



What's next? Entergy has plans for 500 kV line in the county

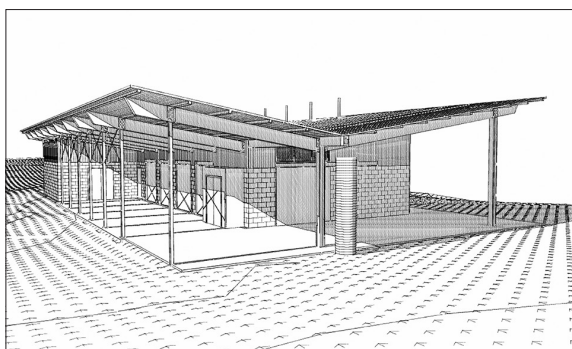
BECKY GILLETTE

"It's become obvious that purchase of the \$600,000 cow pasture on the Kings River was an essential step for more than just the routing of the 345 kV power line through Benton and Carroll Counties, as Entergy has plans that involve building a 500 kV power line east from Kings River to the Independence Steam Electric Station (ISES)," according to Doug Stowe, a member of the board of directors of STO. "That may be why they pushed their purchase of the property before approval by the Arkansas Public Service Commission was secured. Plans of two major corporations are hinging on that site."

Landowners in Carroll County have protested that they were kept in the dark about a proposed SWEPCO high voltage transmission line that has been in the planning stages since 2006. The first they learned their land might be taken by eminent domain for the 345 kiloVolt (kV) Shipe Road to Kings River power line was in early April when they received a certified mail letter giving them a month to respond if they wanted to intervene in opposition.

The issue has led members of Save the Ozarks

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Digging for heavy metal – Wielding a lace-decorated shovel, Eureka Springs School of the Arts Executive Director, Peggy Kjelgaard, digs in during a groundbreaking for the school's new blacksmith and metalworking shop as ESSA board members and supporters help and look on. The studio is expected to be in operation next summer with 10 student stations having access to a forge, tools and welding equipment. The studio was funded with a grant in response to demand for heavy metal workshops, and was designed by architect and ESSA board member, Dave McKee.

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This Week's INDEPENDENT Thinkers

Boys at Whitchurch High School in Cardiff, Wales, must wear long pants no matter how hot it gets, while girls can choose between skirts or trousers. However, a group of grade 10 boys at the school refused to take this lying down and organized to protest a shorts ban ... by wearing skirts.

Tyrone Evelyn, 15, said the group would continue campaigning for change. "It's just appropriate for the weather – we don't want to be hot and bothered. I've had headaches and skin irritations because I've been too hot. Girls can wear skirts, so I don't see why we can't wear shorts. It's a reasonable protest."



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Hotel employees hold Rowdy Den theft suspect for police

C. D. WHITE

A Little Rock man, Steven Courtney, 34, was arrested on two felonies and a misdemeanor on July 28 after employees at the Basin Park Hotel found him searching through boxes and taking things from the employee locker room around 2 a.m., and held him until police arrived.

Earlier that evening, Eureka Springs Police investigated a robbery at the Rowdy Beaver Den involving several items taken from a car belonging to Terry Cobb, who was playing music at the Den. Cobb told police his car was locked, and he returned to it to find several items missing including a zebra drum rug, keys to storage sheds, a ring and an automatic external defibrillator (AED) belonging to Taney Co. Ambulance district estimated to be worth about \$3,000.

When responding to the Basin Park's call, officer Paul Sebby found employee Jack Gentry holding a "very highly intoxicated" Courtney by the arm and placed Courtney in a patrol car.

A subsequent search revealed a box of supplies from the employee locker room outside Courtney's room at the hotel, at which point Courtney's wife appeared and gave permission to search inside.

According to a report released by ESPD, inside the room there were "tools everywhere," and all items reported stolen from Cobb except the AED were found.

Around 9:30 that morning, Ptl. Billy Floyd spoke with Courtney at the ESPD. Courtney claimed the night was a blur because he had "taken too much of his prescribed medication." Upon further questioning, Courtney said he had hidden the AED and suggested Floyd "look in all the drawers."

After receiving permission to search the room a second time, Floyd and Ptl. Brian Jones found the AED under the refrigerator.

Courtney was booked into the Carroll County Detention Center on charges of Breaking or Entering, Theft of Property and Public Intoxication and was released July 30 on \$2,500 bond.



Speaking out – Former ABC anchorwoman Erin Hayes describes the visual impact a 345 kiloVolt transmission line would have on Carroll County. Hayes and other panelists spoke to a packed audience at the Berryville Community Center July 25. Panelists, from left, included Pat Costner, State Representative Bob Ballinger, Doug Stowe (obscured) and Hayes. Panelists not shown were Joe Scott, Susan Brashears, Sharon Spurlin and Heath Rauschenberger.

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CBWD board votes to move forward with fluoride project

NICKY BOYETTE

The Board of the Carroll-Boone Water District (CBWD) voted to authorize engineering firm McGoodwin Williams and Yates (MWY) to move ahead with preparing the complete set of plans for the fluoride feed system buildings at the two plants.

The Arkansas State Legislature voted in 2011 to require all public water systems which furnish drinking water to populations equal to or greater than 5,000 to add fluoride to the water. Subsequent challenges and public outcries from communities such as Eureka Springs, that voted fluoridation down twice, have not altered the law.

Brad Hammond, engineer for MWY, said he had received a letter from the Arkansas Department of Health reminding him the district as large as Carroll-Boone is required to add fluoride to its water system. He said, "The legislators have made their decision. It would be against the law if we don't proceed."

Chair Jim Yates replied, "I don't think we have a choice."

After only a moment of resigned commentary, board member Gene Bland moved and Mark Billings seconded to have MWY design the facility and move forward.

Hammond said the project would be paid for by a grant from the Delta Dental Foundation for \$763,000. His initial estimates indicate the construction costs would be near \$650,000 plus design costs of another \$70,000. He will present the detailed plans at the Oct. 17 meeting, and construction could begin in early 2014.

The grant offer from Delta Dental runs through October 2014.

Finances and equipment

In office manager Cathy Klein's financial report, she told the board nine firms responded to her Request For Proposal to be the auditor for next year. Her recommendation was to retain the same company, Porterfield Killingsworth CPA of Harrison.

Bland asked if a change of eyes would make a difference, and Yates responded, "We're not hiring them to tell us about our

finances. That's our responsibility." Yates said Klein could handle the accounting and tell the board what it needs to know. He said the board appreciates advice from the auditor, but mostly the independent audit satisfies bond requirements.

Klein said the district has sold 32 million gallons more water than expected so far this year. However, electricity costs are higher.

Yates said he noticed more money than expected went to equipment maintenance. "Are we just getting old?" he asked.

Plant operator Rene Fonseca explained they had to make emergency purchases because valves would not close. Plant manager John Summers added the "conglomeration" of valves were 30 years old.

Hammond recommended the district also replace six high service pump controls in the system. Total cost estimate would be around \$163,000. His concern was if a control failed, there might be an eight-week lag time before it could be replaced. He said the district should start replacing them now.

He also recommended waiving the bid process to replace the controls because there is only one company in the area that can do the job.

He explained his firm is the one losing out by the board waiving the bid process because they would design the spec documents for the competitive bid. "You don't need to pay for something you don't need," he said.

Board agreed to waive the bidding process as long as Hammond wrote a letter for the files justifying the decision.

Hammond also suggested the district replace its turbidity analyzers at the west plant.

Going with the flow

Hammond observed, "The district is doing very well at keeping costs down." CBWD averages the lowest cost in the area at \$1.25 per one thousand gallons. Eureka Springs is in the low five percentile for customers in the state at \$8 per 2000 gallons.

In a Powerpoint presentation,

Hammond displayed charts demonstrating the need for a parallel 36-in. line to accompany the existing 30-in. line to keep the flow of water steady, predictable and inexpensive on its way to Harrison. The additional line would extend the life of the existing pipeline plus eventually enable the district to retire the booster station in Green Forest.

Phase One would be to start at the Freeman-Raney treatment plant on Beaver Lake and run the first section of the parallel line 37,740 feet past Eureka Springs during 2014-2015. Fifty-four easement parcels would be involved.

Hammond urged the board to "start quickly and be proactive." The first action would be to begin talking to the four cities and start a dialogue with bond underwriters. The board voted to authorize Hammond and Chris Hall, also an engineer with MWY, to accompany one board member in talking to representatives of cities along the line.

There was also discussion about which financial option – state revolving fund or water revenue bonds – would be best.

Tank talk

Summers mentioned the underground fuel tank on site is due for an inspection. He said the tank has been in the ground for 25 years with no signs of leaking yet. Fonseca said the tank is inspected every three years to see if the protection is working.

Summers said he uses an additive in the winter to keep moisture minimized. He said the tank could last another 20 years or two weeks. For him the question was, "Do you fix something that ain't broke?" He said an above-ground replacement would cost at least \$8000.

Yates commented, "I would like to get rid of that underground tank."

Summers replied, "So would everyone here except me."

Sentiment was that the least bit of seepage could be a nightmare of a cleanup, so the board moved to have staff get a quote for removing the underground tank and installing one above ground.

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SWEPCO's expert says care would be taken on power line

BECKY GILLETTE

Brian Johnson, an expert witness for SWEPCO in its application to the Arkansas Public Service Commission for authority to build a new high voltage transmission line in Northwest Arkansas, recently filed testimony rebutting many of the concerns raised by expert witnesses for interveners opposing the project.

"Various individuals have raised concerns about the right-of-way (ROW) clearing including loss of habitat, erosion, landslides and impact to waterways," said Johnson, a Tulsa-based employee of SWEPCO who is project manager in the Transmission Engineering & Project Services department of AEP, the parent company of SWEPCO. "All of these issues are recognized and mitigated by SWEPCO in the design, construction, operation and maintenance of its transmission lines."

SWEPCO's preferred Route 33 would run 48 miles, and some opponents have taken that to mean that 48 miles of forest would be removed if that route were chosen. But Johnson points out that route 33 and the other five routes under consideration contain a mix of lands that includes land already cleared for crops and pasture, in addition to forested areas.

"In areas that are already cleared, very little or no clearing would be required. In forested areas, clearing of the right-of-way would be necessary in most areas," Johnson said. "In clearing, trees and other woody vegetation would be removed within the right-of-way. Following installation of appropriate erosion controls along the ROW, woody vegetation from the ROW and adjacent large trees which could pose a danger to the line may also need to be trimmed or removed. SWEPCO would work with individual landowners to address specific issues related to marketable timber, firewood, pecan and other production trees, and large shade trees associated with residences that may be within or adjacent to the required ROW."

Another big concern has been about removal of trees and other vegetation in extremely steep areas, which some fear could lead to erosion and water contamination from faster runoff after

rainfalls. But Johnson said in areas where the line spans across deep ravines, clearing at the floor level may not be required where safe clearances can be maintained to trees below the line.

"SWEPCO always seeks ways to minimize the impact of ROW clearing," Johnson said. "Where possible, mechanized clearing equipment will be used. Tracked, rubber-tired and low pressure rubber-tired equipment are used as site conditions warrant. Felled trees and roots may be removed, shredded, chipped, cut to firewood or burned when permitted in accordance with local burning ordinances and after appropriate consultation with local authorities. In sensitive areas such as wetlands and at stream banks, hand clearing is employed in accordance with established best management practices (BMPs) and care is taken not to disturb the root structure of vegetation in these areas. Minimal root disturbance is also employed in highly erodible areas such as steep slopes."

Following completion of line construction, SWEPCO ROW restoration would be undertaken with any remaining construction debris removed and disturbed areas graded back to preexisting contours. Johnson said soil stabilization will be completed, disturbed non-crop areas re-vegetated with native grasses and forbs, and finally the temporary erosion controls will be removed after regrowth is established in compliance with the Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) or other permit conditions.

Landowners traversed by one or more of the proposed routes, Dr. James Helwig, Fritz Goodnow, Tom Oppenheim and Rick Clark, have commented on possible landslides or erosion due to

loss of vegetation along hillsides during clear-cutting operations. Hydrogeologist Thomas Aley has testified about concerns that sediment runoff would degrade groundwater.

Johnson said SWEPCO appreciates their concerns, but it is important to note that SWEPCO and AEP have successfully installed and maintained rights-of-way for many hundreds of miles of transmission lines in mountainous and/or hilly terrain for several decades, including other existing transmission lines within the study area of this proposed project.

"Clearing has the potential to disturb surface soils," he said. "Therefore, SWEPCO will develop and implement an appropriate Arkansas Dept. of Environmental Quality-approved SWPPP prior to commencing clearing in a particular area. Implementing a SWPPP for project construction is standard practice for SWEPCO. Clearing activities would begin once the BMPs for erosion sediment control are in place in accordance with the SWPPP. Removal of trees within the easement area is undertaken with care and an understanding of the impact to the existing environment. In sensitive areas, clearing operations are modified to minimize disturbance to the existing root structure."

"The SWPPP requires SWEPCO to continuously monitor, maintain and manage erosion controls to ensure ongoing effectiveness throughout construction and the post-construction restoration period."

After line construction is complete, SWEPCO plans to reseed the ROW with native grasses and forbs to provide long-term soil stabilization.

Johnson also responded to

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Global firm steps into wastewater plant

HARRIE FARROW

Berryville's wastewater plant will come under management of CH2M HILL, a global firm based in Denver, Colo., on Sept. 1. Mayor Tim McKinney said the firm would manage all operations and be responsible for all expenses related to operation of the plant, and cost to the city will be the same as currently budgeted for 2013. CH2M HILL was chosen over four other companies.

"In the past few years Berryville has spent over three million dollars upgrading our plant to meet new limits on our discharge permit, and at times have had problems meeting these limits for phosphorus," McKinney said. "The business of wastewater treatment has become very technical over the past several years and we expect that trend to continue. With CH2M HILL's expertise, cooperation from Tyson's, and Berryville's commitment to meeting or exceeding what is required of us, we will become a model of how a wastewater plant in a small town with a large user such as Tysons should be operated. All employees currently working for the city who can pass a drug test will be offered a job by CH2M HILL.

"Tyson's has been very coopera-

tive and a part of this process from the start. We have had a sewer use agreement with them since the late 1980s that has not been modified since it was first signed. The new agreement with them will set limits on phosphorus and other things, and impose a surcharge if these are exceeded. Phosphorus was not even on our discharge permit five years ago. I believe many of these changes stem from the lawsuits between Oklahoma and Arkansas involving the Illinois watershed."

Katherine Benenati, Public Outreach and Assistance Division Chief of the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ), said phosphorous limits in Berryville's permit were based on an Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission (APC&E) regulation adopted in 2004. The regulation is intended to be Arkansas's way of cooperating with the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES). According to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the NPDES program "has been a major force in the nation's efforts to protect and restore the quality of our rivers, lakes, and coastal waters. Thirty years ago, only one-third of our waters were considered healthy. Today, approximately two-thirds are

healthy."

Part of the regulation in reference to "Discharge of Domestic Wastewater to the Osage Creek Basin, a tributary of the Kings River," delineates the amount of phosphorus allowed in a permit issued to the city of Berryville. Compliance was to be attained no later than Jan. 1, 2012.

Benenati said the plant had four violations of phosphorus limits in 2012. According to the ADEQ permit, violators can be found guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to imprisonment of up to a year, a fine up to \$10,000, and a civil penalty up to \$10,000.

