save the Ozarks fires back at AEP/SWEPCO

BECKY GILLETTE

Save the Ozarks, in an Oct. 1 filing before the Arkansas Public Service Commission (APSC) in the case of the American Electric Power (AEP)/ Southwestern Electric Power Company (SWEPCO) high voltage transmission line said AEP/SWEPCO has failed to prove a need for the facility, the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is seriously flawed, and there is not sufficient analysis of the economic impact on the community.

The filing states that AEP/SWEPCO has not obtained or submitted a number of environmental permits required for a new major transmission line, and does not plan to do so until after the commission decides whether to issue the Certificate of Environmental and Public Compatibility Need (CECPN).

"The July 2013 letter to the commission from the Army Corps of Engineers states clearly the position of the federal agency charged with issuing two of these environmental permits. a Rivers and Harbors Act Section 10 permit and a Clean Water Act (CWA) Section 404 permit, that such federal environmental permits are required to be obtained by SWEPCO for the project," the filing said. "SWEPCO has intentionally not applied for, obtained, or submitted several such permits."

STO also said there was no analysis of economic impacts on Eureka Springs.

"The only mention of economic impacts in the EIS concerns the lack of any positive economic impacts such as significantly increased local employment due to the project," STO states. "There is no discussion in the EIS of adverse impacts on tourism, the arts, or other businesses. The proposed AEP/SWEPCO transmission lines are likely to cause significant adverse economic impacts on the local

communities through which the lines years of consistent high demand growth will pass including Eureka Springs, including significant adverse impacts on tourism."

claims AEP/SWEPCO's STO consultant noted that impacts on tourism should have been considered.

STO also believes the application was deficient in providing a good cost estimate of constructing in an area with karst features.

Another flaw STO alleges is there was no assessment regarding whether the proposed project is the most cost effective for ratepayers. "No assessment was done comparing the costs of the proposed project to STO expert witness Dr. Hyde Merrill's identified alternatives," STO said. "Operation and maintenance costs were not included."

STO took issue with AEP/ SWEPCO receiving a notice to construct the project from Southern Power Pool (SPP) in 2008, and after finally starting the project five years later deemed it "critical."

"Case studies were provided by Dr. Merrill that exemplified why the North American Electric Reliability Corp. requires that plans not rely on long-term forecasts," STO said. "In these cases, the needs were re-evaluated every year, and every year the need became less severe and receded a year. Load forecasts are the most important driver of need for transmission reinforcement. Based on SPP data, demand has been stagnant since 2006. The forecast for 2016 that was made by SPP in 2006 followed

and preceded the stagnant demand since 2006. The load growth projected by SPP... has not materialized."

After it appeared the initial reasons for constructing the line no longer exist, AEP/SWEPCO testified the line was needed to solve reliability issues for Entergy. But STO said Entergy did not request resolution of a reliability problem in this area, Entergy had not diagnosed a reliability problem here, and Entergy was not trying to resolve a reliability problem here.

STO also alleges the SWEPCO EIS and application have been obvious in failing to address impacts on Corps properties. STO cites a letter from the Corps to the APSC that any impacts to Corps of Engineers property associated with crossing Beaver Lake, Table Rock Lake, or the White River will require a review for National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) compliance. The Corps also stated any impacts to their property associated with crossing those bodies of water will require a Regulatory Section 10 Permit.

AEP/SWEPCO denies it will need NEPA compliance. NEPA requires more thorough environmental studies, evaluation of less damaging alternatives, and sets a high priority on environmental protection.

"The SWEPCO EIS fails to address erosion and sedimentation issues relating to Corps properties stemming from potential loss of vegetation, loss of Bald Eagle roosting habitat, impacts

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AEP/SWEPCO claims it satisfied permit requirements

BECKY GILLETTE

There were a flurry of filings Oct. 1 in the case of the American Electric Power (AEP)/Southwestern Electric Power Company (SWEPCO) application for a Shipe Road to Kings River high voltage transmission line that has been heavily opposed by residents of Northwest Arkansas.

On Sept. 11, Arkansas Public Commission (APSC) Administrative Law Judge Connie Griffin asked all parties in the case to file legal briefs that address three issues: 1) the need for the facilities, 2) the sufficiency of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) in relation to Arkansas law, and 3) the sufficiency of the analysis of the projected economic or financial impact on the applicant and the local community.

More than 20 briefs were filed Oct. 1 in the case. The applicant, AEP/SWEPCO, states it has satisfied all the Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need (CECPN) application requirements. "There is substantial evidence supporting each criterion on which this Commission must make its determination," AEP/SWEPCO states. "A CECPN is appropriate and should be granted for the proposed project.

Here is a summary of some of the conclusions in the SWEPCO brief:

- In this docket, the application, pre-filed direct, rebuttal and sursurrebuttal testimony as well as oral testimony at the hearing before this commission have amply established the need for this project.
- The proposed 345 transmission line is needed to ensure reliability in the North Arkansas area and has been called for by SWEPCO's governing Regional Transmission Organization (RTO), the Southwest Power Pool (SPP).
- SPP's Ozark Transmission Study found potential for numerous voltage violations and overloaded lines across the North Arkansas area. The 2007 SPP

Transmission Expansion Plan (STEP) analyzed the reliability requirements through models and load forecasting and identified the need for a new 345 kV transmission line from the Flint Creek generation facility to Shipe Road in Benton County, Arkansas, to the area near the existing Osage Creek Station in Carroll County. SPP issued a Notification to Construct (NTC) on February 13, 2008 that identified and mandated the 345 kV transmission line and station proposed in this Docket with an in-service date of June 2016.

- Subsequent annual STEPs have retained the proposed project because it continues to be needed for reliability and to relieve congestion and overloaded transmission facilities. As an RTO-member, SWEPCO is responsible to build transmission projects within its footprint as identified by SPP.
- The proposed Shipe Road to Kings River 345-kilovolt transmission line will alleviate a fairly significant potential overload on the Beaver Dam to Eureka Springs line during outages of the Flint Creek to Brookline and Blackberry to Jasper lines. There are also a number of facilities that are subject to overloads... including Osage Creek, Berryville, Green Forest and Green Forest South. There are also low voltage concerns at Eureka Springs, Grandview, Osage Creek, Berryville and Green Forest.
- SWEPCO's application in this Docket specifically discusses the economic and financial impacts to the ratepayers, the local community and to itself, as the applicant. ... Construction of the proposed facilities will have little economic impact upon the local community. In the application itself and through pre-filed direct, rebuttal and sur-surrebuttal testimony and in oral testimony before the Commission, SWEPCO has repeatedly provided proof that the proposed transmission line will have a negligible impact on the local community economies and on

tourism in the region.

- · Contrary to the Save the Ozark Intervenors' contentions, nowhere in the CECPN statute is the Environmental Impact Statement required to evaluate the financial and/or economic impact on local communities.
- Intervenors in this Docket have expressed concerns that the proposed transmission project will have negative economic impacts on nearby communities, including negatively impacting tourism. For example, STO witness James DeVito claims that he will "most likely" be economically harmed by the transmission line, and fellow STO witness Mike Bishop opined that the transmission line "could be nothing but bad" for tourism. Yet

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Eureka Springs, Arkansas

Saturday, October 26, 2013

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9:00am start time at the former high school Registration to start at 7:30am Packet pickup and register on Friday, October 25th from 4pm-6pm at the former high school on 62 Hwy.

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Walk or run, but sign up now

The Fargo Run, a memorial event in honor of Greg Fargo, is set for the starting gun at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 26, at the old high school on Van Buren.

Those who haven't already registered for the 5K run, two-mile walk or the one-mile fun run by Oct. 20 at www. racesonline.com (scroll down and click on The Fargo Run), can do so in person Friday, Oct. 25, from 4 – 6 p.m. at the former high school or Saturday morning beginning at 7:30.

Registration is \$20 for the run and two-mile walk. The one-mile fun run/walk

is free. More information and updates can be found on the Facebook page, "The Fargo Run." Costumes are encouraged for all participants. Proceeds will be donated to a Eureka Springs High School Skills USA (VICA) student for a scholarship to help further his or her education.

Meanwhile, volunteers, sponsors and donations are needed. If you can help, please email Paula at the fargorun@gmail. com. Come out and get some exercise, and at the same time honor the memory of a former ESG grad and raise money for a deserving student as well.

Buddhist study group Thursdays

The Eureka Springs Buddhist Study/Discussion Group meets each Thursday at the Library Annex Building, 4 p.m., for silent meditation. Study group begins at 4:30. Currently, the group is reading the 14th century work of Shantideva, *The Way of the Bodhisattva*, from three or four various translations. For questions or comments please call Sheri Hanson (479) 253-7141.

Coming up at Flora Roja

October 8, 6 – 9 p.m.: "Herbal Care for Tiny Tots with D'Coda." Special emphasis on toddlers and infants. Learn what is already in the kitchen for first aid and common illnesses. Which herbs are safe and effective for little ones? What about doses? How to prepare herbs so children will like them. Learn herbs for common maladies

October 11, 10 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.: Sign up now at "Come to The Kitchen Table, an Art www.floraroja.com.

space for Heart, Hope, and Healing with Budhi Whitebear." Board certified art therapist, Budhi Whitebear, is facilitating classes all day. 10 a.m. – an art group for people suffering from chronic pain. 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. and 4 – 5:30 p.m. – an open studio for people who want to create art in response to a health issue. At 2 p.m. – Women's Problem Solving Group.

Sign up now at 119 Wall Street or



66th Annual Folk Festival announces Ozark performers

The Original Ozark Folk Festival, one of the oldest in America, has been held every year since 1948, making it the longest consecutively held annual folk festival in America. The Folk Festival is coming up October 23 - 27 and will feature the Barefoot Ball, Queen's Contest, the HedgeHoppers, arts/crafts exhibitions and free music in Basin Spring Park throughout the The festival's headline show in the auditorium features the WoodSongs Old-Time Radio Hour tapings before a live audience with Michael Johnathan and guest Michael Martin Murphey.

Murphey is best known for his hits "Wildfire" and "Carolina in the Pines." He has six gold albums, including Cowboy Songs, the first album of cowboy music to achieve gold status since Gunfighter Ballads and Trail Songs by Marty Robbins in 1959. Murphey is also the author of New Mexico's state ballad, "The Land of Enchantment."

Also featured will be Leroy Troy and the Tennessee Mafia Jug Band, a six-piece band that has graced the stage of the Grand Old Opry more than a dozen times and played all around the world. Also in the group are "Lonesome" Lester Armistead, David "Ferg" Ferguson, Dan Kelly, and Mike Armistead. Their music has been featured in movies and television shows, but their most infamous performance was playing at the wedding of Billy Bob Thornton and Angelina Jolie.

In addition to these international stars, the Ozarks' own stars will also shine, including:

The Clark Family Trio from Searcy, performing modern Bluegrass, Americana and Gospel favorites featuring tight, threepart harmonies along with finger-style and flat picked acoustic guitar. Nine-year-old Sally Ann Clark and her big sister, 15-year old Sophie, have grown up singing with their Mom, Cindy, who plays upright bass. They're joined by Little Rock super-picker, Bill Nesbitt, on acoustic guitar.

Clancey Ferguson, a 15-year-old fiddler from Mountain View, has been hailed "Princess of Bluegrass." She's the Arkansas

Sunday at EUUF

The Eureka Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 17 Elk Street, is hosting James Rector, President of the NW Arkansas Center for Equality on Sunday, Oct. 6. Rector will speak on how the Human Rights Campaign is getting more involved with the state of Arkansas, and the push for the Employment Non-Discrimination Act. This is also Soup Sunday, so bring something to share if you can. Soups, bread, sweets, juice, wine and tea will be served, along with great conversation. It's a bargain at \$4 adult, \$2 children, \$10 max per family.

