



Roll on! – Alex Marohn’s enthusiasm was infectious during the Eureka Gras Mardi Gras night parade on Feb. 22. There’s more Gras coming up with a series of balls – plus the big parade on Saturday, March 1 at 2 p.m. See event details inside and at www.krazo.ureeka.org.

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Property vacations grab council’s attention

NICKY BOYETTE

At Monday’s city council meeting, city attorney Tim Weaver passed copies of an email making the rounds through Arkansas cities in which Municipal League attorney Dick Schoen stated it appears cities can dispose of real estate without getting the appraised value of the property. Cities can instead prepare an analysis of why it would be to the city’s advantage to shed itself of an undeveloped piece of land or forgotten alley.

Weaver said this is important considering the uptick in vacation requests in Eureka Springs recently. He had met with alderman Terry McClung to update the process for vacating properties.

McClung said Weaver prepared an ordinance regarding vacating procedures which included a \$200 processing fee that would be refundable if the application were denied.

“Let’s not make it difficult,” he commented, saying appraisals often cost more than the appraised value of the property.

Alderman David Mitchell moved to assign a number to the ordinance and put it on its first reading, which passed unanimously.

Film industry tax incentive

Sandy Martin of the Arts Council said she and Teresa DeVito met with Arkansas Film Commissioner Christopher Crane recently. She announced Eureka Springs was offered a permanent seat on the board of the Arkansas Motion Picture Institute.

“This means they take us seriously,” Martin said, adding that attorneys for the Arkansas Film Commission will begin drafting ordinances regarding a two percent rebate from the city and a

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This Week’s INDEPENDENT Thinker

Rocco’s Little Chicago Pizzeria in Tucson, Ariz., posted this sign in its window in response to a controversial new bill that would allow businesses to deny service to same-sex couples in the name of religious freedom. The bill cleared the Arizona Legislature last week and now the governor, Republican Jan Brewer, has five days to sign or veto the bill.

Owner Rocco DiGrazia explained his intent to the *Arizona Daily Star*, “The sentiment is that any expansion of discrimination is gonna hurt everybody and open the doors for more. Why discriminate against anybody? I’m just trying to make some food.”



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Missouri opposition growing against mammoth power line

BECKY GILLETTE

As the clock winds down on the March 20 deadline for Save The Ozarks (STO) and any other groups to petition to the Arkansas Public Service Commission (APSC) for a rehearing in the decision selecting Route 109 for a new high voltage transmission line, opposition in Missouri is growing to the line that would run 25 miles along the Missouri border for a project that would not benefit Missouri.

The APSC failed to submit a separate order by Feb. 18 that would have modified the decision of APSC Administrative Law Judge Connie Griffin selecting the northern Route 109 for the highly controversial proposed 345 kV American Electric Power (AEP)/Southwestern Electric Power Company (SWEPCO) transmission line from Shipe Road to the Kings River.

Lack of action by the APSC means five other proposed routes for the power line are off the table unless SWEPCO makes a new application to the APSC, or SWEPCO gets the route changed by petitioning to the APSC for a re-hearing. All routes are being opposed by the citizen group STO for a project that has drawn the largest number of negative public comments of any project in the history of the APSC. It is also opposed by a private property rights group in Missouri, by landowners along the route, and county and state elected officials in the area.

Route 109 is the longest of the alternative routes at 56 miles. It goes north from Shipe Road station in Benton County into Missouri, and then east for 25 miles along the Missouri state line to north of Gateway. The route crosses the White River south of Beaver before going southeast paralleling the Kings River for two miles before it crosses the river near the proposed new Kings River substation.

SWEPCO had earlier indicated that Route 109 was one of its least preferred routes because of the difficulty of obtaining regulatory permission in Missouri, a state where SWEPCO has no customers. SWEPCO has said it would pursue filing for permission for the route from the Missouri Public Service Commission (MoPSC), but as of Monday no application had been filed.

With SWEPCO providing no electrical service in Missouri, opponents there say the state would receive the negative impacts of the projects including major declines in private property values without receiving any benefit. However, SWEPCO disputes that.

“The Southwest Power Pool (SPP) identified the need for the line to address reliability issues in northern Arkansas and southern Missouri,” SWEPCO spokesman Peter Main said. “The Shipe Road-Kings River 345-kV line will correct overloads on the existing transmission system serving both Arkansas and Missouri, and will provide a strong new source of power to the region. The reliability improvements will

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Council ponders rate increase for water and sewer

NICKY BOYETTE

It was not a dark cloud of inevitability as much as an aura of “the time has come” when five aldermen gathered in Mayor Morris Pate’s office Feb. 19 for a workshop on increasing water and sewer rates. Impetus behind discussion is that the city is not in compliance with requirements of bond covenants, which state net city revenue from water and sewer should equal 120 percent of the bond payment. According to city Finance Director Lonnie Clark, Eureka Springs has been delinquent for three years.

Pate said Clark had presented the previous council with his concerns, and council decided to let Clark impose a three percent increase in 2011 when his message was a nine percent increase was bottom line necessary. Arkansas law allows Clark to implement up to a three percent increase depending on certain criteria. Beyond three percent requires a council vote.

Clark said inefficient meters are part of the problem. Some of them are 40 years old or more, it takes more water to turn them, and water might flow through undetected.

Public Works Director Dwayne Allen estimated as much as 37 percent of the water the city buys from Carroll-Boone Water District might not be measured by the meters as it flows to customers. Clark figures the city would recoup at least 40 percent of that loss by upgrading meters.

Allen guessed it would take \$172,500 to replace all meters with top of the line replacements, not including installation. Since Allen doesn’t have the manpower

to accomplish this, consensus was to hire experienced outside contractors to get it done under Allen’s guidance.

“I don’t see we have a choice,” Clark stated. He said the city has funds in a depreciation account available if council wants to use it.

Alderman Dee Purkeypile pointed out more accurate flow meters would be decreasing a loss, which mitigates some of the expense. Alderman Terry McClung asked Clark if changing out all the flow meters would bring the city into compliance with bond requirements.

“Maybe not,” Clark replied.

Alderman James DeVito said new meters might forestall it, but at some point, there would still need to be a rate increase.

Clark mentioned he has a recording in his office of a phone call from the Securities Exchange Commission (SEC) after the 2011 audit, which Clark said “continues to get worse.”

“So we’re out of time,” observed alderman David Mitchell. “It’s gonna be horrible trying to explain this.” He also acknowledged it would be ill advised not to fix the problem.

Pate and Clark both thought the fact council was trying to create a long-term solution would weigh positively with the SEC and underwriters. Or else, as Clark stated, “they will come in and set our rates.”

Alderman Mickey Schneider tried to fashion an ordinance that would implement small increases over regular time increments in an effort to appease citizens and regulators, but eventually

McClung pointed out the ordinance idea would not work. He emphasized the city is not delinquent on anything, just not in compliance with the bondholder, so council must do at least the minimum.

Again, DeVito mentioned a sales tax looked like a likely remedy, possibly a one-eighth cent tax with a sunset.

Mitchell summed up what he saw as their strategy: Use funds from the depreciation to pay for flow meters, first targeting the biggest users and eventually everyone, then pursue a one-eighth cent sales tax.

Purkeypile pointed out more accurate meters would mean an increase on the bill for customers regardless of a rate increase. His suggestion was for Allen to return to the next workshop with a better assessment of the condition of the meters in Eureka Springs and a repair plan for council to consider.

“Then look at the one-eighth cent tax,” Purkeypile said, adding that another workshop is needed.

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Ballinger gives case for intelligent health coverage

BECKY GILLETTE

Hundreds of people in the Eureka Springs area alone currently are getting health insurance through the so-called “private option” for a Medicaid expansion in Arkansas under the Affordable Care Act (ACA), where federal money purchases private health insurance for needy people. Those people have been left wondering if they might lose coverage because the Arkansas House of Representatives has failed in four votes to approve the budget for the Arkansas Department of Human Resources (ADHS) because of legislators who oppose the private option.

For many people watching the votes during the current session of the legislature limited to fiscal matters, it has made little sense. Was Arkansas really going to turn down \$915 million per year in federal funds for the Medicaid expansion because some legislators hate ACA/Obamacare?

Rep. Bob Ballinger, [R-Hindsville] whose district covers portions of Madison, Carroll and Washington Counties, has voted against the ADHS budget three times and was absent for the fourth vote last Friday. But Ballinger said he isn't about to “throw grandmother out of the nursing home,” close hospitals that rely on Medicaid, or even deny coverage to those newly enrolled in the Medicaid expansion.

“In reality, there is not anyone out there who has proposed any kind of plan to defund the private option,” Ballinger said. “If the private option was split out from the ADHS appropriation, then maybe that wouldn't get refunded. But right now we can't defund the private option without defunding the entire ADHS.”

Ballinger said legislators who are voting “No” on funding for ADHS want changes to the private option and a cap on enrollment for the private option, ending it in June.

“We want to hold it down to people

already enrolled,” he said. “If it blows up to 300,000 people covered next year, we will be stuck with the program we have. In 2015, ideas can be brought to the table to do what we can to improve it. All we are saying is, come to the table and negotiate with us. Keep Medicaid enrollment under control so we can do some real reforms in 2015.”

Ballinger said the private option has increased the power of Arkansas Blue Cross and Blue Shield (BCBS), which is so dominant that it controls healthcare in Arkansas. He said BCBS has 86 percent of the business in the state, which means BCBS dictates reimbursement rates for hospitals and doctors, and determines which hospitals and doctors are in networks patients can use to get reimbursements. The lack of competition in health care insurance can lead to unfair treatment of health care providers.

“There is a danger of a monopoly in health care insurance,” Ballinger said. “This program adds hundreds of millions more into coffers of one company and gives them control of more people's lives. I don't think the people of BCBS are evil. They are just working to strengthen their company. But is that the best thing for Arkansans?”

Ballinger would also like to see free clinics like the ECHO Clinic in Eureka

Springs get funding to operate. An Oregon study showed previously uninsured people made 40 percent greater use of emergency rooms after obtaining coverage. Ballinger said clinics like ECHO provide better long-term care than emergency rooms. ECHO provides doctor visits and follow-up visits, counseling and a free meal.

Ballinger said if the private option is revisited, more people such as those representing free clinics and rural hospitals, could have input into the best way to make the program work. He said only about 100 people had input into the private option plan.

“That closed out a lot of brilliance,” Ballinger said. “Those people were not consulted when the private option was put together. Let's put this on pause for a bit, bring together experts, and we can make the ACA a lot better. There are things that can be done. I want Dr. Dan Bell with ECHO Clinic to sit at the table. He is brilliant. Let's make a program that works, changes lives, and changes people. And with some of the changes, by the way, we could save a lot of money.”

Ballinger also objects to no means testing for the Medicaid expansion. He has been told about a couple with a net worth of \$2.5 million who, because of write-offs on income taxes, show little income and qualify for the Medicaid expansion. He said rich people shouldn't get free health insurance.

At press time it wasn't known for sure when the Arkansas House would vote again on funding ADHS. Ballinger said the House might vote against it one more time before passing it.

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[R-Hindsville]

Sunday at UUF

March 2 at the Eureka Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 17 Elk Street, enjoy Some Assembly Required – a talk by Rev. Jeff Briere, who believes Unitarian Universalism is like a table you buy from IKEA ... some assembly is required. After years in the theater, among other trades, Briere entered Meadville Lombard Theological School at age 50. He is currently Interim Minister at the UU Community Church in Glen Allen, Va.

Program is at 11 a.m. and childcare is provided. All are welcome after the program for Soup Sunday – soups, bread, sweets, juice, wine and tea along with great conversation. Bring something to share if you can! It's a bargain at \$4/adult, \$2/children, \$10 max per family.

Geese convening at Lake Leatherwood

NICKY BOYETTE

Commissioner Fergie Stewart told the Parks Commission at its Feb. 18 meeting he had been out to Lake Leatherwood recently and had counted about 30 geese there, but they were hanging out on the island across from the beach. Evidence at the beach, however, indicated the geese had been there as well.

Evidence was excrement on the beach, which prompted closure of the swimming area last year. Parks implemented aversion techniques such as shiny balloons and shimmering tape and even a plastic floating alligator head offshore in an attempt to divert geese from the swimming area.

Stewart pointed out the geese were congregating at that moment at another spot, so he hoped the aversions were making a difference.

"A volunteer said she would rake the beach every day. She said it twice," commissioner Rachel Brix offered.