Worth Sparkman, manager of public relations at Tyson said, "Berryville and Tyson Foods have worked collaboratively over the last several months to ensure the city maintained compliance with the new limit. Both the city and our company recently visited with CH2M Hill in order to extend knowledge about

biological removal of phosphorus. This process will present a more cost effective approach to removing phosphorus as opposed to the alternate method which requires chemicals."

According to Billy Ammons, CH2M HILL regional manager, Berryville officials "are clearly committed to doing what is necessary to meet all regulatory standards necessary to protect public health and the environment. While it is true that large industrial clients such as Tyson can pose challenges for any wastewater system, particularly in small communities such as Berryville, we are confident that those challenges can be met by working together cooperatively."

Ammons said CH2M HILL has been a recognized worldwide leader in water and wastewater management for more than 25 years and Fayetteville has worked with the company since 1987.

Red Carpet rolls out for LGBT visitors

If there's burlesque, bluegrass, pool parties, drag shows, crowded dance floors and packed-to-the-rafters bars and restaurants, then you know Summer Diversity Weekend 2013 has arrived – along with hundreds of gay and lesbian visitors from far and wide.

The weekend kicks off early on Friday, Aug. 2, with a two-day Absolutely Fabulous Big Gay Yard Sale, starting at 7 a.m. in the W.T. Focker's parking lot, 2100 E. Van Buren. Proceeds will benefit the new Eureka Springs Gay Business Guild.

From 6 to 8 p.m. on Friday, the traditional Diversity Weekend Meet 'n' Greet at KJ's Caribé Restaurante y Cantina, 309 W. Van Buren, will give LGBT visitors and locals a chance to mix and mingle before heading out to events at such nightspots as Voulez Vous, Henri's Just One More, Eureka Live Underground, the New Delhi Cafe and other venues.

After a night on the town, the public is invited to the family-friendly Public Display of Affection and photo op in Basin Spring Park on Spring Street on Saturday, Aug. 3, 11:30 a.m. – noon. But wait, there's more – lots more – for the full Diversity Weekend schedule of events go to www.gayeurekasprings.com/summer-diversity-2013 online.

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Already-threatened Kings River could be further distressed

BECKY GILLETTE

There is a lot to be proud about with the Kings River. The Madison County portion of the river is a designated Wild and Scenic Waterway. Due to its outstanding biodiversity and excellent water quality, the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality has recognized the Kings River as an Extraordinary Resource Water (ERW).

"Only about 16 percent of Arkansas' total stream miles have been designated as ERWs," said Shawna Miller, a biologist and former director of the Kings River Watershed Partnership.

While she wasn't speaking on behalf of the partnership at the Arkansas Public Service Commission hearing in Eureka Springs July 15 on the proposed SWEPCO high voltage transmission line, Miller spoke about research and scientific studies done in the watershed and what those mean regarding the proposed power line she fears would greatly harm the Kings.

"I am extremely concerned about the construction and maintenance of this transmission line and the devastating impact it would have on the Kings River and its riparian zone," Miller said. "Numerous state agencies, research groups, local landowners and the Kings River Watershed Partnership have spent hundreds of thousands of dollars and years of effort to improve and protect water quality of the Kings River Watershed. This project would void those monumental efforts."

Miller said the entire stretch of



Native Eureka Shawna Miller spoke at the July 15 hearing to Judge Connie Griffin about the dangers to the Kings River that could result if SWEPCO is allowed to span the naturally flowing river with its proposed herbicide-maintained 345 kiloVolt transmission line.

PHOTO BY DAVID FRANK DEMPSEY

the Kings River is highly valued by surrounding landowners and recreationists for excellent fishing, boating, swimming and wildlife watching opportunities. The type of stream represented by the Kings is increasingly rare in the United States.

"The Nature Conservancy's Ozarks Ecoregional Conservation Assessment identified the Kings River as containing a significant concentration of aquatic biodiversity," she said. "It is one of the last

undammed tributaries of the White River and hosts 30 endemic or modal species. Despite these designations and extra protections, the Kings River is currently in a fragile state."

Evidence of that is nearly 60 miles of the Kings River are currently on the Draft 2012 Impaired Waterbodies (303 d) List, a list developed to access compliance with the Clean Water Act. The cause of impairment for these two sections of the Kings River has been found to be total dissolved solids, which are higher than state criteria. Dissolved solids may come from organic sources such as leaves, silt, plankton, and industrial waste and sewage, Miller said. Other sources come from runoff from urban areas, road salts used on streets during the winter, and fertilizers and herbicides used on lawns and farms.


"These sections of the Kings River on the Impaired Waterbodies List would be traversed by the proposed 345 kV transmission line, which would serve to further impact this already threatened river," Miller said. "In 2004, Parsons, Inc., and University of Arkansas Ecological Engineering Group completed a report on the water quality and biological assessment of the Kings River. They found that, 'The ecological integrity of the streams in the Kings River basin are at risk of being further degraded from altered hydrologic flow regimes, increased sedimentation, and loss of riparian vegetation. The loss of sensitive species of fish and macroinvertebrates in this system

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Just the beginning? Berryville meeting focuses on potential for more power lines

BECKY GILLETTE

SWEPSCO's proposed 345 kiloVolt (kV) line through Carroll County is just the beginning of plans that SWEPSCO, Entergy and the Southern Power Pool (SPP) have for major transmission lines in the region, according to speakers at a July 25 meeting in Berryville. The meeting drew about 100 people and was moderated by retired ABC World News correspondent and long time resident of Carroll County, Erin Hayes.

"There is the potential for many more lines in our area, and not just regular power lines like what we have here now," said Hayes. "If these were just regular power lines, we wouldn't be here tonight. These are not like anything you have ever seen in this county. These are urban-sized." Proposed lines would stretch from Shipe Rd. in Benton County to just north of Berryville, about 48 miles.

Hayes said the proposed power

lines, averaging seven towers per mile and standing twice the height of Christ of the Ozarks statue, would change Carroll County permanently.

"There is a lot at stake here," Hayes said. "In documents presented by SWEPSCO to the state, it's clear these power lines are not needed to bring power to Carroll County — they're to bring power through Carroll County. They are an electricity superhighway to ship electricity somewhere else."

Hayes said the SWEPSCO Shipe-to-Kings River plan is just part of a much bigger plan, which, according to SWEPSCO's documents, includes many more — and some bigger — lines in the

They are an electricity superhighway to ship electricity somewhere else. — Erin Hayes

future including a 500 kV line running east and west from the proposed new \$20 million Kings River Station, which is proposed on a site located northwest of Berryville along State Route 143.

Joe Scott, director of Parks and Recreation for the City of Berryville, talked about the potential for water in the karst geology of the region to be contaminated by construction and maintenance of the line, including herbicide spraying.

"We live in this big sponge," said Scott, who was speaking not for the city, but as a private citizen. "The porous and fractured nature of karst make it very susceptible to pollution."

Also attending the meeting was Heath Rauschenberger, a karst biologist with the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service. Rauschenberger, based in Huntsville, provided copies of a four-page letter from the USF&W regarding potential impacts of the project on threatened and endangered species. The letter said sediment and nutrients from the project could have direct, indirect and/or cumulative effects to mussels, fish hosts and/or their habitats.

Rauschenberger said right now it is a state issue and no federal permits have been applied for. He offered help to owners of private land in Carroll County who are interested in finding out if they have threatened and endangered species on their property. Rauschenberger can be reached at heath_rauschenberger@fws.gov or (479) 738-1384.

Susan Brashears, co-owner of Brashears Furniture, said people speaking at the recent Arkansas Public Service Commission hearing in Eureka Springs really opened her eyes to potential damages from the project. "I'm trying to understand the need for a project this size," she said.

She said the project could have a negative impact on tourism, property values, property sales and tax revenues. If the project results in fewer people moving to the area and retiring, and current

residents leaving because of the power lines, that would impact even non-tourism related businesses like Brashears.

Also speaking at the meeting was Doug Stowe, who warned that more huge power lines would be coming if SWEPSCO gets this one approved. "They are putting this power line into the \$20 million Kings River Station that goes nowhere," he said. "The power line is designed so a second circuit could be added. One circuit is four times the power we need, and two circuits would be eight times the power needed in Carroll County."

Stowe advised people not to get intimidated about digging in to learn about electric power transmission lines. "We are smart citizens in Carroll County, and we can understand," he said. "If SWEPSCO can't explain why it is needed, they aren't doing a good job."

Pat Costner, a founder and director of Save The Ozarks (STO), said transmission line expert, Dr. Hyde Merrill, has testified there is no evidence the project is needed to relieve transmission line overload — the justification given by SWEPSCO for the project. Costner said even if the line were needed, Merrill has outlined six alternatives that would be less expensive and far less damaging to the environment and property values.

Rep. Bob Ballinger (R-Green Forest) appeared to be sympathetic to audience concerns saying he was excited to be talking about holding government accountable for use of eminent domain to take private property. He said that "throws up red flags" for him, and there is definitely a downside to the project. But in questions following his presentation, Ballinger indicated he was remaining neutral on the project because an unnamed person he trusts told him the power line was necessary and that in 20 years, if we were in bad shape over power lines, he would regret it.

Ballinger has accepted a \$350 campaign contribution from SWEPSCO, \$250 from SWEPSCO's parent company, AEP, and \$500 from the Arkansas Electric Cooperative.

SWEPSCO was invited to the meeting but declined.

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Trash talk

NICKY BOYETTE

As Jerry Landrum was getting ready to add more scraps to his compost tank, he pointed out an insect flying away. "The black soldier fly is my hero," Landrum declared. He twisted off the lid atop the tank to reveal the hordes of black soldier fly larvae inside.

"They're the ones that colonize road kill. They work for us as composters, and they have no interest in getting into our homes," he said.

"I bring in buckets of scraps from two restaurants, pour them into the tank and add a bunch of leaves. The larvae eat everything." Around the edges of the bottomless 275-gallon tank was dark, loamy rich-looking compost mixed with fallen leaves.

Landrum is Chair of the Eureka Springs Climate Action Plan Progress Committee, and has already made in difference in town by drawing attention to the affordability of solar energy for homeowners and businesses. The six-month old compost experiment is his attempt to find a useful way to divert more solid wastes from the waste stream.

He opened the five-gallon bucket filled with kitchen scraps and said, "Now that's some stinky stuff in there." He funneled it all into the tank and stuffed in a barrowful of leaves as well.

The goal for Landrum is to find other uses for what otherwise enters the trash system and, in the case of Eureka Springs, must be hauled 90 miles to the Cherokee Nation Landfill in Stillwell, Okla., for disposal.

"I'm looking at carbon footprint reduction," Landrum stated. He said food scraps are heavy and we can avoid having to pay to haul them away.

Composting is also part of the *Climate Action Plan for Eureka Springs* written by Nicholas Brown and presented to city council in 2012. An Energy Efficiency Community Block Grant funded the work. Brown states that 40 percent of solid waste is typically compostable. He speculated a "commercial-scale composting facility can be developed from approximately \$300,000 initial cost."

Landrum said he does not have \$300,000, so for now he uses a tank, restaurant scraps and black soldier flies.



An interesting sidebar to composting is the enormous mass of larvae that do the work. There are so many in the tank, Landrum can scoop out a can full and feed his fowl, which includes an escapee from a Tyson's truck. Bluegill living in their own pool on the property also love the larvae.

There are sites online describing elaborate systems for harvesting black soldier fly larvae, Landrum said. People recognize their usefulness. The point of the project so far, though, is that instead of hauling the kitchen waste 90 miles away week after week; it stays local to become compost and food for fowl and fish.

During the six months of experimenting, Landrum has moved from the raccoon-attracting phase to the tank that does not smell or attract houseflies or pests. From what he has learned, he envisions three ways to have a community composting system. One would be for Public Works or Carroll County Waste Management Authority to establish a composting site and a method for getting material there. Landrum considers the Eureka Springs CCWMA site the best location.

A second strategy would be for a restaurant toward the edge of town that has a space in the back for a few tanks to host the site. The restaurant could process

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20 property owners file to protest tax assessments

BECKY GILLETTE

While no one likes a big property tax bill, as of July 30 only about 20 property owners in Carroll County had filled out forms to challenge the assessment value for their property, according to Carroll County Clerk Jamie Correia, secretary of the Carroll County Equalization Board that hears There is still more time for property owners to make objections to the Equalization Board. Forms have to be filled out and in by August 19. A form can be obtained by e-mailing Correia at jcorreia@hbeark.com, by calling (870) 423-2022 or visiting the clerk's office in Berryville.

People who challenge their assessment can't change their tax bill for the current tax year, but can possibly change it for the following year.

While some kind of proof such as an appraisal done in the past three to five years would bolster support to challenging property assessments, Correia said that isn't a requirement.

"They can just come in and talk to the board," Correia said. "They can speak with the board and say why they feel they are overtaxed."

Some helpful information would be photos of a basement that is unfinished or other photos that demonstrate why the property isn't worth as much as it was assessed in the 2012 reappraisal. Comparable property sales in the area could be considered.

Correia learned from other county clerks and tax assessors that the assessor is able to make changes when there might be errors in information used to determine assessment, such as square footage, and the number of bathrooms. Correia recommended checking the assessment, then calling the assessor's office if you feel there any errors. That can be done without coming to the Equalization Board.

Carroll County Tax Assessor Jo Ann Harris said she sent out only 300 notices of higher assessment rates in 2012 out of 24,000 parcels of land. She said the overall

assessed value of the county flat-lined. New construction was offset by lower property assessments for other parcels.

County reappraisals every three years have been extended to every five years. Harris said that change came from the state due to fewer sales overall.

Harris said a current appraisal that supports the contention of the property owners for a lower appraisal is the best thing to have. If there are comparable sales to willing buyers, that can be considered. But she said it has to be an "arm's length" sale. For example, you can't use a sale

that might have been a relative who was giving the buyer a really good deal.

Foreclosures aren't considered justified comparables. "Apparently whoever owned that property went bankrupt," she said. "There is no way you can compare that to another property."

"We have houses valued at \$200,000 being sold for \$400,000," she said. "That happens frequently in this county. When you are trying to value across the board and have properties selling way above value, we have to base our appraisals on sales."

Sunday at EUUF

Marianne LeGrande will speak at the Eureka Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 17 Elk Street, on August 4. LeGrande worked for 25 years enforcing civil rights laws and settling discrimination cases for minorities and females as Compliance Manager for the City of Tulsa and as president of the Tulsa Chapter of the National Organization for Women. She was an editor of an all-Spanish language petroleum magazine, and taught judges and attorneys how to use American Jurisprudence law books. She has completed the first draft of her memoir of her life experiences.

The program is at 11 a.m. followed by refreshments. Child care is provided.

Play welcomes 7.7 millionth visitor with a surprise

Someone buying a ticket to the Great Passion Play this weekend will get an unexpected gift when the Play welcomes its 7.7 millionth visitor on Saturday, August 3 – a lifetime pass to be presented immediately before the performance in the amphitheater.

In conjunction with the celebration of their 7.7 millionth visitor, the Play presents noted contemporary Christian musicians and platinum-selling recording artists, John Michael Talbot and Michael Card, in a benefit concert for The Great Passion Play on Thursday, August 8, in the Eureka Springs city auditorium at 7:30 p.m.

For tickets to the 7.7 millionth visitor celebration or the concert, visit www.GreatPassionPlay.org, call (800) 882-7529, or visit the box office of The Great Passion Play.

