



## Goose issue a slippery slope

NICKY BOYETTE

Geese ruffled feathers of the Parks Commission Tuesday evening. Commissioners convened two special meetings to settle issues related to Lake Leatherwood City Park, but from the beginning commissioners quickly found themselves in divergent camps on points large and small.

Chair Bill Featherstone introduced the dilemma of having 27 non-migratory geese camped out near the beach. The state closed the swimming area because the *E. coli* count in the water was higher than their instruments could measure. There is also too much poop on the pathway to walk.

Featherstone's question to the commission was, "What do we want – a beach and swimming area or a resident flock of messy geese?"

Commissioner Rachel Brix said right away she had been disturbed by the apparently cavalier attitude toward killing the geese. She read letters from newspapers opposing a goose hunt. She pointed out there are only 27 geese, and her research shows this item has been recurring on their agendas for at least 10 years. What has been done and why hasn't it worked? She was not convinced Parks had been assiduous enough in addressing the root of the problem.

"I'm looking for a plan instead of a Band-Aid," she said.

Featherstone replied that Parks had indeed tried

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A firefighter walks out to clear debris off the Hwy. 187 bridge over Butler Creek to allow water to pass more easily over the top of the bridge during flooding in the early morning hours Thursday. Right, a motorist makes his way south into Eureka Springs through deep water on North Main Street after Thursday morning flooding in Eureka Springs.

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### This Week's INDEPENDENT Thinker

Matthew Mahoney, a Marine Corps veteran who served in Southeast Asia and Iraq, was disturbed when he read that the National Security Agency was monitoring daily activities of American citizens while encouraging politicians to imply it was "in the national interest."

Mahoney knew that spying on us is a direct assault on our constitutional liberties.

"There is a feeling of hopelessness for the average citizen to do anything about it," he said. "I want my children to know I did."

Mahoney got the Jonestown Borough Council in Pennsylvania to approve a nonbinding resolution objecting to the spying. A small step, but a big one for a man who believes in his country enough to fight for it.



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## Rain dance tonight, weather permitting



## Corps of Engineers slams AEP/SWEPCO environmental 'study'

BECKY GILLETTE

An expert witness for American Electric Power/Southwestern Electric Power Company has said a more in depth Environmental Impact Statement wasn't necessary for the Shippe Road to Kings River high voltage power line. But AEP/SWEPCO apparently hadn't realized in laying out six proposed alternative routes that it couldn't use state powers of eminent domain to take federal property, including land along the White River owned by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE).

AEP/SWEPCO recently said it was taking three of the six proposed routes, including routes that would be in the view of Inspiration Point and Thorncrown Chapel property, off the table because of widespread public opposition. But the USACE had already informed SWEPCO those routes weren't acceptable.

"Proposed routes 62, 86, and 91 cross Corps of Engineers property in the Indian Creek area of Beaver Lake," states a letter from the USACE dated July 10. "The proposed crossing is in an undisturbed area of the lake and does not follow any existing corridors across

Government property. The potential impacts from Routes 62 and 86, specifically Path #12, are of greater concern because of the close proximity of the right-of-way to the White River. The path is proposed to run parallel for approximately a mile. The Corps will not, nor is able to make the land available for crossing at these locations because other practical alternatives are available. Please be advised eminent domain is not applicable to federal property."

Nine days after the USACE letter was mailed to the Arkansas Public Service Commission (APSC), AEP/SWEPCO revealed its decision to deprioritize these three routes.

The letter expresses concerns for all of the routes including potential problems with erosion and sedimentation from loss of vegetation, the loss of bald eagle roosting habitat, impacts to cultural resources and aesthetic impacts from a 150-ft. right-of-way through general undisturbed areas.

The USACE also said any impacts to USACE property associated with crossing Beaver Lake, Table

Rock Lake or the White River would require review for National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) compliance; a real estate instrument; a Regulatory Section 10 Permit; and non-statutory mitigation.

"The SWEPCO EIS dated March 2013 associated with this project does not fully address all potential impacts to Corps of Engineers' property," the USACE letter said.

Cindy Studer, owner of the Retreat at Sky Ridge that has two potential routes in the viewshed of the resort, said the USACE letter confirms concerns by opponents that the entire project is poorly done, incomplete and insufficient.

"SWEPCO's whole proposal is terrible," Studer said. "SWEPCO has obviously gotten away with poorly done, incomplete EISes and proposals in the past. The USACE is obviously flabbergasted that SWEPCO would even consider proposing these routes that all cross USACE property. It shows that SWEPCO's proposal lacks even the most basic research. If they missed the USACE red

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## Oak Grove residents grill sheriff on meth problem

MARY PAT BOIAN

Sheriff Bob Grudek spent an hour Tuesday night talking with concerned citizens in Oak Grove about recurring drug and theft-of-property problems. The incorporated town of 500 northeast of Berryville has been plagued by what citizens claim is easily apparent drug cooking and dealing, and they want it stopped. They said it was exasperating getting the Carroll County Sheriff's Office to patrol their town, and claimed lawbreakers are getting a pass due to lack of enforcement.

Grudek told the 10 citizens at the city council meeting that in the last two years, his department has filed 189 incident reports in Oak Grove, 85 percent of which were traffic offenses, "a couple for drugs, a couple for stolen property and a couple for noise being too loud. There's not much drug activity," he said.

A woman immediately gave the sheriff names, addresses, dates and circumstances of two drug-related infractions, saying one took place in a house that had been condemned. Grudek responded the house in question was not condemned and explained procedures for cleaning up a house where meth has been cooked.

"We are the only agency in the county with a certified meth unit," Grudek said. "We respond and clean up the lab. Then the DEA [Drug Enforcement Administration] contracts with professional cleaners. After that the ADEQ [Arkansas Dept. of Environmental Quality] assesses contaminants and puts a red placard on the door saying people are not allowed in. The owner of the property is responsible for cleaning up contaminated drywall, vapors in carpeting, and such.

"Condemned actually means Realtors must check a list and reveal to potential buyers that the property was a former meth lab."

Grudek said he had talked with the county prosecutor and the ADEQ that day, and was told if the home with a placard on the door is inhabited, the prosecutor would issue a warrant, but

habitation is a misdemeanor which doesn't deter anyone. "Besides, when you think someone is living in the house, they might be living in the trailer out back, so he's not really breaking the law.

"Cost of cleaning a house up can go to \$25,000," the woman said. "People can't afford to do that, they can't knock it down, so the house sits there and rots. It's bad for our community."

"Where did the process fail?" a man asked. "You put a tag on the door and the owner or renter takes it down, and it's a misdemeanor. We want these people out. They're only here at night. The house has no electricity, we see people coming and going using flashlights."

Other residents said they were disappointed they couldn't get more patrolling from the sheriff's office, to which Grudek replied he has two deputies covering the 640 sq. mile county at night.

"You are an incorporated city, so you really need your own police department," Grudek said. "I know you don't have the budget, but because you are incorporated it is your responsibility to police your community. My department cannot

enforce your laws, we can only enforce state laws."

He went on to say that hiring a police officer would cost the community salary, uniform, radio and gas, and they would have to talk to the municipal league about insurance.

"Can't we just call you when we need help?" another man asked.

Grudek said he wanted to help Oak Grove, and suggested they form a Neighborhood Watch Program, saying the hardest part of that is getting volunteers to keep it up. He also recommended they get with Sue Ellen Fry, who gives NWP classes.

"Once you do neighborhood surveillance, get license numbers, dates, times, descriptions, by the time we get here we can have the deputy watch for the people and follow them, looking for a traffic violation. Traffic stops are fundamental and effective. We can bring in a drug dog. Arrest numbers are actually huge from traffic stops. We can't stop a car just on your word, but we can at least know who we're looking for by your description. Neighborhood Watch is a deterrent."

## Eureka Springs Public School Registration

5th and 6th grade registration: Monday, August 13, 8 a.m. – 12 p.m.

7th grade registration: Tuesday, August 14, 8 a.m. – 12 p.m.

8th, 11th and 12th grade registration: Wednesday, August 15, 8 a.m. – 12 p.m.

9th and 10th grade registration: Thursday, August 16, 8 a.m. – 11 a.m.

• Elementary Open House: Thursday, August 16, 3 – 5 p.m. The theme is ZOO! Hot dogs and snacks.

• Middle and High School Open House: Thursday, August 16, 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.

Note: A new Arkansas law specifies each public school must have a minute of silence at the beginning of the school day before classes to pray, reflect or engage in silent activity.

## Go "wild" for school at open house

Join friends and neighbors at the Eureka Springs Elementary "Wild Kingdom" open house Thursday, August 15, from 3 – 5 p.m. Meet the teachers, see classrooms and reconnect with your school-year family. It's a real ZOO! Food and drinks will be served and there will be prizes.

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## Fireworks about fireworks

NICKY BOYETTE

Chair Bill Featherstone told Parks commissioners at Tuesday's workshop that Jack Moyer, representing management of the Crescent Hotel and Basin Park Hotel, wanted to include a fireworks show at the end of a private staff event at Lake Leatherwood City Park. The fireworks would be staged on a floating dock on the lake and operated by a crew of professionals. Featherstone said there might be at least 300 people at the party.

One point to discuss was a city ordinance that prohibits shooting off fireworks in city limits, and the lake is in city limits. Therefore even if Parks voted to sanction a one-time exception to the city ordinance, city council would still need to approve the exception.

Featherstone reminded commissioners the city put on fireworks shows on the 4th of July for years at LLCP that were well attended with nothing negative to report. The events stopped only because the City Advertising and Promotion Commission reallocated funding, and Holiday Island and Turpentine Creek also began staging fireworks displays in its place.

There were three upsides for Parks in supporting this exception to the city ordinance, Featherstone said. One would be the partying group intends to pay a generous event fee at a time in which Parks could use the income. They also intend to donate \$2500 toward trail construction and maintenance. Third, the floating boat dock to be used as the stage for the pyrotechnics

would be donated to the park after the event.

Featherstone said cleanup after previous fireworks shows had not been "super huge," so he did not see a downside.

Jackson asked about impact on the environment, such as powder and debris in the water, and commissioner Myrna Thaxton inquired about fire hazards.

Featherstone said the fire marshal would have to sign off on any such pyrotechnic display and there would undoubtedly be a fire department presence on site for the show.

The primary point to consider for Featherstone was "do we want to set a precedent or are we making a one-time exception?"

Jackson asked if Parks was considering it only because of the money. He was concerned Parks was showing favoritism or being bought.

Hager commented the event might go so well the group would want to do it again every year, which would be a boon to Parks. Commissioner Fergie Stewart added it might bring people to the park for the first time and they might return.

Featherstone again clarified they could consider the event a one-time exception and, if it went well, consider future requests if there were any. Hager said, "Nothing ventured, nothing gained," and Stewart said he saw no negatives.

Jackson was still doggedly concerned about the impact on the environment. He thought the lake

was not large enough to handle the aftereffects of a fireworks show. He thought they would need an impact study or some intervention afterwards as well as cleanup.

Featherstone replied, "I don't remember anyone complaining about it before – no contrary commentary. If I were convinced it had harmed the lake in any way, I'd be against it. And if we do this we should have our antennae up to see if there are any concerns." He also volunteered to scour the lake in his kayak early the morning after to check for debris or residue.

In spite of Jackson's objections, Brix moved to allow the Crescent Hotel group to have their event August 21 at LLCP with professionally staged fireworks show approved by the fire marshal and with assurances the City and Parks would be held harmless for any incidents and with the request the fireworks company check into biodegradable fireworks.

Featherstone advocated the inclusion of "one-time exception" somewhere in the motion. Much discussion ensued regarding the nuances and inferences of adding or omitting "one-time exception" to the motion, but Brix refused to add it. The vote on her motion was 3-3, Jackson, Thaxton and Featherstone voting No, so her motion failed.

Stewart then made the same motion with the addition of "one-time exception," and the motion passed 4-1, Jackson voting No.

Their decision will be passed along to city council for its consideration.

## Seeking Miss Carroll County

Young ladies and gents from toddlers to teens and up are encouraged to enter one of the Carroll County Fair pageants. Age divisions are: Miss Carroll County ages 17 – 21 years, Jr. Miss Carroll County 13 –16 years, Baby Miss and Mister 0 – 2 years, Little Mister 3 – 5 years, Baby Miss 0 – 12 months, Toddler Miss 13 – 23 months, Tiny Miss 2 – 3 years, Little Miss 4 – 6 years, Petite Miss 7 – 9 years and Pre-Teen Miss 10 –12 years.

The Little Miss and Mr. Carroll County pageant is Tuesday, August 27 at 6:30 p.m. Miss and Jr. Miss Carroll County pageant is Wednesday, August 28.

The new Carroll County Queen will receive a \$500 scholarship. Winners in all age divisions will get recognition and prizes.

Entry forms and more information can be found at [www.kthsradio.com](http://www.kthsradio.com). For details phone (870) 438-5313, 654-2118 or 480-6579. Entry forms can be dropped off at KTHS any time or at the Cattleman's Building at the fairgrounds August 18, at 3 p.m. when Miss and Jr. Miss contestants need to bring entry forms and fees as well as be ready to work on their bios. Little Miss & Mr. contestants need to bring their entry forms and fees as well.

Carroll County Fair pageants are sponsored by the First National Bank of Green Forest.

## Guess who's coming to dinner (and breakfast and lunch)

"The Eureka" multisport event runs Aug. 9 – 11 with crowds of runners and cyclists moving through the area. The event will consist of a sprint-distance triathlon on Friday afternoon at Holiday Island, road bike tour rides and road bike races on Saturday throughout the region, and running races on Sunday in downtown Eureka Springs.

With participants, families and spectators combined, there may be as many

as 1000 extra people in town this weekend, so please take care on the roads as some event start and finish lines are downtown. See the Aug. 1 *Independent* for parking lot closings and traffic information.

Detailed race information, course maps, registration, sponsor or volunteer information can be found at [www.eurekasportsfestival.com](http://www.eurekasportsfestival.com) or [www.theeureka.com](http://www.theeureka.com).

## Cate Brothers a good reason to hang out in the park

Yeah, you'll be really sorry if you miss this one: a free concert with The Cate Brothers on August 10 in Basin Park.

Music starts at 5 p.m. with The Mike Sumler Band. Sumler is a Fayetteville legend going back to Dickson St. in the early 70s. Band members are all recognizable names in their own right: Mike Sumler, keyboard,

vocals and songwriter; JT Huff, guitar; Tommy Payton, bass and Morty Mortensen, drums.

Beginning at 6, another legend, the inimitable Cate Brothers – Earl and Ernie and band take the stage with a sound that needs no introduction. The concert is sponsored by the City Advertising and Promotion Commission.



## Family files motion to dismiss AEP/SWEPCO power line application

BECKY GILLETTE

American Electric Power (AEP) subsidiary Southwestern Electric Power Company (SWEPCO) failed to provide proper public notice of proposals to take private property for a new high voltage transmission line, and hence the company's application to the Arkansas Public Service Commission (APSC) for the 345 kilovolt (kV) Shipe Road to Kings River power line and Kings River Substation should be dismissed, states a motion filed by a Eureka Springs couple, Jeffrey W. and Christina M. Danos.

The Danos family filed a motion Friday before the APSC stating that AEP/SWEPCO's application does not comply with requirements outlined in Arkansas State Code that require notice of the project be published in a newspaper in the county with "substantial circulation." The notice was published in the small print legal advertisements of the *Arkansas Democrat Gazette*, but not in newspapers published in Carroll or Madison Counties with wider readership and circulation. The *Arkansas Democrat Gazette* had the potential to reach only 10 percent of the homes in Carroll County and eight percent of the homes in Madison County.

