



STO rehearing granted, need for project in question

BECKY GILLETTE

For more than a year Save The Ozarks (STO) has been challenging the need for a 345 kiloVolt transmission line that would require clearing a 150-ft. right-of-way through up to 56 miles of the Ozarks to install a transmission line proposed by American Electric Power (AEP)/Southwestern Electric Power Company (SWEPCO).

SWEPCO has to prove there is a need for the project in order to get a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need (CECPN) from the Arkansas Public Service Commission. Monday afternoon the three-member APSC granted a rehearing requested by STO to reconsider need for the project.

The APSC found that while some transmission development in the area appears warranted, the record is presently insufficient to determine need for the project, and whether the project represents an acceptable adverse environmental impact considering the various alternatives.

"Accordingly, the Commission grants rehearing for consideration of additional evidence on the need for, and the potential environmental impact of, the proposed 345 kV project," the APSC said. "The parties should provide additional testimony and more recent, comprehensive evidence on whether the proposed 345 kV project is needed, whether transmission requirements in the region might be met by alternative options, such as expanding, upgrading, or building lower capacity facilities, including

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Save the Ozarks members Michael Shah, left, and Buz Peine share a laugh at the STO tent at Lake Leatherwood during XTERRA on June 8. STO has won a rehearing before the Arkansas Public Service Commission, and will be raising more awareness, more money and more Cain in an effort to protect the beauty of the Ozarks. More XTERRA photos inside.

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This Week's INDEPENDENT Thinker

Camden, New Jersey, has been referred to as the poorest, most dangerous, most desperate city in America. Obesity is epidemic and only one supermarket remains in town, but it is hard to access for those without a car.

Mike Devlin was enrolled as a law student at Rutgers in the 1970s when a paperwork glitch readjusted his life. He wound up in Camden where he started urban gardening that has expanded into children's gardens, gardening training, a food security council, mobile market and programs to teach kids about healthy food.

Now Camden is becoming an oasis of abundance by providing living food and sustainable work to residents.

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Butterflies aren't what they used to be.

Council reverses Planning recommendation despite public opposition

NICKY BOYETTE

Eureka Springs City Council voted Monday night to approve the permit for construction of a five-stall permanent motorcycle garage at the eastern edge of the Basin Park Hotel parking lot on North Main. The application was voted down by the Planning Commission at its May 27 meeting.

Jack Moyer, general manager of the Basin Park Hotel, told council the covered and gated structure would be for overnight parking of motorcycles belonging to guests of BPH, and pointed out motorcycles already park there. The covered garage would accommodate two motorcycles per stall, and Moyer noted the Inn of the Ozarks had been allowed to build a similar structure on its property.

"We get that noise is a challenge," Moyer said, but said the garage would help channel the noise away toward Hwy. 23. He also said riders could be coached to accommodate noise concerns. The garage would also take the motorcycles off the streets during the night.

Alderman David Mitchell pointed out regardless of the points Moyer presented, the Planning Commission

had unanimously voted down the concept. Moyer replied he could not get a fair hearing at Planning.

Alderman Dee Purkeypile observed motorcycles are already being parked there, and as he saw it, the garage would deflect the noise away from the closest houses. Moyer's plans complied with requirements of City Code, Purkeypile noted, so he had no problem with the garage.

"Objections I have heard have all been about the noise," alderman Joyce Zeller said, "but that is not Jack's problem. The noise is our concern. We can't deny him his parking because motorcycles make noise."

Alderman James DeVito asked if there were ways to mitigate the noise going toward the houses above, and Moyer and contractor Travis Holloway assured council they could put windows in the backs of the stalls to further dampen the noise.

"Twelve parking spots for motorcycles is not that big a deal unless you're living right above it," Susan Porter said during Public Comments. She said the location was all wrong. Donna Hersey, who lives on Jackson Street above the proposed location, called the

"plague of noise" she has experienced from that parking lot "an incredible assault on our neighborhood."

David Chadder lives in the house directly above the proposed location, and said he had endured bikes coming in at late hours and revving up in the morning. He urged council "not to put this underneath my house."

Pat Matsukis said the garage would only add to the chaos on Main and Spring Sts. She also read from letters from other citizens who opposed the plan. Mitchell mentioned again he was having trouble overriding the vote of the five commissioners on Planning who voted against the plan.

Moyer said he could install signage regarding noise and respecting neighbors, but could not eliminate all the noise.

Purkeypile said, "We have the authority to approve or deny the appeal. The problem has been the noise, and we are attenuating the noise." He moved to approve the permit.

Vote on his motion was 5-0-1, Mitchell voting Present.



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Sheriff, mayors choose 'the way we were'

NICKY BOYETTE

Carroll County Quorum Court held a committee meeting Wednesday evening, and an agreement of sorts was reached by Sheriff Bob Grudek, Berryville Mayor Tim McKinney and Green Forest Mayor Charlie Reece "to go back to the way we were," as McKinney described it. Not all disagreements were resolved, however, and the Quorum Court must rework its budget to find more money for the sheriff.

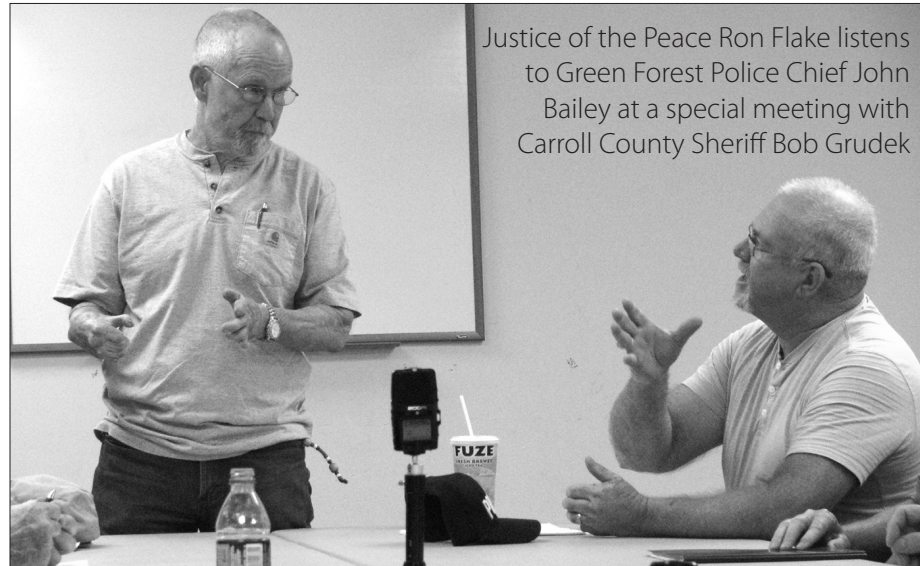
Discussion came about because Quorum Court meetings had become the venue for McKinney's responses to the way Grudek had tried to balance his budget. Grudek claimed his department had been performing duties outside of its legal obligation, such as afterhours dispatch calls for Berryville and Green Forest and data entry into the Arkansas Crime Information Center (ACIC) system.

Grudek said his budget had been cut repeatedly and he needed to make up the difference. He wanted either for Berryville and Green Forest to fund a dispatcher position or he would not be able to afford performing extra duties for free any longer. He relied on an opinion by Mike Rainwater, attorney for the Quorum Court, and the most recent opinion of the Attorney General as provided by the Arkansas Sheriff's Association.

McKinney said opinions are only opinions, and insisted a contract in place for at least 10 years, which has guided the way the sheriff's department has handled these duties, should override opinions.

Reece told the committee right away it sounded to him like this was a county budget problem, and the sheriff's budget is the responsibility of the court. He said they needed to find some money rather than have the shortfall passed on to the cities.

Grudek also brought up the disagreement with McKinney about when a city prisoner becomes a county



Justice of the Peace Ron Flake listens to Green Forest Police Chief John Bailey at a special meeting with Carroll County Sheriff Bob Grudek

responsibility, or in other words, when financial obligations shift from city to county. For Grudek, a corollary would be when would a prisoner's medical bills shift from the cities to the sheriff's department.

McKinney said he had no problem paying the medical bills, but disagreed with Grudek as to when the financial burden is transferred.

Green Forest Police Chief John Bailey pointed out another important issue is that dispatch is not the same for everyone. Berryville now has Eureka Springs handle its dispatch, and the sheriff's department handles Green Forest and the county. Bailey said a central location was what voters approved in 2000 and all officers should be able to get the same information.

Justice of the Peace Larry Swofford stated it would be a benefit to the county to have a central dispatch system, and neither McKinney nor Grudek disagreed.

JP Ron Flake, who chaired the meeting, stated, "Seems to me we should get Berryville back on central dispatch. How do we do that?"

"Go back to how it was," McKinney replied.

"We cannot afford that," Grudek answered.

Reece wondered if overstaffing was an issue.

Grudek responded there has not been an increase in staffing, yet all his expenses

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Where did all the noise go?

NICKY BOYETTE

Ordinance 2209, referred to as the Noise Ordinance, was on the June 9 city council agenda for its third reading. Alderman James DeVito wanted to tighten up one section to read "officially-recognized city music festivals" instead of "festivals and other events" because

revised language would close the door on events calling themselves festivals, thereby being able to play loud music until 2 a.m. This change, in his opinion, was more in line with the intent of the ordinance. Council first approved the amendment and then the third reading of the ordinance.

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Trails talk touted and taken to task

NICKY BOYETTE

Several citizens spoke this way and that at city council June 9 regarding the proposed urban trails system Parks is trying to develop. Susan Morrison urged council to wait before approving the proposed plan. She said businesses in town "are tanking," and advocated a return to the place where people come to get healthy. She said she has seen nearby towns use a trails system as part of their overall appeal. "It is something amazingly important for our town. Let's make this happen," she said, but encouraged a cautious, studious approach.

Randy Woodward claimed visitors come to town because of trails we already have. He said visitors are what feed us, and it will take leadership of council to make sure the trails plan is supported.

Dick Titus said when the city has enough money to build trails, he would be out there with his shovel to help. However, he said other priorities such as the dam at Black Bass Lake, getting water and sewer to the proposed hospital site, and other issues were more important uses of city resources.

Adam Biossat said he uses trails two or three times each week. Trail users are not troublemakers, he claimed, and ESPD would be out there patrolling the pathways anyway. A trails system would bring another group of visitors to town who do not make much noise. He also stressed council should not vacate more streets or alleys so Parks can have a chance to connect all its trail segments.

Al Larson said he was a bicyclist who would use the trails, and thinks good people would come to town and use them. Will Wall insisted sustainable trails are not difficult to maintain, and trail visitors who eat and drink in town would help pay for the cost of building them because "mountain bikers have wallets, too."

Josh Vail said trails are a positive outlet for stress reduction, and anyone could traverse a city trail and see the beauty of the Ozarks but still be near town. He said Park City, Utah, was named the best city in America, and it has miles of trails. Vail asked, "Do we want to be the next best town in America?"

Charles Stanley said he was in favor of bike pathways, but the plan drawn up by Parks would impact access to his home,

which he was not in favor of.

Melissa Greene said she uses trails regularly to walk her dog, but is against having the trails close enough to a home a hiker can reach out and touch it. She provided examples from her experience of trails being invasive, and added some trails in town are not maintained and some are too difficult. She advocated better planning.

Pat Matsukis commented Parks cannot maintain the trails they already have.

All the rest

- Council approved the application for a moped franchise by Phillip Thomas of Blackjack Adventures.

- The third reading of Ordinance 2210, which vacated a portion of Sweeney Alley, passed unanimously.

- Council approved the second and third readings of Ordinance 2212, which authorizes Public Works to begin replacing faulty and improperly installed water meters.

- Council sent back to Planning a proposed ordinance concerning business licenses for multi-family dwellings.

- Anna Ahlman's application to retain her seat on the Hospital Commission was unanimously approved.

- Mayor Morris Pate told council Chair James Morris of the Planning Commission had requested alderman Mickey Schneider be seated temporarily as a Planning commissioner until Planning can recruit more members. Council voted unanimously to approve Morris' request.

Next meeting will be Monday, June 23, at 6 p.m.

Naturals pay tribute June 16

Monday, June 16, the NWA Naturals will pay tribute to the American Legion at the ARVEST Ballpark in Springdale during their game with the Arkansas Travelers.

Holiday Island American Legion Post 36 and its Auxiliary Unit 36 has participated in this event for the past two years and looks forward to being part of it again. Game time is 7:05 p.m. This is \$1 hot dog night so come hungry and prepared to have a fun filled evening.

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- **Al-Anon** Wednesday, 5:30 p.m. All other meetings: See www.nwarkaa.org

Rock Street compromise reached

NICKY BOYETTE

Rock Street got its first mention during Monday night's city council Public Comments by commissioner Daniel Jackson of the Parks Commission. Jackson said Parks had put together a good plan for its trail system that has been supported by many around town. He mentioned the part of Rock Street that runs through the property of Rachel and Ryan Brix was a vital part of their plan, and was disappointed council did not refer even once to trails during its May 26 discussion of the proposed vacation of Rock Street. He said this oversight brings up the question of motives and alliances at the council table.

Al Larson, Adam Biossat and Beau

Satori also spoke against approving the Brixes' request, and Gloria Satterfield and Melissa Greene spoke in favor of the vacation.

When council got its turn, alderman David Mitchell asked Rachel Brix for an update, and she announced she and Ryan had come to an agreement with Wade Williams, attorney for the owners of Marble Flats, the adjacent property whose owners have objected to the request for a vacation of the portion of Rock Street that intersects the Brixes' property. Brix said after she and her husband had offered an easement for utilities for Marble Flats, the owners asked for five things in return which she and Ryan agreed to.

Marble Flats owners wanted the easement for underground utilities to be granted directly to them, not to the city. They also asked for the easement to be wider than 10 ft., so Brix said they agreed on 15 ft. Brix agreed to drop specific requirements for how the underground utilities would be encased, and the Brixes agreed not to build anything in the vicinity of the easement. They also agreed to pay up to \$250 toward the cost of a survey.

