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No time for complacency on power line opposition

BECKY GILLETTE

Some people have let down their guards with the recent decision by an Arkansas Public Service Commission (APSC) Administrative Law Judge to give American Electric Power (AEP)/Southwestern Electric Power Company (SWEPCO) permission to build a new 345-kiloVolt (kV) transmission line on Route 109 that runs north from Shipe Road in Benton County to traverse the Missouri border for 25 miles before coming down into Arkansas north of Gateway and traveling through Carroll County to the Kings River north of Berryville.

At a meeting Jan. 30 night of Save the Ozarks (STO), a citizen group opposing the massive transmission line, power line opponent Jeff Danos cautioned about complacency just because the route approved goes through Missouri, and Missouri legislators representing that area have introduced legislation that would require legislative approval of the line that would go through – but not serve – Missouri.

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This Week's INDEPENDENT Thinker



Billiam van Roestenberg, political activist, community farm and organic food activist, started Liberty View Farm in 1999. Along with growing organic vegetables and herbs, raising bees, goats and heirloom breed chickens, the farm has developed a unique way to educate interested city dwellers in the New York Metro area. The “Lease a Tree” and “Charter a Chicken” programs may sound silly to those of us not from the urban jungle, but would be an incredible opportunity to someone who had never experienced a farm. He educates students and disabled workers on every aspect of farming, sustainability and community involvement.

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Water main break floods Cliff and Main St. homes

BECKY GILLETTE

Residents of Cliff St. were awakened at about 3:15 a.m. last Thursday, Jan. 31, to the sound of rushing water, which they first took to be rain. Instead, when they gathered outside, they saw that a water main on German Alley had broken and was gushing.

The water ended up flooding part of one house on Cliff St. and one at 120 N. Main owned by Susie Allen.

Allen said Public Works Director Dwayne Allen told her the city first knew something was wrong when they got a call from the Carroll Boone Water District (CBWD) stating that there was a huge drawdown of water going on from the city water tower. According to the CBWD, about 150,857 gallons of water escaped from the water main.

In addition to flooding parts of two homes, the force of water also caused

large ruts in a parking area on Cliff and another next to Allen's property on N. Main.

Mayor Morris Pate said the eight-in. cast iron water pipe possibly ruptured due to adverse weather conditions, which ranged from zero to fifty degrees within several days.

"Public Works crews were on it quickly for repairs," Pate said.

Cliff St. resident David Hussey said he thought we were "having one hell of a storm," and went out to see a four-foot waterfall on his property coming from the water main. While he had a lot of mud on his front steps, he said the house wasn't damaged by the water.

"The water ran for two hours," Hussey said. "This is not a criticism of them, but the city workers didn't have proper mapping when they got here to figure out where the shut off valve was.

That is due to a lack of funding for water and sewer. I feel the guys with the city did an incredible job in the situation. The infrastructure of Eureka Springs is in a pretty poor state at this point. They constantly face challenges, especially with water and sewer. I really appreciate the guys getting here as fast as they did."

Public Works employees worked from the early morning into the late afternoon on repairs, which required removing the asphalt over the street, digging out the pipe several feet below the surface, making repairs and then backfilling with rocks and gravel to replace the large amount of fill under the street that was swept off during the water main break. Repairs were primarily completed by 4 p.m. Friday, but the road has remained closed until repairs are finished, including laying a new road

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Don't hang up – give SWEPCO an earful!

BECKY GILLETTE

Save The Ozarks (STO) is urging people not to hang up if they get a phone survey from a company called SSI coming from a Fort Smith phone number asking for opinions about the proposed American Electric Power/Southwestern Electric Power Company (SWEPCO) high voltage transmission line.

STO Director Pat Costner said the purpose of such phone surveys could be to allow AEP/SWEPCO to say most residents support the transmission line. To thwart this, people should respond to the survey, and not hang up or otherwise dismiss it.

"If you get a telephone call asking whether you approve or disapprove of SWEPCO's transmission line, give your honest response," Costner said. "Those conducting the telephone survey and those who contracted for the survey are well aware that many opponents won't respond. Folks tend to be irritated by or suspicious of such surveys and refuse to respond. This takes them out of the survey tally and causes the survey to be biased in favor of those who favor the transmission line."

"Those in favor of the line are not angry about it and are quite happy to say they support it. Be vocal about your disapproval of the entire project and all routes. We encourage everyone to continue to voice opposition to every route and this proposed project in its entirety."

AEP/SWEPCO spokesman Peter Main said the survey about the transmission project was conducted for SWEPCO to gauge awareness and understanding across northern Arkansas and southern Missouri now that Arkansas Public Service Commission (APSC) Administrative Law Judge Connie Griffin has issued a decision.

"With the ruling that the line is needed, a route selected and regulatory review to be obtained in Missouri, SWEPCO is continuing its efforts to complete the project as identified by the Southwest Power Pool to ensure future electric system reliability in the region," Main said.

Doug Stowe, a member of the STO

board of directors, said if SWEPCO does any marketing research in this area, they would learn that the Shipe Road to Kings River power line proposal through the most beautiful part of the Ozarks was a huge mistake that residents and business owners will remember for years to come.

"And AEP/SWEPCO made a huge mistake in trying to force their way through our part of the Ozarks," Stowe said. "They owe us an apology and damages. If SWEPCO really cared about how people feel about this transmission line, they would have asked before they submitted their application to the APSC. Asking now is nothing more than a mechanism for gathering information that SWEPCO will use to try to undermine opposition."

Cindy Studer of Sky Ridge Retreat, responding to a post on Facebook about the survey, recommended that people responding to the survey be specific and say they are aware of STO and support them and their efforts. "Say that you think the line will be harmful, that you are firmly committed to fighting the line long-term if necessary, and that everyone you know is against the project in its entirety." She recommended opposing any of the routes for the power line that is unneeded, unwanted, and will not serve the people of Northwest Arkansas.

Studer said AEP/SWEPCO has walked into a PR nightmare with their proposal for the power line.

"The problem is Eureka Springs is highly educated and highly involved, in comparison to other similarly sized rural small towns," Studer wrote. "It fits my earlier observation that they did no research into the residents of Eureka Springs – thought we were 'typical' and they walked smack into a hornet's nest of people who are not gonna buy what they are trying to sell us. We are willing and able to organize and protest loudly."

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Geese return home to Lake Leatherwood

NICKY BOYETTE

"The geese are back!" Bruce Levine, parks director, told the Parks Commission at its Jan. 29 meeting. "It appears to be an entrenched group. We will have to take our aversions up a notch."

Commissioner Rachel Brix, who developed their aversion strategy, said it was time to put up physical barriers and see what happens.

Levine emphasized they must keep the geese off the beach area, which seems to be their favorite haunt. He said he saw an ad for a flashing light array that supposedly is effective but expensive. He also learned about a remote-controlled device called the Goosinator, which scoots over ground or water and actually chases the geese away.

He will report back to the commission.

Dog park opening soon

Brix, speaking for the Dog Park Committee, said, "We have enough money to get the dog park open." She said the committee has been meeting regularly for about 15 months during which they have averaged fundraising about \$1,000 per month. They will order the park fencing soon.

Recently she asked for advice about fencing from the staff at Turpentine Creek. "If they can contain lions and tigers, then they know how to advise us," Brix said her group even got hands-on guidance at the dog park site.

The commission agreed with her that a security camera in the dog park was doable and a good idea. Like other cameras around town, the camera can have a feed directly to ESPD.

Levine said, "You have tread where many have failed," and applauded her efforts.

Tag! You're a zombie!

Jeff Danos told the commission last year's Zombie Tag event at Lake Leatherwood City Park (LLCP) had been put together quickly, yet attracted 105 humans and 12 zombies on a cold day. The winner came all the way from Dallas.

Danos said the game is multi-layered with assignments for participants into zombie-infested terrains around the park. If a zombie hits a human with a marshmallow, the human is toast – or, more accurately, a

zombie for the rest of the game.

"Families played together," Danos said about the experience, which included participants from ages 2 to at least 60. "It was a lot of fun, and Lake Leatherwood is the perfect place."

This year's event is planned for Saturday, March 29. It will start around noon and last until someone wins or it is dark.

The commission voted unanimously to approve the application.

Parks summit

Chair Bill Featherstone said he felt Parks has accomplished a lot recently but it has a lot on its plate. They have given attention to the Basin Park project, the LLCP Master Plan, the Trails Master Plan and other projects but they have spent "less focus on tying everything together." He suggested they convene what he called "a Parks summit," a planning retreat of no more than four hours to let ideas fly, a brainstorming throw down about the big picture Parks is facing.

He said he is hoping for sooner rather than later.

Sentiment seemed to agree with him, although Brix said she was not sure what Featherstone was looking for. He replied they could look at everything from the Mission Statement to whatever crossed their imaginations. Afterward, they can work on implementing ideas.

The commission agreed to meet Sunday afternoon, Feb. 16, 12 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Parks Year in Review

Levine reviewed what Parks accomplished in 2013:

- A soccer scoreboard was erected at the LLCP soccer fields thanks to funds donated by Community First Bank.

- The Arkansas Forestry Commission donated funds to create a rain garden at Cardinal Spring, and the project was honored by the Arkansas Municipal League.

- The LLCP Committee completed the LLCP Master Plan.

- Because of the passage of the 1/8-cent sales tax initiative to fund implementation the LLCP Master Plan, Parks was able to pave the road into Lake Leatherwood,

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Second opinions matter on abnormal mammograms

BECKY GILLETTE

This is Part Two of a series on mammograms. The first article published Jan. 29 focused on the high rate of false positives that can alarm women unnecessarily and lead to high medical bills.

About half of women aged 40 to 50 having an annual screening mammogram for ten years will have a false alarm. Another problem is with mammograms that are inconclusive or result in false negatives. Overall, screening mammograms miss about 20 percent of breast cancers that are present at the time of screening, states the National Cancer Institute.

Susan Chamberlain, 61, is one local woman who missed getting her breast cancer treated earlier before it had spread because the initial mammogram reading was inconclusive.

"If I had one thing to tell women it would be that if you have an abnormal mammogram and they tell you they are watching it, get a second opinion," said Chamberlain. "The surgeon said if I had come in 18 months earlier, I would have had a lumpectomy instead of double mastectomy. If I had a second set of expert eyes on the earlier mammogram, it would have saved me all this grief."

Chamberlain was first diagnosed with abnormal calcification in the ducts of both breasts in June 2012. She had a biopsy

on her left breast that tested benign. The Breast Center in Fayetteville said they were watching it, and for her to come in for mammograms every six months. As she came up on the third of the six-month mammograms, she found a lump in her breast with self-examination. At the time, she also had one lymph node that was tender and abnormal in shape. Testing showed the cancer has spread to the lymph node.

In the five months since her previous mammogram, the disease progressed to stage three invasive ductile breast cancer. She was placed on 18 weeks of chemotherapy and then a recovery period after that before undergoing a double mastectomy in October 2013.

Another medical error that may have cost her dearly is that she was on hormone replacement therapy (HRT), which is a major risk factor for breast cancer.

"I was on HRT, and no one took me off it until I saw the surgeon," she said. "I wish I would have gone off HRT sooner. I also could have been put on a hormone blocking pill."

Chamberlain advises women also get the best care possible when getting a breast biopsy. She had a biopsy at the Breast Center that hurt for a week, but the biopsy at the surgeon's office where they have superior equipment only hurt for three days.

Another local woman who experienced

a false negative on a mammogram is Katy Turnbaugh. About six years ago, after finding a lump, she had a mammogram at the Breast Center, and was told that they believed abnormalities found in the breast ducts were just calcium and nothing to worry about. She asked about a biopsy and was told it wasn't necessary. She was advised to come back in six months for another mammogram.

During the next six months the lump got larger, and then a biopsy confirmed cancer, but with no lymph node involvement. She had that breast removed and later the second breast, and also had a hysterectomy because this type of cancer is driven by hormones.

In recent years there is disagreement that the type of cancer that was indentified in her, ductile carcinoma *in situ*, is really an invasive cancer or just calcifications at that point.