Chair Bill Featherstone said regular raking might improve the appearance but not remedy the defiled water situation, and the sand might still be contaminated, saying, "I don't think we can have a swim beach and geese. It's either/or."

Brix stated Parks would not want to eradicate all wildlife in the park, and the goal is to convince these geese to stay away from the sandy beach. She said it was time to install fencing as a physical barrier and soon turn on sprinklers.

Parks Director Bruce Levine observed that even if the geese relocate away from the beach, residue from their excrement might still find its way into the lake.

"Where there is water, there will

always be geese," Featherstone said.

Brix said she would investigate further and report back.

Time to talk

Featherstone again advocated the benefit of setting aside a four-hour block of time for a planning session he called a Parks Summit. He wanted commissioners to have an uninhibited forum for sharing ideas, "throw everything up on the wall and see what sticks."

Levine had spoken with a person who has a long history of facilitating these kinds of discussions, and said she would be willing to help.

Brix asked, "How is this different from what we're already doing?" She wondered why they had not had discussions of that nature at their many workshops. "We have committees; we have workshops. So what are we lacking that we need a retreat to get to where we need to go?" she asked.

Featherstone was confident the retreat would be productive and commissioners settled on Sunday, March 9, from 12 – 4 p.m. as a time for their retreat.

"It will be a unique opportunity to get better," Featherstone declared.

Public comment

Pat Matsukis brought with her a list of observations for Parks to consider. She stated they are Parks and Recreation, not "Parks and Tourism," and said the goal should be to serve locals first. She said she would sit beside anybody but did not want to sit at the back of the bus. She also disagreed with how certain individuals have offered to serve on the commission but were not given a chance

for reasons she thought were personal.

Matsukis also questioned hiring and firing practices in the department, voicing concern with the dog park being next to the playground area in Harmon Park. "Dogs and kids don't mix," she said.

She also said development of the plans for the trails system was made in isolation with no other city departments involved or little citizen input.

A change has come

The commission voted 4-0 to move its regular monthly meeting to the third Tuesday of each month instead of the third Monday. Meetings will still begin at 6 p.m.

Goals for the year

Levine offered these items as some of his goals for 2014:

- finish the Trails Master Plan
- identify the next project at Lake Leatherwood City Park
- continue with geese patrol

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Folks, and a cow, you'd want as neighbors

NICKY BOYETTE

Christian and Heidi Batteau make handmade wallpaper so special it adorns the walls of Louis Vuitton's retail outlets. Their company is CG Wallpaper, currently located in an old seed mill in Witter, an area south of Huntsville in Madison County.

Christian and Heidi met at the Kansas City Art Institute where he studied sculpture and she was studying textiles. They eventually moved to Brooklyn, New York, and started an art for architecture business with Christian's sister, Yolande Milan Batteau, an artist and designer. The company, Callidus Guild, fashions a variety of artistic products for designers, including wallpaper. Christian said most of their products are sold in Asia and Europe. Customers have included Chanel and Tiffany's.

The wallpaper is made by creating an 80 percent recycled cellulose backing



I'll love you till the cows come home – Christian, Zaia and Heidi Batteau finish getting their Dairy Hollow property ready to sell. They purchased the place only after the city mistakenly told them they could bring their cow, Alice, with them.

onto which plaster, mica and pigments are applied by hand. Sometimes it takes as many as eight passes to get the finish they want. The paints they use are handmade by mixing ground pigments, mica and powders with a clear acrylic medium.

Heidi said the process is time-intensive but very eco-friendly.

The Batteaus began to yearn for a more down-to-earth lifestyle unavailable in Brooklyn. Christian also said he still adhered to "the very old school idea" of paying his employees decent wages, which was difficult in New York.

Heidi was born and raised in Witter, so the Batteaus came to Arkansas to continue their business and start a family. They rented a place in Pettigrew in the far southeastern corner of Madison County, and retrofitted the old mill in Witter to make it energy-efficient. They employ five people at the Witter site.

Christian installed a rain-collecting system on the roof and they use rainwater in the production process. "You can get a lot of water from a 6000-square foot roof," he said.

They also began to establish a more self-sustaining homestead with a garden, chickens and Alice, the cow, who has been with them for three years. The intent was to get not only milk from Alice, but use the milk to make cheese.

In April 2013, along came Zaia, their firstborn, so they began to think

about where he would be going to school. Witter was too isolated, "and Eureka Springs was the obvious choice," Christian said.

Then serendipitous events led them to six acres for sale at 376 Dairy Hollow Road, which is on the wooded hillside behind Clear Spring School. There was a spacious old house, a well-used barn, plus another building which might house their business at some point. There was also grazing room for Alice. Christian said, "It seemed like angels were singing in heaven."

They were poised to put all their resources into getting the place because it seemed perfect. They were told they could pay \$100 for a Conditional Use Permit and bring Alice with them. They did not sign on the dotted line for the sale until they were told it would be okay to bring the cow, and they thought they were in the clear, so they signed.

And then they heard otherwise. The Planning Commission heard about the issue at its August 27 meeting when commissioner Pat Lujan apprised the commission of the situation. Chair Beverly Blankenship looked through City Code but could find no reference that allowed a variance or conditional use for livestock in the R-2 zone. The commission voted to refund the CUP fee because there had been a mistake.

Nevertheless, the commission voted to hold a Public Hearing at its Nov. 12 meeting on allowing livestock in R-2 as a conditional use. One person spoke up in favor of the idea and no one objected. Commissioners Melissa Greene and James Morris wanted to see if there were a way to make it happen, and the commission voted to discuss the subject at a workshop. However, winter set in and there has been no mention since.

Christian said a long-ago previous owner of the property had horses, cows and sheep on the property, but she apparently let a variance lapse, plus zoning laws have changed over the years, including not allowing livestock in R-2 any more. He said it was never a consideration to leave Alice behind.

Heidi pointed through the window toward the back of the property where

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Airport projects take off

NICKY BOYETTE

Dan Clinton, engineer and consultant for recent projects at Carroll County Airport, reported at the Feb. 20 commission meeting he had begun design of a runway project with French drains alongside the runway to allow for easier rainwater runoff.

He said he is also ready to start clearing along the existing property line in preparation for the perimeter fencing project. The first phase will install fencing one foot inside the perimeter near existing buildings. Eventually the entire property will be fenced in to help deter wildlife, especially deer, from grazing along the runway area.

Clinton also said the last details of finishing new hangars, such as putting in doors, have been completed, although paving has been on hold because of the weather.

Two new projects he suggested were fixing runway lights and paving an access road near the airport that has not been maintained. Runway lights work intermittently and unpredictably, according

to flight instructor Danny Hendricks, and Clinton said he could apply for an emergency grant to pay for repair. Also, the access road is a county road that has been left to deteriorate. Clinton showed commissioners his idea for how to upgrade the road to make it serviceable for large trucks. He will apply for a state grant to fund the project.

Runway extension

Chair Lonnie Clark renewed his commitment to getting the runway extended to 4000 ft. He said he intends to push the project while he is Chair because the end result would be a "tremendous asset to Carroll County." He pointed out they already have some of the fill they will need and will start getting that moved in. He added that he has a group of local politicians and dignitaries ready to present the case for a grant from the Federal Aviation Administration.

Other items

- According to Airport Manager Dana Serrano, Larkin Floyd is not in compliance with the new lease just worked

out in January. Serrano said Floyd has not provided adequate insurance or procured a business license, nor has he paid the new lease amount. Commissioner Lester Ward stated there is also the question of Floyd continuing to operate during the months between the expiration of the old lease and the beginning of the new one during which time he paid no lease amount at all.

Clark replied their attorney would need to help resolve the question of payment in arrears.

- Serrano reported representatives of the Transportation Safety Administration told her all airports in Arkansas should be aware that extremist factions of the Sovereign Citizens movement is considered a terrorist group. Sovereign Citizens is a loosely-connected movement in which adherents do not believe they are bound by federal or state laws, such as paying taxes or even having a driver's license.

Next meeting will be Thursday, March 20, at 12 p.m. at Carroll County Airport.

Get ready for the Classic run

The weather's warm enough to get out there and do some running, so break out those trainers and sign up for a fun springtime run. The Eureka Springs Rotary Club's 32nd Annual Victorian Classic takes place March 8, and this year the Classic is a certified 10K course and sanctioned event, taking on our challenging hills plus flat and fast ridge stretches.

In addition to the certified 10K course, there's also a two-mile run and two-mile walk in town. Groups are encouraged for the two-mile fun walk, so gather your social group, church group, work group or uptown group and choose a theme. Add costumes if you wish.

The gun goes off at 9 a.m. sharp at the Inn of the Ozarks for

all events. An awards ceremony will begin at 10:30 a.m. following the completion of the 10K with awards being offered three deep in the Overall Male/Female, Masters Male/Female and in the Five up to 75 Male/Female brackets. Awards are also given in the two-mile run and two-mile walk to the top 10 male/female finishers, with medals for finishers 12 and under.

For more information on all Victorian Classic races, contact Mickey at (479) 244-6545. Registration forms are available online at www.eurekarotary.org. Proceeds from this year's Victorian Classic will benefit the Merlin Foundation, an organization dedicated to providing health, education, social services, advocacy and lobbying on behalf of children, women and families.

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- the right of access to the easement and all of your adjoining property, at any and all times, without notice;
- the right to install, extend, and maintain guy wires, anchors and anchoring systems not only on the easement but also on your adjoining property;
- the right to use herbicides not only on the easement but also on your adjoining property;
- the right to remove and control trees, limbs, brush and/or vegetation not only on the easement but also on your adjoining property;
- the right to construct access roads across your adjoining property; and
- the right to remove buildings, structures or other obstructions in the easement.



These two pages are from the easement agreement between SWEPCO and a property owner on SWEPCO's Flint Creek - Shipe Road Transmission Line

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RIGHT OF WAY AND EASEMENT

THIS RIGHT OF WAY AND EASEMENT, made this 31 day of October, 2011, by and between [REDACTED], whose address is [REDACTED] herein called "Grantor", whether one or more persons, and **Southwestern Electric Power Company**, a Delaware corporation, a unit of American Electric Power, whose principal business address is 1 Riverside Plaza, Columbus, Ohio 43215, herein called "Grantee".

WITNESSETH:

That in consideration of Ten and NO/100 Dollars (\$10.00), and other valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, and the covenants hereinafter set forth, Grantor hereby grants, conveys, and warrants to the Grantee, its successors, assigns, lessees, tenants and licensees, a permanent right of way and easement, herein called "Easement", for electric transmission, distribution, and communication lines, in, on, over, under, through and across the following described lands of the Grantor, situated in the Section 29, Township 19 North, Range 33 West, Benton County, State of Arkansas.

The right of way and Easement shall be more fully described and depicted on Exhibit "A", a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

GRANTOR ALSO GRANTS TO GRANTEE THE FOLLOWING RIGHTS: Grantee has the right, now or in the future, to construct, reconstruct, operate, maintain, alter, inspect, patrol, protect, repair, replace, renew, upgrade, relocate within or along the centerline of the Easement, remove and replace poles, towers, and structures, made of wood, metal, concrete or other materials, including crossarms, guys, anchors, anchoring systems, counterpoises, and all other appurtenant equipment and fixtures, and to string conductors, wires and cables, together with the right to add to said facilities from time to time, and the right to do anything necessary, useful or convenient for the enjoyment of the Easement herein granted, together with the privilege of removing at any time any or all of said facilities erected on the Easement.

GRANTOR FURTHER GRANTS TO GRANTEE the right in Grantee's discretion to cut down, trim, and otherwise control, using herbicides or tree growth regulators, or other means, and at the Grantee's option, to remove from the Easement any and all trees, overhanging branches, vegetation, brush, or other obstructions. Grantee shall also have the right to cut down, trim, remove, and otherwise control trees situated on lands of the Grantor which adjoin the Easement, when in the opinion of the Grantee those trees may endanger the safety of, or interfere with the construction, operation or maintenance of Grantee's facilities or ingress or egress to, from or along the Easement.

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GRANTOR FURTHER GRANTS TO GRANTEE the right in Grantee's discretion to remove buildings, structures, or other obstructions in the Easement when in the opinion of the Grantee those improvements may endanger the safety of, or interfere with the construction, operation or maintenance of Grantee's facilities or ingress or egress to, from or along the Easement.

