



## Save The Ozarks responds to AEP/ SWEPCO 're-do' attempt

BECKY GILLETTE

Save the Ozarks (STO) filed a response Monday in opposition to the American Electric Power (AEP)/Southwestern Electric Power Company (SWEPCO) motion to re-do its application for the Shipe Road to Kings River 345 kiloVolt transmission line.

STO attorney Mick Harrison said Arkansas Public Service Commission (APSC) rules specify that a party seeking to amend to conform a pleading to relevant testimony must show that the proposed amendment would be in the furtherance of justice, and must obtain the permission of the commission.

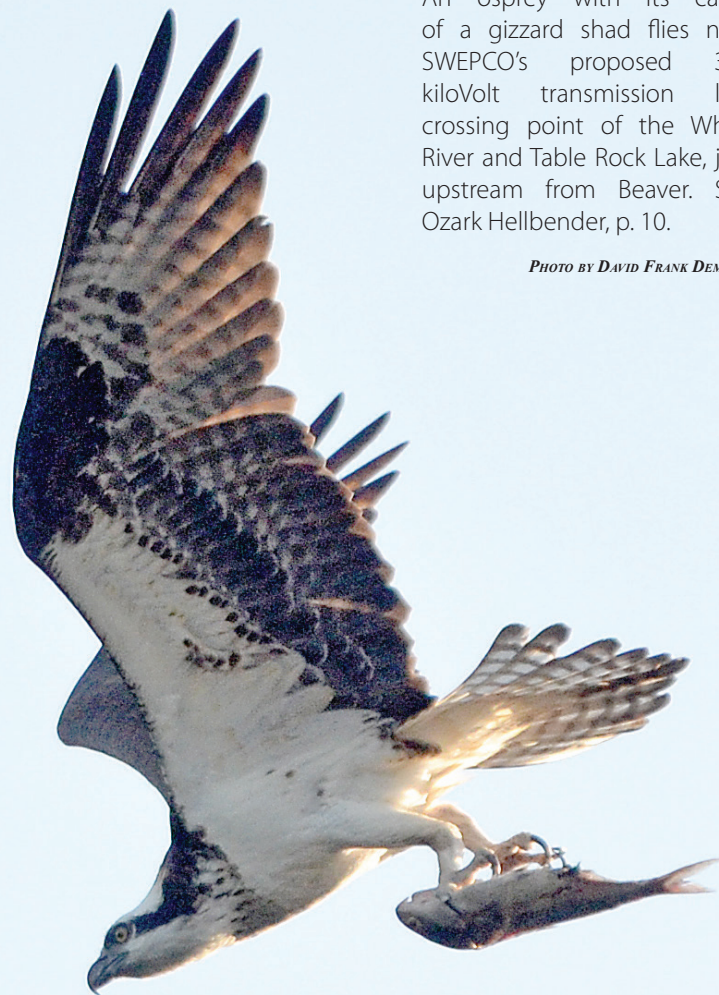
"SWEPCO'S motion should be denied because it would not be in the furtherance of justice to allow the amendments to conform SWEPCO's application to the testimony (or documentary evidence) as requested by SWEPCO," Harrison said. "It would also be arbitrary and capricious for the commission to allow such amendments of SWEPCO's application under the circumstances here."

The STO filing said that the amendment sought by SWEPCO would materially change the statement of need required by Arkansas law for an application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need (CECPN) for a new major utility facility as noticed to the public.

"This SWEPCO failure to mail to landowners and agencies and publish public notice of its actual rationale for the asserted need for the new proposed major utility facility violates the statutory requirement for such notices," Harrison said. "SWEPCO's failure to properly and timely notice landowners and the public of the basis of need it is asserting as a justification for its application prejudices affected agencies, landowners, and the public generally all of whom are entitled to notice of the actual asserted basis of need before deciding whether to intervene or comment.

"The testimony (and associated documentary evidence) in question actually

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An osprey with its catch of a gizzard shad flies near SWEPCO's proposed 345 kiloVolt transmission line crossing point of the White River and Table Rock Lake, just upstream from Beaver. See Ozark Hellbender, p. 10.

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### This Week's INDEPENDENT Thinker

Malala Yousafzai was our independent thinker when she was 14 and barely hanging on to life after being shot by the Taliban for going to school. Little did we know that by the time she was 16 she would be nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize.

"We are human beings and this is part of our human nature that we don't learn the importance of anything until it's snatched from our hands," she told Jon Stewart on the *Daily Show* last night.

"In Pakistan we were stopped from going to school and I realized education is a power for women, which is why terrorists are afraid of education."

And then she said of course we should fight, but we must fight for peace.



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## CAPC reports higher collections, better tourist numbers

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Rick Bright, finance director of the City Advertising and Promotion Commission, announced at Wednesday's meeting that the CAPC is slightly ahead of last year's record collections with good months still to come, but there have also been greater than expected expenses that dampened the glee.

Bright identified five targeted areas in the budget they could reassign for purposes of building a reserve of at least \$35,000 by the end of the year. Earlier this year, commissioners found themselves without the comfort of a reserve, and they have stated throughout the year they do not want that again.

Included in possible cuts would be TV ads out of the four-hour area during November and December. Chair Charles Ragsdell said he hated taking money away from TV ads, but Executive Director Mike Maloney reassured commissioners the town would get the coverage it needs within the four-hour range.

The commission will take up budget matters again at its next workshop.

### Funding requests

The cycle of requests for marketing support has begun again. Maloney passed out a packet with seven requests ranging from \$25,000 to \$1162 for all sorts of events. Commissioner Terry

McClung pointed out this is just the first wave of requests they will receive. The commission will discuss funding requests further at the next workshop as they develop their 2014 budget.

### Auditorium management

Ragsdell announced that during negotiations regarding management of the Auditorium, Mayor Morris Pate offered to provide two parking spaces for Auditorium staff and four for entertainers on the day of a show at the Auditorium. Other parts of the contract seemed to be in order, and the commission approved the changes to the contract.

### Director's report

Maloney pointed out Eureka Springs again outperformed Washington County as a tourist destination according to numbers from Arkansas Department of Parks and Tourism. He said this year's numbers are getting progressively better with good months still not reported.

As a result of tourism ads placed by the state, photos of Eureka Springs have been featured in ads throughout the country. *Bank Travel* magazine had a two-page article about Eureka Springs, and *Destination*, a group travel publication, also included a photo of our town in an article about group travel destinations.

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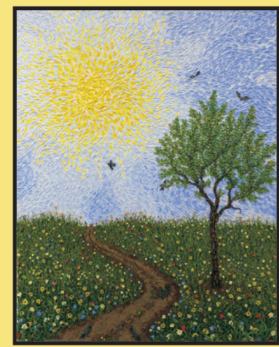
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## Construction of fluoride delivery building to start in January

NICKY BOYETTE

At the October 17 meeting of the Carroll-Boone Water District, engineering consultants will roll out their design for the fluoride delivery building to be constructed at the Freeman-Raney Water Treatment Plant on the north shore of Beaver Lake.

The building is being built in response to the passage of Arkansas Act 197 in 2011 that requires all water districts in the state that serve 5000 or more customers to add fluoride to the water systems.

Much controversy followed the passage of the law because opponents pointed out many cities around the world were discontinuing fluoridation. Research indicates fluoridated water is not healthy for infants. One author claimed ninety percent of the arsenic in tap water comes from fluoridation additives. Also there is no batch testing of the additives to check the amount of lead, arsenic and copper. One source said ninety percent of the cities in Europe had stopped adding fluoride to their water supplies because fluoride was available in toothpaste and there were impurities in the fluoride products

added to systems.

In response to Act 197, the Eureka Springs city council at its June 12, 2012, meeting passed Resolution No. 600 opposing adding fluoride to the water. Citizens had already voted twice opposing fluoridating the water supply. Employees at the Freeman-Raney plant voiced their opposition to the plan, and plant operator Rene Fonseca represented Senate Bill 255, called the Water Accountability Bill, before a Senate committee in April. The bill called for disclosure of ingredients in the fluoride products and assurances of effectiveness. In spite of Fonseca's testimony, the committee did not even bring the bill up for a vote.

At the July 25 meeting, board members for CBWD voted to authorize engineering firm McGoodwin, Williams and Yates to go ahead and develop designs for the delivery building. Board president Jim Yates said the board had no choice. Arkansas Department of Health had already stated failure to proceed with a plan to add fluoride would be a violation of the law.

Construction of the feeding facility will be paid for by a grant from Delta

Dental Foundation. The grant amount at this point is \$763,000, and the project must be finished by October 31, 2014. Fonseca said Delta Dental might increase the grant amount if there is a good reason.

Memorandums of Understanding between CBWD and the cities it serves states the water supply must be free of corrosive elements, Fonseca said, so CBWD will need to closely monitor the pH level of the water. Operators are still discussing treatment strategies to maintain compliance with the agreement.

"At this point we are still looking for distributors with the safest products. We won't need it until a year from now," he said. Once plans are completed, they must be put out for bids. Construction is scheduled to begin in January 2014.

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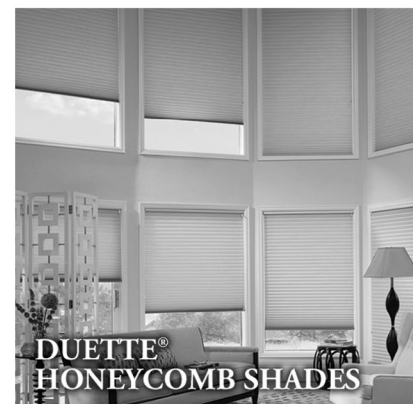
Eureka Springs Fire & Emergency Medical Services is celebrating 130 years of service to Eureka Springs. To mark the event, the department will host an open house Saturday, Oct. 12, from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. The department welcomes visitors to Station #1, 144 E. Van Buren, next to McDonalds. The fire department will have fire engines on display, Fire Wise information available and personnel on hand to meet and greet the public.

## Sunday at EUUF

The Eureka Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 17 Elk Street, is hosting Budhi Whitebear, a Registered, Board Certified Art Therapist who will present a program entitled, "Lend me some light, so I can find my keys – image making as exploration for healing" on Sunday, Oct. 13. 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.

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## AEP/SWEPCO Route 33 would wipe out rare chinquapin trees

BECKY GILLETTE

"Ozark chinquapin nuts were delicious and we waited for them to fall like you would wait on a crop of corn to ripen... they were that important. Up on the hilltop the nuts were so plentiful that we scooped them up with flat blade shovels and loaded them into the wagons to be used as livestock feed, to eat for ourselves, and to sell. Deer, bears, turkeys, squirrels and a variety of other wildlife fattened up on the sweet crop of nuts that fell every year. But, starting in the 1950s and '60s, all of the trees started dying off. Now they are all gone and no one has heard of them."

That quote from a 93-year old Missouri outdoorsman is found on the website of the Ozark Chinquapin Foundation describing the trees before the chestnut blight reached the Ozark Mountains. But, in fact, the Ozark chinquapins, also known as the Ozark chestnuts, are not all gone. Many have

sprouted up from roots of chinquapins that died due to the blight. Some trees survive long enough to produce nuts that can grow into new trees. And the search is on for the "supertree," a chinquapin that can survive the blight.

One candidate for that is found on the property of Cris and Eleanor Jones, who live about four miles east of Gateway. Norman "Bert" Camp of Elk Ranch, who has worked for years to find blight resistant chinquapins, including trying to propagate the tree himself, said the chinquapin on the Jones property is one of the largest he has seen in years. Usually the tree will only grow for a few years before it is killed by the chestnut blight.

That tree, and a number of other chinquapins on the Jones' property and on the property of a neighbor nearby in Benton County, are in the right-of-way for the American Electric Power (AEP)/Southwestern Electric Power Company's (SWEPCO's) preferred route 33, which

would have a 150-ft.-right-of-way for the Shipe Road to Kings River high voltage transmission line.

Camp said chinquapins like to grow on ridge tops. SWEPCO's route 33 often follows ridge tops, as well.

"They would take out a lot of chinquapins if route 33 is approved," Camp said. "There is no doubt about that. And one could be the master tree that has developed resistance to the blight that could be used to bring the chinquapins back."

The chestnut blight came into the U.S. in a botanical exhibit in the 1901 World's Fair in New York. It spread throughout the Northeast killing 85 percent of the chestnut trees by the 1920s. Camp said by the 1940s, it started killing off the Ozark chinquapins in large numbers.

Before that, chinquapins were an important food source to many types of wildlife, as well as humans. "You could go to school and probably trade chinquapins for lunch," said Camp, whose family has lived in the Beaver area since 1852.

The Joneses bought their home and 13 acres surrounding it 18 years ago. A year later they bought additional acreage to the north for its great natural beauty and to prevent it from being developed. Ironically, it is that land they bought to preserve that would be cut through by the proposed 345-kiloVolt power line.

The couple loves the outdoors and hiking, and has hand-built three miles of trails on their property. They feel that having massive 130-150-ft.-tall monopoles with a 150 ft.-wide clear cut through their property would destroy the natural paradise they have worked to preserve.

"We enjoy all of our land here year around," Eleanor Jones said. "We bought that land to keep it from being encroached upon. We take people on hikes through that land to see the thousands of wildflowers we have on paths going down to Poddy Hollow Creek. This power line would take



away the value of the land for us."

A nearby neighbor, Chuck Chiasson, also has chinquapins in the way of the proposed route 33. Chiasson said the line would devalue his property, and ruin the view on the property it would run through.

Pat Costner, director of Save the Ozarks, a citizen group that has intervened with the Arkansas Public Service Commission to oppose the project on grounds including the powerline not being needed, said the Jones property and many other special areas of the Ozarks would be destroyed if SWEPCO is allowed to proceed.

"The Ozarks have been here 200 million years and are the oldest mountains in North America," Costner said. "There are 160 species of plants that are found only here. SWEPCO has shown that preserving the chinquapin and other rare plants is not their priority. But it is the priority of many of us who live and visit the Ozarks to preserve not just the unique trees, bushes and flowers, but the salamanders, bats and everything else here that is so precious. It is a privilege to appreciate these natural resources, and our right and responsibility to protect them."

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## CUP may wait 'til the cows come home

NICKY BOYETTE

Farm animals, or at least discussion of them, took another stroll around the Planning Commission table Tuesday evening. Chair Beverly Blankenship announced City Economic Development Coordinator Glenna Booth had found information from other cities about adding Farm Animals to the list of Conditional Uses in residential zones.

Commissioner Denys Flaherty observed the property on Dairy Hollow Road that provoked the discussion has a well-used barn and animals were kept there in the past, although it might have been a distant past. She said neighbors there now did not have a problem with a cow moving in.

Blankenship responded, "We can't make a law person-specific. If you want to consider this, take into account all the places in residential zones in town

where there is acreage. Would you want livestock in those places?"

"We would have to design a very unique ordinance to fit Eureka Springs," commissioner James Morris replied.

Commissioner Melissa Greene moved to have a public hearing on the topic of making farm animals a conditional use in residential zones at the Nov. 12 meeting. Vote to approve her motion was 4-1, commissioner Ed Leswig voting No.

### Zoning map limbo

"Three years later and we're still talking about updates," Blankenship remarked with frustration regarding the status of the city's zoning map. The previous council had approved spending \$7000 for an updated and more detailed zoning map.

Blankenship said the first map done in 1893 had the details of block and

lot numbers that were left out in the two subsequent versions. Blankenship explained all they intended to do was take the latest version done in 1999, add the 13 or 14 zoning changes since then, and put the block and lot numbers back in.