"That is more a European look at it," Turnbaugh said. "Often today women with the condition will be treated with hormone blockers and maybe a hysterectomy instead of with a mastectomy or lumpectomy."

Turnbaugh did a lot of research while going through her breast cancer ordeal, and what she found was not reassuring.

"At that time mammograms had 20 percent false positives and 20 percent false negatives," she said. "If you do the statistics on that, that is a 40 percent failure rate. I was pretty upset that we were relying on a technology with that low of an accuracy rate. I think there is a lot of room for

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Planning Commission needs new commissioner

NICKY BOYETTE

The Planning Commission is calling out for another commissioner. With two commissioners absent from the Jan. 28 meeting, only four were present, the bare minimum for a quorum.

Commissioner Melissa Greene said the commission should alert council that, unless they find a volunteer quickly, they might need a temporary commissioner from either council or another commission as council voted to allow last year. Greene said she has wanted to retire from the commission for awhile, but if she had, the commission could not have conducted business at that meeting.

Chair James Morris, whose renomination had been approved by council the previous evening, said he would prefer a new permanent member, but he acknowledged Greene's point.

Commissioner Ed Leswig, who has seen more Planning meetings over the years than the other commissioners,

said the past few meetings with a full commission of seven members has not been the norm.

"Usually, we limp by with six," he commented.

Pool party?

Architect Butch Berry represented the application for constructing a multi-use pool house beside the new swimming pool at the Queen Anne mansion at 115½ W. Van Buren.

Berry said the construction of the accessory structure would make only "a small impact on the site." The 240 sq. ft. building will include restrooms, storage and a place for an outdoor kitchen.

Morris said all the paperwork was in order, procedures had been followed, hoops had been jumped through, and the vote to approve the application was unanimous.

Other business

• Leswig observed it has been 14 years since Planning updated the zoning

ordinances. He said there have been changes to them along the way, "but it would be a great benefit to the city if we looked at it again." The commission agreed with him, and will develop a plan

at the next meeting.

• Commissioners set protocol and meeting dates for the year.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, Feb. 11, at 6 p.m.

Why care about karst? Find out Feb. 13

Get the "hole" story about caves, springs and protecting groundwater. What is karst and why does it matter? If you live in the Ozarks, karst is the limestone rock your house is probably built on, that your well was drilled through and that is intimately connected to the environmental quality of this area.

Tom Aley, hydrologist and geologist with extensive experience in the Ozarks region, will present a free program Thursday, Feb. 13, 6:30 – 8 p.m., at the Convention Center at the Inn of the Ozarks about the fragile nature of karst geology that underlies much of the Ozarks.

Aley gave expert testimony for Save The Ozarks (STO) during the recent Arkansas Public Service Commission hearing and is the founder and president of the Ozark Underground Laboratory. He has spent more than 50 years in the professional study of holes in the earth and their

interactions with human activities on the surface of the land. While he has worked all over the United States with some work in exotic foreign places, many of his investigations have been in the Ozarks.

Aley holds degrees from the University of California at Berkeley and has professional credentials in groundwater hydrology, geology and forestry. He has pioneered groundwater tracing with fluorescent dyes. Groundwater is a valuable, but easily contaminated, resource in the Ozarks. Aley will explain why this is the case and how we can better protect our caves, springs, and groundwater.

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Local world-record pot to visit state capitals

BECKY GILLETTE

Jim Wace Wallace with Paradise Pottery on Blue Spring Road has been making pottery and sculpture for 46 years. Now he wants to take on perhaps the biggest challenge of his career, building the world's largest ceramic pot to take on a road trip across the U.S. to encourage discussions about legalization of marijuana for medicinal and recreational purposes.

No, this is not a pothead's dream. Wallace doesn't even smoke marijuana. But he, like most people in the country, knows people who have been sent to prison for marijuana offenses. And he has great sympathy for sick people who have been denied access to a non-toxic, natural drug without the dangerous side effects of many pharmaceutical drugs that could provide them great benefits physically and mentally.

"Using marijuana for recreational or medicinal purposes is not a personal need of mine," Wallace said. "Personally, I don't want to use this as a soapbox to preach what should or should not be done about legalization. But I do know people who benefit from using marijuana for pain relief, stress relief, and other issues. I am not the authority on this issue, but we need to get beyond this. We are living in the Dark Ages with this attitude."

Colorado and Washington State have legalized recreational use of marijuana, and 20 states and Washington, D.C. have legalized medicinal marijuana. A referendum on legalization of medicinal



marijuana failed in Arkansas in 2012 by a very small margin, 49 to 51 percent, and there are current efforts to put it on the ballot again.

Wallace hopes that taking the Big Pot on the road will be a catalyst for discussion. He said people need to talk about why some consider pot the "evil weed" instead of the "beneficial weed" it is seen as by others.

"I think we're changing, and this is a pretty exciting time," Wallace said. "There are a lot of changes happening. If marijuana is legalized, let's get the legislation right. Keep up a prohibition for minors. I agree with people who are saying there are some concerns for young people whose brains have not developed fully. My feeling is the more we talk about it, the better. Over the past few decades, we have allowed the government and other entities to pretty

much drive the discussion. Those opposed to marijuana being illegal were perceived as dark or bad. My overriding motive is to get people to talk about it, not tell them what to think."

Wallace hopes his Big Pot will be a "springboard/pun" to encourage more people to discuss the issue and increase voters' awareness of the medicinal benefits denied to the public and the societal damage that overly punitive marijuana laws have rendered.

"There are many around who have a fixed opinion about how marijuana is bad and so I want to see if we can open up the discussion for them and for everyone," he said. "By bringing Big Pot-USA to the people we will have the opportunity to engage them, find out why they are opposed to legalization and work through any misunderstandings or

misinformation that is presently guiding their opinion."

Wallace moved to Eureka Springs in 1998 after spending five years teaching Fine Art at Muskingum University in Ohio. He previously taught at two other universities. His parents were also clay artists, so he says "there's been mud in my blood for a long time."

The project he envisions will require construction of a special heavy-duty potter's wheel to handle the three quarters of a ton of clay needed to make a pot a minimum of nine ft. tall and six ft. wide to establish a new world record.

The top of the wheel will be flush with the ground and composed of insulation brick, and once the pot is formed and dried, he will construct a kiln around it to fire the pot. That is because a pot of dry clay is fragile and attempting to pick up a very large one to move it to the kiln would likely crack the pot. He plans to build the fiber-kiln in sections, like the staves of a barrel,

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Moving pictures ... the next big thing in ... books?

A new project by award-winning photographer and filmmaker, Edward C. Robison III, is proving the next big thing in book publishing is video – still images that come to life when viewed with a free smart phone or tablet app! His new project, *Ozark Landscapes*, incorporates Augmented Reality Time-Lapse (ARTL) on still images of Ozark landscapes, blending old and new technologies.

For 15 years, Robison pushed his passion for photography into new realms and embraced technology as a way of melding new creative applications. To raise funds for his ARTL photography book, Robison took his project online to Kickstarter's fundraising site where it's now available for viewing and contributions.

Robison has only until Feb. 14 at 10:51 a.m. to make his goal of \$8,750 in pledges on Kickstarter. To see how the book works, and to pledge, go to www.kickstarter.com and type Ozark Landscapes in the Kickstarter search bar.

When we looked, Robison's project was a Kickstarter staff pick and was featured on the opening page.

There are a number of thank-you gifts for pledges, including copies of the new book and signed Robison prints.

Robison began his artistic quest as a painter, and when he found himself drawn to photography he brought his painterly vision for color, composition and scope to the photographic palette. From stark boulder fields to lush and verdant waterfalls, his photographs reflect a deep love of nature and keen eye for the quiet, remote, mystical, majestic and sacred places of earth.

More of Robison's work can be seen at Sacred Earth Gallery, 15845 US 62W (online at www.ECR3.com) which he owns and operates. Also featured is art and photography by his wife, Janalee, and son, Ethan. For more information, email edwardcrobisoniii@hotmail.com or phone (479) 253-7644.

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The Holiday Island Community Church welcomes the public to ongoing Bible studies covering a variety of topics designed to assist spiritual growth. All studies are held in the Fellowship Hall at 188 Stateline Drive unless noted otherwise.

Grief Share, a grief recovery support group on Sundays at 2 p.m. is followed at 4:30 p.m. by a service covering a variety of topics.

A Christian service is held at Peachtree Village Tuesdays at 2 p.m. including devotions, prayer and DVDs followed by a study on prayer led by

Pastor John Wallace at 6:30 p.m.

Pastor John Wallace leads Bible studies on Thessalonians I & II on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. and on Peter I on Fridays at 9 a.m.

HICC also offers a six-week ladies Bible study, *Sacred Secrets*, on Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning Feb. 18, at 9 a.m. led by Beth Moore.

Vacation Bible School for ages 5 – 12 begins Monday, July 7, and continues through Friday, July 11, from 8:30 – 11:30 a.m. Contact Debbie Cosens (479) 981-1881 for more information.

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Eureka Springs' newest restaurant opened its doors on January 23 with a ribbon cutting ceremony at Pine Mountain Village. But that's not where the restaurant is. Its location is one of the last places you would expect to find fine dining.

Café Roulant (pronounced roo-lon) is French for rolling café, and that's just what it does. The first ever dining trolley in Arkansas is fashioned from a decommissioned Eureka Springs city trolley that has been elegantly outfitted to offer an intimate dining experience where every table has a view of historic Eureka Springs – and just about *all* of Eureka Springs, since diners have a rolling view of the entire Historic District between salad and dessert.

One of the best things about Café Roulant is that the gourmet menu is different every day. Café Roulant has partnered with some of Eureka's best restaurants to create exclusive menu items sure to seduce your taste buds. In addition

to a gourmet entrée, dinner includes beverages, salad, bread and a choice of homemade dessert.

Your rolling feast begins with a fresh, beautiful salad on the way to the restaurant of the day where wait staff brings your choice of entrée on board. Once everyone is served, the trip continues through dessert and coffee as you enjoy the sights and sounds of Eureka Springs.

So the big question on your mind is probably this: How do they keep everything from sliding around in a moving trolley? Don't worry. They've got that covered with specially weighted stemless glassware and non-skid table pads. Waitresses even go through special training so they can maneuver around the trolley safely.

Café Roulant is a joint venture between Olden Days Carriage owner, Tom Tharp, and Rock Cottage Gardens owners Kathy and Steve Picowitz. The idea originated from horse drawn gypsy wagons and double decker dinner buses



PHOTO BY MELANIE MHYRE

used in parts of Europe and Asia. Neither of these options is suited to the terrain of Eureka Springs, but the trolley is a perfect fit.

Café Roulant seats 12 and offers

dinner tours at 6 and 8 p.m. Friday through Sunday throughout the winter season. Beginning in April, dinner tours will run every day of the week except Tuesdays.

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Won't bow, don't know how

Editor,

I read with interest and disgust Peter Main's comment about Save The Ozarks "continuing its attack on SWEPCO." Well, boohoo!

It amazes me that SWEPCO can plan an assault on NWAR and SWMO that was years in the making, and we, the innocent citizens, are not allowed to defend our rights, property, livelihood, environment, and community. At no time did SWEPCO make any attempts to reach out to lay citizens (before or after its attack) to see how this proposed high voltage transmission line might be received or affect our lives. Are we to just keep quiet and accept their well calculated and devastating domino effect on our present and future generations?

SWEPCO testified in their EIS there will be NO new jobs created with this project, at least not here. They bring in

hired help from out of state to rape us at our expense. Not only do we see no benefit, we pay for their profits, and we also lose in income, property values, way of life, and health of body, mind and environment. And when this line becomes obsolete and they abandon it after its shelf life, they do not remove the blight or put your property back to its original condition.

We will be forced to live with this beast forever. And just who maintains these abandoned lines that may cause further damage and become an economic burden on us, the taxpayers, as we are left to defend ourselves in the case of fire, ice, tornadic activity, etc., in these abandoned right-of-ways littered with projectile poles and their stranglehold of wires?