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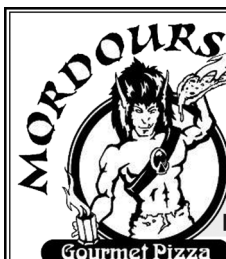
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Rake up after the geese

Editor,

In response to a call for kinder hearts, I've no doubt that Mr. Levine would welcome some kind hearts to volunteer to clean the beach and other areas of goose feces so the geese would not have to be eradicated at some point. Just be prepared to volunteer a couple of hours *every* day to clean the goose droppings from the beach area, the boat ramp and the walkway between the bait house and the swimming area.

For years the goose feces *was* raked... into the lake! The beach area is not used by boaters, but barefoot

kids. Simply raking the feces does little to remove all of it from the sand. It's not something I would walk barefoot in much less allow my kids to. Doubt me? Come to the park and walk on the beach if you dare.

Please keep Mr. Levine from having to initiate the ultimate solution... volunteer to do your part and remove goose feces on a daily basis!

Tom Beckendorf

Ditto what the other headline said

Editor,

Dear Bruce Levine and Parks commissioners,

You can't kill the geese at Lake

Leatherwood, you just can't. This morning I watched a family with three small children, the youngest holding on to mama's hand, and they were walking accompanied solemnly by three geese. Have you ever stood beneath them as the geese take off and fly over your head to land on the lake? It's a force of nature.

Please rake the swimming area or let people swim in other places. The water isn't very deep on that beach and it really heats up in the summer, which breeds infection like swimmer's ear. I wouldn't let my little kids swim there.

Please don't kill the geese.

Cindy Covel



WEEK'S TopTweets

@drunkerpro --- My moral compass just spins.

@McMcmadmac --- My grandpa used to tell us about walking 10 miles to school. I tell my grandchildren about walking across the room to change channels!

@HeyZeus666 --- I lost a very dear friend and drinking buddy in a tragic accident this weekend. He got his finger caught in a wedding band.

@TheTweetOfGod --- If what people thought of you, what you thought of yourself and who you really are ever met, the three of you wouldn't recognize each other.

@DebraMuffin --- Nothing says 'I don't take you seriously' like your dog wagging his tail when you are yelling at him.

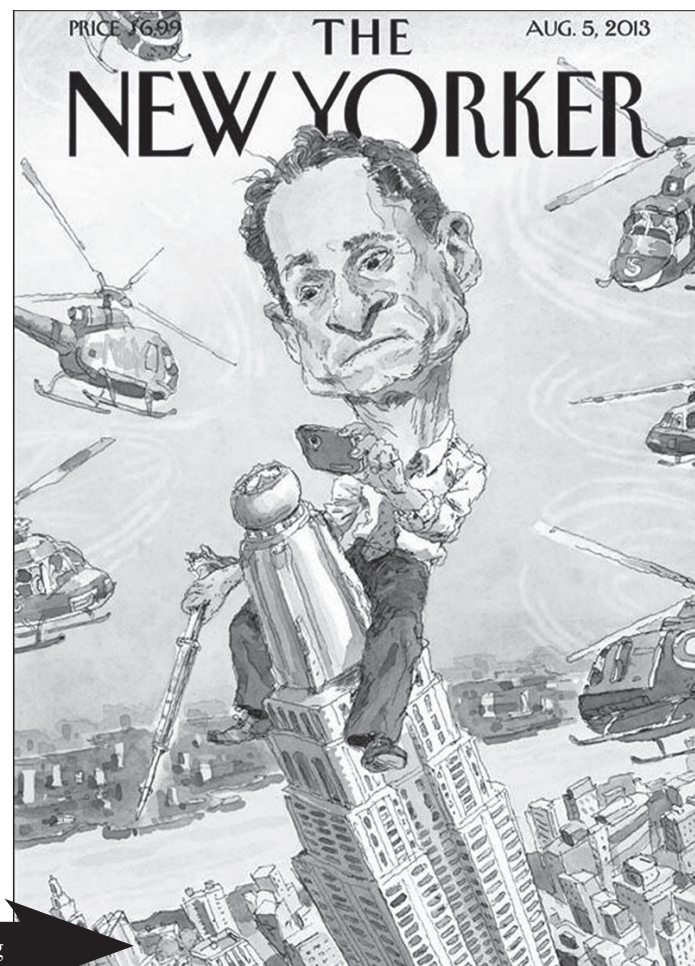
@Breadery --- I want my hearse to have 'JUST DIED' written on the windshield with cans tied to the rear bumper.

@Zen_Moments --- At the height of laughter the universe is flung into a kaleidoscope of new possibilities. ~ Jean Houston

@Higginsss --- What is the most beautiful city you have ever visited? – Eureka Springs, Arkansas. No doubt about it.

@mathildia --- Sadly, we will have to wait 6-12 months before it becomes clear which super power the royal baby has.

@henrycooke --- Weiner New Yorker cover is devastating



Paid your sunlight tax yet?

Finally, someone saw through the folly of harnessing free sunlight to make electricity. What we thought was free, provided for all mankind and available about half of every 24 hours, is now taxed in Spain.

It's called a backup toll, designed to make solar collection so expensive consumers will never, ever think about straying from the tentacles of their personal electricity company.

Now that up-to-the-minute technology is at everyone's fingertips, power companies are scrambling. Electric companies do not expect us to take advantage of their inability to compete with a "free" source of energy that does not enliven industry, and they still haven't figured out how to put a meter on the sun.

Have you ever wondered why these companies, despite not doing their homework and not having the public good as their goal, are so adamant about force-feeding us what they're selling? Not only do we get to pay for their ideas, we don't get to share in the benefits of them. The way they have it set up, they will erect ugly, toxic, invasive towers all over our county to provide electricity that bypasses us.

The same thing is happening in northern New Mexico, where giant transmission towers are crossing federal land before they get to private land. Yet the people who will have to live underneath these tall, metal boils will have to pay the building and maintenance expenses. They were told by the electric company that although the electricity was for neither New Mexico nor Arizona, states the towers would cross, Southern California was in desperate need of it, therefore it was for the public good.

Problem was, someone picked up the phone and called Southern California. They talked to a state exec out there who reportedly said, "Don't believe it. We are going in an alternative direction. In twenty years we will be sustainable and not so dependent on huge power companies. They can keep their towers and the coal that goes with it."

Which is the muscular thing to say, since what most of us use electricity for – refrigerators, water pumps, computers and watching *The Real Housewives of Sioux Falls*, does not use nearly what we are wired for. Nor will we need more, as appliances are using less electricity than ever. And the population explosion touted by the massive electric companies is not anywhere close to what is actually happening in our lives. How many couples do you know with three or more children?

Our hands are full trying to keep these scavengers out of our lives, and just when we go two steps forward, the Carroll Boone Water Board rolls over and plays dead, saying it would be illegal to not add fluoride to our local water supply.

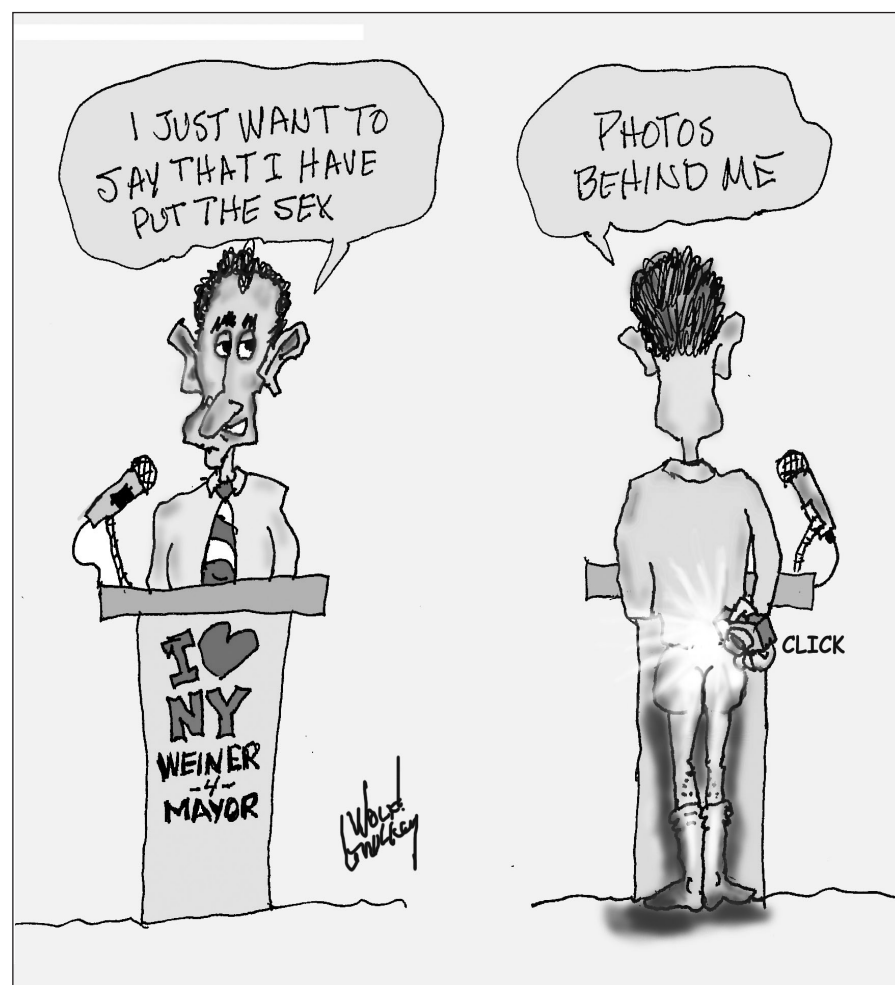
We've been through all the reasons why fluoride is a threat to our health, and now the board seems to be saying it's fine to break the law by using funds from ratepayers to pay for fluoridation. Just don't mess with the legislature.

It all means that there are people with oodles of money waiting to pounce on us. It means they are comfortable knowing they can out wait us and out spend us.

Remember the midnight ride of Paul Revere? It's a part of our history that is distorted but inspirational, and it proves that when we've had enough, we will come up with a creative and nervy plan to simply go it on our own. Let the electric companies know we won't tolerate their towers even if they come with an SEC championship.

Giant industry did enable the United States to become strong enough to make this country a powerhouse. Giant industry did invest in this country surrounded by two enormous bodies of water and two enormous slabs of land. But when the ride is over, when we see that they are interested only in pacifying their stockholders at the expense of the general population, it's time to treat them like the fat cat on the couch that has got to go out.

MPB



The Pursuit Of HAPPINESS

by Dan Krotz

A much younger friend living in upstate New York complained recently of the cold bloodedness of most American love affairs. "I'm so tired of hearing story after story of vague, anorexic, over analyzed relationships filled with people who live in their navels," she says. "After hearing them, I crave an Italian drama where women are screaming, men are cursing, and plates go crashing."

My daughter, a twenty-something who lives in Minneapolis, has a different assessment of modern love and romance. "I'd like to met a man who has a job and doesn't live with his parents," she said. "And it would be nice if he would pick up a check once in a while... not all the time... just once in a while." She isn't sure about getting married, but she would like to have children. Love and marriage, it seems, are going the way of the horse and carriage.

In 2011, 4.2 million adults were newly married, about the same number as in 2010 but, in the realm of statistics, sharply lower than the 4.5 million couples who married in 2008. The decline in nuptials from 2008 to 2011

is in keeping with a general trend away from marriage. Barely half of American adults (51 percent) were married in 2011, compared with 72 percent in 1960. Marriage is increasingly replaced by cohabitation, single-person households and other adult living arrangements.

So, who's getting married? Evangelical and fundamentalist Christians for one. They also lead the league in divorce; almost half sunder the ties that bind. The silver lining? They really believe in marriage: about 9 percent of evangelical and fundamentalist Arkansans have been married three or more times. On balance this is good news for Eureka Springs and its reputation as a destination for weddings. Soon, we'll see "Buy one, get one free!" campaigns.

Who among Christians stay married? Quakers do okay. So do those wily Unitarians. My own denomination, the Disciples of Christ, also sticks together pretty good, along with the Presbyterians. I don't know if Presbyterians throw plates, but a Disciple will, now and then. My old wife certainly will throw a plate.

INDEPENDENT Constables On Patrol

JULY 22

9:49 a.m. – Caller told ESPD about damage done to a tree.

11:35 a.m. – People at the cemetery asked a constable to check out what looked like a makeshift grave. Constable who responded determined it was a pile of displaced rocks.

1:06 p.m. – There was a gas drive-off, but constables never encountered the vehicle.

JULY 23

5:03 a.m. – Constable and EMS responded to a vehicle rollover in the north part of town. Driver had unknown injuries, and she was taken to ESH.

12:19 p.m. – Witness reported someone cutting down a tree without the owner's permission. Constable told the person who ordered the tree cut to leave the property and not come back.

JULY 24

9:19 a.m. – A bulldog and a shepherd mix were traveling westbound on US 62. Animal Control went to the scene but they were nowhere to be found.

9:21 a.m. – Then he went to look for a poodle on the loose and didn't find it, either.

10:44 a.m. – A man reportedly with a bayonet was getting confrontational with other customers in a restaurant. He left before a constable arrived and it turned out the man had a knife in a sheath, not a bayonet, and he had not threatened anyone.

2:33 p.m. – Animal Control captured a German Shepherd roaming the cemetery, and gave the owner citations.

5:20 p.m. – There was a head-on collision blocking traffic on US 62.

5:45 p.m. – Passerby noticed an approximately eight-year old child hitchhiking. Constable met with the child and mother. The parents agreed the child would stay with the father for awhile.

7:13 p.m. – Alarm sounded at a jewelry store, but responding constable did not find anything amiss. Building was secure.

8:28 p.m. – Big mostly black dog on US 62 eluded the search of a constable.

10:26 p.m. – An apparently intoxicated individual was beating on the walls of an inn. Two constables went to see him.

JULY 25

4:44 a.m. – A couple engaged in a domestic dispute at the early hour. They told the responding constable they would be quiet for the rest of the night.

3:03 p.m. – A male who had been passed

out near Main Street woke up and ran into traffic. Constable on patrol and EMS responded, but they determined he was okay.

6:10 p.m. – Passerby noticed a dog in a truck on a hot day. The truck was not there when the constable arrived to check it.

6:14 p.m. – Concerned caller reported an intoxicated female had driven away from a restaurant. Constables did not encounter her vehicle.

6:41 p.m. – Individual was being belligerent. Constable searched for him downtown but did not come across him.

7:35 p.m. – Two males and a female reportedly were downtown screaming and cursing because they had been refused service at a store. Constables were unable to locate them.

JULY 26

2:58 a.m. – Constable arrested a person for public intoxication.

9:59 a.m. – Constable learned of an elderly driver being a danger. He stopped her vehicle on Main Street and then escorted her to her destination.

10:10 a.m. – A vehicle was going too fast downtown and almost hit two pedestrians. Constables were unable to find the vehicle.

10:38 a.m. – The same German Shepherd was loose again at the cemetery. Animal Control captured the animal again and brought it to its owner with a citation for Dog at Large. Constable then arrested the owner for failure to appear on a prior dog citation.

11:10 a.m. – Individual turned himself in for an outstanding warrant for failure to pay on fines. He posted a bond and was released with a court date.

1:47 p.m. – An itinerant dog wandered up to a porch for awhile. It was gone when Animal Control arrived, but he watched for it.

2:38 p.m. – Proprietor of an inn needed help removing certain persons from the property. They told the constable they would leave when their ride arrived.

3:19 p.m. – One brother wanted to speak with a constable about the other brother assaulting him. Constable spoke with both brothers.