Then the county announced it was taking aerial photographs that Eureka Springs could use for a very detailed map. However, the project is about a year behind schedule and it will not have all the information Planning is looking for.

"So do we keep waiting or do we go back to lots and blocks?" she asked.

Prevailing wisdom was lots and blocks were the way of the future.

Blankenship said the conversation will continue and she will report back.

### S. Main rezoning update

Blankenship reported progress is being made on rezoning both sides of S. Main from R-1 to C-1. Booth is working

to identify all landowners in or near the area to be rezoned. At some point, they will be ready to announce a date for a public hearing.

### New construction review

Travis Holloway represented the application for constructing a new building behind the ECHO Thrift Store at the corner of US 62 and Rockhouse Road. Holloway said ECHO would use the new 60x80-ft. facility as a "Dollar Store & More" with a separate meeting space available for use by the public.

Morris stated the property being cleared for the new building has no significant trees on it, mostly scrubby things, and the existing structures were in such disrepair that one outbuilding in particular "wouldn't even be approved as an outhouse anymore."

The commission voted unanimously to approve the application.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, Oct. 22, at 6 p.m.

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Need to stock up on great winter reads and perhaps some holiday gifts? Authors from several states attending the 46<sup>th</sup> annual Ozark Creative Writers Conference, Oct. 10 – 12, will be selling their books in the lobby area of the Best Western Inn of the Ozarks Convention Center from 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 – 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

Noted Arkansas author, speaker and three-time O. Henry prize winner, Kevin Brockmeier, will have books available, as will regional and local authors in a wide variety of genres including non-fiction, western, romance, children's books and poetry.

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# INDEPENDENTNews

## SPP claims serious risks to public if high voltage power lines don't fly

BECKY GILLETTE

Southwest Power Pool, Inc. (SPP), a Federal Energy Regulatory Commission-approved Regional Transmission Organization that has functional control of American Electric Power (AEP)/Southwestern Electric Power Company (SWEPCO) transmission construction, states that if the Shipe Road to Kings River 345-kiloVolt transmission line and Kings River substation is not constructed in a timely manner, risks to SPP and its members and neighboring utilities are numerous.

"Risks include both proactive and reactive interruption of service to consumers, higher congestion costs, and noncompliance with NERC Reliability Standards," states an Oct. 1 filing with the Arkansas Public Service Commission (APSC). "SPP's re-evaluation indicates numerous situations where services to consumers could be unexpectedly interrupted in response to a transmission outage or multiple simultaneous outages or where service would have to be interrupted preemptively during an outage of a transmission or generation facility to protect against potential cascading outages that could occur if another outage were to occur."

The filing states SPP, which is made up of utility companies, has experienced real time transmission congestion in Northwest Arkansas and areas further east that are expected to continue to increase until such time the project is placed into service.

SPP said it performed two assessments for the facilities proposed: (1) the Ozark Transmission Study and (2) the 2007 SPP Transmission Expansion Plan (STEP) for 2008-2017 (2007 STEP). The OTS was a collaborative assessment of the SPP area in Northwest Arkansas and surrounding areas. The expansion plan resulting from the OTS was intended to serve as a road map for future transmission development in the Northwest Arkansas area.

"The 2007 STEP used updated models and load forecasts to determine

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system needs within the SPP region and identified when projects would need to be in service to meet those needs," SPP said. "The contingency analysis performed in the 2007 STEP assessment identified that the Beaver-Eureka 161 kV and East Rogers-Avoca 161 kV lines overloaded for the contingency of the Flint Creek-Brookline 345 kV line. Since the Shipe Road-Kings River 345 kV line (also known as Centerton-Osage Creek 345 kV line) corrected the identified issues, provided a new strong source of power to the Osage Creek area and also fit into the long-range plan proposed in the Ozark Transmission Study, SPP recommended constructing this Project as part of the 2007 STEP to the SPP Board of Directors. The SPP Board approved the 2007 STEP on January 29, 2008 and SPP issued a Notice to Construct (NTC) to SWEPCO on February 13, 2008 with an expected in service date of June 1, 2016."

SPP said need for the project was not predicated on only one contingency. The NTC reflected the single worst contingency identified in the 2007 STEP that demonstrated the Project's need. The 2007 STEP and Ozark Transmission Study evaluated potential unavailability of hydro generation and transmission maintenance.

"The 2007 STEP identified reliability problems in Northwest Arkansas that required a transmission solution in 2016," the filing states. "SPP staff and stakeholders considered other options, including lower voltage solutions to address these reliability problems, but, knowing the long term needs identified by the Ozark Transmission Study, ruled out those alternatives in favor of more robust 345 kV solutions that include the facilities proposed in this proceeding."

SPP said it also performed a re-evaluation of the project using a model containing a more up-to-date representation of the future transmission system in June 2013. SPP said its re-evaluation confirms the need to construct the project.

"The issues identified in the NTC exist and the facilities to be constructed in this proceeding are still needed in 2016," SPP said.

Save The Ozarks (STO) expert witness Dr. Hyde Merrill has maintained that the need originally identified for SWEPCO's project no longer exists and even if it did, there are other solutions that would cost far less and be much less disruptive to the environment.

SPP said Merrill's alternatives are shortsighted and would not address long-term transmission reliability issues. "SPP's current planning process is designed such that the long-term vision for the region is determined and then utilized to inform SPP's shorter-term plans," SPP said. "SPP's planning process ensures that the transmission grid is developed not only to ensure reliability but also to ensure development in a way that yields greater levels of economic, environmental, and public policy benefits. If SPP does not do this, it would be more likely to develop solutions such as those proposed by Dr. Merrill that work for a short period of time but then soon thereafter have to be modified or replaced."

STO has maintained that SWEPCO wants this \$117-million project primarily for profit—the legally guaranteed 12 percent return on investment.



## Danos filing rips SWEPCO's methods

BECKY GILLETTE

In an Oct. 1 filing before the Arkansas Public Service Commission (APSC), intervenor Jeffrey Danos of Eureka Springs states that the American Electric Power (AEP)/Southwestern Electric Power Co. (SWEPCO) application to build the Shippe Road to Kings River high voltage power line would negatively impact Arkansas Ozark Highlands, an area unique to the state.

"It has triggered a deluge of global public opposition unlike any other case before the APSC," Danos said. He also said that SWEPCO has not included the entire cost of the project in their estimates as required by law.

"The affects of karst features have not been factored into the cost estimates. SWEPCO cannot provide an accurate estimate without on-the-ground surveys, as admitted by SWEPCO witness Coffman during the hearing," he said. "Cost effects of rugged terrain and steep slopes were not considered. Constructability was removed entirely as a criteria during the route selection process of the environmental impact statement (EIS). The APSC has not been presented with a comprehensive cost analysis of the project and the comparative economic merits of the various proposed routes, and therefore cannot effectively evaluate the cost of the facilities and their future impact on ratepayers."

If the "cost of the facilities" is truly a consideration, the comprehensive construction costs of the project need to be provided and assessed, and the less expensive technological alternatives presented by Dr. Hyde Merrill, an expert

witness for Save The Ozarks, should not be dismissed by APSC staff and SWEPCO, Danos said.

He also concludes SWEPCO's EIS is inadequate, and not compliant with National Environment Policy Act (NEPA) standards as required by the Corps of Engineers for areas where the power line would cross Corps property.

"The Kings River is crossed by all of SWEPCO's proposed routes," Danos said. "As noted by the U.S. Department of the Army, all of SWEPCO's proposed routes also cross Corps of Engineers property. Routes 33 and 109 cross the White River at the headwaters of Table Rock Lake. Proposed Route 108 crosses a portion of Beaver Lake, parallel to Highway 412. The Corps also notes, 'Any impacts to Corps of Engineers property associated with crossing Beaver Lake, Table Rock Lake or the White River will require NEPA compliance, a real estate instrument, a Regulatory Section 10 Permit, and non-statutory mitigation.' The SWEPCO EIS dated March 2013 associated with this project does not fully address all potential impacts to Corps of Engineers property."

Another point Danos makes is that the Kings River, White River, Table Rock Lake and Beaver Lake are popular destinations for recreational watercraft, and are historical sources of waterway commerce as defined by federal law. They qualify as "navigable waterways," and thus the APSC must not allow SWEPCO to cause "unlawful interference" by constructing transmission lines that interfere with areas of the Kings River, Table Rock Lake, White River and Beaver

Lake used by recreational watercraft and other forms of water-based commerce related to tourism.

Another point is regarding citizen concerns for health and safety regarding exposure to electric and magnetic fields (EMF).

"SWEPCO has failed to address the concerns of citizens with regards to the health and safety of these lines," Danos said. "Regarding EMF concerns, SWEPCO's expert witness, Mr. Hosek, stated that the scientific studies presented by intervenors, including an actual case-only study of interactions between DNA repair genes, had 'no value' because they were all epidemiological studies. However, as he admitted during the hearing, he made this conclusion without even reading them."

"The EIS presented by SWEPCO also failed to address health and safety concerns with regards to the application of herbicides, and the potential adverse effects of these lines on household pets and livestock."

Danos concludes that because SWEPCO has failed to conduct on-the-ground surveys along each route, comparative merits of their ecological and environmental disruptions to endangered species, karst features, local wildlife and habitats has not been presented.

He said other flaws in the applications include SWEPCO's failure to follow state law in notifying landowners potentially traversed by a proposed 345-kiloVolt transmission line from Shippe Road in Benton County to the Kings River north

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## Rootin' around with armadillos

NICKY BOYETTE

One of the Aztec names for armadillos supposedly translates as “turtle-rabbit.” Lawnowners think of other names when they walk outside to find their yards and flowerbeds torn to pieces just because there are grubs below ground somewhere, and turtle-rabbits are not giving up until they find them all.

Armadillos look like big-eared opossums wearing armor. They originated in South and Central America, and are the only mammal with a bony scaly exterior. There is a zoo in Colombia dedicated to armadillos. Traditionally, the body of the charango, an Andean 10-stringed instrument, was made from a dried armadillo shell.

The nine-banded armadillo left its cousins behind and moved north through Mexico. It arrived in Texas by 1850 and into Arkansas by at least 1921. Locals say it arrived in the Eureka Springs area in the early 1980s. Because of changes in climate, they have continued migrating as far north as southern Nebraska.

A typical Eureka Springs adult armadillo might weigh 15 pounds or more. There is one species in the northern half of South America which grows to 130 pounds. Another in Argentina is tiny and looks like a mouse hiding under a pink napkin. Argentina boasts an armadillo that screams. The ones around here burrow through the rocky topsoil like choo-choos through Disneyland leaving behind a trail of rocks and debris which must be removed before a person can mow the lawn, and cleaning up the rocks might take longer than mowing the lawn.



An armadillo will wander a scribbled pattern through a yard in part because the poor little stinkers have poor vision. They do hear and smell well, but evidence suggests they have trouble crossing highways.

### Lifestyle

Burrowing is what they are born to do. Their claws are elongated for digging up food and digging for safety. Armadillos can quickly dig a hole just deep enough to escape a predator such as cougars and other big cats, wolves, black bears, alligators, large raptors and lawn owners.

They like burrowing so much they often have several burrows. The holes they leave vacant make nifty squatters' nests for skunks, burrowing owls, rats, mice and rattlesnakes.

When it is warm they are nocturnal. In the winter, they warm themselves in the sun during the day. They do not handle cold well.

They usually live alone in the burrow.

Around here, they mate in July and August. In South America, it is November through January. Babies are born after winter, and identical quadruplets is the norm. The young suckle for the first three months, and at six months they are out the door and on their own.

The bad news is they might have a hankering for poultry eggs. The good news is they also eat lots of larvae, beetles, caterpillars, spiders, worms, small reptiles and reptile eggs. Fan-tailed warblers of Mexico and Central America follow them around to pick at the leftovers in the aftermath of their excavating.

### Symbolism

Some spiritual disciplines assign strong meaning to the appearance of armadillos. One belief is armadillos represent boundaries and how we protect ourselves, and a sudden incursion of armadillos into your space means a person should redefine boundaries with others or with a situation. Make sure you are being

respected and are respecting others.

Also armadillos are a role model for getting to the root of the matter, so the spiritual message would be “dig deeper” into whatever needs your shoveling.

Obviously they are the metaphor for hard on the outside but soft underneath.

### Yum?

Yes, they are edible but maybe not safe? During the 1930s, folks in east Texas called them “Hoover hogs” because poor families devastated by the Depression had to hunt armadillos for sustenance. Report is a good cook can conjure a taste similar to pork, but make sure it is not undercooked! There is concern whether a person can contract leprosy from eating armadillo meat, and thorough cooking removes the risk.

Nevertheless, they are part of the traditional diets in areas of Central and South America. They are even kept as barnyard animals in some localities.

### Leprosy?!

Armadillos can contract leprosy because of their lower body temperature, and some researchers contend there have been armadillo-to-human transfers of leprosy. Not everyone is convinced. There are probably 30-50 cases of leprosy contracted in the United States each year, and there are cases of persons coming into contact with an armadillo first and then developing leprosy. It would be wise to use caution handling them. Also avoid handling soil contaminated by armadillo excrement. If you run one over, wash your vehicle.

Others contend there are only few

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## WCCAD to expand commission

NICKY BOYETTE

Joe McClung, Chair of the Western Carroll County Ambulance District, announced at Tuesday afternoon's meeting that Justice of the Peace Lamont Richie of Eureka Springs will sponsor an ordinance at the October quorum court meeting changing the number of WCCAD commissioners from three to five. This ordinance is in response to a new Arkansas law.

Commissioners agreed implementing this new law is an opportunity to make sure all parts of the district are represented. Jack Deaton, Holiday Island fire chief, informed commissioners there is a rural Holiday Island fire district which includes Beaver, Oak Hill, several rural county roads and extends all the way to the Missouri line. There is one location on the north side of the lake, Deaton said, approachable only by boat because responders cannot cross the state line into Missouri.

Commissioner Ken Mills said all sections of the district should be represented fairly, and since it is their internal decision how to configure the commission, he suggested the board should have one representative each from Eureka Springs, Grassy Knob, Inspiration Point, Holiday Island and rural Holiday Island fire departments. That would mean the two new commissioners would need to come from Grassy Knob and Holiday Island-Rural. The commission voted to approve his suggestion.

The sequence of events would be

for Richie to present the ordinance to the quorum court and hopefully get it approved Oct. 17. At the Nov. 21 quorum court, he will try to get approval for the second two readings. If approved, the ordinance would take effect 30 days later, so WCCAD has until the Dec. 10 meeting to identify nominees for two new positions. The new members could be seated by the January meeting.

### EMR reports

Ed Thompson of the Inspiration Point Fire Department noted they responded to 10 calls, and "It should be no surprise six of them were motorcycles here for Bikes, Blues and Barbeque."

Deaton said Holiday Island had their calls come in bunches. They had nine calls in a three-day stretch. In the middle of the month, they responded to three heart attacks. "We saved one, and the others almost. It wasn't meant to be."

Deaton acknowledged his responders for putting in the hours they do. "It gets pretty busy now and then," he said. "It stretches us pretty thin, but it's a good bunch doing a good job."

Mike Fitzpatrick spoke for Rural Eureka Springs responders, and said they also responded to their share of motorcyclists in the southern part of the county along Hwy. 23. A serious problem they have is that there are no first responders near the Hogscald area south of Eureka Springs. There were four calls from that area but no

one was available to respond. He said they hope to recruit an EMR from the southern part of the county.