GRANTOR FURTHER GRANTS TO GRANTEE the right of unobstructed access, at any and all times, over, across and along the Easement, and the right of ingress and egress to and from the Easement from a public road in, on, over and across existing or future access roads and lanes and other reasonable routes outside the Easement across Grantor's adjoining land. In the event there is no existing access road or lane to the Easement, the Grantor will provide a mutually agreed upon reasonable ingress and egress route over the Grantor's lands, and any of the adjoining lands of the Grantor, for the purpose of exercising and enjoying the rights granted herein.

THIS GRANT IS FURTHER SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:

The Grantor reserves the right to cultivate, pasture or otherwise use the lands encumbered by this Easement in any way not inconsistent with the rights herein granted. However, Grantor shall not place, construct, install, erect or permit any temporary or permanent building, structure, advertising device, sign, dumpster, light pole, swimming pool, well, storage tank, obstruction, or use or store any hazardous/flammable material within the Easement. No shed, road, driveway, mounding, fill, excavation, water impoundment or tree plantings shall be permitted within the Easement without the written permission of the Grantee.

Grantee shall also have the right to install guy wires, anchors, and anchoring systems outside the Easement, together with the right to cut and clear any trees and brush, which in the Grantee's opinion, may endanger or interfere with said guy wires, anchors, and anchoring systems.

Grantee agrees to repair or pay the Grantor for damage to growing crops, fences, gates, field tile, drainage ways, drives, lawns, or structures caused by the Grantee in the exercise of the rights herein granted. Grantee further agrees to pay the prevailing market price for standing timber for any marketable trees cut down outside the Easement during construction or maintenance of Grantee's electric transmission, distribution, and communication lines.

The failure of Grantee to exercise any of the rights granted herein, or the removal of any facilities from the Easement, shall not be deemed to constitute an abandonment or waiver of the rights granted herein.

This instrument contains the complete agreement, expressed or implied between the parties herein and shall inure to the benefit of and be binding on their respective successors, assigns, heirs, executors, administrators, lessees, tenants, and licensees.

Grantor's for and in consideration of the said sum of money does hereby release and relinquish unto the said Grantee, all of Grantor's rights of dower, curtesy and homestead in and to the said premises to the extent of the rights and privileges granted hereby.

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Exactly what's in that easement agreement? *STO recommends Do Not Trespass letter*

BECKY GILLETTE

Save the Ozarks is preparing a filing due by March 19 to petition the Arkansas Public Service Commission for a re-hearing on its decision to grant a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility of Public Need and approve Route 109 for a 345 kV transmission line proposed by American Electric Power/Southwestern Electric Power Company (AEP/SWEPCO). The citizen group STO is also advocating landowners by or in the vicinity of Route 109 send SWEPCO a "Do Not Trespass" letter.

"The most useful thing you can be doing right now to stop SWEPCO is take copies of the No Trespass letter to friends and neighbors who own property either traversed by or in the vicinity of Route 109," STO director Pat Costner said. "Ask them to complete and sign the letter. Offer to take their letter to the post office and send it by certified mail."

A sample Do Not Trespass letter addressed to the appropriate office can be found at www.savetheozarks.com, and requests the utility submit written permission to be on the property or be subject to criminal trespass, among other things.

STO advocates that landowners use extreme caution if approached by land agents representing SWEPCO. STO has obtained copies of SWEPCO right-of-way easement agreements with landowners along the right-of-way of the Flint Creek-Shipe transmission line. According to these agreements, property

owners lose many rights and agree to be subjected to major negative impacts not only on the right-of-way easement, but also on their entire property.

The easement agreement states SWEPCO has "the right to do anything necessary, useful or convenient for the enjoyment of the Easement granted," and continues:

"GRANTOR FURTHER GRANTS TO GRANTEE the right in the Grantee's discretion to cut down, trim, and otherwise control, using herbicides or tree growth regulators, or other means, and at the Grantee's option, to remove from the Easement any and all trees, overhanging branches, vegetation, brush, or other obstructions. Grantee shall also have the right to cut down, trim, remove, and otherwise control trees situated on the lands of the Grantor which adjoin the Easement, when in the opinion of the Grantee those trees may endanger the safety of, or interfere with the construction, operation or maintenance of Grantee's facilities or ingress or egress to, from or along the Easement."

The easement also gives SWEPCO the right to remove buildings, structures or other obstructions in the easement, and gives SWEPCO the right of unobstructed access at any and all times "over and across existing or future access roads and lanes and other reasonable routes outside the Easement across the Grantor's adjoining land. In the event there is no existing access road or lane to the Easement, the Grantor will provide a mutually agreed upon reasonable ingress

and egress route over the Grantor's lands, and any of the adjoining lands of the Grantor."

SWEPCO would have the right to install guy wires, anchors, and anchoring systems outside the easement, together with the right to cut and clear any trees and brush, which in the Grantee's opinion, may endanger or interfere with said guy wires, anchors, and anchoring systems.

"I wouldn't sign an agreement like this with my mother, much less with SWEPCO," Costner said. "I hope that landowners will continue to stand up with Save the Ozarks rather than knuckle under to SWEPCO."

Costner urges property owners to speak with SWEPCO land agents only in the presence of their own attorney, preferably one with eminent domain experience.

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Forward thinking prevents mistakes

Editor,

I thank Susan Pang for all she has done for Save The Ozarks, she writes letters and even articles about the effort, and she lives in St. Louis. We are in for a hard fight. SWEPCO has apparently been wanting to go into Missouri and now the Arkansas Public Service Commission (APSC) has handed it over to them.

We will pay for export of electricity and for the loss of our beautiful Ozarks, the newspapers have ads every week in them from lawyers – Get the Just Compensation You Deserve! About eminent domain.

Judge Sam Barr of Carroll County and the Eureka Springs Mayor say they knew about this a year before the citizens, and that it's just electricity. We are talking about our homes and land and the destruction this will cause in the here and now and future.

Let's all think of the future, including SWEPCO, the citizens and politicians – these 345kV transmission lines will have to come down or be replaced within 20 years, let us be forward thinkers and make this a better environment for all.

Penelope Walker

Power doesn't come from a transmission line

Editor,

The State has decreed and told us hillbillies of the Ozarks that what we all need is more power.

Yes, we need more power, our own power, to make decisions on our own understanding of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

We can't have life on a plundered planet. We can't have liberty with multi-billion dollar government-influenced and regulated shareholder corporations that donate campaign funds and team

up, when its to their advantage, with politicians and government officials against the little people and our liberty that we were promised by our Founding Fathers.

We can again pursue happiness when American Electric Power/SWEPCO goes away and leaves us Arkansas and Missouri highlanders alone once and for all. We won't be taking the hillbilly highway to Detroit or any other of the lands where business for high voltage transmission lines has all but fried up, leaving those places with not much else but power lines that looked powerful when first erected, but at the end of the day didn't deliver on all the jolted-up promises.

I hope our leaders are not swayed by promises of progress and development, or by things like campaign contributions, and have the foresight to see how that road has been traveled before and how it ended up on the far end of the hillbilly highway.

Susan Pang

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WEEK'S Top Tweets

@Grind_n_Roll --- Scientists have spliced the DNA of a human with a sea cow. Oh, the humanatee.

@Steelers1972 --- If you really want to impress me with the year a bottle of wine was made, bring me one from 2024...

@Just_Lee --- When someone is murdered, the police investigate the spouse first. And that tells you everything you need to know about marriage.

@ozzyunc --- You could've told me that wasn't your real name before I got the tattoo.

@TheTweetOfGod --- The people in charge of hell sometimes visit North Korea just to exchange ideas.

@Lanyard --- It's weird that coward doesn't mean "toward a cow."

@Zen_Moments --- It ain't about how hard you can hit. It's about how hard you can get hit and keep moving forward. ~ Rocky Balboa

@nycsouthpaw --- Tom Delay—who once ran the House of Representatives—says God wrote the Constitution.

@AdamCarl --- If I ever run into Zuckerberg in a dark alley, I'm gonna smack him for giving Facebook users an emoticon to tell us they're "feeling blessed."

@Distractify --- Before & After – Kiev's Independence Square in Ukraine.



May we always be war weary

The Commandant of the Marine Corps, General Jim Amos, was speaking on NPR last week as we were driving to work. It's a wonder we survived the shock and awe of what he said and stayed on US 62 without plunging down a ravine crammed with cedars, boulders and unfound vehicles.

General Amos was talking about how after the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001 in New York and Washington, the Corps had a sudden spike in volunteers, and the Marine Corps attracted 70 percent of its current roster.

These weren't your run-of-the-mill "you're going to jail or the service" recruits. They were educated, dedicated, motivated, healthy young people. Many of them are still in the service, and more of their kind are signing up.

Amos said that even though we won't have a war when we leave Afghanistan in a few months, we should keep these bright, loyal troops on ships. He implied, or maybe we just inferred, that the ships could move around the world to where they benefit, rather than bomb, people in other countries.

Remember when George H. W. Bush and his vice president, Dick Cheney, were re-elected because we had been attacked, so had to go to war? The fact that we invaded the wrong country was treated with the shrug of taking the wrong turnoff or wrong medication. Even though not one Iraqi was remotely responsible for the attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon, our country bombed, invaded and destroyed much of their country.

So, we all know that. What's interesting is that Dick Cheney said yesterday that it is "over the top and devastating" for President Obama to reduce the size of the military. Cheney even said of Obama, "He would rather spend money on food stamps than support our troops." Snap.

First of all, why would anyone, including us, give a flying hoot what Dick Cheney thinks about anything? He deliberately deceived Congress and our country. His country. His influence over Bush was enough that we lost 4489 of our guys and at least 130,000 Iraqi civilians, and we already know all that, too. But why are we perpetuating the war-mentality crammed down our throats by Dick Cheney instead of listening to the current commandant of the Marine Corps? A man who knows the worst move we can make right now is to find a war instead of using these very sailors, soldiers and marines to stay fit, stay ready, and stay in the game by helping people instead of killing them.

Just as we were about to write this thinking off as hopeless, George Bush himself got on national television and said he is coping with his mistakes by encouraging Team Rubicon, a veteran-focused disaster relief organization that has helped victims of war and weather in Haiti, Chile, Pakistan, Missouri, Vermont and any land or sea in the world where remedies, energy and expertise are needed.

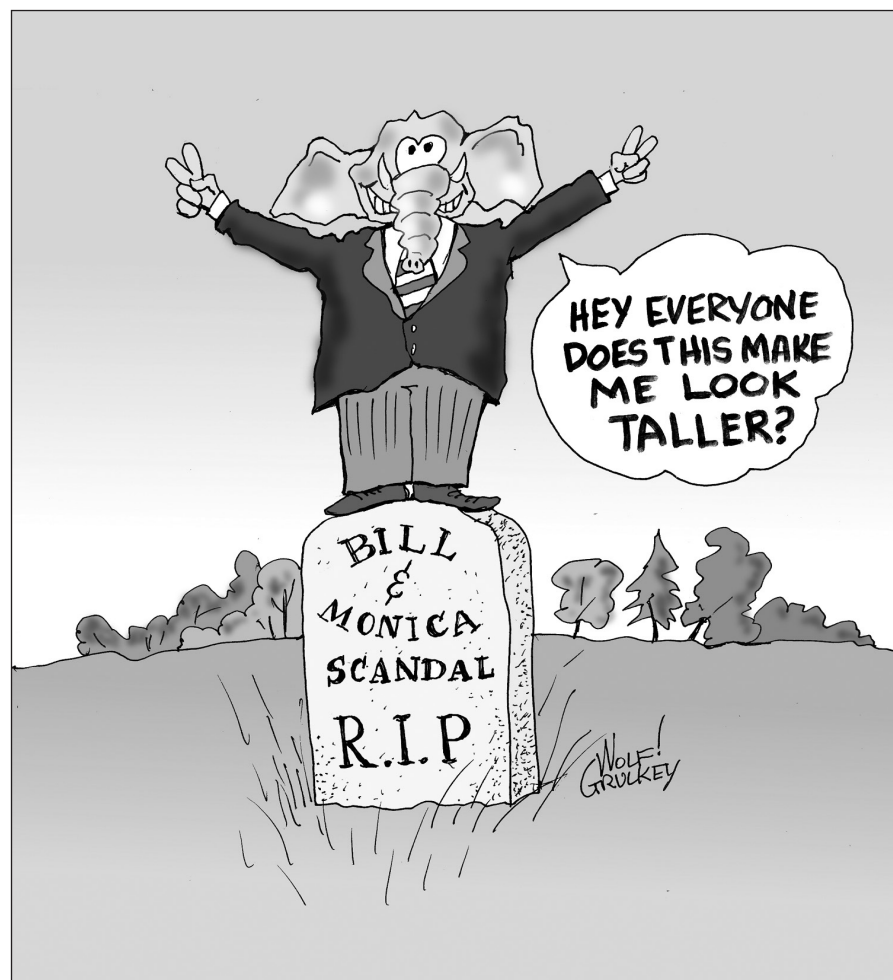
There are more than two million U.S. veterans who love their country and have been trained to deal with disasters and all that comes with them – frantic people, blackouts, lack of food and drinkable water, medical misery, and the fright and dread of seeing and smelling death, then cleaning it up.

