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This week's Independent thinkers

“What strikes a visitor is the joyous, positive attitude to life. The American is friendly, self-confident, optimistic, and without envy.” Albert Einstein wrote that in 1921, reflecting on his first impression of the United States.

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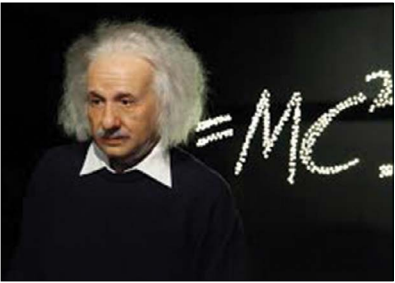


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Standing up for Standing Rock –
Organized by John Two-Hawks, supporters gathered to stand in solidarity with the Water Protectors at Standing Rock in Basin Spring Park on Nov. 15. Many NoDAPL Day of Action events happened across the country that day, and John Two-Hawks, Luis Contreras, Bill Rowland and David Burnette all spoke during the local gathering.

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“ONLY WHEN THE LAST TREE HAS BEEN CUT DOWN, THE LAST FISH BEEN CAUGHT, AND THE LAST STREAM BEEN POISONED, WILL WE REALIZE WE CANNOT EAT MONEY”

Future of medical pot is hazy at best

BECKY GILLETTE

There are more questions than answers after Arkansas voted to approve medical marijuana in the Nov. 8 election. How will it be determined who gets up to 40 dispensary licenses? How will the state decide who gets licenses for up to eight cultivation facilities? If these are done by bidding, will the medical marijuana market be controlled by wealthy corporate interests making medicinal marijuana too expensive for most patients to afford?

Another big issue is if cultivation will be allowed outdoors or only indoors. In Colorado and Oregon, indoor growing facilities have sapped so much energy that it has caused a strain on the electric grid. Advocates of “Natural Medicine for the Natural State” might prefer pot be grown outside as nature intended.

The governor’s office doesn’t have any answers to those and many other questions yet, according to J.R. Davis, spokesman for Gov. Asa Hutchinson.

“We are still working through all of this,” Davis said. “It’s a very big lift, but the governor has already provided \$3 million from his rainy day fund to kick start the process.”

Davis referred the *Independent* to the Arkansas

Department of Finance and Administration for further information on licensing. Jake Bleed, director of communications for DFA, said the Arkansas Medical Marijuana Amendment approved in the election gives DFA 120 days to create rules and regulations which will govern, among other things, the process of applying for and obtaining the permits to run either the cultivation facilities or dispensaries.

“The rules and regulations we will be putting together will go through the Administrative Procedures Act, which requires at least 30 days for public comment on proposed new regulations,” Bleed said. “Obviously, since the election happened so recently, we don’t have the rules written or drafted to put out for public comment. We have to get the Medical Marijuana Commission up and running. We have a lot of work to do.”

Bleed said it hasn’t yet been determined if marijuana will be cultivated indoors or outdoors, or how licenses will be issued.

“We are not taking applications, and we aren’t taking names to get on a list,” Bleed said. “We are not yet recording any public comments. The constitutional amendment does limit the number of dispensaries in

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one county to four. Statewide there can be up to eight cultivation facilities and 40 dispensaries. Those are two separate type of businesses or organizations.”

Bleed said the state has been in contact with other states with medical marijuana. “Hopefully we can benefit from their experience,” he said.

DFA will have a website dedicated to Medical Marijuana Commission, and information will be available there as it is developed.

Some local residents who support medicinal marijuana voted against the Medical Marijuana Amendment and instead in favor of Issue 7, the Arkansas Medicinal Cannabis Act, which required the businesses to be non-profit and had a “grow your own” provision for some patients. The Arkansas Supreme Court blocked votes from being counted on Issue 7 after a challenge of some petition signatures that was backed by the Medical Marijuana Amendment supporters. Because that action was taken after voting had begun, some people voted for Issue 7 before learning votes would not be counted on it.

Would it be possible to have a non-profit grow facility or dispensary in Eureka Springs? Again, the regulations haven’t yet been drawn up. While this is under discussion, one local resident who is following the issue closely says it will be too expensive for non-profits or small business owners to participate.

“There are so many things flying around behind the scenes,” he said. “But we are talking lots of money for either a dispensary or a grow operation. You must have a business plan in place, and page upon page of information must be submitted. It is a huge task to

grow and process all these materials. The main concern of Alcohol and Beverage Control (ABC), which will regulate the facilities, is security. Security is a huge issue that involves not just securing the facility, but having secure transportation of the product and money. There are a lot of bad guys looking for opportunity, and these facilities need to be secure from being robbed.”

There is also the consideration of testing laboratories. All marijuana coming from the grow facility has to be inspected and graded. Then there are issues regarding production and testing of edibles such as candies and brownies.

It isn’t even known if there will be a tax placed on the marijuana after it is grown before it is sold in a dispensary.

“So many people are fixated on making millions of dollars off these operations,” the man said. “All they can see is a dollar sign. No one seems concerned with the patient. It’s pretty astounding.”

ADH plans a process by which they can be petitioned to add qualifying conditions to the list. Some information can be found at www.healthy.arkansas.gov/Pages/MedMarijuana.aspx.

Meeting that 120-day deadline is considered unlikely.

“The passage of Issue 6 has created new responsibilities for ADH,” ADH said on the website listed above. “These responsibilities include rule making, issuance of Registry Identification Cards, tracking of dispensed marijuana and other operations. ADH currently does not have an established infrastructure

for this type of program. It will take several months to secure funding, promulgate regulations, hire staff and implement contracts.

“Under this amendment, qualifying patients and designated caregivers can apply to receive Registry Identification Cards from ADH. ADH is required to maintain a database for dispensaries to verify the amount dispensed to cardholders. ADH will have other responsibilities, including regulating labeling and testing standards, establishing reasonable fees, considering public petitions to add additional medical conditions to the list of qualifying conditions, and submitting annual reports to the legislature.”

The website www.dfa.arkansas.gov/Pages/MedicalMarijuanaAmendment.aspx states: “The State is not issuing permits or otherwise authorizing the use of medical marijuana at this time. Please check back with DFA over the coming weeks and months for more information as these rules are developed.

“Use of marijuana under circumstances outside the limits of the amendment is still illegal in Arkansas.”

Good Shepherd meeting Nov. 30

The next Board Meeting for the Good Shepherd Human Society will be held Wednesday, Nov. 30 at 1 p.m. in LeStick Nouveau Restaurant, 62 Spring Street. All are welcome.



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County budget tight with no end in sight

NICKY BOYETTE

Justice of the Peace Lamont Richie told the Carroll County Quorum Court the budget committee is preparing the final 2017 budget numbers and will present them at the Dec. 19 meeting. What he knows now is the total budget for the county will be \$11.3 million. The county is allowed to spend 90 percent of that amount, and the balance goes into the reserve account. Richie said the county tries to spend what it is allowed to spend, and sometimes, like this year, it must dip into reserves.

However, Richie said this budget season the committee encountered two significant expenses it did not expect. One was a 37.7 percent increase in health insurance, which equals a \$250,000 bump in costs. County employees do not pay for their health insurance. He said the reason for the increase was the county is in a group plan, and the group had a bad claim history.

Richie also pointed out the budget committee discovered that some county properties were significantly

underinsured. In 2016, the county paid \$46,000 to insure its properties, but the total for 2017 will rise to \$90,000 – \$100,000.

He said although no county employee will get a raise next year, the increase in insurance represents an \$1,800 per employee increase to the benefit package.

Richie also pointed out the committee is willing to consider mid-year requests from departments, but the requests must be well-substantiated in a written request.

JP Jack Deaton stated the county would be facing more tight budget years ahead with other financial demands looming.

JPs and County Judge Sam Barr applauded Richie's efforts in making the arduous budget process easier on everyone else.

Too many dogs

Jerry Hutchinson told the court about a situation in the Dry Creek Properties area near Green Forest in which a resident continually adds to his collection of dogs. Hutchinson said the person has 20 – 40 dogs on his property in an area of 30

homes, and it is not a dog rescue situation. There is constant barking and the smell of dog feces, and it is difficult for neighbors to sleep. Residents can hear fights in which an animal in obvious distress suddenly quits yelping because attacking dogs killed it. There are dogs of all sizes and kinds on the property, and they are not sheltered or cared for properly, and winter is approaching.

Hutchinson said deputies have been there, but the situation continues. He and other neighbors fear violence might break out because of the contentious atmosphere.

JP Don McNeely said he had visited the scene and did not disagree with how it had been described. He said it would be chaotic to live nearby. McNeely said he would continue to seek a remedy for the situation.

Veterans' services

Alex Brown, veteran service officer for the Carroll County Veteran Services, asked the court for an increase in the number of hours he could provide his

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Airport expanding despite county budget crunch

NICKY BOYETTE

Commissioner Sandy Martin announced at the Nov. 18 Carroll County Airport Commission meeting that CCA's 2017 budget would be tighter than expected. She learned at the recent Quorum Court budget committee meeting that all county departments would face reductions next year, and allocation for the airport budget would be reduced from \$60,000 in 2016 to \$40,000 in 2017.

Martin said the Justices of the Peace were complimentary toward the Airport Commission citing improvements in bookkeeping, financial reporting to the county and upgrades to the airport facility, but the bottom line for JPs was "we have to cut everything." Martin was told the county faces increases in insurance but little increase in revenue. She said the commission has the option to appeal for an increase during the year if the county sees an upswing in revenue.

"I can tell you now \$40,000 won't cut it," airport manager Michael Pfeifer said.

"It's all we get," Martin replied, "but

we can renegotiate midyear."

"We don't have anything to cut. We're milking it all we can already," commented commissioner Morris Pate.

Nevertheless, commissioners searched through the proposed budget Martin had prepared to see what they could find. Pfeifer noticed the income from hangar leases might be better than Martin had projected and commissioners decided they could reduce one of their monthly debt payments. Otherwise, there was little leeway.

Pfeifer said he would not need to purchase fuel until probably March, and all the vehicles were in good shape. Also, he would not need to pay for grass-cutting for a while. In addition, he projected they would have a modest amount to carry over to next year's budget, and Martin asked him to figure as closely as possible what that amount might be so they have a clear concept of their budget.

Having little choice, commissioners approved the 2017 projected budget as presented and corrected.

