



Different strokes

— Closely grouped swimmers start out on the first leg of the The Eureka Multisport Triathlon at Holiday Island Aug. 9. The triathlon included bike races and run/walk events taking more than 600 participants around Carroll County from Holiday Island to Berryville and Eureka Springs before the final finish line on Aug. 11.

PHOTO BY DAVID FRANK DEMPSEY

Opponents not mollified by AEP/SWEPCO concessions; seek total project denial

BECKY GILLETTE

The Arkansas Public Service Commission (APSC) has approved a motion to remove Routes 62, 86 and 91 from consideration for the proposed Shipe Road to Kings River 345 kiloVolt power line proposed by American Electric Power (AEP) subsidiary Southwestern Electric Power Company (SWEPCO). While these included the route by Thorncrown Chapel and routes in the viewshed of Inspiration Point and historic Spring Street in Eureka Springs, by no means has opposition to the project been cut in half.

Thorncrown Chapel alone generated thousands of comments to the APSC in opposition to the project. But, from the beginning, organizers of Save The Ozarks (STO) have taken the position that all six routes should be opposed on the grounds that the project is not needed and is not in the best interest of the public. STO has opposed a “divide and conquer” approach that would pit landowners on one route against landowners on other routes.

Of the 47 initial opposition intervenors, 38 remain. STO Director Pat Costner said most of those who have withdrawn have done so since the U.S. Army Corps of

Engineers’ firm “No” to Routes 62, 86 and 91.

“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 fort

SWEPCO – OPPOSITION continued on page 21

This Week's INDEPENDENT Thinkers

Paul Quinn College began in south Texas in 1872 as a school to teach trades and skills to freed slaves and their offspring. Must have been a good idea, because the school continued to grow and eventually offered educational curricula alongside the trades. In 1990, the school moved to Dallas, hotbed of football.

Nevertheless, in 2010, the school transformed the two acres devoted to their football program into a vegetable garden with fruit trees and an apiary. WE Over Me Farm produces a variety of vegetables for the college cafe, farmers’ markets, local restaurants and events nearby.

It takes true Texan independent thinkers to replace a football with zucchini.



PHOTO BY NANCY KRABILL IN EDIBLE COMMUNITIES

Inside the ESI

Council – Rock Street	2	Independent Mail	12
CAPC	3	Constables on Patrol	14
SWEPCO – STO	4	Independent Art	16
B.B. King	5	Nature of Eureka	18
Council – Street Fair	5	Fame Came Late	19
Planning	6	Astrology	20
SWEPCO – Pang	7	Indy Soul	22
SWEPCO – Ross	8	Crossword	29
Council – Nutshell	9	Ask Ma Opinion	29

Grass growing contest started last week.



PHOTO BY NICKY BOYETTE

Council takes no action on Rock Street vacation

NICKY BOYETTE

Rachel Brix found supporters at the Eureka Springs City Council table Monday night in an attempt to clear up who owns the rocky access to her home, but in the end council deemed the issue was best left to a judge and jury.

Brix had appeared before Parks and Planning Commissions seeking vacation of a portion of what is called Rock Street, but in both cases she was denied. The Brixes use the strip of land as the only legal access to their property; they pay to maintain it, no one else uses it, and it runs within six feet of their front door.

Undeterred by previous decisions, Brix unearthed more historic records which now convinces her the city does not own the driveway, and that instead of a vacation she is seeking acknowledgement from the city that the city simply does not own that piece of property. Her claim is substantiated by documents predating an 1893 plat considered the map of record.

She pointed out no one during their property transaction knew that an easement existed on their property, or at least an easement was never mentioned or included in written records of the

sale.

Parks Director Bruce Levine replied, "All I know is we've always looked at the 1893 plat as our map." He is seeking to prevent ceding the property to the Brixes because, as he sees it, it could someday be a part of the urban trail system Parks is creating.

"A city street, even unopened, is still a city street," Levine said. He said neighboring property owners must retain access to their property, and any decision on land in question must consider public interest or welfare.

Alderman Dee Purkepile was not buying the part about access for adjoining property owners. Owners of a tract of land called Marble Flats oppose Brix's request because they maintain the portion of Rock Street which is the Brix's driveway is the access to their yet undeveloped property. Purkepile countered that Rock Street was not the only access to Marble Flats and maybe not even the best access.

"It seems like we're beating up on a couple," he stated. He continued to say he had a big issue with the city telling the Brixes it might take away their front yard and build a roadway.

COUNCIL – ROCK STREET continued on page 27

B-size
**RED
POTATOES**

89¢ lb.



Your #1 Shopping Center

Valencia
ORANGES
79¢ ea.



PEARS

\$6.99 3 lb. bag



Cindy's
Kitchen
All Natural

SALAD DRESSING

\$6.59 16 oz. bottle

Assorted Flavors

HARTS
FAMILY CENTER

All items
while supplies last

Prices good
8/19 – 8/22/13

**Local family
owned and
operated**

Hwy. 62 West | Eureka Springs | 479.253.9561

CAPC goes with B.B. and Rightmind; considers revoking a license

NICKY BOYETTE

B.B. King will bring the blues to the Auditorium in Eureka Springs Monday, Nov. 18. Mike Maloney, executive director of the Eureka Springs City Advertising and Promotion Commission, made the announcement at the Wednesday evening meeting. King will have turned 88 by November, and Maloney said people are saying this will be King's last tour. The show is being produced by an independent producer, and it has not yet been announced when tickets will go on sale.

Making movies

Rightmind Advertising got the nod from the CAPC to produce promotional videos for the city next year. Rightmind is a Ft. Smith company that already creates print material for CAPC, some of it award-winning.

Ozark Film & Video of Springdale also made a bid to produce the videos – and they have a drone – but the commissioners chose Rightmind.

"It would be easy to work with either of them," Maloney said. He saw good points about both companies, but prevailing sentiment was that Rightmind was already familiar with Eureka Springs and it would be a chance to integrate a Eureka Springs brand through the print ads and next year's videos. Since the price tags were close, Rightmind was the unanimous choice.

Maloney said he is looking for five or six videos with a citywide theme. As for adding video production to the relationship with Rightmind, Maloney said, "If you have a team working for you, you can have a synergy which could be exciting – a total continuity package."

Budget for the videos will be in the \$45,000 range.

Mobile website launched

Maloney said the eureka springs.org site last week added a link that offers smart phone users the option go to a new mobile site. It is not an app but a full website, and navigation through the site is similar to the main site. Maloney said 33 percent of web traffic to the main site comes from mobile devices.

The main website has been moved to a different server and Maloney said it is

much faster now. Finance director Rick Bright said, "We're happy campers," regarding how much easier it is to work with the updated site on their end.

Still delinquent

Bright reported three properties are continually delinquent in remitting CAPC taxes they have collected. One property has been delinquent since last September, and nothing has been paid even though the courts have been involved. "He collected the taxes but never paid them," Bright said of the delinquent owner.

"We have the authority to close them," Bright observed, and that is what he recommended for the eleven-month delinquent. He said CAPC could revoke the CAPC tax license, and the business would then not be able to operate legally.

Commissioners James DeVito said it was not fair to those who pay taxes to let this slide, and it is reasonable to close the business.

Chair Charles Ragsdell said, "Everyone should be treated fairly."

Bright got commission support to proceed.

Comparing this to that

Bright said in his financial report that year-to-date collections are down 2.6 percent from this time last year but the latest month's collections were up significantly over the one before. Collections are increasing month by month.

DeVito pointed out that last year was a banner year for collections, and it would hard to match it again this year. Ragsdell added this year's numbers compare very well with collections during the past five years.

A few more things

• Maloney announced there have been no applications submitted to fill the two vacant seats on the commission. To apply to serve on the commission, go to the capc.biz website, click on "About the CAPC" to find a link to an application. Applicants must be a resident of Eureka Springs and be in either the tourism or food service industry.

• Four new Wayfinding signs have been installed, and Maloney said

one of them has already been hit by an 18-wheeler. There will be more Wayfinding signs added around town during the next three years.

• The Second Saturday event last weekend in Basin Park featuring the Mike Sumler Band and the Cate Brothers was a rousing success, according to Maloney, as evidenced by a packed Basin Park. The night before, John Michael Talbot entertained an audience of 800 in the Auditorium in a fundraiser for the Great Passion Play.

• Maloney said he is getting word out about this year's JazzEureka Weekend featuring headliner Spyro Gyra, a jazz fusion band still performing after 30 years. Jazz Eureka will be Sept. 13–15, and Spyro Gyra will perform Sept. 14 at 7:30 p.m.

• Channel 3 in Springfield will be celebrating its 60th anniversary soon, and they will be visiting towns in the area that have been meaningful during their 60 years. Their crew will broadcast for an entire day in Eureka Springs, date to be announced.

• Commissioner Terry McClung said Bluegrass Weekend begins Thursday evening with a watermelon social in Basin Park. Hart's donated 10 watermelons for the event. Music kicks off in the park Friday afternoon. Saturday evening Bobby Osborne & the Rocky Top X-Press will be the featured entertainers at the Auditorium. Ragsdell called Osborne "a true living legend."

• Ragsdell said performers from everywhere are trying to be part of the WoodSongs Old-Time Radio Hour shows Saturday, Oct. 26. This event will be part of the 66th Ozark Folk Festival October 23–27. The two WoodSongs shows to be recorded at the Auditorium will be broadcast worldwide and become part of the permanent archive of WoodSongs performances. Ragsdell said these shows would bring notoriety to Eureka Springs and set the stage for making the 2014 Folk Festival the best ever.

Next workshop will be Wednesday, August 28 at the CAPC office. Next regular meeting will be Wednesday, Sept. 11, at 6 p.m.



EXTRAORDINARY CRAFTSMANSHIP!

Rocky Mountain log home constructed from Montana Douglas Fir logs with year round lake view & end of road privacy. Gourmet kitchen, granite counters, copper sinks, travertine tile, hardwood floors, vaulted ceiling, stone fireplace, wet bar, instant hot water are just some of the features! Additional room downstairs could be 5th bedroom or den/craft room. If you love log homes you will not want to miss this one! MLS#642689 \$749,000

IMMACULATE SWEDISH COPE LOG HOME

has living areas with kitchens on two floors. Zero Corps line gives an unobstructed view of Beaver Lake. 4 bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths, two kitchens with separate living area. Boat slip in community dock. (4,318 sq. ft.) MLS#686593 \$799,000



WONDERFUL OPEN FLOOR PLAN

with expansive deck overlooking beautiful Beaver Lake. 3 bed/2.5 bath cedar home with stone wood-burning fireplace on 3 waterfront acres. Extra large master & bath with jetted tub. Vaulted ceilings with boxcar siding, pine floors & much more! MLS#675537 \$299,900

GREAT VACATION HOME

overlooking Little Lake Eureka. Within walking distance of Historic downtown Eureka Springs. Home features 2 bed, 1.5 bath, living area with wood-burning fireplace. Nice covered decks to enjoy the views. MLS#685067 \$147,000

All Seasons REAL ESTATE



105-A W. Van Buren • Eureka Springs • 479.253.0303
35 Woodsdale Dr. • Holiday Island • 479.253.7255

Jack Muzio **VOTE**

**Hello, I'm Jack Muzio.
I'm running for
Position 1
as a Write-In
Candidate in the
School Board Election
September 17.**

Open Books Open Minds

CARROLL COUNTY LITERACY COUNCIL

If you can read this and know someone who can't, we can help.
Call us at **870-505-1556**
or visit our website
for more information:
www.carrollcountyliteracy.org

**Kristi Kendrick
Law Offices**



105A W. Van Buren
479.253.7200



Kristi Kendrick
Highest Possible Peer Review Rating

AV **PREEMINENT®**
For Ethical Standards and Legal Ability™

www.kristikendrick.com

INDEPENDENTNews

Best shots fired in challenge to AEP/SWEPCO project

BECKY GILLETTE

As the Aug. 26 hearing date approaches before the Arkansas Public Service Commission (APSC) for the Shipe Road to Kings River application by American Electric Power (AEP) subsidiary Southwestern Electric Power Company (SWEPCO), both AEP/SWEPCO and its opponents, including witnesses for Save The Ozarks (STO), have fired over the bow with written arguments that include direct testimony, rebuttal testimony and testimony answering rebuttals, called subrebuttals.

AEP/SWEPCO continues to maintain that its project, estimated to cost in the neighborhood of \$117 million with \$20 million for a Kings River Substation, is needed and should be approved by the APSC to be paid for by ratepayers. But STO is adamant that conditions simulated in the 2007 Ozarks Regional Transmission study that led the Southern Power Pool (SPP) to issue a notice to construct to AEP/SWEPCO for the project no longer exist. And STO expert witness, Dr. Hyde Merrill, said even if concerns about power line overloading did exist, there are alternatives far less costly and damaging to the environment.

In subrebuttal testimony, AEP/SWEPCO's witness, Joseph Paul Hassink, said arguments presented by Merrill and Jeffrey W. Danos of Eureka Springs, an intervenor in the case, "on the surface may appear to be reasonable, but in reality fall short of assessing the full scale of the need for the proposed transmission facilities. In addition, both propose short-term solutions that would have a negative impact on the long-term reliability of the transmission grid in the North Arkansas region."

Hassink said Merrill fails to recognize that the generation and transmission infrastructure for North Arkansas and Southern Missouri has not changed since 2007.

"While projections of load have changed during this time period, load has continued to grow," Hassink said. "As such, the fundamental assumptions

underlying both the SPP Ozarks Transmission Study and the SPP Transmission Expansion Plan 2008-2017 remain sound."

Hassink concluded the proposed electrical facilities are required to "eliminate the risks to reliability in North Arkansas."

Although many people have assumed the power line project has to do with having larger voltage lines because of more power demand, Hassink is clear in his subrebuttal testimony that the proposal is to prevent overloads of the existing Beaver to Eureka Springs 161 kilovolt (kV) line and East Rogers to Avoca 161 kV lines which could be caused by problems such as an ice storm or tornado, or if one line is down for maintenance when the other line goes out. "National American Electric Reliability Corp. standards require that SPP and SWEPCO resolve these future overloads," Hassink said.

But Merrill says APSC should deny the project for three reasons:

1. The need for some action is significantly weaker than what was found in the 2007 studies. The supposed need for the line was to solve a problem that no longer exists.

2. Neither SPP nor AEP/SWEPCO has presented any evidence of having considered in a meaningful way any alternative to this project. It is not logical to conclude a solution is best if no other solution is considered. That is particularly true when the problem, as it is perceived in 2013, is so different from the problem for which the project was approved by SPP in 2008.

3. It is vital to review planned projects regularly, which means re-evaluating whether there is a reliability need to do something. Hassink said that it would be wasteful and ineffective to re-evaluate pending plans. "Mr. Hassink is simply wrong," Merrill said. "Avoiding just one \$100 million line that became unneeded due to changing circumstances would pay for a lot of studies."

Who will win the 2013 crown? -

Barbara Barker, dressed as Daisy Mae, was named Queen of the 14th Original Ozark Folk Festival in 1961. Folk Festival organizers are looking for volunteers from among former winners, volunteers from the high school, and anyone interested in helping manage this year's contest. Please phone (479) 253-7333 to step up and help return the Queen's contest to its glory days!


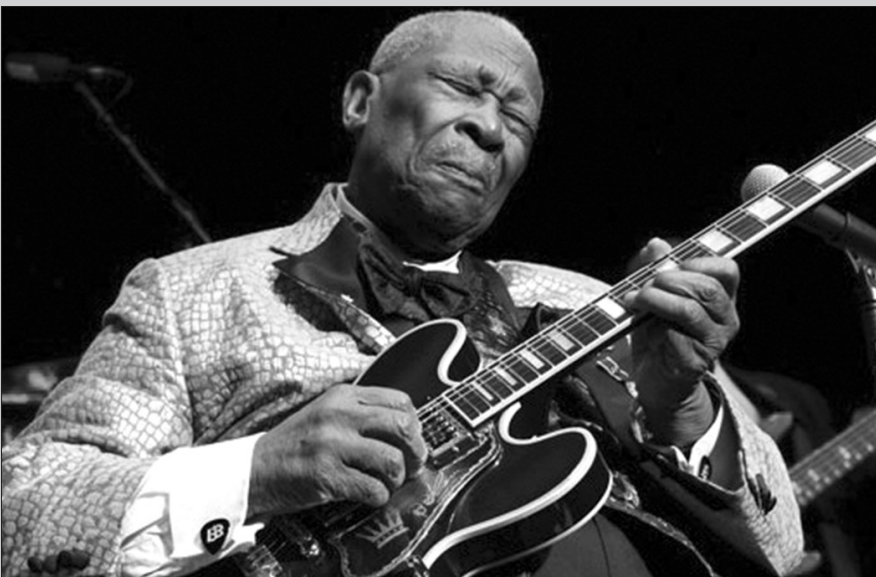


PHOTO COURTESY ERNIE DEAN
PHOTOGRAPHY, ARKANSAS HISTORY
COMMISSION



B. B. King returns to Eureka Springs

The legendary B. B. King will return to Eureka Springs Monday, Nov. 18 for a one-night show in the city auditorium at 7:30 p.m. His reign as King of the Blues has been as long as that of any monarch yet King continues to wear his crown well. He's still light on his feet, singing and playing the blues with relentless energy.

And, best of all, he'll be playing them in Eureka Springs. "B.B. King's promoter came to us, so this is not

something the CAPC is paying to bring in," Mike Maloney, CAPC director, explained. "The contracts were signed today [August 14] and we're absolutely excited. You wish for lots of things, but we'll take B. B. King any time!" Maloney added.

Reports indicate King's last concert in Eureka Springs was a sell-out. Advance tickets will be on sale at www.theaud.org for \$125 and \$95, date to be announced.

Take home your BFF (best furry friend) August 17

The Good Shepherd Humane Society is participating in the Tractor Supply Company's Pet Appreciation Week with an adoption day event Saturday, August 17, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Tractor Supply is located at 1011 Old Exeter Road in

Cassville, Mo. There will be dogs and cats available for immediate adoption at 50% off at the event. You may also pick up a 50% discount coupon good for three months to be used at the shelter in Eureka Springs.

