



## Exchanges heating up at ASPC hearing

BECKY GILLETTE

Members of Save The Ozarks (STO) and other opponents of the American Electric Power (AEP)/Southwestern Electric Energy Company (SWEPCO) Shipe Road to Kings River 345 kilovolt (kV) power line are feeling cautiously optimistic about efforts being put forth in hearings in Little Rock this week before the Arkansas Public Service Commission (APSC).

"Mick Harrison, the attorney for STO, is relentless," said Doug Stowe, an STO member from Eureka Springs attending the hearing. "The SWEPCO witnesses each have a particular defensive squeak in their voices. Mick spent four hours Tuesday cross examining Stephen Thornhill, associate project manager for Burns and McDonald, the engineering firm responsible for the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) that was commissioned by AEP/SWEPCO. It could not have been fun to be him. Mick worked his way step-by-step through a mountain of documents. Thornhill admitted reaching conclusions before researching the data and said that is their common approach. Mick was trying to get SWEPCO to admit that they have not fully addressed the concerns of the APSC about whether or not their regulatory requirements have been met."

The hearing began Monday with opening statements from AEP/SWEPCO and intervenors opposing the project. AEP/SWEPCO attorney, David Matthews, said he objected to project opponents referring to AEP/SWEPCO as "greedy, idiotic, incompetent, unethical, immoral, rapists, and even monkeys," referring to comments made during earlier public hearings.

Matthews said AEP/SWEPCO and consultants were offended, but able to endure insults because they knew there

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**Power of the people** – Save the Ozarks Director Pat Costner and STO attorney Mick Harrison confer on exposing incomplete and inaccurate studies done by giant power companies that would irreparably harm quality of life in the Ozarks. Hearings continue in Little Rock.

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### This Week's INDEPENDENT Thinker

If you happen to be a pig, Seattle is the place for you.

William von Scheneidau is a successful rancher near Seattle who raises a variety of free-range animals. He recently learned from nearby marijuana dispensary owners they had an abundance of stems, stalks and leftover leaves. He had previously helped a cantaloupe farmer get rid of excess melons, so he went to the aid of the dispensary owners.

Von Scheneidau feeds the marijuana leftovers to his pigs, and they gain weight faster and seem very content. Always experimenting, he also pours a little vodka and beer into feed troughs. NBC News said this is a new meaning for the term "party animals."

Pass the prosciutto, please.



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## Council bandies about street fair idea

NICKY BOYETTE

Four citizens again stood up at the Eureka Springs city council meeting Monday evening to denounce the concept of closing Spring Street for most of a day for a street fair.

Darlene Schrum said she has owned a business downtown since 1975 and she urged council “to stop this unpopular issue.” Arnold Lehman stated parking is bad enough as it is without adding to the struggle by taking away spaces. Margie Anderson asked council to agree with the majority of shop owners and oppose closing the street. She said it would be chaotic if there were an emergency and responders had to make their way through booths and tents on the street, and she reminded council not everything needs to happen on Spring Street.

Sandy Martin of the Arts Council had her turn, and provided figures that showed there was more support for the concept than was being voiced. She acknowledged, however, “it won’t work if there is resistance from downtown merchants.”

She also read from a concept paper she passed around that closing Spring Street might not be the primary issue. “The issue may be one of long-range tourism planning, fear of losing what we’ve had, and lack of new creative experiences to attract visitors and re-engage our community,” she said.

She pointed out Bentonville and Branson both have had more tourists this year than last year but Eureka Springs is down 2.6 percent. “We may be on the edge of losing our ranking as the premiere NWA arts destination,” Martin said. What the Arts Council is looking for is “uniquely Eureka tourism experiences – city-wide – that engage the local community and compete effectively for tourism dollars at a new level.”

She used the term “Euro-Eureka” for the unique experience they are looking for – outdoor painters, food carts, street performances,

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– Sandy Martin

micro-brews, musicians all around and regional films playing at the Auditorium. She insisted the Arts Council wants to be a collaborative partner to create and implement a win-win experience for everyone in the community, and that the event should be citywide. However, no matter what they eventually create, something would have to occur on Spring Street because “that is our brand.”

Alderman David Mitchell asked city attorney Tim Weaver to see if there is a protocol in City Code for closing a street as the Arts Council has suggested, and council voted to assign Weaver the task of finding out.

Alderman Joyce Zeller acknowledged the obvious point of apparent overwhelming opposition to the idea of closing Spring Street for an extended length of time. “The financial risk of losing even one day could make or break it for the merchants,” she said. “If they keep coming in and saying they oppose it, I can’t support it.”

Mitchell said he supported the concept but wished the Arts Council would consider alternatives. Martin reiterated they are looking for a “city-wide event,” and the Arts Council will continue to work toward a collaboration the majority can accept.



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## Local man arrested for battery, terroristic threatening

C. D. WHITE

Michael Eldon Sexton, 26, of Eureka Springs was arrested Aug. 21 following an incident involving an altercation with another Eureka Springs man, Nicholas J. Camarillo, 22.

Shortly after noon on Aug. 19, Officer Brian Young was notified by dispatch that a patient at the Eureka Springs Hospital (Camarillo) had been involved in an altercation the night before and had "bleeding on the brain." The on-call doctor advised Young the patient had other injuries including a fractured skull and believed this was severe enough to have him airlifted to Washington Regional.

According to Eureka Springs Police reports from Young and Det. Brad Handley, subsequent investigation and witness interviews revealed the incident occurred

when both men were walking home from Chelsea's Corner Café with friends. At some later point, Sexton and Camarillo were alone on Mountain St. with a male acquaintance who reported the two "started having a stupid drunken argument" and Sexton hit Camarillo and "knocked him out." Witness reports state Sexton hit or pushed Camarillo twice more at different times causing him to fall at least once again.

On Aug. 20, Sexton spoke with Handley in a taped interview and was released pending further investigation. On Aug. 21 Sexton was arrested for Battery – 2<sup>nd</sup> degree and Terroristic Threatening, both felony charges. He was eventually taken to Carroll County jail and subsequently released on a \$5,000 bond.

## Sheriff's office instrumental in expanding county search/rescue capabilities

The recent search for a missing diver played a part in bringing together search and rescue teams, forming a new dive team, and increasing the scope of search and/or rescue missions in Carroll County.

On July 27, while responders were searching for missing free-diver Michael Burton, the Carroll County Mennonite Disaster Service (M.D.S.) was dispatched to the scene, which activated the Tri-County S.A.R. Team. The Tri-County S.A.R. Team is comprised of members from Newton and Madison Counties and the M.D.S., based out of Carroll County – none of which included a dive team. Search efforts eventually brought seven different dive teams to Carroll County to help.

During the first four days it was discussed numerous times how nice it would be if the Tri-County S.A.R. Team had its own dive team as another resource. During these discussions, Sheriff Bob Grudek asked Capt. Alan Hoos if he knew anyone who would be willing to be part of a dive/rescue team for the Carroll County Sheriff's Department.

Over the next few days, Capt. Hoos spoke with Lt. Mike Zimmerman about a dive team. Zimmerman then spoke with Deputies D. J. Harlan, Troy Wenzel and Lt. Scot Joubert, a certified diver, and all said they would be part of a team. Capt. Hoos also spoke with Arkansas State

Forestry officer, Justin Hopper, already on the Tri-County team and a certified diver. He agreed to be on the new dive team as well. Hoos and Zimmerman then spoke with C & J Sports owner Jim Butler about classes and equipment. Butler agreed to help in any way he could.

The Carroll County Sheriff's Department and Carroll Special Operations Rescue Team (SORT), in tandem with the Tri-County S.A.R. team, have now expanded the manpower available in the county to approximately 100-plus people.

Each member is on a call-out list.

When an incident occurs, each receives a pre-recorded phone message from the team leader stating what kind of incident is being responded to and where it's located. Members of the Tri-County Team could be dispatched to any type of incident in any of the three counties, or, if needed, could be dispatched outside the area to help in other search and/or rescue efforts.

The Tri-County S.A.R. is a non-profit organization funded by donations from and throughout the communities they serve.

## Fly (drive or walk) In for Cajun feast Sept. 7

Everyone is welcome at the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Cajun Lunch Fly-In at the Carroll County airport in Berryville Saturday, Sept. 7. The Cajun menu, served from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m., features alligator sausage, pork boudin, shrimp on a stick, chicken and sausage gumbo and watermelon. Beverages and water will also be for sale.

Before or after feasting, check out the display aircraft, the art gallery, the flight simulator and a host of visiting planes – at least 150. Pilots will begin arriving in the morning and the comfortable indoor observation deck will be a good place to sip coffee and watch them land.

There will be face painting for kids and other fun activities. Tables are also available at no charge for groups wishing to display materials or for a fee of \$20 for anyone wishing to sell art, crafts or other items. Call Sheila (870) 423-8393 to reserve a table.

### EARLY DEADLINE

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## Recycling ordinance on hold

NICKY BOYETTE

City council's Monday agenda called for the third reading of Ordinance 2187 that would make it mandatory for restaurants and bars inside the city limits to recycle cardboard and glass bottles. Alderman Mickey Schneider, who previously voted against the ordinance because it makes recycling mandatory, spoke up to insist there should be a paragraph in the ordinance prohibiting scavenging.

Alderman Terry McClung observed there is an ordinance already against pilfering, and city attorney Tim Weaver cited a part of Code that prohibits going through someone else's trash once it has been set out for pickup.

Schneider advocated adding cans and plastic bottles

to the list of mandated recyclables. "Let's do it right the first time," she said.

McClung said he did not think the city had the capability now to collect the extra items and maybe in the future, council could look at it. He moved to place the ordinance on its third reading.

Mitchell agreed those who pick up the recycling should be consulted about what they can handle.

Alderman Dee Purkepile looked at the ordinance again and stated, "Totally unenforceable."

Alderman James DeVito, sponsor of the ordinance, was absent, and eventually McClung withdrew his motion and council decided to table the discussion until the Sept. 9 meeting.

## Coupon books available

Everybody loves a good deal, and the Carroll County Senior Center in Berryville has cooked up a good one with a coupon book worth \$747.30 in savings on food, auto, beauty, gift and entertainment services.

The Super Saver Gift Book is good for an entire year and all the certificates are transferable. Cost is only \$34.95, a fraction of the savings, and can be purchased at the Senior Center, 808 Eureka Ave., or by calling (870) 423-7375.

## EAST initiative addresses ADHD in pilot study

WARREN UTSLER, EAST FACILITATOR

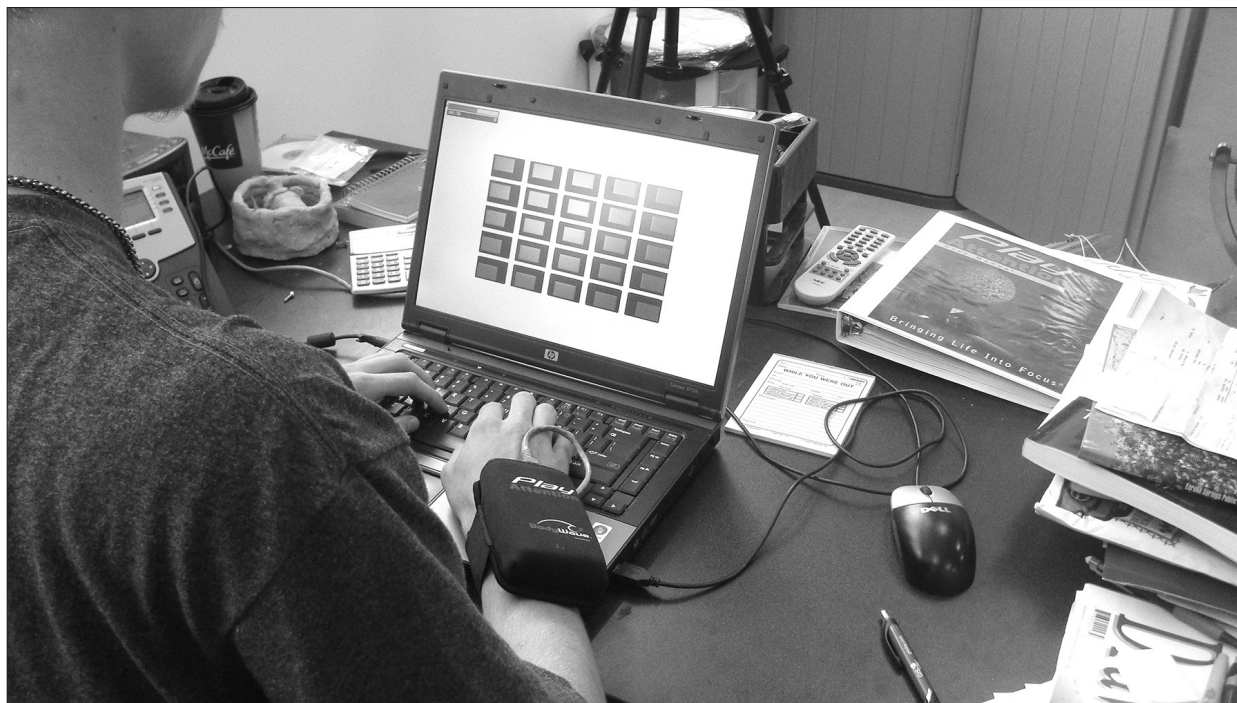
The EAST Initiative is designed to serve a wide cross section of students regardless of educational ability, aptitude or achievement. With that in mind, Eureka Springs EAST members and parents researched and studied emerging technologies to aid students with recognized learning disorders.

Conservatively, five to seven percent of all children have ADHD. Roughly 60 to 70 percent of those children will carry their attention problems into adulthood. Inability to finish assignments, stay organized, remember things and stay focused is often treated with medication – which does not teach skills or provide any recognized long-term changes in behavior.

Through generous grants from Cornerstone Bank of Eureka Springs and the Carroll County Community Foundation Youth Advisory Council, Eureka Springs' EAST is developing a pilot study program using *Play Attention*, the nation's leading neurofeedback technology in educational, cognitive and behavioral intervention for ADHD.