Brix told council the Marble Flats owners also wanted an easement from the city for the southern end of Marble Flats, which would have nothing to do with her family, although city attorney Tim Weaver thought this sounded like the agreement between Marble Flats and Brixes depended on the city granting an easement. He said council might ought to wait for attorneys to agree on an enforceable agreement.

Alderman Terry McClung said he was glad to see progress, but the complication involving the city bothered him. Alderman James DeVito said this was not the time to

delay. It was only the second reading, and attorneys had time to meet before the next council meeting.

Mitchell moved to amend the proposed ordinance to include the compromises Brix had mentioned and place it on its second reading.

Alderman Mickey Schneider said it was silly to move forward. She spoke against cutting off potential access to nearby landowners. "We cannot give away access. It is illegal to cut off access," she stated. She mentioned all the citizens who had spoken up against the vacation so Parks could put a trail through the property instead.

Alderman Dee Purkepile commented, "We have asked for and gotten a compromise, which is good positive movement. There were no other objectors except Parks. We have the authority to grant this vacation. Do we have the volition? We'll see when we vote."

The vote to approve the second reading was 4-2, McClung and Schneider voting No.



Forward, ho! *Anahí* found her way to victory over the weekend, coming away with the Dave Durst Memorial Regatta trophy after running six races in fickle weather. On Sunny Saturday, the crew pictured above, comprised of Dan Bennett at the helm, John Foley and Bob King grinding winches, and Deven Phillips on the foredeck, won two of three races to set the stage for Soggy Sunday, when only Bennett and Mark Francis donned foul weather gear to ward off steady rain and a strong challenge from Josh Hopkins and crew aboard *Danger Zone*.

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Environmentalists praise, electric co-ops oppose coal emission reductions

BECKY GILLETTE

Area residents, particularly those who are unhappy with what they see as a lack of democratic governance at Carroll Electric Cooperative Corp. (CECC), have been unhappy with the blitz of advertising as part of a campaign done by the Arkansas Electric Cooperative Corp. (AECC) to tell EPA, “We NEED to keep coal as a fuel for electricity.”

“The EPA is promoting rules that would limit carbon dioxide emission from new and existing power plants that use fossil fuels – coal and gas – to generate electricity,” said advertisements in *Arkansas Living* magazine distributed by AECC. “Coal is our lowest-cost fuel source. Without this fuel to produce electricity, electric bills will rise and reliability could go down.”

Emissions from coal-fired power plants are the largest source of greenhouse gas emissions scientists say are causing climate havoc across the world, ranging from melting polar regions to droughts, wildfires, flooding and stronger hurricanes. Some CECC members who feel strongly

about climate change don’t like their money being used to advertise for something they feel is immoral.

“Cheap is not always better,” said Faith Pettit-Shah. “Period. What I heard on the radio yesterday is that there is misinformation coming from electric cooperatives that our rates are going to go up because of the EPA rules. That is not proven. These cooperatives should have acted years ago to adopt cleaner ways to generate power. I am upset that utilities are not looking to the future when they are paid so handsomely for providing electricity.”

Shah, who recently completed a grid tied, do-it-yourself solar installation at their home, makes the same arguments as the EPA recently when it proposed rules to reduce coal-fired emissions by 33 percent. Shah said it is not just about the urgent need to preserve the climate, but also reducing pollution from dirty coal plants that cause death and disease.

She pointed to a page on the website www.sourcewatch.org on the Flint Creek Power Plant in Gentry, Ark., that estimated

emissions from that plant cause 20 deaths, 30 heart attacks, and 340 asthma attacks yearly at a cost of about \$180 million.

Doug Stowe of Save the Ozarks has called CECC to complain about its radical anti-environmentalist stance, and the use of membership funds to lobby for a radical anti-environmental position in Congress.

“We need to paint these corporations and agencies as having a radical agenda, and as having gone rogue against the best interests of the people and the environment,” Stowe said.

Local climate activist Jerry Landrum said up to now, big carbon polluters have had a free ride, dumping enough greenhouse gases into the atmosphere to alter the heat balance of the entire planet, and setting us on a threatening course. “It’s time to close this carbon pollution loophole, and EPA regulation is one step toward doing that,” Landrum said.

Cons counted as pros

Another CECC member not pleased with the coal campaign is Ilene Powell. She went to the website www.action.coop recommended in the cooperative’s advertisement for people to send messages to the EPA, and commented that she supports reducing coal emissions. But she recently received an email from the Electric Cooperatives thanking her for her support of coal.

“As I did not send them anything in support, I’m guessing anyone who wrote for or against was counted as standing up for them,” Powell said. “They have another full page ad in *Arkansas Living* this month directing people to tell the EPA we need to keep coal. It was the back cover in January, inside cover in February, and full page with an inserted reply card in March. But we can’t explore solar due to costs. Just who pays for these ads and magazine? This is not a cooperative, it’s a fiefdom!”

CECC spokeswoman Nancy Plagge said the website www.action.coop was designed with the intention of garnering support to oppose EPA regulations that would restrict and possibly prohibit the future use of coal as a viable power generation fuel.

“It was not meant as a platform to voice support for EPA regulations that restrict coal,” Plagge said, adding that the polls of CECC members show their number one priority is affordability and reliability of power. “With rates still 26

percent below the national average and reliability stats so high, Carroll Electric is meeting the objectives our members prefer. Polls and surveys are always interesting and, of course, can be interpreted from many angles.”

EPA unfair to Arkansas?

BECKY GILLETTE

Carroll Electric Cooperative Corp. spokeswoman Nancy Plagge did not respond to some questions: CECC says it needs to continue to purchase power from coal plants in order to keep rates affordable. But some members are questioning how that fits with paying CECC President/CEO Rob Boaz more than \$400,000 per year. How is that salary justified?

Duane Highley, president and CEO of Arkansas Electric Cooperative Corp., said recent rules announced by the EPA to reduce coal emissions are unfair to Arkansas. Because the state relies heavily on coal for power production, the EPA wants to require Arkansas to reduce coal emissions by 44 percent. But Highley said Missouri only has to reduce coal emissions 21 percent.

“Missouri burns as much coal as Arkansas,” Highley said. “In fact, every state that borders Arkansas has a lower requirement than Arkansas for reducing coal emissions. The EPA has done a calculation and determined we have built natural gas based plants in Arkansas, and in their calculations assume that if we have those plants available, we have to run them. Missouri hasn’t taken that kind of action, so the EPA is not going to ask to shift to generation of gas to the extent of Arkansas. Arkansas is going to bear a much greater cost than neighboring states and will be over-complying.”

The average reductions being proposed nationwide are 33 percent. Highley said requiring a higher percentage from Arkansas is wrong.

“It just seems to me fundamentally unfair the government would ask Arkansas to make reductions on behalf of the rest of the country without compensating Arkansas for that,” Highley said. “We are working with congressmen and senators

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Summers retires from Carroll-Boone Water District

NICKY BOYETTE

The Carroll-Boone Water District convened a special meeting June 3 for the purpose of naming an interim replacement for John Summers, general manager and chief operator, who is retiring after 31 years with the district.

The board first had to formally accept Summers's resignation, and commissioner Gene Bland said, "The best thing I can say is we never worried about things here." He moved to accept the resignation effective June 6.

Summers said he had worked with "the best bunch of people" and thought he had had "the best job in

the county."

After an executive session, the board voted to ask Barry Connell to fill in as interim General Manager/Chief Operator. They agreed to engage McGoodwin Williams and Yates, consulting and engineering firm, to assist by updating the job description, receiving the applications and working with a committee of commissioners and staff in the selection process.

Chair James Yates said, "The district has very good operators," and encouraged staff to apply for the position. He expects they will hire someone within six months.



Volunteers rescue accident victim

Inspiration Point Fire Dept. volunteers added another extraordinary rescue to their log recently when a woman drove her car off the edge of US 62 west of town and tumbled down a steep hill. The woman, Ann Coleman of Berryville, was unable to tell dispatch where she was, only that her car was totaled and she was stuck in mud, unable to climb the hill.

Coleman told dispatch she remembered seeing an antique store and a log house. While talking more, dispatch determined she was in Carroll County, as she didn't remember going through the cut out, locally referred to as Dynamite Pass, on the Carroll-Benton County line.

911 dispatch notified IPFD, emergency

medical responders, Eureka Springs ambulance, Carroll County deputies and the Arkansas State Patrol. One dispatcher kept talking with Coleman while another relayed information to responders. Coleman was able to pinpoint her location by hearing sirens getting closer.

IPFD located Coleman about 100 ft. down an embankment, and immediately set up a command post to begin a low angle rescue. When a medical crew reached her she was put in a Stokes basket with straps and a neck brace. The crew then attached rescue ropes and conveyed her up the mountain.

Coleman was transported to Mercy Hospital in Berryville, and an IPFD was also transported with symptoms of heat exhaustion, according to IPFD Chief Ed Thompson.

Friends of the Barn take to the air June 22

Friends of the Holiday Island Historic Barn invite anyone and everyone to a Potluck Dinner at The Barn on Sunday, June 22. Social hour at 1 p.m., dinner at 2, followed by a feature presentation of the Holiday Island Theatre Guild of the Air.

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Affordable health insurance a huge relief

BECKY GILLETTE

It is likely there has never been a time in the history of Eureka Springs when access to health care has changed so dramatically. Hundreds of area residents who didn't have health insurance coverage in the past are now covered under the Affordable Care Act (ACA) allowing them to get free screenings for preventive care, as well as treatment for serious health problems.

Char Cato, an In Person Assister (IPA) guide, worked with several hundred people in the area to help them sign up for affordable health insurance available as a result of the ACA.

"Many of the people I have worked with never had insurance before," Cato said. "Most people who have received coverage have expressed a lot of gratitude and relief. They can finally go get that mole checked out, get a checkup on their lungs, or take care of whatever their needs might be. For many people with ongoing health issues like diabetes or high blood pressure, before generally they just weren't able to afford the medication or to visit a doctor on a regular basis to be checked. A lot of people were in that situation."

Cato has had people she helped obtain coverage call her to say, "We were in middle of a serious health care situation, and it is covered now."

"To get a call like that is immensely gratifying," Cato said.

Despite the advantages, there has been a strong public backlash against the ACA, also known as Obamacare, by Republicans. That includes the area's representative in the Arkansas House of

Representatives, Rep. Bob Ballinger of Hunstville, who voted against the private option Medicaid expansion in Arkansas. The legislature came close to defunding the Medicaid private option expansion earlier this year.

The anti Obamacare fervor has led to confusion for many people about exactly what it is.

"It is health insurance," Cato said. "It isn't anything really foreign, but a lot of people are confused about what Obamacare is because they have heard so many confusing media sound bites. I had several people look at me and say, 'You mean, that is all there is to it? I don't have to get a computer chip in my arm?'" Some people had heard reports from the alternative media that people who get Obamacare are required to have a computer chip inserted in their arm for information gathering purposes. "There is a lot of misinformation," Cato said.

Those kinds of rumors combined with the bungled rollout of ACA means many who could qualify for free or low quality health insurance haven't yet signed up.

"We have only reached about 20 to 30 percent of the population that would qualify for coverage through the Healthcare Marketplace, and many of those still uninsured would likely qualify for the Medicaid expansion, also called the private option," Cato said.

Some area residents who did get coverage and have found it so helpful they are now bringing in their children and grandchildren to apply for coverage. While enrollment in the federal site is closed until Nov. 15 (except for special

enrollment periods), people can still apply for the state Medicaid private option expansion. Cato said because of the seasonal work and low average incomes in Carroll County, many people here qualify for the Medicaid expansion.

Some people who applied for coverage and were assigned to the traditional Medicaid program report finding it difficult to find a primary care doctor. Some physicians limit the number of Medicaid patients. But Cato said there are many doctors in the Carroll County area who are taking new patients, and people who go to Fayetteville or Harrison regularly might find a doctor over there.

"Those who purchased private insurance through the marketplace or were able to qualify for private insurance through the private option may also have to find primary care in neighboring towns," Cato said. "I haven't found anyone who with some effort didn't find some help. But I've found many people don't really know how to use the health coverage. They don't know that for preventive care, there is no charge to the patient. Screenings like mammograms and immunizations are available at no cost."

Cato can be reached at (479) 325-0943 through June, and especially wants to help those who still are stuck and haven't received coverage.

People can also receive health insurance enrollment with the help of an insurance agent/broker. You can apply online at www.HealthCare.gov, or call the federal site at (800) 318-2596. To apply directly for the state private option

Medicaid expansion, call (855) 372-1084 or apply at www.access.arkansas.gov, and follow the yellow boxes.

More options now for primary care treatment

BECKY GILLETTE

Residents of the Eureka Springs area now have an option for getting non-emergency medical care on the weekends with the opening of the Mercy Convenient Care Clinic located at 121 E. Van Buren St. in The Quarter. Dr. Daniel J. Sherwood will staff the clinic most Fridays and Saturdays, and care during other hours will be provided primarily by Nurse Practitioner Cathy Barker-Brown.

Barker-Brown said she is excited about her permanent role at the facility. "I know it's going to be very busy because so many people have told me how excited they are to see Mercy in town and they can't wait to check it out," she said.

Patients can make an appointment or come in as a walk-in patient. The clinic will treat chronic conditions like diabetes and arthritis, in addition to primary care concerns like fever, respiratory issues and ear pain. Patients can also receive minor surgical procedures, quick lab testing, EKGs, sports physicals, flu shots, well child checks, pneumonia or tetanus shots, injections and breathing treatments.

The Mercy Clinic will hold a ribbon cutting ceremony at 2 p.m. Friday, June

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ECHO clinic still needed

BECKY GILLETTE

The Eureka Christian Health Outreach (ECHO) clinic in Eureka Springs has provided free health care to area residents with programs so innovative, ECHO has captured national attention including being featured on *ABC News*, *Oprah* and a documentary produced by Brigham Young University.

