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This week’s Independent thinkers

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Today we got stuck trying to find someone in the world who deserved to be an independent thinker. Someone who saved a quarterback or a city or a dog.

At the last possible minute we were emailed a picture of Simon Zollie Van Engel who was born on the same date as Aldous Huxley and whose father said he should have his mother’s last name since “she did all the work.”

It was so cool. In the old days we would’ve had to wait a week for this picture and wouldn’t have known what day Aldous Huxley was born.

Welcome, Simon. Thanks, Internet.

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Finding just the right notes

– As well as the Crescent City Combo at the Crescent Hotel and Veronica Swift Saturday evening, people gathered in Basin Park on Friday and Saturday afternoon for free line-ups in Basin Spring Park. Pictured is the Block Street Hot Club who played from 3:40 to around 5 p.m. on Saturday.

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Mountain Home landfill affects Carroll County

NICKY BOYETTE

At Monday evening’s Carroll County Quorum Court meeting, Justice of the Peace Lamont Richie shared an “unfortunate bit of research” he discovered. Carroll County has been part of a six-county Ozark Mountain Solid Waste District, one of 18 districts in the state established by the state assembly. The board of directors of the district is comprised of the six county judges and the mayors of all First Class cities.

Twelve years ago the district sold bonds to pay for a landfill in Mountain Home and the equipment to process the solid waste. Trash haulers in the counties took their waste to the site and paid a tipping fee of \$2 per ton to dispose of their loads. Very soon, the landfill began leaking which drew the attention of the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality. The landfill was ordered to take measures to remediate the leaks.

To pay for the remediation, the district increased the tipping fee, so four of the six counties began taking their

solid waste elsewhere. Carroll County began hauling its waste to a site in Oklahoma.

Due to lost revenue and mounting expenses because of the required environmental cleanup, the district found itself operating in a deficit. By 2014, it had defaulted on its bond payments. A receiver was appointed to oversee the matter, and soon the district filed for bankruptcy. Judge Tim Fox of Pulaski County ruled that the district was not eligible to file for bankruptcy, and he would have denied the claim anyway because the district acted in bad faith since it could have increased service fees to address its financial health, but did not for political reasons.

To pay for the bonds and the \$12.3 million owed ADEQ for cleanup of the landfill, Fox in April ordered the receiver to assess an \$18 per year garbage fee on every residence and business in all six counties even though the landfill has been closed for at least four years. Repayment of the debts will take more than three decades.

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Autumn – we’ve been expecting you.

"I was shocked to learn about this," Richie stated. He pointed out this order puts a tremendous burden on tax assessors and collectors in each county. In an apartment complex, each distinct residence will be assessed the \$18 annual fee. Every separate business in a strip mall will owe the \$18 annual fee, and tax assessors have the obligation of identifying who owes how much. There is no funding attached to these orders to help pay for the work involved for the counties.

Richie said the \$18 fee will begin appearing on tax bills next spring, and "there's nothing we can do. It's over with." He said the county must go forward hoping it can find some money somewhere to offset the extra costs incurred by the assessor and the tax collector.

In addition, the assessor will have to confirm the information every year because property situations might change from year to year.

"If a property owner sells, the new owner will see an \$18 fee for something they are not getting," Richie observed, reiterating it will take 34 years to resolve this.

"It's a done deal," he said leaving no doubt, and JPs looked at each other in powerless resignation.

JPs approved the following items:

- The second reading of an ordinance to amend the Carroll County Employee Policy Manual regarding longevity payments.
- An ordinance amending a previous ordinance to clarify that 10 road graders were being leased at a cost of \$196,885 each.
- A supplemental ordinance appropriating \$20,000 toward the Eureka Springs Carnegie Library Raising a Reader program.
- A supplemental appropriation ordinance to account for increases in worker's compensation insurance, provide additional funds for court house maintenance and for contract labor expenses.
- A supplemental ordinance amending a previous ordinance to

make sure line items are properly funded.

- An appropriation ordinance allocating \$155,322.81 for new voting equipment.
- A resolution authorizing the adoption and implementation of new voting equipment.
- A resolution authorizing Judge Sam Barr to communicate in writing with Ritter Communications, Inc., that under current Arkansas law no franchise is required for it to be able to offer video services to its customers in unincorporated areas of Carroll County.

Other items

• Attorney Matthew Daniel of Ferrer, Poirot and Wainsbrough, a drug injury law firm, asked the court to hire his firm to go after manufacturers and distributors of opioid drugs. He provided a brief history of opioid use since 2000 and how it spread from medical use to addiction throughout the country. He claimed deaths from opioid abuse in Carroll County increased 350 percent in the past 17 years, and he wants to work with counties to prosecute distributors and manufacturers.

Daniel said although the problem is nationwide, he wants Arkansans to watch over Arkansans. His firm will get paid for successful litigation on a graduated scale. They will keep 25 percent up to the first \$10 million. He maintained he is pursuing this because people with back pain got addicted to their medications and died. Doctors are doing what they were told to do—prescribe opioids—but counties have to pay for the side effects of abuse, and manufacturers are making huge profits.

Daniel handed a copy of his firm's video presentation to the court, and Swofford told him JPs would need to discuss his proposal with the sheriff and the district attorney.

Next meeting will be Monday, October 16, at 5 p.m.

Community Center HAPPENINGS

Join us at Ermilio's on Sept. 20 for Dine Around at 5 p.m. There is also a Native Plant Fair, Sale, and Exhibition at the ES Community Center on Saturday, Sept. 30 from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

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The Writers' Colony at Dairy Hollow



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is holding a Poetry Slam fundraiser on Sept. 22 at The Cookery starting at 5:30 p.m. The event will include dinner and performances by Houston Hughes, Molly Sroges and Zeek Taylor. Tickets are \$50 and include dinner, birthday cake, and the poetry slam.

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Central dispatch transition getting mended

NICKY BOYETTE

JP Lamont Richie said the Quorum Court has been talking for more than a year about moving the dispatch operation to the Carroll County Jail facility at an estimated cost of \$470,000, and the project is rife with complications and unclear completion, and he does not know why.

He said the big mistake in creating the project was not designating a project manager to get the job done properly and in a timely fashion. To that end, the budget committee agreed to allocate \$1000 to pay someone to superintend the project. JP Jack Deaton asked Sam Ward, former chair of the Western Carroll County Ambulance District who had worked with an unofficial committee to direct the county in its transition toward modernizing its radio communication system, to take on the responsibility.

Richie called the current situation “a complete mess.” He said work has been done and paid for, although the funds had not been allocated, and disjointed moves were made which could have jeopardized the dispatch system.

Ward told JPs the situation was “not in super horrible shape.” He did point out the transmitter at Beaver Dam was operating illegally because the technicians inputted the incorrect latitude and longitude. This would require reapplying for the license for that location at a cost of at least \$1000.

In other locations, Ward said the wrong cables had been installed, and he said it would cost less to install a new antenna at the Sheriff’s Department than the current plan of moving the one from the courthouse.

JP Chuck Olson asked Ward what would be the plan, and Ward replied that first, get licensing in order. Next get all the repeaters in the county operating correctly and in

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CAPC says social media hits up, collections down

NICKY BOYETTE

CAPC Finance Director Rick Bright reported that collections through the end of July (YTD) are down .6 percent compared to the same period last year even though July was a good month overall. He said the CAPC should see a bit of an increase once he completes negotiations with Airbnb to get tax collections from their local providers, and stated it was only a matter of time, maybe by year's end, before those collections start to roll in.

Commissioner Terry McClung observed, however, the revenue stream has been flat, and they have stayed under budget only because they have withheld expenses. He expected they would figure next year's budget differently based on this year's experience.

ED Mike Maloney reported on the increase of the number of hits on social media and innovative strategies being employed by their media partners. He sees considerable activity from XNA because he geofences it to catch arrivals at the airport. He said the tactic of reaching out to new markets such as Chicago and beyond has proven successful. Commissioner Susan Harman said she has seen visitors from Arizona and California, so the change in marketing strategy seems to be working.

Maloney said he is now targeting Las Vegas, Des Moines and Colorado. He noted there was a nine percent increase in July over last year and lots of restaurant activity.

"Being an eternal optimist, I think we'll turn out okay," he said.

McClung said he understood these strategies are the marketing tools of the future, but the number of heads in beds has been flat. "We're working hard at it, but revenue is not increasing," he said.

Commissioner David Mitchell commented they were spending a lot just to tread water, but the alternative could be worse, so he asked, "Why do folks come here?"

Maloney replied visitors come to Eureka Springs for various reasons and that's why he targets niche markets. McClung added it is the quality of the experience that brings folks back to town. Harman said word of mouth advertising is critical because if visitors like their experience, they will spread the word. Mitchell said from what his guests have said, folks come here just to relax, not to be entertained.

Maloney commented he has heard Eureka Springs described as the biggest amusement park in the world without a gate.

Commissioner Carol Wright said long ago she came here and liked the cabins nearby, the springs, the history and the way the town looks. She said, "Eureka Springs is a truly magical place. Once you come here, the charm stays with you."

Harman remarked it sounded like they need to use one-on-one testimonials in promotional videos.

Maloney also mentioned Arkansas

Parks and Tourism determined the actual cost by a city to bring in one dollar from tourism. He said figures indicate the average spend per day per person in Eureka Springs equals \$241.19. After all the figuring is done, the arithmetic indicated Fayetteville spent \$.53 to get a dollar, Bentonville spent \$.48, and Eureka Springs spent \$.43. Maloney commented this meant to him the CAPC has maybe the most efficient ad spending in Northwest Arkansas.

Commissioners agreed to start working on the 2018 budget at the Sept. 27 workshop.

Director's report

Maloney reminded commissioners that Bikes, Blues & BBQ weekend will begin Sept. 22, and he expects 10,000 motorcycles to visit the area with many, many more descending upon Fayetteville and the I-49 corridor. "We get the surge," he said. Jon Walker at the Farm will host a concert during the weekend.