8:25 p.m. – EMS asked for assistance at the scene of a suicidal person. Constable responded and secured the scene.

11:41 p.m. – Person at a bar uptown told ESPD someone in another car backed into hers and took off toward US 62. Constables

never encountered the adverse vehicle. Other vehicle sustained no damage, so no report necessary.

JULY 27

10:12 a.m. – Constable on patrol responded to a gentleman sleeping in his vehicle. Constable advised him the next time would be a citation.

4:44 p.m. – Driver reported she had backed over a motorcycle. No injuries.

6:06 p.m. – Witness provided information for ESPD about a hit and run in a parking lot toward the east edge of town.

7:40 p.m. – Caller told ESPD he had received a call asking for his help removing a vehicle from a ditch, and the caller sounded intoxicated. Constables responded and arrested the driver for DWI.

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1:39 a.m. – Person near an establishment flagged down a constable to report someone had broken into his car. Constable checked the scene.

2:18 a.m. – Motel clerk said one of his guests had previously reported a female had taken some of his things and left. Now she had returned and the guest wanted her to leave. Constable spoke with them and advised the female to leave and not come back.

2:20 a.m. – Hotel staff reported they suspected one of the guests to be a thief. He comes and goes a lot and was seen carrying a carpet into the hotel. Before a constable could arrive to investigate,

hotel staff saw the suspicious guest going through employees' lockers and security caught him as he tried to run away. Constable arrested the individual for public intoxication, breaking and entering and theft of property.

3:51 a.m. – Guest at a motel reported apparently drunk people nearby arguing, fighting and slamming doors and each other against the walls. Caller had heard a threat of gun violence. The argument was still active when constables arrived, and the husband decided to go to another hotel for the night.

7:20 a.m. – Employee at a place of business saw a vehicle run into a bench in front of the store and damage it. Employee gave the details to ESPD.

1:49 p.m. – Motel staff reported a guest was being belligerent. As the constable was arriving, the guest and his party left without incident.

5:24 p.m. – Central dispatch told ESPD a woman had been abandoned by her husband at a motel in town. Constable made contact with her.

9:48 p.m. – One sister called ESPD after she had heard dire news about her sister in town. Constable checked on the sister, and she was fine.

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12:33 a.m. – Person at a gas station reported two possibly intoxicated drivers sitting in their cars in the parking lot. Constable on patrol responded and deemed all was okay.

Crock pot soap?

You bet! L. J. Smole will teach an artisan castile soap making class at Flora Roja August 5, from 6 – 8 p.m. Learn the art of soap making and why castile soap is prized for its moisturizing properties. Crock-pot soap is simple and safe to make and is also a pH neutral soap that is safe and versatile ... you can later use it to make laundry soap or shampoo!

Being vegan soap, it's required that participants bring organic olive oil. Classes will take place at the Flora Roja Community Acupuncture Herbal Apothecary and Learning Center, 119 Wall St. For class fees and to sign up go to www.floraroja.com, and learn more by checking out "Smole Artisan Crafts" on Facebook.

Nervous? Find out why August 6

D'Coda from *The Herbal Coaching Community School of Herbalism* will teach a class about the nervous system August 6, 6 – 8 p.m. at Flora Roja Community Acupuncture, 119 Wall St. Class includes an overview of the nervous system, the autonomic nervous system and energetic medicine.

For more information on class costs and to register, call (479) 253-4968 or visit www.floraroja.com. To schedule a private consultation with D'Coda email herbalcoachingcommunity@gmail.com.

CECC publicist explains new construction

HARRIE FARROW

Nancy Plagge, director of corporate communications for the Carroll Electric Cooperative Cooperation, gave a tour and thumbnail history of CECC this week and shed light on new buildings, SWEPCO's plans and security at annual meetings.

CECC got its start in 1937, with headquarters in Berryville. In 1951 the co-op was located in the building now housing the Carroll County Eastern District Court-house. Outgrowing that space, CECC moved into the building now across from WalMart in 1973.

The majority of CECC customers, 60 percent, are in the Benton County area, and in recent years the co-op considered moving its headquarters there. However, Plagge said, they considered that they employed more than 100 people in Berryville, making them a major employer in Carroll County." The co-op did not like the economic impact moving would have on the county, so they decided to stay in Berryville," she said.

According to Plagge, the 1970's building was planned to suffice for the co-op for 30 years. Now, more than 40 years later, the structure under construction is bigger than is currently needed, but the co-op felt it was important to plan for the future.

The new structure will enclose the existing building. Plagge, who has heard some disturbing reactions to the new building, said "I promise it's not a conspiracy."

Plagge said CECC did not consider installing solar panels on their new building. "By contract, we have to purchase all our power from, and are members of,

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Circa 1970s



Arkansas Electric Cooperative Corporation [AECC]." However, CEC did install a new geothermal system and Plagge said the headquarters would qualify as an EPA Energy Star building at completion of construction.

A tour of the completed part of the expansion revealed a large warehouse that Plagge explained was windowless to help keep the temptation for theft down. She said copper theft is a big problem and the cooperative has been broken into before; the thieves "were lucky to get out alive because of live wires." There are security cameras around the cooperative's property, which also help manage CECC's fleet of trucks.

Also in this building is Central Dispatch. The room has GIS mapping and electronic playback of calls to be able to decipher unclear communications. Mon-

itors in this room show images from the security cameras.

The dispatch center consists of a concrete building inside a concrete building to protect it from possible disasters such as

tornados or explosions. Plagge explained that this is "critical infrastructure for people's lives," and needs to be kept operational. She referred to it as a "kind of a war room in the event of an emergency."

A safety training center is also in this building. In the past, the AECC did all safety training and inspections. Another new structure on the property is a metal building providing dry storage for transformers and other equipment.

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The Eureka Springs School of the Arts broke ground for its new metalwork and blacksmithing studio last week. It's a big deal for the school and community – adding to our arts destination status. Congratulations to Executive Director Peggy Kjelgaard and a strong board of directors, including architect David McKee.

The arts are vital for success

of our town and we should support them. The arts are fundamental to our humanity and make economic sense in a tourist town; the art appreciative visitor spends more and stays longer. Art helps drive our local economy, providing jobs and generating much needed revenue.

Eureka Springs has a long history as an arts town, starting with Louis and Elsie Freund, who founded the

Summer Art School in 1939.

For a city with a population of only 2000, we have made impressive strides in continuing the arts tradition. We have a lot going for us, including: long established non-profit art organizations (ESSA, The Writers' Colony, Opera in the Ozarks); multiple arts and craft galleries; a Gallery Association; a statewide reputation as an arts and cultural destination; a month-long celebration of the arts in its 27th year; a historic, beautifully renovated city auditorium; Main Stage; fine wine and dining; a Mayor's Arts Council; a new music park; the Creative Energy Project; a world class museum in our backyard; an Artist Registry; Zeek Taylor and a well of talented, creative people – all rolled into a beautiful and unique small town.

It's a potential arts and cultural goldmine for everyone, yet despite all of the above, there is resistance to investing in our arts infrastructure.

Imagine putting a fraction of the \$1 million-plus CAPC tax into the hands of people who can create a spectacular art event and make it buzz-worthy through free social media.

Local photographer Jeremy Mason McGraw obviously comes to

mind. Through his Creative Energy Project, Jeremy pulled off two highly successful art events during this year's May festival. The Sphere and MUGS succeeded on two levels: first, by presenting large-scale, public, interactive art installations for locals and tourists to enjoy, and second, by garnering more free, positive press and hype for Eureka Springs than any costly generic and mediocre ad campaign could ever hope to.

Jeremy's latest project is "Yarnography," a collection of photographs featuring local yarn bomber Gina Gallina's crocheted creations. The collaborating duo have already created quite the buzz through Facebook, local and statewide press, and an Ozarks at Large radio piece – but folks will have to travel to art hungry downtown Bentonville August 6 at the Press Room in order to see it.

Let's invest in the artists and creative talent we have here instead of forcing them to look elsewhere. Our town cannot afford another loss like Pearl Brick or Charlotte Buchanan.



INDEPENDENTArt

You need some art on that plate

Caribé is hosting a free full night of poetry and music, along with the unveiling of a new dish by chef KJ Zumwalt and new poetry by Houston Hughes. The performance begins at 7 p.m., August 9.

As part of the Sensory Iconoclasts series put together by Arts Center of the Ozarks, Zumwalt and Hughes have collaborated to produce verbal and culinary works of art based off one another. The evening will include an hour of poetry and music, with Hughes accompanied by guitarist and tour partner, John Henry. Specialty items will be served in addition to the normal menu.

Plan on plating up some art at Caribé, 309 W. Van Buren (US 62W) August 9. For more information call (479) 253-8102.



Entries for Silver Anniversary Art Show due by Aug. 16

The Holiday Island Art Guild is proud to announce the Silver Anniversary Art Show and Sale August 30 – September 1 at the Barn on Holiday Island.

William Derrevere of Tulsa, Okla., will be the judge this year. Derrevere has an MFA from Western Illinois University, 30 years of teaching experience and is presently teaching in Tulsa. He has won numerous awards for his art, taught classes at ESSA and has shown work at Zarks in Eureka Springs.

Work in four categories will be accepted in the show: works on canvas and fabric, works on paper, three-dimensional and photography. Entries accepted until August 16. Cash prizes will be awarded. For entry forms or more information contact Barbara Robinson at (479) 253-1839, email robinson29@cox.net or phone Joan Hirnisey (479) 253-6285, jamesjoan@cox.net.

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Environmental Impact Statement ‘inaccurate and full of errors’

BECKY GILLETTE

Charlotte Downey, owner of the Beaver Dam Store from 1984-2005 and a biologist by education, has spent many years hunting, fishing and enjoying nature in the White River area. When she received notification that her 100-acre property was on one of the routes being considered by SWEPCO for a 345 kilovolt (kV) transmission line, Downey dug in to learn all she could.

What she found was an enormous number of errors in the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) that brings into question whether SWEPCO has the ability to do the project responsibly.

Downey said the White River has “gone missing” from Beaver Dam to Holiday Island in the route maps SWEPCO sent to property owners, as well as in the EIS that is supposed to study effects of the proposed line. The EIS also gets the direction of the White

River wrong, stating that it flows south when, in fact, it flows north from its origin in the Boston Mountains.

Also gone missing from the report are economic values associated with eco-tourism.

“The fact they thought our primary economic activity is forestry and mining, my jaw dropped when I saw that,” said Downey, whose Beaver Dam Store business provided retail fishing equipment, guide services and canoeing, rafting and kayaking outfitting. “Our economy is not mining and forestry, as reported in the EIS. Our economy is ecotourism. Visitors from many states frequent this area because they desire scenic beauty, natural environment and serenity lacking in densely populated cities. These folks spend a lot of money while here.”

Downey said Eureka Springs could be a poster child for how a community went from a meager economy to one with a flourishing ecotourism economy year around.



DOWNEY

“Rather than bulldoze down acres and acres of our green space, we have preserved it and figured out ways to make a living here and attract other people to this community,” Downey said. “How many places in the U.S. can say that?”

Also “gone missing” from the EIS is an accurate count of how many people would view the power lines. There are 750,000 visitors annually, according to the Eureka Springs Chamber of Commerce. Only local residents, and not visitors, are counted in the EIS relative to how many people will view the power poles.

“The visitors would see and hear the power lines, and they should be given great consideration in a proper EIS as their expenditures contribute greatly to Arkansas sales tax coffers and support our local businesses,” Downey said.

She also is concerned that the EIS doesn’t say anything about the Ozark chinquapin tree that only occurs in Northwest Arkansas, Southwest Missouri and Northwest Oklahoma.

“The Ozark chinquapin is only found in this one little corner of the world where these three states converge,” Downey said. “They are listed as a sensitive species by the U.S. Forestry Service. Nowhere in the EIS, and I read it from front to back, is the Ozark chinquapin mentioned.”

Other major oversights she noted are consideration of impacts to the historic Beaver Bridge, negative impacts on scenic vistas, and failure to recognize the

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TheNATUREofEUREKA by Steven Foster

Crape myrtle – old, showy and fragrant

Welcome to the Eureka Springs late July rain festival with verdant greenery and colorful floral festoonery. Now, this is the kind of climate change that makes frogs happy. I can’t help but notice how happy the crape myrtles seem to be around town, most sporting vibrant red flowers.

Crape myrtle gets its name, I suppose, from a combination of wrinkled flower petals and the fact that the leaves are more less shaped like those of the European

evergreen myrtle (*Myrtus communis*). Botanists know it by the inelegant name *Lagerstroemia indica*.

Linnaeus named it for a fellow Swede friend, Magnus v. Lagerstrom (1696-1759), and I suppose thought it came from India (where it is widely planted), but it is a plant of Chinese origin, first introduced to Europe in 1747.



Hugh, Duke of Northumberland, grew it in England in 1759. Since my ancestors, the Foresters, settled in Northumberland in the 11th century, I imagine they had a chance to see the first blooms, or maybe not, since they lost the family castle, Bainbridge, on the Northumberland coast in a posthumous bankruptcy in 1718 (and yes, there’s an app for that).

Nevertheless, it was first planted in England in the same ground where my deceased ancestors were planted for centuries. French botanist, André Michaux, buddies with many of the founding fathers (and later kicked out of the U.S. for spying for the French), brought it to Charleston, South Carolina, sometime between 1787 and 1796. It is an authentic colonial introduction to American horticulture, enjoyed by George Washington at Mount Vernon.

In the cold 19th century, it was a plant restricted to southern landscapes or hothouses in the north. As the climate has gradually warmed, it is a small flowering tree that can be grown further and further north. The brilliant rose-colored horticultural varieties we see planted around town seem to have emerged sometime in the third quarter of the 19th century.

Pink, rose, white, purple and other variants are seen in gardens. For you Yankee transplants, crape myrtle is to the south what lilacs are to the north – among the most commonly planted aliens.



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

The man, frightened to death, had not looked at the paper Slick was still holding in his hand. He simply stepped back and said, “Come in, boys. There is no way out of this. You have caught me red-handed.”

It seemed that the man had just run off a batch of moonshine right there on his own cook stove. It was sitting all over the place in fruit jars.

The wife had started to cry. Several small children had taken up the chorus.

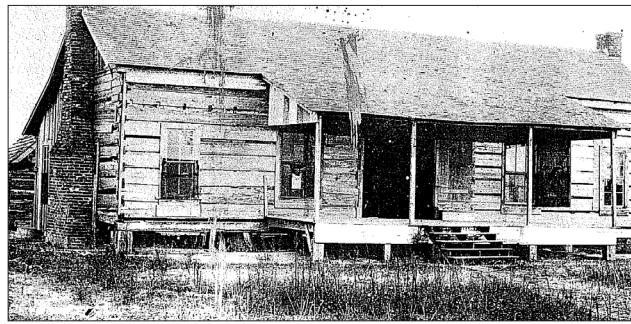
It was then that Slick had really gone into one of his convincing dialogues. He looked around him and said in a kind tone of voice, “Mr. C____, I can see what conditions are here. Your family evidently needs whatever cash you can get out of this whiskey. It’s Christmas time and I think the thing I should do is forget what we have found here tonight. Me and my boys here are human, too. It is cold out there and we have walked a long way. If you will just give us a little of your liquor to help us ward off the cold until we can get back home, we’ll just all forget that it ever happened.”