Grant approved for taxiway expansion

Engineer Dan Clinton announced the Arkansas Department of Aeronautics approved a grant proposal to extend the south taxiway behind the newest hangars. "I told them we desperately needed it," he said. This project will pave the way for constructing more hangars on that part of the property. Total cost will be \$126,578, with the state paying \$113,920 and the ten percent match for CCA would be \$12,657. Pfeifer said a businessman from Texas has already expressed interest in building a 60x60-foot hangar.

Clinton said the contractor wants to begin in early December and commissioners should not put off beginning the project although the final step, laying asphalt, might have to wait until spring. He recommended they get the dirt work done this year and figure out the rest later.

Pate moved to earmark up to \$6,200 to get the first half of the project started, and

commissioners approved.

Manager's report

- Pfeifer said the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Dept. has agreed to install two signs on US 62 indicating directions to CCA.

- The county road department let CCA use its backhoe to spread a load of gravel in eroded areas near hangars.

- Pfeifer provided labor and materials for a regulation-size horseshoe pit and fire pit near the terminal.

- Pfeifer and volunteer Butch Luper measured every building on CCA property and provided an aerial view of the airport to the county for insurance purposes.

- Two pilots have requested a fully-enclosed hangar at CCA but there are none available.

- Flight instructor Chris Brayman has 13 students in three different classes at CCA.

Next meeting will be Friday, Dec. 16, at 12 p.m.

Eastern district ambulance service one step closer

NICKY BOYETTE

In the Nov. 8 election, voters in the eastern part of Carroll County approved a 2.5 mill tax to establish an ambulance district for that side of the county. On Monday, five Justices of the Peace met for the first time since the election to discuss what happens next. JP John Reeve, who was a strong proponent for the service, chaired the meeting.

Reeve said the first thing would be County Judge Sam Barr's appointment of five commissioners who would prepare a proposal stating the expected technical requirements of the provider; where the ambulances would be housed; and duration of the contract between the commission and the service provider among other stipulations – in other words, set up clearly what they want for their district.

The commission would develop evaluation criteria including cost and technical performance specs. Then they would send out the Request for Proposal to see who wants the job. Once responses are returned, the commission would evaluate and make a recommendation to Barr, who awards the contract.

Reeve pointed out this process is only to establish an emergency ambulance service for the eastern part of the county. There still might be a need for a patient transfer service.

JP Chuck Olson said the Western Carroll County Ambulance District also has five commissioners, and each of the five fire departments in their part of the county has a representative. JPs agreed some version of this concept would make sense for the eastern district.

Reeve suggested he would arrange for another committee meeting a week prior to the December Quorum Court meeting, and JPs should come prepared with names to put on a list for Barr to consider for the new commission.

Sunday at EUUF

Rabbi Rob Blennick will return to Eureka Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 17 Elk St., with his topic *Why Not Atheism*, on Nov. 27 at 11 a.m. Childcare is provided and there is extra parking at Ermilio's Restaurant, 26 White Street.

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Three recent auto thefts reported; 'Crimes of opportunity'

BECKY GILLETTE

Several vehicles have been stolen in Eureka Springs in the past month with the most recent being a black Subaru Legacy that was stolen from outside of Chelsea's at 10 Mountain St. and later involved in a pursuit by Carroll County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) deputies.

Eureka Springs Police Det. Brian Jones said the Subaru belonged to an employee and keys had been left in the console. The vehicle was reported stolen at 10:14 p.m. Nov. 15. A suspect allegedly evaded a pursuit by the CCSO, and later abandoned the vehicle.

"The sheriff's deputies chased him," Jones said. "They knew who he was. He's already been picked up."

Jones said the Subaru was badly

damaged. "They will probably total it," he said.

The CCSO reported a 2001 red Dodge truck was allegedly taken from Green Forest by the same suspect, Brennan Alden Badley.

On Nov. 17 the CCSO issued an alert "asking for help in locating Brennan Alden Badley. Brennan is wanted for fleeing in a stolen vehicle from deputies last night and is a suspect in other cases. Brennan is considered armed and dangerous. If you see Brennan or know his whereabouts, please call 911, Facebook message or



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That was followed by another post that

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HDC OKs dramatic gutter repair to save house

NICKY BOYETTE

With pace and aplomb, the Historic District Commission approved four applications at its Nov. 16 meeting. The only item causing debate was Chris Fischer's request to change the fascia and guttering at 33 Ridgeway. Fischer said the structure's convoluted system for delivering runoff from the roof was due for a "fairly dramatic repair." The soffit had given way, rainwater no longer made it to the downspout, and a carpenter had discovered significant damage underneath. Fischer wanted to extend the roof decking a bit so he could "comfortably repair my gutter system."

Commissioner Virgil Fowler asked if the gutter as it was could be repaired, as guidelines call for gutters to be repaired if possible. Fisher acknowledged it was possible but "the damage is getting away from us." He added such a repair would only set up the same difficulty for someone else down the line.

Commissioner Melissa Greene commented she would hate to lose a feature such as the gutters but worse would be to lose the house.

Vote to approve the application was 4-1, Fowler voting No.

These applications were also approved:

- 14 White – revise previously approved application for new door cut; add rear steps and deck
- 61 Mountain – replace lower level door
- 43 Alexander – new construction: garage with apartment above

These two items on the Consent Agenda were approved:

- 35 Benton – new paint colors
- 35B N. Main – new sign

Consent Agenda items are Level I applications that the City Preservation Officer believes to be in accordance with the design guidelines.

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ESH welcomes Savoy; acquires new equipment

NICKY BOYETTE

Peter Savoy, CEO of Eureka Springs Hospital since May, made his first appearance at a Hospital Commission meeting Monday afternoon. Savoy, like his predecessor Chris Bariola, also oversees the facility in Dardanelle managed by Allegiance Health Care. He worked at another critical access hospital in Mamou, La., for the prior 12 years. He and his wife had visited Eureka Springs several times over the years and found it to be “a fascinating town.” He spends at least two days a week in town, and said he tries to schedule his time here at the end of the week so he can enjoy weekends here as well.

Savoy said he has seen Allegiance getting more active in Arkansas and “doing whatever is necessary”

to keep his two facilities current on equipment. He said Allegiance has spent \$550,000 since July on “up-to-date top-of-the-line equipment” including new digital radiology equipment and a 32-slice CT scanner. Radiographer Amy Campbell Brandt commented, “The image quality is fantastic” and considered their service equal to what patients would get at other facilities in the area. She was also pleased ESH does not have to send patients elsewhere to get this service.

Savoy mentioned they would begin offering MRI services at ESH once a week.

Money in the bank

Commissioners discussed various strategies for

getting the most out of the \$2,355,500 they had at the end of October. Treasurer Bob Walling said he expects they will receive another \$30,000 by the end of the year. He provided a rundown of where their accounts are and interest being accrued. The commission eventually decided to wait until their Feb. 20 meeting to decide how best to invest their funds.

Meeting schedule

Commissioners decided on the following meeting dates for 2017: Feb. 20, April 17, July 17 and October 16. All meetings will be on Monday at 1 p.m. at ECHO Clinic.

Next meeting will be Monday, February 20, at 1 p.m.

Thanksgiving Notice!

We are so thankful that we're going to take Friday, Nov. 25 off. Phones won't be answered, doors will be locked, mail will sit in our inbox until Monday, Nov. 28. It's the right thing to do. Happy, happy Thanksgiving from Jeremiah, Dana, Karen, Perlinda and Mary Pat.

Sundance documentary, *Most Likely to Succeed*, showing at Carnegie Library

Clear Spring School will take part in a worldwide campaign to re-imagine education on Dec. 8. The acclaimed film *Most Likely to Succeed* offers an inspiring look at what students and teachers are capable of with the vision and courage to transform schools.

Directed by documentarian Greg Whiteley, the film has been an official selection of two dozen of the world's top

film festivals, including Sundance, Tribeca, and AFI DOCS.

This event is open to the public. Visit mltsfilm.org for more information about the film and movement.


The free screening is at the Carnegie Library Annex at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 8 and is open to the public. For additional information, contact Jessica FitzPatrick at Clear Spring School. (479) 253-7888





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Defining verbs

Editor,

I'm responding to the Guestatorial of Nov.16: "Abortion doctors rip babies from the mother." I surmise that Bill is objecting to the verb "rip." I challenge him to identify a verb – somewhere between "abort" and "rip" that would satisfy his objection. Would Bill's preferred verb exonerate the loss of 60 million innocent unborn human beings since 1973?

Bill, be a non-partisan fact checker: see for yourself, hear it from their own lips, watch how it's done. Go to: LiveAction.org/what-we-do/investigations/inhuman-late-term-abortion

After viewing the whole presentation, let us know what verb you pick to describe the abortion procedures you saw.

Is Bill really worried – perhaps about women suffering from a "return to dangerous back alley abortions?" Bill, if you really care – look at the history of legal abortion in America – has it been safe? Do you think that making it legal has made it safe?

More than 213 women have been killed by legal abortion. Life Dynamics, Inc., has documented each death with autopsy reports, medical examiner reports, newspaper accounts and death certificates.

No Bill, it's not safe – in many ways.

Those citizens like Dan Krotz, who want to voluntarily donate to Planned Parenthood, can. Those of us who object to PP as the largest single abortion provider in the country and to its profit-taking sales of aborted baby body parts do not want to fund PP at the rate of \$1.5 million a day with tax dollars. Sorry.

Kathleen Blossom

Many thanks to our farmers

Editor,

Thanksgiving is our favorite holiday. But this year it was made even more special by winning the drawing for the "basket" of goodies from the Eureka Springs Farmers' Market.

This basket actually was a quite large crate chock full of everything from local farmer grown nutritious potatoes to greens of all sorts and every other seasonal veggie one can imagine; delectable baked goods; and an array of wonders from other vendors including handcrafted soaps, strip steak, a beautiful wooden chopping block, BBQ rub, pickled jalapeños, granola, etc. *Plus*, separately a basket with eggs and cheeses and a *big* bird. The good folks at the market went all out to contribute their individual treasures to this amazing bounty.

For those of you who have yet to discover and take advantage of all the wonderfully delicious, healthy produce and other tasty treats they offer, we would like to share our personal experience. Aside from just tasting good when we pick our veggies up on our regular Thursday stops, they are a source of powerful nutrition which played a vital role in helping overcome a major health challenge this year. We believe the Farmers' Market products are as important in the treatment regimen as medicines from the pharmacy.