The damage and costs to us is grossly underestimated by SWEPCO as they have suggested that we are of no consequence. There is NO amount of compensation that will ever bring your

quality of life back to near normal after this man-made disaster. You, your family, your health, your livelihood, your land and future generations will be paying for and suffering the consequences of this behemoth of destruction into perpetuity.

So Main, thank you waking up this bear again. Thank you.

Ilene Powell

Telephone surveys determine corporate policy?

Editor,

The very idea of SWEPCO finally deciding to conduct a public opinion poll on their ill-conceived Shipe Road to Kings River power line project is amazing. Where were they in July during the public hearing in Eureka Springs while hundreds of people patiently and respectfully waited their turns to speak? During two full days of

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WEEK'S Top Tweets

@dadofbieber --- Noses are red, violets are blue. It ain't love darling, you got flu.

@Brianhopecomedy --- 100,000 Americans signed a petition to have Justin Bieber deported back to Canada. 8 million Canadians signed a petition to prevent this.

@jwoodham --- Most people don't know this, but the North only won the Civil War because the South got half an inch of snow and they lost their damn minds.

@LOLGOP --- REMINDER: If men could get pregnant, birth control would be in Hooters' wing sauce.

@JoshWeinstein --- I'd love to make a joke about Justin Bieber having marijuana and Xanax in his system but I'm too busy cleaning the windows on my glass house.

@amandamelson --- I'd like to think that somewhere there's a group of animals taking a "What kind of person are you?" quiz.

@RexHuppke --- BREAKING: Things commonly associated with winter are happening.

@Zen_Moments --- Diplomacy is the art of letting someone else have your way. ~ Daniele Vare

@lamEnidColeslaw --- If I were an angel I would totally use my halo to keep my pizzas warm.

@RobKutner --- What a shock that Chris Christie would be involved in the blocking of a major artery.

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Somebody bumped the bowl

We did not move to Eureka Springs for the weather. I don't remember considering it much except I knew it would be hot in the summer. Who knew we were moving to a potential winter ski resort?

Weather around the world seems unsettled. Parts of Colorado flooded last year. California is reeling from a historic drought. I just walked the 100 yards to the mailbox in freezy drizzle. I could see in the snow-covered yard where a deer herd had moseyed through.

It was 27° on this Arkansas morning, and that reminded me of a bowl of water. If I bump against a bowl of water, ripples appear and the water will take its time settling. Same rippling effect occurs when a person enters a room, but a new norm usually prevails at some point.

Weather nowadays is not behaving like we expect. The norm this morning is my wife and I are stuck on our rocky plateau ten miles from town because of freezy drizzle and its pal, 27°. And there is snow everywhere and more on the way. Try to find that picture in a travel brochure of Arkansas.

Yesterday morning the sun shone brightly on the new fallen snow, and it was a postcard, a transcendent scene to remember, and a place out of which you would not get without four-wheel drive or chains. Or a tractor. Or a dogsled.

The weather norm over ten years would be different everywhere on the globe. We have our microclimates caused by gulf streams, el niños, hills and dales, monocrop farming and industrial exhausts. Have you ever been near a petroleum refinery? The air shimmers and is tinged with ephemeral reflections of odd colors you would not expect to find on Earth. What about the microclimate there?

Nothing like a petroleum refinery to bump the weather bowl in its vicinity. Add time to the equation and results are compounded.

Around here there is not much industry except for the hog farm. Does stink change the course of the wind or slow it down? The stench of a paper mill will travel 20 miles easy on a fair to middling breeze, but does it change the wind pattern? Heck, I don't know. This is where air quality and weather might come together – the chemistry of meteorology. We can blame at least some our foul weather on the hog farm.

Let us also call to the fire other sources of air contamination, such as the lawmaking yahoos who have tried to cast shadows on the sunrise of our ambitions. My hope is the weather of their attitudes becomes a view from a San Diego beach at 7:30 p.m. in late June. That should settle them down a bit. But I digress.

Speaking of unsettled, here we are with our Arkansas weather bowl wobbling. The freezy drizzle has turned to mostly snow. Juncos, chickadees and nuthatches scratch around in the snow under the birdfeeder. It's a mad bird scramble around the suet cage, and cardinals and woodpeckers brighten up the scene. The birds are entertaining for us, but the point for them is about surviving. They reside in the freezy drizzle or whatever conditions the weather bowl throws at them.

Or, like millions of their kind, they could fly to Costa Rica every November and camp out for four months in the Manuel Antonio National Park and eat leftovers dropped by capuchin monkeys on warm afternoons. Or stick it out here scratching for seeds in the snow.

In case you are wondering, the highs this week in San Jose, capital of Costa Rica, will range from 73°–75°, lows 57°–62°. Minimal rain is expected. A plane ticket from XNA to Costa Rica starts at around \$800.

Costa Rica has big water on two sides. Curiously, the two big wobbly bowls with all their tides and unsettling influences serve to moderate the climate of the strip of land between them. Eureka Springs has Beaver Lake on one side and Table Rock Lake on the other. They are excellent for boating and fishing, but as for moderating our weather, we're buying a four-wheel drive Subaru.

Nicky Boyette



The Pursuit Of HAPPINESS

by Dan Krotz

Do you recall the President's State of the Union address? No, I didn't think so. Hardly a stirring call to survivors of collapse and a debased Congress, it seemed more like a grocery list for shoppers of good intentions, including a modest bargain basement shout out to the working poor – who probably didn't hear it because they were out working. I was reminded of that spellbinder Bill Clinton's idea to put more of the little nippers into school uniforms.

The only thing more intellectually bankrupt than the President's speech was the Republican response, delivered by, bless her heart, Representative Cathy McMorris Rodgers from Washington State: nine platitudes per square inch, and a pinch of Horatio Alger for good measure. I most sincerely and respectfully invite even the most partisan of fans to identify a single thread of policy in the whole sugary mess. Until then, I can only believe that her handlers must think we are infinitely stupid.

The morally vacant moment of the night was not the recognition of Army Ranger Cory Remsburg, but the President's failure to apologize for asking him to serve 10 tours in a war zone. What enlightened, exceptional world leader, would ask someone to spend 3,000 days in combat? It is difficult to imagine anyone more cowardly, or contemptible, than Presidents, political parties, or voters who condone a war without participating in the war, even to the minimal extent of paying taxes to wage it. If these wars are worth fighting, then we should obviously (honorably) agree to draft our sons and daughters to fight them, and end the shameless, remorseless and cynical abuse inherent in the multiple deployment of our troops. Never, in our history, have we asked so few to do so much.

The President proclaimed that this latest march to folly begins the end to endless war. He sounded remarkably like Jerry Ford who, in a similar speech described a similar victory and a similar end while American helicopters blew out of Saigon loaded to the gunnels with refugees. Barack Obama was 12 years old at the time. I wonder if he remembers.

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INDEPENDENT Constables On Patrol

JANUARY 27

1:42 p.m. – Person at a care facility wanted to speak with a constable about harassment.

3:13 p.m. – Individual told ESPD he had just seen a person about whom he had made a police report. Constables searched the area but did not encounter the person they were looking for.

9:12 p.m. – Witness at a motel thought she was seeing two persons having sex in a vehicle in the parking lot. Constables arrived at the scene to discover the persons in the vehicle were not having sex, but they also were not staying at the motel, so constables asked them leave the area.

JANUARY 28

1:51 a.m. – Motorist on Hwy. 23 South thought he might have seen a body alongside the road. Constables responded but did not come across anyone in the vicinity.

9:07 a.m. – Constable drove to Lonoke County to pick up an individual arrested there on a valid ESPD warrant for failure to appear and failure to pay fines.

6:06 p.m. – Central dispatch alerted ESPD to the address of a husband who came home and found his wife unresponsive. A syringe and a bottle of insulin lay nearby. Constable and EMS responded.

9:45 p.m. – Concerned neighbor thought he was seeing smoke coming from a nearby house that should be vacant. ESFD responded and did not find any smoke.

JANUARY 29

12:35 a.m. – Motel guest reported the couple in the adjoining room were arguing. Constables went there and found the situation under control.

11:19 a.m. – Motel proprietor reported

a long-term guest left owing money and took the room key as well. Constable said ESPD can try to track down the individual but the situation will be a civil issue between the motel and the guest.

7:09 p.m. – Alarm sounded at a downtown business, but constable found the building secure.

JANUARY 30

6:41 p.m. – Constables watched for a possibly intoxicated driver.

11:54 p.m. – Traffic stop resulted in the arrest of the driver for DWI and careless driving.

JANUARY 31

3:43 a.m. – Observer downtown reported a steady flow of water coming out of the ground from a broken pipe. Public Works responded.

10:04 a.m. – Business owner reported a break-in.

9:05 p.m. – Resident at a care facility was out of control yelling and kicking. Constable and EMS went to assist.

11:02 p.m. – Traffic stop resulted in the arrest of the driver for driving on a suspended license.

FEBRUARY 1

1:19 a.m. – Constable on patrol went to the scene of late night revelry on the western edge of town. He called for a more moderate celebration, one the neighbors would not hear.

2:14 p.m. – Alert observer noticed a suspicious vehicle parked near the inn across the road. Constable responded and determined the vehicle had been sitting there awhile. Innkeeper asked for extra patrols.

8:27 p.m. – Individual called ESPD to report his vehicle was not where he had left it. As a constable was responding, the individual found his vehicle.

9:12 p.m. – Rogers PD arrested an

individual on an ESPD warrant. Constable went to Rogers to retrieve the person.

11:29 p.m. – Another individual downtown thought his vehicle had been stolen. Constable found the vehicle just down the street. He informed the owner where it was but cautioned him not to drive.

FEBRUARY 2

12:40 a.m. – A wife reported her husband was being abusive. He had thrown her down while she was holding their one-year old child. Then he had taken the car keys and walked away. Constables took her report and watched for the husband downtown. Constable encountered him and got the car keys. The husband found a hotel room for the night.

11:25 a.m. – There was a two-vehicle accident on US 62.

12:26 p.m. – Witness reported a vehicle downtown bounced off one building and then hit another one. No one was injured.

12:51 p.m. – There was a three-vehicle accident in a neighborhood just above downtown. One vehicle was damaged by a power pole.

1:35 p.m. – There was an accident near Magnetic Spring. Constable determined the accident had happened out of city limits.

6:02 p.m. – Something triggered a motion alarm at a business, but the responding constable found everything secure.

FEBRUARY 3

3:30 a.m. – Business owner told ESPD one of his co-workers had called to tell him she was cutting her wrist with scissors to relieve toxins. Constable and EMS went to the scene. The constable found her with no physical injuries and she seemed to be okay.


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LORDE

Two French robots, a Goth teenage girl from New Zealand and a white rapper with a funny name, were the main winners at the recent Grammy Awards, and America is not happy.

The robots are understandable – they're French, and looked a little creepy accepting their awards *dans les* helmets. Daft Punk won four Grammys, including Record and Album of the Year. The post Eurotrash, Godfathers of Electronic Dance Music produced last summer's mega-hit "Get Lucky," filling dance floors of clubs, weddings and Bar Mitzvahs everywhere. Despite the crossover success, many Americans despise EDM and hate that it garnered Grammy's top honor.

Seventeen-year-old Ella Yelich-O'Connor, aka, Lorde, picked up Grammys for Best Pop Vocal and Song of the Year for her international hit "Royals" – a song critical of the Kanye/Kardashian-style excess in



the music biz.

Most Americans are afraid of, and thus don't like or understand, foreign teens styled ala Morticia Addams, with black ink-stained fingers, spewing lyrics wise beyond their years. Taylor Swift will do just fine. Swift fans saw red after her album *Red*, nominated for four awards, failed to win anything.

Many in the hip-hop community are upset that a white boy, not straight out of Compton, walked away with Best Rap Performance, Best Rap Song (Thrift Shop), Best Rap Album (*The Heist*), as well as New

Artist of the Year, beating out rap heavyweights Kanye West, Drake, Jay Z and rapper du jour, Kendrick Lamar.

Like the Blues, birthed in the plantation fields out of black oppression, Rap similarly came up from the streets of inner city America. African Americans understandably do not want to see their culture and art-form whitewashed or Pat Booned like they witnessed in the 1950s.

