



Aug. 26 AEP/ SWEPCO hearing rules set

Missouri landowners sought to speak

BECKY GILLETTE

Many people in Northwest Arkansas are going to be keeping a close eye on the hearings in Little Rock beginning Monday, August 26, before the Arkansas Public Service Commission (APSC) regarding one of the more controversial issues ever to come before the commission: the American Electric Power (AEP)/Southwestern Electric Power Co. (SWEPCO) application to build a 345-kilovolt (kV) transmission line from Shipe Road in Benton County to near a proposed new \$20-million Kings River Substation north of Berryville. The case has generated widespread public opposition by landowners and other residents about impacts of building the largest transmission line ever seen in Carroll County.

Concerns have been raised about environmental impacts, devaluing of property and such serious blights to scenic views that it would harm the tourism economy. Nearly 5,000 comments opposing the project have been filed with the APSC. Save the Ozarks (STO) Director Pat Costner attended

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Rockin' STO – A good-sized, energetic crowd made way for supporters of Save the Ozarks to gather for a snapshot in front of the band Mountain Sprout during an STO fundraiser at Rockin' Pig Aug. 21. Save the Ozarks and other intervenors will testify next week in Little Rock against SWEPCO's proposed 345-kilovolt transmission line across Carroll County.

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This Week's INDEPENDENT Thinker



Holy smokes! Antoinette Tuff is a bookkeeper. Her composure and personal identification with an AK-47 toting assailant at an elementary school in Decatur, Ga., yesterday sounded like she actually talked him down by her communication on his behalf. It sounded like that because of her compassion and non-judgment.

A man was pointing a loaded assault rifle and she asked if he wanted to lay down or walk out with his hands up. Holy smokes! He laid down, the police stormed in and then she went to pieces all over the place.

She knocked it out of the park on calm, considerate independent thinking.

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Bugs on wheels Saturday at 3.

Quorum court agrees with sheriff's view of dispatch duties

NICKY BOYETTE

At its August 16 meeting, the Carroll County Quorum Court passed an ordinance acknowledging the clerical functions of central dispatch should not be the responsibility of the sheriff's office, as Sheriff Bob Grudek has maintained.

Much consternation arose when Grudek sent letters to the police chiefs of Berryville and Green Forest stating as of October 1 his office would stop performing certain office tasks related to central dispatch such as entering information on warrants and stolen property into the Arkansas Crime Information Center (ACIC). Grudek has insisted the cities should pay his office for performing these duties.

Not only were the police departments alarmed, but also some members of the court considered the situation an emergency. Justice of the Peace Gaylon Riggs had stated at the June meeting, "We need to act quickly to clear up what central dispatch is."

At issue has been the language on a 2000 ballot initiative approved by voters that assessed a one half of one percent sales tax "to be used to construct and equip a jail facility and sheriff's department and to be

used to operate the jail facility and central dispatch office..." Grudek has contended that language on the ballot does not stipulate his officers must perform all the clerical duties related to dispatch. "I am willing to work with the quorum court, but the quorum court does not have the right to tell me how to run my jail and office," he said.

Grudek also commented that risk management attorneys Rainwater, Holt and Sexton had no problem with his assessment of how the ballot reads.

JP Ron Flake stated, "Central dispatch must be operated the same for everyone, but what are the services related to dispatch?"

"Doesn't make sense," JP Larry Swofford said regarding Grudek's attempt to separate the duties of dispatch "like he wants."

JP Lamont Richie said he had spoken with deputy prosecutor Devon Goodman about the issue, and she said the cities are entitled to dispatch functions but not clerical services. Entering data into a computer might not be part of central dispatch.

"It's important we learned the two functions," JP John Reeve added. "The two functions should be

separated."

JP Jack Deaton observed, "It's obvious this has become a personal matter between Green Forest, Berryville and the sheriff. The voters voted on a simple idea. The sheriff at the time bundled it outside the language of the ballot." He said safety of officers is involved, so they need to pass the ordinance and "get back to what the voters voted for."

Swofford agreed with Deaton, but Grudek said he spends the tax money as it is intended, but it doesn't cover the costs and the ballot does not say he cannot charge for the extra services.

Flake stood by Grudek's assessment by stating the sheriff should not be obligated outside of his job description.

After more back and forth, Richie pointed out, "We keep scratching old wounds." He moved to amend the ordinance by dropping the language related to clerical duties, and JPs unanimously approved his amendment, then the amended ordinance, on its first two readings.

Before the third reading, budget questions

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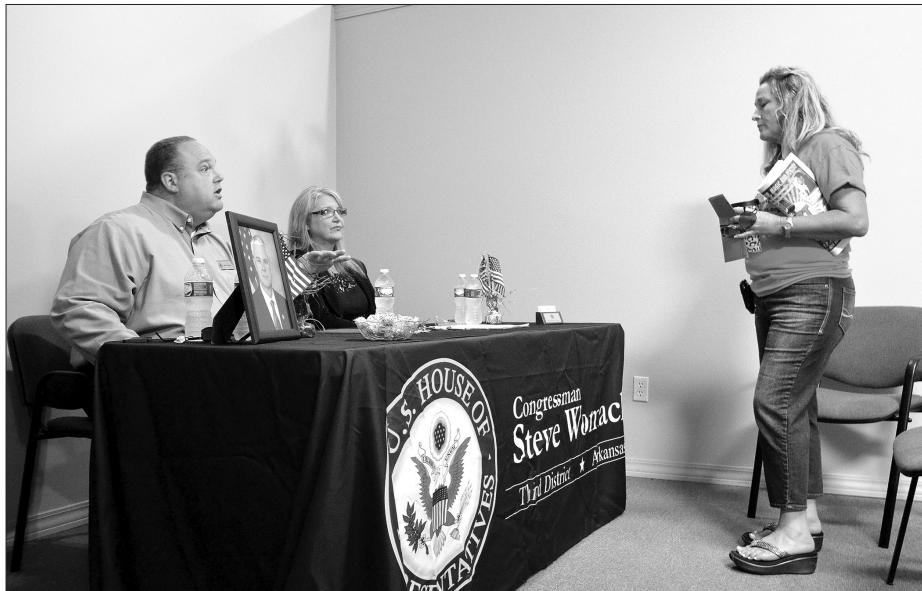
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Womack staffers see orange – Wearing her orange STO shirt, Ilene Powell, right, is among the first to speak out against SWEPCO's proposed power lines through Carroll County during a meeting with Congressman Steve Womack's staff members Jeff Thacker and Teri Garrett at the Chamber of Commerce Aug. 15. Before they were through, a lot more orange shirts appeared in the room.

PHOTO BY DAVID FRANK DEMPSEY

36th Ozark Quilt Fair – entry deadline Sept. 11

Entries are still being accepted for the 36th Ozark Quilt Fair, Saturday, Sept. 14 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the Shiloh Museum of Ozark History. Quilters and quilt lovers are invited to display new and antique quilts for show and sale on the museum grounds. Cash prize Viewer's Choice awards will be

given for first, second and third place winners in both new and antique quilt categories.

Entry deadline is Sept. 11. Forms available at www.shilohmuseum.org, or by calling (479) 750-8165. The Shiloh Museum is located at 118 W. Johnson Ave. in downtown Springdale.

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City dishes up priorities for public comment

In a scene reminiscent of da Vinci's "The Last Supper," the auditorium stage was set with long tables clothed in white where 12 city representatives and a moderator faced an audience of a little more than 40 at the Town Hall Meeting Aug. 19.

On the menu were six priorities: Relocating/building a fire station; building a restroom on the N. Main parking lot; the city water/sewer infrastructure; city tram service; Mill Hollow Rd. bridge repair and the condition of Black Bass Dam.

Either Mayor Morris Pate or the appropriate city department head explained the need for agenda items one by one and opened the floor for public comment after each presentation, moderated by Sally Gorrell.

Pate explained the need for a new fire station with four or five bays and a sleeping area for firefighters on call. He mentioned the locations of current fire equipment and explained that the station on Main St. needed a new roof since the current one is falling in. John Mitchell suggested from the floor that they use the old school building, but Pate responded that the city didn't own the property.

When it came to the subject of sewers, Pate commented, "This is going to be very touchy," and explained the need for rate increases in order to keep bonds current, citing a nine percent raise would be necessary to keep in a fund for infrastructure repair.

Alderman Dee Purkeypile said it cost \$9-10,000 just to repair a small section of the system and added "We're talking millions for the city. We're working in an aggressive environment."

Jerry Landrum responded from the audience to suggest revamping water rates to charge less for people using less and more per gallon for people who use more. Pat Matsukis asked if any long term studies had been done and said she wanted to see sewers tested and rated, saying, "Talk is cheap. I



Mayor Morris Pate and moderator Sally Gorrell

want to see action."

Pate replied the city is looking at running cameras through the system and Purkeypile acknowledged some of the ideas from the floor were "really good." He suggested more Town Hall meetings saying infrastructure was a "bigger problem." Alderman David Mitchell added "We're in the planning stage now and have no intention of just talking about it."

Transit Department head, Ken Smith, explained how the tram service started in the era of large bus groups as a way to get them around town without the buses. He said it cost \$15,000 in the last three or four years to keep the 16 - 17 year old trams in repairs. It will cost \$150,000 to replace one engine as opposed to shipping them for reconditioning at \$35,000 apiece.

Comments from the floor included several suggestions from using natural gas to electric.

Pate described the poor condition of the Mill Hollow Creek bridge and explained repairs would

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Aug. 26 ASPC hearing schedule

Update of order of appearance at public evidentiary hearing beginning at 9:30 a.m., Monday, August 26 in the hearing room of the Arkansas Public Service Commission Building, 1000 Center Street, Little Rock.

The Administrative Law Judge hereby updates the order the parties will appear as follows:

- (1) Southwestern Electric Power Company ("SWEPCO")
- (2) Southwest Power Pool, Inc., ("SPP")
- (3) Arkansas Electric Cooperative Corporation ("AECC")
- (4) Save The Ozarks ("STO")
- (5) Fritz Goodnow and Tom Oppenheim ("River Oaks Intervenor")
- (6) Mitchell & Spencer Properties LLC
- (7) Thomas and Sarah Allred ("Allred")
- (8) Coughlin Family, LLC, the Coughlin Family Revocable Living Trust, and the Coughlin Family Revocable Trust, by and through their authorized representative Cynthia Coughlin ("Coughlin")
- (9) David and Bettianne Jackson, B. Cris and Eleanor Jones, Charles and Kathleene Chiasson, Hans Christian and Charlene Hoewt, Rick and Janet Clark, Paul Zander and Blackthorn Land and Trading Company, LLC, ("Jackson Petitioners")
- (10) Municipality of Gateway
- (11) Municipality of Garfield
- (12) City of Springdale, Arkansas
- (13) City of Cave Springs
- (14) Spider Creek Resort Inc., and Peter Godfrey, individually ("Spider Creek")
- (15) Wal-Mart Real Estate Business Trust ("Wal-Mart")
- (16) B. Michael Bennett and Lori L. Bennett ("Bennetts")
- (17) Jonathan P. Holbert and DeLee A. Holbert, husband and wife ("Holbert Petitioners")
- (18) Jeffrey W. and Christina M. Danos, husband and wife ("Danos Petitioners")
- (19) The General Staff of the Arkansas Public Service Commission ("Staff")

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Vacation requests: yes and no

NICKY BOYETTE

The Parks Commission considered two vacation requests at its August meeting Monday evening. The first request was by Butch Eichor for a vacation of a portion of Nut Street that Chair Bill Featherstone described as “a platted street which goes nowhere.” He said the property looks like part of the hillside, and commissioner Fergie Stewart stated, “You wouldn’t even know it is there.”

Featherstone reminded commissioners every vacation request is unique but the same rules apply. For this request, however, he said he would want the same thing if he lived there. The city does not maintain the “street” and there are no other adjoining property owners.

Stewart pointed out there have been no disputes regarding Eichor’s request and he saw no negatives in endorsing his request. Featherstone said he is reluctant to let go of any city property, but saw no reason to object. Commissioners voted to send council its recommendation to approve Eichor’s request.

This vacation no walk on the beach

The other vacation request, however, will not be a rest in the shade for commissioners. Jim McAvoy requested vacation of portions of Hartman and McCune Sts. and a piece of an unnamed alley. His attorney, Jim Crouch, stated right away the land in question “is a gully. There is no way to put a street in there.” He passed around copies of a 1987 survey that showed the city had vacated a tiny portion of McCune already.

“How long might this go on?”

Levine asked.

“Until the hogs or the trappers lose interest.”

However, property lines are apparently indistinct enough that, according to Crouch, “neighbors have treated the space as their own,” leading to controversies. Crouch said he and his client want to establish the property lines as part of the vacation.

KJ Zumwalt, whose property adjoins McAvoy’s, urged the commission not grant the vacation “especially if we can’t tell where the street is.” She said Hartman St. runs across four of her contiguous lots. Crouch countered that Zumwalt’s fence goes within inches of the centerline of Hartman according to a survey, but commissioners noticed quickly there are different surveys which conflict and therein lies the dispute.

Featherstone said, “We need a site visit.”

Commissioners decided a good time for a site visit would be during their Sept. 3 workshop.

“We’re going to earn our keep on this one,” Featherstone said.

Hogs running amok

“We at Parks are all animal

lovers,” Featherstone said, “however feral hogs are creating a nuisance at Lake Leatherwood City Park (LLCP).” He said feral hogs are like big armadillos in that they root around and can cause major damage to a landscape. They also breed fast. Parks director Bruce Levine said he has been told a hog can produce two litters of six to twelve piglets per year, so within a couple of years there might be porcine hordes from just one sow roaming the Lake Leatherwood hillsides.

“Also they are not undangerous,” Featherstone said, adding they have already frightened bikers and hikers at the park. Nearby property owners exacerbate the problem by chasing porkers from their land onto the safety of city park property.

Levine said controlled trappings have proved to be the best remedy in other similar situations elsewhere. However, nowadays Arkansas Game & Fish frowns on transporting trapped hogs because all too often trappers have trucked their catch to another location and released them for hunting purposes only to have the same problem start all over again.

He said two months ago, a gentleman from Rogers approached him with a possible solution. Levine said the person proposed to set up a caging area in the park, entice hogs into the area with strawberry Jello and allow them to become comfortable there. The trapping team can remotely monitor the caged area with cameras, and when they consider enough hogs

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Green Forest man sentenced

Trevor Allen Elder, 27, was sentenced to 50 years in state prison after pleading guilty to committing a terrorist act, a class B felony; unlawful discharge of a firearm, a class B felony; seven counts of aggravated assault, class D felonies; and violation of a protection order, a misdemeanor.