Mr. C____ had been glad to oblige and had given them all generous supplies of his illegal wares. As we sat there on the log while Elba related the story to me, I marveled that a mind capable of thinking of such a plan was wasted. But the story was not all told.

Elba related with a smile, “And then we let Slick get the best of us before we got home. Even knowing him like we did, he fooled us.”

“And how did that happen?” I asked.

“Well, I was scared to death that the bootlegger, not being too fond of FBI men, would shoot us in the back as we left. So I told the boys I had left my gloves in that house and went back after them. When I got into the house, I explained to the moonshiner that the FBI man was only Slick Jim Gaskins pullin’ one of his fast ones. I paid the man for the liquor and we had good laugh about it and I felt much safer to turn my back on him and go back down the hill. Then after we had walked about two miles, Slick played too drunk to walk and we carried the old bastard the rest of the way home. Every time we put him down to rest a minute, he played like he was a doctor of some kind and felt of our skulls to see which one of us was the



smartest. Said he could tell by feeling of our heads if we were smart enough to rob banks.”

I laughed at his telling of the story and asked if he thought any of them were that smart.

“Hell, no. we had all ready decided that Slick had outsmarted us all. It was that night that I found out that Slick was not a drinking man. He had been spoofin’ us all along an’ makin’ us think he was drinkin’ out of that fruit jar.”

I had to agree that Slick must have been a smart man, but still had no desire to meet him.

“I’ll take your word about that man,” I told Elba, “but don’t you ever dare bring him around me. I’m doin’ my best to make friends of all of your family, but I have no desire to tackle this character.”

“I still say you would like him,” Elba had the last word in the discussion.

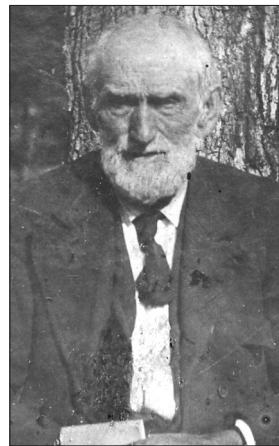
It was some few weeks after that when Elba came home from the factory for lunch accompanied by a stranger. A well-dressed very polite man, who he introduced to me as, “My cousin, Jim Gaskins.”

The man apologized to me for dropping in on me unannounced right at lunchtime. I explained that another one for lunch was no problem and that I was always happy to meet any of my new husband’s family.

We ate lunch while we chatted. He seemed to enjoy the meal and politely complimented my cooking. When Elba was ready to go back to work, he asked, “Jimmy, do you want to walk back down the hill with me?”

“No,” Jimmy answered. I think I will stay here for little while and get acquainted with your wife and then I’ll on up to see your mother. I haven’t seen Mary for quite awhile and I want a visit with her.”

Elba went on back to the factory and I offered Jimmy another cup of coffee



while we chatted. It did not take me long to learn a lot about this new acquaintance. I soon recognized that he was well educated. Education seemed to be a missing factor among all the other members of the Gaskins family I had met. Most of them were functionally illiterate and sometimes I got the idea that in some strange way,

they were proud of it. They were all very independent people and resented the fact that anybody could teach them anything. Compulsory school laws were unheard that area at that time.

During our conversation, which I was thoroughly enjoying, I learned that Jimmy was a man who had travelled much and seen a lot of the world. I began to wonder why this man was so different from any of the other members of the family. Elba had only introduced him as “my cousin.” I decided that he must belong to another branch of the family who had in some way found more opportunities in life. I finally asked him.

“Just how are you related to the family? I hope you forgive the question,” I explained, “but I’m the new member and it’s taking me a little while to sort it all out.”

ESHM hosts moving Civil War exhibit

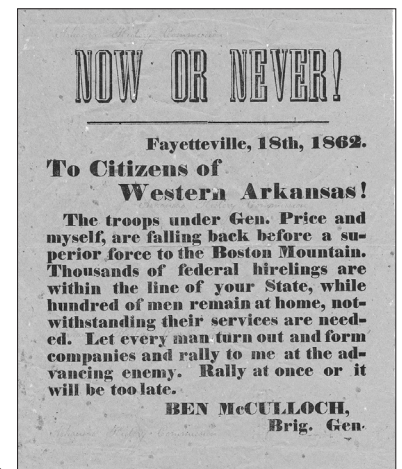
A traveling exhibit likely to place museum visitors in the midst of the urgency of the Civil War is making its way to the Eureka Springs Historical Museum. *Fought in earnest: Civil War Arkansas*, chronicling major historical events in Arkansas between 1861 and 1865, will open at the museum August 4.

During its 107-year existence the State Archives actively collected materials from this crucial era in our nation and state. Diaries written by soldiers and citizens; letters to mothers, fathers, wives, sweethearts, brothers, and sisters; military orders, newspaper accounts, photographs and even party invitations recount the day-to-day lives of people caught up in the most significant event in 19th century America.

These primary source materials offer a firsthand look at the lives of Confederate and Union soldiers, government officials and civilians. *Fought in earnest* contains 15 freestanding banners showcasing images from the Arkansas History Commission’s holdings. Original documents, photographs, maps, drawings, paintings and artifacts illustrate the story of the Civil War in Arkansas.

Other Civil War materials developed by the commission for the sesquicentennial include two books, *Traveled through a fine country: The Journal of Captain Henry Brockman*, and *Documenting Arkansas: The Civil War 1861-1865*, the companion book to *Fought in earnest*. The variety of items represents the breadth of the Commission’s Civil War resources, while thousands more documents are available to researchers.

Fought in earnest: Civil War Arkansas will be on display August 4 – 24 from 9:30 a.m. – 4 p.m., Monday through Saturday and 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. Sunday. For more information about the exhibit at Eureka Springs Historical Museum, email info@eurekaspringshistoricalmuseum.org or call (479) 253-9417. To contact the Arkansas History Commission, email state.archives@arkansas.gov or phone (501) 682-6900.



Lammas – First Harvest

Lammas, an ancient first-harvest festival of wheat and grains, is celebrated August 1 in the northern hemisphere (southern hemisphere, February 1).

Grains ground into flour and made into loaves of bread (and communion bread) were later brought to village churches for blessing. Pieces of the blessed bread were then placed in barns to protect the remaining stored grain for the coming year.

A primary part of the festival was reaping, a village celebration. Shakespeare refers to Lammas

Eve as Juliet's (Romeo and Juliet) 14th birthday.

Today, Lammas reminds us it's time to "reap" (recognize, give thanks for) what we have sown (done) in the past year and to prepare for the coming autumn/winter. August in the northern hemisphere is when the heat is most intense. We look forward to the cooling days of fall when the apples are crisp and the last of the corn, chilis and tomatoes are harvested.

In early religions the grain harvest represented the cycle of life and death. Stories were told of

Persephone taken to the underworld and grief-stricken Demeter, her mother, making the leaves fall (portraying winter). But before the autumn season, there was festivity, celebration, gathering fruits and grains and baking the first loaves of bread.

Let us too give pause, recognizing our abundance, beautifying with grape vines, leaves, sheaves of wheat and oats, making corn dollies, sharing late summer fruits, celebrating skills, talents and craftsmanship and baking bread together from the first harvest.

ARIES: You're like the star of the month. Your powerful leadership qualities are called to do tasks no one else can perform. This helps you gain real confidence and a sense of new creativity. You discover that not only do you initiate new projects, you're also very competent and skillful. Maintain balance by being dignified, understanding and kind in all situations. You are an influencer.

TAURUS: You shine for those who love you. Your reflection is always in their hearts as they experience your nurturing, playful qualities. Not everyone experiences them. Only a select few. You're not concerned with public identity or social standing. You are able to lead people in ethical judgments, taking responsibility and accepting their duty. Many do not understand responsibilities, ethics or duties until they meet you.

GEMINI: You must always speak from your center of truth. It allows people to know you're authentic. You must continue to discover your creative voice. Using it gives you the courage and self-confidence to speak always from the heart, never from the lower mind. It's important to know the difference. One unites, the other separates. You want to attain self-realization and unite with others. Then you must know your heart and follow it. No stepping back.

CANCER: You always bring something good, nourishing, unusual and new to the table. You shine when

people around you demonstrate that they love you. But you also hide under a shell because often you're shy. Sometimes people don't hear or understand you. Some do. Both are OK. Maintain your authority over your personal resources and finances, giving this up to no one. When you give without expectation, there is a 100-fold return.

LEO: Happy Birthday to Leos, the heart of the zodiac, the Sun babies of the zodiac. When you use your personal power to help others you shine like the Sun. During your birthday month allow yourself to be dramatic, at one with whatever you love, flamboyant, expressive, creative, radiant and benevolent. Just not a dictator. That will tarnish your image and make people back away. Be good to everyone. Show them the kindness of benevolent royalty.

VIRGO: Your new fluency is creativity, in all its forms. It's a Leo, Pisces, Virgo creativity. Much is yet unknown to you about this creativity. However, should you begin a creative project, the outcome will simply flow from your heart into your hands. Consider yourself an artist, recognizing your gifts with pride and humility. You need to become lost in solitude to discover this process.

LIBRA: You're always a star of the party. Your smile lights up everyone's

state of mind and, like the love from Sirius, goes directly to their hearts. Many admire your ability to share, your straightforwardness, your generosity. It's good, as you shine your benevolent light on everyone, to allow others to be in the spotlight, too. They feel special, but more importantly they realize true leaders lead and follow simultaneously. Willingly.

SCORPIO: At time we must all do what makes us uncomfortable, moving away from caution, gambling on being on the edge of life, knowing it's still safe. You need a bit of style. What defines style for you? Whatever it means to you, adopt it. You'll find you've stepped out of your self into a place that has more zest, zing, color, seasoning, excitement, exhilaration. You need a little thrill, some anticipation and pleasure. Your destiny is not to be boring.

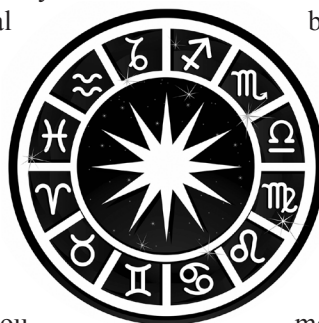
SAGITTARIUS: It's important to know what your ideals are, making lists of them, reviewing, crossing out, adding to them. Ideals emerge from visions so it's important to understand your visions, too, maintaining those visions even in adversity and during a time of despair. You have a central purpose - to express the truth of what you believe. You're also to have concern for others and not be someone limited to self-concerns only. It's the heart of all things, your heart too, that

matters. One heart.

CAPRICORN: Sometimes you're a mystery to others. Hold onto that mystery; it has a special tone, color and vibration. It can hold your creativity and passion. Allow instincts and intuition to guide you. You always have dignity, even when situations are most difficult. Life is complex these days. Tune into all that's unspoken around you to understand the deep core of reality attempting to contact you. It happens mostly in gardens. The devas there want to communicate. Tell them your name. They will eventually talk back.

AQUARIUS: You flourish in the warmth of others seeking lovers to balance you so everyone is equal. For now you hold onto your personal power. Something's very instinctual about you, deep like dark streaming waters. You sense those you can and cannot trust, those using you for gain, and those who are loyal. You're aware of setting aside childish behaviors. You become playful and laugh a lot. Shining in the Sun.

PISCES: Always Pisces must remember to maintain a distinct sense of self in relationships. This can be a difficult task and test. Pisces, ruled by Neptune, can blend into others, into people, places and events until they're lost and without identity. Pisceans, like Libra, are always seeking balance. Pisces seems drifts and confused a lot but behind that façade is a very logical and mathematical mind. We're never fooled.



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Attorney explains eminent domain

BECKY GILLETTE

Michael B. Phillips, a partner with Moffitt & Phillips law firm in Little Rock, attended the hearings this past week regarding SWEPCO's proposal to take property from hundreds of people in Northwest Arkansas for a high voltage power line that would run from near Bentonville to the Kings River north of Berryville. Phillips hopes local residents opposed to the power line will prevail. If they don't, he wants them to know that about 90 percent of people accept the first offer they get in eminent domain condemnation proceedings – and usually the offer is considerably less than they could get by challenging the proceedings before a jury of their peers.

"Most people don't want to be made to give up something dear and precious to them like property, homes, businesses or large tracts of land that might have been in their family for generations," Phillips said. "It is almost universal that landowners don't want to lose their property no matter the amount of money. But what you will almost always find is that is what it will come down to. You can debate the merits and drawbacks of eminent domain all day long, and there is no doubt there is eminent domain abuse. But if there is a public necessity, the condemning authority is going to take the property. Most projects are necessary. Most projects don't get stopped. That is no secret."

Phillips said if the Arkansas Public Service

Commission (APSC) issues a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the Shipe Road to Kings River power line, SWEPCO would be given the power of eminent domain from the State of Arkansas. The process would begin with SWEPCO negotiating, and making an offer, presumably based on comparable sales. If SWEPCO and the landowner can't come to an agreement, SWEPCO would then have the opportunity to file a lawsuit in the county where the property is located.

"What people don't understand is that SWEPCO isn't going to just take the land," Phillips said. "SWEPCO will deposit what they think the land is worth. That deposit is held pending the outcome of the trial. A jury will determine the value of the land SWEPCO has acquired."

It is common, he said, for people to be offered less than what their land is worth. Phillips said attorneys can sometimes assist in the process resulting in two- to four-fold more than is offered initially. But most people settle without ever taking it to court.

"I don't want to make a blanket assertion and say people are always offered less than the property is worth," Phillips said. "But as evidenced by many jury verdicts, property is often worth more than initially determined. Most people will settle for what they were offered because they don't have any idea of the process and their right to a jury trial. They have no idea they can get more money."

Right now all eyes are on the APSC. If APSC agrees

the project is needed for the public good, then the APSC determines which of six routes should be used and also has the option of choosing a combination of routes or a different route altogether.

"If a route is chosen and it is going to go forward, my law firm will do what we do all over the state," he said. "We will come up and hold multiple town hall meetings to answer a lot of questions people will have at that point but don't have now because they are focused on stopping the project. Folks are usually very appreciative because they get very little info from the condemnor. They appreciate talking to someone who deals with this kind of thing on an everyday basis."

One major concern raised by people is if the route goes through their land, it could affect not just the value of their property that is used for the right-of-way, but the entire parcel. For example, a home with a beautiful view of the White River is going to be worth considerably less if a 150-ft.-tall power line mars the view, has 24-hour noise louder than cicadas, and raises concerns about negative health impacts.

Phillips said the decreased value of the entire property can be taken into consideration to determine just compensation. "That is called damages to the remainder," he said. "There is a lot of valuable property on these proposed routes. I think you could see acquisition costs for SWEPCO certainly exceed what they think they are going to be. You can get into high figures with a lot of expensive homes involved. In these cases, SWEPCO will have an appraiser and the property owner will have an appraiser. It will usually come down to a difference of opinion between two appraisers."

The power company would take an easement on the property, but the property owner still owns it and is responsible for taxes on it. Would property owners owe fewer taxes if their property is devalued?

"I don't think your taxes are going to *de facto* go down," Phillips said. "You would probably have to go to the assessor's office and make that case."

Phillips said even though it is an easement, the company must pay full value as if they were taking ownership of the property. "That is really important and is something that a lot of people don't know," he said.

JP Tim Garrison looks for middle ground

NICKY BOYETTE

Tim Garrison, representing District 2, the rural area surrounding Eureka Springs, is the newest Justice of the Peace on the Carroll County Quorum Court. He was appointed by Gov. Mike Beebe to replace Dan Mumaugh, who retired at the end of May.