Walker will also put on his annual Hillberry Festival Oct. 12-14 at the Farm, and is expecting at least 3000 attendees to camp out for the event.

Also, this October will be the first "The Halloween City" experience in town with a variety of activities. Promoters intend to expand this to a month-long experience next year.

Next workshop will be Wednesday, Sept. 27, at 4 p.m., at the CAPC office, and the next regular meeting will be Wednesday, Oct. 11, at 6 p.m., in the Auditorium lobby.

CAPC to buy kiosks and iPads for app promotion

NICKY BOYETTE

At the Sept. 13 City Advertising and Promotion Commission meeting, Executive Director Mike Maloney said the new Eureka Springs app produced by Modern Tourism Apps is available for Apple devices from the App Store. He said there have been 2000 downloads so far, according to developer Chip Ford.

In May, commissioners voted to approve a \$19,500 sponsorship amount for development of the app with another \$19,500 coming early in 2018 once the app is compatible for Android devices. In an effort to promote the app, Maloney researched what kind of kiosk the CAPC could purchase, and presented his choice saying the sturdy stand has a huge graphics area and a top portion that swivels.

He intends for there to be an iPad secured in each kiosk so visitors can actually use the app to find the restaurant of their choice or where music is playing, but also to encourage downloads. He suggested likely locations for kiosks could be the transit depots, the Chamber of Commerce, and grounds of the Great Passion Play or Turpentine Creek.

Maloney estimated the total cost for each kiosk complete with graphics and iPad would be about \$1000. His question for

commissioners was how much they want to spend.

Finance Director Rick Bright said there was \$3000 available from a budget line they did not spend, and they could redirect funds from the media budget or use reserves if necessary.

Commissioner Terry McClung suggested another location would be the Northwest Arkansas Regional Airport where the CAPC already places promotional materials, and Maloney said he could negotiate a deal to put one there. McClung added if the kiosks prove to be successful, he could see eventually having a dozen or so strategically placed not only around town but at such locations as the University of Arkansas campus. He suggested having one available as a floater to place at particular events such as in the Auditorium lobby during a concert.

Maloney pointed out they would have to update the graphics regularly, so there would be increased maintenance as more kiosks are added. Also, they must have Wi-Fi access for the plan to work.

Commissioner David Mitchell suggested they get five to start with, but commissioner Bobbie Foster noted they have funds for three so they should start there.

McClung compromised and moved they purchase four, and vote to approve his motion was 5-1, Foster voting No.

Diversity Weekend put heads in beds

NICKY BOYETTE

Jay Wilkes, an organizer of Diversity Weekend, gave CAPC commissioners an update on the most recent Diversity Weekend at last Wednesday's meeting and said the event began Friday evening with standing room only meet and greet at Brews followed by a day of well-attended events in Basin Park. Wilkes said he conducted a survey of attendees on Saturday to determine where folks came from and how they knew about the event. Of the 46 surveys he got back, attendees came from New York, Florida, Montana and places in between. From those surveys, he calculated 92 room nights from Friday through the following Tuesday.

He said the autumn Diversity Weekend will coincide with the Folk Festival, and he and Events Coordinator Andy Green have been coordinating activities. Wilkes commented there would be shows and dance parties around town, so "there will be a lot for people to do."

Planning, Council bat Code around

NICKY BOYETTE

Prior to its regular Sept. 12 meeting, the Planning Commission held a workshop with Eureka Springs City Council to continue going over proposed changes to City Code. Planning spent the first half of the year working on proposed changes in response to a matter that highlighted what commissioners considered vague or incomplete language in Code.

Alderman Kristi Kendrick presented several objections to what Planning proposed. For example, she pointed out a sentence in one section states, "A property owner may ask for an exception to the 180 Day Rule due to extenuating circumstances, preferably before the 180 days have elapsed." Kendrick stated the word "preferably" has no legal standing, and she added that "extenuating circumstances" should be more clearly defined similar to a previous section.

Alderman Terry McClung also questioned the definition of circumstances

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Hospital project in holding pattern

NICKY BOYETTE

At the Sept. 18 meeting of the Hospital Commission, Chair Michael Merry's opening statement, "We're in a holding pattern. We're waiting for next month," referred to progress on whether the commission and Allegiance Health Management will move forward on either extensively rehabilitating the Eureka Springs Hospital building or actually razing and rebuilding sections of it.

Merry said Mayor Butch Berry's office sent out Requests for Proposals for creating preliminary plans to assess what the project might cost. Deadline for responses is Friday,

Oct. 13, just before the Oct. 16 commission meeting.

Merry said Barbara Hicks will represent the commission at the bid opening, and bids will be presented to the commission at their meeting the following Monday.

Kim Stryker, mayoral assistant, said she has been inundated with calls from architectural firms from all over the country — Mississippi, Chicago, San Francisco, the Great Lakes area — with a variety of questions about the project.

Vicki Andert, chief of nursing at ESH, said several architectural groups

have been to the property to assess the exterior of the facility, so she concluded there definitely must be an interest in the project at this point.

Merry stated ESH Community Liaison Catherine Pappas had commented in an email that when asked about signing a performance bond, Allegiance responded it wanted to see completed preliminary architectural renderings first. Merry said the architectural firm chosen would provide those drawings.

Next meeting will be Monday, Oct. 16, at 1 p.m., at ECHO Clinic.

Planning tussles with the meaning of things

NICKY BOYETTE

One point mentioned during Planning's workshop with council last Tuesday was how to determine the start date of the 180-day rule. Code stipulates, "A non-conforming use will be allowed to continue, even with a change of title, until such time as it is abandoned or discontinued for a period of One Hundred Eighty (180) days." During the regular Planning meeting, commissioner Woodie Acord suggested the start date for the 180-day rule should be the due date for the last City Advertising and Promotion Commission tax payment.

"It starts ticking as soon as they miss a payment," was commissioner Susan Harman's interpretation. City Economic Development Coordinator Glenna Booth added the same rule should apply to Bed & Breakfasts as well.

Ann Sallee, who chaired the meeting, suggested they keep the item on their agenda until Chair Melissa Greene is present.

Commissioner Doug Breitling again presented his work on a definition for weddings and private events. He added lawns and gardens as allowed locations and removed a specific decibel number for the noise level.

Commissioners had difficulty putting a limit on the number of attendees. Booth stated that parking requirements were too vague. Breitling said not allowing on-street parking would alleviate stress on the neighborhood, but attendees could be delivered to the site. The point was made the fire marshal determines maximum occupancy inside a building but not outside. Breitling mentioned no fire marshal has ever determined a maximum

occupancy for his B&B, and commissioner Tom Buford asked if they reference the fire marshal but he doesn't do anything, then what are they referring to?

Booth stated they should work more on the parking section to clear up these questions.

Breitling said all he wanted to do

was to provide a mechanism for someone planning an event to know what the restrictions were so private events could occur but not disturb the neighborhood.

Sallee added, "If it's a complicated process, people are not going to do it."

Next meeting will be Tuesday, Sept. 26, at 6 p.m., in the Auditorium lobby.

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Airport sees fuel price increase after Harvey

NICKY BOYETTE

Carroll County Airport Manager Michael Pfeifer told commissioners at the Sept. 15 meeting that Hurricane Harvey's impact on the Houston area has resulted in an increase of aviation fuel of 20 cents per gallon. The increase, however, seems to be temporary, and Pfeifer said he expects the price to fall.

Nevertheless, the increase presents a difficulty for CCA because the limited budget forces Pfeifer to split a full 8000-gallon load with another airport and his usual partners are waiting for the price to fall, but the supply at CCA is less than 1000 gallons. Pfeifer was due to host a fly-in Saturday, Sept. 16, and was concerned he must limit the amount of fuel he could sell.

Commissioners agreed to limit fuel purchases at the fly-in to 15 gallons except for emergency situations and to authorize Pfeifer to purchase another 4000 gallons if he can find a partner to share the load. Pfeifer speculated if the airport continues its financial progress, he will eventually



Got the buns for this? – Airport Chair Chase Tresler, Diane Goodwin, Tommie Streeter Zwernemann and Morris Pate grilled the brats, bacon and burgers, and iced the tea for the Sept. 16 Fly-In at Carroll County Airport. The monthly event is gaining popularity with pilots looking for somewhere to go and something to do.

be able to purchase full 8000-gallon loads, maybe as soon as next spring. He pointed out purchasing a full load lowers the price by twenty cents per gallon.

Availability of aviation gas matters because the rising popularity of the third Saturday fly-ins has boosted sales of avgas and brought in extra revenue. Pfeifer reported July sales reached a new monthly high of 2297 gallons, August sales hit 2163 gallons, and sales in September had reached 963 gallons before mid-month.

Skywagon Club flying in

Pfeifer said that pilots in the Skywagon Club will be flying in during the first weekend in October. Pilot and airport supporter Harper Goodwin explained a Skywagon is a six-seat, single-engine light aircraft manufactured by Cessna, and owners have formed social connections in which they regularly fly to particular locations for get-togethers. He expects at least 27 planes to land at the Trigger Gap Recreational Aviation Foundation grass landing strip on a plateau near the Kings River on Friday, Oct. 6, then fly on to CCA. They will have breakfast at CCA on Saturday and maybe participate in a landing contest or other activities. Pfeifer said all the courtesy cars and available hangar spaces have already been reserved.

Engineer's report

Consulting engineer Dan Clinton told commissioners they should take photographs of the fly-ins with a large contingent of planes such as the Skywagon event because a Federal Aviation Administration official was a bit sour on the need for a grant to

expand the south apron, figuring a limited number of planes would need it. A large gathering would demonstrate to the FAA that CCA is only preparing for the future.