Through the receipt of this abundance for Thanksgiving, we were able to pay it forward by donating the big bird to the Flint St. Food Pantry and sharing our good fortune with neighbors as well as out-of-

town family visiting for the holiday.

Our heartfelt thanks to everyone who contributed to the Farmers' Market Thanksgiving basket.

Paula Koch and Jack Stone

Locals appreciate vets

Editor,

Thank you Eureka Springs! Thank you for helping us honor our veterans again this year for our 8th annual Parade and Events Weekend! Of course, our veterans are the ones we want to thank the most, but we have so many more to be grateful for.

All of the veterans at American Legion Post 9 deserve special thanks for doing so much to make our parade possible.

We thank Mr. John Cross for letting us use his parking lot for our ceremony and the students from Eureka Springs grade and middle school, the choir, Rachel Hyatt and the other sponsors for participating in the parade and ceremony. And big thanks to alderman Bob Thomas who donated and passed out over 750 American flags.

Our Meet and Greet was made possible by Angela and Jeff at the Pied Piper, the local restaurateurs who provided us food and Mickey Schneider who coordinated it.

We also thank the Grub and Pub for sponsoring the Marine/Veterans Party, the Poker run and Silent Auction.

Thanks to Eureka Live, First National Bank, and Fresh for their donations.

Special thanks to the four people who helped me with the parade, and kept

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WEEK'S Top Tweets

@damienfahey: I typed "married" but it was auto-corrected to "martyred." Smartphone has gained intelligence!

@simonholland: Call your dad now and ask him what the WiFi password is so he has time to find the little paper it's written on before Thanksgiving.

@gingerhotdish: Imagine my surprise at the school Thanksgiving "costume" party when I showed up as poison ivy and everybody else was dressed as pilgrims.

@spacegirl: Is 1,000,000 chameleons a chamillion?

@techincallyrum: Aliens: "Take us to your leader." "No." "What?" "Look we've made some mistakes." "Just take..." "It's been a rough year, half of us are morons."

@beefman138: I accidentally hired a wordsmith instead of a locksmith and now my latched threshold has been compromised by a metallic puzzle solver.

@kadygriffiths: One person gets an idiom wrong and it spreads like wildflower.

@JoParkerBear: UK: Hey, u ok? USA: What? UK: I saw what happened. USA: I'm fine, nothing happened. CANADA: Hey, I know what I said before but you can't stay over.

@deelizabeth: Biden: So I got a bunch of balloons and when he gets here – Obama: Joe, please. Biden: – we're gonna rub them on his hair and see what happens.

@crutnacker: Biden: I took a Staples red button & wrote "Nukes" on it. Obama: Joe! Biden: Tweets to him in Russian when pressed.

Enter... the New Dark Ages?

During the decline and eventual fall of the Roman Empire the world entered what is known as the Dark Ages. An age of intellectual darkness extinguished the “light of Rome” as powerful religious and political autocrats joined forces and vanquished free thought, scientific exploration and stifled the intellectual development of humanity. Books were burned. Science was heresy. The once great Libraries of the Western Roman Empire were plundered and destroyed. Oligarchs sucked economic resources dry.

Historical autocratic rule was an important reason our Founders created a nation with a *clear separation of church and state*. Now, the current conservative political movement, joining forces with evangelicals, are working to rewrite history. They actually preach this country was founded as a “christian” nation which used the Bible as a governing authority and that God actually wrote our Constitution! Not only is this rewriting of history a complete lie, it goes squarely against everything our Republic was built upon.

This rejection of intellect is the devaluation of education, science and historical facts. Since the proliferation of social media, fake news sites and the corruption of mainstream media, people are profoundly befuddled in this time where misinformation is at our fingertips but truth remains elusive. Worse yet, the newly crowned leaders of our Federal Government are not interested in truth, nor are their supporters. Science and facts, especially historical facts, are often met with hostility and a growing violence. Creationism, which is a total rejection of natural science right in front of our eyes, has taken root in America. It does not matter that we have discovered the proverbial *Tree of Life* through our exploration of DNA; nor does the fact that we find some of the same strands of DNA in trees, butterflies, lions, tigers and bears (oh my), hummingbirds, flowers and even insects, as we find in ourselves. We are literally ONE with our Universe, and while this is truly a profound spiritual discovery, it is rejected as heresy and treated with contempt by a growing faction of individuals.

As our world now faces Global Warming and literally the possible extinction of not only humanity, but most life on this planet, our President-elect has appointed a climate change denier to

head up our Environmental Protection Agency. New policies to increase oil and gas exploration are already taking form, which will encroach not only upon sacred lands, but very fragile ecosystems that are already in dire peril. More and more carbon is being pumped into the atmosphere at record pace. The lust for power of the ‘new’ conservatives has reached a fever pitch and they are clearly willing to sacrifice all of our children and generations to follow, not to mention destroying all life on this planet, for monetary gains which will give them more ‘power’ and supposedly a more robust economy to rule.

We are entering the *New Dark Ages*. Americans are drowning in massive amounts of misinformation, but little truth. If somebody thinks ‘it’... or says ‘it’ enough times... then ‘it’ must be true. History is being re-written and the underbelly of America has been brewing yet again in supremacist tendencies that have now given birth to a social convention of overt racism, hate and bigotry. This is a group of people where fellowships in shared illusions have become a defining existence. The full extent of this fellowship

has largely been in the closet, a quiet minority, until the last eight years, because the heart of their social convention includes embracing the ‘righteousness’ of greed, racism, bigotry, misogyny, materialism, and xenophobia, all the while disregarding science, truth and historical facts. On the other side of the coin, a political party that is arrogant and entitled is damaging to our growth as well. No movement, politician or political party is immune from blinding themselves with greed and lust for power.

The newly elected ruling political party is rigorously fanning the flames that will destroy our Republic, and quite possibly our world. Historically, after times like the Dark Age is the coming of a Renaissance and an Age of Discovery. We must strive to hope all citizens of our Republic understand and appreciate how and why the United States was formed, and that we use our extensive resources to come together with our partners in the world to find alternative energy sources. Only with hope, focus and resolve can we begin to turn the tide of destruction that is upon us... the *New Dark Ages*.

T. G. Johnson



The Pursuit Of HAPPINESS

by Dan Krotz

That old Ozark Mountain folk artist, Skidmore C. Shanksberry, is contemplating a series of paintings that capture moments of celebration and angst among the citizens of these fair hills and valleys. Among these moments is the energetic apprehension of our Southern Heritage, the riotous collapse of cities and villages at the sight of a snowflake, and the outrage on the faces of our local Second Amendment scholars when young women at the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville exercise their First Amendment rights.

On the easel now is an action painting of two elderly hookers running a race. Neither has a heart of gold and one of them is insane. The insane hooker's foot edges across the finish line first while professional handicappers on the sidelines go numb. Skidmore has titled it *The Look on Their Faces*.

Next up is a painting of a chubby trustfund baby riding through the streets in a gilded carriage pulled by scantily clad models from Eastern Europe. A crowd of deliriously happy citizens race behind the carriage carrying Confederate battle flags and platters of baked goods. *Please Sir, Eat My Cake!* will be a 24x36 in. watercolor on two taped-together brown paper bags. Skidmore believes *Eat* will fetch a high dollar.

An old boy in an \$18,000 bass boat is talking on a \$600 cellphone to Homeland Security and crying his eyes out into a river of tears. As his boat floats down the sorrowful river, the old boy tells Homeland Security that he's spied some Mexicans on the river's south bank; they're cutting grass and bagging leaves in a subdivision, stealing work from a genuine American. *Cry Me A River* should retail for about \$24.

Skidmore's masterworks will be *Hump U No. 1* and *Hump U No. 2*. In *No. 1*, Americans enroll in Hump University – half excited and happy, half scared and shocked – as they go to get schooled by the Master himself. *No. 2* will show them leaving Hump U by the back door. How they'll look, and what results from the Master's touch, remains to be seen.

Skidmore currently hangs at the Methodist Ladies Flea Market in Shell Knob, Missouri.

A little help from our friends:

- **Carroll County Domestic Violence Hotline:** 1-844-247-3223 (844-24PEACE) is available 24/7. The Purple Flower Domestic Violence Resource and Support Center of Carroll County is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. at 103 West Church St. in Berryville. (479) 981-1676. The Purple Flower will also have free and confidential Domestic Violence Empowerment Support Group on every 1st and 3rd Thursday of the Month at the Berryville Community Center from 6 – 7:30 p.m.
- **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
- **Cup of Love free soup lunches** – Cup of Love provides soup lunches at Flint Street Fellowship Mondays and Wednesdays from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. and at First Baptist (Penn) Church on Fridays, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. (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 County Hardware. One-dollar store in the yellow building every Friday from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Thrift store, furniture bank in big blue barn behind the chapel open Wednesdays – Saturdays from 10:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. Donation drop offs Thursday – Saturday between 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. Healing and delivery outreach in chapel Saturdays at 7:30 p.m.
- **Shamatha and Tonglen meditations Monday** – A meditation group will meet every Monday at 6:30 p.m. to focus on Shamatha, learning how to focus to achieve peace of mind, and Tonglen, a practice of love and compassion on all beings. The meetings will alternate these two practices so that one is the focus on each Monday with coffee and tea afterward. 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.
- **No high school diploma?** Free GED classes in the Carnegie Library Annex every Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from 9 a.m. - noon with study and tutoring for the GED test. Open to ages 18 and up. GED classes also in Berryville at Carroll County Center. Some open to ages 16 and 17 per educational requirements. For info: Kathy Remenar (417) 342-8498, Carnegie Library (479) 253-8754, Carroll County Center (870) 423-4455). Offered by North Arkansas College with Carnegie Library support.
- **Grief Share**, A Bible-based, 13-week program for those who have lost a loved one will begin on Sunday, Feb. 21 from 1 – 3 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.
- **Overeaters Anonymous** – Thursdays, 10:30 a.m. Barbara (479) 244-0371 • **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) 363- 9495. • **Al-Anon Family Group (AFG)** – Sundays, 11:30 a.m., Mondays and Tuesdays 7 p.m. • **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 • **Al-Anon** Wednesday, 5:30 p.m. Meetings held at Eureka Springs Coffee Pot Group behind Land O’ Nod Victorian Inn. All other meetings: See www.nwarkaa.org
- **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 the first Wednesday of each month at ECHO Community Room at 10 a.m. For questions email Sally: sarahg@arkansas.net or call (479) 981-1587. First meeting is Nov. 2.