We have invested enormous amounts of money in the military, and shaking hands, pinning medals and issuing veterans free license plates just doesn't quite relay gratitude. But training, supporting and depending on them to shore up the world rather than demolish it, does.

We're sorry Bush is having a time of it coping, but for heaven's sakes, telling the truth would have made his coping unnecessary. If he can get help from the troops he so callously sent to the wrong country, well, far out.

Maybe Dick Cheney should be in charge of sexual harassment in the military – that way we'd know for certain who didn't do it.

—MPB



The Pursuit Of HAPPINESS

by Dan Krotz

There is broad agreement that pain is bad and that pain is universal; everyone experiences pain and wants it to go away. Pain also takes many forms: C.S. Lewis wrote, in *The Problem of Pain*, "Mental pain is less dramatic than physical pain, but it is more common and harder to bear. The attempt to conceal mental pain increases the burden: it is easier to say, "My tooth is aching" than to say "My heart is broken."

There is too, another side to pain, summarized in the phrase, "no pain, no gain." We go through the pain of quitting tobacco because, in the long run, it is less painful than cancer. Yes, not smoking is, in the short run, painful, but we rightly applaud those who succeed.

Now, there is a conversation going on about poverty in America, and whether or not the War on Poverty has succeeded; the conversation uses the degree of pain experienced by the poor as a prime measure. Senator Mark Rubio (R-Fla.) put it plainly: "The War on Poverty didn't end poverty. It only made poverty less painful."

I think that is true; and it is also true to infer that Rubio and his party colleagues are firmly in the "no pain, no gain" camp. They mean that poverty is comfortable enough now – little or no pain – that many poor people prefer it to the challenges of getting ahead – to gaining.

This is not solely the preoccupation of the right. The liberal economist and Quaker, Kenneth Boulding, made an attempt to monetize pain. That is, to bell curve pain with, say, "hiccups" to the far left, and "blind quadriplegic abused orphan" to the far right. The more uncomfortable the pain, Boulding thought, the more money it was worth.

But pain is subjective, too. As Mel Brooks said, "Comedy is when you fall into an open sewer and die. Tragedy is when I cut my finger." I suppose a Republican administration could set up "Pain Panels" to solve the subjectivity riddle Brooks nailed and Lewis succinctly illustrated. They're awfully good at judging people and will, surely, take every opportunity to do it.

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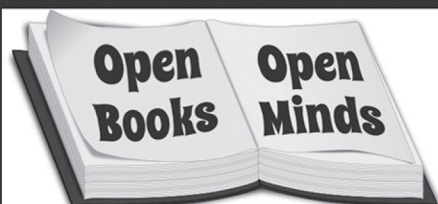
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FEBRUARY 17

11:54 p.m. – Traffic stop resulted in the arrest of the driver for driving on a suspended license.

FEBRUARY 18

1:14 a.m. – Employee input the wrong security code and triggered a burglary alarm. Constable on patrol checked and the building was secure.

10:17 a.m. – EMS responded to a call about an unresponsive female, and a constable filed the report for an unattended death.

2:38 p.m. – ESPD got word of a female still in her vehicle which was stuck in a ditch. Constable went to the address but the vehicle was not there.

9:06 p.m. – Individual at a church asked for extra patrols during the night because of a suspicious person hanging around.

FEBRUARY 19

12:28 p.m. – There was no answer when Meals on Wheels arrived at an elderly person's apartment, so the manager asked for a welfare check. Constable discovered the person was not at home.

1:45 p.m. – Constable on patrol encountered two individuals walking on a road and recognized one of them as a runaway from Missouri. She was released to the mother of her boyfriend, and Springfield police were notified.

6:26 p.m. – Resident in her apartment reported there was a loud domestic going on in the apartment above. Constable discovered it was a mother and her son arguing and throwing things, and he asked them to keep the noise down.

FEBRUARY 20

9:21 a.m. – Central dispatch alerted ESPD to an erratic driver headed to town, but the constable did not observe any erratic behavior while the vehicle was in city limits.

10:18 a.m. – Constable responded to a

panic alarm at a business but found out it was a false alarm.

1:07 p.m. – A limb fell across one lane of US 62, and someone cleared it out of the way.

10:17 p.m. – Witness reported a man in a cowboy hat beating a woman with a ponytail. Constable responded to the scene, and the subjects said it had been a verbal argument only. No bruises were visible. They continued toward their rooms.

10:43 p.m. – Resident near downtown reported a dog had been barking for days. Constable did not encounter the animal, but he left a note for Animal Control to follow up.

11:15 p.m. – An erratic driver was headed out of town going east but turned around and ventured back toward Eureka Springs and was reportedly all over the road. Constables did not cross paths with the vehicle.

FEBRUARY 21

7:14 a.m. – Constables determined the alarm going off at a bank was a false alarm.

8:07 a.m. – A dog barked all night and kept the neighborhood up. Animal Control will follow up.

12:44 p.m. – A Dachshund puppy was running in and out of traffic until a constable captured the varmint and took it to the station.

4:27 p.m. – Central dispatch passed along a report of a person walking along a road who appeared to be hurt. Constable made contact.

4:36 p.m. – The cell phone of an elementary school teacher turned up missing.

6:25 p.m. – Constables were watching for a pickup driving not only erratically but with its lights off.

8:05 p.m. – Owner of a tourist cottage

reported a vehicle blocking her driveway. Constable apprised her of her options.

9:08 p.m. – Constables watched for a couple, apparently intoxicated, who had been bothering people along Main Street near downtown.

FEBRUARY 22

6:06 p.m. – Motelier reported two guests outside of their room apparently talking to persons who were not present. Also their vehicle had no license plate. Constable arrived to learn everything was okay, they were just waiting for their cousin.

6:25 p.m. – Taxi driver wanted to speak with a constable about a fake taxi in town.

8:50 p.m. – Central dispatch alerted ESPD to a domestic in progress in an unidentified vehicle on an unspecified road possibly headed toward the lake. Which lake was not specified.

9:59 p.m. – Resident reported vandalism to a house. Shaving cream had been sprayed and beer cans scattered around.

11:19 p.m. – Traffic stop resulted in the arrest of the driver for DWI, driving on a suspended license, implied consent, and an open container.

FEBRUARY 23

1:56 a.m. – Another traffic stop resulted in the arrest of the driver for DWI and speeding.

2:09 a.m. – A third traffic stop resulted in the arrest of the driver for DWI and driving left of center.

12:35 p.m. – Concerned driver stopped at the station to report being behind a vehicle being driven very slowly on the wrong side of the road. Constables watched for the vehicle and passed the information to other authorities.

12:59 p.m. – Persons at a church tried to prevent a person apparently heavily

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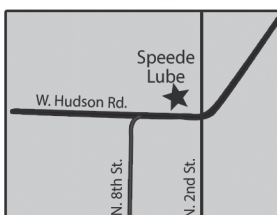
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After-school program vies for grant

NICKY BOYETTE

Gary Andrews told the Eureka Springs school board at its Feb. 20 meeting an average of 85-95 K-8 students have been attending the 21st Century program, a federally-funded after-school program from 3-6 p.m. every day which offers academic enrichment “and other educational services to the families of participating children.” Andrews also offered the program during the day for six weeks last summer.

Andrews told the board the grant funding the program ends this year, and last year only 15 of the 42 districts in the state that applied for funding were approved. Andrews was on the review committee, so is familiar with the rating system. The grant amount this year will be \$660,000 for five years. Andrews said he will be sending in his application soon, and asked board members to sign a statement of support.

Kathy Remenar to retire

Board president Jason Morris

announced the board had received a letter from high school English teacher Kathy Remenar in which she stated her intention to retire at the end of this school year after 37 years with the district.

Board member Al Larson remarked, “She taught both my children, and they speak English like natives.”

Remenar also served on the school board for three years before she began teaching. She said she is looking forward to traveling and “reinventing myself.”

Environmental presentation

The board authorized science teacher Katy Turnbaugh to travel to Shreveport last weekend with six high school students who made a presentation at the Louisiana Environmental Education Symposium titled “Watersheds- From My Back Yard to the Ocean.” The ESHS contingent was the only high school making a presentation.

Student contact days added

In order to make up school days lost to winter weather, the board voted to have

classes March 26, 27 and 28, originally scheduled as part of spring break, at the recommendation of classified and certified staff.

Superintendent David Kellogg said he had received a letter from the office of Dr. Tom Kimbrell, Commissioner of Education, which stated districts could apply for a waiver for any days missed more than ten, and Kellogg said he intends to apply for the waiver. Districts in probably two-thirds of the state have missed more than ten days, some as many as eighteen.

Other business

Kellogg recommended the hiring of Danielle Purvis as a pre-K teacher, and Adam Louderback as an EAST teacher. The board voted to approve his recommendations.

The board also voted to add another year to Kellogg’s contract, which means his contract will run through June 30, 2017.

Next meeting will be March 20, at 5:30 p.m.

INDEPENDENT Art & Entertainment

Call to artists and art event coordinators

You info needed for May Arts publicity

It’s time to gear up for 2014 May Festival of the Arts! Make sure your events are listed and promoted by sending information to The Arts Council at artscouncileureka@gmail.com.

Please make sure you include: name of event, location, description, artist(s) featured, price (if any), contact information and website/Facebook links.

Photos and logos should be in jpeg format, high resolution. Also send links to videos pertaining to event. To ensure inclusion in print and on the website, please send as much information as you can by March 3.

Continue to send updates so we can include your event on website updates and social media. Call (479) 244-6636 with any questions.

Writing workshop March 1

A full-day workshop on Subtext, High Events and Closing will be taught March 1, covering topics including plot, context, implicit narrative, below the story surface, weaving the dramatic and subtle together and more.

Join instructor Alison Taylor

Brown at The Village Writing School, 177 Huntsville Road (Hwy. 23S). Pre-registration is required, and class size is limited. Cost is \$45. Register online at villagewritingschool.com, email alisonataylorbrown@me.com or phone (479) 292-3665.

Drug War on at Secret Season Cinema

The feature on Friday, Feb 28, at the Carnegie Library annex, *Drug War*, is a Chinese-Hong Kong film about police Captain Zhang, who partners with a drug lord named Timmy Choi after his arrest. To avoid the death penalty, Choi agrees to reveal information about his partners who operate a methamphetamine

ring. Zhang grows suspicious of Choi’s honesty as several police officers begin a raid on the drug ring. Rated R.

Join us at the Library Annex, 192 B Spring St., at 7 p.m. for the free film and popcorn

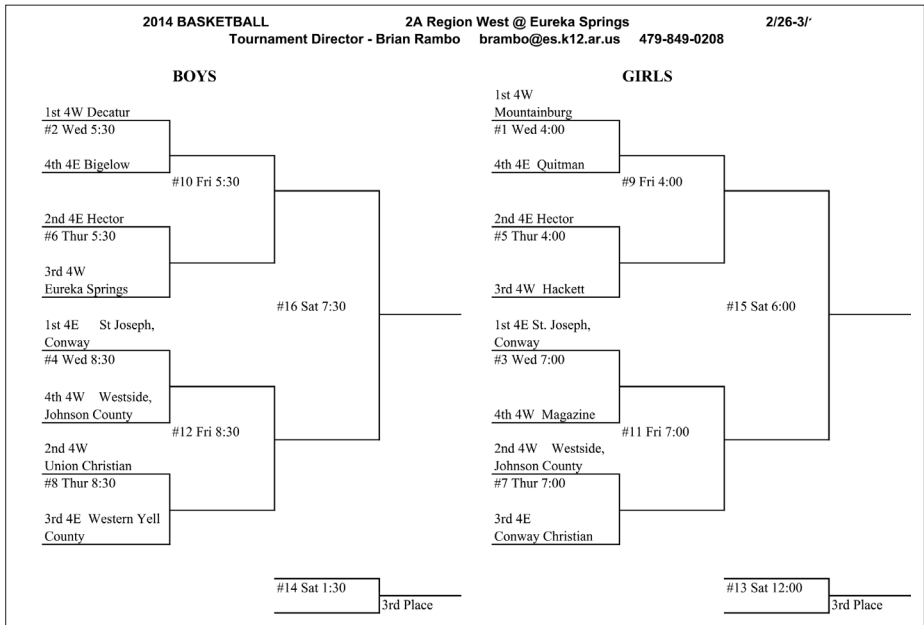
For more information on films in our series, see eurekalibrary.org.