Some people might ask if there is a still a place for the ECHO clinic now that health coverage under the Affordable Care Act (ACA) is available to many of the low-income area residents who previously relied on ECHO. The answer to that is "yes," according to Susie Bell, grant director for ECHO.

"We are definitely here to stay," Bell said. "We may redefine services, but we absolutely still see a need. There will always be a need because what happens is that people swing in and out of coverage. They do that because maybe they got health insurance through their employer and then are in transition when they change jobs. The need for ECHO is always going to be there."

ECHO also sees patients who have difficulty navigating the channels necessary to have health coverage. Some have serious mental health problems such as deep depression, schizophrenia and bipolar disorder.

"We really see some serious stuff," Bell said. "People with serious mental health problems really need their medicine."

Free clinics elsewhere in the state have closed down. Bell said three closed down primarily because medical providers decided it didn't make sense to work for free when they could now get paid for

providing health care.

There is a shortage of primary care practitioners in rural areas of the state, like Carroll County. "We are in a small area, and just because people have insurance doesn't mean they can get a health care provider," Bell said. "Some are having to go all the way to Huntsville. Again, these are poor people. So the cost of gas and access to transportation can be an issue in this area."

Bell, whose husband, Dr. Dan Bell, works at the Eureka Springs Family Medical Clinic in addition to volunteering at ECHO, said a new doctor would be joining the Family Medical Clinic this fall. "A lot of our local doctors are nearing retirement age," she said. "My husband is one of them. They are very actively trying to recruit with that idea in mind. It is a good thing Dr. John House is coming."

ECHO requires that patients apply for coverage under the ACA or the state arm of that program, the Health Care Independence Program, the official name of the private option Medicaid expansion.

"We told patients they had to apply for health coverage or we wouldn't be seeing them," Bell said. "We require they do that because it is in their best interest, since people don't get sick only on the second and fourth Thursday of the month when the ECHO clinic is open. They have health care emergencies. A lot of our patients have very complex medical problems that require surgery or are chronic problems, such as diabetes, that are not well managed. Those types of patients need to be seen more frequently and, if a complication does come up, they need to go to the doctor as soon as possible."

Bell commended In Person Assister

Guide Char Cato, who helped many local residents sign up for ACA coverage.

"She has been wonderful answering questions and helping people get through the paperwork mires," Bell said. "Overall, ACA is not perfect, but it is a good thing. Last year when we saw patients in need of surgery, we asked them to please hang on until January 1, and sign up for ACA. So they did. That has been a blessing for people who thought they could never afford surgery, and had to live with that pain. We have had people who have definitely, definitely been helped by ACA."

While more area residents have health coverage and no longer need the help of ECHO, there has been an increase in people coming to ECHO from Missouri, which did not approve a Medicaid expansion. Bell said often the coverage available to people in Missouri is more than they can afford.

"So they are opting to come see us," Bell said. "These are mostly people just right over the border. We are also seeing

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STO deserves support

Editor,

Congratulations for a great news breaking story with a clear message of hope for our community.

This is a new day in the Ozarks. APSC commissioners gave us an opportunity to find new, better solutions for the long term benefit of the people of Arkansas.

There is a lot of work ahead. Pat Costner, Doug Stowe, Becky Gillette and everyone with Save the Ozarks deserves our appreciation and full support.

Dr. Luis Contreras

Keep fluoride out of water

Editor,

I cannot believe that we are allowing fluoride in our drinking water, in our lovely, clean, pure, spring water that we all value so highly in our town of Eureka

Springs. We have voted against fluoride three times. Most of the people in town do not want fluoride in the water. So who is making the decision to put the fluoride in the water, and why are we allowing it as residents of this town? Why?

I do not understand why we feel that we cannot do anything, and why we are not standing up and letting the State know that we do not want fluoride in our drinking water? What can we do? Are we able to make our own decision as to what we ingest in our body?

This is a very important issue. Please consider what to do and take action... please.

Jasmine Stanley

Thinking outside the big box

Editor,

I've recently realized I can find everything I need right here in Eureka Springs. Occasionally, I'll go to Holiday Island just for a change in shopping

venues, but I love the happiness it brings me to buy everything right where I live.

The rare times I can't find something here, our local businesses help me get it. There have been occasions when our Office Supply will not have a needed item, and Christie orders it for me.

While doing some renovations on a bathroom last fall, our wonderful Eureka Plumbing and Electric Supply had everything I needed, including advice! Between the Eureka Market, Harts Grocery, and our fabulous farmers' market, I find far more wonderful food than I could ever need.

Speciality stores have opened up new avenues for me, such as Fresh Harvest and their incredible balsamic vinegars and olive oils. Not long ago, my son needed a radiator cap for his 1991 Chevy Lumina and our Napa store had one in stock! I have no reason to ever go to a Big Box. I love our town and everything in it!

Marsha Havens



WEEK'S TopTweets

@SharpeBytes --- It's so cute how you think wearing that cross around your neck exempts you from being a reasonable human being.

@BadassBarbie11 --- The fact that this peanut butter jar states that it "Contains Peanuts" makes me extremely nervous for the human race.

@mstlurvstrinkets --- I remember, before kids, saying funny things like, "my kids won't be watching TV and they most certainly won't be eating chicken nuggets!"

@pleatedjeans --- The cheetah is the fastest land mammal right after a politician backpedaling about an opinion he didn't want the public to know about.

@lenadunham --- Calling someone a drama queen is so negative. Why not "content creator?"



@AmandaDuberman --- Any woman with three or more exes in her city could have told Obama how to avoid Putin in Normandy.

@BarackObama --- "I'm only here because this country gave me a chance through education." — President Obama

@getinsidesyria --- Journalist Nick Paton Walsh returns to Aleppo, Syria, to see the destruction civil war has.

@Zen_Moments --- Here is a test to find whether your mission on Earth is finished: If you're alive it isn't. ~ Richard Bach

@KPUNews --- World's oldest living man died yesterday, 'ever curious' parapsychologist Alexander Imich, aged 111.

GUESTatorial

SWEPCO can't see the trees for the power line

There was a very dangerous situation on German Alley recently. Contractors working to replace a telephone pole were removing tree limbs to install a new pole when the limbs got caught up in the power line. The shaken contractors came to the home of a nearby resident and said, "What is the name of your power company? We nearly got electrocuted just now."

The resident had asked American Electric Power (AEP)/Southwestern Electric Power Co. (SWEPSCO) three times over recent years to trim a tree on the street that has been leaning over since the ice storm of 2009. Nothing has been done, and now the limbs are within inches of the power line, sometimes hitting it when it is windy. The resident pointed that out to SWEPSCO when a worker came to shut off the power.

The SWEPSCO employee told her, "There are trees like this all over Eureka Springs, and we have been asking the company to come trim trees. But SWEPSCO doesn't have any money. The best I am hoping for is that we might send a crew over in the fall."

After reporting a tree limb on a power line on the SWEPSCO website, the resident received a call from an employee in SWEPSCO's forestry department. He said that there is only one bucket truck for a large area of Northwest Arkansas, and it was unlikely the tree in question would be trimmed within the next year. "SWEPSCO just doesn't have the money to trim the trees," he said.

What? This is the same company that wants to spend more the \$116.7 million plowing up some of the most beautiful areas of the Ozarks for a 345-kiloVolt transmission line SWEPSCO claims is necessary to provide reliable electrical service? And they can't spend the relative pittance instead that would be to trim trees in Eureka Springs?

What SWEPSCO is paying its attorneys alone to push through permitting of the power line that is about moving power through – not to – Carroll County would probably pay to trim every tree leaning on a power line in the state.

Since SWEPSCO gets paid a generous rate of return on every dime it spends by passing along costs to customers, the plea of poverty makes no sense. Could it be, instead, that this is SWEPSCO's way of reprising against Eureka Springs for its opposition to the high voltage transmission line that has nothing to do with "reliability" and everything to do with potential SWEPSCO profits selling power in other states?

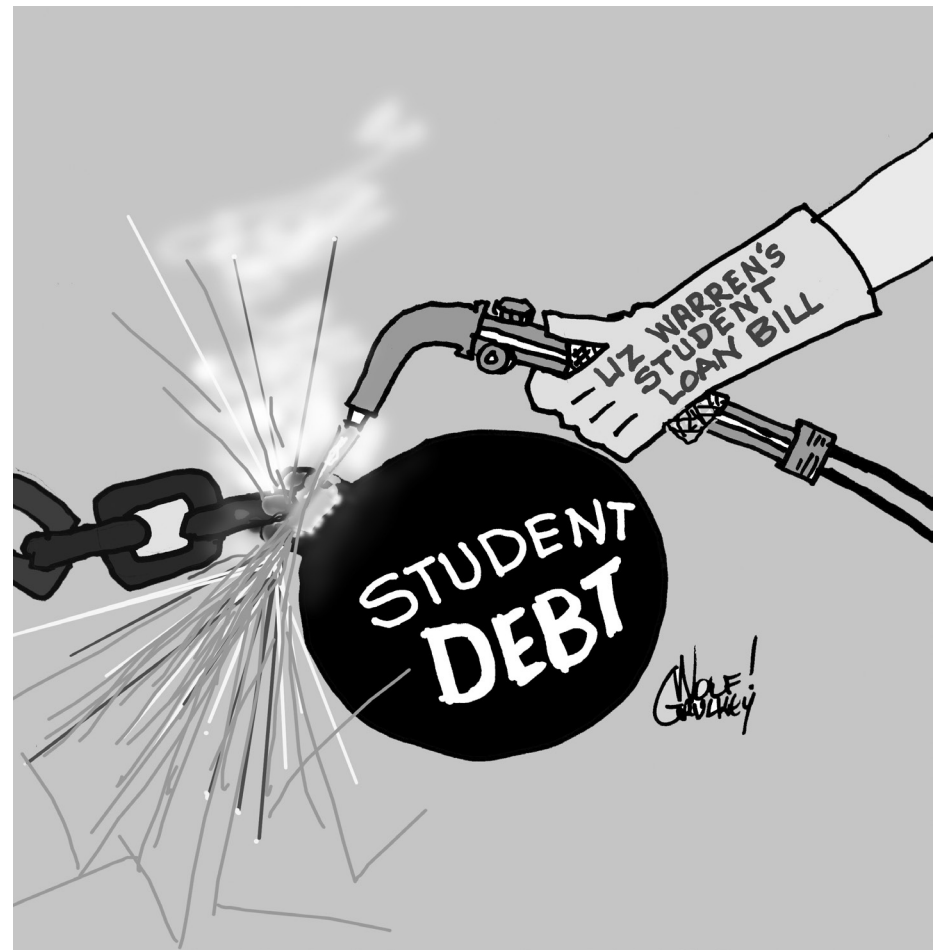
Trees hanging on power lines threaten electric reliability and endanger people's lives. There should be no excuse for this wealthy corporation not doing its job to protect electric reliability and people's lives by keeping power lines clear of vegetation. Let's not hear another word about how the transmission line project is necessary for reliability of service until SWEPSCO takes care of the low hanging fruit – in this case, branches and vines that are too close to power lines.

The unusual wet spell of weather we've had recently has exacerbated the problem. The need for tree trimming along power lines is too urgent to be put off for years.

Citizens who share these concerns are encouraged to contact city council to request addressing the issue by sending a letter to SWEPSCO and the Arkansas Public Service Commission (APSC) requesting immediate attention to these problems ignored far too long.

And, folks, the SWEPSCO forestry guy said they don't like to come to Eureka because people want to "run us out of town because they are mad about us trimming the trees." So when (if) SWEPSCO comes to town to trim trees, don't give the workers a hard time. Understand that trees have to be cut back significantly from power lines to provide safety and reliability.

Becky Gillette



The Pursuit Of HAPPINESS

by Dan Krotz

Let's deconstruct a joke: A guy walks out into the rain and hails a cab. The cab is johnny on the spot. He gets in, and the cabbie says, "Perfect timing! You're just like Frank."

"Who?"

"Frank Feldman. He's a man who did everything right, every day, every minute. Like me coming along at exactly the moment you needed a cab. Things like that happened to Frank all the time."

"No one is perfect," the guy says.

"Frank was," the cabbie says. "He had a memory like a computer, could sing opera like Caruso. He knew the best wines, and the shortest way out of any jam. Frank never got stuck in traffic! And Frank, gosh, he knew how to make everyone feel good, and he always had the right answer to everyone's problems. Frank could fix anything, make everything better."

"Sounds like an amazing fellow. How did you meet him?"

"Well, I never actually met Frank," says the cabbie. "He died. I'm married to his fooking widow."

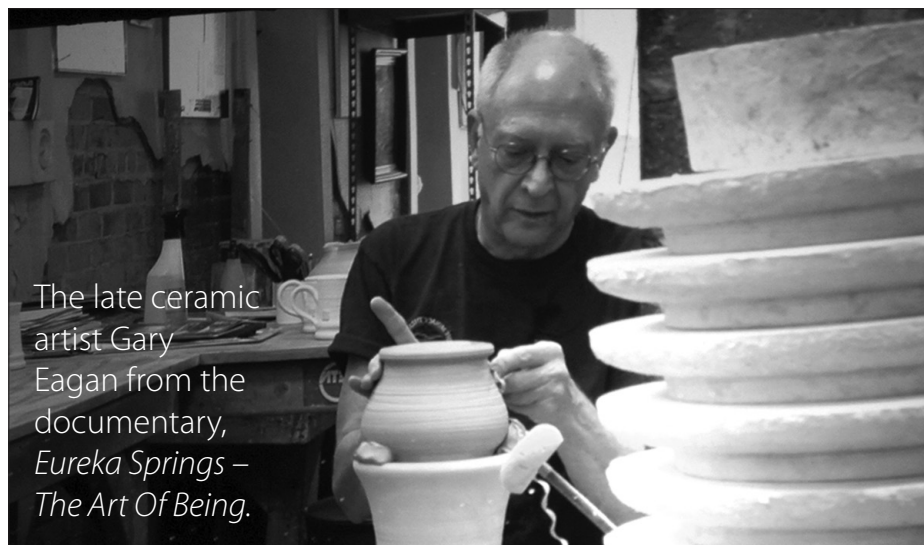
The joke is really on us. If we get into the Conservative Cab, we hear all about that genius, Ronald Reagan. In the Liberal Cab, we hear the Bill Clinton Symphony, all sweetness, light, and good intentions. How is it possible that the two silliest presidents since WWII have become the objects of such euphoric recall?