Macklemore and Ryan Lewis, two white kids from Seattle, are no Elvis, but the three solid hits from their winning album were some of the catchiest, silliest and poignant pop on the charts last year. Maybe Grammy voters found it refreshing to hear rap not steeped in homophobia, misogyny or male hubris. Apparently you get zero street cred if you self produce a rap record without help from a major label and without a single "nigger" "faggot" or "bitches" in the lyrics.

We love to diss the Grammys. No one has taken the awards show seriously since Lionel Richie beat out Prince, Springsteen and Tina Turner for the top prize in 1985. Trashing the winners is an inevitable American tradition.



INDEPENDENTArt

Ozarks Writers League shares author tips

Authors, artists and aspiring writers are welcome when the Ozarks Writers' League (OWL) meets Feb. 15 at 9 a.m. in Plaster Auditorium on the College of the Ozarks campus near Branson. Attendees will enjoy presentations on the writer's craft and the publishing industry. The meeting features guest speakers, a manuscript critique session and an Art and Photo contest. Midwest authors will be available for book sales and signings.

Guest speakers Rolland Love and Mary-Lane Kamberg, co-authors of *Homegrown In The Ozarks*, will share the podium for "Working Together: Collaborating For Fun & Profit." Love will also speak about "Why Write Your Life Story."

Kamberg, author of *The I Don't Know How To Cook* book and director of I Love To Write camps for young authors, will tell

aspiring writers the best route to publishing how-to articles and discuss injecting humor into your work with "What's So Funny?"

Mystery author and Arkansas Hall of Fame Inductee, Radine Trees Nehring, will give attendees clues on "Keeping Suspense In Your Writing," and veteran writer Pamela Foster will lead a manuscript critique session.

The annual Art and Photo Contest entries will be on display throughout the day, with winners announced at the close of the conference.

A \$10 fee is charged at the door for attendees, or pay \$30 member dues and gain admission to all four annual conferences with opportunities for entering writing and art contests, meetings with agents and editors, and special events like open-mic nights and member luncheons. For details, see www.ozarkwritersleague.com.

Call for artisans

The Village Association's 4th Annual Spring Craft Show is accepting applications now for the show on May 10 in the Village at Pine Mountain. All crafts must be hand made. Those interested in being an exhibitor may phone (479) 244-6907 for application and details.

The key to success in the art market

Susan Morrison, internationally acclaimed wildlife artist and author, will offer a class Sunday, Feb. 23, 1 – 6 p.m. at the Morrison Woodward Gallery.

Susan will present guidelines to help artists gain greater visibility and increase sales. She will also discuss her new book *Drawn From My Life*. This is a great opportunity for artists of all experience levels to learn marketing techniques and key elements for finding success in today's art market. Seating is limited, so reserve your seat now. Cost for the class is only \$70 and includes a copy of her new book. Contact David Rush (479)-981-6134 or kingd_509@hotmail.com to register.

12th Annual Blues Fest tix now available

Tab Benoit, Samantha Fish and Royal Southern Brotherhood will headline the 12th Annual Blues in the Natural State Festival in Fayetteville, according to the Ozark Blues Society of Northwest Arkansas. The festival runs from Thursday, April 2 through Saturday, April 5.

The Festival will feature upwards of a dozen performances on five stages. Wristbands are now on sale at www.ozarkbluessociety.org or at www.georgesmajesticlounge.com. Prices are \$20 in advance for each day. See full schedule at www.ozarkbluessociety.org.

INDEPENDENTHIGH (Falutin') SOCIETY



Bad news? – Before his demise, Gigolo (LeRoy Gorrell) was reportedly consulting a psychic (Sally Gorrell). Did she foretell his ominous end?



Diving for dollars – Inspector Neville The Nose Nuttella, left, susses out trouble between Al Capone and Donna Wannabe who've been fighting about the money she's been collecting (and keeping in her bra) all night.

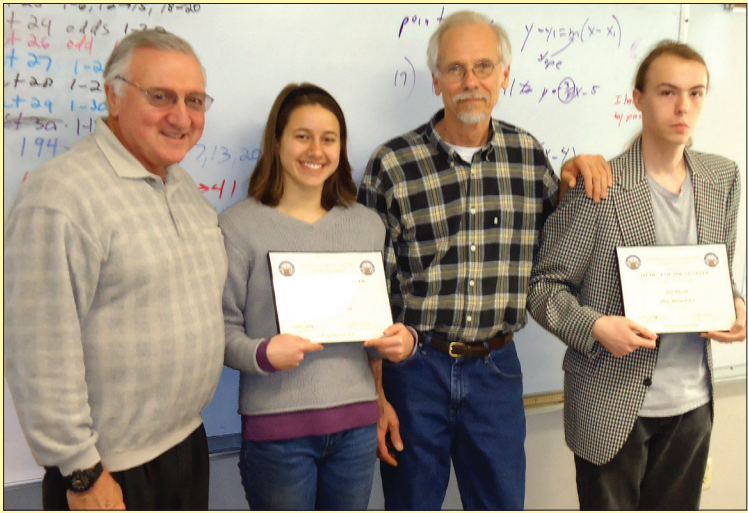
Donna Wannabe who've been fighting about the money she's been collecting (and keeping in her bra) all night.



Small operation, big appreciation – The Sylvan Shores Water District in Grassy Knob recently received the 2013 Small Water Systems award from the Northwest District of Arkansas Water Works & Water Environment Association for their work operating and maintaining the community water distribution system in the Sylvan Shores Subdivision. Above, Peter Hackley, left, and Bruce Bleser of Sylvan Shores, licensed water system operators, accepted the award at the December meeting in Fayetteville. The operation and maintenance of the system is very much a community effort as over a dozen residents of Sylvan Shores operate and maintain the system during the year.

Double dog dare ya! – Kendra Ridenour takes the dare in this nighttime outdoor snow sequence being photographed by Melanie Myhre. We guess she didn't do it. If she had, she'd probably still be there.

PHOTO BY MELANIE MYHRE



Honored by Elks – Two Clear Spring High School students received the Holiday Island Elks' Student of the Quarter Award. Seniors Rachel Guillory and Sam Klemett were selected by their teacher, Jim Fliss, for outstanding academic achievements in the quarter term. From left, Elks member Ken Brown, Rachel Guillory, Jim Fliss and Sam Klemett.



Comes the ponderous pork – Gaskins Cabin became the Four Deuces Speakeasy on Feb. 8 as 1920s characters filled the steakhouse with murder and mayhem. They all got to choose weapons and were given a big wad of cash with which to bribe, extort and buy favors in wild abandon. The feast for the fun included three suckling pigs, one of which is served here with Gaskins owners and crew Bert Jones, left, Byron Thomas, Seth Carpenter and Lisa McMahon. More murder mystery events are planned for the future.



Speakeasy songstress – Mrs. Ravioli, Cné Breau, belts out a chorus of “I Wanna Be Loved by You” at the Four Deuces Speakeasy just before her husband, Big Jim Ravioli, was murdered.

The Gig(olo) is up – Toes up, that is. Gorgio Gigolo, LeRoy Gorrell, popped off after one murder had already been solved. But ... who dunnit? Nobody asked as the mercenaries on the scene moved in to empty his pockets.



Toasted Ravioli – Big Jim Ravioli doesn’t know what hit him ... or who ... but it was someone in this room.

Up to no good – Sam Siren and Robin Banks (gentleman thief) plot how they can lift some of the money freely flowing around the speakeasy.



Sign up for a great garden

Have a better, more productive garden this year by learning techniques from an expert, Patrice Gros, on eight Wednesdays from 3:30 – 5 p.m. at the Unitarian Church building, 17 Elk Street.

Classes include – Feb. 5: Seeds and Growing Transplants, Feb. 12: Preparing and Nourishing your Soil, Feb. 19: Four-Season Gardening Techniques, Feb. 26: Insect & Disease Management, Mar. 5: Growing

Great Squashes & Cucumbers, Mar. 12: Growing Great Tomatoes & Peppers, Mar. 19: Preparing a Garden Bed (hands-on, at farm) and Mar. 26: Caging and Trellising (hands-on, at farm).

Fee is only \$15/class, or \$100 for all classes. Please RSVP to save a space as seating is limited. Phone (479) 253-7461 or email mamakapa@yahoo.com. For more info on Foundation Farm, visit www.foundationfarm.com.

Want to be a feature writer?

The Village Writing School is holding a workshop via SKYPE with noted writer, Rebecca Mahoney, on writing feature stories for newspapers and magazines. Rebecca has written for multiple publications including the *Boston Globe*, *LA Times*, *Orlando Sentinel* and *Associated Press*. She will cover topics such as finding, organizing

and writing a feature story.

The workshop will be presented at the Village Writing School, 177 Huntsville Rd., on Feb. 6, from 3 – 5 p.m. Cost is \$20 and seating is limited. Visit www.villagewritingschool.com to pre-register, or email alisonbrown@me.com, (479) 292-3665, for more information.

Midwest First Responders converge at Inn of the Ozarks

Eureka Springs Fire & EMS is again hosting the annual Midwest First Responder Conference at the Inn of the Ozarks. The three-day conference, from Feb. 7 – 9, is designed for those serving in any fire and emergency medical service response capacity with events geared for basic to advanced EMS personnel and firefighters.

The conference is jam-packed with helpful training classes, demonstrations and events (CEU hours available) including

medical classes for all levels, firefighting, rescue, multiple casualty simulation, a high voltage demonstration and, as usual, a chance to strut your know-how at the popular First Responder Games.

See a complete schedule, check for updates, and register at eurekaspringsfire.org. The \$25 cost covers all three days, and increases to \$35 at the door. Conference T-shirts are also available. For more info, phone (479) 253-9616 or email mwfrf@yahoo.com

Take a hike (and some pictures)

Holiday Island Hikers will meet at 10 a.m. in Harts parking lot on Monday, Feb. 10, to depart for a hike on Dogwood Trail and lunch at the Rowdy Beaver. All are welcome to join in the fun.

Those who would also like to join the photography group for a pontoon eagle float on Beaver Lake, please email hihikers@yahoo.com for details.

Enjoy movie night with Secret Season Cinema

The Eureka Springs Carnegie Library is hosting a foreign film series including selections from around the world. This week's film, *No*, comes from Chile and stars Mexican actor Gael Garcia Bernal, who plays Renee, an in-demand advertising rep who comes up with a campaign to defeat Augusto Pinochet in

Chile's 1988 referendum. The R-rated film is based on the unpublished play *El Plebiscito* by Antonio Skarmeta.

Join us Friday Feb. 7, 7 - 9 p.m. in the library annex at 192 B Spring Street. You can't beat free admission and popcorn! Visit www.eurekalibrary.org for film schedules and information.

Hamsters meet Feb. 13

The Little Switzerland Amateur Radio Club will meet Thursday, Feb. 13, 12 noon at the Eureka Springs Pizza Hut, 2048 E. Van Buren, for monthly lunch

and meeting. Anyone with an interest in amateur radio is welcome. Email gmj@bscsystems.com for additional information.



Keep it clean – Clear Spring School was randomly selected by the Keep Arkansas Beautiful (KAB) commission to win a Troy-Bilt Leaf Blower for their annual Trashathon event in the Great Arkansas Clean Up of 2013. CSS registered Trashathon in the statewide cleanup and thus got in the running for a prize supplied by Clean Up sponsor, Troy-Bilt. KAB Commissioner, Georgette Garner, local environmental champion, presented the leaf blower to Trashathon organizers. From left are Head of School Doug Wynn, Courtney Scimemi, Rachel Guillory, Sam Klemett, Mark Rhame and David Zhou. Back row, from left; Siddhartha Torre-Frost, Hendrik Pot, Scott Rodier and Josie Muskrat. Clear Spring students have contributed to a cleaner community for nearly 40 years with their award-winning Trashathon event. For more about the school, visit www.ClearSpringSchool.org.