Garrison brings to the court experience as a trained mediator. He said he seeks the best possible outcome in a situation, and sees this is the kind of perspective which could be helpful in resolving, for example, the back and forth between the Quorum Court and Sheriff Bob Grudek about 911 service. One point of common ground for Garrison is everyone is concerned about safety of citizens and officers, so start there and build a solution.

Not everyone knows what the Quorum Court does, he said, but he still gets calls about issues in the county, primarily about roads' conditions. "If you can't get there, it affects everyone – locals and visitors," Garrison said. He said the road department deserves its large budget.

Garrison said an example from his only court meeting so far was voting to allow the Airport Commission to acquire a stopgap loan so it can proceed with hangar construction, saying more hangars are a good thing for the county.

Being from a rural area, he said he is concerned about the water supply and wants the county to act proactively to ensure enough water for all parts of the county.

Garrison is also concerned about the condition of county offices. He thinks the county needs to prepare for finding new facilities. However, "Where's the money?" he asked.

The overall view of tourism throughout the county bothers him. He sees the opposite sides of the river view tourism differently, but tourism is the county's only industry. Tourists to Carroll County are "honored guests" in his view, and he sees a divided view that reminds him of the struggles Gov. Orville Faubus had convincing cotton farmers it was a good idea to spend taxpayer money to attract tourists.

Garrison is an appointee, so by law he cannot run for reelection in the next term. He hopes when his time on the court ends, he will have left the county better off. "The way to do that is to listen to people," he said. "What do they need? What can we do to help? How can we communicate effectively as county officials?"

"I have a schedule like everyone else, but I look forward to hearing from citizens. My phone is always available," he said.

Need good karma? Need a blessing?

Wildflowers food bank needs volunteers for two hours on Wednesdays, Thursdays from 9 – 11 a.m. and Fridays from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. to sort vegetables and fruit and stock shelves.

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The 2013 Summer Diversity Weekend is brought to you by the first city in Arkansas to endorse same-sex marriage and the only one to have a Domestic Partnership Registry. The Diversity Meet & Greet will be held at KJ's Caribé Restaurant Y Cantina at 6 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 2. You may need to cool off if you have spent the day bargain hunting at our annual Yards and Yards of Yard Sales event, including the Big Gay Yard Sale at W.T. Focker's on Friday from 7 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Eureka Live! celebrates with several events including

the "Men will be Girls" drag event on Friday and the "Shower of Stars" celebrity impressions drag event on Saturday with special guests Cher and Reba. Wind down on Sunday at the Walk of Shame Bloody Mary Party outside in the beer garden from 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Voulez-Vous brings the Lola Van Ella Burlesque troupe to Eureka. Known as "The Derriere Beyond Compare," Lola is one of the premier names in burlesque. She performs, teaches, organizes festivals and tours with her troupe of lovelies. See the show and understand what

"The art of the tease" really means at Voulez-Vous on Aug. 2 & 3. Tickets are \$20 with first come, first serve seating. Show starts at 8:30 p.m.

On Saturday at 11:30 a.m., Basin Park will be full of love with the Public Display of Affection, known as PDA in the Park. Bring whomever you wish and lay one on them. There is also the monthly Drumming in the Park at 6 p.m., with Yao Angelo, director and founder of Afrique Aya Dance Company, leading the activities. This is a special, magical event for locals and visitors alike.

FRIDAY – AUGUST 2

- **BALCONY RESTAURANT** Hogscalders, 12 p.m. & 6 p.m.
- **CARIBÉ** Diversity Meet & Greet, 6 p.m.
- **CHASERS BAR & GRILL** Party with Tiny
- **CHELSEA'S** Billy Don Burns, 9 p.m.
- **EUREKA LIVE!** 'Men will be Girls' Drag Event
- **EUREKA PARADISE** DJ and Dancing, Ladies Night
- **EUREKA STONEHOUSE** Jerry Yester, 6:30–9:30 p.m.
- **GRAND TAVERNE** Arkansas Red Guitar, 6:30–9:30 p.m.

- **JACK'S PLACE** Karaoke with DJ Goose, 9 p.m.
- **LEGENDS SALOON** DJ Karaoke, 8 p.m.
- **NEW DELHI** Tommy Nolen, 1–5 p.m., *Scratch N' Riff*, 6:30–10:30 p.m.
- **PIED PIPER CATHOUSE LOUNGE** Jesse Dean, 8 p.m. – midnight
- **ROWDY BEAVER** 80s Jukebox Fest, 7:30 p.m.
- **ROWDY BEAVER DEN** Karaoke, 9 p.m. – 1 a.m.
- **SQUID & WHALE PUB** 1 oz. Jig
- **THE BLARNEY STONE** Chooch, 8:30 p.m. – 1 a.m.
- **VOULEZ-VOUS** Lola Van Ella

Burlesque, 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY – AUGUST 3

- **BALCONY RESTAURANT** James White, 12 p.m.
- **BASIN PARK** Drumming in the park, 6 p.m.
- **CHASERS BAR & GRILL** JAB The Band
- **CHELSEA'S** Third Degree, 9 p.m.
- **EUREKA LIVE!** 'Shower of Stars' – Celebrity impressions drag event
- **EUREKA PARADISE** DJ and Dancing
- **GRAND TAVERNE** Jerry Yester Grand Piano Dinner Music, 6:30–9:30 p.m.
- **JACK'S PLACE** Blue Moon, 9 p.m. – 1 a.m.
- **LEGENDS SALOON** Dirty Roots, 9 p.m.
- **NEW DELHI CAFÉ** Johnny & Friends, 12–4 p.m., Mike & Grady, 6:30 – 10:30 p.m.
- **PIED PIPER CATHOUSE LOUNGE** Jesse Dean, 8 p.m. – midnight
- **ROWDY BEAVER** Diana & the Heartbeats, 7:30 p.m.
- **ROWDY BEAVER DEN** Karaoke, 9 p.m. – 1 a.m.
- **SQUID & WHALE PUB** Slam Boxx
- **THE BLARNEY STONE** Chooch,

8:30 p.m. – 1 a.m.

- **VOULEZ-VOUS** Lola Van Ella Burlesque, 7:30 p.m.

SUNDAY – AUGUST 4

- **BALCONY RESTAURANT** Staymore, 12 p.m., Chris Diablo, 5 p.m.
- **LEGENDS SALOON** Free Texas Hold'Em Tournament with prizes, 6 p.m.
- **NEW DELHI CAFÉ** Jesse Dean, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m., Bella Donna, 4–8 p.m.
- **ROWDY BEAVER DEN** T Brothers, 1–5 p.m.
- **SQUID & WHALE PUB** Local Talent Showcase
- **THE BLARNEY STONE** Open Mic, 9 p.m.

MONDAY – AUGUST 5

- **CHASERS BAR & GRILL** Bike Night with Tessa, 7 p.m., Pool Tournament, 7 p.m.
 - **CHELSEA'S** Spring Billy, 9 p.m.
 - **SQUID & WHALE PUB** Disaster Piece Theatre
 - **THE BLARNEY STONE** Magic Monday
 - **VOULEZ-VOUS** Locals Night
- ### TUESDAY – AUGUST 6
- **CHASERS BAR & GRILL** Dart Tournament
 - **CHELSEA'S** Open Mic
 - **LEGENDS SALOON** Pool Tournament, 6:30 p.m.

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- WEDNESDAY – AUGUST 7**
- **CHASERS BAR & GRILL** **Beer Pong**
- **CHELSEA'S** **Smoke Stack Relics & Bloody Ol' Mule**
- **NEW DELHI CAFÉ** **Open Jam**
- **PIED PIPER CATHOUSE LOUNGE** **Wheat Wednesday Draft Beer Specials**
- **ROWDY BEAVER** **Wine Wednesday**
- **SQUID & WHALE PUB** **Ladies Night & Pie Social with Sweetwater Gypsies**

THURSDAY – AUGUST 8

- **BALCONY RESTAURANT** **Maureen Alexander, 5 p.m.**
- **CHASERS BAR & GRILL** **Taco & Tequila Night**
- **CHELSEA'S** **EmCee Glossy, 9 p.m.**
- **EUREKA PARADISE** **Free pool**
- **GRAND TAVERNE** **Jerry Yester Grand Piano Dinner Music, 6:30–9:30 p.m.**
- **JACK'S PLACE** **Karaoke w/DJ Goose, 8 p.m. – midnight**

- **LEGENDS SALOON** **DJ Karaoke**
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The Little Switzerland Amateur Radio club meets the second Thursday of the month at noon at the Pizza Hut on US 62 in Eureka Springs. For more information contact patriciadean@cox.net.

Hawaiian Luau August 17

The Friends of The Barn present all the fun of a Hawaiian Luau at the Holiday Island Historic Barn Saturday, August 17 at 5 p.m. There will be music by J Rock and the 3rd Street Band. Wear your Hawaiian attire or came as you are! There will also be a drawing for gift certificates.

Tickets are available at the Holiday Island Clubhouse or Recreation Center until August 14. For more information call Susan Smith at (479) 253-5136.

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Some time ago, a free range collective of young activists created non-profit low power FM pirate radio stations that operate on 100 watts of power (a light bulb's worth). Corporations did their best to get these tiny, unlicensed, inexpensive radio stations booted off the air, but after 10 years of sparring and lawyering, President Obama signed the Local Community Radio Act, meaning thousands of low-power, noncommercial FM licenses will be up for grabs this October.

Signals have a range of about 10 miles, which would reach Berryville, the Missouri State and Madison County lines, and west to Busch. A station would make it possible for communities and neighborhoods to put their own voices, issues, music, stories, serials, denials and reports out to those who want to listen.

Call it a land rush, gold rush or answer to Rush, but check out www.prometheusradio.org to find out how to strengthen our community with low-watt, high impact radio signals. There will be a meeting Sunday, August 11 at the library annex, 2 p.m., to find out more. Stay tuned.

Publish!! convention a success – Jude Singleton, right, of Eureka Springs pitches her novel to Louella Turner of High Hill Press, who asked for the complete manuscript. Some 50 writers attended the conference last weekend at the Inn of the Ozarks and heard talks from publishers and agents from as far as New York and Florida. Organizers are thinking of making this an annual event.

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DROPPING A Line by Robert Johnson

Misty Dawn Scates (Moyer) with her first catfish that she landed with a broken arm in 1990 at age 14. She is my stepdaughter whom I loved very much. I am putting her pic up now in memory of her life here on earth. She left us on July 13. Most her 37 years of life were spent here in Eureka, and she was loved and will be missed by many.

Matthew Rudolph, on the left with a 22-inch striper, and his brother Brian Rudolph with a 34-inch striper caught July 28 out of Beaver Lake on shad. Worked out good for the boys. Size of the fish were just right to give them both their biggest fish caught so far.

Thermocline on Beaver is about 28 ft. deep, so to get these big fish you have to get below it. They might come to the top for you, but won't stay up long in the warmer water. Still finding fish from the dam to Rocky Branch.

Holiday Island water temp is running about 82° with a few crappie, bass and

walleye caught early and late in the day. Most panfish are close to the brush. Walleye and bass are about 12 to 20 ft. deep in the main channel.

It's a good time of year to fish for trout. They are active as the water stays cooler up river. Still haven't made it

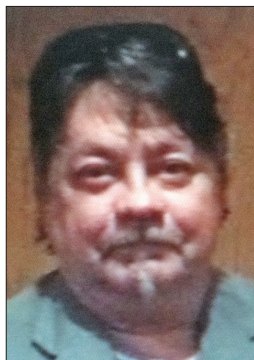
to Lake Leatherwood this year, maybe this week since trips are slow with kids getting ready to go back to school. Pretty easy lake to fish with lots of redear, bass, crappie and catfish.

Stay cool, find some shade and get a line wet.



PASSAGES

Jerry Dean Tumbleson, Feb. 18, 1967 – July 14, 2013



TUMBLESON

Jerry Dean Tumbleson, a resident of Berryville, Ark., was born Feb. 18, 1967 in Leslie, Ark., a son of Preston McKinney and Georgia Ague. He departed this life on Sunday, July 14 in Springfield, Mo., at age 46.

Jerry was of the Baptist faith and worked for Tyson Foods in Berryville.

He is survived by his father, Preston McKinney of Springdale, Ark.; mother, Georgia Ague of De Queen, Ark.; one daughter, Jazmine Tumbleson, of Harrison, Ark.; one son, Jerrick Tumbleson of Berryville; one brother, Chris

Perkins of Berryville; three sisters, Donna Welch of De Queen, Amy Ague of Harrison and Christine Blair of Illinois; four uncles; fiancé, Susan Young; several nieces, nephews and a host of other family and friends.

Jerry was preceded in death by his wife, Linda (Green) Tumbleson, his grandparents and one uncle.

Memorial service was July 17 at the Green Forest City Park. Service arrangements were under the direction of Nelson Funeral Service. Online condolences may be sent to the family at nelsonfuneral.com.

A little help from our friends:

(Please email ongoing community service

announcements to newsdesk@eurekaspringsindependent.com)

- **Food pantry, furniture bank and used book store** – Wildflower Chapel Food Pantry is open 10:30 – Noon on Fridays. Thrift Store and Used Furniture Bank open Monday – Friday 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. (479) 363-6408. Service times and other chapel information: 253-5108.

- **Coffee Break Al-Anon Family Group Women** – Tuesdays, 9:45 a.m., Faith Christian Family Church, Hwy. 23S. (479) 363-9495.

- **First United Methodist Church offers free Sunday suppers** 5:30 – 7 p.m. Hwy. 23S. Night Church at 6 with short message and music. (479) 253-9887

- **"Beginning To Heal Together,"** bereavement support group for parents/grandparents who have lost a child. First Saturday, every month, 12:15 – 1:45 p.m., St. Elizabeth Parish Center, Passion Play Road. Linda Maiella (479) 253-1229.

Meetings at Coffee Pot Club behind Land O' Nod Inn

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- **Alateen** – Sundays, 10:15 – 11:15 a.m. Email alateen1st@gmx.com or phone (479) 981-9977.

- **Overeaters Anonymous** – Thursdays, 10:30 a.m. Barbara (479) 244-0070.

- **Narcotics Anonymous** – Fridays, 5:30 p.m. (903) 278-5568

- **Al-Anon Family Group (AFG)** – Sundays, 11:30 a.m., Mondays and Tuesdays 7 p.m.

- **Eureka Springs Coffee Pot AA Group**

Monday – Saturday 12:30 p.m., Sunday 10 a.m.

Sunday – Thursday, Saturday, 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday and Friday, 8 p.m. (479) 253-7956

All other meetings: See www.nwarkaa.org

Runners, cyclists and swimmers head for Eureka Springs event

NICKY BOYETTE

Coming to Eureka Springs August 8–11 will be as many as 600 runners, swimmers and bikers, plus their families and entourages, for the third Eureka multisport event.

Organizer Bruce Dunn said the event is getting more popular among athletes because of unique settings of Eureka Springs and Holiday Island and the reception by the locals. Participants are coming this year from California, Illinois, Wisconsin, Texas, Iowa, Colorado, Ohio plus all adjacent states and maybe others.

Format of the three-day event appeals to participants because it is a challenge but geared toward several levels of difficulty to make it family-friendly – to a degree.

The triathlon in Holiday Island starts things off Friday afternoon, comprised of a 300-yd. swim and seven-mile bike ride followed by a two-mile run. Cutoff completion time is two hours, and participants must have a USA Triathlon license.