Welcome, basketball fans and teams!

There’s plenty of exciting basketball action coming up this week. The Region 2A West Regional Basketball Tournament for Boys and Girls runs Feb. 26 – March 1 at Eureka Springs High School. Local businesses are being asked to put welcome signs on marquees and get ready to host basketball teams and supporters from 12 schools.

Eureka Springs boys play Thursday, Feb. 27 at 5:30 p.m. Games are played daily Wednesdays through Saturdays. General times are 4 p.m., 5:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. depending on bracket.

Tickets are \$5 for everyone at the door. For a bracket list, see ahssa.org and click on the 2A link on Basketball Regional Brackets or phone coach Rambo, (479) 253-8637.



INDEPENDENTHIGH (Falutin') SOCIETY



Ghosti Gras – Who says Eureka Springs isn't haunted? This ethereal couple was seen making their way to join in the Mardi Gras night parade on Feb. 21.

PHOTO BY MELANIE MYHRE

In a pinch – Kerry Sparks appears to be up to some mischief as Wendi La Fey takes a seat at the Black Light Ball at Voulez-Vous on Feb. 22.

PHOTO BY MELANIE MYHRE



Luna wings – The lovely Rac Moyer floats down the street might be Luna moth wings of Mardi Gras night parade.

PHOTO BY MELANIE MYHRE



Queenly advice – Mardi Gras Queen-elect, Tanya Smith, oversees daughter Miranda's umbrella decorating skills at Eureka Live.

PHOTO BY GWEN ETHEREDGE

You sure that's right? – Roo, the pouch dog, checks Grant Barrett's addition at the Medical Park Pharmacy checkout. Roo was rescued by Beth McCullough, and the once-abused pup likes the security of his pouch. We think his first name should be Kanga.

PHOTO BY CD WHITE



Sparkly – Marie Lee gussies up her umbrella for Eureka Live decorating party Feb. 19.



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And even more chili – First United Methodist Church's Chili Supper was also held on Feb. 21. Janet Rose stirs one of seven 18-quart roasters of chili that will serve about 150 people. Church members commit to browning 10 lbs. of chili for each roaster. Yum. Also served were vegetarian and chicken soups and enough homemade pies to make you cry.

PHOTO BY CD WHITE

Be sure to see more pictures of both chili events, the Black Light Ball, the Night Parade and umbrella decorating on the *Eureka Springs Independent* page on Facebook!

All the way to the bank

– Chance Robbins sports the 1st Place certificate and trophy won by Arvest Bank in the Best Bank Chili category at the Academy of Excellence Chili Cook-off. For a list of winners, see picture on p. 16.

PHOTO BY CD WHITE

Chillin'

– Before the crowds arrive, Laurie Gunnels, Connie Featherstone and Christan Anderson of Community First Bank take a short break after making sure everything's ready at the Academy of Excellence Chili Cook-off.

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For Mardi Gras at the

PHOTO BY GWEN ETHEREDGE



Happy Birthday – June Owen is 88 on February 26! Why hire a birthday clown when you can be one? Three guesses who gave us this picture, June.



Route 109 for AEP/SWEPCO power line stands

BECKY GILLETTE

The Arkansas Public Service Commission (APSC) failed to submit a separate order by the Feb. 18 deadline that would have modified the decision of the APSC Administrative Law Judge Connie Griffin selecting the northern Route 109 for the highly controversial proposed 345 kV American Electric Power (AEP)/Southwestern Electric Power Company (SWEPCO) transmission line from Shipe Road to the Kings River.

The lack of action by the APSC means that five other proposed routes for the power line are off the table unless SWEPCO makes a new application to the APSC. All routes are being opposed by the citizen group Save The Ozarks (STO) for a project that has drawn the largest number of negative public comments of any project in the history of the APSC.

Route 109 is the longest of the

alternative routes at 56 miles. It goes north from Shipe Road station in Benton County into Missouri, and then east for 25 miles along the Missouri state line to north of Gateway. The route crosses the White River south of the town of Beaver before going southeast paralleling the Kings River for two miles before it crosses the river near the proposed new Kings River substation.

SWEPCO had earlier indicated that Route 109 was one of its least preferred routes because of the difficulty of obtaining regulatory permission in Missouri. SWEPCO has said it will pursue filing for permission for the route from the Missouri Public Service Commission (MoPSC).

SWEPCO has no customers in Missouri, so the state would receive major negative impacts to private property without receiving any benefit. But after the ruling selecting Route 109,

SWEPCO said it would proceed with obtaining permission from the MoPSC.

Three bills have been filed in the Missouri Legislature that seek to block the SWEPCO power line. A bill introduced in the Missouri House of Representatives states the MoPSC “shall lack jurisdiction to approve the construction of the SWEPCO line along Route 109.”

A bill introduced Feb. 6 by Sen. David Sater of Cassville would prohibit SWEPCO from using eminent domain for the project in Missouri. Sater said the bill protects his constituents’ property rights and sends a clear message to SWEPCO and the Arkansas PSC that they need to address “an Arkansas problem in Arkansas.” A similar eminent domain bill has also been filed in the Arkansas House of Representatives.

APSC Director John Bethel said any parties to the proceedings who are

opposed to the judge’s ruling have 30 days to file a petition for re-hearing. Save the Ozarks Director Pat Costner, said, “We will, of course, appeal the commission’s approval of SWEPCO’s proposal. In the interim however, there are steps all of us who are on Route 109 need to take. The first step is to go to the STO website, download and complete the ‘No trespass’ letter and send it by certified mail to the people identified in the letter. The second step is, if approached by a SWEPCO land agent, speak with the agent only in the presence of an attorney, preferably an attorney with eminent domain experience.”

STO has opposed the line on the ground that is unnecessary because less expensive and less damaging alternatives exist, and SWEPCO failed to adequately address adverse impacts to the environment, property values and the area’s tourism economy.

Essential Oils and Holistic Health workshops at Flora Roja

Two workshops are coming up at Flora Roja Community Acupuncture, 119 Wall St. The first is Essential Oil Basics with Carrie Marry, Feb 28 from 2 – 4 p.m. Grounded in science and chemistry, use of these highly aromatic substances can be calming, and uplifting as well as antibacterial, antifungal and antiviral. The one-hour class introduces carrier oils, correct dilution and blending basics. The \$10 fee includes an amber glass bottle, carrier oil and an essential oil blend of your choice.

The Holistic Health Coaching in a Group Setting series will be taught by Marry beginning March 4 from 6 – p.m. Each session will move through different topics. Enroll in the entire six-month program or attend month by month. Offered on a sliding scale fee. To register call (479) 253-7874 or email carrie_marry_handwoven@yahoo.com

For more about upcoming workshops see www.floraroja.com or phone (479) 253-4968.

Learn your way around a computer

The Carnegie Public Library in partnership with University of Arkansas at Monticello and Connect Arkansas will provide free Adult Computer Literacy training in the Library Annex on Friday, Feb. 28 from 1- a.m. to 1 p.m. The session will be repeated from 2 – 5 p.m. for those who cannot attend in the morning.

The three-hour class is geared for folks 50 and older with detailed instructions from how to use your computer to setting up email and navigating Facebook. Those who attended the similar session in October are welcome to enroll again for a refresher. Laptops will be provided, but please bring your own if possible.

To enroll please phone the library (479) 253-8754 to reserve your spot, as space is limited.

Can't beat Grandma's cookin' – Richard September,

Grandma's Beans and Cornbread co-owner with his wife, Ruth, took 1st Place in the Professional category at the Academy of Excellence Chili Cook-off on Feb. 21. Local Flavor placed 2nd and Pied Piper 3rd in that category. In the Independent category, Tommye Thompson won 1st Place, Ann Reed placed 2nd, and Ashley Leahy won 3rd for her elk chili.

Area banks also had a mini cook-off within the cook-off with Best Bank Chili Champion going to Arvest Bank's deer chili. The cook-off and auctions raised more than \$20,000 for the school.



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Sycamore, by Constance Wagner and published in 1950 by Alfred A. Knopf, is the story of a sophisticated New York girl who marries a boy from Arkansas. 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*.



CONSTANCE WAGNER

Previously – On the couple's first night in town, Walter's parents, the Knowles, are throwing a dinner party to introduce Jane to the family.

When she saw them coming in, Jane could not help thinking of her mother, of how shocked and scornful she would have been, at the sight of Willy May Skelton, in a frankly homemade dress that hung in shapeless folds from her big frame, striding through that roomful of vestigial remains, her hand extended timidly, as if she were uncertain of the correct procedure (having never before been faced with the obligation of welcoming a nephew's bride, and from New York, besides). Jane could almost hear her mother: What charmingly quaint people! The hell with it, she thought, ashamed to have seen it, even for a split second, with Mrs. Telemon's eyes. This is nice. This is real. I like Willy May...

She moved toward Mrs. Skelton with her best smile and pressed her hand. "It's so nice to meet you, Mrs. Skelton. Walter has told me about you – " Actually he had never mentioned her till that afternoon, and perhaps it wasn't the right formula, anyway, because Willy May seemed so flustered by the unexpectedness of it that she could only flush and mumble incoherent words at the carpet. Floyd, though, thrust himself between them,

flashing teeth that showed a glint of gold, imprisoning Jane's hand in both his own and holding onto it until she had to pull free.

"This is a real pleasure, Ma'am," he mewed, prancing in his shining shoes. "A *real* pleasure. Walt – I always said you could pick 'em. Didn't I now?" His eyes, moist and lustrous, made Jane wish that she hadn't put on a low-necked dress. He *was* impossible.

"Never been in New York," he proclaimed, looking around as if he had made a startling revelation. (That so cosmopolitan a personage never had sniffed the smoke of Manhattan!) "Reckon it's a pretty live place, from what I've heard!" He peered at Jane with an air of complicity, and, she thought, came close to a wink. She turned her attention pointedly to Willy May.

Mrs. Knowles announced dinner, and Jane found herself seated between her father-in-law and Floyd Skelton, with Walter and Willy May across from her. Mr. Knowles ducked his head and asked God to make them truly thankful, after which they shook off the momentary embarrassment of divine intrusion and applied themselves to feeding. Mr. Skelton observed genially that Agnes's dinners were always something to thank God for. "If my wife could cook the way yours does," he said to Roger, "I'd get me a job that didn't take me out on the road."

Willy May colored painfully and looked down at the cloth. Mrs. Knowles, who was forking fried chicken onto the plates, rode him down smoothly without even glancing his way. "That's nonsense," she said. "Willy May is one of the best cooks in town. Everybody knows that."

"When she's a mind to," Floyd amended. "Like as not, though, come dinnertime, she's out grubbing in the garden."

Jane was perplexed by this discussion of Mrs. Skelton being carried on as if Mrs. Skelton were not present. She was also aware of Mr. Skelton's leg brushing against her own, and she moved slightly toward Mr. Knowles. From across the table, Walter said: "Wait till you see Aunt Willy's garden. Peonies as big as your head..."

Mr. Knowles threw his sister an affectionate glance. At that moment, Jane saw a clear resemblance between

them – a trace of the same childlike quality in the two faces. "Willy May," he said, "always had a green thumb. Even when she was a little girl."

Willy May smiled fleetingly at her brother, as if she set a high value on his praise. Jane felt strongly the impulse to be her friend, to be kind to her and draw her out of her shell. "I want so much to have a garden," she said with animation, leaning toward her across the table. "Heaps of flowers all round our house. But I don't know anything about them – only in florists' shops. Do you suppose you could teach me?"

For the first time, Willy May seemed to come to life. "Oh, yes," she cried. "April – " She counted time off on her fingers, then she said: "Your house should be finished by September. Time to set out bulbs – and I've so many perennials to divide. And shrubs –"

"Oh, she's always got time to fool around with flowers," Mr. Skelton broke in, as if he'd been outside the stream of talk for as long as he could bear. Jane wondered if he always avoided addressing his wife directly. "Flowers!" he said, glossing his ill will thinly with a smile, turning to Jane. "Not a hobby with her. They're an obsession. Watch out *you* don't go batty over 'em. Abnormal – gives me the creeps. And what good are they?"