### Alliance report

Chair Lynn Palmer gave the Alliance report. She said EMR classes in Holiday Island would begin Oct. 21. Also, WCCAD members will participate in the Carroll County Flu Clinic Oct. 30 at the Carroll County Fairgrounds in Berryville. The event will be 8 a.m. – 6 p.m. Holiday Island FD will cover the morning shift with Inspiration Point and Rural Eureka Springs on duty after noon.

ESFD will host the 2014 Midwest First Responder conference Feb. 7–9 at the Inn of the Ozarks convention center. Palmer said this event has been receiving very favorable reviews.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, Dec. 10, at 4 p.m., at the Grassy Knob Fire Department.

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## 345 kiloVolts v. the Ozark Hellbender

DAVID FRANK DEMPSEY

Few people today have seen one and most of us never will, but the Ozark Hellbender belongs here and nowhere else on Earth. The range of this subspecies of the eastern Hellbender is the White River and Spring River areas of northwest Arkansas and southwestern Missouri. The largest salamander in North America (*cryptobranchus alleganiensis bishop*) was listed as an endangered species by the US Fish and Wildlife Service in late 2011.

Although its range is small and population declining rapidly, the endangered species listing came without provision for establishing critical habitat for the Ozark Hellbender. These creatures, growing up to two feet long, are known to live in waters that will be traversed by SWEPCO's proposed 345 kiloVolt transmission line, routes 33 and 109, about a mile upstream of Beaver, Ark.

Hellbender decline is associated with degraded water quality, increased sedimentation, collection for the pet trade, habitat loss and pollution. The building of SWEPCO's giant transmission line across the White River/Table Rock Lake with its associated land clearing, boring and herbicide spraying will add yet more stress to a species that is fighting extinction.

Roger Shoffit has fished this stretch of water for 34 years and has accidentally caught three of these giant amphibians while trot lining for catfish. He released them immediately. After catching the first one he did research to identify the animal he had never seen before. He can readily name the wildlife and most of the plants in the Ozarks, but after identifying the strange-looking beast he thought little else about them until the endangered species listing and, later, the news of SWEPCO's transmission line plans.



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Two weeks ago Shoffit traveled by boat to see the areas where he had caught the hellbenders. He found the sites from memory and marked them with latitude and longitude from a GPS. The sites were all directly downstream of the planned transmission line crossing: one was about a mile-and-a-half downstream, near the park at Beaver; the most distant site was in the mouth of Leatherwood Creek in Holiday Island.

During the boat trip, Shoffit watched ospreys that are seen year-round in the area. The first was seen was leaving its perch from a tree above plastic tape marking the transmission line crossing route over the river. Shoffit saw two and possibly three more of the birds within two miles of the planned crossing point.

Ospreys are not the only great birds that will be affected by the power line if it crosses the water near Beaver. Less than a mile downstream from

the crossing, in White River tributary Butler Creek, Great Blue herons raise their chicks each year in huge nests in a stand of tall sycamore trees. In the spring the hoarse cries of adults and their chicks begging to be fed can be heard for hundreds of yards from the well-established rookery.

Bald eagles winter in the area and can sometimes be seen perched in trees along the water. Fishermen, kayakers and other boaters who spend a lot of time on the water near Beaver eventually catch sight of an eagle or osprey circling above the river diving to snatch a shallow-swimming fish.

All of these things happen within sight of where SWEPCO wants to cross the White River/Table Rock Lake body of water. Ospreys, bald eagles and great blue herons, unlike the Ozark hellbender, are not on the endangered species list, but their habitats are here.



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## Engineer visits QC water committee

NICKY BOYETTE

Wednesday afternoon's meeting of the Public Water Committee of the Quorum Court followed a more formal format than previous meetings. The September meeting had been a free-flowing exchange for more than an hour between committee members and interested citizens about developing a rural water system in Carroll County, but Wednesday's meeting was primarily a chance for the committee to meet Stan Schultz, president of Schultz Surveying and Engineering, an engineer with experience in developing rural water systems. Schultz had contacted Justice of the Peace Ron Flake about the project.

Flake, who moderated the meeting, said Schultz had read about the project in a local paper and wanted to know more about it. Flake invited him to the meeting because the committee needed someone with experience to guide them, and the process in play is working through the quorum court to get a ordinance on the November 2014 ballot giving the citizens an opportunity to vote for or against starting the process of installing a water delivery system to all parts of the county.

Schultz pointed out it is going to be give and take at every level. There will be bureaucracy and multi-colored tape along the way, but the committee must keep its eye on the goal, to provide good drinking water to rural areas.

The committee asked various technical and logistical questions of Schultz, such as how to get potential rural customers to commit before the line is built. Schultz said rural systems depend on customer commitments, so there must be a need in an area or there will be no commitments.

Flake pointed out more than half the residents of the county have water, but he is concerned about the others. His idea is for the installation of the project to be paid for by grants and the operation to paid for by users. It will be done in phases, and the county is not out a dime.

JP Lamont Richie said a primary goal is to clarify that there is a need in the county and to keep the process transparent and open. Because of the SWEPCO situation, people are especially on alert to every incursion into their spaces.

Schultz reassured the committee his company could work with Carroll County to get through all phases.

*There will be bureaucracy and multi-colored tape along the way, but the committee must keep its eye on the goal, to provide good drinking water to rural areas.*

Flake told Schultz the committee has no standing to contract with him or anyone else. In fact, whoever guides the committee would not be reimbursed until grant funding for the project has been received. Schultz assured them he understood, and knew his pay might be three years down the road.

As the JPs were working out how to move forward with Schultz, Merlin Leach from the audience pointed out the quorum court might want an attorney's opinion on whether the committee was asking Schultz to volunteer some time now in return for a compensated situation later. No other engineer was present and no word had been spoken about another engineer. Leach said it was a sticky situation, it was as though Flake had brought an engineer to the table, and without due process the committee was *de facto* working with Schultz.

Flake understood Leach's point and suggested Schultz bring the committee a timeline for the project while the committee checks on other engineers.

### Where's the water?

JP John Reeve told the group he had spoken with John Summers, plant manager of the Carroll-Boone Water District facility on Beaver Lake, and Summers told him CBWD is a water wholesaler, so the cities they sell to are the retailers and the rural water system would be the retail customer. A plethora of challenges bounced around the room, such as who reads the water meters, what are the contract considerations, and what do the cities think about this plan?

Next meeting will be Thursday, Nov. 7, at 2 p.m., at the Agricultural Extension Office in Berryville.

## HI Hikers and Ramblers set hike/walk season

Put on a natural glow for the holiday season with some healthy exercise. Holiday Island Hikers and Ramblers meet at the Holiday Island Rec Center (nine-hole golf course parking lot), 13 Buckskin Lane, or at Hart's Parking Lot on US 62 in Eureka Springs every Monday morning rain or shine. Everyone is welcome.

Plans are to hike/walk as two separate groups for some trails, with Rambler walkers going slower, resting

on hills, and taking shorter or slightly different routes. Hike/walk ratings are from easy to difficult and will take place in rain, but not in thunderstorms, ice or snow. In questionable weather a cancellation notice will be sent to everyone one hour prior to meeting time.

Next hike is an Art Connoisseur Hike at Crystal Bridges, Monday, Oct. 14. This one is a three-mile easy walk. Meet at 10 a.m. at the HI Rec Center

for rides. Lunch will be at the Flying Fish.

Hikes coming up include Blowing Spring Trail, "Let's Haunt the Hills" at Mount Kessler, Buffalo River and much more, including local hikes. For complete season schedule and meeting spots through January, email Connie (hikikers@yahoo.com) or phone (479) 981-2686. Lunch optional. Carpooling to distant hike locations is \$6 per trip.

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## Human beings – get rid of them?

Editor,

I recently read with great interest a letter from a local “group” called Citizens Organized for a Peaceful Eureka, whose intent seems to be to drive away the influx of bikers we have seen increasing over the last few years. And while I agree wholeheartedly with their goals, I find their focus narrow.

Why just bikers? The vast majority are just a bunch of old people who don't have the sense to stay home in their rocking chairs and spend their money at local Wal Marts like they're supposed to.

In the interest of protecting our quiet little town, I've prepared a list of all the people we need to get rid of and why. **Wedding parties:** Huge problem, they come with large groups, waste their money shopping, go to the bars and get drunk, then go to their lodging and someone has to clean up after them. Get rid of them. **Gays:** No one else wants them, why should we?

They like to gather in large groups and go party and be all political and in-your-face about their sex lives which no one cares about. Get rid of them.

**Christians:** They go to the Passion Play, patronize a few businesses and are pretty quiet on the surface, but they're intolerant of everyone who doesn't follow their narrow credo. Get rid of them.

**Music enthusiasts:** They come to listen to loud music, dance, sing, party and generally make a lot of noise and cause trouble. Who needs them? **UFO people and Ghost hunters:** Obviously fringers, get rid of them.

**Car show people:** Obsessive. Spend all their money on cars and don't have any left to spread around. Get rid of them.

**Hippies:** Barefoot, tie-dyed, pot smoking leftists determined to stand in the way of progress. Get rid of them. **Artists:** They're all just weird. Get rid of them. **Antique enthusiasts:** Stuck in the past. Tear down all these old, rotting, expensive-to-maintain buildings and they'll go away.

**Retirees:** They have some money to spend, but it has to last so they tend to

hang onto it. And quite a few of them have motorcycles, so we've come full circle.

*Gloria Churchill, Eureka resident, organizer and sole member of Citizens Organized for a Truly Peaceful Eureka, but not for long since I belong to about 80% of the groups listed.*

## Presence missed, spirit felt

Editor,

Thanks to everyone for the love, understanding, support and prayers given and felt by all who touched or were touched by John “J.R.” Robie.

We are graciously thankful for sweet Mary Banks, a long-time family friend who took care of him and was there for him and with him until the end. We love you, Mary. We are greatly thankful to Simon for being in his life as a friend and who made sure he never went without. And thank you, Kim, for taking him on those last adventure rides to the river or wherever else you

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## WEEK'S Top Tweets

**@English\_Muffin** --- In my defense, it was a good idea at 3 a.m...

**@EvanJKessler** --- Did you know you have the right to remain silent even when you're not being arrested?

**@leechee420** --- Wow bro, that pot leaf tattoo on your neck really make the colors of your Burger King uniform pop.

**@MMFlint** --- Conan: The US is on pace 2 b the world's largest producer of oil. So if history has taught us anything, the US will soon be invading the US.

**@Matt\_the\_1st** --- It just occurred to me that you could substitute Miranda rights for wedding vows. Verbatim.

**@barecraze** --- Making fun of someone's age is like mocking them for getting hit by a train because you're standing a little further down the tracks.

**@HollyHeals** --- Dressing up as the grim reaper while at work in the ER is not amusing says HR. So uptight.



**@AmberTozer** --- The government is dysfunctional and needs to be fixed I'll probably fall in love with it any minute.

**@Zen\_Moments** --- Accept life as it comes and you will find a blessing. ~ Nisargadatta Maharaj

**@ OccupyWallStNYC** --- NSA Surveillance will all continue regardless of what medical or food programs are cut.



## All righty, then

When the government shuts down, workers lose incomes, stores lose customers, lakes lose sportsmen and hungry people lose access to affordable food. Public schools can close – well, they already told us yesterday that American adults were dumber than the average human, so closing schools would confirm that. The Program for the International Assessment of Adult Competence did all sorts of tests on adults, primarily reading, math and problem-solving, using technology.

Problem-solving using technology? Is that the one where when you lose your job you figure out A) how to use your phone to apply for unemployment; B) how to text someone to tell them you're unemployed; or C) take your own smiling picture while you're drowning in the same debt that was your best friend before Republican Tea Party conservatives, who are neither real Republicans, conservatives, nor partiers, decided they were going to send this country a message?

The message from Congress is this: Do not mess with us because we can embarrass, destroy and make mulch of everything this country stands for. We will continue to get our paychecks and benefits, which you will pay for, and we will continue to talk about getting along one of these days, privileges you dumb American adults cannot seem to wrangle away from us. Amen.

Some time ago the Supreme Court decided that corporations are people and people have the right to contribute oodles of money to political candidates of their choice. These “elected” crooks of little humor are the ones threatening the rest of us. Their arsenal includes more and more money and more and more insignificant yammering by a few hundred adults in Congress who protect themselves but have no consideration for workers, families, students, soldiers, the elderly or babies.

In the meantime, millions are affected. Heating oil, propane, wood, gas, and electricity will go up just in time for winter, and there won't be any energy assistance until this deadlock is resolved.

Energy assistance is not for Congress. Energy assistance is not for the one percent. Energy assistance is not for the wealthy. It is for those who have lived, worked, paid taxes, and for one reason or another, grown old and broke, frail and forgetful. Does the Tea Party want to see if they really can crush the elderly with increased utility bills and threats of shutoffs? Or simply isolate them in cold houses? Should it truly be scary to grow old in a country we thought was a lighthouse of vitality and honesty?

The Tea Party faction of the United States Congress has violated the vulnerable corners of our souls. For the most part, we trust those we elect. But even the diplomats in Congress have neglected to take a staunch stand to stop egotesticle representatives who want us to be poor, obedient and thankful.

We are blindsided by this diversion. We think it's deserving of our personal energy, that we should read and understand the complexities of economics and politics. All we really need to know is that we are a whirlpool of genes and cells that sometimes attract others who wants to explore us, get to know us, be with us. We know we can ace the tests that declared us dumber than the rest of the world. Come on, we knew the government was spying on us long before Orwell ever wrote that book.

Instead, we turn our attention to those who take money from the one percent and do whatever they say, no matter how unseemly or hurtful to our country it is. We listen to these men (including Michele Bachmann) on the public dole who talk in gigabytes but make no sense.

We really do know how to start a revolution. And we can't help but think soldiers would be on the side of the people.

On the other hand, maybe they only tested adult members of Congress when they said we were dumber than the rest of the world.

– MPB



## The Pursuit Of HAPPINESS

by Dan Krotz

Three friends and I were having coffee up at Oscar's on White Street last week. We have much in common: none of us has been to Lithuania, and for some reason Lucy Lu has ignored each of our many phone calls. We are all elderly DYs (Displaced Yankees), range in weight from Too Much to Moby Dick, and are entirely insensitive to one another's feelings.

"That deal you wrote about Hobbits last week was real snotty," Nameless said. "It's one thing to call politicians obsequious tubs of PAC money and quite another to diss Tolkien. He was, in actual fact, a genuine high faluting Cambridge guy. And a decent Catholic to boot."

"Yeah," Who's on First agreed. "You need to cheer up. Pursue some happiness, for crying out loud. Try and remember why we all came to Arkansas."

"Exactly," Naturally chimed in. "We all left normal places with responsible state governments and very few praise bands in our churches. There was coordinated county planning and an IKEA store nearby. But don't forget," he continued. "They were cold places that we'd gotten a little too familiar with. The excitement was gone. Kinda like first wives..."

"I can overlook your preposition error in the preceding paragraph," I said. "But I don't understand your first wives metaphor. Explain, please."

"He's saying we divorced perfectly decent states and hooked up with Arkansas," Nameless impatiently rasped. "Arkansas is our Trophy Wife."

Who and Naturally nodded. "We all dumped frigid old gals and found ourselves a Gorgeous Airhead who takes all our money," said Naturally.

"And this is a good thing?"

"It's a matter of emphasis," Nameless explained. "You're always writing about the Airhead who takes our money. Ignore that stuff, and focus on how gorgeous she is. Think of Beaver... and that great old bridge. Think of the mist rising off the White River... don't think about wing nut Teabaggers so much. Time and Darwin will take care of them."

"How about noisy motorcycles?"