Saturday is bicycle day. There are bike rides of 20, 58 and 100 miles. Minimum age for the 20-mile ride is six if accompanied by a parent or guardian. The race begins and ends in downtown Eureka Springs. The longer rides begin

at the Victoria Inn property on the eastern edge on town.

There are also bike races of 32, 58 and 68 miles. Dunn said the finish line in front of city hall is an important part of the event for participants. It is great enough, he said, to traverse the beautiful terrain through Carroll County, but participants have told him finishing in the middle of such a unique town tops it off.

Dunn acknowledged there are inconveniences associated with bringing such a mass of participants and onlookers to the middle of town, but the benefits far outweigh the temporary swell of people.

Sunday is for runners. There is a one-mile fun run/walk with the kids and their grandmas. There are also 5K and 10K races winding through town. The 5K run finishes with a dash down Benton Street onto Main and the 10K ends with a run down Planer Hill toward the courthouse.

The revered term “Eurekan” is reserved for those who complete the triathlon, 100-mile bike ride and the 10K run. There are prizes for all sorts of categories in all events. The eurekasportsfestival.com site (also theeurekan.com) has all the information a person would need – rules, maps, schedules – and volunteer information.

There is a link on the site to a Volunteer Form because

success of the event depends on volunteers who set up, maintain, marshal and clean up the event. The website has information about time slots for volunteers.

Diane Wilkerson, volunteer coordinator, said she needs to fill 300 volunteer slots for the entire event although she could use everybody who shows up. She especially is looking for extra marshals to help get through-traffic through town during the event. She needs marshals along the route, people in aid stations, people to set up and clean up, and much more.

Dunn could not say enough good things about the folks in Carroll County who have welcomed the event. There is a lady along the route who makes cinnamon rolls for riders and one in Berryville bakes cookies. He said this event, in only its third year, is already bigger than similar events staged in Fayetteville. There were 250 participants in 2011 and the number grew to 425 last year.

Wilkerson said participants rave about the event because of the ride through the county and the unique nature of Eureka Springs. She said one participant last year from Colorado said he would return and bring his friends, so they and 600 more just like them will be on their way next week to see us.

Traffic rerouted for “The Eurekan” Aug. 9 – 11

The 3rd annual Eureka Springs Multisport Festival will be held August 9 – 11 with a sprint-distance triathlon on Friday afternoon at Holiday Island; road bike tour rides, road bike races and running events ending in Eureka Springs on Saturday and Sunday.

Some 625 total competitors from 11 states attended in 2012 and more than 750 athletes and 1,000 friends and family are expected for the third-year event.

Downtown business owners should take note of the following road and parking deviations:

Friday

- Event fencing, finish line banner and traffic barricades will be erected at 5 p.m. and no parking will be allowed on Main Street from Benton to Spring.

- Parking lots south of auditorium and courthouse reserved Friday – Sunday.

Saturday

- Traffic deviations & parking lot closures controlled from 7 a.m. – 4 p.m.

- There will be traffic flow both north and south on Main Street between Benton and Spring.

- First Street and parking lots south of both the auditorium and courthouse will be closed beginning Friday at 5 p.m. to Sunday at 1 p.m. First Street will be open north of the auditorium.

- No parking on Main Street from Benton to Spring.

- Main Street from Spring to Flint will be closed to traffic from 7:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.

- Main Street from Flint to Magnetic will be traffic controlled from 7:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.

- Parking lots between Flint and auditorium on the east side of Main can be accessed by First Street from Flint.

Sunday

- No parking on Main Street from Benton to Spring from 7 – 10 a.m.

- Although the parking lots mentioned above have been reserved all day Sunday, they will be open by noon and visitors can park free the remainder of the day.

Event Schedule

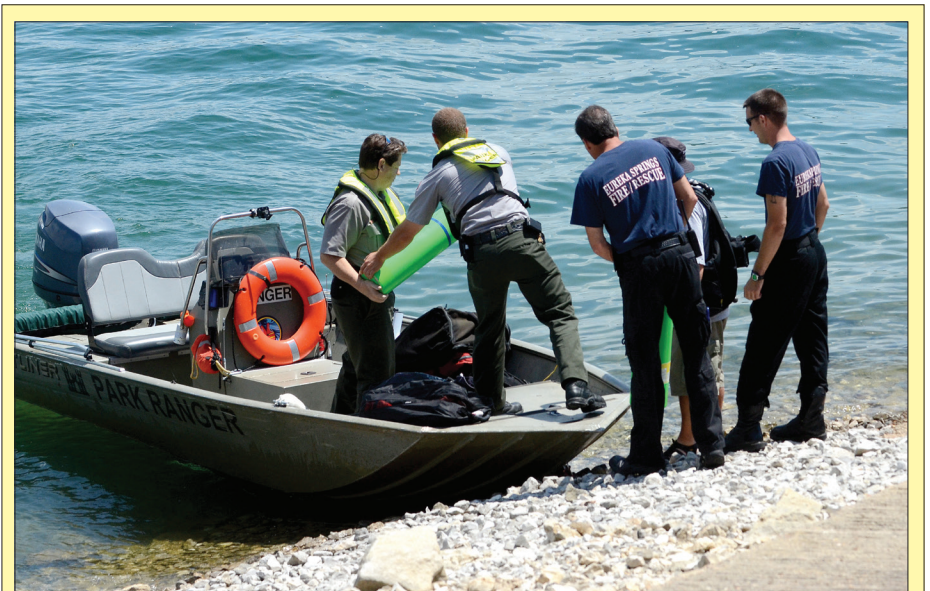
Friday, 3 p.m.: Triathlon - 300 yard swim, 7 mile bike, 2 mile run

Saturday, 6:30 a.m.: Bike Tour Rides – 20, 58 and 100 mile; Bike Road Races – varying distances and categories

Sunday, 8 a.m.; One-Mile Fun Run/Walk, 5K Run, and 10K Run; Awards Ceremony following the runs.

Detailed race information, course

maps, registration, sponsor or volunteer information will be posted to www.eurekasportsfestival.com or www.theeurekan.com



Diver lost – U.S. Corps of Engineers Chief Park Ranger, Alan Bland, left, and Ranger Ryan King take on scuba gear before transporting two Benton County Dive Team members to a site between Starkey Park and Beaver Dam to search for a freediver who disappeared in the late morning July 27. The search would soon involve emergency personnel from Carroll and Benton Counties. As of July 30 the diver, Michael Burton, 28, from Omaha, Neb., had not been found. The search resumed Aug. 1 with Arkansas Game & Fish and Logan County dive teams.

PHOTO BY DAVID FRANK DEMPSEY

INDEPENDENTNews

Grand finale – Youth Community Theater ended its summer season July 27 with a performance of *An Evening of Scenes*, directed by Joshua Mollenkamp and produced by Douglas Phillips, at the First United Methodist Church. In a scene from *Winnie the Pooh* are Mequilla Baker (Winnie), Isabel Garcia (Piglet), Beth Olsen (Rabbit), Kristina Garcia (Eeyore) and Ethan Robison (Owl). Youth 12 – 18 are invited to register for the fall season of the free program, Sept. 14 – Nov. 23, at www.youthcommunitytheater.org, or call Phillips (417) 773-2741. YTC meets on Saturdays and each season ends with a full production.



PHOTO BY JANALEE ROBISON

New director starts rehearsal season – The Holiday Island Singers recently welcomed new Music Director, Carol Morrison. Morrison has an extensive musical background directing church choirs and musical dramas. A classically trained singer, she has also written narration for musical productions and serves as a private vocal instructor. Rehearsals for the holiday season begin Wednesday, Aug. 14 at 1 p.m. with rehearsal from 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. in the Holiday Island Clubhouse ballroom. Singers need not be residents of Holiday Island and there are no try-outs. Returning to the Singers this year is accompanist Diana Brown. Come join this fun-loving talented group of people. For more info, call Jackie (479) 253-7365 or see www.holidayislandsingers.org.



Lunch is served – As Eureka Springs Chamber members and guests look on, chef/manager Sigrid Kline and executive chef Richard Bloch squeeze giant scissors together to cut the red ribbon July 31, officially opening Autumn Breeze Restaurant for lunch as of August 1. Autumn Breeze offers fresh farm-to-table lunches; and yummy samples of some of the 17 items on the menu were plentiful – from steak tartare to a cool quinoa salad. Right, Kline helps Linda Caldwell choose a wine before the crowd arrives.

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PHOTO BY GWEN ETHEREDGE

Padre Mobile and mobile padre

– Above, Fr. Shaun Wesley was happy to shuttle folks around in the “Padre Mobile” during the Festival of St. Anne on July 27 at St. Anne’s Catholic Church in Berryville as a huge crowd enjoyed indoor and outdoor games, lots of booths serving tasty international food, activities for kids and plenty of socializing. At right, parishioners shuttled Fr. Shaun by limo from St. Elizabeth’s in Eureka Springs to his going-away reception at Castle Rogue’s Manor in Beaver July 30. Fr. Shaun is leaving after more than four years as pastor of St. Elizabeth’s and St. Anne’s. After Masses on August 3 and a farewell potluck in Berryville, his next stop is Fayetteville to serve as pastor of St. Joseph Catholic Church. Fr. Kevin Atunzu, currently at Christ the King parish in Ft. Smith, will be the new pastor at St. Elizabeth’s and St. Anne’s.



PHOTO BY DAVID FRANK DEMPSEY



While back I mentioned not having any idea what it would take to draw a local crowd short of a free-admission cage match between a designated local villain *du jour* and one or two of the grumpier residents of Turpentine Creek. Unfortunately, there are far too many regulatory hoops to permit a test of that hypothesis. So, we'll just have to settle for the next best thing.

I have to digress here for a moment. I find myself in the grammatical equivalent of the old sci-fi time travel paradox. As I write this, the event in question is in the future. By the time you read it, the event is (*will be?*) in the past. Kinda' calls for the use of the past present pluperfect reflexive tense. If there is such a thing. Anyway, what we



have now is a situation sort of like having a teacher say "You know those questions I asked you yesterday? That was your final exam."

Tuesday night, Opera in the Ozarks presented a free performance by a widely-acclaimed string ensemble, the Altius Quartet. Winners of the prestigious

Plowman Chamber Music Competition and the String Quartet-in-Residence at the SMU Meadows School of the Arts, they have become one of Dallas's premier performance groups. Did I mention the concert was free?

Depending on how attendance turned out, this show is going to drive a lot of our future decisions on affordability of our ticket pricing. If locals won't even come out for a free show of this caliber, will there be any point in trying to attract them with low prices for our other offerings?

Ed note: Some 350 people attended – good job, Ray!

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(STO) to look at what other transmission lines might be in the planning stages for the area. What they have found is a number of different power lines are in the works including a proposed 500 kV power line that would run east from the Kings River Station at the end of the proposed 345 kV line from Shipe Road in Benton County.

SWEPCO has said it is being required to build the Shipe Road to Kings River power line and the \$20-million Kings River Station by the Southwest Power Pool (SPP), a regional transmission organization. In the April 7, 2011 publication online, *Entergy SPP RTO Regional Planning Process* (page 21) is a description of an Entergy project that includes a 500 kV line stretching 150 miles between Osage Creek Station located near the proposed Kings River

Station and ISES in the eastern Arkansas town of Newark, a coal-fired power plant owned and operated by Entergy.

Cost estimate for the line is \$520 – \$570 million, with cost of upgrades to the Osage Creek Station estimated at \$20 million. Objectives for the project listed are to improve regional transfer capability, improve regional optimization and relieve constraining flowgates.

A presentation by Jeff Ellis of AEP-SWEPCO on Aug. 30, 2012, included a schematic of the proposed Kings River Substation showing 500 kV lines marked "future" that would enter and leave the substation, according to STO Director Pat Costner.

"It seems likely the 500 kV line shown on the schematic for the Kings River Station is probably Entergy's 500 kV line that comes from their Independence power station," Costner said.

"However, Entergy's map shows only the Independence-Kings River Substation 150-mile leg. Let's arbitrarily label this as the line that enters the substation. The remaining question is what is the destination of the 500 kV line that would leave the substation? We don't know that yet, but we will continue to research this issue."

STO doesn't want landowners along this proposed route to be caught by surprise, as many were regarding plans for SWEPCO's Shipe Road-Kings River proposal.

"I think it is important that others be warned of what's coming rather than allowing utility companies to keep us in the dark and powerless, as has been done in the past," Stowe said. "That power line would sweep through 150 miles of Arkansas tourist industry, running east through Mountain View and all the way to Newport on the White River."

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towers would be visible from the Eureka Springs Historic District.

"Tens of thousands of people come here for the beauty," Downey said. "It is a vital part of our economy. In the July issue of *AARP*, the State of Arkansas had an advertisement that included a full-page photo of downtown Eureka Springs. That is evidence of the economic importance of our historic and natural beauty."

There is also photographic evidence that American bald eagles mate and rear young on the White River. Downey said it should ordinarily be part of any EIS, federal or state, to include information on breeding and nesting populations of bald eagles. The nesting site and surrounding area is protected from disturbance by federal law.

"Eagles' wingspans are incredible, so they are at great risk of being electrocuted by power lines like this," she said. "I have personally witnessed bald eagles above

my property in the summer. They are not just here in the winter."

The bottom line for her is that the EIS done by a consulting company in Dallas, Texas, is inaccurate and full of errors.

"The EIS conclusion that the project would have "minimal impact," is not true," Downey said. "I am appalled at the obvious lack of knowledge of the area, the economy, historical significant and environmental considerations, making the EIS seem more frivolous than factual. If this piece is that flawed, how can we move forward in good faith that any other information from SWEPCO is accurate and truthful? You cannot do it. Just on the inaccuracy of the EIS alone, this project should be denied."

Downey has concerns about the runoff of herbicides used to maintain rights-of-way. One of the proposed lines parallels Spider Creek, a primary tributary to the White River. Downey said since the creek receives runoff from

very steep terrain, any herbicides sprayed could go directly into the river which Arkansas Game & Fish stock with more than 100,000 trout every year.

"The trout fishing in this river supports the economy of motels, lodges, outfitters and fishing guides for much of the western portion of Carroll County," Downey said. "The preferred route has to pass over the White River, so you aren't going to be able to avoid herbicides going into the river. I've kept my pastureland and creeks free of herbicides and pesticides. Spraying would destroy the opportunity for organic labeling for food crops produced here.

"Rights-of-way create 'a wildlife freeway.' Wildlife will traverse the clearing just as people because it is an easier path.

"It makes the young of the wild turkey, Arkansas's prized game species, and all small mammals more vulnerable to predation," Downey said. "Any birds

and animals in these corridors are subject to being contaminated by the herbicides. These animals lick their fur and preen their feathers, so they will ingest this material.

"The other issue is they don't tell us the exact chemical makeup of what they are spraying. These chemicals would wash into the White River and accumulate there. Small frogs and other aquatic animals are at even greater risk where there are smaller bodies of water that concentrate the poison. My understanding is you have no choice whether herbicides are used under these huge power lines that go through your property. You can't opt out. They aren't going to use mechanical means to control growth."

Downey is opposed not just to the power line going through her property, but going anywhere in the area.

"I am opposed to all of those lines," she said. "I do not trust SWEPCO. To me, their arguments are self serving."

widespread concerns raised about how spraying herbicides on the ROW for maintenance could impact both surface and groundwater in the karst region where chemicals sprayed on the ground can enter into drinking water supplies. Concerns have also been raised about pesticide drifts that can kill gardens, yard vegetation and expensive grape vineyards, and how it would affect organic farming certifications for properties on or near a route.

