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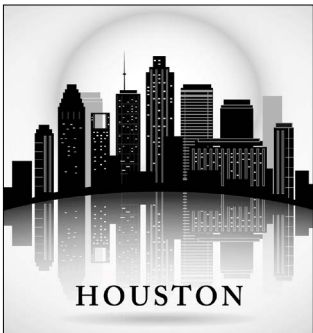
This week’s Independent thinkers

Convoys of volunteers, trained and untrained. People with flat-bottomed boats showing up. Louisiana’s Cajun Navy, a volunteer group that’s grown from 30 to thousands after learning Katrina’s lessons.

Utility workers from Entergy Mississippi helping restore power. Tennessee Task Force One doing water rescues. WalMart pledging \$1 million in cash and another million in product. The Houston Texans donating a million dollars. Lowe’s sending generators, gas cans, chainsaws, shovels. Blood donors. Barbecuers.

Think about this. If right here we were rocked by a tornado or rolled with an earthquake, if Beaver Dam broke, if our quadrillion cedars caught on fire, if we really had to run out the door with the clothes we were wearing and whatever we had in our pockets, and were going to be at the mercy of the weather for days, what would we really need?

Each other. Obviously.



Rabbits and Bugs and Things – All over the place! Though they weren’t the only Volkswagens in town as many different models were brought for the VW show at the Inn of the Ozarks Convention Center. On Friday and Saturday vendors filled the entrance to the show selling VW parts and memorabilia before hopping into their vehicles for the annual parade.

PHOTOS BY JEREMIAH ALVARADO

Neighborhood protection still a Planning ambition

NICKY BOYETTE

The Planning Commission spent part of its August 22 meeting again working over definitions in City Code related to weddings and private events, but commissioners stated there were unfounded rumors and emails circulating that did not reflect their intent or the substance of their work so far.

Commissioner Doug Breitling told the public, “Don’t get hung up on a draft document,” and Chair Melissa Greene added Planning makes recommendations based on research and deliberation, but city council makes the final decision.

Breitling said in his attempt to define a wedding and distinguish it from a private event, he wanted to limit impact on the neighborhood while still making it clear what a person would need to know to hold a family reunion or a graduation party.

Commissioner Ann Sallee asked if she wanted to host a cocktail fundraiser at her home if she would need to get a permit according to Breitling’s design. Breitling replied she would, but his intent was to make it clear what anyone would need to know about parking

requirements, noise, hours and other considerations. He said that what prompted Planning’s work came from events that affected a neighborhood about which Code was not clear enough, therefore difficult to enforce.

Greene said the end result would give law enforcement what it would need to police an event.

Breitling said he would update his document and pass it along to city Economic Development Officer Glenna Booth before presenting it to council.

Response to workshop with city council

Greene stated the discussion with council about proposed changes to Code revealed a loophole related to boarding houses, and she noted no one had asked for a permit for a boarding house, so she suggested they should simply eliminate them from all zones. She forecast boarding houses were “ripe for abuse.”

Breitling commented they had defined boarding houses, but that did not mean they had to allow them.

Vote was unanimous to remove boarding houses from allowed uses in all residential zones.

Commissioners agreed they should schedule

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Today is Toasted Marshmallow Day. Here’s to marshmallows. *Clink.*

Council still looking for workspace

NICKY BOYETTE

At Monday evening's Eureka Springs city council meeting, Mayor Butch Berry presented two floor plans he developed for locations that could be the site of city government meetings in the future. One was the downtown fire station across the street from the courthouse, the other a city-owned building at 25 Norris St. directly across from Eureka Springs Hospital.

Berry said the Norris site, currently the office of Dr. Charles Beard, could be remodeled to seat council, the mayor, the

city attorney and the city clerk/treasurer in front of a group of maybe 40. There would also be space on one side of the upstairs for two offices and a workspace, as well as a usable basement under half the floor space. He estimated a \$25,000 cost for demolition, renovation, and relocating live cable broadcasts.

Berry also mentioned an alternative, that the hospital was interested in renting the entire Norris space, which could mean revenue of maybe \$1200 per month for the city.

He said renovating the downtown fire station might cost \$20,000, and result would be a narrow alignment similar to what they have now except an group of at least 24 would be in the same room. Moving to the fire station would save the

expense of relocating video equipment for live broadcasts, but the building would need public bathrooms.

Alderman David Mitchell noticed the fire station still would not allow citizens to face council, but parking at the Norris site would be tight.

Alderman Terry McClung said they could squeeze more seating into the fire station, but the Norris site has additional office space, which would relieve some of the pressure on city hall.

"Norris has so much potential," McClung observed, "more than just \$1200 per month rent."

Berry mentioned the fire station would still house a fire truck on one side of the floor that could be moved out if necessary.

Alderman Mickey Schneider reminded council they are doing this for the citizens, not for themselves. She said the downtown fire station with plenty of parking across the street would better accommodate citizens.

Alderman Bob Thomas said he wanted to tour both sites, and alderman Peg Adamson agreed about touring, but added she saw the fire station as the same narrow space they have now and preferred the opportunity to open up the meeting space a bit.

Aldermen agreed to tour both sites prior to the Sept. 11 meeting beginning at 4 p.m. at 25 Norris.

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another workshop with council.

Subdivisions

Commissioners agreed they would order copies of a book on Low Impact Development recommended by Mayor Butch Berry as they begin looking at parts of Code related to subdivisions and development.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, Sept., 12, at 6 p.m.

NOTICE

The independent staff of the *Eureka Springs Independent* work, work, work, so in observance of Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 4, the office will be closed. Normal business hours will resume on Tuesday, Sept. 5.

Sunday at EUUF

In honor of Labor Day seven members of the fellowship will give 5-minute talks about "working" at Eureka Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 17 Elk St at 11 a.m. on Sept. 3. Childcare is provided and there is extra parking at Ermilio's, 26 White St.

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CAPC considers business enticement

NICKY BOYETTE

At the August 23 City Advertising and Promotion Commission workshop, Chair Susan Harman suggested they review anew the policy of not listing on the CAPC website events at private establishments in town that visitors and locals might want to know about.

“What will we list?” she asked.

Maloney said commissioners should certainly look again the policy regarding who gets listed on the website, but the CAPC does not “up the tab for private promoters.”

He said one event the CAPC is co-sponsoring during Jazz Eureka Weekend would take place Sept. 16 “Upstairs” at the Grotto Wood-Fired Grill and Wine Cave. The space seats 100 people, which is more appropriate for a cabaret-style setting for jazz vocalist Veronica Swift. Maloney said the CAPC is using the space because of the intimate setting but also because it is free. The Grotto will sell food and drinks but the CAPC pockets ticket sales.

Commissioner Terry McClung added the smaller event at the Grotto is intended to generate interest so that similar events in the future might eventually attract a larger audience.

“We have the Auditorium to fill,” McClung said. “We don’t want to pay for advertising to put people in a private business.”

Harman then put an interesting twist to promoting private businesses. She suggested the CAPC promote businesses that stay open after 5 p.m., and every business would have equal opportunity to get the promotion. The suggestion is in response to the ages-old complaint that there is nothing for visitors to do in the evening because so many stores downtown close early.

“It would be an attempt to keep folks in town,” McClung said.

“Eureka Springs after Five,” Maloney added as the theme of the promotion.

Harman asked how to start the promotion, and Maloney said they need to work out a few details.

Other items

- Maloney said the Eureka Springs app being developed takes four hours to download at this point, and commissioners were skeptical visitors would take the time to download it. Maloney said Modern Tourism Apps, the developer, was working to improve the download. Launch date was still penciled in for late August. Commissioner David Mitchell urged a large rollout event in September.

- The CAPC will co-sponsor three hospitality courses for anyone who has contact with visitors in town. The courses will take place Tuesday, Sept. 5, at 5:30 p.m. and Wednesday, Sept. 6, at 9:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. The classes will be at the Auditorium, and representatives from Arkansas Parks & Tourism will conduct the program.

- Maloney reported it was the opinion of the Municipal League attorneys that it would have been an illegal co-mingling of public and private funds if the CAPC had invested in the Jackrabbit online reservation system with the Chamber of Commerce.

- Maloney also mentioned he had spoken with staff at Inveritas, which he called “a significant research company.” He said the State of Arkansas uses Inveritas in its marketing, and speculated the same folks could help the CAPC pinpoint its targets and how to reach them.

Next meeting will be Wednesday, Sept. 13, at 6 p.m.