Clinton also said he sent to the FAA the five-year Capital Improvement Plan for 2019-2023. In 2018, he intends to update the Airport Master plan with significant changes to the airport layout plan with an eye on expansion. He included changing out runway lights with lights using new technology.

The most immediate project of resurfacing the taxiway has been delayed because of a holdup getting signatures from the county. The company that will do the work is already working in the vicinity, but now will have to find a time to do the work at CCA, and that might not happen until December.

Friends of CCA

Commissioner Morris Pate said he had taken the initiative to begin fundraising for a Friends of CCA campaign. He solicited support from businesses and individuals in Berryville and came away with \$1120 so far. He used some of the funds to get CCA t-shirts made to sell at the airport. Pate expects CCA will make more than \$2100 if the shirts sell for \$15. The shirts should be available by early October.

He said the first batch of shirts will feature logos of the sponsors on the back, and as future sponsors come on board, they can be added to future shirt orders. He is hoping someone will take on the Friends of CCA project, turn it into an organized 501(c)

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Be a Tree: 2017 Arkansas Green Burial Conference

The Natural State Burial Association has scheduled Be a Tree: 2017 Arkansas Green Burial Conference, a six-day event to be held at various locations in Fayetteville Oct. 27 – Nov. 1. Workshops, speakers, and conversations exploring green burials, home funerals, philosophies of death, land use issues, and the environmental impact of disposition will be included. A juried art exhibition will open Oct. 1, and an evening production titled Death Fest will feature the performing arts.

Oct. 1 – Nov. 1, Parish Hall, St. Paul's Episcopal, Fine Arts Exhibit: Be a Tree, Best in Show/Artist of NWA

October 27 – Parish Hall, St. Paul's Episcopal, 6 p.m. Conference Opens with Artists' Reception, Live Music, Beverages & Hors d'oeuvres.

Oct. 28 – Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 10 a.m. Hands-On Home Funeral Training w/ Jim Bates & Jodi Nimmo, National Home Funeral Alliance; 12 p.m. Death Café/Brown Bag Lunch; 1 p.m. Coffin Building Workshop; 2 p.m. Green Burial Info/Demo; Stage Eighteen, 18 East Center Street, 7 p.m. Death Fest Performance Night Hosted by Ryan Pickop, Featuring Nature & Madness

Oct. 29 – Evergreen Cemetery, 12 N. University, 10 a.m. "The Illustrious and the Eccentric" Tour w/ Historians Abby Burnett & J B Hogan; Fayetteville Senior Center, 945 S. College, 12 p.m. Death Café/Potluck of Comfort Foods; 1:30 p.m. Report to the Community, NSBA Update on AR Land Search for Green Cemetery; 2 p.m. Keynote: Ven. Geshe Thupten Dorjee, Buddhist Perspective on Death & Dying

Oct. 30 – Monday, Henry Board Room, Fayetteville Public Library, 6 p.m. Write Your Own Obituary: How to Get in the Last Word as You Get Your Affairs in Order

Oct. 31 – Tuesday, Walker Room, Fayetteville Public Library, 6 p.m. "Cemeteries Die Too: How Nature, Lays Claim to the Dead" Abby Burnett

Nov. 1 – Walker Room, Fayetteville Public Library, 6 p.m. "In the Parlor: The Final Goodbye" 2017 Release documenting a family's experience conducting a home funeral.

Kick the formaldehyde habit – be a sour cherry

BECKY GILLETTE

"When I die, I want to be a tree, a sour cherry tree because they're sturdier and grow better than sweet cherries," Eureka Springs resident Trella Laughlin said. "They also make the best pies."

Laughlin has been pro-environment her entire life, and wants to continue that belief system in the way her body is handled after she dies. Instead of being



KELLEY

embalmed with toxic formaldehyde chemicals, she wants to be composted.

That makes a lot of sense, according to Vickie Kelley, with the Natural State Burial Association, whose mission

to provide environmentally sound burial and diverse memorial options through the founding and operating of cemeteries designed to conserve natural landscapes.

Are people creeped out when Kelley starts talking about green burial?

"That is not normally the case," said Kelley, who gave a presentation recently in Eureka Springs. "The first thing I usually hear from people is, 'That is exactly what I want to do.' The second thing I hear is, 'Is that legal?'"

Actually, green burial is the way most people were buried for millennia. It has only been since the late 19th century that current and expensive modern funeral and burial systems were developed. A lot of what is involved with that is as far from natural as you can imagine.

Some examples Kelley gives:

- Embalming with toxic fluids
- Cosmetic body restoration
- Expensive coffins made of plastic, vinyl, fiberglass and exotic hardwoods
- Concrete vaults or grave liners
- Inscribed grave markers or monuments

Kelley said the current conventional burial practices don't honor future generations because of the space that might be better suited for other uses, and

the expense of maintaining cemeteries full of gravestones that deteriorate over time.

"It is also disrespectful to our ancestors – the settlers, the pioneers, the slaves, the early people whose bodies were not documented," Kelley said. "It

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Take your blessed pets to be blessed

The Holiday Island Community Church will host a Blessing of the Pets ceremony on Saturday, Sept. 30 at 10 a.m. at the flagpoles in Veteran's Park on Holiday Island. The event corresponds with the annual Feast of Saint Francis, patron saint of animals.

Call Rev. Timm at (479) 363-6766 for any questions. In the event of rain the event will be moved to the covered pavilion. For the safety of all pets, be sure that your pets are on leash or in a carrier.

Keeping the lake trash free

Join in cleaning Beaver Lake on Saturday, Sept. 30. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. Volunteers must check in at 8 a.m. at Prairie Creek Park at the Launch Ramp, Dam Site Park at Cutoff Wall next to the dam, Rocky Brank Park at the Launch Ramp, or Hickory Creek Park at the campground boat ramp. Volunteers will be given an event t-shirt, trash bags, and a lunch ticket wristband.

From 8 – 11:30 a.m. volunteers will be directed to areas of the parks and shorelines that need to be cleaned. Volunteer boaters will be available to transport participants to areas not accessible by road. If you find an unusual item bring it to lunch to enter the Most Unusual Item contest.

From noon – 2 p.m. lunch will be served at the Prairie Creek Park Grand Shelter.

Explore the land of the Bible at HICC

Holiday Island Community Church will begin a new Bible Study on Friday, Oct. 6 at 10 a.m. titled *Israel's Mission* and is from a series shot in the Holy Land with Ray Vander Laan. The meeting will be in the library of the Fellowship hall and is a five-week series ending Friday, Nov. 3.

INDEPENDENTMail

All INDEPENDENTMail must be signed and include address and phone number for confirmation. Letters to the Editor should be limited to 200 words or so. We reserve the right to edit submissions. Send your INDEPENDENTMail to: **ES Independent**, 103 E. Van Buren, #134, Eureka Springs, AR 72632 or **Editor.Indie@gmail.com**

Yet more Joy

Editor,

While surely we all applaud the refreshed efforts at the restoration of the Joy Motel, I feel it necessary to address what I see as a critical omission in the recent article of welcome to its new ownership. The efforts of the previous owner, Marcia Yearsley, have been critical to the wellbeing and continuation of that property as an operating concern.

At the time of her purchase, the main house was scheduled to be bulldozed. She saved that beautiful structure. I also recall an afternoon of travel to Branson where we would decide on the proper restoration of the swimming pool. A swimming pool she offered to many members of our

community to freely use. A lot of thought and heart were given to these and many other efforts that essentially brought that hotel back to any semblance of life.

Before Marcia Yearsley, the hotel had no ranking at all. The quote of the Trip Advisor ranking is not the complete picture. It's out of context and I find it rather myopic. When Marcia purchased that property, the hotel was abandoned and going to full ruin. The pool was a swamp and many of the rooms were in a state of full collapse. So let us remember the critical link in the chain that we all indeed are a part of. Marcia knocked her ass off holding that property together as best she could and with what she had, she did a damned good job of it.

And while we speak of ratings, I

know for a fact that her cottages on that same property, on a ratings agency I will not mention here, are rated just fine. None of those cottages were even habitable when she took her ownership. She also had many repeat clientele that thanked her for her efforts.

This in no way is intended to slight the new ownership or the inadvertent omission of details in that article of welcome. I do feel the article has created a bit of hurt in it's overlooking of Marcia's efforts. A hurt to a valued friend and a member of our community.

I have written this letter in response to the article without any input from Marcia. I have done this completely of my own accord.

Ray Manna



WEEK'S TopTweets

@everette: iPhone 8 is like your ex coming back after a year saying they changed, you give them another chance and realize they're basically the same.

@andyasadjective: I live in fear that my death will somehow be connected to the opening of a pressurized cinnamon roll container.

@twinsurvivalist: It breaks my heart to know that I live in a country where some of its citizens actually can't believe that it isn't butter.

@intellegint: Girls love it when guys are respectful, handsome, and eat watermelon really fast and spit the seeds like a machine gun.

@notacroc: Doctor: What were you thinking? He had a sword! **Me:** [bleeding everywhere, clutching my pen] That's not how it's supposed to work.

@perlmutations: I personally endorse our president going to war with North Korea. Not our military, of course, just the president.

@OmeoMusic: I once took a girl to Starbucks because I forgot her name.

@craiguito: Who called it a pharmacy and not a coughy shop?

@AndyAsAdjective: Me: We wave at each other just about every morning but I always seem to forget your name... it's Gary, right? **Neighbor:** Deborah.

@offbeatoliv: Urgent Care Waiting Room is an oxymoron.

Valero Pipeline – what you see isn't what you get

If you own half a pig, it's your pig

Diamond's petition says, "Diamond Pipeline LLC, a joint venture between Plains All American (PAA) Pipeline and Valero, will transport crude oil from the PAA pipeline terminal in Cushing, Okla., to the Valero refinery in Memphis, Tenn."