Medical Fund set for Sue Glave

Veterans' Day and Independence Day parade organizer, Sue Glave, has a serious heart problem which requires travel to Little Rock for treatment and a stay in a hotel for a few days after her procedure, returning to the hospital for tests each day. To help with these unexpected expenses, treatment and medications, American Legion Post 9 has opened an account at Arvest Bank in Eureka Springs. Please help if you can and donate to "The Sue Glave Medical Fund" at Arvest.

Council to decide if a fair is fair

NICKY BOYETTE

Eight people spoke during Public Comments at Monday's city council meeting against a proposal to close Spring Street to put on a street fair. Sentiment was whenever Spring Street is closed, whether for parades or an event, the shops suffer. Roseanna Stone pointed out visitors to town get confused enough about traffic routes already, and losing a main thoroughfare would exacerbate their confusion. Mel Shipley said the idea being proposed, which is to put tents and booths along the street, would force visitors to walk in the gutter. He said Spring Street was the wrong location for the idea.

Margie Anderson said everything does not need to happen downtown. The city needs to have events in other parts of town to unify the various areas. She said she likes the Eureka event for what it is and what it does for the town, but during the event the downtown area is inundated with extra traffic and shop owners suffer.

Iris Feutz pointed out street fairs are not profitable for the artists and Spring Street would not be the right spot. Karen Lindblad said she was okay with the idea of an art fair but, like the other speakers, thought Spring Street was the wrong site. She noted, "Business tanks when Spring Street is closed."

Alderman Joyce Zeller put the topic on the August 26 council agenda because she "wants townspeople to stop fretting over the idea."

Daylight Donuts
Sonic
Casey's
McDonald's
Garner's Drive In
Berryville Community Center
Subway
Besitos
Encore Clothes
Space Printing

Eye Q Optical
Quality Tire
Silver Dollar City
Davis Tire
Poyner Drug
Brashears
Wal-Mart
CATO
Judge Sam Barr
1st National Bank Green Forest

**Berryville Public Library
thanks our wonderful local sponsors
who helped make Summer Reading
2013 our best year yet!**

It's All About You
Berryville Liquor
Dos Rios
Old Mexico
Ozark Café
Illusions Salon
It's a Mystery Book Store
Nu 2 You
Radio Shack
Hong Kong Inn
Exxon
Community First Bank
White Oak Station
Farmer in the Deli
Attitudes Salon
Price Cutter

1st National Bank Berryville
Wonderfully Made
KTHS
Cornerstone Bank
Hannah Needham
Encore Kids
State Farm Insurance
Carroll Electric
Kerusso
La Cabana
Cosmic Cavern
Tyson
Mercy Hospital
Thompson Ready Mix
Just Teazin'
Berryville Library Board


JERRY'S
HANDYMAN
SERVICE
CARPENTRY
 Remodeling and Repairs
PAINTING
 Creative & Artistic Solutions
FLOORING
 Detail Oriented
479-981-0976

**TUNE IN
AND KEEP UP!**



All the news, weather, local events and adult contemporary music that's fit for your ears is free for the listening at KESA 100.9 FM in Eureka Springs. www.okradiostation.com/kesa.html.


FAIN'S HERBACY
 Mind, Body & Spirit
 Come see ... ART in the Herbacy



Expert Guidance
 Unique Products • Great Prices
 Jim Fain, PhD
 61 North Main St. | Eureka Springs | 479.253.5687
<http://stores.ebay.com/defyaging>

The
STORAGE SOLUTION
 SELF STORAGE

7055 Hwy. 23 North
 Eureka Springs
479-253-6117



INDEPENDENTNews

Codes go code blue at Planning meeting

NICKY BOYETTE

Tuesday night's Planning Commission meeting was another episode in the journey through the thicket of City Code. Situations continue to surface that challenge definitions and point out ambiguities, and Chair Beverly Blankenship told commissioners, "It is our job to look into these things."

Alderman Dee Purkeypyle brought up a Code dilemma in Public Comments. He stated there are 15 residences on North Main north of Mountain Street. Even though the area is 60 percent residential, it is zoned C-1. He has learned the banking industry refuses to give residential loans in that zone. "Any of those 15 people on North Main will have a problem selling their homes. We've got a big problem coming up," he said, adding that commercial appraisal rates might cost \$3500, whereas a residential rate is \$350.

Blankenship had this item on the agenda, and told commissioners that in 2000 council passed an ordinance requiring all structures in that zone to be built according to commercial code to make them safer. She was told there are houses in town built as residential because it was cheaper, but subsequently transformed into commercial buildings.

She asked if "residences" should be added to the list of permitted uses in C-1.

Consensus was to put this topic on their agenda.

Distinctions and definitions

Blankenship said she was not satisfied with the definition of "studio" in City Code. The discussion arose from the quandary of where Intrigue Theater at the Gavioli Chapel belongs and does not belong in city code.

Commissioner Melissa Greene remarked, "Whether I think it is a studio or not, it meets the definition."

Blankenship said their task would be to define studio, intimate theater and small entertainment so they are distinct and identifiable. She said

clearing this up now would be a way to further protect neighborhoods in the future.

They agreed this is another item for their next agenda.

Commissioner Ed Leswig also recommended they send city council their recommendation to approve three related items: passing an ordinance making Gavioli Chapel C-3; removing 80 Mountain from the list of religious buildings in R-1; and adding the definition of intimate theater as a conditional use in C-3. Blankenship said she would prepare what Leswig suggested and send them a copy for perusal.

Code over here,

Code over there . . .

Greene stated there are probably 25 Bed & Breakfasts or tourist lodgings in C-3, and code for that zone limits business transactions to 7 a.m. until 9 p.m. She claimed this means a lodging should not be able to check in a guest after 9 p.m. How can a guest check out before 7 a.m. if the owner can't open the door? There is also a restriction on animals that could read that tourists with pets cannot stay in that zone.

Commissioner Pat Lujan thought Greene was maybe seeing a loophole that might not be there. He asked if anyone had been cited for it.

Greene replied she was pointing out they need to clean up the definitions. Blankenship agreed as she thumbed through her well-worn Code book to find a chart showing permitted uses in the C-3 zone.

Homework about working at home

Leswig said he did not understand how a person gets a license for home occupations. He said there are people in town now taking advantage of the vagueness of the situation. A person can, for example, store items related to work at home and around a home to the point of being a nuisance to neighbors and affecting parking. He said home occupation is not listed as a conditional use. He thinks

there should be a process including an application, a review by a city official and an established list of limitations.

Chris Fischer encouraged Planning to work toward making it possible for folks to be able to have a home occupation.

Blankenship stated, "We have to get busy on this." The commission agreed to add it to the ever-increasing agenda.

More items

- Commissioners voted to send council recommendations for land-vacating procedures.

- Elaine Harden represented the Eureka Springs Tree Houses at 3018 E. Van Buren for a new construction review for the final four cabins to be built on the property. Previous phases of the project had already been approved by Planning, and Planning approved this phase also.

- Commissioners also approved a new construction of an open outbuilding at 5 Center.

- Alderman James DeVito responded in Public Comments to remarks made by Planning commissioners that were critical of action taken by council to place a moratorium on CUPs in the R-1 zone. DeVito said he only intended to freeze the situation so everyone could not feel so rushed to solve the different issues.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, August 27, at 6 p.m.

Town Hall meeting Aug. 19

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

Chased away by BP, couple stands up to SWEPCO

BECKY GILLETTE

Susan and Kei Pang of St. Louis, Mo., already changed their retirement plans once, selling a vacation home in Florida after the BP oil spill left a greasy stain on their plans for retiring on the Gulf of Mexico. In 2010, the Pangs came to visit Northwest Arkansas after seeing an article in *Forbes* magazine that listed Northwest Arkansas as one of the top 10 places in the U.S. to live and/or retire.

Kei Pang is a native of Hong Kong, and the family with three children lived there for ten years. The smog and big city congestion in Hong Kong made them appreciate nature all the more. When they visited Northwest Arkansas, they were ripe to fall in love with the scenery, the diversity of plant and animal life, crystal clear waters and the untainted feel of the place.

On the way back home, they decided to follow a real estate sign they saw along Beaver Lake.

"We passed the Dam Site Road and turned right on a dirt road," Susan Pang said. "We kept going, seeing trees, a sliver of lake and we were excited to finally see yet another sign pointing to the property we were searching for. The last sign, but it felt like a new beginning at the time."

"We pulled in the driveway. Our mouths dropped. The little blue chalet on the mountain top, overlooking the lake, was exactly what we were looking for. We were so excited and so magically happy to find a house of our dreams in the woods, on a lake, on a mountain offering extreme privacy but at the same time with a few neighbors nearby. We liked the Natural State and all that it had to offer. A good quality of life, clean water, air and sensible people all appealed to us. We have travelled around the world and we have not found a place so naturally beautiful with such tranquility."

Then in early April American Electric Power (AEP) subsidiary Southwestern Electric Power Company (SWEPCO) announced plans to take private property for a Shipe Road to Kings River 345 kilovolt power line project, a larger electric transmission

line than had ever been seen in Carroll County. Susan says she knew she had to get involved. She had already tangled with Carroll Electric Cooperative Corp. about herbicide spraying on the Pang's property that has denuded vegetation on a steep hillside, leading to erosion damage. She couldn't stand the thought of the same thing happening on 46 to 59 miles (depending on the route chosen) of right-of-way 150-ft. wide through some very steep terrain providing magnificent lake views.

"There wasn't anything I could do about the BP oil spill, but there is something that can be done about preserving the Ozarks," Susan said. "Kei and I preferred a secluded life and enjoy spending time with each other. But when we heard about this, we knew we had to get involved. I knew I would have no one to blame but myself if I didn't fight against it. I felt I had to dig in and do something. Areas like St. Louis are losing their songbird population because of urbanization and invasive plant species that provide less food for birds and other wildlife. I don't want to see that happen here."

AEP/SWEPCO originally had six routes proposed, including one that went through the Pang's neighborhood. While the route closest to them has now been withdrawn, they continue to oppose the entire project which Susan suspects isn't about serving the electrical needs of Northwest Arkansas, but instead selling dirty coal-fired electricity out of state.

"They took three routes off," said Susan, a master gardener who volunteers for the Missouri Botanical Gardens and is a habitat adviser for St. Louis Audubon. "That is awesome. But I look at the Ozarks as a huge ecosystem. You can't let it get too fragmented. The forest is already weak from drought and some of the forest has been cut. We can't afford to take away any more forest. You can't just carve it all up and still have a healthy ecosystem. For example, bees forage for a range of five miles. You can't just leave the bees two acres."

The Pangs vacation/retirement home is near the new Devil's Eyebrow



Natural Area, a 1,720-acre property on Beaver Lake recently purchased by the Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission. The area is known for unusually high plant diversity with 550

species, including 25 plants of state conservation concern and five that are globally rare. The Pangs see a large range of bird life in the area including

SWEPCO – PANG continued on page 27

Emporium
&
Antiques

DÉJÀ VU

*Art
Home Decor*

We
Epitomize
Unique

179/184 North Main
Eureka Springs

– FARM to TABLE –

FRESH

Fine Foods • Bistro
Culinary Marketplace

– Gourmet To Go –

Breads & Pastries
Cured Meats
Gourmet Cheeses
Prepared Salads
Homemade Pasta
Catering

SUNDAY BRUNCH
10 – 2

DINNER SERVICE 5 – 9

Thurs. – Mon. 11 a.m. – 9 p.m.
Sun. 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.

• 179 N. Main • 479.253.9300 •

Leading gubernatorial candidate has ties to Southern Power Pool

BECKY GILLETTE

The three members of the Arkansas Public Service Commission (APSC) are appointed by the governor of Arkansas. Opponents of the proposed Shipe Road to Kings River 345 kiloVolt transmission line have been calling and e-mailing the current governor, and also taking a look at who might replace him.

Gov. Mike Beebe has told opponents that while he appointed the members of the APSC, it wouldn't be proper for him to try to influence their decisions, taking a "hands off" position.

The utility industry, including American Electric Power (AEP) and its subsidiary with the power line application, Southwestern Electric Energy Co. (SWEPCO), gives large campaign contributions to political candidates. But in researching campaign contributions of the current candidate running to replace Beebe, former Congressman Mike Ross, you don't have to get into page after page of small print campaign contributions to find a pro-industry bias.

After leaving Congress, Ross was hired as a government affairs specialist for Southern Power Pool (SPP), a regional transmission organization. AEP/SWEPCO says it is being required to build the new transmission line by SPP. Ross, who had \$2 million in campaign contributions (a record amount for the governor's race at this point before the election) by the end of June, only recently resigned from SPP to run for governor.

"Want to guess what kind of pro industry people would be appointed by Ross to the APSC if he is elected?" asks Faith Pettit-Shah, who with her husband, Michael, recently retired to rural Carroll County near route 108 proposed by SWEPCO. "SPP is the regional transmission group that has plans for multiple high-voltage transmission lines through Carroll County and other areas of Northwest Arkansas. These power lines are to make an energy superhighway *through* Arkansas, not to serve

Arkansas. Northwest Arkansas would get its property values and tourism economy decimated so Entergy and SWEPCO could make greater profits transporting wind and coal energy out of state."

When contacted for comment on how his previous employment might impact his position on the AEP/SWEPCO and other major transmission projects planned for Arkansas, Brad Howard, spokesman for Mike Ross for Governor, said the decision on where to place these transmission lines is the sole responsibility of the independent APSC, which is required to hold public hearings before making a decision.

"This process is independent and nonpartisan so that the best possible solution can be made that balances energy needs and environmental impacts, and, as governor, Mike

Ross will respect the independence of the process and the APSC," Howard said. "He does, however, encourage all concerned members of the affected communities to attend the public hearings and contact the APSC to make their views and concerns known."

The leading Republican candidate for governor, Asa Hutchinson, had raised about \$726,000 by the end of June. Contacted for comment on the Shipe Road to Kings River project, Hutchinson was noncommittal.

"I have not yet examined the proposed location personally, and hope to do so," Hutchinson said. "Having grown up in the Ozark Hills, I am not a fan of anything that destroys the natural beauty of the Ozarks. I understand we must have power, but I do hope to learn if there are any possible alternatives."



Back to school gift – From left, Carol Ann Schneider, Jean Razer, Susan Stille, Roxanne Royster, Grace Wilson and Lee Monger of the Holiday Island Presbyterian Church Women's group look over supplies collected to help support students at Garfield School. The ladies asked the congregation to purchase supplies and the generous response filled the table, the floor underneath and more! The supplies were delivered to the school August 12. The Presbyterian Women meet the first Thursday of every month at 9:15 a.m. at the church. The current Bible study is "An Abiding Hope," and all women are welcome. For more information phone Linda Shafer (479) 253-5443.

Golfing Memberships Available

UNLIMITED GOLF ONE YEAR

18 Hole Course

Individual \$725, Family \$1,100

9 Hole Course

Individual \$500, Family \$770



Holiday Island
COUNTRY CLUB

~ **SPECIAL OFFER** ~ Try us for one month

UNLIMITED INDIVIDUAL GOLF MEMBERSHIP – CART INCLUDED

18 Hole Course – \$145 • 9 Hole Course – \$100

Offer expires 12/31/13

Holiday Island Country Club • #1 Country Club Dr. • For additional information 479.253.9511 or holidayisland.us

Maintain your investment

LOGMEDIES

LOG HOME SPECIALISTS

- Log Repair
- Chinking • Staining

West Fork, AR
Toll Free – 866.956.4633
Cell – 479.530.7356

AUTHORIZED PERMA-CHINK DEALER



Council in a nutshell

NICKY BOYETTE

Commercial recycling

Council considered the second reading of a proposed ordinance that would make recycling of cardboard and bottles mandatory for restaurants and bars in the city limits. Alderman Mickey Schneider said she was “one thousand percent behind recycling” but she was having a problem with making it mandatory. Alderman David Mitchell commented most everyone recycles already, so only a few businesses would have to make any changes.

Alderman Terry McClung said he thought it would be difficult to

enforce but did not see any reason not to pass it.

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

Land Bank

Bill Featherstone, Chair of the Parks Commission, spoke for creating a Land Bank, a fund specifically for buying land the city needs, which would be funded by proceeds from selling properties the city does not want or need. McClung was not convinced the proposed ordinance creating a land bank was comprehensive enough, but added that it would ease the workload for Parks by getting rid of some

properties.

Alderman James DeVito moved to send the proposed ordinance to city attorney Tim Weaver for perusal, and the vote to approve the motion was 6-0.

Dam at Black Bass Lake

Alderman Dee Purkeypile told council he is about ready to launch the website for Black Bass Lake Dam. The site will be used as a fundraising tool for generating seed money to finance finding a solution to the problem presented by the condition of the dam. He said the city needs to protect its water supply and there are a couple of houses that could be affected by a dam failure, so the city needs to move forward and find appropriate action.

Geese at Lake Leatherwood

Featherstone told council geese are a problem at Lake Leatherwood City Park. “Let the record show that

Parks loves all of God’s creatures, but it’s the poop.” He said the *E. coli* count in the swimming area is so high Health Department instruments can’t measure it.

He said commissioners decided at a recent workshop to readdress all aversion measures available and develop a plan to be presented at the Sept. 16 meeting. Commissioners Rachel Brix and Fergie Stewart will prepare the plan. Featherstone commented, “I expect the plan to bring together everything known to man about the issue.”

All the rest

• Transit director Ken Smith told council he had been worried about revenues for his department until early June when it seemed like someone turned on the tourism switch. Since then, ridership on tram tours has been

COUNCIL – NUTSHELL continued on page 29

Fall bowling leagues now forming

If you’d like to bowl on a local league for fun and health with your friends, or make new friends – now is the time to sign up! Town & Country Bowling Center is forming an additional mixed bowling league with two male and two female members per team on Wednesday evenings. If you were a previous league bowler here or elsewhere, or even if you are new to the sport, you’re welcome to sign up.

Leagues that now have openings include Tuesday night mixed league with limited openings and Thursday night ladies league with two teams to fill (about 8 ladies). Also needed are several more four-person teams to start the new Wednesday night league.

For more information stop in at Town & Country Bowling Center, 702 W. Trimble in Berryville, or call (870) 423-5818.

GSHS board meeting rescheduled

The Good Shepherd Humane Society monthly board meeting scheduled for Thursday, August 16, has been moved to August 22 at 6 p.m. in the Pine Room at the Inn of the Ozarks. The community is welcome to attend.



Buy Fresh. Buy Local.

Fresh, local produce and meats.
Breads & baked goods.