Please join us Sundays at 11 a.m. for the program followed by refreshments. Childcare is provided. Extra parking at Ermilio's Restaurant, 26 White Street. (479) 253-0929, www.euuf.org.

State Junior Fiddle and 2013 Arkansas Junior Contemporary Fiddle Champion. Clancey played onstage with Rhonda Vincent on numerous occasions was interviewed by Chelsea Clinton for NBC Nightly News with Brian Williams

The Ozark Alliance (Alex, Jenny, Allison, Robin, & Dennis Vaughn) is a family band from Salem, Mo., who has been playing since 2002 – with the exception of Allison, who was only born in 2004. They specialize in traditional and modern bluegrass and bluegrass-gospel music, and won First Place in the National Single Mic Championship at Silver Dollar City in 2008.

Eureka Springs' own Mountain Sprout is a highly energetic hillbilly music machine, spitting original tunes and blowing minds with witty lyrics and face-melting musicianship that makes you get up and stomp your feet.

David Kimbrough III is a genuine bluesman living in Northwest Arkansas. He began his career singing alongside his father, the great "Junior" Kimbrough.

Fiddlin' Banjo Billy Mathews has been playing music upwards of 40 years in the Old Time genre.

Martin Johnson is a native Arkansan and masterful young acoustic guitarist. At times classical, his fretwork drifts fluidly into finger-picking and his own "slaphit" technique to create syncopated rhythms and harmonic tones. Rounding out this amazing roster is Brick Fields, performing at a Gospel Brunch in Basin Spring Park at noon on Sunday to seal the festival with a down home kiss. Rachel Fields-Brick and Larry Brick are each definitive blues artists, although their repertoire includes originals written by both, and of various genres including Gospel, ballads, folk, R&B and well tested standards. The Nashville Blues Society has called Brick Fields' music an "Unleashed cleansing of the soul!"

Tickets for reserve seating range from \$35 to \$75 (all fees included), and are available at www.TheAuditorium.org. Visit OzarkFolkFestival.com and WoodSongs.com for a complete schedule, tickets and more information.

ESFD/EMS celebrate 130 years of service!

Eureka Springs Fire & EMS celebrates 130 years of service to Eureka Springs with an open house Saturday, Oct. 12, from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. The department invites everyone to come visit Station #1, 144 E. Van Buren, next to McDonald's. There will be fire engines on display, lots of informative Fire Wise information available and personnel on hand to meet and greet the public.

Rummage through The Village Oct. 12

The first-ever Rummage through the Village will be held at Pine Mountain Village on US 62E from 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 12. All Village merchants and employees, including Pine Mountain Theater, will have special sales in front of their businesses.

Organizers hope to make this an annual event, so come on out and rummage. Special guest this year will be Save the Ozarks. Come say hello and check out the bargain!











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COPE ad gets thanks

Editor,

Regarding the full-page ad written by Citizens Organized for a Peaceful Eureka, a "full page" ditto from Beavertown. Thank you!

Penny Sullivan

Local response to the shutdown

Editor,

I am at a loss over this shutdown of our government, a real loss as I will not get my veterans' benefits check. I wore a United States Air Force uniform for 21 years, I was in combat zones (twice) and I served my country as I was expected to do. But now John Boehner, the Speaker of the House, has decided he is worth more than I am. Was he in the service? I don't think so. Did he serve his country? No. He serves lobbyists and fanatics who don't care about America the beautiful and I would not want my grandchildren to enlist because they will get screwed

He will continue to get a government check while I will be forced to give mine up. I think he has this backwards. He should lose his job, even then he won't lose his check.

Bill Miller

HDC, see?

Editor,

Regarding the letter to the editor -"It's never the color; it's the color next to the color." Ditto!! I couldn't have written it better myself. The Mardi Gras gazebo definitely takes away from Greg and Kathy Hughes' beautiful home on the corner.

HDC members, I thought you could do better.

Kay Dandy

From the eye of the beholder

Editor.

When I moved to Eureka Springs nearly 40 years ago, every single building and green space along North Main was derelict. What a transformation this area has undergone since then, especially in the last few years.

These property caregivers and owners are to be congratulated for the drastic improvements they have made to this entrance to our city. Starting at the sewer plant and going all the way to Spring Street, nearly every property has been beautified and the parks have never looked better.

Thanks to all who have contributed to this endeavor.

A. Taylor



WEEK'STopTweets

@TheTweetOf God --- The American government is of the people, by the people and for the people. Which begs the question: What is wrong with the people?

@meganganz --- My mom's answering machine still has the outgoing message I recorded when I was 15. So when I call home, I leave a message with

my youth.

@FatherWithTwins --- My kids are pretty advanced. They are already ignoring me at a 5th grade level.

@matny --- I think it's about time Taylor Swift wrote a song and called it "Maybe I am The Problem."

@Zen_Moments --- When ever I have a problem I just sing. Then I know my voice is a lot worse than my problem. ~ Rachel Smith

@meganamram --- SCARY BUT TRUE: statistics show that everyone who has ever used a cell phone will die.

@kellyoxford --- Yesterday I heard a 4 year old say "I can only drink room temperature water," if you're wondering what life in L.A. is like.

@TheTweetOfGod --- If mankind has learned one thing from human history, I'd be stunned.

@LeoShane --- Tons of applause as the WWII vets from Miss. storm their memorial. Park police on the way (#shutdown)

@OccupyWallStNYC --- Error 404. Reboot and try again!



GUESTatorial

Taxpayer money goes to support wealth, not health

There is a disturbing pattern in government. The very agencies charged with protecting our health instead seem primarily focused on protecting wealth. I lived on the Gulf Coast when Hurricane Katrina hit and 1,833 people died. Large areas flooded and the amount of debris swept out into the ocean when the storm surge retreated was unbelievable.

Less than two months later, the Environmental Protection Agency, the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ), and several other state and national regulatory agencies did a big press conference assuring everyone that the seafood was safe to eat. Yet the National Guard was still finding human bodies washing up on the beach, and chemical plants and refineries had been flooded. Our tax money was used to shore up profits for the seafood industry.

MDEO assured us that no pollution got out of the Chevron refinery, nor DuPont DeLisle, one of the largest producers of dioxin in the world. This was despite aerial photos that showed DuPont's toxic waste ponds were inundated by the storm surge. Guess where MDEQ tested for dioxin? They took three tests on the only high ground around where it didn't flood.

The government lied about the pollution that got out, and then DuPont and Chevron both announced huge expansions on the same day that President Bush flew into town for a photo op. These big expansions came when people couldn't fight back because half of our population was living in FEMA trailers with such high formaldehyde levels they were making people sick.

When I decided to flee to higher ground where there was less pollution and moved to Eureka Springs, a Sierra Club friend who used to live in Arkansas told me the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) was even worse than the MDEQ. I laughed.

Then one of my first interactions with ADEQ was the public hearing on Terra Renewal's permit application to spread chicken processing waste on farmland. I was stunned when they wanted us to go behind a screen and privately speak our comment into a tape recorder. That was **not** a public hearing.

Of course, now we have the issue of the ADEQ quieting slipping through a permit for a 6,500-head hog factory on a tributary of the Buffalo River. And we have an Arkansas Public Service Commission and Attorney General showing obvious bias towards American Electric Power/ Southwestern Electric Power Company's private land grab for a high voltage power line that is not needed - except for corporate profits.

Then comes the Arkansas Department of Health (ADH) forcing fluoridated water down our throats. There are many documented ill effects from fluoride.

"It amazes me that the medical (and dental) communities are so stubbornly resistant to connect the dots when it comes to the skyrocketing increase of cognitive decline in adults and behavioral issues in children - ADD, ADHD, depression and learning disabilities of all kinds," Dr. Joseph Mercola said. "In fact, there have been more than 23 human studies and 100 animal studies linking fluoride to brain damage."

Not only is the ADH forcing the Carroll Boone Water District (CBWD) to fluoridate, it opposed legislation promoted by the CBWD operators and other water operators in the state to require disclosure of the types and amounts of contaminants like arsenic in the fluoridation chemicals.

"We lost the battle in the legislature requiring any disclosure in the product," said Rene Fonseca, business manager/ operator for CBWD. "At this particular point, we will continue to make requests from manufacturers to make sure certifications are in place."

Meanwhile, ADH recently put out a press release about two people in Arkansas who got H1N1(v) swine flu from contact with pigs that downplayed the importance of the incident. "Viruses of this type typically cause only mild illness in those affected and, in contrast to seasonal flu, are not easily transmitted from person to person," the ADH said.

The European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control had a totally different take on the issue when it emerged in 2009: "The A(H1N1)v influenza pandemic is an issue of global concern and constitutes the largest threat to public health seen in recent years."

Becky Gillette



ThePursuitOfHAPPINESS

i. My name is Dan and I'm a Hobbitphobic. I admit that I'm powerless over my Hobbitphobia and that it has made my life unmanageable. It's hard to pinpoint the exact time I crossed the line from being just a social anti-Hobbiteer, to the moment when I became subsumed by an intense, overwhelming fugue state, one liberally seasoned with a sense of ennui and boredom, at the prospect of spending more time and money on the whole Ringa-ding-ding-thing. All I know is that it happened. One day I took my kid to see the movie and three hours - three days? - later I woke up with no recollection of where I'd been, or what I'd done. Thank God the kid remembered where I'd parked the car.

I admit that my Hobbitphobia has caused friends concern and anxiety. They've said – more than once, believe me! – "Danny Boy, don't you realize that Tolkien was a very High Faluting Scholar World Class Medievalist Smart Guy Cambridge University - in England! - Professor and BFF to Many Guys Exactly Like Him? Do you not know that English Departments across the land were in danger of shutting down due to Lack of Interest until TLOR Studies gave them new life – and revenues? Are you unaware of the economic benefits that Tolkien job creators bring with them? Think of the book sales! The movies! The DVDs! The Conferences! The Institutes! Action Figures! Hobbit Happy Meals are surely just around the corner! What's the matter with you?"

I know, I know. I'm so ashamed; I must be in denial. It's just that I don't know whether to believe you, or my snores. What's a fella to do? And I worry that TLOR is a gateway book to Harry Potter, then the whole Twilight hard stuff thing and... oh, man, what if we get trapped in the mire of Young Adult Lit, and no one reads Big People books anymore?

Oh. Oh! I'm sorry. Call me Ishmael! I've just had a slip. But not a fall, okay? Maybe if one of you sponsors me I'll be able to handle *The Hobbit* on DVD.

INDEPENDENT Constables On Patrol

SEPTEMBER 23

10:38 a.m. - There was a motorcycle accident on US 62 at the eastern edge of town.

SEPTEMBER 24

1:27 a.m. - Bartender downtown told ESPD a patron was causing fights so they had asked her to leave. She left but returned, and then she broke a glass and cut her hand. They asked her to leave again, and this time they locked her out, so she smeared her blood on the outside of the door. They were afraid she would return again. Constable patrolled the area looking for her, but she never returned.

2:56 a.m. – Visitor in town had no idea where he had parked his car the previous night. Constable joined the search and found it parked on N. Main Street.

5:19 a.m. - For an unknown reason the alarm at a bank sounded, and the keyholder had to reset it.

9:39 a.m. - A dog found its way to a neighbor's porch. The neighbor called the dog's owner and ESPD. There was a minor confrontation between the dog owner and the porch owner. Dogs were in their proper places when the constable arrived to talk to both parties. He will monitor the area.