Carroll County Prosecuting Attorney Tony Rogers said Elder fired a .45 caliber pistol from his vehicle at his wife’s car, which was parked outside Jim’s Drive-In in Green

Forest, on July 26, 2012. Elder fired at least three shots, one of which shattered the back glass of her Dodge Durango. He was accused of firing into the restaurant, which would have resulted in attempted murder charges as at least seven people were inside, but there was substantial doubt as to whether a hole in the wall was really a bullet hole.

Rogers credited “thorough and persistent investigation by John Bailey and the Green Forest Police Department resulting in these convictions.”

Teacher sleuths out AEP/SWEPCO connections and misrepresentations

BECKY GILLETTE

Martha Peine isn't an investigative reporter by profession. But she acts like one. Since getting involved in the opposition to the proposed American Electric Power/Southwestern Electric Power Company (AEP/SWEPCO) high voltage transmission lines, Peine has brought to light important issues that have important considerations regarding whether the Shipe Road to Kings River 345 kilovolt (kV) transmission line is approved despite widespread public opposition.

Peine, from Houston, Texas, and her husband are building a house for retirement on land purchased in 2010 on the headwaters of Table Rock Lake south of Beaver. They live here every summer, and have been coming to the area since the early '80s to visit. Peine, who has a law degree and currently works as a certified teacher and interventionist at an elementary school in Houston, is practicing what she tells students: "You have to take responsibility for what kind of world you want around you."

Peine opposes all routes proposed by AEP/SWEPCO for the Shipe Road to Kings River transmission line, not just routes 33 (the preferred route) and route 109 that traverse two lots adjacent to her property line. The lines would be 100 to 200 ft. from their home. All summer Peine has been doing research, attending meetings and making phone calls to "follow the money" and also see what environmental laws and protections might be possible to prevent the project she feels is not only unnecessary, but counterproductive to long term electric grid stability.

Recently AEP/SWEPCO removed three of six routes from consideration after the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) said it would not make its land available for a power line at those locations crossing Beaver Lake and the White River. Peine and others have wondered why remaining routes 33, 109, and 108, crossing USACE property would be more acceptable. She went to



talk to USACE officials about it at a recent open house at Shell Knob to get public comment on a Master Plan for the district.

"I spoke with Dana Coburn, Chief, Environmental Branch, Planning and Environmental, Little Rock District, USACE," Peine said. "She is responsible for the Master Plan. She was unaware that AEP/SWEPCO's preferred routes 33 and 109 cross an area the Corps wants classified as environmentally sensitive. She is aware of the endangered mussels in the area. She appeared to be very displeased by the revelation of actual location of the proposed line, especially since she has been talking with SWEPCO to 'try and work something out.' Now she knows AEP/SWEPCO has tried to pull a fast one on her."

Another issue Peine researched shows it is a misrepresentation that extra high voltage transmission lines increase reliability and improve the security of the transmission system.

"Centralized power sources and extra high voltage (EHV) transmission lines are a huge threat to reliability and national security as opposed to decentralized, low voltage transmission

solutions," Peine said. "One, money spent on EHV lines diverts funding from repair and modernization of existing transmission lines. Of course, the new transmission lines are also much more expensive than repairing and modernizing the old ones because you have to buy new right-of-way. Second, when you connect a new EHV transmission line into an already fragile transmission grid, then carry that power over a larger territory, fragility of the existing grid has not been addressed. So a problem with the grid will cascade over a larger area because of the new line."

Peine learned about that from researching online about the blackouts in California and on the East Coast. Other opponents of EHV transmission proposals have also made those points about grid instability. "And they are good points," she said.

Peine also has been spending her summer "vacation" digging into campaign contributions and connections between the utility cartel and the Arkansas Public Service Commission (APSC). She did Internet searches earlier in the summer without finding what she was looking for. But then connections starting popping up.

"I felt obligated to get the information out there about how AEP and its subsidiary, SWEPCO, are so deep into the pockets of our representatives and our regulators," Peine said. "The bureaucrats who are supposed to protect us lose their ability to form independent thought and rationally review these proposals."

Some of what happens is just that people at APSC work regularly with attorneys from AEP/SWEPCO and other utilities. They come to be friends and tell each other about job opportunities. It is no secret how much better paying the private sector is — particularly in the utility industry — so it would only be human for regulators to be impacted by the possibility of getting a better paying

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Water committee seeks comments about rural system

NICKY BOYETTE

The Rural Water Committee of the Carroll County Quorum Court met August 15, to begin anew discussion of whether to extend water lines into the remote areas of the county. The key to moving forward, according to Justice of the Peace Lamont Richie, is “establishing an actual need by hearing from real live people who operate farms or those in remote areas where drilling a well is difficult.”

Members of the committee are JPs Ron Flake, John Reeve and Don McNeely. Any JP can attend the committee meetings.

Flake said the committee wants to hear comments on both sides of the issue. “There are lots of cattlemen who have stories and we also need to hear from the chicken people,” he commented. He wants citizens to talk to JPs or write letters expressing needs or concerns about rural water delivery, and at some point the committee will set up

a public meeting.

Another consideration would be how to administer the rural water program, and Flake said a Public Facilities Board would be his choice. He said the court would set up the board so they have oversight but not control of the board, and they could use the Madison County Water Facilities Board as a model.

Richie observed the committee’s task is gathering the facts and preparing the matter for a vote of the people. He said he would talk with deputy prosecutor Devon Goodman about legal opinions regarding limits the court could place on a Public Facilities Board.

Flake said citizens could send comments on this matter to Randy Forst, County Agriculture Extension Office, 909B Freeman Switch Road, Berryville AR 72616. Forst said there will also be an email address at some point.

Missing diver may have been found

A body believed to be that of Michael Burton, 28, of Omaha, Neb., was found last Saturday in Beaver Lake, according to Carroll County Sheriff Bob Grudek. Burton was free diving with a friend near an island off Starkey’s marina July 27 when he failed to surface. Divers and rescue teams from the area spent a week of intense searching in the area, but heavy rains causing murky water hampered efforts and the search was called off August 2.

Volunteers continued to scour waters up to 40 ft. deep in a 600 by 800 ft. area.

Grudek said the body, found by a volunteer diver from Ft. Smith, was sent to the state medical examiner in Little Rock for positive identification.

Accident fatal to local woman

A noontime single-vehicle accident on Hwy. 187 west of Beaver claimed the life of 76 year-old Kathryn Brookbank of Paradise Mountain Rd., Eureka Springs, last Sunday morning. Mrs. Brookbank was a passenger in a Toyota Rav 4 that drifted off the road,

struck a tree and rolled over, according to Arkansas State Police.

The driver, Lawrence Brookbank, 72, was airlifted to Mercy Hospital in Springfield, Mo. His condition is unknown. Road conditions were dry and clear at the time, according to ASP.

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Womack field reps get schooled on SWEPCO

NICKY BOYETTE

Jeff Thacker and Teri Garrett, field representatives for Rep. Steve Womack, drew the assignment of setting up a field office in Eureka Springs August 15, and hearing from the public on Womack's behalf.

No sooner were they set up than Ilene Powell, wearing her orange "No on SWEPCO" T-shirt, arrived. She said she really wanted to speak with Womack personally, and Thacker said she would have to work that out with Womack's scheduler in Washington. Powell insisted Womack needs to hear both sides of the SWEPCO issue rather than just propaganda from SWEPCO regarding its proposed transmission line through Carroll County.

"We're not getting a good response from him," Powell said. "He needs to hear from his constituents. We need a meeting in Eureka Springs on this specific subject. People are going to lose

jobs, lose property. This area is going to suffer irreparable damage."

As she was speaking, a second orange shirted person entered the room, and then a third.

Martha Peine told Thacker and Garrett she had one question only: What would it take for Womack to put new eyes on the evidence?

Thacker said Womack cannot use his office to make decisions that are state issues, and insisted Womack does listen to his constituents and does not want the wrong thing to happen.

As more orange shirts filed into the small space, Peine said, "If Womack reexamines the evidence, he will see our point." She said people in Missouri would agree they don't need the power from the transmission lines being proposed.

Again she asked, "Is there anything I can say to convince him?"

Faith Shah said, "I have been calling

your office since April, and I keep hearing this is a state issue. I think the value of the Ozarks is being underestimated. The Ozarks are a huge economic asset to the state."

Shah said SWEPCO worked on this proposal for six years, yet locals were given only 30 days to respond. She said she would like the same six years for her side to study this issue, and added that residents in this area have been treated with disdain by elected officials. "Everyone says, 'It's not my job, it's not my job, it's not my job!' So whose job is it to protect this wonderful environment? The people who don't realize the damage being proposed are those who proposed it, and they don't live here."

She said outrage about this issue is growing and gaining momentum. "We're fighting for our lives," she remarked.

"The congressman has a chance to look smart by speaking out on this issue," she asserted as even more people wearing orange shirts arrived. "We have a vibrant community, but we're small. We don't need a 345 megawatt line. We need a hero."

Valerie Damon-Hubbard made her point quickly. She asked, "What does Womack want his legacy to be—someone who sold out to SWEPCO? It would be so sad for his great-grandchildren to know he did such a terrible thing."

Intelligent, impassioned, well-reasoned pleas for support continued. Steve Campbell said, "If you follow the money, you can see where the influence lies." He traced the proposal back to what he called "a monetary grab for

federal dollars." He also decried the devastating effects of overhead spraying of herbicides by helicopters along the clear cut path. He claimed overspray would be massive and he has not heard from SWEPCO any concerns for safety because, as he sees it, "They don't care."

"Who else can we go to but an elected official?" Campbell asked. "We're not getting any assistance down here and people are frustrated."

As the groundswell of support for Campbell among the crowd of orange shirts was growing, Thacker stated, "I can see the passion of your commentary."

Geraldine Hamby also spoke up about pesticide use that will accompany the clear cutting and huge towers for the proposed transmission lines. She said in the past she had protested the use of herbicide-spraying being planned near her property. She was assured there would be no deleterious effects, and yet her trees were defoliated. Now, she said, here it comes again, and her organic greenhouse business could be in jeopardy.

"The government of the people, for the people, by the people has gone awry," Hamby said. She also questioned whether the karst terrain in our area could adequately support the foundations required for such huge towers. She implored Thacker to take everyone's comments back to Womack "so he might stand with us."

Thacker stated Womack listens to citizens and is aware of this issue, but his office is not in a position to influence this matter, claiming it is a state issue.



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School district explores sub service

NICKY BOYETTE

New superintendent David Kellogg observed at the August 15 school board meeting that in a small district like Eureka Springs, everyone picks up extra duties to get the job done. One task he suggested they could farm out is the calling of substitutes every day. There are companies across the nation that compete for the task of arranging for subs. Kellogg said, "So instead of a school secretary having a dozen jobs to do in the morning, she'll have only eleven." The board voted to authorize Kellogg to negotiate with PCMI/WillSub to handle hiring, training and arranging for substitute teachers.

Kellogg said WillSub is a national substitute placement company which will actually employ the subs. Therefore, not only is the district relieved of finding subs but also paying workers' compensation insurance and other clerical responsibilities. PCMI uses a proprietary software system which incorporates teacher and substitute preferences. A sub can tell WillSub the earliest time to call and who he or she prefers to sub for. Teachers can input their preferred subs also.

High school principal Kathy Lavender said she gets texts and phone messages all times of the night from teachers who will be absent. With WillSub, she needs only to look at the website each morning to see who will be absent and which sub to expect.

Boardmember Sam Kirk acknowledged Kellogg for even thinking of this opportunity.

New school year

Lavender said teachers underwent professional development curricula during the summer focused on ethics, English Language Learning, ACSIP and other subjects. The high school will also implement the Common Core State Standards this year. Common Core is designed to "provide a consistent, clear understanding of what students are expected to learn so teachers and parents know what they need to do to help them."

Cindy Holt, principal of the middle school, said this year her math teachers would be working with a new math curriculum which emphasizes process as well as correct answers. She said district staff enlarged the middle school science

lab during the summer giving them twice the lab space.

Elementary school principal Clare Lesieur announced, "We're ready for Monday!" She said her enrollment is the largest since she has been in Eureka Springs. Her total was 303 including pre-K students, but the numbers often change during the first couple of weeks of the school year.

Her staff will implement a new pickup procedure for the end of the day. The goal is to have all the cars come and go by the time the buses arrive, and she expects staff to personally load every child into the parent's vehicle. She said police chief Earl Hyatt helped them devise the plan.

Resignations and hirings

The board voted to accept the resignations of Jerry Runnersmith and Kristy Dycus. They also voted to hire, contingent upon background checks, Richard Mann, Danielle Purvis, Megan Donnahoe, Liz Pedrazza, Jennifer Boardman, Janet Nies, Virginia Pozza and Karen Covington.

Next meeting will be Thursday, Sept. 19, at 5:30 p.m.

Eureka Springs says thanks and best wishes

NICKY BOYETTE

DonE Allen, remarkable landscaper for the Parks Department, will be moving on soon. Parks Director Bruce Levine said Allen leaves "a remarkable legacy," and whoever comes along will have big shoes to fill.

Allen is the gardener for 13 springs around town and some of the trails. He said when he began his job 11 years ago, there were only two bushes at Grotto Spring. The first couple of years he brought in soil, then evergreens such as boxwoods and column junipers. He pointed out a boxwood that came from his mother's yard that has more than doubled in size since he transplanted it beside the spring.

Eventually he added statuary to the sites because he said people like the old world look and it fits in well here in town. Allen said he leaves some plants untouched and works around them. The ivy draping down over the rock wall at Grotto Spring is nine years old and adds



a wild, yet watched over, background to the rest of the landscaping.

He pointed out other plants that locals had given him, like a moonflower

he spread to other sites by gathering seed pods and broadcasting the seeds.

Allen's style has been to combine the **DonE** continued on page 19

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July 29 was Mary Jane (McHarry) Carlin-Fritsch's 100th birthday and nearly 50 close friends showed up August 6 at her favorite restaurant, Myrtie Mae's, to tell her how important her inspiration is to us and our neighborhood.

Mary Jane inherited some land from her parents and sold part of it in the 1950s. The land was developed, and she was baffled that anyone would not preserve and appreciate the springs, frogs, caves, dogwoods and flying squirrels. So she placed remaining land into a trust with the provision it be left wild, as it always had been.

Mary Jane grew up in Franklin Township during a time when people raised milk cows, beef cattle, hogs and chickens, and had large vegetable gardens where they also raised grains for cornmeal and flour. Many women also raised cotton for quilt filler, and sheep to get wool

for comforter filler.

"School term was September through February, as children helped with the planting and harvesting of crops," she wrote in *Franklin Township Then and Now*. "The schoolhouse was also a voting precinct, and when there was no church it was used for revivals and services.