\$1 Coupon good at the Saturday Market
1 PER CUSTOMER • EXPIRES 8/24/13

Saturdays 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.
Ermilio's Parking Lot
Facebook.com/SaturdayFarmersMarket



Ask about our temporary stay

Affordable Assisted Living
... with a touch of class

Studio, 1BR and 2BR Floor Plans • Private Patios & Decks • Large Closets • Beauty Salon
3 Meals Daily (served restaurant-style) • 24-hour Staff for Assistance when you need it
Assistance available for bathing, dressing, grooming, medications

Peachtree Village Assisted Living
5 Park Drive, Holiday Island, AR
(Just off Hwy. 23 North by the Bluffs)
479-253-9933 • www.peachtreevillage.org

CALL OR DROP BY FOR A TOUR

A little help from our friends:

(Please email ongoing
community service
announcements to newsdesk@eurekaspringsindependent.com)

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

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

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

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

Meetings at Coffee Pot Club
behind Land O' Nod Inn
U.S. 62 & Hwy. 23S

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

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

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

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

• **Eureka Springs Coffee Pot AA Group**

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

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

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

All other meetings: See www.nwarkaa.org

INDEPENDENTNews

Heavenly music – Contemporary Christian singer/songwriters Michael Card, left, and John Michael Talbot reunited for a concert at the auditorium Aug. 8 to raise money for the Great Passion Play. During the concert a representative from Sen. John Boozman's office presented copy of the congressional record in which Boozman talked on the Senate floor about The Great Passion Play, Talbot's career and the announcement by Mayor Morris Pate proclaiming Aug. 8, 2013, "Passion Play Day." A crowd of nearly 850 came to enjoy the concert and support the Passion Play.

PHOTO BY DAVID FRANK DEMPSEY



EATINGOUT in our cool little town



Local Flavor
CAFE

75 S. MAIN • 479.253.9522

MONDAY – SATURDAY
Lunch 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Dinner 4 – 9 p.m.
Sunday Brunch 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

*Jerry Yester – Friday 6 to 9
Maureen Alexander
Saturday 6 to 9
Cheers!!*



WINE, CHEESE & CONVERSATION
89 S. Main • Eureka Springs • 479.363.6411
Thurs. – Sat. 1 – 10 P.M. • Sun. 1 – 8 P.M.
EUREKASTONEHOUSE.COM

MORDOUR'S NOW OPEN!
6 Parkwood Dr.
Holiday Island
(479) 363-6477
11–8 Mon–Sat
**PIZZA • PASTA
SALADS • SUBS
BURGERS WINGS**
Gourmet Pizza WE DELIVER – 10 Mi. Radius

Many have eaten here... Few have died.
HAND-CUT STEAKS • SEAFOOD • BURGERS
DAILY SPECIALS *Ribs to die for!*
Family Owned & Operated ALL FOOD MADE FRESH DAILY

The Roadhouse

Breakfast served 'til 2 p.m. Daily
\$5.99 LUNCH SPECIALS
Private Party Room • Deck Seating Available
BEER & WINE
Open Daily except Wednesday 8 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Friday & Saturday 'til 9 p.m.

6837 Highway 62E • 479.363.0001
1 mile east of Passion Play Road
GPS Coordinates: N36°39.5496' W93°69.8712'

**FOREST HILL
RESTAURANT**



**BREAKFAST LUNCH DINER
CHOICE STEAKS
WOOD-FIRE OVEN PIZZA
SALAD BAR & BUFFET
GROUPS AND WEDDINGS**

LOCAL'S FAVORITE SUNDAY BRUNCH

HWY 62 E. EUREKA SPRINGS, 479-253-2422

ANGLER'S GRILL "A Family Atmosphere"
Wi-Fi Access
Take-Out Available
All-You-Can-Eat CATFISH
Burgers • Brisket • Chicken
MON.-THURS. 11 A.M. TO 8 P.M. FRI. 11 A.M. TO 9 P.M.
SAT. 7:30 A.M. TO 9 P.M. • SUN. 7:30 A.M. TO 8 P.M.
DIRTY TOM every Fri. & Sat. on the deck, 6–9 P.M.
14581 Hwy 62 W • 479.253.4004
Just 3 miles West of Town – Towards Beaver Lake

COTTAGE INN
MEDITERRANEAN CUISINE
www.cottageinneurekaspgs.com

Serving Dinner Thursday-Sunday 5 - 9 p.m.

California Wine Dinner (Gluten-free)
Sunday, September 8
See website for menu

Hwy 62 West • Eureka Springs • 479-253-5282

Donations needed for hospice baskets

Mercy Hospice gives out baskets to every Hospice patient. In each basket are Kleenexes, baby wipes, a sippy cup, lotion, lap quilt/shawl, straws, Bible, stuffed animal, pen, baby wash cloths and chap stick.

They are currently low on Bibles and stuffed animals. Bibles in King James version are preferred in large print, with Jesus's words in red, also New Testaments with large print in King James version. If you would like to donate money for Bibles instead, Mercy can get a good deal through Kerusso.

New stuffed animals should be least 8 in. or more in height (preferably 10-16 in.). If you would like to donate, contact Deanna Capon (870) 423-5272 or 480-8044, or drop by 804 W. Freeman Ave, Suite #4, Berryville, in the Bobcat Plaza next to Brashear's Furniture.

Meteorite hunt Aug. 22 – 25

Join two meteorite experts Thursday, Aug. 22, in Baxter, Mo., 18 miles NE of Eureka Springs near Table Rock Lake, for a four-day hunt where a meteorite hit a house at 9 a.m. Jan. 18, 1916.

The hunt will focus on finding other specimens that broke up and fell near the strike and will include a 10 minute lecture every hour by meteorite hunting veteran, Steve Arnold, former star of Discovery Science Channel's *Meteorite Men* and proprietor of America's only brick-n-mortar meteorite store, Meteorites and More in Eureka Springs. Lecture topics will include virtually every topic in the field of hunting

for meteorites.

Guest lecturer will be Robert Beauford, meteoriticist and co-editor of the internationally preeminent quarterly publication, *Meteorite Magazine*, and proprietor of Muse in Eureka Springs.

There is a fee for instruction and three sample meteorites for testing one's metal detector, but hunters get to keep what they find. Even if meteorites are not found, the event promises to be a fun and educational experience.

There are only a few spots left, so sign up today by phoning Steve Arnold, (620) 770-9612 or stop by the store, 28 1/2 Spring.

Comfort food to haute cuisine – we have it all

SPARKY'S
Beer • Wine
Cocktails
Tuesday – Saturday
11 a.m. – 9 p.m.
Special \$6 Lunches
HWY. 62 EAST • 479-253-6001
S.U.A.E.

EXTENSIVE WINE LIST • FULL BAR
Fine Dining
Restaurant & Lounge
GREAT AMERICAN FARE
FEATURING Chef David Gilderson
Dinner Nightly
5-9 p.m.
THURSDAY LOCALS NIGHT
\$14.95 Specials
37 N. Main
479-253-6756
RESERVATIONS SUGGESTED

The SQUID and WHALE
Bar Open Every Day
11-Close
Restaurant Open
Tues.-Sun.
SMOKE
FREE
Food 'til Late
Seafood • Chicken • Steak
Mouthwatering Mexican
Bodacious Burgers
Soups • Salads & more
479-253-7147
37 Spring St. / 10 Center St.
www.squidandwhalepub.com

#1 Recommended Restaurant in Eureka Springs
Voted #1 Restaurant by
Arkansas Times
Readers' Choice Awards
Emilio's
Casual, comfortable,
just like home
Daily 5 – 9 P.M. • Free Parking
26 White Street on the Upper Historic Loop
479.253.8806
No reservations required

KNUCKLEHEADS
PIZZA & WINGS
OPEN WED. & THURS. NOON – 9 P.M.
FRI. & SAT. 10 A.M. – 3 A.M.
PIZZA, WINGS & MORE
Gluten-free Crust & Gluten-free Beer Available
BREAKFAST PIZZA
WE DELIVER! (FRI. & SAT. 'TIL 3 A.M.)
13 N. MAIN ★ 479.253.7499

New!
ISLAND GRILL & Sports BAR
Open for Lunch & Dinner
11 a.m. – 8 p.m.
STEAK SPECIAL
FRIDAY & SATURDAY AFTER 4
5 Forest Park Drive • Holiday Island
479-363-6140

RESTAURANT QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE

1. Angler's Grill
2. Autumn Breeze
3. Caribe
4. Casa Colina
5. Cottage Inn
6. DeVito's
7. Ermilio's
8. Eureka Live
9. Grand Taverne
10. Island Grill & Sports Bar
11. Knuckleheads Pizza
12. Legends
13. Local Flavor
14. Mordour's Pizza
15. New Delhi
16. Roadhouse
17. Squid & Whale
18. 1886 Steakhouse
19. Sparky's
20. Stonehouse
21. Voulez-Vous

The **Eureka Springs Independent**
is published weekly in Eureka Springs, AR
Copyright 2013

178A W. Van Buren • Eureka Springs, AR
479.253.6101

Editor – Mary Pat Boian

Editorial staff – C.D. White, Nicky Boyette

Photographer – David Frank Dempsey

Contributors

Ray Dilfield, Steven Foster,
Becky Gillette, Wolf Grulkey,
Dan Krotz, Chuck Levering,
Risa

Office Manager/Gal Friday – Gwen Etheredge

Art Director – Perlinda Pettigrew-Owens

Ad Director – Anita Taylor

**Director of Office Sanitation
and Assistant Copy Editor**
Jeremiah Alvarado-Owens

Send Press Releases to:
newsdesk@eurekaspringsindependent.com

Letters to the Editor:
editor@eurekaspringsindependent.com
or **ES Independent**

Mailing address: 103 E. Van Buren #353
Eureka Springs, AR 72632

Subscriptions:
\$50 year – mail to above address

Office: 178A W. Van Buren
Eureka Springs, AR 72632

Display ads:
Contact
Anita Taylor at 479.253.3380
anita.ads.independent@gmail.com

Classifieds:
Classifieds@esindependent.com
479.253.6101

Advertising deadline:
New Ads – Friday at 12 Noon
Changes to Previous Ads –
Monday at 12 noon

This paper is printed with
soy ink on recycled paper.



Reduce, Reuse, **RECYCLE**

INDEPENDENTMail

The opinions on the **INDEPENDENTEditorial** page are our opinions and the opinions on the **INDEPENDENTMail** page are readers' opinions.

All **INDEPENDENTMail** must be signed and include address and phone number for confirmation. Letters to the Editor should only be sent to the *Independent*, not other publications, and should be limited to 200 words.

We reserve the right to edit submissions. Send your **INDEPENDENTMail** to:

ES Independent, 103 E. Van Buren, #353, Eureka Springs, AR 72632 or editor@eurekaspringsindependent.com

What's good for the goose...

Editor,

After reading *ES independent* Nicky Boyette's "A Slippery Slope" report of "Poop in the Pathway" and goose egg hunts – with a pencil in one hand and glass of wine in the other – I started reminiscing about my high school literature class on metaphors and alliteration, and early American history and how our forefathers encroaching on the habitats of the wild birds and animals solved their problems.

I came up with two proposals for the pollution problem for the Parks person to ponder, so I penned "A Prescription for Poop in the Pathway." Plan A: Place pesky poopers in a paddy-wagon; pack provoking poopers to White House

Paradise; persuade Paradise personnel to peruse and publicize the pooping-problem thereby obscuring present phony probes.

Or, Plan B: Procure 27 perky persons to pursue and put away the 27 pesky perpetrating party poopers polluting the pathway and playpen. Procure another 27 popular palate-pleasers to pluck passed-on poopers, and prepare a poop-pie (oops! pot-pie) party for 270 playful people.

Pick a plan.

Jerry Kennedy and my best friend Jo

Lower your property tax bill due to SWEPCO routes

Editor,

If you live in Carroll County you

need to file an objection by Monday, August 19:

1. Get a form from the Equalization Board to object your property assessment stating that due to the SWEPCO project you can't sell your property at 2012 market value. Send an email to Jamie Correia at jcorreia@hbeark.com, (870) 423-2022

2. Come in and talk to the board. Due to the SWEPCO Transmission Line Project the value of your property has gone down 50 percent and you are overtaxed.

Bring a map showing how close your property is to any one of the six routes. If your property is traversed by one or more routes, the value is less than 20 percent of the 2012 assessment.

If your neighbor's property is

MAIL continued on page 28



WEEK'S Top Tweets

@jnrbtsn --- Go ahead, judge me. Wait, let me get my bat first. Alright, I'm ready now.

@The_Mentalyst --- I never understand women. One minute they love guys who play guitar, one minute they are chasing me out of the women's restroom.

@Timoney68 --- If really good-looking people are "eye candy" that puts me somewhere around the "eye broccoli" category.

@FattMernandez --- I have this theory that McDonald's hamburgers are actually made out of their employees. That's why they're always hiring.

@ashfein --- When you look at Twitter's trending topics, it's a lot easier to understand why they have to write "Do Not Eat" on silica gel packets.

@Zen_Moments --- He who hurries cannot walk with dignity. ~ Chinese Proverb

@Fish4EDM --- 9/10 students agree that someone got lost on the field trip.

@TheTweetOfGod --- Attention: will the owners of a blue planet with tectonic plates please tend to your vehicle. It is overheating.

@benjaminboles --- If what Snowden says about the NSA freaks you out, you should really be reading about Barrett Brown.



@TurtleLoveCo --- 12-year-old finds 5 carat diamond in Arkansas. We have GOT to see this place.

GUESTatorial

The high voltage bridge from Nowhere to Nowhere

AEP/SWEPCO is requesting the Arkansas Public Service Commission (APSC) approve a 345,000 volt transmission line from Benton County to Carroll County, carried atop 180 foot tall towers, requiring a 150 foot wide swath of denuded right-of-way, and cutting right across the most scenic part of the “Natural State.” The cost, about a \$100 million.

I need to hear from AEP/SWEPCO why they can “take” my land, compromise my livelihood, require me to continue to pay the property taxes and then ask me to pay for their project through a rate increase on my electric bill.

Conversely, Clean Line Energy has been meeting with leaders across the state about a 500,000 volt DC line across Arkansas to connect wind energy of Oklahoma to the energy starved Tennessee Valley Authority. The Department of Energy is encouraging the private sector to develop business plans to get wind energy electrons from where they are produced to where they are consumed, so as to encourage adoption of clean wind energy and stabilize energy price volatility in regions such as the TVA.

The APSC turned down Clean Line Energy’s request, citing, “no long term benefit.” The APSC suggested that Clean Line consider adding a substation along the proposed route to allow Arkansas consumers access, and encourage completion. This substation would have added another \$200 million to the \$3 billion price tag, but provide the “long term benefit” the APSC was looking for. Clean Line’s response, “not financially feasible.”

Why would Clean Line sell their wind electrons for 8.5 cents to Arkansas, when they can sell those same electrons for 11.5 cents in Tennessee? Plus, Clean Line doesn’t want to shake up the status quo of the electric utility cartel in Arkansas. They know if they were perceived as a “competitor” the electric utility cartel would shut them down.

Since Clean Line is proposing no “long term benefit,” the electric utility cartel remains silent. If the APSC would deny Clean Line, citing “no long term benefit,” then it would make sense that the APSC would deny AEP/SWEPCO, citing “no long term benefit.” Right?

Last year, the APSC initially rejected AEP/SWEPCO’s request for new scrubbers on their 35-year old Flint Creek plant in Gentry. The cost for new scrubbers is about \$400 million, passed on to ratepayers. I had a staffer confide that pressure on the APSC from the NWA region was so intense that the APSC would likely roll over, and allow AEP/SWEPCO’s second request for new scrubbers.

The information the APSC needed to reject AEP/SWEPCO’s request was on AEP/SWEPCO’s own website. If Flint Creek were in any other state, owned and operated by AEP/SWEPCO, they would be required to retire this plant. But, since Flint Creek is in Arkansas, they can get away with putting new mufflers on it, squeeze a few more miles out of it, and pass the cost off on the Arkansas ratepayer. Worse, sell those electrons to Missouri at a profit.

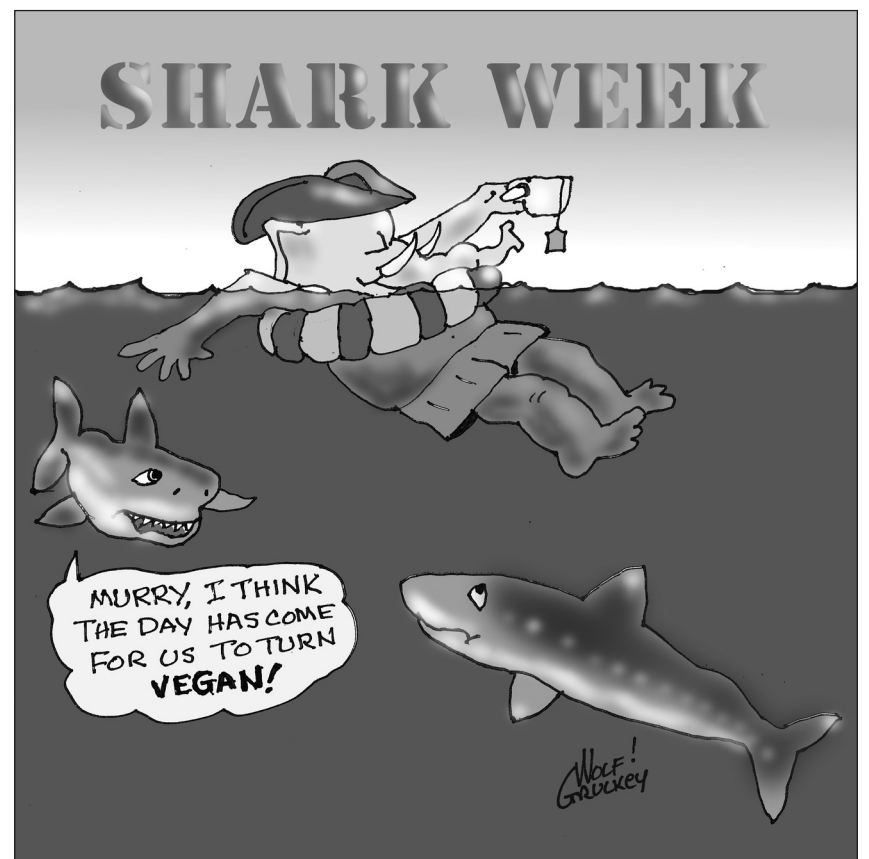
With simple math, the APSC rejected AEP/SWEPCO’s request for new scrubbers. But, in spite of the APSC’s most valiant efforts to uphold their oath of office, to protect the Arkansas ratepayer, they caved under political pressure and granted AEP/SWEPCO their scrubbers.