Nameless, Naturally, and Who's on First smiled. "Time and Darwin, dear boy," they said, sipping Oscar's fine coffee. "Go look at the leaves."



# INDEPENDENT Constables On Patrol

## SEPTEMBER 30

12:52 p.m. – Central dispatch warned ESPD of a speeding vehicle passing on double yellow lines headed toward Eureka Springs from the east. Constables watched for but did not encounter it.

11:26 p.m. – Constables watched for a pickup truck stolen near Green Forest.

## OCTOBER 1

10:14 a.m. – Concerned driver reported an elderly gentleman driving very slowly and crossing the centerline. Constable on patrol never saw him.

2:09 p.m. – ESH reported an intoxicated male had walked off the premises and headed down the road instead of waiting for his father to pick him up. Constable picked him up and escorted him back to ESH with a warning about the consequences of being intoxicated in public.

4:58 p.m. – A belligerent individual reported a possible overdose. Constable went to the scene and deemed everything okay.

5:11 p.m. – Someone reportedly stole clothes out of a machine at a laundromat.

5:32 p.m. – Another pickup kept crossing the centerline on its way toward town. Constable watched for but did not see it.

8:00 p.m. – While cleaning shelves, employee accidentally set off burglar alarm at a business.

## OCTOBER 2

12:47 a.m. – A couple walking along a city street had a verbal altercation loud enough to wake up the neighbors.

8:15 a.m. – Guest at a hotel left behind his handgun and other equipment. Constable collected the items and made arrangements for the owner to retrieve them.

3:13 p.m. – Individual came to the station to see if he had a court date and was arrested for failure to appear.

7:03 p.m. – While assisting a probation and parole officer, constable arrested an individual for possession of a Schedule 2 controlled substance.

8:57 p.m. – Constable arrested another person for possession of Schedule 4 and 6 controlled substances and possession of drug paraphernalia.

## OCTOBER 3

2:07 a.m. – Alarm sounded at a business on US 62 toward the eastern

edge of town, but the constable found everything secure.

7:01 a.m. – Someone took pumpkins on display at one of the springs and smashed them in Basin Park and on N. Main St.

11:05 a.m. – Three vehicles in a large parking lot managed to come together in an unhappy union. No injuries.

4:25 p.m. – Constable responded to report of an individual acting strange on Main St. and arrested him on a warrant out of Berryville.

4:27 p.m. – A man was wandering around a parking lot yelling at people, but left the scene before a constable could get there.

5:55 p.m. – Some young persons managed to kick in the door of the old high school gym. Constable responded.

## OCTOBER 4

12:09 a.m. – Resident told ESPD the same stray dog once again showed up at his house. Constable took the animal to the kennel.

7:22 a.m. – There was a domestic disturbance involving a mother and her son. Constables arrested the son for third degree domestic battery, and a deputy transported him to a juvenile facility.

7:43 a.m. – There was another domestic disturbance with things being thrown and children present.

1:08 p.m. – Two mud-covered dogs ran loose and unfettered in and out of traffic on a street above downtown. Animal control and owners of the dogs arrived at the same time. Owners learned the ABC's of local leash laws.

1:44 p.m. – Resident reported a speeding vehicle on her street.

1:47 p.m. – Constable called a tow truck for a vehicle parked in a reserved spot near the courthouse.

5:02 p.m. – Corvettes burned rubber leaving a parking lot and then raced eastward on US 62. Constables did not encounter them in the city limits.

5:13 p.m. – One driver reported the driver of the pickup behind him had two infants in the cab but had turned left in front of oncoming traffic near downtown. Constable did not cross paths with the vehicle.

## OCTOBER 5

2:11 a.m. – Constable on patrol responded to report of an alarm going

off, but the alarm company canceled the call.

3:08 a.m. – Gas station employee reported a possibly intoxicated driver just left and was driving toward town. Constables never saw the vehicle.

3:18 a.m. – Constables arrested one person for disorderly conduct and public intoxication and another person for disorderly conduct, public intoxication, carrying a weapon, refusal to submit and possession of a controlled substance.

10:20 a.m. – There was a two-vehicle accident on US 62.

11:40 a.m. – Observer noticed a vehicle had run off the road, the passenger and driver switched places, and the new driver drove off again. Constables checked the area and found no damage and also did not locate the vehicle.

1:48 p.m. – Another parking lot traffic accident.

9:47 p.m. – Complainant reported a large truck with a very loud horn on Spring Street. It was gone by the time a constable could get there.

10:54 p.m. – Two individuals in a restaurant were arrested for public intoxication.

11:32 p.m. – Resident near downtown asked if a business would just close the front door to keep the noise down. The doorman complied.

## OCTOBER 6

12:07 a.m. – Person told ESPD her wallet had been stolen out of her purse while she had been at a bar.

4:28 a.m. – Constable responded to a report of a possible domestic at a campground. Turns out the male was yelling because he had hurt his back.

4:06 p.m. – An older model van bumped into a fence and then left the scene. Constable responded to the location, but the resident decided not to file a report.

5:55 p.m. – Individual came in to report someone had stolen her credit card and had already used it. Report taken.

7 p.m. – Person was arrested on a Benton County warrant and transported to county jail.

9:19 p.m. – Passerby noticed a vehicle suspiciously parked in front of a business that was closed. Constable learned the driver had stopped there to use his cell phone.



## Thief apprehended in storage unit robberies

A Kansas City, Mo. area man, Jerry Ray Haushahn, 43, was arrested Oct. 3 by the Carroll County Sheriff's Office for theft of property from storage units located in Eureka Springs and Berryville. Haushahn gained entry to the storage units with the use of master keys, which he already had, and was identified from a security video.

Master keys can be procured for several types of normal locks, which is why the nationwide association of mini storage units recommends purchasing a round disc type lock to secure a unit. According to one storage facility manager, Haushahn simply drove around the area trying locks until one of his master keys worked.

Unfortunately for Haushahn, he was captured in several pictures and videos on surveillance cameras while committing the thefts. When a consent search was conducted of Haushahn's residence a wide variety of stolen items were recovered. He is currently being held in county jail on a \$10,000 bond.

If anyone feels they have been victimized by this criminal activity, please contact Investigator Mark Bailey (870) 423-2901.



## Birds and butterflies go to school ... and love it

C.D. WHITE

Thanks to the kids at Eureka Springs middle and high schools, wildlife can enjoy a happy and safe habitat while providing continuing learning experiences for students.

With funding from an Arkansas Game & Fish Commission Wildlife School Yard Habitat grant, and the help of Gordon Powell and his crew at Bear Creek Nursery, EAST members recently completed a butterfly garden and part of what they're calling the Dragon's Den Habitat.

Seventh and eighth graders teamed up with EAST high school members to put finishing touches on and a water feature was designed by middle school art students including a waterfall, stream and pond to provide drinking water for area wildlife.

Students designed, budgeted for and installed the landscaping with no cost to the school district. A wide range of garden tools included in the grant will help students maintain the area without an impact on the buildings and grounds crew.

The Dragon's Den Habitat is also designed to be an outdoor science lab for middle and high school students and provides a true hands-on education. For instance, EAST members ran percolation soil tests and found the soil was not absorbing water, so they dug out and installed their own drainage system, which now retains rainwater and filters the overflow entering the neighboring Kings River watershed.

The butterfly garden is important in reestablishing area wildlife displaced during the school's construction. Numerous bluebirds and other species make frequent visit each day to the garden bird feeder built by local Cub Scout pack 67. More birdhouses and feeders attract and provide food for area birds and, of course, squirrels.

Community members are encouraged to drop by and see the landscaping contributions EAST students are making to the school campus and area gardeners are invited to participate in the planning and development of EAST projects.

The Highlanders' EAST program has recently been honored as the nation's featured school by Green Schools Alliance, and EAST facilitator Warren Utsler was selected as the organization's state coordinator.

Meanwhile, big plans are in the making which include restoring the greenhouse from the old school as a hydroponic and aeroponic growing system to supplement Eureka Springs' school lunch program with fresh produce throughout the year. Members are also fundraising to install an initial modest solar system to save on electricity costs. A monitoring system to assess energy savings and use those savings to expand the array is also in the planning.

### Check out the amazing EAST on Oct. 15

Parents, friends and community are invited to EAST Night Out on Tuesday, Oct. 15 from 6 – 8:30 at Eureka Springs High School to see what EAST students are up to now. Enjoy some fun presentations and meet the kids and instructor Warren Utsler during this informative evening.

There are even opportunities to volunteer gardening and other skills throughout the year. Currently, the EAST lab is looking for an electrician who can help get electricity to the new water feature pump in the butterfly garden. Come lend a hand a support a program the community can be proud of!

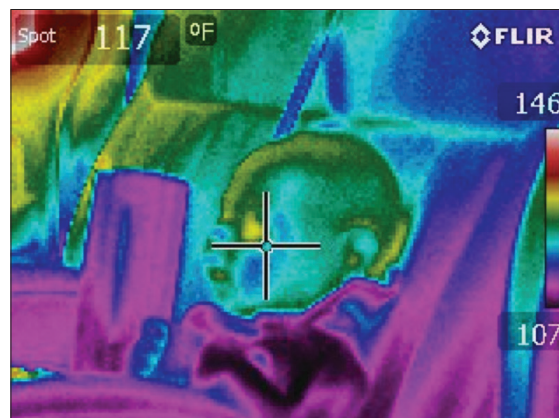
In January, EAST members started a cross-campus K-12 recycling program in cooperation with Carroll County Waste Authority, which provided roll-off bins. To date, the school has diverted three tons of paper and 500 pounds of plastic and metal from landfills.

Last year, EAST began the GreenWay of Eureka program, in which community members can donate trees, plants and park benches to enhance the campus and also memorialize a loved one or occasion. Each item has a QR code tag allowing visitors to scan it with their phone and be directed to a webpage dedication for that gift. For example, the tag on the tree dedicated to Elizabeth Parker, a student who passed away, takes you to her page with photos and info about a young girl who loved school and would be graduating this year. A park bench also dedicated to her will soon sit by her tree.

Learn more by visiting [www.greenschoolsalliance.org](http://www.greenschoolsalliance.org) and clicking on "featured schools."

### Baby, it's hot inside

– In the Eureka Springs school parking lot the ambient temperature was 89°. Inside a Ford pickup test vehicle the temperature rose from 92 to 147° in 20 minutes. This FLIR image shows the temperature in the car varied from 107 to 147° dependent on where it was reading. Using a lifelike doll as demonstration, EAST members Katie Peters, Justin Ermert, Kyle Rains, and Naomi Floyd created this research project and media campaign to stop children's deaths in unattended vehicles. The cross hair target on the doll's face shows the skin surface temperature registered 117°. Since 1998, 602 children, half of them under 2 years, have perished in heatstroke-related vehicle deaths. That quick dash into the store can be lengthened by several variables, meaning a child or pet left inside the car could be in trouble. Remember, it only takes 10 minutes to reach deadly temperature levels on an 80° day. If you see a child alone in a hot car call the police or 911.



### City Council agenda

Monday, October 14, 6 p.m.

#### Commission, committee, authority reports and expired terms:

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

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

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

**Parks**

**HDC**

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

#### Public comments

##### Unfinished business

1. Ordinance No. 2189 Increase parking rate for special events – 2<sup>nd</sup> reading
2. Ordinance No. 2190 Removing 80 Mountain from Religious Use list – 3<sup>rd</sup> reading
3. Richard Grinnell/Palo Pinto vacation request – McClung and Schneider
4. Ordinance removing portion of Nut St. from Parks – Schneider and Mitchell
5. Ordinance for Intimate Theater in C-3 as a permitted use – Mitchell and McClung
6. Workshop date for Council and Planning re: Master Plan – DeVito and Purkeypile
7. Ordinance for Land Bank – Mitchell and Schneider
8. Business licenses for multi-family housing – Mitchell and Schneider

##### New business

1. Ordinance rezoning 80 Mountain to C-3 – Mitchell and Schneider
2. Hours of operation and animals in C-3 – Mitchell and Purkeypile
3. Discussion of Tour Vehicle moratorium – DeVito and Purkeypile
4. Clean City Ordinance – Mitchell and Schneider
5. Commission and Department Head reports on priorities – Mitchell and Schneider
6. Discussion of fluoride – Schneider and Mitchell
7. Property tax resolution for the Quorum Court – Mayor Pate
8. Conditional Use Permit for farm animals – Mayor Pate
9. Group Tour Franchise ordinance changes – Mayor Pate
10. Noise ordinance committee – Mitchell and Purkeypile

#### Council comments

#### Mayor's comments



*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.*

## Car culture – is the love affair over?

Ever since Henry Ford, Americans have had a love affair with the car, but according to an Associated Press story released in August, researchers are wondering if the affair is over.

The story reported that collective miles driven in the U.S. peaked in August 2007, dropped sharply during the Great Recession, largely plateaued and even dropped during the first half of 2013, according to the Federal Highway Administration.

The story also said the share of people in their teens, 20s and 30s with a driver's license has been dropping significantly, suggesting getting a driver's license is no

longer a prized teenage rite of passage. But why?

Despite massive car company advertising, it seems "the car" has lost the aura of immortal legend it had in the days of songs like "Hot Rod Lincoln," "Little Deuce Coupe" and a host of others. Again, why?

The AP story posits two reasons – one camp links the changes to the economy, the other camp to psychology. For commuters stuck in traffic, getting into a car no longer correlates with fun. It's also becoming more of a headache to own a car in cities, and downright difficult to park.

But there seemed to be something

more deeply connected to our nature as human beings: "The idea that the car means freedom, I think, is over," said travel behavior analyst Nancy McGuckin. "The car as a fetish of masculinity is also probably over for certain age groups. I don't think young men care as much about the car they drive as they used to. That's partly because cars have morphed into computers on wheels that few people dare tinker with. You can't open the hood and get to know it the way you used to," she said.

Bingo. No connection, no involvement, no passion.

That might even explain the rise in

car clubs across the country. Arkansas has 17, but states with bigger populations may have upwards of 200 – from hot rods to antiques, certain makes and special clubs like the "Lady Luck Car Club, a national female car club that wants all cool chicks with hot pre-'69 cars in the family" – all comprised of guys and gals who are passionate about their rides and like to get under the hood and get to know the iconic car.

And we love it when they come to Eureka Springs.

To read more about car culture decline and possible causes Google "car culture wanes – Yahoo News."

## INDEPENDENTArt



### Viral video sensations in Basin Park Oct. 12

October's Second-Saturday Music in the Park features comedy bluegrass band, The Cleverlys. The group became a YouTube sensation when their videos performing bluegrass covers of favorite contemporary songs, including those by Beyoncé and The Black Eyed Peas, went viral.

The band consists of family members Digger, Miles, Vernon Dean ("VD"), Harvey D. and Otto Cleverly

and is a combination of musical talent, showmanship, traditional bluegrass, hip hop, blues and comedy – definitely something for every musical taste.

Be there when the boys take the stage in Basin Spring Park (or in the Aud if it rains) from 3 – 5 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 12. Best of all, the show is free! Visit [www.thecleverlys.com](http://www.thecleverlys.com) for some truly dry Ozark humor.

### Write on, read on!

Poetluck on Thursday, Oct. 17, will be dedicated to area writers. Because the colony's resident writers won't be reading at this Poetluck, local writers may read for longer than the standard four minutes, but no more than ten. Readings follow a potluck dinner at

6:30; so bring a dish and some writing to share with other bookworms and fans of the written word.

Poetluck takes place every third Thursday at The Writers' Colony at Dairy Hollow, 515 Spring Street. Everyone is welcome.