A joint venture is a business entity created by two or more parties, to share the costs and benefits of a project. Who benefits from this venture? Valero gets reliable deliveries and all the crude oil it needs. PAA gets paid for each barrel of oil delivered to Valero. No one else benefits.

The so-called Diamond Benefits claim, "to provide a direct and reliable route to transport domestic sweet crude to Valero's Memphis Refinery... enhance the Refinery's long-term viability and assist in providing greater Energy Independence for our nation," is all for Valero.

No Open Season

Diamonds Are Forever – But Northbound Capline Crude Flows May be Living on Borrowed Time, a 2014 RBN Energy report says, "Project details are pretty thin... there will not be an Open Season to solicit shipper interest in using the Diamond pipeline, because Valero is the only interested shipper for what amounts to a Cushing lateral pipeline to feed their Memphis refinery."

Capline, the 1.2 million barrels per day pipeline, from the Gulf of Mexico to Patoka, Illinois, has been the source of crude for Valero. Valero owns the Collierville pipeline connecting with Capline.

Long-term shipping agreements are negotiated during Open Season to ensure toll revenues for pipeline investors. Tolls are fees paid to ship a barrel of oil, around \$5 per barrel, paid on delivery.

PAA is going to dance around the notion of a private, dedicated Valero pipeline, and the lack of an open season. Stephen Lee's Direct Testimony before the Public Service Commission says, "the pipeline will include a truck unloading facility located in Van Buren County, Arkansas." Has anyone seen it?

Karen Rugaard, PAA Public Relations Director, has ignored my questions on the number of local jobs and economic impact. Strike USA is Texas-based, and using several subcontractors. Global Security patrolling the rights-of-way has offices in Oklahoma and Florida. The Economic Impact, "over \$11 million annual tax revenue to communities along the pipeline

route," is a vague, unsupported promise. Would it be prorated on a per mile basis for each county? Would tax revenues decline after year one? Taxes are confidential and some pay no taxes. Don't count your chickens...

Energy Independence

Transitioning away as quickly as possible from burning fossil fuels is what energy independence and security looks like. Ironically, John Lester, Clarksville Light & Water General Manager, the sole intervener opposing APSC's Diamond approval, is taking the lead: "Clarksville Solar Facility Showcases Energy Independence," KUAR, July 20, 2017

Refinery toxic emissions, flaring, explosions and fires

A 2014 Valero environmental study showed the 76-year-old Memphis refinery releases 528 pounds of highly toxic hydrogen cyanide per day. Valero had been reporting 528 pounds per year! Valero reported the higher emissions to the National Response Center, the federal government's 24-hour communications facility for toxic releases. "There was no indication of when the ongoing

releases began at the refinery but they are continuing. Valero discovered the elevated discharges of hydrogen cyanide through voluntary enhanced monitoring," the report said.

On a good day, refineries' flare towers burn toxic gases around the clock creating carbon dioxide. When the power goes out, massive amounts of toxic gases are burned to prevent explosions, as a safety procedure. If you see thick black smoke in a refinery, hold your breath, it is a highly toxic fire. Hurricane Harvey floods showed the number of refineries on the Gulf Coast, with ample capacity for petroleum exports. Heavy flooding takes out power and triggers fires and explosions.

Construction hazards

A June 25, 2017 report *Property owner lays blame on pipeline company*, says "They cut all my gates down and the pipe fencing – my neighbor's cattle are in my pastures, and yesterday I was attacked by a bull." People deserve better.

Why would we want to enhance the Valero refinery's long-term viability? Shut it down and stop Diamond!

Dr. Luis Contreras



The Pursuit Of HAPPINESS

by Dan Krotz

There's an old blue horror show up on Elk Street I'm thinking about buying and rehabbing. It's a mess: it needs a new roof and foundation, and all the stuff in between is hollowed-out or hungover from a 1970's platform shoes type remodel. If I put \$100,000 into it I'll have a proper \$80,000 house.

But I like Elk Street, and the house is across the street from the Unitarian Universalist Church, a building as appealing and dignified as a pretty widow who's been left with some money.

I don't know if these are good enough reasons to buy the house, but it comes with a front porch large enough for a couple of Adirondack chairs. I imagine myself sitting there on Sunday mornings watching the UU's wander in for interesting sermons on topics such as "Our Friend the Laser" or "Madrigals in Post-Modern Bumfook." After the sermon, they'll gather in the basement to share organic kale dip and gluten-free crackers.

The thought of these gathering folks fills me with calm. They are a law-abiding people, stay married, produce 1.5 well-behaved children, pay taxes, and may even use their turn signals competently. If I bought the house I could sit on my Elk Street porch, drink coffee, and be free from civic worry and the din of amplified Electra Glide in Blue gee-tars as they celebrate and commemorate To Whomever It May Concern.

Christians frequently confuse the terms "religion" and "revelation." If they value and celebrate "that old time religion" they focus on what is transcendent and mystical, and their energies are directed toward touching the Divine hand. Revelation, conversely, is articulated by human beings who are in the business of weighing and measuring God's words for the purpose of deciding Who's on first base – and who isn't. This is necessary work, but by itself, is incomplete and makes for grotesque and spirit breaking consequences.

If I have to choose between the two, I'll go with religion and the Unitarian Universalists. It's a safe bet that they do no harm and, if they happen to touch the hand of God, they'll do it in a neighborly fashion.

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.
- **Heart of Many Ways Open Sanctuary** – Wednesdays 1 – 4 p.m. A Sacred Space open for silent prayer, meditation, spiritual reading or simply for soaking in the silence of a quiet place. People of all faiths, spiritual paths, or individual spiritual expressions are welcomed. 68 Mountain St. Enter up the front stairs to the left. Call Amrit at 253-3165 or email oeema@mail.com.
- **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

SEPTEMBER 11

3:15 p.m. – Constable filed a report regarding an earlier incident.
10:28 p.m. – A mother asked for constable assistance because she feared her daughter’s boyfriend might try to prevent the daughter’s visit. Constable complied and discovered the daughter had already left.

SEPTEMBER 12

9:23 a.m. – Employee accidentally set off the alarm at a location downtown.
4:07 p.m. – Resident near downtown asked for extra patrols because she saw someone peeping into her house and the house next door.
4:30 p.m. – Gas station staff asked for a constable to remind two individuals they were not allowed on the property.
6:07 p.m. – Bank employee accidentally set off an alarm.
8:49 p.m. – Constables came to the rescue of a person stranded at a restaurant.

SEPTEMBER 13

7:59 a.m. – Concerned motorist reported a westbound dump truck going way too fast on US 62 through town. Constables never saw it.
8:32 a.m. – Central dispatch called in a pickup headed toward town from the south that almost drove a semi off the road. Constables waited, but it never showed up while they watched for it.
8:51 a.m. – Passerby noticed a vehicle parked at one of the springs had a note on it. Constable located the owner who had the vehicle removed.
8:54 a.m. – Clerk at a bank reported an incident of fraud.
10:29 a.m. – Constables responded to an alarm at a business downtown and found the business not open and not secure. They checked the scene to make sure everything was okay.
2:40 p.m. – One vehicle bumped into another one in a neighborhood and left the scene. A neighbor witnessed the incident and got the license number of the adverse vehicle.
4:16 p.m. – A motor home found itself stuck downtown. Constable helped get it out of there.
6:59 p.m. – Person not allowed at a convenience store went there anyway. The person left before a constable arrived.
10:59 p.m. – An alarm was triggered at a business on US 62 in the commercial area, but the constable found the building secure.

SEPTEMBER 14

3:51 p.m. – Patron at a restaurant left without paying for the meal.
10:35 p.m. – A person was arrested in Huntsville on an ESPD warrant for failure to pay fines.

SEPTEMBER 15

3:26 a.m. – Observer told ESPD there was a suspicious vehicle with a person inside parked beside a motel pool. Constable went to the scene and arrested the person for DWI, implied consent and reckless driving.
7:36 a.m. – Downtown business owner reported a broken window and attempted entry during the night.
7:44 a.m. – A husband said his wife was at a gas station and was being verbally confronted by an individual in a pickup. The individual left before a constable arrived, but the wife got an escort to the city limits. The individual later called ESPD to give his side of the story.
12:39 p.m. – Person who ran a cleaning service asked for constable assistance retrieving supplies left behind at the residence of a former customer.
3:22 p.m. – Constable encountered a man passed out on the side of the road and arrested him for public intoxication and obstructing governmental operations.
6:34 p.m. – Central dispatch alerted ESPD to a rolling domestic dispute with a child in the car at the western city limits. Constable watched for but did not encounter the vehicle.

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Acting like you mean it

Five & Dime Drama Collective of Eureka Springs will hold auditions for their Fall Performance Series, which will include six 10-minute plays to be performed on Nov. 11 and 12 at Main Stage. An audition will be held Wednesday, Sept. 20 at 1 and 7 p.m. at Main Stage Creative Community Center, 67 N. Main.

There are 10 roles for men and 11 for women, with ages ranging from 20s to 70s. A few of the roles require singing, but most do not. Rehearsals start in early October and continue until the performance date. Scripts will be sent to those wanting to prepare for the auditions, just email FiveAndDimeDrama@gmail.com and for more information on the organization and shows go to FiveAndDimeDramaCollective.org.

Yes, and it's divine

Dr. Robert Lennick will be giving his presentation *Is Forgiveness Possible?* On Sept. 24 at Eureka Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 17 Elk St. at 11 a.m. Join for a program followed by refreshments. Childcare is provided and there is extra parking at Ermilio's Restaurant, 26 White St.

Rotary getting set to boil

The Holiday Island Rotary Club will hold a Shrimp Boil on Saturday, Oct. 7 at the Holiday Island Clubhouse. The menu includes boiled shrimp, potatoes, corn on the cob, bread, beer, tea, or lemonade. Charlie Chrysler and the All Stars will provide music beginning at 4 p.m. and the meal starts at 5 p.m.