"*Arkansas Democrat-Gazette* circulation numbers for Carroll and Madison County evidence a poor choice by SWEPCO, particularly when there are other newspapers that serve these counties with more substantial circulation (i.e. *Ozark Trader*, *Carroll County News*)," the motion states.

"Not only did SWEPCO choose a newspaper without substantial circulation, they chose to run the notice on weekdays (Monday and Tuesday), instead of on a Sunday when circulation numbers would have been greater, though still not as substantial as if they had run it in one of the local papers with greater circulation," Jeff Danos said.

The motion also notes that no advance newspaper notice was posted for Barry and McDonald Counties in southern Missouri, where alternate route 109 is located, and there is no evidence that copies of the application were made available to the

*SWEPCO's application is premature and it would be irresponsible to approve any route at this time.*

— Jeff Danos

libraries in Missouri as required by law.

"Although alternate route 109 is not SWEPCO's "preferred" route, it does constitute an alternate route to be considered by the commission, and as such these two Missouri counties are areas where the proposed transmission line may be located," the Danos motion said. "The fact that SWEPCO's recent rebuttal testimony shifted route preferences, making route 109 their third top choice, makes the lack of application availability for public inspection in any Missouri libraries all the more egregious."

The Danos family was also not notified by certified mail on April 3 that their property might be taken by power line project. Danos said he received the notice April 23 that their property may be traversed by AEP/SWEPCO alternative route 91. AEP/SWEPCO said it failed to notify about 40 property owners because of a faulty GIS system. In fact, the GIS they used, "AR GeoStor," cautions directly on its website that data sets are incomplete. Danos said failure to provide timely notification is important because in order to intervene to oppose the proposed project, landowners are given only 30 days.

According to direct testimony from Danos, as of June 6, AEP/SWEPCO was still discovering additional property owners who might be impacted. Danos asks how the company can be considered compliant with state code when impacted property owners are still being contacted more than 60 days after the initial filing.

"Although SWEPCO stated that they would not object to filings of intervention or limited appearance from belated property owners if submitted within 30 days of notification, the scheduled deadlines for filing direct testimony, exhibits and other supporting documents to establish these belatedly notified interveners' cases were not extended," Danos said. "As such, SWEPCO's negligent use of an incomplete GIS data set places these late-notified property owners at an unpropitious disadvantage, making it difficult and less likely for them to participate."

Danos also takes issue with the underlying study cited by the company establishing the need for the project. The company cites a study conducted in 2007 as impetus for the application.

"It would be irresponsible in any line of work to proceed now with a multi-million dollar project that has been sitting 'on hold' for the past six years, without revisiting the assumptions and forecasts contained within, and factoring in any changes that have taken place since its inception," Danos said. "Changes in the economy and a major recession in the U.S. has resulted in a much different future than was anticipated in 2007. Economic development in Carroll County has been stagnant since 2007. A good indicator of this is the number of construction jobs reported in Carroll County by the U.S. Census Bureau."

The number of construction companies in 2007 was 81 with 338 employees, compared to 65 companies with 256 employees in 2011. Population growth in Carroll County was only .6 percent between April 2010 and July 2012.

"With a population growth in Carroll County of only .6 percent, and such a small customer base, why does SWEPCO need to build a 345kV transmission line to Carroll County that will carry eight times more power than an existing 161kV line?" Danos asks. "Who is this power really for and where is it going?"

Opponents have characterized the project as a "power line to nowhere"

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## New supe settles in

NICKY BOYETTE

“People don’t realize how good they have it here,” stated David Kellogg, new superintendent for the Eureka Springs School District, regarding not only the school district but the whole Eureka Springs community and environs. He said when he tells people he lives in Eureka Springs, they say they want to visit.

Kellogg came to Eureka Springs this summer from the Cossatot River School District based in Wickes, in southwestern Arkansas. His experiences in education have been in northern Louisiana and southern Arkansas, including being a school improvement consultant as well as a principal and superintendent.

“I like striving for continuous improvement,” he said about teaching and learning, noting in his couple of months here a “strong program overall. We know we’re good, but that doesn’t mean we can’t improve.”

However, he just arrived, so he looks forward in the months ahead to learning everyone’s name and hearing what they have to say; mostly he wants to see the district in action.

Kellogg believes the goal for the district should be “good solid instruction which actively engages the students,” something he said the new teacher evaluations are based on.

“There is a place in education for lectures, but not all day,” he said. “People learn in different ways and teachers must vary methods so kids can find a way to learn. People who have adventures in life learn in ways schools cannot duplicate, but could incorporate.”

Kellogg remembered working in a machinist’s shop as a boy and seeing grown-ups needing to use math to solve an actual problem. With this in mind,

a teacher should give the lesson plan a real life connection so kids who burst through the exit doors at the end of the day take some learning with them.

He admits tests are an unavoidable part of education and the state depends on test scores. Tests will change in 2015, and Kellogg wants Eureka Springs to be part of the pilot group. One good thing about tests, he said, is they show teachers where to teach.

Eureka Springs has a high number of students who receive free or reduced lunches, meaning family incomes are low enough to qualify. He pointed out that schools with high “free and reduced” numbers also have lower test scores, but not in Eureka Springs.

From what he has seen, Kellogg figures the district is fiscally sound. “Financially we’re good, though we’re not as rich as people think.” He said he would be paying attention to pumping up the building fund. Someday the district will need to replace one of the two older buildings, although Kellogg said the buildings could go for a long time if properly maintained. He said district personnel reconfigured rooms at the middle school this summer to create a better science area for very little cost.

The district also made the entrance to the middle school more secure, and this month all front doors are being changed to remote locks.

Kellogg has reviewed the district safety plan and there will continue to be modifications, but he sees the campus as being secure, especially considering the presence of Resource Officer Brian Young. He also appreciated the convenience of having the three lower grade buildings right across



the road from the high school.

For now, Kellogg said he looks forward to “assessing what we do and how we do it.” The school bell rings August 19.

## HI Community Church hosts bluegrass inspiration

The Holiday Island Community Church, 188 Stateline Drive, presents the bluegrass band, Pure Tradition, August 11 at 4:30 p.m. at the Fellowship Hall. Come enjoy Adam Ash and his group’s inspirational music. To offset the band’s cost, a love offering is suggested. For further information, contact Bill Branum at (479) 981-0153.

## Sunday at EUUF

On August 11 Francesca Garcia Giri, L.Ac, practitioner of Traditional Chinese Medicine and the owner of Flora Roja Community Acupuncture and Herbal Apothecary, will talk about her journey to Flora Roja and creating affordable health care in our community.

All are welcome Sundays at 11 a.m. for a program followed by refreshments at the Eureka Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 17 Elk St. There is extra parking at Ermilio’s Restaurant, 26 White St. Childcare provided. (479) 253-0929, [www.euuf.org](http://www.euuf.org).

## “Sound healer” here for workshop, concert Aug. 10, 11

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## Ministry leaders implore AEP/SWEPCO to grasp future of electric power

BECKY GILLETTE

The high voltage power transmission line proposed by SWEPCO could cause the destruction of the Christview Ministry Center located near proposed route 108, the southern most route that is now third on the list of six routes under consideration for a 345 kiloVolt Shipe Road to Kings River transmission line. John and Judy Turner purchased the property, that doubles as their residence, nine years ago.

"We offer retreats, prayer and Bible study, working with individuals and small groups to deepen their life in Christ and help them serve the world around them," Judy Turner said at a recent public hearing before the Arkansas Public Service Commission. "We serve approximately 300 guests a year who come and experience the peace and natural beauty of our setting. They talk about how healing it is to their spirits to hear the quiet, to feel the breeze,

to see the hills, the birds, the stars. If the power lines are built, our setting will lose value and appeal. Our ministry may not be able to continue."

The center stands on a ridge overlooking Keels Creek Valley and the Kings River Valley. Proposed route 108 would pass about 1,000 feet from their property line. The Turners submitted photographs of the Keels Creek Valley as they see it now from their deck, and a Photoshopped version of what it would look like if the power lines are constructed.

"Why cause the destruction of a ministry, a neighborhood and an entire community?" Turner asks. "Since April when we first became aware of the threat, this community has been in shock and in grief. We wake up in the night with nightmares of what may happen."

Turner said her concerns go beyond the immediate threat to their ministry



and livelihood.

"Power companies like SWEPCO are in danger of becoming extinct if they do not recognize the revolution that is coming

and change their approach," she said. "I'm talking about the solar revolution. In a recent *Time* magazine article, Michael SWEPCO – TURNER continued on page 27

Thursday, August 15

# SALSA CONTEST

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## HDC approves five applications, one of them thrice

NICKY BOYETTE

All the items of new business considered by the Historic District Commission were approved at its meeting Wednesday night:

These applications were approved unanimously:

- 5 Woods Cr – rear hot tub
- 2 Howell – add rear wood decking over existing cement slab
- 24 Armstrong – change surface of previously approved patio

- 80 Mountain – fence; sidewalk; barrier posts; stone planter

The application for 5 Center was separated into three components and voted on separately. Each vote was 4-0-1, with commissioner Greg Moon recusing himself.

- 5 Center – rear retaining wall; metal fire escape; ancillary building.

The commission approved these Consent Agenda items:

- 60 Hillside – replace sign
- 63 N. Main – new sign
- 304 Spring – new paint colors
- 9 Howell – add trim around garage doors
- 83 Spring – new paint color
- 154 Spring – replace wood rails with metal
- 64 Center – add metal handrail above wall
- 77 Spring – new sign

Commissioner Doug Breitling recused himself from the vote on 60 Hillside.

The Consent Agenda is comprised of applications City Preservation Officer Glenna Booth believes to be in accordance with the design guidelines.

Chair Dee Bright presented the

Administrative Approvals:

- 282 Spring – repair, repaint
- 6 Kingshighway – gutters, repair, repaint front porch
- 51 Spring – repair parapet & repaint
- 9 Howell – replace existing sidewalk
- 5 Paxos – six month extension of CoA for carport
- 56 Hillside – re-roof, similar color
- 30 Elk – re-roof, same color
- 23 Bridge – repair window, front porch, screen door

Administrative Approvals are applications for repair or for work involving no changes in materials or color and includes applications for changes in roofing color.

Next meeting will be Wednesday, August 21, at 6 p.m.

### Good things come to those who bait

– Terry Tromburg of Lakeside Road, Eureka Springs, caught this 42 lb., 46 in. long striped bass in Beaver Lake just before midnight Friday at a depth of 34 ft. We ate some of it Saturday night... delicious!

PHOTO BY JAY BENDER



Leatherwood Creek left its bank to flood Hwy. 187 just past Ozark Southern Stone on Thursday, in Elk Ranch.

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## City Council Agenda

Monday, August 12, 6 p.m.

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

**Planning** – Pos. 1 – vacant – expires 7/1/14. Pos. 4 – Jim Morris – expired 7/1/12

**CAPC** – Pos. 2 – vacant – expires 6/30/14. Pos. 4 – vacant – expired 6/30/13

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

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

### HDC

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

### Public comments

### Unfinished business

1. August 19 Town Hall meeting outline – DeVito and Purkeypile
2. Demolition by neglect workshop update – postponed until the last meeting in September – Mitchell and DeVito
3. Ordinance No. 2187, Commercial recycling of glass and cardboard – 2<sup>nd</sup> reading
4. 80 Mountain – rezone to C-3/remove from R-1 list of bldgs. for religious purposes – Schneider and Mitchell
5. Ordinance No. 2186 limousine and taxi business licenses – 3<sup>rd</sup> reading
6. Ordinance No. 2188 extending 200 ft. rule to all residential zones – 2<sup>nd</sup> reading
7. N. Main parking lot restrooms – DeVito and Mitchell
8. Land Bank – Purkeypile and McClung

### New business

1. Black Bass Dam and web site – Purkeypile and McClung
2. Re-read/discussion of Resolution No. 618 – Opposition to transmission lines in the Eureka area – Schneider, Mitchell, Zeller
3. Vacating portion of Rock St. – Purkeypile and Mitchell
4. 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter financials – A.C.A. 14-43-506
5. Geese issue at Lake Leatherwood City Park – Mayor Pate
6. One-day permit for fireworks at Lake Leatherwood City Park – Mayor Pate
7. Loan for Leatherwood Rd. – Mayor Pate

### Council comments

### Mayor's comments



## School board makes some changes

NICKY BOYETTE

The Eureka Springs school board met in a special session Tuesday evening to consider personnel matters including hiring Jaime Green, high school and middle school coach; Peggy Jones-Poe, middle school special ed.; Mary Pinkley, bus driv-

er; Bob Belzung, bus driver; and Terri Ledbetter, food services.

The board also accept resignations from Elliot Walker, custodian, and Beth Littlejohn, middle school special education aide.

Next meeting will be Thursday, August 15, at 5:30 p.m.

## Danos's 'castle' in jeopardy

BECKY GILLETTE

A family's home is its castle, and never more so than to a family who builds their home with their own hands. That is the case with Christina M. and Jeffrey W. Danos, who have been building a custom home on Pivot Rock Road for more than three years.

The home design includes many high-end features such as tongue-and-groove vaulted pine ceilings, custom cabinetry, a marble tile shower, granite countertops, vessel sinks, a standing-seam metal roof, fiber-cement siding, and many hand-built craftsman built-ins.

"We hope to complete it within the next six months," said Jeffrey Danos, who is a self-employed web designer, Internet marketer, area and event promoter, digital artist, local historian, and musician. "Aside from the metal roofing, every nail, screw, bag of concrete, stick of lumber, and gallon of stain was applied with our own two hands. We have invested our entire retirement savings in this property, and we have spent the last three years building our dream home on it. This is a true one-of-a-kind, custom owner-built home. We hope to spend the rest of our lives in it."

With so much invested in their



dream home, it came as a big shock when the couple were notified in late April that their property is on route 91 (blue route), one of six routes being considered by American Electric Power (AEP) subsidiary Southwestern Electric Power Co. (SWEPCO) for a 345 kiloVolt (kV) transmission line.

Danos said there is no remedy for the adverse effect the project would have, and no amount of money could make up

for the personal investment they have put in their home.

"If you have ever built a house from the ground up with your own two hands, you would understand," he said.

This would add to a complex web of already existing electric power infrastructure in their neighborhood.

"We already have two 30-foot-wide Carroll Electric power line easements

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All other meetings: See [www.nwarkaa.org](http://www.nwarkaa.org)

# INDEPENDENTNews

## Acuna-Sanchez will stand trial

Victor Acuna-Sanchez appeared in Carroll County Circuit Court in Eureka Springs August 1 amid heavy security, and was declared fit to stand trial.

Acuna-Sanchez allegedly shot Laura Acevez, the mother of his child, on New Year’s Eve 2012 when he was 18 years old. The couple’s four-month-old child was found near his mother when discovered by sheriff’s deputies in Acevez’s apartment west of Eureka Springs.

Acuna-Sanchez was ordered to undergo a mental evaluation at the State Hospital. The State’s psychological expert testified last Thursday that the accused was capable to proceed with the trial hearings and cooperate with defense attorney William James.

If convicted of capital murder Acuna-Sanchez could face death or life without parole. Another pretrial hearing on an order requesting a continuance is scheduled for Sept. 3 in the Eastern District Courthouse.



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To register for the drawing, stop by the motel office and drop your name in the box. You can register for each child in the family! Winner will be announced at 5 p.m. at the Eureka Springs Elementary School Open House on August 15. Last chance to register will be from 3 – 4 p.m. at the Open House.

The free overnight stay might come in handy for guests or visitors, or even a fun night out since it's so close to Pig Trail Kart & Golf. Phone the motel office at (479) 253-5600 with any questions.