## Mindful Writing workshop Oct. 19

Tap your deep creative voice and learn how to unlock creativity, write without judgment, and explore the endless possibilities in your stories. Through guided instruction on the craft of writing as well as mindfulness practices, participants will learn how to avoid blocks that get in the way of writing.

Instructor Elizabeth Mack has a motivational approach and believes every person has a writer within who has a story to tell. Mack holds a BFA in Creative Writing and an MA in English with an

emphasis in Creative Nonfiction Writing – which she currently teaches at The University of Nebraska, Omaha. She has been published in a variety of regional, literary and academic publications and blogs at [WritingCenterUnderground.wordpress.com](http://WritingCenterUnderground.wordpress.com) and [AgingAppropriately.wordpress.com](http://AgingAppropriately.wordpress.com).

Workshop hours are 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. at the Village Writing School, 177 Huntsville Road. For costs and registration, see [villagewritingschool.com](http://villagewritingschool.com) online, email [alisontaylorbrown@me.com](mailto:alisontaylorbrown@me.com) or phone (479) 292-3665.

### Sign up (or donate) now for Vets' weekend music/art contests & auction

**Pick-Off in the Park:** But you don't really need a pick. This is for anyone who plays a stringed instrument – with a pick, bow, fingers or even your toes! All that matters is that your instrument has strings. Entry fee is \$10. First place winner gets \$50, plus a trophy. Second and third place winners get a trophy and restaurant coupons. Saturday, Nov. 9, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. in Basin Park. Arrangements will be made to have the competition indoors in case of bad weather. Phone (580) 399-5887 to enter.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Veterans' Art Show at Caribé:** All vets can enter any artwork they choose. Non-vets are encouraged

to enter work honoring vets, military, peace, patriotism, etc. Phone Lezlie Foley (405) 320-0011 to enter. Call soon, space is filling up! Sunday, Nov. 10, noon – 5 p.m.

As part of the VetArt show this year, there will also be a silent auction. Anyone who wishes to donate art, gift certificates or other items please call (479) 363-6029. All proceeds will support Vets' Post #9 in their community service work.

For more information/sign up on all Veteran's Weekend activities, see "Eureka Springs Veterans Day Parade" on Facebook ... and don't forget to sign up for the parade!



# NOTES from the HOLLOW

by Steve Weems

Today, after the rain had stopped and the sun had brightened the blue, clearing sky, a Barred Owl called out from the edge of the woods. After what seemed like too long a time, another owl answered and then far down the hollow a third responded. Isn't that an omen, an owl calling during the day?

In the third grade, I played the male lead opposite Wendy the Witch in the Halloween play. What was odd about the whole deal was that I was even cast as Mr. Owl. I was new to the school and was so quiet that I was known as a barely functional mute. But I still remember my grand entrance with the construction

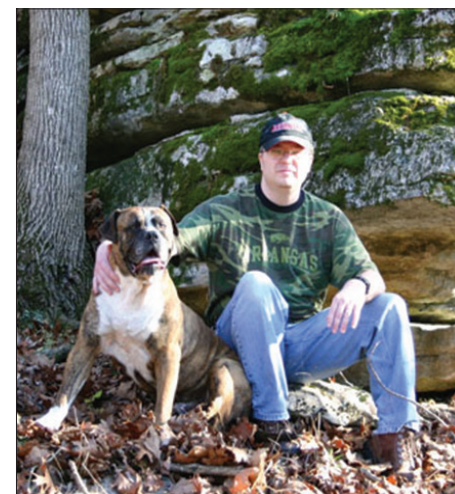
paper feathers taped to my brown long-sleeved shirt, trying to project "T'wit, t'woo, I'm here to help you!" to the back row of the little auditorium. I've identified with owls ever since.

I was pleased when we moved into the hollow and would hear the eerie call of the little Screech Owl or the occasional deep hoot of a Great Horned Owl. Once I saw a white-faced Barn Owl in the barn, of all places.

But it is all Barred Owls these days. Barred Owls are pretty big, their wingspans nearly as wide as the windshield on the vehicle I drive. I know this because they sometimes swoop down

toward the road as I drive through the woods into the hollow, and then pull up just before they hit the windshield. In the moment that we are face to face with only safety glass between us, the owl looks huge.

A year or two ago, owlets were raised and they sure could kick up a cacophony trying to learn how to do the "hoohoo-hoohoo, hoohoo-hoohooaw!" of their parents. They did this every night in the tall trees behind the chicken house, making the hens and Mr. Crowe very nervous. A group of owls is called a parliament, so we have a parliament of Barred Owls in the hollow.



Some say an owl hooting during the day is a portent of death and doom. I don't mind.

## INDEPENDENTArt

### CulinArts Center Harvest Festival classes

Oct. 25, 26

Wine and Cheese Pairings, Fermenting Fall Vegetables and the Fresh Flavors of Fall will be three classes offered by Margie Raimondo at the CulinArts Center's Harvest Festival at the Writers' Colony at Dairy Hollow Oct. 25 and 26.

A Wine and Cheese Pairing class at 6 p.m. Friday explains how to bring good wine and a good cheese together enhancing the flavors and complexities of both. Join winemaker Margie Raimondo and sip wine perfectly paired with locally produced artisan cheeses from Kent Walker Artisan Cheeses in Little Rock and White River Creamery in Elkins. Participants will also nibble on appetizers while chatting about the fine art of pairing food and wine.

On Saturday morning learn about Fermenting Fall Vegetables from 8 – 11 a.m. Fermented foods have nutrients, fiber and enzymes that aid digestion, and eating fermented vegetables can be one of the best things for overall health. It's also an excellent way to preserve fall vegetables, ensuring fresh vitamin-rich food all winter while removing toxins from food.

Saturday afternoon, from 2 – 6 p.m., explore the Fresh Flavors of Fall with Margie, then eat your creations and enjoy a glass of wine after the class. Learn the finer points of braising and slow-cooking techniques that fill your home with the scents and flavors of autumn. Add something new to your holiday celebrations with a variety of flavorful dishes including: Ribollita (bean and vegetable soup), Citrus Beet with Feta Salad, Wine-Braised Beef Ribs, Roasted Root Vegetables and La Rocciata (rustic apple roll with pine nuts).

Raimondo sources much of her produce from Sycamore Bend Farm in Eureka Springs and beef from RP Beef in Eureka Springs, so participants will be eating locally while they learn.

The package price for Friday night and all day Saturday includes an apron and a small bottle of Margie's flavored olive oil or balsamic vinegar. Tickets to Friday night's Wine and Cheese Pairing class are also available separately.

For costs, and to reserve your spot, call the Writers Colony (479) 253-7444 or email [director@writerscolony.org](mailto:director@writerscolony.org). Don't wait too long, seats are limited!

For more information on the CulinArts Center and upcoming courses, keep an eye on [www.writerscolony.org](http://www.writerscolony.org), or on Facebook page "Writers' Colony at Dairy Hollow." For information on the Writers' Colony, see the page "Writers Colony" on Facebook.

### Fall Art Show accepting applications

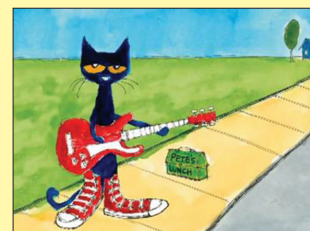
Don't miss this chance to show and sell art for the upcoming holidays. Eureka Springs School of the Arts is currently accepting applications for the Fall Art Show to be held Nov. 30, 31 and Dec. 1 at the Inn of the Ozarks Convention Center. ESSA hosts the show each year over Thanksgiving weekend as hundreds of artists take over the Convention Center to

present and sell their work – offering great holiday gifts for locals and tourists.

The event runs Friday/Saturday from 10 a.m. – 7 p.m. and from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. on Sunday. Good spaces are still available. For more information about ESSA workshops or to register or inquire about the show see [www.essa-art.org](http://www.essa-art.org) online or call (479)-253-5384.

### "Pete the Cat" has a new tale

Iris at the Basin Park once again hosts nationally acclaimed artist and children's book author, James Dean, on Oct. 19 and 20. James and his creation, Pete the Cat, have delighted Eureka Springs' art patrons for years. This year his visit marks the publication of Dean's newest book, *Pete the Cat and His Magic Sunglasses*. The author will be in the



gallery signing books and prints and painting Pete into some new Eureka Springs haunts. Stop in and enjoy a little Pete and re-Pete.

Meanwhile, on Oct. 12, be sure to stop by between 1 – 4 and 6 – 9 p.m. to meet D.G. Womack and see her latest work during the Second-Saturday Gallery Stroll!

### Pressroom gets Gentle touch

Painter, sculptor and illustrator Drew Gentle is October's featured artist at the Pressroom. The Norberta Philbrook Gallery will host an artist's reception for Gentle at the Pressroom, 121 W. Central Avenue in Bentonville, on Tuesday, Oct. 15 from 6 – 8 p.m.

Gentle's show features works in oil and mixed media based on formal associations and figurative studies. Several of Gentle's original works feature multifaceted portraiture and deconstructed images. Gentle relocated to the area after a successful career as a top echelon conceptual designer, working from a script to create the look of new shows. His credits include *The Flintstones*, *Batman*, *Scooby-Doo*, *Bugs Bunny*, *The Smurfs*, *Yogi Bear*, *Johnny Quest*, *the Land Before Time*, *Teenage Mutant*

*Ninja Turtles* and *The Family Guy*, as well as animated feature versions of *King Kong*, *The King and I*, and the *Care Bears* feature.

For more information call the Norberta Philbrook Gallery (479) 876-8134.

### Through the pinhole

New pinhole photographs by Ron Lutz will be on display through Oct. 30 at the Stone House, 89 S. Main, and can be seen from 1 p.m. until 10 p.m. Thursday through Sunday. Lutz specializes in alternative photographic processes, including pinhole imagery created with various cameras he has made from cookie tins and handmade wooden boxes. His work can also be seen at Studio 62, 335 West Van Buren (US 62W) or online at [www.studio62.biz](http://www.studio62.biz).



## Yonder Mountain Harvest Festival next week

REILLOT WESTON

October weather is spectacular, the fall foliage is breathtaking and temperatures have cooled off just enough to provide the most excellent camping conditions.

As in May, another fine camping month, a music festival is held at Mulberry Mountain, 80 miles south of Eureka Springs: Yonder Mountain String Band's Harvest Festival taking the autumnal spot.

This year's event is being held Oct. 16 – 19, and is once again sponsored by its namesake, Yonder Mountain String Band, performing each night, Thursday-Saturday. This festival has a smaller crowd than Wakarusa, with more emphasis on stringed instruments rather than electronic dance music, although there will be a smattering of multiple genres.

The weather averages 70° during daytime and 50° at night – Glorious!

Other notable acts include Tedeschi Trucks Band, a southern revival dozen piece band with wed leaders Susan

Tedeschi and Derek Trucks, formerly of The Allman Brothers Band. Susan Tedeschi is a great guitarist and singer, and together they create amazing soulful sounds.

Les Claypool's Duo de Twang is appearing as well. Claypool, bass innovator and Primus leader, has been discovering the bass's possibilities since the early 1990s and this group will be exciting to witness. Justin Townes Earle, son of Steve, has a skill for truthful songwriting and is playing in Arkansas for one of his first times.

Other notable acts performing: Beats Antique, JJ Grey and Mofro, and Railroad Earth; as well as local favorites Ice Cold Fatty, Mountain Sprout, Honky Suckle, Andy Frasco and UN, and Dirtfoot.

I did not attend last year but the previous year, 2011, was so much fun and it seems like it's usually someone's birthday. Buy your ticket, check your tent, grab your boots, and strap on your birthday candle-lit cake helmet! See you down the Mountain! [www.yonderharvestfestival.com](http://www.yonderharvestfestival.com).

### Keep warm inside – make your own sauerkraut and kimchi

Spice up the cold months and take the *Fermentation: Basic Fundamentals of Fermentation* workshop with Vela Giri on Oct. 15 from 6 – 8 p.m. Learn how to make sauerkraut and variations of kimchi, which they call Kraut Chi. Classes are hands on and community oriented. Aspects of fermentation to be presented include historical, philosophical and important economic and social components of this food art.

Classes will be held at Flora Roja Community Acupuncture and Apothecary, 119 Wall Street.

Although not required, feel free bring some veggies to become the final product. (Napa cabbage, carrots, daikon radishes, peppers, etc.) For cost and more information, see [www.floraroja.com](http://www.floraroja.com) or phone (479) 253-4968.

## TheNATUREofEUREKA by Steven Foster

### Wild American Ginseng harvest



American ginseng is in the news this time of year because it is ginseng harvest season (September 1 – December 1 in Arkansas). American ginseng, *Panax quinquefolius*, is a native plant harvested for its root and valued for a broad range of health benefits. Many benefits have been the subject of Canadian clinical studies, often related to use by First Nation peoples (as Canadians refer to native peoples), such as Type II diabetes. Use in North America is limited.

The vast majority of American ginseng grown commercially or harvested from the wild (estimated at over 95 percent of an estimated 30 tons of exported root) goes to the Hong Kong market. American ginseng root has been exported to China since its discovery in Canada in 1715.

There are three basic types of ginseng root in the trade 1) cultivated root, grown under artificial shade; 2) wild-simulated, representing roots grown from seed in tended plots in a habitat similar to that in which one finds wild ginseng; 3) wild ginseng.

Since 1975 wild ginseng (and the nearly indistinguishable “wild-simulated root”) has been listed in Appendix II of Convention for International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES). Appendix II listings are allowed in international trade if

the CITES authorities in the country of origin determine that export will not be detrimental to the survival of the species. The CITES authority in the United States is the US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS). Each year the USFWS Division of Scientific Authority issues a determination of “non-detriment” in order for ginseng exports to continue.

Recent years have limited wild ginseng harvest to wild-simulated and wild root harvest in 19 states as long as roots are at least five years-old (basically, plants old enough to have produced fruits). Ginseng is only propagated from difficult-to-germinate seeds. In 2012 the USFWS encouraged five states to improve their regulation and management of ginseng, notably amending their regulations so that the harvest season begins September 1 or later (to assure seed set).

The USFWS, United Plant Savers (a medicinal plant conservation group) and the American Herbal Products Association have created separate “Good Stewardship Harvesting of Wild American Ginseng” brochures for each of the 19 states that allow wild ginseng harvest. Arkansas is one of those states. See [www.ahpa.org/](http://www.ahpa.org/) and type “wild ginseng” in the site search bar.





*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.

“Weren’t you afraid that her being the daughter of prominent people, there would be something in the papers about it?” I asked.

“Oh, I forgot to tell you that I had changed my name when I went to Springfield. They thought my name was Jeff Hamilton.”

“Slick, I’m ashamed of you,” I told him.

He laughed and said, “You asked for this story and you are getting it just the way it happened.”

“Did you really marry Grace?”

“I did, and her father was one of the best and kindest men I ever knew. They insisted that we live there with them at least until after the baby was born. He took me into his office, gave me small chores to do such as helping him prepare some cases. Things were going fine until one day a man I knew back in Barry County showed up looking for legal advice.

“When he came into the office and saw me there, he said, ‘Hello, Slick. What in the world are you doing here?’

“I knew my goose was cooked. I got up and left the office and town. I learned later that the man had blown the whole thing. He told my father-in-law I was known as a con man and that I lived with my wife and child in Barry County. The law caught up with me in a little town called Bolivar. I was arrested, charged with bigamy and put in jail in Springfield. I wrote a letter to Pa and Leona, told them what had happened, and promised that if



they would provide my bail money I would come home and explain

the whole story. I knew I could make my wife believe anything I told her, and that Pa would furnish the money to get me out of the jam I was in. But when I got there, I was in for a surprise.