Tow, tow, tow your boat

Jay Galyen, Harts' general manager, took pity on the driver of a semi that turned into Harts parking lot by mistake Tuesday morning and got stuck. Jay hooked up his pickup and towed the rig to the road. The delivery, bound for Eureka Market, got there safely thanks to Jay.



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Center Street Sledding

– Sarah Larson and Tyler Danley, Neweurekans who just moved here from New Orleans, enjoy the thrill of sledding on Eureka's streets. It was the first time they had ever sledged.



PHOTO BY BECKY GILLETTE

Sycamore, by Constance Wagner and published in 1950 by Alfred A. Knopf. The Wagners and their daughter lived in Eureka Springs while the novel was written.

In addition to five novels, Constance Wagner wrote numerous articles and stories published in *The New Yorker*, *Atlantic Monthly* and *Collier's*.

In this episode, newly-married Jane meets Walter's family.



CONSTANCE WAGNER

As they pulled up in the drive, Mrs. Knowles came toward them down the steps, and Jane got a swift impression of a woman of middle height, beginning to put on weight about the face and hips, beginning to show the weathering of time in her face. Her handclasp was firm, as she leaned to plant a dry kiss on Jane's cheek, and Jane caught a hint of some faintly acrid scent – bergamot perhaps, or myrrh.

"Welcome home, my dear." Still keeping Jane's hand, she held her off to encompass her with acute eyes. "I have always longed to have a daughter," she said, smiling, showing strong teeth. "Now at last I have my wish." With her free hand, she scooped Walter towards her and kissed him on the mouth. "Walter," she said. Her greeting of Jane had the ring of sincerity, yet Jane felt that it had been chosen in advance. The way she uttered Walter's name was different, unrehearsed.

While Walter was unloading the bags, his mother took Jane's arm and walked her toward the steps. Jane liked her already. There was no gush about her. Thank goodness she's my kind of person, she thought... She said that Mrs. Knowles's inability, at the last minute,

to get to the wedding had been the one disappointing note in the entire affair. Mrs. Knowles pressed her arm. "I shall regret it," she said quickly, "to my dying day. The flu – that fate should play such a trick on me! Why, I'm strong as an ox. I verily believe that is the only time in my life that I've been really ill."

She lifted her head abruptly as if she'd just remembered something and startled Jane by shouting: "Roger! Roger – here they *are*!" In her normal voice she added: "He's a little deaf, but I can't persuade him to get a hearing aid. Men have more vanity than women. You'll find that out, my dear..." As they stepped onto the veranda, she again shouted: "Roger!" impatiently.

Walter's father loomed in the open doorway, a delighted grin on his face. It was a face too young and candid, somehow, for the shock of iron-gray hair above it. As he came toward her with outstretched hands, Jane was most forcibly struck by his eyes. They looked large and innocent, with something strangely vulnerable about their wide blue gaze, the blueness emphasized by the well-tanned skin. She recalled that Walter had spoken of him as an ardent hunter and fisherman.

"Well, here's Jane!" His big smooth hands enveloped hers, and she felt vitality flow from him. "I see now why Wally had to go clear to New York to find a wife. We don't grow 'em that pretty around here! Come up here, boy," he called down to Walter, "and get congratulated. Why didn't you *tell* me they were here, Agnes?"

"I tried to," Mrs. Knowles said with patient good humor. "I've been screaming at you for five minutes. Can't you give Walter a hand with those bags?"

The house had been built in the nineties by Mrs. Knowles's father, and it bore the ineradicable stamp of bad taste peculiar to the period. Agnes Knowles had tried, with white enamel trim and pale gray walls, to redeem its sins of commission, but the sprawling ugliness was still present in the tall, gaunt windows,

the elegant high ceilings dripping with chandeliers. The furnishing, too, was a composite of the new with leftovers that dated from before the Civil War and took in every aberration of fashion between then and now; family portraits, grown dark and fusty with age, were interspersed with prints of Corots and Cézannes; a glass-topped coffee table squatted before the pretentious curlicues of a Victorian sofa; in a corner of the square lower hall a bronze Athena stood, decently and fully draped, on a pedestal; and the stairway that mounted from the hall took off with a highly embellished newel, as with a burst of trumpets. Over everything hung a distinctive smell – the mingled odors of dried spiced rose-petals, fresh bread, and floorwax.

In an upstairs bedroom, Mrs. Knowles waved a competent hand toward this and that, as she pointed out the accommodations to Jane. (Bureau drawers with bundles of sachet tucked into the corners, towels hung with geometrical precision on racks in the bathroom. Was everything *always* so polished and tidy and right?)

"This," she was saying, "has always been Walter's room. I've left it just as it was – except for one or two little touches that I thought you might enjoy, my dear. But the guns and all – of course, Walter will want to have them in his own house, when it's ready." They both looked at the gunrack and at the sword that hung near by on a blue silk cord. "My grandfather's," said Mrs. Knowles. "He wore it as a major in the Army of the Confederacy." She glanced out the

window and said, as if she were speaking to herself: "From here, they could hear the cannon at Pea Ridge."

Jane, who could not for the life of her recall ever having heard of Pea Ridge before, made a private resolve to look it up. Clearly the name held magic for Mrs. Knowles. Merely speaking the two syllables seemed to cast a spell of association about her, as when a Frenchman said: "The Marne." Did they win or lose, and what matter, since it was so long ago? There was the sword, however.

NOTES from the HOLLOW by Steve Weems

People are not always as they appear. Tom Hughes tells of driving the Crescent Hotel tour bus and happening upon Lena Wilson and her two-wheeled cart. Tourists would want to have their photograph taken with a "real hillbilly" so Tom would stop. Lena Wilson would accommodate them by posing for pictures. After returning to the bus, the tourists' attitudes would be entirely different because they were so impressed by her intelligence and knowledge. They didn't realize that she was college educated and a former schoolteacher.

For several decades, Lena Wilson drove her horse or mule drawn cart

through the streets of Eureka Springs collecting garbage and junk in a black overcoat year-round or in a fur coat during the winter. I am told that sometimes both Lena and her horse would wear straw hats. She always had dogs that went through town with her, though they usually rode in the cart.

She had a penchant for quoting Shakespeare and others, but she also (according to multiple, first-hand accounts) would eat directly from garbage cans on the streets of Eureka Springs. Several tell how their mothers started preparing food for Lena and leaving it wrapped on the lids of garbage cans.

Many were scared of her as children,

some thinking her a witch, while others knew her as a kind and gentle lady. Kay Plouch Kelley remembers waving to her as a child and Miss Lena would either wave back or tip her head in greeting. She once gave Kay's sister and cousin each an antique china doll.

While employed by Fay Higgins at the Lion's Station, my Uncle Don Sisco fixed the flats on Lena Wilson's rubber-tired cart. He did report the cart had a terrible smell. Others say that, especially in the heat of the summer, you could smell Lena and her cart before you saw them.

Lena Wilson died before I was born, but I grew up hearing stories about her and her eccentricities. If you have



information about her, let me know at steve@steveweems.com or P.O. Box 43 in Eureka Springs. There is more of her story to be written.

EXPLORING the fine art of ROMANCE... by Leslie Meeker

Sometimes I'm easily aroused during sex with my spouse but sometimes I feel nothing at all. I've tried to recreate pleasure felt in previous interactions but it never works. How can I make my body respond every time?

First and foremost, the only predictable thing about arousal is that it's never predictable. The most common roadblocks to arousal are goals and expectations.

Attempting to recreate pleasure from a previous experience is rarely successful. It's the *recreating* part that doesn't work because it's based upon preconceived expectations about how your body *should* feel. If you're expecting your body to feel the pulsating throb of hot ecstasy referenced in your last romance novel or Beethoven's 5th symphony amidst fireworks and flame throwers – your reality is doomed to be dismal compared to your expectations. Disappointment is

inevitable. Vision statements and productivity goals have their benefits, but not in the bedroom.

Goals and expectations require thinking as opposed to feeling. When you're in your head and engaged cognitively, you are not in your body so you're not attuned to sensory input. The "spectator role" is a common form of cognitive distraction: *Am I doing this right, do I have bad breath, is my fat role more noticeable in this position...* and on and on. The anxiety ridden spectator is so preoccupied judging performance and appearance that the sensual pleasures of the moment go completely unnoticed.

When people report that they don't physically feel anything during sex it typically means that they are not *noticing* their feelings. They are in their head and not their body. When you find yourself in this predicament, slow it down, take a deep breath and truly relax. Remember, anxiety leaves no room for arousal. Melt back into your body as you reroute

your attention to sensory input. Notice what you are feeling with your hands as you touch and the sensations your body feels when touched. Allow erotic images and thoughts to enter your mind. Connect with and take pleasure in your partner's arousal.

To brew up one cup of sexual arousal follow this recipe: 1/3rd cup physical, your body; 1/3rd cup mental, your mind - as a sex organ, not an analytic organ, and 1/3rd cup your partner's arousal. Happy home brewing!

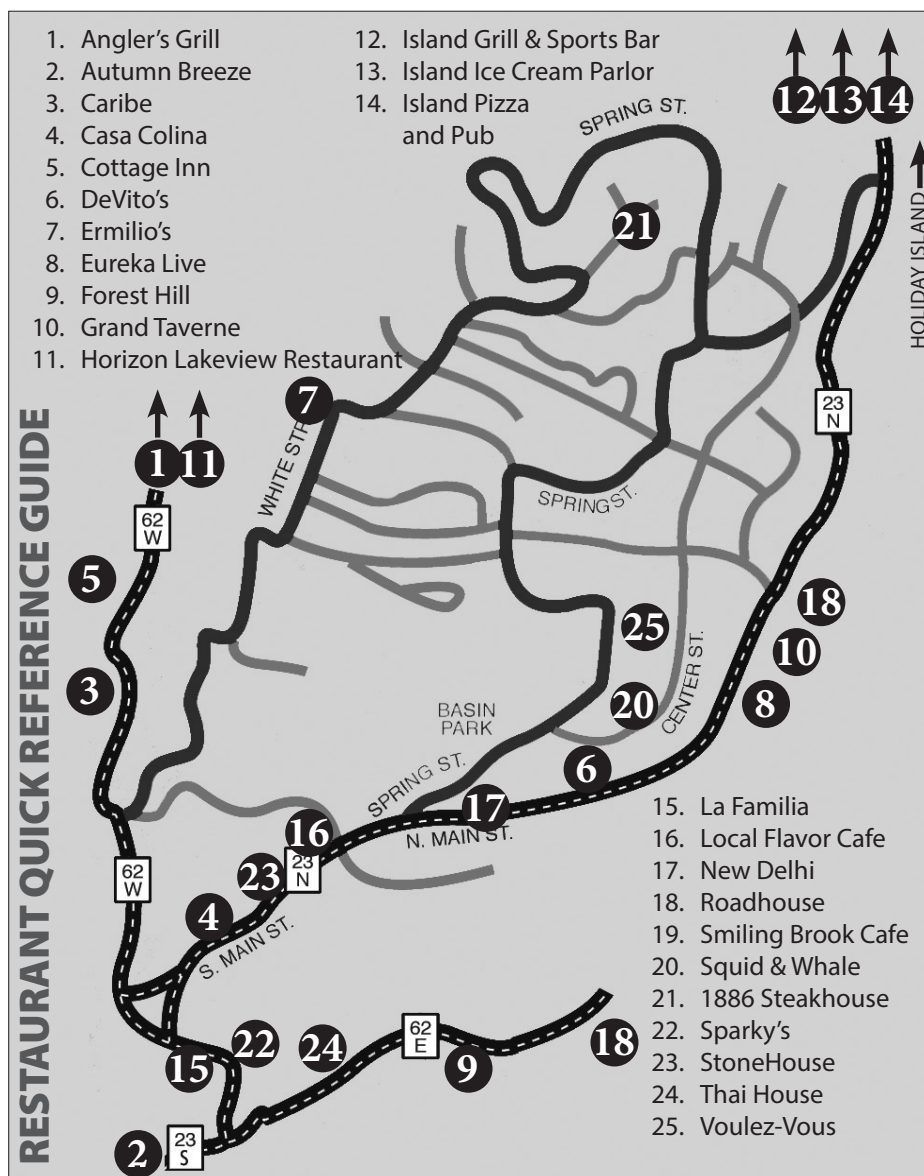
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Mercury Retrograde in Pisces – Reflection & Review

Thursday, Feb. 6, Mercury makes its first 2014 retrograde (from 3 Pisces to 18 Aquarius). We're familiar with generalized guidelines for Mercury retro. No major purchases, signing contracts, buying homes or cars, expectations of being heard/understood, strange driving and drivers, less and less understanding, messages not received, misunderstandings, etc.