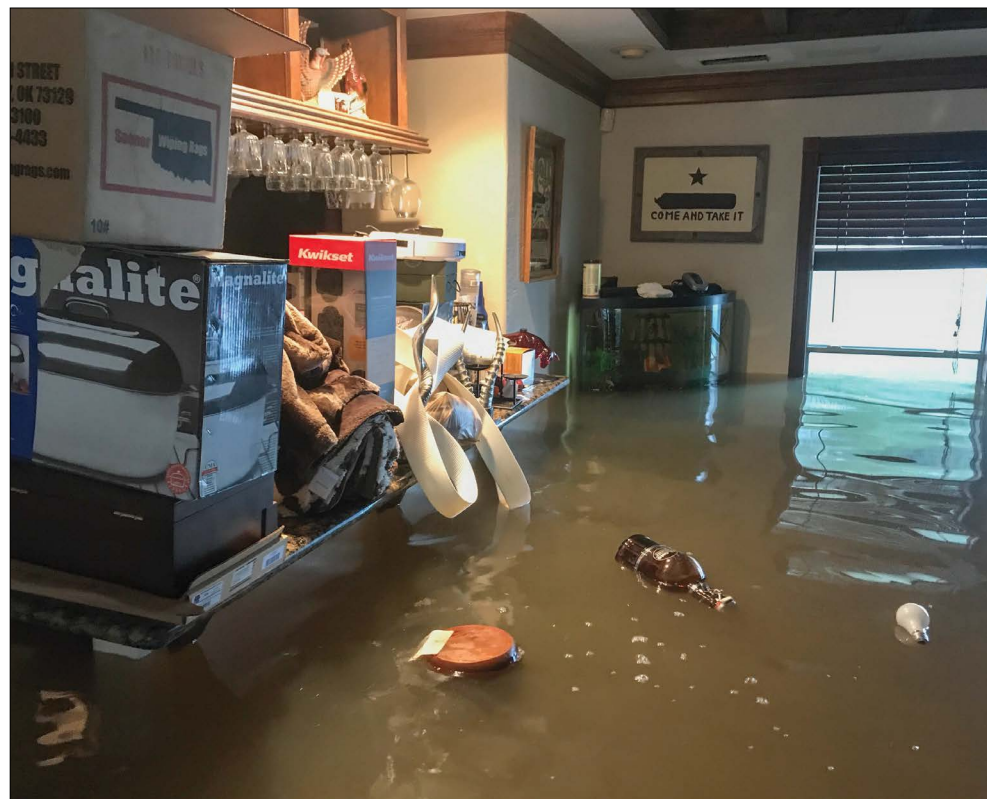


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Hurricane Harvey aftermath

Eureka Clothing Company, 13 Spring St., will be accepting donations at 6 Center St. for victims of Hurricane Harvey. Items needed include new clean clothes, household items, diapers, toiletries, etc. Please no food or water.

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Use of grant funds questioned

NICKY BOYETTE

Alderman Bob Thomas said at Monday's city council meeting he had concerns with what had happened to grant funds originally targeted for a trail from Harmon Park along Dairy Hollow Road to Clear Spring School. The grant was an 80-20 grant from the Federal-aid Transportation Alternative Funds Program with the Arkansas State Highway & Transportation Department providing the 20 percent match.

Thomas passed around copies of Resolution 656 which council approved March 9, 2015, stating the funds were "to develop and improve Dairy Hollow Trail." He stated the Parks Commission had voted to redirect the funds toward a fitness trail around the Community Center property.

Thomas did not mention reasons for the change, but noted the approved resolution stated the city "will participate in accordance with its designated responsibility, including maintenance of this project." Thomas's question was, since the project had been redirected, whether the city was obligated to maintain the fitness trail.

He also pointed out the resolution said the "Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute all appropriate agreements and contracts necessary to expedite the construction of the above stated project." Regardless of the resolution council approved, the project had changed and the funds redirected.

When asked his opinion, City Attorney Tim Weaver said it would depend on what the grant said.

Mayor Butch Berry said it would be appropriate to defer further discussion until the chair of the Parks Commission could be present. Alderman David Mitchell agreed

Parks should be part of the conversation, but agreed with Thomas's concern, and also said he hoped Weaver would offer an opinion.

Alderman Kristi Kendrick added that the grant funds had been redirected toward a fitness trail for property the Community Center Foundation leases from the Eureka Springs School District. She wanted know if the city would have to repay to grant funds if, after the trail were completed, the Foundation defaulted on its lease.

"I'll get Parks in here," Berry replied.

Aldermen voted to table the discussion.

Rural fire department raising money

The rural fire station at Buck Mountain is holding a raffle for a 2008 Custom War Eagle Chopper Bike at the ticket price of \$20 each and a limit of 1,000 tickets being sold. The raffle is to raise money so the fire station can buy a portable pump to pull water from the lake during emergencies.

The bike is on display at the Eureka Springs Fire Department and tickets can be bought at the fire station or from any firefighter. The drawing will be at the ES Fire Department on Sept. 23 during Bikes, Blues & Barbeque.

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ECHO (4004 E. Van Buren) will be collecting supplies for transport to Conroe, Texas, on Sept. 9 to help with disaster relief. ECHO has secured a semi truck and driver donating their time and gas to help haul donations to the distribution storage facility. Loading of the trailer will be on Sept. 8. Items requested include:

- No Clothing
- Water Bottles/Jugs
- Ziplock Baggies filled with a disposable razor, shaving cream, wash rag, bar of soap, pad of paper and pen, travel toothbrush and paste. Please assemble bags before donating.
- Feminine Hygiene products
- Air mattresses
- Diapers – baby and adult sizes
- Baby wipe packets
- No Food

Donations are to be dropped off at ECHO Home & More community room starting Tuesday, Sept. 5. ECHO is also looking for volunteers to help with collection, receiving, and packing the trailers. Meet at the ECHO Clinic meeting room on Thursday, August 31 for an information meeting at 6 p.m. or call Danyelle Harris at (479) 253-5888.

Quiet moments and discussion

The Eureka Springs Buddhist Study Group will gather for 30 minutes of meditation followed by reading and discussion on Thursday, August 31 at 4 p.m. at Heart of Many Ways, 68 Mountain. All are welcome.

City predicts increased revenue

NICKY BOYETTE

Finance Director Lonnie Clark told council on Monday the city was not hitting its projected budgeted mark by about three percent through the end of June, but he saw the city turning a corner and expected a better outcome by the end of the year. New revenue from the sewer fee increase would begin to show up in the August numbers, July is anticipated to be a good month for sales tax, and the Fire Department should begin to catch up with Medicare collections for its EMS calls.

Various questions for Clark revealed the intricacies of accounting for a city's finances. He pointed out

the city must pay sales tax to the State on the parking fee revenue it receives. July was likely a good month for sales tax yet August is looking tepid, but regardless there are projected expenses to be paid, plus surprises.

Mayor Butch Berry lauded department heads for keeping expenses under control, although revenues lag. He hoped for better numbers once revenue from the peak season roll in. He noted that Branson, Mo., a community with big box stores, entertainment venues, and two large shopping centers, is up over the previous year by only 3.2 percent, "so we're not doing so bad."

Show off your dog's style

Bring your furry companion to the Dog Days of Summer at the Eureka Springs Farmers' Market this Thursday, from 8:30 – 11 a.m. There will be a doggie parade around the market at 9 a.m. with a contest at 9:15 with categories such as cutest small, medium, and large dog, best trick, best dressed, and dog/owner look alike contest.



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Codification urgency subdued

NICKY BOYETTE

Alderman Kristi Kendrick noted at the August 28 meeting that in spite of council voting to get City Code updated, City Clerk/Treasurer Ann Armstrong had not addressed aldermen with a date for when codification would be completed. Therefore, she introduced a motion stating that City Code be brought up to date by Oct. 31, 2017, and that Armstrong report to council at both September meetings on her progress.

Armstrong responded that to date probably six ordinances were not codified since council had voted as Kendrick mentioned. Armstrong said she sent in what she had prepared for the codification, but a new group connected to the Municipal League was doing codifications, and they were inundated. She said there had to be a restart on the process because codification is not mechanical but involves humans, and the ones she dealt with were cooperative, but overwhelmed. She was confident future codifications would go smoother, and would proceed as quickly as possible, but could not

predict what people in Little Rock would do or when.

She also said exact ordinances as approved by council are posted online.

Alderman David Mitchell said he appreciated updates from Armstrong but did not think the city clerk needed an end date to get the codifications done.

Armstrong replied with what has become her mantra, "I will answer any question if I get a call or email. It does not require council attention. Just ask."

Aldermen Mickey Schneider and Peg Adamson said they considered the work was getting done, so Kendrick's motion was not necessary.

Armstrong added that how ordinances are added to City Code is not always a clean fit. Sometimes parts of ordinances go in several places, so Kendrick amended her motion by omitting the October 31 end date.

Alderman Bob Thomas then asked City Attorney Tim Weaver if he had said no elected official could tell another elected official how to do her job, and Weaver replied affirmatively. Weaver also mentioned an

ordinance prevails over codification if there is a discrepancy.