Perhaps the answer is Jimmy Carter, the man dismissed by everyone as a failed President. How did Carter fail? Jimmy had lust in his heart. Imagine that. He boycotted the 1980 Moscow Olympics because the Soviet Union occupied Afghanistan – where they stayed for 10 years, until they went bankrupt and fell apart. (Can you believe that any country could be so stupid?) And such a geek, he put solar panels on the White House roof, and established a national energy policy that included conservation, and new technologies. "Hey, Fatso, turn down the heat," he said.

What did politicians learn from the Carter presidency? Don't ever tell the American people the truth: they will punish you for it. Consequently, we've been married to Frank's fooking widows ever since.

It felt like a post-coital love fest exiting the AUD after the premier of the film *Eureka Springs – the Art of Being* Saturday night.

The full crowd (400 plus people?) gave the film and director Kai Robert a well deserved standing ovation followed by hugs, kisses and congratulatory pats on the back.



The late ceramic artist Gary Eagan from the documentary, *Eureka Springs – The Art Of Being*.

It's hard to be subjective when the subjects are the artists, the town I call home and the people I love.

The documentary features and follows 13 local artists the director wisely chose to just let speak, in a simple and straightforward approach. And all come across as eloquent, intelligent and, surprisingly, very funny.

Will it play in Peoria?

One of the first voices and faces you see is that of the late Gary Eagan speaking with partner Steve Beacham in their Spring St. Pottery studio. Gary was a dear friend and one of the first people I met in Eureka Springs more than 18 years ago, and seeing him larger-than-life triggered an emotional response.

Artist matriarch Mary Springer expressed well her knowledge of our town's art history. Valerie Damon has an amazing face with or without paint, and was perfect for the big screen. Denise Ryan's recollection of her mother and well-known artist, Elizabeth Ryan, was touching. Calligrapher Charles Pearce added some dry British wit, and it was nice to see the extremely talented James Yale included. But it was Julie Kahn Valentine's honesty and \$&@% YOU attitude that won our hearts and stole the show.

As much as I enjoyed this well-done, professional film, it was the glaring omissions that almost overshadowed. By narrowly focusing on only 13 from our vast well of talent, some obvious artists were

distractingly absent from the movie.

In documenting the history of Eureka Springs' art and artists, there was no mention of the late, great Mary Sims or Glenn Gant, or the very much alive Crescent Dragonwagon. I could not have been the only one wondering when Zeek Taylor and Susan Morrison were coming on – two artists essential in telling this important Eureka story.

Am I too close? Maybe. I think this film could speak to a broader audience and not just be a home movie seen only by those involved. I hope it will be screened at this year's Hot Springs Documentary Film Festival – would love to witness crowd reaction.

The film, while not perfect, does capture the spirit of Eureka Springs and the artists who call it home. Congratulations, Kai.



INDEPENDENT Constables On Patrol

JUNE 2

10:05 a.m. – Constable on patrol responded to an alarm ringing out and found the business was secure.

11:07 a.m. – Staff at a tourist lodging noticed a chair and some pillows were missing from their porch.

11:09 a.m. – A merchant reported several items taken from the front of his business overnight.

12:02 p.m. – Another merchant reported items had been taken overnight.

2:45 p.m. – Individual came to the station to pay a fine and was arrested for failure to appear.

4:01 p.m. – Another individual was arrested at a convenience store on a warrant out of ESPD and a felony warrant from Washington County.

4:17 p.m. – Another arrest of someone on a felony warrant out of Washington County.

6:48 p.m. – Landlord asked for a welfare check on one of her tenants whom she had not heard from. Constables went to the scene and the renter was not there, but had left a note for the landlord.

10:49 p.m. – Constables put on extra patrols in a neighborhood because someone had shot out a window with a BB gun.

JUNE 3

3:43 a.m. – Constable arrested a person on

Main Street on an ESPD warrant.

8 a.m. – A business on US 62 appeared to have been broken into overnight. The window had been broken, and constables and a detective investigated the scene.

1:58 p.m. – Clerk at a motel reported guests were refusing to leave three hours after checkout time. A constable arrived, and the guests checked out without further delay.

3:07 p.m. – A constable responded to an accident on US 62 at the western end of town. Another constable provided traffic control.

4:47 p.m. – ESPD learned of teens apparently under the influence leaving a business on US 62, but constables never encountered them.

6:46 p.m. – There was a motorcycle versus car accident on US 62 with no major injuries.

8:29 p.m. – As a result of a traffic stop, constable arrested the driver for DWI and on several warrants from other agencies.

10:15 p.m. – Another motorist was stopped for no license plate. Constable discovered the driver was driving on a suspended license, so he was taken into custody.

10:48 p.m. – Girlfriend told ESPD she was intoxicated and arguing with her boyfriend and she might cause him harm. Constables responded to the address, but the girlfriend

was gone. She called later to say she had gone home and everything was fine.

11:34 p.m. – This time, an ex-wife told ESPD her ex-husband was following her and had tried to hit her. Constables found the ex-husband and arrested him for disorderly conduct and public intoxication.

JUNE 4

7:52 a.m. – Alarm company reported a panic alarm had been triggered at a liquor store. Constables found an employee on site had tripped it. False alarm.

11:42 a.m. – Concerned citizen reported hearing a high-pitched noise downtown. Constable responded but could not identify the source of the noise.

1:55 p.m. – One neighbor reported another neighbor, while intoxicated the night before, had threatened to shoot him. Constable took the report.

11:27 p.m. – Innkeeper asked for constable assistance with a guest who was loud enough to be disturbing other guests. Constable advised the guest to keep his noise down or else he would have to pack up and leave.

JUNE 5

8:48 a.m. – Individual came to the station to confess he had broken into a church. He was arrested for burglary.

2:58 p.m. – Constable responded to a

broken down vehicle in the middle of downtown. Tow truck hauled the vehicle away.

5:03 p.m. – Restaurant owner claimed someone from the business next door yelled at one of the waitresses, who filled out a witness statement.

JUNE 6

7:27 a.m. – Business owners downtown complained to ESPD about the overflowing trashcans. Public Works said they would take care of it.

JUNE 7

1:41 a.m. – Traffic stop resulted in the arrest of the driver for DWI, driving left of center and implied consent.

7:14 a.m. – Something triggered a motion alarm at a business, but constable found the building secure.

3:04 p.m. – Manager of a downtown business told ESPD a truck had just hit her building. Two constables responded.

4:29 p.m. – Central dispatch passed on a report from a mother that her 17-year old son was possibly intoxicated and driving a pickup truck in the county. Constables watched for his truck in town.

8:54 p.m. – Owner of a tourist lodging reported a guest had tried to break into another room and destroyed the woodwork

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INDEPENDENT Art & Entertainment

It's Blues Weekend!

Rock the blues in style with Grammy winner Chubby Carrier, Walter "Wolfman" Washington, Carolyn Wonderland and dozens of other great blues acts from June 12 – 15 all around town. There will be headliner shows in the city auditorium, late shows in the Basin Park Hotel Barefoot Ballroom, free music in Basin Park and bands playing in clubs almost everywhere.

Thursday

Music begins at 8 p.m. in the Basin Park Hotel's Barefoot Ballroom with multiple Blues Music Award Nominee, Brandon Santini – 2014 BMA nominee for Instrumentalist – Harmonica and Contemporary Blues Album. Doors open at 7 p.m.

Friday

Free music in Basin Spring Park starts Friday at noon with Brandon Santini, followed by Doghouse Daddies at 1:30, Brick Fields at 3 and Danny Cox at 4:30 p.m.

Friday night headline acts begin at 7 p.m. in the auditorium with Walter "Wolfman" Washington and Chubby Carrier and their awesome blues bands. Doors open at 6 p.m.

Washington's searing guitar work and soulful vocals have defined the Crescent City's unique musical hybrid of R&B, funk and the blues since he formed his first band in the 1970s. Carrier is undeniably "The World's Premier Zydeco Showman" – the third generation of zydeco artists with famous relatives presently considered legends in zydeco history.

Over at the Basin Park Hotel Barefoot Ballroom, doors open at 9 p.m. and music starts at 10 with Larry Garner, who's been called the best songwriter in the Blues world by *Blues Music Magazine* and Bill Wax, former long-time host of Sirius/XM Radio's *Bluesville*. His songs are mostly taken from a long life playing the Blues around the world from his home base in Baton Rouge.

Saturday

Saturday, free music in Basin Park continues at noon with drummer Angelo Yao and a Blues for Kids drumming workshop. Children can make and decorate drums and learn why drums are

such an important part of Blues music heritage. At 1:30 Buddy Shute will take the stage with Isayah Warford at 3 and The Ariels at 4:30 p.m.

A second show at the auditorium begins on Saturday at 3 p.m. including intense, flamboyant blues showman and solo winner of the Ozarks Blues Challenge, Lucious Spiller; band winner of the Ozarks Blues Challenge, Brick Fields and The Chosen Ones; Moreland & Arbuckle, a guitar and harmonica duo with a sound that merges Delta Blues, folk, rock, traditional country and soul.

Headlining Saturday afternoon is multi-talented musician Carolyn Wonderland, a musical force equipped with the soulful vocals of Janis and the guitar slinging skills of Stevie Ray. She reaches into the depths of the Texas blues tradition with the wit of a poet and hits the stage with unmatched presence, a true legend in her time.

And the blues go on into the night. Doors open at 9 p.m. for a 10 p.m. show with Fast Johnny Ricker over in the Barefoot Ballroom. Ricker is a blazing blues/rock guitarist and slide master who'll be joined by his son, Davis, on bass and shared vocals and Gary Miller on drums. Johnny's incendiary guitar style and original song writing give a high voltage edge to Texas and Delta blues traditions.

Steven Davis, music editor of *Rolling Stone*, wrote "Catch Fast Johnny before you have to see him in a stadium somewhere. Wear flame retardant in your hair 'cos this band is hot. Take my word for it."

Also appearing around town are Blew Reed, Brody Buster, Danny Cox, Jesse Dean, Earl & Them, Larry Garner, Steve Hester, Jeff Horton, Jigsaw Mud, Adam Johnston, Kris Lager, Levee Town, Stacy Mitchhart, Fast Johnny Ricker, Patrick Sweany, and Tightrope!

Sunday

The weekend blows up with a Father's Day Blues Picnic at Turpentine Creek, Hwy. 23 South, on Sunday afternoon from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. with food and drinks, arts and crafts, fun activities for the kids and kite flying with Kaliedokites. Best of all,

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Book now for Velda Brotherton workshop

Gain the expert advice of a seasoned author who has done all types of writing. Velda Brotherton will be at the Writers' Colony at Dairy Hollow, 515 Spring, on Saturday, June 21, for a day-long workshop with writers from novice to experienced. Bring your work in progress, your ideas or just a scene or two for brainstorming.

Velda will help with characterization, plotting, internalization, scene structure, using backstory effectively – and creating goal, motivation, conflict, dialogue and point of view. Whatever your needs, she can help you further your project.

Sign up now for the day long session from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. with an hour break for a great lunch provided by the Colony. Fee is \$45 and class size is limited. Register via email at director@writerscolony.org or phone (479) 253-7444.



VELDA BROTHERTON

See an opera, take home opera-themed art

Opera is about voice and music, yet includes a feast for the eye with sets, lighting, wigs, costumes – and in Eureka Springs – artwork. This year the public is invited to enjoy an opera in the newly air conditioned theater along with the 6th Annual Art in Opera Show at Inspiration Point.

Opera-inspired art at the performances of *Così fan tutte*, *Suor Angelica*, *Gianni Schicci*, and *Into the Woods* can be seen before, at intermission, and after the opera in air-conditioned comfort for the first time. Browse paintings, photography and work in other mediums by returning artists Diana Harvey, Larry Mansker, John Robert Willer, Zeek Taylor and work from artists new to Art in Opera.

Residents of Carroll, Benton, Washington and Madison counties are half price on June 20, 21 and 24. All seats reserved. Call (479) 253-8595 or see opera.org for more information on tickets and the opera season.

Art in Opera, a production of the Eureka Springs Opera Guild, provides



scholarships for opera singers with proceeds from sales of the art on exhibit. Contact Carol Saari (479) 981-3073 or email carolsaari@gmail.com regarding Art In Opera.

Enjoy great singing, local art and air conditioning June 20 – July 18 at Inspiration Point Fine Arts Center, 16311 US 62, five miles west of Eureka Springs.

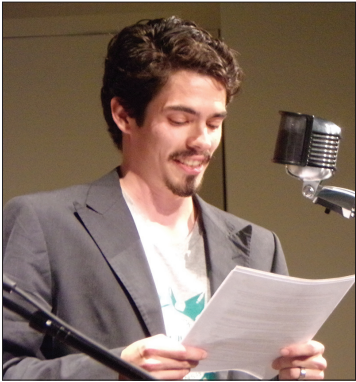
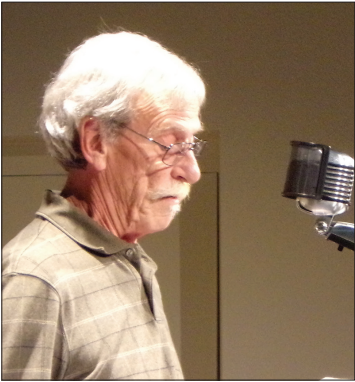


Eine kleine notch music

Doug Stowe's book *Making Small Cabinets* has been translated into German and published as *Kleine Schränke 8 faszinierende Modelle*. This is the second of his books to be translated into German. Schönes Holz, Doug!