Our district is small and often cannot offer the range of special services needed to address Attention Deficit Disorders, nor can parents afford expensive outside treatment options. As educators and classmates, we watch these students struggle every day to stay focused and on task. We want them to have the same opportunities as everyone in our school and do not want see their personalities and creative spirits dulled with medication in order to control hyperactivity. Parents should not have to worry about their child's future or if the medication he or she is taking will be someday removed from the market due to harmful side effects.

How does the *Play Attention* system work? When a student is actively engaged or paying attention, the brain emits a neurofeedback signal,



an attention signature. The BodyWave armband based on NASA technology used in *Play Attention* monitors this signal through the body and transmits it wirelessly to a computer. This allows the student to control specifically designed computer exercises by mind alone!

Attention becomes concrete and more controllable. This technology strengthens the mind so the student controls the mind, it doesn't control the student. Scientific research has demonstrated that the brain is adaptable and capable of learning throughout life: this is termed neuroplasticity. *Play Attention* allows the user to view their attentive state in real-time. Over time, through deliberate practice, *Play Attention* students can learn to increase focus and concentration. The interactive exercise also

challenges students to improve memory and finish tasks, and enhances visual tracking and ability to filter out distractions.

The program is aimed directly at fulfilling our obligation as EAST members, parents and facilitators to provide the educational opportunities for every student to reach his or her full potential. *Play Attention* is used globally in more schools and homes than any other educational, cognitive and behavior program.

The results of this pilot study will be published and hopefully lead to expanded educational opportunities for other students suffering from devastating learning disorders. If you have a high school student that might benefit from this program please contact us: (479) 363-6669.





## Banjo Rally Aug. 29 – 31 includes public performances

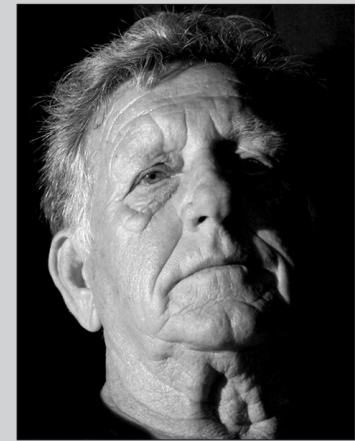
Picking, strumming, clawhammer or frailing – whatever the style, lovers of the banjo are in for another great weekend of music. Banjo Rally International has taken over the Inn of the Ozarks Convention Center “until the roosters crow” Saturday night, Aug. 31 into Sunday morning.

Performance headliners include Kurt & Athens Abell with special guests The New Orleans Krewe, Ed Cuneo, Nathan Hannah and others. Shows are *open to the public* Friday and Saturday nights at 7 p.m. at the Convention Center with quality performers and reasonable admission prices.

After the shows, jam sessions usually break out in every nook and cranny and the public is welcome to linger and enjoy. Friday and Saturday evening banquets are also open to the public for a fee, providing space is available and reservations are made by the day before. There will also be a free banjo blast Saturday from 1 – 2 p.m. in Basin Park. Come and tap ‘yer toes!

For a full performance schedule, bios and tickets phone (309) 263-2518, e-mail [info@banjorally.org](mailto:info@banjorally.org) or see [www.banjorally.org](http://www.banjorally.org).

**Gone but not likely to be forgotten –**  
Downtown, uptown and all around town lost one of



the finer men to walk our streets for the past 18 years with the death of Eureka Springs Police traffic controller Larry Martin on Wednesday. “Larry was hilarious, generous, cantankerous,” Police Chief Earl Hyatt said. “He’s

the first person I hired when I came to work here and he was part of our police family,” Larry was recommended for the job by Manny Ortiz, a 20-year traffic controller who died in March.

## “Pork” highway brings bikers to town

All over the lower 48, men and woman who love motorcycling are counting down to the day they pull on their leathers, fire up the bike and start an adventurous ride to the Arkansas Ozarks and one of “America’s Distinctive Destinations,” Eureka Springs. The reasons are two-fold and it all centers on “pork” ...The Pig Trail and Bikes Blues & BBQ being held from Sept. 18 – 21 in Fayetteville.

The Pig Trail is a not-so-straight ribbon of asphalt from Interstate 40 near Ozark and north along Hwy. 23 to Eureka Springs, the gateway to northwest Arkansas. The 80-mile route is universally praised in motorcycle magazines, on biker websites, and even by The Discovery Channel for being one of the best in America. MotorcycleRoads.com elevated the Pig Trail to the number eight position in their most recent “top 100” poll. BikerBudz.com gives it a “highly recommend” while Motorcycle-USA.com refers to it as “my new favorite ride.” The Discovery Channel

gave the Pig Trail its highest mark yet: number two in the nation.

“One of the best parts of Bikes Blues & BBQ,” a biker from Central Texas, who hasn’t missed one of the previous 13 annual events, proudly stated, “is that you don’t just get a festival, you get the Pig Trail and all of its Ozark side-roads. Me and my group like to arrive a couple days early or stay a couple days late to make sure we have plenty of time for day rides to and around Eureka on their fantastically freaky yellow-striped trails. We only wish we had routes like this back in Texas.”

The Arkansas Department of Parks & Tourism developed a short movie to whet the appetite for a motorcycle vacation to “The Natural State” narrated by local motorcycle enthusiast and Eureka Springs mayor, Morris Pate. It begins with Pate and his 2001 Harley-Davidson Electra Glide Classic parked in front of the “Little Golden Gate Bridge” just a few minutes

west from downtown Eureka.

“The Beaver Bridge is a landmark that must not be missed,” Pate bragged. “This beautiful old wooden suspension bridge was built in 1949 and is 554 feet long, only 11 feet wide and has been painted a bright yellow. Because it is so narrow, traffic can only move one way at a time across the span. So hold your breath and grip tight, this is one bumpy and thrilling ride on two wheels.”

“No matter how many other motorcycle routes you’ve been on,” concluded our Texas biker, “once you’ve conquered the Pig Trail and its web of side-roads, you’ll be happier than a hog in slop.”

To make it easy for those who attend Bikes Blues & BBQ to find thrilling nearby routes, both the event and Eureka Springs have online sites for maps and directions: [www.bikesbluesandbbq.org](http://www.bikesbluesandbbq.org) and [www.eukekaspringsmotorcyclerroutes.com](http://www.eukekaspringsmotorcyclerroutes.com) (where special package deals for bikers can also be found).

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## Politicians' opposition critical to process

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When utility companies like American Electric Power (AEP)/Southwestern Electric Power Company (SWEPCO) need legislation passed or approval for rate increases or other requests before the Arkansas Public Service Commission (APSC), it is rare to find a state politician in opposition. These wealthy utilities usually are generous with campaign contributions. For example, AEP/SWEPCO spent \$2.4 million in 2012 on lobbying and campaign contributions.

But with overwhelming public opposition being seen to AEP/SWEPCO's proposed Shippe Road to Kings River high voltage power line, area politicians have been writing the APSC expressing serious concerns about the project. Sen. Cecile Bledsoe (Rogers), Sen. Bryan King (Green Forest), Rep. Bob Ballinger (Hindsville), and Rep. Sue Scott (Bella Vista), have expressed concerns about the project to the APSC.

King said it is unfair that AEP/SWEPCO has had several years to plan the project while citizens didn't hear about their property potentially being taken for the 345 kilovolt (kV) power line until early April.

"I'm going to be sending another letter to the APSC where I will talk about how I continue to be opposed to this and will be more detailed about how this process has been unfair to our area," King said. "People here have not had a level playing field and time to study this matter. I feel like this process has been stacked against the people."

King said he is a farmer, and if the power line went through his pasture he wouldn't like it and it would have an impact. But the impact would be much greater putting it through scenic areas near Beaver Lake, the White River and Kings River – areas heavily dependent on tourism.

"That has more of a broad sweeping impact than it does on pastureland," King said. "A lot of people moved to these areas for the scenery."

King said he supported property rights legislation in the most recent legislative session that would give people more rights and just compensation if their property were taken for eminent domain. He said the process should be set up so both sides are on equal footing and people get a fair shake.

King co-signed a letter to the APSC with Bledsoe, Chair of the Public Health, Welfare & Labor Committee of the Arkansas Senate, stating they have received feedback on this issue from numerous entities and are deeply concerned about the outcomes should this application be approved.

"Areas of concern include the impact on local landowners and our state's tourism industry, in addition to the overall economic impact," states the letter dated July 29. "We respectfully ask the Public Service Commission to carefully study this issue for the period of at least a year

before reaching a decision. The implications of this are far-reaching, and we believe a one-year period will allow for full consideration."

APSC turned down the request to delay the proceeding, stating that timelines for applications are set by state code, and a one-year extension would not be allowed.

King said next year he will renew efforts to get changes to eminent domain laws that protect private property rights.

Bledsoe attended the hearing on the power line in Rogers, spending most of the day listening to constituents

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– Mikel C. Lolley

voice concerns about environment problems, devaluation of property, and health concerns from having high voltage lines near them.

"I felt some of these issues might need to be researched in greater detail," Bledsoe said. "I have concern for people who are going to be affected by these lines. I do not oppose the project entirely. I just want it studied more. I believe the north line, route 109, might in my opinion have been a better fit for the district. The 345 kV transmission line is a big deal, and I felt it would help if the people had more of a chance to verbalize their concern and if the APSC had more time to do research."

Bledsoe said the downtown area of Garfield and the elementary school would be heavily impacted. "It is a concerning problem," Bledsoe said.

Ballinger also sent a letter to the APSC expressing concerns about the project. "Given the scope of the project and the potential for negatively impacting area residents and businesses, I believe we need to thoroughly study this proposed project and explore the viability of all available alternatives before proceeding with approval," he wrote.

The legislator expressing greatest opposition to the project has been Rep. Sue Scott, who represents parts of Bella Vista and Pea Ridge. Scott, speaking at the APSC hearing in Eureka Springs, spoke of how devastated she was when AEP/SWEPCO came in and cut down hundreds of trees on her property. She also spoke about the company coming in later to spray herbicides, with the overspray killing most of the vegetation in her garden. She said the area almost looked like there had been a forest fire.

"We already have this power line," Scott said. "Please don't give my constituents in District 95 another

one. I know what happens."

Mikel C. Lolley, vice president of stewardship for the Treadwell Institute in Fayetteville, said opposition from legislators is significant. Because of campaign contributions and lobbying, legislators rarely express concern regarding a significant request from the utility cartel.

"A one-year moratorium would have helped a lot," Lolley said. "It would have given the opposition time to catch-up. Recall that the utility cartel and the APSC conversations predate our public notice by years. Therefore, they had a huge head start and a huge home court advantage."

Lolley said opponents of the power line have the best chance of influencing the decision if they can get elected public officials to oppose the project.

"In the rarified air of the APSC, if 500 people show up to oppose it, it doesn't put pressure on APSC," he said. "It takes pressure from the elected public officials. Then you are speaking the APSC language."

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The AEP/SWEPCO line is one of several large transmission projects proposed that Lolley said are to transmit power through Arkansas, not to Arkansas. The APSC denied an application for a Clean Line Energy transmission line that would run from Oklahoma through Arkansas up to Tennessee. Clean Line Energy is now trying to get a permit through the Department of Energy (DOE) for the power line, and has the support of U.S. Senator Mike Pryor. Entergy has plans for a 500 kV transmission line stretching 150 miles between Osage Creek Station located near the proposed Kings River Station near Berryville at the end of the AEP-SWEPCO line to the eastern Arkansas town of Newark. The cost estimate for the line is \$520 – \$570 million.

"We want to leverage the opposition for the AEP/SWEPCO line to also oppose the Entergy line that is coming and the Clean Line Energy line that is coming," Lolley said. "Ultimately, we don't need the AEP/SWEPCO line that is a bridge to nowhere when we have distributed generation that could be deployed tomorrow if we decided to do that. We don't need more transmission lines now or in the future. What this really is, is a last ditch money grabbing effort of a utility sector on the defensive because their business model is heading to bankruptcy for the first time in a century."

Rep. John K. Hutchison (Harrisburg) is opposed to the Clean Line Energy transmission line and suspicious of the other projects.

"There is something going on in Arkansas that I don't like," Hutchison said. "There is too much happening. Something big is going on. It is just not real cool."



## CC airport making progress, notes wish list

NICKY BOYETTE

Sheila Evans, manager of the Carroll County Airport, announced Saturday, Sept. 7, is date for the Cajun Fly-in. "Drive in, fly in, walk in, everyone is welcome," she said. This is the fourth year of the event and she expects planes from several states to stop by.

One attraction will be the Cajun menu featuring alligator sausage, pork boudin, shrimp on a stick, chicken and sausage gumbo, and watermelon. Justice of the Peace John Reeve joked if that is not enough he would bring armadillo on a half shell.

Other attractions will be seeing all the visiting planes and maybe getting a ride over the county. Evans said there will also be face-painting and display aircraft.

Evans said any group wanting to put up a table could call her at (870) 423-8393 for information.

### Progress on hangars

Dan Clinton, engineer overseeing construction of the new hangars, said the footings are going in now and the foundation would be next. Once it is poured and ready, hangars can be delivered.

Evans said the airport received another long-term lease payment for one of the hangars. She now has commitments for five of the eight hangars.

Clinton also clarified that it is the intent to fence in the entire airport perimeter. What he has talked about so far has been fencing funded by federal money. Restrictions are tighter for the use of federal grant funds, so he "will finish it up with state money."

He also will be looking for state money to rehabilitate the runway next year, and next week he will be reviewing bids for the access road on the south side of the runway.

### Manager's report

Evans reported the airport lent its courtesy vehicles 21 times in June and 25 in July, and it would have been more if not for one vehicle being off road because it needs a transmission. Commissioners agreed they need to get on the list for state surplus vehicles.

Evans ordered 4000 gallons of gasoline and intends to remain as competitive as anyone with fuel prices. She said pilots stop here for that reason, then return to tour the area.

She said she has had problems with the fuel tank since it was installed, and it is time to replace it. "We thought we were getting a top-of-the-line fuel system," she commented. "I've gotten really good at repair." She said she would talk to advisors from Shell Oil about what to consider as a replacement.

### Other items

- Commissioner Ron Rupe said it is time to take action to get the display shelves they need to house a collection of dozens of model aircraft donated to the airport. Chair Dave Teigen and commissioner Lonnie Clark agreed, and their idea was to approach banks and large businesses for support for this project specifically.