“Pa told me, ‘Jimmy, I have been gettin’ you out of foolish scrapes for years. I guess you are goin’ to get into them for the rest of your life. There is no use to tell you that I won’t pay you out of this one. All I have got is for you and if you want to spend it by gettin’ in and out of trouble, you can do it. But, there is somethin’ I balk at. I’m not goin’ to swear any lies for you, boy. There was absolutely no reason to get into this one and I’m not

goin’ to send my soul to hell, swearin’ lies to get you out of it.’

“I knew that when Pa set his foot down, nothing would budge him. I told my wife the story I had prepared for her. That I knew Grace’s father had a lot of money and that by marrying her, I could get him to give me some of it, including some real estate he owned. Then, after I had it, I was going to go straight back to her and little Pearl with enough money for us all to start over. I finally convinced her, by crying a little, that I was sorry for what I had done, but still maintained that it was all for her and because I loved her. We formed a plan. A story that we thought would hold water in court. We got her sister, Evelyn, to help us.

“My defense was to be that I thought my wife was dead at the time I had married Grace. That I believed I was a free man. That I had never suspicioned that I had a living wife.

“Leona’s sister, Evelyn, would go on the stand and swear that she had felt sorry for Leona because I had a habit of going off and leaving her for months at a time. That they had concocted a plan that the sister would write me a letter and tell me that Leona had died. That she had died begging to see me. That our little girl needed me. That their plan had been for me to come home and find that the letter had been a hoax to get me to come home. That they had reasoned I would be a changed man after found my wife was really not dead.”

“Who in the world would have thought of a plan like that?” I asked him

“You’ll have to remember, honey, that we were desperate,” he said. “Desperate men take desperate measures.

“Then we took some old writing paper in Pa’s trunk,” he continued. “Evelyn wrote the letter that she was going to swear she wrote more than a year before. She wrote it and it was a masterpiece. A real tearjerker. We put it into an old envelope that contained one they had mailed me about that time. Armed with the letter for evidence that I had thought I was a free man, and accompanied by my wife and sister, we went back to Springfield. Pa had given me the money to pay an attorney but refused to have any more to do with the disgraceful affair.”

“What happened when you went to court?” I was anxious to know.

## Zombies invade Carroll County – for a good cause

Be a zombie for a day and come walk to raise money for the American Cancer Society and Grandma’s House on Saturday, Nov. 2, at 9 a.m.

The walk takes place along US 62 and leaves from Powell’s One-Stop in Green Forest and from Ace Hardware in Berryville. Walk as much or as little as you want, shuttles will be provided to take participants back to their respective starting places.

A \$15 donation pays entry in the walk, and all participants will receive a free “Zombiewalk”

t-shirt. If you do not wish to walk, your donation will still earn the free t-shirt. Zombie make-up/dress is encouraged but optional. To sign up, phone Becky Palmer (870) 438-7124 by Friday, Oct. 18.

Go walk for cancer and kids in the morning, but leave your zombie face on and come scare the daylights out of everyone at the Zombie Crawl parade in Eureka Springs beginning at 6 p.m. A creeping parade procession of funeral hearses, doomsday vehicles, and post-mortem

street performers will lead the hungry horde of the undead. The Crawl will be followed by a fun Dance of the Dead party downstairs in the auditorium. Zombie participants that bring two (or more) cans of food to benefit the Flint Street Food Bank will receive a special zombie wristband that gets them in to the dance/after party for half-price (\$5).

For information on the Eureka Springs events, see [www.eurekaspringszombiecrawl.com](http://www.eurekaspringszombiecrawl.com) or phone (479) 244-0232.



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## Visit the Silent City Oct. 18, 19 – 25, 26

The weather should be perfect for the first weekend of the all-new 5<sup>th</sup> Annual “Voices from Eureka’s Silent City” living history tours Friday and Saturday evenings, Oct. 18, 19, 25 and 26.

This year, enjoy musically themed stories by folks who will reveal things you may not have known about the Original Ozark Folk Festival, band performances at the city band shell and the city auditorium. There will also be 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.

Come meet these folks from our past at the Eureka Springs City Cemetery beginning at 5:30 p.m. Tours depart at twenty minute intervals until the last one at 8:30 pm. Free parking at shuttle service at the former Victoria Inn parking lot on US 62 E. There is no parking at the cemetery.

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

## “Breaking Through to Win” meeting on Oct. 19

Janice Stevenson and her tag team from Texas will be ministering at the Airway Church in Berryville in a one day meeting called, “Breaking Through to Win” on Saturday, Oct. 19 at 1 p.m.

The event is open to the public free of charge. Other participants include Charlene Gates-Phillips of El Shaddai Ministries in Harrison and Brenda Coe of Cleft of the Rock Ministries in Branson. For more information, phone Margo Pryor (870) 423-6399.

## Devil’s Den celebrates 80<sup>th</sup> with Fall Fest

Hiking, camping, caving, clear water and beautiful fall vistas make spending a weekend at Devil’s Den State Park the perfect fall getaway. Now the park has added even more fun with a Fall in Love with Fall Ole Time Weekend Friday, Oct. 18 through Sunday, Oct. 20. In celebration of its 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary, park staff have slated activities and programs about the park from past to present.

Bring the family for a weekend of fun and celebrate the colorful change of seasons and the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the park and its builders – the Civilian Conservation Corps. Step back in time and learn what science has to do with apple bobbing and creating gooey slime! Tunnel thru a ‘box cave’ and discover the kind of old time games the kids were playing while the park was being built.

Kids are invited to bring animal costumes or create one on Saturday afternoon for the nighttime walk with Mother Nature. Campers can bring wrapped candy to hand out to the kids Saturday night on their walk around Area E. Those who wish to participate in handing out candy to the kids, but aren’t camping in Area E, can park around the loops and hand out candy as the kids walk by.

Call the visitor center for more details and complete program list (479) 761-3325, or email [devilsden@arkansas.com](mailto:devilsden@arkansas.com). The park is on Hwy. 74 off of US 540, south of Fayetteville. For map and more information see [www.arkansasstateparks.com/devilsden/](http://www.arkansasstateparks.com/devilsden/).

## A buck a book (or less) Oct. 17 – Fall Book Sale is here!

The highly anticipated Friends of the Library Fall Book Sale is Thursday, Oct. 17 through Saturday, Oct. 19 in the Library Annex at 192 Spring Street.

All books \$1, except for pocket paperbacks and children’s books priced at 5 for \$1! Hours are Thursday 6 – 8 p.m., Friday 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

All proceeds go to library acquisitions and special projects. For more information contact the library (479) 253-8754 or [info@eurekalibrary.org](mailto:info@eurekalibrary.org).

## All pies to the ready! Contest Oct. 17

Sweet or savory, berry or no berry – just get your best pie to the Farmers’ Market by 9 a.m. on Thursday, Oct. 17, for the annual pie contest! Best pies will win \$50, \$25 or \$10. Bring a pie, try the pies and vote for your favorite.

## It’s chili time!

The annual all-you-can-eat Chili and Pie Supper is Friday, Oct. 18, from 2 – 7 p.m. at Grace Lutheran Church on Holiday Island, 179 Holiday Island Drive. There will also be delicious homemade chicken noodle soup as an alternative. Ahhh – chili, soup and pies. Did we mention all-you-can-eat?

Adults \$8, children under 10 \$3. Ninety percent of the proceeds will go to tornado victims in Moore, Okla., and ten percent to the local Boy Scouts. Come enjoy a late lunch or early supper and support a worthy cause at the same time. Take-out will also be available. There is handicapped parking at the rear of the Church. For information, phone (479) 253-6218.



Bluegrass and comedy go hand in hand like Hee Haw and Jiffy Pop. If you have doubts about that, go to Basin Park on Saturday, Oct. 13 from 3 – 5 p.m. (if its raining head over to the Aud). The Cleverlys are performing their unique brand of Bluegrass/Comedy and it's gonna make you laugh. Where else can you see a

group of homegrown Ozark men perform "Single Ladies" by Beyoncé and "I've Got A Feeling" by the Black Eyed Peas? Their pickin' talent is apparent when Digger, Miles, Vernon Dean a/k/a V.D., Harvey D and Otto play. All that mountain air and hard farm work must have been magic for this family of musicians from remote Cane Spur, Ark.

Received well in Nashville and L.A., the Cleverlys use their considerable instrumental and vocal skills to reform these songs. You'll be amazed at how they sound and will even be able to understand the words that eluded you on the radio. Don't miss this foot-stompin', knee-slappin', corn-poppin' good time.

## FRIDAY – OCTOBER 11

- **BALCONY RESTAURANT**  
*Hogscalders*, 12 p.m. & 6 p.m.
- **BLARNEY STONE** Karaoke
- **CATHOUSE LOUNGE** *Matt Reeves*, 8 p.m. – midnight
- **CHASERS BAR & GRILL** *JAB the band*
- **CHELSEA'S** *SxRex*, 9 p.m.
- **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** *Foley's Van*, 6:30–10:30 p.m.
- **ROWDY BEAVER** *Spare*

*Parts*, 7:30 p.m.

- **ROWDY BEAVER DEN** *Blew Reed & the Flatheads*, 9 p.m. – 1 a.m.
- **SQUID & WHALE PUB** *Strange Deranger*, 9 p.m.
- **THE STONE HOUSE** *Jerry Yester*, 6:30–9:30 p.m.
- **VOULEZ-VOUS** *Keith Nicholson*, 9 p.m.

## SATURDAY – OCTOBER 12

- **BALCONY RESTAURANT**  
*Catherine Reed*, 12 p.m.
- **BASIN PARK** *The Cleverlys*, 3–5 p.m. (Rain location: *The AUD*)
- **BLARNEY STONE** *Chooch*, 9 p.m.
- **CATHOUSE LOUNGE** *Matt Reeves*, 8 p.m. – midnight
- **CHASERS BAR & GRILL** *Ozark*

*Thunder*

- **CHELSEA'S** *Mike Sumler Band*, 4–7 p.m., *R.K. Ellis*, 9 p.m.
- **EUREKA LIVE!** DJ & Dancing
- **EUREKA PARADISE** *Violetta Lotus Burlesque Show*, 9:30 p.m.
- **GRAND TAVERNE** *Jerry Yester Grand Piano Dinner Music*, 6:30–9:30 p.m.
- **JACK'S PLACE** *Blind Driver*, 9 p.m.
- **LEGENDS SALOON** DJ Karaoke
- **NEW DELHI CAFÉ** *Dave Singleton*, 1–5 p.m., *Dusty Pearl*, 6:30–10:30 p.m.
- **ROWDY BEAVER** *Diana & the Heartbeats*, 7:30 p.m.
- **ROWDY BEAVER DEN** *SxRex*, 1–5 p.m., *Live Music TBA*, 9 p.m. – 1 a.m.
- **SMILING BROOK CAFÉ** Open Mic, 6–9 p.m. – BYOB
- **SQUID & WHALE PUB** *Motortrain*, 9 p.m.
- **VOULEZ-VOUS** *Keith Nicholson*, 9 p.m.

## SUNDAY – OCTOBER 13

- **BALCONY RESTAURANT**  
*Catherine Reed*, 12 p.m. & 5 p.m.
- **BLARNEY STONE** NFL Game Day–We Have Every Game
- **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** *Nathaniel*, 1–5 p.m.
- **ROWDY BEAVER DEN** *Jesse Dean*, 12–4 p.m.
- **SQUID & WHALE PUB** Local Talent Showcase

## MONDAY – OCTOBER 14

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

## TUESDAY – OCTOBER 15

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

## WEDNESDAY – OCTOBER 16

- **CHASERS BAR & GRILL** Beer Pong
- **CHELSEA'S** *Cindy Woolf & Mark Bilyeu*, 9 p.m.
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## Ladies Fellowship meets Oct. 21

The Holiday Island Community Church Ladies Fellowship will meet Monday, Oct. 21, 2 p.m. in the Church Fellowship Hall (188 Stateline Drive). Becky Strohmeier of the Women's Massage Therapy Center will present the program, and will explain and demonstrate the importance of massage. Refreshments will be served. For additional information phone Mary Lou Martin (479) 253-9398.

## Can Team Caribé be beat?

Think you have the best burger in town? Come and prove it Friday, Nov. 8, from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. at Pine Mountain Village for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Bragging Rights Hamburger Cook Off!

Entry fee is \$25, with all proceeds going to the American Legion to aid in their community service programs. There are trophies and bragging rights for the restaurants as well as prizes and trophies for the best grill cook.

And you don't need to work in a restaurant. *Any* individual who thinks they can grill a hamburger as good as a restaurant cook is invited to enter. The public gets to judge, and for just \$2 you get to sample all the hamburgers and vote for the best.

Last year's restaurant winner was Team Caribe, with Rockin Pig and Pied Piper tying for 2<sup>nd</sup>.

To sign up, contact Sue Glave via email at dragonglitz11@aol.com or go to the Facebook page "Eureka Springs Veterans Day Parade."

And while you're on the Facebook page, don't forget to sign up for the parade on Nov. 11 and check out the activities in honor of veterans going on all weekend!

## Sign up for Table Rock Bass Tournament now

The Homer Sloan Buddy Bass tournament will take place Saturday, Oct 19, at 7:30 a.m. when the first boats take off from Campbell Point Marina and Kings River Marina. An optional pre-tournament will be held Friday, Oct. 18, from 7:30 – 12 noon at the Kings River (Viola, Mo.) Marina. The tournament is the longest running, open bass tournament on Table Rock Lake. Cash payouts, door prizes and a big steak dinner are included in the entry fee of \$100 per two-man boat, with a big bass pot optional.

For registration, please email info@shellknob.com or call (417) 858-3300.



**STO La Vie** – Eureka Springs residents Richard and Pam Quick spent a September week in Paris and flew their Save The Ozarks Orange under the Eiffel Tower. **Avast there!** Lisa Parker is hoisted up the mast of Josh Hopkins' yacht *Danger Zone* while in the dock at Beaver Lake Sailing Club's headquarters last Sunday after a brisk day of racing to start the 2013 Fall Regatta. Josh and Lisa will enjoy the autumn breezes of Beaver Lake, but also campaign their nine meter S2 sloop on Grand Maumelle Lake down by Little Rock. Racing continues Oct. 27. Read all about it in the *Independent*.



## Somebody must know where this house is ...

The Chamber of Commerce recently put out a call on behalf of a producer who wants to film specifically in Eureka Springs, but is trying to find a certain house and surroundings in which to film.

Basic criteria are: (Not holding out for perfect house, just one that hits most script details.)

- Rustic or rural abandoned house (not asking someone to move out while shooting).
- Real family dwelling with a hallway and back door. Spookier the better.
- Woods nearby.
- Not ready to fall in, but nothing upscale or fancy.

• According to script, this is a home for one old woman and it will be very sparse inside, one a set designer can remodel for story line. Nothing radical on this.

- Hopefully, a shed in the back.

The producer has had other offers from around the state, but hopes to be able to shoot the film here. If you know anyone who might be able to help bring this project to Eureka Springs please notify Mike Bishop at director@eurekaspringschamber.com or Eric Studer at the Retreat at Sky Ridge ericstuder@me.com.

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Maloney reported the website is getting more second- and third-time visitors, and visitors are spending almost five minutes per visit. Also the mobile app received more than 9000 visits, with iPads surpassing iPhones as the leading portal from wherever to our little town.