"Prior to the 1920s, transportation was by wagon, horseback or buggy. After World War I the automobile began to appear and as a result the demand for better roads came up, however, during the 1920s there were still many horse drawn vehicles in use." She still lives less than one-half mile from her childhood home.

Mary Jane was the fourth speaker at the Arkansas Public Service Commission hearing in July, and stood in front of a crowd and a judge to have her say opposing massive, invasive, unnecessary power towers.



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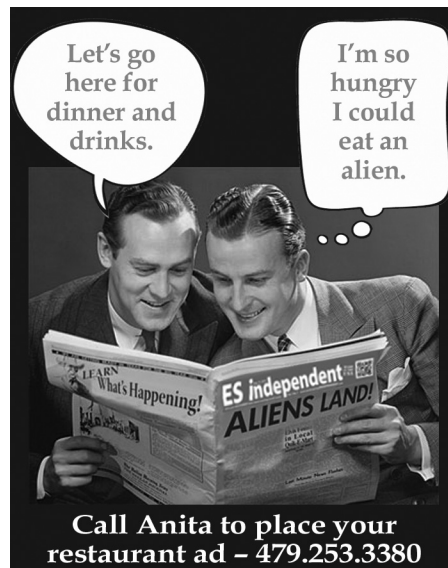
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Also, those interested may register for one or more of these selected sessions without attending the entirety of the conference:

Friday: 6 – 10 p.m. Gladys McCoy on Dowsing and Paul Prater presenting The Odditorium.

Saturday: 9 a.m. – noon: Automatic Writing, Crop Circles, Sirius and the Dogon; from 7 – 10 p.m. Spontaneous Human Combustion with Larry Arnold and Bizarrekansas with Ed and Karen Underwood.

Carroll County residents' price for each session is only \$10. For prices on day passes, the three-day conference, or individual sessions, phone (479) 253-9766.

The Sunday 10 a.m. round table with all speakers is free to the public. See entire conference details at ympl.com/zUAJl.

Set your rubber duckies free

Forget the bathtub – those ducks need to be in the river! The first annual White River Wild Rubber Duck Race is coming up Saturday, Sept. 14 to benefit The Eureka Springs West Tourism Association (ESWTA) and their sponsorship beneficiary, Flint Street Fellowship and Food Bank.

Make sure you have your claim on one or more of 1000 rubber ducks that will be dropped into White River at Spider Creek for a race to the finish line at the White River Bridge at Riverview Resort and Country Store ... *because* the first ten ducks making it to the finish will bring in some awesome package prizes for their owners, including lodging, attraction passes, gift certificates and much more. Special "bride and groom" ducks will also compete to win a complete wedding package for a lucky couple and up to 35 guests!

The event begins at 12 p.m. with music and children's activities. At 3 p.m. ducks will be dropped in the river, with the event concluding around 5 p.m. Ducks can be adopted for a \$5 donation per duck (or adopt a flock for a special price) at www.eswhiteriverwildrubberduckrace.com. You may also adopt ducks from ESWTA members or sponsors or stop in at the Riverview Resort and Country Store, 17939 US 62W. For more information call Duck Central (479) 244-0171.

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Include council in snake roundup

Editor,

Before we begin more projects to kill wildlife, I offer a true life account from some 20 years ago when I used to walk my dogs at Leatherwood.

The lake was unusually low and I noticed the diving tower (which has openings down all sides) was covered with ripples all around. Closer look revealed hundreds of snakes swimming in and out the openings. I realized then the tower has always been full of snakes.

I'd quit swimming there years before when several of us developed a persistent fungus on ears and scalp due to high bacteria count in lake. And think about the water that drains into that lake – it's not all goose poop folks.

If you want a place to swim why, oh why, can't we have a public swimming pool?

Curious about where those geese came from? Same place as the vultures on Linwood who lived in the cliffs above the narrows until the owners of mansions drove them off with sound cannons – although the geese were over by the yacht club.

I really think the council should get behind a snake roundup – it would make a great tourist event. Hey, I would pay to watch – from a distance, like I view all council proceedings.

Patty Hanson

Saving the Ozarks

Editor,

In just four months, think of all that has been accomplished to help Save The Ozarks. Everyone should be

proud of what they have learned, shared and taught others. Thanks so much to the *Eureka Springs Independent* and especially to Becky Gillette for endless investigating and reporting of what so many have failed to consider and cover in the news.

With the hearing starting in Little Rock on Monday, I hold hope that Judge Griffin remembers all who came before her in Eureka Springs and Rogers and said NO to the entire proposed AEP/SWEPCO project. And hope the APSC will use its best judgment, compassion, intelligence and integrity to see through this charade and deny in its entirety. Keep Save The Ozarks' witnesses and attorneys in your thoughts, as well as all the other intervenors, and trust that truth and justice will prevail.

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WEEK'S Top Tweets

@KirillWasHere --- If I had a dollar for every time I thought about you, I would start thinking about you.

@raniao2011 --- For all those men who say "Why buy the cow when you can get the milk for free?" I say: "Why buy an entire pig just to get a little sausage?"

@Nathan_NC17 --- A diplomat is someone who can tell you to go to hell in such a way that you will look forward to the trip.

@dance_blessed --- "You'll never get the butt you want by sitting on the one you have." ~ Maya Angelou

@palokin --- Urban Outfitters: the most expensive way to look poor.

@DamienFahey --- "For every action there is an unequal and opposite overreaction." ~ Newton's law of the Internet

@emilyvolman --- I find the best way to get a meeting cancelled is to be up early, shower, on time and ready to go.

@Zen_Moments --- Everyone smiles in the same language ~ Anonymous.

@AlexBaze --- There's no pressure like "no pressure..."

@suziparker --- Chelsea Clinton sends birthday wishes to her dad with a throwback picture from his Arkansas governor days.



Big Power: they're not really trying to kill us, but ...

American Hispanics, primarily women, are turning from Catholicism to Islam. Hispanics are the largest minority in America, 50 million strong, and feel "drawn to mosques because they see smiling faces and feel welcome," according to Public Radio International interviews.

At the same time, Dr. Terry Jones plans to continue with his annual Quran burning on Sept. 11, sending 3,000 holy books from pages to ashes. The Florida preacher, who also burns effigies of the President of the United States, says his actions are in retaliation for the "violent core that Islam is."

The world is full of good people who have skewed perceptions of others, but it comes down to would you stanch the bleeding of someone you don't know when they are hurt and you are capable? Or would you first question who they are and how they live and then say, "Pffft. If you're a ('Gator fan, mud wrestler, working mom, whitey or whatever annoys you), then you're on your own?" How far do we take our discontent?

There are so many millions of things we can't do anything about, or feel it's futile so why bother, but last night an amazing thing happened at the Rockin' Pig saloon. Ordinary people equipped with brilliance and holiness put their signatures on checks. People who really are nowhere near having the money to do what they're doing are having to raise \$120,000 to defend their property, all our property, against a publicly traded utility that has billions of dollars, but wants our land for its pleasure.

Those who work for the public electric utility on the executive level do not care that what they are bulldozing is a way of life we in Eureka Springs find sustainable, realistic and worthwhile. We are collateral damage, kind of like civilians killed during drone strikes gone wild.

The plan they have is to take the energy generated by wind, the free wind in Oklahoma and Kansas, and harness it. They will transfer it through giant towers that cut through our backyards while we're simply barbecuing and enjoying our sips.

This corralled wind will be transmitted on high wires to the east coast. East coast people don't care, really, for goodness sakes they don't even know this travesty is happening to us for their benefit. But they are told they need the energy the big company will provide, and are expected to say, "Doesn't matter how you get it here, just do it. Put it on my credit card. Are we finished?"

We're fighting more than an electric company or four. We're fighting for a way of life we cherish. It's similar to when Andrew Jackson told the Cherokee to go ahead and leave their land in Georgia, because by golly, there was gold on that land and already rich men wanted it. Government soldiers, armed with black powder rifles, smallpox, alcohol and rage, took care of business.

The natives were peaceful, productive and happy, but in the way. It didn't matter that they'd lived in Georgia since, oh, caveman days. The money was in the gold, therefore the natives needed relocating. It wasn't like they were going to kill all of them, just the ones who got in the way of progress. The rebels. The rest of them could take a hike. To Oklahoma. In the winter.

SWEPCO likely does not have plans to purposely kill us, just our spirit. They know the real power of money and that's how they get their way. And more money.

All any of us is trying to do is have enough money to enjoy the dementia of our golden years without much stress. Instead we have to dig deep to prevent this calamity and protect those who will live here when we're gone. And their dogs.

We are old, but very experienced in stopping injustices and quite capable of understanding the ways of the world and the magic of life.

No matter what the public service commissioners decide next week about the horrid metal tumors SWEPCO insists they need, we are grateful for the freedom to fight back. And we hope when we die someone puts on our tombstone that Pat Costner was a friend of ours.

— MPB



The Pursuit Of HAPPINESS

by Dan Krotz

Years ago I checked into the Radisson Hotel in downtown Omaha and was pleasantly surprised to find myself comped into the hotel's Presidential Suite. I was more surprised when the bellman addressed me as "Your Eminence" and refused my tip. "Well," I sez to myself. "This is pretty good."

After spending the next day doing a job of work, I returned to the hotel and found my stuff moved into a room next to an elevator, overlooking a three story heating duct. A stack of dirty room service dishes was piled by the door, the mini-bar was padlocked, and the coffeemaker was broken. The front desk refused to take my calls.

Later, I discovered that I share the same name with the once and perhaps present Grand Poo-Bah of the Episcopal Church of the Great Plains Region, Bishop Daniel Krotz. On checking into the Radisson I had been mistaken for His Eminence and accorded high honors not belonging to me. Queen for a Day, Icarus in early flight, low was I brought.

I recalled my brief career as a Bishop just yesterday when the Boss and I checked into a hotel in Elizabethtown, Kentucky, that was so bad I was afraid to open the room's refrigerator for fear of finding a human head in it. It was a grim deal from start to finish and, without belaboring the point, not the hospitality industry's finest moment. It got me thinking about the tourist "experience" we give to our own visitors.

I know that the law just sent a local hotel owner to the Big House for torching his hotel. His crime was arson, of course, but could it have been self-awareness? "I'm sorry, your Honor," he might have said. "But I realized one day how tacky my joint was, how lousy I managed it, and how often I often I ripped off lovely couples visiting from Sioux Falls. The place deserved to be burned down."

Anyhow, we'll be back in town soon. If you want to shout out "Your Eminence!" when I pass by, it is aces with me. Call it customer service.

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INDEPENDENT Constables On Patrol

AUGUST 13

2:40 p.m. – Constables on patrol responded to suspicious circumstances and found a scooter that had been reported stolen.

4:39 p.m. – Constable assisted a semi having trouble turning around on the Historic Loop.

7:35 p.m. – Resident thought four individuals looked like they were trying to find a camping place in town. The constable who responded discovered they were locals and just visiting friends nearby.

10:13 p.m. – A male was knocking on a front door and would not leave. However, he had departed by the time a constable arrived.

AUGUST 14

12:11 a.m. – The door knocker had returned and so did the constable who advised him to leave the property and not come back.

12:21 a.m. – Constable arrested an individual for public intoxication.

10:43 a.m. – Out of town visitor reported he had purchased an item from a local but the seller never sent the merchandise. Detective opened an investigation although the case might be a civil matter.

10:48 a.m. – Resident said the recycling pickup team had scattered newspapers all over her yard. Constable took care of the situation.

11:05 a.m. – Someone stole medication from a residence.

1:31 p.m. – A delivery truck driver said a vehicle had tried to go around his truck but had rubbed against it. His truck was okay but the adverse vehicle incurred damage and kept on going.

4:48 p.m. – Constable spoke with juveniles who were trying to shoot a water tower with a BB gun. They promised to put the weapon away.

5:03 p.m. – Another person reported having medications stolen.

AUGUST 15

2:01 a.m. – Constable made a traffic stop and arrested the driver for DWI, driving left of center, open container, no insurance and implied consent.

8:41 a.m. – Constable stopped an 18-wheeler driving on US 62 with its rear doors open and pallets precariously perched at the rear of the trailer bed. Driver took care of the problem.

12:50 p.m. – Constable went to a motel to speak with a guest who claimed someone had stolen money from him.

3:04 p.m. – Witness reported he saw a babysitter screaming at the kids and throwing them around as well as cursing at the mail carrier. Constable spoke with the babysitter who said there must have been a big misunderstanding. She did not throw the kids around or scream at them.

9:06 p.m. – A stepdaughter told ESPD her stepfather was intoxicated and angry, and he had pushed down both his daughter and wife. Constable spoke with everyone at the scene and they insisted there had been no physical altercation.

9:31 p.m. – A traffic stop resulted in the arrest of the driver for driving on a flagged driver's license.

10:55 p.m. – Alarm at a bank went off accidentally.

AUGUST 16

12:58 a.m. – Constables on patrol called a taxi for two individuals passed out near a bar downtown.

5:05 p.m. – ESPD heard about a driver doing donuts in a parking lot but the constable did not encounter the vehicle.

6:05 p.m. – Witness reported an erratic driver weaving in and out of traffic, but the constable found the driver was behaving nicely once he got to town.

6:33 p.m. – EMS responded to the scene of a possible drug overdose. Constable secured the scene.

9:55 p.m. – Customer at an establishment downtown said he was accosted by a man with a gun. Constables spoke with the victim.

11:58 p.m. – Bystander witnessed a male try to steal a motorcycle by rolling it away. Witness intervened and the male hit him in the face and fled. Constables were unable to locate the suspect.

AUGUST 17

12:58 a.m. – Person downtown reported a fight involving six individuals. Constables who responded found the fight was five against one. He did not want to file charges. He just wanted to get out of town.

11:47 a.m. – Constable assisted a tour bus driver to park downtown and unload his passengers.

12:56 p.m. – Passerby found an ammo box on a park bench. Constable picked up the abandoned property.

6:53 p.m. – Constables were unable to locate a vehicle that had recklessly passed other vehicles on North Main.

9:33 p.m. – Two constables responded to the Passion Play grounds because a

son was choking his mother. Constables secured the scene until deputies could arrive.

11:32 p.m. – An inside motion alarm sounded in a building, but the responding constable found all the doors and windows secure.

AUGUST 18

1:01 a.m. – A traffic stop resulted in the arrest of the driver for second violation of driving with a suspended license.

2:08 a.m. – Security personnel downtown noticed a person passed out next to a truck. Constables found the truck but no one was nearby.

6:28 a.m. – Staff at ESH reported a couple there were saying they had run out of gas on US 62. They are looking for gas for the vehicle. Constable responded to the location and determined the vehicle was not blocking the roadway.