4:20 p.m. – Resident near downtown who had been attacked previously by a wandering dog said the dog was off its leash again. Constable responded to the address and determined the animal had been set free accidentally. Owners will keep the animal inside.

4:32 p.m. - Individual reported he had been threatened by two people. Constable spoke with all involved, and it turned out to be a misunderstanding. 4:52 p.m. – Clerk at a convenience store spotted a shoplifter on surveillance video. Constable spoke with the clerk. 7:16 p.m. – Individual reported finding a container of marijuana in Harmon Park. Constable retrieved the item.

9:26 p.m. - Constables responded to the scene of a hit and run accident in which a small pickup left the scene but returned. Constable arrested the driver for DWI and careless driving.

11:03 p.m. - There was a domestic disturbance at a motel in which the male subject was throwing rocks. Constable advised him to leave the premises and not return.

SEPTEMBER 25

9:34 a.m. - An elderly female was walking down US 62 with a car following her, and traffic behind began to back up. Constable responded to the scene but saw neither traffic congestion nor a pedestrian on the highway.

11:21 a.m. - Constable repaired a jammed parking meter.

12:41 p.m. - Observer said several motorcycles were passing on double yellow lines on Hwy. 23 North, but they were gone by the time a constable could get there.

2:48 p.m. – A car with no vehicle license plate almost hit a semi head-on on US 62. Constable made a traffic stop and arrested the driver for DWI, no proof of insurance, and driving left of center.

2:55 p.m. - There was a motorcycle accident on US 62 with minor injuries. 5:51 p.m. - A dog was left inside a parked vehicle on a street above downtown. Constable went to the scene.

SEPTEMBER 26

12:29 a.m. - Alarm sounded at a business on US 62, and a constable met the keyholder at the scene.

3:47 a.m. – Another alarm sounded, and this time the constable arrived to find everything secure and someone working on the alarm.

9:22 a.m. - There was an accident in a motel parking lot.

1:34 p.m. – Concerned observer reported two vehicles going the wrong way on a city street, but a constable responded and got them turned around and on their way.

7:43 p.m. – Witness reported a person with a flashlight walking around a closed motel. Turns out it was the Realtor.

9:10 p.m. - A daughter asked for a welfare check on her parents because neither she nor another family member had been able to reach them all day. Constable discovered the parents had been in the emergency room all day.

SEPTEMBER 27

7:26 a.m. – Person wanting to run the street sweeper on Spring Street told ESPD a group of motorcyclists parked in a fire lane refused to move out of his way. They had moved to the other side of the street by the time the constable arrived.

9:42 a.m. - Disturbed driver said she had to pull over on the shoulder in order to avoid being hit by a vehicle coming from the opposite direction completely in her lane. Constables watched for but did not see the other vehicle.

11:52 a.m. - A man reported he thought he had just been pickpocketed downtown. He had stepped out of his vehicle when an older male bumped into him. He later noticed his wallet was missing. Constables watched for the suspect until the person called back to say he had found his wallet.

2:37 p.m. – A bank asked for a check on a vehicle that had been parked for awhile in their parking lot.

3:24 p.m. – Person living in the western part of town reported having a snake in her house, and its nest of eggs was visible just outside her door. She said she heard rattling at night and something had been biting her while she slept. Constable determined the nest was rocks and leaves, and he advised her to check with an exterminator about being bitten during the night.

4:31 p.m. - One driver backed into another vehicle along Spring Street.

6:51 p.m. – Resident reported a small dog had been attacked by a Pit Bull. Constable responded.

10:55 p.m. - Central dispatch passed along information about a pedestrian dressed in black walking along US 62 toward downtown. Constable witnessed the individual being picked up by a friend.

11:03 p.m. – Routine traffic stop resulted in the arrest of the driver for driving on a suspended license, possession of a controlled substance and possession of an instrument of crime.

SEPTEMBER 28

12:38 a.m. - An alarm call from the alarm company was followed by a cancel call.

1:17 a.m. - Constables responded to a bar downtown to a possibly injured, possibly inebriated female. She told them she did not want EMS services and she called a taxi.

3:07 a.m. - An intoxicated female called to ask for directions to her motel. Constable arrived to give her a ride. After being dropped off, she called back to say she had left her husband's phone in the patrol car. Also, her husband is missing, probably downtown. Constable searched for and found the husband passed out near an establishment on

Main Street. Constable took him to his motel.

9:29 p.m. - Reportedly about 18 individuals had visited a business on Spring Street and they did not want to pay for their food. Constable did not encounter the large group, and the issue will be a civil matter.

9:38 p.m. – Bystander reported an intoxicated driver pulling into the parking lot of a liquor store, probably headed east on US 62. Constables did not encounter the vehicle.

SEPTEMBER 29

12:07 p.m. – A vehicle rolled off a trailer and into a ditch but it was still blocking the roadway. Constables provided traffic assistance. Tow truck driver was able to retrieve his rolling assets.

12:09 p.m. - A truck rear-ended a vehicle on US 62. Minimal damage. No report.

12:47 p.m. – Constables responded when two persons were injured, one taken to ESH, in an accident on US 62 in the eastern part of town.

1:28 p.m. – Resident complained about the loud music from a nearby bar. Constable asked the establishment to turn down their music.

2:05 p.m. - Passerby reported group of motorcycles in the parking lot beside the courthouse were idling but everyone was standing around and there were no indications anyone was going anywhere. They left before a constable arrived.

3:16 p.m. – Distressed caller thought she might have been poisoned by wild berries brought to her workplace. Report taken.

3:43 p.m. – Constable took a report of a keyed vehicle.

4:14 p.m. – Two motorcycles bumped into each other in a motel parking lot. They were gone before a constable could get there.

9:45 p.m. – Witness reported hearing what sounded like an altercation near a bar and then seeing a truck drive away. Constable went to the scene and learned the manager had told some construction workers to leave, and they did.

SEPTEMBER 30

6:26 a.m. - EMS responded to a call regarding an unresponsive 70-year old male. EMS reported the male had passed away, and constable took the report.

The Ozarks, SWEPCO and the \$64,000 Question

and the APSC judge and staff looked on as hundreds of you stood up, one by one, alone before them. They watched as you cried and listened as you spoke in emotion-choked voices. Some of these visitors have made plans that will mutilate these Ozark Mountains, break your hearts, and destroy your way of life.

You poured out your hearts, telling them about the many things, large and small, that are precious to you. You spoke about what you love and value. You did your best to convey the depth of your commitment to the Ozarks and your way of life here.

Some say the judge wiped tears from her eyes at times. Later many of you learned that SWEPCO's lead attorney complained to the same judge at the hearing in Little Rock that you had called his clients "greedy, idiotic, incompetent, unethical, immoral, rapists, even monkeys" and that his clients feared "being shouted down or assaulted." It seems that you

'n mid-July, SWEPCO's attorneys and consultants moved the judge's heart. You offended SWEPCO's attorney. You caught SWEPCO's attention and rocked them back on their heels. The last week of August, a number of you drove to Little Rock and spent the week there, staying in hotels or at the homes of friends and supporters. You watched Mick Harrison extract information, with surgical precision and laser-like focus, from each of the witnesses for SWEPCO and its allies. Mick questioned some witnesses for as many as six hours. You watched as Jeff Danos stepped forward and, with a disarming air of humility and grace, drew more information from those same witnesses. Every day of the hearing, some of you called, emailed and texted those who couldn't get to Little Rock, sharing the news and photos of the day.

> That same week, it seems that every one of you who is an artist, craftsperson, business owner, or had something of value to donate - a painting, a print, a weaving, pottery, a piece of jewelry, custom clothing, a massage, a meal, a hotel room, music, etc. - donated it

to support Save the Ozarks' effort to stop SWEPCO. On Sept. 15, hundreds of you came to Caribé to watch your friends, acquaintances and visitors bid on items you donated, and do some bidding and buying of your own.

By the end of this week, all items that had been donated and auctioned were picked up and paid for. The money, including two large matching funds, was counted. When all is said and done, you who live here in the heart of the Ozarks, people who mostly have incomes that are best described as modest, did it! Every one of you who had anything to offer, be that time, art, food, money or enthusiasm, pitched in, and you raised \$64,079.90 to stop SWEPCO.

In many ways, you've already won. You won when you answered the "\$64,000 Question." In SWEPCO vs. the Ozarks, you've made it clear that you're in it to win it. It is an honor and a privilege to stand beside you, working together to save the Ozarks.

Pat Costner, Director Save the Ozarks

INDEPENDENTNews

Blessing of the animals

In keeping with tradition, St. James' Episcopal Church clergy will be available to bless animals at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 6, in the church garden at 28 Prospect Ave. The annual blessing is usually done on the Sunday closest to the Feast of St. Francis (Oct. 4). Please be sure your animals are in cages, leashed or otherwise under control. Offerings for the local animal shelter will be accepted. Friends and neighbors are welcome.

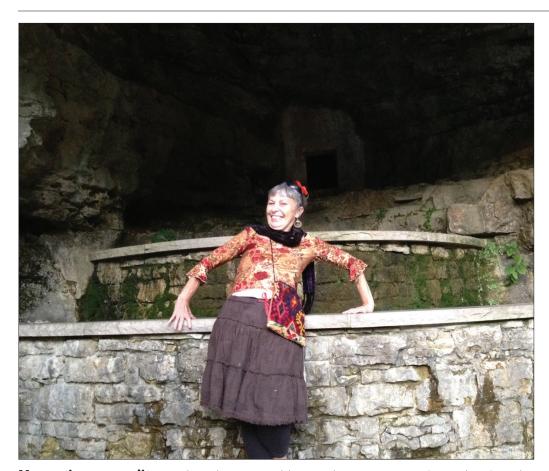
Tune in with amateur radio club

Little Switzerland Amateur Radio Club will meet in Holiday Island at the Wild Hog BBQ, 3 Park Cliff Drive, on Thursday, Oct. 10, at noon for lunch and monthly meeting.

Thursday, Oct. 17, the club meets again at 6:30 p.m. in the Berryville Mercy Hospital meeting room. Refreshments will be served. For more information contact patriciadean@cox.net

Fire up the day with pancakes Oct. 12

Get a good start to the day at the Holiday Island Fire Department's Pancake Breakfast Saturday, Oct. 12, from 7 – 11 a.m. at the Holiday Island Clubhouse Ballroom. Come enjoy pancakes "plus" at this fundraiser for the Holiday Island Fire Department. Adults \$6, children \$3. For more info, email nrholley@cox.net.



Magnetic personality – Julie Kahn attracted best wishes at Magnetic Spring last Saturday when throngs of friends gathered to surprise her on her 70th birthday. Other famous people born in 1943 include Mick Jagger, Janis Joplin, Robert De Niro, Catherine Deneuve, George Harrison, Keith Richards, Joe Namath, John Kerry, Don McGuire and Larry Brockman. And Fabian. PHOTO BY KEN ROBERTS

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

Single mothers destroy newspaper industry!

rawstory.com, reporter Arturo Garcia commented on the managing editor of a Connecticut newspaper being criticized by peers after publishing a column blaming single mothers, non-English speakers and the poor for the newspaper industry's financial problems.

Chris Powell, managing editor for the Journal Inquirer in Manchester, argued in a Sept. 28 column, "social disintegration and decline in civic engagement coincide with the decline of traditional journalism just as much as the rise of the Internet does."