INDEPENDENT ConstablesOnPatrol

NOVEMBER 14

2:25 a.m. – Constable on patrol checked on an alarm at a business downtown and found the building secure.

2:51 a.m. – Resident near downtown and her dog were alerted by noise outside. Constable found nothing unusual in the area.

7:53 p.m. – Witness near downtown claimed a person was trying to break into a vehicle. Constable searched for but did not find the subject.

NOVEMBER 15

12:54 a.m. – As a result of a traffic stop, an individual was arrested on a warrant out of Carroll County for failure to comply with probation.

11:30 a.m. – Something triggered a burglar alarm at a residence above downtown. Responding constable found a neighbor checking on the property for the owner.

5:43 p.m. – Constable followed up on a 911 hangup call but was not able to make contact with anyone at the address.

9:12 p.m. – Observer reported an unknown person in a residence, but the intruder was gone when a constable arrived.

10:14 p.m. – Vehicle parked downtown was stolen. It was later pursued by deputies and eventually found abandoned.

NOVEMBER 16

1:18 a.m. – Constable responded to report of a domestic dispute at a tourist lodging, but upon arrival learned the incident had happened hours earlier.

9:03 a.m. – Constables watched for a truck stolen in Green Forest.

1:18 p.m. – Person who had been told several times he was not allowed on the hotel premises showed up anyway. Constable told him again to leave or face trespassing charges, so he left.

6:19 p.m. – Concerned observer reported a door on the community center property was propped open. Constables found a broken window and freshly spray-painted walls inside.

11:28 p.m. – Individual was arrested for public intoxication, disorderly conduct, possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.

NOVEMBER 17

1:44 a.m. – A girlfriend told ESPD her boyfriend, who was inebriated and out of control, had left the residence. Constables watched for but did not encounter him.

9:37 a.m. – Bank employee asked to report fraudulent charges on an account. The victim was referred to the Farmington PD because the incidents occurred there.

9:43 a.m. – Resident near downtown had set up a camera on his garden in his fenced yard, and someone stole it during the night.

12:27 p.m. – Restaurant owner asked for constable assistance because an employee refused to leave

the premises. Constable resolved the situation for the moment.

10:21 p.m. – Constable checked on an alarm ringing at a different restaurant.

10:55 p.m. – Same restaurant owner as before claimed she needed a constable again because of harassment.

NOVEMBER 19

12:02 p.m. – There was a fender bender in the middle of town.

3:48 p.m. – Constable filed a report of an accident. 3:52 p.m. – Vehicle was temporarily double-parked but gone before the constable arrived.

9:58 p.m. – Traffic stop resulted in the arrest of the driver for driving on a suspended license, DWI- second offense, endangering the welfare of a minor- second offence, no insurance, refusal to submit, implied consent and driving left of center. 10:39 p.m. – Constable assisted a motorist whose vehicle was having problems.

11 p.m. – Restaurant boss spoke with a constable about issues he was having with an ex-employee.

NOVEMBER 20

12:47 a.m. – Innkeeper needed help getting boisterous guests off the property. Constables assisted.

7:27 a.m. – Employees triggered an alarm at a restaurant.

8:57 a.m. – There was a multiple-vehicle accident south of town. No injuries.

11:11 a.m. – A grandmother tried to file a stolen vehicle report for her grandson who was incarcerated. Constable took down information but would need to speak with the grandson to finish the report.

2:45 p.m. – Resident near downtown reported an unknown vehicle was parked on her property. Constable responded.

3:38 p.m. – Concerned observer reported a possibly intoxicated driver heading north out of town. Information was passed along to CCSO.

10:24 p.m. – A mother asked for a welfare check on her son. Constable found the son at his residence.

11:13 p.m. – Traffic stop resulted in the arrest of the driver for driving left of center and driving on a suspended license.

Spirituality at Metafizzies

The Nov. 28 meeting of the Eureka Springs Metaphysical Society will feature a group discussion on spiritual topics. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. at the Heart of Many Ways, 68 Mountain Street. All are welcome.

Election outcomes trigger stress

BECKY GILLETTE

Some people are experiencing something akin to Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) in the wake of the election of Donald Trump, despite him receiving about 1.7 million fewer popular votes than Hillary Clinton. Many people are feeling anxious, fearful and upset about the election and its ramifications for civil rights, women's rights, the future of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and even the future of Earth where the climate is changing rapidly due to greenhouse gas emissions.

Dorothy Crookshank, a local attorney, said she is having nightmares almost every night.

"It feels as though the bottom is dropping out and I have no way to stop it," Crookshank said. "I feel so helpless just watching it all take place. I'm frustrated because I feel so powerless."

Crookshank said it isn't just the outcome of the presidential campaign, but the shift that has given Republicans control of the House and Senate, too. She is particularly concerned about what will happen with the Supreme Court appointees because those could have a very long-term impact.

Crookshank was floored when she heard that Trump plans to appoint Sen. Jeff Sessions as head of the U.S. Department of Justice. She said Sessions was passed over for a federal judgeship in the past because of his racist leanings and background. And she cares very much for the millions who stand to lose healthcare if the candidate follows through with promises to eliminate ACA.

"You can't just eliminate Obamacare without replacing it with something or you will have millions without health insurance," she said.

To cope, she has taken advice to get out and exercise more, and is determined to be active opposing changes that would take the country backward in social justice.

Trump campaigned that, unlike other Republicans, he wouldn't touch Medicare and Social Security. But there are recent reports that he intends to replace Medicare with a voucher system to buy private insurance. There are also concerns that the Republicans now have enough votes in Congress to privatize Social Security.

"If he really does gut Medicare and Social Security, I'm hoping the country will rise up in absolute protest,"

Crookshank said. "Perhaps the pendulum will swing back. But we are short on time."

Tracellen Templin Kelly, retired manager of the Good Shepherd Thrift Stores, said her initial reaction after the election was feeling depressed and despondent. She kept switching back from being very melancholic to extremely angry.

"I am normally a person who gets over things like this in a few hours and bounces back," she said. "I am not bouncing back this time."

She has great concerns about stepping back in time to when racism was rampant and abortion was illegal.

"Now I'm focused on wanting to make a difference," Kelly said. "I might not be able to make a big difference, but I will make a difference somewhere. When I think about the damage this new administration could do the environment in the next four years, I wonder how that might affect my grandchildren for the next fifty years."

Kelly feels things happen for a reason, and perhaps the "reason" for this election was for people who have been complacent to get up off the couch and do something about getting rid of the Electoral College.

"It is archaic and should have been done away with a long time ago," Kelly said. "I always heard the Constitution as a living document. It is time to change some of it."

Psychotherapist Eugenia "Gigi" Cottrell said many people are experiencing significant grief as they are mourning the loss of balance in our government following the election. She suggests small group meetings with like-minded people who want to positively impact our community, our country and the future.

"Few of us are hermits," she said. "By our very nature we are pack animals. We have to become each other's family now. We need to rally around one another. We are all suffering together. And we are all in this together."

Cottrell said the election could be particularly hard on older people, even those who are Republican. She has worked with geriatric clients who had Fox News on all day long. She said that constant diet of negativity contributes to making people anxious and depressed.

"Fox News was unhealthy for my geriatric clients," she said. "Fox News

has been divisive for years. It is worse when people use it as background noise bombarding their minds unconsciously on a daily basis."

Some local residents report they have placed themselves on a news diet. They aren't reading, listening or watching the news as frequently as in the past. Cottrell said people might need to take breaks from the news while staying tuned in to advocate for justice and fairness, and checking in on their neighbors.

The stress is worse on groups targeted by Trump.

"Our Hispanic and Muslim communities are terrified of being separated from their families," she said. "Women and LGBTQs stand to lose their rights and choices as human beings. Children have reported an increase of bullying in the schools. Children are tearfully asking their parents 'how can he be our President, he's a bully! We're not supposed to be bullies.' But we can't just focus on that. We have to focus on who


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Take action today

Here are some calls you can make:

1. Call Senator Lindsey Graham's office at (202) 224-5972, Push 2 if you get the recording. Tell the staff member, "I support Senator Graham's investigation into Russia's participation in the election of Donald Trump."
2. Call the Department of Justice, Voting/Civil Rights Division: 1-800-253-3931. Tell them you want to make sure the DOJ is investigating any possibility of voter fraud or tampering.
3. Call the House Oversight Committee tell them you support the call for a bipartisan review of Trump's financials and conflicts of interest. (202) 225-5074.
4. Call Paul Ryan's office express your concern about Trump's business conflicts of interest, his appointments of racists to his cabinet, voter fraud and Trump repealing the Affordable Care Act. (202) 225-3031.

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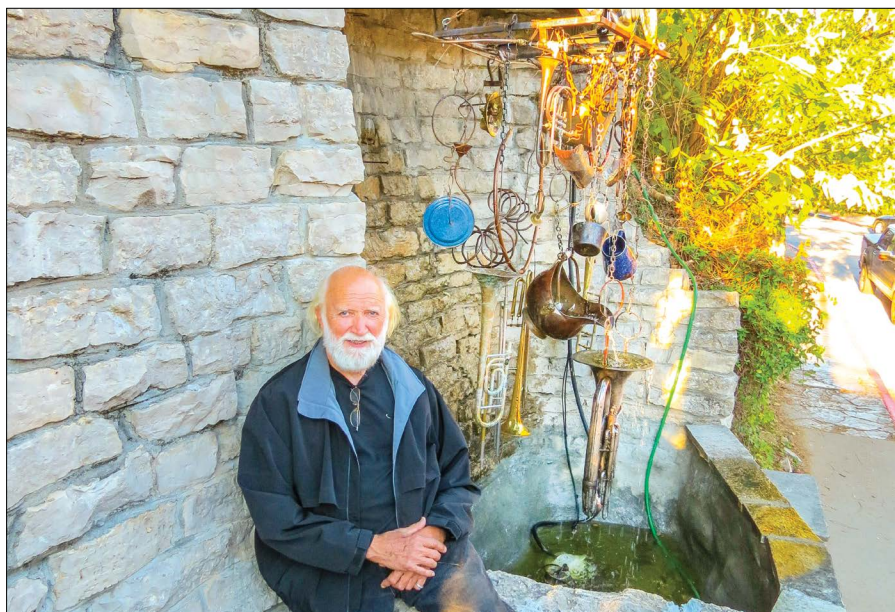


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Horn sculpture making music at the Park

BECKY GILLETTE

An outdoor art sculpture under construction downtown is becoming one of the more popular subjects for photographs in a town shutterbugs take seriously. Dan Morris, resident artist at the Eureka Springs School of the Arts (ESSA), is creating a water sculpture called The Horn Section at 0 Spring Street, just south of Basin Park. The work, on property owned by David “Fuzzy” White, has transformed what was an eyesore into an attraction.