Kendrick's was the only Yes vote on the motion, so it failed.

Code committee nixed

Kendrick then introduced a motion to establish a committee "to investigate alternatives to the electronic posting of the City Code via municode.com, which alternatives may be less costly than municode.com and permit realtime alterations to the electronically posted City Code."

She said she was surprised to hear updates to City Code had been postponed because of the cost. She wanted to keep Code "constantly current."

"All I'm suggesting is a committee should be established to investigate the process," she commented.

Adamson then asked, "Would the committee be telling the clerk how to do her job?"

"Could be, and that would not be proper," Weaver explained. He said the city attempted a similar change years ago with

unacceptable and expensive results.

Armstrong reminded council a person can look online at an ordinance to see what would be going into City Code.

Mitchell reiterated the ordinance is the prevailing document, and he was not buying into setting up a committee, so vote on this motion was identical to her first motion, it failed.

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Happy tails

Editor,

I keep forgetting that old adage “if it bleeds, it leads” regarding the news media and social networks. As a result, I often feel despair over the suffering and hate in our country. I lose sight of all the quiet acts of courage and kindness that also abound.

Today, however, I could see (and hear!) such kindness in action at our local Equity Bank’s “Wags and Whiskers Contest” in support of Good Shepherd Humane Society! It was hard to tell who was having more fun, the dogs or the humans! The bake sale treats for the pets looked as delicious as the ones for the humans. Way to go bank staff!

Both the Eureka and Berryville branches are sponsoring all sorts of creative fundraisers and adoption events. During August and September, if one opens a new account, a \$25 donation goes to the shelter (and you get a pet gift, too). Hope everyone can stop by and soak up some goodness.

Nan Johnson

Pardoning our mess

Editor,

Besides having no respect for “The Law” which he swore to uphold, the Sheriff of Maricopa County, Arizona, Joe Arpaio, refused to obey a federal judge’s order and was convicted of criminal contempt. U.S. District Judge Susan Bolton wrote that the Sheriff had shown a “flagrant disregard for the court’s demand... and not only did Defendant abdicate responsibility, he announced to the world and to his subordinates that he

was going to continue business as usual no matter who said otherwise.”

Sheriff Arpaio’s business as usual: he swept into restaurants, hotels, etc., to arrest people he thought might be undocumented; held people trying to come to the U.S. to work in detention facilities until they would plead guilty; threw people who had been arrested into The Matrix, which was the practice of moving a person from cell to cell continuously for 12 hours to sleep on cold concrete with only rotten food to eat; stopped any motorist who “looked Mexican,” frisked them and searched their vehicles; housed inmates in tent cities in 115°-plus summer heat with the only cold water available from vending machines that usually ran out; vending machine-food, grossly overpriced, was the only food available to work furlough prisoners (if you were too poor to buy food from the vending machines, you ate slob, an unknown, thick substance that looked like stew and tasted like cardboard; no heat in the tent cities during winter nor any warm jackets allowed.

Those in full detention had to wear pink socks and pink underwear and flip-flops and were fed only peanut butter and bread or baloney and bread.

The illegally elected “President” pardoned Arpaio, his early supporter. This is only a preview of what he intends to do for all his cronies, his family, and himself when the Mueller investigation discloses his thievery and money laundering.

A previous inmate who was arrested for drunk driving said, “... this is the time for our community to come together and keep fighting for those whose voices go unheard and kept in the dark. Hope for a

better future is what helped me survive the agonizing times I spent in those horrendous facilities, and hope will lead us into a better future for America.”

T.A. Laughlin

Parking ticket costs a lot

Mr. Mayor,

I congratulate you on the efficiency of your city employees during our recent stay in Eureka Springs. In the five minutes it took me to take our luggage from our car and check into the Palace Hotel, I received the enclosed parking ticket. Despite the hotel’s instructions to park in front of the hotel to check in, with instructions on where to find the hotel’s reserved parking (you may be aware that the hotel has parking on Cushing St., far downhill from the front entrance) your vigilant parking enforcement officer saw to it to provide a wonderful welcome to your city. I actually saw the officer on the street as we drove by, looking for the hotel, and the manager reported that he had been lurking on the street that entire afternoon. I’m sure he actually saw me drive up to the hotel and remove our luggage.

The front of the Palace has yellow markings along the curb, the Loading Zone is clearly marked on the sidewalk, but the curb is about two feet high and there is no similar writing facing the street and nothing readily visible from the street. Not seeing the marking, I parked just past the zone’s marking and don’t think I was even in the parking space (my car is small).

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WEEK'S TopTweets

@michael79: Days after my plane crashed, I find a phone. Thankfully, it has enough battery for me to go online & argue with strangers. I remain stranded.
@thetoddwilliams: [Boxing match] **Trainer:** Give him the old one-two. **Champ:** I’m not too good at math. **Trainer:** OK, a left and a right. **Champ:** Or politics.
@notalogin: I think I speak for all of us when I say I’m being presumptuous.
Elle91: Accidentally taught my dog to play dad instead of play dead and now he won’t stop barking at me when I try to touch

the thermostat.

@theboydp: A world without racism exists in traffic. The anger, cursing and honking is truly based on ability to drive, not the content of the car.

@piecezilla: [slowly backing away] Why do you know what shooting fish in a barrel is like?

@P_O_N_K: *After third failed attempt at naming a drawing board* “Well, boys, I guess it’s time to get back to the thing.”

@BlindChow: [Performance review] **Boss:** “From now on you’re getting supervision.” **Me:** Yes! **Boss:** “Wait, that doesn’t mean...” **Me:** *already smashing my glasses*

@blindphineas: I bet the best part of Jay Z’s life was the brief period before he was married when he could say, “This is my fiancée, Beyoncé.”

@molzbeen: I brought a hot glue gun to the gun range and it was awkward at first, but now we’ve created so many memories.

Diamond lurks over Arkansas

If your dog bites you are liable for damages

Last week was terrible for pipeline projects. The new 515-mile Sabal Trail pipeline, in operation for only 12 days, was shut-off by a D.C. Federal Appeals Court. There were no leaks or spills. The pipeline was stopped for ignoring the *total greenhouse gas emissions*. The Environmental Impact Study (EIS) ignored the carbon dioxide emissions from the electric power plants at the end of the line. Burning natural gas to make steam creates massive amounts of carbon dioxide emissions, the main cause of the climate emergency.

The Court said, “the environmental groups which it refers to collectively as ‘Sierra Club,’ along with a group of landowners, timely petitioned our court for review of the approval process by the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.” Interstate natural gas pipelines are regulated by FERC, a Department of Energy agency.

“Sierra Club argues the EIS failed to consider the project’s impact on low-income and minority communities. Landowners allege oversights in the EIS, dispute the public need for the project and claim FERC used an insufficiently transparent process to approve the pipeline.”

Can Diamond be stopped by a lawsuit?

Yes, it can, with sufficient funds to pay for the best lawyers. The Diamond approval process is based on incomplete false information and intimidation. Oklahoma, Arkansas and Tennessee are not known for environmental concerns. My comments are mainly about Arkansas, a beautiful state, where steel mills, wood-pellet mills, pig factories, deforestation, and river pollution are called “progress.”

Laws of Nature supersede State laws

Arkansas laws are made by people in power. Some make sense at the time when the rules are proposed. This is what the 1930’s Arkansas Law says about oil pipelines: “All pipeline companies operating in this state are given the right of eminent domain.”

The full-text, if done well, may have said something like: “Great news, oil was found in El Dorado, and the Arkansas economy is about to change. Everyone will benefit from oil revenues. To sell crude oil in nearby states, a new way to transport 200 barrels per day will be used. The

device is called an *oil pipeline*. To protect the environment and private property rights, pipelines will be routed on public land, avoiding crossing rivers and sensitive ecological areas. Landowners will have the option to sell easements, and will be compensated at a price set by the owner, or the full market value determined by an independent appraiser. If the route traverses a farm, the pipeline company will buy the farm.”

The devastation in Texas from an *unprecedented* storm creating damages that will last for years is related to massive amounts of water in the clouds. *Hot temperatures drive evaporation, the rain cycle is a natural process.*

Choosing an irresponsible individual, the worst person to lead the Environmental Protection Agency, removing references to climate change, cutting resources and eliminating top climate scientists, is criminal behavior. Why waste resources to promote wars and build walls, ignoring the climate emergency?

Why has Diamond gone unchallenged in Arkansas?

You may have heard the story of the

“5 Monkey Syndrome.” Monkeys learn from others and make unbreakable rules of behavior. This is known in the Natural State as “there is nothing you can do, you are a stranger in a strange land.” YouTube has the Monkey video.