Think about it

The Eureka Springs Buddhist Study Group will gather for 30 minutes of meditation followed by reading and discussion on Thursday, Sept. 21 at 4 p.m. at Heart of Many Ways, 68 Mountain. All are welcome.

Metafizzies explore the abstract

The Sept. 25 meeting of the Eureka Springs Metaphysical Society will feature a group discussion on spiritual topics. The meeting begins at 7 p.m. at the Heart of Many Ways, 68 Mountain. All are welcome.

For the love of the herb

Join us downstairs in the community room Flora Roja, 119 Wall St., for their monthly community potluck on the last Wednesday of every month from 6 - 8 p.m. Hang out, share your latest projects or passions, meet fellow herb lovers and get inspired. Bring a dish to share. Vegetarians and vegans encouraged. Next meeting is Wednesday, Sept. 27. Call (479) 253-4968.

A and O Negative blood types in short supply

Community Blood Center of the Ozarks will be holding a blood drive at the Inn of the Ozarks on Thursday, Sept. 28 from 1 - 6 p.m.

Each donation will be awarded LifePoints as part of CBCO's donor rewards program. LifePoints may be redeemed for a variety of gift cards or assigned to other meaningful causes or

charities.

To be eligible to give blood you must weigh at least 110 pounds, be in good health, and present valid photo ID. For more information on sharing your good health with others or the LifePoints donor rewards program go to www.cbco.org or call toll-free (800) 280-5337.

A trip to Willobee Land

Willo Mancifoot the Musical of Carroll County will hold auditions for actors, singers, and dancers ages 7 - 18 on Sunday, Oct. 7 from 1 - 4 p.m. and Saturday, Oct. 8 from 2 - 5 p.m. at Elite Dance Studio in Berryville. Performance is May at the Aud. in Eureka Springs. For additional information call Valerie (479) 981-1515.

Moondancer fellow focusing on fracking

The Writers' Colony at Dairy Hollow announces Maryann Lesert as the recipient of the Moondancer Fellowship for 2017. Maryann is a playwright, novelist, journalist and teacher of creative writing at Grand Rapids Community College in Michigan. In all of her writing, the natural world and its human inhabitants are prominent and intertwined. She is currently working on *Threshold*, a novel

in progress about environmental activists working to stop fracking in Michigan's state forests.

The Moondancer Fellowship is awarded to an author writing in any genre who expresses their love and concern for the environment through writing. This fellowship provides two weeks of free residency at The Writers' Colony at Dairy Hollow.



On Sept. 14, Mayor Butch Berry visited Daughters of the American Revolution, Abendschone Chapter, with a program on the Constitution, followed by the mayor's proclamation declaring Sept. 17 - 23 as Constitution Week in Eureka Springs. Pictured: Judy Germani, Chapter Regent and Mayor Butch Berry with Constitution Week Proclamation.

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In a bid to prove they are the most evil animals on two legs, the Republicons are again going to attempt to ruin the lives of tens of millions of Americans by taking our healthcare away. This week the Senate is going to present one last bill called the Graham Cassidy bill which will instantly throw 32 million people off the roles of the insured. This will impact not just those 32 million people, but their entire families as well. They plan to vote by the 27th of September.

Once again bankruptcies will soar, homes will be lost and people will die prematurely just so legislation that was enacted during a black President's administration can be dismantled. Of course, being a Democrat didn't endear President Obama to the Republicons either; but that a black man did what no white man had been able to do before was the clincher for their hatred and evil deal.

Sadly, they won't accept that white superiority is a myth. True superiority comes from engaging one's intellect and critical thinking skills. You don't have to be a genius to use your brain, but exercising it will definitely make you more aware of your humanity. As Chief Seattle famously noted, "We are but a strand in the web of Life." To insist that one color is inherently superior to others is to deny the rainbow.

The Bible exhorts us to beware of false prophets who lead their followers to Hell. Jesus taught love and compassion. He healed the sick and raised the dead. His compassion and love knew no bounds.

Today, it appears that all the Republican Congressmen in both the House and the Senate are bowing to the false prophet of Money and Power. They demand we call this a Christian Nation, but what they offer has nothing to do with Christ. Their version of Christianity creates suffering rather than relieve it.

Each of us was born, each of us will live our lives and each of us will die. These are indisputable facts. How we treat the least among us while we walk this earth is how we treat our relationship with God.

Going native

There seems to be a good deal of discussion these days about concepts and definitions of the meaning of native, immigrants, non-native, aliens, and the like. It becomes slightly easier to have this discussion if we remove humans from the equation and just focus on plants, except for the fact that the vast majority

of non-native and invasive alien plants were brought to these shores by humans. Nevertheless, let's narrow down the focus to plants that are native.

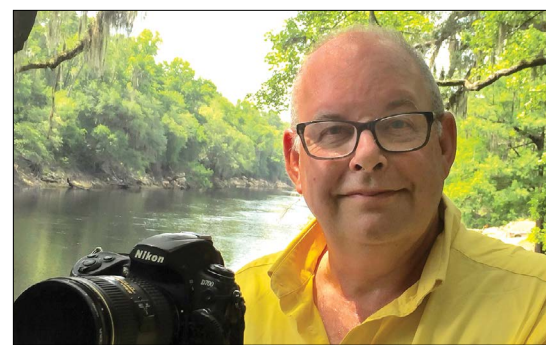
Native plants offer us the best opportunity to enjoy growing plants that are adapted to our Ozark environs and make for happy pollinators, assuming, of course,

you do not live on a golf course.

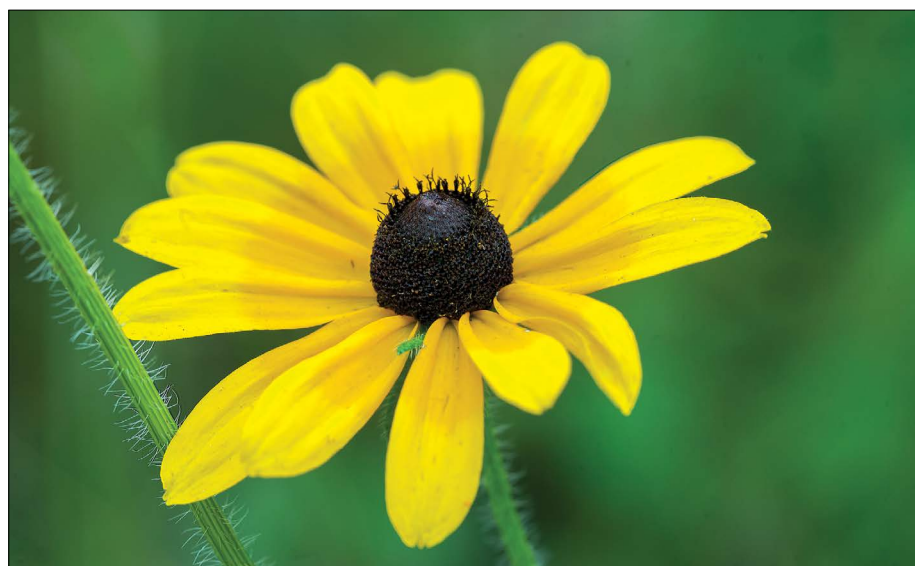
We already have dozens of native plants well-adapted to the normal flowers garden such as black-eyed Susans (*Rudbeckia purpurea*), various milkweeds including the butterfly-friendly butterflyweed (*Asclepias tuberosa*), and the always adaptive purple coneflower (*Echinacea purpurea*), one of five native *Echinacea* species that occur in Arkansas, making this state number one in *Echinacea* species.

Then we have native woody plants adopted for their beauty throughout temperate climates such as our flowering dogwood (*Cornus florida*), the gorgeous, but not commonly planted fringetree (*Chionanthus virginicus*), and black locust (*Robinia pseudo-acacia*) to name a few.

For moist shaded environments few shrubs rival our native hydrangea (*Hydrangea arborescens*), and there is an abundance of native ferns to choose from for your backyard grotto. And this just begins to scratch the surface.



In horticulture, native plants have become a thing. And fortunately for us, Eureka Springs' first Native Plant Fair will be held from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 30 at the Community Center. The Fair will include presentations from native plant horticulture phenom, Scott Woodbury, with nearly four decades of experience at the Missouri Botanical Garden's Shaw Nature Reserve; Theo Whitsell, botanist with the Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission (the most active plant collector in the state in the last century); and yours truly, along with a native plant sale and hike to Lake Leatherwood. The Native Plant Fair is sponsored by The Native Plant Garden Project, The Eureka Springs Pollinator Alliance, Northwest Arkansas Master Naturalists and the Eureka Springs Parks & Recreation Commission.



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is arrogance to think we should take up a permanent spot on earth that is perpetually marked instead of just being returned to the earth from which we came. We continue to take up space that could be used as green space, that could be preserved as wilderness for wildlife and natural habitat."

The vision of the Natural State Burial Association is a green burial in a natural cemetery wrapping an un-embalmed human body in a shroud, placing that body in a grave, covering it with earth, and letting nature take over.

"Imagine the beautiful simplicity of a natural burial," Kelley said. "Something about the way things used to be rings very true for me. What triggered my discomfort with the products and procedures of the modern funeral industry? What sparked my yearning for a most basic and unencumbered surrender to Earth's final embrace? What called me out of my comfort zone to take on the challenge of establishing a natural burial ground in the Ozarks? I don't know exactly. But I have spoken with enough of people here to know that many others here want this, too."

Kelley believes that when people are ready, when they realize the time for change has come, that spirit inspires the collective conscious and calls us to act. We have no choice but to find the means to create this place.

"We each have a concept, a vision of our final resting place," she said. "We each will contribute

what we can, in all the unique and important ways we can to make the Arkansas Natural Cemetery a reality. Together we will co-create a sanctuary where the process of becoming earth is peaceful, harmonious, and just as natural as can be."