## Benefit concert Aug. 17

Local artist Tony Dee will perform a live benefit concert for Carroll County food banks on Saturday, August 17, 6:30 p.m., at the Berryville Community Center. Dee has performed with several famous artists including Reba McEntire, Loretta Lynn and Willie Nelson.

The concert is free, but cash donations will be accepted along with donations of toiletries, toilet paper, shampoo, laundry detergent, dish detergent, toothpaste, toothbrushes, diapers, etc. If you are not able to come the BCC will accept cash, checks and toiletry donations.

Food Banks that will benefit include Loaves and Fishes in Berryville and Flint Street

Fellowship in Eureka Springs. Cornerstone Bank, Arvest Bank in Wal-Mart, Jo Ann Clark State Farm, Fiesta Auto Insurance, Brashears Furniture and Gerald's helped pay for the concert rental of the BCC.

Dee's Mission Tour "The Full Armor of God Seraphim Mohanaim" will be presented in several communities in the United States to benefit non-profit agencies. His next concert will be in the Eureka Springs auditorium Saturday, Sept. 7, at 6:30 p.m. The proceeds of that concert will benefit the free health clinics in Carroll County.

For information, email [deborahgeorge1@yahoo.com](mailto:deborahgeorge1@yahoo.com).

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## Public service or private profit?

Editor,

I'd rather be a lineman working in the middle of a storm than have the Public Relations spokesperson job with Carroll Electric. In a recent Eureka *Independent* news article Nancy Plagge really had to spin the facts to make her employer seem like a true co-operative that welcomes members' input!

The facts, I believe, show the opposite is true. Only the annual member meeting is "open" to members; board meetings the rest of the year are closed and board minutes are not available. And "open" with regards to the annual meeting is a joke! We members have had to pass through a checkpoint with security guards, as you might expect

at a border crossing into a not-too-friendly country! Our belongings were examined and we have had to sign an agreement stating we *will not speak* (at our own meeting) and are prohibited from recording the meeting (no press either). Then we sit passively while the highly paid CEO gives a brief spiel on what a great job they're doing. So much for member input.

Theoretically, members have input through board members from their district, elected by the members. In reality, board members just keep re-electing each other for these lucrative part-time positions. This is possible due to increasingly restrictive bylaws (done by the board without member input!) that have it made it nearly impossible for a member to get on the ballot.

This was illustrated a few years ago

when a Carroll County member had over a thousand signatures (from all nine districts), well over the requirement. However, she purportedly fell short by a few signatures in one district that were thrown out for some reason, and she was not allowed to review the board's determination 'til *after* ballots were sent out. Thus the long-standing board member for that district was "re-elected" by the board.

Seems to me that electric companies, including SWEPCO, talk a good game about public service but they are just big corporations bent on maximum profit. How did they end up with so much power? We need to keep speaking out for our rights, even though it may seem futile at times.

I should note that I think the electric  
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## WEEK'S Top Tweets

**@russhigher** --- I just saw a cop pull over a U-Haul truck. I think he is trying to bust a move.

**@JiminyKicksIt** --- It's time to clean the refrigerator when something closes the door from the inside.

**@RandomBest** --- "I got this." Translated: I most certainly do not have this, but prepare to be thoroughly entertained.

**@pintubaba** --- Twitter, because time isn't going to kill itself.

**@RandiLawson** --- I like to think of myself not so much as a terrible driver, but an awesome stuntwoman.

**@SciencePorn** --- The brain is the most outstanding organ, it works for 24 hours 365 days, right from your birth until you fall in love.

**@zoebread** --- opinion – 3.14 = onion

**@Zen\_Moments** --- Water and words...Easy to pour – impossible to recover. ~Chinese Proverb

**@price\_laborecon** --- She blows away the competition! Miss Utah contestant charged with making bombs.

**@ThrThryll** --- Tried explaining Twitter to my dad, but his "why would you want to do that?" argument was pretty bulletproof.





## SWEPCO and goose poop

First of all, thanks to those hardworking SWEPCO guys who show up in ice and snow and pouring rain to restore our power when it goes out. The logo on those orange signs and t-shirts isn't aimed at *you*.

That said, is anyone tired of reading stories about SWEPCO yet? Closing in on some 145 mentions in stories, photos, captions and letters to the editor – just in the *Independent* alone – one has to wonder if coverage isn't reaching overkill.

But wait, if your eyes glaze over every time you see “power line stretching from Shipe Road to ...” or you start to think “Oh no, *another* story from a family whose land is going to be affected ...” just take a breath and read on, because something amazing is happening here.

Local people are digging – poring over boring documents and reports, contacting sources and pointing out irregularities and errors made by the big boys who should have known better. Each one of those stories contains some new information. Bottom line is, we've turned into a town of crack-bang researchers and proven that knowledge is power.

But is this interesting at all to our readers who are not involved or even living in the area? Apparently. A reader in Seattle who happens to be an investigative reporter, and one in Washington, D.C. who happens to be chief editor for the Russian news service, RIA Novosti, both contacted us to say the *Independent* ought to be nominated for a Pulitzer for the SWEPCO coverage. Safe to say, they weren't bored.

The SWEPCO issue has even gotten a few of us off our duffs to investigate solar and wind power in earnest and some have even offered to help local utilities work out a plan for the future, pointing out that SWEPCO's 40 year strategy may be moot in time.

Which makes us wonder, by the way, how long big corporations can continue to assume they can proceed to make money by carrying on with business as usual forever when the entire world isn't functioning “as usual” now?

Some folks may think Eureka Springs is stuck in a bubble in time, but reaction to the perceived power-line threat during the last few months proves there are forward-thinking folks out there who want to preserve the past as far as the legacy of fragile land is concerned *and* move into the future as far as finding ways to save the land and still support a livelihood.

This hasn't been an ugly protest involving angry destruction of property and threats (though some thought that might happen, considering the police that were brought in from other towns to hang out in Eureka during the testimonies at the Inn of the Ozarks – just in case), but a peaceful counter of reasoning and well-researched and presented facts.

We will continue to report those facts and support the people who are making them available for you.

Which brings us to goose poop.

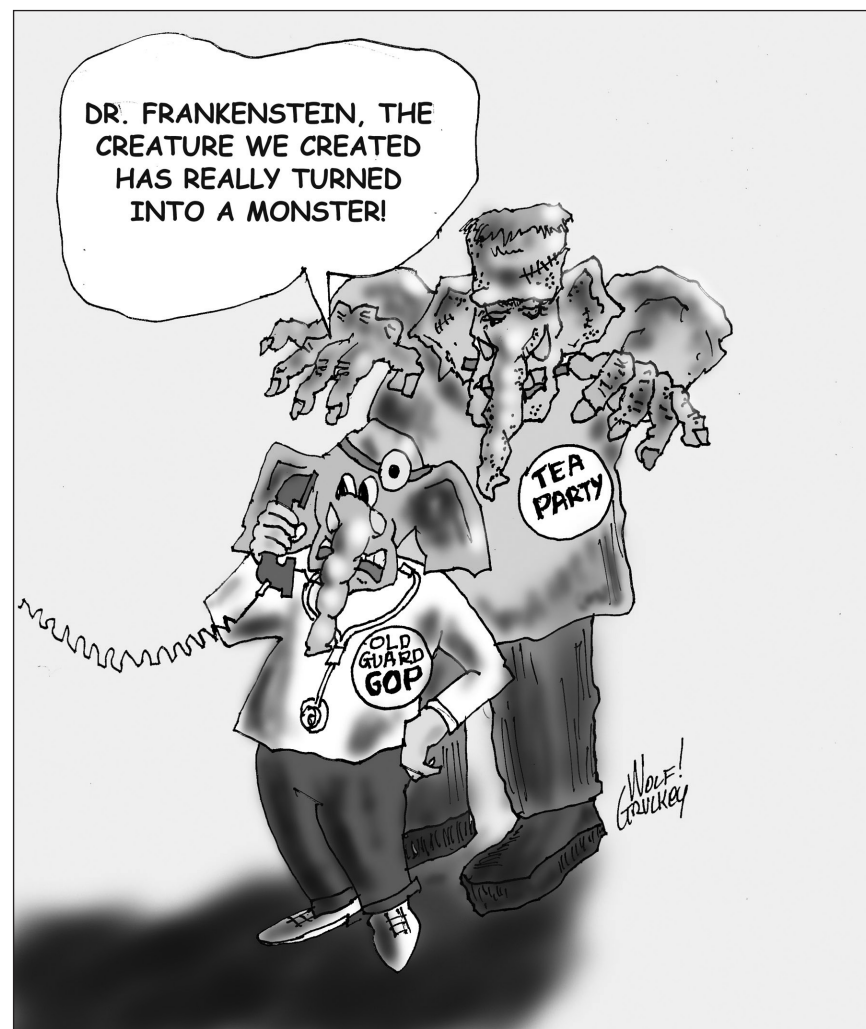
Apparently Parks has been dealing with this problem for the past 10 years. While some might appreciate hauling a locally killed and plucked goose out of the freezer for Christmas dinner, others prefer to see them on the wing in the wild.

We did a little research of our own and found out geese won't stay where they can't sleep. At [foryourshore.com](http://foryourshore.com) one can buy a beacon that will scare them off at night. That way, those who like seeing the geese could enjoy them at the far end of Lake Leatherwood instead of on the swimming beach. If Parks decides they don't want them anywhere on the lake, multiple beacons would work.

A simple Google search also revealed other working, and some guaranteed, methods for ridding geese from ponds and shorelines without resorting to gunfire or poison.

Now that the community has turned its collective mind to solving a really, really big problem involving a giant corporation scarring our land, we can't imagine not coming up with a ton of viable solutions for this little problem involving an innocent flock of birds who are only pooping on it.

~ CDW



## The Pursuit Of HAPPINESS

by Dan Krotz

There may come a time when you screw your courage to the sticking place and cross the river into the darkest recesses of Berryville. There, you will buy a bicycle from the Evil Retail Giant; it is equipped with bright singing spokes and a fat seat just so. You anticipate the wind in your hair, the whirling magic of wheels going round and round. You hand over your dough and hit the road.

Two weeks later you get a bill from the Wheel-O-Matic Company for the tires on your bike. It is followed by another bill from Seats-R-Us... and yet another bill from Sing Sing Spokes, Inc. It turns out that the money you gave ERG was just the start; a long line of vendors has gathered at the post office to mail out bills in your name.

This is precisely the business model used by the Mercy Health Care “System.” You're admitted to a Mercy hospital... you get pretty good treatment... you get a bill, you go home. And then you get bills and bills from people you never heard of: Deep Tunneling LLC, Shariz E. O'Tool, MD, It's A Doozie Labs... etc.

To be fair to Mercy, it isn't doing anything illegal or unethical; it's simply following the standard business practices used by nearly every US health care provider. If Mercy Hospital were a restaurant you'd get separate bills from the waiter, the cook, the dishwasher and some rube in Oklahoma who raised the little porker you just put in your cake hole. You think ObamaCare is bad? Look at what you've got.

Money isn't the only issue. The waiter, the cook, the dishwasher and the rube all deserve to get paid. What is at issue are rampant inefficiencies in a vital 21<sup>st</sup> century business sector that operates with a 19<sup>th</sup> century business model.

We're told that the repeal of ObamaCare is the solution. I'm not so sure. I am sure that if Obama came out in favor of oxygen, Republicans would start wearing plastic bags over their heads. Which, on second thought, may be a solution. The *status quo* isn't.



# INDEPENDENT Constables On Patrol

## JULY 29

11:06 p.m. – Two vehicles bumped into each other in a parking lot. Constables on patrol responded, but everybody was okay.

11:51 p.m. – As a result of a traffic stop, the constable arrested the driver for possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.

## JULY 30

12:16 a.m. – Divorcée complained her ex-husband came to her home and he would not leave. Plus he was intoxicated. Constable went to the scene and discussed things with the ex-husband. Then a taxi came and took him away.

## JULY 31

6:15 a.m. – Alarm sounded at a business, and the constable who went there found everything secure.

6:19 a.m. – Central dispatch alerted ESPD to a possibly suicidal male near downtown. Constables and EMS responded, and EMS took him to ESH.

7:21 a.m. – ESH staff reported the possibly suicidal male left the premises. Constable encountered him nearby and persuaded him to return to the hospital.

10:25 p.m. – A customer left a restaurant without paying his bill. Constable filed a report.

## AUGUST 1

10:08 a.m. – ESPD responded to report of a dead fawn on a street at the western edge of town.

11:54 a.m. – Driver of a pickup was reportedly driving recklessly and ignoring traffic signs. Constable found the vehicle unattended in a parking lot.

4:23 p.m. – Gas station attendant reported a gas drive-off.

5:13 a.m. – ESH staff told ESPD the ex-boyfriend of a nurse was parked in the hospital parking lot harassing the nurse. Constables went there, talked with him about it, and he decided to go home.

10:34 p.m. – Constables and EMS responded to a report of a fight with one person was on the ground in front of a hotel. The two pugilists assured the constables they were friends. The injured one was taken to ESH.

## AUGUST 2

7:08 a.m. – Car owner reported damage to her vehicle while it was parked in front of her apartment.

10:43 p.m. – Staff of a restaurant reported an intoxicated driver headed toward downtown. Constables watched for the vehicle.

10:58 p.m. – Report came in of an apparently highly intoxicated male doing karate moves on Main Street.

He had moved on when the constables arrived.

11:15 p.m. – Witness told ESPD he almost hit a male walking on North Main. Constables combed through the neighborhood but were unable to find the person walking. Three more reports came in about the walker's whereabouts but he continued to elude constables until they finally encountered him walking on Mill Hollow Road. They learned he was not intoxicated but just out walking.

## AUGUST 3

8:24 a.m. – Motel employee reported guests' tires had been slashed.

## AUGUST 4

5:56 a.m. – A large dog ran free, barking its way through a neighborhood. One neighbor said the dog was aggressive, but it behaved for the constable who responded. The owner was not home. Animal Control will follow up.

4:17 p.m. – Someone complained about loud music coming from a nearby bar, but the constable who checked determined the noise level was within limits.

4:48 p.m. – Loud electric guitar music wafted from the bottom of the hill, much to the caller's displeasure. Constable went to the scene but heard no music at all.

11:32 p.m. – ESPD heard about a male lying in his driveway in a neighborhood who belligerently refused assistance. Constables and EMS found him intoxicated and still on the driveway. He said he had fallen but he was in front of his residence and did not want help from EMS.

## AUGUST 5

12:24 a.m. – Witness recounted hearing a speeding car pass by, then a loud crash, then saw the car drive off. She said it was a car versus tree accident. Constables found the suspect vehicle parked nearby and had it towed. Public Works responded because the tree posed a danger to motorists.

1:53 a.m. – Person at a motel reported a male hitting a female as the two were about to get into a car. Motel staff said they had calmed the situation a bit. Constables watched for but did not encounter the vehicle.

2:23 a.m. – Resident said his ex-girlfriend just ran her car into his on purpose. He said she was probably headed toward Rogers, and constables watched for her vehicle.

5:40 a.m. – Alarm company alerted ESPD to a burglary alarm at a business. Constable on patrol found the building secure and everything was okay.

## Genealogy meetings continue

The free genealogy workshops sponsored by the Friends of the Carnegie Public Library will continue during August in the Library Annex at 192B Spring Street. Tuesday, August 13 at 6 p.m., group member Sean Franklin will demonstrate Ancestry.com searching basics. If you do not have an Ancestry.com subscription you may access the library version from any of the library's computers (appointments are recommended).