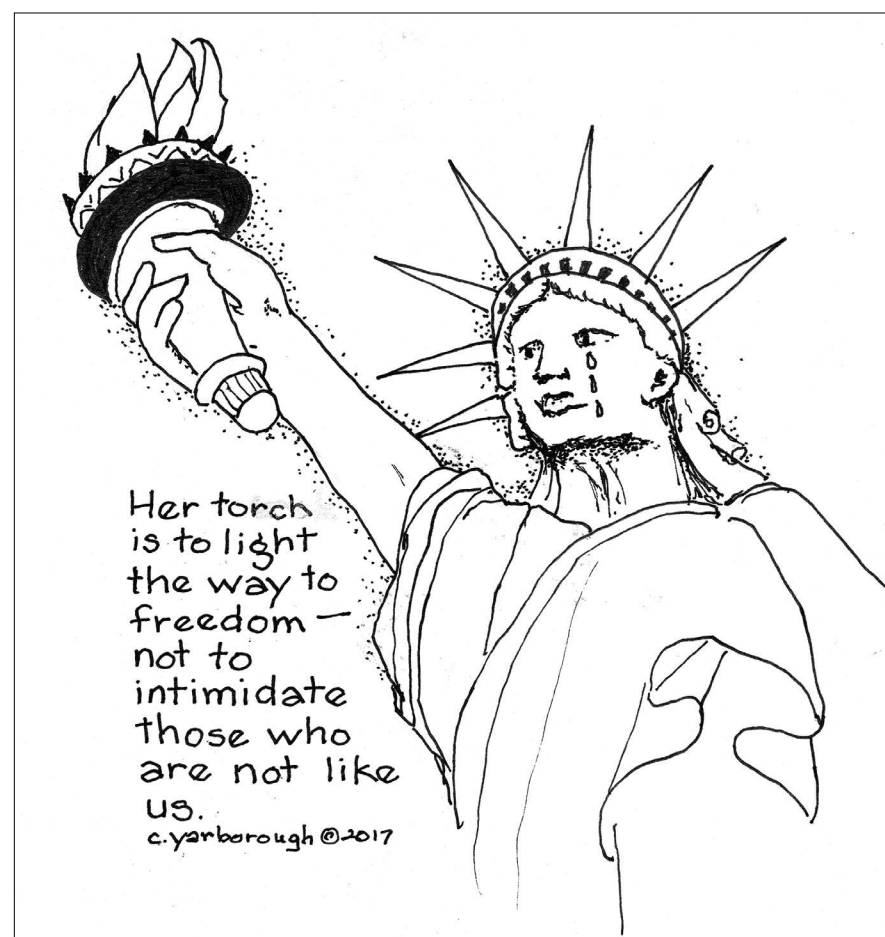
From a rumor to a statewide permanent threat

In 2014, Fish & Wildlife and Department of Health concerns with partial information were ignored. One-on-one taking of private property, prior to having an approved route, gave Diamond a right-of-way. A request to cross watersheds without safety information, prior to choosing low-quality pipes, was granted in return for an undisclosed amount of money. A rubber-stamped river navigation permit, based on false and incomplete testimony, was expedited. In April 2017, wastewater permits were granted by the Department of Environmental Quality.

Time to act!

Gov. Asa Hutchinson is the authority in charge of state emergencies. Please contact his office and demand he stop the Diamond Pipeline to protect Arkansas.

Dr. Luis Contreras



The Pursuit Of HAPPINESS

by Dan Krotz

It is time get down to brass tacks. Republicans need to say pretty quick – and definitively – whether or not the flabby moron heading their party accurately represents Republican values, ideals, and ethical frames of reference. Voters who chose Trump as a “lesser evil” certainly deserve a pass – unless they still stand by their man. If they do, well, bless their hearts. And if you run a church and continue to support Trump and Trumpism, allow me to refer you to *John 11:35*.

For the Democratic Party, and Democrats generally, I encourage you to stop chasing shiny objects. The Civil War monuments quarrel is a shiny object. Steve Bannon, the political strategist that Trump continues to hold dear, refers to Trump’s alt-right supporters as “freaks, goobers, and clowns.” Nationalists, like Trump and Bannon, depend on these useful idiots to distract rational people away from rational consideration and effective action. Don’t fall for it. Register some voters instead.

The same thing is true about protesting the placement of religious monuments on public property. Republicans have trouble keeping the 10 Commandments; they’ll never have trouble raising money to celebrate or litigate their hypocrisy. By all means, give them, and a few dozen peaceful pigeons, a quiet place to roost, even if it’s on “our” State Capitol’s lawn.

Honor the 1st Amendment and rejoice in its exercise. Unconditionally support the right of yappers like Ann Coulter and Milo Yiannopoulos to freely speak, anywhere, and at any time. Peaceably assemble when they do and drolly distribute smiley face vomit bags (packs of 30 available from Amazon, \$12.95+s/h) to the assembled. Have some fun, for goodness sakes.

A final bit of advice for Democrats: stop chasing your own party’s shiny objects. Quit listening to gibberish about minimum wage hikes and start demanding to know what your party is going to do about today’s workers earning 30% less in constant dollars than their mothers and fathers earned doing the same work in 1976. Trump’s base enjoys being fooled by Build a Wall and Coal Renaissance fairy tales, no matter how often they hear them. Democrats say they’re smarter than that. Let’s see if they are.

A little help from our friends:

- **Good Shepherd Humane Society** monthly board meetings are held the 4th Wednesday of each month at 1 p.m. at the Good Shepherd Humane Society Shelter, 6486 Hwy. 62E. All are welcome.
- **Carroll County Domestic Violence Hotline:** 1-844-247-3223 (844-24PEACE) is available 24/7. The Purple Flower Domestic Violence Resource and Support Center is open Tuesdays and Thursday from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. at 109 W. Church Ave. in Berryville. (479) 981-1676.
- **24-hour NWA Crisis Line for Women** – NWA Women’s Shelter serving Carroll County – “Empowering families to live free of violence.” (800) 775-9011 www.nwaws.org
- **A Cup of Love Ministry** – Feeding the Hungry – Located at 4032 E. Van Buren, Hwy 62. Serving Soup Monday-Friday 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Sunday Service – 10:30 a.m. Noon potluck following. Wednesday – Bible Study 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. Friday – Food Pantry 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Caring for our community, spirit, soul, and body. (479) 363-4529.
- **Flint Street Fellowship food pantry, lunch, free clothing** – Pantry open 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays. Free lunch Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Free clothes/shoes closet, books and household items. (479) 253-9491 or 253-4945. Leave donations in barrel at entrance if facility is closed.
- **Wildflowers one-dollar, furniture barn/thrift store** US 62E across from Hill Country Hardware. One-dollar store in the yellow building open Tuesday – Saturday from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Thrift store, furniture bank in big blue barn behind chapel open Friday and Saturday from 10:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. Donation drop offs by the blue barn only.
- **Recorded Teachings and Meditation Monday** – Recorded Rinpocne teachings at 5:30 p.m. on Mondays followed by meditation at 6 p.m. Call Alece at (479) 244-6841 or Gary at (479) 244-6840.
- **Celebrate Recovery** – Soul Purpose Ministries, 801 S. Springfield, Green Forest, 6:30 p.m. each Wednesday. Potluck followed by 12-step Christ-centered meetings for those suffering from addiction, habit, hang-up or hurt.
- **Grief Share** – A Bible-based, 13-week program for those who have lost a loved one from 2 – 4 p.m. at Faith Bible Church, Suite C, 3 Parkcliff Drive, Holiday Island. Share with others experiencing similar circumstances in an informal, confidential setting. Call (479) 253-8925 or email lardellen@gmail.com. You may join at anytime.
- **Narcotics Anonymous** – Fridays, 5:30 p.m. (903) 278-5568. Meetings held at Eureka Springs Coffee Pot Group behind Land O’ Nod Victorian Inn.
- **Coffee Break Al-Anon Family Group Women** – Tuesdays, 9:45 a.m., Faith Christian Family Church, Hwy. 23S, (479) 981-1686.
- **Al-Anon Family Group (AFG)** – Sundays, 11:30 a.m.; Mondays, 7 p.m.; Wednesdays and Thursdays, 5:30 p.m. Meetings held at Eureka Springs Coffee Pot Group behind Land O’ Nod Victorian Inn on Hwy. 23S. (479) 253-3380.
- **Eureka Springs Coffee Pot AA Groups** Monday-Saturday 12:30 p.m.; Sunday 10 a.m.; Sunday – Thursday, Saturday, 5:30 p.m.; Tuesday and Friday, 8 p.m. (479) 253-7956. Meetings held at Eureka Springs Coffee Pot Group behind Land O’ Nod Victorian Inn. All are meetings: See www.nwarkaa.org.
- **Overeaters Anonymous** – Thursday, 10:30 a.m. Meetings held at Eureka Springs Coffee Pot Group behind Land O’ Nod Inn on Hwy. 23S. (479) 981-3103
- **St. Vincent De Paul Thrift Store** – First Tuesdays – provide assistance with medical help, utilities, clothing, emergency shelter, shoes, etc. Annual charity Christmas Gift & Food Program. Mon-Sat 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. 1844 Hwy. 62W Berryville.
- **Support Group** – for those with **Parkinson’s** and their caregivers, first Wednesday of each month, ECHO Community Room at 10 a.m. For questions email Sally at sarahg@arkansas.net or call (479) 981-1587.
- **Echo Thrift Stores and Clinic** – The Clinic is open 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month for appointments open 1 – 4 p.m. Open every Tuesday/Thursday to assess needs and to make appointments. Free services are offered to those without insurance or if insurance does not cover them. The Thrift Store is open Monday-Saturday from 9 – 5 p.m. Clinic number: (479) 253-5547. Thrift Store number: (479) 253-5888.
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- **Chronic Pain Support Group Forming** – Call if you feel Alone and are looking for resources, support and advocacy. (870) 350-5571.
- **Diabetes and Weight Management Support Group:** 4th Thursday each month at 6 p.m. (Jan. – Oct.) (479) 325-9749. Abundant Health Wellness Center, 240 Huntsville Rd. Eureka Springs. DanaWestRD.com