Right now, cemeteries in Arkansas are required to accept people for natural burial. There is no requirement that you be embalmed or have an expensive casket – although some cemeteries require you be placed in a concrete vault. You don't have to be taken to a funeral home. The body can be cared for at home, placed in a simple casket, and transported to the cemetery without hiring a hearse. You can be buried on your own land, but then it has to be officially declared a cemetery that, in Arkansas, impedes future development of the property.

"We don't have any qualifying natural cemetery yet, but you can request as natural a burial as possible," Kelley said. "But it is not creating the green space."

There is a goal of creating a natural cemetery in Northwest Arkansas. In addition to prohibiting chemical embalming of the body, there are no grave liners or vaults, and only biodegradable burial containers such as a plain pine box, a wicker or cardboard casket, or a fabric shroud can be used. While there is diligent caretaking of the property, there is no turf cover to mow and manicure, no intensive watering requirements.

"There are no attempts to control nature with pesticides and herbicides," Kelley said. "Instead,

a natural cemetery allows nature to take its course. Rather than monuments or markers, gravesites are designated by GPS coordinates that provide information as to the precise location of a grave for cemetery records and for visitors. When someone chooses to plant a memorial tree, shrub, or flowering plant, they must choose an indigenous species. A natural burial ground is committed to the restoration of native vegetation, thus encouraging birds and other natural wildlife to inhabit the area. Those who are laid to rest there become a part of the natural beauty and the ongoing cycle of life."

Kelley sees what is done with your body after you are done with it as your final act of environmental responsibility, the last thing you get a chance to "recycle."

"Whether you are driven by environmental concerns or a deep spiritual conviction, green burial is clearly your best option to peacefully and harmoniously be reunited with the earth," she said.

Conventional funerals and burial are also very expensive, currently running about \$10,000. Those can be a burden on families, and for what? Embalming even in a hermetically sealed box does not preserve the body. Kelley said it still degrades into a toxic sludge. The gases can break the seal of the casket, and then you have a gooey sludge that escapes. People in the cemetery industry refer to this as "coffin liquor."

Why not just let the worms have their way with you?

HOGnobbing by Danny West

FAYETTEVILLE – It didn't take long for Arkansas' 2017 football season to reach a crossroads. Almost two weeks after suffering an embarrassing 28-7 home loss to TCU, the Hogs are fresh off a bye week and preparing for a crucial SEC showdown with Texas A&M this Saturday at 11 a.m. at Cowboys Stadium in Arlington. The game will be televised by ESPN.

It's a must-win for the Razorbacks (1-1), who haven't beaten the Aggies (2-1) since 2011 when Bobby Petrino was still in charge.

It's also a must-win for current head coach Bret Bielema, whose seat got even hotter following a lackluster performance against TCU. The fifth-year

head coach has dropped three straight to Power-5 opponents while being outscored 70-0 in the second half of those games.

But how do the Razorbacks go about ending a five-year losing streak to the Aggies and getting their current season back on the right track?

Giving their best players a chance to play would be a nice place to start. That may sound simple, but for some reason the Hogs haven't been doing it. Not enough, anyway.

Tailback Chase Hayden was named SEC Freshman of the Week after rushing for 120 yards and a touchdown in the Hogs' 49-7 season-opening win over Florida A&M. The staff praised his performance and told reporters that

Hayden was just scratching the surface of what he's capable of.

He then received two carries against TCU.

Fellow running back/wide receiver T.J. Hammonds, who has averaged 6.9 yards-per-touch in his young career, never touched the ball against the Frogs. Tight ends Cheyenne O'Grady and Jeremy Patton were underutilized, too.

O'Grady caught a 19-yard pass and Patton had a 32-yard reception on the same drive in the first quarter, but the two were never targeted again throughout the remainder of the game.

On the offensive line, the Razorbacks continue to struggle in short-yardage running situations after finishing 114th and 128th in the nation in that department over the last two seasons, respectively.

Most can't get over Arkansas' two missed field goal attempts of 20 and 23 yards, but the offense stalling twice inside the TCU 5-yard line is the bigger issue.

That's why it's hard to understand why fourth-year junior Brian Wallace – arguably the team's second-most physically gifted offensive lineman behind All-American Frank Ragnow – continues to stay on the bench as a backup.

Standing beside Wallace on the sideline is redshirt-sophomore Jalen Merrick, who could have attended any program in the nation out of high school but still hasn't been given a meaningful in-game opportunity to play at Arkansas.

True freshman walk-on Ty Clary continues to start at right guard while former walk-on Johnny Gibson starts at right tackle. Both are considered serviceable players, and, who knows, maybe Arkansas is better off with them starting over guys like Wallace and Merrick, but that certainly hasn't been proven in the first two games this season.

Defensively, Briston Guidry has shown enough in the first two contests to warrant more playing time. The redshirt-freshman recovered a fumble against TCU but Arkansas' offense couldn't capitalize on the potential game-changing play.

What's the common denominator between Hayden, Hammonds, O'Grady, Patton, Wallace, Merrick and Guidry? They're all former four-star recruits according to Rivals.com. Granted, the recruiting services aren't perfect in their evaluations, but they're right more than they're wrong.

Bielema said last Wednesday that his staff would use the week off to take a "long, hard look" at the personnel within each position group.

For the sake of the team's season, the result of those long, hard looks needs to be Arkansas giving its best players a chance to help against Texas A&M.

(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.)



Short but sweet –

For Constitution Day Indivisible Eureka Springs set up in Basin Park to offer free watermelon, music from the Art Deco Band, and free constitutions to those who wanted them. Sadly, the sunny weather didn't hold up for more than 30 minutes, but it was fun while it lasted. Pictured is Harrie Farrow handing out constitutions to passersby.

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International Peace Day, Rosh Hashanah, Fall Equinox

So many festivals this week. **Wednesday** (east coast) is Virgo new moon just after midnight. In the evening, at sunset, Rosh Hashanah (Jewish New Year) begins. **Thursday** is the UN World Peace Day and, in the evening, as the new moon is sighted at sunset, Islamic New Year begins. **Friday**, as Sun enters Libra (1:02 p.m., west coast), Archangel Michael, the great protector with sword in hand, assumes protection for the Earth. At that moment, autumn begins. It's equinox. Day and night, light and dark are in balance. We, too, seek balance and begin preparing for Winter Solstice. We are in the "dark half of the year" now.

On **Friday**, in the United States, transiting (in the sky) Uranus squares the U.S. natal Pluto. We'll see what happens. Uranus/Pluto signify unexpected & transformative events unfolding. Let's see what happens.

Much has been said in Christian circles about **Saturday, Sept. 23**, concerning **Revelation 12** – "A great sign appeared in heaven: a woman (pregnant, about to give birth) is clothed with the sun, moon under her feet, a crown of twelve stars on her head. Then another sign appears: a red dragon with seven crowned heads, ten horns. Its tail sweeping a third of the stars from the sky, flinging them to the earth." We'll watch for that, too. While waiting,

watching and wondering, let's be festive.

Gathering with family, eating pomegranates (Garden of Eden "apples"), honey with apples, honey cake, apple raisin challah & chicken baked in honey, wishing everyone a sweet and happy new year. (Rosh Hashanah).

Dancing Peace dances during World Peace Day. It's theme: **"Together for Peace: Respect, Safety and Dignity for All."** From 9 – 9:30 a.m., the Secretary General begins Peace Day celebrations by ringing the Peace Bell in the U.N. Peace Garden. Inscribed on the bell in Japanese characters, "Long live absolute world peace." Peace on Earth, Goodwill to everyone on this day. www.internationaldayofpeace.org/

ARIES: Do you feel divided between four ways, standing in the middle wondering which paths to pursue next? There are several past issues that need tending and closure before you will know how to proceed. They are being presented to you now so observe, assess, ponder, pray and have the intention to carefully and kindly complete all things unfinished. Then the next page turns.

TAURUS: Maintain the trajectory into the future even though pressures and people pull you back. The new realities must be brought forth and each sign has the responsibility for a facet of that diamond. Taurus has the illumination needed for others to understand the plans and purposes of the new era. You have land to buy, a model to construct, a community to build, a garden to plant, expansions to bring forth so that many will be saved.

GEMINI: You experience confusion when you don't stand directly in the center of all realities. You must do this to observe both sides in order to create a triangle of synthesis, with you standing at the apex. There are two paths outlined for you. Knowledge creates thought, which creates symbols that reveal revelations

so Right Choice can occur. Ponder upon these words. Draw and visualize the seven pointed, six pointed, five pointed stars, a triangle and the Cross. Again.

CANCER: A fusion and synthesis are occurring between what you were taught and what you now know and seek.

Money is a concern. Know it will always be available.

With others be kind, never critical. Listen deeply. Respond with compassion, never impatience.

The homeopath Aconite neutralizes impatience (an excess of electrical energy). At times you feel like a rainstorm.

LEO: It's possible that thoughts and feelings from previous relationships are being remembered. It's possible there could be anger about the experiences in childhood that influences your behavior in adult relationships. It's good to ask what you learned in each relationship. And to ask, "Did I give enough?" There's still time. Everyone is learning from everyone else, all the time. Your self-identity changes.

VIRGO: Tend to finances; ask for assistance if puzzled, embrace the future by investing in supplies to sustain you and others for two years. Plan on others joining you. When self-critical beliefs occur, heartache results. It's important to know the difference between good and evil, dispassion and intrusion. It's best to always

use words of praise, which neutralizes mental and emotional illusions and distortions.

LIBRA: Something profound, transformative and new has been occurring at home affecting the foundations of your life. Through autumn you'll know more. Good things are coming about in your professional life. Is family visiting, changing or are you missing kinfolk? Are you thinking about religions or spirituality? Tend with care and kindness to all relationships. Your group sustains, nourishes and fortifies you. But someone's left out.