The fountain is made from an old tuba, trombones, trumpets, teapots and metal. Morris first assembled the 12-ft. tall sculpture on an A-frame at his ESSA workshop to work out an appealing design that also worked for water dripping from the teapots and other metal pieces down to instruments at the bottom. The sculpture is solar powered.

One recent day, a couple who had just been married at the courthouse stopped by to have their picture taken in front of it. Morris said he was thrilled, especially as wedding photo albums are something that families treasure for generations.

Morris said there are generally two types of sculpture. One is a “take away” sculpture such as carving something out of wood. The second is a “put together” sculpture made from different objects combined in a way to make a pleasing visual statement. The Horn Section is a put together.

Morris, a musician who played for decades with the Greasy Greens, got the idea for the sculpture from a folk art tea kettle water fountain made by Joseph

Kuonen. He liked the idea of water dripping from tea kettles into old musical instruments that are now are making a different kind of music from the sounds of the dripping water. Morris refers to it as an Ozark Drizzle Foundation.

White, owner of Eureka Taxi, said the property has seen many different incarnations. The Main Spring Food Court was built there in 1995 by John and Marie White, and the Rock House Saloon was located there, but not the original Rock House Saloon that in 1880 was housed behind what is now Judge Roy Bean’s. One of the original businesses in the food court was a Rally’s Hamburgers. The food court had several 9x12 structures for restaurants including a barbeque place, a Chinese restaurant and a Greek Restaurant. According to city records, in 2002 Big Daddy’s BBQ was in business there when it burned taking out the rest of the structures in the food court.

Visitors to Eureka Springs often appreciate the town has so many art pieces on private property that can be enjoyed from public streets. Another such example is the nearby sculpture of Humpty Dumpty sitting on a wall, photos which appeared in national magazines. Humpty Dumpty was put up by Dan and Belinda Harriman, who also have another widely photographed piece of artwork on their property above Basin Park, the tall goddess sculpture, Aza. Some refer to her as the Goddess of Basin Spring, made from mosaic tiles and mirrors appearing to glow in the reflection.

More of Morris’s art can be seen at the Eureka Art Gallery, 150 N. Main.

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Helping people getting the medicine they need – People Helping People, a volunteer assistance program for residents who need help with prescriptions and medical supplies celebrated its 25th year in Carroll County. Pictured in back (l. – r.) Kathy McCormick, Laura Covington, Sheila Byrd, Francie Russell, Phyllis Popplewell, Lynn Larson, and Selena Parrish. Front Row: (l.-r.) Sue Hopkins and Roberta Kirby. *PHOTO BY WILSIE SHERMAN*



Turkey and all the fixin's – The Holiday Island Association of the Arts held its turkey dinner on Thursday for all members of the art, music, photography, theater, readers/writers and craft guilds. Each guild had a display table of works or activities and The Everything Ensemble entertained during Happy Hour. Members and guests brought cans of food to donate to the Flint St. Food Bank. *PHOTO BY JAY VRECEK*

OTHER DAYS at Eureka Springs[©] – by Nellie Alice Mills, 1949

Nellie Mills wrote *Early Days at Eureka Springs 1880-1892* as a memoir of growing up in Eureka Springs. She received so much information from those who shared those times that she published her second book based on correspondence and newspaper research. *Other Days* was published in 1950 by Free Will Baptist Gem, Monett, Mo.

Chapter Five: The East Mountain School

The East Mountain School that I attended in the fall of 1881 was not the same building that was being used in the late '80s. That first schoolhouse was high up the hill just below the last steep ascent that led to the mountaintop. Three stories high, it was backed up against the steep slope, every floor a ground floor. We did not climb stairs to reach the primary room on the top floor – we climbed the hillside. The building faced Mill Hollow.

The building later used was about halfway up the slope to the original school, was much farther around the hill to the southwest and faced down upon Main Street and across the hollow to Spring Street. It had two rooms on the same level, each with a door by which entrance was gained from the upperhill side, and a back door that opened out upon a small porch several steps above the ground. This lower side was surrounded by a fence. No use was made of this backyard.

Those who came there from the north crossed the wagon bridge over Leatherwood by Seidels' Store, crossed a deep gulch by a crude bridge, and climbed the slope behind A.J. Ray's grocery. To the left was the house where Annie Ross had lived. She was living there, I suppose, when I trudge up the hill daily with my first reader and slate.

Those who came from the southwest had well formed paths that joined and branched conveniently. Some came down the hill. There were houses all around there.

Recently in the *Times-Echo* was printed a letter concerning John Jennings rock collection activities. This

is something of which I know nothing much except that he calls himself a "rockologist." But this letter in the paper commented on John's collections of rocks. "I am sure," the writer said, "I have stubbed my toe on at least one of those stones," and went on to tell of having in his boyhood lived in Eureka Springs. The name, C.M. Munger," signed to the letter stirred a dormant memory, or my subconscious mind took over. I wrote to the man who lived in Cutler, California, that in my school on East Mountain I had had a pupil named Charlie Munger. I received a prompt answer. Here it is: "Dear Miss Mills: Yes, I am the same Charles Munger that attended your school on East Mountain in dear old Eureka Springs. I was most happy to receive your letter. It has been almost a lifetime ago since then and many things have happened. In fact we are living in a different world. Sometimes I wonder whether or not we would be happier if we were still living as we lived in the beautiful Ozarks. In August I was retired from my work with the California State Department of Agriculture. I am still hale and hearty. Our four children are all on their own, and my wife (a Eureka Springs girl, Jennie Pendergrass) ad I have a small ranch and are very pleasantly located."

In his weekly school column, Mr. Barnett often had notes from every school in town. I shall quote a few of these about my East Mountain School.

"Nannie McGinnis, Ada German, Dollie Amos, Ethel Wagner, Virgie Perkins, and Birdie McGinnis are the brightest of the flock for this week at least."



Another week: "The best grades were made by Emery Rice and Charlie Munger." At another date: "Emery Rice and Charlie Munger are the best in reading." Then, "Ida Riley is on the honor roll. Cora Hammock, Charlie Munger and George Sexton are still leading the grade."

But in December I find a list of promotion: Emery Rice, George Sexton, Cora Hammock, Charlie Munger, Louis Brown, Lee Brookmam.

I must insert a little paragraph to explain what follows. In those days the Gilbert Family lived in Carroll County. At that time I knew only Mrs. Gilbert and her baby daughter, Appie. An older daughter, Sarah, married a Eureka Springs man, Ben Williams, who had been active in the freight hauling days. Later they came to Monett; Sarah Williams died some years ago, but Ben Williams still lives here. A younger Gilbert son had for years worked for the Frisco Railway; he married a Seligman girl, Cora Bledsoe. A.W. Gilbert bought some of my *Early Days at Eureka Springs*, and sent a copy to his son Russell who is practicing dentistry in Vinita, Oklahoma. As a consequence I received a letter from Ben T. Osborn, whom I had never know; it came from Vinita.

Trotting around on Turkey Day

The Grassy Knob Volunteer Fire Department will host its annual Thanksgiving Day Turkey Trot beginning at 8:30 a.m. at Lake Leatherwood Park ballfields. Bring the family for a 5K Trail Run or 1 mile walk/run before a special Thanksgiving Day feast and celebration.

The event is sanctioned by USA Track and Field. Register now at TurkeyTrotAR.com or mail name, address, phone, email and age along with t-shirt size to Kay Shriner, 12037 Hwy. 187. Checks should be made out to "Don Gammie Turkey Trot."

If you have questions contact Kay at (479) 387-5020 or by email at rkschriner@gmail.com. There is a \$20 registration fee, \$15 for children under 12. You will be required to sign a waiver upon sign-in on race day. All proceeds benefit the fire department.



Season of giving gets jumpstart – Artist and businessman Jim Nelson (l.) of Nelson's at 37 Spring St. handed the Eureka Springs School Board 120 gift certificates for \$25 each to be distributed to every school employee, from bus drivers to physics teachers to aides to Supt. Bryan Pruitt, shown here. Nelson's Annual Storewide Sale starts Friday.

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Recognizing the stars of the business community – Chamber members gathered at the Inn of the Ozarks Convention Center for the 66th Chamber Banquet last Tuesday starting with a silent auction and a cash bar. Gary Vernon, Program Director of Mountain Bike Trail Development with the Walton Family Foundation spoke, and the Ozark Mountain Hoedown provided entertainment.

Pictured is Tammy Thurow (r.) with Sandy Martin, recipient of the Community Service Award.

Other awards given were the Tourism Hall of Fame to Marge and Phil Bullock; Dedication to Service to Rain Equine; Spirit Award to Cliff Cottage; Chamber Champion to Cornerstone Bank; and Small Business Excellence Award to The Grotto, Rodney Slane. PHOTO BY CHERI WHITE

TheNATUREofEUREKA by Steven Foster

Thanksgiving

Time once again to celebrate the American thanksgiving tradition myth when we harken back to the happy days of the first celebration feast when the Wampanoag Indians brought roasted turkey, mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce and green bean casserole to the Pilgrims

gathered near Plymouth, Massachusetts in November 1621 to celebrate the autumn harvest.

How we like to invent history. Just last night, while watching the Monday night football game played in Mexico City, I was astounded to hear one the commentators

actually say that Mexico City was founded in 1521 by Spanish explorers. The city, Tenochtitlan was created by the Aztecs in 1325, though the site had been settled for thousands of years. In another 500 years, we may hear that Mexico City was established in 2016 by the National Football League. But I digress.