Tuesday, August 20 at 6 p.m., group member Ruth Wood will share tips and resources for accessing many types of military records. The group is asking for other suggested topics to be covered at future meetings and everyone is welcome to attend any or all sessions. For further information, phone the library at (479) 253-8754 or email [info@eurekalibrary.org](mailto:info@eurekalibrary.org).

## Are you ready to hula?

Don't forget to buy your advance ticket to the Friends of the Historic Holiday Island Barn Hawaiian Luau before August 14! The event is Saturday, August 17, with a social hour at 5 p.m. and dinner at 6 followed by a music program with the fabulous J Rock and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Band. Hawaiian dress optional.

Cutoff date for advance tickets is August 14. Dinner menu is oven Kahlua pork or grilled Huli Huli chicken tenders, Hawaiian rice pilaf, cole slaw, fresh fruit and pineapple Mandarin cake for dessert. Water and iced tea included, BYOB optional. Tickets available for advance purchase – \$12.50 at the HI Clubhouse or HI Rec. Center – or at the door, *if available*, for \$14. Questions? Call Susan Smith 253-5136.

## Blogging workshop Aug. 17

Did you know “blog” stands for “web log?” Blogs are as varied as the people who write them, and blogging can grow your online presence and even your business. Learn how with an expert, Jacqueline Wolven, executive director of the Eureka Springs Downtown Network and instructor for the Arkansas Small Business and

Technology Development Center

Wolven will teach a blogging workshop August 17 from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. at the Garden Bistro on North Main. Get the tools to find your unique voice, write to your readership and develop your online presence. Cost is \$45 and space is limited. To register, email [alisontaylorbrown@me.com](mailto:alisontaylorbrown@me.com), or phone (479) 292-3665.

## Local act may be next country music star!

Find out as they take the first step toward \$100,000 and stardom at the 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Texaco Country Showdown Saturday, August 17, at Pine Mountain Theater. Aspiring country music artists will compete for the opportunity to perform at the Arkansas State Texaco Country Showdown and vie for a \$1,000 cash prize and advancement to state

finals at the Arkansas State Fair Oct. 10.

After state finals, five regional winners are awarded an all-expense-paid trip to the National Final where they will compete for the \$100,000 Grand Prize and the National Title.

KTHS will host the local competition beginning at 2 p.m. at Pine Mountain Theater.



# Bobby Osborne new headliner at bluegrass festival

Bluegrass fans are about to enjoy one of the best shows ever assembled as legends and up-and-comers perform during the Eureka Springs Bluegrass Festival (Mr. Big's Bluegrass Family Reunion) August 15 – 17.

Mr. Big, aka Joe McClung, Sr., learned on August 1 previously scheduled headliner Jesse McReynolds was taken with a serious illness and could not appear. McClung quickly reached out to the bluegrass

community and was able to negotiate an appearance by major bluegrass artist Bobby Osborne and his band, Rocky Top X-Press, who will headline August 17 with special guests Buddy Griffin and Ashley Messenger.

This truly is a reunion of bluegrass family. Some of the great musicians who will play and jam around town (Albert E. Brumley, Jr., Ozark Alliance, Dragon Masters, Cobb Family, Tim Crouch, Gary C. Allbritton, Buffalo City Ramblers, Clark Family Trio featuring Bill Nesbitt, Arkansas Red, Ron Landers, Spoon Man and Donny Catron & Eureka Springs Bluegrass Band) will also take the stage Saturday night as part of three full days of pickin' and grinnin'.

The musical feast kicks off Thursday with a Watermelon Social and free music in Basin Park at 7 p.m. It's an open jam and everyone's invited to bring instruments and join in. More free music starts at noon Friday and Saturday in Basin Spring Park. See schedule below for show times and jam sessions.

Osborne has recorded hundreds of songs, written scores of songs (many of which have become Bluegrass standards), travelled millions of miles around the world, become a Grand Ole Opry legend, Hall Of Famer and a household name and gigantic figure



– a tribute to Reno and Smiley aka Don Wesley Reno and Arthur Lee “Red” Smiley, the all-but-forgotten pioneers of Bluegrass music. They were contemporary with Monroe, Flatt & Scruggs and the Stanleys, yet there are legions of Bluegrass “enthusiasts” who’ve never heard them. (See more at [www.retroandsmiling.com](http://www.retroandsmiling.com).)

In a surprise appearance in the Basin Park band shell at 2 p.m. will be Albert E. Brumley, Jr., whose father’s musical legacy includes songs like

in the history of American Music. Osborne, with his great band The Rocky Top X-Press, is making some of the greatest and most important music of his long and storied career. The Osborne Brothers’ recordings of *Rocky Top* and *Kentucky* were named official state songs of Tennessee and Kentucky, respectively.

Buddy Griffin, recipient of the Vandalia Award, West Virginia’s highest folk life honor, is a renowned fiddle player, entertainer, educator, mentor and advocate for bluegrass

and traditional country music. He’ll appear with Osborne both onstage and most likely around town jamming with fellow bluegrass players.

Ashley Messenger was born into Bluegrass and has been in several bands, including the Allen Creek Coal Company, Kickin’ Grass, the Jeff Roberts Band, and fronted his own: Cheap Strings. He stands in as a Virginia Boy with McReynolds when Jesse’s grandson is not available.

Fans won’t want to miss Griffin and Messenger as Retro & Smiling

*I’ll Fly Away*, *Turn Your Radio On* and a host of other favorites. Unknown to Brumley, Mr. Big has arranged for musical friends from Branson shows to join him, and Gov. Mike Beebe has arranged for Brumley to receive the Arkansas Traveler Award during the show.

Ticket prices for the Saturday evening show at 7 p.m. are \$17.50 balcony or \$22.50 orchestra and will be available at [www.theaud.org](http://www.theaud.org) or at the door for \$22.50 and \$27.50. For more info call 479-253-7333.

## Bluegrass highlights

### August 15

7 p.m. - Watermelon Social in Basin Park followed by open jam at the Guest House Swiss Holiday Resort, US 62W and Hwy, 23.

### August 16

#### - Music in Basin Spring Park

12 p.m. - Clark Family Trio featuring Bill Nesbitt  
1 p.m. - Dragon Masters  
2 p.m. - Cobb Family  
3 p.m. - Eureka Springs Bluegrass Band  
4 p.m. - Mountain View Friends  
5 p.m. - Clark Family Trio followed by open jam at Guest House Swiss Holiday Resort

### August 17

9 a.m. - Mandolin workshop with Bobby Osborne, Guest House Swiss Holiday Resort  
10 a.m. - Fiddle workshop with Bobby Osborne,

### Guest House Swiss Holiday Resort

#### Free music in Basin Spring Park

12 p.m. - Buffalo City Ramblers  
1 p.m. - Ozark Alliance  
2 p.m. – Special show with Albert E. Brumley, Jr. and surprise guests  
3 p.m. - Clark Family  
4 p.m. - Pam Kirby & Mountain View Friends  
5 p.m. - Dragon Masters  
6 p.m. - Gravel Yard Bluegrass Band  
7 p.m. at the Aud: Bobby Osborne and the Rocky Top X-Press with Buddy Griffin, Ashley Messenger and guests.

Some time slots in Basin Park may be rearranged. For updates and tickets, see [www.theaud.org](http://www.theaud.org) or phone (479) 253-7333.



I've discovered after 14 months of writing a weekly column that I'm not a deadline writer. Paradoxically, those 50-plus columns would never have seen the light without a looming deadline.

Friend and former Eureka, Jane

Fishman, came to visit us this week. She's a columnist for the *Savannah Morning News* who was responsible for banging out three columns a week (whew!). She has since slowed down to a weekly column to work on her second book.



## Putting down the gun



In the early days of the *Citizen*, I sat in amazement as I watched Bill King not only write three quarters of the paper, but an editorial and column every week, while I struggled to write "witty" captions to my photographs.

Friend, writer, editor and publisher of the *Independent*, Mary Pat Boian, is one of my heroines – someone who can do it all – and on time. Her ISAWARKANSAS was original, insightful, witty and personal without making it all about her, and always worth a second read.

I'm not schooled in writing or journalism, in fact I'm sure every English teacher I ever had would be shocked this D student could put a simple sentence together.

My writing skills came from the people I read. Writers whose work I admired and respected, from the above mentioned, to former and current colleagues Dale McCurry, Vernon Tucker and Dan Krotz (how does he say so much with so few words?), to the late Molly Ivins, Frank Rich and Gail Collins.

I was lamenting last week to a friend about my struggle with coming

up with a column and how long it takes me to find the right words. Her response, "That weekly column is why so many writers will never be columnists. It's hard."

It is hard, but terribly rewarding when this disciplined act all comes together.

Deadlines are essential in life. Without them, nothing would ever get done. It's a writer's best friend, but for me, it's time to put down the weekly gun to the head, at least for a while, and move on to other art related things.

It's really more of a time management issue. There are just not enough hours in the day for this restless Gemini to "do it all."

I'm not sure I'd be comfortable adding "writer" to my résumé, but I am proud of this column and proud of my association with the *Independent*. There are a lot of voices and opinions out there, and I thank the people who took the time to read mine.

## INDEPENDENTArt

### Call for music, poetry, stories and art

During the Original Ozark Folk Festival in October, WoodSongs Old-Time Radio Hour will tape two shows at the Aud for airing on some 500 radio stations around the world (including KUAF in Fayetteville) as well as on television via the Public Broadcasting System.

In addition to the WoodSongs taping, the music, poetry, stories and art of the Ozarks will be featured throughout the weekend. Bands, musicians, singer-songwriters, poets, artists and crafters are encouraged to submit samples of their music or art for consideration. Send a press kit or digital samples of work to [submissions@ozarksfolkfestival.com](mailto:submissions@ozarksfolkfestival.com) or mail submission to CAPC, 121 East Van Buren, Suite 3B, Eureka Springs 72632. Submissions are being accepted until September 15.

The festival takes place on October 23 – 27 and will feature the Barefoot Ball, Queen's Contest, a parade, arts & crafts exhibitions, free music in Basin Spring Park and the main show in the auditorium. Be sure to get one of the best seats now! Tickets for reserve seating range from \$35 to \$75 (all fees included), and are available at [www.TheAud.org](http://www.TheAud.org).

## Show, exhibition opportunities for artists

• ESSA is currently accepting applications for the **Fall Art Show** Nov. 30, 31 and Dec. 1 at the Inn of the Ozarks Convention Center. Good spaces still available. See [www.ESSA-ART.org](http://www.ESSA-ART.org) or call (479)-253-5384.

• Entries will be accepted until August 16 for the **Holiday Island Art Guild's 25th Annual Art Exhibit and Sale** in works on paper, works on canvas or fabric, three dimensional and photography. Entries must not have been entered in a prior Holiday Island Art Guild show. Entry fees are \$25 members and \$35 non-members (up to three entries in each category). Monetary prizes awarded. Show runs Aug. 30 – Sept. 1. Reception/award presentation August 29, 3:30 – 5 p.m. To enter contact Barbara Robinson (479) 253-1839.

• The National Oil & Acrylic Painters' Society (NOAPS) along with the Dunnegan Gallery of Fine Art and The Vine Gallery invites oil and acrylic painters to submit original work for the **Best of America 2013**

**Exhibition.** Deadline for submission is August 16. Notification will be Sept. 1 for the Exhibition Oct. 13 – Nov. 20. Submission fee of \$50 for two images includes annual membership into NOAPS and all associated benefits. Fee of \$10 for each additional image up to a maximum of five. Cash awards of \$5,500 plus numerous sponsor awards. Enter at [www.juriedartservices.com](http://www.juriedartservices.com) or contact Joe Ray Kelley, (479) 899-4961. NOAPS is located at 511 N. Pike, Bolivar, Mo.

• **Eureka Springs Historical Museum** is offering exhibition space for artists living in Western District Carroll County. Exhibits will be rotated monthly. Artists may display work and contact information. All work must be "hang ready." The museum will make available a print rack if requested. Work must be available for purchase and the artist will receive 60 percent of the selling price. Space available on first come, first serve basis. Contact Zeek Taylor at [zeek.taylor@cox.net](mailto:zeek.taylor@cox.net).





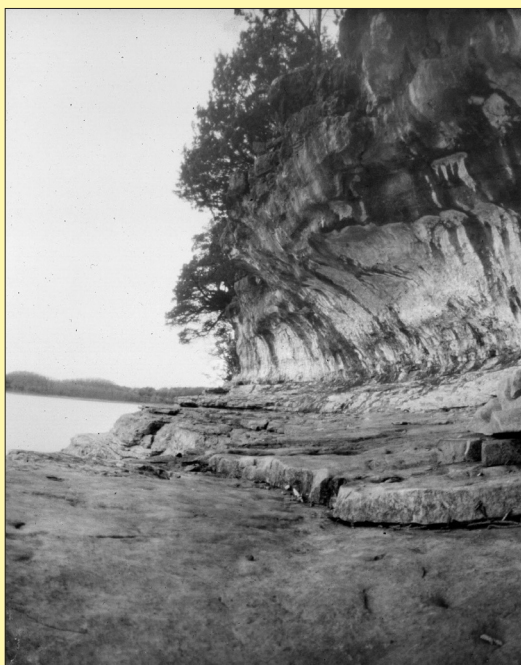
## Iris at the Basin Park features pottery from Blue Moon

Two of Carroll County's favorite teachers, Sara and Terry Russell, are both now retired and spending more time continuing their artistic endeavors at Blue Moon Studios with ceramic treasures both artistic and functional. Iris at the Basin Park is pleased to host a show of their newest work at Saturday's Gallery Stroll on August 10. Stop in and see them from 1 – 4 and 6 – 9 p.m.

## Lutz pinholes third place

The recipient of the third place award at the 65th Annual River Valley Invitational Exhibition is Eureka Springs Artists Registry member and photographer Ron Lutz.

His winning work is a pinhole 16x12 in. photo titled The Bluffs. Recently Lutz has shown at the Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art, and his architectural and landscape images have been shown in Colorado, Wyoming, and Arkansas. His work has been exhibited in numerous institutions and



THE BLUFFS, A PINHOLE PHOTO BY RON LUTZ

he has worked with the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program documenting historic buildings in many Arkansas towns.

## Poetluck hosts locals' night

The Writers' Colony will hold a poetluck dedicated to area writers on Thursday, August 15, 6:30 p.m. Attendees will get a chance to read some new work, or perhaps a bit of an old favorite, for up to four minutes. Whether you write or just enjoy a good story, this literary salon is sure to be interesting.

Readings follow a potluck dinner so please bring a dish and some writing to share with other bookworms and fans of the written word at The Writers' Colony at Dairy Hollow, 515 Spring St. For more information call (479) 253-7444, see [www.writerscolony.org](http://www.writerscolony.org) or email [director@writerscolony.org](mailto:director@writerscolony.org).

## Last call for artists, crafters, makers & youth bands



Those interested in showing or selling work during Fun After 5! at the Makers/Music Fest August 23 need to secure their spot. Deadline is August 13 at midnight. Send an email with website, blog or Facebook page showing work along with contact information. The first twenty participants will be secured a spot in Basin Spring Park during the Maker/Music Festival; all others will be placed on a waiting list for Fun After 5! events in October and November.

August 23 is also the EurekaPalooza Under 21 band competition in the Basin Park bandshell. Participants must be under 21. For an entry form email Karen Fitzpatrick at [karenmfitz@gmail.com](mailto:karenmfitz@gmail.com). EurekaPalooza is hosted by Clear Spring School and the August 23 competition is an audition for emerging bands to claim a spot on the stage at the festival in September at Lake Leatherwood.

To secure your booth spot email [director@eurekaspringsdowntown.com](mailto:director@eurekaspringsdowntown.com). For more information see [www.eurekaspringsdowntown.com](http://www.eurekaspringsdowntown.com).