SCORPIO: It may feel that you need to structure your surroundings so that nothing is left to chance. Also, you want to nurture and build an ever growing participation in a social sphere. Groups need you and you need the group for sustenance. You wonder what to do with your money as you are offered two choices. One grows, one dims. How do you decide which to choose? Which is more sustainable? Think precious metals.

SAGITTARIUS: It's time for something new in terms of relationships. Is it also time to travel somewhere you've been before to assess it with new eyes. Do be aware of how much work you've done, how hard and where you are today. In the next 18 months, your usual ways of

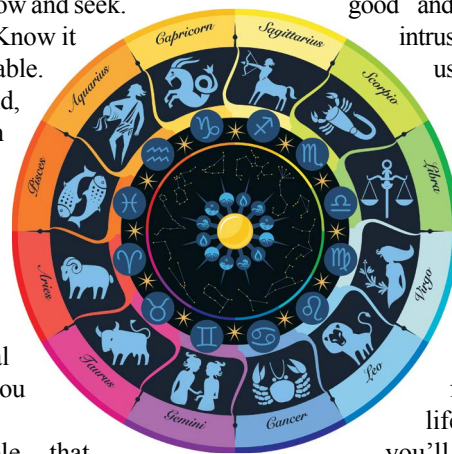
thinking and interpreting will change. Your creativity will change, too. Some of this is already occurring. Is it topsy-turvy at home with life tumbling about?

CAPRICORN: You asked for a playful column. I see why. Pluto and Juno in your first house of self-identity. Everything about your life is deep and profound and you need someone else to make the jokes freeing you from the Plutonian depths. Let's not talk about money. You have enough. You don't have enough. You have enough. In between is a childhood wound. You desire to transform all environments. There is a prayer that turns your abode into a shrine.

AQUARIUS: There's a new reality in your life as the old realities tumble after. Perhaps you grew up with too little or more than enough money. Either reality offered you a certain lens concerning money. And here we are today, the monetary world collapsing. Don't be fearful. From the ashes emerge great opportunities. Ponder upon priorities considering the world situation. What must (can) you do now? You'll come to true answers.

PISCES: Things feel very complex. In your state of solitude all expectations are surfacing, informing you they must be forgotten. Disappointments, sadnesses and unrealized hopes, leading to despair, can actually make us ill. It's important to be aware of this. Then see a holistic doctor who does astrology with homeopathy. Deep, deeper to deepest layers will be uncovered. In safety. The new psychology.

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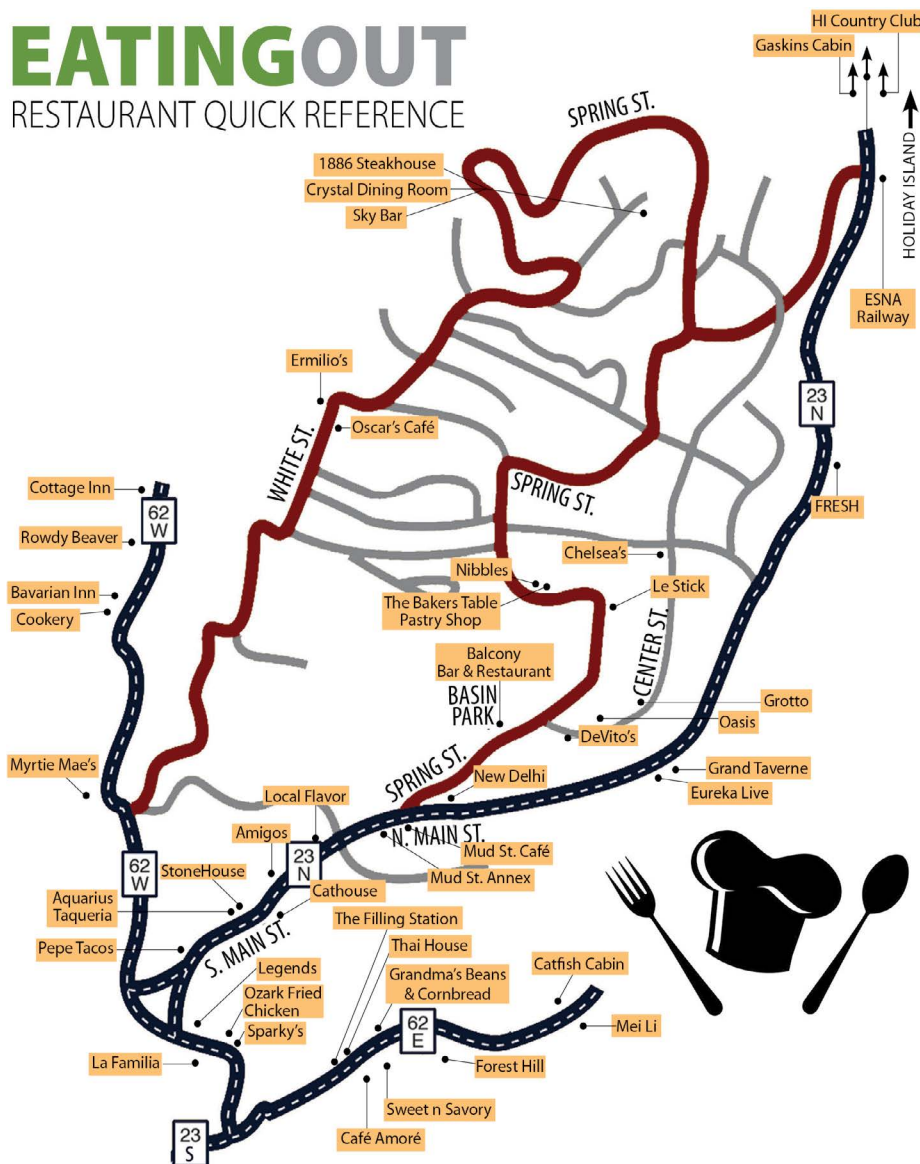
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CONSTABLES continued from page 10

7:50 p.m. – Central dispatch passed along 911 hang-up calls originating from the area of the library. Constable spoke with some kids in the vicinity.

9:09 p.m. – Witness alerted authorities to a utility line sagging down from a pole near a restaurant on US 62. Constable called the phone company.

9:12 p.m. – Noise complaint prompted a constable to check the decibel level of the music downtown, and he found the noise was within allowable limits.

10:30 p.m. – Constables got word of a suicidal female at a business on US 62. EMS transported her to ESH.

SEPTEMBER 16

12:21 a.m. – Constable checked for a possible trespasser at a residence near downtown.

1:33 a.m. – There was a verbal brouhaha at an

apartment complex.

9:20 a.m. – Constables and EMS responded to a motorcycle versus car accident in the commercial area of US 62. Two persons were transported to ESH with minor injuries.

11:31 a.m. – Individual making balloons for patrons in Basin Park claimed a person took money from his hat. Constables searched for but did not locate the thief.

11:59 a.m. – There was a two-vehicle bump-up downtown. The drivers declined to make a report and settled the matter between themselves.

1:23 p.m. – Vehicle was parked so that a resident near downtown could not exit her driveway. Constables issued a citation and advised they would check again to make sure the vehicle was moved.

1:24 p.m. – Motion alarm was triggered at a downtown

business. Constable found the building secure.

4:25 p.m. – Central dispatch told ESPD they received a 911 call and a male provided a name but then hung up. A constable went to the vicinity and found a group of teenagers. It was determined particular movement had generated the call from an Apple watch.

8:54 p.m. – There was a hit and run accident downtown.

8:57 p.m. – Constable performed a welfare check and found everybody doing just fine.

SEPTEMBER 17

3:01 a.m. – There was a suspicious vehicle in a motel parking lot that prompted a visit by a constable.

6:01 a.m. – Constable went to the same residence near downtown to again look for a possible trespasser and found nothing to report.

BB&B - The Second B is for Blues

This is the weekend for Bikes, Blues & BBQ and whether your backside is aching from the ride or your dogs are barking from work, the cure for what ails you is some **Brick Fields Blues Therapy**. Rachel Fields has a voice so soulful it must make the angels stop and listen, and combined with husband Larry Brick's well-honed guitar skills makes the foundation of the Brick Fields Band. They have won too many awards to list here, including the 2010 International Blues Challenge. A true Arkansas blues treasure, the six-piece band includes perfect harmonica and a saxophone that melts away your troubles. Your therapy appointment is at Chelsea's on Friday, 9:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

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

CATHOUSE LOUNGE BEER

GARDEN - *Titanium Blue*, Blues, 8-11 p.m.

CHELSEA'S - *Opal Agafia & the Sweet Nothings*, Folk/Soul, 9:30 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.

ROWDY BEAVER - *Mark Shields Band*, Rock 'n Roll, 7 p.m.

ROWDY BEAVER DEN - *Terri & Brett*,

Country/Rock, 9 p.m.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

2 WHEELS - *Mason Dixon Band*, Southern Rock/Country, 3-6 p.m.

BALCONY RESTAURANT - *Michael Dimitri*, Singer/Songwriter, 12 p.m. and 5 p.m.

BREWS - *Raccoon Rivera*, 6-7 p.m., *Buffalo Gals*, Bluegrass, 7-10 p.m.

CATHOUSE LOUNGE BEER

GARDEN - *Jimmy Wayne Garrett & Liberty Bell*, Blues, 11:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

The Red Sawyer Band, Roadhouse Rock, 4-8 p.m., *Switch It Up*, Rock, 8:30-11:30 p.m.

CHELSEA'S - *Brick Fields Blues Therapy*, Blues, 9:30 p.m.

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

GRUB N PUB - *G.G.*, Guitar Girl, 5-7 p.m. *On the Deck*, *Mason Dixon Band*, Southern Rock/Country, 8:30 p.m.