Mercury retrograde times can be magical, comedic, absurd, otherworldly, unreal and unbelievable. Actually

Mercury retro (and all retrogrades) is a time of rest and recollection, of integration, assessment and review. A time offered humanity to re-evaluate, renovate, re-invent, re-form, and redo things, sometimes three times over. At the beginning and end of retrogrades we're unsteady; there are mistakes, misjudgments, misreadings. Mercury (our minds) is neither here nor there. It's slipping through the worlds, backwards and upside down. We don't know what we want or why. It's

even more confusing in Pisces. Here Mercury's afloat (or drowning) in Neptune's waters. Communication has Pisces overtones (watery, hopeful, visionary, drug-induced, dreamy, imaginary, drowning, dramatic). Mercury retro is a cosmic gift, an offering to humanity. When Mercury retros our minds, overwrought with too much information, we need a time of reflection. We remember, too, during Mercury retro, everyone becomes a Virgo!

ARIES: You try to be in charge as usual but you're not. You can't, preferring others to be in charge. You want freedom to rekindle old loves, friendships, groups and business partners. You realize communication isn't working as usual anyway. Negotiate all misunderstandings with the realization that Mercury's placed everyone's mind into a state of retreat. Observe and listen carefully. You will learn much. And be humored.

TAURUS: Don't think there are obstacles creating roadblocks to your work in the world. Simply set about reworking and readjusting all situations, taking different turns, reviewing previous choices. Especially a choice made nine years ago and all-important choices since. Have confidence in the fact that everything and everyone's in a state of review concerning their lives. Take the time to review your life. Ask yourself if the way you're living is still the Right Choice.

GEMINI: It's a time for you to daydream, night dream, to envision adventures, trekking, journeying and travelling to specific places in the near future. Now is the time to research possible schools, studies, teachers, things you want to learn about. We learn the most during Mercury retro times. First we review all that we know about a subject. After more study, we allow our minds to integrate, order and organize all materials. Impressions then occur. Note them in your Retrograde Journal.

CANCER: The coming weeks offer opportunity to review finances, investments, taxes and everything to do with resources. Money matters are crucial now. Call upon professionals,

advisors and investors you trust. A good place to begin is to read www.solari.com/blog. Choose only "green" investments and business focusing upon a sustainable future. Clear up any disagreements concerning money in common. Search for long lost documents, certificates and agreements. Tithe.

LEO: Refrain from introducing new thoughts, ideas, plans, foods, etc., to relationships, partnerships, those intimate and close to you, co-workers, pets or any of the kingdoms. This is a time only of review and reassessment. It's not a good time for new elements or negotiations. Even if old realities come to a standstill, let them be. Everything and everyone need a time of rest, of catching up. Know also that hardly anyone is listening. They can only hear the sound of their own heartbeats.

VIRGO: You know what it's like to be very sensitive to what others say and think about you. Therefore, it's best not to participate in gossip. We have a prayer recited each morning in meditation. I share it with you. *"We think no thought and dream no dream that could harm our brothers and sisters thereby dimming their light. We see our brothers and sisters in the Light and with them, hand in hand, walk toward the Light."* This prayer protects everyone, especially the one reciting it daily.

LIBRA: Cherish your relationships (intimate, friends) these coming weeks.

Let nothing separate you from them – no thoughts, temptations, work, weariness or issues from the past. Be aware that no one is capable of listening or hearing very well. Therefore, show your love, care and gratitude in ways other than communication. Be available, create

happy times, harmonize unresolved issues, don't let the past (like lovers) be a disturbance. Always forgive and then forget.

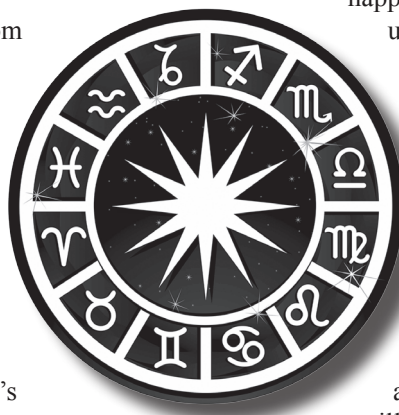
SCORPIO: Find the best place to retreat. If you hide away, crawl under, be concealed, veiled and out of sight, you will be safe from difficult disagreements and misunderstandings. Neighbors, siblings, close friends – all could suffer from difficulties and misjudgments through unclear communication. Make no promises. Remember this. Be tolerant in the midst of disharmony. Family may need extra help. Offer to help.

SAGITTARIUS: Take care of your car(s) and all things mechanical. Take care of communication and all interactions. Absolutely do not purchase a car or anything else technological or motorized. If maintenance issues occur, check everything three times. Something is always missed during retrogrades. Take no long trips. Short trips are iffy. For both, delays will occur. Remember when stuck somewhere, look around. There are messages to be seen everywhere just for you.

CAPRICORN: Revisit all monetary transactions from the last four months. Order, organize and re-organize important files and papers. Assess money amounts coming in and going out. Reorder and revise these also. Look for hidden costs. If items are needed in your life, do quality research first. But do not purchase them. Not yet. Or they will soon break down and not work. There's something you need. Do you know what it is? During the next several weeks, this realization appears. Act on it later.

AQUARIUS: You may be so internalized that coherency of thought and speaking may be hampered. Everything may make complete sense to you. However, others may look or seem puzzled when you speak. Ask everyone what they heard you say. Then you will have a clear picture of how you're communicating. Nothing's wrong or amiss. It's simply that your mind is focused on bringing order to your self-identity and hasn't much room for outer things. Your Soul's speaking. It has a symbolic language.

PISCES: Your mind senses and feels, remembers and is focused upon private issues, things from the past and it's difficult to bring language forth from such depths. You're examining the past for answers, assessing what occurred, seeking to find the tincture of truth that will reveal understanding. You need quiet and solitude for this redemptive work. You need uninterrupted sleep. Creative artistic endeavors are important now. Create mandalas with watercolors. Use the colors violet and blue. They bridge and synthesize the physical world with the devic (angelic).



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Let's go surfin' now, everybody's learning how...

Tired of old man winter's cranky mood? Throw on some beachwear (maybe with long handles underneath) and head to Chelsea's on Friday, Feb. 7 where there will be a beach party complete with real surf music in the style of The Shadows and Dick Dale. Billabong Waters is the latest Eureka combo to emerge with a mission to warm you up on these cold winter

nights with a low-fi instrumental take on surf tunes. Alan Vennes joins playing the Danelectro bass, he played with The Shadows in 1963 followed by The Roys, and now plays with Skinny Gypsies and Centerfuz. Jimmy Smith, of Big Red and the Soulbenders fame, chimes in on a telecaster guitar. Smith also is a member of Centerfuz. Kevin White joins in the music making with a jaguar

guitar, he has played with Stick Figures and currently leads Centerfuz. Jake Seymour on Gretch drums, of Sx Rex and Centerfuz, will keep the beach beat going.

The party starts at 7 p.m. and includes a beehive, twist and limbo contest. There is no cover and plenty of themed drink specials. '60s costumes (or beachwear) encouraged. Hang ten!

THURSDAY – FEBRUARY 6

- **GRAND TAVERNE** *Jerry Yester*
Grand Piano Dinner Music, 6:30–9:30 p.m.
- **JACK'S PLACE** *Karaoke w/DJ Goose*, 8 p.m. – midnight
- **LEGENDS SALOON** DJ Karaoke

FRIDAY – FEBRUARY 7

- **BLARNEY STONE** TBD
- **CATHOUSE LOUNGE** *Pat Ryan*
Key, 8 p.m. – midnight
- **CHASERS BAR & GRILL**
Chasers Winter Game Challenge
- **CHELSEA'S** *Billabongwaters*, 9 p.m. *Beach Party!!*
- **EUREKA LIVE!** DJ & Dancing, 9 p.m.

- **GRAND TAVERNE** *Arkansas Red*
Guitar, 6:30–9:30 p.m.
- **JACK'S PLACE** *Karaoke with DJ Goose*, 9 p.m.
- **LEGENDS SALOON** DJ Karaoke, 9 p.m.
- **NEW DELHI** TBD
- **ROWDY BEAVER** *Karaoke with Jerry*, 7 p.m.
- **ROWDY BEAVER DEN** *Tightrope*, 8 p.m.
- **THE STONE HOUSE** *Jerry Yester*, 6:30–9:30 p.m.
- **VOUEZ-VOUS** *SPiNRad*, 9 p.m.

SATURDAY – FEBRUARY 8

- **BLARNEY STONE** TBD
- **CATHOUSE LOUNGE** *Pat Ryan*

Key, 8 p.m. – midnight

- **CHASERS BAR & GRILL** TBD

- **CHELSEA'S** *Deep Fried Squirrel*, 9 p.m.

- **EUREKA LIVE!** DJ & Dancing,

9 p.m.

- **GRAND TAVERNE** *Jerry Yester*
Grand Piano Dinner Music, 6:30–9:30 p.m.

- **JACK'S PLACE** *Karaoke with DJ Goose*, 9 p.m.



Billabong Waters – Dress in your best '60s gear, the above picture is one example of what you could wear to Chelsea's A GoGo beach party Friday at 7 p.m. Hear the debut performance of local surf band Billabong Waters.

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 - **ROWDY BEAVER** *Left of Center*, 6 p.m.
 - **ROWDY BEAVER DEN** *Tightrope*, 8 p.m.
 - **VOUEZ-VOUS** *SPiNRad*, 9 p.m.
- SUNDAY – FEBRUARY 9**
- **CHASERS** Shuffleboard Tournament, 4 p.m.
 - **LEGENDS SALOON** Free Texas Hold ‘Em Tournament *with prizes*, 6 p.m.
 - **ROWDY BEAVER** Free Pool Sundays
 - **ROWDY BEAVER DEN** Open mic with *Jesse Dean*, 5–9 p.m.

MONDAY – FEBRUARY 10

- **CHASERS BAR & GRILL** Poker & Pool night – Pool Tournament, 7 p.m.,
- **CHELSEA’S** *SpringBilly*, 9 p.m.

TUESDAY – FEBRUARY 11

- **CHASERS BAR & GRILL**

Highland fling – Scottish dancing is back

Scottish Country Dancing classes will be offered at the Elks Club in Holiday Island Park (one block north of Sunfest across from the post office) on Tuesday and evenings from 7 – 8:30 p.m. and Saturdays at 10:30 a.m. beginning Feb. 11.

Bring soft soled shoes if you have them. Beginners are welcome and your first session is free. Those who have prior experience with Scottish Country dancing are invited to discuss putting together a demonstration group.

The first gathering with live music from the Crooked Creek Ceilidh Band will be Saturday, Feb. 22. For more information call Melissa (479) 253-8252.

- Challenge Night
 - **CHELSEA’S** Open Mic
 - **LEGENDS SALOON** Pool Tournament, 6:30 p.m.
 - **ROWDY BEAVER** Hospitality Night
- WEDNESDAY – FEBRUARY 12**
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Free concert Feb. 9

All are welcome at Holiday Island Community Church, 188 Stateline Drive, Sunday Feb. 9 for Praise Night at 4:30 p.m. The service will feature the country gospel music of Final Destination Band. The concert is free and open to the public. There will be a free will offering. For additional information contact Debbie Cosens (479) 981-1881.

Sunday at UUF

Singin' the sugar blues? On Feb. 9, holistic health coach Carrie Marry will shed light on our relationship with sugar and what's behind the power of this siren-song substance. It may be more complicated than you think! Carrie and a friend will even perform her song "Sugar Blues."