"Well, they're so pretty," said Mrs. Skelton, surprisingly. She seemed to have drawn an instant's courage from the fact that Jane had taken notice of her. "Besides," she rushed on looking a little frightened by her temerity, "they *are* useful. The herbs, anyway. Medicinal – why it's amazing. Lots of the drugs they use in prescriptions grow right in your own garden. Digitalis, for instance – "

Mr. Skelton threw back his head, laughing without mirth. "I suppose if I was dying, you'd run right out in the yard and fetch me a shot of digitalis!"

I'd just let you die, Jane thought savagely. Good riddance. His foot was once more edging slyly against hers. Willy May crawled back into her shell, and Mrs. Knowles, with the air of having deliberately given Floyd Skelton enough rope to hang himself, now took matters back into her own hands.

NOTES from the HOLLOW by Steve Weems

Duane O'Connor ran a wrecker service in Eureka Springs for 25 years, pulling vehicles out of holes and from over bluffs, helping people stuck in the mud, snow and ice in the middle of the night. He even helped a bus out of St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church. His first wrecker was a red, one-ton, 4-wheel drive 1946 Dodge Power Wagon he bought in 1955. Later, he purchased larger, more modern wrecker trucks, most of them red as well.

One winter, Duane and Tommy Walker drove out west of town to get a car that had slid off US 62. They left the wrecker parked on the ice-covered asphalt

and were going down to hook onto the car when they heard a noise. They turned just in time to see the big parked wrecker sliding off the road towards them.

In the 1950s there was a circus coming through on US 62 from the west, and state police had Duane O'Connor and his wrecker on standby at the top of the mountain at Inspiration Point in case any of the old rattle-trap circus trucks couldn't make it up the hill. When the truck carrying the elephants made it to the top, Duane was sent home and from then on, the elephants pulled the trucks that had trouble.

When Bill Clinton was first elected governor, he visited Eureka and his state

trooper driver locked the car keys in the state Cadillac on Spring Street across from Basin Park. The trooper came to Duane and asked for help, stating they'd have to hurry as they only had 30 minutes before the governor had to be somewhere. Duane was able to break into the car and retrieve the keys.

Duane has an album full of pictures of bent, buckled and smashed cars, photographs taken by Michael Mountjoy and Wayne Brashear over the years, at just a few of the many wrecks he worked. And all these years later, the accidents that Duane O'Connor remembers most distinctly are those in which people were



seriously injured or killed.

I invite your stories at steve@steveweems.com or P.O. Box 43 in Eureka Springs.

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Mercury Direct – Mars and Saturn Retrograde, Lent

Friday morning (Feb. 28) Mercury in Aquarius turns stationary direct. Until March 21 we remain under the shadow of Mercury retrograde. If we begin each day aligned with the Will-to-Good, Right Choice and Right Action come forth. As Mercury turns direct, Mars (actions) and Saturn (structures) retrograde. It's like a game of chess. The entire first half of 2014 is under a retrograde watch.

Mars retro is like Mercury retro. Instead of communication (Mercury), our actions and usual ways of being (Mars) won't be effective. Nothing goes anywhere. Not even love affairs.

Mars retrogrades are times of assessing actions, angers, desires, aspirations since the last retrograde (January – April 2012). Retrogrades do not support beginnings. We are to review, observe, acquire patience, watch realities unfold in strange, humorous ways. Mars retro concerns emotional issues from the past to be resolved.

The Mars retrograde (27 Libra) squares the U.S. Pluto (27 Capricorn). Mars/Pluto is difficult to withstand. Mars means action. Retrograde means hidden. Pluto is power. Both the Forces of Materialism (read Darkness) and humanity itself have powers

that are hidden. One is aware and wields power with cruelty. The other, still asleep, unaware of its power, is beginning to awaken.

The Mars retrograde (March 1 – May 19) occurs through Lent (40 days and nights of purification and preparation for Easter, Resurrection Festival). Lent begins this Ash Wednesday. With the sign of a cross made of ashes on our forehead, the priest reminds us, *"From dust thou art (what our physical bodies are made of – the stuff of the Earth). And unto dust that body will return."* We remember in the retrogrades (because retrogrades help us remember) that we are actually stardust.

ARIES: Be aware of conflicts and struggles with power in all interactions (intimates, partnerships, etc.). It's a natural occurrence with Mars retrograde. The struggle is complex. Attempt to understand what the struggle is about before stepping into what could feel like a war zone. Relationships assess their bonds – purpose, beginnings, continuation. All relationships restructure. They're not falling apart. They're changing.

TAURUS: Mars retrograde helps rearrange how you use your energy in daily life tasks, how to best apply your energy to your own health and the health and well being of others, including the animal kingdom. At first you may feel lethargy, exhaustion, unable to function as usual. But then a new rhythm comes forth, one more realistic, reliable and strengthening. There may be frustrations. Patience is cultivated.

GEMINI: There are gifts within each of us. Treasures, hidden and unseen. A found object of self we're unaware of. These are the foundations of our creativity. During Mars retrograde a new level of self-expression is recognized, harbored in a deep part of ourselves. It's deeply nurturing, watered from many years and lifetimes of hope and striving. It contains desires, aspiration and visions. The unearthing will be subtle. You have ten weeks.

CANCER: Your home shields and safeguards you. It's your foundation in the world and of yourself in the world. It

sustains and nurtures you. It's your shell, your nest, your refuge. Here you sort out priorities, consider all actions (and reactions); rework everything quietly, in your own timing. It's your place of solace. Your garden. Protect it.

LEO: Nothing and no one will be organized in ways you expect. Everything will start and stop. Nothing will really be resolved. Commitments, negotiations won't last.

At times they won't even begin. Good intentions will fade. Patience may be non-existent. Communications could flail about in the midst of anger and misunderstandings. Only things you've done before will work. Maybe. Within these vicissitudes (brought about by Mars retro in Libra), you are to be the observer and the silent harmonizer.

VIRGO: No financial action is best. Unless it's taking money out of the bank. But don't spend it. Hide it away for a very rainy day. Be conservative with finances as well as energy. Assess what you value and why. Go through all possessions. Eliminate what's unnecessary, not used, and no longer of value to you. Investing in the future should not involve the usual ways of investing. There are more sustainable ways to invest. In tangibles. Research this.

LIBRA: You will experience an inner

consistent level of challenge concerning self-identity. You'll be challenged to create new standards concerning who you are, how you use your

energy, what and who you identify as and with. You will shape a new identity. One that considers your needs as valuable. You will eliminate those who do not consider you valuable. That means anyone who "dims your light." Everyone's light is precious and useful.

SCORPIO: Every day is different, every experience unplanned. One cannot prepare from past experiences. It's difficult to assess what efforts to apply or even the time of day. There's exhaustion, nothing turns out as expected. Plans fall away, ideas get lost, energy dissipates. The wind blows every which way. You wonder how you'll continue this for ten more weeks. Only the intuitive realms are real now. Poetry, art, music and stillness.

SAGITTARIUS: Everything slows down. Comes to a halt actually. For ten weeks, everyone's movements, internalized and deeply focused within, greatly decelerate. You must understand this if in charge of people accomplishing tasks. Progress forward is arrested. Don't push the river. And don't push others, either. Not even yourself. This is a time when the world

should be at rest. However, only a few know this. You know it now. Be patient.

CAPRICORN: Something changes in your ambition, your career, your steps up the ladder of success. You access new realities. You ponder upon your identity in the world and give deep thought to how you want to be recognized, what you want to be known for. You are your own authority. During these weeks of Mars retro defer to those in charge. Allow them their position. If you're in authority, understand the Mars retro in depth. So you show compassion when everything falls down.

AQUARIUS: It's good to identify as a citizen of the world. Know that a world citizen's "mother tongue/language" is astrology. The science and art, the foundation of the Aquarian Age is the study, knowledge and application of astrology to all people, events and situations. With astrology a great wisdom develops and we access the Rain Cloud of Knowable Things. Do not allow your self to feel limited, restless or obstructed. Just change things around.

PISCES: Review your definition and assess your use of power. Withdraw and gather into yourself. Review what is being absorbed from your environments. Allow many of the energies to fall away. Do not dominate family, friends or co-workers. You can do this unconsciously, indiscriminately and subtly. Focus instead on practical structures. Adaptation is your key. And loving more.



JD Summers Band singing the blues at the Vous

Kansas City, known for its blues, is home to the JD Summers Band. Like the Doghouse Daddies – another KC band that frequents Eureka Springs – they deliver a smooth blues sound that will surprise you. The surprise is Jordan D’Ray (JD) Summers on lead vocals, guitar and keyboard. A young man with an ageless voice

that seems to convey years of suffering and lost love, JD was just four years old when he first heard Muddy Waters and Dizzie Gillespie. The rest is, as they say, history. His life has been about music since.

Joining JD is Gino Bueno on saxophone, Jemmie Hill on bass and Terrie Benson on drums – everyone contributes

vocally. Together they turn originals and classics into pure gold. “Skinny White Boy Blues” is a funny turn, but when you hear him sing “Ain’t No Sunshine” you won’t remember it’s a skinny white boy singing. Funky blues magic at Voulez-Vous on Friday and Saturday, shows start at 9 p.m. – vous-do that blues-do that vous do so well.

THURSDAY – FEBRUARY 27

- **GRAND TAVERNE** *Jerry Yester*
Grand Piano Dinner Music, 6:30–9:30 p.m.
- **LEGENDS SALOON** DJ
Karaoke
- **SQUID & WHALE** Open Mic
& Pie Social—homemade pies and homegrown music, 8 p.m.

FRIDAY – FEBRUARY 28

- **BLARNEY STONE** TBD
- **CATHOUSE LOUNGE** *Tony*
Bergkoetter, 8 p.m. – midnight
- **CHASERS BAR & GRILL**

Chasers Winter Game Challenge Finals

- **CHELSEA’S** *Lord Buffalo*, 9 p.m.
- **EUREKA LIVE!** DJ & Dancing, 9 p.m.
- **GRAND TAVERNE** *Arkansas Red*
Guitar, 6:30–9:30 p.m.
- **JACK’S PLACE** *Fatz 59*, 9 p.m.
- **LEGENDS SALOON** DJ
Karaoke, 9 p.m.
- **NEW DELHI** *Johnny & Friends*, 6–10 p.m.
- **ROWDY BEAVER** *Karaoke*
with *Jerry*, 7 p.m.
- **ROWDY BEAVER DEN** *Ride*

Shy, 8 p.m.

- **SQUID & WHALE** “Local Kine”
feat. *Derek & Friends*, 9 p.m.
- **THE STONE HOUSE** *Jerry*
Yester, 6:30–9:30 p.m.
- **VOUEZ-VOUS** *JD Summers*
Band, 9 p.m.

SATURDAY – MARCH 1

- **BLARNEY STONE** *Mother’s*
Brewing Co. Open House, 2 p.m., *Brian*
Meunch, 4–7 p.m.
- **CATHOUSE LOUNGE** *Tony*
Bergkoetter, 8 p.m. – midnight
- **CHASERS BAR & GRILL**
Watts It To Ya
- **CHELSEA’S** *Mardi Gras*
Party! Crescent City Combo w/Jeff
Gray, 9 p.m.
- **EUREKA LIVE!** *Mardi Gras*
Drag & Dance, 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.
- **LEGENDS SALOON** *George*
Brothers, 9 p.m. *Jack Honey Girls*
- **NEW DELHI** *Cutty Rye*,
6–10 p.m.
- **ROWDY BEAVER** *Ride Shy*,
7 p.m.
- **ROWDY BEAVER DEN** *Ride*

Shy, 1–5 p.m., *Left of Center*, 9 p.m.

- **SQUID & WHALE** *Yao Angelo*
with *Ozakwaaba*, 9 p.m.
- **VOUEZ-VOUS** *JD Summers*
Band, 8 p.m.

SUNDAY – MARCH 2

- **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*, 12–4 p.m.