The KY3 broadcast from Eureka Springs, according to Maloney, "was a

fantastic show. It was a great historical review. Very well done." KY3 television is based in Springfield and it has been celebrating 60 years of broadcasting by visiting important cities in its reach.

Maloney said the swarms of motorcycles on one particular weekend might have garnered special attention, but during another event, 350 Harley-Davidson riders also stopped by almost

unnoticed during their tour of the Ozarks. "They quietly rode in, and quietly rode out," Maloney said. Nevertheless the riders enjoyed their visit and local businesses were glad to accommodate them during the stopover.

He said the Second Saturday free music in Basin Park event would feature the Cleverlys, which Maloney said is a bluegrass act which can only

be described as "hilarious." The music will be from 3 – 5 p.m. in Basin Park Saturday, Oct. 12.

Phase Two of the Wayfinding Signs Project will be installing pedestrian signs in 2014 around the downtown area directing visitors to public buildings.

Next workshop will be Oct. 23, at 4 p.m. at the CAPC office, the next regular meeting will be Nov. 13 at 6 p.m.



## Like sands through the hourglass...

The final two weeks leading up to the 66<sup>th</sup> Original Ozark Folk Festival are upon us. Slowly but surely, all the events, programs, pageant, parade and concerts are drifting towards being more or less together. Some of the drifting items are a bit less directed than others, but that's the nature of the beast.

When such a major project entailing myriad details is set loose, some of the bits tend to get less direct attention from the few shepherds involved and have a tendency to wander off. And, just like a real shepherd, sometimes we have to keep our attention on the flock as a whole and hope the mavericks drift back to the fold without our having to chase after them while leaving the rest of the flock unsupervised and at the mercy of predators. At some point in the future



it would be nice to have a few more herders who are invested in the flock and fewer wolves and rustlers. Especially the wolves that are disguised as shepherds. But, enough about that.

This Saturday brings us to the final installment of our Second Saturday in the Park Concert Series. We're closing it out big-time with an appearance by The Cleverlys in the Basin Park bandshell from 3 – 5 p.m.

If you've never seen these guys, you need to be in the park Saturday. Despite being a "putt darn good"

Bluegrass band, these guys take it to the next level and put a Bluegrass twist where you'd least expect it. For an example, search YouTube for their version of Black Eyed Peas' "I've Got A Feelin'."

Pretty entertaining stuff; should be quite a show.

So, once we make it through Folk, all we'll have left to look forward to this year is the Dance of the Dead, some Veterans' Day festivities, BB King, Heartland Men's Chorus, a 3-day dance competition, John Two-Hawks, the Ozarks Chorale, and the ever-popular Elementary School Christmas show.

Followed by another full, rich year. Hopefully.



## Roadside and shoreline cleanup needs you

The Holiday Island Homeowners Association sponsors a biannual roadside and shoreline cleanup. The next date is Saturday, Oct. 19, and anyone wishing to volunteer is welcome. For roadside cleanup, meet at the Holiday Island Clubhouse north parking lot at 9 a.m. to receive road assignments (there is a golf tournament at the same time so parking

may be limited).

Shoreline cleanup volunteers will meet at the Island beach parking lot (first right after crossing the bridge) at 9 a.m. A picnic lunch will be provided for all volunteers at approximately 11:30 a.m. at the Recreation Center Pavilion.

Rain date is Oct. 26 with all other details the same.

## Lions Club hosts Brian Young Oct. 22

ESPD patrolman, Brian Young, will be guest speaker at the Lions Club meeting at noon Tuesday, Oct. 22, at Forest Hill Restaurant. His topic will center on "Controlling Bullying in the Eureka Springs School District and the Community." Young is in charge of various community events sponsored by the Eureka Springs Police Department and serves as President of the Eureka Springs Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge #81.

Young is certified to teach G.R.E.A.T. – a program that focuses on providing life skills to students to help them avoid using delinquent behavior and violence to solve problems – and organizes and conducts the ESPD's

four-day Summer Program for children in 3<sup>rd</sup> through 11<sup>th</sup> grades in which food and outdoor activities are provided at no cost to the parents.

Come hear his interesting talk and meet others involved in our community. The Eureka Springs/Holiday Island Lions Club is open for membership. Meetings are the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays at noon at Forest Hill. Under their motto, "We Serve," Lions Club programs include youth outreach, sight conservation, hearing and speech conservation, diabetes awareness, international relations, environmental issues and more. Contact Dan Ellis (479) 981-9551 for more information.

**Golf team tees up** – From left, Brianna Birchfield, Molly Montez, Trevor Lemme, Deidra Asmus and Cassie Ray make up the Highlanders' Golf Team. Molly was the conference medalist in recent district competition and finished 14<sup>th</sup> at the state tournament. The team finished 6<sup>th</sup> at state. Trevor Lemme played at the state tournament at Conway Country Club on Oct. 8. He was the district runner up with a score of 88.



PHOTO BY DAWN BIRCHFIELD



# Get a jump on Howl-O-Ween!

Make plans now for some pre-Halloween night merriment with the whole family at the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Howl-O-Ween Spooktacular at Turpentine Creek Wildlife Refuge on Saturday, Oct. 26, from 7 – 9 p.m. Enjoy games, food and a children's costume contest in this unusual and fun experience for all ages.

The main refuge compound will be open so you can experience the night habits of lions, tigers, cougars, bobcats and the ever-popular grizzly bear, Bam Bam. The annual Halloween party is the only time the refuge animals can be viewed in the dark of night.

The refuge will open at 9 a.m. for wildlife viewing with hourly walking tours from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Trolley tours also available throughout the day.

Wildlife feedings start at 5 p.m. when you can hear the big cats roar. Day visitors to the refuge will be given a free pass to the Spooktacular party, but must exit the refuge at 6 p.m. and re-enter at 7 p.m. to allow staff time to prepare for the party.

Normal admission prices apply: Adults \$15, children 12 and under, seniors and military members \$10. Children under three admitted free. Donations are welcome and will be used to pay ongoing care and feeding expenses for more than 130 tigers, lions, cougars, bears and other endangered wildlife in their life-long home at the refuge.

For refuge and event details, visit [www.turpentinecreek.org](http://www.turpentinecreek.org) or call (479) 253-5841.



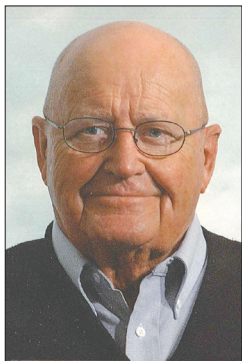
Lessons from a terrier – A book signing by Grassy Knob author, Carolyn Biossat, was hosted at Kerusso Outlet on Saturday, Oct. 5. Biossat signed copies of *The Annie Devotional: Learning Faith Through a Tiny Terrier* – and the tiny terrier, Annie herself, was an honored guest. From left are Carolyn's husband Bay Biossat, Annie, Dan Davis and the author. The devotional can be found for sale at Kerusso.

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## PASSAGES

### James F. Wright, Feb. 6, 1927 – Oct. 8, 2013

James F. Wright was born on February 6, 1927 in Wichita, Kan., and passed from this life on October 8 at home in Eureka Springs, Arkansas.



WRIGHT

He was raised in Atlanta, Georgia, where he attended Boys High School. He was a graduate of the University of Georgia. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II in the South Pacific.

Jim served in the FBI from 1951 to 1953 in St. Louis, Mo., and was a claims manager for Maryland Casualty Company in West Palm Beach, Fla., from 1954 to 1957, and a county investigator with the Palm Beach County

Solicitor's Office from 1957 to 1959.

He re-entered the FBI in 1959 and served in the New Orleans Division, Lake Charles, La., Resident Agency until 1978. He was transferred to the Little Rock Division, Pine Bluff, and served there until his retirement in May 1979.

After retiring to Eureka Springs, Jim decided that retired life was not for him, so he began a new career as a ticket agent for the ES&NA and also worked in several shops in town. He belonged to St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church where he was an Altar Server and a Eucharistic Minister. He joined the Holiday Island Elks Lodge 1042 and was a Past Exalted Ruler there. Jim was also a member of the National American Legion, the VFW Post 77, Scottish, American Military Society and a member of the Society of Former Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

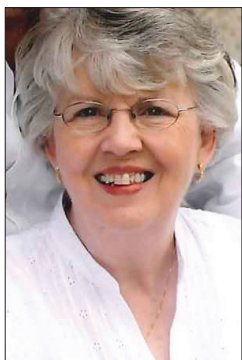
Jim is survived by his wife, Beverly Anne of 59+ married years; five sons, Scott and wife, Cheryl; Bruce and wife, Lynne; Donald and wife, Fran; Paul and wife, Linda; and John and wife, Cheri; grandchildren Logan, Ian, Rachel, Brittany, Miranda, Reina, Christopher, Jordan and Jesse; and many other friends and loved ones.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents, Marzo Cassius and Susan Campbell (McCormick) Wright, and one sister.

No services are scheduled at this time. Cremation arrangements are under the direction of Nelson Funeral Service. Memorial donations may be made to the Good Shepherd Humane Society, 6486 Highway 62 East, Eureka Springs, AR 72632. Online condolences may be sent to the family at [nelsonfuneral.com](http://nelsonfuneral.com).

### Marian Claire Sadler Thomas, April 10, 1939 – Oct. 8, 2013

Marian Claire Sadler Thomas, born April 10, 1939 in Carlisle, Ark., went home to be with the Lord on October 8 at her home in Holiday Island, Ark.



WRIGHT

She was the wife of William Truett Thomas, and served with him in music and ministry for almost 50 years. She had three children, Tammi Hargis of Alma, Ark., Derek Thomas and wife, Lacey, of Fort Smith, Ark., and Leslie Howell and husband, Jeff, of Owasso, Okla.

She is survived by her

husband, Truett; three children and their spouses; and the joy of her life, her grandchildren: Jeremy and Tishia Hargis, Ryan and Polly Hargis, Kati and Johnny Bullington, Parker Thomas, Max Schaffer, Pheobe Shaffer and Phillip Gammill, Grant and Will Howell, and her great-grandchildren Kalei Hargis, Faithlynn and Julie Hargis, Colton and Eli Pate, and Sadler Bullington.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Alton Sadler, Mildred Smith Sadler, and Fern Sadler.

Visitation will be from 5 – 8 p.m. Thursday, October 10, at the Charles M. Nelson Memorial Chapel with funeral services at 10:30 a.m. Friday, October 11, at Freeman Heights Baptist Church,

Berryville, with Brother Alan Brown and Brother Darryl Harris officiating under the direction of Nelson Funeral Service.

Visitation will also be from 6 – 8 p.m. Friday, October 11, at Ocker Funeral Home, Alma, and funeral service at 11 a.m. Saturday, October 12, at First Baptist Church, Alma. Interment will be held in the Evergreen Cemetery under the direction of Ocker Funeral Home.

As an alternative to flowers, the family has asked for donations to be sent to the AWANA program at Freeman Heights Baptist Church, 522 West Freeman Avenue, Berryville, AR 72616. Online condolences may be sent to family at [nelsonfuneral.com](http://nelsonfuneral.com).



## Libra – Contemplating the Path of Return

**T**ransition Town News – Rob Hopkins, founder of International Transition Movement, on a rare tour of the U.S., visits San Francisco area, Oct. 10-12; Los Angeles area Oct 13-14 & other towns. <http://www.transitionus.org/rob-hopkins-visit>.

Libra is Ray 3, Divine Intelligence. In the east Aries is noontime, Libra midnight. Aries is passion for the natural life. Libra is passion for social life – fashion, food, cities, jewels, literature, etc. – the life material. In Libra the material world blossoms in fullness, grace and beauty. Libra's symbol, the scale, signifies equilibrium, balance and justice. Leo

protects the Law, Sag is the sign of Judges, but Libra is the actual sign of justice, weighing of the scales. King Solomon, evaluating the mothers' stores, was Libra.

When the scales are imbalanced there is exaggeration, false values, non-negotiation, excess (one side shutting down the U.S. government). Libra, appearing during transitional times, offers discernment and discrimination, shining swords of the illumined mind. Decisions based upon desire and not on the good of the whole cause humanity to feel lost. Libra is the sign of constant motion, vibrations,

until equilibrium, inner balance is reached. Only equilibrium permits true progress that advances evolution. Esoterically this signifies the personality's need to be directed, regulated and balanced by the Soul

Saturn (Libra's spiritual ruler) is exalted in Libra = responsibilities (Saturn) discipleship entails. Saturn, with Mercury, builds the Rainbow Bridge of Light from personality to the Soul. The Soul in turn sheds a brilliant light upon the personality, providing direction, discernment, discrimination. In Libra we contemplate this as the Path of Return.

**ARIES:** All interactions mirror you. All relationships will seek compromise, cooperation and negotiations. The focus is on harmony, finding the balance between chaos and conflict. You'll be called peacemaker, restorer of balance, decisive one, "standing between two opposing forces." You need to weigh everything. You become King Solomon. Stand under the Will-to-Good. It provides Right Choice.

**TAURUS:** You focus upon health, a new diet, right foods, especially right oils (fatty acids that feed our cells). You realize you must teach others. Your research takes you a time long ago when scientists had more freedom, their imagination and brilliance came through, they wanted to serve humanity. You're one of those people. Therefore, be organized, detailed and share with those who can hear you. You realize the many in need.

**GEMINI:** You want to be more outgoing and playful. Your individuality needs to be part of a team, yes, but you also need to stand out and shine on your own. Wear more colorful clothing; allow the drama of your heart to shine forth. Permit yourself enjoyment in the art of expressing yourself. Be generous, be grand and allow even your shadows to appear – your beloved other side. The light always needs his brother, the darkness.

**CANCER:** It's important to protect your health. You turn to the family, home, all things safe and secure seeking

nurturance at this time because that is your need. You ask for care and support you. Your feelings shift with the tides of the seas. This makes you susceptible, more emotional, sensitive to all subtle energies falling to the earth. Something's about to occur in your life. You prepare for this. All's well. Know this.

**LEO:** You need a lot of new knowledge, expansive and diverse, because your curiosity is keen and eager to learn. Notice you're also more sociable, willing to display intelligence. Careful not to spread yourself too thin, disperse too much information, or congregate with those who are unkind and unreliable. Be cognizant of all escape routes, all options. Communicate freely but hold a little bit back. This is your hidden freedom.

**VIRGO:** You become more receptive, at ease, able to adapt, defend when necessary, resisting when needed. It's important to tend to a garden, even a pot or two of herbs, lettuces and radishes. Gardening becomes a metaphor for life taking root, anchoring into the practical, a daily life vital and determined. Security is most important and to insure this you develop loyalty. You, too, allow the shadows to appear.

**LIBRA:** You need enthusiasm and spontaneity, to participate in social

experiments, assist in the initiation of the new world, new ideas, new ways of being. You're brave and pioneering, like Aries, your shadow side, seeking always to be in the light. Interactions with others are direct, truthful and uncomplicated. It's good to plan ahead a bit.

You would feel more safe and secure. Plan on loving more.

**SCORPIO:** During graduate school each student was given a word to ponder, study, consider and identify with each year. In my last year I was given the word "altruistic," a rather unusual word. Do you know its definition? It would be good to research this word, its origins, meanings, use in sentences. Then apply it to yourself. In the Ageless Wisdom teachings sometimes the teacher offers a word to a disciple to either develop the quality or identify with it. This is your word. Altruism.

**SAGITTARIUS:** You seek new experiences, intelligent and original. Nothing conventional is acceptable. Only innovative, groundbreaking pioneering, inventive, novel and very modern are acceptable. These allow you to bring forth creativity, expand your perspective and find new ways of doing what only you do best. Nothing rigid will do. Your seeking more freedom is significant for you're moving beyond safety. A new developmental stage.