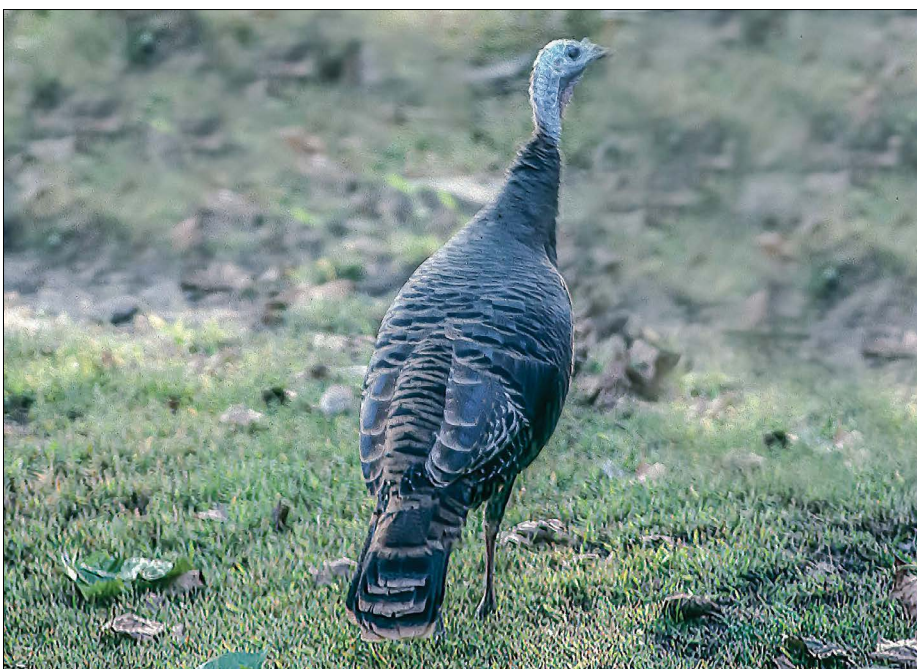
Autumnal harvest festivals are as old as humans and agriculture. Certainly if the crops came in, a feast of gratitude was due to any god or gods worshiped for a successful harvest. Otherwise one would not survive the winter. The Pilgrims who landed at what is now Plymouth on Cape Cod in 1620, certainly had reason to celebrate in the fall of 1621. They had survived a brutal year. Nearly half of the 102 souls who arrived on the over-crowded and disease-ridden Mayflower in 1620 died the first winter. That first winter, they only survived by pilfering the corn stores of a local tribe.

Prayers were answered when a fortunate alliance was struck with the Wampanoag Indians, who brought five deer to that first harvest festival that is the American creation myth of Thanksgiving. The pilgrims hunted wild fowl, perhaps wild turkey. Corn, then



a cultivated grain with short seed stalks a few inches long, would have been pounded into meal to make a porridge or a flat bread. Likely, acorns or wild rice, abundant wild foods in northern New England, added to the fare, and perhaps seafood as well. However, even at the time of the Revolutionary War, captured British soldiers lodged formal complaints of mistreatment when fed lobsters – then regarded as pig food (just like corn is today in most of Western Europe).

I am grateful that the Plymouth Colony eventually thrived. My own 14th great-grandfather, Reginald Foster, arrived from England to Ipswich, Essex County, Massachusetts in 1639 in a squadron of eight ships that sailed from London, despite Charles the First's proclamation which refused his dissenting subjects, the Puritans, the security of the wilderness. And so it is with gratitude that I celebrate the American harvest festival that we call "Thanksgiving," as I contemplate my own creation myth.



What We Bring to the Thanksgiving Table

Thursday is Thanksgiving – feast of gratitude and giving. Sagittarius Sun, Libra Moon. Libra is Right Relations with others. Libra brings Goodwill to the table on this day. Libra has three rulers – Venus (uniting opposites); Uranus (new ideas); and Saturn (the Teacher asks us to have manners). Working with astrology, we can bring the energies of the planets and signs to the Thanksgiving table. And thus bring heaven down to earth. Love of Venus, new ideas of Uranus and manners and tradition of Saturn. Sag loves and appreciates food.

Often they are both chefs and musicians.

Turkey, corn (or maize), pumpkins and cranberry sauce represent the first Thanksgiving foods. In 1988, a Thanksgiving ceremony took place at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in NYC. More than four thousand people gathered on Thanksgiving night. Invited were Native American tribes from all over the country and descendants of ancestors who had migrated to the New World. The ceremony was a public acknowledgment of the “first people’s role in the first Thanksgiving 350 years ago.”

On Gratitude – from the Tibetan Djwal Khul (paraphrased). *Gratitude is a scientific and occult releasing agent. It is a service. Gratitude releases us from the past and directs us toward a future path – to the new culture and civilization and the rising light of Aquarius, the Age of humanity, friendship and equality. The Hierarchy lays great emphasis upon gratitude.*

Advent begins Sunday. Advent means “something’s coming.” **Tuesday** is the new moon festival, 8 degrees Sagittarius. Sag’s keynote – “*Let food be sought.*”

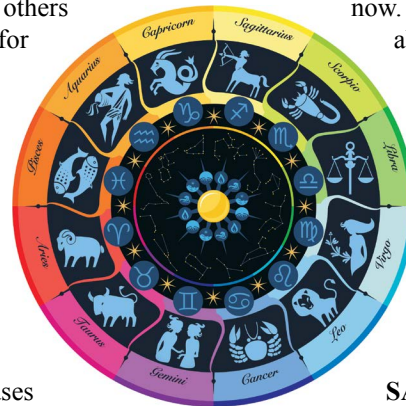
ARIES: There’s so much in your life to be thankful for. This week it’s that your mind can go here, there and everywhere, filled with goals, plans, ideas, aspirations. You hear a call to travel, to wander and to be in places far away. Music and culture is needed in your day-by-day. But then you feel responsibilities. Fret not. Something will come and take you away. It’s intelligent, loving, and shifts you into the future.

TAURUS: You continue to work day and night preparing for the future. Some Tauruses are focused upon the well-being of their community, not wanting to have a future lacking basic needs and comfort. You are sensitive to all the needs of others (physical, emotional, mental, spiritual). Money may be needed soon for a spiritual endeavor. Know the cosmic law that when we serve others the resources to continue that serving appears unexpectedly. Carry on gratefully.

GEMINI: Are you planning to flee somewhere? Are you and a partner or colleague, friend or close associate thinking of moving or is there discussion concerning travel, goals, spiritual or philosophical needs? Is there love or disagreement? Know that flurries of conflict are purposeful. Tensions create new understandings. Heated discussions and conflict help the mind seek harmony. Keep discussing. Connection is the groundwork for gratitude.

CANCER: Cancer’s moods change following the tides and phases of the moon. Soon you’ll be seeing what’s undone and swing into action tending to this and that. However much you want to complete things, you may become overworked and overtired. Should pain or inflammation flare-up, remember turmeric (in caps) and cayenne (sprinkled over food) are natural anti-inflammatory. Begin new habits now. Be grateful that you can.

LEO: The personal planets (Sun, Mars, Mercury) are in your sphere of creativity, of big plans that bring forth beauty. So now you must learn how to make a home through rebuilding, reconstructing, and redesigning. Notice how you are speaking these days. Your words are to have love and kindness and the fragrance of kindness. These stabilize you and everyone around you. Give thanks ceaselessly. You need a party with friends from far away.



VIRGO: A depth of creativity emerging, from inward outward, is about to begin. While family and friends gather, your mind works overtime with goals and philosophical ideas. These you attempt to communicate but notice that some understand you and others don’t. That’s OK. Focus only on gratitude and seek to bring love and harmony (through intentions for Goodwill) to all interactions. Wounds then heal. People listen.

LIBRA: Whenever you communicate in coming weeks, many will be listening in order to learn philosophical and spiritual truths. You are the steward of this opportunity and now. Your words will be able to deconstruct the past, offer new information about the present/future, help people feel sustained, and offer pathways of harmony for those deeply seeking direction. You’ll do your best. Venus stands with you.

SCORPIO: The Sun, Mercury and Saturn are partners these days, so profound messages stream through your mind uplifting you to another dimension. Messages continue to be given. Do you hear them? To tend to financial issues, we must ask permaculture questions concerning money: who is your banker, where do you bank, and what is your money used for? The answers demonstrate our values. Make a list of all resources. Attach words of gratitude to each.

SAGITTARIUS: Happy Birthday, Sag. It’s a very good time for you. Actually, because of Jupiter it’s always a very good time for all Sags. However, if you’re on the Path it may feel rocky at times. But behind all the shifts, filled with challenge and obligations, toward the mountain of Initiation there is always joy. Joy comes from the Soul. Happiness from the personality. Understand the differences, recognizing when they occur. One sings, the other... well, is learning.

CAPRICORN: The weeks have been rather frantic, filled with preparations, plans, people, and perplexity at times. The coming weeks are slower, calmer, filled with more repose, which you need. Choose comfort, solitude, a prayerful state with self-care. Pluto, bringing complete transformation has been affecting your life. Bringing thoughts and experiences of dearth. You are in a state of life as profound. Power has arrived too, in all forms, but especially from within. You did your job well this week.

AQUARIUS: The planetary energies are focused in your sphere of friends, future, hopes, wishes, and everything you’ve ever wanted to be and do. So, who are your friends, how do you see your future, what you do hope and wish for, what are your visions and dreams, and what do you need? I wrote need, not want. Needs are possible. Wants are secondary. And most important, what are you thankful and grateful for? Then the key turns.

PISCES: You’ll either be called to religious life or assume more professional responsibilities in the world. This leads to greater discipline and recognition. Swim out from under the water lilies, allow yourself to be seen and heard to those seeking direction. Confidence grows with each step, statement and word. Use your focused will(ingness), your love and intelligence. To assist others. You have prepared for this for lifetimes. We are grateful.

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Stroke your chin all weekend long – Dirtfoot at Chelsea's; Billabong Waters close out the weekend Sunday

The Great Ozarkan Beard Off commences Friday (5 p.m. – midnight!) at Chelsea's with contests, prizes and live music, including Outlaw Nation that night followed by Shreve Town's Dirtfoot on Saturday night. This is Dirtfoot's first slightly off Center show – they've only played Eureka one other

time, at an outdoor venue. Bound to be a foot stomper with wild improvisations from the piney-wooded far outer rim of the bayous. Sunday at Chelsea's Billabong Waters washes the blues away with swinging surf rock that inspires one to handle a long board, long beard and long neck.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24

CATHOUSE LOUNGE – *George Brothers*, Rock, 7 p.m.
EUREKA LIVE! – *Green Screen Karaoke*, 9 p.m.
LEGENDS SALOON – *Another Turn*, Rock, 9 p.m.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25

BREWS – *Chris Harp*, Singer/Songwriter, 7 – 10 p.m.
CATHOUSE LOUNGE – *Adam Johnston*, Singer/Songwriter, 8 – 11 p.m.
CHELSEA'S – *Outlaw Nation*, Americana, 9 p.m.
EUREKA LIVE! – *DJ and Dancing*, 9 p.m.
GRAND TAVERNE – *Arkansas Red*, Guitar Dinner Music, 6:30 p.m.
LEGENDS SALOON – *DJ Karaoke*

with *Stan*, 8 p.m.