- Commissioners started looking at next year's budget and the need for maintenance money. "Our budget originally was based on a much smaller building being here. Things have

changed," commissioner Lester Ward said.

Another thing that has changed, according to Teigen, is the airport has four times the number of planes coming in than when their budget of \$90,381 was set. He said it is hard to have money for maintenance when there is little money left.

- Commissioners voted to approve the purchase of a laptop computer for Evans.

- Clark stated the airport should get a

generator. "If we have a disaster nearby, this airport will be a key location for recovery," he said.

- Evans said there is no Automated Weather Observing System (AWOS) station serving Carroll County. "There are stations in Rogers, Harrison and Branson, but not here and we need one. Pilots need our weather information when flying in."

Next meeting will be Thursday, Sept. 19, at noon.

## Annual Doggie Style Show needs your help

Everyone knows the show must go on, but it won't happen without three people willing to volunteer to chair (i.e. make it happen) the following committees for the Doggie Style Show:

- Fashion Show: Put together a fun runway show including pets, come to fundraiser meetings for the next two and a half months, enlist models, put together a script and be on-hand to oversee the show.

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- Advertising: Make sure all ads are in on time, take advantage of every avenue possible to get the word out (PSAs in papers/on radio), come to fundraiser meetings for the next two and a half months, make sure flyers are posted all over Carroll County, etc. (you don't have to write PSAs, we have someone for that) and be on hand to help as needed the day of set up and the night of the show.

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## Planning to dig into imprecise code

NICKY BOYETTE

After the Planning Commission took on researching what City Code says about home occupations, commissioner Ed Leswig said at Tuesday night's meeting he discovered Code clearly states, "A home occupation permit is required for all new accessory home occupations and for all changes and expansions."

"We have no such thing as a home occupation permit," he told commissioners.

The issue arose at a previous Planning meeting because people in town were apparently taking advantage of the vagueness of the Code and lack of enforcement. Commissioner Pat Lujan was candid in his appraisal, saying, "I feel this is a witch hunt, and I don't want to be involved in a witch hunt." He said he had driven around town looking for this problem and did not see anything Planning should worry about. He thought the issue had come from one person having a tiff with a neighbor and somehow Planning got involved. "People doing crafts at home should not be impeded," he said.

Commissioner Melissa Greene said they do not want to make it difficult for people to live here, and Chair Beverly Blankenship said the real problem is in the way Code is written.

Leswig stated, however, it is the responsibility of Planning to protect the character of neighborhoods. He said he would be upset if he were trying to sell his house and his neighbor's home occupation affected his property value.

He wants something simple in Code that works.

Lujan still insisted the root of the discussion was one person having a dispute with another. He agreed they did not want people in town to make messes in their yards; that there are plenty of those yards in town having nothing to do with home occupations, and discussion then changes from home occupations to cleaning up the city.

Blankenship said she would do more digging and bring her research to the next meeting.

### Dwellings in C-1

Another situation landing on the Planning agenda was that banks refuse to give residential loans and require commercial quality construction for dwellings in the C-1 zone. Any homeowner trying to sell a home in these areas, North Main for example, will incur significantly higher costs.

Lujan said he had spoken with a banker, and the banking community says amending a city ordinance would not change banking rules, and the area is zoned correctly.

Leswig commented, "I don't think there's any change we can make that would change anything."

Blankenship agreed, saying, "I don't think we can fix this one," and the item was dropped from the agenda.

### Gavioli again

Newly-seated commissioner Steve Beacham observed the Gavioli Chapel advertises its shows as going until 10 p.m. whereas City Code

restricts business in that zone from operating after 9 p.m. He said Gavioli uses restaurant hours, and there is a significant difference in how the two operations affect the neighborhood. There were different views about what to do next but everyone agreed Code says closing time is 9 p.m. Leswig suggested they add "premises must be vacated by customers within an hour of the nine o'clock closing." This would give nearby restaurant customers time to finish.

### C-3 again

Leswig suggested they exempt "Bed & Breakfasts, buildings used for religious purposes, day cares and tourist lodgings," from the constraints of the 7 a.m. – 9 p.m. business hours in C-3. Vote was unanimous in agreement.

There also was some confusion regarding pets in that zone. Greene had noticed Code included animals in the list of violations. She said, "We don't want a rodeo but we want to allow pets."

Blankenship clarified that Code says, "the performance of the business must not involve" the things in the list, such as animals, loud music, bright lights and others. Having a pet Beagle would not be part of the performance of a business. That means City Code allows guests at a B&B in C-3 to bring their Beagle.

### All the rest

Lujan said he recently gained employment with the city and wanted to clarify his standing as a Planning commissioner.

Blankenship said council passed

an ordinance earlier this year which states no more than two Planning commissioners could be either employed by the city or sit on other commissions. Therefore, she believes Lujan can still sit on the commission.

Alderman Melissa Greene said she had spoken with two aldermen who agreed Lujan could still sit on Planning, and if there were a problem they would address it.

Lujan asked if livestock were allowed in the R-2 zone. He knows of someone moving to town from a farm, and they want to bring their cow. Their new property is on Dairy Hollow Road, and there is already a barn and plenty of space.

He said, "It is nice to have someone ask first." Blankenship put it on her homework list.

Commissioners parsed zoning definitions again, and agreed to have Blankenship incorporate suggestions and take one last look at the next meeting before they send their work to council.

Bob Willmeth, representing the Blarney Stone, said he wanted to construct a 7x20-ft. upper deck at the rear of his establishment. It will not be attached to the building. Blankenship pointed out the addition would not affect water runoff. Vote to approve the application was unanimous.

As the Board of Zoning and Adjustment, commissioners approved a setback variance for 39 Benton.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, Sept. 10, at 6 p.m.




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## It's a boy

Jackson Fraser Dillon was born April 17 at 1:50 a.m. to Molly Mathews Dillon and Brian Dillon at their Bella Vista home. Jackson weighed 10 pounds and was 21 and three-quarters inches in length. He was welcomed by his older brother, Sawyer Ray Dillon.

Maternal grandparents are Anna Mathews of Eureka Springs and Bill Mathews of Osage, and paternal grandparents are Mike and Nancy Dillon of Kimberling City, Mo.



## Town hall meeting hailed

NICKY BOYETTE

Alderman David Mitchell told city council Monday night that the recent town hall meeting, which 43 people attended, was a success. He said input from attendees showed rebuilding the infrastructure – water and sewer systems – was voted most important by far. Second was figuring out what to do with the failing dam at Black Bass Lake. Third was repairing the Mill Hollow bridge. Other items written in by citizens were city beautification, parking, stricter noise limits and finding ways to be less tourist-dependent.

Mitchell said the next task is to set up actionable steps and timelines and determine costs. He acknowledged this council will be leaving some projects

for other councils, but he wants at least to set up a process.

“By having the town hall meeting, we set ourselves up to be accountable,” he said.

### All the rest of council

- Steve Beacham was approved to sit on the Planning Commission.

- The third reading of Ordinance 2188, which would extend the 200-ft. rule to all residential zones, was approved unanimously.

- Council voted to approve a resolution in support of an increase in the monthly pension amount for the Fireman’s Pension Board. Tom Walker, speaking for the Fireman’s Pension Board, said this fund is not part of the city’s budget and 25 people will see a

\$50 per month increase.

- Wednesday, Oct. 23, 10 a.m. in the mayor’s office is the date, time and place for the council budget workshop.

- Council voted to approve a bridge loan to the Parks Department if they need it. Parks will repay by the end of the year any amount borrowed. The funds would be for the Lake Leatherwood road project.

- Just in time for Christmas, council voted to approve a resolution granting free two-hour parking at the metered spaces on Main and Spring during December.

- Council also approved the first reading of an ordinance increasing the fee for renting the spaces in downtown lots for special events. Ordinance 2189 stipulates the fee will be \$9 per space per day. There are 86 spaces total.

Next meeting will be Monday, Sept. 9, at 6 p.m.

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## 9-11 Ceremony, unservicable flag disposal Sept. 11

Pendergrass Rose American Legion Post 36 will host a 9-11 Ceremony Sept. 11 at 9:46 a.m. at the Memorial Park Pavilion on Holiday Island. Speaker will be Lt. Col. McCall, Commander of the Air Force ROTC at the University of Arkansas – Fayetteville.

Immediately after the 9-11 ceremony there will a Dignified Disposal of Unserviceable Flag ceremony at the Pavilion. Anyone who has an unserviceable American flag who wishes to have it properly disposed of may drop the flag off at Fire Station 1, 251 Holiday Island Dr., before Sept. 11.



### Palooza hopefuls –

Teens Emily Pearson and Tristan Weeter (both on guitar and vocals) from Benton County School of the Arts performed as a duo and separately Aug. 23 as part of the EurekaPalooza Under 21 audition and show in Basin Park as part of Fun After 5! activities. Winners (to be announced) will go on to perform at EurekaPalooza in September at Lake Leatherwood City Park.

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## Dotson sues city

NICKY BOYETTE

Mayor Morris Pate announced at Monday's city council meeting that Ray Dotson has sued the city and a judge had placed a temporary restraining order on the city until a hearing Wednesday. According to Pate, for now the city cannot cite Dotson for doing business without a license. Dotson purportedly is using a license for an animal-drawn vehicle, yet his vehicle is motorized.

City attorney Tim Weaver added they could cite him for any other violations.

During Public Comments, Tom Tharp implored council to do something. "Ray Dotson has been thumbing his nose at the city," he said. "We helped write the laws and we follow the rules and he just stomps on us. Can y'all do something?"

In court Wednesday, Judge Kent Crow heard the case and remanded it to District Court, where it will be heard Nov. 22. Pate said the temporary restraining order remains in effect, which means the city still could not cite Dotson for operating without the proper business license.

## Dorjee to speak at Buddhist Study Group

The Eureka Springs Buddhist Study Group will host Geshe Thupten Dorjee at the church at 17 Elk Street, Friday, August 30, at 7 p.m. Dorjee will discuss mindfulness in our everyday lives and how it can be helpful in solving problems. Questions welcomed.

Dorjee has just returned from India with many beautiful objects which can be purchased from the dharma shop. Admission is free; a donation is always appreciated. For more information, call (479) 239-4546 or see [www.artibet.com](http://www.artibet.com).

## Sunday at UUF

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## We're all in this together

Editor,

Having just read articles concerning proposed SWEPCO lines still pending, I would like to stress one fact. Route 33 has always been the preferred route of SWEPCO, and lately it seems, of the APSC. I understand, and agree with, Mrs. Pang's concern for Gateway and Garfield. I would like to inquire if she and others who are still opposing all the routes understand the impact Route 33 would have on the town of Beaver.

As well as we can comprehend the SWEPCO maps (even the one leaving out the White River), Route 33 would cross the river less than 3/4 of a mile from the historic Beaver bridge. That crossing would impact the river mussels, perhaps the hellbender salamanders, and nesting

places of blue herons and bald eagles (which are now here year 'round).

It would be possible to see the towers from the bridge and Beaver, and years of herbicides running off into the White River would probably impact our wells in "lower" Beaver, even the well of our camping park.

We have already had years of gasoline pollution in our wells, what next?

For all of you who are thanking your own personal God for sparing your home and property from the three nixed routes, please remember those of us on Route 33 who are directly in the bulls-eye. We need your support. We are a small community, but one with a wealth of historical and environmental importance.

Thank you.

**Penny L. Sullivan**

## Why didn't ES intervene?

Editor,

Conspicuously missing from the list of intervenors expected to testify against the SWEPCO power line proposal at the APSC hearing in Little Rock beginning Aug. 26 is the City of Eureka Springs. Springdale, Garfield, Cave Springs and even tiny Gateway filed as intervenors in the matter.

I can scarcely believe that our mayor and city council did not join the hundreds (if not thousands) of the local citizenry in opposing this outrageous destruction of our environment and our local economy.

I have never been so proud of our town as I have been in seeing us come together to fight a mighty threat to our

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## WEEK'S Top Tweets

**@UberFacts** --- Homosexuality was classified as an illness in Sweden in 1979-Swedes protested by calling into work sick, saying they "felt gay."

**@AristostlesNZ** --- "How many people work at your company?" About half of them.

**@DothTheDoth** --- To use google efficiently, write like Tarzan. "good tacos boston"

**@AntozWolf** --- Adulthood is like the vet, and we're all the dogs that are excited for the car ride until we realize where we're going.

**@DrinkingatWork** --- My head feels like something Picasso would have drawn.

**@JoePetroske** --- Interview Tip: When you get the "where do you see yourself in 5 years" question, don't say "post-apocalyptic tribal warlord."

**@yoyoha** --- I just saw someone by themselves not looking at a phone. Hope they're ok.

**@MotherJones** --- In it's first day, Al Jazeera America had more coverage of climate change than other networks have had in months.

**@Zen\_Moments** --- Success is getting what you want. Happiness is liking what you get. ~ H. Jackson Brown, Jr.



**@mashable** --- Revolution in Egypt Captured Through the Eye of a Camera.

## World events and the foam finger

Americans, and no doubt a lot of other people, have spent and still spend an unredeemable amount of time and energy on things that really won't change their lives in the least – like the details of Marilyn Monroe's demise, O. J. Simpson's trial, Princess Diana's escapades, Michael Jackson's lifestyle and death (and his sister Janet's wardrobe malfunction), Lindsay Lohan's rehabilitation problems and even Miley Cyrus's ridiculous behavior at the Music Video Awards.

There are entire television channels devoted to celebrity news, let alone the coverage it gets on other channels. And then we go beyond giving attention to these events in real time to watching extended coverage, made-for-TV movies, documentaries, reports on investigations, court trials and endless recaps. We seem fascinated, hooked, mesmerized.

In a long-ago interview with William Shatner, he discussed the fact that perhaps America's preoccupation with celebrities (and at that time with the mythos of the characters on *Star Trek*) came from the fact that this country is one of the few without a mythic panoply of gods or a real panoply of royalty of its own; so we created one made up of movie/TV star and sports celebrities.