Johnson said SWEPCO utilizes both mechanized and manual clearing and herbicide applications to maintain rights-of-way. “Herbicide applications for ROW

maintenance are applied only where and when necessary to control the root systems of woody stemmed vegetation,” he said. “Manual and mechanical clearing without follow-up herbicide applications does not control the root systems of trees and woody-stemmed vegetation that can threaten reliability. Converting the vegetative cover types in a transmission ROW to low growing grass-forbs-herb covers inhibits the germination, establishment and growth of most tree species.”

Johnson testified that more than 50 years of research has shown that selective herbicide applications are the

most effective means to bring about this conversion. He said that same research has also shown that herbicide applications are more beneficial to wildlife than clearing operations for ROW maintenance.

“In all cases, SWEPCO uses herbicides that are registered by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the appropriate state regulatory agency,” Johnson said. “The herbicides are applied by licensed application businesses that employ trained applicators. Buffer zones are maintained around streams, ponds, springs, wetlands, wells and similar features in accordance and compliance with herbicide label directions.”

is cause for concern.”

An FTN Associates watershed assessment completed in 2005 for the Kings River watershed found that 38.54 percent of the total sediment loads for the watershed come from stream bank erosion. Presumed cause for the loss of sensitive species of fish and macroinvertebrates is sedimentation and geomorphologic alteration.

“These two factors would greatly increase as a result of this project,” Miller

said. “Stream bank erosion would most certainly increase as the natural riparian zone is denuded and destroyed both during the construction and maintenance of this project.”

In the spring of 2007, the Kings River Watershed Partnership, funded by a grant from the Arkansas Natural Resources Commission, conducted an extensive stream channel survey of the main stem of the Kings River and its largest tributary, Osage Creek.

“We located and surveyed 137 very

high to extremely eroded stream banks and 65 moderate to highly eroded stream banks,” Miller said. “The majority of the severely eroded banks were a direct result of the removal of trees and shrubs in favor of grass within the riparian zone. The use of herbicides to control vegetative growth is problematic because of its potential impact on aquatic species. However, its use is also problematic because of the resulting instability of the stream bank and increased sedimentation of the river. The negative impact of sedimentation on

aquatic species has been well documented in scientific literature.

“My family owns a tourist lodging business in Eureka Springs, and like the vast majority of residents in our town, their income is intimately tied to our scenic resources. Tourists today have many choices on where to spend their travel dollars. They come to Eureka Springs in order to escape the landscape they see every day in an urban environment. Ironically, this project will reduce our ability to live and grow as a community.”

The four-story building still under construction is scheduled to open in 2015. The smaller tower will house a stairwell; the larger concrete structure is an elevator shaft including a freight elevator. This building will house an expanded Information Technology (IT) department, a new geographic information mapping system (GIS) department, expanded customer service, and the engineering department. Plagge said a much-loved community center in the 1970’s structure has been closed since 2009 to house engineering and other offices; when the new building is completed, the refurbished community center will reopen.

The intense level of security at the annual meeting in 2011 “was necessary because during the time when the herbicide issue came to head we had serious threats against our employees, and felt it was necessary at a public forum to protect our employees and members. It wasn’t just one threat it was multiple.” Plagge said threats came in phone calls and “face to face.” They were reported to the Carroll County Sheriff and, in one case, the Newton County Sheriff, although no arrests were made. “We have

an obligation to protect the system and the employees, and so we are going to do that.”

At the 2011 annual meeting, she said, the sheriff’s department was part of security. Last year, outside security was hired and this year there were just a few security personnel on hand.

Herbicides were integrated into line management in early 2006, and will provide a cost savings estimated to be \$50 to \$70 million over 30 years. Plagge emphasized that CECC sprays according to EPA regulations, and has worked with the Department of Fish & Wildlife to know when it’s safest to spray to protect bat populations.

Plagge stressed that the coop is open daily for membership input, “Can we please everyone, no. Can we get reliable and affordable electricity, yes. That’s what we’re here for.”

She said the AECC is an intervener in the Arkansas Public Service Commission’s docket on SWEPCO’s planned high voltage power lines. “AECC is saying in order to serve Northwest Arkansas and Central Arkansas, we will need the SWEPCO lines to get reliable and adequate power to our members... if they can

buy power from SWEPCO cheaper, then they will do it.”

Those who oppose SWEPCO’s plan claim that SWEPCO’s data is based on old statistics. Carroll Electric’s statistics show that growth has slowed significantly in recent years. Between 2003 – 2007 the number of meters served by CECC grew by 18.25 percent; and during 2007 – 2011, meters increased by only 3.2 percent. The increase from 2011 to 2012 was only 1.13 percent.

In kilowatt hours sold, the increase from 2003 – 2007 was 21.35 percent; between 2007 and 2011, the increase was only 9.48 percent; and between 2012 and 2011 there was a decrease of 2.02 percent.

In planning future need, CECC also looks at each year’s peak demand in kilowatts. From 2003 – 2007, peak demand grew by 23.07 percent; from 2007 – 2011 the demand was up by only 12.97 percent, and decreased from 2011 – 2012 by 4.02 percent.

its own food wastes on site and save on trash expenses.

The third way Landrum suggested would be for a person in a neighborhood to be the host. There are models online for neighborhood composting strategies.

All these strategies would reduce hauling and disposal costs. Landrum said San Francisco has achieved an 80 percent diversion rate by requiring residents to separate recyclables, compostables and landfill trash. This means a city of 815,000 successfully recycles or finds other uses for four out of every five

pounds of what would have been trash hauled to a landfill.

Landrum also speculated if the stinky compostable food scraps were separated from our garbage, we might take time to remove even more recyclable items because the trash would not be as noxious.

Landrum added that locals care about their long-range carbon footprint, and his larvae-infested project could make Eureka Springs the center of a compost renaissance – and save us all money.

Viva les larvae!

Also . . .

• The board voted to enter into a contract with Miller-Lagoon Services for sludge removal for the next three years.

• Summers showed everyone the 30-year service award he received from the American Water Works Association. “I didn’t really have to earn it,” he commented.

Next meeting will be Thursday, Oct. 17, at 10 a.m. at the Freeman-Raney treatment plant.

Dear Ma,

What about Anthony's Weiner?

Hot Dog

Dear Hot,

Well, you got right to the point!

Ma believes the former congressman's proclivities are similar to those of most members of his gender. Sexual thoughts seem never to be far from the forefront of the male mind.

With the advent of the Internet and social media, sexual opportunities abound and are so easily accessed; Ma would bet most men partake to some degree. Considering the personal ads on Craigslist and the thousands of websites for making sexual connections and/or viewing porn, it is obvious that Weiner is more the norm than some anomaly.

It would be interesting to see statistics on the numbers of men (and women) who visit porn sites or participate in online sexual banter. Perhaps the NSA could share some data on this.

Ma has some advice for politicians and other high-profile sexters, or those who dream of becoming high profile, to avoid scandal and public humiliation of themselves, and especially their spouses:

1. Never post face pics.
2. Never reveal your real name or

have an account that can be linked to you.

3. If found out, say "Yes, so what, it's none of your business," and move on.

But, of course, some get off on public humiliation, and that just may be Weiner's particular kink.

Ma

Dear Ma,

Why is it the same people who take issue with "redefining the meaning of marriage" seem fine with redefining the word "person" to include zygotes and corporations? Either you're for redefining words or you're not.

Actual Person

Dear Person,

Words often take on new meanings over time (see "gay"), although attempting to redefine what a person is seems to be a disingenuous attempt to achieve political and/or financial goals.

"Marriage," on the other hand, has had, and still does in some cultures, numerous definitions, and the oft-used term "traditional or Biblical marriage" is moronic. Marriage historically has been about chattel, power, polygamy, inheritance and status. Love has only recently figured into the equation.

Ma

Need health insurance? Help is on the way

Key parts of the Affordable Care Act take effect January 1, 2014, giving Arkansans a new way to buy health insurance beginning October 1: the Health Insurance Marketplace; where individuals, families and small businesses can compare qualified health insurance plans and choose the plan that best meets their needs.

Collette Crawford, an In-Person Assistor Guide with Boston Mountain Rural Health Clinic, will discuss how to enroll in healthcare coverage September 10 at 9 a.m. and September 14 at 10 a.m. at the Berryville Library. The public is

encouraged to attend.

Plans available through the Health Insurance Marketplace are approved and monitored by the Arkansas Insurance Department to ensure that they offer the ten Essential Health Benefits mandated by the new law and pay the required amount of claims costs.

Individuals enrolling in health plans through the new Marketplace may also be eligible for financial assistance to help pay their premiums. For more information phone Collette (501) 529-0174 or email collettecrawford@bmrhc.net.

Womack at town hall meeting August 6

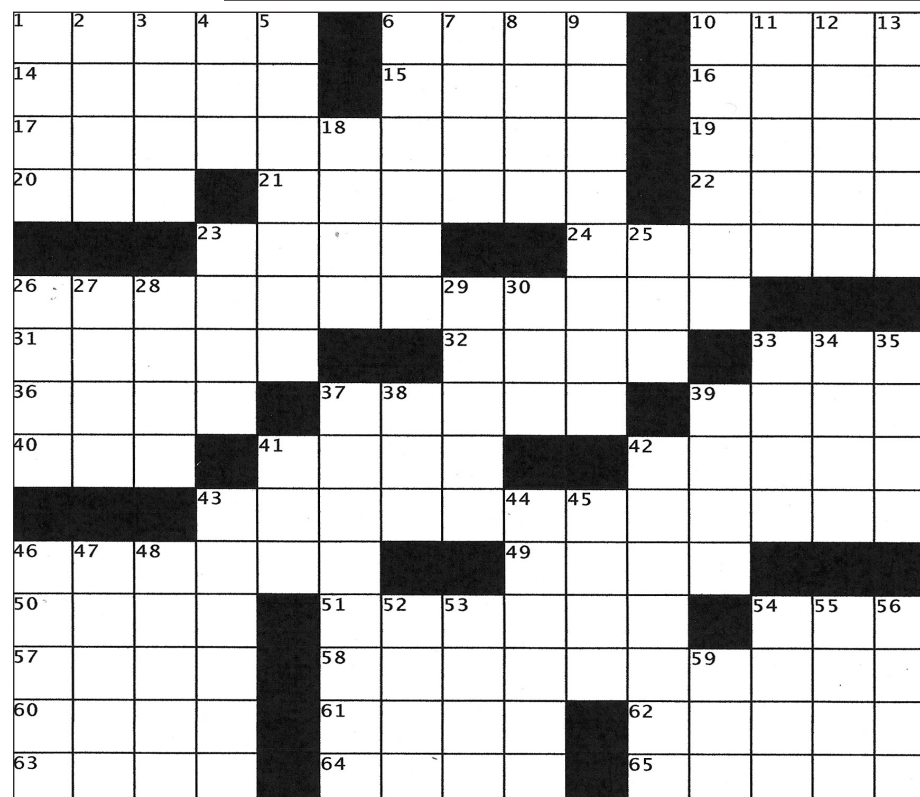
Congressman Steve Womack will speak at the Senior Center in Berryville Tuesday, August 6, at 5:30 p.m. in a Town Hall meeting. He will discuss the economy and other subjects important to our area. The congressman will field questions and would like to listen to the needs of our community.



INDEPENDENT Crossword

by Chuck Levering

Solution on page 31



ACROSS

1. Vintners' pride
6. Hindu God
10. Falling-out
14. Dote on
15. Capital of Yemen
16. Lotion additive
17. Eggs Benedict prepared with spinach
19. Military chow hall
20. An island of Denmark
21. One-finger glove
22. Evict
23. Moral failing
24. Upset or alarm
26. Getting steadily worse
31. In the midst of
32. Wee
33. Russian CIA
36. Watermelon wrapping
37. Fork projection
39. Ashen
40. Before, poetically
41. Ray of light
42. Pyle of TV
43. Usury practice
46. Mad man
49. Not at home

50. Leave out of
51. XI
54. NBA's Ming
57. Liquid rock
58. Tree covered property
60. Muslim summons to prayer
61. Atop
62. Weird, scary
63. Depend (on)
64. For fear that
65. Honor fights

DOWN

1. Gust of air (*Scot.*)
2. One way to stand by
3. Lunch time for many
4. To be human
5. Apparent, ostensible
6. Substance
7. Mine entrance
8. Hawaiian goose
9. Eternal
10. Having many branches
11. Part of the small intestine
12. Bone cavity
13. On edge
18. Unpleasant; ticked off
23. Sell
25. Climbing vine
26. Challenge
27. Arab ruler
28. Not at home
29. Basic building blocks
30. British can
33. Shinto spirit
34. Small, secluded valley
35. Mass of floating ice
37. Tranquil
38. Fled
39. Slow
41. Very large snake
42. Allowed
43. Mass communication?
44. "I _____ a clue!"
45. Overwhelms
46. Grinding tooth
47. Stun
48. Growing under snow
52. Easy gait
53. God of love
54. Agile, lively
55. Indigo plant; shade of blue
56. Poems of praise
59. Romanian money

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YARDS & YARDS SALE Antiques, collectibles, vintage. Don't miss it! 10 a.m. – 6 p.m., Friday & Saturday, 184 North Main.

COFFEE TABLE, DESK & CHAIR, antiques, entertainment center, bedcovers & pillows, clothes, chairs, dishes & cups. Pictures w/frames. 70 Panorama Shores, Grassy Knob. Friday & Saturday, 7-3

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Application For Renewal No-Discharge Permit 3568-WR-3. Under the provisions of Act 163 of the 1993 Arkansas Legislature, this is to give notice that the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) Water Division has received an application for renewal on 7/8/2013, for a no-discharge permit, Permit No. 3568-WR-3, for an animal shelter. The permit application was submitted from the following applicant: **Good Shepherd Humane Society, Inc., P.O. Box 285, Eureka**

PUBLIC NOTICE

Springs, AR 72632. The facility under consideration is located as follows: Section 13 Township 20 North Range 26 West, near the city of Eureka Springs in Carroll County, Arkansas. Interested persons desiring to request a public hearing on the application may do so in writing. All requests should be received by ADEQ within 10 days of the date of this notice and should be submitted to: **Casey Vickerson, Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality, 5301 Northshore Drive, North Little Rock, AR 72118-5317, Telephone: (501) 682-0653**

THIS LETTER OF PETITION TO THE HON. SAM BARR, CARROLL COUNTY JUDGE, from the property owners who reside on County Road 1160 (CR1160) Eureka Springs, AR, hereafter referred to as CR 1160, that said Road (CR1160) from the intersection of CR 116 and CR 1160 due 1.3 mile east be hereby made a County Road and services such as road grading be afforded to the undersigned taxpayers and property owners. **The road qualifies under ordinance # 1977-8 in all respects.**

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GOOD SHEPHERD HUMANE SOCIETY Full Time Assistant Manager needed immediately. Musts: Vet Tech Exp., work weekends, dependable vehicle, 12 month job history, compassion for animals, good with the public. Go to www.goodshepherd-hs.org for job description, email resume to: goodshepherdhumanesociety@yahoo.com

GOOD SHEPHERD HUMANE SOCIETY Part Time Admin Office Assistant needed immediately. Musts: compassion for animals, basic computer skills, work weekends, dependable vehicle. Go to: www.goodshepherd-hs.org for job description, email resume to goodshepherdhumanesociety@yahoo.com

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