All are welcome at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 17 Elk, for a program at 11 a.m. followed by refreshments and conversation. Child care provided. Additional parking at Ermilio's, 26 White St.

ES High grad brings one-woman show back home

Watch out for flying fruit

Singer and actress Echo Sibley graduated from Eureka Springs High School in 1996 and later from The University of Arkansas, where she eventually taught in the music and drama departments. She now lives and performs in Italy, but recently returned to the US to perform in the Chicago Sketch Comedy Festival and then to tour her One Woman Show, *Flippin' Channels in the Estrogen Zone*.

Sibley will be in town to perform her show for free just in time to treat your Valentine on Feb. 14 at Caribé

Restaurant and Cantina. The show is the experience of one woman's thoughts about love, sex and relationships through the adaptation of TV shows and television commercials.

The bawdy comedy is filled with music, sound effects and humorous products for the unsatisfied single woman. It also contains moments of true vulnerability and loneliness – and ends with flying fruit!

There will be a two-hour aperitivo (that's happy hour in English) from 5 – 7 p.m. with the show at 7.

Save on chocolate and jam tix at Chamber

Eureka Springs Chamber of Commerce is celebrating Valentine's weekend with a double ticket deal including the Chocolate Lovers' Festival at the Inn of the Ozarks from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. and the Midwinter Hometown Jam in the auditorium at 7 p.m. on Feb. 15.

Tickets are \$12 at the door for each event, but combo packages including both are only two for \$20 or four for \$40 at the Chamber of Commerce Visitors' Center in Pine Mountain Village. For details, phone (479) 253-8737.

Warm up with Hometown Jam III

The Greater Eureka Springs Chamber of Commerce hosts the 3rd Annual Mid-Winter Hometown Jam Saturday, Feb. 15, 7 p.m., in the city auditorium with 7 of the area's top local bands.

Featured will be The Ariels, Sarah Hughes Band, Josh Jennings Band, The Medicine Man Show, SX Rex, Kevin Riddle and Springbilly with a full evening of rock n roll, country

and rhythm and blues music. Each will perform a 20-minute set before they all join together for a jam session finale, which was a crowd-pleasing highlight last year.

Tickets are \$12 at the door, free for children under 12. Get tickets now at the Chamber of Commerce Visitor Center in the Village at Pine Mountain for only \$10. For more information call (479) 253-8737.

Ladies' Fellowship meets Feb. 17

The Holiday Island Community Church Ladies Fellowship meets Feb. 17 at the church, 188 Stateline Drive, at 10 a.m. Pat Kasner with Flint Street Food Bank will speak about an important organization called Back Our Kids. Come and find out how we

can best help kids right here in our community.

There will be opportunity to donate. Refreshments will be served. For additional information, contact Linda Bartlett (479) 244-5961 or (479) 253-8021.

Pup paraders needed for Mardi Gras March 1

When the saints go marching in on March 1, you can be in that number by lending a helping paw to the Good Shepherd Humane Society. Join the wildly popular Eureka Gras – Mardi Gras Parade as it winds its zany way through downtown Eureka Springs at 2 p.m. and be a part of the madness.

Good Shepherd volunteers (20

or more) are needed to walk a shelter dog in the parade or prance your own rescue pooch with the Krewe of Barkus alongside the shelter dogs. Costumes are a plus, but not mandatory. If you'd like to be part of the fun, email

Tracellen Kelly at goodshepherdhumanesociety@yahoo.com or phone (479) 981-2886 by Feb. 15.

Sacred Secrets studies start Feb. 18

Everyone has secrets. Sometimes they are good secrets and sometimes they can be harmful. Sometimes secrets need forgiveness, but some secrets should be kept between you and God.

Explore the theology of secrets with Beth Moore in her new study series *Sacred Secrets*. Join Beth to find out what happens when we let God teach us "wisdom in the sacred heart." Enjoy

discussions and share at your personal comfort level. There is a study journal consisting of six sessions for \$11.

Studies are Tuesday and Thursday mornings 9 – 11 a.m., Feb. 18 – March 27 in the lower level of Fellowship Hall, Holiday Island Community Church, 188 Stateline Dr. Contact Debbie Cosens (479) 981-1881 for more information.

Play ball! Registration now open

Eureka Springs Youth Sports Association youth baseball/softball registration is now open. Forms are being distributed to students and can also be picked up at Eureka Springs School offices or Community First Bank. Registration deadline is Feb. 20, and forms will not be accepted after that date. For questions call (479) 981-1210.

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hike rates and build, build, build while they can. In my humble opinion, they cannot possibly beat the clock on this; there are articles daily about the how the power industry will be forced to change forever soon. Solar is coming fast! They just hoped we were too stupid to see what they are trying to do to us, and at our expense."

Studer said she expects AEP/SWEPCO's next move will be to try and sell this because "other people" need the power they are generating in Arkansas. She said if the East Coast needs more power, then they obviously need to get with improving their services and installing more solar locally on the East Coast. If they need more power plants and 345-kV lines, let them pay for it and have their property and landscapes ruined forever.

"Screwing the people of Arkansas so people in Boston can have more power for less money doesn't sell well to me in Arkansas," she said. "They

aren't supporting me or my business in Arkansas in any way. SWEPCO is not contributing to the local or state economy in any significant way either except by throwing money and boondoggle trips at our local politicians and APSC muckety mucks."

Survey questions on SWEPCO:

Do you think without these lines you will have interruption of service or pay rates that are too high?

Will the lines have an impact on tourism?

Will the proposed route affect scenic views?

Do you agree or disagree with opposing group saying lines will affect your health?

Do you believe it is bad for the environment?

Will it affect your property?

What do you know of this project?

How much education do you have?

Do you learn of the opposition message through flyers, newspapers, social media or radio?



Underground Eureka – City workers spent early morning hours Jan. 31 locating and repairing water line ruptures downtown.

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surface to replace the asphalt.

This was the second time Susie Allen has been hit by flooding from a water main break. A break in June 2010 caused thousands of dollars of damage. She said at that time the city offered to

help remove gravel and debris behind the house, but that never happened. She filed an insurance claim for extensive interior damages. Allen said this time she would be seeking help from the city to repair damages inside and outside the home.

AEP/SWEPCO made it clear early in the process when it proposed six different routes, that Route 109 was its least favored route because they are not licensed as a utility in Missouri, presenting regulatory difficulties.

AEP/SWEPCO has said it will seek approval from the Missouri Public Service Commission, but the proposed legislation could put the power in the hands of elected officials more interested in protecting their constituents and the environment than in kowtowing to an out-of-state utility.

“To be honest with you all, I’m pretty frustrated by this thing,” said Danos, who represented himself as an intervenor in the APSC proceedings in Little Rock. “I don’t know what I was expecting from the judge, but her selection of Route 109 threw me for a loop. The question now is what do we do? We stand our ground. We don’t get complacent. We don’t give in to speculation. We stand together.”

Even though Missouri doesn’t want the route, Danos said that doesn’t mean the power line proposal is dead. At the beginning of the meeting Thursday, STO Director Pat Costner showed a map of the six original routes alternatives selected by AEP/SWEPCO. After opposition by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and supporters of Thorncrown Chapel to some of the routes, SWEPCO dropped three routes. Now the judge has selected one.

But as Costner said in response to a question from Bill King, all six routes are still in play because the APSC has the option of accepting the judge’s recommendation, revising it, selecting one of the other routes, or coming up with a combination of other routes. The APSC has until Feb. 17 to act or, if it doesn’t act, the judge’s decision stands.

The Danos home is on a route that has been dropped from consideration, as is a route that would go near the home of another prominent power line opponent, Doug Stowe. But Danos, Stowe and others whose routes weren’t selected are continuing to work together as initially pledged: opposing all routes, and working to defeat a project they believe is unnecessary and being proposed because AEP/SWEPCO stands to make a

12 percent government guaranteed return on the project that would cost more than \$100 million.

Although it was disappointing that the ASPC judge approved Route 109, Danos said people shouldn’t underestimate the impact of the citizens opposing the project have had on the judge, the APSC, state agencies and politicians. Even APSC was impressed with a record-breaking number of public comments opposing a project, more than 6,000.

Costner advised people to beware of AEP/SWEPCO land agents who may try to get property owners to sign documents giving AEP/SWEPCO a right-of-way.

“I was very naïve,” Stowe said. “I didn’t know what power companies could do until I found out they wanted to build a 345-kV line 75 feet off my deck. Those kinds of things get your attention. The power line carried more than four times the amount of power needed in Carroll County. We knew it wasn’t for us; it was going somewhere else.”

Stowe said by digging into details, they learned a second circuit could be added that would double capacity to eight times the amount of electricity needed for Carroll County. They found significant errors and omissions in environmental impact statements, such as analysis of the negative impact on tourism, difficulties constructing the huge monopole bases in the karst terrain, and harm to specific endangered species. Comments from various state and federal agencies agreed with citizen concerns.

Stowe said the most important thing they learned was about the community, what it means when people act strongly together on each other’s behalf.

“It is amazing what we have done in less than a year,” Stowe said. “I just want to thank you all for your continued support and love for our community.”

STO plans an appeal if the APSC decision is to allow AEP/SWEPCO to proceed. STO attorney Mick Harrison has said there are good grounds for an appeal to the Arkansas Court of Appeals because the judge’s ruling is factually and legally incorrect.

First STO must petition for a re-hearing before the APSC. If that is denied, an appeal can be filed with the



Jeff Danos speaks at STO meeting Jan. 30.

PHOTO BY DAVID FRANK DEMPSEY

Arkansas Court of Appeals. Costner said a decision on that could come in the fall of this year.

“The schedule will be really crammed for the next four months, and then there will be a long period of silence,” Costner said.

Costner said that the Arkansas Court of Appeals is expected to offer a level playing field – in contrast to the APSC with a staff that seems to be hostage to AEP/SWEPCO, a utility company the agency is charged with regulating. She said the Arkansas Court of Appeals would be more likely than APSC to consider whether the project has met legal requirements for receiving a Certificate of Environment Compatibility of Public Need. One of the requirements is proving a need for the project.

“It is not needed,” Costner said. “That is the crux of it right there. That is the pivot point around which this project should and eventually will be quashed. We are in this to win. It is not philosophical. We want this thing stopped.”

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“We have in process a fact sheet on what to expect, what you can and can’t do,” said Costner, whose property is on Route 109. “I myself have no intent to have any conversations with them other than hello, thank you and goodbye. I’m

certainly not going to sign or exchange any written materials with any land agents.”

STO recommends sending a letter to AEP/SWEPCO advising them against trespassing on their property.

Eureka Springs resident Sheryl Willis spoke about large power companies twice running transmission lines through her mother’s property in Kansas. She said the people didn’t benefit, but the power company industry has bought Kansas legislators.

“This is happening everywhere,” Willis said. “No one is off the hook. It doesn’t matter if it isn’t going through your property today. It will tomorrow or the next day or after your

child inherits the property and can’t enjoy it. We have to fight this process because private companies are taking over our private property, and we are paying them to do so. We have to change the federal laws that pay them to rape us. We have to stop these companies that don’t seem to have any integrity.”

Stowe agreed that this is a fight “for a much larger thing. Northwest Arkansas as we know is a special place that is our home. There are other places that don’t have the wherewithal to fight against a power company like SWEPCO. The APSC was quite open with us about being very much in favor of the power line. They weren’t even on the fence about it. We came to the realization that we have to change the way things are done in Arkansas.”

Stowe said one of the things power line opponents have learned is that this is only the first major transmission line planned to this area of Arkansas. Other large power lines being planned include a 500-kV line from the Kings River substation all the way across Arkansas and another 500-kV line coming down from Missouri.

“None of these are necessary for this place,” Stowe said. “One of the things we can do by carrying on with this case is to change the way business is done in Arkansas, disrupting the cozy relationship between power companies and regulatory agencies. So we have to be firm and we have to be strong.”

research. I don't want women to not get mammograms, but I sure want to come up with better solutions."

Turnbaugh is thin and is very physically active, running a ranch with cows, goats, chickens and other animals. She has eaten a healthy, organic diet for decades. She would normally have been considered low risk for breast cancer, but inherited a tendency towards hormone imbalances that she has suffered from since a teenager.