What are the gods doing now? Are they happy, are they angry? Do we need to give them more attention? Have we offended? How do we please them? Pretty primeval stuff we have at the core of our beings, eh? We'll find or create gods somewhere, you can be sure of it. But that's an issue for another day.

Suffering as we do from the human condition, in that sooner or later all things become personal to us ego-centric beings, we propose that perhaps this preoccupation with events non-essential to our own lives concerning people non-essential to our lives is our entire culture's way of not dealing with real issues looming toward us from every direction.

Someone reminded us recently of the old saw, "Nero fiddled while Rome burned," which caused us to wonder, in light of the excited coverage of Miss Cyrus's big tongue and foam finger, if this was our way of fiddling with things inconsequential while the rest of the world seems to have veered onto a one-way street to Hades in a hand basket.

Escapism. Like going to the refrigerator instead of having a face-to-face with your antagonist and working things out. Or perhaps it's just falling back to focusing on something we think we can handle when we can't handle the world news.

By that we refer to the real world news, *not* CNN/Fox/MSNBC newertainment. Thanks to Al Jazeera America and the BBC, we still do have some unbiased reporting on world events that actually deserve our attention. It's amazing how differently the rest of the world perceives events.

It might be scary and seem way beyond our control, but perhaps we can pay more attention to the hard things that, given global connectedness, *will* make a difference in our lives eventually no matter how far away they occur today. Local reaction to the threat of SWEPCO lines has proven in our own community that we can take control and even change minds on an issue.

Whether or not we engage in Syria, and Russia again becomes an enemy, is far more important than who Selena Gomez is dating, and *will* affect our lives. Anything that happens abroad now has consequences at home, even if only economically.

We have recourse to turn the tide of world events even though it may not seem like it. Understand the issues, find one that grabs your heart, weigh in with Congress, protest, draft petitions, cause an uproar – and give the world something more than the foam finger.

~ CDW



## The Pursuit Of HAPPINESS

by Dan Krotz

Gestalt therapists use the term "functional fixity" to refer to people who are stuck in a time, in a role, or in a way of being. The oncologist who is fascinated by cells, and uninterested in the collection of cells called humans, is an example. The old timer who believes that milk still ought to cost a dime a quart is another. Anyone using the phrase "going to hell in a hand basket" to refer to a category of people is functionally fixed in a time, a role or a way of being.

The cure for functional fixity is for the oncologist to learn or sufficiently fake a bedside manner, for the old timer to agree that higher wages are a fair exchange for higher priced goods, and for everyone to harness bias, prejudice and insularity, particularly when it is focused on groups of people. The rewards for accepting the cure are a more civil society, greater confidence in the face of differences, and by all means of measuring, greater personal happiness.

Resistance to cure often looks like a principled defense of high standards. Politicians will defend to (someone else's) death the right of schizophrenic wife beaters to own automatic weapons because our Founders owned unregistered blunderbusses. Modern parents will do anything to assure that their kids have high self-esteem even when narcissism is often its logical consequence. There is no higher incidence of functional fixity among Conservatives than in Liberals; each resists cure to protect what they see as inalienable rights.

Compromise, *aka* cooperation, negotiation, concession, conciliation, is an essential aspect of the cure. Yes, free citizens have the right to bear arms – unless he wishes to sit in the gallery of the US House of Representatives. And yes, any kid can play Little League baseball – as long as she wears a batting helmet. Commonsense is what the cure looks like, and commonsense is what our political process lacks, because:

Modern Conservatives conserve nothing; modern Liberals allow nothing; Libertarians believe in Fairyland and know nothing. These are the intimidating therapeutic starting points for anyone supposing to be a civic healer.



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# INDEPENDENT Constables On Patrol

## AUGUST 19

12:08 p.m. – The caller told ESPD her boyfriend had been beaten up the previous night and she just took him to ESH for treatment for his head injuries. Constables took a report.

## AUGUST 20

10:25 a.m. – Constable on patrol responded when a delivery person set off an alarm at a business.

11:12 a.m. – Person came to the station to report a rape that had happened over the weekend.

5:14 p.m. – One vehicle bumped into another on Spring Street.

9:50 p.m. – Constable performed a welfare check on a person only to discover the person was in the hospital.

## AUGUST 21

10:19 a.m. – An intoxicated female was causing a disturbance in a motel lobby. Responding constable advised her to stay in her room.

2:36 p.m. – The motel called back to report the guest had not only come out of her room but had urinated on the sidewalk and returned to the lobby. Constable arrested her for public intoxication and disorderly conduct.

5:33 p.m. – As a result of a traffic stop, the constable arrested the driver.

## AUGUST 22

6:33 a.m. – Alarm sounded at a bank. Constable stayed on the scene until the key holder reset the alarm.

4:22 p.m. – Constable arrested an individual on a warrant for battery.

6:56 p.m. – Person reported a suspicious vehicle at a location on east side of town. Constable responded and learned everything was okay.

## AUGUST 23

10:22 a.m. – Clerk at a business reported a theft which was recorded on surveillance video.

11:43 a.m. – An unattended vehicle rolled into a building causing damage to the building.

11:53 a.m. – Resident reported seeing several baby snakes slithering from beneath her porch. Animal Control did not find any snakes but advised the resident what she could do to keep them out. He said he would return if she saw any more.

12:30 p.m. – Motel staff asked for constable standby while evicted guests retrieve their belongings.

12:51 p.m. – Constable performed

traffic control around a stalled vehicle.

7:40 p.m. – A truck was parked in a red zone downtown. Constable spoke with the driver.

10:09 p.m. – A concerned daughter could not get in touch with her mother. Constable responded. Everything was okay.

10:14 p.m. – As a result of a traffic stop, constable arrested the driver for DWI.

## AUGUST 24

2:19 a.m. – Witness reported a hit and run accident downtown. Constable stopped the adverse vehicle and arrested the driver on a warrant out of Boone County.

10:30 a.m. – Constable and fire department responded to get vehicles moved out of a fire lane.

10:52 a.m. – The holdup alarm sounded at a business, and no one could figure out why. Everything was secure.

12:33 p.m. – Motel management wanted three skateboarders removed from the parking lot. The youths left before a constable arrived.

2:14 p.m. – Constable asked an establishment to turn down the music.  
3:59 p.m. – Motel owner needed assistance in getting an individual to leave the property. Constable asked him to move along.

10:39 p.m. – Bystander downtown saw a male drag a female into a vehicle. License number turned up the name of

the owner, and he was known to have a history with the female. Constable arrested him at his home for driving on a suspended license and a warrant out of Carroll County.

## AUGUST 25

12:08 a.m. – Traffic stop resulted in the arrest of the driver for DWI and driving left of center.

2:03 a.m. – Guest at a motel reported hearing what sounded like a physical struggle in the room above. He had gone up there and found a female crying and a male wanting to fight. Constable spoke with the couple who assured him it had been a verbal argument only and everything was okay now.

3:58 a.m. – Constable responded to report of a domestic dispute at another tourist lodging. The male said it had been verbal only, and he was going somewhere else for the night.

## AUGUST 26

2:02 a.m. – Resident near downtown told ESPD she had heard a loud bang downstairs in her house and she was too scared to check. Constable went to the scene and found a large plant had fallen off its stand.

5:53 a.m. – A person came to the station to file domestic battery charges against his stepfather. ESPD arrested the stepfather and also cited the stepson for a warrant out of Fayetteville.

## Libraries to host town meetings

Carroll County libraries invite library users and the community to be part of an exciting project as the library board and staff develop long-range strategic plans.

There will be a series of town meetings in each Carroll County library to hear your ideas on what is important to you. Meetings will be held from 6 – 7 p.m. at Berryville Public Library Tuesday, Sept. 3, and Eureka Springs Public Library Wednesday, Sept. 4.

Carroll County libraries are working with David Price, library consultant from Averus Library Consulting, on this project. He will moderate the discussion.

The meeting will be a great time to exchange ideas and insights. The board knows how important library services are to residents of Carroll County and want everyone to mark their calendars and brainstorm with friends and neighbors at their local library.

For further information contact Jean Elderwind (870) 423-5300.



## EAST project puts Climate Call to Action grant to good use



**Hot or not?** – Justin Ermert uses a FLIR thermal imaging camera to show parking lot surface temperature is 118 degrees compared to 85 degrees on surrounding vegetation area surfaces.

PHOTO BY KATIE PETERS, LEADER, URBAN HOT SPOT ASSESSMENT TEAM

The Eureka Springs EAST program has concluded an EAST After Hours grant focused on a climate action plan to reduce greenhouse gases and the school district's carbon footprint. The grant, received by former EAST facilitator, Mila Floro, allowed students to obtain and use a thermal imaging camera to record and report the energy efficiency of properties in both historic and new construction buildings in the Eureka Springs community.

GPS Terra Sync Software from the grant also allowed EAST member to access data revealing Eureka Springs is on par with the national average – per capita average of emissions being 19.5 tons of carbon dioxide per person per year compared to the national average of 20 tons per person per year. The city's future goal is to reach the current global average of five tons per person per year.

Last January, the high school moved out of an aging and declining building to the new school at 2 Lake Lucerne Road. Although design of the new building included many energy saving improvements, there are still challenges to be faced. The school sits on acreage that once was dense hillside woodland. Construction stripped the vegetation down to surface rock to add metal buildings, asphalt driveways and parking lots. Costs left little to no money for landscaping.

However, EAST students and an environmental club at the high school took on the challenge of assessing the environmental impact and improving energy preservation

at the new location. In the spring, EAST members wrote and were awarded two Arkansas Game & Fish Commission grants that were used to construct a rain garden to capture and control rainwater that eventually flows into the Kings River Watershed. Plants selected for the garden also help reduce pollutants such as phosphates that in time have adverse effects on aquatic life. Plantings throughout the campus this fall will lower heat radiation from the sun and offset the urban heat island effects of concrete and asphalt.

The addition of birdhouses, feeders and a soon-to-be-constructed water garden will bring area wildlife and native habitat back to the area. EAST planning does not stop there: a nature trail, butterfly gardens and outdoor classrooms are currently underway, providing enhanced educational experiences for Eureka Springs students and the community.

On Oct.15 from 6:30 – 8 p.m. the community will be able to attend the EAST Night Out and learn how ESHS EAST members are not only asking for a Climate Call to Action, but also “In Acting” change in our community.

*This EAST After Hours project is funded by the Enhancing Education Through Technology grant made possible by the Arkansas Department of Education and is done in cooperation with the Southeast Educational Service Cooperative and the EAST Initiative.*



**DonE is done** – Bruce Levine, DonE Allen, Bill Featherstone and Ruth Hager pose at a gathering held Wednesday at the Parks office in Harmon Park as the community came together to say good-bye to our much-loved gardener.

PHOTO BY GWEN ETHEREDGE



### Piano man

– Clear Spring School senior Hendrick Pot plays short pieces of classical music in the EurekaPalooza Under 21 show during Fun After Five! at Basin Park Aug. 23 as several young musicians and bands competed for a spot on the stage at EurekaPalooza in September.

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DAVID FRANK DEMPSEY



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

## They don't call it "the remote" for nothing

*Television is the first truly democratic culture – the first culture available to everybody and entirely governed by what the people want. The most terrifying thing is what people do want.*

~ Clive Barnes

Let's face it; anyone who has a television set has a guilty pleasure. Sure, we all want to watch something educational, uplifting, creative and inspiring – but who doesn't love a train wreck? And there are plenty of them littering the tracks of "reality" TV. Forget the daytime soaps, real life is much more dramatic – or so program producers

would have us believe. Spoiler alert: it's fake reality. True, there are real moments like the childhood-devastating performance of Miley Cyrus fake-masturbating onstage amongst a group of teddy bears at the recent MTV Video Music Awards, but even those acts are calculated for shock and awe. Why? Ratings, money, album sales – whatever will get us to talk and tweet and open our wallets.

Does anyone out there believe the *Real Housewives of* (insert your favorite city) are actually representative of real housewives? How many of your neighbors have nothing to do all day

but shop and host extravagant parties and behave badly, claws out, because a best friend didn't bother dressing to the nines for the dog's birthday party?

*If the television craze continues with the present level of programs, we are destined to have a nation of morons.*

~ Daniel Marsh, 1950

Nonetheless, we continue to reward this idiocy and make stars of and careers for many of the hitherto unknowns who appear on these shows. They then become part of our lives. On *Here Comes Honey Boo Boo*, we even get to see the belly buttons of her

entire rotund family. Honey Boo Boo, now a child with her own show, started out as a contestant on the horrifying program, *Toddlers and Tiaras* and acted so outrageously with such an off the wall mom that the whole family now stars in their own slice of life show where nothing is left out and the viewer is rendered incredulous, put off and strangely compassionate toward the ignorance. Or is it all pretend?

*All television is educational television. The question is: what is it teaching?*

~ Nicholas Johnson

More stew about this next week.

## INDEPENDENTArt

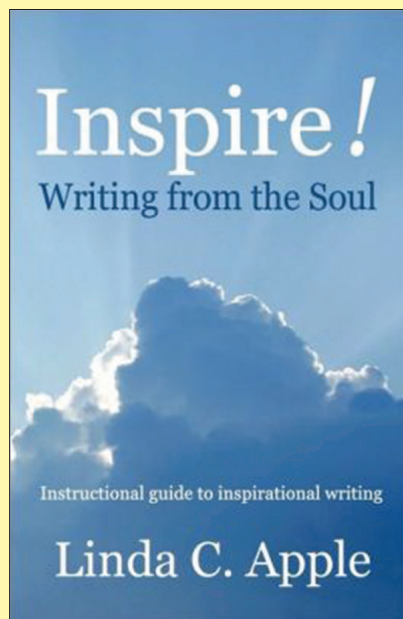
### New writers' group begins Sept. 1

A new writers' group is forming Sunday, Sept. 1, 4 – 7 p.m., at the Art Colony, 185 N. Main. Genre fiction especially encouraged. Strut your stuff! BYOB. For details call (479) 244-6369.

### Be inspired with author Linda Apple

Learn to tell your stories in a way that inspires others. Join writing teacher, Linda Apple, author of the book *INSPIRE: Writing from the Soul* Saturday, Sept. 7, at the Garden Bistro on N. Main from 9 a.m. – noon. There will be a second session from 1 – 4 p.m. for writers with a Christian worldview who want to tell stories modeled on the storytelling of Jesus Christ.