In what appeared to us to be an amazing off-the-wall assessment of

In a story posted Oct. 1 on the problem, Powell wrote, "Indeed, newspapers still can sell themselves to traditional households - twoparent families involved with their children, schools, churches, sports, civic groups and such. But newspapers cannot sell themselves to households headed by single women who have several children by different fathers, survive on welfare stipends, can hardly speak or read English, move every few months to cheat their landlords, barely know what town they're living in, and couldn't afford a newspaper subscription even if they could read. And such households constitute a rising share of the population."

dinosaur come from?

While it's true big newspapers are suffering in the wake of technology, many have been savvy enough to take to the Internet, and some have gone Internet-only (or always have been). To blame single moms and the poor for the decline in print newspaper distribution and traditional journalism is ludicrous. Makes us think of the line, "Maybe they're just not that into you."

Powell does add "... if you want to know what's happening in your geographic community – your town and your state – rather than just your virtual community, the Internet is of little help;

Wow. Where did this misogynist you still have to read newspapers or their Internet sites."

> We agree with that, but not with his backhanded question, "but how strong can demand for those things be now that half the children are being raised without two parents at home and thus acquiring developmental handicaps..."

> Really dude, really? If some of the single moms and the plethora of Eurekans out there living below the poverty level and still picking up newspapers want to let this guy know they can read, the link (too long to print here) to his entire column is posted in the online Culture Stew this week.

INDEPENDENTArt



Introspective retrospective at The Space, Oct. 12

The paintings and art installation of designer, theater artist, stage producer and painter, Marvin Jonason, will be displayed Oct. 11 and 12 at The Space, 2 Pine St. There will be a reception from 5 - 10 p.m. on Oct. 11. The show is also open from 1-9 p.m. Oct. 12 for viewing.

Called "Introspect/Retrospect," the exhibition consists of Jonason's past work and current creations. The installation "Cosmicpomorphic" will feature an interpretative dance by his daughter, Tamara Jonason, on Friday, Oct.11 at 5:30, 8 and 9 p.m. Saturday dance performance will be at 8 p.m.

D.G. Womack at Iris at the Basin Park

D.G. Womack, one of our area's outstanding artists, during the October 12 Galley Stroll. Her unique style, dubbed 'three-dimensional Impressionism,' has her newest work.

Iris at the Basin Park will feature intrigued gallery patrons for years. D. G. will be in the gallery to greet visitors from 1-4 and 6-9 p.m. Stop in, find out more about her creative process and see

Eureka Thyme features Les Brandt

Wood turner extraordinaire, Les Brandt, featured in the Crystal Bridges Gift Shop and other galleries across the country, will be back in his hometown gallery, Eureka Thyme, on Oct. 12. Les will be on hand during the Second-Saturday Gallery Stroll from 1-4 and 6-9 p.m. to answer your questions and discuss his art. Please stop by to enjoy Les and other good things at Eureka Thyme, 19 Spring. (479) 363-9600.



Let's make this a big one!

The Village at Pine Mountain on US 62E in Eureka Springs is accepting applications for booth spaces at the Fall Village Craft Show on Saturday, Nov. 2. The show will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Only handmade items are allowed. Spaces are 12x12 ft. and cost \$35, or \$40 for a space with electricity. For more information, contact Gayle Voiles (479) 244-6907 or (479) 253-7047.

NOTES from the HOLLOW

by Steve Weems

uring the last world war, there was an army base two counties over from Eureka Springs that covered more than a hundred square miles and housed 45,000 soldiers at any given time, including the largest WAC contingent in the United States. This post, Fort Crowder, was also the inspiration of the Beetle Bailey comic strip. After the war, it was drawn down and vast portions of it no longer used. Around 1950, surplus gear was being sold, including the equipment out of the post movie theater.

That's where Eureka Springs comes into the picture. Cecil Maberry operated the movie theater at 95 Spring St. and needed to update his equipment. The antiquated projector system he used often broke the film being shown, resulting in anger-causing delays as the film was spliced together. Mr. Maberry purchased the equipment from the US Army and hired McKinley Weems to haul it. McKinley borrowed Cleo Hull's new truck and drove the 70 miles to Fort Crowder, and helped install the upgraded system upon returning.

McKinley Weems also installed the first air conditioner in the theater – a 20 horsepower unit that during the hottest part of summer kept the movie crowd temperature down to 90° instead of 110°. The old fan system he tore out of the theater had been built by a blacksmith in eastern Arkansas.

Some find it hard to imagine that Eureka Springs ever even had a movie theater, but, especially before television, it was an integral part of the town. For nearly 60 years the movie theater was open for business under various names. It opened as "The Commodore" and McKinley Weems remembers seeing silent films there before he was in the first grade. For the longest time the movie tickets were only 10 cents each and the line waiting to get in would sometimes stretch down to Pendergrass Drug Store.

I've asked people what they remember seeing there. My wife saw Bambi when she was four years old. My brother saw Bonnie and Clyde there with my mother and Brenda Evans. Aunt Terri saw Sandpiper starring Richard Burton and Elizabeth Taylor. The night of the attack on Pearl Harbor, my grandparents attended a movie there. I saw movies there but have no recollection of it, though my mother remembers because I wouldn't stop crying.



For many years it was the Basin Theatre" and when the last movies were shown in late 1976 it was called "The Gaslight." When it was sold, the new buyers were supposed to keep operating it as a movie theater so the kids in town would have something to do, but instead it was turned into even more retail space.

INDEPENDENTArt

Tangled in time – weekend open house at Sweet Spring Gallery

Sweet Barbara Studio, Kennedy's working studio and signature gallery, will be open to the public for an open house Oct. 11, 12 and 13 from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and on Sunday from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. An artist's reception will take place Saturday from 6-9 p.m. In addition to works by Barbara Kennedy, polymer creations by Jerry Kennedy will also be featured. Come meet the artist at Sweet Spring Studio, 123 Spring St. For more info, call (479) 253-6652.



Writing workshop Oct. 5

Fiction and memoir author, Pamela Foster, will teach a workshop on "The Golden Trilogy: Point of View, Sense of Place, and Internalization" on Oct. 5, from 1 - 4 p.m. at the Village Writing School, 177 Huntsville Rd. The premise for the workshop is that these three elements of writing - point of view, sense of place and internalization should be seamlessly woven together.

Foster authored novels Redneck

Goddess and Bigfoot Blues as well as a collection of personal essays and the nonfiction account of her move to Panama with her husband, two suitcases and two giant service dogs. She writes and speaks about living with a spouse with PTSD and how service dogs bring veterans home from war.

Register online villagewritingschool.com, email alisontaylorbrown@me.com or phone (479) 292-3665 for more information.

Kick off the holiday season at the Mad Hatter's Ball

Eureka Springs School of the Art's 11th Annual Mad Hatter's Ball sets the scene for fun on Friday, Oct. 25, from 6:30 – 11 p.m. at the Crescent Hotel

Start in the Conservatory at 6:30 p.m. by bidding on fantastic auction items featuring one-of-a-kind artwork (open bar available). The ballroom opens at 7 p.m. with dancing to the music of Red Ambition. The Crystal Dining Room will provide a pasta buffet.

Come decked out with a chapeau (required) and be sure to enter the hat contest for a chance to win a fabulous prize! Tickets are \$50, including buffet, and are available online at www.essaart.org or by calling (479) 253-5384.

This festive event raises operating funds for ESSA, a non-profit school providing adult and youth classes in arts and crafts throughout the year for emerging and professional artists. Teachers and instructors at ESSA include award-winning, noted artists and craftspeople. The ESSA campus is seven miles west of Eureka Springs on US 62W.





Classic Design – Eureka Springs Senior Hunter Dickelman designed this t-shirt for the Holiday Island Classic, cross country meet that drew 14 teams from the regions 1A-7A divisions. The Eureka Springs Athletic Boosters sold the t-shirts, which were a big hit as a fundraiser.

PHOTOS BY GWEN ETHEREDGE

Go Highlanders – Eureka Springs Highlander senior boys cross country team were the winners of the Holiday Island Classic in their division. Pictured from left: Dalton Kesner, Jake McClung, Nathan Andress, Reggie Sanchez, Matthew McClung and Ryan Sanchez. Not pictured are Luis Palacios and Coach David Parkman.

TheNATURE of EUREKA by Steven Foster

Full flush

or me the fragrance of fall is that of new beginnings. The metaphor of new beginnings is usually reserved for spring; but I think of spring more as a season of awakening. The start of a new school season, the dawn

of cooler weather, the inception of fruiting, and yes, the arrival of a new football season, are all new beginnings I associate with autumn.

Somehow the smell of autumn triggers more memories for me that turn into feelings. Fall fragrances sparks a longing to know when to be still to take-in the embroidery of chromatic flush that will take us through winter's dull tones.

Several people have asked me when

to expect the peak of fall color. Trying to predict the peak of fall color is not as easy as predicting when the next full moon is. Autumn color, while falling into a predictable time range is subject to the variables of light, cold, heat and moisture.

Over time, peak color days will repeat themselves. Since 2005, my best Ozark fall foliage photos (date recorded by digital camera) were taken from the last week of October through the first week of November. Therefore, my prediction for peak foliage is Oct. 26.

When we look at total color patterns,

big waves of yellow are moderated by orange, and if everything works right, followed by a short, brilliant burst of red. Color also depends on the mix of vegetation. Some of our earlier turning woody plants such as gum trees (Nyssa species) and sumacs (Rhus species) are in the red spectrum, defying autumn color norms. In Eureka Springs itself, many streets are lined with maple trees that will provide the best vibrancy.

Healthy leaves with good leaf volume in later September help predict good autumn color. We have good leaf volume. If we are generally free from rain, wind and overcast skies for the next three weeks, we will have better color. We want cool, bright, sunny days with no freezing temperatures. For now it's a waiting game, but once it's time, enjoy the visual feast; here today – gone tomorrow.



Blame it on Grandma

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

The experience of being arrested and standing trial was almost too much for Elba since he was recuperating from the long siege with typhoid. He had really been going on his nerves as he tried to keep several men cutting stave bolts and going to the stave yard on Saturday to settle up with the cutters. Mr. Reddick usually came up from Harrison to pay us. I staved with Elba as much as I could to do the bookkeeping and writing the men's paychecks. Elba hated that sort of thing. His lack of education was a problem at

We stayed there with his parents while we worked at buying the staves. The income from the stave business was a help to the old folks, too. Slick also stayed there and was a great help with the cooking, laundry, etc. He wandered down to the stave yards especially on pay day and busied himself among the men as they unloaded. Looking back years later, I knew why he always managed to be around when Mr. Reddick showed up. He was trying to get the idea over to him that he was Elba's "partner" in the business. The reason for which, I learned to our own sorrow, later.

As we sat around in the family kitchen and talked during the late evening hours, I managed to draw Slick into talking about his past. I had heard from the family some stories of many of his crafty shenanigans and wanted to hear them first hand.

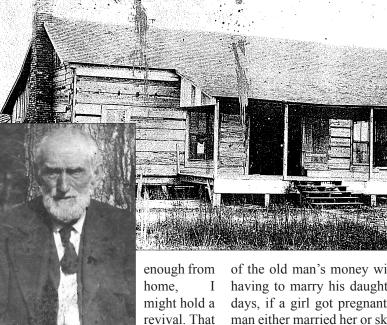
"Were you really married to two women without a divorce, have them both in the courtroom at the same time while you were being tried for bigamy, and then get off scot-free?" I asked him.

Slick grinned, spit a mouthful of snuff into a nearby spittoon, and began his story.