INDEPENDENT ConstablesOnPatrol

AUGUST 21

- 12:44 p.m. – Constable took a report regarding criminal mischief.
- 1:14 p.m. – In a neighborhood just off US 62 east of downtown, resident reported hearing fireworks. Constable searched that neighborhood and an adjoining one, but did not find anything to report.
- 4:09 p.m. – Bank employee reported receiving counterfeit money.
- 6:34 p.m. – Passerby told ESPD a parked vehicle still had its lights on.
- 6:43 p.m. – A mother asked for assistance with her daughter. Constable complied.
- 8:08 p.m. – Motorist headed to town from the north reported an erratic driver. Constables watched for but did not encounter the vehicle.

AUGUST 22

- 1:37 a.m. – Constable responded to a downtown bar because someone reported a possibly inebriated driver in an unknown make or model vehicle with an out-of-state license going in an unknown direction.
- 7:45 a.m. – Resident claimed a person for whom there was a protection order came into her house. Constables went to the scene for a report.
- 10:19 p.m. – Husband claimed his wife had fallen, hit her head on a rock and needed assistance. Constable and EMS arrived to find she had a head wound but did not need stitches and she refused to go to the hospital.

AUGUST 23

- 2:13 a.m. – Constable responded to a call about a noisy neighbor but nobody answered when he knocked on the door.
- 10:59 a.m. – Constable took a report of harassing communications.

AUGUST 24

- 12:47 a.m. – Alarm rang out at a business downtown, but the constable and manager found the building secure.
- 10:56 a.m. – Caller reported wire transfer fraud.

AUGUST 25

- 6:47 a.m. – Concerned onlooker said there were articles of clothing and personal items strewn all over a street above downtown. Constable went to check and found the area cleared except for a few items next to a tree.
- 2:31 p.m. – Constable went to a motel because of reported suspicious activity.
- 10:13 p.m. – A wife reported her husband was missing. A friend found his phone on the ground at the hotel. The husband later called from Joplin saying he was getting a room for the night there.

AUGUST 26

- 12:59 a.m. – Individual was lurking behind a business. He had already been asked to leave the premises. Constable responded, but the lurker was already gone.
- 1:20 a.m. – Person downtown was arrested for public intoxication.
- 9:18 a.m. – Another individual was arrested on an ESPD warrant.
- 2:11 p.m. – There was an accident in a parking lot.
- 2:34 p.m. – Central dispatch alerted ESPD to an erratic motorcyclist headed toward town from the south, but constables did not encounter the cyclist.
- 5:54 p.m. – Concerned person on Main Street suspected she smelled gas. ESFD responded.
- 11:33 p.m. – Resident near downtown complained about the noise coming from a nearby establishment. Constable found a wedding party relishing the evening, and he asked them to turn down their music. They went inside, closed the windows and carried on.

AUGUST 27

- 1:44 p.m. – Passerby noticed there were no cars in the parking lot of a business on the east side of town yet a side door was open. Constables went to the scene, called the owner and determined everything was okay.
- 2:54 p.m. – Innkeeper claimed illegal activity was occurring in one of the rooms. Constables responded and asked the guests to leave the premises and not come back.
- 4:37 p.m. – Diners ate their meals and left without paying at a restaurant downtown. Constable found the bolters who returned to pay for their food.

‘Eurekan’ running on high

NICKY BOYETTE

Alderman Mickey Schneider reported to council August 28 that the Eureka Multi-Sport event held August 11 – 13 continues to grow, and this year 67 people participated in the triathlon event but another 34 participated in the half-Eureka. The oldest competitor in the various events was 85, and the youngest, seven.

She was pleased to note 95 percent of the participants were from outside the local zip code. Entrants from 17 states including Ohio, Washington and Wyoming

participated, and Schneider announced with pride there were participants from England, the Netherlands, Oman, Macao and Argentina. The participant from Wyoming was formerly from Oklahoma and has participated in every Eureka so far.

Downtown music restrictions costing revenue

During Public Comments, Jeff Gregory of the Cathouse Lounge told council he has tried to be a good neighbor and socially responsible regarding late

night music. He has cooperated with ESPD at every turn, but it appeared to him things have changed in the city regarding the permit process and hours his musicians can perform. He stated Eureka Springs needs music, but claimed he loses \$2000 per week because he must rein in performances after 11 p.m. Gregory said he wanted to grow his business and he'll take all steps necessary, but was asking for understanding of his predicament.

Final items

- Mayor Butch Berry announced there was a vacancy on Planning, the CAPC, Hospital, Parks, and Cemetery commissions. Anyone interested can contact his office.

- Council approved Resolution 715, the mid-year budget adjustment. Vote was 5-1, Peg Adamson voting No.

- Kendrick asked for the Nov. 13 council meeting to be rescheduled because she would be out of town. Three aldermen expressed concern for rescheduling a meeting for a personal reason, and there was no further discussion.

Next meeting will be Monday, Sept. 11, at 6 p.m.



Guests filled the Holiday Island Country Club Ballroom for the 29th annual Holiday Island Art Guild Art Show and Silent Auction, which ran August 18 – 20. There were 191 pieces of art to view in 6 categories, which was judged by Gary Simmons of Hot Springs. Winners of each category are: **3D Sculpture** – 1st – Bob Anastasi – *Vortex of Colors*, 2nd – Sue Fox – *Beauty & The Beast*, 3rd – Sue Fox – *Coffee Table*; **Works on Canvas/Fabric** – 1st – Bob Logan – *Havasu #2*, 2nd – Nigel Hartey – *The Street*, 3rd – Jim Sexton – *Ozark Sentinel*; **Manipulated Photography** – 1st – Ellen Dunn – *Solitude*, 2nd – Sharon Schultz – *Boxley Valley*, 3rd – Ellen Dunn – *Tight Fit*; **Mixed Media** – 1st – Pat Sweeden – *Sue's Idea*, 2nd – Mary Springer – *Contemplation*, 3rd – Mary Springer – *Amy*; **Photography** – 1st – Stephen Shogren – *Evening at Crystal Bridges*, 2nd – Ellen Dunn – *Captured Motion*, 3rd – Stephen Shogren – *Old Ozark Homestead*; **Works on Paper** – 1st – Terry DuMontier – *Mom's Day*, 2nd – Jim Sexton – *Going All Out*, 3rd – Jim Sexton – *The Passion Flower*. And just to brag a bit, Jay Vrecenak won first place for Viewer's Choice Award for the HI Directory Cover. Way to go Jay!

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I have enclosed copies of receipts from the money spent on our visit. This was my wife's and my anniversary vacation, the first we have had since the last of our children left home. Your officer's welcome gives us pause to think twice before returning to spend tourism dollars in Eureka Springs, and we are certainly not going to follow up on our idea to invite other couples in our supper club to spend a weekend with you as the holiday season approaches. Consider the \$1000 we spent and multiply by 3 (and more) and ask whether or not this officer served your city well. I have sent my fine to your police. Maybe you can put it to use painting the Loading Zone on the street-side of the curb in front of the hotel.

Dr. A.J. Zolten
Little Rock

Halloween Candy Bank rides again

Editor,

The town is already talking about Halloween plans, and the CAPC has doled out funds for promotion of events for the entire month that declare us to be "Halloween City." This is a friendly reminder to your paper and any other public entities that the candy giveaway on the upper loop is not a city-funded event in need of additional promotion.