Register for one or both sessions: \$25 each or \$45 for the full day. To register or for more information, email [alisontaylorbrown@me.com](mailto:alisontaylorbrown@me.com) or phone (479) 292-3665.



### Fall gets colorful with exciting workshops at ESSA

Entertain your creative muse with a three-day Fall Workshop at ESSA, September 12 – 14. Wander the historic district in Eureka with Julie Kahn Valentine in an "Architectural Rendering" workshop, try your hand at landscape painting and plein air "Pastels" with Tom Christopher or learn the art of "Overglaze on Porcelain" with Karen Mills.

Coming up Sept. 20 – 22, you can explore the art of "Hypertufa" in Kandy Jones' fun workshop, then carry on the Ozark tradition of White Oak Basket Weaving Sept. 26 and 27 in a workshop with second generation Ozark basket weaver, Billy Owens.

Register now online at [www.ESSA-ART.org](http://www.ESSA-ART.org), or by calling (479)-253-5384.



### Strut your (hand-made) stuff

The Village at Pine Mountain on US 62E is hosting its annual Fall Village Craft Show Saturday, Nov. 2, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Applications are currently being accepted for booth space. Spaces are 12x12 ft. and cost \$35, or \$40 with electricity. Only handmade items allowed. For more info, contact Gayle Voiles (479) 244-6907 or 253-7047.



# NOTES from the HOLLOW

by Steve Weems

I've long been fascinated by stories of wolves in Carroll County. I can recall sitting with my grandfather, Jack McCall, on cold winters' nights asking about wolves. He would spit tobacco juice into a coffee can at his feet, feed the stove another stick of wood and patiently answer my questions.

Early pioneers recounted wolves as being abundant in the Ozarks. The wolves were often described as large and either reddish-gray or black in color. Biologists say it was the Red Wolf that was found in Carroll County (or *Canis Rufus* for you Latin talkers.)

I've heard the opinion that Carroll County never had any actual wolves, that the old tales were of coyotes. I've no doubt that Jack McCall would have been surprised by this argument as wolves and coyotes not only looked different, they sounded different. In his day he killed wolves for the bounty and because they killed sheep. Later he killed coyotes because they preyed on his chickens and ducks. In his mind, the two types of animals were not the same. Wolves were bigger and carried themselves differently when they moved.

In John Sealander's *A Guide to Arkansas Mammals*, he recounts an Arkansas Red Wolf specimen tipping the scales at 90 pounds. Out west coyotes seldom weigh more than 35 pounds.

The Arkansas Game & Fish Commission says that in the 1940s Carroll County had one of the largest populations of wolves left in the state, the reason being that the small farms and woodlands made for good habitat. Each year the number of pure wolves dwindled, though, as they were hunted by man and interbred with coyotes.

In 1965, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service listed the Red Wolf as endangered. In 1966, Carroll County still offered a \$15 bounty on wolves. By 1980 Red Wolves were officially extinct in the state of Arkansas.

Late in life, Jack McCall, not one for giving a predator an even break, was wistful about the disappearance of the wolves from Carroll County. He wondered if it was man's place to annihilate an entire species.



## Help Lions Club *Recycle for Sight*

You can give someone the gift of better sight by recycling your old eyeglasses. Throughout the year the Lions Club and other volunteers collect used eyeglasses and deliver them to regional Lions Eyeglass Recycling

Centers (LERCs). Once glasses are collected, LERC volunteers clean, sort by prescription strength (it would be helpful to attach a tag with this information) and package them for distribution to people in need.

In Eureka Springs, glasses can be brought to Forest Hill Restaurant and deposited in the Lions Club drop-off box. For more information, see Eureka Springs Lions Club on Facebook. New members always welcome!

## INDEPENDENTArt



### New image up against the wall, send your pics

A new YARNOGRAPHY image titled *Endless Summer* just became a part of the Downtown Bentonville landscape as the first installation in a new public mural initiative called Gallery Without Walls. The work, by Jeremy Mason McGraw, was the first to be selected for this project by Downtown Bentonville, Inc.

The 10x10 ft. mural is a picture-perfect summer flower landscape intended as a backdrop for fun, silly photos, so go snap one with your friends. Check out the mural on the side of the Bloom Floral and Gifts building on W. Central.

Next time you're in Bentonville find the mural, strike a pose, snap your best shot and send it to [info@creativeenergyproject.com](mailto:info@creativeenergyproject.com). If you tweet, send a shout out @viralartevents #yarnography and/or join The Creative Energy Project on Facebook. Double dog dare ya.

## A little help from our friends:

(Please email ongoing community service announcements to [newsdesk@eurekaspringsindependent.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://www.nwarkaa.org)





**“Fair” weather** – Young students of Elite Dance Studio ride a float through downtown Berryville during the Carroll County Fair Parade Aug. 24.

PHOTOS BY DAVID FRANK DEMPSEY



**Cheers!** – Berryville Bobcats cheerleaders ride atop a fire engine in the Carroll County Fair Parade marking the opening of the fair.

## TheNATUREofEUREKA by Steven Foster



### Roots to anchor and feed

**R**oots are vascular organs of plants that anchor a plant to a substrate (such as soil) and uptake water and minerals. In annual plants – those that complete their lifecycles in a year – the roots have less tissue density, grow rapidly to maximize acquiring resources (such as water and minerals), often working closely with fungal micorrhiza in the soil to achieve efficiency. Roots of perennials – plants which live for two or more years – serve the same function, but maximize resource conservation and food storage. They are there for the long haul.

Roots also serve as an important metaphor for where we, as humans, originate. This week I’m on the Pemaquid Peninsula on the coast of Maine, returning for the first time to discover my perennial roots. I spent my first 21 years in southern Maine, and my roots find me returning to visit immediate family, old friends, and as much as possible during a theoretic annual visit, maximizing my resource of time while here. That translates from, “I should do this or that sometime” to “do it now.”

And so taking photos of plants, as I do, I have been revisiting trees I knew in my youth, only to find them much larger than

I remembered, or revisiting habitats of plants I photographed 20 or 30 years ago.

Many of them are still there. For example, I visited a butternut tree (*Juglans cinerea*) I once knew, for which I only had one photograph.

This time, instead of a casual “catch you later,” I stopped and spent 30 minutes with it, taking photos from every angle. Rare in Arkansas, the species is declining throughout its natural range from butternut blight. Its rapid decline places it beside the American chestnut and American elm as a tragic victim of an exotic fungal invader.

Only in the last year did I discover that my own roots reach deeper than I knew to South Bristol, Maine, on the Pemaquid Peninsula where my Foster ancestors settled during the American Revolution. They were born and buried there up until my own grandfather’s time. Although I was raised barely an hour away, until a week ago, I had never been to the Pemaquid Peninsula.

I am nature’s metaphor – an annual waif evolving to discover deep perennial roots.





*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.

"Tell me about when your brother Sam died," I urged.

"Well, Sam had been in th' war and never been very well after he got home. Some said he had consumption. Anyway, he was awful bad for a long time there. The night died, several of us was there settin' up with th' folks. We heard horses a-runnin'. Sounded like they run right up to the back door. We opened the door and couldn't see anything. We could hear the horses snortin' and pawin' the frozen ground. We couldn't see anything. It was just a few minutes before he died."

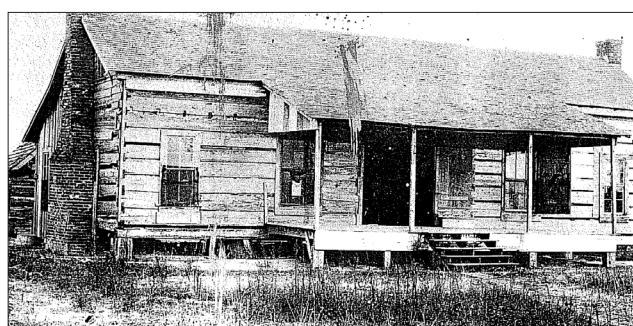
"Who do you think came after him, Grandpa?" I asked.

"I don't know, honey. We didn't talk much about it. We jest knowed he was dead and that somebody had come after him. We reckoned it was some of his war buddies. I don't know."

I remembered that his brother Jim, had died in his home over near Golden and wanted him to tell me the story again. He willingly obliged.

"That wasn't too long ago," he told me. I had all ready learned that it had not been more than three or four years, but like all the Gaskins, dates or time had no meaning for him. I did not press him for dates.

"We was all settin' out there on the front porch," he said as he nodded toward the door leading to the long porch which ran the length of the house. "I saw a big bright light rise right straight up from down around Elk Ranch. It kinda floated in the air but we could all see it. We wondered what it was but saw that it went straight towards Golden, I knowed



what it was, some kind of a warnin' about brother Jim. He lived at Golden. The next day somebody come an' told us he was dead. I don't know what the light was but I knowed it was somebody tryin' to tell us somethin' about Jim. I reckoned he was dead."

It was during that first summer there that I had some firsthand experience with Gaskins ghosts.

I walked up the hill to the family home one day and found Grandpa Gaskins putting on his new overalls. Grandpa did not get out of the house much. He always wore overalls and Papa always saw to it that he had a new pair in reserve just in case he wanted to go somewhere.

As I entered the room and saw him struggling with try get his suspenders, which he called "galluses" in place, I helped him and asked, "What are you getting all dressed up for, Grandpa? Have you got a date somewhere?"

"No, I'm tryin' to get ready to go in to Eureka Springs. I want to go up an' see my brother, Dode. I think he has took sick to die," he told me very calmly. There was nobody at home that morning but him and I wondered just how he had learned

anything about his brother. I inquired.

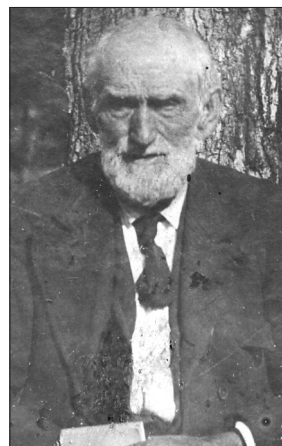
"Who told you, Grandpa? Who told you that Uncle Dode was sick?"

"Nobody told me. But I know it anyway. Would you walk down to the train with me?"

I would and did, wondering just how he had expected to get down to the makeshift depot if I had not put in an appearance. I finally asked him as we walked down the hill, "How did you expect to get down the hill if I hadn't come along?"

"Oh, I knowed that you or some of 'em could get there by the time I needed 'em. They allus do," he told me. I walked down the hill with him, waited and flagged the train at the small whistle-stop. After he was safely aboard I went into the store and called the home of Uncle Dode to tell them of his arrival and ask if some of them would meet him at the train.

"I'm glad he's coming," Uncle Dode's daughter, Ethel, me. "We should have called you folks before this. Papa is pretty bad sick. In fact, I might as well tell



you, Dr. Webb thinks he may not make it. I'm glad Uncle Jack is coming. I'll meet him at the train and we will let you know how things are going."

That afternoon when I went down to the store, Callie Berry told me that Ethel had called and wanted us to know that Uncle Dode passed away soon after Grandpa arrived. I never questioned Grandpa after that about how he knew his brother was dying. I guess I knew what his answer would have been. "He jest knowed."

It was during the first few weeks of our marriage and the time that we lived in what was later known as the "haunted bungalow," that we began to hear mysterious sounds all over the house. Finally, one night when Jim and Hazel were spending the night with us, Elba and Jim saw the ghostly figure of a woman standing in the doorway. It was the culmination of several weeks of being mystified by strange sights and sounds in that house. Upon inquiring, we learned that countless other families had tried living there, and in the end, had all relinquished the house to the ghost that roamed through it.

While talking with several others and trying to learn something about who had died and come back later to haunt place, I took it up with Grandpa. He knew all about ghosts, I reasoned. Where could I find more authentic information? I had also heard that his brother, Bill, had once lived in the house and that his wife, Tillie, had once lived in the house. I walked up the hill to talk to Grandpa about what was bothering me.

## Local businesses, churches asked to help *Experience the Light* Carroll County Weekend Aug. 30 – Sept. 1

In preparation for Christmas, the Great Passion Play is planning an *Experience the Light* Christmas Celebration on the grounds this year. The event will include a drive-through light display, a live Nativity and Nativity exhibit and music festivities in the Great Hall with lots of Christmas treats to enjoy.

Organizers at the Play are asking local businesses and churches to adopt a spot on the drive-through and decorate it. The Adopt-a-Spot campaign is a community event, allowing signs or banners to be put up letting the community know your business was involved in helping make this a reality – not only for this year, but

also as an annual event that will have visitors returning to Eureka Springs.

To reserve a spot, or for more information, phone Debra (479) 253-8559, ext. 70010 or (479) 981-0394.

And don't forget to pick up two free complimentary tickets to the Aug. 31 Great Passion Play performance being offered to all hotel, resort, attraction, restaurant and gift shop owners – plus as many \$5 tickets as needed for family members. To reserve tickets for Aug. 31, phone (800) 882-7529.

For the rest of us, the Great Passion Play is hosting a Carroll County Weekend Friday, Saturday, and Sunday

from August 30 – September 1 when residents of Carroll County can get tickets for only \$5 for The Great Passion Play performance. Simply show proof of residence in Carroll County and enjoy the Play, the Bible Museum, the Sacred Arts Museum, David the Shepherd, and the Parables of the Potter. Reservations can be made online with coupon code "CARROLLCOUNTY," at [www.greatpassionplay.org](http://www.greatpassionplay.org), over the phone at (800) 882-7529 or in person at the box office.

Come out and help the Play meet a 10-year attendance record with a goal of 2013 people on Labor Day Weekend!



## Amidst the Whirling Forces

The astrological week begins Thursday with Mercury opposite Chiron (seeking to heal) and Mercury inconjunct Uranus (puzzled about creating the New Era Community). We feel saddened (Chiron) at the state of our world and feeling unable to change it. Sun/Saturn tells us we have the tools for the new world. Saturn in Scorpio helps us emerge out of the Matrix of our present thinking. Here is how humanity, in turmoil, feels at present as we enter the new Aquarian world.