9:30 a.m. – Another resident reported medications had been stolen from her home.

9:58 a.m. – ESPD learned of damage to a public bathroom downtown. Constable who checked it out thought the damage did not appear to be intentional.

11:28 a.m. – An employee at a business accidentally set off the alarm.

1:02 p.m. – There was a two-motorcycle accident on US 62. Riders refused EMS.

2:18 p.m. – Resident thought the music coming from a bar was too loud. Responding constable heard only a jukebox playing, and the music was not very loud.

3:24 p.m. – Person stopped at a gas station and noticed his wallet was missing. He told the constable it might have been taken by the person to whom he had just given a ride.

Get ready to socc it to 'em

The Eureka Springs Soccer Club is holding its first fall season player/team sign-up on Saturday, Aug. 24 at the Eureka Springs Middle School cafeteria from 9 – 11:30 a.m. Other sign-up dates and information regarding the Club's Youth and Adult soccer programs may be found at www.eteamz.com/eurekasoccer.

Ambulance calls up and down

NICKY BOYETTE

It was a busy July for ambulances and emergency medical responders in Holiday Island according to HI Fire Chief Jack Deaton. They had 40 calls, and Deaton told the Western Carroll County Ambulance District on Tuesday afternoon, "Sometimes they come in bunches." Deaton had one call which required 16 responders on the scene for more than two hours.

Grassy Knob Fire Department was not quite as busy. They had 15 calls, but Karen Finkeldei said one was a drowning that kept her and another responder on a boat for two and a half hours.

Other departments reported a quiet month. Inspiration Point Fire Department had only five calls, and Chief Ed Thompson speculated the rainy weather might have kept motorcyclists off the roads.

How many on Board?

Jim Simmons attended his first meeting as the third commissioner. He

replaced Chuck Olson whose term had expired. A new Arkansas law makes it possible for the district to have from three to five commissioners. Consensus was it should be an odd number, to which commissioner Ken Mills replied, "We're already odd."

President Chris McClung said the board should prepare recommendations for the number of members and their terms, and submit an ordinance stating these preferences to the Quorum Court, which is the final arbiter.

Olson suggested having a commissioner from each of the four zones, plus a rotating member, although he acknowledged Grassy Knob FD has trouble finding even one member. Mills thought two from Holiday Island would be appropriate since most of the calls come from there.

More ideas circulated regarding numbers and how to set the terms. Deaton, who also sits on the Quorum Court, thought it best if he were not

involved in presenting preferences to the court, and suggested the board talk to Justice of the Peace Lamont Richie to write and introduce the ordinance. McClung said he would try to get Richie and deputy prosecutor Devon Goodman to attend the September 10 WCCAD meeting. He also wants input from persons in the district as to how to constitute the board. The goal would be to have the ordinance representing their preferences ready for the October 17 Quorum Court meeting.

Trainings on the way

Eureka Springs Fire Chief Rhys Williams announced his department will conduct another EMT class this winter, date to be determined. He will also have a class for EMTs and EMRs on how to better assist paramedics. Deaton will conduct an EMR class sometime this autumn.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, Sept. 10, at 4 p.m. at the Holiday Island Cornerstone Bank.

Buffalo River fire crew on the job in Idaho

Fire level at its highest across nation

C. D. WHITE

Ten Arkansas wildland firefighters from the National Park Service/Buffalo National River were dispatched Aug. 19 to serve on an Initial Attack Crew fighting fires near Salt Lake City, Utah, but were quickly reassigned to join 1200 firefighters battling the Beaver Creek fire in Idaho now being reported as the most dangerous fire in the nation.

The company also quickly gained national recognition when NBC reporter, Miguel Almaguer, spent a day with the Buffalo River Company and featured the firefighters in a segment on the NBC Evening News. The Weather Channel soon picked up the footage as well, giving us all a sense of pride in our Arkansas crew.

Wildland firefighting is extremely arduous duty, and more than 1200 people and 19 aircraft were battling the lightning-caused Beaver Creek fire, which started Aug. 7 and was only about 10 percent contained at last report. According to the Associated Press, nearly 90 fire engines also were in the region, many protecting homes in the affluent area where celebrities like Arnold Schwarzenegger, Tom Hanks and Bruce Willis own pricey getaways.

Jared James, administrative assistant at the Buffalo National River Park, told the *Independent* the crew of 10 firefighters was comprised of regular firefighters, interpretive rangers, park rangers and volunteers – all of whom had red cards certifying



them as wildland fire fighters – a mix of federal and non-federal employees representing three divisions of the National Park Service.

James said a second crew may be sent to join them in a couple of days, and crews only stay on site a maximum of two weeks before being rotated. "The fire level across the nation is at its highest, currently a level five," James added, "and a new fire was just posted today as growing in Yosemite and the National Fire Center is looking for people to help with that."

Fans of the Buffalo River, and now of its firefighting crew, can check out periodic updates and pictures posted by the crew on Facebook at Buffalo National River.

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The World Wide Cobweb

After several misadventures with old information on the World Wide Web – the sticky strands of which instantly fasten the posting of billions of documents, blogs and pictures to the walls of the great invisible library of human thought – I see a whole new career developing.

But first, don't confuse the Web with the Internet. The Internet is a networking infrastructure connecting millions of computers (as long as they're logged on) together globally and is used for e-mail, Usenet news groups, instant messaging and file transfer protocol. (Information travels over the Internet

via languages known as protocols.)

The World Wide Web is an information-sharing model built on top of the Internet using Hypertext Transfer Protocol to transmit data – hence the initials <http://www.whatever>. The Web utilizes browsers such as Internet Explorer to access documents (Web pages) linked to each other via hyperlinks and which may contain graphics, sounds, text and video.

Now that the Web and Google have convinced us there's no need to buy encyclopedias or reference books and to throw away our dictionaries, address books and phone books, there's nothing

more frustrating than logging onto a URL (Universal Resource Locator or WWW address) found on a business card, magazine, newspaper or on another website and seeing *this*: **404 (Page Not Found) Error**. Maddening. URLs should at least be spelled right and work.

The only thing worse is finding the page and excitedly responding, emailing or passing on the information only to find out after it's too late to avoid embarrassment that the page hasn't been updated in several years ... like wearing a new outfit at Easter for everyone to see and then never taking it off. Old info seems to be hanging

around everywhere.

If you're going to be a big name, a big company or even a small business and aren't going to update your website, take it down. Imagine tourists Googling events in Eureka Springs on the Chamber and CAPC Web sites and planning trips to town based on last year's event dates. Yet, those wrong dates are still out there on many a web site. Yes, everyone is busy, but wouldn't an investment in an information-based website include making sure sure it's *right*? That alone could be a whole new career for someone – otherwise we're stuck in the World Wide Cobweb.

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EPLZ<21 music plus arts and crafts at Fun After 5 Aug. 23

Enjoy the outdoor festival atmosphere as the Fun After 5! Makers|Music Fest presents an evening of artists, makers, authors and crafters showing and selling their unique work in Basin Park on Aug. 23.

It will be twice the fun with great music in the bandshell at 5 p.m. as the EPLZ<21 (EurekaPalooza under 21) Showcase hosts bands battling for a slot onstage at the EurekaPalooza festival in September. Come cheer your favorites ... and maybe discover a new one.

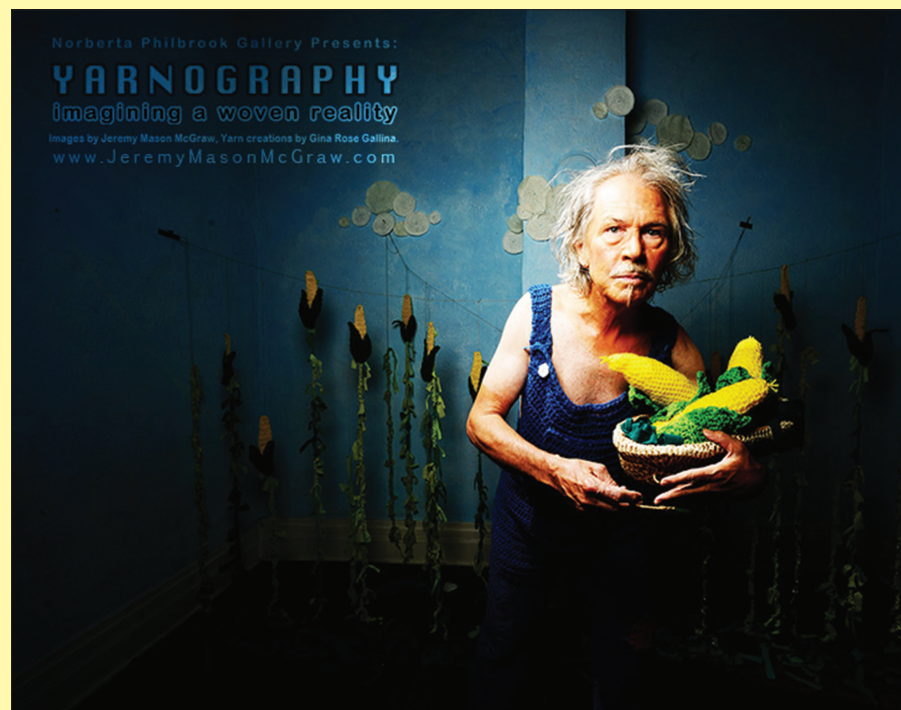
Conference brings writers, agents, editors together Contest deadline Aug. 31

The 46th annual Ozark Creative Writers (OCW) Conference will be held Oct. 10-12 at the Best Western Inn of the Ozarks Convention Center. This conference is well known for its friendly, welcoming atmosphere whether you're a seasoned professional or a newbie writer.

Headlining the conference will be noted Arkansas author, Kevin Brockmeier, and veteran literary agent, Jim Donovan. The program will also feature sessions by regional writers including author and writing teacher, Pat Carr; and Velda Brotherton, who will speak on the nuts and bolts of selling your book on Amazon and

other online markets. There will also be a stellar panel of regional editors – Dan Case from AWOC Press, Lou Turner from High Hill Press, Dr. Susan Swartwout of Southeast State Missouri University Press and others – to answer those burning questions about getting published. Donovan and the editors will be taking pitches as well.

The OCW conference features 19 writing contests in a variety of genres, all with cash prizes. You must be registered with the conference to enter. Contest/pre-registration deadline is August 31. For more information, email ozarkcreativewriters@gmail.com or visit www.ozarkcreativewriters.com.



Shadow collection – the Yarnography you didn't get to see

While shooting the Yarnography collection an alternative "shadow" collection was also photographed. In all things there is duality. We all live between the illusion of self-perception and reality. Photographer Jeremy Mason McGraw invites you to choose for yourself what is real as you enjoy this alternative set on Facebook at the

Creative Energy Project.

The current collection will continue to hang at The Pressroom through August. You can own part of the collection *and* support future projects like this by purchasing a piece from the Norberta Philbrook Gallery across the street from the Pressroom in Bentonville.

NOTES from the HOLLOW

by Steve Weems

We recently drove the length of the Florida panhandle. After observing thousands of hermit crabs on the beach at a state park, we decided to drive to the small town of Carrabelle to eat at the Fisherman's Wife Restaurant. We pulled up just as the open sign was switched off. At the next restaurant, a barbecue place, the owner let us in though it was also her closing time.

Inside the restaurant were three customers, two of whom were cops. We traipsed in sunburned and trailing sand and headed to our table. I was wearing my Arkansas Razorbacks t-shirt and one of the cops said, "The only problem with you coming in so late is that you'll have to call the hogs before we let you leave." Woo. Pig. Soobie.

Off in a corner was the weatherworn third customer, a man in the middle of a 13-month journey circumnavigating the lower 48 states on a bicycle. He planned to set up his tent by the restaurant that night despite the alligators.

One of the kids commented later that it was like an episode

of the *Twilight Zone*. The cop turned out to be a nice guy with the goal in life of living on Beaver Lake part of the year so he can attend Razorback football games. He told us that before we told him where we're from. Small world.

That is my point, the word is out that this is an interesting place to live and the numbers prove it. While Eureka Springs proper has only had modest growth the last few decades, the population in Carroll County west of the Kings River has more than tripled. In 1960, it was only 2,844, while today it is 8,728. A large portion of that is the Holiday Island boom, but all those houses edging Beaver Lake have people in them, too.

And as I was told by a local Realtor, they're not making land anymore. The best I can figure, Carroll County west of the Kings River covers 103,101 acres. At the present population, that comes out to 12 acres per person. Tend it wisely.



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Calling all writers

Tuesday, August 27, starting at 7 p.m., the Carnegie Library and Friends of the Library will show and discuss several TED Talks on the topic of writing. According to their website, "TED is a nonprofit devoted to Ideas Worth Spreading." Each video is no longer than 18 minutes and features the world's foremost thinkers.

TED Talks are available on a wide

variety of topics, but this session will focus on the topic of writing/being a writer. Between each video presentation, Jake Allen will lead a discussion. Join writers and those interested in writing in the Friends Room of the Annex at 192 Spring. The evening is free and open to everyone. Contact the library (479) 253-8754 or info@eurekalibrary.org for more.

McGraw to address photo guild

Jeremy Mason McGraw will be guest speaker at the Holiday Island Photography Guild Tuesday, August 27, at 3 p.m. McGraw is a professional photographer who specializes in hotel, hospitality, travel and resort photography. He is also founder of the

Creative Energy Project and specializes in creative photography techniques.

All those interested in photography are encouraged to join the Guild at the Holiday Island Country Club in room A on the lower level. More info: (479) 363-6052, hiphotoguild@gmail.com.

Quilters – don't miss this

There are still a few spots left for author and quilting teacher Barbara J. Eikmeier's Back Basting Appliqué workshop at The Writer's Colony at Dairy Hollow, 515 Spring Spring, Thursday, Sept. 12, from 1 – 4 p.m.

Participants will get hands-on experience with the basics as they sew a small flower block. During the three-hour session Barb will also demonstrate techniques presented in her new book, *Back Basting Appliqué, Step by Step*, and quilt samples from the book will be on display.

Bring the following: small pointed scissors, needle threader if needed, embroidery needle for (size 7 or 8) and a Straw or Milliner needle (size 10 or 11). An optional kit containing all necessary supplies arranged in a cute little tin is available from the instructor for \$12.

Barb is using her time at the Colony to work on a cookbook involving pies, so there will be pies to sample! To register, email director@writerscolony.org or call Linda Caldwell (479) 253-7444. To see Barb's work, check out www.barbsfavorites.com.