## Lions roar into being

Dave Teigen, owner/operator of Teigen/McGhee Insurance Agency in Eureka Springs, will be guest speaker at the Lions Club meeting Tuesday, August 13, at noon at Forest Hill Restaurant. His topic will center on the expansion and enterprise of the Carroll County Airport.

Teigen is chairman of the Carroll County Airport Commission.

The Eureka Springs/Holiday Island Lions Club has recently formed and is seeking prospects for membership. "We Serve" is the Lions' motto, and club programs include sight conservation, hearing and speech conservation, diabetes awareness, youth outreach, international relations, environmental issues and other programs.

The club meets at noon on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of every month at Forest Hill Restaurant. For more information, contact Dan Ellis (479) 981-9551.

## Blues Challenge issues call for acts

The Ozark Blues Society of Northwest Arkansas will host its Annual Blues Challenge at George's Majestic Lounge on Dickson Street in Fayetteville Oct. 2 from 6 – 11:30 p.m. Submissions must be received by Friday, August 30 to participate and should contain a band or solo/duo bio, a CD recording of the act or a website link where videos or songs are posted and professional looking photographs in a "jpg" format suitable for press releases and web postings.

Acts will perform 20-minute sets in a randomly chosen order, which will be announced just prior to the start of the competition. If necessary, submissions will be juried so there will be no more than a total of 9 acts in each act division. For registration prices and details go to [www.ozarkbluessociety.org](http://www.ozarkbluessociety.org).

**Park bark** – We're Brindee and Axl, "pawTAYin' down" at Eureka Live during Happy Hour: Doggie Style. Thanks to Lee, Walter and staff for helping us raise more than \$1,500 for the dog park! We're on point for the next fundraiser and excited that ground might be broken in the fall. You can still buy a brick for the memorial garden and make donations any time. Help us get a paw up on construction and see how you can help today! Call Rachel (479) 244-9151 for more info or check out Eureka Springs Dog Park on Facebook. Join the Dog Park meeting August 14 at the library annex at 6 p.m.



## TheNATUREofEUREKA by Steven Foster

### Naked ladies part of our diversity

It's time for naked ladies to trumpet their pink splendor. These beautiful ladies are part of our foreign diversity in Eureka Springs, but alas they are just plants. Known as surprise lily, resurrection lily, magic lily or naked ladies, this pretender is laid bare not as a lily at all, but a member of the

Amaryllis family (*Amaryllidaceae*). These late-summer blooming beauties produce unnoticed leaves in the spring, which soon die back. Out of the hot bosom of steamy August air a whorl of large showy flowers atop a leafless (naked) stalk pops from the ground.

Amaryllis and its relatives cause

plant name consternation. The genus *Lycoris* (to which our naked ladies belong) is native to eastern Asia, while *Amaryllis* is native to the Western Cape of South Africa. In 1753 Linnaeus named *Amaryllis belladonna*. Another closely related genus in the Amaryllis family is *Hippeastrum* from tropical America. The "amaryllis" that bloom around Christmas, available wherever bulbs are sold, are mostly hybrids of South American *Hippeastrum* species.

Our common naked ladies are the Asian species *Lycoris squamigera*, an inelegant scientific name for an elegant plant. It superficially resembles the South African *Amaryllis belladonna* but differs in significant botanical characteristics as well as continent of origin. The first European illustration comes from a periodical famous for its unabashed Victorian paintings of reproductive organs (of plants) – *Curtis's Botanical Magazine*, Volume 123, August 1, 1897. This periodical has been continuously published in one form or another since 1787.

Living plants were introduced from Japan to America by Dr. George Rogers Hall (1820-1899) of Bristol, Rhode Island, upon returning from Yokohama in 1862. New England nurserymen widely distributed the bulbs in the late 1800s.

Dr. Hall who co-founded a hospital in China in 1852, grew it in his Shanghai garden before 1860, and noted it was used by the Chinese to decorate cemeteries. Leaving medicine to enter the export business, Hall's botanical legacy outshined his medical career. He was the first American to send live plants directly from Japan to New England including Japanese yews, Japanese dogwoods, and our vigorous prolific weed once known as Hall's Honeysuckle.

Protecting his good name, today we know it as Japanese Honeysuckle *Lonicera japonica*. The rest, as they say, is history.





*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.

“My father was Jim Gaskins. He was a brother to Elba’s Grandpa Gaskins, His name is Jack as you probably all ready know. Most people call him Uncle Jack like I do. He is a fine old man.”

I could not argue that point with him. To me he was exactly what every grandfather should be. Not having had one of my own, I had adored the old man from the first time I had seen him. I expressed my admiration for Grandpa during the conversation. My guest then explained that my mother-in-law (Mary to him) was one of his favorite people in the world. “I love her like a sister and I know that she feels closer to me than she does either of her own brothers.”

Somewhere in the back of my mind was a nudging idea that there was some sort of puzzle here and that given time, I might be able to fit the pieces together.

After we chatted for about an hour, my father-in-law opened the back door and came into the room.

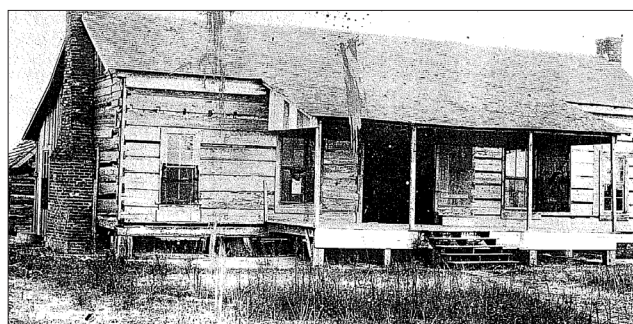
“Hello, Slick,” he said warmly. “When did you get in?”

The two men shook hands and I offered Papa a cup of coffee, but all the time I was wondering if I should just kill my husband as soon as he came home from work or wait until I could find a way to repay him for the joke he had played on me.

“I’m glad you came by,” Slick said to Papa. “I have been enjoying getting acquainted with Elba’s new wife. It looks as though he has done a pretty good job of getting married,” he complimented me and smiled in my direction as he added, “but I’m ready to walk back up the hill with you. I’m anxious to see Mary.”

The two men left together and I washed the dishes while I pondered this strange situation. Here was a man who was evidently educated, much travelled, and I had gathered from our brief conversation, a student of the Bible. I had no idea from my short acquaintance with him what other attributes he might possess. Still, he was a homeless drifter.

That evening when Elba came home from work, I had cooled off a little from the trick he played on me and started to ask some questions about this character who was admittedly his cousin.



“I told you he would have you eating out of his hand. I see he has made an impression on you. It’s a long story and I imagine you will learn to know it piece by piece as time goes by.”

“I don’t want to hear about it as time goes by, I want to know about it now,” I insisted.

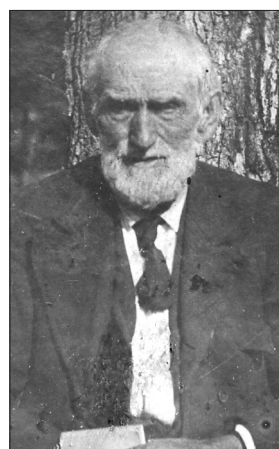
I had all ready decided that this family I married into was not an ordinary one. That there was a lot to learn and the only way I would get any answers to questions would be by asking them.

I had all ready learned that the Gaskins’ lived on coffee and that any of them were more comfortable when a cup of the strong, black liquid was at hand. I poured his second cup and settled down to hear as much of the story as I could get him to tell at one time.

“Well, the story is that Slick’s mother and his father were never married. That when he was born, the girl was so mad at the baby’s father because he had refused to marry her, she got even by refusin’ to look at the new baby. Said it belonged to Jim Gaskins and that he could raise it by himself. He did just that. His mother helped him with the baby while it was real little and after that Uncle Jim moved out to a house of his own and raised the kid alone. He never married. I hear he had a lot of money and spent most of it on the boy. They say that Slick wanted to be a preacher at first, then decided later to be a lawyer. Back then, when young men decided to be either one, they didn’t have to go to college. They just studied under someone who was all ready in that profession.”

“He certainly has the gift of gab to be able to do either,” I commented. “Why didn’t he stay in one profession or the other?”

“I don’t know. It was just too tame for him, I guess. I have heard he held



a revival meetin’ in Golden once, there where he was raised and people should have known him better. He had the idea they needed a new church there. Stayed there and preached, took up a collection for the buildin’ every night. When he had collected about seven hundred dollars he took it and left the country. Stayed away long enough for people to forgive and forget. Then came back again.

“What did his father think about such shenanigans?” I asked.

“He was always ashamed of his son, I hear. He never married at all. Just spent his whole life and all the money he had getting’ him out of one scrape or another.”

“Well, it seems to me that his mother was wise in giving the little rascal away. It’s a shame the father didn’t disown him, too. It would have saved him and a lot of others a whole lot

of grief,” I volunteered.

“There are many people in this country who would not agree with you about that,” Elba told me. “Slick has done as much good as he has harm. There is not a home in this country where he would not be welcome. He is a good hand to take care of the sick. He will help any family that needs to cut wood, tend livestock, or do farm chores. I never heard of him chargin’ anybody for anything. He likes kids and will take care of any of them if their parents are sick or have to be away because of sickness in the family. He can preach the prettiest funeral sermon you ever heard or defend a client in justice court. What do you think of that?”

“I don’t know what to think. I never met such a character,” I told him. After a moment of thinking, I came to a decision.

“You can think anything about him you want to, but I don’t want him around me. From what I have heard about that man, I think he would forge checks or steal my belongings,” I told my husband.

I had my doubts about that but figured time would tell.

It did. In the years to come, I was to see the time when I would like to boil him in oil, and there would be other times when I thanked the Lord for Slick Jim.

## Calling all kids who love to fish

The 8<sup>th</sup> Annual George’s Pond fishing derby will take place Saturday, August 24, in Berryville. Registration begins at 8 a.m. and fishing starts at 9 until 10:30 a.m. Any child 1 – 15 is eligible to participate. Great prizes and great times to be had by all! Children need to bring a fishing pole, tackle and bait.

Fishing will be off limits to the public beginning Friday, August 23, after the fish are stocked. Normal fishing can resume after the derby on Saturday. Sponsored by Carroll County Elected Officials and the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission.

## Take cancer out of the ballgame

The NW Arkansas American Cancer Society needs your help to knock cancer out of the park on August 15 at 7 p.m. at the Arvest Ballpark when the NW Arkansas Naturals play against Corpus Christi Hooks. The game is on “Thirsty Thursday” and BUCK night which means \$1 cokes, mozzarella sticks, peanuts and chips! Celebrate 100 years of the American Cancer Society fighting cancer and help finish the fight while cheering on the Naturals. Tickets are \$8 and available by calling the Rogers office of the American Cancer Society (479) 246-0002.



## The Path to Sirius

In Egypt the annual flooding of the Nile occurred as Sirius, and the blue-white star left of Orion became visible at sunrise. Rising over the dome of the pre-dawn sky, the simultaneous rising of Sirius and the floodwaters associated Sirius with fertility and life-giving abundance. The Nile deposited silt that grew the foods the Egyptians needed for the year. The Pyramids (Temples of Initiation) are aligned with Sirius.

These are the Dog (hottest, northern latitudes) days of summer – esoteric code for Sirius flowing

through Leo into the hearts of humanity. Sirius is the star where love originates. With love comes freedom and liberation (Leo tasks). Sirius is the path of the heart. Christ, the World Teacher, is from Sirius.

Upon completing our sojourn to Earth (a cosmic school learning about form and matter) seven further paths appear. One is the Path to Sirius (path of Electric Fire). The mind (manas) must be awakened, the heart, too. We must understand rhythm and the Soul. Sirius, in Egypt's religion, is Isis, wife of Orion. Isis breathed life into her slain

husband, later bearing their child, Horus (creating the Vesica Piscis).

In Mali, West Africa, the Dogon tribe knows of Sirius and its companion star, Sirius B (Po Tolo, seed of creation). The Dogon's source of information was the Nommo, amphibious beings from Sirius. Our website, Night Light News (NLN), is named after Sirius B.

Mercury (now in Leo), star of information, communication and contact, has entered Leo. Contact releases love (from Sirius).

**ARIES:** It's important to assess with truthfulness what you know, recognizing your knowledge a gift to be shared with others. You can be strong-willed and driven with super-charged self-confidence and authority. However, your fire soon burns out and you shift your attention elsewhere. It's important to acknowledge others' beliefs and points of view. Allow others to share their accomplishments. Then you become a true source of true leadership to emulate.

**TAURUS:** You remember many things from the past. Much about family and friends that will reappear. Don't allow other people's beliefs, criticisms or behaviors to offend or deter you. Identify with your own thinking and intuition. It's important to feel secure with the information you present to others. However, do not present unusual ideas to those who will either appropriate it or test you with it. Maintain protection.

**GEMINI:** Your mind quickens, and your curiosity. Interact with everyone and everything. Many people will want to talk with you. Listen to what they have to say. Some of it will be important. Notice indecision. It reflects the dual nature of our world. Careful with distractions and finishing what you've begun. Do only what keeps your mind agile, interested and focused. You're to initiate the intelligent conversations.

**CANCER:** It's important to ponder deeply upon the more essential decisions you need to make. You must have

all the facts, be practical, proceeding slowly. There's value in taking your time, contemplating different choices. This gives you focus, and final decisions will have been deliberated. Determination colors all your actions these days. You're developing a greater level of concentration. Concentration is the first level of meditation (the Leo level).

**LEO:** Your voice is stronger, more powerful, more outspoken than usual. You might say things you don't mean or didn't think about. Your tone may have changed, too. Arguments and intellectual competition, irritability, impatience and impulsiveness seem to have cropped up. Concentration is almost impossible, so you make quick decisions. All of this makes you more creative, dexterous and getting to the heart of what matters. You're in the "burning grounds."

**VIRGO:** You're able to communicate with the dream world, with angels and unseen beings. You can communicate with devas, the angelic builders in the plant kingdom. All decisions made will be based on an instinctual sense of things. You may encounter mysteries. Use your imagination ceaselessly envisioning the world you want to live in. Stand firm within your own beliefs while listening carefully to what others believe. Our minds change when we learn more.

**LIBRA:** It is good to seek recognition for your professional life's work. You've worked hard, gaining success and status, climbing every step of the ladder. You've been generous with your knowledge, time and skills.

You rule with a keen sense of ethics and order. Your pride in your work and the many decisions that helped you reach that state is good and appropriate. It's also essential to remember those who helped along the way. Who are they?

**SCORPIO:** Much of your knowledge has been gained through experiencing the underbelly of life here on Earth. You have a keen awareness of sorrow and pain, of betrayal, trust and mistrust. You have a sense of ethics and justice that applies to all cultures and peoples of the world. Your most important task is the quest for truth and through this truth a sense of identity. Knowing all that you know, you could rule the world. You know the danger, though.

**SAGITTARIUS:** You shine like the Sun as Earth's star journeys to the top of your chart. You realize you've worked long and hard to be able to shine. You've gained strength, expanded borders, extended horizons, projected yourself into fields that hope to make the world better. You lead others through dramatic explanations. You love your heritage and a sense of self-identity has

resulted. When you over-act you pay the consequences. But always you win in the end. Don't let your crown slip.

**CAPRICORN:** Your determination has always been your great strength. You search for greater inner identity when sharing resources with another. With that "other" good changes occur in your life. This allows all that's hidden to come into the light. Remember anger, sadness, upsetness presents you with a message. You're overtired, overwhelmed, not appreciated, not in the right field, need a respite. Contemplate these things. With another.