There exists a pattern whereby the electric utility cartel exercises their public/private partnership with the sovereign state of Arkansas to build Turk Plants, add new scrubbers and build high voltage transmission lines, passing these costs on to the Arkansas ratepayer, only to send those electrons out of state to turn a profit, then stick Arkansas with all of the downside for diminished air and water quality, diminished land values and higher electric rates.

We must change the way the utilities operate within Arkansas; change the Arkansas Public Service Commission and the way they hear, review and approve utility requests. We need the APSC to move away from unfair, shortsighted, business-as-usual, strategies that have been deployed by the electric utility cartel within Arkansas for decades. We need to move toward a more honest and transparent process, whereby, the “long term benefit” of the Arkansas ratepayer is considered in earnest.

We know our best and brightest future is not more coal, new scrubbers and new transmission lines on the back of the Arkansas ratepayer. We know our best and brightest future is in the emerging sectors of energy efficiency, renewable energy, wind, solar and bio energy. Do not build high voltage bridges from the past to nowhere. Build instead bridges that ensure the long-term future of Arkansas.

*Mikel C Lolley, Treadwell Institute
Fayetteville*



The Pursuit Of HAPPINESS

by Dan Krotz

Bill Clinton has been awarded the Medal of Freedom by President Obama; it is the highest civilian award in the United States and recognizes individuals who’ve made “a meritorious contribution to the security or national interests of the United States, world peace, cultural or other significant public or private endeavors.” It puts me in mind of the splendid John Gregory Dunne novel, *True Confessions*, which includes a scene where the notorious whoremaster and crooked contractor, Jack Amsterdam, is named “Catholic Layman of the Year.”

The fact that the Man from Hope is the Democrat’s superstar tells you everything you need to know about why the Tea Party and other refugees from mental health have had such political success. Clinton prosperity? Twenty percent (20%) of all productivity gains during the Clinton administration were due to a single corporation – WalMart. Finance and insurance (Wall Street), the hospitality industry (“you want fries with that?”) and entertainment (*Antz*) made up the productivity balance. Under Clinton’s watch the most powerful nation in the world became a services based economy and School Uniforms was its government’s singular policy achievement.

Clinton also repealed the Glass-Steagall act, allowing investment banks to gamble depositor’s money held in affiliated commercial banks, passively watched wages for working people stall and then plummet during every year of his administration, and napped while subprime mortgages went from \$35 billion in 1994, to \$160 billion in 1999. George W. Bush may have pulled the trigger on the middleclass, but Bill Clinton loaded the gun.

And there’s no right-wing conspiracy here: there is a near paucity of papers and scholarly reviews of the Clinton Administration because historians can’t find anything worth writing about. Richard Nixon (no kidding) had the best civil rights enforcement record in the 20th century. Clinton had DOMA. And really, “don’t ask, don’t tell?” That’s policy?

If President Obama feels compelled to give the Medal of Freedom to a politician he should give it to Daddy Bush. Bush is a genuine World War II hero, got us out of the Iraq when the job was finished, and never confused beautiful thought for real accomplishment.

INDEPENDENT Constables On Patrol

AUGUST 5

8:20 a.m. – Someone slashed the caller's tires on the historic loop.

8:48 a.m. – Employer claimed one of his employees stole his keys and refused to return them. Constable on patrol spoke to the employee and learned the keys were not stolen and would be returned.

11:47 a.m. – There was criminal mischief perpetrated on a cottage in a neighborhood.

11:43 p.m. – Bar employee reported someone had backed into her vehicle, but there was only minimal damage so no report was taken.

AUGUST 6

7:30 a.m. – A person was sleeping in his vehicle, but he woke up and moved on when prompted by a constable.

8:02 a.m. – Caller reported trash in the parking lot of a restaurant.

10:20 a.m. – Woman reported her purse had been stolen out of her car.

2:07 p.m. – There was another tire slashing incident at the same location as yesterday's.

4:52 p.m. – Bank employee told ESPD she was the only one still at work, and she was concerned about two males in a vehicle parked outside the building. Constable responded, and the individuals told him they were waiting for a friend. He advised them to wait elsewhere.

8:15 p.m. – A father was worried because his son had not returned home yet. Authorities in the area were notified.

AUGUST 7

9:07 a.m. – The same father wanted to file a missing person report because no one had heard anything about his son. The son was later found with a friend in Fayetteville.

10:19 a.m. – A vehicle was parked suspiciously down by the train station. Constable talked with the person in it and encouraged him to move along.

10:20 a.m. – Resident reported there was golden retriever at her door. Animal Control was familiar with the animal, and he returned it to its owner.

10:56 a.m. – A vehicle had been abandoned for almost a week, and it was blocking entrance to a parking lot. Owner of the parking lot had the vehicle towed.

11:55 a.m. – Dispute arose between a citizen and the waste management

company. Constable intervened to explain to the citizen the correct way to recycle.

1:39 p.m. – Business uptown reported a female had shoplifted a necklace. Constable was unable to locate the suspect.

2:50 p.m. – Constables and EMS responded to a report that a young male subject intended to harm himself.

5:01 p.m. – Individual told ESPD he saw another person in his vehicle. When the individual asked the intruder what he was doing, the intruder replied he was getting his keys, but the individual said he did not have the keys. At that point, the intruder grabbed the jack and tire iron and left the scene. Constable spoke with the individual.

5:18 p.m. – A young man at ESH wanted to press assault charges against his father. Upon investigation, constable learned the father had not assaulted the son.

7:15 p.m. – Hotel employees reported a person was running around downtown throwing water bottles and being generally nuts. Constable responded and arrested the individual.

8:11 p.m. – Same hotel employees also saw suspicious teenagers in the vicinity of a nearby shop, but the constable who responded discovered one of the suspicious people was an owner of the shop.

9:50 p.m. – Motel staff reported a guest was bothering other guests. He was trying to get into rooms by saying he was an undercover policeman.

Constable spoke with him and told him to go to bed for the night.

9:57 p.m. – Constable responded to an attempted break-in.

AUGUST 8

11:56 a.m. – Constable assisted EMS in responding to a male subject who was "not acting quite right."

12:41 p.m. – Bar owner reported a motorcycle had been parked in the parking lot for several days. Constable determined the bike had not been stolen.

7:29 p.m. – A car alarm had been sounding off and on during the day. Constable was unable to locate the owner.

9:17 p.m. – Desk clerk at a motel told ESPD the person who had been a problem the night before was being confrontational with her and she was concerned for her safety. Constable advised the contrary person to check out.

AUGUST 9

8:30 a.m. – A small black dog reportedly running in traffic on Hwy. 23S eluded the constable who searched for it.

10:26 a.m. – This time it was a large black dog running in traffic on US 62, but constables did not encounter it, either.

5:34 p.m. – A father told ESPD his son had threatened to hurt people and kill himself, and now he was disturbing the neighbors. Constable went to the scene and advised the son to calm down and not bother the neighbors.

10:37 p.m. – A traffic stop resulted in the arrest of the driver on a warrant for

failure to appear.

AUGUST 10

1:28 a.m. – Another traffic stop resulted in the arrest of the driver for DWI, implied consent and driving left of center.

6:52 p.m. – Observer reported some people took down a public parking sign and replaced it with a private parking sign.

8:25 p.m. – ESH staff were concerned about a patient whose friends had abandoned him. Staff were worried the patient, who was about to be released, would go crazy. Constable spoke with the patient and staff and determined everything was okay.

10:40 p.m. – Passerby noticed a person lying on a sidewalk in a neighborhood. Constables and EMS responded and discovered the person was intoxicated but otherwise okay.

11:10 p.m. – Constables were on the lookout for a juvenile female for whom they had a valid pick up order. She was last seen on foot in Berryville.

AUGUST 11

12:42 a.m. – Constables responded to report of a person passed out on a city street, and they arrested the individual for public intoxication.

12:55 a.m. – Employee at a tourist lodging reported a male who had been removed from the property earlier in the evening had returned and was knocking on the door. Constables went to the scene but saw no one near the lodging.

1:20 p.m. – Merchant reported the theft of two shirts.

Sunday at EUUF

On August 18 Ana Aguayo and Jose Luis Aguayo of the Workers Justice Center in Rogers will provide an overview of the social and economic justice work in the Ozark region and the state battles they have fought to help uplift working conditions for low income workers, especially in northwest Arkansas.

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.

There will be no service at 17 Elk Street Fellowship on August 25 due to the Members' Picnic at Pond Mountain.

ESHM membership meeting Aug. 19

The annual meeting of the membership of the Eureka Springs Historical Museum will take place Monday, August 19, 7 p.m. at the Inn of the Ozarks Convention Center.

There will be an election to fill four vacancies on the Board of Directors. The nomination committee will present their report and nominations will be accepted from the floor. Following the election, a social gathering will take place and light refreshments will be served.

Later the Board of Directors will convene to elect officers for the coming year. All current members and those wishing to become members are encouraged to attend. For more information call Steven Sinclair (479) 253-9417 or email director@eurekaspringshistoricalmuseum.org.

Before ...



After



PHOTO BY LARRY BROCKMAN

Rain rage – The Railway Winery & Vineyards was preparing for an excellent crush harvest when it suffered the loss of approximately \$45,000 worth of bottled wine and most of their fermenting vats, lab and other equipment to flooding in the early morning hours of Aug. 8. Eleven feet or more of water from Butler Creek rushed through the vineyard, knocking down their storage building, carrying away three brand new fermenting vats and crushing others. Most of the vines suffered extensive damage. Some may survive but it may be next year before that is known. “The total loss will be about \$200,000 in monetary damage and five years of work,” Greg Schneider said. Greg and his wife, Vicki, opened the winery in 2009 to good reviews. They had insurance, but coverage for damage caused by moving water was unavailable. The damage amounts to a total loss. People downstream on Butler Creek should look for stainless steel valves and clamps, tanks, carboys, bottles of wine, chairs and anything else that might belong to Railway Winery and phone 253-5026. **Those who would like to help may donate to the “Flood Benefit for Railway Winery” relief fund at Cornerstone Bank.**

Raging creek – Approximately 200 feet of Butler Hollow Road was washed away during flooding on Thursday, Aug. 8. The south end of the road still contained high water debris on Aug. 14, and cattle fencing was destroyed near the Hwy. 187 bridge. Further damage in the Missouri section of the road has been reported.

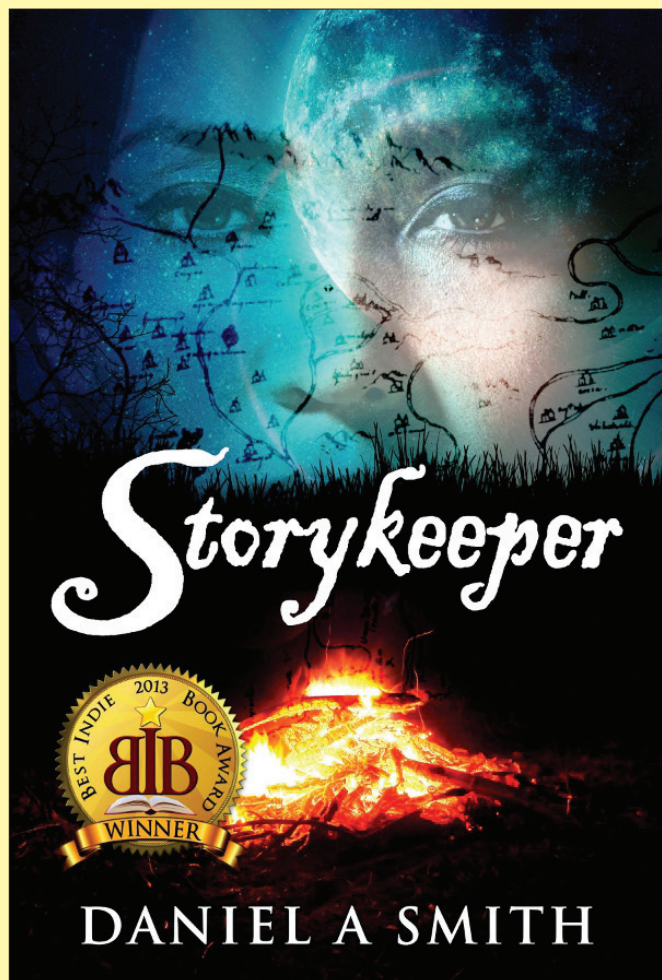
PHOTO BY DAVID FRANK DEMPSEY



INDEPENDENTArt

Call for crafters and artists

Artists and crafters, reserve booth space now for the third annual Fall Craft Show on Nov. 2 from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. at Pine Mountain Village. Artists and crafters should call Gayle Voiles at (479) 244-6907 for information and booth reservation. All items must be hand made.



Storykeeper author at Eureka Thyme

Part time Eureka, Daniel A. Smith, author of the historical novel, *Storykeeper*, part of which is set in the area of Blue Spring 400 years ago, will be on hand for a book signing from 2 – 6 p.m. on Sunday, August 18, at Eureka Thyme, 19 Spring St.

Daniel won the 2013 Best Indie Book Award for *Storykeeper*, and believes that the creative spirit and the people of Eureka Springs were important factors in molding the overall nature of his novel. The *Log Cabin Democrat* book reviewer wrote, “The book’s images, enhanced by objective historical writing are portals into the distant past, sometimes humorous, often heartbreaking, but always illuminating.”

Call for art, space still available

ESSA is currently accepting applications for the Fall Art Show Nov. 30 – Dec. 1 at the Inn of the Ozarks Convention Center. Good spaces are still available. This is a great opportunity for artists to sell their work and for art lovers to purchase wonderful holiday gifts for family and friends. For more information see www.ESSA-ART.org or call (479) 253-5384.



KAREN FOSTER,
WINNER OF 3D CATEGORY,
2012 FALL ART SHOW

Food For Thought

Enjoy an evening of free entertainment Friday, August 16, from 6 – 7:30 p.m., at Caribé Restaurant on US 62W. Studio 62 and the Eureka Springs Christian Writers’ Group will present their latest creative endeavors – including musical performances, metaphorological weather-tainment, poetry, prose and an audience-prompted word pool performed after the intermission. For more info, call Studio 62, 363-9209.



All that glitters – Lyla Allison gets her display of handmade sterling and gold jewelry ready for the Second Saturday Gallery Stroll Aug. 10.

PHOTO BY
DAVID FRANK DEMPSEY

NOTES from the HOLLOW

by Steve Weems

I was behind a man in line at a local convenience store one day and a tourist asked him if he was a Eureka Springs native. The man answered, "I've lived here five years, I think that makes me a native."

That's a curious statement. Is it really that easy to become a native Eureka? It only takes five years?

Not all Eureka natives are native born, of course, so who qualifies? I don't know exactly. My children are sixth generation Weemses here, and yet we actually reside outside the city limits. Does that disqualify us as Eureka natives? Just how does one prove one's bona fides? To be honest, I was born in the Eureka Springs Hospital, but I've only clocked half my life here. Is that good enough? Home has never been anywhere else, but maybe I don't

make the cut.

Certain hard-boiled natives, long-term residents and ex-pats see Eureka Springs as being occupied by foreign forces. That's a bit harsh. Their view of Eureka Springs is much different than that of someone who optimistically cashed in their 401k to move here and buy a business. And that person's view is much different than the one selling out, leaving town bankrupt and bitter.

Some say Eureka Springs isn't a real town anymore. Sure, some locals only go downtown for the post office or to eat at Local Flavor, but that just means the town has changed. Whether for better or worse is for you to decide. I've heard it both ways.

What of the many Eureka natives who have moved

away for a living wage, to be near children or just to experience the real world? Are their passports confiscated on the way out of town?

I think a true Eureka native always comes back, whether it be for short visits, to retire or maybe just to be buried.

I once read in the newspaper that a city leader said something along the lines that we are all here because of tourism. That makes a nice rallying cry, except for those here despite the tourism. Some are here simply because it's home.



Will they or won't they? – Sales manager Darrell Merriman tries to talk Kim Voisine-Kocher, left, Jane Jones and Delphia Smith, right, into settling for \$1,000 each in a drawing for \$3,000 Aug. 10 at Berryville Ford. Thirty names were originally drawn, each winning \$100 unless just one person wanted to go on. Two people, including Smith, voted to go on and 15 names were drawn from the 30. They would each get \$200 but Smith and Jones voted to go again, then 10 names were drawn for \$300 each and 5 for \$600 until it got down to three. Smith wanted to go on, but was talked out of it by the other two women and each settled for \$1000. Merriman continued the drawing to see who would have won had they gone on; and sure enough, it would have been plucky Delphia Smith. Winner Voisine-Kocher said she would have taken even \$100 back at the start and was relieved when her name kept moving forward. "We really needed that money for roof repairs," she said, adding "...and diapers."

PHOTO BY CD WHITE

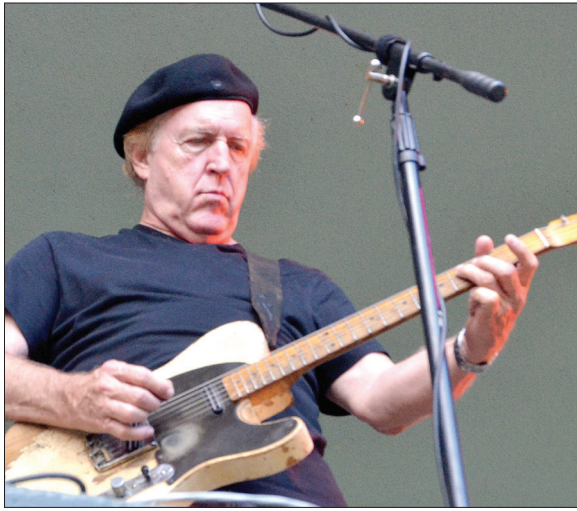
Dog's favorite place: Roof! Roof! – Melas (pronounced malice, Greek for black) stands guard on a rooftop on Ridgeway Avenue while her owner, Daniel Alexander, works with other crewmembers from A&M roofing replacing a roof. She climbs the ladder by herself to hang out with her owner, and will sometimes fetch tools for the crew.