"Oh yes, that was many years ago. My wife, Leona, and I had our little girl, Pearl, and lived at Golden with Pa. Things got pretty dull for me there. I always knew that no matter where I went or how long I stayed, Pa would take care of Lee and Pearl. I had gone up around Springfield just looking for some way to make a few dollars."

"What kind of work were you looking for, Jimmy?" I asked.

"Oh, I thought that if I got far



was always

a sure way to make a few quick bucks," he told me unashamedly.

"Did you hold a meeting there?"

"No, not right away. I got acquainted with a man who was going to help me. He had a good voice and was going to lead the singing when I found a place to start the revival. He invited me home with him and it was there that I met his sister, Grace. She was a 'looker' and I turned on all my charms. Their old man was pretty well heeled and I could vision getting my hands on some of his money.

"I made a play for the girl, and in less time than it takes me to tell it, she was wanting to get married. I had not expected that. Even though she did not know that I was married, I did, and was figuring on some way to get a piece of the old man's money without really having to marry his daughter. In those days, if a girl got pregnant, the young man either married her or skipped town.

"So, I made some plans of my own. I took the old man aside, frankly explained that it was my fault that things had gone too far and offered to do the right thing by Grace. The only drawback was that I was out of work and could not offer her the kind of life her father had provided. I even had a few tears in my eves when I told him how much I loved the girl and how sorry I was that I could not see any kind of a future for her if she was married to me."

"Did you really love the girl?" I just had to ask.

Slick looked straight at me and answered, "Lida, girl, I'm not sure that I even knew the meaning of that word. In my own way, I guess I loved my little girl, Pearl, but as for women, so far as I know, they are all alike," he grinned. In his usual manner of applying soft soap, he added, "That does not include you and Mary, of course. You two are God's gift to the world."

Mama beamed at his compliment and I could have choked the old scalawag. I was learning his wicked tricks. I urged him to continue his story. "Then what happened?"

"Well, the old man was a lawyer. I knew two things, that I had better not get into a legal hassle with them and that maybe I could use my inkling of knowledge about the legal profession to my own advantage.

"He told me that if I would go ahead and marry the girl before her condition was evident, he would try to find something for me to do. It was then that I confessed to him that I had really always wanted to study law, but could not afford it. I told him that I knew the Bible and had held a few revivals in order to try to save some money so I could study law. That did it. He told me to go ahead and marry Grace and he would take me under his wing to study law. In those days that was all it took. Aspiring young lawyers just studied with an older man who was practicing the profession."

"What about your wife and little girl? What were you going to do about them? Were you really going to marry Grace?"

"Well, it was more than a hundred miles to Golden where they were. They had no idea where I was. I figured I could marry the girl and hang around until I got a chunk of money out of the old man, then just drop out of sight. I had learned that when anybody gets in a tight spot, they are better off just to play it day by day and see what happens."

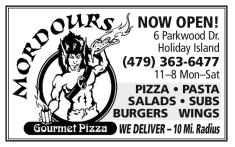
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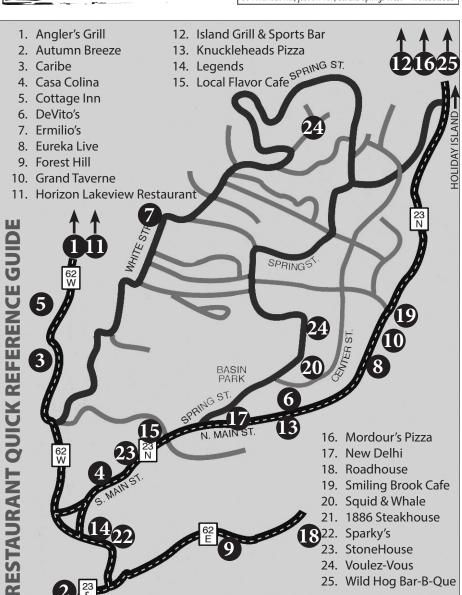




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testimonies and exhibits, meets the filing requirements of the CECPN law," the APSC staff states. "The evidence in this record satisfies the conditions that the commission must find in Ark. Code Ann. § 23-18-519 in order to

approve SWEPCO's application for CECPN. The basis of the need for the facility has been established in the record."

Doug Stowe, who is on the board of directors of Save the Ozarks (STO), said he was neither surprised nor unduly alarmed by the staff's recommendations.

"The APSC staff has been quite clear from the beginning," Stowe said. "A number them honestly admitted during the

public hearing that they are in favor of the project, and they see it as being their role to facilitate applications from power companies, not deny them."

Stowe said what is coming to the APSC and what is needed is a sea

"That level of change is never welcomed with open arms," he said. "And we have to fight for it. What you did not see in the APSC brief was any discussion of Arkansas law. Their brief was nothing more than a checklist of their everyday regulatory routine. But there are aspects of state law they have routinely ignored in other cases and that the STO and Danos briefs have made clear. I am confident that we will prevail."

The APSC staff filing makes the following conclusions:

- Considering all factors presented, the proposed facility sites are reasonable locations for the facilities and represent a reasonable choice for meeting AEP/ SWEPCO's and Southern Power Pool's reliability needs.
- · Based on the above findings of fact, the approval of AEP/SWEPCO's CECPN application to build the proposed Route 33 and Kings River Station will serve the public interest, convenience, and necessity.
- · Given its acceptable adverse environmental impact, the proposed

facilities are a reasonable resource to meet the company's demonstrated need for reliable electrical service.

"The Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and other evidence in the Record demonstrated the nature of the probable environmental impact

and of the proposed routes and the Kings "The APSC staff has River Station and that the facilities represent been quite clear from the an acceptable adverse beginning. A number of en vir on mental them honestly admitted impact, consideration during the public hearing of the state of available technology, that they are in favor of the requirements of the project, and they see the customers of the applicant for utility it as being their role to service, the nature facilitate applications and economics of the from power companies, proposal, any state or federal permit for the environmental and the impact, various alternatives, if any, and other

pertinent considerations," the filing states.

not deny them."

- Doug Stowe

The staff said all questions and issues raised by the state and federal agencies have been appropriately addressed by AEP/SWEPCO.

The following objections were filed by state and federal agencies:

- The Arkansas Department of Parks and Tourism indicated concern regarding the impact of Route 91 on tourism; impact to boundaries of the City Trail development and Lake Leatherwood Sports Complex and visual impact to both; and negative effects to the Devil's Eyebrow Natural
- The Department of Arkansas Heritage indicated that the cultural resources background research was inadequate; that the EIS ignores all but direct impacts; that the EIS does not address the amount of forest clearing and resulting forest fragmentation; and that it disagreed with the number of archeological sites which would be impacted. DAH listed each route and specifically listed its concerns for that route. It concluded that Route 109 would have the least adverse impact on historic properties and strongly recommended against the preferred Route 33.
- The National Park Service expressed concerns regarding impact to

the Pea Ridge National Military Park.

- The U.S. Department of the public comment letter Interior's provided additional information regarding endangered and protected species within the area of the proposed projects. It indicated, among other things, that activities within 660 ft. of a bald eagle nest require a permit, and that Route 109 either avoid recharge areas for two caves known to support the federally listed endangered cave crayfish, or where avoidance was not possible, strict adherence to BMPs for "erosion and sediment control" and "construction in sensitive areas" be maintained.
- The Department of the Army's letter, filed on July 17, 2013, indicated that it preferred Routes 33, 108, or 109, but would not make available land for crossing Beaver Lake for routes 62, 86, or 91. Subsequently, a motion to remove routes 62, 86, and 91 from the list of considered routes was filed by the Reinsvold Intervenors on August 7, 2013. The Administrative Law Judge granted the Reinsvolds' Motion on August 12, 2013 (Order No. 20), leaving Routes 33, 109, and 108 for consideration by the commission.

The filing also stated that numerous intervenors, as well as public commenters, alleged that impacts from electric and magnetic fields would have a negative impact on the personal health and safety of those in proximity to the proposed electric facility, but provided no expert testimony to support their position.

"While it is recognized that there is widespread public apprehension across the United States about possible serious deleterious human health effects from the electromagnetic fields (EMF) emitted from such power lines, the vast majority of the scientific studies to date simply do not support these fears," the filing said. "There was no hard evidence presented at this hearing by the parties themselves to support this concern."

The filing also said that STO alleged that the EIS did not meet the standards for practice for a visual impact assessment. "However, STO did not provide support that a visual impact assessment was required under Arkansas law. SWEPCO extensively addressed the visual impacts of the Proposed Electric Facility and satisfied the requirements of the EIS," the filing said.

David Castro Band at Squid & Whale

he David Castro Band has a song on their debut album Forward Parade called "Me and My Guitar" which is a cool love song to an instrument of self-expression. "...she brings me up when I am down, she gets my feet back on the ground." Their mix of rock, blues and folk are earning them a well-deserved large fan base.

Members David Castro - vocals, rhythm guitar; Jim Bob Lehr - bass guitar; Dave Hickerson - drums and Bryan Parker - lead guitar, are currently recording a second album while touring extensively. In fact, after playing in Eureka Springs they head west playing gigs in New Mexico and Arizona, ending October rocking at the Hard Rock

Café in San Francisco.

This band of four from Wagoner, Okla., is creating sweet rock-n-roll. As Joe Mack of The Current puts it, they are "...on the verge of hitting the fan of success." Don't miss this chance to see them, the David Castro Band will be at the Squid & Whale on Saturday, Oct. 5 at 9 p.m.

FRIDAY - OCTOBER 4

- BALCONY RESTAURANT *Hogscalders*, 12 p.m. & 6 p.m.
- BLARNEY STONE Ice Cold *Fatty*, 9 p.m.
- CATHOUSE LOUNGE Live *Music*, 8 p.m. – midnight
- CHASERS BAR & GRILL Southern Confession
- CHELSEA'S Earl & Them, 9
- EUREKA LIVE! DJ & Dancing
- EUREKA PARADISE DJ & 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
- NEW DELHI Kevin Riddle, 1–5 p.m., *Rockenheimer*, 6:30–10:30
- ROWDY BEAVER **Third** Degree, 7:30 p.m.
- ROWDY BEAVER DEN Matt **Reeves Band,** 9 p.m. - 1 a.m.
- SQUID & WHALE PUB SPiNRaD, 9 p.m.
- THE STONE HOUSE *Yester*, 6:30–9:30 p.m.
- VOULEZ-VOUS The Ariels, 9

SATURDAY – OCTOBER 5

Come Party & Dance Underground

BALCONY RESTAURANT

James White, 12 p.m.

- BASIN PARK Drumming in the *Park*, 6 p.m.
- BLARNEY STONE Live Music TBA, 9 p.m.
- CATHOUSE LOUNGE Josh Jennings Band, 8 p.m. – midnight
- CHASERS BAR & GRILL Kickin Kountry
- CHELSEA'S Horse Opera, 9 p.m.
- EUREKA LIVE! DJ & Dancing
- EUREKA PARADISE DJ & Dancing
- GRAND TAVERNE Jerry Yester Grand Piano Dinner Music, 6:30-9:30
- JACK'S PLACE Blue Moon, 9 p.m.
- LEGENDS SALOON Thunder Crow, 9 p.m.
- NEW DELHI CAFÉ Steve Jones, 12-4 p.m., Pete & Dave, 6:30 - 10:30 p.m.
- ROWDY BEAVER **JAB** Band, 7:30 p.m.
- ROWDY BEAVER DEN Jesse **Dean,** 1–5 p.m., **Tightrope,** 9 p.m. – 1
- SMILING BROOK CAFÉ Open Mic, 6–9 p.m. – BYOB
- SQUID & WHALE PUB David Castro Band, 9 p.m.