“Amidst the whirling forces, we stand confused.

During all our past, they swept us up and down the land wherein we moved, blinded and unaware. From place to place and point to point, they drove us up and down the land – nowhere was there rest.”

Aquarius is humanity, the World Disciple, given the task (and tools) of creating the new Aquarian world. Along with the 12 zodiacal signs engaged to help us, within each of us are the tools – of creation – imagination, ability to visualize, communicate and form community. The most important being imagination and visualization.

“The spiritual imagination, our creative process, is of greatest service to humanity. It takes the place of (supersedes) ancient illusions and dissipates ancient untruths that have fabricated the untrue world we live in. Imagination releases us from the unreal to the real, from death to immortality, from darkness to light, from chaos to beauty” – releasing us from the Matrix.

What do we imagine our new world to be? Visualizing in groups creates the template of the future reality.

**ARIES:** You become deeply aware of details, efficiency and order, seeking only the best, most organic enterprises and foods for your life. You express yourself less through taking chances, more through a sense of serving others and tending most carefully to your health. It's important to realize what reality and being in the Matrix mean. It's best to not offer or adapt your skills and versatility to upholding that Matrix.

**TAURUS:** It's important to feel joy and enthusiasm. Joy is an aspect of the Soul. Enthusiasm means “filled with God.” It's best to spend daylight hours on creative artistic projects. You have precise technical skills and knowledge. It's important to remain somewhat aloof from distractions. Find your most favorite Nicholas Roerich painting and spend time each day copying it. An exercise in learning about light.

**GEMINI:** You will communicate the practical reality of daily living. You will ascertain what is your inner self and what is the outer world, remaining within the boundary of yourself at all times. It will be good to visit the seashore, observing the life of crabs. Notice they circle around, never walking a straight line. Notice their protective covering. You're somewhat the crab (the sign Cancer) these days. Notice your sensitivities.

**CANCER:** You're discovering you communicate efficiently with great self-expression. You observe your

perceptions and impressions and communications from the natural world which talks to us all the time. You know and listen. And this changes your viewpoint each day. You realize we're all in training and nature is our greatest teacher. You're able to capture the messages of nature acutely. The devas begin to trust you.

**LEO:** More and more you're discovering your gifts, valuable offerings to the world. You notice your power, priorities, spirituality, history and your need for boundaries and rest. It's most important to learn that, while helping others, you do not set yourself, your needs and values aside. And that eventually you don't disappear in relationships as tend to the “other.” Each day you define your unique sense of self.

**VIRGO:** It's your birthday month. I hope you have a party, cakes and candles, a celebration. Be aware of your physical presence in all situations and how it influences and impacts the energy of others. It's most important to learn magically how to adapt to the needs of others, to shine in the field of service, to eliminate all distractions, as you gestate always new states of consciousness. Happy Birthday

**LIBRA:** There's a timeless quality to your life these days. You rise with the Sun, meet daily goals, in your nightly review (Mystery School homework

before Night School from 10 p.m. – 5 a.m.) you see your day was good. You're in tune with the atmosphere and architecture of all environments. You spend time in solitude, you observe details, and everything becomes meditation. You realize all of us are in training. You recognize how to love. It's a process.

**SCORPIO:** You want all things practical. You see systems to be created for the good of humanity. You want to link people and resources together creating community. You're someone everyone can trust. There are resources in your home needing tending. You need advice from professionals. You do research in order to be intelligent and mindful about the Right Use of those resources. The right resourceful people arrive, coming to your aid.

**SAGITTARIUS:** Always you seek to be unpretentious, share your knowledge of reality in real ways, present your discoveries and worldviews in the broadest possible light. You're entertaining and humorous, too. It's good to assess your relationship with God or whatever Power you ascribe to realities greater than you. Only this gives true meaning to life, provides us with the revelation that we “never dim the light of others by stories or criticism” Because then your shining light dims, too.

**CAPRICORN:** Because you're always a leader in the world (Capricorn is the Gate of Leadership) you learn how to tend to other people's vicissitudes with effective guidance, direction and loving kindness so they can release whatever is afflicting them. It's not problem solving. It's listening quietly for a long time, assessing the central issue, asking crucial questions, and then listening more. Till you hear they've internally solved their problem. You listen for that ring of freedom. Your work is then complete. Next...

**AQUARIUS:** In relationships we often give ourselves over so deeply to the other that we lose ourselves in the mix of you/me, mine/yours. The “our” eventually consists only of the “other,” you no longer in the mix. You always long for the “other.” You will have relationships that teach you how to remain free even within intensity. We have relationships over and over to learn how to be in them. You're learning always.

**PISCES:** Pisces is known for many things – alcohol, drugs, confusion, delusion, watery insights, otherworldly. But Pisces is also other things – the best of parents, excellent teacher, humblest companion, visionary, devotee, mystic (later brilliant occultist), world savior. Every level is a developmental stage. Each stage builds the most important virtue of all – compassion. No matter how you're identified, you yourself become the final and greatest gift to the world.



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would come a time when the company would have an opportunity to present its case without fear of being shouted down or assaulted. Several opponents said they were offended when Matthews suggested that physical threats had been made.

Matthews said the hearing would reveal the truth. STO and other intervenors said they believe that is true, as well, but not the “truth” the way Matthews sees it. STO and other opponents pressed hard that the project is not needed, the power line would have major negative impacts to property values and harm the tourism economy because scenery would be blighted. In addition, many property owners were not notified, as required by law.

Opponents also contend the EIS failed to take into account critical factors such as fragile karst topography of the area with many springs, sinkholes and caves that could be damaged by building the 130–150-ft. tall monopoles requiring footings 40–50 ft. deep and ten ft. wide. The project would require an average of six large poles per mile, with a right-of-way clearance 150 ft. wide where trees would be cut down and herbicides sprayed repeatedly to prevent re-growth.

Thornhill agreed that karst topography was not taken into account when preparing the EIS, and that parts of the EIS were boilerplate language taken from an EIS for another project.

Harrison said the impression he was getting from testimony is that environmental impacts were an afterthought in this process.

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One of the SWEPCO witnesses was Jennifer Jackson, an AEP employee who determined the increase in rates for Arkansas consumers of .51 per 1,000 kilowatt hours. She indicated in her testimony that the \$2,049,828 that would be billed to Arkansas ratepayers amounted to 17 percent of the total annual cost of the power line.

“In other words, 83 percent of the power would be billed to out of state ratepayers,” Stowe said.

The connection with Entergy, which has plans for a 500 kV transmission line in the area that would run east from the Kings River Substation, was also discussed Tuesday, including testimony by Melinda Montgomery, the planning and transmission manager for Entergy Arkansas.

“Under cross examination by Mick Harrison, STO’s lawyer, it was determined that Entergy was directed by AEP/SWEPCO/Southern Power Pool (SPP) to hook up their substation at Osage Creek to the proposed, and not yet approved Kings River Substation, if and when it has been constructed,” said Michael Shah, a member of STO. “Montgomery repeated that this proposed hook-up would complete a circuit of power that would travel from Shipe Road outside of Centerton, just west of Fayetteville. This routing and hook-up is not to solve a problem of immediate or foreseeable need, but just to be available as backup and to provide AEP/SWEPCO/SPP power to possibly sell in other markets. This point was clarified and amplified by a further cross examination

by Danos and Lori Bennett.” Bennett is an intervenor and attorney.

Testimony indicated the project was originated by AEP/SWEPCO/SPP in late 2006 and was given to Montgomery for her planning assignment this April 2013. Montgomery testified she was directed to notify SWEPCO/AEP/SPP that Entergy would support the proposed Kings River Substation as long as their share of the hook-up fell within cost guidelines of \$1.6 million to no more than \$6 million.

Dr. Richard Coffman, a civil engineer, drilling engineer and geo-environmental engineer and assistant college professor, testified that many drilling variables would be involved in the Ozark karst terrain, making it difficult to estimate drilling and construction costs.

“The variables of caves, sink holes, endangered species and hidden water sources would all add to these difficulties,” Shah said.

Harrison then cross-examined Joseph Paul Hassink, director of west transmission planning for AEP Service Corporation. Hassink said if SWEPCO doesn’t build the transmission line, SPP would find somebody else to do it. SPP is a regional transmission planning organization that covers nine states, and AEP/SWEPCO is a member of SPP.

Harrison’s contention is that SWEPCO decided to build the power line in 2008 before looking at environmental issues. He said that is a biased process designed to support a decision already made. “You really should gather your data, then draw your conclusions,” Harrison said.

Another issue is that the preferred route 33 would have adverse impacts on the Pea Ridge National Military Park. Michael T. Reynolds, regional director of the U.S. Department of Interior in Omaha, Neb., said the line would be a scenic blight to the park, and would run between critical battlefield lands outside the park that were identified in a 2006 study for possible inclusion in the park. The Pea Ridge Park was not officially notified by AEP-SWEPCO about the proposed power line.

As the hearing entered its fourth

day, there was apparent fatigue by many participants, including Eureka Springs residents who have been staying in Little Rock. AEP-SWEPCO attorney Matthews said they had been there for a long time already, and “it could go forever.” The hearing was expected to last a week, but could go longer.

“If we do not finish by Friday, the judge indicated it will continue, but that next week is not available,” said John P. Bethel, executive director of the APSC. As of mid-morning Thursday, exchanges between Matthews and Harrison were becoming increasingly heated, according to Stowe.

In order for the project to proceed, first the APSC must approve a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need. The second stage would be to select a route.

Originally six routes were under consideration ranging in length from 46 to 59 miles. Three routes were dropped after the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers refused to provide an easement over part of Beaver Lake and along the White River, stating that other alternatives were available and that eminent domain could not be used to take federal property.

Three routes still being considered include the preferred route 33 that would run from a proposed new \$20-million Kings River Substation north of Berryville to north of Eureka Springs through Gateway and Garfield, then between Bella Vista and Bentonville. Two other routes under consideration are route 108 that runs south from the Shipe Road Substation into Madison and Washington Counties, crossing Cave Springs, following a route in Carroll County south of Eureka Springs. Route 109 runs from the Kings River Substation to north of Eureka Springs along the Missouri border before entering the west side of Bella Vista.

Connie Griffin, the APSC administrative law judge overseeing the hearing, is required by law to reach a decision within 60 days of the end of the hearing. The three members of the Public Service Commission can agree, disagree or modify Judge Griffin’s ruling.

If the project is approved, opponents have the option of appealing the decision to the Arkansas Court of Appeals.



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The six audacious members are Adam Woodgett-Drums/Vocals, Ben Jarvis-Vocals/Trumpet, Cody Herring-Guitar/Trumpet, Jason Ehizokhale-Guitar/

Sax, Mike Sheldon-Bass, Will Skirvin-Bari/Tenor Sax. This cutting edge band will be at Voulez-Vous on Friday and Saturday at 9 p.m.

Other music around town this weekend include Anna Horton’s Handmade Moments, local favorites Centerfuze and Magic Mule, the Vine Brothers, Slam Boxx and Moonshine Mafia. There is even a Labor Day drag show. See the schedule below for times and places.

## FRIDAY – AUGUST 30

- **BALCONY RESTAURANT** *Hogscalders*, 12 p.m. & 6 p.m.
- **BLARNEY STONE** *Nathan Bryce & the Loaded Dice*, 8:30 p.m.
- **CHASERS BAR & GRILL** *Muddy River*
- **CHELSEA’S** *Chucky Waggs & Co.*, 9 p.m.
- **EUREKA LIVE!** DJ & Dancing PLUS Free Black Light Party, 9 p.m.
- **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 w/DJ Goose*, 9 p.m.
- **LEGENDS SALOON** DJ Karaoke, 8 p.m.
- **NEW DELHI** *Vine Brothers*, 1–5 p.m., *Bourbon Highway*, 6:30–10:30 p.m.
- **PIED PIPER CATHOUSE LOUNGE** *Mark Shields & Good Company*, 8 p.m. – midnight
- **ROWDY BEAVER** *Guerrilla Blues Band*, 7:30 p.m.
- **ROWDY BEAVER DEN** *Strange Derangers*, 9 p.m. – 1 a.m.
- **SQUID & WHALE PUB** *ToTo* JoJo, 9 p.m.
- **VOULEZ-VOUS** *Audiodacity*, 9 p.m.