With a background as a chemical engineer and an interest in preserving the environment that led to her building a sustainable homestead with both solar and wind power, she has also looked at other factors. She believes more research needs to be done about how pollution

affects breast cancer and other cancers.

"Why is the government spending so little on researching breast cancer prevention?" Turnbaugh asks. "This is crazy to wait until people get cancer. You figure out what causes it and prevent it. There have been studies showing that the combination of phenols in plastics and pesticides is highly carcinogenic. This is a problem. But the federal government pulled their funding so there haven't been further studies. That is the part that disturbs me.

"One of the worst things I've been through in my life is being told I had breast cancer. Oh my God, grab a shovel and dig a hole. You never completely come out from under that death sentence hanging over you."

Both Turnbaugh and Chamberlain

have used a combination of conventional and alternative medicine in their paths to recovery, having done a lot of research into alternatives. Turnbaugh, for example, used flax seed as a hormone blocker after reading studies that it is just as effective as the medicine that can have bad side effects and can only be used for five years.

Chamberlain has taken the Essiac anti-cancer formula, and eats 12 almonds a day for the lycopene, a powerful antioxidant. She has also taken South American fruit soursop supplements. She will be taking the estrogen blocking prescription letrozole for five years. The drug stops cancer cells from being able to reproduce.

Getting breast cancer has fundamentally changed her life. A bed and breakfast owner, Chamberlain

hasn't been able to operate her business because she has to avoid being exposed to viruses.

While it has been a long and difficult journey, Chamberlain feels positive about her future.

"I consider myself a winner because I took charge," she said. "All my doctors have said, you really do your homework before you come in and ask questions. It has made me pace myself and lower my expectations. You can't expect your life to be normal for a while. Yet I have found comfort in fostering animals because it is something I can do being home so much. I'm working with Unconditional Love Pet Rescue."

Contributions to Susan Chamberlain Benefit Fund can be made at Community First Bank.

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to surround the pot.

After the pot is fired, he plans to put it on a trailer and take it to visit state capitals where marijuana issues are on the ballot.

Wallace, who has both Bachelor of Fine Art and a Master of Fine Art, is using a device called "crowd fundraising" which involves internet-based organizations that allow people with a cause that matters to

them to solicit funds. Wallace is currently using www.crowdfund.com, www.indiegogo.com and approval is pending to launch at third campaign site for Big Pot-USA at www.kickstarter.com.

"The Big Pot-USA will give contributors a fun way to support the arts and help to shape public policy," Wallace said on www.indiegogo.com. "All contributors will receive a letter of

thanks and a button saying, "I Lit Up Big Pot - USA." He also has rewards for larger contributions including his own work of earrings, talismans, goblets and even a two-night stay at the nearby Retreat At Skyridge Luxury Cabins with a tour of Paradise Pottery. There are three options for contributions. 1. The donor's name and amount is public. 2. The donor's name is public but the amount is not disclosed. 3.

Neither the amount nor the donor's name is made public.

To follow the progress with pictures and videos of the making and tour of Big Pot-USA go to www.facebook.com/bigpotusa. Visitors are welcome to visit with Wallace and view the progress of Big Pot-USA during regular gallery hours of Paradise Pottery (Thursday to Monday, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.).

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Jim Sinclair from the Beaver Dam Store lands and releases a nice rainbow trout from a Hobie pedal-powered kayak on the White River below Beaver Dam on Saturday. Sinclair was killing time waiting to accompany a couple dozen members of the Arkansas Canoe Club on their annual float on the river. He caught the trout on a spoon.

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DROPPING A Line

by Robert Johnson

Bagging bait, Part 2

erate with a 360 Rule pump going to a plastic drip pan with holes and some kind of filtering in it. I redesigned mine like this and cut up egg crate bedding to fit. Just change out and clean them when back home. You will still need to do a 30 percent water change before bed and you should be good for the next day.

As a guide, I go for 150 with a double pump stock tank in the boat. I need to hold my bait for a longer period of time. I might travel as far as the Arkansas River, but where I go I'm pretty sure I will get what I need without throwing the net all day and taking a chance on bad bait run.

I put four gallons of water in a 24-quart ice chest then here's the new way – the big secret. Stress kills shad so I put in about 1 teaspoon of a drug called Tranquil made for transporting fish. I put in enough it will knock them out within a minute. I get them out after they settle to the bottom and look dead. Leave them too long and they will be dead. Take them out nice and easy and put them in the big tank.

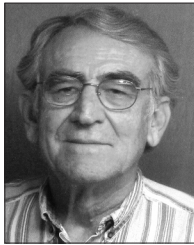
I have to change filters five times on a three-hour haul. I bring them home to a 300-gallon air-conditioned tank with same

salt mix, drug again to unload. And drug if loading in boat for a trip if using any in the first three days. I do an 80-gallon water change for three days with no salt. I also use my own tap water, not the water where I'm getting my bait – with the water conditioner it is cleaner and takes out the chlorine. By drugging like this I have a 98 percent survival rate have kept shad up to three months with nothing to eat but mossy rocks out of the creek.

You can also get rid of any bad bait by not keeping any with scales missing, or wounds. They will disease the rest. In the heat of the summer bacteria gives some shad a fungus, tail rot, etc., so when water temps get above 72° I add a fungus aid. I also keep my tanks below 72° in the summer and heat in winter to keep above 48°.

Stripers do like small bait in the cooler months, and if you can't keep shad, brood shiners are good bait that you can buy at the Dam Store, Barnet's Pawn in Garfield or Hook Line & Sinker in Rogers. I have had shiners out fish shad in some of the cooler months. You always have trolling if all else fails.

We are getting very close to some good fishing.



INDEPENDENT Crossword

by Bill Westerman

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ACROSS

- 1. Type of rock
- 5. Iranian province
- 8. ___ Ages
- 12. Century plant
- 13. N.A. Republic
- 14. Chills and fever
- 15. Ethnic Peruvian
- 16. Ancient pain treatment
- 18. Scoundrel
- 19. Out of kilter
- 20. Flatulence
- 21. Military group
- 23. Elev.
- 25. Wedge beneath a wheel
- 27. Clam or tramp
- 31. Charged atoms
- 32. 4-4
- 33. Dry, cold wind
- 34. House party?
- 36. Mel
- 37. Caustic solution
- 38. One who's at home

on the range?

- 39. Shaft feature
- 42. Lifeless
- 44. Chapeau
- 47. Exuberantly
- 49. West Indies music
- 50. Operatic solo
- 51. Small drink
- 52. Former German Chancellor
- 53. Ostentatious display
- 54. Obtained
- 55. Notion

DOWN

- 1. Couple
- 2. Arm bone
- 3. Dreamy mood music
- 4. New Zealand parrot
- 5. Four cups
- 6. European capital
- 7. Business big wig
- 8. East Indian stew
- 9. Highly excited

- 10. Wrinkle
- 11. Low islands
- 19. Hair piece
- 22. Twangy
- 24. Forbidden
- 25. One of the family
- 26. Soda
- 27. ___ Walter Raleigh
- 28. Monasticism
- 29. Poetic "before"
- 30. Beam
- 32. Abundant
- 35. Currency of Burma
- 36. Popular
- 38. Underground vault
- 39. Fellow
- 40. Prefix for dynamic or space
- 41. Injure
- 43. Hodgepodge
- 45. Dull pain
- 46. Monetary unit of Samoa
- 48. Knock
- 49. Snow board

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Friends of NRA calls for vendors

The 2014 Eureka Springs Friends of NRA 2nd Amendment Freedom Rally & Ride will be held on April 26 at the Inn of the Ozarks Convention Center.

Friends of NRA (National Rifle Association) has raised millions of dollars for The NRA Foundation, which in turn generates local, state and national grants for programs supporting youth shooting

sports, range development, women's instructional shooting, firearm safety courses and hunter training seminars.

In preparation for the event, the organization is currently accepting requests for booth space. Cost is \$150 inside and \$100 outside. Anyone interested in having a booth may contact Andrew Wilhelm (870) 545-3690.

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which Featherstone called "the smoothest road in town."

- The Calif Spring project was substantially completed, and work will be finished by spring.
- Crescent Spring gazebo received a new paint job.
- Popular landscaper DonE Allen retired. Levine noted Allen "put our spring

gardens on the map." Pat Lujan took over as landscaper.

• The Springs Committee is working toward an ordinance that would require an inspection of sewer systems upon transfer of property.

• The concept of a Land Bank finally made progress at city council.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, Feb. 18, at 6 p.m.

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Reservations for 10 a.m. brunch tours and 1 p.m. lunch tours will also be available. Café Roulant is also available for weddings and special events, with tours to Beaver Lake

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testimony residents and business owners unanimously opposed SWEPCO's plans and pleaded for common sense.

Just in case SWEPCO wasn't paying attention at the public hearing, city council resolutions were passed against the proposal and the quorum court stood up in opposition. Business organizations came out in full force against the power line. More comments were made on the APSC website in opposition to this power line than had ever been filed in all other cases before the APSC.

A new power line carrying an additional four times the amount of power currently used in the area is not needed and we proved it. The citizens of northwest Arkansas made it quite clear that it was not wanted. The price we are expected to pay in loss of beauty, damage to our tourist economy, and degradation of our environment is far too steep. The absurd oversights in the Environmental Impact Statement informed us that it was poorly researched and ill-conceived.

Surely they had to be kidding! But the case before the APSC assured us that they are dead earnest in their intentions. AEP/SWEPCO has been bound and determined to run this monstrosity through Northwest Arkansas (and Southwest Missouri), whether we want it or not.

It is my hope that SWEPCO's telephone survey finally enables them to hear what we've been trying to tell them since April. We don't want their monstrous power line and we will fight with all our strength to keep it from coming through here.

Doug Stowe

Tell it to the judge

Editor,

So, let me get this straight. You, Sam Barr, happily get behind the destruction of the planet (right here in our own backyard) because you are *so* important you can't bear the inconvenience of having dropped cell phone calls whilst driving.

That is so wrong on many levels. Firstly, a recent NTSA study shows that distracted driving (yep, that's talking on the phone while driving) is more fatal than impaired driving. Now, we've all known the consequences of driving drunk for years and here we find something more dangerous; talking on the phone while driving. Thanks Sam, now we know

who you are. A man so filled with his own self-importance that he would destroy flora and fauna at will for cell tower taller than a football field all the while endangering the lives of other people with his uninterrupted talk.

You're an old man, Sam and you're the lucky one because in the 20 years down the road when the eagles are gone, the native flowers don't come up in the spring and the butterflies cease to exist, you'll be dead but the rest of the world will have to live with the results of your inability to overcome your bourgeois hardship.

Sheri Hanson

Open letter to APSC

Commissioners,

As Commissioners of McDonald County, Missouri, we ask that the Arkansas Public Service Commission reject the order of APSC Administrative Law Judge Connie Griffin to build an electric transmission line across three-fourths the width of McDonald County. This line is for the purpose of distribution, use and needs of northwest Arkansas.

The route approved by Judge Griffin, was Route 109, the least desired by Southwest Electric Power Company.

No notification of intent was made to the electric companies who provide the electrical needs in our area; those being Empire District Electric and New Mac Electric, nor any city, county or state offices in Missouri regarding construction along Route 109.

It is our desire to be good neighbors, respecting Arkansas' sovereignty, and refrain the seeking of arbitrary rulings that would be beneficial only for Missouri with no obvious concern for the citizenry of Arkansas or any other bordering state.

We ask, no we demand, that same level of cooperation and respect be given to Missouri and its citizens. Again, we pray you set aside Judge Griffin's order, and use one of the other five alternative routes. We feel you would expect no less of our Commission.

cc: Missouri Public Service Commission

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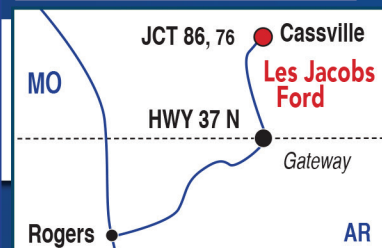
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