NEW DELHI – *Dewey Rush featuring his Father*, Americana, 6 – 10 p.m.
ROWDY BEAVER – *Karaoke with Brock Entertainment*, 7 p.m.
ROWDY BEAVER DEN – *Richard Burnett Duo*, Rock, 8 p.m.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26

BREWS – *Camptown Ladies*, Americana, 7 – 10 p.m.
CATHOUSE LOUNGE – *Chris Harp*, Singer/Songwriter, 8 – 11 p.m.
CHELSEA'S – *Dirtfoot*, Swamp Boogie, 9 p.m.
EUREKA LIVE! – *DJ & Dancing*, 9 p.m.
GRAND TAVERNE – *Arkansas Red*, Guitar Dinner Music, 6:30 p.m.
LEGENDS SALOON – *Headley Lamar*, Rock Ridge, 9 p.m.
LE STICK – *Pete Maiella*, Singer/Songwriter, 7 p.m.
NEW DELHI – *Skinny Gypsies*, Irish Rock, 6 – 10 p.m.
ROWDY BEAVER – *Dr. Nola and the Soul Shakers*, Rock, 7 p.m.
ROWDY BEAVER DEN – *Candy lee Duo*, Rock, 12 – 4 p.m., *Karaoke with Brock Entertainment*, 8 p.m.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27

BREWS – *Trivia Night*, 6 p.m.
CHELSEA'S – *Billabong Waters*, Surf Rock, 2 – 5 p.m.
EUREKA LIVE! – *Green Screen Karaoke*, 7 p.m.
NEW DELHI – *D/Rock*, Americana,

12 – 4 p.m.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28

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

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

CATHOUSE LOUNGE – *Los Roscoes*, Blues, 6 p.m.
CHELSEA'S – *Open Mic*, 9 p.m.



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Trump's victory is a wakeup call

BECKY GILLETTE

"It is hard to find words to capture the fact that humans are facing the most important question in their history – whether organized human life will survive in anything like the form we know – and are answering it by accelerating the race to disaster." Political theorist Noam Chomsky in response to Donald Trump's election.

Local climate protection activist Jan Schaper woke up the Wednesday after the election feeling physically ill and as if the world had been punched in the solar plexus. But by the weekend she was traveling to Washington D.C. for Citizens' Climate Lobby's (CCL) Congressional Education Day. While dismayed at a climate change denier taking the White House, Schaper said it just makes her more determined to fight for the future of Earth.

"Being in Washington right after the election was a unique circumstance because no one expected Trump to win," she said. "I and about 300 other CCL volunteers had one day of training and then visited congressional offices. We were cordially received by our Arkansas congressional delegation. CCL, which is non-partisan, has a reputation for respectful, determined engagement."

Schaper has only recently become heavily involved in climate protection.

"Like many folks, I watched *The Inconvenient Truth* many years ago and have long been concerned," Schaper said.

"Honestly, I didn't do much beyond reading, beginning to lighten my own carbon footprint, and donating money. Eventually I felt so despondent about the emerging climate science that I just had to get out and do something. That is when I found CCL."

"CCL's goal is to bring about climate solutions and the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions. Right now we are laser focused on our carbon fee and dividend initiative. Regional economic models show that it would reduce emissions, create jobs, and protect the pocketbooks of everyday Americans."



JAN SCHAPER

Schaper said Trump's victory is a wake-up call for all who care about the Earth, our societal fabric and societal well being.

"The beauty of this moment is the urgent opportunity to say 'I am going to trust and dare myself to go one step beyond Facebook and signing online petitions. I will follow my heart, find something I resonate with and make a difference,'" Schaper said. "I have been so inspired by the people here in Eureka Springs who act on what they care about. We are lucky to have so many people here in Eureka who lead by example."

This fall has seen record-breaking heat in Northwest Arkansas with the peak of fall colors and first frost date coming a month later than normal. The warm fall extended the growing seasons for farmers and may have generated more tourism. But the increasing evidence of climate change bodes

badly for people and the environment.

Addressing climate change is the greatest moral imperative of our times, Schaper said.

"Decisions we make today directly impact the well-being of future generations," she said. "In addition, the poor and those responsible for the least amount of carbon emissions are and will continue to bear the brunt of climate change."

"I have a friend from Springdale born in the Marshall Islands. His grandfather's grave is being washed away. His family's drinking water is contaminated by seawater, their fields are contaminated by seawater, and their home and entire country may soon be under water."

Schaper also points to a recent publication in *Scientific American* where military leaders who are members of the Center for Climate Insecurity point out that climate change presents a significant and direct risk to U.S. military readiness, operations and strategy.

"Climate change is a threat multiplier and an instigator of great suffering," Schaper said. "It can destabilize governments and society. For example, the crisis in Syria was at least partially precipitated by unprecedented drought that caused a huge migration of people from rural to urban areas."

"Donald Trump is going to do what Donald Trump does, but there are forces in motion that will likely not be stopped. Municipalities and states are initiating clean energy solutions. More people in the U.S. are employed in the renewable energy sector than in the fossil fuel industry. China

is moving towards carbon pricing. British Columbia has carbon pricing, and a national carbon pricing is on the table in Canada. This will have implications for U.S. exporters if the U.S. does not act in kind."

Schaper said it would take working with non-traditional allies to protect the climate under the next administration.

"We, as people who care about the Earth, have to realize we may find support in unexpected places," she said. "It's important to remember that not all Republicans are anti-environment. There are people who love the environment and the planet and who support carbon pricing and reducing carbon emissions across the spectrum. I extend an open invitation for respectful conversation on this topic between Independents, Republicans and Democrats."

Schaper is heartened that big businesses have come out in favor of climate protection. Hundreds of U.S. corporations and investors, including DuPont, Hilton, and Levi Strauss have sent an open letter to Trump stating their own commitment to addressing climate change and urging Trump to stay the course with the Paris Climate Agreement.

At the 2016 G-20 summit, some of the world's biggest insurance companies called on the G-20 to stop subsidizing fossil fuel production. "They are calling climate change the 'mother of all risks,'" Schaper said. "I agree."

Schaper goes to a monthly Citizens' Climate Lobby meeting in Fayetteville. She is pleased with the chapter's success in fundraising to hire a start coordinator to help establish chapters across Arkansas.

Great Ozarkan Beard-Off schedule

Friday, Nov. 25

Registration and Pre-Party from 5 p.m. – midnight at Chelsea's

Saturday, Nov. 26

- Santa Beard at Basin Spring Park at Noon

At New Delhi:

- Imperial Stash – 1 p.m.
- Freestyle Stash – 1:30 p.m.
- Side Burns – 2 p.m.
- Urban Amish – 2:30 p.m.

At Brews:

- Fake Bear – 3 p.m.

At Chelsea's:

- Partial Beard – 5 p.m.
- Full Beard Natural – 5:30 p.m.

- Full Beard Styled Stash – 6 p.m.
- Partial Beard Styled Stash – 6:30 p.m.
- Partial Beard Freestyle – 7 p.m.
- Full Beard Freestyle – 7:30 p.m.
- Live music by Dirt Foot

Sunday, Nov. 27

- Cold pizza and Bloody Mary party from noon – 3 p.m. at Chelsea's

You may enter up to the day of the contest. Prizes are awarded for each category and an overall winner will be awarded.

Winter wonderland parade

The Greater Eureka Springs Chamber of Commerce Parade of Lights, sponsored by Equity Bank will be on Friday, Dec. 2 at 6 p.m. The parade theme is Toyland and will travel down Spring Street.

For more information contact Jessica Wheelless at Jessica@eurekaspringschamber.com or call (479) 253-8737 or visit www.eurekaspringschamber.com.

Walking the red carpet

The Writers' Colony at Dairy Hollow will hold *Hollywood and Vine*, a fundraiser featuring Copper Cane California wines paired with 5-star gourmet offerings provided by Grotto Wood Fired Grill and Wine Cave on Dec. 10 at 6:30 p.m.. Enjoy music, dancing and the debut of a Hollywood glam art exhibition by Teresa Pelliccio.

Guests are invited to dress as their favorite movie star and there will be prizes for best costumes. Tickets are available for \$50 and seating is limited. Book early for a 10% discount. To buy tickets go to www.eventeureka.com/book-now. There will be free shuttle rides home within Eureka Springs city limits.



Bringing back the '20s – The 4 States Event Center was busy last Tuesday with the 36th annual Doggie Style Show in full swing. The show featured silent and live auctions, a boutique, food and entertainment with all proceeds benefiting the Good Shepherd Shelter.

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Boxing it up beautifully – The Eureka Springs School of the Arts held a celebration on Nov. 20 for Doug Stowe for his 40 years in woodworking, teaching and writing, with many friends in attendance. Doug's 3 new books were available for sale, as well as many of his wooden boxes.

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DEPARTURE

Jordan Streeter Maxfield II March 16, 1951 – Nov. 14, 2016

Jordan Streeter Maxfield II of Eureka Springs, Ark., was born March 16, 1951 in Dallas, Texas, son of Dr. James Robert Maxfield, Jr., and Ruth Kathryn (Jester) Maxfield. He departed this life Monday, Nov. 14, 2016 at age 65 in Fayetteville, Ark.

Jordan attended Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Berryville, Ark. He was a member of the Professional Association of Inn Keepers, Bed & Breakfast Association of Arkansas, a part-time and volunteer firefighter and EMT for the Eureka Springs Fire Dept. and Inspiration Point Volunteer Fire Department. Jordan loved spending

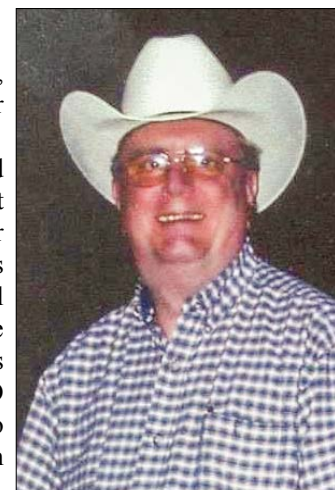
time with his family and friends.