## SATURDAY – AUGUST 31

- **BALCONY RESTAURANT** *Jeff Lee*, 12 p.m., *Chris Diablo*, 6 p.m.
- **BASIN PARK** *Banjo Rally* Payout, 1 p.m.
- **BLARNEY STONE** *Mountain Shore*, 2 p.m. & 7 p.m.
- **CHASERS BAR & GRILL** *Slam Boxx*
- **CHELSEA’S** *Dime Trip*, 9 p.m.
- **EUREKA LIVE!** Drag Queens in Labor Drag Event
- **EUREKA PARADISE** DJ & Dancing
- **GRAND TAVERNE** *Jerry Yester* Grand Piano Dinner Music, 6:30–9:30 p.m.
- **JACK’S PLACE** *Centerfuze*, 9 p.m.
- **LEGENDS SALOON** *Strange Company*, 9 p.m.
- **NEW DELHI CAFÉ** *South Ozark Boys*, 1–5 p.m., *VIRGO party with Afro-Disiacs*, 6:30 – 10:30 p.m.
- **PIED PIPER CATHOUSE LOUNGE** *Mark Shields & Good Company*, 8 p.m. – midnight
- **ROWDY BEAVER** *Brain Odle & Hillbilly Underground*, 7:30 p.m.
- **ROWDY BEAVER DEN** *Vine Brothers*, 1–5 p.m., *Muddy River*, 9 p.m. – 1 a.m.
- **SQUID & WHALE PUB** *Allied*

- Saints*, 9 p.m.
  - **VOULEZ-VOUS** *Audiodacity*, 9 p.m.
- ## SUNDAY – SEPTEMBER 1
- **BALCONY RESTAURANT** *Staymore*, 12 p.m., *Chris Diablo*, 5 p.m.
  - **BLARNEY STONE** Open Mic, 9 p.m.
  - **CHELSEA’S** *Magic Mule*, 7:30 p.m.
  - **LEGENDS SALOON** Free Texas Hold ‘Em Tournament *with prizes*, 6 p.m.
  - **NEW DELHI CAFÉ** *James White Trio*, 1–4 p.m., *Handmade Moments*, 6 – 9 p.m.
  - **ROWDY BEAVER** *Moonshine Mafia*, 7:30 p.m.
  - **ROWDY BEAVER DEN** *Philbilly*, 1–5 p.m., *Third Degree*, 7:30–11:30 p.m.
  - **SQUID & WHALE PUB** Local Talent Showcase

## MONDAY – SEPTEMBER 2

- **BLARNEY STONE** Magic Monday
  - **CHASERS BAR & GRILL** Bike Night with *Jesse Dean*, 7 p.m., Pool Tournament, 7 p.m.
  - **CHELSEA’S** *SpringBilly*, 9 p.m.
  - **SQUID & WHALE PUB** Disaster Piece Theater
  - **VOULEZ-VOUS** Locals Night
- ## TUESDAY – SEPTEMBER 3
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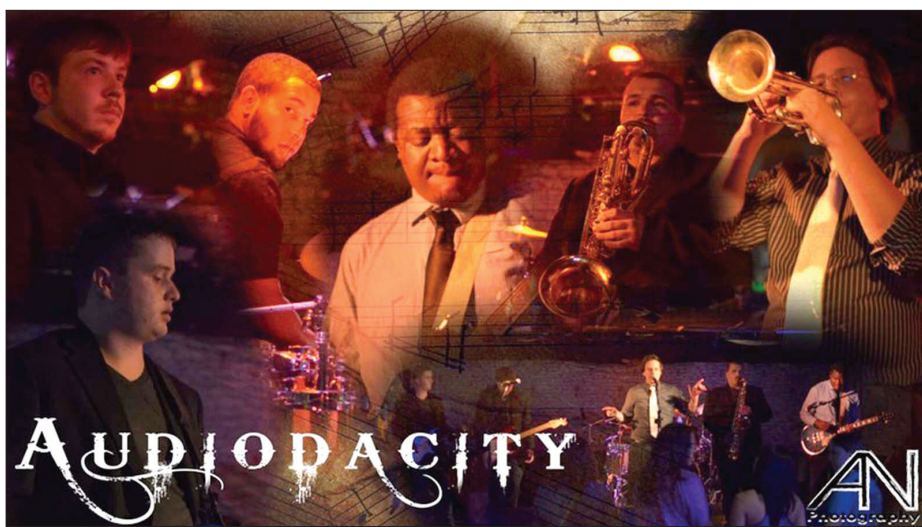
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- THURSDAY – SEPTEMBER 5**
- **BALCONY RESTAURANT** *Maureen Alexander*, 5 p.m.
- **CHASERS BAR & GRILL** Taco & Tequila Night
- **CHELSEA'S** *Smar-T Jones &*

*EmCee Glossy*, 9 p.m. **HIP HOP NIGHT**

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- **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
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Ozarks AIDS Resources & Services (OARS) is bringing the Heartland Men's Chorus of Kansas City, Mo., back to Eureka Springs for a benefit concert Saturday, Nov. 23, 7 p.m., at the auditorium. Tickets go on sale Sept. 5.

Anyone who was at the concert in 2011 will tell you what a fantastic evening it was; with close to \$19,000 raised for the local AIDS organization.

*Pitch Weekly* and the *Kansas City Star* wrote that the Heartland Men's Chorus "consistently proves itself one of the most exciting and talented choral groups working in the Midwest" with "amazing clarity, precision and refinement - and, when needed, plenty of power."

Sponsorship opportunities are now available. Every \$50 sponsorship donation entitles the donor to one ticket in the center sections of the first two rows downstairs or the center sections of the first row of the balcony. For sponsorships, phone (870) 480-7476 or emailing [CLSturgis@aol.com](mailto:CLSturgis@aol.com).

The Chorus will present its



acclaimed 2012 musical documentary program "When I Knew" which brings together music, narration and visuals in personal coming-out stories from Chorus members. In a program both moving and entertaining, the Chorus shares messages of hope, healing and the promise that "It Gets Better." In the second half, HMC will preview their

upcoming Holiday Concert, "Baby, It's Cold Outside," to be presented in Kansas City in December.

Purchase tickets early for this outstanding show. VIP tickets are \$25 for rows 3 through 8 in center sections. General admission is \$15 for all other seats (excluding sponsorship areas) on a first-come basis the evening of the

concert. Call Carol Sturgis, Ozarks AIDS Resources & Services Executive Director, at (870) 480-7476, email [CLSturgis@aol.com](mailto:CLSturgis@aol.com) or visit [www.hmckc.org](http://www.hmckc.org) to reserve seats.

All money raised stays in Carroll County to assist OARS' programs and projects, including a free HIV/AIDS clinic currently serving 55 patients.



**Rising Stars** – Chloe Stillings, left, Nicholas Bower and Katie Peterson (far right) join hotel general manager and vice president, Jack Moyer, with their 2013 Rising Star Scholarship awards totaling \$1500. The annual scholarships are given personally by Jack and Rachael Moyer to a staff or family member of the 1886 Crescent Hotel and Spa or the 1905 Basin Park Hotel to further his or her education in their chosen field. Although presented by the Moyers, the scholarship is a partner to the hotel's recognition program, the Service Star, and an important part of how the Employee of the Year is selected. "Someday soon, we hope to see a funding stream that sends many employees and their kids to school," Moyer said. Peterson and Stillings plan to use the scholarships to pursue Associate Degrees from North Arkansas College and Northwest Arkansas College respectively. Bower is enrolled at the University of Arkansas as a physics major.



**Meeting takes the cake** – Eureka Springs Arts Council, Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art, Eureka Springs Chamber of Commerce and the Eureka Springs CAPC had their quarterly meeting at The Writers' Colony to continue the development and cross-selling of Eureka Springs and Crystal Bridges. Getting ready to enjoy a cake by Rochelle at Cravings Bakery are (back row) Mike Maloney (CAPC) and Jim Nelson (Arts Council); (front Row) Sandy Martin (Arts Council), Randy Graham and Laura Jacobs (Crystal Bridges); Zeek Taylor (Arts Council) and Kalene Griffith (Bentonville CVB). The Chamber presented Laura and Randy with a cake to congratulate Crystal Bridges on their one-millionth visitor. Photographer is Mike Bishop (Chamber president and CEO).



## HI Community Church Men's Breakfast

All are invited to the Holiday Island Community Church Men's Fellowship Breakfast series. Fall schedule begins Monday, Sept. 9, with breakfast served at 8 a.m. in the Church Fellowship Hall (188 Stateline Drive) followed by a guest speaker at 9 a.m. This year's list of speakers is a diverse group beginning with Congressman Ballinger on Sept. 9 and Dick Kelsey, Director of the Great Passion Play, on Oct. 7. Contact Duane Kriesel (479) 244-6422 for more information.



**Slug Bug** – Above, this woodie proves that a VW can be turned into just about anything. Right, wild variety of Volkswagens inches its way out of the Inn of the Ozarks parking lot to start the Volkswagen Parade in Eureka Springs Saturday, Aug. 24. People playing the "slug bug" game no doubt ended up with hundreds of points after every conceivable type of VW passed by. The parade was so long it had to be done in two stages to let normal traffic resume for a spell.



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## AUDacious by Ray Dilfield

Picking up where we left off – still having fun. Two weeks to go with a final push for the Spyro Gyra show, both on the advertising and production fronts. Tickets are still moving steadily. Another batch of ads is scheduled to hit regional print and cable in the final weeks. We'll have some sound and lighting work to do when Ron gets back from his week at the Chuckwagon Races and then we'll be all set for another festival weekend.

We got some pretty big news this week with the announcement that one of the headliners of the Folk Festival WoodSongs show will be Michael Martin Murphy. (Did you know that Murphy's *Wildfire* has received more airplay across more formats of radio than any single in history?) Yet another jewel for Eureka's crown. On the other hand, we've been equally impressed with some of the homegrown talents who have submitted audition material for the show. I'm



willing to bet at this point that October 26, 2013 is going to become a legendary date in the Auditorium's – and Eureka's – musical history.

We may have to get the crown resized to fit a few more jewels. The buzz in anticipation of the November 18 performance by B. B. King has been incredible. The phones have been ringing incessantly with people wanting to buy or reserve tickets. It's hard to tell them they'll have to wait for the 6<sup>th</sup> of September for tickets to go on sale.

## Wheeeeeeee

From the looks and feel of it, we may be looking at a sellout in record-breaking time. Not that we have any idea of what the record might be. Even so, I think these are going to constitute the proverbial hot ticket. We're even getting calls from high rollers planning to bring groups of 8 or 10, landing their private jets at Grandview International. Taxi and limo providers, take note.

If this show does as well as early indications seem to point, we stand a very strong shot at building a long-term relationship with a very successful – and prolific – regional promoter. We're looking forward to the possibilities of bringing back some pretty exciting acts next year. And, as success breeds success, inquiries from other promoters wanting in will become as inevitable as a bass solo.





**V-Dub** – This couple, let’s call them Vee and Dub, really got into the spirit of VW Weekend during the parade on Saturday, waving the peace sign to spectators as they cruised along in their “Thing.”

PHOTO BY JOHN RANKINE

**The “People’s Wagon”** – VWs with a personal touch proved the Volkswagen truly is the people’s car.

PHOTOS BY CD WHITE





## Wanda Jean Bowser, April 27, 1943 – August 22, 2013

Wanda Jean Bowser of Holiday Island was born April 27, 1943 in Oakland, Calif., a daughter of Howard and Sylvia (Mitchell) Morgan. She departed this life August 22 in Holiday Island at age 70.

On Feb. 7, 1969, Wanda was united in marriage with Donald Bowser who survives her of the home. She is also survived by two sons, Thomas (Michelle) Blackwell of Seattle, Wash.; Joe and Cindy Blackwell of Gatesville, Texas; two daughters, Terri Strickland and Brecinda Laster, both of Holiday Island; three brothers, Eddie, Donald, and Ron Morgan; three sisters, Betty Watts, Linda Davenport and

Joann Fields; 15 grandchildren and six great grandchildren; several nieces and nephews and a host of other friends and loved ones.

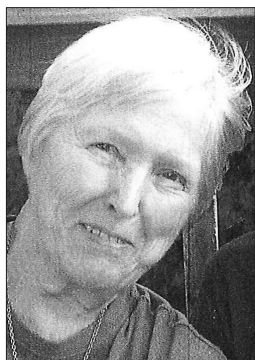
She was preceded in death by her parents and one son, Herbert Blackwell; and one grandson, Michael Blackwell.

Funeral service was August 27 at the Charles M. Nelson Memorial Chapel with Brother Darrell McGhee officiating. Interment will follow at the Berryville Memorial Park Cemetery under the direction of Nelson Funeral Service. Online condolences may be sent to the family at [nelsonfuneral.com](http://nelsonfuneral.com).



BOWSER

## Kathy Brookbank, March 16, 1937 – August 18, 2013



BROOKBANK

Kathy Brookbank, a resident of Eureka Springs, Arkansas, was born March 16, 1937 in Shinnston, W. Va., a daughter of Scottie Richard and Stella Mae (Labash) Cutlip. She departed this life Sunday, August 18 in Carroll County, Arkansas at age 76.

Kathy was a member of the Holiday Island Community Church.

On January 26, 1966, Kathy was united in marriage with Lawrence Eugene Brookbank who survives her of the home. She is also survived by one daughter, Julia Kay and

husband, James Moore, of Austin, Texas; one son, Timothy Scott Brookbank of Akron, Ohio; one sister, Glenna and husband, David Cook, of Munroe Falls, Ohio; Gerald Nonemaker, the father God sent especially for Kathy after the death of her own beloved father; three grandchildren, Matthew Scott Moore and wife, Tamara; Crystal Dawn and husband, DeSean Johnson; and Nathaniel Scott Brookbank and wife, Caitlin; great-grandchildren, Andrea Lee Moore, Ashlyn DeNeen, Isaac James Johnson, Tessa and Preston Brookbank; and a host of

other friends and loved ones.

Kathy was preceded in death by her parents, and one son, Douglas William Brookbank.

Memorial service was August 24 at the Holiday Island Community Church. Arrangements are under the direction of Nelson Funeral Service. Memorial donations may be sent to the Holiday Island Community Church, P.O. Box 3055, Holiday Island, Arkansas 72631.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at [nelsonfuneral.com](http://nelsonfuneral.com).

## Charles "Chuck" Stanton Greer, Sept. 10, 1931 – August 27, 2013

Charles "Chuck" Stanton Greer of Holiday Island was born September 10, 1931 in Bowling Green, Ky., a son of Stanton Duval and Lavern (Lyles) Greer. He departed this life Tuesday, August 27, in Huntsville, Arkansas at age 81.

Charles was an honored veteran; he proudly served his country in the United States Coast Guard for twenty years during the Cuban Missile Crisis and the Korean and Vietnam Wars. Charles was a member of the Holiday Island Baptist Church and the American Legion Post #9. He owned Greer & Associates in Hayward, Calif., after retirement from the Coast Guard.

On April 14, 2007, Charles was united in

marriage with Joyce (White) Greer who survives him of the home. He is also survived by three sons, Robert Greer and wife, Janet, of Cookeville, Tenn.; Ron Greer and wife, Carol, of Oakley, Calif.; and John Greer of Las Vegas, Nev.; four stepsons, Greg Roll and wife, Collette, of Tracy, Calif.; Robin White of Valley Center, Kan.; Marc White and Darin White both of Rogers, Arkansas; one stepdaughter, Dawn A. of California; many grandchildren; and a host of other friends and loved ones.

Charles was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Robert Greer; and one stepson, Kris White.

Visitation will be from 9 a.m. until funeral service time at 10 a.m. Friday, August 30, at the Holiday

Island Baptist Church with Pastor Steve Ward officiating. Interment will follow the service in the VA Cemetery in Fayetteville under the direction of Nelson Funeral Service.

Memorial donations may be made to the Holiday Island Baptist Church, 14 Stateline Drive, Holiday Island, Arkansas 72631-4626. Online condolences may be sent to the family at [nelsonfuneral.com](http://nelsonfuneral.com).