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INDEPENDENTHIGH (Falutin') SOCIETY



Victoria's secret – is safe with MB McQueen, who shared a hilarious tale of bra-buying.
Flour power – Roger Shoffit had the crowd roaring with his tale of a misguided explosion involving a lot of flour.
Bad apple – Chris Hancock reads his tale of apples and interference for a *Tales of the South* broadcast recorded at Main Stage on June 8. The programs can be heard locally on KUAF. Air dates for the Eureka Springs segments can be found at www.talesfromthesouth.com.

PHOTOS BY CD WHITE



Photobomber – Roger Shoffit, far right, sneaks a wave in as Sandy Martin, left, Diane Newcomb and Paula Morell pose after the *Tales From the South* broadcast taping.

PHOTO BY CD WHITE

High falutin' drumming – Locals and tourists had a great time at Saturday's drumming in Basin Park – a nice change from the drumming of rain heard most of the week.

PHOTO BY GWEN ETHEREDGE

New "dos" – At left, Dorothy Guertin gives a pup a new do while Jeff Chapman of Salon Seven does the same for Brea Clark at Go East, Young Dog's Groomin' on a Sunday Afternoon fundraising event at Keels Creek on June 10.

PHOTOS BY MELANIE MYHRE





Hula-la-la – Annie Stricherz and Michelle McDonald get a kick out of the guys' hula contest at the Annual Chamber Luau. See all the contestants on the *Eureka Springs Independent* Facebook page.

Fearless leader – Must admit, it takes a lot of confidence to pair cowboy boots with a grass skirt, let alone dance in one. But Mayor Morris Pate took it all in stride – or was that a two-step?

Really guys, really? – Some men just seem to be at a loss when it comes to breaking out the hip action. From left, Dusty Duling, Terry Miller and ... uh, that unnaturally high-waisted guy whose grass skirt doesn't quite cover his assets, seem to be a bit confused during the gents' hula contest.

Hula king and queen – The audience applause-o-meter singled out Lavonne St. Clair and Leroy Gorrell as best female and best male hula dancer at the Chamber Luau. Hu knew?

Incognit-no – It's definitely a "look," but Barb Gavron wasn't fooling anyone behind those non-Foster Grants at the Chamber Luau at the Crescent Hotel June 5. **PHOTOS BY CD WHITE**



Free film classes at Ozarts Center for the Arts

The Ozarts Center for the Arts in Berryville is offering free classes in film and animation beginning June 16, 7 p.m., in the Grand View Hotel Dining Room, 302 Public Square in Berryville. Classes will meet two Monday evenings a month and will be taught by writer and director, Alexander Virden, who attended the University of New Orleans Film School.

Classes will be instructional with hands on training and developing with input from students. Students will also meet outside regular class for production work on creation of community-oriented videos.

Note: This first meeting will be an open discussion about the film and animation classes and also a time to talk about Ozarts as a whole, including the future of the center. Anyone interested in the Grand View as well as Ozarts is invited to attend.

To register for classes email Alexander@ozarts.org with "Film Classes" in the subject line. Include a brief description of your experience and goals (experience is not required for the classes). For more information phone Alexander Virden (870) 654-3952.

'Convenient' ribbon cutting June 13

Mercy Convenient Care of Eureka Springs hosts a Chamber Open House and Ribbon Cutting Friday, June 13 at 2 p.m. at their new location in The Quarter, 121 E. Van Buren. Come by and meet the staff of this welcome new business.

The care center provides walk-in treatment for non-emergency situations including cuts, sprains, insect bites, minor burns or flu symptoms. There's no appointment necessary and the clinic is open daily from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. Monday – Saturday and noon – 5 p.m. on Sunday. (479) 253-7158.



A well-run race – A check for \$2000 was presented on June 4 to Merlin Leach, Founder of the Merlin Foundation, by Dave Teigen, President of the Eureka Springs Rotary Club and members of the club responsible for organizing its spring fundraiser, the Victorian Classic. Above, from left, are Dave Teigen; Merlin Leach, founder and chairman of the Merlin Foundation; and Rotarians Patsy Miller, Tom Scantlin and Mickey Finefield. The Merlin Foundation serves Carroll County and surrounding area by helping child abuse victims through intervention and education, and also runs programs focusing on teen pregnancy prevention and drug-endangered child intervention. The Foundation's Children's Advocacy Center, Grandma's House, is located in Green Forest. For more about the Merlin Foundation, see www.merlinfoundation.com.

Flower power may earn \$50 June 23

Create your best flower arrangement, large or small, in any container you choose and enter the Flower Arranging Contest at the Eureka Springs Farmers' Market on Thursday, June 26. You could be the lone arranger that wins a \$50 gift certificate!

Don't have enough flowers in your garden? No problem, there are always beautiful, healthy cut flowers at the

market, along with produce, breads and dry goods.

Put your thinking cap on and come up with an unusual arrangement to show at the market on Thursday, June 26 from 7 a.m. – noon. And stop by on Tuesdays for Fun Food events and exceptional local maple syrup and honey from Our Green Acre.



Promotion congrats – Melissa Casey has been promoted to Senior Vice President/Chief Financial Officer at Cornerstone Bank. She has been associated with the bank since 1995 and most recently served as Vice-President/CFO in the bank's Data Center in Eureka Springs.

Get 9 lives for 9 bucks beginning June 14

For 9 days in June, The Good Shepherd Humane Society is taking part in Best Friends' National Cat Adoption Event. Adoption fees for cats 9 months and older will be reduced to only \$9 from June 14 – 22, including shots and spay/neuter!

Stop by the shelter on US 62E outside Eureka Springs and choose your clean, quiet, and cuddly family pet and bring 9 lifetimes of love home today. For more info, phone (479) 253-9188.

12th Annual HI Golf Tournament and Community Fish Fry

If you love golf, come enjoy the greens at Holiday Island for some great fun during the Annual Holiday Island Fire Department Golf Tournament June 20 and 21 at the Holiday Island Country Club. The tournament is open to the public and all are welcome.

In fact, there's golfing fun to be had all week. Think you've got a good drive? Take your best swing in one of three age categories beginning Monday, June 16, through Thursday from 4 – 6 p.m. and Friday from 4 – 5:30 p.m. Top three distances in each division will play in the finals Friday at 5:30 p.m.

A 9-hole tournament takes place Friday, June 20, with a 1 p.m. shotgun start on the front 9 of the 18-hole course, a four-person scramble with prizes for longest drive and closest to the pin. A

silent auction begins at noon Friday and ends Saturday at 2 p.m.

Friday's day tournament is followed by a putting contest from 4 – 6 p.m., Longest Drive qualifiers from 4 – 5:30 p.m. and the Holiday Island Fire Department Community Fish (and chicken) Fry at the HI Clubhouse Ballroom at 6 p.m. Dinner is \$10 at the door or \$9 in advance at the Pro Shop. Music by Roaring River Sound cranks up at 6:30 p.m.

On Saturday, the big tournament – an 18 hole, four-person scramble – begins with an 8 a.m. shotgun start with prizes for longest drive and closest to the pin. There will be a lunch at 1 p.m.

For entry fees and more information, email newsletter@hisid.info or phone Jack Deaton (479) 253-8397.

Sycamore, written 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

“**W**ater!” Everyone relaxed, and the colonel’s astonished eyes traveled again around the circle. “Water!” he repeated challengingly, and let the word hang glittering for a moment. “Our water,” he said, less dramatically now, “is incomparable. God’s pure gift to Sycamore. Poor, suffering human beings, afflicted with all the ills that flesh is heir to, would come, drink from our healing springs and go forth whole. Fifty years ago, sir, the health-givin’ prop’ties of Sycamore’s spring water were known from Maine to California. Why, we have signed and attested statements from hundreds of grateful men, women, and children proving – *proving* incontestably – that Sycamore water has cured cases that baffled the finest

scientific minds in the medical world. Jaundice, stomach ulcers, cirrhosis of the livva, tuberculosis, cancer – (“Housemaid’s knee,” Walter muttered at Jane) – hundreds of absolutely bona fide testimonials, many of them signed by rep’table members of the medical puffession – and what are we doing with them?”

(Oh, God, Jane thought, digging into her fruit salad: More catechism!)

“Quacks,” Doctor Totten observed with perfect *sangfroid*. One got the impression that he and Colonel Blake had been over this before, and often. “All quacks, Laertes. You know as well as I do that I was instrumental in getting ‘em run out of town.” He dipped a radish in a mound of salt and ate it crunchily.

The colonel’s eyes popped at him from under their thatches of stiff hairs. “I admit,” he admitted with a broad gesture, “there may have been two-three rep’sen’tives of the medical world that weren’t entirely qualified to practice here, Gregory. And I admit you were justified in putting a stop to it. But to make the statement that *all* those gentlemen were *quacks*, sir –” He sat up, very military, and glared at Doctor Totten.

The doctor, unruffled, munched another radish and pawed some green onions off a cut-glass plate. “From your garden, Agnes?”

The colonel, however, was not to be deflected. He tucked half a chicken-

breast away in his maw, champed it with his gleaming dentures, and turned to Mr. Knowles. “Roger,” he declaimed, “I appeal to you. This charming and beautiful young lady” (a gallant bow in Jane’s direction) “is unfamiliar with the early history of our town. She has never seen (as we have) our streets thronged with visitors, our hotels bustling with activity, the houses all filled to overflowing. Lines of people, Ma’am, at every spring, waiting their turn to fill their jars with the pure, healing water! Old men, babes in arms, the lame, the halt, and the blind, Ma’am. I appeal to you, Roger, to bear me out.”

Mr. Knowles smiled. “Oh, it’s all true enough,” he said amiably. “Those were booming days in Sycamore, Laertes. But there’s some question, nowadays, as to the curative value of spring water. It’s vitamins now, isn’t it? Or hormones? Or psychoanalysis...”

“Fads, Roger. Sheer fads. Next week it’ll be something else. They come and they go. But Gawd’s pure, sparkling water we have always with us.”

“Except,” Walter inserted, “in a drought summer like this, when most of the springs go dry.”

“Very unusual,” said the colonel hastily. “And here and now I’ll have to pick my old bone with the good doctor. How are we ever going to bring Sycamore back to its rightful place in this moddun world, if Greg

Totten – our own town doctor that’s lived here all his life, and practiced here upwards of thirty years – refuses to cooperate? Won’t prescribe the miraculous medicine that gushes like the clearest crystal from the verdant mountainsides of our city?”

Doctor Totten, at the moment, was happily involved with a good-sized piece of huckleberry pie, and he went on with it, pursuing the last bite resolutely with his fork until it was captured. Then, his mouth stained purple, he said immovably: “I’ve told you, Laertes, and I tell you again – in my opinion, this spring water has no medicinal value whatever. Most folks don’t drink enough water for their health. If they’ll drink it here, so much the better for ‘em.” He looked across at Colonel Blake with his vague glance, but his eyes, Jane noticed, had a cold blue twinkle in them. “After heavy rains,” he added, “I advise boiling it.”

It brought the intended effect. The colonel was actually speechless for a prolonged and intense moment. The words that finally burst out of him were weighted with an indignation almost too heavy for speech to bear. “Boil! *Our* water – by Heaven, – Roger, Agnes – are you going to permit –”

“We never drink the spring water.” Mrs. Knowles spoke pacifically from her end of the table. “With so much surface water – the sewage tiles getting broken open, as they so often do... We *know* the tap water is safe, Colonel.”

NOTES from the HOLLOW by Steve Weems

At a certain age, after spending thousands of hours in classrooms, I reached the conclusion that many teachers are in the wrong line of work. Not Kathy Remenar. She has the rare ability to be both interesting and entertaining while keeping order in the classroom. She fosters spirited debate while maintaining standards of decorum with humor and the occasional flash of the eyes. After nearly four decades of doing just that at the Eureka Springs High School, she is, as she says, ready to graduate.

Mrs. Remenar’s teaching career started in 1968 in suburban Chicago after receiving a Bachelor’s degree

in Communications and English from Illinois State University. After moving here and while working on her Master’s, she became acquainted with the Eureka Springs School District and served on the school board.

Looking back, I asked how things had changed over the years at the school. Obviously the advances in technology have changed everything in education to a certain degree. However, some things never change: the power of the written word; the pain involved in learning; the pride in doing something for the first time; the “aha” moments. I get a kick out of the fact that each class felt like they had discovered Emerson

and Thoreau for the first time, and that Shakespeare really did have something powerful to say.

I’ve forgotten the names of many of my teachers, yet I still remember the first essay that I wrote for Mrs. Remenar in 1984 and her red ink comments. While a high school student, I found her forthright and positive outlook to be contagious. Speaking of teenagers, she recently told me:

“Their optimism, sense of wonder, daring, and humor is what defines them. So many people say to them, ‘Wait until you get into the real world’ as if what they are experiencing is pretend... it is not!