Last year when residents of the upper loop saw print and website material promoting our neighborhood as the place to go for trick-or-treat fun, we knew we had a potential problem on our hands in the sheer numbers of goblins we would be feeding from our own pockets. We handled the situation with the White Street Candy Bank. Donations poured in from all over town and were happily dispersed down to the last gumdrop.

The candy giveaway is something we always enjoy – and we want to keep it that way. So if you can help us spread the word to anyone adding October 31 to their calendar of public events as a day to bring the family to the Upper Loop for candy, we remind them we are private citizens spending our own money to please a crowd that has reached critical mass.

Last year we counted 1200 trick-or-treaters, and noticed we became somewhat of a candy-passing machine, losing time to chat with kids and admire their creative efforts. Many neighbors agree that if crowds get any larger we will need to consider things like traffic safety measures and public restrooms.

There are ways to keep this event fun. I have suggested to the CAPC that if they plan to include the giveaway in event calendars the neighborly thing to do would be to help us by: a) providing shuttles and encouraging visitors to park at the Community Center to control the crowd and keep the streets flowing, b) making large donations to the Candy Bank, and c) sponsoring a carnival at the end of the line to keep the crowd moving as well as reward the neighborhood for the work we do. It could even be a fundraiser for the Community Center.

Please do not think we are unhappy or unwilling to participate. It's just grown to the point where it should not depend completely on private citizens to pull this off well. Also please understand I am speaking for myself and a small group of neighbors, and these thoughts may not represent an entire district. We will contact you again in October to announce details about the Candy Bank and our plans for a fun and safe neighborhood Halloween. Thank you.

Mark Hughes

INDEPENDENTNews

Solar saltwater batteries power air conditioning

BECKY GILLETTE

For the past 15 years, David Roll has lived off grid in a house in Blue Deer, south of Eureka Springs, that he designed and built into a berm with passive and active solar power. The passive solar design uses large windows to capture heat in the winter and the active solar panels provide electricity.

There have been great improvements in solar technology since Roll started out with four solar panels and some golf cart batteries. Panel prices have come down and battery storage of power has improved greatly. Recently he and his partner, Sherry Young, upgraded their system to replace old lead-acid batteries with saltwater batteries.

"Everything in the solar world has gotten cheaper," Roll said. "The saltwater batteries are absolutely non-toxic. And you can run them down to zero charge which is a big no-no with the old school lead acid batteries. Those had to be kept charged, and there was a maintenance schedule with all that. We were waiting for the technology to move along and it did."

The three saltwater batteries are columns three feet tall. Unlike the old lead batteries that have to have a toxic fume vented, it isn't necessary to vent saltwater batteries.

"They are just beautiful," Roll said. "These things are awesome."

Conventional wisdom used to be that air conditioners used too much electricity to make it feasible to run them on solar power. But especially in humid summers, like this one, it's important to control humidity to prevent the growth of mold.

There have also been improvements in the energy efficiency of air conditioners. Roll and Young recently purchased a mini-split air conditioner that runs on direct current (DC), making it even more energy efficient than the standard alternating-current systems.

"The DC air conditioner is the most efficient you can get," Roll said. "We have 12 solar panels and it takes three to run the air conditioning. It is not some big, giant system."

Roll has observed that the climate has been changing; the weather in Northwest Arkansas is different than it used to be.

"The issue that drove us to get air conditioning was the moisture in the house, the mold thing that sets in with this wet and hot weather," Roll said. "We have to dehumidify now. That is

essential. We let our needs drive the next step."

Roll said for him, investing in solar power was not so much an idealistic choice as it was logical.

"The idealism follows behind," Roll said. "The logical part is so beautiful. I'm not doing it in a reactive mode, but because of the logic of it and the joy I get from this system. All this time, it's just a pleasure for me to stay in contact with weather, how much juice we have and what we can do. Someone else might do it because

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David Roll is shown pointing at the power inverter used to convert power from the solar panels into electricity used in the house. Roll's new saltwater batteries shown in the background are non-toxic and more efficient than the older lead-based batteries they replaced. **PHOTOS BY BECKY GILLETTE**



HOGnobbing by Danny West

FAYETTEVILLE – Fans have waited all summer to see how Arkansas' defense will look under new defensive coordinator Paul Rhoads, and they'll get their first glimpse on Thursday when the Hogs kick off against Florida A&M at 7 p.m. in Little Rock.

While the Rattlers (1-0) won't be considered a great measuring stick for the Razorbacks, they do have potential big-play threats capable of testing an Arkansas defense that is still adjusting to a new 3-4 scheme.

It all starts with athletic sophomore quarterback Ryan Stanley, who accounted for 238 yards and a pair of touchdowns in FAMU's 29-7 win over Texas Southern last Saturday. Stanley is protected by four multi-year starters on the offensive line and has weapons in junior running back Devin Bowers and senior receivers Brandon Norwood and Chaviss Murphy.

"They looked well-tuned," Arkansas inside linebackers coach Vernon Hargreaves said. "The running back is really good, the quarterback did some good things, and they've got a couple of receivers that can make you pay if you don't do what you're supposed to do."

"They're pretty similar to what we've kind of been

preparing for. I'm sure they'll have some wrinkles for us on Thursday, but they look pretty much like they did coming out of last year."

Arkansas senior nickelback Kevin Richardson, a Jacksonville, Ark., native, said Stanley reminds him of a former SEC standout.

"He kind of reminded me of [former Ole Miss quarterback] Chad Kelley when he ran the ball," Richardson said. "He's a guy that can move around and run. We've got to defend the quarterback run game just like we do against teams like Ole Miss and Texas A&M."

Stanley, who rushed for 351 yards and three scores last season, has the running ability that has been known to give Arkansas defenses fits in recent years.

"He's a winner. He does a good job passing the ball," outside linebackers coach Chad Walker said. "He can move well. He dropped back there, did a little scrambling for sure. He did a nice job. He's got good legs."

Norwood, who was lightly recruited coming out of high school powerhouse Atlanta (Ga.) Cedar Grove, had 458 yards last year and began this season with five receptions for 63 yards and a touchdown last Saturday.

"Oh yeah [Norwood] can compete at the highest level

if he could," Richardson said. "We're going to have to play him like we play any other SEC receiver. He's got the talent, he's got the skills. He can play."

Arkansas' defensive line has a good collection of talented young guys, but only a couple have seen significant game action. In terms of starts, the Hogs' defensive front will be facing one of the more veteran offensive lines they'll see all season.

"We're going to have to be ready," defensive line coach John Scott Jr. said. "We're going to have to be right, we're going to have to be disciplined and assignment sound. Running the stretch and outside zone and things like that we've seen. Their O-line plays well, they've been coached up well on their blocking assignments and where they want to go."

On the other side of the ball, the Rattlers are undersized but have leaders at each level of their defense.

Up front, senior defensive end Elijah Price (6-3, 225) made 15.5 tackles for loss a year ago. Junior outside linebacker Quenteze Gallon (5-10, 205) had 47 stops including nine for lost yardage.

Cornerback Orlando McKinley had four interceptions, including one for a pick-six, and a fumble recovery. The 5-8, 175-pounder is a threat as a kickoff returner, as well.

Thursday's game will be televised by the SEC Network.

(Danny West covers Razorback athletics and recruiting in football and basketball for HawgSports.com and is a regular guest on sports talk radio station 103.7 The Buzz in Little Rock.)



Man's best friend shows off again – Equity Bank hosted a Wags & Whiskers Beauty Pageant on August 25 to help raise money for the Good Shepherd Humane Society. Ten dogs showed their stuff to those in the bank and the three judges in the hopes of winning prizes. The event raised \$590 for the Good Shepherd Humane Society. Pictured are the dogs and their owners that participated in the beauty pageant.

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Approaching Gratitude

Autumn is quickly approaching, with its many festivals of light. It's only weeks now 'til Autumn Equinox, another summer passing, another season of light approaching. Notice the word "approach," as in Spiritual Approach, one of the Laws of the Aquarian Age. To "approach" means to "come closer." The eclipse supported this Aquarian Law. Asking us to approach each other not in the old ways of separation and intolerance, but with knowledge of our essential spiritual divinity. At each new age, humanity is given new guidelines. The Aquarian Age has six guidelines (Laws & Principles) to follow. One is "Spiritual Approach."

The first weeks of September, (Sept. 1 – 10) Mercury retrograde moves back to the Leo 28-29 eclipse degree. A reminder – the essential things we have depended upon continue to fall away, no longer available or useful to us. And that, by force of the cosmos & the new age of livingness, all things new will come forth. Aware of this, we wait and see. Knowing this, we are prepared.

Monday is Labor Day. We offer our gratitude to all kingdoms (human, animal, plant, mineral) who labor daily for us. This is their "approach" to us. How will we show our gratitude?