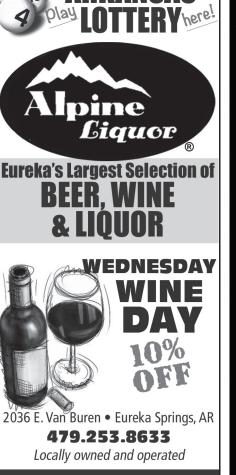
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SUNDAY - OCTOBER 6

- BALCONY RESTAURANT Staymore, 12 p.m., Chris Diablo, 5
- BLARNEY STONE NFL Game Day-We Have Every Game
- CHELSEA'S Brian Martin, 7:30 p.m.
- JACK'S PLACE NFL Football with Dylan, 1 p.m.
- LEGENDS SALOON Free Texas Hold 'Em Tournament with prizes, 6 p.m.
- NEW DELHI CAFÉ Horse *Opera*, 2–6 p.m.
- ROWDY BEAVER DEN *Philbilly*, 12–4 p.m.
- SOUID & WHALE PUB Local Talent Showcase

MONDAY - OCTOBER 7

- BLARNEY STONE Monday Night Football
- CHASERS BAR & GRILL Bike Night with Jesse Dean, 7 p.m., Pool Tournament, 7 p.m.
- CHELSEA'S SpringBilly, 9 p.m.
- SQUID & WHALE PUB Disaster Piece Theater
- VOULEZ-VOUS Locals Night **TUESDAY - OCTOBER 8**
- CHASERS BAR & GRILL Dart Tournament











- CHELSEA'S Open Mic
- LEGENDS SALOON Pool Tournament, 6:30 p.m.
- ROWDY BEAVER Hospitality Night

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- CHASERS BAR & GRILL Beer
- NEW DELHI CAFÉ Open Jam
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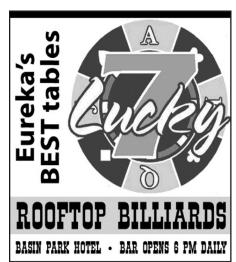
THURSDAY - OCTOBER 10

• BALCONY RESTAURANT

Wednesday

- Maureen Alexander, 5 p.m.
- BLARNEY STONE Open Mic, 8
- CHASERS BAR & GRILL Taco & Tequila Night

- CHELSEA'S **EmCee** Glossy, 9 p.m.
- EUREKA PARADISE Free pool
- GRAND TAVERNE Jerry Yester Grand Piano Dinner Music, 6:30-9:30
- JACK'S PLACE Karaoke w/ DJ Goose, 8 p.m. – midnight
- LEGENDS SALOON DJ Karaoke
- SQUID & WHALE PUB Open Mic Musical Smackdown with Bloody Buddy, Taco Thursday \$3 Margaritas til 6 p.m.
- VOULEZ-VOUS Open Mic Night







A little help from our friends:

- Food pantry, furniture bank and used book store -Wildflower Chapel Food Pantry is open 10:30 – Noon on Fridays. Thrift Store and Used Furniture Bank open Monday - Friday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. (479) 363-6408. Service times: 253-5108.
- Coffee Break Al-Anon Family Group Women - Tuesdays, 9:45 a.m., Faith Christian Family Church, Hwy. 23S. (479) 363-9495.
- First United Methodist Church offers free Sunday suppers 5:30 – 7 p.m. Hwy. 23S. Night Church at 6 with short message and music. (479) 253-8987
- GRIEF SHARE 13-week grief recovery program begins Oct. 13. Sundays 2 – 4 p.m. HI Community Church Fellowship Hall library (188 Stateline Drive). Join at any time. \$15 workbook fee required. For details phone (479) 253-8925, or e-mail lardellen@gmail.com.

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- Alateen Sundays, 10:15 -11:15 a.m. Email alateen1st@ gmx.com or phone (479) 981-9977.
- Overeaters Anonymous -Thursdays, 10:30 a.m. Barbara (479) 244-0070.
- Narcotics Anonymous -Fridays, 5:30 p.m. (903) 278-5568
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Sunday - Thursday, Saturday, 5:30 p.m.

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Who will be the festival queen?

The 66th Annual Original Ozark Folk Festival is looking for public, independent or home-schooled high school teens to participate in the Festival's Queen Contest on Thursday, Oct. 24, at 7 p.m. in the city auditorium

Contestants can choose to present a talent or give a speech. The lass crowned queen will receive a crown, trophy and a photo shoot at the new Whispering Dragonfly Photography Studio. Her court of three will each get a trophy. More prizes to be announced. Help keep the tradition going! For an application or further information contact Michelle McDonald (479) 981-1559 or euvantour@gmail.



Reigning beauty – Last year's Original Ozark Folk Festival Queen was Samantha Grat, shown here with escort Nicholas Walker.

Volunteers needed for "adopt a group" dinner

The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 17 Elk Street, will host a Circle of Life "Adopt a Group" dinner for young families. Volunteers are needed now to help with advance prep and again on Oct. 10 from 4:30 -7:30 p.m. for childcare, setting up, cleaning up, etc. Contact Sharon Spurlin (870) 423-3208 for more info.



Slip slidin' away – Local and visiting kids never got to enjoy this water slide because it was incorrectly installed at the former Fun Spot on 62E. On Oct. 1, a crew of three workers from Kanakuk Kamps in Branson began the three-day task of removing the slide at what is now Pig Trail Kart & Golf. Pig Trail owners, Al and Nicole Cash, are looking forward to installing a water park-type feature in its place. The Kanakuk crew of Bob, Anthony and Greg said their boss heard about the unused slide by word of mouth and bought it to install (correctly) at their summer camp. Kanakuk Kamps began in 1926 and today hosts more than 10,000 youth ages 7 – 18 from around the world. For more about the Kamps, see Kanakuk.com or phone (417) 266-3000. Perhaps some local kids will get to use the slide after all ... in Branson!

Рното ву **С.D**. White

Community Datebook

Oct. 5, Saturday: Zoyce Zeller Stateline Drive), 9 a.m. Maddie's Choice book signing, Booknook, Pine Mountain Village, 4 – 7 p.m.

Oct. 6, Sunday: Blood & Tacos Men's Adventure Writers Group, Art Colony/185 N. Main, 4 p.m.

Oct. 7, Monday: Holiday Island Community Church Men's Fellowship Fellowship Hall

Oct. 10, Thursday: Little Switzerland Amateur Radio Club, Wild Hog BBQ, 3 Park Cliff, HI, noon.

Eureka Springs Buddhist Study/ Discussion Group, Library Annex, 4 p.m.

Scottish Dancing, Black Belt Mastery Center, 3022 E. Van Buren, 7 – 8:30 p.m.



Wild beads - The beautiful jewelry being made and on display at Beading in the Ozarks at the Inn of the Ozarks Convention Center Sept. 27 – 29 was anything but your grandma's string of beads. This mask, made by instructor Melissa Grakowsky, is just a sample of the intricate work being done by off-loom bead weavers. Beaders from as far as Alaska, Florida and Connecticut attended the workshop. Above, Eureka Springs model Kerry Sparks poses in a photo shoot for an upcoming 2NJoy magazine story about the workshop. If you missed it this year, they're coming back in 2014!

PHOTO BY MELANIE MYHRI

AUDacious by Ray Dilfield

eeze. October already? As we draw down to less than three weeks until Folk Festival, focus starts to shift from the conceptual to the nuts-and-bolts of making it all work. The preliminary work of talent recruitment and selection is completed, schedules and events have been decided, advertising is well in

place, and tickets have been on sale for some time. All those processes are on track and can now get by with monitoring.

Now we shift to operational items like travel schedules, rooming lists, load-in and set-up times, power requirements, technical and crew needs, and a thousand more little logistical niggles, not to mention deciding whether or not we're going to find time, resources and manpower to strip, sand, and refinish the stage deck before the Festival.

Shifting gears



In our free time, we'll also be involved in preparations for the Barefoot Ball on Wednesday, Queen Contest Thursday, a Friday evening concert in the bandshell, culminating with a Saturday filled with the songwriters' contest, more park music, a parade and the WoodSongs show at the Aud.

I've mentioned before how these kinds of events eventually reach a point where their own inertia takes over and they require only minimal prodding to keep them on course. We're not quite there yet. A few more uphill pushes and we

should reach the event horizon and accelerate from there into the festival wormhole. Maybe we'll get lucky and come out the other side into an alternate universe with a large and

committed volunteer pool.

Speaking of which, we find it highly gratifying that the many people who have been too busy or infirm to volunteer help with ushering or concessions sales at all of our other shows are now on track to be available and in perfect health by mid-November in time for the B.B. King show. We extend our congratulations to you all for the simplifications of your busy lives and your return to health. All thanks to the power of music.



Reid Evans cast in fall play - The cast of The Shape of Things, a play by Neil Labute opening Oct. 4 at 7 p.m. in Burns Hall on the Northwest Arkansas Community College campus, features Eureka Springs High grad, Reid Evans, son of Kelley Evans and Richard Schoe. The show repeats Saturday night with a Sunday matinee at 2 p.m. and runs again Oct. 10, 11 and 12 with a closing matinee on Sunday, Oct. 13. The four-character play has a modern, open set with scene changes not hidden from view; just like the lives and relationships of the characters as they are made known to each other and the audience. Cast includes Chelsye Ginn as Evelyn, Chandler Reid Evans as Adam, J. Ryan Miller as Phillip and Samantha Malmo as Jenny. Tickets are \$8 at the door (\$6 faculty, staff, and students). Doors open 30 minutes prior to performances. For tickets phone NWCC (479) 619-2295.

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Ethan fans - Emma and Bailey Wolfinbarger proudly display their autographed photos of KY3 broadcaster, Ethan Forhetz, at the television station's live broadcast from the Queen Anne Mansion. Eureka Springs residents comprised a live audience, got to see how a broadcast works and enjoyed superb musicial interludes by Buster Sharp, John Morrison and Ted Snow from the Pine Mountain Theater.

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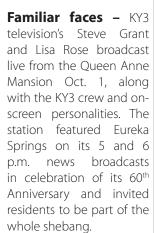


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Giving Tree Grants awarded

projects for the 2013 Giving Tree Grant Award cycle were announced at a reception Sept. 26 at Brashears Furniture in Berryville. All funds granted go to programs in Carroll County and for Carroll County residents.

Grants were awarded to Carroll County Fair: Funds to replace the stove/ oven in the concession stand; Carroll County Senior Center: Meals on Wheels for seniors/shut-ins; CASA of NWA: Christmas for foster children in Carroll

Grant award recipients and their County; Children's Charity Ministry: Food/clothing/hygiene for children in Green Forest and Eureka Springs; Eureka Christian Health Outreach: Supplies for diabetic control program; Good Shepherd Humane Society: pet food for seniors and low income people with companion animals; Mercy Hospital: "Food for Hungry Kids" program in Berryville; People Helping People: Prescription assistance program; Single Parent Scholarship Fund: Carroll County resident scholarships; Soul Purpose Jeremiah

House: Security gate for women's resident recovery home; Green Forest United Methodist Church Feed Program: Purchase groceries for Tuesday free feeding program; Project Self-esteem: Backpacks with school supplies for students; BHS English Capstone program: Google Chrome-books for senior English Capstone program; Eureka Springs Soccer

Club: Soccer equipment for club; GFHS Band Boosters: Replacing 25-year-old uniforms; Opera in the Ozarks: Funding 6 free performances of "Beauty & the Beast" for local children and The Cradle: Funding training for a Certified Birth Instructor.