Park Bark – Sam I am and I wish I had somewhere to play with my new red toy ... so my ears pricked up when I heard folks are gonna be out at Harmon Park on Mon., Sept. 9 at noon to stake out the fence line for the dog park. Hey, come join us! Those ol' two-legs are also looking for donations of doggie items to sell in a Basin Park fundraiser on Oct. 19. So far they've got treats, leashes, collars, and bows – all homemade. So if you're crafty and would like to donate, please give Rachel a bark at (479) 244-9151 or Bill at 253-2658 for more info; or check out Eureka Springs Dog Park on Facebook. The next Dog Park meeting is Wed., Aug 28.

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

Brady Bunch star visits refuge

By ERIC STUDER

If you grew up in the '70s, you'll remember Barry Williams, who played Greg Brady in the popular *Brady Bunch* TV series. When the series ended, Williams turned his energies toward a variety of creative endeavors. He moved to the Branson area in 2011 to write, produce and perform in his popular music variety show, the "'70s Music Celebration" at the RFD TV Theatre.

Barry and his 10 year-old son, Brandon, recently spent the weekend at the Safari Lodge at Turpentine Creek for a little "bonding" time with the big cats. After a guided tour, Barry and Brandon discussed the mission of the refuge and the problems created through private ownership of wildlife in the US with refuge co-founder and president, Tanya Smith.

"I first visited Turpentine Creek Wildlife Refuge last year. I was so

impressed by the remarkable work being done here, I knew I had to plan a longer stay and bring Brandon," said Williams. "My son watches almost every wildlife show on TV. He loves animals and surprised quite a few refuge staff members with his depth of knowledge. I'm very proud of him," he added.

When asked about the highlights of his stay, Brandon remarked, "I really enjoyed the white tigers and unique markings on the ligers. I can't believe how active the animals are and how close you can get to them. I loved the Safari Lodge, especially the hot tub. We felt like we were in the 'lap of luxury' while listening to the big cats late into the night."

The refuge looks forward to Brandon and Barry's next visit. For details on live performances of the "'70s Music Celebration," visit www.70smusiccelebration.com.



Barry Williams, Tanya Smith and Brandon Williams

TheNATUREofEUREKA by Steven Foster



Virginia Virgin's Bower

The brilliant white-flowered cloud of festoonery of virgin's bower, or Virginia virgin's bowers, once popularly called sweet-scented clematis or sweet-scented American climber, is in bloom. This deciduous, climbing vine is seen on many fences in Northwest Arkansas now, as well as along roadsides for the next few weeks. The woody vine, seldom noticed until this time of year has slender stems with opposite leaves and sweetly fragrant flowers.

The flowers, up to an inch across have four white petal-like sepals (no petals), with a cluster of wispy stamens giving the entire floral display an impressionistic feel. Male and female flowers are separate, but even the female flowers have stamens; they simply produce no pollen.

You probably also notice the clusters of fruits, seen in a few weeks with silvery plumes of feather-like tails, helping seeds disperse in the woods. Flowering mostly in August and September, the fruits develop by late September persisting into December.

Cultivated in England as a garden flower as early as 1767, it is the most widespread and abundant of the more than 30 North American species of clematis, which is about 10 percent of the world's

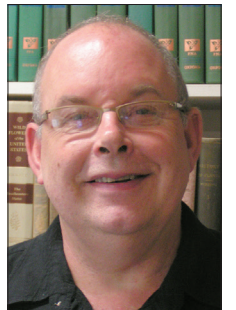
clematis species.

The name *Clematis* comes from the Greek "clema" meaning plant shoot, the ancient name of a vine.

Virginia virgin's bower occurs from Prince Edward Island, south to Florida, west to East Texas, north to the Dakotas. It is easy to distinguish from other native climbing vines as it has the unique habit of twining around its own leaf stalks for support.

Clematis belongs to the buttercup family (*Ranunculaceae*) a plant family known for both medicinal and toxic plants. In particular, most species of clematis are considered potentially poisonous although there are only a few reports of tactual toxic reactions associated with it. Like many members of the buttercup family, clematis contains protoanemonins, a group of compounds which when in contact with skin can cause irritating blistering. Probably the main reason why cases of toxicity are rare is that if livestock chomp on clematis leaves, they spit out the first distasteful skunk-flavored bite.

Enjoy the shower of white blooms, particularly abundant this year with the favorable weather conditions. It is a sure sign that fall is just around the corner.



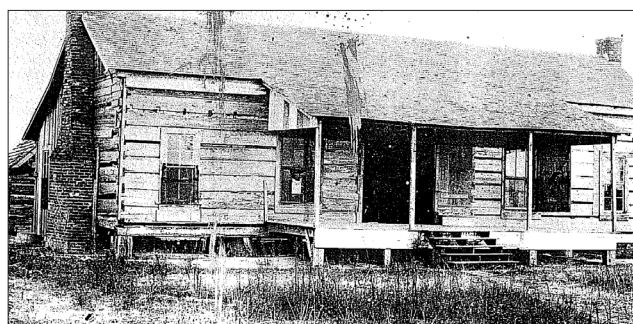
Fame Came Late © is an **unpublished historical manuscript** written by Lida Wilson Pyles (1906-2000). It is the story as she was told about Eureka Springs bear hunter, John Gaskins. Pyles married into the Gaskins family in 1924.

Grandpa Gaskins was a fine storyteller and I was a good listener. It never occurred to me at that time that the time would come when I would want to record for my children what I had learned from Grandpa.

Grandpa was almost blind and did not get around much. He sat in his favorite spot at the side of the kitchen stove, holding his cane between his knees. I had learned that he was always careful that what he told me was the truth. If I asked about something he had not made quite clear in the telling, he would say, "I don't rightly know but I think it was..." Grandpa's own grandchildren, including my husband, paid little attention to his recounting the tales of yesteryear. It was not that they did not love their Grandpa. They did, and did everything they could do for his comfort. Perhaps they had tired of his oft-told tales. Anyway, I had seen Elba slip out of the room during the telling. But to me, they were new and very interesting.

Those first years I lived in the family were during the days of Prohibition. That long and trying time taught me a lot of things. The most important one, and the one that affected me most, was the fact that Elba and Emery had both inherited the Gaskins appetite for whiskey. Elba worked at the factory and Emery, being the baby of the family and spoiled rotten, was not too fond of work and spent most of his time wheedling money from other members of the family.

For some strange reason, Elba felt



obligated to furnish him with money to support his habit. Many dollars that he worked for went to buy liquor for the two of them. It was then that I learned I was in the same boat with a lot of other housewives in the neighborhood. I was spending half of my time wondering where my husband was and the other half wishing I had never found out.

They were both like their grandfathers in way, too. They were never mean or cruel to their families or anyone else. Their drinking never affected them in that way. They were just irresponsible and undependable. But I also knew men in the area who were mean to their families and realized that I had something to be thankful for.

It was during many of the times when Elba and Emery, gone with some of their cronies out on a drinking spree, that I learned much about the Gaskins family. I spent hours at a time sitting on a box at Grandpa's knee listening.

"Do you really believe in ghosts, Grandpa?" I asked him one day, knowing that a mention of ghosts would get him started. "Do you really believe that people can come back to Earth after they

are dead?"

"I don't know about other people, but the Gaskins' can and most of them do." During the writing of this story I should add here and now that after living in the family for more than sixty years, I believe Grandpa was right. Why not? He always seemed to be right about everything else.

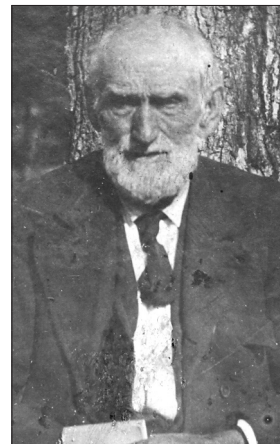
"Tell me about the time you saw your mother with your new baby," I urged, even though I had heard the story before.

Grandpa tapped his cane on the floor between his feet and began.

"Well, the old woman and me were expectin' our first baby in a few days. It was in the wintertime and I had gone out to bring in some wood for the fireplace. When I opened the door, I saw Ma carryin' a bundle wrapped up in a blanket. She was climbing the ladder that went up into the loft."

"But wasn't your mother dead at that time?" I asked.

"Oh, sure. She had been dead for several years but I knowed my Ma when I saw her. I knowed it was her and I



figgered I knowed what she was carryin', too. It was our new baby."

"What made you think it was your baby, Grandpa?" I asked.

"Well, we all know that when one of th' Gaskins dies, some of them that is all ready gone come back after 'em. I just knowed that it was Ma an' that she had come after th' baby. Sure enough, the baby was born dead about two weeks after I seen Ma carryin' it up that ladder."

"Tell me again about when your mother died. Didn't you see her then?"

"Yes, my wife and me lived about twelve miles from her and I didn't get over to see her as often as I should. One day I saw Mose Hyde, one of our neighbors, an' he told me that he had heard that Ma was feelin' pretty poorly. Said he had seen my brother Bill and that he wanted me to come over an' see Ma. I got on my horse and rode over there. It was well after dark and I was in about a half mile of the house. I saw Ma comin' out the path to meet me. She was wearin' her bonnet and her white apron like she allus wore when she was goin' someplace.

"My horse shied off to one side of the path and snorted like he allus did when he saw somethin' strange. I pulled him up an' stopped. Ma walked right up to me and said, 'Jack, I'm goin' now and it will be a long time before you foller me.' Then she just disappeared. I knowed right then that Ma was dead. Sure enough, when I got to th' house they told me she had been gone about twenty minutes. I knowed it was her I had seen there in the path."

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natural, enduring look of perennials with seasonal flowering plants accented by whimsically painted twigs, lotus pods and Osage orange fruit on a mossy background.

Allen grew up on a farm where he learned about growing vegetables, but not caring for landscape plants. "I was no expert when I took this on. It's been a process. I know the common names of most things, but I certainly don't know all the scientific names."

Visitors and locals are wowed by splashes of color and charming

arrangements at different sites throughout the town. The landscaping at the top of Planer Hill is always resplendent and eye-catching, just like his landscaping at Magnetic Spring, Grotto Spring and Crescent Spring. Somehow he weaves in a naturally profound calm befitting the healing nature of the springs.

Allen said he always liked doing things his own way. He has tried to sketch out ahead of time what he intended for the sites, but in the end "the space tells me." Twigs, moss and other woody things find their way into the displays. He has stories connected

to many plants at the springs that he says are like his kids.

"It's time to move on," he said, adding that it was a hard choice because he has enjoyed talking to those who walk by while he is working. He appreciates seeing tourists stop for a moment to relax at the springs, and said he values the passion and genuine caring he sees in the people in town, although he acknowledged the deep feelings sometimes lead to contention among the citizenry. Nevertheless, when there is a cause or a big issue, folks drop the bickering and come together. That is what has kept him here

for so long.

"I've never wanted much. It is easy to fill your life with things, but things can be a distraction. The only things I felt were important were to love and be loved."

Allen planned to take a big trip and he did not know where. "It was sort of like throwing a dart at the map." His plans have changed for the moment because his dog is ailing, but his trip will happen when the time is right. For now, he and his dog can enjoy the sounds of the nighttime bugs and the whippoorwills, and it will be someone else's turn to replant the impatiens.

Burning Man to Humanity – “Welcome Home”

Thursday evening the Sun enters the disciplined Virgo, sign of gestating new states of consciousness. And always in time for Burning Man (Monday, the 26th to Sept. 2), the radical arts community/temporary metropolis, in the playas of Nevada’s Black Rock Desert. Burning Man, with its ethos (spirit) of freedom and culture organically begun in 1986 in San Francisco, is a field of survival (it’s 107 degrees) amidst creation – together building the new world. It’s irrational, primal, celebratory – procession of humanity, days and nights of gritty dust

under the Sun and stars, individually in communion. It’s build, burn, dismantle – leave no trace. It’s shared community with rules, laws, ordinances, precepts and principles.

Here are the 10 Principles. They could define each of us, were we courageous enough to live by them. Burning Man is an experiment – someday reality for everyone. The Ten Principles – 1) Inclusion; 2) Gift giving (unconditional); 3) No commercialization; 4) Relying on inner resources; 5) Self-expression; 6) Communal effort, community values, creative

cooperation/collaboration; 7) Civic responsibility for public welfare, respecting laws; 8) Respect of environment, leaving the environment in a better state; 9) Participation, Open heart – Beingness through doing-ness. Everyone working and playing makes the world real through actions that open the heart; 10) Immediacy – relating to the moment, to those around us, contact with the natural world, no barriers.

Burning Man is an ongoing work of performance art. Burning Man to humanity – “Welcome Home.” <http://www.burningman.com/>

ARIES: It will be important to focus on details, to be organized and complete things. At day’s end, walk through your environments. Observe what’s out of place, open, astray, afoot and generally lying about. Place things where they belong. Aries leaves a trail of things undone. This is natural for Aries, moving quickly to each next phase, forgetting the previous one. Try this month to complete tasks as a meditation. A new sense of accomplishment emerges.

TAURUS: Hang natural rock or faceted lead crystals on a red string in all windows open to the Sun, a practical approach to the Sun’s light. Crystal refracted prisms radiate rainbows everywhere. The colors are the Ray colors stimulating creativity, beauty and balance. Hang crystals in halls, darkened corridors and corners where energy is obstructed/unmoving. Crystals in sunlight restore health and well-being. You need this care from the Sun.

GEMINI: Gemini and Pisces are not of this world. They never really make descent into physical matter, living instead in the etheric – the world of non-physical form where matter is first conceived in pattern of light. The information Geminis gather and disperse provides for others a new template of thinking which results in new actions. Realize, therefore, how important your communication is. Be aware of what you say, why, its veracity and intention. Is it always imbued with loving kindness?

CANCER: It’s important to be keenly aware of impressions and perceptions. They come from the Soul and are

directions for (y)our life. You are keenly sensitive, as is Leo. Sensitive to higher unseen worlds, to feelings, moods and sensations. Other signs are not sensitive in the same ways. Hiding under your shell does not decrease sensitivity. It’s important to capture the precious moments when such direction occurs. Many rely on your knowledge and direction.

LEO: Leo is the sign of creative identity. One becomes very clear, when a Leo, about self-identity. Leo says, “Look at the work I’ve done. Here is my creative self. I am this creative self!” Do you have what you need during these times? It’s important to state your values and needs. It’s also important to give unselfishly – talents, gifts, time, resources – to those appreciating you and to those in need. Use your kind heart in all matters. You’re the heart of the Sun.

VIRGO: It’s important to know how your physical presence affects others and your environments. You pay attention to details, are ordered and organized. Excellent traits. However, there are many others incapable of this. Only a special type of person adapts to those less able. Do you patiently approach the world with such purpose? Do you seek perfection in all things? It’s good to understand everyone is imperfect and perfect at the same time. They are one.