Tuesday, Mercury in Leo is still in the sky,

preparing in three days to move forward again. Tuesday may feel very nebulous, floaty, watery, other-worldly and confusing for everyone. Moon is in Pisces (ruled by Neptune) and the Sun, Venus and moon will interact with Neptune. And Mars (action!) is shifting into Virgo! We may not know where we are, why we are, or where we (or others) are going! We'll wait and see once again.

Tuesday, we prepare for **Wednesday's early morning hours full moon**, solar festival, 14 degrees Virgo. "In Virgo two lights are seen. One waxing (the Soul), one waning (the personality)." We are both those lights. And more.

ARIES: Visiting both the past and future you're encouraged to be more spontaneous and radical than usual. You want everything to be new again. Off you go to places unfamiliar and unusual, where curious things occur and friends appear and communication happens and travel (short distance), too, and then you become more creative and this stays around for a while. Then the tests appear. Stay attuned.

TAURUS: Often you don't know where your money is, where it's coming from or when, and you think you should be more careful and for a moment you are (with money, finances, resources). And really you have more than you think but you're holding onto things that could be used for other purposes. You talk some about money. But usually you're silent. That's lonely. Your relationship needs tending, too.

GEMINI: Usually you speak in paradox displaying duality, in humorous metaphors and sometimes people don't understand you, your message (its meaning) or your humor. Many don't know you. During and after Mercury retrograde times something different occurs. Your heart opens. We hear you speaking heart-felt words – what you love and need, how you feel, whom you're missing. It's only for a moment. So, we're

listening carefully.

CANCER: This is either a time of spiritual insights and midnight dreams or days of confusion, bewilderment, puzzlement, mystification and uncertainty. Consider both as interesting, the latter more uncomfortable yet providing great insights. Help family to organize their lives so they better navigate their future. No matter the circumstances you've always been "good enough" (excellent) parent.

LEO: It's important to acknowledge your intelligence & intuition.

It's important to join with others who see your brilliant gifts, vast array of knowledge, collected and experienced over years. It's important to be recognized for your care of the kingdoms (land, soil, minerals, plants, animals, bees, humans, angels). When you give of yourself to others, more resources and gifts become available. Venus enters your sign. Love happens.

VIRGO: Your life becomes both

internally and externally busy. You need energy to meet demands made by Mars and Mercury, your ruler. Self-reliance, self-confidence and personal achievements will emerge in the coming weeks. Revelations

appear if you identify yourself with

the qualities of Ceres, the harvest maiden, tending to nature, planting bitter greens (parsley, kale & arugula) and chrysanthemums. Preparing now for autumn.

LIBRA: It's a good time to consider the quality of your spiritual life. And how to be more caring and nurturing at work.

Many variables show up in your work world, this and that, here and there. Visualize yourself confident and poised in the middle of all work realities. You may encounter a past situation. Be ethical at work; allow nothing to interfere with this. At home, it's important for health reasons to rest more. In relationship, be the eternal flame.

SCORPIO: So often you wonder what your goals are, what you would like in the future, what friends would be good for you, and what objectives you want accomplished in the near future. Whenever there's an opportunity to be with others step into that group, radiate your special mysterious charm and see what occurs. Whatever you desire eventually appears. It's an interesting Scorpio situation. For best results, discern between wants and needs beforehand.

SAGITTARIUS: Professionally you've been completing previous agendas and plans. So often, with Saturn in Sag, you have felt restricted, seeing no open road ahead. Other times, joy and elated. Now a new impulse of energy comes forth.

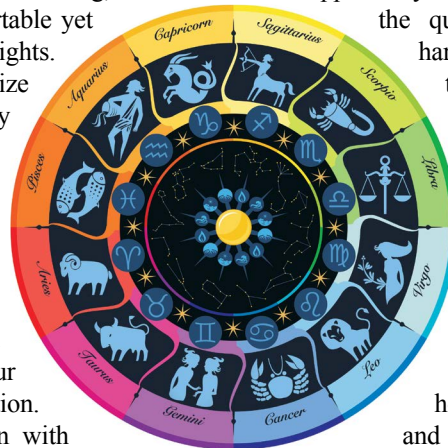
You may be asked to accomplish special tasks, something important is offered or appears. Do not allow any power plays to be acted out. Don't play the game. Be inspired by beauty instead. By travel, new vistas. A dream.

CAPRICORN: Consider new creative projects and travel to unusual places. There has been great emphasis on home and daily life, gathering family together, planning dinners and outings, preparing loved ones to step into the world. You're good at educating and enlightening others. You want different experiences now. Remember, you're in a state of transformation. Prepare your Halloween garden.

AQUARIUS: Pleasure, happiness and fun are important, especially with friends and relationships. You know everyone, everyone knows you – everyone's an acquaintance. That's the Aquarian task, to know all of humanity. There may be a concern about money. Know that all will be well if you are careful, buying only what is needed. Travel is needed. Tithing, too, is important. When we give, it's returned to us tenfold.

PISCES: Multiple events occur; upheavals, windfalls, joy, disappointment, stability, instability, wounds hurting and healing. You may be upset when remembering past actions. Relationships feel conflictual, partners having different needs. Both sides are equal. Both have equal needs. Like a rainstorm, conflict cleanses and clears the air. Harmony emerging after conflict. You must choose to see both sides. It takes courage. For often "we only know in part." (Corinthians)

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Play reading at Metafizzies

The August 28 meeting of the Eureka Springs Metaphysical Society will feature a reading of a play on Plato's initiation into the Egyptian mystery school, followed by discussion. The meeting will be at 7 p.m. at Heart of Many Ways, 68 Mountain. All are welcome.

Preparing Christmas Service choir

Eureka Springs United Methodist Church Music Ministry is partnering with St. Elizabeth Catholic Church Music Ministry in producing *The Nine Lessons* in December.

Singers from area churches and the community are invited to join. Rehearsals begin

on August 31 at the St. Elizabeth Parish Center on Passion Play Road from 5:30 – 7:30 and will be Thursdays at the same time. Performance dates will be Sunday, Dec. 10 at 5 p.m. at the Methodist Church. Contact Sharon at (479) 981-0870 for more information

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Mojo adjustment at Brews courtesy of Sad Daddy

Sad Daddy is a talented foursome based in Eureka Springs whose acoustic folk sound has earned them a following and two album releases. The songwriting that can be poignant or make you actually laugh out loud is backed by Melissa Carper on upright bass, Brian Martin doubling guitar and kazoo! Joe Sundell on banjo and Rebecca Patek sawing the fiddle. You can't beat this feel-good, local music and if you're feeling out of sorts, their song "Don't Be Messin' with My Mojo" will be sure to get you back. See them at Brews on Saturday from 7-10 p.m.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 31

BALCONY RESTAURANT - Catherine Reed, Singer/Songwriter, 5 p.m.

CATHOUSE LOUNGE - Jimmy W. Garrett, Singer/Songwriter, 6-8 p.m.

GRANDE TAVERNE - Jerry Yester, Grand Piano Dinner Music, 6:30 p.m.

GRUB N PUB - Boss Karaoke, 8 p.m.

LEGENDS SALOON - About Time, Rock, 9 p.m.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

BALCONY RESTAURANT - Steve Jones, Singer/Songwriter, 12 p.m. and 5 p.m.

BREWS - Sam Dudley & Jackson Jennings, Americana/Folk, 7-10 p.m.

CATHOUSE LOUNGE - Titanium Blue, Blues/Funk, 8-11 p.m.

CHELSEA'S - Dylan Huff & the Sidemen, 9:30 p.m.

GRANDE TAVERNE - Arkansas Red, Guitar Dinner Music, 6:30 p.m.

GRUB N PUB - Girls Night Out! The Hunk Show, 8 p.m.

LEGENDS SALOON - DJ Karaoke w/ Stan, 8 p.m.

NEW DELHI - Blind Driver, Rock, 6-10 p.m.

ROWDY BEAVER - 2 Dog 2 Karaoke, 7 p.m.

ROWDY BEAVER DEN - Mark Shields Band, Blues, 9 p.m.

STONEHOUSE - Jerry Yester, Artist's Choices, 6 p.m.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

BALCONY RESTAURANT - Steve Zimmerman, Singer/Songwriter, 12 p.m.

BASIN PARK - Drumming in the Park, 6 p.m.

BREWS - Sad Daddy, Folk/Americana, 7-10 p.m.

CATHOUSE LOUNGE - TBA 8-11 p.m.

CHELSEA'S - Red Oak Ruse, Folk Rock, 9:30 p.m.

GRANDE TAVERNE - Jerry Yester,



Sad Daddy at Brews this Saturday from 7-10 p.m.

Grand Piano Dinner Music, 6:30 p.m.

GRUB 'N PUB - Karaoke w/Filthy Phil, 8 p.m.

LE STICK - Vinny Ray, Jazz Violinist, 7 p.m.