The grants are funded by the Arkansas Community Foundation.



Look who's talking – As part of a program at Peachtree Village designed to help residents get better acquainted with each other and the community, Liz Fuller recently gave a presentation about her life and family. Liz was born near Wylie, Texas, the youngest of five children, and lived in Texas most of her life. She raised two daughters with her husband, Jim. By the time one of her grandsons was two, he was riding horses with Liz in parades and grand entrees. Liz and her husband started a Helping Hands program; going to garage sales and purchasing medical equipment they would clean, sanitize and give to people in need. She was an active hospital volunteer; making corsages for patients, visiting them and serving as chaplain. The couple also helped with Hurricane Katrina patients. Liz has a love of poetry and has written a book of all her poems.



When the sky gives you rain - make mudpies! Crowds had a great time at EurekaPalooza on Saturday – until the heavens opened. These two youngsters minded not at all, as the downpour provided for some extra fun making mudpies.

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William Wesley Goodson III

Dec. 4, 1943 – Sept. 30, 2013

William Wesley Goodson III of Eureka Springs, was born Dec. 4, 1943 in Eunice, Louisiana, the son of William Wesley Jr. and Johnsey (Aldridge) Goodson. He departed

this life Sept. 30, 2013 in his home in Eureka Springs, at age 69.



GOODSON

Throughout his career, Billy made his mark working in restaurants in San Francisco, New Orleans and Eureka Springs. Those who knew and loved him would say he was generous and loyal, hardworking and kind with a piercing and engaging sense of humor. Billy was devoted to his family of origin and the family of friends he created. He was known as an amazing friend and consummate gentleman.

He is survived by nieces and nephews and their families: Bessann and Gary Watson of Pensacola, Fla.; Aleis and Jay Tusa of Mandeville, La.; Richard and Rusty Hebert of Baton Rouge, La.; and Victoria and Greg Gischel of Basel, Switzerland; grandnieces Brianna Ramer, Katie Tusa and Sophie Gischel; grandnephew

William Tusa; other family and loved ones; and a host of friends in Eureka Springs and New Orleans.

Billy was preceded in death by his parents and his sister, Lucy Irene Goodson.

Celebration of Life Service was held Oct. 2 at the Cottage Inn in Eureka Springs with interment in Louisiana at a later date. Memorial donations may be made to the National Osteoporosis Foundation, 1150 17th Street NW Suite 850, Washington, DC 20036 or Flint Street Food Bank, 33 North Main Street, Eureka Springs, Arkansas 72632 or the Eureka Springs Dog Park. Online condolences may be sent to the family at nelsonfuneral.com.

ESOTERICAstrology as news for week Oct. 3–9 by Risa

Libra New Moon Festival – Let Choice Be Made!

It's a rather unusual, possibly irrational and unexpected week, with things unforeseen, unanticipated and unpredicted occurring. We may experience a subtle nervousness and anxiety due to Uranus interacting with the Sun and planets. Sun/Moon in Libra opposes Uranus in Aries – creating all things unexpected and new with finance and relationships.

Friday (Libra new moon festival) through Tuesday, Saturn, Mercury, Uranus and Scorpio are all in a jumble of interactions. Things interconnected yet uncompromising continue throughout the week. We seek harmony and confront chaos. The moon (humanity) travels between the planets, with Uranus in charge. Change becomes the norm.

Uranus is Libra's Soul ruler (esoteric). Uranus (the awakener) awakens humanity to the realm of the Soul, mediator between Spirit and matter. Humanity, aware of oppositions (spiritual/material), realizes choices must be made. Power and victory over others gives way to seeking equality for all. In Libra (sign of Right Human Relations) love, a Soul quality, increases and we search for beauty and fair play knowing there

are no winners or losers. Great tension arises in Libra when there is inequality or disharmony.

Libra is always moving – up, down, here, there; from present to past; from personality to Soul and back again. Anxiously we ask, "Which do we choose?" Eventually, tired of the oscillations (helping us choose), weighing our options on the Libra scales we choose – returning to the past or entering Discipleship (Scorpio). But first we're tested with the chaos of opposing forces. Under the Will-to-Good, we make the Right Choice.

ARIES: It's a time to re-define relationships, their meaning and value. You must incorporate negotiation and diplomacy, the ambassador in all relationships. You learn whom you can depend upon. You're more gracious than usual. Wondering if your relationships are mutually supportive you define the support you need. Calmly share this information. It brings forth balance. Knowledge always does.

TAURUS: You begin to clearly understand what is disordered and imbalanced in your life and what needs tending and clarifying. With determined concentration, allowing no distractions, you bring forth order and harmony. It's time to begin new health routines, take care of business, reorganize, analyze and sort out priorities. Gardening and nature bring you ease. You become Ceres knowing Persephone is safe.

GEMINI: You continue to be artfully creative and dramatic when expressing yourself as if you're performing — an observation of the energies, not criticism. It's a new creative side not often available before. It's the real you in another dimension — someone always in the spotlight of your true self, always from the heart. You need more play, some adventures, a sandbox, leisure and everything in balance. They find you.

CANCER: You're thinking of children, mothers, caretakers, families, things that nurture with home as refuge. Recently it was the Feast of Our Lady of Refuge. Ancient paintings illustrate angels

holding up Madonna's golden cloak where she harbored, protected, calmed and soothed those in need. You do this daily. As a balance to this nurturing of others, it's good to voice your needs.

What is your refuge, your comfort and support? We're listening.

LEO: It's time to learn something new. You already know so many things. When in social situations you feel more at ease. At home in daily life you find ways to bring forth harmony, balance, order and organization. When communicating with others you feel mind/heart connections. There are tasks to tend to, people to contact, things to order, neighborhoods to walk, relatives to call, the car to be looked after, new

VIRGO: You want your live/work environments to be beautifully filled with objects of value. You want comfort and balance. You need an aerie, spacious and in nature. You need a greenhouse, plants growing everywhere. You may be concerned with finances, money, resources. You need fairness. Above all you seek security and safety. Know that you are worthy of all that you need and ask for. You're sensitivity is a message.

classes to give. You're busy!

LIBRA: You want to begin anew, to look and act, express and present yourself in completely different ways. You want to change certain ways of being, habits and

behaviors. You're being tested during the month of Libra. You want to absorb all the virtues. However, obstructions get in the way. Anger arises and doesn't go away. Many depend upon you. Often

you're impulsive. This is good to a point. Then you must

begin to bravely discipline yourself. Acting with greater understanding and benevolence. Begin anew each day. You'll reach your goals.

SCORPIO: It is a special time inward time of review d reflection. Thoughts

concerning other people's needs and how to respond with empathy and compassion arise. However it's good first to be in a state of withdrawal and not rush out to care for others. Your own person needs care now. Peace arises through solitude. This is preparation for new realities in several months. For now allow the solitude and withdrawal to be your refuge.

SAGITTARIUS: It's important to understand your standing in society, how you influence the world, your colleagues and those around you. And to observe how people "see" you. You must look beneath the surface to discover the truth of their responses and/or reactions. Understanding your influence becomes meaningful when attempting to create new plans and agendas. Thoughts of self-mastery and self-discipline become your responsibility as a leader. You

ponder upon these things.

CAPRICORN: You may feel restless when confronted with things routine. You want to initiate new plans and projects that propel you into new realities, expand your mind, with a bit of adventure in them, allowing your imagination creative free reign. This creativity has to do with beauty and harmony, with balancing relationships, bringing forth new perspectives. Here's a new idea. Add paramagnetic rock (ground) to your gardens. It attracts heavenly cosmic light. Stand in that Light.

AQUARIUS: You're extra sensitive. The unseen fields of others will be felt. In other words, you'll be more aware than usual of others and this may make you feel confused and disoriented. Step back literally when this occurs. Be aware, first of all, that this sensitivity could occur. The veils between worlds are dropping. Tend also, materially, to finances. Work on a savings plan. Twenty or more percent of all monies that comes in – set aside.

PISCES: The opportunity for a new beginning may be offered. It's a way of graciously conceding and cooperating. You're hoping for this. A door opens to reveal a new way of participating in something significant. There's a realization that forgiveness is most important – given and received. You're being tested on how to relate with more authenticity. You must begin to always come from the heart. We're all learning this together.

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DROPPINGA Line by Robert Johnson

ics this week are not the biggest fish of the week, but the ones that were enjoyed the most. Little red-headed A. J. Dikens from Garfield just wanted to go fishing at Holiday Island for whatever he could catch for his 8th birthday. So out came the worms and minnows.

He decided to let all his fish go free. He was happy with bluegill and a couple of bass all caught near the shoreline in three to four ft. of water. Crappies are about eight to ten ft. deep Walleye are still hanging deep around 28 ft. around the island. Water temp here is down to 75°, and with the cool front coming we should be down to 72° next week which will bring the bait and fish up to the top for some active feeding and catching.

Beaver Lake temps are 74° in the dam area. We are still catching stripers below 30 ft. deep.

Eleven year-old Adam Mcelory from Wichita was happy with his first striper. Between the dam and Rocky Branch is producing the most fish. Shad and big shiners are still the best bait; trolling deep divers below 25 ft. can also get you some of these fish.

Why the government has to block off a piece of concrete that we bought tags for makes no since. If you need to get a boat in on Beaver Lake until this is settled you can get in at Ventras out of Garfield. Hwy. 12 bridge out of Rogers, and I believe Clifty Park off of Hwy. 23 south of Eureka. Holiday Island, Lake Leatherwood and Beavertown are not run by the government, so nothing has changed here.

Good luck and remember to take a kid fishing.





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"In short, STO has had no opportunity to examine and refute AEP/ SWEPCO's new needs study," she said.

Also, AEP/ SWEPCO and the APSC judge and attorney opted not to question STO's expert witnesses during the hearing. Costner said this move had the effect of preventing STO from eliciting more information by questioning its own experts.

The motion filed by AEP/SWEPCO quotes APSC rules that state, "Any party to a proceeding, with the permission of the Commission and in the furtherance of justice, may amend any pleading to conform to relevant testimony before the record is declared to be closed and the matter is submitted to the Commission for decision. Amendments offered prior to the hearing shall be served on all parties and then filed with the Commission."

The motion states that on the final day of the hearing, AEP/SWEPCO made the oral motion on the record to be allowed to respond to all relevant testimony entered without objection during the proceeding. After opposition to the motion on grounds it was not sufficiently specific. SWEPCO clarified it wished to conform the pleadings to the proof such that the application would be amended to include all of the testimony that was offered by Paul Hassink (AEP) and Lanny Nickell (Southern Power Pool) as to the need for this project, specifically to the testimony that was offered by the River Oaks intervenors, by the Mitchell & Spencer intervenors, by the Coughlin family and Jackson intervenors.

"This seeks written motion precisely same modification

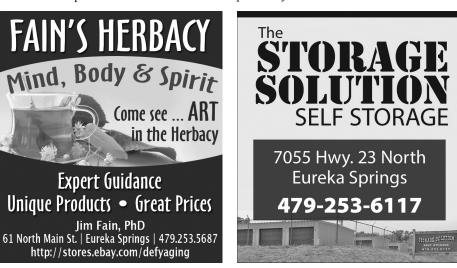
conform the Certificate Environmental Compatibility of Public Need (CECPN) application to reflect the evidence, both written and oral, that was presented without objection at the hearing in this docket, but also includes the testimony of Arkansas Electric Cooperative Corp (AECC) witness Ricky Bittle," the motion states. "In particular the application should be deemed amended to incorporate all the written and oral testimony of J. Paul Hassink, Ricky Bittle, and Lanny Nickell as the statement of the need and reasons for construction of the facility."