LIBRA: What atmosphere (architecture, sensitivities) do you prefer? An atmosphere of being

challenged, of leadership, separation and boundaries, rhythmic, of music and art, of kindness, of noting the details, of meditation? Perhaps some or all of these. Attempt to define which are best for you. Recognizing these helps us become aware of the fields we create.

We are more able to bring into manifestation things we have only previously sensed or thought about. What is your home like? **SCORPIO:** Often, in the depths of your being, you realize you want to be of service. You want to speak with goodness and kindness, exuding

personal power through how you communicate. You want to improve the world, discover and share systems for the good of humanity. You want to be in an organization that links groups doing good together. You wonder how you, a hermit-like person, would fit into such group. You assess your gifts. The New Group of World Servers is always open to those who seek to serve. It’s invisible.

SAGITTARIUS: I came across a quote in the book *You Are a Cosmic Traveler* (untranslated) by Brazilian author, spiritual teacher, Trigueirinho, founder of the *Figueira* monastery (in Brazil). Trigueirinho’s books are illuminating. The quote concerns your world service (which you are or are not aware of). Your service is invaluable. You give what others cannot. Here’s the quote. “The service you give is not yours alone. It belongs to the cosmos. Because you are a cosmic voyager.” Sag is always the voyage. I wanted to

give you some new identification.

CAPRICORN: You are the ultimate Earth sign. Earth is a school, one of many in the cosmos. Earth school prepares us to understand how to live in form and matter. As spirits encased in matter, often we don’t know how to behave. Having forgotten our spiritual identity, we long for it. Tending gardens, working and living in nature, helps reconnect with our innate spiritual lineage. A most important profession is the gardener – a humble work. Great Teachers work quietly in gardens, as nature is the body of God.

AQUARIUS: Perhaps in your daily life you’re encountering other people’s problems and these impact your emotional and mental field. It’s important not to shy away from these people. Instead, help them overcome and release their suffering. You have a purpose at this time while encountering intense situations. Radiate the Light of the Soul outward to these people and situations. It dissipates the intensity and the suffering. Others feel your service and compassion. You are to help those in distress.

PISCES: You’re not to give up your visions or goals, even though it seems a long time to manifest. Incorporate ideas from other sources, adding to the facet of the diamond that is your vision of community and a village that serves humanity. In the meantime, know that what is presently around you is your present community (for now). Be fully present to it. Be for those around you a humble and kind companion. Know that we are all in training to be Hierarchy. Training amidst the burning grounds.



Get needled for free Aug. 24

Join friends and neighbors Saturday, August 24 at Flora Roja Community Acupuncture and Apothecary, 119 Wall St., for Free Acupuncture Day from 11 a.m. – 4 p.m., and a free “Good Friends, Good Food Feast” at 6 p.m. Bring a dish if you wish. Fun giveaways. Call for more information (479) 268-4968.

Get the fishin’ poles out

The 8th Annual George’s Pond fishing derby takes place Saturday, August 24. Registration begins at 8 a.m. with fishing from 9 – 10:30 a.m. Any child 1–15 is eligible. Great prizes and good times to be had by all. Children should bring a fishing pole, tackle and bait. Sponsored by Carroll County Elected Officials and the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission.

Note: Fishing will be off limits to the public beginning Friday, August 23 after the fish are stocked. Normal fishing may resume after the derby on Saturday.

Jerry Landrum presents “New Perspectives on Energy”

Membership is open for the new Lions Club in Eureka Springs. Come out and hear Jerry Landrum, guest speaker, on Tuesday, August 27 at noon at the Forest Hill Restaurant as he presents “New Perspectives on Energy.”

Landrum served 25 years as a physical scientist with the Civil Service while stationed at the Stennis Space Center in Mississippi, and spent 12 years with the Naval Oceanographic Laboratory and the Naval Research Lab.

In Eureka Springs he became active with the city’s Citizens Action Committee on Climate. The goal is to reduce the town’s emission of greenhouse gases by 50 percent

by 2020 and 80 percent by 2040. At his home acreage, Landrum experiments on many endeavors produced or enabled by nature. One of his signature projects is the use of solar panels, and he has designed plans for energy conversion of home dwellings to solar panel usage.

The club meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at noon at the Forest Hill Restaurant. “We Serve” is the Lions motto. Programs include sight conservation, hearing and speech conservation, diabetes awareness, youth outreach, international relations, environmental issues and others. Contact Dan Ellis (479) 981-9551 for info.

Carroll County Fair Schedule

Saturday, Aug. 24

Fair Parade: 10 a.m.
Horse check-in: 2 – 7 p.m.
Truck Pull: 7 p.m.

Sunday, Aug. 25

Horseshoe Pitching: 12 noon

Monday, Aug. 26

Horse Show: 9 a.m. New: Pony (13.2 hands or smaller) class open to kids ages 12 and under.
Education check-in: 12 – 7 p.m.
Dairy and meat goat check-in: 12 – 7 p.m.
Family Fun Night: 6 p.m.

Tuesday, Aug. 27

Meat & Dairy Goat show: 10 a.m.
Sheep check-in: 12 – 7 p.m.
Horse check out: 2 p.m.
Little Mr. & Miss Carroll County: 6:30 p.m.
Carnival Opens: 6 – 10 p.m.

Wednesday, Aug. 28

Sheep Show: 10 a.m.
Beef cattle, dairy cattle, poultry, rabbits & swine check-in: 1 – 7 p.m.
Commercial booth set-up and open: 5 p.m.
Miss Carroll County: 6 p.m.
Carnival: 6 – 10 p.m.

Thursday, Aug. 29

Senior Day: 65+ Free Admission
Beef Cattle Show: a.m.
Dairy Cattle Show: 1 p.m.
Carnival: 6 – 10 p.m.
7 p.m. event to be announced

Friday, Aug. 30

Hog or Dairy Show: 10 a.m.
Lawnmower/Go Cart races: 7 p.m.
Carnival: 6 – 10 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 31

Premium Auction: 10 a.m.
Tractor Driving Contest: 2 p.m.
Poultry Chain Auction: 5 p.m.
Carnival: 6 – 10 p.m.
Parade of Champions: 7 p.m.
Ranch Rodeo with 5 events: 7 p.m.
(Immediately following Parade of Champions)
All exhibits released: 9 p.m.



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Friday’s pre-hearing meeting in Little Rock, and said they were told how the hearing would proceed: Intervenors will make brief (10-minute) opening statements. First up will be SWEPCO and the two intervenors in favor of the proposal, Southwest Power Pool (SPP) and Arkansas Electric Cooperative Corp (AECC).

Proponents will be followed by Save the Ozarks and intervenors opposed to the project. This may take several hours given the number of intervenors. There were originally 47 intervenors and, as of August 9, APSC listed 26 opposition intervenors. However, some have recently withdrawn and/or asked to be excused.

Following intervenor testimonies, public comments will be heard. People who offered comments at public comment meetings in Eureka Springs and Rogers will not be allowed to speak again at this hearing. Those who make comments will be limited to three minutes, which is expected to be strictly enforced.

By Monday afternoon, AEP/SWEPCO will likely present its case and expert witnesses. Cross-examination of these witnesses by other intervenors and Administrative Law Judge Connie Griffin will probably continue through most of Tuesday. Then AEP/SWEPCO’s allied intervenors, SPP and AECC, present their expert witnesses who are

subject to cross examination by other intervenors, and finally by Judge Griffin. Following that, opposing intervenors present their case and expert witnesses, and these witnesses are subject to cross examination by SWEPCO and its allies, and Judge Griffin.

At the end, all intervenors make closing arguments. Costner said while it is hard to determine how much time it would take for each portion of the proceedings, it seems likely that STO witnesses should be prepared to appear by Wednesday. STO is encouraging people opposed to the project to come to Little Rock on Monday to make public comments.

“The most important people to

make public comments are those who are traversed but not notified,” Costner said. “We have identified some in Arkansas. However, evidence suggests that AEP/SWEPCO did not notify the landowners on route 109 in Missouri although they are included in the list of landowners that AEP/SWEPCO claims to have sent letters of notification.

“According to AEP/SWEPCO’s list, route 109 traverses 165 parcels of land in Missouri (51 in Barry County and 114 in McDonald County). The list has the names and, in most cases, the addresses of the owners of each parcel. It is very important that these people come to Little Rock and tell Judge Griffin that they were not notified.”

“If we could harness his energy, we wouldn’t need foreign oil”

– Peter Read, *Nightflying Magazine*

Dayton Waters is a frequent flyer at the Squid & Whale and it’s not hard to understand why. The über talented 12-string guitarist,

who cut his teeth in the French Quarter at age 14, is an entertainer at heart. It has been said that music replaced blood in his veins while experiencing The Big Easy and he began the transformation from player to performer. A phenomenal stage presence who makes a connection with his audience, Waters impresses with his fast fingers. Request one of his own compositions, “El Cabildo,” to see the speed

and dexterity he is famous for. His description as a poet-warrior gives some insight into his song-writing abilities. Performing originals and covers, ranging from “Sultans of Swing” and “Copperhead Road” to “Suzie Q,” his sound is somewhere between southern rock and country. The show is Saturday, Aug. 24 at the Squid & Whale, 9 p.m., so get ready.

FRIDAY – AUGUST 23

- **BALCONY RESTAURANT**
Hogscalders, 12 p.m. & 6 p.m.
- **BLUEBIRD LOUNGE** *I.W.*
Lamb, 5 p.m.
- **CHASERS BAR & GRILL**
Devlin & Dominique
- **CHELSEA’S** *The Ariels*, 9 p.m.
- **EUREKA LIVE!** DJ & Dancing
- **EUREKA PARADISE** DJ and Dancing, Ladies Night
- **EUREKA STONEHOUSE** *Jerry Yester*, 6:30–9:30 p.m.
- **GRAND TAVERNE** *Arkansas Red Guitar*, 6:30–9:30 p.m.
- **JACK’S PLACE** *Karaoke with DJ Goose*, 9 p.m.

- **LEGENDS SALOON** DJ Karaoke, 8 p.m.
- **NEW DELHI** *South Ozark Boys*, 1–5 p.m., *Richard Burnett*, 6:30–10:30 p.m.
- **PIED PIPER CATHOUSE LOUNGE** *W.C. Doan*, 8 p.m. – midnight
- **ROWDY BEAVER** *West Street Blues*, 7:30 p.m.
- **ROWDY BEAVER DEN** *Blew Reed & the Flatheads*, 9 p.m. – 1 a.m.
- **SQUID & WHALE PUB** *The Funner Brothers*, 9 p.m.
- **THE BLARNEY STONE** *Mountain Shore*, 8:30 p.m.
- **VOULEZ-VOUS** *Ruby Revue*

Burlesque, 9 p.m.

SATURDAY – AUGUST 24

- **BALCONY RESTAURANT**
Matt King, 12 p.m., *Chris Diablo*, 6 p.m.
- **BLUEBIRD LOUNGE** *I.W.*
Lamb, 5 p.m.
- **CHASERS BAR & GRILL**
Way Cool, Jr.
- **CHELSEA’S** *Cadillac Jackson*, 9 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** *Mark Shields Band*, 9 p.m.
- **LEGENDS SALOON** *Strange Company*, 9 p.m.
- **NEW DELHI CAFÉ** *Tommy Nolen*, 1–5 p.m., *Bella Donna*, 6:30–10:30 p.m.
- **PIED PIPER CATHOUSE LOUNGE** *W.C. Doan*, 8 p.m. – midnight
- **ROWDY BEAVER** *Ozark Thunder*, 7:30 p.m.
- **ROWDY BEAVER DEN** *Tightrope*, 1–5 p.m., *Jesse Dean*, 9 p.m. – 1 a.m.
- **SQUID & WHALE PUB**
Dayton Waters-Intense 12-string

guitar, 9 p.m.

- **THE BLARNEY STONE**
Sweetwater Gypsies, 9 p.m.
- **VOULEZ-VOUS** *Ruby Revue*
Burlesque, 9 p.m.

SUNDAY – AUGUST 25

- **BALCONY RESTAURANT**
James White, 12 p.m. & 5 p.m.
- **CHELSEA’S** *Chucky Waggs*
- **LEGENDS SALOON** Free Texas Hold ‘Em Tournament with prizes, 6 p.m.
- **NEW DELHI CAFÉ** *Effron White*, 1–5 p.m.
- **ROWDY BEAVER DEN** *T Brothers*, 1–5 p.m.
- **SQUID & WHALE PUB** Local Talent Showcase
- **THE BLARNEY STONE** Open Mic, 9 p.m.

MONDAY – AUGUST 26

- **CHASERS BAR & GRILL** Bike Night with *Jesse Dean*, 7 p.m., Pool Tournament, 7 p.m.
- **CHELSEA’S** *Spring Billy*, 9 p.m.
- **SQUID & WHALE PUB**
Disaster Piece Theater
- **THE BLARNEY STONE** Magic Monday
- **VOULEZ-VOUS** Locals Night

TUESDAY – AUGUST 27

- **CHASERS BAR & GRILL** Dart Tournament
- **CHELSEA’S** Open Mic

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- **ROCKIN' PIG SALOON** Bike Night with *T.J. Scarlett*
- **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 28

- **CHASERS BAR & GRILL** Beer Pong
- **CHELSEA'S** *Magic Mule*, 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 29

- **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



DAYTON WATERS – Come to the Squid & Whale Saturday night to see his fun show.

Two fun weekends at the VV

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DROPPING A Line

by Robert Johnson

This week's report we give you a pic of Javier and Erin Pinzon from Smithville, Mo., who came to enjoy the weekend in Eureka and take some meat home on Saturday the 17th. Javier caught the big fish at 25 lbs., and a 14-pounder, Erin caught a 12 and a 14-pounder. We had to go a little deeper.

All four were caught between 30 and 40 ft. deep before 8 a.m. within view of the dam on 5-inch shad. Fish off the edge of the flats where the water drops close to the deeper water. Some stripers are starting to school on top due to the cooler weather dropping the water temp down to 79°, which is a turn on when coming down from the 80's.

If you can't get shad, try shiners or bluegill or troll deep divers that will get down over 20 ft.