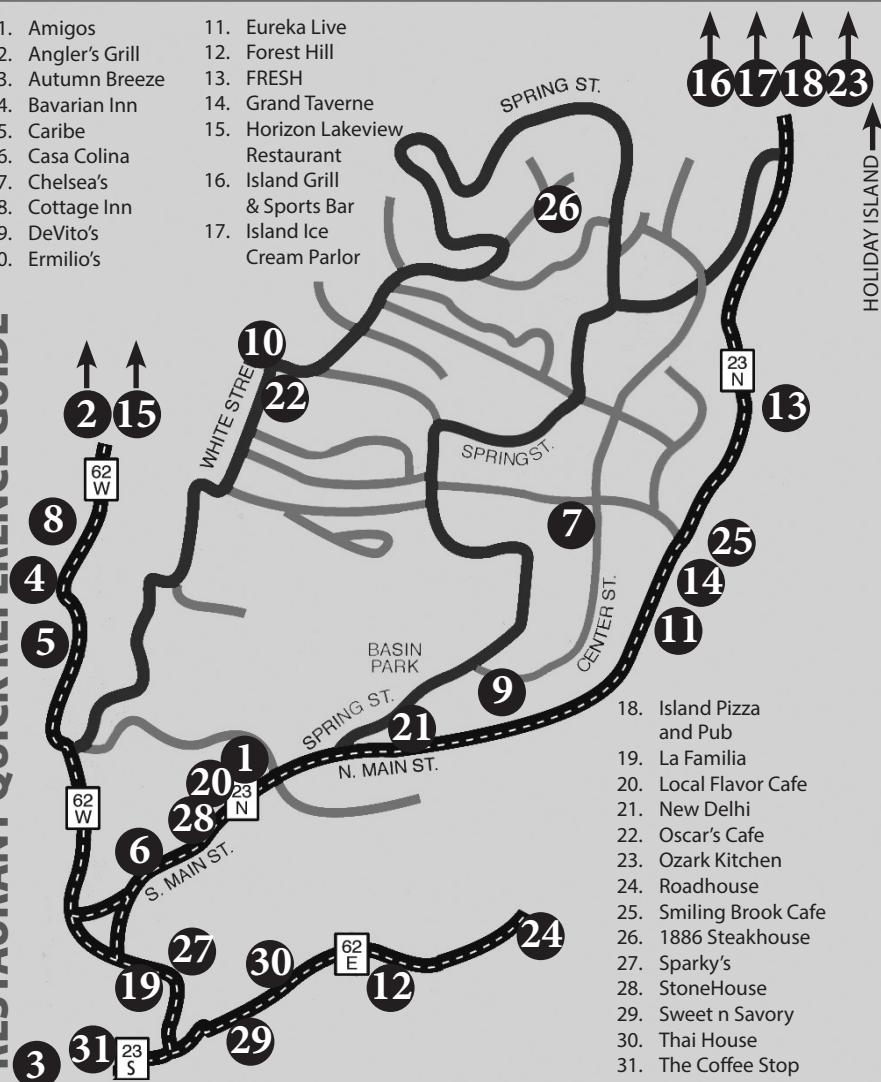


“You have no idea how lucky I feel to have been a teacher all my life; I have had an extraordinary life and that is what I wish for all of my students. They kept me young as I grew older... teenagers are the best anti-aging drug on the market.”

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Gemini Festival, World Invocation Day, Festival of Humanity

The Festival of Humanity, the Gemini Solar Festival (at the full moon) occurs **Thursday** evening (9:11 p.m. Pacific time), June 12 at 22 degrees Gemini. The Gemini Festival celebrates the Divine nature of Humanity – seeking the Path of Return, aspiring toward God, seeking Goodwill, attempting to understand how to express Right Relations with all Kingdoms. For two thousand years, the world Teacher, Christ (called by other names in other religions) has represented humanity, the “Eldest in a great family of brothers & sisters” (Romans VIII, 29). <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5glgkYjRig4>. YouTube on the Festival of

Humanity, Gemini Solar Festival.

At the Gemini festival, blessing the world, He preaches the last sermon of the Buddha, which calls for fellowship, new values and unanimity in the world through a combining of Christ’s Love and the Buddha’s Wisdom. The festival, linking humanity with the Will of God, calls forth the hidden Goodwill within all the hearts of humanity.

Days and hours prior to the Festival there is, worldwide by the New Group of World Servers, continual reciting of the Great Invocation, Mantram of Direction for Humanity. As the festival unfolds, the Forces of Reconstruction and the Avatar of Synthesis,

from the Will of God, are released on Earth. Primarily affecting the nations they call forth from all nations the spirit of unity and directed purpose for humanity’s well-being. With purpose comes focused intention and the capacity to direct energy towards a desired end.

During this Festival, under the direction of Gemini, Ray 2 (Love/Wisdom) and Venus, all dualities prepared for transformation, are unified, integrated and synthesized. The Gemini festival directly affects our future and summons the Divine World Teacher to reappear. Join us everyone. See Risa’s Esoteric Astrology FB page for the Great Invocation.

ARIES: A revolution, revelation, idea, dream or vision, held long in your heart and mind, perhaps for years, comes more and more into form and matter, manifesting through visualizations. The next seven years, which sounds like a long time but is really only a blink in the eye of God, brings forth what you’ve longed for, hoped would occur, and through your persistence you will love into existence. It must be shared.

TAURUS: You never lose sight of your vision or of the tasks you are to perform. No matter what occurs - surprising events, losses, people, ideas and hopes falling away - you know “love underlies all happenings of the times.” That love emerges from greater loving realities guiding our lives. Focus now only on what’s in front of you. Know choices, plans and events made during this retrograde reverse themselves.

GEMINI: Many thoughts, ideas, events and communications from the past return. This last month there was difficulty externalizing thoughts and being understood. This will continue as Mercury remains behind the scenes. Later, misinterpretations will turn around, lost friends may call. Much remains obscure so you can spiritualize all actions. Write in your Retrograde Journal.

CANCER: You think about, ponder upon and consider goals for the coming months, bound up with expectations

ideals. Up to this point the goals, ideals and expectations of the past have served you. However, in the past several years, life has changed so radically that newer and freer points of view are forming. This

is also due to influences by friends, colleagues, family and those younger than you. You have been “reconstructed.”

LEO: Your creative life, art and writing especially, are most important now. These constitute your real vocation for they are closest to your heart.

They define those qualities and gifts through which you can best assist others and Earth’s kingdoms. If you pursue your talents they will improve more and more. What studies have you put off in recent years? Subscribe to an art magazine.

VIRGO: You think deeply so you can have clear perspective. Mortality (the idea of death, what that means, the reality of life after death) is something you will think about in the coming months. This is a healthy response to the changes occurring on our planet as the Pisces Age ends. There’s an underground river of communication between you and others. It’s not verbal or externalized. Fill that river with love.

LIBRA: This is a special time of communication. Share your heart with others and ask them to share, in turn, with you. You might begin a monthly Conversation & Dinner Group or Book

& Dinner Club. Do this with another for greater perspective. You like partnerships. They help clarify, choose, and accomplish more than one alone. Discuss everything. You need love and care. This comes from open communication.

SCORPIO: We think we have free will. We do, to an extent. We can choose what we do each day, somewhat. We can choose how we behave, sometimes. We can think about where we live, sometimes. But there’s a greater plan over-lighting us. It’s best to be more fluid and discover what that greater reality is that hovers over, influences, surrounds and penetrates our little wills and lives. Make its acquaintance.

SAGITTARIUS: Great opportunities move toward you in their own time and place. You become more and more aware of this. Listen to all communications, from yourself and others, assessing everything and everyone including all events carefully. Messages could wound, uplift, destroy, create, deny or be a refuge. Refuge

(sangha) is greatly needed by everyone at this time. Offer it.

CAPRICORN: In your daily (successful, ambitious, up the ladder of) life, you find yourself needed in two places at once. Your mind is here, your body over there somewhere. This is the Gemini experience in the daily life of a Capricorn. You will attempt to bring a synthesis to this duality. Amidst constant changing vicissitudes and instabilities you find poise, balance and harmony. This is the Soul. Call upon it each moment.

AQUARIUS: It’s best to be among the young, playful, innocent and childlike, romantic and creative. Then you will become these, too, discovering new outlets of art and creativity. You will see things in a newer, more golden light and your imagination will flow outward making your life days of happiness and joy. Often you are toiling among questions. At this time, just be the artist and futurist you’re called to be.

PISCES: Know that everyone and everything in your environments are supporting you. Offer gratitude to them for being in your life at this very moment and all the moments to come. Something’s coming to an end. A new life will be built from the old, phoenix-like – a new community creating the foundation for newer and greater achievements. Bid the old farewell. It served its purposes well. Now you have new promises to keep.



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As we celebrate Blues music this weekend, let's remember to thank organizer Charles Ragsdell, a/k/a Rags, for bringing us this weekend of music for the soul. The fun begins Thursday with one of the best harmonica players around — Brandon Santini and his band playing the Barefoot Ballroom. We have the Blues Weekend acts listed on p. 13 and also in the *Independent Fun Guide*, a free publication available in town and online.

To accompany the Blues Weekend

events, local bars have lined up some fine blues, such as the Barflies Blues Band at **Jack's Place** on Friday and Saturday. From Dallas, they bring a horn section with Clark Moore and Mike Johnson, Mr. D on bass, James Curtis on drums and the fabulous Jackie Don Loe and Pete Barbeck on guitar. This versatile band has members all over the country including Eurekan Lynn Sterling who usually can be coerced into a song or two.

The Cighthouse Lounge/Pied Piper Beer Garden will sing the blues with the Kris Lager Band, Jesse Dean and others. **Henri's Just One More** has the Zack Bramhall Band which includes R.J. Mischo, John Davies and Johnny Arredondo. **Chelsea's** has booked the legendary Earl & Them as well as Patrick Sweany, about whom *Esquire* says, "This is the kind of music Robert Johnson sold his soul for way back

when — and Sweany is pouring his into it." The Doghouse Daddies will serve up blues Kansas City style at **New Delhi Café**, the Daddies have a sound that perfectly blends contemporary and old school. See the schedule below for more live music and remember that central to the idea of blues is that by performing or listening to the blues, one is able to overcome sadness and lose the blues.

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THURSDAY – JUNE 12

- **BALCONY RESTAURANT** Maureen Alexander, 5 p.m.
- **BAREFOOT BALLROOM** Brandon Santini, 8 p.m.
- **BLARNEY STONE** Jam Session-local live music, 7 p.m.
- **CHELSEA'S** Earl & Them, 9 p.m.
- **GRAND TAVERNE** Jerry Yester Grand Piano Dinner Music, 6:30–9:30 p.m.
- **JACK'S PLACE** Karaoke with DJ Goose, 8 p.m.
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FRIDAY – JUNE 13

- **2 WHEELS ON THE PIG TRAIL** Gorilla Blues Band, 6 p.m.
- **The AUD** Blues Fest featured acts, 6 p.m., see pg. 13
- **BALCONY RESTAURANT** Hogscalders, 6 p.m.
- **BAREFOOT BALLROOM** Larry Garner, 8 p.m.
- **BASIN SPRING PARK** Blues in Basin! 12–4:30 p.m., see pg. 13
- **BLARNEY STONE** Zakk Binns & Big Papa Binns, 8:30 p.m.
- **CARIBE** Handmade Moments, 7–9 p.m.
- **CATHOUSE LOUNGE** Brody Buster Band, 8 p.m. – midnight
- **CHELSEA'S** Earl & Them, 5 p.m., Patrick Sweany, 10 p.m.
- **EUREKA LIVE!** Ladies of the Blues Drag Event, 9 p.m.
- **GRAND TAVERNE** Arkansas Red Guitar, 6:30–9:30 p.m.
- **HENRI'S JUST ONE MORE** Zack Bramhall Band, 9 p.m.
- **JACK'S PLACE** Barflies, 9 p.m.
- **LEGENDS SALOON** JAB the band – Bike night with prizes, 8 p.m.
- **MADAME MEDUSSA'S**
- **HOOKAH LOUNGE** Goth & Darkwave BYOB
- **NEW DELHI** The Doghouse Daddies, 6–10 p.m.
- **PIED PIPER BEER GARDEN** Adam Johnston Band, 3 p.m., Kris Lager Band, 7 p.m.
- **ROCKIN' PIG SALOON** Brick Fields, 8 p.m.
- **ROWDY BEAVER** Tightrope, 7 p.m.

- **ROWDY BEAVER DEN** Blew Reed & the Flatheads, 9 p.m.
- **SMILING BROOK CAFÉ** Venue A, 6–9 p.m. BYOB
- **THE STONE HOUSE** Jerry Yester, 6:30–9:30 p.m.

SATURDAY – JUNE 14

- **2 WHEELS ON THE PIG TRAIL** The George Brothers, 3 p.m.
- **The AUD** Blues Fest featured acts, 2 p.m., see pg. 13
- **BASIN SPRING PARK** Blues in Basin! 12–4:30 p.m., see pg. 13
- **BAREFOOT BALLROOM** Fast Johnny Ricker, 8 p.m.
- **BLARNEY STONE** Shannon Holt Band, 8:30 p.m.
- **CATHOUSE LOUNGE** Keith Nicholson Band, 8 p.m. – midnight
- **CHELSEA'S** Kris Lager Band, 5 p.m., Patrick Sweany, 10 p.m.
- **EUREKA LIVE!** Ladies of the Blues Drag Event, 9 p.m.
- **GRAND TAVERNE** Jerry Yester Grand Piano Dinner Music, 6:30–9:30 p.m.
- **HENRI'S JUST ONE MORE** Zack Bramhall Band, 9 p.m.
- **JACK'S PLACE** Barflies, 9 p.m.
- **LEGENDS SALOON** The George Brothers, 9 p.m.
- **MADAME MEDUSSA'S**
- **HOOKAH LOUNGE** Open Jam BYOB
- **NEW DELHI** The Doghouse Daddies, 6–10 p.m.
- **PIED PIPER BEER GARDEN** Jeff Horton Band, 11 a.m., Jesse Dean, 3 p.m., Levee Town, 7 p.m.
- **ROCKIN' PIG SALOON** Brick Fields, 8 p.m.
- **ROWDY BEAVER** Steve Hester & DeJa VooDoo, 7:30 p.m.
- **ROWDY BEAVER DEN** Tightrope, 1–5 p.m. & 9 p.m. – 1 a.m.



Sweet Sax – Mike Johnson, who also provides flute and vocals, performs with the Barflies at Jack's Place on Friday and Saturday at 9 p.m.