LEGENDS SALOON - *Jeff Horton Band*, Blues, 9 p.m.

NEW DELHI - *Pete N Dave*, Blues, 6-10 p.m.

ROWDY BEAVER - *Luke Williams Duo*, 12-4 p.m., *Matt Garland & the Shotgun Reunion*, Rock/Country, 7 p.m.

ROWDY BEAVER DEN - *Terri & Brett*, Country/Rock, 1-5 p.m. & 9 p.m.

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



THE DOCTOR IS IN - Rachel Fields and Larry Brick of Brick Fields Blues Therapy. Catch them at Chelsea's Friday at 9:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

2 WHEELS - *Aaron Tyler Roe Trio*, Rock/Blues, 3-6 p.m.

BALCONY RESTAURANT - *James White*, Singer/Songwriter, 12 p.m. & 6 p.m.

BREWS - *Anitra Jay*, R&B/Soul, 7-10 p.m.

CATHOUSE LOUNGE BEER

GARDEN - *Hedley Lamar Band*, Classic Rock/Blues, 2-6 p.m., *The Pool Boys*, Classic Rock, 7-11 p.m.

CHELSEA'S - *Earl & Them*, Blues & Rock, 9:30 p.m.

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

GRUB N PUB - *G.G.*, Guitar Girl, 5-7 p.m. *On the Deck*, *Mason Dixon Band*, Southern Rock/Country, 8:30 p.m.

LE STICK - *Vinny Ray*, Jazz Violinist, 7

p.m.

LEGENDS SALOON - *Another Fine Mess*, Rock, 9 p.m.

NEW DELHI - *Whiskey Menders*, Rock/Blues, 12-4 p.m., *Pete N Dave*, Blues, 6-10 p.m.

ROWDY BEAVER - *Terri & Brett*, Country/Rock, 12-4 p.m., *Terri & the Executives*, 7 p.m.

ROWDY BEAVER DEN - *Mark Shields Band*, Blues, 1-5 p.m., *Blew Reed & the Flatheads*, Blues, 9 p.m.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

BALCONY RESTAURANT - *Catherine Reed*, Singer/Songwriter, 12 noon, *Jeff Lee*, Singer/Songwriter, 5 p.m.

BREWS - *Trivia Night*, 7 p.m.

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

GRUB N PUB - *Titanium Blue*, Blues, 2 p.m.

NEW DELHI - *Buffalo Gals*, Bluegrass, 12-4 p.m.

ROWDY BEAVER DEN - *Terri & Brett*, Country/Rock, 1-5 p.m.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

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

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

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

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

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

CATHOUSE LOUNGE - *Karaoke w/ Phil*, 8-11 p.m.

ROWDY BEAVER - *Shawbe Karaoke*, 8 p.m.

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DROPPING A Line by Robert Johnson



As the sun rose high in the sky, the boat just sat waiting as storms got close before we parted. That’s the way it went this last week with getting the boat back together, then chasing bait to get back on the water for some striper fishing on Sunday.

The daylight bite passed us by as they called to move it up to 7.30. So I set to wait and watched as others caught fish. Then at 8:30 they pull up, two hours after sunrise, and along with them came the north wind blowing hard.

The fish turned off and it wasn’t long before cold rain followed. I do believe if you want to catch striped bass it may not be to wise to stay up to enjoy the nightlife until the town shuts down.

Yes, getting the boat fixed left me with just this one trip at the end of the week and that’s how it went. Sorry no big fish pic this week but all’s running good now and I’ve got another shot at it Friday with some who have been with me before, so they know what the sunrise can bring. Especially when I have a tank full of 7-inch frisky shad.

The water temp is now down to 76° on Beaver Lake and also up the river where I’m netting bait, so the bait is finally holding up in the big tank at home.

Stripers are still up here by the dam, but I do believe after the next cold front the bait will start moving south and stripers will follow. We will still be

putting in from the dam but will probably be finding the fish closer to Point 5 as that seems to be where bait likes to hang out until the water cools down more and they move on down to the Hwy. 12 and Prairie Creek area for the winter.

We are getting pretty close for the top water bite to return and I’m ready to get the lead off the line, but for now most the stripers are being caught closer to that 20-ft. deep spot and was even marking a lot of bait and fish close to 40 ft. Sunday, but believe that was because that norther blew in on us.

Here at Holiday Island all is good with the best fishing from here and heading upriver in the shallow water, so fish the points, flats and closer to the back of the creeks for bass, walleye, crappie and even trout as you get further up river. Water from 4 – 12 ft. deep should put a bit of all in the boat, and if you’re not out at sunrise it’s no big deal, but if striper is what you want, think as he does with the sun low in the sky. If there’s wind, try a day when the northeast is far away.

Enjoy this nice fall weather with the good fishing it brings. Share with a child for the memories it can bring, and me, I will give my people the best I can, so hopefully next week I will also have a good memory to share and not a boat just sitting as it passes us by.

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INDEPENDENTCrossword

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

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ACROSS

- 1. Force, strong-arm
- 7. Slang for money
- 12. Drug used for relieving pain
- 13. European stock exchange
- 14. Tutorial
- 15. Joined by growing together (Bot.)
- 16. Strong anger
- 17. “Pretty slick!”
- 19. Total
- 20. It shouldn’t go before the horse
- 22. VW’s compact coupé
- 23. Grand celebration
- 24. Bird’s song organ
- 26. Assisted
- 27. Human-created beauty
- 28. In other words
- 29. Stupid, dense
- 32. Cheetah’s friend
- 35. Top quality
- 36. Designation for Love Field

- 37. An itching sensation (Scot.)
- 39. One ___ show
- 40. Brownish tint on certain photos
- 42. Fled
- 43. The City of a Hundred Spires
- 45. Lying on one’s back
- 47. High regard
- 48. Tie up
- 49. With “in” gets the bass in the boat
- 50. Fashions or personal preferences

DOWN

- 1. Common minor ailment of infants
- 2. *Othello* and *Aida*
- 3. Relentless discomfort
- 4. They can be faux
- 5. Boys’ school founded in 1440
- 6. Easy going
- 7. Big difference

- between Dodge and Ford
- 8. Daily exercise for many
- 9. Removed
- 10. Ingenious; shrewd
- 11. Judged
- 13. Baseball clubs
- 18. “Crazy like a ___”
- 21. Track down
- 23. Bubbly
- 25. Irritate
- 26. Tire pressure
- 28. Small bags
- 29. Monkey with
- 30. Husky, as a voice
- 31. Existing from birth; natural
- 32. Touch lightly
- 33. Antenna
- 34. Subtle variation
- 36. Hold as an opinion
- 38. Leg hinges
- 40. Takes legal action against
- 41. Andy’s Bee
- 44. Let the solution set
- 46. Laminated material thickness

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The first 100 years are the toughest
The Eureka Springs First United Methodist Church’s Issues on Aging Group meets every other Thursday, at 1 p.m. with a specific programs aimed to help everyone better deal with the challenges of aging. All are welcome to attend.
The Schmieding Center has been invited to do 4 programs/discussion relating to the topic of aging. The dates are Oct. 19, Nov. 2 and 16, and Dec. 14. The next regular meeting is Sept. 21. Call the church office at (479) 253-8987 for more details.

Stay safe on the road
The Fire Station at Grassy Knob is sponsoring an AARP Driver Safety Program, which is a four-hour classroom course, and the nation’s first curriculum designed specifically for drivers aged 50 and over.
The class will be held at the Fire Department classroom at 12037 Hwy. 187 near the dam, on Sept. 25. Sign in starts at 12:30 and class is from 1 – 5 p.m. All materials are included for a fee of \$15 for AARP members and \$20 for non-members. Upon completion of the course you will be eligible for a multi-year automobile insurance discount.
Register for the class by contact Marie Lee at (479) 253-1054.

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sync, then get the tower situation rectified. “One step at a time,” he said.

Richie asked what might be the completion date, and Ward said he honestly could not speculate and would not pretend otherwise. The timing of some of the tasks, such as the licensing, is not under their control.

Richie observed he would not vote to approve another project unless it had an independent project manager. He also insisted they not lose a second of dispatch

coverage during the transition. JP Chuck Olson insisted they not skimp on quality going forward because they are already having to pay extra to rectify problems caused by less than adequate equipment. He advocated spending a bit more for quality at the outset.

JP Larry Swofford observed, “The bottom line is we’ve gone past halfway across the creek, so there’s no turning back.”

Ward will continue to update the court on progress.

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“beyond the control of the property owner.” McClung said they should consider how future commissioners and aldermen would read and understand Code.

Kendrick continued to note technical points with the language of the proposed changes until commissioner Susan Harman commented that Planning was trying to clean up these issues and rectify Code versus reality. Commissioner Ann Sallee added some of the points being raised were decisions for Council to make, Planning was simply sending along

recommendations.

Kendrick pointed out other snags and inconsistencies until alderman David Mitchell suggested Kendrick send her recommendations to Harman, and Kendrick agreed. Then Kendrick asked why Planning wanted to ban boarding houses from the city. She contended such a move would limit available affordable housing, and the city should welcome people who cannot afford anything else. Kendrick insisted boarding houses not be removed from allowable uses.

Date of the next workshop was not announced.

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(3) nonprofit and continually find ways to raise money.

Pfeifer reported Pate is also pursuing donation of a late model vehicle from local dealers to add to the courtesy car fleet.

Before you fly away
• In response to Hurricane Harvey, Goodwin gathered sleeping bags, items for infants and other necessities and flew two

supply runs to cities near Houston.

• The annual meeting of the Arkansas Airport Operators Association will be Oct. 15-17 in Eureka Springs. All commissioners were encouraged to attend.

• CCA netted \$550 at the August fly-in. Twenty-seven planes purchased fuel.

Next meeting will be Friday, October 20, at 12 p.m., at CCA.

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