**AQUARIUS:** Sometimes, in trying to understand relationships, you allow others to have more power than you do. Eventually you become depressed with this situation and wonder what is wrong. It's not good for you to be in the shadows. You need drama and excitement and love so deep that you begin to trust and settle down. It's good that others recognize your leadership, skills and grace. You bring the future to humanity.

**PISCES:** At this time you're at the helm, the organizer, the achiever, the advisor with the rules and time watch. Few see or recognize these qualities of responsibility. It's as if everything's falling away (again), disappearing. Placing your entire heart into work can make the nerves suffer. Subtle changes will occur over time. Visualize and imagine, draw and paint, in detail, your perfect life. Clouds never obscure the Sun.



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## Inspiration of the springs

KATE COOPER

Missouri Saunders, also known as Mrs. M. T. B. Hanna, was a daughter of Judge Levi Best Saunders. Her father sought relief in the wilderness in 1879 at what he believed was the Great Indian Healing Spring. When the news of his healing went out by word of mouth, hundreds of health seekers arrived at the spring hoping for similar results.

Missouri met J.C. Hanna while they were students at the Clarke Academy in Berryville. They married young and had three children, Kirke, Florence and Mercy. Perhaps they brought their infant girl, Mercy, to visit her grandfather in the first shack built near the spring now known as Basin Spring. They may have been among the 400 people gathered on that Fourth

of July when Missouri's brother, Buck, suggested the name Eureka Springs for the new town.

By 1882 the Hannas were in Washington Territory and a year later women gained the right to vote in the territory. Missouri found herself a single mother and supported her family as a real estate developer, and the Hanna Park neighborhood in Edmonds, Washington, still bears her name.

Later, she founded a newspaper, and at the time of her death in 1926, she was remembered as the "Mother of Journalism" in that state.

The springs continue to be sources of inspiration to those who live here and those who visit and even those who move away. Missouri Saunders Hanna reminds

me that healing was important historically and continues to be important today.

Crescent Dragonwagon brilliantly described the modern afflictions that Eureka heals, "Fear of crime, alienation, and disorientation in a too big, too fast world, the anxiety that sets in when everything, from motels to airports to fast-food restaurants, looks like everything else, everywhere: these uneasinesses are what Eureka cures now, still... Eureka looks, tastes, and smells different because it is. The streets still double back on themselves; the view from the East Mountain overlook still astonishes; the woods are still crosshatched with walking paths... Eureka's got a long tradition of helpfulness in this regard."

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MISSOURI HANNA

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### PARKS – GEESE continued from page 1

several things over the years, but so far actions had been unsuccessful. Many other principalities are facing the same predicament, and like it or not, other cities eventually chose "processing" the geese.

Even if these geese are dispatched, he said, who is to say others won't attempt to move in?

Commissioner Daniel Jackson asked, "Are we hurting the environment by not having natural predators?" He asked about an egg hunt and other strategies to control the population. He advocated combining aversion techniques and being creative instead of trapping and killing.

Parks Director Bruce Levine said he had talked to several individuals experienced in dealing with this problem from federal officials to a person in Bella Vista who tried aversion strategies for three years before finally being allowed to trap their geese and take them to a plant in Missouri. He said a controlled hunt during goose season is the best way.

Levine said if Parks could start over, then the other techniques might work. He said he does not have enough staff to focus consistent attention to the goose aversion workload they are suggesting.

Featherstone stated clearly, "The *E. coli* and the poop on the pathway is intolerable and we agree something needs to be done about the problem. So,

*"The E. coli and the poop on the pathway is intolerable and we agree something needs to be done about the problem. So, what are we willing to do to live in peace with the geese? How much effort, time and money should we expend to keep it clean?"*

– Chair Bill Featherstone

what are we willing to do to live in peace with the geese? How much effort, time and money should we expend to keep it clean?"

Brix said it reminded her of the deer hunt – the wonderful, artistic, eclectic town that shoots its geese.

Levine replied they had already tried aversion.

Points were made about health issues and hiring someone until commissioner Ruth Hager pointed out there were two issues they should separate: there is a crisis and the need for a management plan.

Featherstone cited examples around the country where animals, such as alligators and wolves, do not have natural predators and management eventually comes to the same response.

Levine suggested the commission ask council for a goose hunt, sanctioned by Arkansas Game & Fish, in late September as long as Parks begins taking steps to prevent recurrence of a resident

goose problem.

Featherstone asked for a definition of the hunt. He stated, however, he was inclined to recommend killing the geese now and instituting aversions right away. Levine said he thought employing further aversion measures was only postponing the inevitable.

Brix remained unconvinced. She said, "My problem is not with hunting but our irresponsible approach." She wanted Parks to employ aversions in a systematic way and keep looking for new ideas.

Jackson then stated, "I move we put a goose management plan in place."

Featherstone called for a vote, and it was 5-0.

Levine then asked if the motion meant he could hunt the geese. He did not know what the motion meant. Others, in fact, were also unsure what exactly they had voted for.

Hager again mentioned they already have a management plan but it isn't

working. Brix said the burden of their vote should not fall on Levine, so she volunteered to research the subject and present a management plan to the commission. Commissioner Fergie Stewart agreed to assist her. They will present their plan at the September 16 meeting. Featherstone suggested a goal should be to have the park goose-free by June 1, 2014.

Levine afterwards told them they had made the right decision to work on it more rather than trying to jam a hunt through this year.

Featherstone summed up the decision by observing that, in spite of the empirical evidence, "We're going to do it differently because we're Eureka Springs."



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**G**askins Switch is a '70s Bluegrass band formed in Eureka Springs at the junction of Spring and Main Streets. They gained fame playing the infamous Ozark Mountain Folk Fair of 1973 and the legend has lasted. Returning from the Vietnam War, this young group of musicians embodied the spirit that still flows through Eureka Springs. The original band is still together when they can get together, they still make beautiful music and inspire folks to live, love and be together. It is fitting that 40 years later they are playing to support Save The Ozarks as we fight 'the

man' or in today's terminology 'the corporation.'

Four of the six founding members—Wolf Grulkey; Gary C. Albritton, LeRoy Gorell and Ron Sumner will play for Save The Ozarks at KJ's Caribé on Sunday, Sept. 15. The evening will start with a silent auction from 4–7:30 p.m., live auction at 5 p.m. and at 7:30 p.m. the Gaskins Switch boys will take the stage.

The last time this bluegrass band reunited was in September 2011 and proceeds went to the Eureka Springs Parks Commission. This time they are supporting Save The Ozarks. Tickets will be \$10 at

the door, but I would get there early as the last gig sold out in about five minutes. It was described by a local as "A TOTAL Lovefest. Meet and greet after 30 years or more. Great music. Great friends. Proly the best event of the decade. Doesn't get much better than this."

Tell my friends no need of cryin'  
'Cause all I've done is up and died  
Playing bluegrass and smoking homegrown  
Eternal boogie's where I'm going  
So don't you cry. ~ Gaskins Switch

## FRIDAY – AUGUST 9

- **BALCONY RESTAURANT**  
*Hogscalders*, 12 p.m. & 6 p.m.
- **CARIBÉ** *Art on Your Plate*  
with musical guest *John Henry*, 7 p.m.
- **CHASERS BAR & GRILL**  
*Tightrope*
- **CHELSEA'S** *Hillbenders*, 9 p.m.
- **EUREKA LIVE!** DJ & Dancing
- **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** *Dime Box*, 1–5 p.m., *Féó*, 6:30–10:30 p.m.
- **PIED PIPER CATHOUSE LOUNGE** *Keith Nicholson Band*, 8 p.m. – midnight
- **ROWDY BEAVER** Karaoke with *Tiny*, 7:30 p.m.
- **ROWDY BEAVER DEN** *Dave Stiles Band*, 9 p.m. – 1 a.m.
- **SQUID & WHALE PUB** *Blue Moon*

- **THE BLARNEY STONE** *Stellars Wierdos*, 8:30 p.m. – 1 a.m.
- **VOULEZ-VOUS** *The Begonias*, 9 p.m.

## SATURDAY – AUGUST 10

- **BALCONY RESTAURANT** *Jeff Lee*, 12 p.m.
- **BASIN PARK** *Mike Sumler Band*, 5 p.m., *Cate Brothers*, 6–8 p.m.
- **CHASERS BAR & GRILL** *Ozark Thunder*
- **CHELSEA'S** *Flip Off Pirates*, 9 p.m.
- **EUREKA LIVE!** DJ & Dancing
- **EUREKA PARADISE** *Fossils of Ancient Robots*
- **GRAND TAVERNE** *Jerry Yester* Grand Piano Dinner Music, 6:30–9:30 p.m.
- **JACK'S PLACE** *Blind Driver*, 9 p.m. – 1 a.m.
- **LEGENDS SALOON** *Slam Boxx*, 9 p.m.
- **NEW DELHI CAFÉ** *Tommy Nolen*, 1–5 p.m., *Féó*, 6:30 – 10:30 p.m.
- **PIED PIPER CATHOUSE LOUNGE** *Keith Nicholson Band*, 8 p.m. – midnight
- **ROWDY BEAVER** *Left of*

- Center*, 7:30 p.m.
- **ROWDY BEAVER DEN** *Muddy Rivers*, 9 p.m. – 1 a.m.
- **SQUID & WHALE PUB** *Guerilla Blues Band*
- **THE BLARNEY STONE** *Sam Clayton*, 8:30 p.m. – 1 a.m.
- **VOULEZ-VOUS** *The Begonias*, 9 p.m.

## SUNDAY – AUGUST 11

- **BALCONY RESTAURANT** *Stephen Emery*, 12 p.m., *Chris Diablo*, 5 p.m.
- **LEGENDS SALOON** Free Texas Hold 'Em Tournament with prizes, 6 p.m.
- **NEW DELHI CAFÉ** *Effron White*, 1–5 p.m.
- **ROWDY BEAVER DEN** *Keith Nickelson*, 1–5 p.m.
- **SQUID & WHALE PUB** Local Talent Showcase
- **THE BLARNEY STONE** Open Mic, 9 p.m.

## MONDAY – AUGUST 12

- **CHASERS BAR & GRILL** Bike Night with *Jesse Dean*, 7 p.m., Pool Tournament, 7 p.m.
- **CHELSEA'S** *SpringBilly*, 9 p.m.
- **SQUID & WHALE PUB** *Mad Anthony*

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**OZARK MOUNTAIN FOLK FESTIVAL 1973** – Gaskins Switch was on the bill for this Eureka Springs festival. Hear four of the original band members at KJ's Caribé on September 15.

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- **THE BLARNEY STONE** Magic Monday
- **VOULEZ-VOUS** Locals Night  
**TUESDAY – AUGUST 13**
- **CHASERS BAR & GRILL** Dart Tournament
- **CHELSEA'S** Open Mic
- **LEGENDS SALOON** Pool Tournament, 6:30 p.m.
- **ROCKIN' PIG SALOON** Bike Night with *Bryant Brothers*
- **ROWDY BEAVER** Hospitality Night
- **SQUID & WHALE PUB** Taco Tuesday \$3 Margaritas til 6 p.m.
- **THE BLARNEY STONE** Game Night–Xbox on HD projector  
**WEDNESDAY – AUGUST 14**
- **CHASERS BAR & GRILL** Beer Pong
- **CHELSEA'S** *Loves It*
- **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 15**
- **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
- **SQUID & WHALE PUB** *Open Mic Musical Smackdown with Bloody Buddy, Action Art with Regina*
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## Congressman Womack at ES Chamber Aug. 15

Congressman Steve Womack will meet with local constituents at the Eureka Springs Chamber of Commerce in Pine Mountain Village Thursday, August 15, from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

This is an opportunity to ask questions, learn about programs available in the area and become educated about what our congressional office can do for us. All are welcome.



## What's up at ESSA:

### Fall workshop registrations open

Entertain your creative muse at ESSA's Sept. 12 – 14 workshops. Wander the historic district in Eureka with Julie Kahn Valentine in an "Architectural Rendering" workshop, do landscape painting and plein air "Pastels" with Tom Christopher or learn the art of "Overglaze on Porcelain" with Karen Mills.

### Is your hat mad yet?

Get ready for fun and frivolity at ESSA's 11th Annual Mad Hatter Ball October 25 at the Crescent Hotel and start creating that hat required for admission to "The Party of the Year" now!

### Call to artists

ESSA has openings available in the Fall Art Show, Nov. 30 – Dec. 1 at the Inn of the Ozarks Convention Center. This is a great opportunity for artists to show work and art lovers to make some great buys. For more info on these events phone ESSA (479)-253-5384 and/or register online at [www.ESSA-ART.org](http://www.ESSA-ART.org).



# DROPPING A Line

by Robert Johnson

Local angler Teresa Peterson proved you can catch fish in the rain. Got this one last week before the rainstorm got bad and brought us in.

Beaver Lake is still about 82° on the surface with stripers being caught early in the day and at night from the dam to Rocky Branch, Point 7 area. We're going out about 5:15 a.m. and catching most our fish before 10 a.m. Drop your bait between 28 – 40 ft. deep and hang on. Shad are still the best live bait with small bluegill and big shiners

coming in second and third.

Shad you have to catch with a throw net, bluegill with a worm, and big shiners you can usually buy at Beaver Dam Store and Barnett's Bait and Pawn on 62 in Gateway. Trolling deep diving lures and umbrella rigs can also catch you some of these trophy fish.

Here at Holiday Island temps are about the same when they aren't running a bunch of water out of the dam. Bass can be caught on top water early in the day. I like the Zara Puppy for top water. Then as the sun gets higher, go deeper

with crankbaits or spoons.

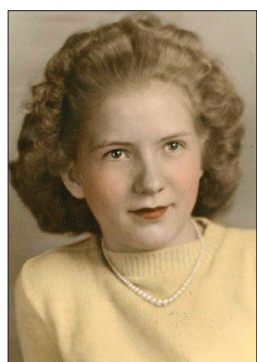
Crappie are in the trees and brush from 5 – 12 ft. deep. Work a jig or a minnow under a slip float between 5 – 12 ft. deep till you find them. White bass and walleye are still being caught off the flats and near standing timber between the Island and Beaver town.

Trolling crankbaits 14 – 22 ft. could find you a few. Walleye like the pretty colors like pink, orange and chartreuse.

Well that's it for now. See you on the water and don't forget to take a kid fishin'.



## PASSAGES



FARWELL

### Bonnie Jean Farwell, March 30, 1928 – August 5, 2013

Bonnie Jean Farwell, a resident of Eureka Springs, was born March 30, 1928 in Eureka Springs, a daughter of Ola and Maye (Shaffer) Farwell. She departed this life on Monday, August 5, in Eureka Springs, at age 85.

Bonnie was a homemaker. She was a China painting artist and teacher.

She is survived by daughter, Patricia Noftsgar of Berryville; sons, Larry and

Mary Norman of West Fork, Ark.; Freddie and Leah (Karnes) Norman of Eureka Springs; daughter-in-law, Mary Norman of Hawaii; brothers, Paul Farwell of Tulsa, Okla.; Wayne Farwell of Eureka Springs; grandsons, Ricky Norman and Nicholas Norman; granddaughters, Malia Norman, Laura Norma, Brittney Norman and Katie McGaugh; several nieces and nephews and a host of other family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; sister, LaVonne Copeland; and son, Richard Norman.

There will be no visitation. Graveside service will be 2 p.m., Friday, August 9, at the Roach Cemetery with Bro. Acra Turner officiating. Interment will follow at the Roach Cemetery under the direction of Nelson Funeral Service. Online condolences may be sent to the family at [nelsonfuneral.com](http://nelsonfuneral.com).