**CAPRICORN:** You have a deep sense of responsibility, ambition and an understanding of order, justice and the law. Saturn is your ruler (spiritual ruler of Libra). When spiritually conscious Saturn gives us more tasks to accomplish outside the prevailing framework and our comfort (and others') level. It includes longer-term goals. In Libra there's a battle, with lines drawn and tensions high. Are you experiencing this? There's an exaltation of recognition if you do.

**AQUARIUS:** You've shifted into the need to connect with the world, with realities larger than yourself and what you know. You see mountains and need to climb them. You see the oceans and need to swim in them. You need to increase what you understand about the world, gain greater knowledge and therefore greater confidence. It's time to nurture your visions, goals, hopes and beliefs. We do this by contemplating upon them.

**PISCES:** In three columns, side-by-side, list all that you desire. Then what you need. Then your aspirations. Circle the ones most important in violet. The secondary indigo. Third in green. Study them. They will manifest. Nothing about you is superficial. Always you must go to the depths seeking to release what's hidden in both self and others. The purpose is to balance inner and outer realities. It's healing for everyone. Even though everyone resists at first. It's scary (revelatory) what you can do.



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# DROPPING A Line

by Robert Johnson

Boy, you would think it was spring break with kids fishing these past two weeks. This is Blaze Warmer from Bella Vista with a couple of the spotted bass he caught Oct. 6.

Holiday Island water temps are running about 73°. These cool days and nights have been helping a lot on getting the fish in a feeding mood. Bass are hitting the top early in the day, then going back deep. Crappies are moving up closer to eight ft. in the brush. Walleye are still holding to the bottom close to 30 ft. deep, but they will also be moving closer to the flats as water temps cool on down.

Beaver Lake water temps are closer to 74° and getting close to the numbers I like, which will bring the stripers to the top. We get a good top water bite here fall, winter and spring with the water temps running between 48 and 72° so some of the best striper fishing of the year is almost here and will stay good way after most fish turn off. We catch good numbers of these fish from November to January, then turn on

again in March.

Shad are still the best bait with brood shiners coming in second. We are still catching these fish 30 to 40 ft. deep but they have moved closer to the flats and holding in 40 – 50 ft. water. Most caught this week were between points 4 and 6. They are moving closer to their winter home, which will be the Highway 12 bridge area that I like even though we have to drive a little ways. We will also start seeing gulls on the lake once we drop below 72° and the bait and fish move to the top.

On Beaver we still have Clifty Park open to get your boat in close to point 5 and the launch at Hwy. 12 bridge is open. Here around Holiday Island is still no problem. Just the Corps parks are shut down. I did lose a trip this week due to my guy camping at the dam and was told to get out. Will be nice if these adults running our country would grow up. Well that's it for now and remember to take a kid fishing before a politician.



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ended up. We know you put a grin on his face and were there when an ear or a hug was needed.

J.R.'s words will be heard and his stories will be told – his presence will be missed, but his spirit in life will be felt.

I love you, son; I love you, brother; we love you, Dad; we love you, Grandpa; we love you, cousin; we love you, uncle; we love you, great uncle... always.

*The family of John J.R. Robie*

## Climate committee pleads for market-based solution

Editor,

Your Eureka Springs Citizens Climate Action Progress Committee meets the first Saturday of each month from 11-1 at the library annex. We commend all the great people and organizations that are moving in the direction of zero waste, energy efficiency and renewable energy production. Please ask Rep. Womack, Senator Pryor and Senator Boozman to help us lead the country toward a market based approach to greenhouse gas reduction such as that proposed by the Citizens Climate Lobby.

*Jerry Landrum, Amrit Knaus, Donna Hersey, Sheila Campbell, Margo Pirkle*

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reflects an abandonment of the original basis of need asserted in the application and/or a concession that the original asserted basis of need was inadequate, and assertion of a new basis of need not noticed to the public. Certain parties may have chosen to intervene had they timely been made aware of the newly asserted basis of need. The public would have made materially different comments on SWEPCO's assertion of need for the project had the public been timely noticed of the new *post-hoc* SWEPCO and SPP rationale for need."

Harrison said if this proposed SWEPCO amendment of its application to conform to testimony is granted, the public will have been denied any meaningful opportunity to comment on whether need has been demonstrated, one of the central issues to be decided by the commission.

"This would be completely at odds with the public notice requirements of the controlling statute and the intention of the Arkansas Legislature that the public and affected landowners and agencies be given timely notice and a meaningful opportunity to comment to the commission and participate in commission proceedings on such applications for new major utility facilities," he said.

Harrison said the testimony of expert witnesses for SWEPCO and Southern Power Pool (SPP) taken together reflect admissions by SWEPCO and SPP that the original statement of need was either

based on incorrect facts, and/or inadequate to demonstrate need, and/or outdated, and that the newly asserted basis for need for the proposed 345kV transmission line is *post hoc* (i.e., developed after the application was submitted and after litigation before the commission had commenced and the original statement of need challenged by the intervenors).

"SWEPCO asserts in its motion that the testimony at the hearing on the issue need in question provided 'significant additional facts' that 'supplement the written, pre-filed testimony,'" Harrison said. "However, this is not a situation where the testimony can be properly considered a 'supplement' to the pre-filed direct testimony SWEPCO submitted in support of its application. Here, the *post hoc* testimony of the three witnesses at issue asserts facts and circumstances materially different from those originally stated in the application and in SWEPCO's pre-filed direct testimony in support of the application as the basis for the need for the new project. These newly asserted facts and circumstances and basis for need were not properly or timely noticed to the public, contrary to the requirements of the controlling Arkansas statute."

Harrison said that if SWEPCO still wishes to pursue the proposed project on the basis of a different need rationale than stated in its originally noticed application, then SWEPCO should withdraw its current application and reapply to the commission, and properly provide notice

to landowners, agencies, and the public of the new application containing the new asserted basis for need.

"Absent such a withdrawal of the application by SWEPCO, the testimony of the three SWEPCO and SPP witnesses referenced in SWEPCO's motion, along with the remainder of the hearing record, provide a clear basis for denying SWEPCO's current application on the basis of either an inadequate statement of need being included with the original application, in violation of the controlling statute, or in the alternative, if the amendment requested were granted, failure to properly notice the public, agencies, and landowners of the actual asserted basis of need, a critical part of the statutorily required application for a CECPN," Harrison said.

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of Berryville.

Danos's filing also contends that the law wasn't followed regarding proof of public notice because the legal advertisement was published in *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*, which has only 10 percent circulation in Carroll County and eight percent circulation in Madison County. The law requires the legal advertisement in a newspaper having substantial circulation in the municipalities or counties.

(Eds. Note: More extensive points in the Danos filing are in our online edition, [www.esindependent.com](http://www.esindependent.com)).



Dear Ma,

“The American people...” “the American people...” “the American people...” “the American people want”... Ma, I think my head will explode if I hear it again. Who, exactly, are all these politicians and pundits speaking for? Certainly not me, and I’m an American person. They act like all Americans believe exactly the same things, which, coincidentally, always happen to agree with their perspective. I’m not normally for censorship, Ma, but I think that phrase needs to be banned from public “discourse.” I find it more vulgar than any of George Carlin’s seven words.

**An Individual**

Dear Individual,

Funny story: “The American people” drove Ma to drink. Hearing those words spew forth anytime a member of Congress got near a microphone was driving Ma to distraction, until Ma began coping via a drinking game – doing a shooter each time the TV or radio emitted the phrase. Being a news junkie and all, it got messy quick. Since rehab, the TV stays tuned to Turner Classic Movies and Ma stays serene and sober.

“The American people” is not some shared-brain mass of matter. Anyone who claims to speak for the American people

should be tuned out immediately, since all that follows will be pure partisan BS.

**Ma**

Dear Ma,

I heard an interview with conservative bloviator Bill O’Reilly about his new bestseller, a “history” on the death of Jesus.

People should write and publish whatever they choose, and if they make a billion dollars, bully for them. My issue here is with the interviewers and reviewers helping promote this book as a historical account when it’s impossible to separate fact from mythology. Call it a religious tome, a historical novel or mythological who-done-it, but calling it a history does a great disservice to historians.

**Filing Librarian**

Dear Librarian,

With the first Gospels written generations AD, and with only church-selected Gospels surviving, and with the thousands of crucifixions taking place at the time, and with all the dogma that has been built around a simple message of love, Ma and Melvil Dewey would agree you should file this one under “O” in the fiction section, or possibly in the 200s, but definitely not in the 900s.

**Ma**

Officer. Outside city limits, check with Arkansas Game & Fish.

Armadillos are not native to Arkansas and are therefore considered an invasive species. According to Eureka Springs and Berryville police departments, it is illegal to discharge a firearm in city limits, but there is no law prohibiting shooting an armadillo if you live outside the city limits. There might be restrictions on firearms at a particular location, but if you live in the county, it’s between you and the armadillos what happens next.

A reliable source also reported crows and vultures will pick a Hoover hog carcass down to bone quickly. Just so you know.

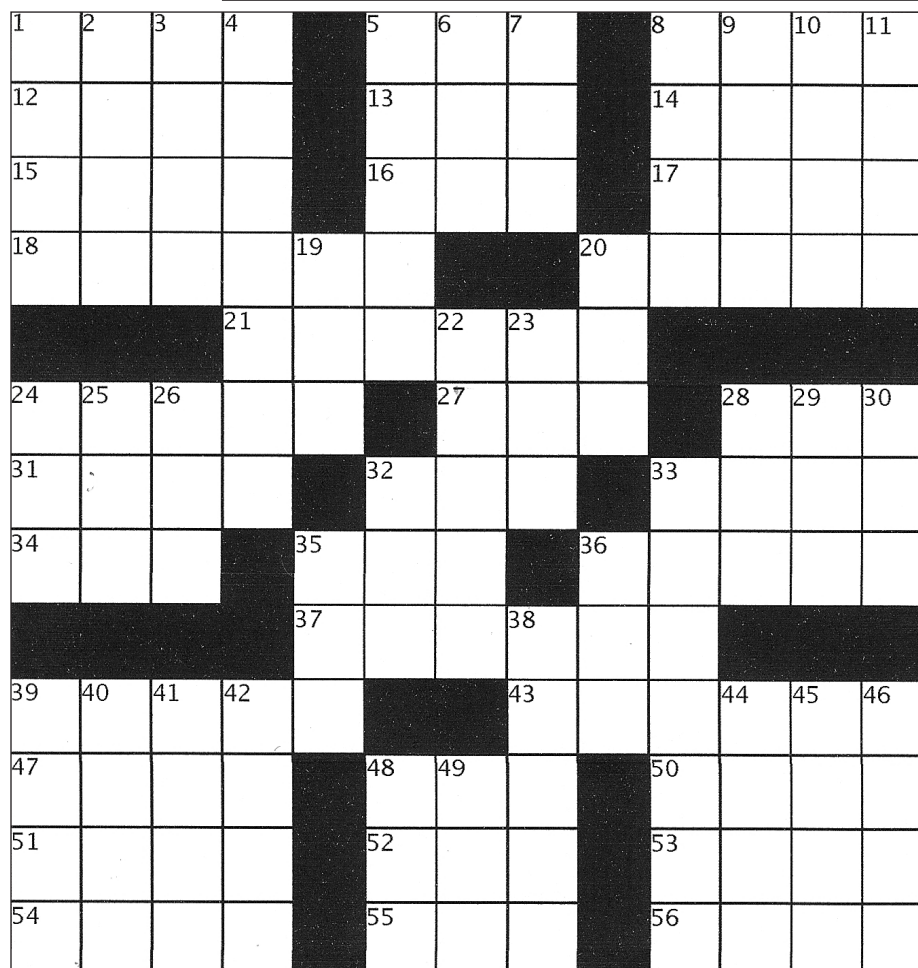
Myopia notwithstanding, turtle-rabbits have flourished after their diaspora, doggone it. It has been projected they could make it to Seattle on one side of the continent and New York on the other side. In other words, if you are a lawn, there will be nowhere to hide.



## INDEPENDENT Crossword

by Wayne Levering

Solution on page 31



### ACROSS

- 1. Quarter of an acre
- 5. Tofu in the raw
- 8. Bowling alley divider
- 12. *The Razor's* \_\_\_\_
- 13. Anger
- 14. Submit to
- 15. Slippery fish
- 16. Wager
- 17. Sunburn soother
- 18. Not casual and not formal
- 20. Change
- 21. Funeral goodbye
- 24. Word leading to finger-pointing
- 27. Compete
- 28. Groceries' carrier
- 31. Opie's Bea
- 32. Fly catcher
- 33. Info
- 34. Turner, Danson or Williams
- 35. Drinking establishment

36. Extreme

37. Current

39. Marsh plant life

43. Stable sounds

47. In one's birthday suit

48. Chess piece

50. Thwart

51. New Persia

52. Lyric poem

53. Language of Pakistan

54. Santa's gifts

55. Something to check

56. Dirty look

### DOWN

1. Oboe need

2. German river

3. Eyeball

4. Piece of cake

5. Female prophet

6. Nev. neighbor

7. In addition

8. Mixed moist clay

9. Competent

10. Night light?

11. Ogled

19. Take someone to court

20. Yes

22. Aboveboard

23. Male cat

24. Buddhist temple

25. Coloring

26. Conclusion

28. Belfry resident

29. Devoured

30. Pike

32. Ski coating

33. Obedient

35. Turkish governor

36. Individual

38. Additional space

39. Tiff

40. French currency

41. 6/6/44

42. Mil. bigwigs

44. '93 VP

45. Animal skin

46. Talk like a drunk

48. Swarm

49. Tiff

**ARMADILLOS** continued from page 8

cases each year because most armadillos don't carry the bacteria and most humans are immune to it.

### Control

According to the University of Missouri Agricultural Extension, there are no known toxicants or repellants effective on armadillos. Folk tales claim mothballs, ammonia and vinegar are deterrents, but those would be effective only for small areas. That leaves physical, electrical and ultrasonic barriers; a grub elimination campaign; trapping; armed retaliation.

Some landowners have dogs patrolling their properties because Hoover hogs reportedly do not like the smell or protective nature of dogs.

Trapping means you have a caged animal on your hands. It is not fair just to release them away from one's own property only to make them another person's nuisance. If you are in the city limits, check with the Animal Control



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All area bands, groups, businesses and individuals are invited to come and join the fun. There is no entry fee. The WoodSongs Old-Time Radio

Hour will be filming that day for their televised program, and organizers are hoping for some good parade footage to use.

Applications are available online at [www.ozarkfolkfestival.cm](http://www.ozarkfolkfestival.cm). For more information call the CAPC office (479) 253-7333 or email [admin@eurekasprings.org](mailto:admin@eurekasprings.org).



**Three to get ready** – From left, Robert and Deandra Louton from Hot Springs, David Hicks and Jim May from Lees Summit, Mo., were among a large parade of Corvette owners visiting the Auto Spa on 62E throughout the day on Oct. 4. They spruced their cars up to spotless in anticipation of the big show in Pine Mountain Village the next morning. Then it rained. In spite of the deluge, the show drew a huge crowd of Corvette fans.

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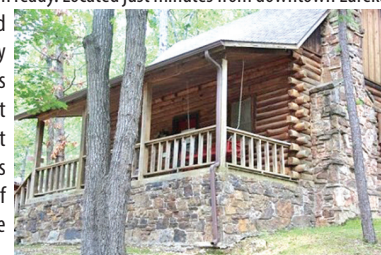


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