MONDAY – MARCH 3

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

TUESDAY – MARCH 4

- **CHASERS BAR & GRILL**
Challenge Night
- **CHELSEA’S** *Fat Tuesday Mardi*
Gras Party!
- **EUREKA LIVE!** *Fat Tuesday*
Underground
- **LEGENDS SALOON** Pool
Tournament, 6:30 p.m.
- **ROWDY BEAVER** Hospitality
Night
- **SQUID & WHALE** *FAT*
TUESDAY! – *Josh Jennings Band*

WEDNESDAY – MARCH 5

- **CHASERS BAR & GRILL** Ladies
Night – Drink specials, free jukebox
- **NEW DELHI CAFÉ** Open Jam
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Mardi Gras “Eureka Circus” final events

The Hookers & Jokers Ball continues Mardi Gras season at the Inn of the Ozarks Convention Center Feb. 27 at 6 p.m. Costume themes are hookers, jokers and “Eureka Circus.” There are costume contests with prizes, a buffet with heavy hors d’oeuvres and an indoor mini parade. Tickets \$25 by reservation at (479) 253-8737.

The “Eureka Circus” Parade rolls on Spring and Main Saturday, March 1 at 2 p.m. The Krewe of Barchus canines lead off followed by a convertible cavalcade of Royal Dukes and Duchesses and the King’s Float, Queen’s Float, Red Shoe, Sun Burst-Water Wheel and Jaguar floats. Chariot floats carrying Eureka ShowGirls will be followed by more colorful party floats, costumed walkers and lots of bead tossing. Get in on the fun and call (479) 244-0123.

Keep the fun going at the Beaux Arts Ball in the Basin Park Hotel Ballroom. Cash bar opens at 7 p.m. with dancing to music by the Ultra Suede Party Band from 8 – 11 p.m. There’ll be Mardi Gras royalty, second-line dancing, king cakes and light refreshments. Costumes encouraged but not required. Admission is \$25 benefitting the Eureka Springs Historical Museum. For tickets, phone (479) 253-9417 or 253-8737. A table for eight may be reserved for \$250.

On Sunday, March 2, enjoy the Jazz Brunch at the Crescent Hotel beginning at 11:30 a.m. with costumes and second-Line dancing (bring your decorated umbrella). Reservations recommended. (479) 253-9652.

Monday, March 3, enjoy the festive art, artists and ambience of Mardi Gras at the ArtiGras Reception at Caribé Cantina, US 62W, beginning at 6 p.m.

On the big day, March 4, celebrate Fat Tuesday at St. ‘Lizabeth’s Cajun King Cake Ball and Dinner, beginning at 6 p.m. at St. Elizabeth Parish Hall on Passion Play Road. Seating is limited, so purchase tickets (\$40 per person) now for a royal evening of Mardi Gras fun, authentic Cajun dining and dancing to Naturally Brass. By reservation only (479) 253-8864.



Suets me just fine – This pileated woodpecker enjoys a late winter snack of suet thanks to a bird lover at Holiday Island.

PHOTO BY PAM LEVERING

Jeremiah House – an alternative route to recovery

ERIC STUDER

To find the Jeremiah House, you need to follow a difficult road – literally and figuratively. Located midway between Eureka Springs and Berryville off the long and winding gravel of CR 509, the facility provides one of Carroll County's more unique recovery avenues for women suffering from addictions and abuse.

Jeremiah House is a community outreach program of Soul Purpose Ministries, founded in 2013 by Vickie Poulson, a co-pastor for SPM and substance abuse counselor at Fresh Roots Family Counseling in Rogers.

“Unlike a halfway house or drug treatment center, Jeremiah House is a Christ centered recovery home offering a spiritually driven recovery program to help women overcome battles

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Vickie Poulson, founder of Jeremiah House, left, and Carla Peck, the center's “House Mom.”

PHOTO BY ERIC STUDER



Jeremiah House – Jeremiah House is an outgrowth of Soul Purpose Ministries, Inc., a non-profit outreach ministry based in Carroll County dedicated to educating the community on the devastating effects of addictions on individuals and their families.

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TheNATUREofEUREKA by Steven Foster Poppies and people

Last week a bar conversation switched from the politics of medical marijuana to opium poppies, with someone asking, “has any one of you here ever seen an opium poppy?”

“All of you have,” I replied. “They are a very common garden ornamental in

Eureka Springs, in fact in every small town in the United States. The plant, an annual, *Papaver somniferum* self-sows and grows on its own.”

When I first met my colleague, Dr. James A. Duke, in 1978, with whom I coauthored a book, he was working on

opium poppy collections for the USDA in Iran, Pakistan and Afghanistan; the region of the world where it is native and has the greatest genetic diversity.

The opium poppy is the source of several alkaloids used chiefly to relieve pain – the most important of which are morphine, codeine, noscapine, papaverine and thebaine, all extracted from crude opium, the dried white latex produced by the plant to make legal drugs.

Morphine was first isolated in 1806. Since ancient times, with origins lost in pre-history, opium and its derivatives have been a blessing and curse for humankind; a blessing in relief of severe pain, and a curse given physical addiction and potential for abuse. Opium use has brought down civilizations. Heroin, a purified form of morphine invented in 1898, was routinely used in minute amounts for coughs (in place of codeine), in the first years of the 20th century. It was available in pharmacies without a prescription! Around 1910 it became associated with abuse, then was

banned from manufacture in the U.S. in 1924.

Currently over half of the world's legal opium supply comes from the Australian island state of Tasmania, where about 500 farmers grow opium poppies on 49,420 acres of land. Today, we fight a war in Afghanistan where the opponent (the Taliban) is funded by sale of crude opium and opiate derivatives such as heroin.

So I ask, since we have spent nearly \$700 billion in Afghanistan since 2001, why don't we just take a meager half-billion, and simply buy Afghan's opium crop each year? That would cut funding to the Taliban, dramatically cut the world's illicit heroin supply, and provide raw material for manufacturing legitimate opiate drugs used in *every hospital in the world*.

No, that would be too logical for politicians to accept.



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

Married 11 years and raising two precious children, but my husband and I continue to drift further apart. After managing the kids there's never time left for us. I want our romance back. Possible or am I just being selfish?

Children complete a family and parents share numerous joys throughout their child-rearing journey. Many assume their children's needs must be met before the needs of their marriage. Beware, this children-first approach will destroy your marriage like wildfire. Devoted parents, yes, and devoid partners, guaranteed! Raising a family is truly all consuming, as it should be. The family's foundation however is the *marriage*, the partner-to-partner relationship not the parent-child relationship.

The helicopter parent – could this be you? Hover, hover, hover. So preoccupied with the safety and success of junior, no babysitter will do, presence at every practice is imperative, as is that personal relationship with every

teacher/trainer/coach to ensure junior is being treated fairly at every turn. Good intentions gone awry. Real life takes unfair turns. Over-functioning parents raise under-functioning children. Nothing burns me more than hearing our young adults referred to as the “entitlement generation.” Learned behavior! It's no longer PC to overindulge your child materialistically, but letting them stake claim to every moment of your time and attention is equally overindulgent and teaches them absolute entitlement. Do not label, and then scorn, what you've created.

Parents must demonstrate an impenetrable bond in which their children are not included, and exercise strong boundaries daily. Teach your children to not interrupt. Schedule a 15-minute adult tea time each day. This is non-kiddos-interruptus conversation and cannot include problem solving, logistics or conflict. Connect, share thoughts, feelings, your appreciation and love. Once your tea cup empties and your 15-minute reprieve comes to a

close, return to the mayhem as a connected and indivisible front.

Always adhere to a strict bedtime and a well-planned nighty-night ritual with your children. This will provide you and your partner consistent opportunities for intimacy – assuming you're wise enough to turn off the flat screen and ditch the iPad, laptop and cell phone! Retreat to your sacred bed – the one that never has a child in it! Enjoy one another.

Nurture your marriage first and you will have abundantly more to give your children.

Questions? Email leslie@esindependent.com. *Leslie Meeker, M.A., L.P.C., is a psychotherapist who has specialized in relational and sex therapy, sexual compulsivity and sexual trauma for the past 15 years, after receiving extensive training in human sexuality at the Masters and Johnson Institute in St. Louis, Mo.*



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three percent rebate from the CAPC for producers who make a movie in Eureka Springs, with details to be worked out later.

Martin also said Crane made a commitment to attend a council meeting before the end of March to discuss ordinances and answer questions.

Budget process

Mitchell commented the fiduciary responsibility of the city rests on council, but budget protocol followed by the city last year put council at the end of the process. He encouraged council to meet with Finance Director Lonnie

Clark earlier, like early autumn. Clark and Mayor Morris Pate can take council considerations to the department heads as the budget exercise begins.

“It appears department heads are leading council,” Mitchell observed.

Public comments

Dick Titus said he lives near a commonly used walkway where owners walk dogs but do not always leave the space cleaner than they found it. “I’ve about had it stepping in it,” he said. He found out Eureka Springs does not have an ordinance addressing this, so he brought along copies of the Fayetteville ordinance which requires those walking

dogs to carry a bag and clean up the business, and there is a fine – “leave the dooty, pay the duty.” He encouraged council to consider an ordinance.

Susie Allen told council she lives below where the water main broke, and this is the second time she has suffered damage at its expense. In June 2010, the main broke and she had to pay a \$2500 deductible to her insurance company. The more recent break caused another \$750 worth of repairs to get back to normal, and she asked the city to reimburse her.

Other things

- Council unanimously passed the

first readings of two proposed ordinances. Ordinance 2204 would reclaim a portion of Sweeney Alley, and Ordinance 2205 would no longer prohibit animals from performances in the C-3 zone.

- Mitchell asked the public to give the Noise Committee a fair chance to do its work. He reiterated the group, which represents a wide cross section of citizens, is not targeting any particular sector, but noise in general. He said his group plans to hold a meeting to get public input at some point before bringing a proposed ordinance to council.

Next meeting will be Monday, March 10, at 6 p.m.

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allow SPP to comply with mandatory North American Electric Reliability Corp. (NERC) reliability standards.”

Asked if SWEPCO planned to petition the APSC for a rehearing, Main said that any party to the proceedings could file for a rehearing. “We will continue to evaluate our next steps,” he said.

Regarding making an application to the MoPSC, Main said SWEPCO is still in the early stages of the process needed to complete the Missouri part of Route 109. “We don’t have details or a timeline at this time,” he said.

Missouri power line opponent Jamie Harvey said McDonald County commissioners are adamantly opposed to allowing the transmission lines to cross McDonald County roads. “Keith Lindquist, our presiding commissioner, said SWEPCO would have to go through

the commission to put a transmission line across a county road, and he said they will not have the commissioners’ permission to so,” Harvey said.

Lindquist said he is opposed to the line because no one in Missouri can hook on to this power line. He said he has a problem with an Arkansas judge sparing Arkansas communities like Garfield and Gateway from the project by deciding it should go through Missouri.

“I think our county is just as pretty and important as down around Gateway or anywhere else in Arkansas,” Lindquist said. “Why should it be in our state and our county when it doesn’t benefit us at all? They want it to go through a couple of our counties going through our people’s property and then drop down into Arkansas. Why should we suffer with big power lines right at our front door when it doesn’t benefit us at all? It sets a precedent, too.”

Lindquist said a petition in Missouri against the proposal already has several hundred signatures.

Three bills have been filed in the Missouri legislation to block the power line. A bill introduced in the Missouri House of Representatives states the MoPSC “shall lack jurisdiction to approve the construction of the SWEPCO line along Route 109.”

A bill introduced by Sen. David Sater of Cassville would prohibit SWEPCO from using eminent domain for the project in Missouri. Sater said the bill protects his constituents’ property rights and sends a clear message to SWEPCO and the Arkansas PSC that they need to address “an Arkansas problem in Arkansas.” A similar eminent domain bill has also been filed in the Missouri House of Representatives.

“If the recent Missouri bills become law and SWEPCO then cannot put their

transmission line in Missouri, would that kill the whole project or would that just force SWEPCO to make a new route in Arkansas?” Harvey asks.

The answer to that is unknown, but of major interest to the hundreds of property owners along Route 109 and the other five routes currently off the table due to the APSC Judge selecting Route 109 on the grounds that it affected fewer property owners.

Pat Costner, director of STO, said STO would pursue other legal appeals if the petition for re-hearing is rejected. STO has opposed the line on the grounds that it is unnecessary because less expensive alternatives exist that would be less damaging environmentally and economically. Costner said SWEPCO has failed to adequately address the adverse impacts to the environment, property values and the area’s tourism economy.

Pancakes and more March 1

Holiday Island Elks Auxiliary's Pancake Breakfast is Saturday, March 1, from 7 – 10:30 a.m. at Elks Lodge #1042 in the Park Shopping Center across from the Post Office.