### Michael Shawn Harlan, April 1, 1965 – August 6, 2013

Michael Shawn Harlan, 48, a former Eureka Springs resident most recently of Augusta, Kan., passed away August 6, in Wichita. A memorial service will be at a later date.

Michael was born in Colorado Springs, Colo., April 1, 1965, to the late Aleen Marie (Rash) and Richard Samuel Harlan. He was a heavy equipment operator.

He is survived by companion Dana Borgner of Augusta; daughter, JJ Marie Harlan of Bradford, Pa.; brothers, Samuel Harlan of Burlington, Kan., and Rick Harlan of Rose Hill, Kan.; sisters, Pamela Daniels (Rod) and Patti Starkel (Bill) all of Augusta, Kan.; four grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews; and his dog Sis. In lieu of flowers, memorials to Harry Hynes Memorial Hospice, 313 S. Market, Wichita, KS 67202.



HARLAN

### Thomas Shear, Dec. 14, 1924 – August 4, 2013

Thomas Shear, a resident of Holiday Island, was born Dec. 14, 1924 in Waterloo, Iowa, a son of Clyde and Gwen Shear. He died Sunday, August 4, in Eureka Springs, at age 88.

Mr. Shear proudly served in the United States Army during WWII. He was an architect for many years. He is survived by his son, Dan Shear.

Service arrangements were under the direction of Nelson Funeral Service. Online condolences may be sent to the family at [nelsonfuneral.com](http://nelsonfuneral.com).

### Floyd E. "Happy" Jones, July 7, 1932 – August 2, 2013



JONES

Floyd E. "Happy" Jones, 81 of Eureka Springs passed away August 2 at Circle of Life in Springdale. He was born July 7, 1932 in New Castle, Pa., the son of Floyd Nelson and Goldie Mae Way Jones. He was a retired truck driver and worked at Wanderlust RV Park in Eureka Springs for the past 14 years. Floyd served in the United States Marine Corps.

Always ready to help a damsel in distress or an RVer who followed his GPS to the Crescent parking lot, Happy also always had dog treats for canine campers. His nightly patrols of Eureka Springs in his two-tone brown Ford van netted him many a "thanks for your help."

He was pretty regular about going to Pancakes for breakfast, the Roadhouse for lunch and Myrtie Mae's for dinner, with a weekly trip to La Cabaña in Berryville. Evenings were topped off with ice cream at the Big Dipper.

Happy left us Friday night after his final fight with an on again/off again infection from an injury sustained during the Korean "conflict." He's back with his wife, Jo, who passed away two years ago, hanging over a counter in some RV Park in the sky reading *Trailer Life* magazine.

He is survived by two sons, Dwayne

Jones and his wife, Merry, of Aurora, Mo., and David Jones of Springdale; four grandchildren, Amber Jones, Brandon Jones, Mandy Doty and Isaac Jones; and four great-grandchildren.

Memorial services with military honors will be at Wanderlust RV Park in Eureka Springs on Saturday, August 10 at 11 a.m. with Pastor Jo Jones officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to Circle of Life Hospice, 901 Jones Road, Springdale, Arkansas 72762. Arrangements by Benton County Funeral Home, 306 N. 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Rogers, Arkansas. Online condolences to [www.bentoncountyfuneralhome.com](http://www.bentoncountyfuneralhome.com).



**Collision at sea** – A kayak-carry race goes awry just feet before the finish line during Friday's Fun After Five! activities in Basin Park. Kayak carriers are, from left, Paul Sutherland, Justin Ermert, Skyler Antoine and Kristy Sutherland. No one was sure which team actually won.

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**Project runway?** – This dress was on display outside Freya's shop, Invisible Light, in the Art Colony on N. Main during Yards and Yards of Yard sales; looking for all the world like the results of a challenge given to dressmakers on the hit show Project Runway. This one would have been a winner.

PHOTO BY C. D. WHITE



**Dang it!** – Paeg Stallard cringes as the Giant Jenga game she was playing with McKenna Hussey begins to topple during Fun After Five! at Basin Park Aug. 2. Fun After Five! activities are held on the 4th Friday each month through November in Basin Park.

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**On a clear day ...** – Scott Dendler of Serenity Hilltop Retreat and Debbie Coleman from the Eureka Springs Chamber of Commerce point out Berryville landmarks in the distance from the retreat pavilion during a Business After Hours gathering August 1. The retreat on US 62E has decks overlooking vast scenery from three stories. For more info phone (479) 363-6017 or see [www.serenityhilltop.com](http://www.serenityhilltop.com).

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## AUDacious by Ray Dilfield

We've had almost a whole week without a show and now it's time to put away the mops, buckets and assorted tools needed to keep the facility up and running and get back to what we do best.

By the time this hits the streets, Thursday's John Michael Talbot show will be well underway. Pre-sales are looking pretty good at this point, and the Passion Play folks have a reasonable expectation of the show being a sell-out.

Friday will be mostly spent providing production support for this weekend's Eureka Multi-Sport Festival. Look for some parking lot restrictions and intermittent street closures in the downtown area on Saturday. They've got some well-thought-out plans and a ton of volunteers to help keep the interruptions to a minimum.

We'll also be spending some time on Friday getting the park ready for Saturday's big free concert. If you haven't already heard, the Cate Brothers will be performing in the Basin Park band shell from 6 to 8 Saturday evening. The music starts at 5 with



the Mike Sumler Band. We've been getting a lot of positive feedback on this event and are expecting a huge turnout. Get there early to make sure you get a good spot. Lawn chairs are encouraged.

On Sunday we'll be hosting the Eureka awards and closing ceremony starting at 11 a.m., right after the morning's final competitions. The Eureka has experienced steady growth over its years in Eureka and is expecting over 600 participants in the various events. Considering the friends and families who come along with the competitors, there's a significant impact to the city's economy. Be sure to smile and say Hi while you're stopped to let a pack of bikes or runners go by.

## Break's over; back on our heads

The 15<sup>th</sup> through 17<sup>th</sup> bring us this year's iteration of the Bluegrass Festival with the traditional Watermelon Social in the park Thursday evening, two full days of free music in the park Friday and Saturday, followed by the headline Aud show Saturday evening.

Our originally-scheduled headliner, Jesse McReynolds, has been sidelined by some health issues and will not attend. Instead, we will be presenting Bobby Osborne & The Rocky Top X-press. "Rocky Top." Sound familiar? Like, maybe, a requisite part of the repertoire of any band claiming even the slightest connection to bluegrass? Yeah, they wrote it.

It will all wrap up – if only briefly – with a Town Hall meeting on the evening of Monday, the 19<sup>th</sup>. Sponsored by city council, this will be a chance to hear from department heads and your elected representatives and voice your opinions and preferences for the city's priorities. Civic duty, anyone?







**Church gets a new coat** – of paint. Eric Hulsey carefully paints the trim around antique stained glass windows in the 1886 First Presbyterian Church at 209 Spring Street Aug. 2. Hulsey, owner of Eric Hulsey Painting, expects he and his crew will finish painting the landmark church's interior this week.

PHOTO BY DAVID FRANK DEMPSEY

Amber, purchased among other items at Yards and Yards of Yard Sales at Onyx Cave Road. The city-wide sale offered just about everything an avid garage saler could manage to browse in two days.

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## Mercy welcomes new board members

– Mercy Hospital Berryville recently welcomed three new board members who will help guide the future of health care in the area. From left are Andrea Martin, Dr. Joseph Ricciardi and Harley Barnum. Martin is the superintendent for the Alpena school district, currently serves on the Arkansas Child Health Advisory Committee and has participated in the state Coordinated School Health Initiative. Ricciardi is a retired orthopedic surgeon whose life has been medicine for more than 35 years, the past 15 as an orthopedic surgeon for Mercy Berryville. He served as vice chair and chair of the Medical Staff Committee and has been vice chief and chief of medical staff for Berryville. Barnum has spent more than 40 years working with agricultural manufacturing companies. Since his retirement in 2007, Barnum has served as President of the Eureka Springs Rotary Club and now resides in Holiday Island where he is Crisis Management Director for the Rotary District 6110 Youth Exchange Team. Retiring board members, Milton McGowen, Bill Ray and Suzanne Villines contributed more than 35 years of leadership in the Mercy Hospital Berryville community and will be greatly missed.



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**Ah, got it!** – Junior Biggerstaff happily carries away an electric deep fryer he and wife,



**Big name in town** – Left, Reba McEntire, aka Felicia Blackhart, performs the McEntire hit “Fancy” at the Shower of the Stars drag show at Eureka Live on Aug. 3 during Diversity Weekend. The show was only a fraction of the fun activities held throughout the weekend.

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flag in their planning, what does it say about the overall plan's validity?”

Studer said the letter gives hope to the opponents of the project in Northwest Arkansas who value clean air, pristine wilderness, crystal clear water and abundant wildlife.

“We are speaking – loudly,” she said. “We must keep our voices raised. We won’t back down.”

Doug Stowe, a member of the board of directors of Save the Ozarks (STO), said the USACE position could mean that SWEPCO has to go back to the drawing board and do a new EIS.

“The USACE letter is particularly revealing after having read SWEPCO’s

rebuttal testimony in which the expert witness spends two pages telling why a more in depth EIS was not required,” Stowe said. “The letter from the USACE says a more thorough review is necessary, and that no routes would be approved without it.”

Stowe said regardless of whether or not APSC goes along with AEP/ SWEPCO’s plan, “you can’t just pull eminent domain on the good old U.S. Army Corp of Engineers.”

Stowe’s property is on one of the routes that have now been assigned a lower ranking by SWEPCO. The SWEPCO EIS said the project would have no impact on views from historic sites. Stowe said when he first looked at where the line would

across his property just north of the Eureka Springs city limits, he realized the 150-ft. tall towers and lines would be visible from the Spring Street Historic Loop and from historic properties on Spring Street.

“I knew then in my heart that the EIS for the power line project was a deeply flawed and erroneous document,” Stowe said. “It neglected the importance of our environment to our community and to our economy. It was a relief to see that the USACE looked at that document and saw the same thing.”

The letter from the USACE was originally posted on the ASPC website at the end of a 32-page document that contained a couple dozen letters from citizens opposing the project. Stowe

said he felt the very important letter was buried deliberately because other letters from government agencies were posted separately and clearly labeled to make them easy to find.

In a letter to APSC, Stowe said, “I ask you also that the Corps of Engineers letter be taken out of the file in which it is hidden and finally placed on its own in actual plain sight where it can be easily found, and read by those most concerned about this proposal.”

The ASPC complied and the USACE letter now has its own listing in the filings, “Public comment of Department of Defense (U.S. Army) regarding Southwestern Electric Power Company proposed transmission line routes.”



Grunwald says solar installations have increased more than 1,000 percent during the last four years and contributed nearly half of the new power capacity added to the grid the first quarter of this year. The shift from centralized plants to decentralized rooftops won't be as widespread as the shift from landlines to cell phones, but it could be just as disruptive. Utilities are going to have to find new ways to do business, or they will go where the landline is going – away."

Turner asked the APSC judge why American Electric Power (AEP)/SWEPCO should be allowed to continue with outdated technology and approaches, lumbering about like a great dinosaur, destroying a jewel of God's creation and a fragile, unique community here in Lovely County.

"Why would SWEPCO spend millions of dollars in a path toward extinction?" she asked. "This is an opportune time for a radically different approach. Instead of running over us and destroying our land and livelihoods, why not look to the future and work in partnership with us, the people they supposedly serve? This is the opportune moment to end the nightmare and wake up to the new day that is coming, no, the new day that is here."

Like many others speaking during the two days of public comment, Turner opposes all routes and the project

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in its entirety.

John Turner said he had listened to testimony the day before of John Mitchell, who had difficulty communicating because of Parkinson's disease, which makes it difficult to speak clearly.

"He has given me permission to mention and to reinforce one of his concerns, namely that this project may cause others to get Parkinson's," Turner said. "My sister Diane has Parkinson's. We were brought up on a farm in Kansas. Children brought up on farms are two-to-three times more likely than other people to have Parkinson's. Why? Agricultural chemicals and well water, just the combination that concerns us with the SWEPCO proposal. Add to that the effects of electromagnetic radiation on neurological disorders and the SWEPCO project provides the script for a real life Hitchcock movie. I predict that more of us will have Parkinson's and other environmentally induced diseases if SWEPCO's proposal is implemented."

He stressed that the technology planned for this proposal is obsolete before it is implemented, and that the

future of energy is not in long distance transmission, but in widely distributed, local generation.

"We are on the cusp of a technological revolution that will move rapidly toward distributed generation of electrical power," Turner said. "Homeowners, business owners, and public and private institutions will be generating their own electricity via solar, wind and water. If the power companies do not move quickly now to help their customers enter this future, many of their customers may well find ways to cut the power company out of their lives."

Turner said AEP/SWEPCO and its allies such as Carroll Electric need to be rapidly developing plans for how they can lead the way into the next era, helping power consumers become power producers. He recommended AEP/SWEPCO and Carroll Electric earn their profits from providing leases, loans and management for the transition.

"If they do not switch their attention and resources to getting out front in this revolution, they will be left bankrupt in the dust of history," Turner said.

cutting through our property, as well as SWEPCO's existing north-south high voltage 161 kV lines that traverse our neighbor's land just to the east," Danos said in testimony filed with the Arkansas Public Service Commission (APSC) opposing the line. "My neighbor to the north also has a set of lines running less than twenty feet from his doorstep. These lines are smaller than the proposed 345 kV lines, but they limit use of the land just the same. In a nutshell, the homes on Pivot Rock Road are already riddled with a chaotic web of crisscrossing electrical lines from different providers, and now SWEPCO wants to add another. How much more of our land do we have to lose to electrical utilities? When is enough enough?"

Danos isn't sure exactly where the line would cross the couple's land, but believes it would have to be between the 200 feet of space left between their home and the existing Carroll Electric easements to the north. If AEP/SWEPCO were to place the line in the middle, it would remove nearly all of their large shade trees, and they would have only about 50 feet of relatively flat and buildable space out of their entire 4.625 acres.

"We had hoped to allow our two

children to build small homes in this area when they were older," Danos said. "Obviously, that will not happen if this transmission line is built on our land."

He also has more immediate concerns about how the line would impact their home, health, and enjoyment of the property. Their children like to fly kites, climb tall trees, play with radio-controlled airplanes and helicopters, throw balls and Frisbees, and play with balloons. All of these activities would have to become off limits if there were high voltage power lines nearby, for obvious safety reasons.

Danos said while some studies state there is no conclusive evidence that living near high voltage transmission lines is a health risk, there is also no conclusive evidence that living near these lines is safe.

"As a responsible parent, I am not going to submit my children as guinea pigs to persistent electromagnetic frequencies (EMF) or extremely low frequency (ELF) exposure," he said. "No child should be knowingly exposed to sources of radiation that could increase their chances of developing childhood leukemia."

He is also concerned that the herbicides AEP/SWEPCO would use to maintain the right-of-way could end up

in their drinking water and pond, due to accidental overspray, wind drift, and the very porous karst geology of this region.

"Although SWEPCO provided a list of all EPA-registered chemicals they use, they did not provide any data as to whether the EPA approved the particular combination or mixes of chemicals they might use," Danos said. "Instead, they provided a breakdown of the chemicals used in their mixes, with EPA info for each individual chemical. This is not the same as what I requested, and my concern stems from the fact that different combinations of chemicals can have different effects than when they are applied individually."

Danos also has great concerns about how the project would impact his livelihood. As the owner and operator of several websites that promote the Ozark region of Arkansas, any unsightly utility project that has a negative impact on the tourism of the area would make his job as an area promoter that much more difficult.