PHOTO BY LINDA CALDWELL



All for a cause – Cocktails for a Cause in July raised awareness and cash for EurekaPalooza, a festival project of Clear Spring School, and ESDN. Noah, Karen and Chance Fitzpatrick for EurekaPalooza, with Jacqueline Wolven and Alexa Pittenger for ESDN and Walter and Lee from Eureka Live celebrate the community's generosity. Cocktails for a Cause, held the third Thursday of each month, supports local causes at downtown locations. On August 15 from 5 – 7 p.m. the Pied Piper hosts the Friends of the Eureka Springs Carnegie Public Library during Cocktails for a Cause. For more information see Eureka Springs Downtown Network on Facebook.





Tried and true – Earl Cate plays tricky licks on his much-worn Fender Telecaster during a free concert at Basin Park Aug. 10. The Fender Telecaster made its debut in 1950 and is now regarded as the first commercially viable solid body electric guitar and has been in production for 63 years. Owners of early ones, like Earl Cate, tend to stick with their Telecasters – much to the enjoyment of fans of the Cates and their opening act, the Mike Sumler Band.

PHOTO BY DAVID FRANK DEMPSEY



TheNATUREofEUREKA by Steven Foster

Passion for maypops

Intent on reaching a swimming hole on a seething July afternoon many years ago, my attention was diverted by a loud pop under foot. Relieved by the realization that the object was vegetable rather than animal, the victim plant

caught my attention again, this time by the indescribable, intricate beauty of its bloom. Such is the memory of a New England transplant upon first encountering a maypop in the Ozarks. This fast-growing perennial vine is

more widely known as passionflower *Passiflora incarnata*. Its blossoms catch my attention in the vegetative jungle precipitated by the recent rains.

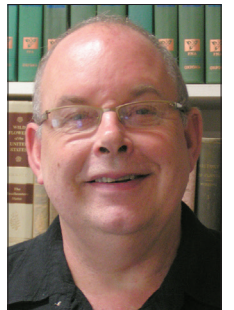
What design of nature or serendipitous evolutionary event could create a flower of such unusual beauty? Such radiance is beyond scientific rationale. Best to describe it in religious terms, and the first Europeans to observe the plant did just that. The name *Passiflora* is derived from *flos passionis*, signifying the symbolism of the Passion of Christ – the period of suffering following the Last Supper and the Crucifixion.

The three spreading styles atop the stigma were thought to represent the three nails by which Christ was attached to the cross. The five anthers atop of the stamens exemplify hammers. Beneath these floral structures is a fringe of colored filaments, known as the corona, symbolizing the crown of thorns. Underneath that is the corolla – ten petals, each representing the ten apostles at the Crucifixion. The species name “*incarnata*” means “made

of flesh or flesh-colored” perhaps referring to the ripe egg-shaped fruit, the shape and size of a hen’s egg.

The genus *Passiflora* of the passionflower family (Passifloraceae) contains nearly 500 tropical American species, with two species *P. incarnata* and the diminutive *P. lutea* found in temperate eastern North America, both native locally. Depending upon your perspective, passionflower is wildflower, weed, ornamental perennial, delectable edible or medicinal herb. I know of no other native fruit whose flavor is best described as “indescribable.”

The best maypop jam recipe is found in Billy Joe Tatum’s *Wildfoods Field Guide and Cookbook* (Workman Publishing Co., Inc., New York 1976). Passionflower was a minor food item of Southeastern native Indian groups, with seeds found at camps at least 5000 years old. It is one of our most delectable, yet neglected, native fruits.



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.

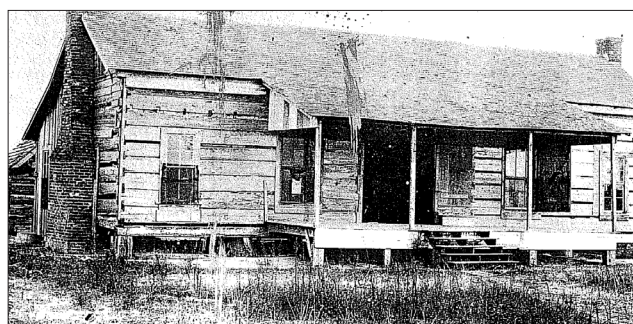
It was during the summer months and soon after my marriage that I visited the Gaskins Cemetery and learned much of the history of this very colorful family of which I had become a part.

I was doing the dishes just after Elba had gone back to work when there was a knock at my door. It was Mama, her two daughters, Golda and Ida, accompanied by Hazel Bingham (Elba's cousin). They were on their way to the cemetery for a visit and stopped to see if I would like to go along. Of course, I did. There was very little in the way of entertainment around Elk Ranch. Even a walk to the cemetery would be a change for me. I enjoyed being with other members of my husband's family, especially Hazel.

Hazel was not a member of the Gaskins family. She was the daughter of my father-in-law's sister. She was the illegitimate child of a blind woman. Her mother, whom I called "Aunt Mary," had been blind from birth. She had never revealed the name of who fathered Hazel. But after I married into the Pyle family, Hazel and I became staunch friends. In all the years she lived, we remained as close as sisters.

We walked along the rough gravel road for a mile to the cemetery. Our first stop was at the grave of Elba's brother, Jess. He had been killed in an accident at the factory where Elba and his father still worked. I had known Jess slightly. He loved to dance and was present at many of the country dances I had attended. His death had been a blow to the entire neighborhood. He was 26 at the time of his death. He had never married and lived at home with his parents.

I also learned that Jess had served in World War I and was a bridge carpenter by trade. It was during our trip to the cemetery that one of his sisters told me that after his return from the War, his mother had been upset about the fact he planned to return to his former trade. She had wanted him to stay at home and try to find work at the factory, which had been built there during his absence.



He took her advice and was killed in the accident soon after.

It was during this trip to the cemetery I learned a lot more about this unusual family. One thing was their utter disregard for dates of any kind. They had no idea when any of their family died or how old they might have been.

As we walked up the road carrying wildflowers, I asked how long Jess had been dead. Mama answered, "I reckon about a year."

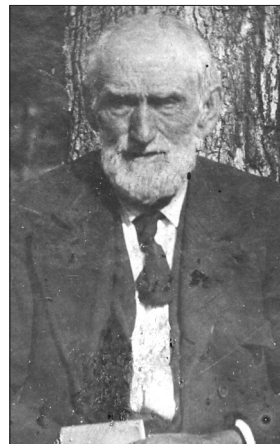
Her daughter, Ida had said, "Oh, Mama, it has been longer than that." The date on his monument made it clear that it had been more than two years. I did not mention the discrepancy. I had already learned not to call attention to such things among that family. They simply did not know because time did not mean anything to them.

We walked over the cemetery while Mama and her daughters discussed various ones of the family who lay buried there. It was then that I learned that most of the graves there were occupied by members of the Gaskins family.

"Is this just a family cemetery, Mama?" I asked.

"Law no, honey," she quickly explained to me. "My Grandpa Gaskins left this land for a graveyard. He said that the time would come when people would have to pay for a plot to be buried on. He said he didn't want that to happen to any of his family. So he provided a place for them himself. He allus said he didn't want anybody to be charged for a lot here. I reckon they never have been. Anybody can bury here that wants to. That's the way Grandpa wanted it. But they ain't no stangers buried here."

We saw the grave of the



bushwhacker who had been the first grave in the cemetery. They told me that he had been killed there and had been buried just where he fell. His grave is cross-wise on the land. After he was buried, the place became known as the Bushwhacker Graveyard. It seemed that Grandpa Gaskins owned the land and decided to set it aside for a family graveyard.

The tallest monument in the cemetery belonged to Johnny Gaskins, the grandfather who donated the land for burying. He and his wife, Susan, lie there along with some other members of his family whose names have been erased by time from the marker.

We found the grave of Sam Gaskins, the son of Johnny Gaskins. He was a brother of the man I knew as Grandpa.

During our stay in the cemetery, Ida asked her mother, "Is it true, Mama, that Uncle Sam was a

bushwhacker, too?"

Mama answered, "I don't know, honey. Some said he was and some said he wasn't. I don't reckon we'll ever know."

We also visited the grave of a distant Aunt Tillie Gaskins. I had heard some stories about her. Grandpa, who believed in ghosts, had hinted to me that she had once lived in the house where Elba and I lived. We were beginning to hear strange and unidentifiable noises there and Grandpa was convinced that Aunt Tillie had come back to haunt the place. Later I was convinced there was merit to his suspicions.

I promised I was going to do something about seeing to it the graveyard had better care than it had had in the past. For the benefit of future generations, it was not I who started the community effort to improve appearance of the place. It was Dewey Walden French, who was also a descendant of the Gaskins family. She had lived in St. Louis for years and when she returned to make her home here, she took the job of a self-appointed committee of one to do something about the Gaskins Cemetery. I have always been thankful she started the project and that it has been beautifully kept since that time. It had been just another example of neglect and everybody waiting for somebody else to undertake the job.

Opportunity knocks for young musicians

Young performers will be featured at the EurekaPalooza Outdoor Festival in September in the EPLZ<21 Showcase, dedicated to giving musicians under 21 a chance to gain onstage experience in front of an audience.

Auditions will be Friday, August 23, from 5 – 7 p.m. in Basin Park during the downtown Fun After Five event. All interested bands or individuals are invited to compete for a slot at the festival while entertaining the Fun After Five crowd. A \$10 audition fee can be paid in the park prior to the audition.

Entry forms should be downloaded and submitted by midnight Monday, August 19, to reserve a spot. Go to www.eurekapalooza.com for entry form, or call Karen FitzPatrick at (479) 981-9578. Participants must be under 21 and all vocals and music must be performed live. Solo acts and bands are welcome, as well as music from any genre as long as it is family-friendly.

Blue Moon – 2nd Full Moon, Leo Solar Festival

This is our last week of Leo, sign of the “burning ground.” Leo does not stream into any planets (as other signs do). Leo instead streams through three fires of the Sun – the Central spiritual Sun (cosmic fire), the Heart of the Sun (solar fire), and the rays of the Sun (fire by friction). And directly into our hearts to create the Will-to Good.

During Leo our love, strength, courage and

service are tested (the “burning ground”) individually and globally. It is only through such tests that our personality (individual and humanity’s) calls out to the Soul for help and direction. For Leo is the sign of the Soul. Through the tests our personality is transformed, sensitized and refined. The purifying fires and testing create in us (especially Leo) great sensitivity – 1) to the external environment; 2) to our personality wishes

and desires; 3) to the Soul; 4) to Spiritual Will.

Leo helps us identify our gifts and abilities as individuals. When these are recognized, we Gather our gifts (Leo), turn toward Aquarius, the shadow self, and become World Servers. This completes Leo. We celebrate this at Tuesday’s full moon (28 degrees Aquarius/Leo). Join us for this blue moon celebration of personality/Soul fusion, everyone.

ARIES: What is occurring in your love life? Relationships, partnerships, marriage are most important now. You’re attractive to many, and if not committed, marriage opportunities come your way. Your tasks at this time are to extend a helping hand, restore balance, be cooperative, see both sides of the issues, adapt, all of which soothe your nerves. You must have intellectual stimulation and beautiful surroundings. Watch *The Artist is Present* (film). Watch it. Find yourself in it.

TAURUS: You become more discriminating and detail-oriented. You fix and fuss about these days, cleaning, tending and creating an orderly environment. You’re very concerned with your health, paying attention to rest, diet, schedules and hygiene. Perhaps you’re also tending to the animal kingdom, attempting to make them happy. Try not to over-analyze or be overly critical. Allow everyone their points of view, ways of adaptation, choices. Then the flow of love is assured.

GEMINI: You may feel a fixed and ardent affection for others. In the days and weeks to follow you might find yourself being a bit more dramatic than usual, needing more of the spotlight, more appreciation, acknowledgement and recognition. This is good. Ask for these. It’s a passing situation but very vital to your state of mind, heart and well-being. You’ve become a Leo for a while.

CANCER: It would be good for you to hug more. To hug everyone you come into contact with (if close with

them). It displays the quality and depth of nurturing. People are not touched often. Your touch will soothe and care for them, providing nourishment in ways not often experienced. Truly you understand being sensitive and needing touch. Continue, when you can, to offer food and shelter to those in need. That means all your friends.

LEO: You will experience an unusual need for change, a variety of experiences, information, movements and excitement. Leo is a fixed sign with fixed ways of being. But you’re also fire. Three fires to be exact and sometimes they flare up (like now) and your curiosity flares up too, along with the need for freedom. You might find yourself traveling more, on the phone or emails a lot, writing, being literary, telling jokes, playing with words. This situation does not last. Enjoy it.

VIRGO: As you’ve come to a natural starting point for beginning new projects, you’ll initiate new things in the coming months. It’s best to work alone because many new ideas will enter your mind and you need a contemplative state of mind to recognize, integrate and understand them. These ideas have the purpose of refining you, creating a cheerful environment and harmonizing all disharmonies. Observe quietly and carefully.

LIBRA: Something different overcomes you in the upcoming weeks. A deep sensitivity and state

of compassion, of understanding what you’ve never understood before about others, of stepping into another’s shoes and sensing their grief, misunderstandings and losses they’ve experienced. You identify, perhaps with a bit of shock. Learning of these things you take steps to remedy any distances, disappointments and loneliness resulting from your behaviors toward them. This is a new reality.

SCORPIO: You become a bit rebellious. You want to break from the past. You say “I won’t!” to regulations and rules and anything you consider encroaching on your individuality. You like people and people like you. However, you choose carefully who your friends are. One or two perhaps. Perhaps. You like the unusual, the eccentric, the artistic (people). They help you expand into the arts and the social world in ways you cannot alone. Underlying all relationships is friendship.

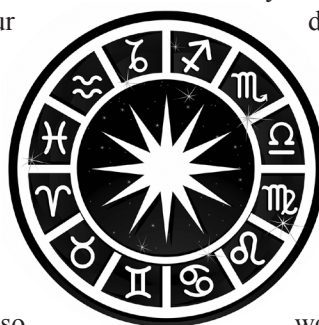
SAGITTARIUS: Emotional security means status, wealth and success. At least these things are important to you now. Perhaps not always. Maybe not in the future. But now, they’re important. There’s some sort of holding back occurring for you at this time. Especially when in public. This is good. You’re protective. It also helps you maintain control and a certain level of power. You’re composed and disciplined. Try not to be too cold with others. You

could be at this time. Don’t be.

CAPRICORN: You’re optimistic, honest and open, moral, ethical and philosophical. You’re having an adventure concerning long distance travel. You may not be traveling but something from far away is providing you with knowledge, experiences, new tastes, a new language and you feel enjoyment and at home. Something religious, perhaps religious music, needs to be played around you. Kirtan, Gregorian or Tibetan chanting. You always think, “Don’t worry, be happy.” OK. We’ll try it.

AQUARIUS: At times your cool demeanor that detaches easily from all situations can become rather intense, serious, possessive and secretive. You feel everything with great depth, able to see all points of view. Sometimes in love affairs you’re not sure who you can trust and for how long. You’re capable of being a devoted lover. Once you’re betrayed, however, that love is lost forever. You like mysteries, things hidden. You are an art piece – a found object of self.

PISCES: Having someone special is most important to you. Actually you need this for your sense of survival. You’re learning compromise, adaptability and cooperation. As you learn you teach others. Your senses tell you when something is out of balance. During this time it’s important to find solitude so you can feel your sensitivity, which all of us have, but few recognize. Creativity emerges from sensitivity. Our creativity is what saves us. We emerge out of the Matrix.



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

Should I even be driving a car?

This week, the SWEPCO power line issue brought to mind a timely book by Stephanie C. Hamel, *Gas Drilling and the Fracking of a Marriage*. (Coffeetown Press, 2012)

Hamel has written a captivating memoir chronicling a nearly-three-year period in which she dealt with the issues of gas fracking on her old family farmstead in north central Pennsylvania – which she and husband, Tom, use for summer vacations. The core conflict begins when a gas company offers \$2,500 an acre to lease the land for gas drilling and fracking the shale beneath the surface to get to the gas. “We’ll be ‘Texas rich,’” her husband happily declares. Hamel, with a PhD in environmental health sciences, has a completely different reaction. Thus begins the conflict.

Hamel writes with imagery and emotion, putting the reader in the old farmhouse and out on the land she loves, much as some of recent testimony about SWEPCO’s possible incursion took us for an emotional look at well-loved places locally. One also shares her difficult internal deliberations and conflicted desires both to make things better for her family and to protect the land. What do we do? Take the money, put the kids through college, build a better future for our family and perhaps spend the money on some other environmental issue we *can* win? Or do we keep fighting?

It’s a relevant issue for those who may be facing that choice *somewhere* in Arkansas soon, and a piercing insight into heartbreaking decisions. Do we blame those who give in? If we’re so hot about

recycling and composting to protect the land, should we even be driving cars?

What came out of Hamel’s struggles was a beautifully written book raising important questions while providing a good read for environmentalists as well as lovers of memoir. Although gas fracking laws have changed since its writing, this is still a relevant look at the processes those who try to live responsibly as caretakers of the planet go through when presented with near-impossible choices.

Hamel shares her communications to and from the unnamed gas company, environmental experts and others as she tries to find her way to a stand on the issue. Hamel touches on a list of issues, such as eminent domain, that are timely concerns for us as big power and utility companies stretch their influence across the states,

seeking more profit.

Ultimately, her quest to reach a conclusion stalls during the daily routine of taking care of her young children, and by the end of the book her deliberation process has been so long detoured that the gas company is now no longer offering contracts; but horizontal drilling from another location may fracture the shale to get the gas under her land anyway.

“It is easier to identify a problem than to fix it. It is easier to ignore a problem than to prevent it,” Hamel notes during her struggles.

Too true. Good thing we live in a community that pays attention.

A copy of *Gas Drilling and the Fracking of a Marriage* is available on loan from the *Independent* office.

SWEPCO – OPPOSITION continued from page 1

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.”

By proposing six routes, AEP/SWEPCO magnified the amount of opposition because so many different landowners faced their property being taken or devalued by power poles 140 to 160 feet tall placed on massive steel towers on a 150-ft.-wide right-of-way.