He is survived by three daughters, Merica Howie and husband, Scott, of Harrison, Ark.; Kathryn Childs and husband, Loyd, of Fort Worth, Texas; Teale Bouly and husband, Chris, of Berryville, Ark. He is also survived by nine grandchildren, Emma Howie, James Ham, Savannah Childs, Elizabeth Childs, Cade Childs, Colton Bouly, Cavin Simkins, Cambria Bouly and Everley Bouly; a host of other relatives, friends and loved ones.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Dr. James Robert and Ruth Kathryn

(Jester) Maxfield, Jr., and three brothers, James Robert Maxfield, III, Morgan Jester Maxfield and Jordan Workman Maxfield.

A celebration of life service was held Nov. 21, 2016 at the Grandview Baptist Church, Berryville, Ark., with Brother Billy McCall officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Nelson Funeral Service, Inc. Memorial donations may be made to Lives Under Construction Boys Ranch, 296 Boys Ranch Road, Lampe, MO 65681. Online condolences may be sent to the family at nelsonfuneral.com. © Nelson Funeral Service, Inc. 2016



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we are as a creative community and what we want to accomplish together. When we hold hands with one another, shining our light, we are stronger and love wins."

Local therapist Sally Williams Gorrell said many people are upset or sad.

"I'm deeply concerned, too," she said. "My heart goes out to people."

She recommends meditation, including group meditation such as that available at the Heart of Many Ways, discussing the issue with trusted friends, and working to limit negative thoughts.

"We have had other controversial

presidents, by the way," Gorrell said. "If you get together with a group of people to talk about this, it is important to express your fears and worries, then conclude by praying for the highest good for the world. Focus on the positive aspects of lives: We have safety, food and homes. Move your attention back to what is still working well in our world. People get stuck on the negative and fail to see positive."

Gorrell said some New Age therapies work very well. She recommends "tapping," (see EFT.org) to help get out of the fight or flight mode.

"Tapping, exercise, being around a peaceful person, singing, dancing, looking at a beautiful tree –there are a lot of ways to get out of being caught in a 'fight or flight' mode," she said. "Singing takes us to our heart, and brings us there to remember joys. Look at lovely art, look at nature, meditate and send worries into the earth. In Eureka, we are so blessed because so many people are seeking peace."

She also recommends action that can help: Do something constructive. Write a letter to the editor or Congress.

Work on protecting the Buffalo River. Do something that is going to help.

And maybe take heart from living in the most liberal town in Arkansas, a place where people voted against discrimination against LGBTQs and has a high percentage of environmental activists, artists, writers and musicians.

"Can we insulate ourselves here from the rest of the nation?" asks Diane Garrett Newcomb. "Support one another locally and on our own small scale without being subjects of the great orange buffoon and his tragic reality show?"

Golden anniversary of Silver Tea

On Thursday, Dec. 1 from 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. the Crystal Dining Room at the Crescent Hotel will be decorated with gold and silver to honor the 50th Silver Tea. The women of St. James Episcopal Church serve at the Silver Tea the first Thursday in December, collect donations and give the money to non-profit groups.

This year’s recipient is Jeremiah Recovery House, which is a Christ-centered sober living and recovery home for women who have survived human trafficking, prostitution, addiction, abuse and homelessness.

Admission to the 50th Silver Tea is by donation. For more information contact St. James Episcopal Church at (479) 253-8610.

DROPPING A Line by Robert Johnson



Just had one trip this week and it was here at Holiday Island. We caught some fat and healthy spotted bass but when we got back everybody headed to the bathroom and didn’t get in the pic before cleaning, so here’s a pic of a fish I just got ready to mount this week. Cris Barr is holding the striper caught by Kasey Barr last year that finally made it on the wall.

The water temp here at the Island has dropped down to 55° which has brought big schools of small shad coming to the top when the wind is calm, especially after sunrise and before sunset. Walleye and crappie love the cooler water, too, and are being caught through the afternoon down close to 12 ft. deep from Beaver to the Missouri line just north of us.

Jigs tipped with a minnow are catching most, and white rooster tails and top water plugs are catching the schooling fish on top.

Beaver Lake water temp is running closer to 65° since it’s so much deeper,

and stripers are still feeding very well with fish being caught early and late in the day on top when winds are light. Through mid-day they are hanging down about 30 ft. under big schools of shad between Points 5 and 8.

Find the bait and they will be close behind. Running big 5 – 8-in. shad are the best bet, with throwing top water lures when it’s calm or jigs and spoons when it’s windy. Both will catch them, along with schooling white and spotted bass.

Trolling deep and shallow diving crankbaits will also work. Just decide which by paying attention to the wind and what you see on the graph deep and with your eyes on top when calm. Flats bends, humps and the mouths of the big coves are the best places to search.

Well, better go for now. We have some nicer weather this next week so get out and enjoy or give us a call for some help. Enjoy the fall colors. Robert Johnson, fishofexcellence.com, (479) 253-2258

INDEPENDENTCrossword

by Mike Boian with extensive help from his wife, Ann

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ACROSS

1. Capital of Western Samoa
5. “If you want a friend in Washington, get a _____” *Harry Truman*
8. First word in beloved children’s rhyme
12. Tent-like dwelling
13. Street in France
14. Biggest attraction at *SeaWorld*
15. Lotion additive
16. Tree bauble
18. Egg provider
19. Picture within a picture
20. Born
21. Pigeon house
23. Solemn promise
25. Storage locations aboard ship
27. Thin plate or membrane of bone or tissue
31. Toward the mouth
32. 100th of a yen
33. Performs, acts
34. State of being married
36. Pennies
37. NBA Hall of Famer Ming
38. Grasp onto

39. Putin recruited for this org.
42. Symbol
44. Nighttime hunter
47. Raise, elevate
49. Midpoint of one’s leg
50. Broadway wife of the King of Siam
51. And so forth
52. Charged swimmers
53. _____do-well
54. Fish eggs
55. Martial or fine

19. Computer mechanics, for short
22. Unusually
24. Difficult ski maneuver
25. Instructions explain
26. Metal bearing rock
27. 100 quintars
28. Resident of England’s capital
29. Allow, permit
30. Stupid, foolish person
32. Phil Rizzuto’s nickname, with The
35. Promise on a bible
36. Trick, fool
38. Therefore
39. The Wrath of _____, *Star Trek II*
40. Roy’s cowboy contemporary
41. Twining plant stem
43. Rhymes with “veto”
45. Swelling or ridge on the body, often from a blow
46. Smaller amount
48. Freshwater fish with long jaws and needle like teeth
49. Large, greenish New Zealand parrot

DOWN

1. Native maid or nurse in India
2. Cry weakly
3. Unbreakable contract
4. Chewed and swallowed
5. Male bee
6. Yours and mine
7. Resident of Switzerland’s second city
8. Type of cat
9. Dark brown songbird
10. Teen torment
11. Fill to the brim
17. Type of bomb

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LEGAL

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
CARROLL COUNTY, ARKANSAS
WESTERN DISTRICT
PROBATE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
PATRICK JAMES BRAMMER,
Deceased
NO. 08W-PR -2016-66

Name of decedent: Patrick James
Brammer

Last known address: 6 Kings Highway,
Eureka Springs, AR 72632

Date of death: September 9, 2016

On November 14, 2016, an affidavit for
collection of small estate by distributee
was filed with respect to the estate of
Patrick James Brammer, deceased, with
the probate clerk of the circuit court of
Carroll County, Arkansas, under Ark.
Code Ann. § 28-41-101.

All persons having claims against the
estate must exhibit them, properly
verified, to the distributee or his or her
attorney within three (3) months from
the date of the first publication of this
notice or they shall be forever barred and
precluded from any benefit in the estate.

The name, mailing address, and
telephone number of the distributee or
the distributee’s attorney is: Kristine B.
Kendrick, Attorney at Law, 105A W. Van
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me on track. Mike Warkentin, Crystal Roberts, Laura Sanchez and Cecilia Cleghorn.

Thanks to all the people who donated items to the Silent Auction, those who walked, drove, rode a bike or a horse, had a float, or loan us a trailer for use in the parade! Thanks to all of you came out and watch us.

Next year our parade is on Saturday and we are planning on it being bigger and better! Remember, life's too short to miss a parade!

Sue Glave

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said: "Brennan Badley is in custody. Thank you all for the help in his apprehension."

CCSO Major George Frye said the suspect was allegedly involved in a couple of different chases by the CCSO prior to being arrested without incident in Green Forest on Nov. 17.

"He has numerous charges against him," Frye said.

Frye said those charges include auto theft, several counts of fleeing arrest, theft by receiving, possession of controlled substances, and carrying a prohibited weapon. Frye said Badley also had existing warrants. Badley is being held on \$200,000 bond on the new charges and bond was set at \$1,230 for charges with other agencies.

Frye described the theft of the vehicle at Chelsea's as "a crime of opportunity. Keys were left in the vehicle. He got in it and drove away." Frye advised people to lock their vehicles and take their keys with them.

Jones echoed that advice saying the vehicle stolen from Chelsea's was the third reported stolen in the city this month. The two other thefts earlier in the month were vehicles where keys had been left in the ignition. Of the two prior thefts, one was outside of Eureka Live and the other was stolen from White Street.

"Our advice is pretty simple," Jones said. "Yes, we are in small little town, and we want to think we are safe. But things still happen. The safest thing to do is lock your home and your vehicles. These three vehicles wouldn't have been stolen if the keys weren't right there. If the doors of these vehicles had been locked, they would have kept walking."

Jones said the other two cars were abandoned. Citizens reported them, and police were able to return the vehicles to their owners.

Jones said a lot of people in Eureka Springs came here in the 1960s or 1970s when crime was very rare.

"It was just different world, a different time," Jones said. "Back then, everybody knew everybody."

There was also an incident recently where a resident of Linwood Ave. came home and found a man in his apartment. The intruder had crawled in through a window and said he thought a former girlfriend still lived there. The man fled and no arrests were made. It has caused some concern in that neighborhood with residents being more vigilant about strangers.

"We tell people if you don't feel safe, if you see someone prowling around, don't hesitate to call police," Jones said. "We would rather have false call than a real call."



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