The all-you-can-eat breakfast consists of pancakes, biscuits and gravy, bacon, sausage, juice and coffee. Cost is \$6/adults and \$3/children under 12.

Soccer Club sign up dates

Eureka Springs Soccer Club registration will be held at the Eureka Springs Middle-School cafeteria on two Saturdays, March 1 and 8, from 9 – 11:30 a.m. Players can also be signed up at first practices at Leatherwood ball

field on two Wednesdays, March 5 and 12, from 3:30 – 5 pm.

Team ages available are under 6 through under 14. For more info on club youth soccer please visit www.eteamz.com/eurekasoccer.

DEPARTURES

Mary Lou Hubbard August 3, 1927 – Feb. 18, 2014

Mary Lou Hubbard of Eureka Springs, Ark., was born August 3, 1927 in Waldo, Ark., a daughter of Guy Nathaniel and Lois (Butcher) Bradshaw. She departed this life Feb. 18, in her home in Eureka Springs, at age 86.

Mary Lou was of the Church of Christ faith. She worked as a secretary for Farmers Insurance Company.

She is survived by one son, Keith Hubbard and wife, Gayla, of Eureka Springs; one granddaughter, Lacey and husband, Anthony Rodriquez, of Dallas, Texas; four great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; two step-granddaughters; one step-grandson; and a host of friends and loved ones.

In December 1949, Mary Lou was united in marriage with Preston David Hubbard who preceded her in death. She was also preceded by her parents; one son, Gordon Hubbard; two sisters and four brothers.

Funeral service was Feb. 22 at the Jaynes Memorial Chapel in Duncanville, Texas, with Brother Ron Carlson officiating. Interment followed the service in the National Cemetery in Dallas under the direction of Jaynes Memorial Chapel.

Memorial donations may be made to the ECHO Clinic, 4004 E. Van Buren, Eureka Springs, AR 72632. Online condolences may be sent to the family at nelsonfuneral.com.

Arlene Joyce Dowell Price

Jan. 16, 1959 – Dec. 29, 2013

Arlene Joyce Dowell Price passed away Dec. 29, 2013 in Berryville, Ark. She was 54 years old.

Born at Johnson Air Base in Honshu, Japan, to the late Alfred Lee Dowell and Joyce Arlene Dowell, Arlene was a 1977 graduate of Eureka Springs High School and a long time employee of Tyson Foods in Berryville.

Often thought of as another little "pea in our pod" of siblings, Arlene



was jokingly teased as "here comes the grump" as she was not a morning person as a child. Arlene was a considered a good friend by those who knew her and a loving sister to those who mourn her.

Arlene is survived by her daughter Julia; son John; and four grandchildren. She is held in loving memory by siblings Alfred Lee

Dowell, Jake Lee Dowell and Janet Lee Dowell.

After school basketball program begins March 1 at BCC

The Berryville Community Center offers a fun and educational after school program – NWA HOOPS – focusing on the training, performance and leadership aspects of basketball. Jim Coley will instruct with the Simple 7 training approach, FAST 5 Drills and much more. The program is geared to improve

defense, jump shot, dribbling, blocking out or that dreaded left-handed layup.

NWA HOOPS begins Monday, March 3. Grades 3 – 7 are invited to come on Mondays and Tuesdays and Grades 8 – 12 on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 3:30 – 5:30 p.m. Cost is \$35/month with an active BCC membership.

Hike for health and fun

Everyone is welcome to join the Holiday Island Hikers every Monday morning, rain or shine. They meet at the Holiday Island Rec Center at the nine-hole golf course parking lot, 13 Buckskin Lane, or at Hart's Parking Lot on US 62, depending on where the hike is.

Hikers will meet Monday, March 3 at 9 a.m. at the Rec Center to depart for a hike at War Eagle Trail/Withrow Springs, with a stop for lunch in Huntsville.

If weather is questionable a cancellation notice is sent to the email list an hour before meeting time. Email hihikers@yahoo.com with any questions, and to receive a list of upcoming hikes.

Learn gluten-free baking March 8

Probably the things people miss most when they go gluten-free are bread, pizza and baked goods. If you haven't tried gluten-free baked products in a while because they just didn't hit the spot, here's good news.

Solve the mystery of baking without gluten at the CulinArts Center at the Writers' Colony at Dairy Hollow on Saturday, March 8, from 1 – 4 p.m. In a hands-on class, learn how to make whole-grain bread, pizza crust and pie

crust that's every bit as good, if not better, than those containing gluten.

Two experienced cooks – Colony cook, Jana Jones, and Director Linda Caldwell – lead this journey. Pre-registration is required. Email director@writerscolony.org or call the Writers' Colony (479) 253-7444. Class fee of \$25 must be paid in advance to guarantee a spot. Cancellations less than 48 hours before the class will not be refunded.

Into the mystic – Basin Park resonated with exotic harmonic vibrations when The Mystical Arts of Tibet touring monks made a stop at Basin Park on Feb. 18 during their Unites States Tour.



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- open the dog park
- get the greenhouse operating for the landscaper
- install new irrigation
- install railing at Grotto spring
- improve the parking at Harmon Park
- apply for grants to upgrade the office facility
- continue with the island camp project

Other discussion

In Chairman’s Comments, Featherstone held forth on the importance of trails. With hiking and biking more popular than ever, trails have become “an international phenomenon.” He said there are too few trails and not enough is being done to encourage walking and biking around town. He pointed to Fayetteville as a city aware of the importance of trails for “foot and pedal traffic.” He called for 2014 to be the Year of the Trail.

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they had intended to graze Alice. A cow on the crest or backside of the hill might have been visible from the Clear Spring kindergarten building, but none of the rest of the grazing area was visible to public view.

Christian said Eureka Springs is an extraordinary and beautiful place, and he’s sad things did not work out. They invested everything they had in getting the Dairy Hollow property, and they

- Brix announced the dog park committee is ready to order their fencing, and they intend to install the fence in March. The committee is also working on the second draft of the rules and regulations for use of the dog park.
 - Commissioner Myrna Thaxton said Parks should promote its parks and trails more now that spring is approaching. She thought local newspapers could feature historical information about certain trails as a way to educate the public.
 - The commission voted to allow Levine to pursue grants for repair of the Harmon Park office facility.
 - Commissioners voted to reinstate the same officers for 2014: Chair – Bill Featherstone; Vice-chair – Daniel Jackson; Secretary – Ruth Hager.
- Next workshop will be Tuesday, March 4, at 6 p.m., at the Harmon Park office. Next meeting will be Tuesday, March 18, at 6 p.m.

are not in a financial position to look elsewhere now. In fact, Christian said it would be wonderful if all they lost on the deal were only the hundreds of hours of labor they put into the place.

So the property is for sale again, and the Batteaus will remain in Pettigrew for now and ponder their choices.

Christian said, “We’d love to be here. It’s a shame the zoning is like it is because it pushes out people you might want to have as neighbors.”

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with abuse, alcohol and addictions,” Poulson said. “Our goal is to provide the spiritual faith and real-life working tools needed to create a new life. None of what we do here would be possible without the assistance we receive from friends, volunteers and community support organizations like ECHO Clinic and Alcoholics Anonymous,” Paulson added.

Jeremiah House provides a homelike setting for up to 12 residents who commit to changing their lives. The facility features indoor/outdoor workshops, training classrooms, an exercise area and even a swimming pool. Residents are qualified by a team of advisors and agree to fulfill a six-month recovery program that includes physical, spiritual and social acclimation recovery guidance.

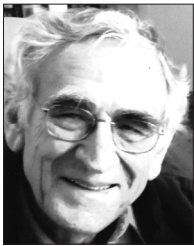
“The most critical element we seek in new applicants is a strong desire

and commitment to make a positive change in their lives,” said Carla Peck, the facility’s live-in program director. Peck, a recovering addict, provides full-time supervision and guidance for all residents.

Future goals include buying the currently leased 13-acre facility, opening a store to sell resident created products, hiring a full-time counseling assistant and developing a robust resident-mentor volunteer program.

Mentors are asked to provide one hour per week to support a Jeremiah House resident. The next Mentor/Volunteer training program is March 22 from 10 a.m. to noon.

Jeremiah House is a non-profit organization seeking donations and in-kind contributions. For additional information and list of current donation needs, visit www.SoulPurposeMinistries.org or email jeremiahhouse2911@gmail.com.



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Crossword

by Bill Westerman Solution on page 27

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ACROSS

1. Orange peel
5. Portable bed
8. Days of old
12. Having wings
13. Vent publicly
14. Egg cell
15. Expression of surprise
16. Samuel’s teacher (Biblical)
17. Precious stones
18. Onagers
20. Seize by force
22. Jamaican music
23. Neither’s partner
24. Hearing aide
27. Require
31. Raw metal
32. Luau food
33. Smear
37. Fabricated
40. Attempt

41. Be in debt
42. Reads quickly
44. Birds’ abodes
47. Topmost point
48. Arabian marketplace
50. Bedouin
52. Indian garb
53. Utilize
54. Tatting
55. Covered walkway
56. Utter
57. Little one

DOWN

1. Narrow beam
2. Hip bones
3. Short snoozes
4. Stylish
5. Roman emperor
6. Lubricate
7. Threesome
8. Cultured dairy product

9. Above
10. Rear end
11. Typography units
19. Squeeze out
21. Male offspring
24. Toss
25. 100 square meters
26. Marry
28. Gorilla
29. Promissory note
30. Cup rim
34. Muscle disorder
35. Footed vase
36. Barnacle anchor
37. Simian, e.g.
38. “Shock and ____”
39. Treat seawater
42. Minor quarrel
43. Uno minus uno
45. Salver
46. Grocery bag
47. Donkey
49. “Born in the ____”
51. Spelling contest

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The conference will provide training experience to gain skills and confidence in building effectiveness where and whenever the lobby is building relationships. Registration fee is \$25. Register by email at goodhelp@cybermesa.com or phone Shelly (479) 445-6567, Jerry (479) 244-0377 or the OMNI Center (479) 935-4422. For more on the Climate Lobby, see www.citizensclimatelobby.org.

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To complainants against SWEPCO

Editor, I am not in favor of having huge towers running over the valleys and mountains of the Ozarks. However, look back in the previous century and imagine what the citizenry of our communities went through. No bridge should be allowed over the Kings River between Berryville and Eureka Springs. They fought having paved highways that now make it easier to arrive at Eureka Springs, Holiday Island, Berryville. How those citizens fought about the Corps of Engineers damming up White River, but now we realize many of the benefits of having electric power, even though limited, and lakes for boating and fishing. Remember the fight against using hundreds of acres for the Northwest Regional Airport, so far from towns

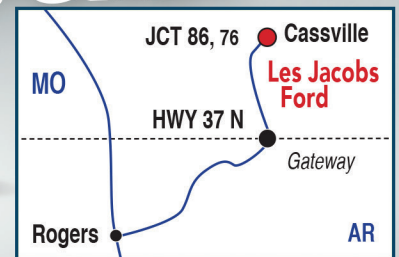
people would never use it? And now, how convenient it is to not having to drive to Little Rock, Tulsa or Springfield. Recall quite recently how people fought against cell towers (some still do) and many of us don't even have a land line anymore. Just think what a blight many people of Carroll County thought the development of Holiday Island would be if it happened. And even more recently what quite a number of residents of Holiday Island felt if a "ridiculous business were developed across from our beautiful Holiday Island." (Thanks, Tom Dees.) So maybe we can stop SWEPCO? If you can rejuvenate yourself in 30 years, (I can't, I'm now almost 91) and your descendants can say, "what was the matter with those idiots 30 years ago, I am limited as to the amount of power coming to my home and in this January's weather we're freezing." NUFF SAID! Bob Huston Holiday Island

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under the influence of medication from getting into her vehicle to drive. A constable responded and called in EMS. The person admitted taking a lot of medication that morning. She went with EMS to ESH. 2:48 p.m. - An innkeeper reported two young girls looking for a place to stay at the same time Rogers PD sent out an alert for two runaway females. Constable verified they were the two missing persons and brought them to the station and notified Rogers PD and their parents. Their parents

retrieved them. 6:27 p.m. - Guest at a motel took some items from the room with her when she left. Motel staff made contact with the alleged pilferer who said she would return the items. Manager said no report would be filed if the items were returned. FEBRUARY 24 2:23 a.m. - Resident near downtown complained of a large dog running up and down the street and barking all the time. Constable went there but did not see it. He left a note for Animal Control to follow up.

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