LEGENDS SALOON - DJ Karaoke w/ Stan, 8 p.m., 9 p.m.

NEW DELHI - Whiskey Menders, Rock/Soul, 12-4 p.m., Pete & Dave, Acoustic Rock, 6-10 p.m.

ROWDY BEAVER - Chicken Pot Pie, Americana/Country, 7 p.m.

ROWDY BEAVER DEN - Steve Zimmerman, Classic Rock, 1-5 p.m., Blew Reed & the Flatheads, Blues, 9 p.m.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

2 WHEELS - Will Antonson Steele, Outlaw Country w/guest Shawn Caldwell, 1-3 p.m.

BALCONY RESTAURANT - Pearl Brick, Singer/Songwriter, 12 p.m., Jeff Lee, Singer/Songwriter, 5 p.m.

BREWS - Trivia Night, 7 p.m., Eureka Music Revival, Americana, 8 p.m.

CATHOUSE - Typsy Gypsy, 2 - 6 p.m.

CHELSEA'S - Blue Dream Blue, Blues, 7 p.m.

NEW DELHI - Whiskey Menders, Rock/Soul, 12-4 p.m., Pete & Dave, Acoustic Rock, 6-10 p.m.

ROWDY BEAVER DEN - Blue Muse, Jazz, 1-5 p.m.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

CHELSEA'S - Sprungbilly, Bluegrass, 9 p.m.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

CATHOUSE LOUNGE - Los Roscoes, Blues, 5-7 p.m.

CHELSEA'S - Open Mic, 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

BREWS - Open Mic, 7 p.m.

CATHOUSE LOUNGE - Karaoke with Phil, 8-11 p.m.

ROWDY BEAVER DEN - Shawbee Karaoke, 8 p.m.

GRUB N PUB - Open Mic w/Kenny Ray, 7-11 p.m.

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- 3. The Statue of Liberty
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- 5. Atlas in Rockefeller Center

DROPPING A Line by Robert Johnson



This is a 41-in. Brown Trout caught by Tonya Johnson of Berryville at a yard sale. Pretty good catch, especially if the story of being a state record from somewhere up north about 20 years ago is true. We are doing research on it now hoping to get some history on this big fish. For the years, the paint is holding up very well and it is here now for some light fin repair and to be put on driftwood to be resold, so if anyone’s interested they can find how to contact her or just give me a call.

I had a nice pic of some stripers that we caught at the dam last week but with all we keep in these phones it was lost when phone went out, along with a lot more.

So on with the report.

Well, it seems a lot of bass are moving up into the shallows for some cooler water on these cool mornings on the flats and in the back of the coves, as shallow as two feet. About the best thing to throw at them is a flat billed crankbait that won’t go down but a couple feet. Crawdad and shad filers both catching fish. Look for the crappie to be moving up, too, as the water keeps cooling down.

Walleye seem to be being caught by about everyone going out here at the Island, along with some good-sized trout

the further you venture up the river toward the tail waters. Shad and crawdad-colored crankbaits seem to work well for both of them, too.

Using the smaller shallow ones up river, and back this way the bigger ones that get down a little more, but the closer you are back this way and around the Island it will be bass you find feeding with the walleye instead of trout.

As for the striped bass on Beaver Lake, they are still on our end of the lake and we are still catching good fish from Starkey’s to the dam with big 5 – 7 in. shad being the best bait, but some are also catching a few on perch and brood shiners.

If you are one roll on top, throw a big spook or top water bait at them, but they are going back down quick so it is also wise to have a hug or spoon tied on to get down to under 20 ft. when most the bait and stripers prefer to hang out now where the water is cooler.

Well that’s it for this week. Take a kid fishing when you can. It is hard to believe, but I am wide open this weekend so if anyone wants to get out just give me a call. Enjoy the holiday but don’t forget what it’s about. JOHNSON GUIDE SERVICE www.fishofexcellence.com (479) 253-2258

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by Mike Boian with extensive help from his wife, Ann Solution on page 19

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ACROSS

- 1 Fungus used in the production of soy sauce
- 5. Required payment or services
- 8. Wine stopper
- 12. On top of
- 13. Grange or Auerbach
- 14. Kiln
- 15. Misleading or deceptive
- 17. Counsel or advise
- 18. False
- 19. Peter of Peter, Paul and Mary
- 21. Sicilian spouter
- 23. Normal, standard
- 24. Not indoors
- 27. Tree of peace
- 30. Driver’s license datum
- 31. Burros
- 33. Cease to be
- 34. Opposing digit
- 36. Healthy breakfast choice
- 38. Sesame plant

- 39. Beseech divine help
- 40. Pressed
- 43. Heavy food (Brit.)
- 47. Tolloed
- 48. Sticky quality
- 50. Indigo; deep blue
- 51. Cow call
- 52. Hit the puck across both the red line and opponents’ blue line, untouched
- 53. City on Mediterranean
- 54. Gross minus expenses
- 55. G-man featured in *The Untouchables*

DOWN

- 1. African antelope
- 2. “____, Sesame”
- 3. Shock
- 4. Toughens or hardens
- 5. Pals
- 6. Poetic end of day
- 7. Nervous, anxious
- 8. Enclose horses

- 9. Modify standard rules
- 10. Take another run at
- 11. Was aware
- 16. Subject to customs’ dues
- 20. Person who forsakes his cause or party
- 22. Author of many fables
- 24. Horse morsel
- 25. Sound of displeasure
- 26. Germanic
- 28. By means of
- 29. Highly charged swimmer
- 32. Place to buy buds?
- 35. Mix, become part of a group
- 37. Muscle cell protein
- 40. 1979 hostage crisis location
- 41. Hindu queen
- 42. Mild curse word
- 44. What one rolls in craps
- 45. Leaves
- 46. Aims, goals
- 49. Female kangaroo

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my sister. Leave Sasquatch and the
chupacabras home.
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HKP – HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Surprised to hear you are 48, again. Does that mean RSP is now oldest dog? Anywho, I’ve got more starts for planting. I’ll expect you to do a drive by and load. I’ll leave the light on for you.

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of wanting to help preserve the climate by reduce coal burning for electricity. Everyone has to be motivated in their own way for this solar stuff.”

Most people in the area who have installed solar systems are still on the grid. At times, they may be producing more power than they can use, which is then fed back into the grid. When the systems are not producing enough power for the homeowner, they can get power from the grid.

Roll said he’s sure what holds more people off installing solar is the initial cost.

“Now, if you hang in the game long enough, you could end up with cost savings,” Roll said.

The air conditioner cost about \$2,000, and the three panels \$1,000.

Roll initially went with solar power because his needs were simple and he had oriented the house perfectly to capture the sun. And while some people might hate not having access to as much power as they want, Roll found learning to live off the grid was a lot of fun.

“It has been very interactive,” Roll said. “There is kind of a formula with solar in terms of what you use and the amount of sun coming down. You are very connective and interactive. I immediately loved that part. In the early days, we might have had to burn candles at night if it had been cloudy a week. The system just grew organically through the years. We decided to add a few more panels because we needed a little more juice.”

They also now have well water pumped with its own solar system.

“The batteries and four panels for the water well are efficient stripped-down models,” Roll said. “All of these are what you would call stripped down models. They are really basic.”

The home also takes advantage of being earth sheltered. The house has a concrete wall on the north side bermed five feet into the hillside. Heat comes from windows and sliding glass doors facing south.

“In the wintertime, we get a huge passive solar gain,” Roll said. “When the sun is out during the winter we don’t have to heat the home until sundown. That is amazing. It is ten degrees outside, the sun is shining and the house is warm. The concrete wall against the back I painted with a sealant, and then put plastic along the outside wall. There are French drains and the area is backfilled with gravel allowing good drainage. That actually turned out to be essential with these big rains coming through.”

They also have water catchment off the metal roof of the house that initially was used as the water source for the home. Now both the well and rainwater catchment are used for the home and their garden.



Warm country cottage – Second home or a primary residence, this place has it all. Hardwood floors accent the slate in the kitchen and sun room. Features include stained glass, triple-pane windows and original stripped timbers gracing the living room and hallway ceilings. This spacious home would be perfect for visiting grandchildren or raising a family. A must see! ML# 1039971. \$229,900

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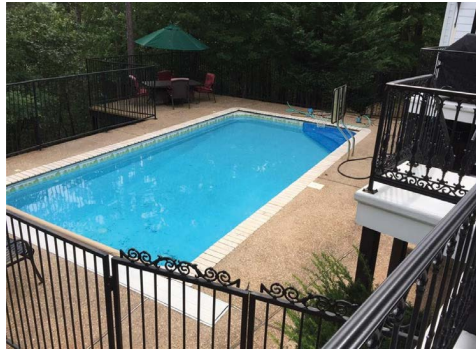


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