“AEP/SWEPCO proposed six routes, at least two of which were obviously throwaways, route 91 through Eureka Springs and route 109 through Missouri,” Costner said. “AEP/SWEPCO diverted attention away from the primary issue – the need for the project – by focusing attention on the six routes. As expected, the people whose land is in jeopardy felt compelled to devote their limited resources to opposing routes that traverse their particular parcels of land.

“Of the remaining opposition intervenors, only three have challenged the entire project – Save the Ozarks, the Danos Family and the Neighbors Group. Save the Ozarks, which represents the largest number of landowners by far,

is the only opposition intervenor that has brought in the expertise necessary to unravel and discount SWEPCO’s technical arguments for the project.”

One of the major opponents of the project in Eureka Springs has been Doug Stowe, a woodwork artist and teacher who was named an Arkansas Living Treasure in 2009. The route that would have gone through Stowe’s property has been removed from consideration, but Stowe continues to oppose all routes.

“The AEP/SWEPCO Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is not the kind of thing that should give any Arkansas landowner any sense of security,” Stowe said. “If a corporation can produce such a distorted document and then use it to foist this power line on anyone, it would be a miscarriage of justice that would leave all Arkansas landowners vulnerable.

“Also, the fact that their application to the APSC fails to follow Arkansas law should give pause to anyone concerned with basic principles of justice. Then to see what route 108 proposes for the Kings River and to the City of Springdale, and all the wonderful places between, is a shocker. Route 33, AEP/SWEPCO’s preferred route, crosses the Highway 62 approach to Eureka six times and parallels it in two others for a distance

of over a mile. Is that good for tourism?”

Stowe and others have protested that the EIS fails to accurately describe potential negative economic impacts the project could have on tourism. The only place economic impact is mentioned in the AEP/SWEPCO application and the APSC response to that testimony is where a APSC senior electrical engineer acknowledges there will be very little positive economic impact to the local communities from the construction of the power line.

“Should that warm anyone’s heart to what AEP/SWEPCO has proposed for us?” Stowe said.

In testimony filed recently with the APSC, Stowe addresses requirements of the law that the applicant access and describe the economic impact of the project on the local community.

“That the application does so in only the most cursory manner makes the application itself in violation of Arkansas state law, and would place the APSC in violation of that law if it were to approve the project on any of its proposed routes,” Stowe said.

Ilene Powell is another property owner who continues to oppose all routes even though the two routes that would have gone across her property near Inspiration Point are off the table.

“Two remaining routes, 33 and 109, cross the White River in front of our property, so we would still be greatly affected,” Powell said. “We would still lose value in our property due to loss of view, and since not traversed, there would be no compensation for our loss. We built our house for the view and it adds value to the property.”

Powell said SWEPCO would love to lessen the opposition, but that she will continue to fight the project until the APSC denies this application for the entire project.

“SWEPCO was not doing anyone any favors by asking the court to formally withdraw the three routes before the hearing,” Powell said. “All along they had throw away routes. How could they have ever thought those three routes would be acceptable? What I don’t get is why the Corps does not use the same criteria to deny SWEPCO the other three routes. Those still cross Corps property and the Corps is still not subject to eminent domain. Those routes still cause the same devastation to the other routes that the Corps objects to. Again, I think this is SWEPCO having their hand forced to respond and everyone should still keep fighting their application until it is denied in its entirety.”

Fatz 59 was formed on New Year's Eve 2003 on a small stage in Forsythe, Mo., with Jimmy Dowling on bass and vocals and "Drummer Dan" Brown on drums and vocals. Over the next ten years they would have several different lead guitarists including local Hugh Logsdon, who will play with them this weekend. Jimmy toured extensively with rock band Crossroad South and Dan, from the Chicago area, has played with King Clarence and Tech & the Roadies. Logsdon has

played with the King Tut Blues Band and local favorite, Blue Moon. Playing blues, rock and funk, Fatz 59 has toured southern Missouri and Northwest Arkansas developing a loyal fan base. Special guest Aaron Mingus from Odessa, Texas will bring his fiddle to the mix and rumor has it that many of Jimmy's past bandmates will be there as this is a rare last performance due to Jimmy's dance with the cancer monster.

Jack's Place created Jimmy's Jam, a fund

started with the weekends proceeds, to assist with escalating medical costs. A black Starcaster Stratocaster by Fender will be raffled off at \$2 per ticket, on sale now until Saturday at 10:55 p.m., drawing at 11 p.m. You must be present to win but that won't be a problem because the Fatz 59 sound will make you want to stay. Come to Jack's Place Friday and Saturday, 9 p.m. for a last chance to hear these guys rock together. 37 Spring Street, (479) 253-2219.

FRIDAY - AUGUST 16

- **BALCONY RESTAURANT**
Hogscalders, 12 p.m.
- **BASIN PARK** See *Bluegrass Schedule on next page*
- **CHASERS BAR & GRILL**
Karaoke with Tiny
- **CHELSEA'S** *Mountain Sprout & Fast Food Junkies*, 7 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** *Fatz 59*, 9 p.m.
- **LEGENDS SALOON** DJ Karaoke, 8 p.m.
- **NEW DELHI** *Po' Dunkers*, 1-4 p.m., *Josh Jennings Band*, 6:30-10:30 p.m.
- **PIED PIPER CATHOUSE LOUNGE** *Cutty Rye*, 8 p.m. - midnight
- **ROWDY BEAVER** *Dragon Masters*, 7:30 p.m.
- **ROWDY BEAVER DEN** *Terri & Brett*, 9 p.m. - 1 a.m.

- **SQUID & WHALE PUB** *Marbin*
- **THE BLARNEY STONE** *Grace Askew*, 9 p.m.
- **VOULEZ-VOUS** *Honky Suckle*, 9 p.m.

SATURDAY - AUGUST 17

- **The AUDITORIUM** *Bobby Osborne & the Rocky Top X-Press*
- **BALCONY RESTAURANT** *Chris Diablo*, 6 p.m.
- **BASIN PARK** See *Schedule on next page*
- **CHASERS BAR & GRILL** *221 Band*
- **CHELSEA'S** *Mountain Sprout & Fast Food Junkies*, 7 p.m.
- **EUREKA LIVE!** DJ & Dancing
- **EUREKA PARADISE** DJ & Dancing
- **GRAND TAVERNE** *Jerry Yester* Grand Piano Dinner Music, 6:30-9:30 p.m.
- **JACK'S PLACE** *Fatz 59*, 9 p.m.
- **LEGENDS SALOON** *Moonshine Mafia*, 9 p.m.
- **NEW DELHI CAFE** *Hogscalders*, 12-4 p.m., *Foley's Van*, 6:30 - 10:30 p.m.

- **PIED PIPER BEER GARDEN** *Josh Love Band*, 12-3 p.m., *A.J.*, 3-6:30 p.m., *Josh Jennings Band*, 7-11 p.m.
- **PIED PIPER CATHOUSE LOUNGE** *Cutty Rye*, 8 p.m. - midnight
- **ROWDY BEAVER** *Terri & the Executives*, 7:30 p.m.
- **ROWDY BEAVER DEN** *Terri & Brett*, 1-5 p.m., *David Bright Band*, 9 p.m. - 1 a.m.
- **SQUID & WHALE PUB** *Bluegrass by Chuck & Steve*, 6 p.m., *The Directionals* and *Lily Maase & the HighLife*
- **THE BLARNEY STONE** *Sam Clayton*, 8:30 p.m. - 1 a.m.
- **VOULEZ-VOUS** *Honky Suckle*, 9 p.m.

SUNDAY - AUGUST 18

- **BALCONY RESTAURANT** *Stephen Emery*, 12 p.m., *Jeff Lee*, 5 p.m.
- **CHELSEA'S** *Honky Suckle*
- **LEGENDS SALOON** Free Texas Hold 'Em Tournament with prizes, 6 p.m.
- **NEW DELHI CAFE** *James White Trio*, 1-4 p.m.
- **ROWDY BEAVER DEN** *Terri*

ARKANSAS LOTTERY here!

Alpine Liquor

Eureka's Largest Selection of

BEER, WINE & LIQUOR

WEDNESDAY WINE DAY

10% OFF

2036 E. Van Buren • Eureka Springs, AR

479.253.8633

Locally owned and operated

Come Party & Dance Underground

Open Wed. & Thurs. 5 Till Close

Fri., Sat. & Sun. 11 Till Close

EUREKA LIVE UNDERGROUND

\$5 Menu in the Beer Garden

Fully Dressed

BLOODY MARY BAR

LARGEST DANCE FLOOR DOWNTOWN!

FRIDAY & SATURDAY DJ & DANCING

What happenz underground stayz buried

35 N. Main • Eureka Springs • 479-253-7020

www.eurekaliveunderground.com

11 am to 2 am • 253-6723

Chelsea's

Slightly OFF Center at Mountain

Ice Cold Beer • Red Hot Music

Guinness & Harp On Tap

LADIES NIGHT MON. • OPEN MIC TUES.

Thurs., Aug. 15 • 9 P.M. - EMCEE GLOSSY

Fri. & Sat., Aug. 16 & 17 • 7 P.M.

BLUEGRASS!

Mountain Sprout & Fast Food Junkies

Sun., Aug. 18 • 4 P.M. - HONKY SUCKLE

Mon., Aug. 19 • 9 P.M. - SPRINGBILLY

Tues., Aug. 20 • 9 P.M. - OPEN MIC

Wed., Aug. 21 • 9 P.M. - FUNNER BROTHERS

PIZZAS

WE DELIVER 479-253-8231

AUGUST 16-22

Friday (NO COVER)

MARBIN

Saturday (NO COVER) 6PM - BLUE GRASS - by Chuck & Steve

THE DIRECTIONALS

LILY MAASE & The HighLife

Wednesday (NO COVER)

LADIES NIGHT • PIE SOCIAL

Sweetwater Gypsies

Thursday (NO COVER)

OPEN MIC with Bloody Buddy

ACTION ART with Regina

479-253-7147

LATE NIGHT PUB GRUB

the SQUID and WHALE

PUB & GRILL

www.squidandwhalepub.com

www.facebook.com/squidandwhalepub

FOOD 'TIL LATE

10 Center St. 37 Spring St.



FATZ 59 – Jimmy Dowling on bass and Dan Brown on drums rock the house at Jack's Place on August 16 and 17.

& Brett, 1–5 p.m.

- **SQUID & WHALE PUB** Local Talent Showcase
- **THE BLARNEY STONE** Open Mic, 9 p.m.

MONDAY – AUGUST 19

- **CHASERS BAR & GRILL** Bike Night with *Jesse Dean*, 7 p.m., Pool Tournament, 7 p.m.
- **CHELSEA'S** *SpringBilly*, 9 p.m.
- **THE BLARNEY STONE** Magic Monday
- **VOULEZ-VOUS** Locals Night

TUESDAY – AUGUST 20

- **CHASERS BAR & GRILL** Dart Tournament
- **CHELSEA'S** Open Mic
- **LEGENDS SALOON** Pool Tournament, 6:30 p.m.
- **ROCKIN' PIG SALOON** Bike Night with *Darren Ray*
- **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 21

- **CHASERS BAR & GRILL** Beer Pong
- **CHELSEA'S** *Funner*

Brothers, 9 p.m.

- **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 22

- **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*
- **VOULEZ-VOUS** Open Mic Night

Fri. & Sat.
Aug. 16 & 17

9 P.M.

Get Jiggy
with it ...
**BLUEGRASS
WEEKEND!**

\$5 Cover

**HONKY
SUCKLE**



Fri. & Sat., Aug. 23 & 24

9 P.M.

Ruby Revue
BURLESQUE Live!
Limited seating –
Purchase your \$20 tickets at
www.VoulezVousLounge.com
NOW!

Open Sun., Mon., Thurs. & Fri. at 4 p.m., Sat. at 2 p.m.
Full dinner service every night • Dinner served until 11 p.m. on Fri. & Sat.
63-A Spring St. • Eureka Springs • 479.363.6595
Inside the historic New Orleans Hotel • www.voulezvouslounge.com

New Delhi Cafe
BREAKFAST • LUNCH • DINNER
Live Entertainment
Voted Best Indian Restaurant in the State
Where happy people meet!
Where the locals play!
2 north main st.
eureka springs
479.253.2525
Homestyle Indian Food
Breakfast • Deli Sandwiches
Soups • Salads • Great Burgers
Espresso Bar • Full Bar



Bluegrass Festival Schedule

August 15, Thursday

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, Friday

– Free 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, Saturday

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

11 a.m. - Josh Love Bluegrass Band

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 Setser & 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. For updates and tickets, see www.theaud.org or phone (479) 253-7333. Some performances in Basin Park may be rearranged.

DROPPING A Line

by Robert Johnson

Finally made it to Lake Leatherwood. Rain got us all muddy here at Holiday Island so we checked it out Tuesday. We caught crappie, bluegill and bass in the lake and below from the shore boat and dock. All caught on minnows and worms 4 to 6 ft. under a float. Uncle Patric even getting some fish on a Top Water Popper. Bet we let 30 fish go that didn't measure up.

Here at Holiday Island the water is clearing up since the rain is over for a while. We did need it. Look for cleaner water up the river and creek arms. We have cooled down so look for fish to be in 4 feet of water to 12 feet, with walleye deeper off the flats. Would like to say good job, Chuck, on the 12 lb. walleye, and as I move on to Beaver Lake would also like to say good job to Terry on his 42 plus pound striper. I have fished with both these men before and they love what they

do. Chuck is in my contacts as Chuck Walleye. He is serious about his walleye and jigging here around Holiday Island and helping a friend who lets his boat float off, he came and got me.

Terry likes his downriggers for the stripers. They do get your bait deep, where you want it this time of year.

We had a couple striper trips this week and caught what we call some teenagers from 6 to 14 lbs. with a catfish to add to the mix both trips. Biggest cat was 12 lbs.

Still dragging shad 28 to 32 deep with a few fish coming to the top early but going back down quick. If you can't get shad and don't have downriggers, try live baiting perch or brood shiners or trolling big deep divers that will get down below 20 feet.

Stripers are still between the dam and Rocky

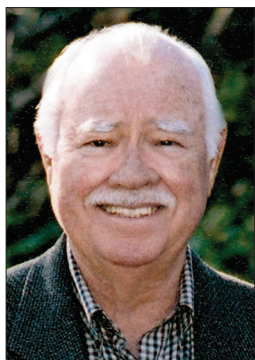


Branch. Look off the flats in the deeper water.

Well, that's it for this week. Got a nice week coming so get out and enjoy the outdoors before the winter comes.

PASSAGES

Jerry L. McGrew, Dec. 4, 1926 – August 6, 2013



McGREW

Jerry L. McGrew, 86, of Eureka Springs, died Tuesday, August 6.

He was born Dec. 4, 1926 in Beaver, Okla. After graduating Beaver High School he began his college education at the University of Oklahoma, but was soon drafted into the Army where he served with the 45th Infantry Division.

Jerry attended Westminster College in Fulton, Mo., where he earned a degree in English Literature. Afterward he did graduate work in Advertising at the University of

Oklahoma. He worked briefly as a writer then began a long career in the insurance business retiring from Globe Life & Accident Insurance Co. in Oklahoma City.

Jerry was a voracious reader, an avid golfer, a dedicated Sooner fan and a devoted fly fisherman. He was never happier than on soft July evenings, knee deep in Colorado's Frying Pan River casting a dry fly to rising brown trout.

He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Patricia McGrew; his sister, Barbara Gonzales;

children, Mike McGrew, Ed McGrew, Mary Quinn and Marty McGrew; four grandchildren, two nephews and a niece. He is preceded in death by his mother Lula McGrew; stepfather Dr. E.A. McGrew; father, Robert Loofbourrow; and brother, Joe McGrew.

A memorial will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers the family is requesting that donations be made to Trout Unlimited, PO Box 7400 Woolly Bugger, WV 25438-7400 or www.tu.org. Online condolences may be sent to the family at nelsonfuneral.com.

Reba Lou McCollough Pyatt, June 18, 1929 – August 9, 2013

Reba Lou McCollough Pyatt, 84, of Eureka Springs died Friday, August 9 at Eureka Springs Hospital. She was born June 18, 1929 in Marble, Arkansas.

Reba was a resident of Madison County through her early life, graduating from Huntsville High School in 1946. She moved to Carroll County as a young woman. Her first job as an adult was selling tickets at the Eureka Springs Bus Station where she developed her love of

meeting and serving the people in her community. Reba began working for the Bank of Eureka Springs/ Cornerstone Bank in 1956 and continued as cashier, occupying the first teller window at the downtown branch for 50 years.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Arthur and Sarah (McCollough) Lynch; her first husband, Frank Paul Studyvin; her second husband, Harry George Pyatt; and her grandson, Paul Alexander

Studyvin.

Reba is survived by her stepson Harry E. Pyatt of Modesto, Calif.; son and daughter-in-law Rodney and Debbie Studyvin of Bentonville; son, Linn Pyatt of Eureka Springs; granddaughter Tiffani Studyvin of Mountain Home; grandson and his wife, Clayton and Kacey Studyvin, of Bentonville; two great grandchildren; three sisters, Betty DeWitt of Pea Ridge; Helen Pierce of Shawmut, Mont.; Kathy Walker of

Bella Vista; and three brothers, Max Lynch of Bentonville; Jim Lynch of Fayetteville; and Don Lynch of Tomball, Texas.

A graveside service was held at the Eureka Springs Cemetery August 13 with Reverend James Lynch officiating. Memorials may be made to Hope Cancer Resources, 5835 West Sunset Avenue, Springdale, AR 72762. Online condolences may be sent to the family at nelsonfuneral.com.

John Neilson Christensen, Dec. 4, 1920 – August 9, 2013

John Neilson Christensen, 92, of Holiday Island, formerly of Rogers, passed away August 9 in Fayetteville. He was born December 4, 1920 in Guthrie County, Iowa, the son of Jim Ross and Allie Maas Christensen. He was a manager for Whitlock

Auto Supply and formerly worked at WalMart in Rogers.

He is survived by his wife Mary McCain Christensen of the home; one son, Dale Christensen, and one daughter, Linda Hantman and husband,

Michael, of Healdsburg, Calif.; one granddaughter, Linda Jessen.

Services were August 13, at Benton County Funeral Home, 306 North 4th, Rogers, Arkansas 72756. Online condolence to bentoncountyfuneralhome.com.