"I also manage websites and online marketing for several tourism-based businesses in the area, including lodging establishments and real estate professionals," Danos said. "As they will also be adversely impacted by any utility developments that threaten tourism,

their ability to retain me as an Internet marketing expert will also be affected. I am also the organizer of several non-profit events in Eureka Springs which rely heavily on tourist participation. Again, any drop in tourism due to the proposed transmission line will limit my ability to successfully promote these events and as a result, the non-profit beneficiaries of our events (such as the Flint Street Food Bank) will also suffer."

He is also concerned that as homes along the proposed transmission line are devalued due to their proximity to these power lines, local property tax collections would decrease, leading to less funding for schools and the town's emergency services.

Route 91 through the Danos' property has now been downgraded in priority by AEP/SWEPCO, and is one of the three least favored routes. But Danos said other routes have similar impacts on local residents and he opposes all routes.

"I believe that all the proposed routes would have unreasonable impacts on the environment and people of the Ozarks, particularly since the need does not appear to exist for Carroll County, where the Kings River station has been proposed," he said. "Carroll County has not seen enough growth or development to warrant such a large transmission line."



# Rubber ducks escape bathtub

It's a real quack-up, but don't laugh. That rubber ducky you adopt today to enter in the first annual White River Wild Rubber Duck Race on Saturday, Sept. 14 could win some fabulous prizes! The event is being held to benefit the Eureka Springs West Tourism Association (ESWTA) and their sponsorship beneficiary, Flint Street Fellowship and Food Bank.

Some 1000 adopted ducks will be dropped into White River at Spider Creek for a race to the finish line at the White River Bridge at Riverview Resort and Country Store.

How does it work? Fill out an application to adopt one duck for a \$5 donation or a flock of five for \$20 online at [www.eswwhiteriverwildrubberduckrace.com](http://www.eswwhiteriverwildrubberduckrace.com), or adopt ducks from any ESTWA member by Sept. 12. Ducks will also be available for adoption onsite until 2 p.m. on race day.

The event will start at 12 noon with music and children's activities. At 3 p.m. ducks will be dropped into the river for the big swim with winners announced at 4 p.m. and event concluding around 5. The first ten ducks to reach the finish line will be declared winners.

Ten fabulous prizes include everything from resort packages including tickets to attractions to boat rentals, scuba explorations, horseback rides, gift certificates, food and more.

In addition to the regular rubber ducks there will be special "bride and groom" ducks – the first one of those to float to the finish will win a complete bride and groom package for a wedding party of up to 35 people!

For more info stop by the Riverview Resort and Country Store, 17939 US 62W, or phone Duck Central at (479) 244-0171.

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company employees in the office and on the ground do a great job – I wouldn't want to be a line-person even in the best weather! It's just upper management that is out of touch.

**Dave Spencer**

## Members muzzled

Editor,

Thank you for the interview with Nancy Plagge, spokesperson for Carroll Electric (August 1, 2013).

In the interview, Ms. Plagge relates how the co-op felt there was potential for disruption of CECC's annual meetings in 2011 and 2012 from "multiple threats." Are members holding signs and speaking out at the annual meeting considered a threat?

I'm sure that Ms. Plagge and the CECC board were relieved in 2013 when things got back to "normal." That is, when virtually no members came to the annual meeting at all.

What a shame that CECC missed the opportunity to have an engaged and concerned membership attending annual meetings. Instead, CECC continues to "revise" the by-laws to assure that ordinary members cannot run for the board (much less get elected).

Nor can members realistically place petitions on the ballot for co-op members to vote on. The signatures required are so numerous and deadlines so impractical as to be perfectly suited to CECC's agenda of maintaining the status quo, picking their own board members and writing by-laws to suit their own agenda. Ms. Plagge, R. Boaz, and the CECC board seem threatened by the prospect of co-op members having an active role in decisions being made by the CECC board. Decisions like whether to endorse the

SWEPCO transmission line, and other lines that are soon to follow.

Dear Ms. Plagge: These are your members and owners who *do not want these transmission lines*. But of course, if you cared about our opinions, you would host an annual meeting where your members could express those opinions. Instead, we can come to the meeting and get treated like criminals who have no rights (much less respected as members) or, we can miss the meeting and get a useless survey and a CECC "election ballot" with your one pre-selected candidate.

I continue to hope that CECC can and will do better for its members, putting sound democratic principles into practice and realizing that cheap, reliable, electricity is not worth the sacrifice of our land, our water and our climate.

**Shawn Porter**

## Ecotourism Detroit or – choose one

Editor,

Cities like Detroit don't just go bust overnight. The rust belt states developed, with the aid of big government, by clear cutting the land and paving it over with belching and smog-delivering factory stacks, cement, landfills and utility wires.

Once lush and healthy lands became wastelands of urban decay. The occasional shrub or plant you might find would be a non-native species, as native plants are becoming extinct, or an invasive plant purchased from a big box retailer that can be propagated cheaply, thus further degrading the biomass and sterilizing the city.

This is what our central planners in Little Rock are striving for, based on their actions, in NWA concerning 345 and 500 kV power transmission lines being used to export coal out of state.

According to a World Wildlife Fund

2013 report, development in the Ozarks has already severely degraded our forests and aquatic life.

Now we are at a crossroads and we must decide to be Detroit or not.

I think ecotourism is the way to develop this region and put the brakes on over-zealous bureaucrats, politicians and ever powerful utility companies that donate tons of money to politicians that we common people could only dream of.

Ecotourism requires unique flora and fauna like what we have in the land that time forgot in Gateway/Garfield, and a community that practices sustainable practices like organic agriculture, recycling and keeping chemical herbicides out of our forests and ever so precious fresh water!

Energy conservation is a sustainable practice of ecotourist destinations. Pay attention to what are leaders are doing to stop the transmission lines, not only their words. I ask Gov. Beebe and AG McDaniel to take a stand to save the Ozarks from the fate of cities and regions elsewhere that we're ruined one mile at a time.

**Susan Pang**

## Is Chicken Little right?

Editor,

SWEPCO's expert witness Brian Johnson assures us that clearing hundreds of acres for the proposed high voltage power lines will not harm our flora and fauna, our watersheds or our health. I am *not* reassured. His statements strike me as simplistic at best and dangerously misleading at worst.

That fact that SWEPCO uses herbicides registered by the Environmental Protection Agency is meaningless. The EPA does not test for safety, merely regulates usage. This is a huge difference. The chemical companies registering the products make the safety claims if

any (anyone notice the fox guarding the henhouse here?)

In reality, none of the herbicides, or their inert ingredients or the mixes of herbicides, are guaranteed safe for flora and fauna or humans. I quote from a letter to Carroll Electric (who also made claims that their herbicide spraying was according to label and therefore just fine) from David McQuiddy, Chief of the Pesticides Section/EPA Region 6 office in Dallas, Texas, May 21, 2009:

*"EPA does not view registration as a guarantee of safety. EPA regulations specifically prohibit manufacturers of pesticides from making claims such as 'safe' or 'harmless' or 'non-toxic to humans and pets' with or without accompanying phrases such as 'when used as directed.'"*

Note also that there is plenty of scientific evidence these herbicides and the inert ingredients can have harmful effects, even when used according the label. No one has studied the consequences of mixing herbicides, a common practice. Who will monitor the long-term effect of SWEPCO's herbicides? Another fox?

And since when does AR Dept. of Environmental Quality have enough staff to monitor such widespread clearing and spraying? I would like ADEQ to send us the names of all the staff and their proposed schedule for overseeing SWEPCO's work over the next few years. And please note that Best Management Practices are voluntary (and even if required, who will enforce?) I wonder if and how SWEPCO will supervise their subcontractors.

It's all about money, big money on a federal level for power companies. We have one wealthy fox promising us poor chickens that all will be well. As for me, I fear, dear Chicken Little, that the sky really is falling. Woe to our beloved Ozarks.

**Nan Johnson**



# Connect with shaman/ author at Fire Om Earth Sept. 1

Rediscover your connection to the natural world during a one-day workshop at Fire Om Earth on Sunday, Sept. 1 with Eliot Cowan, author of *Plant Spirit Medicine* and shaman in the Huichol Indian tradition.

Cowan, founder of the Blue Deer Center in the Catskills of upstate New York, travels widely teaching, healing and promoting balanced relationship with the human and other-than-human world. The indoor *Rekindle Your Connection to the Divine Natural World* workshop is from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. with a two-hour lunch. During lunch

participants will have an opportunity to visit with others in the workshop, talk to Eliot or spend some time outdoors.

There will also be a fire circle at 7 p.m. hosted by Melissa Clare at the Eureka Springs Sacred Fire Community site on Roark Road. The fire event will be a question and answer format in which Eliot can answer many deeper shamanic and other questions.

For costs, directions and to register for the workshop and/or the fire event visit [www.fireomearth.com](http://www.fireomearth.com), email [info@fireomearth.com](mailto:info@fireomearth.com) or call (479) 363-9402.

## AskMAopinion

[askma@esindependent.com](mailto:askma@esindependent.com)

Hey Ma,

What's your verdict on Edward Snowden? Treasonous narcissist or heroic whistle-blowing patriot?

**Conflicted**

Dear Conflicted,

No conflict here. Ma believes Snowden to be a hero who put his life on the line to alert his countrymen that their government is snooping into everything they think, do and say, and that "privacy" is passé.

Big Brother is no longer just the realm of futuristic, dystopian sci-fi thrillers; the Brave New World has arrived. Thanks to Snowden, we know that our every phone call, text, email and Facebook posting is stored away in some vast government databank.

We are well on the road to a fascist police state. True to the definition of fascism, our government is of, by and for the corporations. Our police and military forces can put down any serious challenge to the authority of the state, and plenty of prisons await the undesirables. The 4th Amendment has been gutted and formerly illegal searches are now the rule. We have secret courts, secret police and secret prisons.

We may be just one financial crisis or one election away from nefarious interests taking over. When they do, as

history repeatedly shows, they will need scapegoats. Thanks to the data trove they will possess, those blamed for society's ills will be easy to identify and round up. Who will it be? Gays? Liberals? Hispanics? Atheists? Women who have had abortions? It could be you!

But don't despair, Big Brother loves you and will take good care of you. Just take your SOMA, shop, and be good little sheep.

Or is Ma just being paranoid?

**Ma**

Dear Ma,

That sign appeared again this week. You know, the one on the highway advertising "free kittens" that goes up three times a year. What's wrong with these people, Ma? Don't they know shelters are overflowing with unwanted cats and the cat population is out of control? Giving away kittens adds hugely to the problem because free kittens are least likely to be spayed and neutered, and the offspring can multiply exponentially. Maybe a public lashing will motivate them into spaying their cats and stop contributing to the suffering and death of innocent animals.

**Pussy Lover**

Dear Pussy,

Consider them publicly lashed.

**Ma**

## Town Hall meeting Aug. 19

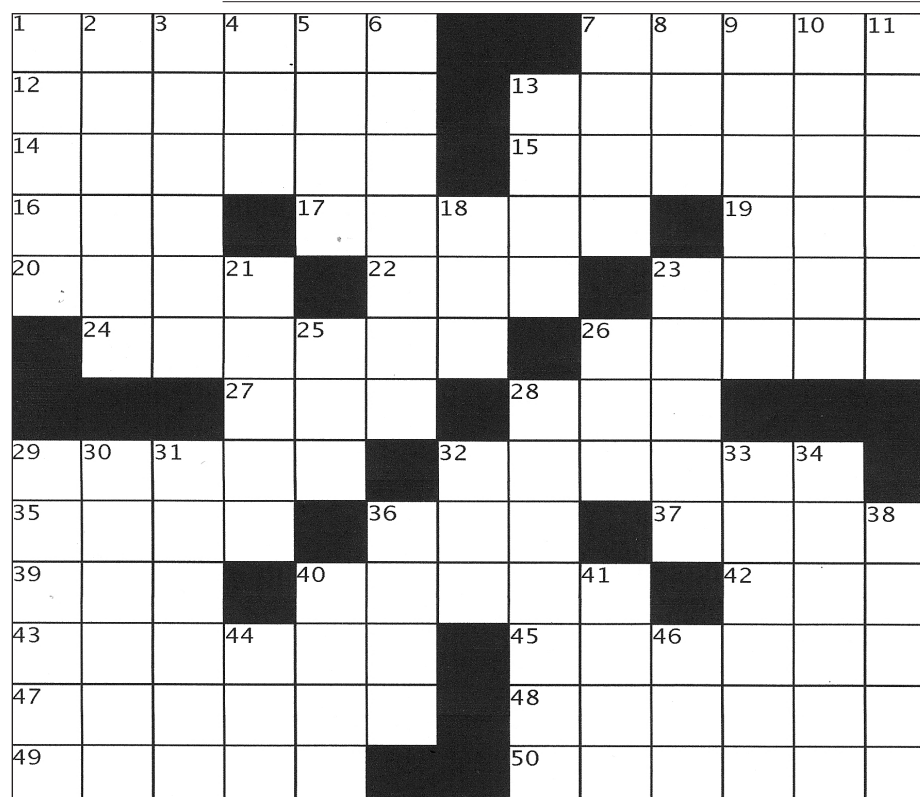
Got questions? They've got and answers Monday, August 19, answers. City commission Chairs, at a town hall meeting, 6:30 p.m. at aldermen, department heads and the the Aud. There will be noshes by mayor will be on hand for questions Chelsea's in the lobby.



## INDEPENDENT Crossword

by Chuck Levering

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### ACROSS

1. Woven willow twigs
7. Wizardry
12. Dissimilar
13. Trusty delivery person?
14. Purloins
15. Discharge cargo
16. Chinese dynasty
17. Inane
19. Scoundrel
20. Prod
22. Coming out girl
23. Tubular pasta
24. Jewish folklore spirit
26. Afflicted
27. Honey worker
28. Take illegally
29. Monastery
32. Rue
35. Told a whopper
36. Greyhound, for one

37. Once more
39. Place to build
40. Elms, oaks, e.g.
42. Observe
43. Canadian capital
45. Public standing
47. Layered
48. Turned sharply
49. Rock group
50. Absolute dominion

### DOWN

1. Chinese martial arts
2. Towards the center
3. Tenacious
4. Bundle of hides
5. Barely gets by
6. What's left; dregs
7. A lot
8. Feel poorly
9. Gentle slope

10. Treat with an antiseptic
11. Deferred payment
13. Baby tulip
18. Albanian money
21. Diminished
23. African horse
25. Turkish chieftain
26. Fen; swamp
28. Hold for later use
29. Dishes out
30. Pertaining to life
31. Higher quality
32. Regret
33. Make certain of
34. Totter's partner
36. Small nail
38. Needs hoeing
40. Small bird's sound
41. Appear
44. Exist
46. Vim; vigor



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because it ends at a proposed \$20-million Kings River Substation in a cow pasture north of Berryville. Danos found a memo attached to his testimony that provides evidence of the project application being incomplete.

“In an inter-office memo from Arkansas Electric Cooperative Corp. employee Ricky Bittle to Southern Power Pool (SPP) planning director Katherine Prewitt dated April 3, 2012, Bittle states, ‘With AEP filing the CECPN for the 345 kV transmission line from E Centerton to Kings River (Osage Creek) this week, I am concerned about Entergy’s plans to be ready to construct the needed 161 kV transmission lines to interconnect to the Kings River substation. I would hate to think we build a road to nowhere.’”

Danos said it appears proposed benefits of the project rely on a line connection with Entergy, whose involvement is contingent on budgetary constraints and approvals from the APSC. Entergy has not yet even applied for the permits from APSC. Danos concludes it appears SWEPSCO’s application is premature and it would be irresponsible to approve any route at this time.

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