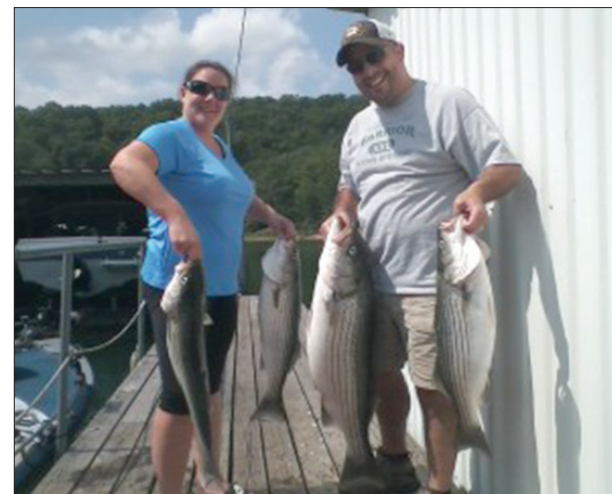
Still have stripers from the dam to Rocky Branch, but if you're on this end of the lake and you look you

should be able to find them without going any further south than Starkey's Marina area, Point 3.

Here at Holiday Island the water has cooled into the high 70's too, so the fish are getting into a fall bite. Bass are starting to go shallow, closer to the shoreline. Walleye are still holding deep, 14 to 20 ft. Crappie 6 to 12 ft. deep.

You should catch more fish now around Holiday Island, Leatherwood Creek and Butler Creek right below Beavertown. The old train trusses are now gone at Butler Creek due to the flooding. I have ended a lot of my trips catching crappie tied up there. Sorry to see part of the history of the railroad just disappear after standing over 100 years.

Also feel for the guy who put in the railroad winery on 187 and lost a big order of wine and his building due to the flooding. Fish have been a little



sluggish since but seem to have a sweet flavor.

Well, that's it for now. Take a kid fishing when not in school, got some nice weather still to come before winter.



Bountiful bluegrass – Jenny Beams of the Ozark Alliance, the legendary Buddy Griffin, and Eureka's own Myron Flippin jam with members of other bluegrass bands at the Guest House Swiss Holiday Resort Aug. 16. Members of several bands combined and recombined in various tuneful configurations inside, outside and all around the grounds. The music was so good you didn't know where to listen next.

PHOTO BY CD WHITE

The family that plays together

– The Ozark Alliance from Salem, Mo., plays for bluegrass fans in Basin Park Aug. 16. From left are Jenny Beams, Alex Vaughn, Robin Vaughn, Allison Vaughn and Dennis Vaughn.

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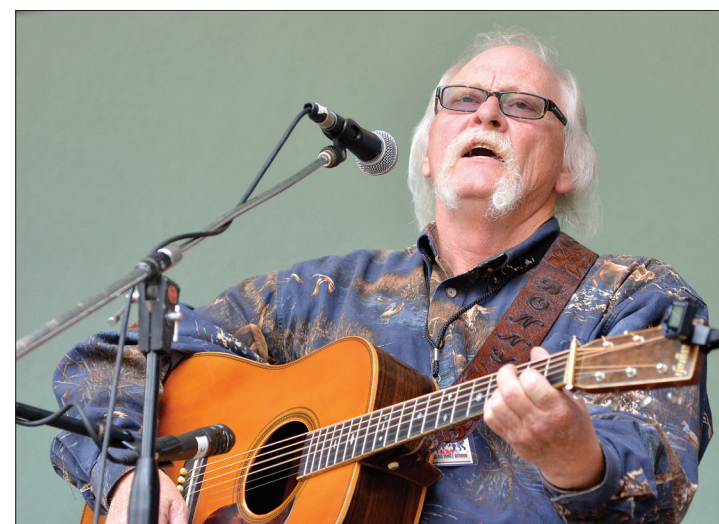
Governor's award – Albert E. Brumley, Jr., whose father's musical legacy includes "I'll Fly Away," "Turn Your Radio On" and a host of other favorites, receives the Arkansas Traveler Award from "Mr. Big" Joe McClung, Jr., on behalf of Gov. Mike Beebe. The surprise presentation was made during Bluegrass Weekend's free music shows in Basin Park on Aug. 17.

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No dry eyes

– Donny Catron bought tears to the eyes of many bluegrass fans with his high pitched voice singing "The Kentucky Waltz" at Mr. Big's Bluegrass Family Reunion at Basin Park Aug. 16.

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DAVID FRANK DEMPSEY





Back to school – A tiger keeps watch in the background as camera shy Anna Forke, 7, and her grandmother, Alma Corbin, visit the Wild Kingdom themed open house Aug. 15 at Eureka Springs Elementary School. Anna is now a second grader.

PHOTO BY DAVID FRANK DEMPSEY

Bank shows Mercy – From left, Deanna Capon, Mercy Hospital-Berryville Hospice Volunteer Coordinator and Teresa Cornelisse from Mercy along with Deretha Walker and Jennifer Robertson from Community First Bank hold the “big check” the bank donated to Mercy Hospice.



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TRANSITION

Laughlin – Howard

On Wednesday, August 21, Marie Howard and her longtime partner, Trella Laughlin, were legally married in Burlington, Iowa, on the banks of the Mississippi River. They were accompanied by old friends from Wisconsin. Arkansas continues to deny same-sex couples the right to marry but there are several lawsuits in the courts right now challenging that discrimination.

Later in the year, there will be a celebration at *The Space* honoring lesbian and gay couples who have married.

AUDacious by Ray Dilfield

Remember that old line about *find something you love to do and you'll never work a day in your life*? Given the current job market, it could be interpreted a couple of ways. I'll stick to the Pollyanna version for now. Even after working in music and theater for so long, it's still fun. There's a satisfaction in pulling together all the little details of assembling a show from a kit. Whether it's a three-day music festival in multiple venues or a talking heads set-piece Town Hall meeting, it's still gratifying to put on a show. Even the long hours, unexpected glitches, and sweaty moments become just unexpected drops and twisty turns on the ultimately exhilarating roller-coaster ride.

We've wrapped up Bluegrass – a great three days of some very good music – and continue ahead.

It looks like we'll be having a local food bank and free clinic benefit at the Aud on the 7th of September. The following weekend will be Jazz Eureka with another three days of outstanding performers in the



park and Aud. There's still a few good seats for Spyro Gyra on the 14th but they're moving fast, don't be left out.

On the 20th and 21st, there will be a motorcycle-themed art show in the GEM. That's BB&BBQ weekend. Coincidence? I think not. This will be a curated show as well as having a section of judged entries. From what I've seen, there'll be a fairly broad representation of styles and media. No acrylic on black velvet renditions of softtails seductively straddled by physically-unlikely pin-up models are in evidence.

Prep and planning still continue for Folk Festival.

We're still having fun



We've received a number of submissions for both the WoodSongs programs and the Singer/Songwriter contest. The winnowing process is hard enough; I don't envy Michael Johnathon the task of making the final decisions. Once again, it has been reaffirmed that this region does not want for musical talent. There's still time – keep 'em coming. Go to www.ozarkfolkfestival.com for more details.

We've been overwhelmed by the buzz generated by our announcement of the return of B. B. King in November. Tickets won't go on sale for another two and a half weeks but from the calls we're already getting, these tickets are going to fly out the door. Hope so. It'll make the pitch to the next promoter that much easier. It's been a long process, but I think we're finally turning the corner in getting independent promoters to notice the viability of our hall.

Yep. Still fun.

City Council
Agenda

Monday, August 26, 6 p.m.

Commission, committee, authority
reports and expired terms:

Planning – Pos. 1 – vacant – expires 7/1/14. Pos. 4 – Jim Morris – expired 7/1/12
Pos. 5 – Melissa Greene – expired 1/1/13

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

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

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

HDC

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

Public comments

Unfinished business

1. Ordinance No. 2187
Commercial recycling of glass and cardboard – 3rd reading
2. Ordinance No. 2188
Extending 200 ft. rule to all residential zones – 3rd reading
3. Land Bank –Purkeypile and McClung

New business

1. Schedule workshop for 2014 budget in late October or early November – Mitchell and Schneider
2. Schedule workshop date for “Clean City” ordinance toward the end of August – Mitchell and Purkeypile
3. Discussion regarding closing Spring St.– Schneider and Zeller
4. Discussion regarding recycling conference in September – Schneider and DeVito
5. Resolution for Parks’ bridge loan – Mayor Pate
6. Resolution for Christmas parking – Mayor Pate
7. Ordinance to increase parking space rate for special events – Mayor Pate

Council comments followed by
mayor’s comments

Open wide, mom – Kylee Getzendaner, 7, gives her mom Meagan a bite of her watermelon during the bluegrass weekend watermelon social at Basin Park Aug. 15. Meagan had her own hands full holding nephew Quentin Simpkins, 2.

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Gardeners gone to the dogs – Carroll County Master Gardeners Linda Caldwell, (left), Anna Mathews and Alice McNeal (not pictured) worked in the gardens around the Good Shepherd Humane Society Doggie Thrift Store in Eureka Springs on Aug. 14. The Doggie Store gardens were planted and plants maintained by the master gardeners, one of many projects managed by club members in Carroll County.

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Panel of experts – Owner/manager of Sun City Solar Commercial Energy, John Gerrard, right, pushes the first of 16 250-watt solar panels up to installers Ryan Davis and Edwin Miller, bringing solar power to Luis Contreras and Crystal Ursin at their home near the White River. Contreras and Ursin have been active in efforts to stop a 345 kiloVolt transmission from being constructed across Carroll County. With solar panels near their lowest prices ever, Gerrard said, “We are as busy as we’ve ever been.” He estimated this installation would save the owners 50 to 60 percent of annual electricity costs and would pay for themselves several times over during the next 30 years.

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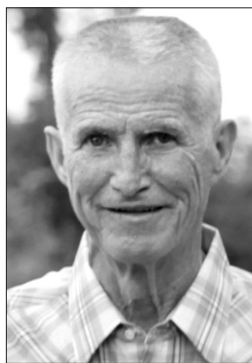


Donald Gene Smith, Sept. 24, 1940 – August 16, 2013

Donald Gene Smith, of Berryville, Arkansas, was born September 24, 1940 in Berryville, son of Causby and Bessie (Bilyu) Smith. He departed this life Friday, August 16, in Fayetteville, Arkansas with family by his side. He was 72.

Donald Gene was a lifetime resident of Berryville and graduated from Berryville High School. He owned and operated Smith Black Angus Ranch.

On August 22, 1960, Donald Gene was united in marriage with Bobbie Jane (Patton) Smith who survives him of the home. He is also



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survived by son Ricky G. Smith and wife, Tammy; daughter Nancy and husband, Steve Armer; son Jimmy Smith and wife, Jodi; and daughter, Sara Schmitz all of Berryville; grandson: Dustin Smith and wife, Christi; granddaughter Kristin and husband, Ryan Whetham; granddaughter Latisha Smith; grandson Brock Smith; granddaughter Britni Smith; great-granddaughters Kaylyn and Kinly Smith; great-grandson Talon Whetham; great-granddaughters Alexis and Brinlee Pittman; brothers Rosco Smith and Leon Smith; sisters Dorothy and husband, Bill Terry; and Juanita and husband, AC

Anderson; several nieces and nephews; and a host of other family and friends.

Donald Gene was preceded in death by his parents; three sisters, Artie Gunnels, Edna Passmore and Ovown Gilmore; and one brother, Aubrey Smith.

Funeral service was August 20 at the Charles M. Nelson Memorial Chapel with Pastor Billy Burks officiating. Interment followed the service in the Glenwood Cemetery under the direction of Nelson Funeral Service.

Memorial donations may be sent to the Willard Walker Hospice Home, 325 East Longview Street, Fayetteville, AR 72703. Online condolences may be sent to the family at nelsonfuneral.com.

Patrick Curtis Blevins, July 18, 1957 – August 18, 2013

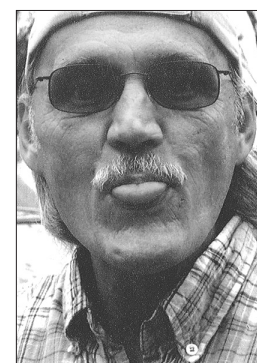
Patrick Curtis Blevins of Eureka Springs, was born July 18, 1957 in Florida. He departed this life after a long battle with cancer on Sunday, August 18, 2013 in his home at age 56.

Patrick was a member of the Wildflowers Christian Chapel in Eureka Springs. He worked as a truck driver.

On September 9, 2001, Patrick was united in marriage with Ann (Osborn) Blevins who survives him of the home. He is also survived by one son, Shane Blevins and wife Sherann of Henryetta, Okla.; one sister; and a host of other friends and loved ones.

There will be a memorial service held

at a later date. Arrangements were made with Nelson Funeral Service. Memorial donations may be sent to the Wildflowers Battered Women's Shelter, c/o Wildflowers Christian Chapel, 6789 US 62, Eureka Springs, AR 72632. Online condolences may be sent to the family at nelsonfuneral.com.



BLEVINS

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job, one where their experience with ASPC might be unduly influential.

Peine lists the following examples of what she calls a lucrative employment pipeline from the APSC to the Energy Sector:

- Former APSC Chair Sandra Byrd is now a vice president with Arkansas Electric Cooperative Corp.
- Michael Henderson, previous employee of APSC, now is now a vice president and chief financial officer with Arkansas Electric Cooperative Corp.
- Former APSC Chairman Paul Suskie is now a senior vice president with Southwest Power Pool, a regional

transmission group that also until recently employed Mike Ross, a Democratic candidate for governor.

• Former APSC Commissioner Daryl Bassett is now with the nonprofit EmPower Consumers Inc.

“Mr. Bassett lobbies for putting the brakes on ‘green’ energy solutions on the grounds it will be too expensive for poor people and old folks,” Peine said. “But what about how the poor and old who are already disproportionately negatively effected by climate change?”

She said while it is known that transmission expansions are a cash cow for the transmission industry, why are our elected representatives

so willing to go along with those plans at our expense? Could it be that the direct amount spent on lobbying and campaign contributions by AEP/SWEPCO in Arkansas was about \$2.4 million in 2012?

“Say what?” Peine said. “Was that on my electric bill?”

She also sees bias in AEP's Platinum Sponsorship of Southern States Energy Board (SSEB)'s Annual Conferences.

“As far as I can tell, SSEB functions mainly as a meet-and-greet for politicians and their SSEB sponsors/campaign contributors,” Peine said. “Their meeting agendas provide multiple private opportunities for SSEB members to meet

with and collect their scripts from platinum and gold sponsors.”

Peine said the system appears to place the profits a of big monopoly utility over the needs of the environment, the property owners whose land would be taken and devalued, and even the economy of the area.

“These people actually think you can eat, drink, breathe, recreate and appreciate the awe-inspiring beauty of money,” she said. “How sad is that? Try as you might to point out all the inconsistencies in their positions, the flaws, the inaccuracies, the magnitude of the malicious consequences of their proposed actions, they just won't get it.”

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have to include moving the sewer lines beneath it. Cost would be \$100,000 or more.

Another big issue was whether to repair or demolish Black Bass Dam. Purkepile mentioned several stabilizing possibilities for the existing structure and noted that it would cost \$100-150,000 to remove the dam, leaving no lake, and that the city might lose the lift station and therefore some of its

firefighting capabilities.