Eureka Eureka – Out of some 600+ participants, only 100 were “crazy enough” to sign up to compete for the title of “The Eureka” during the sports triathlon Aug. 9 – 11; and only 42 men and 17 women completed all three days in that category to win the right to use the “Eureka” designation. Local Jay Bender, 59, was not only the oldest competitor, but made it to the finish! “I guess that makes me a Eureka Freakin’ Eureka,” Bender quipped.

PHOTO SUBMITTED

Triple threat – Jason Vickery from Fayetteville makes the transition from swimming to riding in the Eureka Multisport Triathlon at Holiday Island, Aug. 9. Vickery would go on to win first place in the overall event.

PHOTO BY DAVID FRANK DEMPSEY



Battle of the sexes – Carol Thomassen from Batavia, Ill., and Michael Merrie from Stilwell, Okla., battle it out at the finish line in the Eureka Triathlon in Holiday Island Aug. 9. Thomassen would be the first woman to finish, winning the Female Age 50-59 competition. The triathlon consisted of a 300-yard-swim, 7-mile-bike race and a 2-mile-run.

PHOTO BY DAVID FRANK DEMPSEY

AUDacious by Ray Dilfield

We had fun. Last Thursday’s Auditorium audience of about 850 to see John Michael Talbot followed by Saturday’s Basin Park crowd of 525+ (not counting the packed hotel balconies, sidewalks and patios) for the Cate Brothers showed that folks will come out for a good time. We hope to see lots more shows like that in the future.

Those of us who are there for every show already know there is some great music to be had around here. Sometimes it’s not just the names you recognize or the bands you’re already familiar with. That’s Michael Johnathon’s premise with his selections to be part of the WoodSongs show. As he puts it, “*You don’t have to be famous; you just have to be good.*” It’s by digging



a little deeper or taking a closer second look that you discover the gems.

What we’ve been doing for the last couple of weeks – and expect to keep doing for the next 5 or 6 – is pre-screening submissions that have been coming in from folks wishing to be considered for either the WoodSongs show or the Singer/Songwriter competition. Our own

Well, that was gratifying

panel of judges will be selecting the six Songwriter finalists.

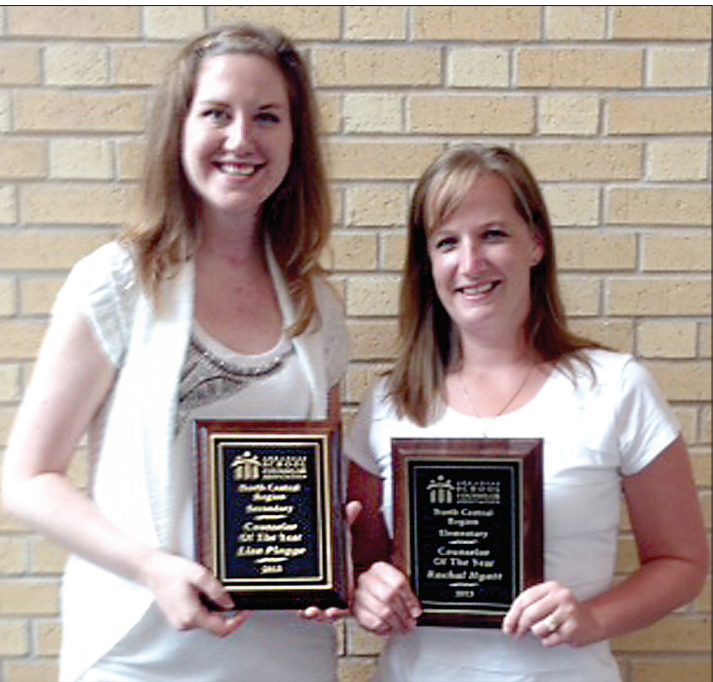
There’s an extra step involved for the WoodSongs submissions. After we go through them to select a pool of semifinalists, Michael Johnathon – as executive producer – will make the final cut. Based on the wealth of talent and diversity of styles in the submissions received so far, Michael’s going to have a tough time winnowing the field.

There’s still time to get submissions in for either category. Go to ozarkfolkfestival.org for more information and entry forms.





key in a demonstration ignition to see if she won a car at Berryville Ford Aug. 10. Hundreds of keys were mailed out during a promotion, and the one that could turn the ignition would win its owner a new car. More than 250 people showed up to try their keys and enter a drawing for \$3,000. Nobody had the winning key, which we assume ended up in someone’s trash with the junk mail. Don’t go dumpster diving for it, though, the promotion is over. Three people did win \$1,000 apiece, however.



prestigious ArSCA State Secondary School Counselor of the Year award. Hyatt and Plagge have worked together to develop a constructive and accessible counseling department. The awards indicate a strong commitment to education across Carroll County.



Five generations – There’s never a dull moment when five generations of a family live in one small town. Pictured at a recent family gathering, from left, are Devin Duncan, his daughter Jaden Duncan, his mother Darienne Duncan, her mother, Anita Taylor, and her mother, Geraldine (Jerry) Milligan, all happy to be Eurekaans.

PICTURE SUBMITTED

Shucks! – Claudette DaCosse of Holiday Island unsuccessfully tries her

PHOTO BY CD WHITE



Mushroom season – Kaja Bloch just returned from Europe where he took children Sara and Gabi mushroom hunting. “Trust me, all kids just love it,” he said. For those who like to hunt them, it’s time to look for wild mushrooms in the Bolete family (like porcini), because they’re everywhere thanks to wet weather. Bolete mushrooms don’t contain psilocybin and taste and smell great. As we all know... all mushrooms are edible, but some of them only once, so it’s important to know the poison ones. The best guide is *North American Mushrooms* from our public library. And don’t forget duct tape, it’s also seed-tick season.



PHOTO SUBMITTED

\$500 Science Grants welcome teachers back to school

Public middle school science teachers (grades 5 – 8) in Alpena, Green Forest, Berryville, and Eureka Springs can go to arcf.org now through October 1 to apply for \$500 grants through Arkansas Community Foundation's Science Initiative for Middle Schools (SIMS) program.

The SIMS program encourages hands-on science instruction by providing funding to help teachers purchase materials for classroom

projects. Proposed projects must meet state science curriculum frameworks, and the cost of project materials must not exceed \$500. Up to 300 SIMS grants will be selected from the proposals submitted in counties served by one of Arkansas Community Foundation's 27 local offices, including the local Carroll County Community Foundation.

"Our goal is to support as many local teachers as possible," said

Janell Robertson, executive director of the Carroll County Community Foundation. "We encourage every local middle school science teacher to take this opportunity to provide their students a hands-on project that complements their current curriculum."

The SIMS program uses an easy, online application process through a partnership with DonorsChoose.org, an organization that helps teachers

find funding for classroom projects. Applicants complete an online profile at www.DonorsChoose.org/SIMS, write a description of the project for which they are requesting materials and select the materials they need. DonorsChoose will ship all requested materials directly to teachers whose proposals are selected by a local committee from the Carroll County Community Foundation.

Online Applications Due October 1.

SWEPKO – PANG continued from page 7

bald eagles, blue herons, wood ducks, kingfishers and many others.

The couple recently bought six acres nearby on Spider Creek Road with an eye to opening an off-the-grid eco tourism village for birders, scientists and school groups. The eco tourism development would take advantage of being close to Devil's Eyebrow and the Indian Creek Park with its nice walking trails and beach.

Plans for the eco tourism village are currently on hold while Susan is devoting a good bit of time to opposing the AEP/SWEPKO transmission lines. Even though the route closest to them has been removed from consideration, the couple still has great concerns about the preferred route 33 that they believe would devastate Garfield and Gateway.

"We'll see what happens with Gateway and Garfield," Susan said. "I'm worried about small business owners in Garfield who would be devastated

"So many people here love nature. Northwest Arkansas will benefit far more with small businesses flourishing and retirement dollars flowing in if it does not put a wrecking ball to the ecosystems, geology and biodiversity of the Ozarks."

– SUSAN PANG

by this. They are busy just making ends meet and they don't need a challenge like this."

She is particularly concerned about Garfield, a small town the Pangs find very charming.

"Route 33 I fear would destroy Garfield," Susan said. "Garfield would cease to exist as we know it. We are in the Garfield School District, and I know some grandparents and parents there who must be worried sick about the possibility of having the lines going through the school's property."

The Pangs have a different vision for the future of this region: preservation of the environment, a focus on eco tourism and retaining the beauty and clean, healthy environment of the area that attracts retirees and their investments.

"A lot of people buy hundreds of acres here and keep it natural," she said. "So many people here love nature. Northwest Arkansas will benefit far more with small businesses flourishing and retirement dollars flowing in if it does not put a wrecking ball to the ecosystems, geology and biodiversity of the Ozarks. People will pay up for land and property that remains pristine and that is what the Arkansas Public Service Commission should focus on – preserving Arkansas to be a "natural state." This is what Arkansas is known for. We are reminded of this everyday when we are on the road looking at the license plates in front of us. Deforest the place, spray toxic herbicides and build unsightly structures, the place will be ruined, and for what?"

COUNCIL – ROCK STREET continued from page 2

City attorney Tim Weaver responded that he had not seen all the documents Brix presented and he could not confirm or deny her position. However, he said the city could be liable to litigation if it cut off access to Marble Flats, and he did not know if Rock Street constitutes legitimate access.

Weaver added he did not know why council was even involved in this controversy. "It's been this way for one hundred years," he said, and he reminded them council must watch out for the whole city, not just one person.

Alderman David Mitchell thought Brix had made a good case, and he asked, "What if her contention is correct?"

Wade Williams, attorney for the owners of Marble Flats, said council was getting caught up in sympathy for the Brixes. He said the Brixes did not avail themselves of the opportunity to research the title sufficiently even though Rachel Brix has demonstrated the ability to do so. He said the plat is a public record. Also, council determines a vacation of land by determining whether doing so is a public benefit. He said Marble Flats represents an opportunity for urban infill in the future.

Alderman Mickey Schneider had several objections to statements by Williams, but he continued to depend on the 1893 plat to make his case, and he said the Brixes were asking Marble

Flats to give up its access point.

Alderman Joyce Zeller said it was not true that owners of Marble Flats would lose access to their property. She contended because of the condition of that portion of Rock Street it would be in the public interest to make sure no one ever tries to put a city street there, and the city should consider vacating it.

Alderman James DeVito pointed out council was not obligated to take action. "We're not the final arbiter of this matter," he said. Council was just "spinning its wheels trying to resolve it," and he encouraged the parties to try to reach an amicable compromise, and moved for council to take no action.

Mayor Morris Pate gave Brix an

opportunity to address comments made by Williams, and said she and her husband, Ryan, had done due diligence in researching claim to the property. She asked if anyone in the room when buying property had done exhaustive research on the title. "Isn't that what a title search is for?" When Brix was urged to work with the attorney for Marble Flats on a compromise, she answered, "I don't want to talk to attorneys. I want to talk to people."

But Brix acknowledged she could see the direction council was headed, and thanked them for letting her make her case.

The vote on DeVito's motion to take no action was unanimous.

“Things Unknown” investigated at conference

The Second Annual Parallel Universes Conference will be held at “America’s Most Haunted Hotel” – the 1886 Crescent – from August 23 – 25. “Things Unknown” will cover a wide array of paranormal topics.

Co-hosting this year’s event is Larry Flaxman; author, screenwriter, speaker, researcher and founder/president of Arkansas’ Paranormal and Anomalous Studies Team (PAST). Conference organizer, Keith Scales, promised an “even bigger and better” event than last year, adding hands-on activities like dowsing, auto-writing and finding your own PSI (personal ability for remote viewing and extrasensory perception or ESP) to the roster of first-class speakers.

“The agenda is non-stop from Friday evening through mid-day Sunday,” Scales said. “And when there is not a scheduled event, attendees (under the watchful eyes and helpful hands of Larry Flaxman) will have full investigative access to the more paranormally active areas of the hotel such as the morgue, Michael’s room, Theodora’s Room and Suite 3500, to name just a few – the kind of access usually

only afforded ghost hunting professionals.”

Speakers include Larry Arnold, director of ParaScience International, author of three pioneering books including *The Mysterious Fires of Spontaneous Human Combustion*. “His book on SHC and the theories of it came home earlier this year when Arnold was called to investigate the bizarre case of an individual suddenly bursting into flames in Muldrow, Okla., a little town just minutes west of Forth Smith,” Scales pointed out.

Another speaker renowned in her area is Gladys McCoy, co-founder of the Ozark Research Institute. McCoy, a certified hypnotherapist and past life therapist, has traveled throughout the country conducting dowsing seminars and will lead attendees in a hands-on “hunt” across the hotel’s 15 acres.

Speaker Paul Prater will present a connected series of demonstrations on mindreading, psychological persuasion and synchronicity in what he calls “The Odditorium.” Added to that will be his iconic sideshow feats such as lying on a bed of nails, lifting an anvil in a highly unusual manner, and (kids, don’t try this at home) driving a nail into his head.

Other presenters include Dr. L. John Greenfield, chair of the Neuroscience Department, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS); Dr. Sarkis Nazarian, a UAMS neuro-opthamologist, and Maha Vijra, founder of the Quantum Buddhist Association.

The conference will end with an in-house investigative roundtable discussion on crop circles, legends surrounding the ancient Mali tribe of Africa (who are said to have come to Earth from the star system Sirius) and other topics of the unknown.

Also on tap for conference-goers is the Crescent Hotel Ghost Tour, productions of “Not Really A Door” and “Flickering Tales” and “Bizarrkansas: The Stranger Side of The Natural State” as performed by Ed and Karen Underwood, authors of *Tales of Forgotten Arkansas*.

For costs, registration, full schedule and details see americasmosthauntedhotel.com online. Package price includes two nights lodging in the Crescent Hotel; full-access pass to conference events, activities and performances; full paranormal investigative freedom; and some meals including the Sunday champagne brunch.

MAIL continued from page 12

traversed by any one of the lines, and the line would be in line of sight from your property tell the county assessor that your property has gone down at least 40 percent.

Use www.SWEPNO.com to find exactly how far the routes are from your property and other landmarks.

For other insights and to read why we all need electricity but not transmission lines, go to www.GrassRootsOzark.net.

Dr. Luis Contreras

Eurekan speakin’

Editor,

There was a big multi-sport event that took place in Eureka this past weekend, as you probably knew... The Eurekan. There were a few people from Eureka Springs, but I think I was the only local who did the full Eurekan competition.

At age 59, I was also the oldest person competing. My wife, Lynn Eaton, did the triathlon on Friday. I think I saw one or two Eureka Springs people listed in the 5k and 10 k runs on Sunday. The Eurekan consists of three events: The

sprint triathlon on Friday (300 yd. swim, 7 mile bike, 2 mile run), the 100-mile bike race on Saturday (all over NW Arkansas), and a 10k run on Sunday morning through the streets of Eureka Springs. Competitors’ times for all three events are added up to determine finish order for The Eurekan challenge. Emphasis is on just completing it, and all who did are considered winners who can claim the name Eurekan. Being from town, I guess that would make me a Eurekan Freakin’ Eurekan!

It’s a great, well-organized event that brought a ton of people, hotel stays, restaurant visits and dollars to our community. Of nearly 100 people registered, only 42 men and 17 women completed all three days (time limits were placed on each event, so you had to make the cut off time to continue).

Jay Bender

On the road again

Editor,

Near the end of August, I’ll be moving to the outskirts of Portland, Oregon. While living just over a quarter of a century in Arkansas overall, including 14 in Beaver town, I have

been blessed by many warm, cherished relationships with scores of wonderful, talented Arkansans.

Words cannot convey the depth of my gratitude for all you mean to me, and for all you are and do to make Arkansas a land of authenticity in every way. Without trying to recount the depth and breadth of so many rich and memorable experiences in my life here, I know without doubt that both you, and how you have enriched my life to the core, will be forever treasured. Y’all are amazing! (I wonder how Oregonians are going to take to “y’all”...)

I’ll miss all of you who are near and dear to me; yet, I’ll be carrying you in my heart, as always.

Jim Young

Music – an outburst of the soul

Editor,

We had a wonderful night at the Aud in Eureka Springs for the John Michael Talbot – Michael Card benefit concert for the Passion Play! It was a wonderful night for everyone involved, Christian and non-Christian, believer and nonbeliever alike. We

had a wonderful night of fun and faith bringing us together in the love of God.

There are many people to thank. I want to extend a special thank you to the City Aud for an historic setting and a great sound and lighting crew, the Basin Park Hotel for supplying nearby rooms for the JMT traveling team, to Mayor Morris Pate for his proclamation, to Sen. John Boozman for his Congressional Record, to KTHS and KESA radio stations, to the *Arkansas Democrat*, *Lovely County Citizen*, *Carroll County News*, and *ES Independent*, to The Brothers and Sisters of Charity at Little Portion Hermitage for decorating the stage with such living beauty with greenery from the monastery greenhouses and getting the word and tickets out about the event, and of course, the wonderful folks at The Great Passion Play, especially Kent Butler, and his dad Pastor Keith for coordinating the entire event. We also thank Mark and Becky Lanier for providing the air travel to and from Houston for the JMT team in an otherwise very busy Texas ministry schedule. Thanks all for a great night!

John Michael Talbot

Dear Ma,

Re: your recent column about words being redefined: here's one that bears mentioning – "friend." Remember just a couple of years ago when a friend was, as the dictionary states, "a person attached to another by feelings of affection or personal regard?" What happened, Ma?

A Friend in Need

Dear Friend,

Blame Mr. Zuckerberg for "friend" making the leap from noun to verb, and along the way losing its meaning. This one changed so quickly the dictionaries couldn't keep up.

Ma believes it impossible to have 300, or 3,000, actual friends and wishes the word hadn't been co-opted to the point of irrelevance.

Real friendship requires a lot more than simply clicking "Accept." Ma's hopeful most people can distinguish real friends from those listed on their Facebook page.

A friend is one who's there when you are in need. One is not your friend just because they "like" what you posted; they have to actually like you, and vice versa.

On the bright side, at least "friend" is easy to conjugate.

Ma

Dear Ma,

I flew recently and the experience made me wonder if all the safety and anti-terrorist precautions actually do anything or are, in fact, just window dressing to reassure us as we're hurled through the air five miles up in a tin can.

Fear of Flying

Dear FOF,

Ma wonders, too. On a recent trip, after taking the nudie picture of Ma, Ma's right knee, and right knee only, was patted down. Ma wondered if the TSA agent had a knee fetish because there was no logical reason for singling out Ma's knee (or for taking Ma's beauty cream).