- **MADAME MEDUSSA'S HOOKAH LOUNGE** *World beats BYOB*
- **NEW DELHI** *The Doghouse Daddies*, 1 p.m.
- **ROWDY BEAVER DEN** *Jigsaw Mud*, 1–5 p.m.
- **THE STONE HOUSE** *Handmade Moments*, 6–9 p.m.
- **TURPENTINE CREEK** *Father's Day Blues Picnic*, 1–6 p.m., see pg. 13

MONDAY – JUNE 16

- **CHELSEA'S** *SpringBilly*, 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY – JUNE 17

- **CHELSEA'S** Open Mic
- **LEGENDS SALOON** Pool Tournament, 6:30 p.m.
- **MADAME MEDUSSA'S HOOKAH LOUNGE** *Game night BYOB*
- **ROWDY BEAVER** Hospitality Night

WEDNESDAY – JUNE 18

- **BLARNEY STONE** Game night
- **CHELSEA'S** *Magic Mule*, 9 p.m.
- **EUREKA LIVE!** VIP Wednesday
- **MADAME MEDUSSA'S HOOKAH LOUNGE** *Arabic Break Beat BYOB*
- **NEW DELHI CAFÉ** Open Jam
- **PIED PIPER CATHOUSE LOUNGE** Wheat Wednesday *Draft Beer Specials*
- **ROWDY BEAVER** Wine Wednesday

- **SMILING BROOK CAFÉ** *Becky Jean & the Candy Man*, 6–9 p.m. *BYOB*

SUNDAY – JUNE 15

- **BALCONY RESTAURANT** *Jeff Lee*, 12 p.m., & 5 p.m.
- **BASIN SPRING PARK** *Happy Father's Day*
- **BLARNEY STONE** *Brian Muench*, 1 p.m.
- **CHELSEA'S** *Patrick Sweany*, 2:30 p.m.
- **EUREKA LIVE!** DJ, Dancing & Karaoke, 7–11 p.m.
- **FRESH-FARM TO TABLE** *Handmade Moments*, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.
- **LEGENDS SALOON** Free Texas Hold 'Em Tournament *with prizes*, 6 p.m.

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Planer Hill Flag Day dedication June 14

A project that began in the fall of 2013 will come to completion with the dedication of a new American flag installation at the top of Planer Hill in an official Flag Day ceremony Saturday, June 14, at 2 p.m. American Legion Walker-Wilson Post 9 Commander, Mike Warkentin, will give an address during a short ceremony presenting the new flag to the City of Eureka Springs.

The project was spearheaded by American Legion Walker-Wilson Post 9, and was started at the urging of local citizen, John Murphy, who noted a lack of U.S. flag presence in Eureka Springs – particularly on holidays such as Memorial Day, Flag Day, Independence Day, Veterans Day, Pearl Harbor Day and others. A fundraising drive was conducted to pay for the flag project and some construction services were donated.

The public is invited and encouraged to attend. “We hope our community will come celebrate this special day,” Warkentin said.

Students embark on 70-day bike ride to fight cancer

On the longest annual charity bicycle ride in the world, the Texas 4000 team will roll through Eureka Springs June 14, just 15 days after departing from Austin, Texas for their final destination – Anchorage, Alaska. While in town they'll share hope, knowledge and charity with friends and family before continuing on their 4,500-mile journey.

The 79 undergraduate and graduate students from the University of Texas at Austin brave rain, sleet, wind, snow

and heat in support of the fight against cancer. Along their journey, riders will volunteer at community events that contribute in the fight against cancer and visit with cancer survivors, patients, caregivers and family members to make educational presentations about cancer prevention and early detection.

Collectively, the riders have raised more than \$4 million for the fight against cancer. To learn more, make a donation or read the riders' blogs, visit www.texas4000.org.



Last one in's a ... Swimmers hit the water during the XTERRA Off Road Triathlon at Lake Leatherwood June 8. See the *Eureka Springs Independent* page on Facebook for dozens more great XTERRA photos. All division race results are posted at www.xterraeurekasprings.com.

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Magnanimous magnolia

The majestic magnolia, *Magnolia grandiflora*, is the familiar broadleaf evergreen, widely grown as an ornamental, with giant cream-white, saucer-shaped blossoms. This noble native American is the “most splendid of ornamental trees.” But not in my yard!



The mature magnolia in the front yard of the neighbors across the street cured my desire. Although it is evergreen, the large, glossy, leathery leaves are replaced anew each year. They are tough to rake, clinging to the ground, requiring each leaf to be plucked from the ground one-by-one. Sticky to touch, they exude minute droplets of a glue-like substance which adheres to a windshield like superglue. Even in the neighbor’s yard, it’s too close to love, except for its visual beauty.

Botanical taxonomists fall into two categories: lumpers and splitters. The lumpers would have us believe there are upwards of 120 species of *Magnolia* split between eastern North America and East Asia, extending to Asian tropics. Splitters limit the genus to about 20 species, with eight occurring in Eastern North America, including five species in Arkansas.

Magnolia grandiflora is native to the extreme South, including southeast Arkansas. Elsewhere, it is planted as an ornamental.

First described by English botanist Leonard

Plukenet in 1705, it is believed to have reached Europe by 1732. *Magnolia* is named for Pierre Magnol (1638-1715) a professor of botany at Montpellier.

Most enjoy the fragrance of the flowers. Once known as *Magnolia foetida* (as in fetid smell), some find the fragrance less than pleasant. First Nation people are said never to have slept under blooming magnolias, as the strong fragrance was believed to be too overpowering and unhealthy. In 1803 Philadelphia physician Benjamin Smith Barton wrote, “The flowers have a powerful, and to most persons an agreeable, smell. It is an emanation which must be considered as a potent stimulant, or incitant. I am well acquainted with a physician in whom the newly-expanded flower evidently increased the paroxysm of a fever, which came on every afternoon; and also increased the pain of inflammatory gout.” Not the aromatherapy that I seek.

Lovely to view from afar, avoid sleeping or parking under a majestic magnolia!



Fizz! Boom! Read! – Weekly fun at the library

There’s big fun at the library each Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday now through July. Carnegie Public Library kicks off its annual Summer Reading Program “Fizz! Boom! Read!” with Art Cars on Monday, June 16 at 3 p.m. This fun and crafty project is led by Mr. Shrine of art car fame, and is appropriate for children of all ages.

On Tuesday, June 17, at 3 p.m. the Library Lego Club will begin construction on a miniature city called “Lego Springs.” The city will come to life throughout the summer, so keep an eye on the Annex window at 192 Spring Street for new developments. Kids 5 – 12 are welcome to attend.

On Wednesday, June 18, at 10 a.m. the under-7 crowd will participate in activities, songs, books and crafts centered on a different topic each week during Preschool Craft and Story Hour.

Each week will bring something new, and all programs are free. For more info and to find programs for teens and tweens see www.EurekaLibrary.org, or phone (479) 253-8754 or email info@eurekalibrary.org.

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an increase in undocumented residents. They don’t have papers. We don’t have a problem with serving those people, not at all.”

The dental and optometry services provided by ECHO have not been affected because those are generally not covered under the ACA.

“We still have a pretty good waiting list of people trying to get dental care and

eye care,” Bell said. “We only do tooth extractions and pain management. The changes in health care with the ACA are causing us to redefine the care that we give, so we are going to try to expand into more preventative dental services such as cleaning and fillings. We would love to do that rather than just pull people’s teeth out.”

The ECHO clinic also provides free medicine to people in need via a grant from the Carroll County Community Foundation.

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to help us with this inequity.”

Regarding alternative power, Highley said while solar power continues to become more competitive, it is not yet competitive on a wide scale.

“In Arkansas, we are currently working with a couple of large commercial user members to help them find a way to adopt solar,” Highley said. “It is lower cost if you do large solar installation as opposed to small ones. Solar is not really cost competitive. People are doing it because they want to be more environmentally sensitive. But, for most folks, it is not really saving them much yet.”

Highley said the cooperatives are also looking at wind power, but the least expensive option is to import power from states like Kansas and Oklahoma where strong winds generate electricity at a cost 50 percent lower than Arkansas. To import that power means more high voltage transmission lines have to be built.

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13. Mercy Clinic’s hours are 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. on Sundays.

There is also a walk-in clinic at Eureka Springs Family Clinic on Passion Play Road from 8:30 – 10:30 a.m. weekdays. Patients with appointments can see one of the clinic’s three doctors or three nurse

AECC is supporting the proposed American Electric Power/Southwestern Electric Power Company (SWEPCO) power line that has run into strong opposition in Northwest Arkansas and southern Missouri.

“The issue with a transmission line is I don’t want one in my back yard any more than I want a superhighway,” Highley said. “But we all like driving on a superhighway. It is a necessity to provide high voltage power lines. We don’t like to have to build transmission lines. We don’t build more than we have to. But to make sure people have reliable power, we have to build transmission lines. To move that energy is going to require a significant investment in transmission lines, and someone will end up with it in their backyard.”

Highley said that is why the Arkansas Public Service Commission is given the authority to approve projects such as new transmission lines.

“I don’t envy their job,” he said.

practitioners from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. on Fridays.

On August 1, Dr. John House will join the staff at the Eureka Springs Family Clinic. He joins the existing staff of Dr. Dan Bell, Dr. Greg Kresse, Dr. Craig Dinger, Jennifer Henderson, APN, Cynthia Kresse, APN and Mike Murphy, APN. The clinic is accepting new patients.

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



I'm 50 and still too embarrassed to talk to anyone about this. When my wife and I are intimate things are basically over before they even get started. It's a miracle my wife got pregnant – we call our son the Immaculate Conception. That's how bad it is. Is there any fix for this?

Absolutely! Premature ejaculation or PE is the most prevalent male sexual dysfunction – and the most treatable. It affects 25 to 40 percent of all men, neglecting no ethnicity, age, sexual orientation or marital status. Due to men's shame and reluctance to report PE, the clinical specifics, causes and risk factors have been – what you no doubt aspire to – slow in coming.

Exactly what is considered premature or too fast? To clarify, PE can occur during solo or partnered stimulation but is most often linked specifically with intercourse. Men without PE have intercourse for an average of 7.3 minutes before climax. For men with PE that time drops to 1.8 minutes or less and as indicated

in your question, climax quite often occurs before intercourse can begin.

These stats may be relieving or surprising. What man hasn't dreamt of bringing his lover to climax through an astonishing hour-plus intercourse marathon? FYI gentlemen dreamers, women generally do not climax through intercourse alone as intercourse does not provide stimulation to the special spot. Intercourse lasting longer than 20 minutes is experienced as a pummeling by most women.

There are psychological, physiological and relational factors associated with PE and it's typically a combination that creates the condition. Anxiety is a strong contributor and can be related to performance expectations, relationship problems, life stress or sexual behavior learned at an early age where "finishing" quickly was necessary to avoid discovery. Genetics is a likely contributor. Research indicates that 95 percent of men with PE have a first-degree relative that has PE. In light of this fact, honest communication with your

son about PE may spare him the silent shame and suffering you've endured.

Treatment for PE can include medication, counseling and learning sexual techniques that delay climax. The stop-start method and the squeeze technique are highly effective and can be learned and practiced in the privacy of your own home. Resources about climax control techniques for PE are abundant. Research, read and ready yourself for relief!

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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161 kV lines, and if not why not, the comparative costs associated with the options, the environmental impact of the options, and the long term sufficiency of the options."

"This is what we were looking for," Pat Costner, director of Save the Ozarks, said. "We did a solid job. This is a first in Arkansas. No one has ever challenged these lines on the basis of need and brought the project to a halt."

The APSC also revoked approval of Route 109 that avoided SWEPCO's preferred Route 33 through Pea Ridge, Garfield and Gateway in favor of going north from Bella Vista to run about 25 miles in Missouri before dropping back down into Arkansas near Beaver before traveling south to a proposed large new

substation on the Kings River north of Berryville.

"The parties should provide additional evidence on SWEPCO's proposed routes," APSC ruled. "If SWEPCO chooses to propose or modify a route, it should submit proof that all landowners have received the statutory notice."

Peter Main, spokesman for SWEPCO, said the company is working to determine its next steps and will consult with the Southwest Power Pool, the regional transmission organization that directed SWEPCO to build the 345-kV line. SWEPCO had originally planned instead to upgrade existing 161-kilovolt transmission lines in the area.

Main said SWEPCO would continue to fulfill its responsibility to provide a

reliable flow of electricity to utilities and customers across the region.

About 5,000 people submitted comments to APSC opposing the project, the largest number of public comments ever received by APSC. When the APSC originally approved the CECPN for the project and selected Route 109, there was great disappointment.

While opponents were jubilant about Monday's announcement, there is still a long road to travel.

"I am pleased that the commission is proposing a rehearing, but I realize that this is just one positive first step," Doug Stowe, of the STO board of directors said. "AEP/SWEPCO completely botched this application from the start. Their legal defense of the project led them to falsify need when challenged by

the expertise offered by STO witnesses."

Stowe said SWEPCO would have gotten away with their proposal but for the fact that the people united to rise up against the project.

"I hope the commission's order causes them to reflect on how poorly they have handled this process," Stowe said. "They kept the Shipe Road to Kings River project secret until it could be sprung like a steel trap. It was so poorly conceived that it completely ignored state and federal regulations and input from the Arkansas Department of Heritage and the National Park Service. It completely ignored the adverse economic and environmental impacts that the project would impose upon our small local community."

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have increased. Also, he is concerned with cost of upgrading or replacing the aging hardware and software he uses to run the jail.

Reece again scolded the quorum court about budget management. Instead of "kicking the can down the road," as he said, they needed a plan for replacing county equipment. "You'll have to walk toward that barking dog," he said. He added that if the court communicated clearly and honestly with citizens about the situation, citizens might vote in a tax increase as voters in his city did.

Flake disagreed they would be able to get a county tax passed, and McKinney

said, "If the county wants to pursue this, I'll do what I can." He said he would try to convince Berryville voters to let their city tax sunset in favor of a county tax. He still maintained Grudek was trying to gouge the cities, and did not think Grudek's solution would solve the problem anyway.