GREER

## Mary Jane (Willis) Phillips, Oct. 20, 1936 – August 18, 2013

Mary Jane (Willis) Phillips, 76, of Bella Vista, Ark., departed this life August 18. She was born in Smithburg, W.Va., October 20, 1936 to Roy and Sylvia Jane (Bird) Willis.

She graduated in 1954 from Doddridge County High School before leaving for Atlanta, Ga., to work for Delta Airlines. While working for the airline, she met and married Ivey Earl Phillips on March 11, 1960. They relocated to Cleveland, Tenn., and had one child, Robyn. Job changes led them to Texas and finally to Irmo, S. Car., where they lived for 30+ years. She was involved with the Church at Dutch Fork and a wonderful group of friends with whom she lunched with monthly.

Mary leaves behind her husband of 53 years, Ivey, daughter and son-in-law, Robyn

and Scot Thurman of Eureka Springs, and two grandchildren, Lila Claire and Matthew Thurman, also of Eureka Springs, who were the joys of her life.

She is survived by three brothers, Glen Roy Willis (Joyce) of Akron, Ohio; Walter Willis (Jan) of Pittsburgh, Penn., and Fred Willis of New Matamors, Ohio; and 11 nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her parents, three sisters-in-law, one niece and one nephew.

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 Academy of Excellence, P.O. Box 427, Eureka Springs, AR 72632. Online condolences may be sent to the family at [nelsonfuneral.com](http://nelsonfuneral.com).



## Gary Steven Galloway, July 18, 1952 – August 22, 2013

Gary Steven Galloway of Eureka Springs, was born July 18, 1952 in Tulsa, Okla., a son of Paul Edward and Joy Geraldine (Wofford) Galloway. He departed this life Thursday, August 22, in his home in Eureka Springs, at age 61.

Gary worked in real estate. He was very active in the

Presbyterian Church in Eureka Springs.

Gary is survived by one sister, Suzanne, and husband Nelson Rogers of Tulsa, Okla.; two nieces, Jody Rogers of Tulsa and Jamie and husband, Scott Caldwell, of Scottsdale, Ariz.; two nephews, Bary Rogers and Steven Rogers both of Tulsa; and three beloved dogs.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Memorial service will be held at 5 p.m. Thursday, September 5, at the Presbyterian Church in Eureka Springs with Pastor Clare Kelly. Arrangements are by Nelson Funeral Service. Online condolences may be sent to the family at [nelsonfuneral.com](http://nelsonfuneral.com).

## Celebrate the “Labor of the Water Wheel” at War Eagle

Come celebrate with the family Labor Day, Sept. 2, at War Eagle Mill, 11045 War Eagle Road about 20 minutes east of downtown Rogers. The Mill is honoring all the hardworking people in area communities who have taken care of them over the years.

The special honoree is the one and only undershot water wheel in all of Arkansas, grinding corn into flour, meal and grits all day long. Crafts made from the original wheel will be sold at a Wheel Wood Art Sale upstairs at the Mill.

The sale and a Pin the Mill on the Wheel contest for prizes will be held from 9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. The Bean Palace Restaurant will serve breakfast from 8:30 – 11 a.m. and the Wheel Meal Deal lunch special from 11 a.m. – to 4 p.m., followed by delicious cobbler and ice cream served from 4 – 5 p.m.

War Eagle Mill replaced the old wheel with the original design used in 1832 and the 1970s. In April, master craftsman and owner of NW & Associates, Nathan Willis, worked with the War Eagle Mill crew, Gary Jarvis, Herbert and Trevor Williams, and Vernon Lane to completely restore the wheel, replacing the 16 paddles with cedar and the spokes and ribbing with cypress wood.

War Eagle Creek’s rushing water rotates the wheel to power the millstones and grind fresh grains into wholesome organic flours and meals that are then hand packed for visitors. Keeping this tradition in mind, woodworker John Mounts fashioned bits and pieces of the old wheel into beautiful frames, bowls, pens and much more for the Wheel Wood Art Sale.

For more information email Liz Kapsner at [liz@wareaglemill.com](mailto:liz@wareaglemill.com), or phone (866) 492-7324.



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livelihoods and quality of life.

The council must have been with “Big Mo,” busily supporting the other massive destruction of our local economy – motorcycles.

We need to remember which side of the bread these folks butter when the next election rolls around.

**Anita Taylor**

### Protecting insects protects us

Editor,

Regarding SWEPCO and CECC practices and uses of clear cutting and chemicals in rights-of-way, I have this to say about what they are destroying:

Small creatures but huge contributors to our economy in the United States, insects provide dung removal, pollination, pest control and wildlife nutrition among other things. They save us billions of dollars annually. They are indicators that tell us how we are doing in taking care of the planet,

and a healthy eco-system for insects requires a high diversity of species.

Insects are sensitive to water quality – mayflies, stoneflies and caddisflies need *clean* streams. If they start to vanish, then we know the water is polluted. We are losing amphibians, reptiles and birds that require insects to survive. Even hummingbirds need insects for their young to build bone and muscle.

Doug Tallamy, from the Department of Entomology and Wildlife Ecology at the University of Delaware, noted that native oaks support the breeding and food source for 534 moths and butterflies, native cherry and plum 456, poplar 367, maple 297, hickory 235 and so on.

Native trees and insects and wildlife are all tied together in a delicate knot and we must remember that insects are vital to our survival and not to mention that they are super cool! Did you know that the American Burying Beetle, the parents, look after their young? Next time you see the stores stocked with

pesticides and herbicides, think twice and maybe think of organic solutions and not broad spectrum kill ‘em-all products. Insects are not “bugs,” they are an animal kingdom in their own right and they do have a right to share the planet with us.

**Susan Pang**

### Open letter to American Electric Power president

Mr. Atkins,

The people of Arkansas are outraged at AEP for the abuse of eminent domain to condemn the main tourist attraction for the Gentry community, ignoring the value it has, a unique habitat for endangered wildlife from all over the world.

Have you been to the Gentry Safari?

If you had, you would have met the friendly 80 year-old beautiful lady, Leon’s mom, who greets everyone who comes to the park and lets many people get in for free.

The \$10 admission price for adults is what keeps this 400 acre park serving our community.

Why would AEP show disrespect and arrogance for Leon’s family, when Leon worked for you for 34 years until he was disabled?

Leon did not try to intervene in defense of his family property when SWEPCO asked permission from APSC to build the Flint to Shipe line. Leon was a loyal employee who trusted AEP to respect his father’s legacy, started over 50 years ago with one backhoe and three buffalo.

Please take a look at the over 5,000 comments for the online petition started on behalf of a two year-old girl who loves the park.

AEP is one of the largest electric utilities in the U.S., with over five million customers in 11 states with June 2013 assets of \$55 million. Do you really need to take Leo’s park, too?

Please let me know what you are going to do.

**Dr. Luis Contreras**



# Chorale tunes up for holiday season Sept. 10

The Ozarks Chorale will begin rehearsals for its 19<sup>th</sup> holiday concert season with registration and first practice Tuesday, Sept. 10, 6:30 p.m. at the Eureka Springs United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. All local singers are invited to participate. No auditions are required.

Ozarks Chorale rehearses every Tuesday evening at the Eureka Springs Middle School Cafeteria and performs concerts at area venues. If you are willing to practice and love to sing, this is the group to join. Everyone is welcome! Email ozarkschoralepublicity@gmail.com for directions or more info.

## HICC Ladies Fellowship

The Holiday Island Community Church Ladies Fellowship will meet Sept. 16, 2 p.m., in the Church Fellowship Hall (188 Stateline Drive). Billie Crough, a 60 year resident of Beaver, will be the speaker. She will describe the area before Holiday Island

came into being. She also worked for McCullough, the developers of Holiday Island, and will inform us about those activities. Refreshments will be served. For additional information, you may contact Mary Lou Martin 479-253-9398 or Bonnie 479-253-5393.

## AskMAopinion

askma@esindependent.com

Dear Ma,

Why do you suppose it is so hard for so many clearly disabled people to get Social Security Disability payments or Medicaid? Everyone I've known who has had some tragedy or illness in their life that rendered them unable to work, has to hire lawyers and fight for years to receive some meager benefits from a governmental insurance program into which they paid their entire working life. Does our government have no compassion for its people?

**Bleeding Heart**

Dear Heart,

Ma has seen disability cases drag on for years, even when any idiot could tell the applicant is incapable of working.

Ma believes the government counts on disability claimants (including disabled veterans) dying before they have to pay out. And that outcome is likely, as often these folks can't afford needed medications, nutritious food or adequate shelter, let alone legal fees.

Ma would not call that compassionate, but we wouldn't want to be labeled "Socialist," would we? In the Ayn Rand Paul view so popular today, it's pure Darwinism and survival of the fittest. It's Evolution even Republicans can believe in.

**Ma**

Dear Ma,

Since everyone seems to be venting their annoyances with modern technology, here's one of mine: those group texts. I like texting and find it a convenient way to communicate with friends and conduct business. But when a person sends a message out to a group of friends of whom I happen to be one, my phone starts beeping with all sorts of responses from people I don't know. My phone and already alerts me plenty, I don't need to hear from all these anonymous strangers.

**Not A Groupie**

Dear NAG,

Modern communications technology is annoying in many ways and will only become more so. Count yourself lucky if you only have these petty annoyances to complain about; lots of folks live in war zones, disaster areas, under repressive regimes and in extreme poverty.

You're lucky, too, because Ma can solve your annoying problem. Go to "Settings" on your device, then "Messages" and turn off MMS and group messaging.

There, that was easy. Now you can use that time you save not dealing with excess texts and complaining to volunteer for some worthwhile cause.

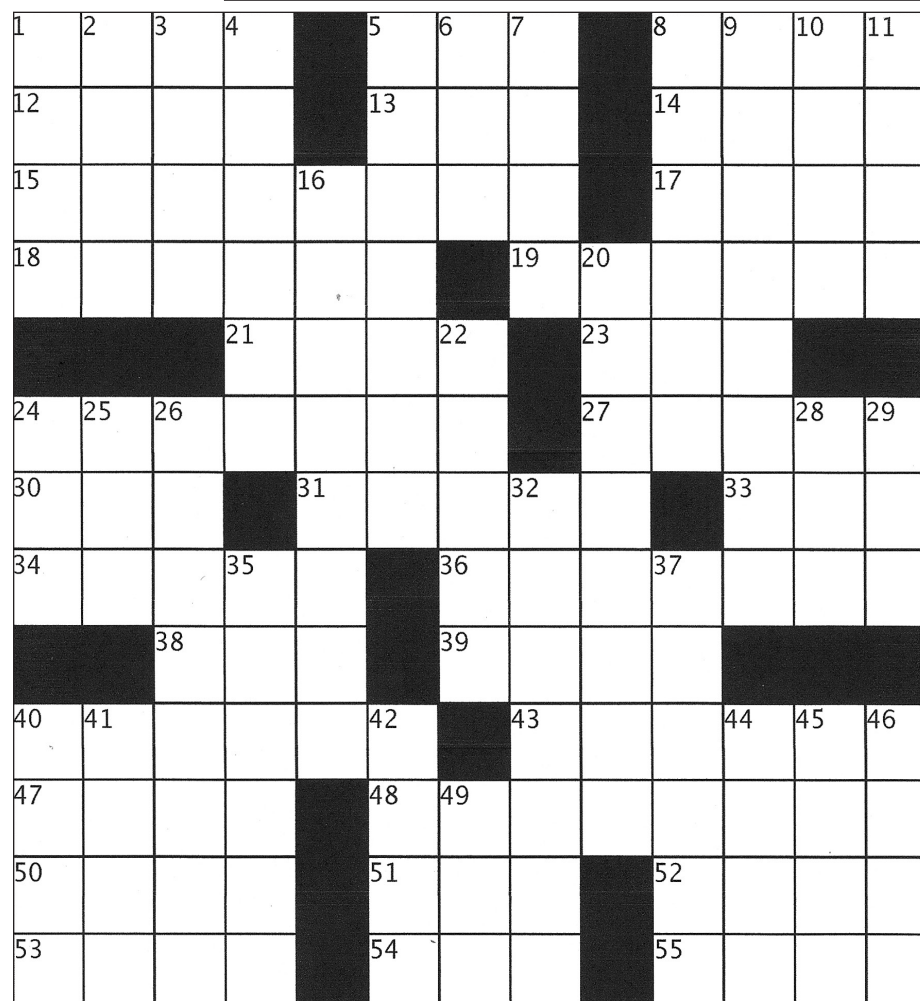
**Ma**



## INDEPENDENT Crossword

by Chuck Levering

Solution on page 31



### ACROSS

1. Ajar
5. What iron pumpers mold
8. Smallest unit of matter
12. Direct a reader's attention
13. King Kong
14. Prefix for scope
15. Plant that grows on another plant (*Bot.*)
17. Pahlavi of Iran
18. Exchange wares for cash
19. Tame
21. Wine barrel sediment
23. Howl at the moon
24. Navy big brass
27. Put to death
30. Extinct New Zealand bird
31. Burning
33. Acacia tree of Hawaii
34. Not abridged

36. Rare earth element
38. Cuckoo relative
39. Keep for a rainy day
40. Make more potent
43. Tsar
47. Swag
48. Type of sour cherry
50. Solo
51. A dandy
52. Samoan money
53. Slide
54. Small child
55. Celestial body

### DOWN

1. Done
2. Meerschaum; hookah
3. Polish the prose
4. A Sherpa
5. Stew seasoner
6. Make a decision
7. Title to a home
8. At the apex

9. A Japanese dish
10. Spoken
11. Rich source
16. Pertaining to priests
20. Watcher
22. Long, narrow cuts
24. Unit for determining mass on small scale (*Abbr.*)
25. Put on
26. Yankee doodle dandy feather
28. Monetary promise
29. Slang for an Asian country
32. Change again
35. As one
37. Assails
40. Right angle pipes
41. Cranny's partner
42. Sword handle
44. Surveyor's map
45. A clay pot or jar
46. Rend
49. Cow's utter



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3 bedroom,  
2 bath, 1  
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fireplace, wood  
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storage room,  
new exterior  
paint and new  
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