Retired pharmacist, Jim Girkin, who lives outside the city, said he came because he “didn't think anything on this list is as important” as being inclusive of all visitors, including bus tours. “We've been doing wrong since the 1990s and we have dis-invited people to Eureka Springs.

“If we don't have tourists we don't have the money to do any of this, so forget about the list,” Girkin said. This was a sentiment echoed earlier by Rick Bright of

the CAPC who said, “Without tourists, *none* of this can be funded.”

When the floor was opened to general comments the issues of parking and motorcycle noise were also raised.

At the close, those attending were asked to hand in a sheet listing the six priorities and number them according to most important. Pate announced the results will be considered and another Town Hall Meeting will be scheduled in the late fall, adding that he hopes word gets around and more people attend.

Ladies of Faith Brunch Aug. 27

Helen Todd will be the special speaker at Arkansas Ladies of Faith brunch, Tuesday, August 27, 10 a.m. at the Gazebo Restaurant in the Eureka Best Western. Special music by Charlene Gates-Phillips and interpretive dance by Brenda Coe.

Todd, as vice president of World Missions Alliance, takes the Gospel to the world - former Soviet Union, China, Jordan, Syria and Iraq, Ethiopia, Nepal, Indonesia and many other nations. She is a frequent speaker in conferences

and assemblies, churches and retreats, and is a contributing writer to Christian and secular publications. She has been a guest on TBN, Daystar, TCT, Oasis Network, Jim Bakker Show, the KY3 Morning Show and other television and radio programs.

Visit www.ArkansasLadiesofFaith.webs.com to reserve your seat or for more information. Cost is \$10, payable to the restaurant at the brunch. No online access? call Charlene (479) 981-6388 or Margo (870) 480-3161.

Carnegie holds “library town meeting”

The Carnegie Public Library is developing their first long-range strategic plan and will be holding a Library Town Meeting Wednesday, Sept. 4, at 6 p.m. As the growth of library services are vital to the growth

of our community, the town hall style meeting will be a great time to exchange ideas and insights about that growth.

David Price, president and principal of Averus Library Consulting, will be on hand to moderate the discussion.

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Thanks to all who have supported the fight to Save the Ozarks and volunteered so tirelessly... it makes a huge difference for this and future generations. It matters to all of us. Thanks again ESI!

Ilene Powell

Bee very careful with the food

Editor,

I would be interested to know how much SWEPCO and CECC's expenses on chemicals each year are, and on the other side of the balance sheet, the costs to beekeepers and to the huge percentage of the food supply that requires pollination. Apparently Whole Foods took out all the foods that need pollinators from one of its stores, and the store was noticeably just about empty.

Fortunates can afford to buy organic produce and send their kids to schools without 345 or 500 KV transmission lines going through the playground, but unfortunately options are often limited for ordinary people.

Everything has unintended consequences, and like plants that are becoming genetically immune to Round

Up, the same goes for pesticides. Some farmers are resorting to the herbicide paraquat (Agent Orange – a Sygenta product banned in Europe where Sygenta is headquartered, but not here in Chemical Nation).

Even though we face a perilous world without bees that need nectar plants and are being replaced by non-nectar plants, most notably lespedeza, in NWA because of SWEPCO'S and CECC'S widespread spraying of toxic herbicides, we are doubling down on pesticides that are becoming more and more toxic to pollinators and humans. These chemicals are not KoolAid, and I am sure that the big chemical bucks are filling the coffers of politicians. Why else would this insanity be going on full throttle?

Take a look around at all the lovely lespedeza and Johnson grass we have in NWA, and all the kudzu taking hold. These plants are gaining ground because of SWEPCO and CECC'S spraying our nectar natives and only the garbage plants, or invasives, can survive the aftermath of EPA-approved products produced by the largest industry in the USA - Chemicals.

Ozark Blue Society “Blues Challenge” deadline Aug. 30

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

Acts will perform 20-minute sets in a randomly chosen order announced just prior to the start of the competition. If necessary, submissions will be juried so that there will be no more than a total of 9 acts in each act division for this competition. For registration prices and details see www.ozarkbluessociety.org.

Women's Bible Study – Book of Ruth

The Holiday Island Community Church is offering a seven week Bible Study on the book of Ruth, “Ruth – Love, Loss and Legacy,” by Kelly Minter. Classes start Sept. 3 and will be held on Tuesdays from 9 –11 a.m. in the church's Fellowship Hall library; repeated on Thursdays from 9 –11 a.m.

in Room 108 of the Fellowship Hall. Attend either Tuesday or Thursday of each week for the same lesson.

Cost of the study book is \$12.96. The church is located at 188 Stateline Drive in Holiday Island. For more information, contact Sharl Taylor (479) 253-6892.

We are losing our food supply and health while politicians sit idly by and let it happen.

Susan Pang

36 Years?

Editor,

When I read the Brian Johnson April 3, 2013 testimony I did not understand why would SWEPCO plan to take down the line at \$10,000,000, dismantle the Kings River station at \$500,000 and return the ROW to landowners after only 36 years of running the line.

Several questions come to mind:

- If there is a Public Need related to grid reliability in 2016, is the need gone in 2052? Maybe there is no need at all!
- Why would SWEPCO want to destroy our health, environment and economy for only 36 years of profits?
- What would landowners do with a ROW with bare land, full of herbicides, no trees, wildlife or vegetation?

There are no good answers to these questions. SWEPCO changes their story every time they need, from service to

Carroll County to Benton County to Missouri and back again. APSC may approve one route simply because APSC tends to believe whatever SWEPCO come up with.

We don't need a better grid. We need affordable, safe, simple, reliable renewable energy solutions. In fact, we have too many transmission lines and power lines; just look around your neighborhood and you will see them everywhere. Distributed systems, at point-of-use with micro grids and grid-tie systems are fail safe, elegant solutions that everyone in the world is using today. With the price of solar electrons lower than electrons from new coal plants by 2016, there is no need for transmission lines.

SWEPCO has an opportunity to withdraw their ill-conceived project. APSC must deny the entire SWEPCO application; this is the smart solution as APSC strives to protect their sworn responsibility to protect the long term benefits of the people of Arkansas. We pray APSC will have the courage to deny SWEPCO's project, it does not make any sense.

Dr. Luis Contreras

Felines need foster homes fast

Thinking about getting a cat but aren't sure? Try fostering for a few days. Time is running out for a few cats in the care of Green Forest Animal Control. The Good Shepherd, a no-kill shelter, is trying desperately to help save them after Officer Griggs of Green Forest called to say he's overloaded and may have to start euthanizing cats. Four are in immediate danger. There are currently more than 100 cats at the Good Shepherd Shelter and there's no room, not even floor space, to put another portable kennel. Four of the Green Forest male cats have already been neutered and are being held for the Good Shepherd when space is available.

Please help the Good Shepherd save these Green Forest cats. If anyone



will foster a cat – even in a kennel – for a few days, please call Janice Durbin at Good Shepherd (479) 253-9188. Also, if you've been thinking of adopting a cat, now is the time!

AskMAopinion

askma@esindependent.com

Dear Ma,

While I keep a fairly tidy house and car, I'm incapable of keeping up with my inboxes, voice mailboxes, photo files, desktop and DVR recordings. It all fills up so quickly and overwhelms me. Any suggestions?

Virtual Hoarder

Dear V.H.,

A lot of data comes into our lives here in the Information Age. It's been a quick progression from snail mail to email, to megabytes, to gigabytes, to terabytes; many of us are drowning in a sea of mostly-useless information. While Ma abhors the clichéd admonition, "Just deal with it!" it is most appropriate here. Or hire yourself a virtual maid.

And if you accidentally delete something important, you can probably get a copy from the government.

Ma

Dear Ma,

Did you read about the recycle bins in London that have been spying on and tracking people by picking up signals from passersby's smart phones? Google "recycle bin spying," to learn more about this latest salvo in the War on Privacy, Ma, and weigh in.

Violated

Dear Violated,

Yes, scary stuff indeed, but Ma's sure these electronic spies are the tip of a humongous iceberg. Large retailers are also tracking your movements – what you purchase or linger in front of – so they can figure out better ways to part you from your money.

The secret government surveillance programs leaked by Snowden are also likely just a small snippet. How much information is gathered off our various devices when they're run through scanners at airports and sporting events? Do they keep updated copies of our hard drives?

Ma finds it fascinating that the public has been tricked into bugging themselves; kind of like hanging targets on our own backs. But it's probably no different from how the people of Kansas (and other states) are manipulated into voting against their own self-interests. We are a foolish, gullible, too trusting public and the system is set up to exploit that.

If privacy is important to you, Ma suggests you ditch all electronic devices (you think your television is reporting back on your habits?) and communicate using only pen and paper, making sure the paper is chewed and swallowed after reading. This Ma column will self-destruct in 30 seconds.

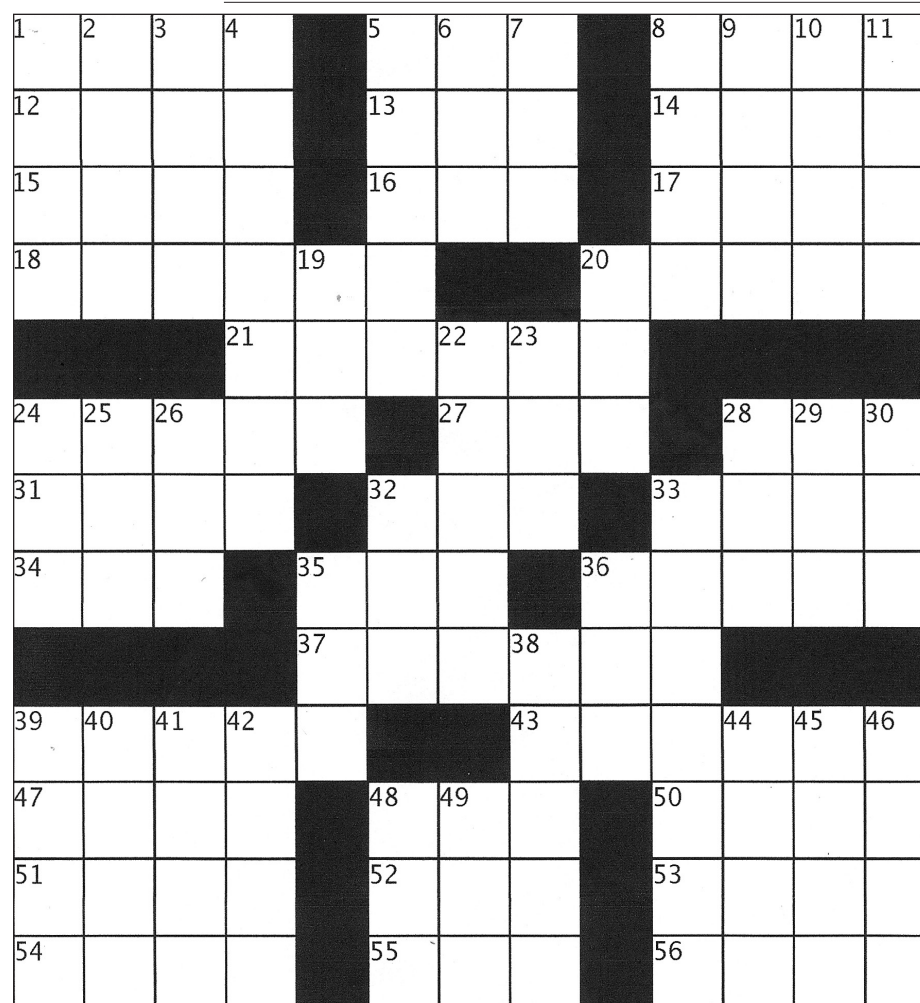
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by Chuck Levering

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surfaced. Flake responded, "If he needs more money, we'll have to find it. We have to keep the jail and central dispatch running."

After budget concerns were assuaged, the JPs voted to approve the third reading of the ordinance.

Other business
James Myatt of Cornerstone Bank in Berryville offered a space for the court's consideration as an office for the county prosecutor. Judge Sam Barr then told the court he had renewed the lease for one year at the current location as

the court had directed.
Kristy Estrem of Mercy Hospital said the hospital is a county-owned facility that it leases to Mercy, and the hospital is doing well financially. They have transitioned to electronic records. She said 85 percent of patients are outpatients, and she is seeing a decrease in patients who have personal insurance. The facility performed 1292 surgical procedures in 2012, and there were 10,203 emergency room visits.
Next meeting will be Friday, Sept. 20, at 10 a.m.

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are in present, they will close a gate. The trappers will then use archery equipment to dispatch the hogs, and haul them away before dressing.
All six members of the trapping team will be vetted by Eureka Springs Police Department, and only these six people will be allowed to participate.

Featherstone said the trapping team is interested only in keeping the meat, not in remuneration.
"How long might this go on?" Levine asked. "Until the hogs or the trappers lose interest."
Stewart remarked he was comfortable with the arrangement so far, and moved to approve Featherstone entering into a contract with the trapper pending review of the contract by city attorney Tim Weaver.
Featherstone said if the plan works really well, no one would even know it is going on. Vote to approve Stewart's motion was unanimous.

Director's report
Levine announced landscaper DonE Allen has resigned after 11 years, leaving an "extraordinary legacy." At Monday night's town hall meeting, a speaker mentioned

that Eureka Springs has never looked better, and there was spontaneous applause for Allen's work.
Winning bid for construction of the road into LLC was by Heavy Construction of Arkansas owned by Jimmy Jones. McClellan Engineers, who already do work for the city, will do the preparatory surveys and oversight.
Work has begun on refashioning Calif Spring on Main Street next to the Historical Museum. Levine said the recent rains were fortuitous because Parks staff learned how rain would affect the area, and they adjusted plans accordingly. Also, excess rainwater began flowing though a pipe no one knew about, so workers were able to fit that pipe into their drainage system.
The LLC committee has begun the process of applying for no-match grant funds of up to \$150,000 through the Arkansas Legislature to build a new ADA bathhouse in the park. The existing bathhouse is no longer suitable for that purpose, and will be refurbished and repurposed.
Commissioners approved the application by Clear Spring School to stage its Eurekapalooza fundraising event at LLC on Saturday, Sept. 28.

The Trails Committee has begun its work on a Trails Master Plan. Members will spread the workload by taking on different sections of the plan to make the project less overwhelming. Dorothy Guertin and Christine Braswell of the committee created a Trails Facebook page to inform the community of the history of the trails system and what plans are.
Next Parks workshop will be Sept. 3 at 6 p.m. and the regular meeting is Sept. 16, 6 p.m.

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