"I hear you, but my budget got reduced," Grudek replied. He said he did not want officers on duty to be in jeopardy, but has a limited amount of funds to make it all work. He asked if he should take in fewer prisoners or drop other services to save money. "All I'm asking is to get reimbursed," he said.

Flake then challenged the two mayors and Grudek to come up with a solution.

"We can find a way to get this solved. It's not good for any of us," he said.

JP Larry Swofford said, "We've never failed to fund the sheriff's office. We'll do what we can." JP Gaylon Riggs of the budget committee said he would support the plan if things returned to the way they were.

"I'm not against going back to the way it was, but whatever we agree to today, it won't solve future problems," Grudek said. "There has to be money somewhere to cover these expenses."

Flake responded, "That is a quorum court problem," and asked Grudek if he would reassume the duties he had asked to be reimbursed for.

"I'll go back tomorrow, but we need an open door with the mayors," Grudek said. He asked for Reese and McKinney to talk to him personally when there were issues, and said he would do the same.

"I'm okay trying to get back to the way it was, and I know money is an issue," McKinney said.

JP Don McNeely asked the sheriff and the mayors to write down any agreements they come to so future courts will not find themselves in a similar situation.

Grudek offered the resources of the sheriff's association as they attempt to resolve their disagreements. McKinney remarked, "Going back to the way we were."

DEPARTURES

Varl L. Ball Oct. 31, 1931 – June 4, 2014

God called Varl L. Ball, 82, of Eagle Rock, Mo., home to Heaven, Wednesday, June 4. Varl passed away in his home.

He was born October 31, 1931, in Eagle Rock, the son of Ethel and Edith (Carter) Ball. He accepted Christ as Savior at the age of nine and was baptized in the membership of Roaring River Baptist Church in Eagle Rock. His parents were very active in the work of the church and he was taught the importance of loyalty to the church and the Christian life.

Varl was drafted into the United States Marines and served from 1952 until 1954, in Barstow, Calif. This is where God opened his vision to the greater needs of the world. On June 27, 1954, he married Ilene Comstock in Barstow, Calif., and then they came back to Eagle Rock to farm. Ilene was a faithful companion, partner and a great singer. After a few years, they both felt God was

calling them into the Gospel ministry and enrolled in Southwest Baptist College in Bolivar, Mo., in 1956. He then attended Baylor University in Waco, Texas. He went on to Golden Gate Baptist Seminary in California.

Before Varl went to Golden Gate in California, his home church, Roaring River Baptist Church wanted to honor him by ordaining him. This was uncommon to do this before having a pastorate and it meant a lot to Varl and Ilene. He attended Sacramento State College to obtain a teaching certificate and taught at Valley View Elementary for three years, a small county school outside of Auburn, Calif.

Together he and Ilene were married 49 years and had four children, Tony, Carol, Artie and Kyle. Ilene went home to heaven on January 9, 2004. Varl stated that "he wanted his life to reflect God's love and grace and that the journey along life's ministry had been interesting, challenging and encouraging." He wanted his service to

give glory to God and not to himself.

He was privileged to pastor the following churches: Rock Creek Baptist Church in Auburn, Calif., First Baptist Church in Carrizozo, New Mexico, First Baptist Church in Hermitage, Mo., and Roaring River Baptist Church in Eagle Rock, Mo. (This was his home church where he attended growing up and he told the Lord that he would never pastor in his home church but he did.) Myrtle Avenue Baptist Church in Eureka, Calif., Olive Point in Urbana, Mo., First Baptist Church in Crocker, Mo., Rock Springs Baptist Church in Eureka Springs, Arkansas, where his Grandpa Carter pastored and preached at the turn of the century, and was assistant Pastor at Roaring River Baptist Church in Eagle Rock, Mo.

Surviving are his children, Tony Ball and his wife, Glenda, of Wheaton, Mo.; Carol Harvick and her husband, Carlton, of Crowley, Texas; Artie Pearson and

her husband, Rick, of Hermitage, Mo.; and Kyle Altic and her husband, Andy, of Brighton, Mo.; two sisters, Geneva Indermuehle of Holts Summits, Mo., and Patsy Pettigrew and her husband, George, of Dixon Springs, Tenn.; one brother, Jim Ball and his wife, Marge, of Seneca, Mo.; 11 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren.

Preceding Varl in death was his father, Ethel Ball, mother, Edith Ball, sister Eldora Redenz and wife, Ilene Comstock Ball.

He is honored and lovingly remembered by many friends and family.

Funeral services were June 9 in Roaring River Baptist Church, Eagle Rock, Mo., under direction of Fohn Funeral Home, Cassville, Missouri. Burial with military honors was at Munsey Cemetery, Eagle Rock, Mo.

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Donald Gammie Nov. 29, 1930 – June 3, 2014

Donald Gammie, 83, a resident of Eureka Springs, Arkansas, was born Nov. 29, 1930 in Pretoria, South Africa, a son of George Milne and Eveline (Hindle) Gammie. He passed away peacefully June 3, at Eureka Springs Hospital.

He immigrated to the US in 1959 and worked as a civil engineer. He is best known for his running career, which he resumed at the age of 47. He successfully completed over 35 marathons with a P.R. of 2:41:45 at age 54. In August 1991, Donald set the U.S. 1500m and 3000m record masters (60-64). The 3000m record still stands. He is the honoree of the annual Donald Gammie Turkey Trot (5k fundraiser in Eureka Springs on Thanksgiving Day). Donald was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Eureka Springs.

He was preceded in death by his parents and infant daughter, Leslie Anne Gammie.

Donald is survived by his wife of 61 years, Jean A. (Rood) Gammie; four children, daughter Denise (Glen Russ) Knight; son, Peter (Martha) Gammie; son, Duncan (DiAnn) Gammie; son, Gordon (Sharon) Gammie; one sister, Marwyn (Pieter) Kaye; eleven grandchildren, Ian and Ralieg Knight; Rachael, Nathan and August Gammie; LeeAnne, Daniel (Hadley), Jennifer, Michelle and Phillip Gammie; Jessica Gammie; and a host of other friends and loved ones.

Memorial services were June 7 at the First United Methodist Church in Eureka Springs. Cremation arrangements are under the direction of Nelson Funeral Service. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in memory of Donald Gammie to the Alzheimer's Foundation of America, at <http://alzfdn.org/>. Online condolences may be sent to the family at nelsonfuneral.com. © Nelson Funeral Service, Inc. 2014

Onita McClung Feb. 2, 2014

Onita McClung, a former resident of Holiday Island, died in Oklahoma on Feb. 2, 2014. Her family is bringing her cremains for inurnment, June 21, at 5 p.m., in the columbarium at Holiday Island Presbyterian Church's Memorial Garden. She will be inurned alongside her husband Gene's cremains. Gene, a former HISID commissioner, died several years ago.

Family members from Colorado and Oklahoma, along with local friends, will have opportunity to share in the brief service of memory in the beautiful outdoor setting. Pastor Clare Kelley will be out of the area and has asked Bob Huston, former minister of the church, to officiate. Bob was a pastor to the McClungs when the church first chartered. Friends are welcome to attend.

June 6 was a good day here at Holiday Island for Nancy Edwards who caught this 22 in. walleye trolling a 3-in. Pearl Flicker shad. We also came across some whites and crappie trolling about 12 ft. deep and on minnows 4 – 6 ft. deep. Boy do we have some blue gill on the shoreline about anywhere you find brush. Sure way to make the kids happy.

Water temps on both lakes are running in the mid-70s. Look for bass close to the shoreline now. In fact, I would look for most all our fish near the shoreline and off the shoreline on the humps bends and flats. Worms, minnows, crankbaits and spinner baits should all catch you some fish now.

Beaver Lake is getting better every day on our end for stripers and hybrids as they migrate closer to the dam. Limits are being caught between the dam and Rocky Branch now. They are still coming to the top and going deeper as the sun gets high. I am running four bait rods with no weight and four with weight, fishing from the surface down to 28 ft. We are pulling fish on both using shad and small perch for bait. Best places to look are off the flats and river bends. Having a good GPS or map can help you



a lot with these fish since they don’t relate to the shoreline like most other warm water fish.

You still have good trout fishing up the Beaver tailwaters from the shore or a boat, and good fishing in Lake Leatherwood just outside of town for crappie, bass, catfish and red ear sunfish with fishing boats for rent, also shoreline fishing. If you just want to get out and play, Allen here at the Holiday Island Marina can get you on the water with tubes or a fishing pontoon so you have no excuse to not enjoy our lakes whether you fish or swim from the shoreline or in a boat – summer has arrived so get away from that TV and take a kid with you.

INDEPENDENT ART continued from page 13

Ozark Plateau writer at Poetluck June 19

Enjoy a literary salon June 19 at the Writers’ Colony at Dairy Hollow Poetluck with writers-in-residence Kitty Hughes and Carolyn Hall. Kitty will read one of her unpublished pieces from *The Ozark Plateau*, a collection of short stories about a disappearing farm culture, clashing at times with the New South.

Kitty grew up in Arkansas and now lives in Oakland, California. Her nonfiction has appeared in various anthologies, including *Wondrous Child*, published by North Atlantic Books; *A Southern Sampler*, SSAC Press;

and, most recently in *Wandering in Paris*. Carolyn Hall will share some of her poetry. Carolyn authored *Prairie Meals and Memories*, a memoir cookbook about growing up on a small Kansas farm; selected as one of the top 150 books on Kansas Potluck begins at 6:30 p.m. Local writers are invited to read from their work for up to four minutes after Kitty’s presentation. All are welcome, so bring a dish to share and settle in for a great evening at The Writers’ Colony at Dairy Hollow, 515 Spring. (479) 253-7444.

Photographers rule

The Second Saturday Gallery Stroll at Eureka Thyme on June 14 celebrates the gallery’s photographers. Stop by 19 Spring on your stroll and see great photographs from four masters of the photographic realm who have recorded our town in all its beauty. You’ll definitely want to take one of these remembrances home.

Up next at ESSA

June 12 and every Thursday! Eureka Springs School of the Arts invites you to an Open House at 4 p.m. every Thursday. Come stroll the campus, sip wine and enjoy nibbles while viewing creations recently made by professional and student artists in our immersion workshops. Open houses are free.

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INDEPENDENT Crossword

by Bill Westerman

Solution on page 27

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- ACROSS
1. Avoid

5. Arabian marketplace

8. Rim

12. Sharpen

13. Utilize

14. Bundle of laundry

15. Ocean dot of land

16. Practice shifty law

18. Split ___ soup

19. Roost

20. Soar like an eagle

21. Have on

23. Owned

25. Internal animal organs

27. Food vending machine

31. Prescription item

32. Short swim

33. Where Hannibal was defeated

34. Filled with grief

36. Pause

37. Pirate’s potable

38. Roadside marker

39. Make lace

42. Wedge beneath a wheel

44. Tattered cloth

47. Auto exhaust

49. Type of type

50. Prefix for dynamic or space

51. Health resort

52. British nobility

53. Was aware of

54. Goddess of the dead

55. Legal defense
- DOWN
1. Large boat

2. Silk stocking

3. Illegal

4. Once named

5. First-rate

6. One with a habit

7. Whopper topper

8. Yalie

9. Remove one’s

10. Aim

11. Irritable

17. Not this

19. Buddy

22. Gung-ho

24. “Baker’s _____”

25. Not even

26. To’s partner

27. Suffer

28. Yard goods

29. Winged Greek god

30. Touch lightly

32. Morose

35. Ado

36. Ship’s record

38. Panama waterway

39. Boat deck wood

40. Prayer ending

41. Exhaust

43. Heavy cord

45. Farmland measure

46. Celebration

48. Mama pig

49. Energy

BLUES WEEKEND continued from page 13

musicians who performed during Blues Weekend will take the stage for a legendary Blues jam.
See www.EurekaSpringsBlues.com for tickets, schedule and more information. Pick up a copy of June’s *Independent Fun Guide* for a complete blues schedule and list of all free music and blues performers’ club appearances, locations and times.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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in the process. The guest had walked down to a nearby bar. That is where the constable found him. Guest did not return to the lodging and he will pay for the damage.

10:07 p.m. — Traffic stop resulted in the arrest of the driver for minor in possession of an open container and DWI.

10:53 p.m. — A couple engaged in a domestic dispute on a downtown street. Constables arrested both of them for public intoxication.

11:00 p.m. — Guest at an inn asked for constable assistance because she was having difficulties with the innkeeper. Constables complied and stood by as the guests left peacefully.

11:05 p.m. — Passersby heard a domestic disturbance in a downtown business and saw disputants leave going separate ways. The male appeared to be extremely intoxicated, but constable did not encounter either party.

11:36 p.m. — Young children in a motel room made enough noise to elicit complaints. Constables made a visit and the parents put the kids to bed.

JUNE 8

12:24 a.m. — Constables on patrol witnessed a couple arguing on a downtown street and then get into their vehicle to leave. Constable asked the driver to get out of the car and he was arrested for DWI.

1:14 a.m. — Constables responded to an out-of-control guest vandalizing a hotel room. They placed him under arrest.

9:41 a.m. — Driver told ESPD another driver was behaving erratically on his way toward town from the south, flipping people off and nearly causing an accident. Constable encountered the erratic driver at a motel, and he apologized.

10:17 a.m. — A wandering, unchaperoned dog was picked up along US 62 by an officer and returned to its owner with a warning about leash laws.

12:03 p.m. — Constable arrested an individual on an outstanding warrant from Berryville and for failure to appear for shoplifting.

3:30 p.m. — A vehicle pulling a trailer blocked a lane of traffic temporarily.

5:44 p.m. — Observer reported a very intoxicated individual had driven away from a church and was headed east. Constables encountered his vehicle and arrested him. He also had an outstanding warrant out of ESPD for failure to appear.

9:56 p.m. — Central dispatch reported there was a fight at a downtown bar. The combatants had dispersed by the time constables could arrive.



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