The motion said the testimonies of witnesses Hassink, Bittle and Nickell are highly relevant to the need for this transmission project. "Their written and oral testimonies added detail to and additional support for the project need, over and above the recitations of need in the application and the direct testimony of witness Hassink," AEP/ SWEPCO states.

AEP/SWEPCO also moved to amend pleadings to conform to the testimony related to re-routes requested by the River Oaks, Mitchell & Spencer, Coughlin family and Jackson intervenors. "Testimony by the individual intervenors seeking modifications to the proposed route is also extremely relevant to this proceeding," the motion said.

AEP/SWEPCO argues that the court should freely permit an amendment when doing so will aid in presenting the merits and the objecting party fails to satisfy the court that the evidence would prejudice that party's action or defense on the merits.

The court may grant a continuance to enable the objecting party to meet the evidence.



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to cultural resources, and the aesthetic impacts from a 150 ft. right-of-way," the STO filing states.

"The EIS also fails to address available and feasible alternatives to the project identified in direct testimony of Dr. Hyde Merrill that solve the problem identified by SWEPCO in the application and by SPP in the notice to construct as creating the need. Dr. Merrill's alternative solutions resolve this prior identified need

with dramatically less environmental impacts and at dramatically lower cost. There is nothing in the EIS that provides a counter analysis."

STO also finds it significant that neither the application nor the EIS addresses the connection of the project to the Entergy system, which SPP and SWEPCO admit is required to complete the project. AEP/SWEPCO also failed to address impacts from or alternatives to the chosen location for the new Kings River substation.

AskMAopinion askma@esindependent.com

Dear Ma,

We've got a conundrum. My wife and I are scrambling to get our taxes filed by the looming extension deadline, but as a lesbian couple we don't know how to proceed.

We were married in Iowa last year and now the federal government tells us we should file as married while Arkansas insists we file as single on separate returns. But the Arkansas return is required to be based on the federal one.

Ma, what's a couple of lesbians to do?

Mrs. & Mrs.

Dear M & M

First off, congratulations! May you live happily ever after, without future government-induced conundrums.

Things are changing so quickly on the marriage equality front that a lot of unworkable and silly situations are arising, yours being among them. Seems to Ma that you can't attest to being married on one form and single on another without perjuring yourself. Yet you are breaking the law by filing as married in a state that doesn't consider you married.

Whichever way you go you will be technically be doing something illegal. Ma believes perjury to be the more serious crime, since it damages your integrity and credibility. Filing your state return as married, though at the moment illegal, would be an act of principled civil disobedience. Since you are being forced to break the law no matter what you do, Ma recommends the principled approach.

Ma believes the lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of Arkansas' marriage ban will ultimately prevail and that by the time anyone notices vour illegal-but-honest married return. the whole issue will be moot.

Ma

Dear Ma,

Seven journalists, six men, one woman. Why so many women?

Not Adam's Rib

Dear NAR,

referring, Obviously you're somewhat sarcastically Ma might add, to Ma's list of preferred investigative iournalists last week.

Ma's not familiar with women who are regularly researching and reporting exposés on the corruption that envelops most every aspect of today's society, though there must be women journalists excelling at this work. It does, however, appear to be a male-dominated field, at least in the media Ma consumes. Ma would welcome suggestions of serious women journalists who warrant reading.

In Ma's post gender viewpoint, it's quality and integrity that count, not what's between one's legs.

Ma

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none of the STO or other intervenor witnesses provided any evidence proving that a negative impact would occur to either economies or tourism in the communities near the transmission line. None of the intervenors has provided any evidence that a transmission line has impacted tourism in Arkansas, or anywhere else for that matter. SWEPCO, on the other hand, offered multiple examples of transmission lines co-existing with designated state and federal scenic by-ways, national park and recreation areas.

• The Shipe Road to Kings River Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) satisfies every requirement of Arkansas statute; is comparable to EIS documents prepared for previously approved projects; and, the EIS is in every way sufficient under Arkansas

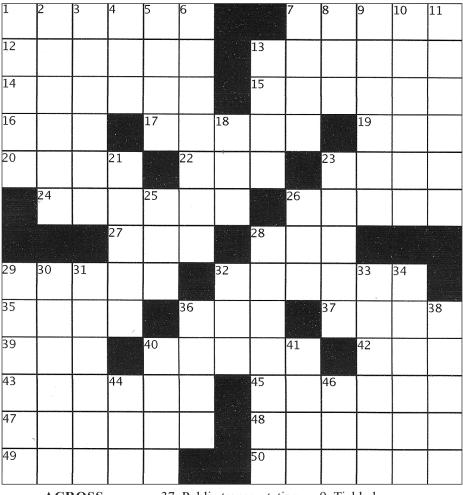
• The proposed project will be beneficial to other electric systems. Witnesses for Arkansas Electric Cooperative Corp. and Entergy Arkansas, Inc. both testified that the proposed transmission facility would increase reliability and increase AECC's and Entergy's capacity to reliably serve growing consumer demand within its service territory. Furthermore, SPP Witness Lanny Nickell testified that the proposed project is needed for both reliability and capacity within SPP's footprint.



INDEPENDENT Crossword

by Wayne Levering

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ACROSS

- 1. Patron Saint of Scotland
- 7. Cattle identifier
- 12. Ridicule
- 13. Rents part of another's house
- 14. Dig out
- 15. Excrement
- 16. Suffix denoting diminutive (*Irish*)
- 17. Lyric poem written in couplets
- 19. Ocean
- 20. Kind of tape
- 22. Open anger
- 23. Fish trap
- 24. Worship place
- 26. Hot drink
- 27. Work place
- 28. Golf goal
- 29. Egg beater 32. Distance (Astronomy)
- 35. Lubricants
- 36. Exam for lawyers

- 37. Public transportation 39. Unit of sound
- intensity
- 40. Stone worker
- 42. About when you'll be there (abbr.)
- 43. Harsh
- 45. Second thoughts
- 47. Scotland's largest freshwater lake
- 48. Added to injury
- 49. Not a friend
- 50. Stops

DOWN

- 1. Additional
- 2. Old sea god
- 3. Thoroughly soak
- 4. Purge
- 5. End of flat surface
- 6. Crying
- 7. Make a hole
- 8. Fishing essential

- 9. Tickled
- 10. Bristle worm
- 11. Rainy and dark
- 13. Cantered
- 18. Rock containing minerals
- 21. Long lock of hair
- 23. Opposite of best
- 25. Anger
- 26. British sailor
- 28. Exaggerated imitation
- 29. Unsteady rocking
- 30. Sacred place (Anc.
- 31. Make light

Greek)

- 32. Classical ballet step
- 33. God of darkness
- 34. Livestock
- 36. Type of eagle
- 38. Flagpoles
- 40. Lots of
- 41. Not any
- 44. Dick and Harry's
- friend
- 46. Made up of 50 states

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Get crafty

Art and crafts shine indoors and out throughout Northwest Arkansas in mid-October. Here are a few listings to help plan your travels:

Spanker Creek Farm Arts and Crafts Fair: Oct. 16 - 20, 8464 W. McNelly Road, Bentonville. Weds. - Sat. 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., Sun. 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Email info@spankercreekfarm.com, phone (479) 685-5655 or see www.spankercreekfarm.

Art on the Creek: Oct. 17 – 19, 8862 W. McNelly Rd, (intersection of Hwy. 71 & Benton County Rd. 40). A beautiful walk along Mckisic Creek where more than 50 booths will be set up along the walkway, inside the studio building and throughout the grounds of Wishing Spring Gallery. Jewelry, yard art, photography, pottery, ceramics, watercolors, oils, stained glass, wooden boxes, fabric arts more. Open 8 a.m. -5 p.m. Great food available all day. Email aoc@village-art-club.org or call 479-855-2064.

45th Annual Bella Vista Arts & Crafts Festival: Oct. 17 – 19. Bella Vista. This fair includes a Fine Arts Market tent among the 300 juried exhibitor booths. Exhibitors go through a stringent jury process to be accepted, and food vendors are selected for variety of foods. Breakfast, lunch and dinner available. Festival grounds are on Hwy. 279 south of the corner of Hwy. 340 in Bella Vista. Email info@bellavistafestival.org or phone (479) 855-2064.

Annual War Eagle Fair: Oct. 17 – 20, War Eagle Mill Farm, 11036 High Sky Inn Road (outside Hindsville). Exhibitors include: weavers, woodworkers, carvers, basket makers, artisans in stained glass, pewter, and scores of other arts and crafts, including watercolors, oil and acrylic painting, sculpture, metal-working, and photography. Gates open at 8 a.m. each day and close at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, Friday and Saturday and at 4:30 p.m. on Sunday.

War Eagle Mill Arts and Crafts Fair: Oct. 17 - 20, on the grounds of War Eagle Mill, adjacent to War Eagle Fair. Professional crafters offer original handmade works including country decorative items, folk art, watercolors, oil painting, pottery, stoneware, quilts and

Sharp's Show of War Eagle: Oct. 17 – 20, adjacent to the War Eagle Fair. Stained glass, leather, baskets, woodwork, oil and acrylic painting, sculpture and other handmade arts and crafts. Holiday themed gifts and seasonal decorations. (479) 789-

Jones Center Arts & Crafts Festival: Oct. 17 – 19, Springdale. (479) 751-9313.

Frisco Station Mall Arts & Crafts Festival: Oct. 17 - 20, 100 N. Dixieland, Rogers. (479) 631-0006.

Ozark Regional Arts & Crafts Fair: Oct. 18, 19 at two locations - Holiday Inn Convention Center in Springdale, and John O. Hammons Convention Center in Rogers. (479) 756-6954.

Find details and directions for each of the above at nwacraftfairs.com. Once there. click on "NWArkansas" at left and scroll to the bottom, then click on the craft fair of your choice.



Wow factor – Those in the audience at the Queen Anne Mansion for the KY3 TV broadcast on Oct. 1 were treated to some sweet, feet-movin' interludes by Buster Sharp, John Morrison and Ted Snow from the Pine Mountain Theater cast. These guys are smooo-oo-ooth.

Mountain Country **PROPERTIES**

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MILES MOUNTAIN - UNUSUALLY LARGE PARCEL -**INSIDE CITY LIMITS** – Approximately 128 acres – This property has it all--long wide ridge with majestic views of our Ozark hills, trails down to deep, gorgeous hollows with huge trees and rock outcroppings, highway frontage, too. Beautiful seasonal creek. Excellent development property at the edge of town, or create your own retreat! City water available. MLS 495174. \$475,000.



ELEGANT HOME – LAKE VIEW – Approx. 3,172 sq. ft., 3BR 2 ½ BA + office on main level, full finished walkout basement, too, gleaming oak flooring, spectacular windows, soaring ceiling, and delightful sunroom. Spacious, open upper deck, and covered lower deck, both overlooking woods and lake. Lots of extra storage. Community well, low maintenance brick and vinyl, oversized garage. Nice corner lot with mature trees feels very private. MLS 665686, \$299,900.



LODGE STYLE - NEAR WHITE RIVER AND BEAVER LAKE – 4BR 3 ½ BA – 2 MBRs with baths – Util. Rms on both levels. Approx. 3,328 sq. ft., tons of room, and lots of extras. Delightful setting on 5+- level acres near river and lake. Vaulted great room with tongue and groove pine walls and ceiling, gorgeous kitchen. Has the rustic look and feel of a log home, yet has concrete siding. Covered porches front and back. Huge garage/shop, too. MLS 672612. \$295,000.

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