Then there was the usual song-and-dance about the life preservers and how to exit the plane into the water. Of the millions of flights over the past 50 years, Ma can think of one instance where a commercial jet made a survivable water landing. Ma's flight never flew over water, yet we were told to pay close attention as we were instructed for the umpteenth time how to inflate our life vests, as if our lives depended on it.

Yes, Ma felt much safer.

Ma

COUNCIL – NUTSHELL continued from page 9

excellent and up significantly over last year. "It appears tourism is making a comeback," he said.

- Architect Butch Berry provided an update on plans for the North Main Street public bathroom facility. He has received two bids for constructing the 224 sq. ft. facility. His plans call for automatic lights and automatic water, and the building will be set aboveground because the area is classified a flood zone. A contractor should be chosen this month.

- Ordinance 2188, which would extend the 200-ft. rule to all residential zones, received a 6–0 vote on its second reading.

- City Clerk Ann Armstrong presented more than two inches of paperwork representing the city's second quarter financials. She said the rest of the report was in Finance

Director Lonnie Clark's office.

- Council approved a recommendation from Parks to allow a one-time exception to the city's ban on fireworks in the city limits so that a private party at Lake Leatherwood put on by the management of the Crescent Hotel could include a professionally-staged fireworks show.

- Council also approved a bridge loan to Parks up to \$45,000 to be repaid by the end of the year. Levine said Parks is not receiving the funds from the sales tax as soon as they had expected, and they need to begin work on the road into Lake Leatherwood City Park.

- Purkeypille encouraged everyone to attend the town hall meeting at the Auditorium Monday, August 19, at 6:30. Pizzas arrive at 6 p.m.

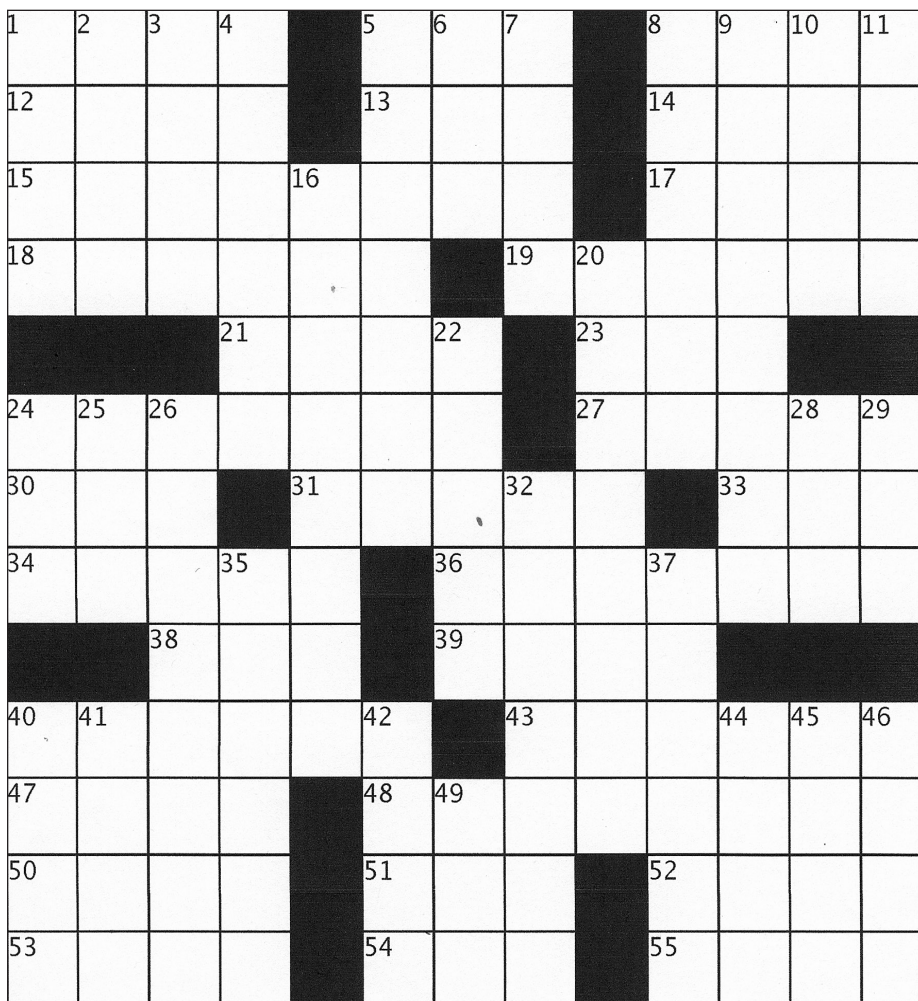
Next meeting will be Monday, August 26, at 6 p.m.



INDEPENDENT Crossword

by Chuck Levering

Solution on page 31



ACROSS

- Get out of jail money
- Right angled pipe
- An eminent Arab
- One type of ant
- R.E. of CSA
- Nehi
- Bring relief to
- Hungarian sheepdog
- Abating
- Controlled the horse
- Reminder of an operation
- Wrestling surface
- Preordain; determine beforehand
- Braid
- Part of a circle
- Cram for a final
- Bachelor's last words
- Islamic prophesied redeemer
- Formerly Dutch Guiana
- Cow talk

- The first garden
- Foolish or silly
- A liquid measure
- One type of bomb
- Capital of South Australia
- Stare at
- Pay suit to
- Poetic never
- Molt
- Modern quill
- Former Spanish coin

DOWN

- Nude
- Locality
- Small devils
- One who plays a lyre
- Tasteful; stylish
- Bulgarian money
- Ogle
- Secret observation; taking notice
- Alp
- Not working
- Assail
- Surgeon's cut
- Celestial or elevated
- Recycle
- Beaver's river construction
- Important time in history
- Converse casually
- Arkansas mountain known for quartz crystals
- Mix of oaters
- Feeling of offense
- Fated
- Away from the shore
- Droops
- Egyptian god of craftsmen and architects
- Clamor; complain
- Stead
- River in central Europe
- Roman fiddler
- Female rabbit

INDEPENDENTClassifieds

The INDEPENDENT Classifieds cost \$8 for 20 words, each additional word is 25¢.

DEADLINE – Tuesday at noon

To place a classified, email classifieds@esindependent.com or call 479.253.6101

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FLORA ROJA COMMUNITY ACUPUNCTURE—providing affordable healthcare for the whole community. Sliding scale fee. \$15-\$35 per treatment, with an additional \$15 paperwork fee the first visit only. You decide what you can afford to pay! Francesca Garcia Giri, L.Ac. (479) 253-4968, 199 Wall Street

PATHWAY MEDIATION: When is mediation the best solution? Find out, call (870) 423-2474 or see pathwaymediationworks.com

LAUGHING HANDS MASSAGE ANNOUNCES ITS SUMMER SPECIAL—free peppermint foot scrub with a one hour massage. Laughing Hands—always a great location for couples massage. Call (479) 244-5954 for appointment.

YOGA WITH JACK. New class times: Mondays, 6 p.m.; Wednesdays, 8:30 a.m. (No more Thursday a.m. class); Thursdays, 6 p.m. Invigorating Hatha basic instructional yoga with Jack OR Linda. We have fun and get fit! \$8. (870) 480-9148.

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

BREAD – Sourdough Organic Local – IVAN'S ART BREADS – THURSDAY Eureka Springs Farmers' Market featuring Rustic Italian, German Rye, Bialys and more. Try Ivan's original 'Gotcha Focaccia' at the new Saturday White Street Market. bread.loveeureka.com, Ivan@lovEureka.com or call (717) 244-7112 Pre-Order large pizzas \$20 and up.

PETS

PET SITTING, HOUSE SITTING. Holiday Island, Eureka Springs and surrounding areas. 25+ years experience. Reliable, references, insured. Call Lynn (479) 363-6676 or Emily (918) 409-6393

To place a classified, email classifieds@esindependent.com

YARD SALES

FURNITURE, APPLIANCES, HOUSEWARES and lots more. Aug. 17, 18, 19, 8 a.m.–5 p.m. 4 Cypress Point Lane, Holiday Island.

GARAGE SALE AT 2 MERION LANE, Holiday Island. Friday 7–3, Saturday 7–12. Household, clothing, large glass table tops.

OUTDOOR SPORTING

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

MERCHANDISE FOR SALE

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

FURNITURE FOR SALE

OAK DINING TABLE \$795, Oak Curio/Hutch \$850—value \$5000+. Oak/Hekman Country French Armoire, coffee table, end tables \$1850—value \$7500+. Antique headboard dresser \$795. (479) 981-2565

LIKE NEW STANLEY 5-PIECE bedroom suite (2 hutches, 5 drawer chest and 2 night stands), adjustable bed mattress & box springs, 2 Ethan Allen chairs, wood with beveled glass top end table and dressing mirror. Priced for quick sale! Call Kyle for info (479) 253-3134

To place a classified, email classifieds@esindependent.com

HELP WANTED

BILINGUAL PERSON WANTED for hire to help gringo with Spanish. (479) 253-6690.

OPENING SOON-NOW HIRING all positions. Apply in person Monday – Thursday, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Horizon Restaurant, 304 Mundell Road, (479) 253-5525

HELP WANTED

FULL TIME BARTENDER NEEDED. Experience required, weekends required. Apply in person in person @ Jack's Place, 37 Spring Street.

FULL TIME RETAIL, flexible hours. No experience necessary. Crazy Bone. Apply in person at 37 Spring Street.

VOLUNTEER NEEDED FOR OIO: Opera in the Ozarks is seeking a volunteer willing to donate time/expertise in webpage design and management. Email Steve Rushing at asstgendir@opera.org.

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY

GENERAL MANAGER AND AFC certified culinary chef looking for principal equity partner for successful turn-key Eureka Springs restaurant. Call (479) 304-8998

REAL ESTATE

LAND FOR SALE

MILLION DOLLAR LAKE VIEW PROPERTIES: 1.7 acre parcels for sale by owner. Close to Starkey Marina. Owner financing possible. (479) 253-4158

RENTAL PROPERTIES

HOMES FOR RENT

CLEAN 2BR/2BA COUNTRY HOME located between Eureka Springs and Berryville. No smoking. \$800/mo. References required. (479) 981-1900

NICE 2BR/1BA HOME ON 3 ACRES. Secluded yet close to town and schools. 2-story with 3rd floor loft. Landscaped in front, beautiful valley view from rear decks. Available immediately. \$750/mo. First/Last/Security deposit. Cat ok (not suitable for dogs.) (479) 981-6600.

1BR/1BA 2ND FLOOR ON ELK STREET. Balcony, parking \$575/mo, First/Last/Security. Includes water, gas, TV, internet. Owner on premises. No smoking, no pets. (479) 244-9155

RENTAL PROPERTIES

HOMES FOR RENT

ONE ROOM EFFICIENCY on Onyx Cave Road. \$300/mo, bills paid. First/Last/Security deposit. Suitable for one person. (479) 253-6283 or (479) 253-6959.

HOLIDAY ISLAND VILLAS & TOWNHOUSES near lake and marina. Come enjoy the privilege that Holiday Island offers. From \$375/mo. (479) 253-4385

SEASONAL RENTAL

FURNISHED 2BR HOUSE \$1200. Studio efficiency \$650. Historic district. Nov. 1 – April 1, includes all utilities. Patio, parking. (479) 253-6067

COMMERCIAL FOR RENT

RETAIL SPACE FOR RENT: 3,300 SqFt plus. Tall ceilings (15'), great for gallery. 37 Spring Street, below Crazy Bone. Retail only, no food/beverage. Call Jim for more info or to schedule an appointment. (479) 253-4314.

SERVICE DIRECTORY

UPHOLSTERY

RESIDENTIAL, COMMERCIAL Custom built and furniture repair. Antique restoration, fabric and foam. No job too small. Call for estimate. (479) 363-6583

HEALTH SERVICES

OVER-WORKED? UNDER-APPRECIATED! Are they driving you crazy? Free attitude adjustment with every session. Call Alexa (479) 253-9208. Eureka!! Massage and Wellness Therapies, 147 W. Van Buren.

GENERAL

CALVIN HOLLAND: Host, register, information, receptionist, any driving situation. House, pet, shop, companion and convalescent sitting. For distance walking I require a cane. (479) 253-9411.

INDEPENDENTClassifieds

SERVICE DIRECTORY

MAINTENANCE/ LANDSCAPE/ HOME SERVICES

FANNING'S TREE SERVICE
Bucket truck with 65 ft. reach. Professional trimming, stump grinding, topping, removal, chipper. Free estimates. Licensed. Insured. (870) 423-6780, (870) 423-8305

MOWING BY THE YARD Mow, weed-eat, gardens. One time or all season. Water and/or mow during your vacation. (918) 809-7894

TOM HEARST PROFESSIONAL PAINTING AND CARPENTRY
Painting & Wood Finishing, Trim & Repair Carpentry, Drywall Repair & Texturing, Pressure Washing (479) 244-7096

HEAVEN SENT HANDYMAN—Professional carpentry and painting. Some plumbing and electrical. Creative and artistic solutions for your remodeling or repairs. Call Jerry (479) 981-0976.

TREE WORKS Skilled tree care: trimming, deadwooding and removals. Conscientious, professional arborist and sawmill. Bob Messer (479) 253-2284

HOUSEHOLD HELPERS — **BASIC YARDWORK, MOWING, TRIMMING, RAKING.** Reasonable rates, no job too small. Call Johnny or Savannah at (479) 244-0165 cell or (479) 253-2563 home (leave message)

SERVICE DIRECTORY

MAINTENANCE/ LANDSCAPE/ HOME SERVICES

CLEAN-UPS All types of clean-ups. We will haul off and dispose of anything. Including tear-downs, furniture restoration and painting. (870) 423-5674

CHIMNEY WORKS Complete chimney services: sweeps, repairs, relining and installation. Call Bob Messer (479) 253-2284

Eureka Springs Independent

www.eurekaspringsindependent.com

JOIN US ON
facebook

twitter @ESIndie



INDEPENDENTDirectory



**YOU SELL MORE GUMBALLS
IF YOU ADVERTISE.**

To place your ad in the

**MADE
IN THE
USA**

ES Independent

Contact Anita Taylor – 479.253.3380

STO fundraiser at Rockin' Pig

Join Save The Ozarks for a fundraiser concert/rally at Rockin' Pig Saloon (in the Gaskin's Switch shopping center, US 62E) Wednesday, August 21, at 5 p.m. Mountain Sprout will be onstage from 5 – 7 p.m. A \$10 per person

cover goes directly to the STO legal fund. The concert/rally is being held before the APSC Hearing August 26 at 9:30 a.m. in Hearing Room of the Arkansas Public Service Commission Building, 1000 Center Street in Little Rock.

Lions get new perspectives on energy

Jerry Landrum will be guest speaker at the Lions Club meeting at noon Tuesday, August 27 at Forest Hill Restaurant. His topic will center on "new perspectives on energy."

Landrum majored in Education and Engineering at the University of Mississippi. In Eureka Springs he became active with the Citizens Action Committee on Climate for the city, with a goal of reducing the town's emission of greenhouse gasses by 50 percent by 2020 and 80 percent by 2040.

The Eureka Springs/Holiday Island Lions Club has recently formed and is seeking prospects for membership. The club meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month at noon at the Forest Hill Restaurant.

Lions Club programs include sight conservation, hearing and speech conservation, diabetes awareness, youth outreach, international relations, environmental issues and other programs. Contact Dan Ellis at (479) 981-9551 for more information.

Cowan workshop rekindles connection to nature

Rekindle Your Connection to the Divine Natural World, a one-day workshop with Eliot Cowan, author of *Plant Spirit Medicine* and a shaman in the Huichol Indian Tradition, is a day of re-discovery for those who may be feeling disconnected due to business and other pressures of life.

This is a chance to rekindle, regain and revive your connection to the natural world. The workshop will be held Sunday, Sept. 1, from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. at Fire Om Earth Retreat Center, with a fire circle planned in the evening on Roark Road. Cowan will be present

to answer questions.

For complete details, costs and to register go to www.fireomearth.com and click on Schedule of Events. For an individual session with Cowan, phone Melissa Clare (479) 253-8252.

Zombies trump zombies

If you've been stumbling around like a zombie lately, maybe it's time to become a zombie! Thursday evenings are heating up at 6 p.m. in the middle school cafeteria with Dawn Anderson's fun and lively zumba classes.

If once a week isn't enough to revive you, you can also join in at the Berryville Community Center every Wednesday and Friday at 5:30 p.m. Bring three friends to either or both locations in August and get a free month of zumba classes.

There's also an option to attend both locations and take any or all classes for one small fee per month. For costs and more information, email zumbacondawn@gmail.com.

CROSSWORDSolution

B	A	I	L	E	L	E	M	I	R
A	R	M	Y	L	E	E	S	O	D
R	E	P	R	I	E	V	E	P	U
E	A	S	I	N	G	R	E	I	N
S	C	A	R	M	A	T			
D	E	S	T	I	N	E	P	L	A
A	R	C	S	T	U	D	I	D	O
M	A	H	D	I	S	U	R	I	N
M	O	O	E	D	E	N			
S	P	O	O	N	Y	G	A	L	L
A	T	O	M	A	D	E	L	A	I
G	A	Z	E	W	O	O	N	E	E
S	H	E	D	P	E	N	D	U	R

TOMS • UGGS • BØRN • CLARKS • KEEN • MERRELL •

•••A•N•N•U•A•L•••
**SPRING / SUMMER
END OF SEASON SALE**

CHOOSE FROM OUR GREAT SELECTION of Spring & Summer Shoes & Sandals!

FRIDAY, AUGUST 16th THRU SUNDAY, AUGUST 25th

~ 40-75% OFF SALE ~



479-253-7162
Nelson Leather
34 SPRING STREET
37 SPRING STREET
Crazy Bone
479-253-6600



MERRELL^M

Clarks



cushie



YELLOW BOX

UGG[®]
australia



Børn

bed/stü

TOMS



pr!vo



indigo

◆◆◆◆◆ OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK • OPEN LATER ON WEEKENDS ◆◆◆◆◆

• PRIVO • INDIGO • TOMS • UGGS • BØRN • CLARKS •

KEEN • MERRELL • YELLOW BOX • CUSHE • BED STÜ • REEF

YELLOW BOX • CUSHE • BED STÜ • REEF • CHACO • SANUK •